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2 About TiDB Self-Managed

2.1 What is TiDB Self-Managed

TiDB (/'ta di bi:/, "Ti" stands for Titanium) is an open-source distributed SQL database that supports Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing (HTAP) workloads. It is MySQL compatible and features horizontal scalability, strong consistency, and high availability. The goal of TiDB is to provide users with a one-stop database solution that covers OLTP (Online Transactional Processing), OLAP (Online Analytical Processing), and HTAP services. TiDB is suitable for various use cases that require high availability and strong consistency with large-scale data.

TiDB Self-Managed is a product option of TiDB, where users or organizations can deploy and manage TiDB on their own infrastructure with complete flexibility. With TiDB Self-Managed, you can enjoy the power of open source, distributed SQL while retaining full control over your environment.

The following video introduces key features of TiDB.

2.1.1 Key features

- **Easy horizontal scaling**

  The TiDB architecture design separates computing from storage, letting you scale out or scale in the computing or storage capacity online as needed. The scaling process is transparent to application operations and maintenance staff.

- **Financial-grade high availability**

  Data is stored in multiple replicas, and the Multi-Raft protocol is used to obtain the transaction log. A transaction can only be committed when data has been successfully written into the majority of replicas. This guarantees strong consistency and availability when a minority of replicas go down. You can configure the geographic location and number of replicas as needed to meet different disaster tolerance levels.

- **Real-time HTAP**

  TiDB provides two storage engines: TiKV, a row-based storage engine, and TiFlash, a columnar storage engine. TiFlash uses the Multi-Raft Learner protocol to replicate data from TiKV in real time, ensuring consistent data between the TiKV row-based storage engine and the TiFlash columnar storage engine. TiKV and TiFlash can be deployed on different machines as needed to solve the problem of HTAP resource isolation.

- **Cloud-native distributed database**

TiDB is a distributed database designed for the cloud, providing flexible scalability, reliability, and security on the cloud platform. Users can elastically scale TiDB to meet the requirements of their changing workloads. In TiDB, each piece of data has at least 3 replicas, which can be scheduled in different cloud availability zones to tolerate the outage of a whole data center. TiDB Operator helps manage TiDB on Kubernetes and automates tasks related to operating the TiDB cluster, making TiDB easier to deploy on any cloud that provides managed Kubernetes. TiDB Cloud, the fully-managed TiDB service, is the easiest, most economical, and most resilient way to unlock the full power of TiDB in the cloud, allowing you to deploy and run TiDB clusters with just a few clicks.

- **Compatible with the MySQL protocol and MySQL ecosystem**

  TiDB is compatible with the MySQL protocol, common features of MySQL, and the MySQL ecosystem. To migrate applications to TiDB, you do not need to change a single line of code in many cases, or only need to modify a small amount of code. In addition, TiDB provides a series of data migration tools to help easily migrate application data into TiDB.

2.1.2 Use cases

- **Financial industry scenarios**

  TiDB is ideal for financial industry scenarios with high requirements for data consistency, reliability, availability, scalability, and disaster tolerance. Traditional solutions are costly and inefficient, with low resource utilization and high maintenance costs. TiDB uses multiple replicas and the Multi-Raft protocol to schedule data to different data centers, racks, and machines, ensuring system RTO 30 seconds and RPO = 0.

- **Massive data and high concurrency scenarios**

  Traditional standalone databases cannot meet the data capacity requirements of rapidly growing applications. TiDB is a cost-effective solution that adopts a separate computing and storage architecture, enabling easy scaling of computing or storage capacity separately. The computing layer supports a maximum of 512 nodes, each node supports a maximum of 1,000 concurrencies, and the maximum cluster capacity is at the PB (petabytes) level.

- **Real-time HTAP scenarios**

  TiDB is ideal for scenarios with massive data and high concurrency that require real-time processing. TiDB introduces the TiFlash columnar storage engine in v4.0, which combines with the TiKV row-based storage engine to build TiDB as a true HTAP database. With a small amount of extra storage cost, you can handle both online transactional processing and real-time data analysis in the same system, which greatly saves cost.

- **Data aggregation and secondary processing scenarios**

TiDB is suitable for companies that need to aggregate scattered data into the same system and execute secondary processing to generate a T+0 or T+1 report. Compared with Hadoop, TiDB is much simpler. You can replicate data into TiDB using ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) tools or data migration tools provided by TiDB. Reports can be directly generated using SQL statements.

2.1.3 See also

- TiDB Architecture
- TiDB Storage
- TiDB Computing
- TiDB Scheduling

2.2 TiDB 8.5.0 Release Notes

Release date: December 19, 2024

TiDB version: 8.5.0

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

TiDB 8.5.0 is a Long-Term Support Release (LTS).

Compared with the previous LTS 8.1.0, 8.5.0 includes new features, improvements, and bug fixes released in 8.2.0-DMR, 8.3.0-DMR, and 8.4.0-DMR. When you upgrade from 8.1.x to 8.5.0, you can download the TiDB Release Notes PDF to view all release notes between the two LTS versions. The following table lists some highlights from 8.1.0 to 8.5.0:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Feature/Enhancement</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td rowspan="7">Scalability and Performance</td>
<td>Reduce data processing latency in multiple dimensions</td>
<td>TiDB continuously refines data processing to improve performance,
   ↪ effectively meeting the low-latency SQL processing requirements in
   ↪ financial scenarios. Key updates include:
<li>Support <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#
   ↪ tidb_executor_concurrency-new-in-v50">parallel sorting</a> (
   ↪ introduced in v8.2.0) </li>
<li>Optimize <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tidb-configuration-
   ↪ file#batch-policy-new-in-v830">batch processing strategy for KV (key-
   ↪ value) requests </a> (introduced in v8.3.0) </li>
<li>Support <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#
   ↪ tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode-new-in-v840">parallel mode for TSO requests
   ↪ </a> (introduced in v8.4.0) </li>
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<li>Reduce the resource overhead of <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/
    ↪ v8.5/sql-statement-delete">DELETE</a> operations (introduced in v8
    ↪ .4.0) </li>
<li>Improve query performance for <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8
    ↪ .5/cached-tables">cached tables</a> (introduced in v8.4.0) </li>
<li>Introduce <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#
    ↪ tidb_hash_join_version-new-in-v840">an optimized version of Hash Join
    ↪ </a> (experimental, introduced in v8.4.0) </li>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tikv-in-memory-engine">TiKV
    ↪ MVCC In-Memory Engine (IME)</a> (introduced in v8.5.0)</td>
<td>The TiKV MVCC in-memory engine caches the most recent MVCC versions of
    ↪ data in memory, helping TiKV quickly skip older versions and retrieve
    ↪  the latest data. This feature can significantly improve data scan
    ↪ performance in scenarios where data records are frequently updated or
    ↪  historical versions are retained for a longer period.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tune-region-performance#use-
    ↪ the-active-pd-follower-feature-to-enhance-the-scalability-of-pds-
    ↪ region-information-query-service">Use Active PD Followers to enhance
    ↪ PD's Region information query service</a> (GA in v8.5.0)</td>
<td>TiDB v7.6.0 introduces an experimental feature "Active PD Follower",
    ↪ which allows PD followers to provide Region information query
    ↪ services. This feature improves the capability of the PD cluster to
    ↪ handle <code>GetRegion</code> and <code>ScanRegions</code> requests
    ↪ in clusters with a large number of TiDB nodes and Regions, thereby
    ↪ reducing the CPU pressure on PD leaders. In v8.5.0, this feature
    ↪ becomes generally available (GA).</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#tidb_enable
    ↪ _instance_plan_cache-new-in-v840">Instance-level execution plan cache
    ↪ </a> (experimental, introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>Instance-level plan cache allows all sessions within the same TiDB
    ↪ instance to share the plan cache. Compared with session-level plan
    ↪ cache, this feature reduces SQL compilation time by caching more
    ↪ execution plans in memory, decreasing overall SQL execution time. It
    ↪ improves OLTP performance and throughput while providing better
    ↪ control over memory usage and enhancing database stability.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/partitioned-table#global-
    ↪ indexes">Global indexes for partitioned tables</a> (GA in v8.4.0)</td
    ↪ >
<td>Global indexes can effectively improve the efficiency of retrieving non-
    ↪ partitioned columns, and remove the restriction that a unique key
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    ↪ must contain the partition key. This feature extends the usage
    ↪ scenarios of TiDB partitioned tables, improves the performance of
    ↪ partitioned tables, and reduces resource consumption in certain query
    ↪  scenarios.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#tidb_opt_
    ↪ projection_push_down-new-in-v610">Default pushdown of the <code>
    ↪ Projection</code> operator to the storage engine</a> (introduced in
    ↪ v8.3.0) </td>
<td>Pushing the <code>Projection</code> operator down to the storage engine
    ↪ can distribute the load across storage nodes while reducing data
    ↪ transfer between nodes. This optimization helps to reduce the
    ↪ execution time for certain SQL queries and improves the overall
    ↪ database performance.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/statistics#collect-
    ↪ statistics-on-some-columns">Ignoring unnecessary columns when
    ↪ collecting statistics</a> (introduced in v8.3.0) </td>
<td>Under the premise of ensuring that the optimizer can obtain the
    ↪ necessary information, TiDB speeds up statistics collection, improves
    ↪  the timeliness of statistics, and thus ensures that the optimal
    ↪ execution plan is selected, improving the performance of the cluster.
    ↪  Meanwhile, TiDB also reduces the system overhead and improves the
    ↪ resource utilization.</td>
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<td rowspan="5">Reliability and availability</td>
<td>Improve the stability of large-scale clusters</td>
<td>Companies that use TiDB to run multi-tenant or SaaS applications often
    ↪ need to store a large number of tables. In v8.5.0, TiDB significantly
    ↪  enhances the stability of large-scale clusters.
<li><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/schema-cache">Schema cache
    ↪ control</a> and <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-
    ↪ variables#tidb_stats_cache_mem_quota-new-in-v610">setting the memory
    ↪ quota for the TiDB statistics cache</a> are generally available (GA),
    ↪  reducing stability issues caused by excessive memory consumption. </
    ↪ li>
<li>PD introduces <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tune-region-
    ↪ performance#use-the-active-pd-follower-feature-to-enhance-the-
    ↪ scalability-of-pds-region-information-query-service">Active Follower
    ↪ </a> to handle the pressure brought by numerous Regions, gradually <a
    ↪  href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/pd-microservices">decouples
    ↪  the services handled by PD</a> for independent deployment. </li>
<li>PD improves the performance of Region heartbeat processing and supports
    ↪ tens of millions of Regions for a single cluster.</li>
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<li>You can <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#
    ↪ tidb_auto_analyze_concurrency-new-in-v840">increase concurrency</a>
    ↪ and <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/statistics#collect-
    ↪ statistics-on-some-columns">reduce the number of collected objects</a
    ↪ > to improve the efficiency of statistics collection and loading,
    ↪ ensuring the stability of execution plans in large clusters.</li>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tidb-resource-control-
    ↪ runaway-queries#query_limit-parameters">Support more triggers for
    ↪ runaway queries, and support switching resource groups</a> (
    ↪ introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>Runaway Queries offer an effective way to mitigate the impact of
    ↪ unexpected SQL performance issues on systems. TiDB v8.4.0 introduces
    ↪ the number of keys processed by the Coprocessor (<code>PROCESSED_KEYS
    ↪ </code>) and request units (<code>RU</code>) as identifying
    ↪ conditions, and puts identified queries into the specified resource
    ↪ group for more precise identification and control of runaway queries
    ↪ .</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tidb-resource-control-
    ↪ background-tasks#background-parameters">Support setting the maximum
    ↪ limit on resource usage for background tasks of resource control</a>
    ↪ (experimental, introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>By setting a maximum percentage limit on background tasks of resource
    ↪ control, you can control their resource consumption based on the
    ↪ needs of different application systems. This keeps background task
    ↪ consumption at a low level and ensures the quality of online services
    ↪ .</td>
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<td>Enhance and expand TiProxy use cases</td>
<td>As a crucial component of the high availability of TiDB, <a href="https
    ↪ ://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tiproxy-overview">TiProxy</a> extends
    ↪ its capabilities beyond SQL traffic access and forwarding to support
    ↪ cluster change evaluation. Key features include:
<li><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tiproxy-traffic-replay">
    ↪ TiProxy supports traffic capture and replay</a> (experimental,
    ↪ introduced in v8.4.0)</li>
<li><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tiproxy-overview">TiProxy
    ↪ supports built-in virtual IP management</a> (introduced in v8.3.0)</
    ↪ li>
<li><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tiproxy-load-balance">
    ↪ TiProxy supports multiple load balancing policies</a> (introduced in
    ↪ v8.2.0)</li>
</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#tidb_enable
   ↪ _parallel_hashagg_spill-new-in-v800">The parallel HashAgg algorithm
   ↪ of TiDB supports disk spill</a> (GA in v8.2.0) </td>
<td>HashAgg is a widely used aggregation operator in TiDB for efficiently
   ↪ aggregating rows with the same field values. TiDB v8.0.0 introduces
   ↪ parallel HashAgg as an experimental feature to further enhance
   ↪ processing speed. When memory resources are insufficient, parallel
   ↪ HashAgg spills temporary sorted data to disk, avoiding potential OOM
   ↪ risks caused by excessive memory usage. This improves query
   ↪ performance while maintaining node stability. In v8.2.0, this feature
   ↪  becomes generally available (GA) and is enabled by default, enabling
   ↪  you to safely configure the concurrency of parallel HashAgg using <
   ↪ code>tidb_executor_concurrency</code>.</td>
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<td rowspan="2"> SQL </td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/foreign-key">Foreign key</a>
   ↪  (GA in v8.5.0)</td>
<td>Foreign keys are constraints in a database that establish relationships
   ↪ between tables, ensuring data consistency and integrity. They ensure
   ↪ that the data referenced in a child table exist in the parent table,
   ↪ preventing the insertion of invalid data. Foreign keys also support
   ↪ cascading operations (such as automatic synchronization during
   ↪ deletion or update), simplifying business logic implementation and
   ↪ reducing the complexity of manually maintaining data relationships.</
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/vector-search-overview">
   ↪ Vector search</a> (experimental, introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>Vector search is a search method based on data semantics, which provides
   ↪  more relevant search results. As one of the core functions of AI and
   ↪  large language models (LLMs), vector search can be used in various
   ↪ scenarios such as Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), semantic
   ↪ search, and recommendation systems.</td>
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<td rowspan="3">DB Operations and Observability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/information-schema-
   ↪ processlist">Display TiKV and TiDB CPU times in memory tables</a> (
   ↪ introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>The CPU time is now integrated into a system table, displayed alongside
   ↪ other metrics for sessions or SQL, letting you observe high CPU
   ↪ consumption operations from multiple perspectives, and improving
   ↪ diagnostic efficiency. This is especially useful for diagnosing
   ↪ scenarios such as CPU spikes in instances or read/write hotspots in
   ↪ clusters.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/top-sql#use-top-sql">Support
   ↪  viewing aggregated TiKV CPU time by table or database</a> (
   ↪ introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>When hotspot issues are not caused by individual SQL statements, using
   ↪ the aggregated CPU time by table or database level in Top SQL can
   ↪ help you quickly identify the tables or applications responsible for
   ↪ the hotspots, significantly improving the efficiency of diagnosing
   ↪ hotspot and CPU consumption issues. </td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/backup-and-restore-overview
   ↪ ">Backup & Restore (BR)</a> uses <a href="https://aws.amazon.com/sdk-
   ↪ for-rust/">AWS SDK for Rust</a> to access external storage (
   ↪ introduced in v8.5.0)</td>
<td>BR replaces the original Rusoto library with <a href="https://aws.amazon
   ↪ .com/sdk-for-rust/">AWS SDK for Rust</a> to access external storage
   ↪ such as Amazon S3 from TiKV. This change enhances compatibility with
   ↪ AWS features such as <a href="https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/
   ↪ latest/UserGuide/configuring-instance-metadata-service.html">IMDSv2</
   ↪ a> and <a href="https://docs.aws.amazon.com/eks/latest/userguide/pod-
   ↪ identities.html">EKS Pod Identity</a>.</td>
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<td rowspan="1">Security</td>
<td>Client-side encryption of <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/br
   ↪ -snapshot-manual#encrypt-the-backup-data">snapshot backup data</a>
   ↪ and <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/br-pitr-manual#
   ↪ encrypt-log-backup-data">log backup data</a> (GA in v8.5.0)</td>
<td>Before uploading backup data to your backup storage, you can encrypt the
   ↪  backup data to ensure its security during storage and transmission
   ↪ .</td>
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2.2.1 Feature details

2.2.1.1 Scalability

- Setting the memory limit for schema cache is now generally available (GA). When the number of tables reaches hundreds of thousands or even millions, this feature significantly reduces the memory usage of schema metadata #50959 @tiancaiamao @wjhuang2016 @gmhdbjd @tangenta

  In some SaaS scenarios, where the number of tables reaches hundreds of thousands or even millions, schema metadata can consume a significant amount of memory. With this feature enabled, TiDB uses the Least Recently Used (LRU) algorithm to cache and evict the corresponding schema metadata, effectively reducing memory usage.

Starting from v8.4.0, this feature is enabled by default with a default value of `536870912` (that is, 512 MiB). You can adjust it as needed using the variable `tidb_schema_cache_size`.

For more information, see documentation.

- Provide the Active PD Follower feature to enhance the scalability of PD's Region information query service (GA) #7431 @okJiang

  In a TiDB cluster with a large number of Regions, the PD leader might experience high CPU load due to the increased overhead of handling heartbeats and scheduling tasks. If the cluster has many TiDB instances, and there is a high concurrency of requests for Region information, the CPU pressure on the PD leader increases further and might cause PD services to become unavailable.

  To ensure high availability, TiDB v7.6.0 introduces Active PD Follower as an experimental feature to enhance the scalability of PD's Region information query service. In v8.5.0, this feature becomes generally available (GA). You can enable the Active PD Follower feature by setting the system variable `pd_enable_follower_handle_region` ↪ to `ON`. After this feature is enabled, TiDB evenly distributes Region information requests to all PD servers, and PD followers can also handle Region requests, thereby reducing the CPU pressure on the PD leader.

  For more information, see documentation.

2.2.1.2 Performance

- TiDB accelerated table creation becomes generally available (GA), significantly reducing data migration and cluster initialization time #50052 @D3Hunter @gmhdbjd

  TiDB v7.6.0 introduces accelerated table creation as an experimental feature, controlled by the system variable `tidb_ddl_version`. Staring from v8.0.0, this system variable is renamed to `tidb_enable_fast_create_table`.

  In v8.5.0, TiDB accelerated table creation becomes generally available (GA) and is enabled by default. During data migration and cluster initialization, this feature supports rapid creation of millions of tables, significantly reducing operation time.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiKV supports the MVCC in-memory engine (IME), which accelerates queries involving scans of extensive MVCC historical versions #16141 @SpadeA-Tang @glorv @overvenus

  When records are frequently updated, or TiDB is required to retain historical versions for extended periods (for example, 24 hours), the accumulation of MVCC versions can degrade scan performance. The TiKV MVCC in-memory engine improves scan performance by caching the latest MVCC versions in memory, and using a rapid GC mechanism to remove historical versions from memory.

Starting from v8.5.0, TiKV introduces MVCC in-memory engine. If the accumulation of MVCC versions in the TiKV cluster leads to degraded scan performance, you can enable the TiKV MVCC in-memory engine to improve scan performance by setting the TiKV configuration parameter `in-memory-engine.enable`.

For more information, see documentation.

2.2.1.3 Reliability

- Support limiting the maximum rate and concurrency of requests processed by PD #5739 @rleungx

  When a sudden influx of requests is sent to PD, it can lead to high workloads and potentially affect PD performance. Starting from v8.5.0, you can use `pd-ctl` to limit the maximum rate and concurrency of requests processed by PD, improving its stability.

  For more information, see documentation.

2.2.1.4 SQL

- Support foreign keys (GA) #36982 @YangKeao @crazycs520

  The foreign key feature becomes generally available (GA) in v8.5.0. Foreign key constraints help ensure data consistency and integrity. You can easily establish foreign key relationships between tables, with support for cascading updates and deletions, simplifying data management. This feature enhances support for applications with complex data relationships.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Introduce the `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS` statement to support modifying the DDL jobs online #57229 @fzzf678 @tangenta

  Starting from v8.3.0, you can set the variables `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size` and `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` at the session level. As a result, setting these two variables globally no longer affects all running DDL jobs. To modify the values of these variables, you need to cancel the DDL job first, adjust the variables, and then resubmit the job.

  TiDB v8.5.0 introduces the `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS` statement, letting you adjust the variable values of specific DDL jobs online. This enables flexible balancing of resource consumption and performance. The changes are limited to individual jobs, making the impact more controllable. For example:

  - `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS job_id THREAD = 8;`: adjusts the `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` of the specified DDL job online.
  - `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS job_id BATCH_SIZE = 256;`: adjusts the `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size` of the specified job online.

- `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS job_id MAX_WRITE_SPEED = '200MiB';`: adjusts the write traffic of index data to each TiKV node online.

For more information, see documentation.

2.2.1.5 Security

- BR supports client-side encryption of both full backup data and log backup data (GA) #28640 #56433 @joccau @Tristan1900
  - Client-side encryption of full backup data (introduced as experimental in TiDB v5.3.0) enables you to encrypt backup data on the client side using a custom fixed key.
  - Client-side encryption of log backup data (introduced as experimental in TiDB v8.4.0) enables you to encrypt log backup data on the client side using one of the following methods:
    - Encrypt using a custom fixed key
    - Encrypt using a master key stored on a local disk
    - Encrypt using a master key managed by a Key Management Service (KMS)

Starting from v8.5.0, both encryption features become generally available (GA), offering enhanced client-side data security.

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For more information, see [Encrypt the backup data](#encrypt-the-backup-data
    ↪ ) and [Encrypt the log backup data](#encrypt-the-log-backup-data).
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- TiKV encryption at rest supports Google Cloud Key Management Service (Google Cloud KMS) (GA) #8906 @glorv

  TiKV ensures data security by using the encryption at rest technique to encrypt stored data. The core aspect of this technique is proper key management. In v8.0.0, TiKV encryption at rest experimentally supports using Google Cloud KMS for master key management.

  Starting from v8.5.0, encryption at rest using Google Cloud KMS becomes generally available (GA). To use this feature, first create a key on Google Cloud, and then configure the `[security.encryption.master-key]` section in the TiKV configuration file.

  For more information, see documentation.

2.2.2 Compatibility changes

Note:

This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v8.4.0 to the current version (v8.5.0). If you are upgrading from v8.3.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

2.2.2.1 Behavior changes

- In non-strict mode (`sql_mode = ''`), inserting `NULL` values into non-`NULL` columns now returns an error for MySQL compatibility. #55457 @joechenrh
- The `ALTER TABLE ... DROP FOREIGN KEY IF EXISTS ...` statement is no longer supported. #56703 @YangKeao

2.2.2.2 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ fast ↪ _ ↪ create ↪ _ ↪ table ↪	Modified	Changes the default value from `OFF` to `ON` after further tests, meaning that the accelerated table creation feature is enabled by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ddl_ ↪ reorg ↪ _max ↪ _ ↪ write ↪ _ ↪ speed ↪	Newly added	Limits the write bandwidth for each TiKV node and only takes effect when index creation acceleration is enabled (controlled by the tidb_ ↪ ddl ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ fast ↪ _ ↪ reorg ↪ variable). For example, setting the variable to 200MiB limits the maximum write

Variable name	Change type	Description

2.2.2.3 Configuration parameters

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`deprecate-integer-display-length`	Modified	Starting from v8.5.0, the integer display width feature is deprecated. The default value of this configuration item is changed from `false` to `true`.
TiKV	`raft-client-queue-size`	Modified	Changes the default value from `8192` to `16384`.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`in-memory-engine.capacity`	Newly added	Controls the maximum memory size that the TiKV MVCC in-memory engine can use. The default value is 10% of the system memory. The maximum value is 5 GiB.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`in-memory-engine.enable`	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the TiKV MVCC in-memory engine to accelerate multi-version queries. The default value is `false`, which means that the in-memory engine is disabled.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`in-memory-engine.gc-run-interval`	Newly added	Controls the time interval at which the in-memory engine performs garbage collection (GC) on cached MVCC versions. The default value is `"3m"`.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`in-memory-engine.mvcc-amplification-threshold`	Newly added	Controls the threshold for MVCC read amplification when the in-memory engine selects and loads Regions. The default value is `10`, indicating that if reading a single row in a Region requires processing more than 10 MVCC versions, this Region might be loaded into the in-memory engine.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	patrol-region-worker-count	Newly added	Controls the number of concurrent operators created by the checker when inspecting the health state of a Region.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
BR	`--checksum`	Modified	Changes the default value from `true` to `false`, meaning that BR does not calculate the table-level checksum during full backups by default, to improve backup performance.

2.2.2.4 Operating system and platform requirement changes

Before upgrading TiDB, ensure that your operating system version meets the OS and platform requirements.

- According to CentOS Linux EOL, the upstream support for CentOS Linux 7 ended on June 30, 2024. Therefore, TiDB drops the support of CentOS 7 in v8.4.0 and v8.5.0. It is recommended to use Rocky Linux 9.1 or a later version. Upgrading a TiDB cluster on CentOS 7 to v8.4.0 or v8.5.0 will cause the risk of cluster unavailability. To assist users still using CentOS Linux 7, TiDB v8.5.1 resumes testing of CentOS Linux 7 and is compatible with it. For more information, see TiDB v8.5.1 Release Notes.
- According to Red Hat Enterprise Linux Life Cycle, the maintenance support for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 ended on June 30, 2024. TiDB ends the support for Red Hat

Enterprise Linux 7 starting from v8.4.0. It is recommended to use Rocky Linux 9.1 or a later version. Upgrading a TiDB cluster on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 to v8.4.0 or later will cause the cluster to become unavailable.

2.2.3 Removed features

- The following feature has been removed:
    - In v8.4.0, TiDB Binlog is removed. Starting from v8.3.0, TiDB Binlog is fully deprecated. For incremental data replication, use TiCDC instead. For point-in-time recovery (PITR), use PITR. Before you upgrade your TiDB cluster to v8.4.0 or later versions, be sure to switch to TiCDC and PITR.
- The following features are planned for removal in future versions:
    - Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB Lightning deprecates the old version of conflict detection strategy for the physical import mode, and enables you to control the conflict detection strategy for both logical and physical import modes via the `conflict.strategy` parameter. The `duplicate-resolution` parameter for the old version of conflict detection will be removed in a future release.

2.2.4 Deprecated features

The following features are planned for deprecation in future versions:

- In v8.0.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_auto_analyze_priority_queue` system variable to control whether priority queues are enabled to optimize the ordering of tasks that automatically collect statistics. In future releases, the priority queue will be the only way to order tasks for automatically collecting statistics, so this system variable will be deprecated.
- In v7.5.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats` system variable. You can use it to set TiDB to use asynchronous merging of partition statistics to avoid OOM issues. In future releases, partition statistics will be merged asynchronously, so this system variable will be deprecated.
- It is planned to redesign the automatic evolution of execution plan bindings in subsequent releases, and the related variables and behavior will change.
- In v8.0.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill` system variable to control whether TiDB supports disk spill for the concurrent HashAgg algorithm. In future versions, this system variable will be deprecated.
- In v5.1, TiDB introduces the `tidb_partition_prune_mode` system variable to control whether to enable the dynamic pruning mode for partitioned tables. Starting from v8.5.0, a warning is returned when you set this variable to `static` or `static-only`. In future versions, this system variable will be deprecated.

- The TiDB Lightning parameter `conflict.max-record-rows` is planned for deprecation in a future release and will be subsequently removed. This parameter will be replaced by `conflict.threshold`, which means that the maximum number of conflicting records is consistent with the maximum number of conflicting records that can be tolerated in a single import task.
- Starting from v6.3.0, partitioned tables use dynamic pruning mode by default. Compared with static pruning mode, dynamic pruning mode supports features such as IndexJoin and plan cache with better performance. Therefore, static pruning mode will be deprecated.

2.2.5 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Improve the response speed of job cancellation for the `ADD INDEX` acceleration feature when disabling the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) #56017 @lance6716
    - Improve the speed of adding indexes to small tables #54230 @tangenta
    - Add a new system variable `tidb_ddl_reorg_max_write_speed` to limit the maximum speed of the ingest phase when adding indexes #57156 @CbcWestwolf
    - Improve the performance of querying `information_schema.tables` in some cases #57295 @tangenta
    - Support dynamically adjusting more DDL job parameters #57526 @fzzf678
    - Support global indexes that contain all columns from a partition expression #56230 @Defined2014
    - Support partition pruning for list partitioned tables in range query scenarios #56673 @Defined2014
    - Enable FixControl#46177 by default to fix the issue that a full table scan is incorrectly selected instead of an index range scan in some cases #46177 @terry1purcell
    - Improve the internal estimation logic to better utilize statistics of multi-column and multi-value indexes, enhancing estimation accuracy for certain queries involving multi-value indexes #56915 @time-and-fate
    - Improve the cost estimation for full table scans in specific scenarios, reducing the probability of incorrectly choosing a full table scan #57085 @terry1purcell
    - Optimize the amount of data required for synchronous loading of statistics to improve loading performance #56812 @winoros
    - Optimize the execution plan in specific cases where an `OUTER JOIN` involves a unique index and an `ORDER BY ... LIMIT` clause, improving execution efficiency #56321 @winoros
- TiKV
    - Use a separate thread to clean up replicas, ensuring stable latency for critical paths of Raft reads and writes #16001 @hbisheng

    - Improve the performance of the vector distance function by supporting SIMD #17290 @EricZequan

- PD

    - Support dynamic switching of the `tso` service between microservice and non-microservice modes #8477 @rleungx
    - Optimize the case format of certain fields in the `pd-ctl config` output #8694 @lhy1024
    - Store limit v2 becomes generally available (GA) #8865 @lhy1024
    - Support configuring Region inspection concurrency (experimental) #8866 @lhy1024

- TiFlash

    - Improve the garbage collection speed of outdated data in the background for tables with clustered indexes #9529 @JaySon-Huang
    - Improve query performance of vector search in data update scenarios #9599 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Add monitoring metrics for CPU usage during vector index building #9032 @JaySon-Huang
    - Improve the execution efficiency of logical operators #9146 @windtalker

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Reduce unnecessary log printing during backup #55902 @Leavrth
        - Optimize the error message for the encryption key `--crypter.key` #56388 @Tristan1900
        - Increase concurrency in BR when creating databases to improve data restore performance #56866 @Leavrth
        - Disable the table-level checksum calculation during full backups by default (`--checksum=false`) to improve backup performance #56373 @Tristan1900
        - Add a mechanism to independently track and reset the connection timeout for each storage node, enhancing the handling of slow nodes and preventing backup operations from hanging #57666 @3pointer

    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

        - Add retries for DM-worker to connect to DM-master during DM cluster startup #4287 @GMHDBJD

2.2.6 Bug fixes

- TiDB

- Fix the issue that TiDB does not automatically retry requests when the Region metadata returned from PD lacks Leader information, potentially causing execution errors #56757 @cfzjywxk
- Fix the issue that TTL tasks cannot be canceled when there is a write conflict #56422 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that when canceling a TTL task, the corresponding SQL is not killed forcibly #56511 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that existing TTL tasks are executed unexpectedly frequently in a cluster that is upgraded from v6.5 to v7.5 or later #56539 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that the `INSERT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY` statement is not compatible with `mysql_insert_id` #55965 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that TTL might fail if TiKV is not selected as the storage engine #56402 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the `AUTO_INCREMENT` field is not correctly set after importing data using the `IMPORT INTO` statement #56476 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that TiDB does not check the index length limitation when executing `ADD INDEX` #56930 @fzzf678
- Fix the issue that executing `RECOVER TABLE BY JOB JOB_ID;` might cause TiDB to panic #55113 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that stale read does not strictly verify the timestamp of the read operation, resulting in a small probability of affecting the consistency of the transaction when an offset exists between the TSO and the real physical time #56809 @MyonKeminta
- Fix the issue that TiDB could not resume Reorg DDL tasks from the previous progress after the DDL owner node is switched #56506 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that some metrics in the monitoring panel of Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) are inaccurate #57172 @fzzf678 #56942 @fzzf678
- Fix the issue that `REORGANIZE PARTITION` fails to return error reasons in certain cases #56634 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that querying `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES` returns incorrect results due to case sensitivity #56987 @joechenrh
- Fix the issue of illegal memory access that might occur when a Common Table Expression (CTE) has multiple data consumers and one consumer exits without reading any data #55881 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that `INDEX_HASH_JOIN` might hang during an abnormal exit #54055 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that the `TRUNCATE` statement returns incorrect results when handling `NULL` values #53546 @tuziemon
- Fix the issue that the `CAST AS CHAR` function returns incorrect results due to type inference errors #56640 @zimulala
- Fix the issue of truncated strings in the output of some functions due to type inference errors #56587 @joechenrh
- Fix the issue that the `ADDTIME()` and `SUBTIME()` functions returns incorrect results when their first argument is a date type #57569 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that invalid `NULL` values can be inserted in non-strict mode (`sql_`

↪ `mode = ''`) #56381 @joechenrh

- Fix the issue that the `UPDATE` statement incorrectly updates values of the `ENUM` type #56832 @xhebox
- Fix the issue that enabling the `tidb_low_resolution_tso` variable causes resource leaks during the execution of `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statements #55468 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the `JSON_TYPE()` function does not validate the parameter type, causing no errors returned when a non-JSON data type is passed #54029 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that using JSON functions in `PREPARE` statements might cause execution failures #54044 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that converting data from the `BIT` type to the `CHAR` type might cause TiKV panics #56494 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that using variables or parameters in the `CREATE VIEW` statement does not report errors #53176 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that the `JSON_VALID()` function returns incorrect results #56293 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that TTL tasks are not canceled after the `tidb_ttl_job_enable` variable is disabled #57404 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that using the `RANGE COLUMNS` partition function and the `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` collation at the same time could result in incorrect query results #57261 @Defined2014
- Fix the runtime error caused by executing a prepared statement that begins with a newline character, resulting in an array out of bounds #54283 @Defined2014
- Fix the precision issue in the `UTC_TIMESTAMP()` function, such as setting the precision too high #56451 @chagelo
- Fix the issue that foreign key errors are not omitted in `UPDATE`, `INSERT`, and `DELETE IGNORE` statements #56678 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that when querying the `information_schema.cluster_slow_query` table, if the time filter is not added, only the latest slow log file is queried #56100 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue of memory leaks in TTL tables #56934 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that foreign key constraints do not take effect for tables in `write_only` status, preventing using tables in `non-public` status #55813 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that using subqueries after the `NATURAL JOIN` or `USING` clause might result in errors #53766 @dash12653
- Fix the issue that if a CTE contains the `ORDER BY`, `LIMIT`, or `SELECT DISTINCT` clause and is referenced by the recursive part of another CTE, it might be incorrectly inlined and result in an execution error #56603 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that the CTE defined in `VIEW` is incorrectly inlined #56582 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that Plan Replayer might report an error when importing a table structure containing foreign keys #56456 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that Plan Replayer might report an error when importing a table structure containing Placement Rules #54961 @hawkingrei

- Fix the issue that when using `ANALYZE` to collect statistics for a table, if the table contains expression indexes of virtually generated columns, the execution reports an error #57079 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `DROP DATABASE` statement does not correctly trigger the corresponding update in statistics #57227 @Rustin170506
- Fix the issue that when parsing a database name in CTE, it returns a wrong database name #54582 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the upper bound and lower bound of the histogram are corrupted when `DUMP STATS` is transforming statistics into JSON #56083 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that `EXISTS` subquery results, when further involved in algebraic operations, could differ from the results in MySQL #56641 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that execution plan bindings cannot be created for the multi-table `DELETE` statement with aliases #56726 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the optimizer does not take into account the character set and collations when simplifying complex predicates, resulting in possible execution errors #56479 @dash12653
- Fix the issue that the data in the **Stats Healthy Distribution** panel of Grafana might be incorrect #57176 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that vector search might return incorrect results when querying tables with clustered indexes #57627 @winoros

- TiKV

    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when read threads access outdated indexes in the MemTable of the Raft Engine #17383 @LykxSassinator
    - Fix the issue that when a large number of transactions are queuing for lock release on the same key and the key is frequently updated, excessive pressure on deadlock detection might cause TiKV OOM issues #17394 @MyonKeminta
    - Fix the issue that CPU usage for background tasks of resource control is counted twice #17603 @glorv
    - Fix the issue that TiKV OOM might occur due to the accumulation of CDC internal tasks #17696 @3AceShowHand
    - Fix the issue that large batch writes cause performance jitter when `raft-entry-max-size` is set too high #17701 @SpadeA-Tang
    - Fix the issue that the leader could not be quickly elected after Region split #17602 @LykxSassinator
    - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when executing queries containing `RADIANS()` or `DEGREES()` functions #17852 @gengliqi
    - Fix the issue that write jitter might occur when all hibernated Regions are awakened #17101 @hhwyt

- PD

    - Fix the memory leak issue in hotspot cache #8698 @lhy1024
    - Fix the issue that the resource group selector does not take effect on any panel #56572 @glorv

- Fix the issue that deleted resource groups still appear in the monitoring panel #8716 @AndreMouche
- Fix unclear log descriptions during the Region syncer loading process #8717 @lhy1024
- Fix the memory leak issue in label statistics #8700 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that configuring `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy` to `0` or `OFF` fails to disable the TSO Follower Proxy feature #8709 @JmPotato

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING()` function does not support the `pos` and `len` arguments for certain integer types, causing query errors #9473 @gengliqi
  - Fix the issue that vector search performance might degrade after scaling out TiFlash write nodes in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9637 @kolafish
  - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING()` function returns incorrect results when the second parameter is negative #9604 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that the `REPLACE()` function returns an error when the first parameter is a constant #9522 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that `LPAD()` and `RPAD()` functions return incorrect results in some cases #9465 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that after creating a vector index, if the internal task for building the vector index is unexpectedly interrupted, it could result in TiFlash writing corrupted data and being unable to restart #9714 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the OOM issue during backups when there are too many uncompleted range gaps, reducing the amount of pre-allocated memory #53529 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that global indexes cannot be backed up #57469 @Defined2014
    - Fix the issue that logs might print out encrypted information #57585 @kennytm
    - Fix the issue that the advancer cannot handle lock conflicts #57134 @3pointer
    - Fix potential security vulnerabilities by upgrading the `k8s.io/api` library version #57790 @BornChanger
    - Fix the issue that PITR tasks might return the `Information schema is out of date` error when there are a large number of tables in the cluster but the actual data size is small #57743 @Tristan1900
    - Fix the issue that log backup might unexpectedly enter a paused state when the advancer owner switches #58031 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that the `tiup br restore` command omits checking whether the target cluster table already exists during database or table restoration, which might overwrite existing tables #58168 @RidRisR

  - TiCDC

- Fix the issue that the Kafka messages lack Key fields when using the Debezium protocol #1799 @wk989898
- Fix the issue that the redo module fails to properly report errors #11744 @CharlesCheung96
- Fix the issue that TiCDC mistakenly discards DDL tasks when the schema versions of DDL tasks become non-incremental during TiDB DDL owner changes #11714 @wlwilliamx

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to receive oversized messages sent from TiKV #56114 @fishiu
  - Fix the issue that the `AUTO_INCREMENT` value is set too high after importing data using the physical import mode #56814 @D3Hunter

2.2.7 Performance test

To learn about the performance of TiDB v8.5.0, you can refer to the performance test reports of the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

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2.3 TiDB Features

This document lists the features supported in different TiDB versions, including Long-Term Support (LTS) versions and Development Milestone Release (DMR) versions after the latest LTS version.

You can try out TiDB features on TiDB Playground.

> **Note:**
>
> PingCAP does not provide patch releases for DMR versions. Any bugs will be fixed in future releases. For general purposes, it is recommended to use the latest LTS version.
>
> The abbreviations in the table below have the following meanings:

- Y: the feature is generally available (GA) and can be used in production environments. Note that even if a feature is GA in a DMR version, it is recommended to use the feature in production environments in a later LTS version.
- N: the feature is not supported.
- E: the feature is not GA yet (experimental) and you need to be aware of the usage limitations. Experimental features are subject to change or removal without prior notice. The syntax and implementation might be modified before the general availability. If you encounter any problems, you can report an issue on GitHub.

2.3.1 Data types, functions, and operators

Data types, functions, and operators	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
Numeric types	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Date and time types	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
String types	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
JSON type	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	E	E	E
Vector types	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Control flow functions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
String functions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Numeric functions and operators	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Date and time functions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bit functions and operators	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cast functions and operators	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Encryption and compression functions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vector functions and operators	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Information functions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
JSON functions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	E	E	E
Aggregation functions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Window functions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Miscellaneous functions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Operators	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Character sets and collations [1]	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
User-level lock	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N

2.3.2 Indexing and constraints

[1]The explanation of KNN search is adapted from the Approximate Nearest Neighbor Search Indexes document authored by rschu1ze in ClickHouse documentation, licensed under the Apache License 2.0.

Indexing and constraints	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.
Expression indexes [2]	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	E	E	E
Columnar storage (TiFlash)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Use FastScan to accelerate queries in OLAP scenarios	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N	N	N
RocksDB engine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Titan plugin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Titan Level Merge	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Use buckets to improve scan concurrency	E	E	E	E	E	E	N	N	N	N
Invisible indexes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Composite `PRIMARY KEY`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`CHECK` constraints	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Unique indexes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clustered index on integer `PRIMARY KEY`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clustered index on composite or non-integer key	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Multi-valued indexes	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Foreign key	Y	E	E	E	N	N	N	N	N	N
TiFlash late materialization	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Global index	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Vector index	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

2.3.3 SQL statements

SQL statements [3]	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3
Basic `SELECT`, `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, `DELETE`, `REPLACE`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`INSERT ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`LOAD DATA INFILE`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`SELECT INTO OUTFILE`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`INNER JOIN`, LEFT|RIGHT [OUTER] JOIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`UNION`, `UNION ALL`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`EXCEPT` and `INTERSECT` operators	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`GROUP BY`, `ORDER BY`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`GROUP BY` modifier	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Window Functions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Common Table Expressions (CTE)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`START TRANSACTION`, `COMMIT`, `ROLLBACK`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`EXPLAIN`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`EXPLAIN ANALYZE`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

[2] Starting from v6.5.0, the expression indexes created on the functions listed by the `tidb_allow_function_for_expression_index` system variable have been tested and can be used in production environments, and more functions will be supported in the future releases. For functions not listed by this variable, the corresponding expression indexes are not recommended for use in production environments. See expression indexes for details.

SQL statements [3]	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3
User-defined variables	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
`BATCH [ON COLUMN] LIMIT INTEGER DELETE`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
`BATCH [ON COLUMN] LIMIT INTEGER INSERT/UPDATE/REPLACE`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
`ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N
Table Lock	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
TiFlash Query Result Materialization	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N

2.3.4 Advanced SQL features

Advanced SQL features	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5
Vector search	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
Prepared statement cache	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	
Non-prepared statement cache	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N	N	N	
Instance-level execution plan cache	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
SQL binding	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Cross-database binding	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
Create bindings according to historical execution plans	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N	N	
Coprocessor cache	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Stale Read	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Follower reads	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Read historical data (tidb_snapshot)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Optimizer hints	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
MPP execution engine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
MPP execution engine - compression exchange	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	
TiFlash Pipeline Model	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	
TiFlash replica selection strategy	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	
Index Merge	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	
Placement Rules in SQL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	N	
Cascades Planner	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
Runtime Filter	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	

2.3.5 Data definition language (DDL)

Data definition language (DDL)	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3
Basic `CREATE`, `DROP`, `ALTER`, `RENAME`, `TRUNCATE`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Generated columns	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	E	E
Views	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sequences	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Auto increment	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y[4]	Y	Y	Y

[4]Starting from v6.4.0, TiDB supports high-performance and globally monotonic `AUTO_INCREMENT` columns

Data definition language (DDL)	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3
Auto random	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TTL (Time to Live)	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N
DDL algorithm assertions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Multi-schema change: add columns	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	E
Change column type	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Temporary tables	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Concurrent DDL statements	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Acceleration of `ADD INDEX` and `CREATE INDEX`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Metadata lock	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
`FLASHBACK CLUSTER`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Pause/Resume DDL	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
TiDB Accelerated Table Creation	Y	E	N	N	N	N	N	N
Configure BDR role to replicate DDL statements in BDR mode	Y	E	N	N	N	N	N	N

2.3.6 Transactions

Transactions	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2
Async commit	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1PC	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Large transactions (1 TiB)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pessimistic transactions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Optimistic transactions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Repeatable-read isolation (snapshot isolation)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Read-committed isolation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Automatically terminating long-running idle transactions	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Bulk DML execution mode (`tidb_dml_type = "bulk"`)	E	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

2.3.7 Partitioning

Partitioning	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.
Range partitioning	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hash partitioning	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Key partitioning	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
List partitioning	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E
List COLUMNS partitioning	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E
Default partition for List and List COLUMNS partitioned tables	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
`EXCHANGE PARTITION`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	E
`REORGANIZE PARTITION`	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
`COALESCE PARTITION`	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Dynamic pruning	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E

Partitioning	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.
Range COLUMNS partitioning	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Range INTERVAL partitioning	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N
Convert a partitioned table to a non-partitioned table	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Partition an existing table	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Global index	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

2.3.8 Statistics

Statistics	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
CMSketch	Disabled by default	Disabled by default	Disabled by default	Disabled by default	Disabled by default	Disabled by default	Disabled by default	Disabled by default	Y	Y
Histograms	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Extended statistics	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Statistics feedback	N	N	N	N	N	Deprecated	Deprecated	E	E	E
Automatically update statistics	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dynamic pruning	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	E	E
Collect statistics for `PREDICATE COLUMNS`	Y	E	E	E	E	E	E	N	N	N

Statistics	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
Control the memory quota for collecting statistics	E	E	E	E	E	E	N	N	N	N
Randomly sample about 10000 rows of data to quickly build statistics	Deprecated	Deprecated	Deprecated	Ed	E	E	E	E	E	E
Lock statistics	Y	Y	Y	E	E	N	N	N	N	N
Lightweight statistics initialization	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N	N	N	N
Show the progress of collecting statistics	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

2.3.9 Security

Security	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
Transparent layer security (TLS)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Encryption at rest (TDE)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Role-based authentication (RBAC)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Certificate-based authentication	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`caching_sha2_password` authentication	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
`tidb_sm3_password` authentication	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
`tidb_auth_token` authentication	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
`authentication_ldap_sasl` authentication	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
`authentication_ldap_simple` authentication	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Password management	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
MySQL compatible `GRANT` system	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dynamic Privileges	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Security Enhanced Mode	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Redacted Log Files	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

2.3.10 Data import and export

Data import and export	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
Fast import using TiDB Lightning	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Data import and export	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
Fast import using the `IMPORT INTO` statement	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
mydumper logical dumper	Deprecated	Deprecated	Deprecated	Deprecated	Deprecated	Deprecated	Deprecated	Deprecated	Deprecated	Deprecated
Dumpling logical dumper	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Transactional `LOAD DATA` [5]	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Database migration toolkit (DM)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

[5] Starting from TiDB v7.0.0, the new parameter `FIELDS DEFINED NULL BY` and support for importing data from S3 and GCS are experimental features. Starting from v7.6.0, TiDB processes `LOAD DATA` in transactions in the same way as MySQL. The `LOAD DATA` statement in a transaction no longer automatically commits the current transaction or starts a new transaction. Moreover, you can explicitly commit or roll back the `LOAD DATA` statement in a transaction. Additionally, the `LOAD DATA` statement is affected by the TiDB transaction mode setting (optimistic or pessimistic transaction).

Data import and export	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
TiDB Binlog [6]	Removed	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Change data capture (CDC)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stream data to Amazon S3, GCS, Azure Blob Storage, and NFS through TiCDC	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N	N	N

[6] Starting from v7.5.0, TiDB Binlog replication is deprecated. Starting from v8.3.0, TiDB Binlog is fully deprecated. Starting from v8.4.0, TiDB Binlog is removed. For incremental data replication, use TiCDC instead. For point-in-time recovery (PITR), use PITR. Before you upgrade your TiDB cluster to v8.4.0 or later versions, be sure to switch to TiCDC and PITR.

Data import and export	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
TiCDC supports bidirectional replication between two TiDB clusters	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
TiCDC OpenAPI v2	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
DM supports migrating MySQL 8.0	Y	Y	E	E	E	E	N	N	N	N

2.3.11 Management, observability, and tools

Management, observability, and tools	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
TiDB Dashboard UI	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TiDB Dashboard Continuous Profiling	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	N	N
TiDB Dashboard Top SQL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N
TiDB Dashboard SQL Diagnostics	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	E	E	E
TiDB Dashboard Cluster Diagnostics	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	E	E	E

Management, observability, and tools	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
TiKV-FastTune dashboard	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Information schema	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Metrics schema	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Statements summary tables	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Statements summary tables - summary persistence	E	E	E	E	N	N	N	N	N	N
Slow query log	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TiUP deployment	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kubernetes operator	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Management, observability, and tools	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
Built-in physical backup	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Global Kill	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	E	E
Lock View	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E
`SHOW CONFIG`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
`SET CONFIG`	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	E	E
DM WebUI	E	E	E	E	E	E	N	N	N	N
Foreground Quota Limiter	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N	N
Background Quota Limiter	E	E	E	E	E	N	N	N	N	N
EBS volume snapshot backup and restore	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N

Management, observability, and tools	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
PITR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Global memory control	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Cross-cluster RawKV replication	E	E	E	E	E	N	N	N	N	N
Green GC	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Resource control	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Runaway Queries management	Y	Y	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Background tasks management	E	E	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

Management, observability, and tools	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
TiFlash Disaggregated Storage and Compute Architecture and S3 Support	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N	N	N	N
Selecting TiDB nodes for the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) tasks	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

Management, observability, and tools	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
PD Follower Proxy (controlled by `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy`)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Active PD Follower (controlled by `pd_enable_follower_handle_region`)	Y	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
PD microservices	E	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

Management, observability, and tools	8.5	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF)	Y	Y	Y	E	N	N	N	N	N	N
Global Sort	Y	Y	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
TiProxy	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Schema cache	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

2.4 MySQL Compatibility

TiDB is highly compatible with the MySQL protocol and the common features and syntax of MySQL 5.7 and MySQL 8.0. The ecosystem tools for MySQL (PHPMyAdmin, Navicat, MySQL Workbench, DBeaver and more) and the MySQL client can be used for TiDB.

However, some features of MySQL are not supported in TiDB. This could be because there is now a better way to solve the problem (such as the use of JSON instead of XML functions) or a lack of current demand versus effort required (such as stored procedures and functions). Additionally, some features might be difficult to implement in a distributed system.

It's important to note that TiDB does not support the MySQL replication protocol. Instead, specific tools are provided to replicate data with MySQL:

- Replicate data from MySQL: TiDB Data Migration (DM) is a tool that supports full data migration and incremental data replication from MySQL or MariaDB into TiDB.
- Replicate data to MySQL: TiCDC is a tool for replicating the incremental data of TiDB by pulling TiKV change logs. TiCDC uses the MySQL sink to replicate the incremental data of TiDB to MySQL.

Note:

This page describes general differences between MySQL and TiDB. For more information on compatibility with MySQL in the areas of security, see Security Compatibility with MySQL.

You can try out TiDB features on TiDB Playground.

2.4.1 Unsupported features

- Stored procedures and functions
- Triggers
- Events
- User-defined functions
- `FULLTEXT` syntax and indexes #1793
- `SPATIAL` (also known as `GIS/GEOMETRY`) functions, data types and indexes #6347
- Character sets other than `ascii`, `latin1`, `binary`, `utf8`, `utf8mb4`, and `gbk`.
- Optimizer trace
- XML Functions
- X-Protocol #1109
- Column-level privileges #9766
- `XA` syntax (TiDB uses a two-phase commit internally, but this is not exposed via an SQL interface)
- `CREATE TABLE tblName AS SELECT stmt` syntax #4754
- `CHECK TABLE` syntax #4673
- `CHECKSUM TABLE` syntax #1895
- `REPAIR TABLE` syntax
- `OPTIMIZE TABLE` syntax
- `HANDLER` statement
- `CREATE TABLESPACE` statement
- "Session Tracker: Add GTIDs context to the OK packet"
- Descending Index #2519
- `SKIP LOCKED` syntax #18207
- Lateral derived tables #40328
- JOIN ON subquery #11414

2.4.2 Differences from MySQL

2.4.2.1 Auto-increment ID

- In TiDB, the auto-incremental column values (IDs) are globally unique and incremental within a single TiDB server. To make the IDs incremental among multiple TiDB

servers, you can use the AUTO_INCREMENT MySQL compatibility mode. However, the IDs are not necessarily allocated sequentially, so it is recommended that you avoid mixing default and custom values to prevent encountering the `Duplicated Error` message.

- You can use the `tidb_allow_remove_auto_inc` system variable to allow or forbid removing the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column attribute. To remove the column attribute, use the `ALTER TABLE MODIFY` or `ALTER TABLE CHANGE` syntax.
- TiDB does not support adding the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column attribute, and once removed, it cannot be recovered.
- For TiDB v6.6.0 and earlier versions, auto-increment columns in TiDB behave the same as in MySQL InnoDB, requiring them to be primary keys or index prefixes. Starting from v7.0.0, TiDB removes this restriction, allowing for more flexible table primary key definitions. #40580

For more details, see AUTO_INCREMENT.

Note:

- If you do not specify a primary key when creating a table, TiDB uses `_tidb_rowid` to identify the row. The allocation of this value shares an allocator with the auto-increment column (if such a column exists). If you specify an auto-increment column as the primary key, TiDB uses this column to identify the row. In this situation, the following situation might occur:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t(id INT UNIQUE KEY AUTO_INCREMENT);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.05 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES();
Query OK, 1 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES();
Query OK, 1 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES();
Query OK, 1 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT _tidb_rowid, id FROM t;
+-------------+------+
| _tidb_rowid | id |
```

```
+-------------+------+
|           2 |    1 |
|           4 |    3 |
|           6 |    5 |
+-------------+------+
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

As shown, because of the shared allocator, the `id` increments by 2 each time. This behavior changes in MySQL compatibility mode, where there is no shared allocator and therefore no skipping of numbers.

> **Note:**
>
> The `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute might cause hotspot in production environments. See Troubleshoot HotSpot Issues for details. It is recommended to use `AUTO_RANDOM` instead.

2.4.2.2 Performance schema

TiDB utilizes a combination of Prometheus and Grafana for storing and querying performance monitoring metrics. In TiDB, most performance schema tables do not return any results.

2.4.2.3 Query Execution Plan

The output format, content, and privilege settings of Query Execution Plan (`EXPLAIN` ↪ `/EXPLAIN FOR`) in TiDB differ significantly from those in MySQL.

In TiDB, the MySQL system variable `optimizer_switch` is read-only and has no effect on query plans. Although optimizer hints can be used in similar syntax to MySQL, the available hints and their implementation might differ.

For more information, refer to Understand the Query Execution Plan.

2.4.2.4 Built-in functions

TiDB supports most of the built-in functions in MySQL, but not all. You can use the statement `SHOW BUILTINS` to get a list of the available functions.

2.4.2.5 DDL operations

In TiDB, all supported DDL changes can be performed online. However, there are some major restrictions on DDL operations in TiDB compared to MySQL:

- When using a single `ALTER TABLE` statement to alter multiple schema objects (such as columns or indexes) of a table, specifying the same object in multiple changes is not supported. For example, if you execute the `ALTER TABLE t1 MODIFY COLUMN c1 INT, DROP COLUMN c1` command, the `Unsupported operate same column/index` error is output.
- It is not supported to modify multiple TiDB-specific schema objects using a single `ALTER TABLE` statement, such as `TIFLASH REPLICA`, `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS`, and `AUTO_ID_CACHE`.
- TiDB does not support the changes of some data types using `ALTER TABLE`. For example, TiDB does not support the change from the `DECIMAL` type to the `DATE` type. If a data type change is unsupported, TiDB reports the `Unsupported modify column: type %d not match origin %d` error. Refer to `ALTER TABLE` for more details.
- The `ALGORITHM={INSTANT,INPLACE,COPY}` syntax functions only as an assertion in TiDB, and does not modify the `ALTER` algorithm. See `ALTER TABLE` for further details.
- Adding/Dropping the primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type is unsupported. For more details about the primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type, refer to clustered index.
- Different types of indexes (`HASH|BTREE|RTREE|FULLTEXT`) are not supported, and will be parsed and ignored when specified.
- TiDB supports `HASH`, `RANGE`, `LIST`, and `KEY` partitioning types. For an unsupported partition type, TiDB returns `Warning: Unsupported partition type %s, treat as normal table`, where `%s` is the specific unsupported partition type.
- Range, Range COLUMNS, List, and List COLUMNS partitioned tables support `ADD`, `DROP`, `TRUNCATE`, and `REORGANIZE` operations. Other partition operations are ignored.
- Hash and Key partitioned tables support `ADD`, `COALESCE`, and `TRUNCATE` operations. Other partition operations are ignored.
- The following syntaxes are not supported for partitioned tables:
    - `SUBPARTITION`
    - `{CHECK|OPTIMIZE|REPAIR|IMPORT|DISCARD|REBUILD} PARTITION`

  For more details on partitioning, see Partitioning.

2.4.2.6 Analyzing tables

In TiDB, Statistics Collection differs from MySQL in that it completely rebuilds the statistics for a table, making it a more resource-intensive operation that takes longer to complete. In contrast, MySQL/InnoDB performs a relatively lightweight and short-lived operation.

For more information, refer to `ANALYZE TABLE`.

2.4.2.7 Limitations of `SELECT` syntax

TiDB does not support the following `SELECT` syntax:

- `SELECT ... INTO @variable`
- `SELECT .. GROUP BY expr` does not imply `GROUP BY expr ORDER BY expr` as it does in MySQL 5.7.

For more details, see the `SELECT` statement reference.

2.4.2.8 `UPDATE` statement

See the `UPDATE` statement reference.

2.4.2.9 Views

Views in TiDB are not updatable and do not support write operations such as `UPDATE`, `INSERT`, and `DELETE`.

2.4.2.10 Temporary tables

For more information, see Compatibility between TiDB local temporary tables and MySQL temporary tables.

2.4.2.11 Character sets and collations

- To learn about the character sets and collations supported by TiDB, see Character Set and Collation Overview.
- For information on the MySQL compatibility of the GBK character set, refer to GBK compatibility .
- TiDB inherits the character set used in the table as the national character set.

2.4.2.12 Storage engines

TiDB allows for tables to be created with alternative storage engines. Despite this, the metadata as described by TiDB is for the InnoDB storage engine as a way to ensure compatibility.

To specify a storage engine using the `--store` option, it is necessary to start the TiDB server. This storage engine abstraction feature is similar to MySQL.

2.4.2.13 SQL modes

TiDB supports most SQL modes:

- The compatibility modes, such as `Oracle` and `PostgreSQL` are parsed but ignored. Compatibility modes are deprecated in MySQL 5.7 and removed in MySQL 8.0.
- The `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY` mode has minor semantic differences from MySQL 5.7.
- The `NO_DIR_IN_CREATE` and `NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION` SQL modes in MySQL are accepted for compatibility, but are not applicable to TiDB.

2.4.2.14 Default differences

TiDB has default differences when compared with MySQL 5.7 and MySQL 8.0:

- Default character set:
  - TiDB's default value is `utf8mb4`.
  - MySQL 5.7's default value is `latin1`.
  - MySQL 8.0's default value is `utf8mb4`.
- Default collation:
  - TiDB's default collation is `utf8mb4_bin`.
  - MySQL 5.7's default collation is `utf8mb4_general_ci`.
  - MySQL 8.0's default collation is `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci`.
- Default SQL mode:
  - TiDB's default SQL mode includes these modes: `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_ZERO_DATE,ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION`.
  - MySQL's default SQL mode:
    - The default SQL mode in MySQL 5.7 is the same as TiDB.
    - The default SQL mode in MySQL 8.0 includes these modes: `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_ZERO_DATE,ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION`.
- Default value of `lower_case_table_names`:
  - The default value in TiDB is `2`, and only `2` is currently supported.
  - MySQL defaults to the following values:
    - On Linux: `0`. It means that table and database names are stored on disk according to the letter case specified in the `CREATE TABLE` or `CREATE DATABASE` statement. Name comparisons are case-sensitive.
    - On Windows: `1`. It means table names are stored in lowercase on disk, and name comparisons are not case-sensitive. MySQL converts all table names to lowercase on storage and lookup. This behavior also applies to database names and table aliases.

    - On macOS: `2`. It means table and database names are stored on disk according to the letter case specified in the `CREATE TABLE` or `CREATE DATABASE` statement, but MySQL converts them to lowercase on lookup. Name comparisons are not case-sensitive.

- Default value of `explicit_defaults_for_timestamp`:
    - The default value in TiDB is `ON`, and only `ON` is currently supported.
    - MySQL defaults to the following values:
        - For MySQL 5.7: `OFF`.
        - For MySQL 8.0: `ON`.

2.4.2.15 Date and Time

TiDB supports named timezones with the following considerations:

- TiDB uses all the timezone rules presently installed in the system for calculation, typically the `tzdata` package. This makes it possible to use all timezone names without needing to import timezone table data. Importing timezone table data will not change the calculation rules.
- Currently, MySQL uses the local timezone by default, then relies on the current timezone rules built into the system (for example, when daylight savings time begins) for calculation. Without importing timezone table data, MySQL cannot specify the timezone by name.

2.4.2.16 Type system differences

The following column types are supported by MySQL but **not** by TiDB:

- `SQL_TSI_*` (includes SQL_TSI_MONTH, SQL_TSI_WEEK, SQL_TSI_DAY, SQL_TSI_HOUR, SQL_TSI_MINUTE, and SQL_TSI_SECOND, but excludes SQL_TSI_YEAR)

2.4.2.17 Regular expressions

For information about TiDB regular expression compatibility with MySQL, including `REGEXP_INSTR()`, `REGEXP_LIKE()`, `REGEXP_REPLACE()`, and `REGEXP_SUBSTR()`, see Regular expression compatibility with MySQL.

2.4.2.18 Incompatibility due to deprecated features

TiDB does not implement specific features deprecated in MySQL, including:

- Specifying precision for floating-point types. MySQL 8.0 deprecates this feature, and it is recommended to use the `DECIMAL` type instead.
- The `ZEROFILL` attribute. MySQL 8.0 deprecates this feature, and it is recommended to pad numeric values in your application instead.

2.4.2.19 `CREATE RESOURCE GROUP`, `DROP RESOURCE GROUP`, and `ALTER RESOURCE GROUP` statements

The following statements for creating, modifying, and dropping resource groups have different supported parameters than MySQL. For details, see the following documents:

- `CREATE RESOURCE GROUP`
- `DROP RESOURCE GROUP`
- `ALTER RESOURCE GROUP`

2.4.3 Differences on pessimistic transaction (lock) with MySQL InnoDB

For differences on pessimistic transaction (lock) between TiDB and MySQL InnoDB, see Differences from MySQL InnoDB.

2.5 TiDB Limitations

This document describes the common usage limitations of TiDB, including the maximum identifier length and the maximum number of supported databases, tables, indexes, partitioned tables, and sequences.

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB offers high compatibility with the MySQL protocol and syntax, including many MySQL limitations. For example, a single index can include a maximum of 16 columns. For more information, see MySQL Compatibility and the official MySQL documentation.

2.5.1 Limitations on identifier length

Identifier type	Maximum length (number of characters allowed)
Database	64
Table	64
Column	64
Index	64
View	64
Sequence	64

2.5.2 Limitations on the total number of databases, tables, views, and connections

Type	Maximum number
Databases	unlimited
Tables	unlimited
Views	unlimited
Connections	unlimited

2.5.3 Limitations on a single database

Type	Upper limit
Tables	unlimited

2.5.4 Limitations on a single table

Type	Upper limit (default value)
Columns	Defaults to 1017 and can be adjusted up to 4096
Indexes	Defaults to 64 and can be adjusted up to 512
Rows	unlimited
Size	unlimited
Partitions	8192

- The upper limit of `Columns` can be modified via `table-column-count-limit`.
- The upper limit of `Indexes` can be modified via `index-limit`.

2.5.5 Limitation on a single row

Type	Upper limit (default value)
Size	Defaults to 6 MiB and can be adjusted to 120 MiB

You can adjust the size limit via the `txn-entry-size-limit` configuration item.

2.5.6 Limitations on indexes

The maximum index length is 3072 bytes, equivalent to 768 characters using 4-byte UTF-8 encoding. The maximum number of columns in a single index is limited to 16.

You can adjust this limit using the `max-index-length` configuration item.

2.5.7 Limitations on data types

Type	Upper limit
CHAR	255 characters
BINARY	255 characters
VARBINARY	65535 characters
VARCHAR	16383 characters
TEXT	Defaults to 6 MiB and can be adjusted to 120 MiB
BLOB	Defaults to 6 MiB and can be adjusted to 120 MiB

2.5.8 Limitations on SQL statements

Type	Upper limit
The maximum number of SQL statements in a single transaction	When the optimistic transaction is used and the transaction retry is enabled, the upper limit is 5000.

You can modify the limit via the `stmt-count-limit` configuration item.

2.5.9 Limitations on TiKV version

In your cluster, if the version of the TiDB component is v6.2.0 or later, the version of TiKV must be v6.2.0 or later.

2.6 Credits

Each contributor has played an important role in promoting the robust development of TiDB. We sincerely appreciate all contributors who have submitted code, written and translated documents for TiDB.

2.6.1 TiDB developers

TiDB developers contribute to new feature development, performance improvement, stability guarantee, and bug fixes. The following is the list of contributors in TiDB related

repos:

- pingcap/tidb
- tikv/tikv
- tikv/pd
- pingcap/tiflash
- pingcap/tidb-operator
- pingcap/tiup
- pingcap/tidb-dashboard
- pingcap/tiflow
- pingcap/tidb-tools
- pingcap/tispark
- tikv/client-java
- tidb-incubator/TiBigData
- ti-community-infra

2.6.2 Writers and translators for TiDB documentation

Writers and translators write and translate documents for TiDB and the related projects. The following is the list of contributors in TiDB documentation related repos:

- pingcap/docs-cn
- pingcap/docs
- pingcap/docs-tidb-operator
- tikv/website

2.7 Roadmap

3 Get Started

3.1 Quick Start with TiDB Self-Managed

This guide provides the quickest way to get started with TiDB Self-Managed. For non-production environments, you can deploy your TiDB database using either of the following methods:

- Deploy a local test cluster (for macOS and Linux)
- Simulate production deployment on a single machine (for Linux only)

In addition, you can try out TiDB features on TiDB Playground.

Note:

The deployment method provided in this guide is **ONLY FOR** quick start, **NOT FOR** production or comprehensive functionality and stability testing.

- To deploy a self-hosted production cluster, see the production installation guide.
- To deploy TiDB on Kubernetes, see Get Started with TiDB on Kubernetes.
- To manage TiDB in the cloud, see TiDB Cloud Quick Start.

3.1.1 Deploy a local test cluster

This section describes how to quickly deploy a local TiDB cluster for testing on a single macOS or Linux server. By deploying such a cluster, you can learn the basic architecture of the TiDB database and the operation of its components, such as TiDB, TiKV, PD, and the monitoring components.

As a distributed system, a basic TiDB test cluster usually consists of 2 TiDB instances, 3 TiKV instances, 3 PD instances, and optional TiFlash instances. With TiUP Playground, you can quickly set up a test cluster by following these steps:

1. Download and install TiUP:

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/
    ↪ install.sh | sh
```

If the following message is displayed, you have successfully installed TiUP:

```
Successfully set mirror to https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com
Detected shell: zsh
Shell profile: /Users/user/.zshrc
/Users/user/.zshrc has been modified to add tiup to PATH
open a new terminal or source /Users/user/.zshrc to use it
Installed path: /Users/user/.tiup/bin/tiup
===============================================
Have a try:   tiup playground
===============================================
```

Note the Shell profile path in the output above. You need to use the path in the next step.

Note:

Starting from v5.2.0, TiDB supports running `tiup playground` on the machine that uses the Apple silicon chip.

2. Declare the global environment variable:

Note:

After the installation, TiUP displays the absolute path of the corresponding Shell profile file. You need to modify `${your_shell_profile}` in the following `source` command according to the path. In this case, `${your_shell_profile}` is `/Users/user/.zshrc` from the output of Step 1.

```
source ${your_shell_profile}
```

3. Start the cluster in the current session:

Note:

- For the playground operated in the following way, after the deployment and testing are finished, TiUP will automatically clean up the cluster data. You will get a new cluster after re-running the command.
- If you want to persist data on storage, then add the `--tag` flag when you start the cluster. For details, see Specify a tag when starting the TiDB cluster to store the data.

```
tiup playground --tag ${tag_name}
```

- To start a TiDB cluster of the latest version with 1 TiDB instance, 1 TiKV instance, 1 PD instance, and 1 TiFlash instance, run the following command:

```
tiup playground
```

If this is the first time you run the command, TiUP will download the latest version of TiDB and start the cluster.

The output displays a list of endpoints of the cluster:

```
 TiDB Playground Cluster is started, enjoy!
```

```
Connect TiDB:  mysql --comments --host 127.0.0.1 --port 4000 -u
    ↪ root
TiDB Dashboard: http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard
Grafana:       http://127.0.0.1:3000
```

- To specify the TiDB version and the number of instances of each component, run a command like this:

```
tiup playground v8.5.1 --db 2 --pd 3 --kv 3
```

It is recommended to run this command on a machine with at least 10 GiB of memory and 4 CPU cores. Insufficient resources might cause the system to crash. To view all available versions, run `tiup list tidb`.

4. Start a new session to access the TiDB cluster endpoints:

- Connect to the TiDB database:
  - Use the TiUP client to connect to TiDB.

```
tiup client
```

  - Alternatively, you can use the MySQL client to connect to TiDB.

```
mysql --host 127.0.0.1 --port 4000 -u root
```

- Prometheus: http://127.0.0.1:9090.
- TiDB Dashboard: http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard. The default username is `root`, and the password is empty.
- Grafana: http://127.0.0.1:3000. Both the default username and password are `admin`.

5. (Optional) Load data to TiFlash for analysis.

6. Clean up the cluster after testing:

1. Stop the above TiDB service by pressing Control+C.
2. Run the following command after the service is stopped:

```
tiup clean --all
```

Note:

TiUP Playground listens on `127.0.0.1` by default, and the service is only locally accessible. If you want the service to be externally accessible, specify the listening address using the `--host` parameter to bind the network interface card (NIC) to an externally accessible IP address.

As a distributed system, a basic TiDB test cluster usually consists of 2 TiDB instances, 3 TiKV instances, 3 PD instances, and optional TiFlash instances. With TiUP Playground, you can quickly set up a test cluster by following these steps:

1. Download and install TiUP:

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/
    ↪ install.sh | sh
```

   If the following message is displayed, you have successfully installed TiUP:

```
Successfully set mirror to https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com
Detected shell: bash
Shell profile: /home/user/.bashrc
/home/user/.bashrc has been modified to add tiup to PATH
open a new terminal or source /home/user/.bashrc to use it
Installed path: /home/user/.tiup/bin/tiup
==============================================
Have a try:   tiup playground
==============================================
```

   Note the Shell profile path in the output above. You need to use the path in the next step.

2. Declare the global environment variable:

> **Note:**
> After the installation, TiUP displays the absolute path of the corresponding Shell profile file. You need to modify `${your_shell_profile}` in the following `source` command according to the path.

```
source ${your_shell_profile}
```

3. Start the cluster in the current session:

> **Note:**
>
> - For the playground operated in the following way, after the deployment and testing are finished, TiUP will automatically clean up the cluster data. You will get a new cluster after re-running the command.
> - If you want to persist data on storage, then add the `--tag` flag when you start the cluster. For details, see Specify a tag when starting the TiDB cluster to store the data.

```
tiup playground --tag ${tag_name}
```

- To start a TiDB cluster of the latest version with 1 TiDB instance, 1 TiKV instance, 1 PD instance, and 1 TiFlash instance, run the following command:

  ```
  tiup playground
  ```

  If this is the first time you run the command, TiUP will download the latest version of TiDB and start the cluster.

  The output displays a list of endpoints of the cluster:

  ```
  □ TiDB Playground Cluster is started, enjoy!

  Connect TiDB:  mysql --comments --host 127.0.0.1 --port 4000 -u
     ↪ root
  TiDB Dashboard: http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard
  Grafana:       http://127.0.0.1:3000
  ```

- To specify the TiDB version and the number of instances of each component, run a command like this:

  ```
  tiup playground v8.5.1 --db 2 --pd 3 --kv 3
  ```

  To view all available versions, run `tiup list tidb`.

4. Start a new session to access the TiDB cluster endpoints:

   - Connect to the TiDB database:
     - Use the TiUP client to connect to TiDB.

       ```
       tiup client
       ```

     - Alternatively, you can use the MySQL client to connect to TiDB.

       ```
       mysql --host 127.0.0.1 --port 4000 -u root
       ```

   - Prometheus: http://127.0.0.1:9090.
   - TiDB Dashboard: http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard. The default username is `root`, and the password is empty.
   - Grafana: http://127.0.0.1:3000. Both the default username and password are `admin`.

5. (Optional) Load data to TiFlash for analysis.

6. Clean up the cluster after testing:

1. Stop the process by pressing Control+C.
2. Run the following command after the service is stopped:

```
tiup clean --all
```

Note:

TiUP Playground listens on `127.0.0.1` by default, and the service is only locally accessible. If you want the service to be externally accessible, specify the listening address using the `--host` parameter to bind the network interface card (NIC) to an externally accessible IP address.

3.1.2 Simulate production deployment on a single machine

This section describes how to set up the smallest TiDB cluster with a full topology, and simulate production deployment steps on a single Linux server.

The following describes how to deploy a TiDB cluster using a YAML file of the smallest topology in TiUP.

3.1.2.1 Prepare

Before deploying the TiDB cluster, ensure that the target machine meets the following requirements:

- CentOS 7.3 or a later version is installed.
- The Linux OS has access to the internet, which is required to download TiDB and related software installation packages.

The smallest TiDB cluster topology consists of the following instances:

Instance	Count	IP	Configuration
TiKV	3	10.0.1.1	Use incremental port numbers to avoid conflicts
TiDB	1	10.0.1.1	Use default port and other configurations
PD	1	10.0.1.1	Use default port and other configurations
TiFlash	1	10.0.1.1	Use default port and other configurations
Monitor	1	10.0.1.1	Use default port and other configurations

> **Note:**
>
> The IP addresses of the instances are given as examples only. In your actual deployment, replace the IP addresses with your actual IP addresses.

Other requirements for the target machine include:

- The `root` user and its password are required.
- Stop the firewall service of the target machine, or open the ports needed by the TiDB cluster nodes.
- Currently, the TiUP cluster supports deploying TiDB on the x86_64 (AMD64) and ARM architectures:
  - It is recommended to use CentOS 7.3 or later versions on AMD64 architecture.
  - It is recommended to use CentOS 7.6 (1810) on ARM architecture.

3.1.2.2 Deploy

> **Note:**
>
> You can log in to the target machine as a regular user or the `root` user. The following steps use the `root` user as an example.

1. Download and install TiUP:

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/
    ↪ install.sh | sh
```

2. Declare the global environment variable.

> **Note:**
>
> After the installation, TiUP displays the absolute path of the corresponding Shell profile file. You need to modify `${your_shell_profile}` in the following `source` command according to the path.

```
source ${your_shell_profile}
```

3. Install the cluster component of TiUP:

```
tiup cluster
```

4. If the TiUP cluster is already installed on the machine, update the software version:

```
tiup update --self && tiup update cluster
```

5. Increase the connection limit of the `sshd` service using the root user privilege. This is because TiUP needs to simulate deployment on multiple machines.

    1. Modify `/etc/ssh/sshd_config`, and set `MaxSessions` to 20.
    2. Restart the `sshd` service:

    ```
    service sshd restart
    ```

6. Create and start the cluster:

    Create and edit the topology configuration file according to the following template, and name it as `topo.yaml`:

```
# # Global variables are applied to all deployments and used as the
    ↪ default value of
# # the deployments if a specific deployment value is missing.
global:
 user: "tidb"
 ssh_port: 22
 deploy_dir: "/tidb-deploy"
 data_dir: "/tidb-data"

# # Monitored variables are applied to all the machines.
monitored:
 node_exporter_port: 9100
 blackbox_exporter_port: 9115

server_configs:
 tidb:
   instance.tidb_slow_log_threshold: 300
 tikv:
   readpool.storage.use-unified-pool: false
   readpool.coprocessor.use-unified-pool: true
 pd:
   replication.enable-placement-rules: true
```

```
  replication.location-labels: ["host"]
 tiflash:
  logger.level: "info"

pd_servers:
 - host: 10.0.1.1

tidb_servers:
 - host: 10.0.1.1

tikv_servers:
 - host: 10.0.1.1
  port: 20160
  status_port: 20180
  config:
   server.labels: { host: "logic-host-1" }

 - host: 10.0.1.1
  port: 20161
  status_port: 20181
  config:
   server.labels: { host: "logic-host-2" }

 - host: 10.0.1.1
  port: 20162
  status_port: 20182
  config:
   server.labels: { host: "logic-host-3" }

tiflash_servers:
 - host: 10.0.1.1

monitoring_servers:
 - host: 10.0.1.1

grafana_servers:
 - host: 10.0.1.1
```

- `user: "tidb"`: Use the `tidb` system user (automatically created during deployment) to perform the internal management of the cluster. By default, use port 22 to log in to the target machine via SSH.
- `replication.enable-placement-rules`: This PD parameter is set to ensure that TiFlash runs normally.
- `host`: The IP of the target machine.

7. Execute the cluster deployment command:

```
tiup cluster deploy <cluster-name> <version> ./topo.yaml --user root -p
```

- `<cluster-name>`: sets the cluster name.
- `<version>`: sets the TiDB cluster version, such as `v8.5.1`. You can see all the supported TiDB versions by running the `tiup list tidb` command.
- `--user`: specifies the user to initialize the environment.
- `-p`: specifies the password used to connect to the target machine.

> **Note:**
> If you use secret keys, you can specify the path of the keys through `-i`. Do not use `-i` and `-p` at the same time.

Enter "y" and the `root` user's password to complete the deployment:

```
Do you want to continue? [y/N]: y
Input SSH password:
```

8. Start the cluster:

```
tiup cluster start <cluster-name>
```

9. Access the cluster endpoints:

- Install the MySQL client. If it is already installed, skip this step.

```
yum -y install mysql
```

- Connect to the TiDB database using the MySQL client. The password is empty:

```
mysql -h 10.0.1.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

- Grafana: http://%7Bgrafana-ip%7D:3000. The default username and password are both `admin`.
- TiDB Dashboard: http://%7Bpd-ip%7D:2379/dashboard. The default username is `root`, and the password is empty.

10. (Optional) View the cluster list and topology.

- To view the cluster list:

```
tiup cluster list
```

- To view the cluster topology and status:

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

To learn more about the `tiup cluster` commands, see TiUP Cluster Commands.

11. Clean up the cluster after testing:

    1. Stop the above TiDB service by pressing Control+C.
    2. Run the following command after the service is stopped:

```
tiup clean --all
```

3.1.3 What's next

If you have just deployed a TiDB cluster for the local test environment, here are the next steps:

- Learn about basic SQL operations in TiDB by referring to Basic SQL operations in TiDB.
- You can also migrate data to TiDB by referring to Migrate data to TiDB.
- Learn more about using TiUP to manage TiDB clusters by referring to TiUP Overview.

If you are ready to deploy a TiDB cluster for the production environment, here are the next steps:

- Deploy TiDB using TiUP
- Alternatively, you can deploy TiDB on Cloud using TiDB Operator by referring to the TiDB on Kubernetes documentation.

If you are an application developer and want to quickly build an application using TiDB, here are the next steps:

- Developer Guide Overview
- Build a TiDB Cloud Serverless Cluster
- Example Applications

If you are looking for an analytics solution with TiFlash, here are the next steps:

- TiFlash Overview
- Use TiFlash

3.2 Quick Start with TiDB HTAP

This guide walks you through the quickest way to get started with TiDB's one-stop solution of Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing (HTAP).

> **Note:**
>
> The steps provided in this guide is ONLY for quick start in the test environment. For production environments, explore HTAP is recommended.

3.2.1 Basic concepts

Before using TiDB HTAP, you need to have some basic knowledge about TiKV, a row-based storage engine for TiDB Online Transactional Processing (OLTP), and TiFlash, a columnar storage engine for TiDB Online Analytical Processing (OLAP).

- Storage engines of HTAP: The row-based storage engine and the columnar storage engine co-exist for HTAP. Both storage engines can replicate data automatically and keep strong consistency. The row-based storage engine optimizes OLTP performance, and the columnar storage engine optimizes OLAP performance.
- Data consistency of HTAP: As a distributed and transactional key-value database, TiKV provides transactional interfaces with ACID compliance, and guarantees data consistency between multiple replicas and high availability with the implementation of the Raft consensus algorithm. As a columnar storage extension of TiKV, TiFlash replicates data from TiKV in real time according to the Raft Learner consensus algorithm, which ensures that data is strongly consistent between TiKV and TiFlash.
- Data isolation of HTAP: TiKV and TiFlash can be deployed on different machines as needed to solve the problem of HTAP resource isolation.
- MPP computing engine: MPP is a distributed computing framework provided by the TiFlash engine since TiDB 5.0, which allows data exchange between nodes and provides high-performance, high-throughput SQL algorithms. In the MPP mode, the run time of the analytic queries can be significantly reduced.

3.2.2 Steps

In this document, you can experience the convenience and high performance of TiDB HTAP by querying an example table in a TPC-H dataset. TPC-H is a popular decision support benchmark that consists of a suite of business oriented ad-hoc queries with large volumes of data and a high degree of complexity. To experience 22 complete SQL queries using TPC-H, visit tidb-bench repo or TPC-H for instructions on how to generate query statements and data.

3.2.2.1 Step 1. Deploy a local test environment

Before using TiDB HTAP, follow the steps in the Quick Start with TiDB Self-Managed to prepare a local test environment, and run the following command to deploy a TiDB cluster:

```
tiup playground
```

> **Note:**
>
> `tiup playground` command is ONLY for quick start, NOT for production.

3.2.2.2 Step 2. Prepare test data

In the following steps, you can create a TPC-H dataset as the test data to use TiDB HTAP. If you are interested in TPC-H, see General Implementation Guidelines.

> **Note:**
>
> If you want to use your existing data for analytic queries, you can migrate your data to TiDB. If you want to design and create your own test data, you can create it by executing SQL statements or using related tools.

1. Install the test data generation tool by running the following command:

   ```
   tiup install bench
   ```

2. Generate the test data by running the following command:

   ```
   tiup bench tpch --sf=1 prepare
   ```

   If the output of this command shows `Finished`, it indicates that the data is created.

3. Execute the following SQL statement to view the generated data:

   ```
   SELECT
     CONCAT(table_schema,'.',table_name) AS 'Table Name',
     table_rows AS 'Number of Rows',
     FORMAT_BYTES(data_length) AS 'Data Size',
     FORMAT_BYTES(index_length) AS 'Index Size',
     FORMAT_BYTES(data_length+index_length) AS'Total'
   FROM
   ```

```
  information_schema.TABLES
WHERE
  table_schema='test';
```

As you can see from the output, eight tables are created in total, and the largest table has 6.5 million rows (the number of rows created by the tool depends on the actual SQL query result because the data is randomly generated).

```
+--
    ↪ ------------+---------------+----------+----------+----------+
    ↪
|  Table Name  | Number of Rows | Data Size | Index Size | Total |
+--
    ↪ ------------+---------------+----------+----------+----------+
    ↪
| test.nation |            25 | 2.44 KiB | 0 bytes  | 2.44 KiB |
| test.region |             5 | 416 bytes | 0 bytes | 416 bytes |
| test.part   |        200000 | 25.07 MiB | 0 bytes | 25.07 MiB |
| test.supplier |       10000 | 1.45 MiB | 0 bytes | 1.45 MiB |
| test.partsupp |      800000 | 120.17 MiB| 12.21 MiB | 132.38 MiB|
| test.customer |      150000 | 24.77 MiB | 0 bytes | 24.77 MiB |
| test.orders |       1527648 | 174.40 MiB| 0 bytes | 174.40 MiB|
| test.lineitem |     6491711 | 849.07 MiB| 99.06 MiB | 948.13 MiB|
+--
    ↪ ------------+---------------+----------+----------+----------+
    ↪
8 rows in set (0.06 sec)
```

This is a database of a commercial ordering system. In which, the `test.nation` table indicates the information about countries, the `test.region` table indicates the information about regions, the `test.part` table indicates the information about parts, the `test.supplier` table indicates the information about suppliers, the `test.partsupp` ↪ table indicates the information about parts of suppliers, the `test.customer` table indicates the information about customers, the `test.customer` table indicates the information about orders, and the `test.lineitem` table indicates the information about online items.

3.2.2.3 Step 3. Query data with the row-based storage engine

To know the performance of TiDB with only the row-based storage engine, execute the following SQL statements:

```
USE test;
SELECT
    l_orderkey,
    SUM(
```

```
        l_extendedprice * (1 - l_discount)
    ) AS revenue,
    o_orderdate,
    o_shippriority
FROM
    customer,
    orders,
    lineitem
WHERE
    c_mktsegment = 'BUILDING'
AND c_custkey = o_custkey
AND l_orderkey = o_orderkey
AND o_orderdate < DATE '1996-01-01'
AND l_shipdate > DATE '1996-02-01'
GROUP BY
    l_orderkey,
    o_orderdate,
    o_shippriority
ORDER BY
    revenue DESC,
    o_orderdate
limit 10;
```

This is a shipping priority query, which provides the priority and potential revenue of the highest-revenue order that has not been shipped before a specified date. The potential revenue is defined as the sum of `l_extendedprice * (1-l_discount)`. The orders are listed in the descending order of revenue. In this example, this query lists the unshipped orders with potential query revenue in the top 10.

3.2.2.4 Step 4. Replicate the test data to the columnar storage engine

After TiFlash is deployed, TiKV does not replicate data to TiFlash immediately. You need to execute the following DDL statements in a MySQL client of TiDB to specify which tables need to be replicated. After that, TiDB will create the specified replicas in TiFlash accordingly.

```
ALTER TABLE test.customer SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
ALTER TABLE test.orders SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
ALTER TABLE test.lineitem SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
```

To check the replication status of the specific tables, execute the following statements:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tiflash_replica WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA = 'test
    ↪ ' and TABLE_NAME = 'customer';
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tiflash_replica WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA = 'test
    ↪ ' and TABLE_NAME = 'orders';
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tiflash_replica WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA = 'test
    ↪ ' and TABLE_NAME = 'lineitem';
```

In the result of the above statements:

- `AVAILABLE` indicates whether the TiFlash replica of a specific table is available or not. `1` means available and `0` means unavailable. Once the `AVAILABLE` field becomes `1`, this status does not change anymore.
- `PROGRESS` means the progress of the replication. The value is between 0.0 and 1.0. 1 means that the replication progress of the TiFlash replica is complete.

3.2.2.5 Step 5. Analyze data faster using HTAP

Execute the SQL statements in Step 3 again, and you can see the performance of TiDB HTAP.

For tables with TiFlash replicas, the TiDB optimizer automatically determines whether to use TiFlash replicas based on the cost estimation. To check whether or not a TiFlash replica is selected, you can use the `desc` or `explain analyze` statement. For example:

```
USE test;
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT
    l_orderkey,
    SUM(
        l_extendedprice * (1 - l_discount)
    ) AS revenue,
    o_orderdate,
    o_shippriority
FROM
    customer,
    orders,
    lineitem
WHERE
    c_mktsegment = 'BUILDING'
AND c_custkey = o_custkey
AND l_orderkey = o_orderkey
AND o_orderdate < DATE '1996-01-01'
AND l_shipdate > DATE '1996-02-01'
GROUP BY
    l_orderkey,
    o_orderdate,
    o_shippriority
ORDER BY
    revenue DESC,
    o_orderdate
limit 10;
```

If the result of the `EXPLAIN` statement shows `ExchangeSender` and `ExchangeReceiver` operators, it indicates that the MPP mode has taken effect.

In addition, you can specify that each part of the entire query is computed using only the TiFlash engine. For detailed information, see Use TiDB to read TiFlash replicas.

You can compare query results and query performance of these two methods.

3.2.3 What's next

- Architecture of TiDB HTAP
- Explore HTAP
- Use TiFlash

3.3 Explore SQL with TiDB

TiDB is compatible with MySQL, you can use MySQL statements directly in most of the cases. For unsupported features, see Compatibility with MySQL.

To experiment with SQL and test out TiDB compatibility with MySQL queries, you can try TiDB Playground. You can also first deploy a TiDB cluster and then run SQL statements in it.

This page walks you through the basic TiDB SQL statements such as DDL, DML and CRUD operations. For a complete list of TiDB statements, see SQL Statement Overview.

3.3.1 Category

SQL is divided into the following 4 types according to their functions:

- DDL (Data Definition Language): It is used to define database objects, including databases, tables, views, and indexes.
- DML (Data Manipulation Language): It is used to manipulate application related records.
- DQL (Data Query Language): It is used to query the records after conditional filtering.
- DCL (Data Control Language): It is used to define access privileges and security levels.

Common DDL features are creating, modifying, and deleting objects (such as tables and indexes). The corresponding commands are `CREATE`, `ALTER`, and `DROP`.

3.3.2 Show, create and drop a database

A database in TiDB can be considered as a collection of objects such as tables and indexes.

To show the list of databases, use the `SHOW DATABASES` statement:

```
SHOW DATABASES;
```

To use the database named `mysql`, use the following statement:

```
USE mysql;
```

To show all the tables in a database, use the `SHOW TABLES` statement:

```
SHOW TABLES FROM mysql;
```

To create a database, use the `CREATE DATABASE` statement:

```
CREATE DATABASE db_name [options];
```

To create a database named `samp_db`, use the following statement:

```
CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS samp_db;
```

Add `IF NOT EXISTS` to prevent an error if the database exists.

To delete a database, use the `DROP DATABASE` statement:

```
DROP DATABASE samp_db;
```

3.3.3 Create, show, and drop a table

To create a table, use the `CREATE TABLE` statement:

```
CREATE TABLE table_name column_name data_type constraint;
```

For example, to create a table named `person` which includes fields such as number, name, and birthday, use the following statement:

```
CREATE TABLE person (
    id INT,
    name VARCHAR(255),
    birthday DATE
    );
```

To view the statement that creates the table (DDL), use the `SHOW CREATE` statement:

```
SHOW CREATE table person;
```

To delete a table, use the `DROP TABLE` statement:

```
DROP TABLE person;
```

3.3.4 Create, show, and drop an index

Indexes are used to speed up queries on indexed columns. To create an index for the column whose value is not unique, use the `CREATE INDEX` statement:

```
CREATE INDEX person_id ON person (id);
```

Or use the `ALTER TABLE` statement:

```
ALTER TABLE person ADD INDEX person_id (id);
```

To create a unique index for the column whose value is unique, use the `CREATE UNIQUE INDEX` statement:

```
CREATE UNIQUE INDEX person_unique_id ON person (id);
```

Or use the `ALTER TABLE` statement:

```
ALTER TABLE person ADD UNIQUE person_unique_id (id);
```

To show all the indexes in a table, use the `SHOW INDEX` statement:

```
SHOW INDEX FROM person;
```

To delete an index, use the `DROP INDEX` or `ALTER TABLE` statement. `DROP INDEX` can be nested in `ALTER TABLE`:

```
DROP INDEX person_id ON person;
```

```
ALTER TABLE person DROP INDEX person_unique_id;
```

> **Note:**
>
> DDL operations are not transactions. You don't need to run a `COMMIT` statement when executing DDL operations.

3.3.5 Insert, update, and delete data

Common DML features are adding, modifying, and deleting table records. The corresponding commands are `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE`.

To insert data into a table, use the `INSERT` statement:

```
INSERT INTO person VALUES(1,'tom','20170912');
```

To insert a record containing data of some fields into a table, use the `INSERT` statement:

```
INSERT INTO person(id,name) VALUES('2','bob');
```

To update some fields of a record in a table, use the `UPDATE` statement:

```
UPDATE person SET birthday='20180808' WHERE id=2;
```

To delete the data in a table, use the `DELETE` statement:

```
DELETE FROM person WHERE id=2;
```

> **Note:**
>
> The `UPDATE` and `DELETE` statements without the `WHERE` clause as a filter operate on the entire table.

3.3.6 Query data

DQL is used to retrieve the desired data rows from a table or multiple tables.

To view the data in a table, use the `SELECT` statement:

```
SELECT * FROM person;
```

To query a specific column, add the column name after the `SELECT` keyword:

```
SELECT name FROM person;
```

```
+------+
| name |
+------+
| tom |
+------+
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Use the `WHERE` clause to filter all records that match the conditions and then return the result:

```
SELECT * FROM person where id<5;
```

3.3.7 Create, authorize, and delete a user

DCL are usually used to create or delete users, and manage user privileges.

To create a user, use the `CREATE USER` statement. The following example creates a user named `tiuser` with the password `123456`:

```
CREATE USER 'tiuser'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY '123456';
```

To grant `tiuser` the privilege to retrieve the tables in the `samp_db` database:

```
GRANT SELECT ON samp_db.* TO 'tiuser'@'localhost';
```

To check the privileges of `tiuser`:

```
SHOW GRANTS for tiuser@localhost;
```

To delete `tiuser`:

```
DROP USER 'tiuser'@'localhost';
```

3.4 Explore HTAP

This guide describes how to explore and use the features of TiDB Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing (HTAP).

> **Note:**
>
> If you are new to TiDB HTAP and want to start using it quickly, see Quick Start with TiDB HTAP.

3.4.1 Use cases

TiDB HTAP can handle the massive data that increases rapidly, reduce the cost of DevOps, and be deployed in either self-hosted or cloud environments easily, which brings the value of data assets in real time.

The following are the typical use cases of HTAP:

- Hybrid workload

  When using TiDB for real-time Online Analytical Processing (OLAP) in hybrid load scenarios, you only need to provide an entry point of TiDB to your data. TiDB automatically selects different processing engines based on the specific business.

- Real-time stream processing

  When using TiDB in real-time stream processing scenarios, TiDB ensures that all the data flowed in constantly can be queried in real time. At the same time, TiDB also can handle highly concurrent data workloads and Business Intelligence (BI) queries.

- Data hub

  When using TiDB as a data hub, TiDB can meet specific business needs by seamlessly connecting the data for the application and the data warehouse.

For more information about use cases of TiDB HTAP, see blogs about HTAP on the PingCAP website.

To enhance the overall performance of TiDB, it is recommended to use HTAP in the following technical scenarios:

- Improve analytical processing performance

  If your application involves complex analytical queries, such as aggregation and join operations, and these queries are performed on a large amount of data (more than 10 million rows), the row-based storage engine TiKV might not meet your performance requirements if the tables in these queries cannot effectively use indexes or have low index selectivity.

- Hybrid workload isolation

While dealing with high-concurrency Online Transactional Processing (OLTP) workloads, your system might also need to handle some OLAP workloads. To ensure the overall system stability, you expect to avoid the impact of OLAP queries on OLTP performance.

- Simplify the ETL technology stack

  When the amount of data to be processed is of medium scale (less than 100 TB), the data processing and scheduling processes are relatively simple, and the concurrency is not high (less than 10), you might want to simplify the technology stack of your system. By replacing multiple different technology stacks used in OLTP, ETL, and OLAP systems with a single database, you can meet the requirements of both transactional systems and analytical systems. This reduces technical complexity and the need for maintenance personnel.

- Strongly consistent analysis

  To achieve real-time, strongly consistent data analysis and calculation, and ensure the analysis results to be completely consistent with the transactional data, you need to avoid data latency and inconsistency issues.

3.4.2 Architecture

In TiDB, a row-based storage engine TiKV for Online Transactional Processing (OLTP) and a columnar storage engine TiFlash for Online Analytical Processing (OLAP) co-exist, replicate data automatically, and keep strong consistency.

For more information about the architecture, see architecture of TiDB HTAP.

3.4.3 Environment preparation

Before exploring the features of TiDB HTAP, you need to deploy TiDB and the corresponding storage engines according to the data volume. If the data volume is large (for example, 100 T), it is recommended to use TiFlash Massively Parallel Processing (MPP) as the primary solution and TiSpark as the supplementary solution.

- TiFlash
    - If you have deployed a TiDB cluster with no TiFlash node, add the TiFlash nodes in the current TiDB cluster. For detailed information, see Scale out a TiFlash cluster.
    - If you have not deployed a TiDB cluster, see Deploy a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP. Based on the minimal TiDB topology, you also need to deploy the topology of TiFlash.
    - When deciding how to choose the number of TiFlash nodes, consider the following scenarios:
        - If your use case requires OLTP with small-scale analytical processing and Ad-Hoc queries, deploy one or several TiFlash nodes. They can dramatically increase the speed of analytic queries.
        - If the OLTP throughput does not cause significant pressure to I/O usage rate of the TiFlash nodes, each TiFlash node uses more resources for computation, and thus the TiFlash cluster can have near-linear scalability. The number of TiFlash nodes should be tuned based on expected performance and response time.
        - If the OLTP throughput is relatively high (for example, the write or update throughput is higher than 10 million lines/hours), due to the limited write capacity of network and physical disks, the I/O between TiKV and TiFlash becomes a bottleneck and is also prone to read and write hotspots. In this case, the number of TiFlash nodes has a complex non-linear relationship with the computation volume of analytical processing, so you need to tune the number of TiFlash nodes based on the actual status of the system.
- TiSpark
    - If your data needs to be analyzed with Spark, deploy TiSpark. For specific process, see TiSpark User Guide.

3.4.4 Data preparation

After TiFlash is deployed, TiKV does not replicate data to TiFlash automatically. You need to manually specify which tables need to be replicated to TiFlash. After that, TiDB creates the corresponding TiFlash replicas.

- If there is no data in the TiDB Cluster, migrate the data to TiDB first. For detailed information, see data migration.
- If the TiDB cluster already has the replicated data from upstream, after TiFlash is deployed, data replication does not automatically begin. You need to manually specify the tables to be replicated to TiFlash. For detailed information, see Use TiFlash.

3.4.5 Data processing

With TiDB, you can simply enter SQL statements for query or write requests. For the tables with TiFlash replicas, TiDB uses the front-end optimizer to automatically choose the optimal execution plan.

Note:

The MPP mode of TiFlash is enabled by default. When an SQL statement is executed, TiDB automatically determines whether to run in the MPP mode through the optimizer.

- To disable the MPP mode of TiFlash, set the value of the tidb_allow_mpp system variable to `OFF`.
- To forcibly enable MPP mode of TiFlash for query execution, set the values of tidb_allow_mpp and tidb_enforce_mpp to `ON`.
- To check whether TiDB chooses the MPP mode to execute a specific query, see Explain Statements in the MPP Mode. If the output of `EXPLAIN` statement includes the `ExchangeSender` and `ExchangeReceiver` operators, the MPP mode is in use.

3.4.6 Performance monitoring

When using TiDB, you can monitor the TiDB cluster status and performance metrics in either of the following ways:

- TiDB Dashboard: you can see the overall running status of the TiDB cluster, analyse distribution and trends of read and write traffic, and learn the detailed execution information of slow queries.

- Monitoring system (Prometheus & Grafana): you can see the monitoring parameters of TiDB cluster-related components including PD, TiDB, TiKV, TiFlash, TiCDC, and Node_exporter.

To see the alert rules of TiDB cluster and TiFlash cluster, see TiDB cluster alert rules and TiFlash alert rules.

3.4.7 Troubleshooting

If any issue occurs during using TiDB, refer to the following documents:

- Analyze slow queries
- Identify expensive queries
- Troubleshoot hotspot issues
- TiDB cluster troubleshooting guide
- Troubleshoot a TiFlash Cluster

You are also welcome to create GitHub Issues or submit your questions on AskTUG.

3.4.8 What's next

- To check the TiFlash version, critical logs, system tables, see Maintain a TiFlash cluster.
- To remove a specific TiFlash node, see Scale out a TiFlash cluster.

3.5 Import Example Database

Examples used in the TiDB manual use System Data from Capital Bikeshare, released under the Capital Bikeshare Data License Agreement.

3.5.1 Download all data files

The system data is available for download in .zip files organized per year. Downloading and extracting all files requires approximately 3GB of disk space. To download all files for years 2010-2017 using a bash script:

```
mkdir -p bikeshare-data && cd bikeshare-data

curl -L --remote-name-all https://s3.amazonaws.com/capitalbikeshare-data
    ↪ /{2010..2017}-capitalbikeshare-tripdata.zip
unzip \*-tripdata.zip
```

3.5.2 Load data into TiDB

You can import the system data into TiDB using the following method.

1. Rename the CSV files.

```
i=1; for csv in *csv; do mv $csv bikeshare.trips.$(printf "%03d" $i).
    ↪ csv; i=$((i+1)); done
```

2. Create the database and table.

```
CREATE SCHEMA bikeshare;
USE bikeshare;
CREATE TABLE trips (
  `trip_id` BIGINT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_RANDOM,
  `duration` INT NOT NULL,
  `start date` DATETIME,
  `end date` DATETIME,
  `start station number` INT,
  `start station` VARCHAR(255),
  `end station number` INT,
  `end station` VARCHAR(255),
  `bike number` VARCHAR(255),
  `member type` VARCHAR(255)
);
```

3. Create a `tidb-lightning.toml` file as follows:

```
[tikv-importer]
backend = "tidb"

[mydumper]
no-schema = true
data-source-dir = "~/bikeshare-data"

[mydumper.csv]
header = true

[tidb]
host = "127.0.0.1"
port = 4000
user = "root"
password = "very_secret"
```

4. Run the following command.

```
tiup tidb-lightning -c tidb-lightning.toml
```

4 Develop

4.1 Developer Guide Overview

This guide is written for application developers, but if you are interested in the inner workings of TiDB or want to get involved in TiDB development, read the TiDB Kernel Development Guide for more information about TiDB.

This tutorial shows how to quickly build an application using TiDB, the possible use cases of TiDB and how to handle common problems.

Before reading this page, it is recommended that you read the Quick Start with TiDB Self-Managed.

4.1.1 TiDB basics

Before you start working with TiDB, you need to understand some important mechanisms of how TiDB works:

- Read the TiDB Transaction Overview to understand how transactions work in TiDB, or check out the Transaction Notes for Application Developers to learn about transaction knowledge required for application development.
- Understand the way applications interact with TiDB.
- To learn core components and concepts of building up the distributed database TiDB and TiDB Cloud, refer to the free online course Introduction to TiDB.

4.1.2 TiDB transaction mechanisms

TiDB supports distributed transactions and offers both optimistic transaction and pessimistic transaction modes. The current version of TiDB uses the **pessimistic transaction** mode by default, which allows you to transact with TiDB as you would with a traditional monolithic database (for example, MySQL).

You can start a transaction using `BEGIN`, explicitly specify a **pessimistic transaction** using `BEGIN PESSIMISTIC`, or explicitly specify an **optimistic transaction** using `BEGIN OPTIMISTIC`. After that, you can either commit (`COMMIT`) or roll back (`ROLLBACK`) the transaction.

TiDB guarantees atomicity for all statements between the start of `BEGIN` and the end of `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK`, that is, all statements that are executed during this period either succeed or fail as a whole. This is used to ensure data consistency you need for application development.

If you are not sure what an **optimistic transaction** is, do ***NOT*** use it yet. Because **optimistic transactions** require that the application can correctly handle all errors returned by the `COMMIT` statement. If you are not sure how your application handles them, use a **pessimistic transaction** instead.

4.1.3 The way applications interact with TiDB

TiDB is highly compatible with the MySQL protocol and supports most MySQL syntax and features, so most MySQL connection libraries are compatible with TiDB. If your application framework or language does not have an official adaptation from PingCAP, it is recommended that you use MySQL's client libraries. More and more third-party libraries are actively supporting TiDB's different features.

Since TiDB is compatible with the MySQL protocol and MySQL syntax, most of the ORMs that support MySQL are also compatible with TiDB.

4.1.4 Read more

- Quick Start
- Choose Driver or ORM
- Connect to TiDB
- Database Schema Design
- Write Data
- Read Data
- Transaction
- Optimize
- Example Applications

4.1.5 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

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4.2 Quick Start

4.2.1 Build a TiDB Cloud Serverless Cluster

This document walks you through the quickest way to get started with TiDB. You will use TiDB Cloud to create a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, connect to it, and run a sample application on it.

If you need to run TiDB on your local machine, see Starting TiDB Locally.

4.2.1.1 Step 1. Create a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster

1. If you do not have a TiDB Cloud account, click here to sign up for an account.
2. Log in to your TiDB Cloud account.
3. On the **Clusters** page, click **Create Cluster**.

4. On the **Create Cluster** page, **Serverless** is selected by default. Update the default cluster name if necessary, and then select the region where you want to create your cluster.

5. Click **Create** to create a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster.

   Your TiDB Cloud cluster will be created in approximately 30 seconds.

6. After your TiDB Cloud cluster is created, click your cluster name to go to the cluster overview page, and then click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog box is displayed.

7. In the dialog, select your preferred connection method and operating system to get the corresponding connection string. This document uses MySQL client as an example.

8. Click **Generate Password** to generate a random password. The generated password will not show again, so save your password in a secure location. If you do not set a root password, you cannot connect to the cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters, when you connect to your cluster, you must include the prefix for your cluster in the user name and wrap the name with quotation marks. For more information, see User name prefix.

4.2.1.2 Step 2. Connect to a cluster

1. If the MySQL client is not installed, select your operating system and follow the steps below to install it.

For macOS, install Homebrew if you do not have it, and then run the following command to install the MySQL client:

```
brew install mysql-client
```

The output is as follows:

```
mysql-client is keg-only, which means it was not symlinked into /opt/
    ↪ homebrew,
because it conflicts with mysql (which contains client libraries).

If you need to have mysql-client first in your PATH, run:
  echo 'export PATH="/opt/homebrew/opt/mysql-client/bin:$PATH"' >> ~/.zshrc
```

```
For compilers to find mysql-client you may need to set:
  export LDFLAGS="-L/opt/homebrew/opt/mysql-client/lib"
  export CPPFLAGS="-I/opt/homebrew/opt/mysql-client/include"
```

To add the MySQL client to your PATH, locate the following command in the above output (if your output is inconsistent with the above output in the document, use the corresponding command in your output instead) and run it:

```
echo 'export PATH="/opt/homebrew/opt/mysql-client/bin:$PATH"' >> ~/.zshrc
```

Then, declare the global environment variable by the `source` command and verify that the MySQL client is installed successfully:

```
source ~/.zshrc
mysql --version
```

An example of the expected output:

```
mysql Ver 8.0.28 for macos12.0 on arm64 (Homebrew)
```

For Linux, the following takes Ubuntu as an example:

```
apt-get install mysql-client
```

Then, verify that the MySQL client is installed successfully:

```
mysql --version
```

An example of the expected output:

```
mysql Ver 15.1 Distrib 5.5.68-MariaDB, for Linux (x86_64) using readline
    ↪ 5.1
```

2. Run the connection string obtained in Step 1.

    ```
    mysql --connect-timeout 15 -u '<prefix>.root' -h <host> -P 4000 -D test
        ↪  --ssl-mode=VERIFY_IDENTITY --ssl-ca=/etc/ssl/cert.pem -p
    ```

    Note:

    - When you connect to a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, you must use the TLS connection.
    - If you encounter problems when connecting to a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, you can read Secure Connections to TiDB Cloud Serverless Clusters for more information.

3. Fill in the password to sign in.

4.2.1.3 Step 3. Execute a SQL statement

Let's try to execute your first SQL statement on TiDB Cloud.

```
SELECT 'Hello TiDB Cloud!';
```

Expected output:

```
+--------------------+
| Hello TiDB Cloud! |
+--------------------+
| Hello TiDB Cloud! |
+--------------------+
```

If your actual output is similar to the expected output, congratulations, you have successfully executed a SQL statement on TiDB Cloud.

4.2.1.4 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.2.2 CRUD SQL in TiDB

This document briefly introduces how to use TiDB's CRUD SQL.

4.2.2.1 Before you start

Please make sure you are connected to a TiDB cluster. If not, refer to Build a TiDB Cloud Serverless Cluster to create a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster.

4.2.2.2 Explore SQL with TiDB

> **Note:**
>
> This document references and simplifies Explore SQL with TiDB. For more details, see Explore SQL with TiDB.

TiDB is compatible with MySQL, you can use MySQL statements directly in most cases. For unsupported features, see Compatibility with MySQL.

To experiment with SQL and test out TiDB compatibility with MySQL queries, you can try TiDB Playground. You can also first deploy a TiDB cluster and then run SQL statements in it.

This page walks you through the basic TiDB SQL statements such as DDL, DML, and CRUD operations. For a complete list of TiDB statements, see SQL Statement Overview.

4.2.2.3 Category

SQL is divided into the following 4 types according to their functions:

- **DDL (Data Definition Language)**: It is used to define database objects, including databases, tables, views, and indexes.
- **DML (Data Manipulation Language)**: It is used to manipulate application related records.
- **DQL (Data Query Language)**: It is used to query the records after conditional filtering.
- **DCL (Data Control Language)**: It is used to define access privileges and security levels.

The following mainly introduces DML and DQL. For more information about DDL and DCL, see Explore SQL with TiDB or SQL Statement Overview.

4.2.2.4 Data Manipulation Language

Common DML features are adding, modifying, and deleting table records. The corresponding commands are `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE`.

To insert data into a table, use the `INSERT` statement:

```
INSERT INTO person VALUES(1,'tom','20170912');
```

To insert a record containing data of some fields into a table, use the `INSERT` statement:

```
INSERT INTO person(id,name) VALUES('2','bob');
```

To update some fields of a record in a table, use the `UPDATE` statement:

```
UPDATE person SET birthday='20180808' WHERE id=2;
```

To delete the data in a table, use the `DELETE` statement:

```
DELETE FROM person WHERE id=2;
```

> **Note:**
>
> The `UPDATE` and `DELETE` statements without the `WHERE` clause as a filter operate on the entire table.

4.2.2.5 Data Query Language

DQL is used to retrieve the desired data rows from a table or multiple tables.

To view the data in a table, use the `SELECT` statement:

```
SELECT * FROM person;
```

To query a specific column, add the column name after the `SELECT` keyword:

```
SELECT name FROM person;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+------+
| name |
+------+
| tom |
+------+
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Use the `WHERE` clause to filter all records that match the conditions and then return the result:

```
SELECT * FROM person WHERE id < 5;
```

4.2.2.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

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4.3 Example Applications

4.3.1 Java

4.3.1.1 Connect to TiDB with JDBC

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and JDBC (Java Database Connectivity) is the data access API for Java. MySQL Connector/J is MySQL's implementation of JDBC.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and JDBC to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using JDBC.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

Note:

- This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.
- Starting from TiDB v7.4, if `connectionCollation` is not configured, and `characterEncoding` is either not configured or set to `UTF-8` in the JDBC URL, the collation used in a JDBC connection depends on the JDBC driver version. For more information, see Collation used in JDBC connections.

4.3.1.1.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- **Java Development Kit (JDK) 17** or higher. You can choose OpenJDK or Oracle JDK based on your business and personal requirements.
- Maven **3.8** or higher.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.1.1.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-java-jdbc-quickstart.git
cd tidb-java-jdbc-quickstart
```

Step 2: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
>
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
>
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

```
cp env.sh.example env.sh
```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. gateway01.ap-northeast-1.prod.aws.
    ↪ tidbcloud.com
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. xxxxxx.root
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='true'
```

    Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

    TiDB Cloud Serverless requires a secure connection. Therefore, you need to set the value of `USE_SSL` to `true`.

7. Save the `env.sh` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.

2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

```
cp env.sh.example env.sh
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. tidb.xxxx.clusters.tidb-cloud.com
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. root
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='false'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

6. Save the `env.sh` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

```
cp env.sh.example env.sh
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}'
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='root'
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='false'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and set `USE_SSL` to `false`. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `env.sh` file.

Step 3: Run the code and check the result

1. Execute the following command to run the sample code:

```
make
```

2. Check the Expected-Output.txt to see if the output matches.

4.3.1.1.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-java-jdbc-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

```
public MysqlDataSource getMysqlDataSource() throws SQLException {
    MysqlDataSource mysqlDataSource = new MysqlDataSource();

    mysqlDataSource.setServerName(${tidb_host});
    mysqlDataSource.setPortNumber(${tidb_port});
    mysqlDataSource.setUser(${tidb_user});
    mysqlDataSource.setPassword(${tidb_password});
    mysqlDataSource.setDatabaseName(${tidb_db_name});
    if (${tidb_use_ssl}) {
        mysqlDataSource.setSslMode(PropertyDefinitions.SslMode.VERIFY_
            ↪ IDENTITY.name());
        mysqlDataSource.setEnabledTLSProtocols("TLSv1.2,TLSv1.3");
    }

    return mysqlDataSource;
}
```

When using this function, you need to replace `${tidb_host}`, `${tidb_port}`, `${tidb_user}`, `${tidb_password}`, and `${tidb_db_name}` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster.

Insert data

```
public void createPlayer(PlayerBean player) throws SQLException {
    MysqlDataSource mysqlDataSource = getMysqlDataSource();
    try (Connection connection = mysqlDataSource.getConnection()) {
        PreparedStatement preparedStatement = connection.prepareStatement("
            ↪ INSERT INTO player (id, coins, goods) VALUES (?, ?, ?)");
        preparedStatement.setString(1, player.getId());
        preparedStatement.setInt(2, player.getCoins());
        preparedStatement.setInt(3, player.getGoods());

        preparedStatement.execute();
    }
}
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

```
public void getPlayer(String id) throws SQLException {
    MysqlDataSource mysqlDataSource = getMysqlDataSourceByEnv();
    try (Connection connection = mysqlDataSource.getConnection()) {
        PreparedStatement preparedStatement = connection.prepareStatement("
            ↪ SELECT * FROM player WHERE id = ?");
        preparedStatement.setString(1, id);
        preparedStatement.execute();

        ResultSet res = preparedStatement.executeQuery();
        if(res.next()) {
            PlayerBean player = new PlayerBean(res.getString("id"), res.
                ↪ getInt("coins"), res.getInt("goods"));
            System.out.println(player);
        }
    }
}
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

```
public void updatePlayer(String id, int amount, int price) throws
    ↪ SQLException {
    MysqlDataSource mysqlDataSource = getMysqlDataSourceByEnv();
    try (Connection connection = mysqlDataSource.getConnection()) {
        PreparedStatement transfer = connection.prepareStatement("UPDATE
            ↪ player SET goods = goods + ?, coins = coins + ? WHERE id=?");
        transfer.setInt(1, -amount);
        transfer.setInt(2, price);
```

```
        transfer.setString(3, id);
        transfer.execute();
    }
}
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

```
public void deletePlayer(String id) throws SQLException {
    MysqlDataSource mysqlDataSource = getMysqlDataSourceByEnv();
    try (Connection connection = mysqlDataSource.getConnection()) {
        PreparedStatement deleteStatement = connection.prepareStatement("
            ↪ DELETE FROM player WHERE id=?");
        deleteStatement.setString(1, id);
        deleteStatement.execute();
    }
}
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.1.1.4 Useful notes

Using driver or ORM framework?

The Java driver provides low-level access to the database, but it requires the developers to:

- Manually establish and release database connections.
- Manually manage database transactions.
- Manually map data rows to data objects.

Unless you need to write complex SQL statements, it is recommended to use ORM framework for development, such as Hibernate, MyBatis, or Spring Data JPA. It can help you:

- Reduce boilerplate code for managing connections and transactions.
- Manipulate data with data objects instead of a number of SQL statements.

4.3.1.1.5 Next steps

- Learn more usage of MySQL Connector/J from the documentation of MySQL Connector/J.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.

- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.
- Learn through the course for Java developers: Working with TiDB from Java.

4.3.1.1.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.1.2 Connect to TiDB with MyBatis

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and MyBatis is a popular open-source Java ORM.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and MyBatis to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using MyBatis.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

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If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.1.2.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-java-mybatis-quickstart.git
cd tidb-java-mybatis-quickstart
```

Step 2: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
>
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
>
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

    ```
    cp env.sh.example env.sh
    ```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. gateway01.ap-northeast-1.prod.aws.
    ↪ tidbcloud.com
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. xxxxxx.root
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='true'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

TiDB Cloud Serverless requires a secure connection. Therefore, you need to set the value of `USE_SSL` to `true`.

7. Save the `env.sh` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

```
cp env.sh.example env.sh
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. tidb.xxxx.clusters.tidb-cloud.com
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. root
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='false'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

6. Save the `env.sh` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

```
cp env.sh.example env.sh
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}'
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='root'
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='false'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and set `USE_SSL` to `false`. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `env.sh` file.

Step 3: Run the code and check the result

1. Execute the following command to run the sample code:

```
make
```

2. Check the Expected-Output.txt to see if the output matches.

4.3.1.2.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-java-mybatis-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

Edit the MyBatis configuration file `mybatis-config.xml`:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<!DOCTYPE configuration
        PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Config 3.0//EN"
        "http://mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-config.dtd">
<configuration>
    <settings>
```

```
        <setting name="cacheEnabled" value="true"/>
        <setting name="lazyLoadingEnabled" value="false"/>
        <setting name="aggressiveLazyLoading" value="true"/>
        <setting name="logImpl" value="LOG4J"/>
    </settings>

    <environments default="development">
        <environment id="development">
            <!-- JDBC transaction manager -->
            <transactionManager type="JDBC"/>
            <!-- Database pool -->
            <dataSource type="POOLED">
                <property name="driver" value="com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver"/>
                <property name="url" value="${tidb_jdbc_url}"/>
                <property name="username" value="${tidb_user}"/>
                <property name="password" value="${tidb_password}"/>
            </dataSource>
        </environment>
    </environments>
    <mappers>
        <mapper resource="${mapper_location}.xml"/>
    </mappers>
</configuration>
```

Be sure to replace `${tidb_jdbc_url}`, `${tidb_user}`, and `${tidb_password}` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster. Also, replace `${mapper_location}` with the path of your mapper XML configuration file. For multiple mapper XML configuration files, you need to add a `<mapper/>` tag for each. Then, define the following function:

```
public SqlSessionFactory getSessionFactory() {
    InputStream inputStream = Resources.getResourceAsStream("mybatis-config.
        ↪ xml");
    SqlSessionFactory sessionFactory = new SqlSessionFactoryBuilder().build(
        ↪ inputStream);
}
```

Insert data

Add a node in the mapper XML and add a function with the same name in the interface class configured in the `mapper.namespace` attribute of the XML configuration file:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE mapper PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Mapper 3.0//EN" "http://
    ↪ mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-mapper.dtd">
<mapper namespace="com.pingcap.model.PlayerMapper">
    <insert id="insert" parameterType="com.pingcap.model.Player">
```

```
    insert into player (id, coins, goods)
    values (#{id,jdbcType=VARCHAR}, #{coins,jdbcType=INTEGER}, #{goods,
        ↪ jdbcType=INTEGER})
    </insert>
</mapper>
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

Add a node in the mapper XML and add a function with the same name in the interface class configured in the `mapper.namespace` attribute of the XML configuration file. Specifically, if you use `resultMap` as the return type for MyBatis query functions, make sure that the `<resultMap/>` node is configured correctly.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE mapper PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Mapper 3.0//EN" "http://
    ↪ mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-mapper.dtd">
<mapper namespace="com.pingcap.model.PlayerMapper">
    <resultMap id="BaseResultMap" type="com.pingcap.model.Player">
        <constructor>
            <idArg column="id" javaType="java.lang.String" jdbcType="VARCHAR"
                ↪  />
            <arg column="coins" javaType="java.lang.Integer" jdbcType="
                ↪ INTEGER" />
            <arg column="goods" javaType="java.lang.Integer" jdbcType="
                ↪ INTEGER" />
        </constructor>
    </resultMap>

    <select id="selectByPrimaryKey" parameterType="java.lang.String"
        ↪ resultMap="BaseResultMap">
    select id, coins, goods
    from player
    where id = #{id,jdbcType=VARCHAR}
    </select>
</mapper>
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

Add a node in the mapper XML and add a function with the same name in the interface class configured in the `mapper.namespace` attribute of the XML configuration file:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE mapper PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Mapper 3.0//EN" "http://
    ↪ mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-mapper.dtd">
```

```
<mapper namespace="com.pingcap.model.PlayerMapper">
    <update id="updateByPrimaryKey" parameterType="com.pingcap.model.Player"
        ↪ >
    update player
    set coins = #{coins,jdbcType=INTEGER},
      goods = #{goods,jdbcType=INTEGER}
    where id = #{id,jdbcType=VARCHAR}
    </update>
</mapper>
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

Add a node in the mapper XML and add a function with the same name in the interface class configured in the `mapper.namespace` attribute of the XML configuration file:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE mapper PUBLIC "-//mybatis.org//DTD Mapper 3.0//EN" "http://
    ↪ mybatis.org/dtd/mybatis-3-mapper.dtd">
<mapper namespace="com.pingcap.model.PlayerMapper">
    <delete id="deleteByPrimaryKey" parameterType="java.lang.String">
    delete from player
    where id = #{id,jdbcType=VARCHAR}
    </delete>
</mapper>
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.1.2.4 Next steps

- Learn more usage of MyBatis from the documentation of MyBatis.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.
- Learn through the course for Java developers: Working with TiDB from Java.

4.3.1.2.5 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.1.3 Connect to TiDB with Hibernate

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and Hibernate is a popular open-source Java ORM. Starting from version `6.0.0.Beta2`, Hibernate supports TiDB dialect, which fits TiDB features well.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and Hibernate to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using Hibernate.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.1.3.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- **Java Development Kit (JDK) 17** or higher. You can choose OpenJDK or Oracle JDK based on your business and personal requirements.
- Maven **3.8** or higher.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.1.3.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-java-hibernate-quickstart.git
cd tidb-java-hibernate-quickstart
```

Step 2: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

```
cp env.sh.example env.sh
```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. gateway01.ap-northeast-1.prod.aws.
    ↪ tidbcloud.com
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. xxxxxx.root
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='true'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

TiDB Cloud Serverless requires a secure connection. Therefore, you need to set the value of `USE_SSL` to `true`.

7. Save the `env.sh` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

```
cp env.sh.example env.sh
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. tidb.xxxx.clusters.tidb-cloud.com
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. root
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='false'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

6. Save the `env.sh` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

```
cp env.sh.example env.sh
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}'
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='root'
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='false'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and set `USE_SSL` to `false`. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `env.sh` file.

Step 3: Run the code and check the result

1. Execute the following command to run the sample code:

```
make
```

2. Check the Expected-Output.txt to see if the output matches.

4.3.1.3.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-java-hibernate-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

Edit the Hibernate configuration file `hibernate.cfg.xml`:

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
<!DOCTYPE hibernate-configuration PUBLIC
        "-//Hibernate/Hibernate Configuration DTD 3.0//EN"
        "http://www.hibernate.org/dtd/hibernate-configuration-3.0.dtd">
<hibernate-configuration>
    <session-factory>

        <!-- Database connection settings -->
        <property name="hibernate.connection.driver_class">com.mysql.cj.jdbc.
            ↪ Driver</property>
        <property name="hibernate.dialect">org.hibernate.dialect.TiDBDialect<
            ↪ /property>
        <property name="hibernate.connection.url">${tidb_jdbc_url}</property>
```

```
        <property name="hibernate.connection.username">${tidb_user}</property
            ↪ >
        <property name="hibernate.connection.password">${tidb_password}</
            ↪ property>
        <property name="hibernate.connection.autocommit">false</property>

        <!-- Required so a table can be created from the 'PlayerDAO' class
            ↪ -->
        <property name="hibernate.hbm2ddl.auto">create-drop</property>

        <!-- Optional: Show SQL output for debugging -->
        <property name="hibernate.show_sql">true</property>
        <property name="hibernate.format_sql">true</property>
    </session-factory>
</hibernate-configuration>
```

Be sure to replace `${tidb_jdbc_url}`, `${tidb_user}`, and `${tidb_password}` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster. Then, define the following function:

```
public SessionFactory getSessionFactory() {
    return new Configuration()
            .configure("hibernate.cfg.xml")
            .addAnnotatedClass(${your_entity_class})
            .buildSessionFactory();
}
```

When using this function, you need to replace `${your_entity_class}` with your own data entity class. For multiple entity classes, you need to add a `.addAnnotatedClass(${your_entity_class})` statement for each. The preceding function is just one way to configure Hibernate. If you encounter any issues in the configuration or want to learn more about Hibernate, refer to the Hibernate official documentation.

Insert or update data

```
try (Session session = sessionFactory.openSession()) {
    session.persist(new PlayerBean("id", 1, 1));
}
```

For more information, refer to Insert data and Update data.

Query data

```
try (Session session = sessionFactory.openSession()) {
    PlayerBean player = session.get(PlayerBean.class, "id");
    System.out.println(player);
}
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Delete data

```
try (Session session = sessionFactory.openSession()) {
    session.remove(new PlayerBean("id", 1, 1));
}
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.1.3.4 Next steps

- Learn more usage of Hibernate from the documentation of Hibernate.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.
- Learn through the course for Java developers: Working with TiDB from Java.

4.3.1.3.5 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.1.4 Connect to TiDB with Spring Boot

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and Spring is a popular open-source container framework for Java. This document uses Spring Boot as the way to use Spring.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB along with Spring Data JPA and Hibernate as the JPA provider to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using Hibernate and Spring Data JPA.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.1.4.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- **Java Development Kit (JDK) 17** or higher. You can choose OpenJDK or Oracle JDK based on your business and personal requirements.
- Maven **3.8** or higher.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.1.4.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-java-springboot-jpa-
    ↪ quickstart.git
cd tidb-java-springboot-jpa-quickstart
```

Step 2: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

```
cp env.sh.example env.sh
```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. gateway01.ap-northeast-1.prod.aws.
    ↪ tidbcloud.com
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. xxxxxx.root
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='true'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

   TiDB Cloud Serverless requires a secure connection. Therefore, you need to set the value of `USE_SSL` to `true`.

7. Save the `env.sh` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

```
cp env.sh.example env.sh
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. tidb.xxxx.clusters.tidb-cloud.com
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. root
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='false'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

6. Save the `env.sh` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `env.sh.example` and rename it to `env.sh`:

```
cp env.sh.example env.sh
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `env.sh` file. The example result is as follows:

```
export TIDB_HOST='{host}'
export TIDB_PORT='4000'
export TIDB_USER='root'
export TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
export TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
export USE_SSL='false'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and set `USE_SSL` to `false`. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `env.sh` file.

Step 3: Run the code and check the result

1. Execute the following command to run the sample code:

```
make
```

2. Run the request script in another terminal session:

```
make request
```

3. Check the Expected-Output.txt to see if the output matches.

4.3.1.4.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-java-springboot-jpa-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

Edit the configuration file `application.yml`:

```
spring:
  datasource:
    url: ${TIDB_JDBC_URL:jdbc:mysql://localhost:4000/test}
    username: ${TIDB_USER:root}
    password: ${TIDB_PASSWORD:}
    driver-class-name: com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver
  jpa:
    show-sql: true
    database-platform: org.hibernate.dialect.TiDBDialect
    hibernate:
      ddl-auto: create-drop
```

After configuration, set the environment variables `TIDB_JDBC_URL`, `TIDB_USER`, and `TIDB_PASSWORD` to the actual values of your TiDB cluster. The configuration file provides default settings for these environment variables. If you do not configure the environment variables, the default values are as follows:

- `TIDB_JDBC_URL`: `"jdbc:mysql://localhost:4000/test"`
- `TIDB_USER`: `"root"`
- `TIDB_PASSWORD`: `""`

Data management: `@Repository`

Spring Data JPA manages data through the `@Repository` interface. To use the CRUD operations provided by `JpaRepository`, you need to extend the `JpaRepository` interface:

```
@Repository
public interface PlayerRepository extends JpaRepository<PlayerBean, Long> {
}
```

Then, you can use `@Autowired` for automatic dependency injection in any class that requires the `PlayerRepository`. This enables you to directly use CRUD functions. The following is an example:

```
@Autowired
private PlayerRepository playerRepository;
```

Insert or update data

```
playerRepository.save(player);
```

For more information, refer to Insert data and Update data.

Query data

```
PlayerBean player = playerRepository.findById(id).orElse(null);
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Delete data

```
playerRepository.deleteById(id);
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.1.4.4 Next steps

- Learn more usage about the third-party libraries and frameworks used in this document, refer to their official documentation:
    - The documentation of Spring Framework
    - The documentation of Spring Boot
    - The documentation of Spring Data JPA
    - The documentation of Hibernate
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.
- Learn through the course for Java developers: Working with TiDB from Java.

4.3.1.4.5 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.2 Go

4.3.2.1 Connect to TiDB with Go-MySQL-Driver

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and Go-MySQL-Driver is a MySQL implementation for the database/sql interface.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and Go-MySQL-Driver to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using Go-MySQL-Driver.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.2.1.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Go **1.20** or higher.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.2.1.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-golang-sql-driver-quickstart.
    ↪ git
cd tidb-golang-sql-driver-quickstart
```

Step 2: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

    ```
    cp .env.example .env
    ```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. gateway01.ap-northeast-1.prod.aws.tidbcloud.
    ↪ com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. xxxxxx.root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
USE_SSL='true'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

TiDB Cloud Serverless requires a secure connection. Therefore, you need to set the value of `USE_SSL` to `true`.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. tidb.xxxx.clusters.tidb-cloud.com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
USE_SSL='false'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
USE_SSL='false'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and set `USE_SSL` to `false`. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 3: Run the code and check the result

1. Execute the following command to run the sample code:

```
make
```

2. Check the Expected-Output.txt to see if the output matches.

4.3.2.1.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-golang-sql-driver-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

```
func openDB(driverName string, runnable func(db *sql.DB)) {
    dsn := fmt.Sprintf("%s:%s@tcp(%s:%s)/%s?charset=utf8mb4&tls=%s",
        ${tidb_user}, ${tidb_password}, ${tidb_host}, ${tidb_port}, ${tidb_db
            ↪ _name}, ${use_ssl})
    db, err := sql.Open(driverName, dsn)
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
```

```
    }
    defer db.Close()

    runnable(db)
}
```

When using this function, you need to replace `${tidb_host}`, `${tidb_port}`, `${tidb_user}`, `${tidb_password}`, and `${tidb_db_name}` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster. TiDB Cloud Serverless requires a secure connection. Therefore, you need to set the value of `${use_ssl}` to `true`.

Insert data

```
openDB("mysql", func(db *sql.DB) {
    insertSQL = "INSERT INTO player (id, coins, goods) VALUES (?, ?, ?)"
    _, err := db.Exec(insertSQL, "id", 1, 1)

    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
})
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

```
openDB("mysql", func(db *sql.DB) {
    selectSQL = "SELECT id, coins, goods FROM player WHERE id = ?"
    rows, err := db.Query(selectSQL, "id")
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }

    // This line is extremely important!
    defer rows.Close()

    id, coins, goods := "", 0, 0
    if rows.Next() {
        err = rows.Scan(&id, &coins, &goods)
        if err == nil {
            fmt.Printf("player id: %s, coins: %d, goods: %d\n", id, coins,
                ↪ goods)
        }
    }
})
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

```
openDB("mysql", func(db *sql.DB) {
    updateSQL = "UPDATE player set goods = goods + ?, coins = coins + ?
        ↪ WHERE id = ?"
    _, err := db.Exec(updateSQL, 1, -1, "id")

    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
})
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

```
openDB("mysql", func(db *sql.DB) {
    deleteSQL = "DELETE FROM player WHERE id=?"
    _, err := db.Exec(deleteSQL, "id")

    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
})
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.2.1.4 Useful notes

Using driver or ORM framework?

The Golang driver provides low-level access to the database, but it requires the developers to:

- Manually establish and release database connections.
- Manually manage database transactions.
- Manually map data rows to data objects.

Unless you need to write complex SQL statements, it is recommended to use ORM framework for development, such as GORM. It can help you:

- Reduce boilerplate code for managing connections and transactions.
- Manipulate data with data objects instead of a number of SQL statements.

4.3.2.1.5 Next steps

- Learn more usage of Go-MySQL-Driver from the documentation of Go-MySQL-Driver.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.2.1.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.2.2 Connect to TiDB with GORM

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and GORM is a popular open-source ORM framework for Golang. GORM adapts to TiDB features such as `AUTO_RANDOM` and supports TiDB as a default database option.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and GORM to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using GORM.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.2.2.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Go **1.20** or higher.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.2.2.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-golang-gorm-quickstart.git
cd tidb-golang-gorm-quickstart
```

Step 2: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. gateway01.ap-northeast-1.prod.aws.tidbcloud.
    ↪ com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. xxxxxx.root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
USE_SSL='true'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

   TiDB Cloud Serverless requires a secure connection. Therefore, you need to set the value of `USE_SSL` to `true`.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. tidb.xxxx.clusters.tidb-cloud.com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
USE_SSL='false'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
USE_SSL='false'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and set `USE_SSL` to `false`. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 3: Run the code and check the result

1. Execute the following command to run the sample code:

```
make
```

2. Check the Expected-Output.txt to see if the output matches.

4.3.2.2.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-golang-gorm-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

```
func createDB() *gorm.DB {
    dsn := fmt.Sprintf("%s:%s@tcp(%s:%s)/%s?charset=utf8mb4&tls=%s",
        ${tidb_user}, ${tidb_password}, ${tidb_host}, ${tidb_port}, ${tidb_db
            ↪ _name}, ${use_ssl})
```

```
    db, err := gorm.Open(mysql.Open(dsn), &gorm.Config{
        Logger: logger.Default.LogMode(logger.Info),
    })
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }

    return db
}
```

When using this function, you need to replace `${tidb_host}`, `${tidb_port}`, `${tidb_user}`, `${tidb_password}`, and `${tidb_db_name}` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster. TiDB Cloud Serverless requires a secure connection. Therefore, you need to set the value of `${use_ssl}` to `true`.

Insert data

```
db.Create(&Player{ID: "id", Coins: 1, Goods: 1})
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

```
var queryPlayer Player
db.Find(&queryPlayer, "id = ?", "id")
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

```
db.Save(&Player{ID: "id", Coins: 100, Goods: 1})
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

```
db.Delete(&Player{ID: "id"})
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.2.2.4 Next steps

- Learn more usage of GORM from the documentation of GORM and the TiDB section in the documentation of GORM.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.2.2.5 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.3 Python

4.3.3.1 Connect to TiDB with mysqlclient

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and mysqlclient is a popular open-source driver for Python.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and mysqlclient to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using mysqlclient.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.3.1.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Python **3.10** or higher.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.3.1.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-python-mysqlclient-quickstart
    ↪ .git
cd tidb-python-mysqlclient-quickstart;
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including `mysqlclient`) for the sample app:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

If you encounter installation issues, refer to the mysqlclient official documentation.

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{gateway-region}.aws.tidbcloud.com'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{prefix}.root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH=''
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

   TiDB Cloud Serverless requires a secure connection. Since the `ssl_mode` of mysqlclient defaults to `PREFERRED`, you don't need to manually specify `CA_PATH`. Just leave it empty. But if you have a special reason to specify `CA_PATH` manually, you can refer to the TLS connections to TiDB Cloud Serverless to get the certificate paths for different operating systems.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.

2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}.clusters.tidb-cloud.com'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{username}'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH='{your-downloaded-ca-path}'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog, and configure `CA_PATH` with the certificate path downloaded in the previous step.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{tidb_server_host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and remove the `CA_PATH` line. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Run the code and check the result

1. Execute the following command to run the sample code:

```
python mysqlclient_example.py
```

2. Check the Expected-Output.txt to see if the output matches.

4.3.3.1.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-python-mysqlclient-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

```
def get_mysqlclient_connection(autocommit:bool=True) -> MySQLdb.Connection:
    db_conf = {
        "host": ${tidb_host},
        "port": ${tidb_port},
        "user": ${tidb_user},
        "password": ${tidb_password},
        "database": ${tidb_db_name},
        "autocommit": autocommit
    }

    if ${ca_path}:
        db_conf["ssl_mode"] = "VERIFY_IDENTITY"
        db_conf["ssl"] = {"ca": ${ca_path}}

    return MySQLdb.connect(**db_conf)
```

When using this function, you need to replace `${tidb_host}`, `${tidb_port}`, `${tidb_user}`, `${tidb_password}`, `${tidb_db_name}` and `${ca_path}` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster.

Insert data

```
with get_mysqlclient_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        player = ("1", 1, 1)
        cursor.execute("INSERT INTO players (id, coins, goods) VALUES (%s, %s
            ↪ , %s)", player)
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

```
with get_mysqlclient_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        cur.execute("SELECT count(*) FROM players")
        print(cur.fetchone()[0])
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

```
with get_mysqlclient_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        player_id, amount, price="1", 10, 500
        cursor.execute(
            "UPDATE players SET goods = goods + %s, coins = coins + %s WHERE
                ↪ id = %s",
            (-amount, price, player_id),
        )
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

```
with get_mysqlclient_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        player_id = "1"
        cursor.execute("DELETE FROM players WHERE id = %s", (player_id,))
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.3.1.4 Useful notes

Using driver or ORM framework?

The Python driver provides low-level access to the database, but it requires the developers to:

- Manually establish and release database connections.
- Manually manage database transactions.
- Manually map data rows (represented as tuples in `mysqlclient`) to data objects.

Unless you need to write complex SQL statements, it is recommended to use ORM framework for development, such as SQLAlchemy, Peewee, and Django ORM. It can help you:

- Reduce boilerplate code for managing connections and transactions.
- Manipulate data with data objects instead of a number of SQL statements.

4.3.3.1.5 Next steps

- Learn more usage of `mysqlclient` from the documentation of mysqlclient.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.3.1.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.3.2 Connect to TiDB with MySQL Connector/Python

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and MySQL Connector/Python is the official MySQL driver for Python.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and MySQL Connector/Python to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using MySQL Connector/Python.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed clusters.

4.3.3.2.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Python 3.8 or higher.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.3.2.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-python-mysqlconnector-
    ↪ quickstart.git
cd tidb-python-mysqlconnector-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including mysql-connector-python) for the sample app:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

    ```
    cp .env.example .env
    ```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. gateway01.ap-northeast-1.prod.aws.tidbcloud.
    ↪ com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. xxxxxx.root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH='{ssl_ca}' # e.g. /etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt (Debian /
    ↪ Ubuntu / Arch)
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. tidb.xxxx.clusters.tidb-cloud.com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH='{your-downloaded-ca-path}'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog, and configure `CA_PATH` with the certificate path downloaded in the previous step.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{tidb_server_host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and remove the `CA_PATH` line. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Run the code and check the result

1. Execute the following command to run the sample code:

```
python mysql_connector_example.py
```

2. Check the Expected-Output.txt to see if the output matches.

4.3.3.2.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-python-mysqlconnector-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

```
def get_connection(autocommit: bool = True) -> MySQLConnection:
    config = Config()
    db_conf = {
        "host": ${tidb_host},
        "port": ${tidb_port},
        "user": ${tidb_user},
        "password": ${tidb_password},
        "database": ${tidb_db_name},
        "autocommit": autocommit,
        "use_pure": True,
    }
```

```
    if ${ca_path}:
        db_conf["ssl_verify_cert"] = True
        db_conf["ssl_verify_identity"] = True
        db_conf["ssl_ca"] = ${ca_path}
    return mysql.connector.connect(**db_conf)
```

When using this function, you need to replace `${tidb_host}`, `${tidb_port}`, `${tidb_user}`, `${tidb_password}`, `${tidb_db_name}` and `${ca_path}` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster.

Insert data

```
with get_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        player = ("1", 1, 1)
        cursor.execute("INSERT INTO players (id, coins, goods) VALUES (%s, %s
            ↪ , %s)", player)
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

```
with get_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        cur.execute("SELECT count(*) FROM players")
        print(cur.fetchone()[0])
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

```
with get_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        player_id, amount, price="1", 10, 500
        cursor.execute(
            "UPDATE players SET goods = goods + %s, coins = coins + %s WHERE
                ↪ id = %s",
            (-amount, price, player_id),
        )
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

```
with get_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        player_id = "1"
        cursor.execute("DELETE FROM players WHERE id = %s", (player_id,))
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.3.2.4 Useful notes

Using driver or ORM framework?

The Python driver provides low-level access to the database, but it requires the developers to:

- Manually establish and release database connections.
- Manually manage database transactions.
- Manually map data rows (represented as a tuple or dict in `mysql-connector-python`) to data objects.

Unless you need to write complex SQL statements, it is recommended to use ORM framework for development, such as SQLAlchemy, Peewee, and Django ORM. It can help you:

- Reduce boilerplate code for managing connections and transactions.
- Manipulate data with data objects instead of a number of SQL statements.

4.3.3.2.5 Next steps

- Learn more usage of mysql-connector-python from the documentation of MySQL Connector/Python.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.3.2.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.3.3 Connect to TiDB with PyMySQL

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and PyMySQL is a popular open-source driver for Python.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and PyMySQL to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using PyMySQL.

- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed clusters.

4.3.3.3.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Python 3.8 or higher.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.3.3.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-python-pymysql-quickstart.git
cd tidb-python-pymysql-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including PyMySQL) for the sample app:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. gateway01.ap-northeast-1.prod.aws.tidbcloud.
    ↪ com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. xxxxxx.root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH='{ssl_ca}' # e.g. /etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt (Debian /
    ↪ Ubuntu / Arch)
```

    Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.

2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. tidb.xxxx.clusters.tidb-cloud.com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH='{your-downloaded-ca-path}'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog, and configure `CA_PATH` with the certificate path downloaded in the previous step.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{tidb_server_host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and remove the `CA_PATH` line. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Run the code and check the result

1. Execute the following command to run the sample code:

```
python pymysql_example.py
```

2. Check the Expected-Output.txt to see if the output matches.

4.3.3.3.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-python-pymysql-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

```
from pymysql import Connection
from pymysql.cursors import DictCursor


def get_connection(autocommit: bool = True) -> Connection:
    config = Config()
    db_conf = {
        "host": ${tidb_host},
        "port": ${tidb_port},
        "user": ${tidb_user},
        "password": ${tidb_password},
        "database": ${tidb_db_name},
        "autocommit": autocommit,
        "cursorclass": DictCursor,
    }

    if ${ca_path}:
        db_conf["ssl_verify_cert"] = True
        db_conf["ssl_verify_identity"] = True
        db_conf["ssl_ca"] = ${ca_path}

    return pymysql.connect(**db_conf)
```

When using this function, you need to replace `${tidb_host}`, `${tidb_port}`, `${tidb_user}`, `${tidb_password}`, `${tidb_db_name}` and `${ca_path}` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster.

Insert data

```
with get_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        player = ("1", 1, 1)
        cursor.execute("INSERT INTO players (id, coins, goods) VALUES (%s, %s
            ↪ , %s)", player)
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

```
with get_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        cur.execute("SELECT count(*) FROM players")
        print(cursor.fetchone()["count(*)"])
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

```
with get_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        player_id, amount, price="1", 10, 500
        cursor.execute(
            "UPDATE players SET goods = goods + %s, coins = coins + %s WHERE
                ↪ id = %s",
            (-amount, price, player_id),
        )
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

```
with get_connection(autocommit=True) as conn:
    with conn.cursor() as cur:
        player_id = "1"
        cursor.execute("DELETE FROM players WHERE id = %s", (player_id,))
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.3.3.4 Useful notes

Using driver or ORM framework?

The Python driver provides low-level access to the database, but it requires the developers to:

- Manually establish and release database connections.
- Manually manage database transactions.
- Manually map data rows (represented as a tuple or dict in `pymysql`) to data objects.

Unless you need to write complex SQL statements, it is recommended to use ORM framework for development, such as SQLAlchemy, Peewee, and Django ORM. It can help you:

- Reduce boilerplate code for managing connections and transactions.
- Manipulate data with data objects instead of a number of SQL statements.

4.3.3.3.5 Next steps

- Learn more usage of PyMySQL from the documentation of PyMySQL.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.3.3.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.3.4 Connect to TiDB with SQLAlchemy

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and SQLAlchemy is a popular Python SQL toolkit and Object Relational Mapper (ORM).

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and SQLAlchemy to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using SQLAlchemy.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed clusters.

4.3.3.4.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Python 3.8 or higher.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.3.4.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-python-sqlalchemy-quickstart.
    ↪ git
cd tidb-python-sqlalchemy-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including SQLAlchemy and PyMySQL) for the sample app:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Why use PyMySQL?

SQLAlchemy is an ORM library that works with multiple databases. It provides a high-level abstraction of the database, which helps developers write SQL statements in a more object-oriented way. However, SQLAlchemy does not include a database driver. To connect to a database, you need to install a database driver. This sample application uses PyMySQL as the database driver, which is a pure Python MySQL client library that is compatible with TiDB and can be installed on all platforms.

You can also use other database drivers, such as mysqlclient and mysql-connector-python. But they are not pure Python libraries and require the corresponding C/C++ compiler and MySQL client for compiling. For more information, refer to SQLAlchemy official documentation.

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters have a limitation: if there are no active connections for 5 minutes, they will shut down, which closes all connections. Therefore, when using SQLAlchemy with TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters, pooled connections might encounter `OperationalError` such as `Lost connection to MySQL server during query` or `MySQL Connection not available`. To avoid this error, you can set the `pool_recycle` parameter to `300`. For more information, see Dealing with Disconnects in SQLAlchemy documentation.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
>
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
>
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. gateway01.ap-northeast-1.prod.aws.tidbcloud.
    ↪ com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. xxxxxx.root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH='{ssl_ca}' # e.g. /etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt (Debian /
    ↪ Ubuntu / Arch)
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. tidb.xxxx.clusters.tidb-cloud.com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH='{your-downloaded-ca-path}'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog, and configure `CA_PATH` with the certificate path downloaded in the previous step.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{tidb_server_host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and remove the `CA_PATH` line. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Run the code and check the result

1. Execute the following command to run the sample code:

```
python sqlalchemy_example.py
```

2. Check the Expected-Output.txt to see if the output matches.

4.3.3.4.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-python-sqlalchemy-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

```
from sqlalchemy import create_engine, URL
from sqlalchemy.orm import sessionmaker

def get_db_engine():
    connect_args = {}
    if ${ca_path}:
        connect_args = {
            "ssl_verify_cert": True,
            "ssl_verify_identity": True,
            "ssl_ca": ${ca_path},
        }
```

```
    return create_engine(
        URL.create(
            drivername="mysql+pymysql",
            username=${tidb_user},
            password=${tidb_password},
            host=${tidb_host},
            port=${tidb_port},
            database=${tidb_db_name},
        ),
        connect_args=connect_args,
    )

engine = get_db_engine()
Session = sessionmaker(bind=engine)
```

When using this function, you need to replace `${tidb_host}`, `${tidb_port}`, `${tidb_user}`, `${tidb_password}`, `${tidb_db_name}` and `${ca_path}` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster.

Define a table

```
from sqlalchemy import Column, Integer, String
from sqlalchemy.orm import declarative_base

Base = declarative_base()

class Player(Base):
    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
    name = Column(String(32), unique=True)
    coins = Column(Integer)
    goods = Column(Integer)

    __tablename__ = "players"
```

For more information, refer to SQLAlchemy documentation: Mapping classes with declarative.

Insert data

```
with Session() as session:
    player = Player(name="test", coins=100, goods=100)
    session.add(player)
    session.commit()
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

```
with Session() as session:
    player = session.query(Player).filter_by(name == "test").one()
    print(player)
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

```
with Session() as session:
    player = session.query(Player).filter_by(name == "test").one()
    player.coins = 200
    session.commit()
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

```
with Session() as session:
    player = session.query(Player).filter_by(name == "test").one()
    session.delete(player)
    session.commit()
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.3.4.4 Next steps

- Learn more usage of SQLAlchemy from the documentation of SQLAlchemy.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.3.4.5 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.3.5 Connect to TiDB with peewee

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and peewee is a popular Object Relational Mapper (ORM) for Python.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and peewee to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.

- Connect to your TiDB cluster using peewee.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed clusters.

4.3.3.5.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Python 3.8 or higher.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.3.5.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-python-peewee-quickstart.git
cd tidb-python-peewee-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including peewee and PyMySQL) for the sample app:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Why use PyMySQL?

peewee is an ORM library that works with multiple databases. It provides a high-level abstraction of the database, which helps developers write SQL statements in a more object-oriented way. However, peewee does not include a database driver. To connect to a database, you need to install a database driver. This sample application uses PyMySQL as the database driver, which is a pure Python MySQL client library that is compatible with TiDB and can be installed on all platforms. For more information, refer to peewee official documentation.

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. gateway01.ap-northeast-1.prod.aws.tidbcloud.
    ↪ com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. xxxxxx.root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH='{ssl_ca}' # e.g. /etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt (Debian /
    ↪ Ubuntu / Arch)
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. tidb.xxxx.clusters.tidb-cloud.com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH='{your-downloaded-ca-path}'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog, and configure `CA_PATH` with the certificate path downloaded in the previous step.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{tidb_server_host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and remove the `CA_PATH` line. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Run the code and check the result

1. Execute the following command to run the sample code:

```
python peewee_example.py
```

2. Check the Expected-Output.txt to see if the output matches.

4.3.3.5.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-python-peewee-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

```
from peewee import MySQLDatabase

def get_db_engine():
    config = Config()
    connect_params = {}
    if ${ca_path}:
        connect_params = {
            "ssl_verify_cert": True,
            "ssl_verify_identity": True,
            "ssl_ca": ${ca_path},
        }
```

```
    return MySQLDatabase(
        ${tidb_db_name},
        host=${tidb_host},
        port=${tidb_port},
        user=${tidb_user},
        password=${tidb_password},
        **connect_params,
    )
```

When using this function, you need to replace `${tidb_host}`, `${tidb_port}`, `${tidb_user}`, `${tidb_password}`, `${tidb_db_name}` and `${ca_path}` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster.

Define a table

```
from peewee import Model, CharField, IntegerField

db = get_db_engine()

class BaseModel(Model):
    class Meta:
        database = db

class Player(BaseModel):
    name = CharField(max_length=32, unique=True)
    coins = IntegerField(default=0)
    goods = IntegerField(default=0)

    class Meta:
        table_name = "players"
```

For more information, refer to peewee documentation: Models and Fields.

Insert data

```
#### Insert a single record
Player.create(name="test", coins=100, goods=100)

#### Insert multiple records
Player.insert_many(
    [
        {"name": "test1", "coins": 100, "goods": 100},
        {"name": "test2", "coins": 100, "goods": 100},
    ]
).execute()
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

```
#### Query all records
players = Player.select()

#### Query a single record
player = Player.get(Player.name == "test")

#### Query multiple records
players = Player.select().where(Player.coins == 100)
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

```
#### Update a single record
player = Player.get(Player.name == "test")
player.coins = 200
player.save()

#### Update multiple records
Player.update(coins=200).where(Player.coins == 100).execute()
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

```
#### Delete a single record
player = Player.get(Player.name == "test")
player.delete_instance()

#### Delete multiple records
Player.delete().where(Player.coins == 100).execute()
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.3.5.4 Next steps

- Learn more usage of peewee from the documentation of peewee.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.3.5.5 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.3.6 Connect to TiDB with Django

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and Django is a popular web framework for Python, which includes a powerful Object Relational Mapper (ORM) library.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and Django to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using Django.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed clusters.

4.3.3.6.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Python 3.8 or higher.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.3.6.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-python-django-quickstart.git
cd tidb-python-django-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including Django, django-tidb, and mysqlclient) for the sample app:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

If you encounter installation issues with mysqlclient, refer to the mysqlclient official documentation.

What is `django-tidb`?

`django-tidb` is a TiDB dialect for Django that resolves compatibility issues between TiDB and Django.

To install `django-tidb`, choose a version that matches your Django version. For example, if you are using `django==4.2.*`, install `django-tidb==4.2.*`. The minor version does not need to be the same. It is recommended to use the latest minor version.

For more information, refer to django-tidb repository.

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
>
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
>
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. gateway01.ap-northeast-1.prod.aws.tidbcloud.
    ↪ com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. xxxxxx.root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH='{ssl_ca}' # e.g. /etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt (Debian /
    ↪ Ubuntu / Arch)
```

   Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog.

   TiDB Cloud Serverless requires a secure connection. Since the `ssl_mode` of mysqlclient defaults to `PREFERRED`, you don't need to manually specify `CA_PATH`. Just leave it empty. But if you have a special reason to specify `CA_PATH` manually, you can refer to the TLS connections to TiDB Cloud Serverless to get the certificate paths for different operating systems.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.

2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}' # e.g. tidb.xxxx.clusters.tidb-cloud.com
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}' # e.g. root
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
CA_PATH='{your-downloaded-ca-path}'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters obtained from the connection dialog, and configure `CA_PATH` with the certificate path downloaded in the previous step.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{tidb_server_host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
```

Be sure to replace the placeholders `{}` with the connection parameters, and remove the `CA_PATH` line. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Initialize the database

In the root directory of the project, run the following command to initialize the database:

```
python manage.py migrate
```

Step 5: Run the sample application

1. Run the application in the development mode:

```
python manage.py runserver
```

The application runs on port `8000` by default. To use a different port, you can append the port number to the command. The following is an example:

```
python manage.py runserver 8080
```

2. To access the application, open your browser and go to `http://localhost:8000/`. In the sample application, you can:

    - Create a new player.
    - Bulk create players.
    - View all players.
    - Update a player.
    - Delete a player.
    - Trade goods between two players.

4.3.3.6.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-python-django-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

In the file `sample_project/settings.py`, add the following configurations:

```
DATABASES = {
    "default": {
        "ENGINE": "django_tidb",
        "HOST": ${tidb_host},
        "PORT": ${tidb_port},
        "USER": ${tidb_user},
        "PASSWORD": ${tidb_password},
        "NAME": ${tidb_db_name},
        "OPTIONS": {
            "charset": "utf8mb4",
        },
    }
}

TIDB_CA_PATH = ${ca_path}
if TIDB_CA_PATH:
    DATABASES["default"]["OPTIONS"]["ssl_mode"] = "VERIFY_IDENTITY"
    DATABASES["default"]["OPTIONS"]["ssl"] = {
        "ca": TIDB_CA_PATH,
    }
```

You need to replace `${tidb_host}`, `${tidb_port}`, `${tidb_user}`, `${tidb_password}`, `${tidb_db_name}`, and `${ca_path}` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster.

Define the data model

```
from django.db import models

class Player(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=32, blank=False, null=False)
    coins = models.IntegerField(default=100)
    goods = models.IntegerField(default=1)
    created_at = models.DateTimeField(auto_now_add=True)
    updated_at = models.DateTimeField(auto_now=True)
```

For more information, refer to Django models.

Insert data

```
#### insert a single object
player = Player.objects.create(name="player1", coins=100, goods=1)

#### bulk insert multiple objects
Player.objects.bulk_create([
    Player(name="player1", coins=100, goods=1),
    Player(name="player2", coins=200, goods=2),
    Player(name="player3", coins=300, goods=3),
])
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

```
#### get a single object
player = Player.objects.get(name="player1")

#### get multiple objects
filtered_players = Player.objects.filter(name="player1")

#### get all objects
all_players = Player.objects.all()
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

```
#### update a single object
player = Player.objects.get(name="player1")
player.coins = 200
player.save()

#### update multiple objects
Player.objects.filter(coins=100).update(coins=200)
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

```
#### delete a single object
player = Player.objects.get(name="player1")
player.delete()

#### delete multiple objects
Player.objects.filter(coins=100).delete()
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.3.6.4 Next steps

- Learn more usage of Django from the documentation of Django.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.3.6.5 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.4 Node.js

4.3.4.1 Connect to TiDB with node-mysql2

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and node-mysql2 is a fast mysqljs/mysql compatible MySQL driver for Node.js.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and node-mysql2 to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using node-mysql2.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.4.1.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Node.js >= 16.x installed on your machine.
- Git installed on your machine.
- A TiDB cluster running.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.4.1.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-nodejs-mysql2-quickstart.git
cd tidb-nodejs-mysql2-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including `mysql2` and `dotenv`) for the sample app:

```
npm install
```

Install dependencies to existing project

For your existing project, run the following command to install the packages:

```
npm install mysql2 dotenv --save
```

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

- **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
- **Branch** is set to `main`.
- **Connect With** is set to `General`.
- **Operating System** matches the operating system where you run the application.

4. If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

6. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters on the connection dialog:

```
TIDB_HOST={host}
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USER={user}
TIDB_PASSWORD={password}
TIDB_DATABASE=test
TIDB_ENABLE_SSL=true
```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless, TLS connection **MUST** be enabled via `TIDB_ENABLE_SSL` when using public endpoint.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.

2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters on the connection dialog:

```
TIDB_HOST={host}
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USER={user}
TIDB_PASSWORD={password}
TIDB_DATABASE=test
TIDB_ENABLE_SSL=true
TIDB_CA_PATH={downloaded_ssl_ca_path}
```

> **Note**
>
> It is recommended to enable TLS connection when using the public endpoint to connect to TiDB Cloud Dedicated.
>
> To enable TLS connection, modify `TIDB_ENABLE_SSL` to `true` and using `TIDB_CA_PATH` to specify the file path of CA certificate downloaded from the connection dialog.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters on the connection dialog:

```
TIDB_HOST={host}
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USER=root
TIDB_PASSWORD={password}
TIDB_DATABASE=test
```

If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Run the code and check the result

Run the following command to execute the sample code:

```
npm start
```

If the connection is successful, the console will output the version of the TiDB cluster as follows:

```
 Connected to TiDB cluster! (TiDB version: 8.0.11-TiDB-v8.5.1)
 Loading sample game data...
  Loaded sample game data.

  Created a new player with ID 12.
  Got Player 12: Player { id: 12, coins: 100, goods: 100 }
  Added 50 coins and 50 goods to player 12, updated 1 row.
 Deleted 1 player data.
```

4.3.4.1.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-nodejs-mysql2-quickstart repository.

Connect with connection options

The following code establishes a connection to TiDB with options defined in the environment variables:

```
// Step 1. Import the 'mysql' and 'dotenv' packages.
import { createConnection } from "mysql2/promise";
import dotenv from "dotenv";
import * as fs from "fs";

// Step 2. Load environment variables from .env file to process.env.
dotenv.config();

async function main() {
  // Step 3. Create a connection to the TiDB cluster.
  const options = {
    host: process.env.TIDB_HOST || '127.0.0.1',
    port: process.env.TIDB_PORT || 4000,
    user: process.env.TIDB_USER || 'root',
    password: process.env.TIDB_PASSWORD || '',
    database: process.env.TIDB_DATABASE || 'test',
    ssl: process.env.TIDB_ENABLE_SSL === 'true' ? {
      minVersion: 'TLSv1.2',
      ca: process.env.TIDB_CA_PATH ? fs.readFileSync(process.env.TIDB_CA_
        ↪ PATH) : undefined
    } : null,
  }
```

```
    const conn = await createConnection(options);

    // Step 4. Perform some SQL operations...

    // Step 5. Close the connection.
    await conn.end();
}

void main();
```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless, you **MUST** enable TLS connection via `TIDB_ENABLE_SSL` when using public endpoint. However, you **don't** have to specify an SSL CA certificate via `TIDB_CA_PATH`, because Node.js uses the built-in Mozilla CA certificate by default, which is trusted by TiDB Cloud Serverless.

Insert data

The following query creates a single `Player` record and returns a `ResultSetHeader` object:

```
const [rsh] = await conn.query('INSERT INTO players (coins, goods) VALUES (?, ?);', [100, 100]);
console.log(rsh.insertId);
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

The following query returns a single `Player` record by ID `1`:

```
const [rows] = await conn.query('SELECT id, coins, goods FROM players WHERE id = ?;', [1]);
console.log(rows[0]);
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

The following query adds `50` coins and `50` goods to the `Player` with ID `1`:

```
const [rsh] = await conn.query(
    'UPDATE players SET coins = coins + ?, goods = goods + ? WHERE id = ?;',
    [50, 50, 1]
```

```
);
console.log(rsh.affectedRows);
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

The following query deletes the `Player` record with ID `1`:

```
const [rsh] = await conn.query('DELETE FROM players WHERE id = ?;', [1]);
console.log(rsh.affectedRows);
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.4.1.4 Useful notes

- Using connection pools to manage database connections can reduce the performance overhead caused by frequently establishing and destroying connections.
- To avoid SQL injection, it is recommended to use prepared statements.
- In scenarios where there are not many complex SQL statements involved, using ORM frameworks like Sequelize, TypeORM, or Prisma can greatly improve development efficiency.
- It is recommended to enable the `supportBigNumbers: true` option when dealing with big numbers (`BIGINT` and `DECIMAL` columns) in the database.
- It is recommended to enable the `enableKeepAlive: true` option to avoid socket error `read ECONNRESET` due to network problems. (Related issue: sidorares/node-mysql2#683)

4.3.4.1.5 Next steps

- Learn more usage of node-mysql2 driver from the documentation of node-mysql2.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as: Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Query data, Transactions, SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.4.1.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.4.2 Connect to TiDB with mysql.js

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and mysql.js driver is a pure Node.js JavaScript client implementing the MySQL protocol.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and mysql.js driver to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using mysql.js driver.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.4.2.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Node.js >= 16.x installed on your machine.
- Git installed on your machine.
- A TiDB cluster running.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.4.2.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-nodejs-mysqljs-quickstart.git
cd tidb-nodejs-mysqljs-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including `mysql` and `dotenv` ↪) for the sample app:

```
npm install
```

Install dependencies to existing project

For your existing project, run the following command to install the packages:

```
npm install mysql dotenv --save
```

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.
    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
    - **Branch** is set to `main`.
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`.
    - **Operating System** matches the operating system where you run the application.
4. If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.
5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

    ```
    cp .env.example .env
    ```

6. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters on the connection dialog:

    ```
    TIDB_HOST={host}
    TIDB_PORT=4000
    TIDB_USER={user}
    TIDB_PASSWORD={password}
    TIDB_DATABASE=test
    TIDB_ENABLE_SSL=true
    ```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless, TLS connection **MUST** be enabled via `TIDB_ENABLE_SSL` when using public endpoint.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.

2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters on the connection dialog:

```
TIDB_HOST={host}
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USER={user}
TIDB_PASSWORD={password}
TIDB_DATABASE=test
TIDB_ENABLE_SSL=true
TIDB_CA_PATH={downloaded_ssl_ca_path}
```

> **Note**
>
> It is recommended to enable TLS connection when using the public endpoint to connect to TiDB Cloud Dedicated.
>
> To enable TLS connection, modify `TIDB_ENABLE_SSL` to `true` and using `TIDB_CA_PATH` to specify the file path of CA certificate downloaded from the connection dialog.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Edit the `.env` file, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters of your cluster. The example configuration is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST={host}
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USER=root
TIDB_PASSWORD={password}
TIDB_DATABASE=test
```

If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Run the code and check the result

Run the following command to execute the sample code:

```
npm start
```

If the connection is successful, the console will output the version of the TiDB cluster as follows:

```
 Connected to TiDB cluster! (TiDB version: 8.0.11-TiDB-v8.5.1)
 Loading sample game data...
  Loaded sample game data.

  Created a new player with ID 12.
  Got Player 12: Player { id: 12, coins: 100, goods: 100 }
  Added 50 coins and 50 goods to player 12, updated 1 row.
 Deleted 1 player data.
```

4.3.4.2.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-nodejs-mysqljs-quickstart repository.

Connect with connection options

The following code establishes a connection to TiDB with options defined in the environment variables:

```
// Step 1. Import the 'mysql' and 'dotenv' packages.
import { createConnection } from "mysql";
import dotenv from "dotenv";
import * as fs from "fs";

// Step 2. Load environment variables from .env file to process.env.
```

```
dotenv.config();

// Step 3. Create a connection to the TiDB cluster.
const options = {
    host: process.env.TIDB_HOST || '127.0.0.1',
    port: process.env.TIDB_PORT || 4000,
    user: process.env.TIDB_USER || 'root',
    password: process.env.TIDB_PASSWORD || '',
    database: process.env.TIDB_DATABASE || 'test',
    ssl: process.env.TIDB_ENABLE_SSL === 'true' ? {
        minVersion: 'TLSv1.2',
        ca: process.env.TIDB_CA_PATH ? fs.readFileSync(process.env.TIDB_CA_
            ↪ PATH) : undefined
    } : null,
}
const conn = createConnection(options);

// Step 4. Perform some SQL operations...

// Step 5. Close the connection.
conn.end();
```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless, you **MUST** enable TLS connection via `TIDB_ENABLE_SSL` when using public endpoint. However, you **don't** have to specify an SSL CA certificate via `TIDB_CA_PATH`, because Node.js uses the built-in Mozilla CA certificate by default, which is trusted by TiDB Cloud Serverless.

Insert data

The following query creates a single `Player` record and returns the ID of the newly created record:

```
conn.query('INSERT INTO players (coins, goods) VALUES (?, ?);', [100, 100],
    ↪ (err, ok) => {
   if (err) {
       console.error(err);
   } else {
       console.log(ok.insertId);
   }
});
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

The following query returns a single `Player` record by ID `1`:

```
conn.query('SELECT id, coins, goods FROM players WHERE id = ?;', [1], (err,
    ↪ rows) => {
   if (err) {
      console.error(err);
   } else {
      console.log(rows[0]);
   }
});
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

The following query adds `50` coins and `50` goods to the `Player` with ID `1`:

```
conn.query(
   'UPDATE players SET coins = coins + ?, goods = goods + ? WHERE id = ?;',
   [50, 50, 1],
   (err, ok) => {
      if (err) {
         console.error(err);
      } else {
          console.log(ok.affectedRows);
      }
   }
);
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

The following query deletes the `Player` record with ID `1`:

```
conn.query('DELETE FROM players WHERE id = ?;', [1], (err, ok) => {
    if (err) {
        reject(err);
    } else {
        resolve(ok.affectedRows);
    }
});
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.4.2.4 Useful notes

- Using connection pools to manage database connections can reduce the performance overhead caused by frequently establishing and destroying connections.
- To avoid SQL injection attacks, it is recommended to use Escaping query values before executing SQL.

> **Note**
>
> The `mysqljs/mysql` package does not yet support prepared statements, it only escapes values on the client side (related issue: mysqljs/mysql#274).
>
> If you want to use this feature to avoid SQL injection or improve efficiency of batch insert/update, it is recommended to use mysql2 package instead.

- Using ORM frameworks to improve development efficiency in scenarios without a number of complex SQL statements, such as: Sequelize, TypeORM, and Prisma.
- It is recommended to enable the `supportBigNumbers: true` option when dealing with big numbers (`BIGINT` and `DECIMAL` columns) in the database.

4.3.4.2.5 Next steps

- Learn more usage of mysql.js driver from the documentation of mysql.js.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as: Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Query data, Transactions, SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.4.2.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.4.3 Connect to TiDB with Prisma

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and Prisma is a popular open-source ORM framework for Node.js.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and Prisma to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using Prisma.

- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.4.4.3.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Node.js >= 16.x installed on your machine.
- Git installed on your machine.
- A TiDB cluster running.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.4.4.3.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-nodejs-prisma-quickstart.git
cd tidb-nodejs-prisma-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including `prisma`) for the sample app:

```
npm install
```

Install dependencies to existing project

For your existing project, run the following command to install the packages:

```
npm install prisma typescript ts-node @types/node --save-dev
```

Step 3: Provide connection Parameters

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.
    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
    - **Branch** is set to `main`.
    - **Connect With** is set to `Prisma`.
    - **Operating System** matches the operating system where you run the application.
4. If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.
5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

6. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variable `DATABASE_URL` as follows, and replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with the connection string in the connection dialog:

```
DATABASE_URL='{connection_string}'
```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless, you **MUST** enable TLS connection by setting `sslaccept=strict` when using public endpoint.

7. Save the `.env` file.
8. In the `prisma/schema.prisma`, set up `mysql` as the connection provider and `env("` ↪ `DATABASE_URL")` as the connection URL:

```
datasource db {
  provider = "mysql"
  url      = env("DATABASE_URL")
}
```

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.

2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variable `DATABASE_URL` as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters on the connection dialog:

```
DATABASE_URL='mysql://{user}:{password}@{host}:4000/test?sslaccept=
    ↪ strict&sslcert={downloaded_ssl_ca_path}'
```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless, It is **RECOMMENDED** to enable TLS connection by setting `sslaccept=strict` when using public endpoint. When you set up `sslaccept=strict` to enable TLS connection, you **MUST** specify the file path of the CA certificate downloaded from connection dialog via `sslcert=/path/to/ca.pem`.

6. Save the `.env` file.

7. In the `prisma/schema.prisma`, set up `mysql` as the connection provider and `env("
   ↪ DATABASE_URL")` as the connection URL:

```
datasource db {
  provider = "mysql"
  url      = env("DATABASE_URL")
}
```

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variable `DATABASE_URL` as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters of your TiDB cluster:

```
DATABASE_URL='mysql://{user}:{password}@{host}:4000/test'
```

If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

4. In the `prisma/schema.prisma`, set up `mysql` as the connection provider and `env("DATABASE_URL")` as the connection URL:

```
datasource db {
  provider = "mysql"
  url      = env("DATABASE_URL")
}
```

Step 4. Initialize the database schema

Run following command to invoke Prisma Migrate to initialize the database with the data models defined in `prisma/prisma.schema`.

```
npx prisma migrate dev
```

Data models defined in `prisma.schema`:

```
// Define a Player model, which represents the `players` table.
model Player {
  id       Int     @id @default(autoincrement())
  name     String  @unique(map: "uk_player_on_name") @db.VarChar(50)
  coins    Decimal @default(0)
  goods    Int     @default(0)
  createdAt DateTime @default(now()) @map("created_at")
  profile  Profile?

  @@map("players")
}

// Define a Profile model, which represents the `profiles` table.
model Profile {
  playerId Int   @id @map("player_id")
  biography String @db.Text

  // Define a 1:1 relation between the `Player` and `Profile` models with
     ↪ foreign key.
```

```
  player   Player @relation(fields: [playerId], references: [id], onDelete:
     ↪ Cascade, map: "fk_profile_on_player_id")

  @@map("profiles")
}
```

To learn how to define data models in Prisma, please check the Data model documentation.

Expected execution output:

```
Your database is now in sync with your schema.

  Generated Prisma Client (5.1.1 | library) to ./node_modules/@prisma/client
    ↪  in 54ms
```

This command will also generate Prisma Client for TiDB database accessing based on the `prisma/prisma.schema`.

Step 5: Run the code

Run the following command to execute the sample code:

```
npm start
```

Main logic in the sample code:

```
// Step 1. Import the auto-generated `@prisma/client` package.
import {Player, PrismaClient} from '@prisma/client';

async function main(): Promise<void> {
  // Step 2. Create a new `PrismaClient` instance.
  const prisma = new PrismaClient();
  try {

    // Step 3. Perform some CRUD operations with Prisma Client ...

  } finally {
    // Step 4. Disconnect Prisma Client.
    await prisma.$disconnect();
  }
}

void main();
```

Expected execution output:

If the connection is successful, the terminal will output the version of the TiDB cluster as follows:

```
 Connected to TiDB cluster! (TiDB version: 8.0.11-TiDB-v8.5.1)
  Created a new player with ID 1.
  Got Player 1: Player { id: 1, coins: 100, goods: 100 }
  Added 50 coins and 50 goods to player 1, now player 1 has 150 coins and
    ↪ 150 goods.
 Player 1 has been deleted.
```

4.3.4.3.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-nodejs-prisma-quickstart repository.

Insert data

The following query creates a single `Player` record, and returns the created `Player` object, which contains the `id` field generated by TiDB:

```
const player: Player = await prisma.player.create({
   data: {
      name: 'Alice',
      coins: 100,
      goods: 200,
      createdAt: new Date(),
   }
});
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

The following query returns a single `Player` object with ID `101` or `null` if no record is found:

```
const player: Player | null = prisma.player.findUnique({
   where: {
      id: 101,
   }
});
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

The following query adds `50` coins and `50` goods to the `Player` with ID `101`:

```
await prisma.player.update({
   where: {
      id: 101,
   },
   data: {
      coins: {
         increment: 50,
      },
      goods: {
         increment: 50,
      },
   }
});
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

The following query deletes the `Player` with ID `101`:

```
await prisma.player.delete({
   where: {
      id: 101,
   }
});
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.4.3.4 Useful notes

Foreign key constraints vs Prisma relation mode

To check referential integrity, you can use foreign key constraints or Prisma relation mode:

- Foreign key is a feature supported starting from TiDB v6.6.0, and generally available starting from v8.5.0. Foreign keys allow cross-table references of related data, while foreign key constraints ensure the consistency of related data.

> **Warning:**
> **Foreign keys are suitable for small and medium-volumes data scenarios.** Using foreign keys in large data volumes might lead to serious performance issues and could have unpredictable effects on the system. If you plan to use foreign keys, conduct thorough validation first and use them with caution.

- Prisma relation mode is the emulation of referential integrity in Prisma Client side. However, it should be noted that there are performance implications, as it requires additional database queries to maintain referential integrity.

4.3.4.4.3.5 Next steps

- Learn more usage of the ORM framework Prisma driver from the documentation of Prisma.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as: Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Query data, Transactions, SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.4.4.3.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.4.4 Connect to TiDB with Sequelize

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and Sequelize is a popular ORM framework for Node.js.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and Sequelize to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using Sequelize.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.4.4.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Node.js **18** or later.
- Git.

- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.4.4.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

> **Note**
>
> For complete code snippets and running instructions, refer to the tidb-samples/tidb-nodejs-sequelize-quickstart GitHub repository.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone git@github.com:tidb-samples/tidb-nodejs-sequelize-quickstart.git
cd tidb-nodejs-sequelize-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including `sequelize`) for the sample app:

```
npm install
```

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`

- **Branch** is set to `main`
- **Connect With** is set to `General`
- **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Note**
>
> In Node.js applications, you don't have to provide an SSL CA certificate, because Node.js uses the built-in Mozilla CA certificate by default when establishing the TLS (SSL) connection.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip**
>
> If you have generated a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

6. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters on the connection dialog:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
TIDB_ENABLE_SSL='true'
```

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters on the connection dialog:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{user}'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
TIDB_ENABLE_SSL='true'
TIDB_CA_PATH='{path/to/ca}'
```

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters on the connection dialog:

```
TIDB_HOST='{host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
```

   If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Run the sample app

Run the following command to execute the sample code:

```
npm start
```

Expected output(partial):

```
INFO (app/10117): Getting sequelize instance...
Executing (default): SELECT 1+1 AS result
Executing (default): DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `players`;
```

```
Executing (default): CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `players` (`id` INTEGER NOT
    ↪ NULL auto_increment COMMENT 'The unique ID of the player.', `coins`
    ↪ INTEGER NOT NULL COMMENT 'The number of coins that the player had.',
    ↪ `goods` INTEGER NOT NULL COMMENT 'The number of goods that the player
    ↪  had.', `createdAt` DATETIME NOT NULL, `updatedAt` DATETIME NOT NULL,
    ↪  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)) ENGINE=InnoDB;
Executing (default): SHOW INDEX FROM `players`
Executing (default): INSERT INTO `players` (`id`,`coins`,`goods`,`createdAt
    ↪ `,`updatedAt`) VALUES (1,100,100,'2023-08-31 09:10:11','2023-08-31
    ↪ 09:10:11'),(2,200,200,'2023-08-31 09:10:11','2023-08-31 09:10:11')
    ↪ ,(3,300,300,'2023-08-31 09:10:11','2023-08-31 09:10:11')
    ↪ ,(4,400,400,'2023-08-31 09:10:11','2023-08-31 09:10:11')
    ↪ ,(5,500,500,'2023-08-31 09:10:11','2023-08-31 09:10:11');
Executing (default): SELECT `id`, `coins`, `goods`, `createdAt`, `updatedAt`
    ↪  FROM `players` AS `players` WHERE `players`.`coins` > 300;
Executing (default): UPDATE `players` SET `coins`=?,`goods`=?,`updatedAt`=?
    ↪ WHERE `id` = ?
Executing (default): DELETE FROM `players` WHERE `id` = 6
```

4.3.4.4.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-nodejs-sequelize-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

The following code establish a connection to TiDB with options defined in the environment variables:

```
// src/lib/tidb.ts
import { Sequelize } from 'sequelize';

export function initSequelize() {
  return new Sequelize({
    dialect: 'mysql',
    host: process.env.TIDB_HOST || 'localhost', // TiDB host, for example: {
       ↪ gateway-region}.aws.tidbcloud.com
    port: Number(process.env.TIDB_PORT) || 4000, // TiDB port, default: 4000
    username: process.env.TIDB_USER || 'root', // TiDB user, for example: {
       ↪ prefix}.root
    password: process.env.TIDB_PASSWORD || 'root', // TiDB password
    database: process.env.TIDB_DB_NAME || 'test', // TiDB database name,
       ↪ default: test
    dialectOptions: {
```

```
    ssl:
      process.env?.TIDB_ENABLE_SSL === 'true' // (Optional) Enable SSL
        ? {
            minVersion: 'TLSv1.2',
            rejectUnauthorized: true,
            ca: process.env.TIDB_CA_PATH     // (Optional) Path to the
               ↪ custom CA certificate
              ? readFileSync(process.env.TIDB_CA_PATH)
              : undefined,
          }
        : null,
  },
}

export async function getSequelize() {
  if (!sequelize) {
    sequelize = initSequelize();
    try {
      await sequelize.authenticate();
      logger.info('Connection has been established successfully.');
    } catch (error) {
      logger.error('Unable to connect to the database:');
      logger.error(error);
      throw error;
    }
  }
  return sequelize;
}
```

Insert data

The following query creates a single `Players` record and returns a `Players` object:

```
logger.info('Creating a new player...');
const newPlayer = await playersModel.create({
  id: 6,
  coins: 600,
  goods: 600,
});
logger.info('Created a new player.');
logger.info(newPlayer.toJSON());
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

The following query returns a single `Players` record those coins are greater than 300:

```
logger.info('Reading all players with coins > 300...');
const allPlayersWithCoinsGreaterThan300 = await playersModel.findAll({
  where: {
    coins: {
      [Op.gt]: 300,
    },
  },
});
logger.info('Read all players with coins > 300.');
logger.info(allPlayersWithCoinsGreaterThan300.map((p) => p.toJSON()));
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

The following query set `700` coins and `700` goods to the `Players` with ID `6` that was created in the Insert data section:

```
logger.info('Updating the new player...');
await newPlayer.update({ coins: 700, goods: 700 });
logger.info('Updated the new player.');
logger.info(newPlayer.toJSON());
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

The following query deletes the `Player` record with ID `6` that was created in the Insert data section:

```
logger.info('Deleting the new player...');
await newPlayer.destroy();
const deletedNewPlayer = await playersModel.findByPk(6);
logger.info('Deleted the new player.');
logger.info(deletedNewPlayer?.toJSON());
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.4.4.4 Next steps

- Learn more usage of the ORM framework Sequelize driver from the documentation of Sequelize.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.4.4.5 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.4.5 Connect to TiDB with TypeORM

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and TypeORM is a popular open-source ORM framework for Node.js.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and TypeORM to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using TypeORM.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.4.5.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Node.js >= 16.x installed on your machine.
- Git installed on your machine.
- A TiDB cluster running.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.4.5.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-nodejs-typeorm-quickstart.git
cd tidb-nodejs-typeorm-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including `typeorm` and `mysql2`) for the sample app:

```
npm install
```

Install dependencies to an existing project

For your existing project, run the following command to install the packages:

- `typeorm`: the ORM framework for Node.js.
- `mysql2`: the MySQL driver for Node.js. You can also use the `mysql` driver.
- `dotenv`: loads environment variables from the `.env` file.
- `typescript`: compiles TypeScript code to JavaScript.
- `ts-node`: runs TypeScript code directly without compiling.
- `@types/node`: provides TypeScript type definitions for Node.js.

```
npm install typeorm mysql2 dotenv --save
npm install @types/node ts-node typescript --save-dev
```

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.
    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
    - **Branch** is set to `main`.
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`.
    - **Operating System** matches the operating system where you run the application.
4. If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.
5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

    ```
    cp .env.example .env
    ```

6. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters on the connection dialog:

```
TIDB_HOST={host}
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USER={user}
TIDB_PASSWORD={password}
TIDB_DATABASE=test
TIDB_ENABLE_SSL=true
```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless, you **MUST** enable TLS connection via `TIDB_ENABLE_SSL` when using public endpoint.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.
4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters on the connection dialog:

```
TIDB_HOST={host}
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USER={user}
TIDB_PASSWORD={password}
TIDB_DATABASE=test
TIDB_ENABLE_SSL=true
TIDB_CA_PATH={downloaded_ssl_ca_path}
```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Dedicated, it is **RECOMMENDED** to enable TLS connection via `TIDB_ENABLE_SSL` when using public endpoint. When you set up `TIDB_ENABLE_SSL=true`, you **MUST** specify the path of the CA certificate downloaded from connection dialog via `TIDB_CA_PATH=/path/to/ca.pem`.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters of your TiDB cluster:

```
TIDB_HOST={host}
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USER=root
TIDB_PASSWORD={password}
TIDB_DATABASE=test
```

   If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Initialize the database schema

Run the following command to invoke TypeORM CLI to initialize the database with the SQL statements written in the migration files in the `src/migrations` folder:

```
npm run migration:run
```

Expected execution output

The following SQL statements create a `players` table and a `profiles` table, and the two tables are associated through foreign keys.

```
query: SELECT VERSION() AS `version`
query: SELECT * FROM `INFORMATION_SCHEMA`.`COLUMNS` WHERE `TABLE_SCHEMA` =
    ↪ 'test' AND `TABLE_NAME` = 'migrations'
query: CREATE TABLE `migrations` (`id` int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT, `
    ↪ timestamp` bigint NOT NULL, `name` varchar(255) NOT NULL, PRIMARY
    ↪ KEY (`id`)) ENGINE=InnoDB
```

```
query: SELECT * FROM `test`.`migrations` `migrations` ORDER BY `id` DESC
0 migrations are already loaded in the database.
1 migrations were found in the source code.
1 migrations are new migrations must be executed.
query: START TRANSACTION
query: CREATE TABLE `profiles` (`player_id` int NOT NULL, `biography` text
    ↪ NOT NULL, PRIMARY KEY (`player_id`)) ENGINE=InnoDB
query: CREATE TABLE `players` (`id` int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT, `name`
    ↪ varchar(50) NOT NULL, `coins` decimal NOT NULL, `goods` int NOT NULL,
    ↪  `created_at` datetime NOT NULL, `profilePlayerId` int NULL, UNIQUE
    ↪ INDEX `uk_players_on_name` (`name`), UNIQUE INDEX `REL_
    ↪ b9666644b90ccc5065993425ef` (`profilePlayerId`), PRIMARY KEY (`id`))
    ↪ ENGINE=InnoDB
query: ALTER TABLE `players` ADD CONSTRAINT `fk_profiles_on_player_id`
    ↪ FOREIGN KEY (`profilePlayerId`) REFERENCES `profiles`(`player_id`) ON
    ↪  DELETE NO ACTION ON UPDATE NO ACTION
query: INSERT INTO `test`.`migrations`(`timestamp`, `name`) VALUES (?, ?)
    ↪ -- PARAMETERS: [1693814724825,"Init1693814724825"]
Migration Init1693814724825 has been executed successfully.
query: COMMIT
```

Migration files are generated from the entities defined in the `src/entities` folder. To learn how to define entities in TypeORM, refer to TypeORM: Entities.

Step 5: Run the code and check the result

Run the following command to execute the sample code:

```
npm start
```

Expected execution output:

If the connection is successful, the terminal will output the version of the TiDB cluster as follows:

```
 Connected to TiDB cluster! (TiDB version: 8.0.11-TiDB-v8.5.1)
  Created a new player with ID 2.
  Got Player 2: Player { id: 2, coins: 100, goods: 100 }
  Added 50 coins and 50 goods to player 2, now player 2 has 100 coins and
    ↪ 150 goods.
 Deleted 1 player data.
```

4.3.4.5.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-nodejs-typeorm-quickstart repository.

Connect with connection options

The following code establishes a connection to TiDB with options defined in the environment variables:

```
// src/dataSource.ts

// Load environment variables from .env file to process.env.
require('dotenv').config();

export const AppDataSource = new DataSource({
  type: "mysql",
  host: process.env.TIDB_HOST || '127.0.0.1',
  port: process.env.TIDB_PORT ? Number(process.env.TIDB_PORT) : 4000,
  username: process.env.TIDB_USER || 'root',
  password: process.env.TIDB_PASSWORD || '',
  database: process.env.TIDB_DATABASE || 'test',
  ssl: process.env.TIDB_ENABLE_SSL === 'true' ? {
    minVersion: 'TLSv1.2',
    ca: process.env.TIDB_CA_PATH ? fs.readFileSync(process.env.TIDB_CA_PATH)
      ↪  : undefined
  } : null,
  synchronize: process.env.NODE_ENV === 'development',
  logging: false,
  entities: [Player, Profile],
  migrations: [__dirname + "/migrations/**/*{.ts,.js}"],
});
```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless, you MUST enable TLS connection when using public endpoint. In this sample code, please set up the environment variable `TIDB_ENABLE_SSL` in the `.env` file to `true`.
>
> However, you **don't** have to specify an SSL CA certificate via `TIDB_CA_PATH`, because Node.js uses the built-in Mozilla CA certificate by default, which is trusted by TiDB Cloud Serverless.

Insert data

The following query creates a single `Player` record, and returns the created `Player` object, which contains the `id` field generated by TiDB:

```
const player = new Player('Alice', 100, 100);
await this.dataSource.manager.save(player);
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

The following query returns a single `Player` object with ID 101 or `null` if no record is found:

```
const player: Player | null = await this.dataSource.manager.findOneBy(Player
    ↪ , {
  id: id
});
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

The following query adds `50` goods to the `Player` with ID `101`:

```
const player = await this.dataSource.manager.findOneBy(Player, {
  id: 101
});
player.goods += 50;
await this.dataSource.manager.save(player);
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

The following query deletes the `Player` with ID `101`:

```
await this.dataSource.manager.delete(Player, {
  id: 101
});
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

Execute raw SQL queries

The following query executes a raw SQL statement (`SELECT VERSION()AS tidb_ ↪ version;`) and returns the version of the TiDB cluster:

```
const rows = await dataSource.query('SELECT VERSION() AS tidb_version;');
console.log(rows[0]['tidb_version']);
```

For more information, refer to TypeORM: DataSource API.

4.3.4.5.4 Useful notes

Foreign key constraints

Using foreign key constraints ensures the referential integrity of data by adding checks on the database side. However, this might lead to serious performance issues in scenarios with large data volumes.

You can control whether foreign key constraints are created when constructing relationships between entities by using the `createForeignKeyConstraints` option (default value is `true`).

```
@Entity()
export class ActionLog {
    @PrimaryColumn()
    id: number

    @ManyToOne((type) => Person, {
        createForeignKeyConstraints: false,
    })
    person: Person
}
```

For more information, refer to the TypeORM FAQ and Foreign key constraints.

4.3.4.5.5 Next steps

- Learn more usage of TypeORM from the documentation of TypeORM.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as: Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Query data, Transactions, SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.4.5.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.4.6 Connect to TiDB with mysql2 in Next.js

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and mysql2 is a popular open-source driver for Node.js.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and mysql2 in Next.js to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.

- Connect to your TiDB cluster using mysql2.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.4.6.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Node.js **18** or later.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.4.6.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

> **Note**
>
> For complete code snippets and running instructions, refer to the tidb-nextjs-vercel-quickstart GitHub repository.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone git@github.com:tidb-samples/tidb-nextjs-vercel-quickstart.git
cd tidb-nextjs-vercel-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including `mysql2`) for the sample app:

```
npm install
```

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Note**
>
> In Node.js applications, you do not have to provide an SSL CA certificate, because Node.js uses the built-in Mozilla CA certificate by default when establishing the TLS (SSL) connection.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip**
>
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
# Linux
cp .env.example .env
```

```
# Windows
Copy-Item ".env.example" -Destination ".env"
```

6. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{gateway-region}.aws.tidbcloud.com'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='{prefix}.root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
```

Replace the placeholders in `{}` with the values obtained in the connection dialog.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
# Linux
cp .env.example .env
```

```
# Windows
Copy-Item ".env.example" -Destination ".env"
```

2. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into the `.env` file. The example result is as follows:

```
TIDB_HOST='{tidb_server_host}'
TIDB_PORT='4000'
TIDB_USER='root'
TIDB_PASSWORD='{password}'
TIDB_DB_NAME='test'
```

Replace the placeholders in `{}` with the values obtained in the **Connect** window. If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Run the code and check the result

1. Start the application:

```
bash   npm run dev
```

2. Open your browser and visit `http://localhost:3000`. (Check your terminal for the actual port number, and the default is `3000`.)

3. Click **RUN SQL** to execute the sample code.

4. Check the output in the terminal. If the output is similar to the following, the connection is successful:

```
json   {     "results": [     {         "Hello World": "Hello World"    }
↪      ]    }
```

4.3.4.6.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-nextjs-vercel-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

The following code establish a connection to TiDB with options defined in the environment variables:

```
// src/lib/tidb.js
import mysql from 'mysql2';

let pool = null;

export function connect() {
  return mysql.createPool({
    host: process.env.TIDB_HOST, // TiDB host, for example: {gateway-region
       ↪ }.aws.tidbcloud.com
    port: process.env.TIDB_PORT || 4000, // TiDB port, default: 4000
    user: process.env.TIDB_USER, // TiDB user, for example: {prefix}.root
    password: process.env.TIDB_PASSWORD, // The password of TiDB user.
    database: process.env.TIDB_DATABASE || 'test', // TiDB database name,
       ↪ default: test
    ssl: {
      minVersion: 'TLSv1.2',
      rejectUnauthorized: true,
    },
    connectionLimit: 1, // Setting connectionLimit to "1" in a serverless
       ↪ function environment optimizes resource usage, reduces costs,
       ↪ ensures connection stability, and enables seamless scalability.
    maxIdle: 1, // max idle connections, the default value is the same as `
       ↪ connectionLimit`
    enableKeepAlive: true,
  });
}

export function getPool() {
  if (!pool) {
    pool = createPool();
  }
  return pool;
}
```

Insert data

The following query creates a single `Player` record and returns a `ResultSetHeader` object:

```
const [rsh] = await pool.query('INSERT INTO players (coins, goods) VALUES
    ↪ (?, ?);', [100, 100]);
console.log(rsh.insertId);
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

The following query returns a single `Player` record by ID `1`:

```
const [rows] = await pool.query('SELECT id, coins, goods FROM players WHERE
    ↪ id = ?;', [1]);
console.log(rows[0]);
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

The following query adds `50` coins and `50` goods to the `Player` with ID `1`:

```
const [rsh] = await pool.query(
    'UPDATE players SET coins = coins + ?, goods = goods + ? WHERE id = ?;',
    [50, 50, 1]
);
console.log(rsh.affectedRows);
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

The following query deletes the `Player` record with ID `1`:

```
const [rsh] = await pool.query('DELETE FROM players WHERE id = ?;', [1]);
console.log(rsh.affectedRows);
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.4.6.4 Useful notes

- Using connection pools to manage database connections can reduce the performance overhead caused by frequently establishing and destroying connections.
- To avoid SQL injection, it is recommended to use prepared statements.
- In scenarios where there are not many complex SQL statements involved, using ORM frameworks like Sequelize, TypeORM, or Prisma can greatly improve development efficiency.

4.3.4.6.5 Next steps

- For more details on how to build a complex application with ORM and Next.js, see our Bookshop Demo.
- Learn more usage of node-mysql2 driver from the documentation of node-mysql2.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.4.6.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.4.7 Connect to TiDB with mysql2 in AWS Lambda Function

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, AWS Lambda Function is a compute service, and mysql2 is a popular open-source driver for Node.js.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and mysql2 in AWS Lambda Function to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using mysql2.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.
- Deploy your AWS Lambda Function.

> **Note**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.4.7.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Node.js **18** or later.
- Git.
- A TiDB cluster.
- An AWS user with administrator permissions.
- AWS CLI

- AWS SAM CLI

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

If you don't have an AWS account or a user, you can create them by following the steps in the Getting Started with Lambda guide.

4.3.4.7.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

> **Note**
>
> For complete code snippets and running instructions, refer to the tidb-samples/tidb-aws-lambda-quickstart GitHub repository.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone git@github.com:tidb-samples/tidb-aws-lambda-quickstart.git
cd tidb-aws-lambda-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including `mysql2`) for the sample app:

```
npm install
```

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Note**
>
> In Node.js applications, you don't have to provide an SSL CA certificate, because Node.js uses the built-in Mozilla CA certificate by default when establishing the TLS (SSL) connection.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip**
>
> If you have generated a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into `env.json`. The following is an example:

```
{
  "Parameters": {
    "TIDB_HOST": "{gateway-region}.aws.tidbcloud.com",
    "TIDB_PORT": "4000",
    "TIDB_USER": "{prefix}.root",
    "TIDB_PASSWORD": "{password}"
  }
}
```

    Replace the placeholders in `{}` with the values obtained in the connection dialog.

Copy and paste the corresponding connection string into `env.json`. The following is an example:

```
{
  "Parameters": {
    "TIDB_HOST": "{tidb_server_host}",
    "TIDB_PORT": "4000",
    "TIDB_USER": "root",
    "TIDB_PASSWORD": "{password}"
  }
}
```

Replace the placeholders in `{}` with the values obtained in the **Connect** window.

Step 4: Run the code and check the result

1. (Prerequisite) Install the AWS SAM CLI.
2. Build the bundle:

```
npm run build
```

3. Invoke the sample Lambda function:

```
sam local invoke --env-vars env.json -e events/event.json "
    ↪ tidbHelloWorldFunction"
```

4. Check the output in the terminal. If the output is similar to the following, the connection is successful:

```
{"statusCode":200,"body":"{\"results\":[{\"Hello World\":\"Hello World\
    ↪ "}]}"}
```

After you confirm that the connection is successful, you can follow the next section to deploy the AWS Lambda Function.

4.3.4.7.3 Deploy the AWS Lambda Function

You can deploy the AWS Lambda Function using either the SAM CLI or the AWS Lambda console.

SAM CLI deployment (Recommended)

1. (Prerequisite) Install the AWS SAM CLI.
2. Build the bundle:

```
npm run build
```

3. Update the environment variables in `template.yml`:

```
Environment:
  Variables:
    TIDB_HOST: {tidb_server_host}
    TIDB_PORT: 4000
    TIDB_USER: {prefix}.root
    TIDB_PASSWORD: {password}
```

4. Set AWS environment variables (refer to Short-term credentials):

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID={your_access_key_id}
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY={your_secret_access_key}
export AWS_SESSION_TOKEN={your_session_token}
```

5. Deploy the AWS Lambda Function:

```
sam deploy --guided

# Example:

# Configuring SAM deploy
# ======================

#       Looking for config file [samconfig.toml] : Not found

#       Setting default arguments for 'sam deploy'
#       =========================================
#       Stack Name [sam-app]: tidb-aws-lambda-quickstart
#       AWS Region [us-east-1]:
#       #Shows you resources changes to be deployed and require a 'Y'
    ↪ to initiate deploy
#       Confirm changes before deploy [y/N]:
#       #SAM needs permission to be able to create roles to connect to
    ↪  the resources in your template
#       Allow SAM CLI IAM role creation [Y/n]:
#       #Preserves the state of previously provisioned resources when
    ↪ an operation fails
#       Disable rollback [y/N]:
#       tidbHelloWorldFunction may not have authorization defined, Is
    ↪ this okay? [y/N]: y
#       tidbHelloWorldFunction may not have authorization defined, Is
    ↪ this okay? [y/N]: y
#       tidbHelloWorldFunction may not have authorization defined, Is
    ↪ this okay? [y/N]: y
#       tidbHelloWorldFunction may not have authorization defined, Is
    ↪ this okay? [y/N]: y
#       Save arguments to configuration file [Y/n]:
#       SAM configuration file [samconfig.toml]:
#       SAM configuration environment [default]:

#       Looking for resources needed for deployment:
#       Creating the required resources...
#       Successfully created!
```

Web console deployment

1. Build the bundle:

```
npm run build

# Bundle for AWS Lambda
# =====================
# dist/index.zip
```

2. Visit the AWS Lambda console.
3. Follow the steps in Creating a Lambda function to create a Node.js Lambda function.
4. Follow the steps in Lambda deployment packages and upload the `dist/index.zip` file.
5. Copy and configure the corresponding connection string in Lambda Function.
    1. In the Functions page of the Lambda console, select the **Configuration** tab, and then choose **Environment variables**.
    2. Choose **Edit**.
    3. To add your database access credentials, do the following:
        - Choose **Add environment variable**, then for **Key** enter `TIDB_HOST` and for **Value** enter the host name.
        - Choose **Add environment variable**, then for **Key** enter `TIDB_PORT` and for **Value** enter the port (4000 is default).
        - Choose **Add environment variable**, then for **Key** enter `TIDB_USER` and for **Value** enter the user name.
        - Choose **Add environment variable**, then for **Key** enter `TIDB_PASSWORD` and for **Value** enter the password you chose when you created your database.
        - Choose **Save**.

4.3.4.7.4 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-aws-lambda-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB

The following code establish a connection to TiDB with options defined in the environment variables:

```
// lib/tidb.ts
import mysql from 'mysql2';
```

```
let pool: mysql.Pool | null = null;

function connect() {
  return mysql.createPool({
    host: process.env.TIDB_HOST, // TiDB host, for example: {gateway-region
       ↪ }.aws.tidbcloud.com
    port: process.env.TIDB_PORT ? Number(process.env.TIDB_PORT) : 4000, //
       ↪ TiDB port, default: 4000
    user: process.env.TIDB_USER, // TiDB user, for example: {prefix}.root
    password: process.env.TIDB_PASSWORD, // TiDB password
    database: process.env.TIDB_DATABASE || 'test', // TiDB database name,
       ↪ default: test
    ssl: {
      minVersion: 'TLSv1.2',
      rejectUnauthorized: true,
    },
    connectionLimit: 1, // Setting connectionLimit to "1" in a serverless
       ↪ function environment optimizes resource usage, reduces costs,
       ↪ ensures connection stability, and enables seamless scalability.
    maxIdle: 1, // max idle connections, the default value is the same as `
       ↪ connectionLimit`
    enableKeepAlive: true,
  });
}

export function getPool(): mysql.Pool {
  if (!pool) {
    pool = connect();
  }
  return pool;
}
```

Insert data

The following query creates a single `Player` record and returns a `ResultSetHeader` object:

```
const [rsh] = await pool.query('INSERT INTO players (coins, goods) VALUES
   ↪ (?, ?);', [100, 100]);
console.log(rsh.insertId);
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

The following query returns a single `Player` record by ID `1`:

```
const [rows] = await pool.query('SELECT id, coins, goods FROM players WHERE
    ↪ id = ?;', [1]);
console.log(rows[0]);
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

The following query adds `50` coins and `50` goods to the `Player` with ID `1`:

```
const [rsh] = await pool.query(
    'UPDATE players SET coins = coins + ?, goods = goods + ? WHERE id = ?;',
    [50, 50, 1]
);
console.log(rsh.affectedRows);
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

The following query deletes the `Player` record with ID `1`:

```
const [rsh] = await pool.query('DELETE FROM players WHERE id = ?;', [1]);
console.log(rsh.affectedRows);
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.4.7.5 Useful notes

- Using connection pools to manage database connections can reduce the performance overhead caused by frequently establishing and destroying connections.
- To avoid SQL injection, it is recommended to use prepared statements.
- In scenarios where there are not many complex SQL statements involved, using ORM frameworks like Sequelize, TypeORM, or Prisma can greatly improve development efficiency.
- For building a RESTful API for your application, it is recommended to use AWS Lambda with API Gateway.
- For designing high-performance applications using TiDB Cloud Serverless and AWS Lambda, refer to this blog.

4.3.4.7.6 Next steps

- For more details on how to use TiDB in AWS Lambda Function, see our TiDB-Lambda-integration/aws-lambda-bookstore Demo. You can also use AWS API Gateway to build a RESTful API for your application.
- Learn more usage of `mysql2` from the documentation of `mysql2`.
- Learn more usage of AWS Lambda from the AWS developer guide of `Lambda`.

- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.4.7.7 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.3.5 Ruby

4.3.5.1 Connect to TiDB with mysql2

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and mysql2 is one of the most popular MySQL drivers for Ruby.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and mysql2 to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using mysql2.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.5.1.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Ruby >= 3.0 installed on your machine
- Bundler installed on your machine
- Git installed on your machine
- A TiDB cluster running

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.5.1.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-ruby-mysql2-quickstart.git
cd tidb-ruby-mysql2-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including `mysql2` and `dotenv`) for the sample app:

```
bundle install
```

Install dependencies for existing projects

For your existing project, run the following command to install the packages:

```
bundle add mysql2 dotenv
```

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

- **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
- **Branch** is set to `main`.
- **Connect With** is set to `General`.
- **Operating System** matches the operating system where you run the application.

4. If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.
5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

   ```
   cp .env.example .env
   ```

6. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, and replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters in the connection dialog:

```
DATABASE_HOST={host}
DATABASE_PORT=4000
DATABASE_USER={user}
DATABASE_PASSWORD={password}
DATABASE_NAME=test
DATABASE_ENABLE_SSL=true
```

Note

For TiDB Cloud Serverless, TLS connection **MUST** be enabled via `DATABASE_ENABLE_SSL` when using public endpoint.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.
4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, and replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with connection parameters in the connection dialog:

```
DATABASE_HOST={host}
DATABASE_PORT=4000
DATABASE_USER={user}
DATABASE_PASSWORD={password}
DATABASE_NAME=test
DATABASE_ENABLE_SSL=true
DATABASE_SSL_CA={downloaded_ssl_ca_path}
```

Note

It is recommended to enable TLS connection when using the public endpoint to connect to a TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

To enable TLS connection, modify `DATABASE_ENABLE_SSL` to `true` and use `DATABASE_SSL_CA` to specify the file path of CA certificate downloaded from the connection dialog.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Edit the `.env` file, set up the environment variables as follows, and replace the corresponding placeholders `{}` with your own TiDB connection information:

```
DATABASE_HOST={host}
DATABASE_PORT=4000
DATABASE_USER={user}
DATABASE_PASSWORD={password}
DATABASE_NAME=test
```

If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Run the code and check the result

Run the following command to execute the sample code:

```
ruby app.rb
```

If the connection is successful, the console will output the version of the TiDB cluster as follows:

```
 Connected to TiDB cluster! (TiDB version: 8.0.11-TiDB-v8.5.1)
 Loading sample game data...
  Loaded sample game data.

  Created a new player with ID 12.
  Got Player 12: Player { id: 12, coins: 100, goods: 100 }
  Added 50 coins and 50 goods to player 12, updated 1 row.
 Deleted 1 player data.
```

4.3.5.1.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-ruby-mysql2-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB with connection options

The following code establishes a connection to TiDB with options defined in the environment variables:

```
require 'dotenv/load'
require 'mysql2'
Dotenv.load # Load the environment variables from the .env file

options = {
  host: ENV['DATABASE_HOST'] || '127.0.0.1',
  port: ENV['DATABASE_PORT'] || 4000,
  username: ENV['DATABASE_USER'] || 'root',
  password: ENV['DATABASE_PASSWORD'] || '',
  database: ENV['DATABASE_NAME'] || 'test'
}
options.merge(ssl_mode: :verify_identity) unless ENV['DATABASE_ENABLE_SSL']
    ↪  == 'false'
options.merge(sslca: ENV['DATABASE_SSL_CA']) if ENV['DATABASE_SSL_CA']
client = Mysql2::Client.new(options)
```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless, TLS connection **MUST** be enabled via `DATABASE_ENABLE_SSL` when using public endpoint, but you **don't** have to specify an SSL CA certificate via `DATABASE_SSL_CA`, because mysql2 gem will search for existing CA certificates in a particular order until a file is discovered.

Insert data

The following query creates a single player with two fields and returns the `last_insert_id`:

```
def create_player(client, coins, goods)
  result = client.query(
    "INSERT INTO players (coins, goods) VALUES (#{coins}, #{goods});"
  )
```

```
  client.last_id
end
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

The following query returns the record of a specific player by ID:

```
def get_player_by_id(client, id)
  result = client.query(
    "SELECT id, coins, goods FROM players WHERE id = #{id};"
  )
  result.first
end
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

The following query updated the record of a specific player by ID:

```
def update_player(client, player_id, inc_coins, inc_goods)
  result = client.query(
    "UPDATE players SET coins = coins + #{inc_coins}, goods = goods + #{inc_
      ↪ goods} WHERE id = #{player_id};"
  )
  client.affected_rows
end
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

The following query deletes the record of a specific player:

```
def delete_player_by_id(client, id)
  result = client.query(
    "DELETE FROM players WHERE id = #{id};"
  )
  client.affected_rows
end
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.5.1.4 Best practices

By default, the mysql2 gem can search for existing CA certificates in a particular order until a file is discovered.

1. `/etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt` for Debian, Ubuntu, Gentoo, Arch, or Slackware
2. `/etc/pki/tls/certs/ca-bundle.crt` for RedHat, Fedora, CentOS, Mageia, Vercel, or Netlify
3. `/etc/ssl/ca-bundle.pem` for OpenSUSE
4. `/etc/ssl/cert.pem` for macOS or Alpine (docker container)

While it is possible to specify the CA certificate path manually, doing so might cause significant inconvenience in multi-environment deployment scenarios, because different machines and environments might store the CA certificate in different locations. Therefore, setting `sslca` to `nil` is recommended for flexibility and ease of deployment across different environments.

4.3.5.1.5 Next steps

- Learn more usage of mysql2 driver from the documentation of mysql2.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as: Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Query data, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.5.1.6 Need help?

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4.3.5.2 Connect to TiDB with Rails Framework and ActiveRecord ORM

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, Rails is a popular web application framework written in Ruby, and ActiveRecord ORM is the object-relational mapping in Rails.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to use TiDB and Rails to accomplish the following tasks:

- Set up your environment.
- Connect to your TiDB cluster using Rails.
- Build and run your application. Optionally, you can find sample code snippets for basic CRUD operations using ActiveRecord ORM.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial works with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.3.5.2.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Ruby >= 3.0 installed on your machine
- Bundler installed on your machine
- Git installed on your machine
- A TiDB cluster running

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.3.5.2.2 Run the sample app to connect to TiDB

This section demonstrates how to run the sample application code and connect to TiDB.

Step 1: Clone the sample app repository

Run the following commands in your terminal window to clone the sample code repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tidb-samples/tidb-ruby-rails-quickstart.git
cd tidb-ruby-rails-quickstart
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

Run the following command to install the required packages (including `mysql2` and `dotenv`) for the sample app:

```
bundle install
```

Install dependencies for existing projects

For your existing project, run the following command to install the packages:

```
bundle add mysql2 dotenv
```

Step 3: Configure connection information

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. In the connection dialog, select `Rails` from the **Connect With** drop-down list and keep the default setting of the **Connection Type** as `Public`.

4. If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.

5. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

6. Edit the `.env` file, set up the `DATABASE_URL` environment variable as follows, and copy the connection string from the connection dialog as the variable value.

```
DATABASE_URL='mysql2://{user}:{password}@{host}:{port}/{database_name}?
    ↪ ssl_mode=verify_identity'
```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless, TLS connection **MUST** be enabled with the `ssl_mode=verify_identity` query parameter when using public endpoint.

7. Save the `.env` file.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.

2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

5. Edit the `.env` file, set up the `DATABASE_URL` environment variable as follows, copy the connection string from the connection dialog as the variable value, and set the `sslca` query parameter to the file path of the CA certificate downloaded from the connection dialog:

```
DATABASE_URL='mysql2://{user}:{password}@{host}:{port}/{database}?ssl_
    ↪ mode=verify_identity&sslca=/path/to/ca.pem'
```

Note

It is recommended to enable TLS connection when using the public endpoint to connect to TiDB Cloud Dedicated.

To enable TLS connection, modify the value of the `ssl_mode` query parameter to `verify_identity` and the value of `sslca` to the file path of CA certificate downloaded from the connection dialog.

6. Save the `.env` file.

1. Run the following command to copy `.env.example` and rename it to `.env`:

```
cp .env.example .env
```

2. Edit the `.env` file, set up the `DATABASE_URL` environment variable as follows, and replace the `{user}`, `{password}`, `{host}`, `{port}`, and `{database}` with your own TiDB connection information:

```
DATABASE_URL='mysql2://{user}:{password}@{host}:{port}/{database}'
```

If you are running TiDB locally, the default host address is `127.0.0.1`, and the password is empty.

3. Save the `.env` file.

Step 4: Run the code and check the result

1. Create the database and table:

```
bundle exec rails db:create
bundle exec rails db:migrate
```

2. Seed the sample data:

```
bundle exec rails db:seed
```

3. Run the following command to execute the sample code:

```
bundle exec rails runner ./quickstart.rb
```

If the connection is successful, the console will output the version of the TiDB cluster as follows:

```
 Connected to TiDB cluster! (TiDB version: 8.0.11-TiDB-v8.5.1)
 Loading sample game data...
  Loaded sample game data.

  Created a new player with ID 12.
  Got Player 12: Player { id: 12, coins: 100, goods: 100 }
  Added 50 coins and 50 goods to player 12, updated 1 row.
 Deleted 1 player data.
```

4.3.5.2.3 Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

For complete sample code and how to run it, check out the tidb-samples/tidb-ruby-rails-quickstart repository.

Connect to TiDB with connection options

The following code in `config/database.yml` establishes a connection to TiDB with options defined in the environment variables:

```
default: &default
  adapter: mysql2
  encoding: utf8mb4
  pool: <%= ENV.fetch("RAILS_MAX_THREADS") { 5 } %>
  url: <%= ENV["DATABASE_URL"] %>

development:
  <<: *default

test:
  <<: *default
  database: quickstart_test

production:
  <<: *default
```

> **Note**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Serverless, TLS connection **MUST** be enabled via setting the `ssl_mode` query parameter to `verify_identity` in `DATABASE_URL` when using public endpoint, but you **don't** have to specify an SSL CA certificate via `DATABASE_URL`, because mysql2 gem will search for existing CA certificates in a particular order until a file is discovered.

Insert data

The following query creates a single Player with two fields and returns the created `Player` object:

```
new_player = Player.create!(coins: 100, goods: 100)
```

For more information, refer to Insert data.

Query data

The following query returns the record of a specific player by ID:

```
player = Player.find_by(id: new_player.id)
```

For more information, refer to Query data.

Update data

The following query updates a `Player` object:

```
player.update(coins: 50, goods: 50)
```

For more information, refer to Update data.

Delete data

The following query deletes a `Player` object:

```
player.destroy
```

For more information, refer to Delete data.

4.3.5.2.4 Best practices

By default, the mysql2 gem (used by ActiveRecord ORM to connect TiDB) will search for existing CA certificates in a particular order until a file is discovered.

1. /etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt # Debian / Ubuntu / Gentoo / Arch / Slackware

2. /etc/pki/tls/certs/ca-bundle.crt # RedHat / Fedora / CentOS / Mageia / Vercel / Netlify
3. /etc/ssl/ca-bundle.pem # OpenSUSE
4. /etc/ssl/cert.pem # MacOS / Alpine (docker container)

While it is possible to specify the CA certificate path manually, this approach may cause significant inconvenience in multi-environment deployment scenarios, as different machines and environments may store the CA certificate in varying locations. Therefore, setting `sslca` to `nil` is recommended for flexibility and ease of deployment across different environments.

4.3.5.2.5 Next steps

- Learn more usage of ActiveRecord ORM from the documentation of ActiveRecord.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as: Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Query data, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.3.5.2.6 Need help?

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4.3.6 C

4.3.6.1 Connect to TiDB with C#

C# (pronounced "C-Sharp") is one of the programming languages in the .NET family, developed by Microsoft. Other .NET languages include VB.NET and F#. In this tutorial, you will use C# along with MySQL Connector/NET to connect a C# application to TiDB using the MySQL protocol. This works because TiDB is highly compatible with MySQL.

While .NET is commonly used on Windows, it is also available for macOS and Linux. Across all platforms, the commands and code are largely the same, with only minor differences in prompts and file paths.

4.3.6.1.1 Prerequisites

- Download the .NET 9.0 SDK.
- This tutorial uses the `dotnet` command-line tool. Alternatively, you can use the Visual Studio Code IDE to work with C# code.
- To complete this tutorial, you need access to a TiDB instance. You can use a TiDB Cloud Serverless or TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster on TiDB Cloud, or a TiDB Self-Managed cluster, such as one started using `tiup playground`.

4.3.6.1.2 Step 1. Set up a console project

Create a new project using the `console` template. This will generate a new directory named `tidb_cs`. Before running the following command, either navigate to the location where you want this directory to be created, or specify a full path.

```
$ dotnet new console -o tidb_cs
The template "Console App" was created successfully.

Processing post-creation actions...
Restoring /home/dvaneeden/tidb_cs/tidb_cs.csproj:
Restore succeeded.
```

4.3.6.1.3 Step 2. Add the MySql.Data package

The package manager for .NET is called NuGet. The NuGet package name for MySQL Connector/NET is MySql.Data, which provides support for the MySQL protocol in .NET applications. If you do not specify a version, NuGet installs the latest stable version (for example, version 9.3.0).

```
$ cd tidb_cs
$ dotnet add package MySql.Data

Build succeeded in 1.0s
info : X.509 certificate chain validation will use the system certificate
    ↪ bundle at '/etc/pki/ca-trust/extracted/pem/objsign-ca-bundle.pem'.
info : X.509 certificate chain validation will use the fallback certificate
    ↪ bundle at '/usr/lib64/dotnet/sdk/9.0.106/trustedroots/timestampctl.
    ↪ pem'.
info : Adding PackageReference for package 'MySql.Data' into project '/home/
    ↪ dvaneeden/tidb_cs/tidb_cs.csproj'.
info :   GET https://api.nuget.org/v3/registration5-gz-semver2/mysql.data/
    ↪ index.json
info :   OK https://api.nuget.org/v3/registration5-gz-semver2/mysql.data/
    ↪ index.json 133ms
info : Restoring packages for /home/dvaneeden/tidb_cs/tidb_cs.csproj...
info :   GET https://api.nuget.org/v3/vulnerabilities/index.json
info :   OK https://api.nuget.org/v3/vulnerabilities/index.json 98ms
info :   GET https://api.nuget.org/v3-vulnerabilities/2025.06.18.05.40.02/
    ↪ vulnerability.base.json
info :   GET https://api.nuget.org/v3-vulnerabilities
    ↪ /2025.06.18.05.40.02/2025.06.19.11.40.05/vulnerability.update.json
info :   OK https://api.nuget.org/v3-vulnerabilities/2025.06.18.05.40.02/
    ↪ vulnerability.base.json 32ms
info :   OK https://api.nuget.org/v3-vulnerabilities
    ↪ /2025.06.18.05.40.02/2025.06.19.11.40.05/vulnerability.update.json 64
```

```
    ↪ ms
info : Package 'MySql.Data' is compatible with all the specified frameworks
    ↪ in project '/home/dvaneeden/tidb_cs/tidb_cs.csproj'.
info : PackageReference for package 'MySql.Data' version '9.3.0' added to
    ↪ file '/home/dvaneeden/tidb_cs/tidb_cs.csproj'.
info : Generating MSBuild file /home/dvaneeden/tidb_cs/obj/tidb_cs.csproj.
    ↪ nuget.g.targets.
info : Writing assets file to disk. Path: /home/dvaneeden/tidb_cs/obj/
    ↪ project.assets.json
log  : Restored /home/dvaneeden/tidb_cs/tidb_cs.csproj (in 551 ms).
```

4.3.6.1.4 Step 3. Update the code

Replace the "Hello World" example in `Program.cs` with the following code.

```
using System;
using MySql.Data.MySqlClient;
public class Tutorial1
{
    public static void Main()
    {
        // For production, always use strong, unique passwords.
        string connStr = "server=127.0.0.1;user=root;database=test;port=4000;
            ↪ AllowUserVariables=true";
        MySqlConnection conn = new MySqlConnection(connStr);
        try
        {
            Console.WriteLine("Connecting to TiDB...\n");
            conn.Open();
        }
        catch (Exception ex)
        {
            Console.WriteLine(ex.ToString());
            Environment.Exit(1);
        }

        Console.WriteLine("Connected to: " + conn.ServerVersion);

        MySqlCommand cmd = new MySqlCommand("SELECT TIDB_VERSION()", conn);

        MySqlDataReader rdr = cmd.ExecuteReader();

        rdr.Read();
        Console.WriteLine("\nVersion details:\n" + rdr[0]);
        rdr.Close();
```

```
        conn.Close();
        Console.WriteLine("Done.");
    }
}
```

This connects to a TiDB instance on the specified IP and port. If you use TiDB Cloud, replace connection string parameters (such as hostname, port, user, and password) with the details provided in the TiDB Cloud console.

The code connects to the database, prints its version, then executes a SQL query using `TIDB_VERSION()` to retrieve more detailed version information, and finally prints this result.

4.3.6.1.5 Step 4. Run the program

```
$ dotnet run
Connecting to TiDB...

Connected to: 8.0.11-TiDB-v8.5.2

Version details:
Release Version: v8.5.2
Edition: Community
Git Commit Hash: f43a13324440f92209e2a9f04c0bbe9cf763978d
Git Branch: HEAD
UTC Build Time: 2025-05-29 03:30:55
GoVersion: go1.23.8
Race Enabled: false
Check Table Before Drop: false
Store: tikv
Done.
```

4.4 Connect to TiDB

4.4.1 GUI Database Tools

4.4.1.1 Connect to TiDB with JetBrains DataGrip

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and JetBrains DataGrip is a powerful integrated development environment (IDE) for database and SQL. This tutorial walks you through the process of connecting to your TiDB cluster using DataGrip.

Note:

This tutorial is compatible with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

You can use DataGrip in two ways:

- As the DataGrip IDE standalone tool.
- As the Database Tools and SQL plugin in JetBrains IDEs, such as IntelliJ, PhpStorm, and PyCharm.

This tutorial mainly focuses on the standalone DataGrip IDE. The steps of connecting to TiDB using the JetBrains Database Tools and SQL plugin in JetBrains IDEs are similar. You can also follow the steps in this document for reference when connecting to TiDB from any JetBrains IDE.

4.4.1.1.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- DataGrip **2023.2.1** or later or a non-community edition JetBrains IDE.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.4.1.1.2 Connect to TiDB

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.
    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`

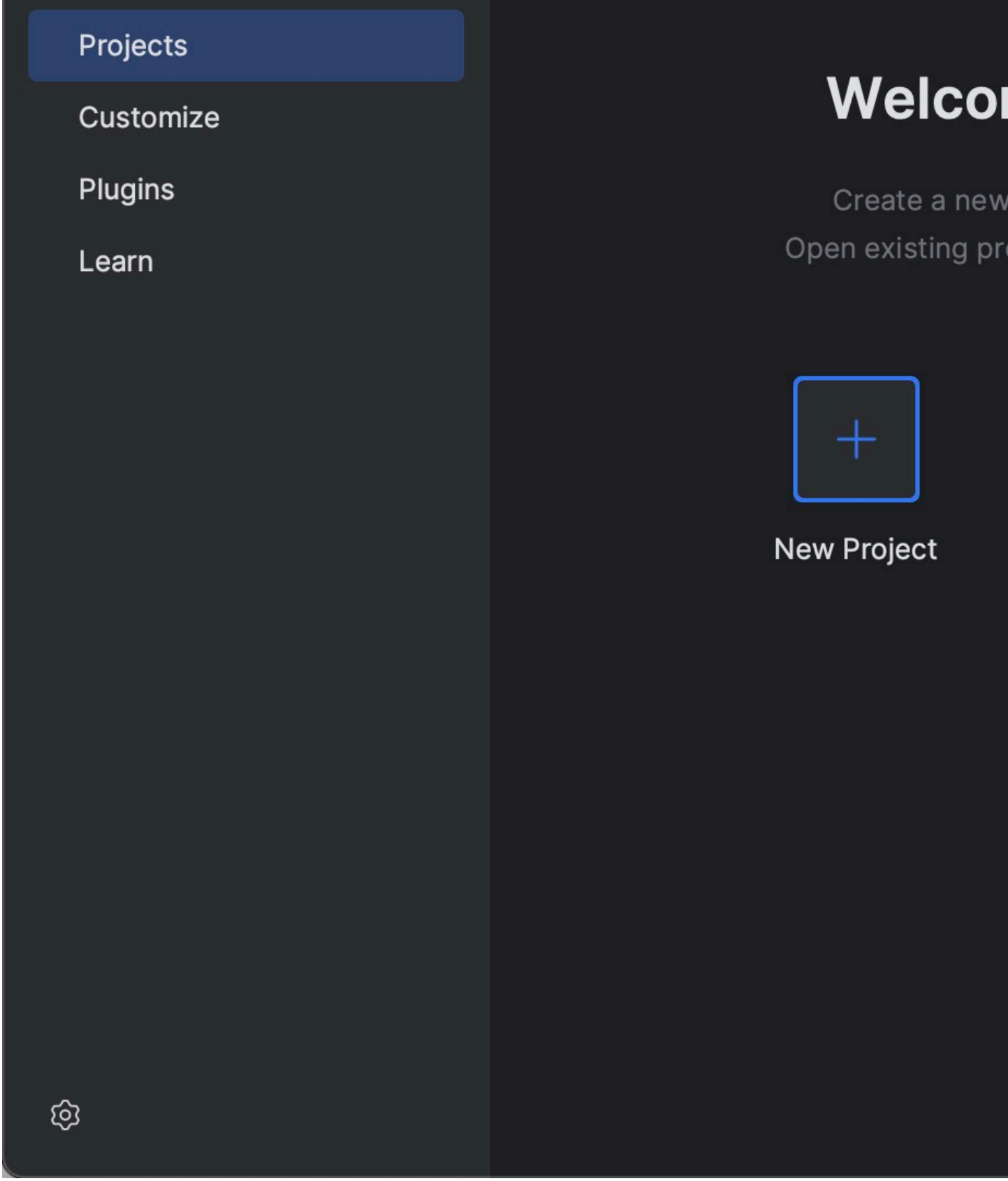

Figure 1: Create a project in DataGrip

6. In the newly created project, click + in the upper-left corner of the **Database Explorer** panel, and select **Data Source** > **Other** > **TiDB**.



Figure 2: Select a data source in DataGrip

7. Copy the connection string from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog. Then, paste it into the **URL** field, and the remaining parameters will be auto-populated. An example result is as follows:

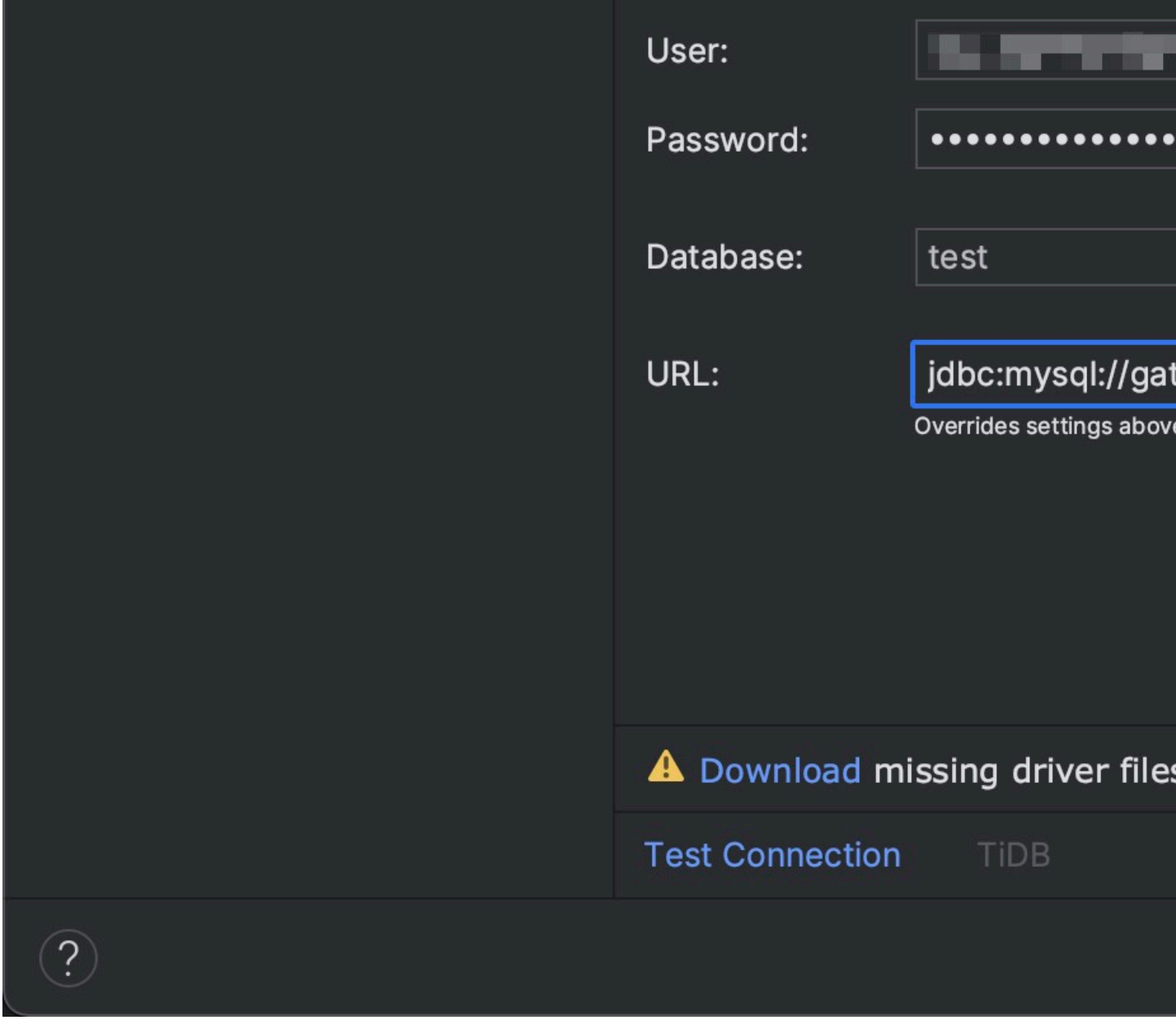

Figure 3: Configure the URL field for TiDB Cloud Serverless

If a **Download missing driver files** warning displays, click **Download** to acquire the driver files.

8. Click **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster.

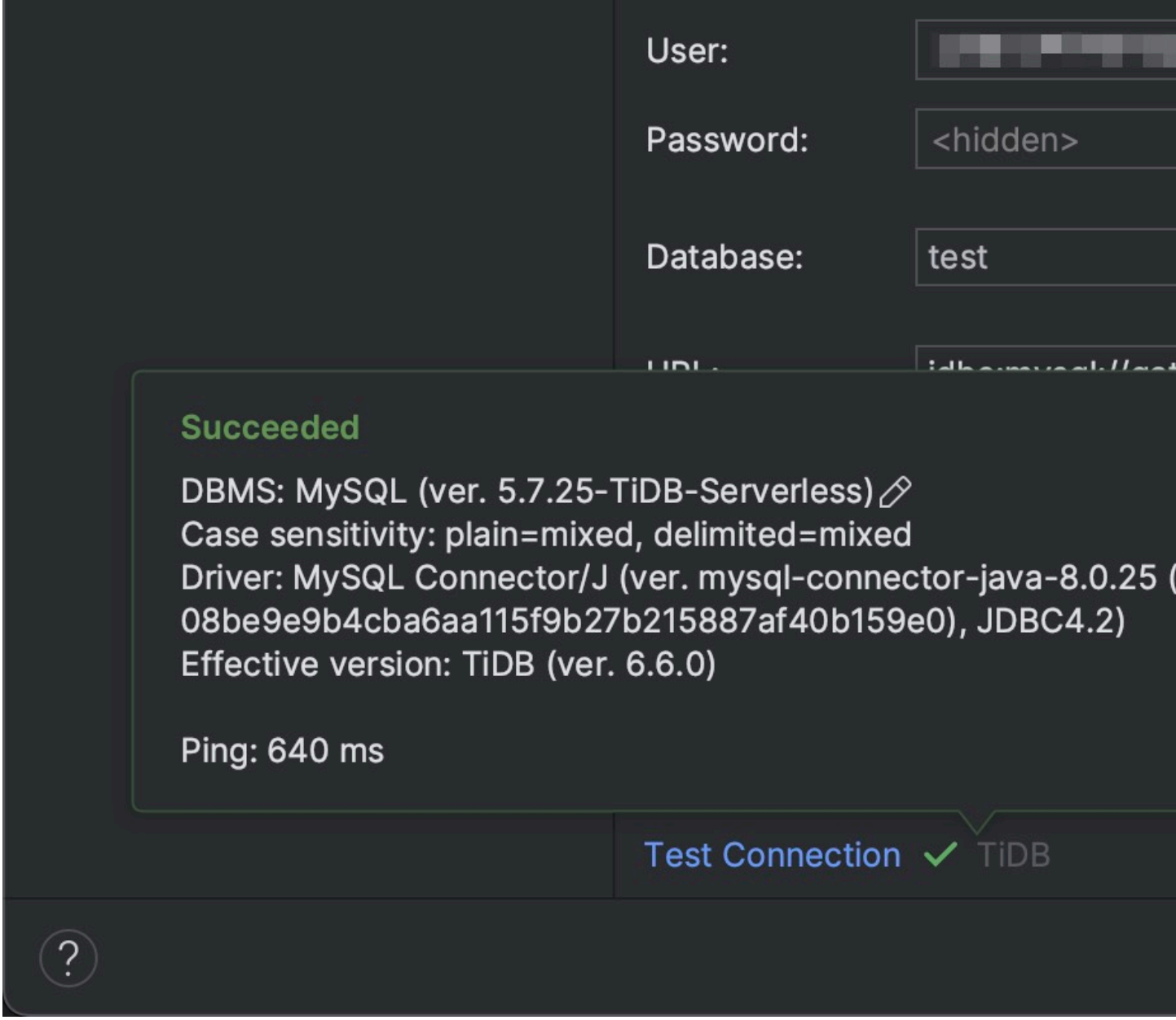

Figure 4: Test the connection to a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster

9. Click **OK** to save the connection configuration.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

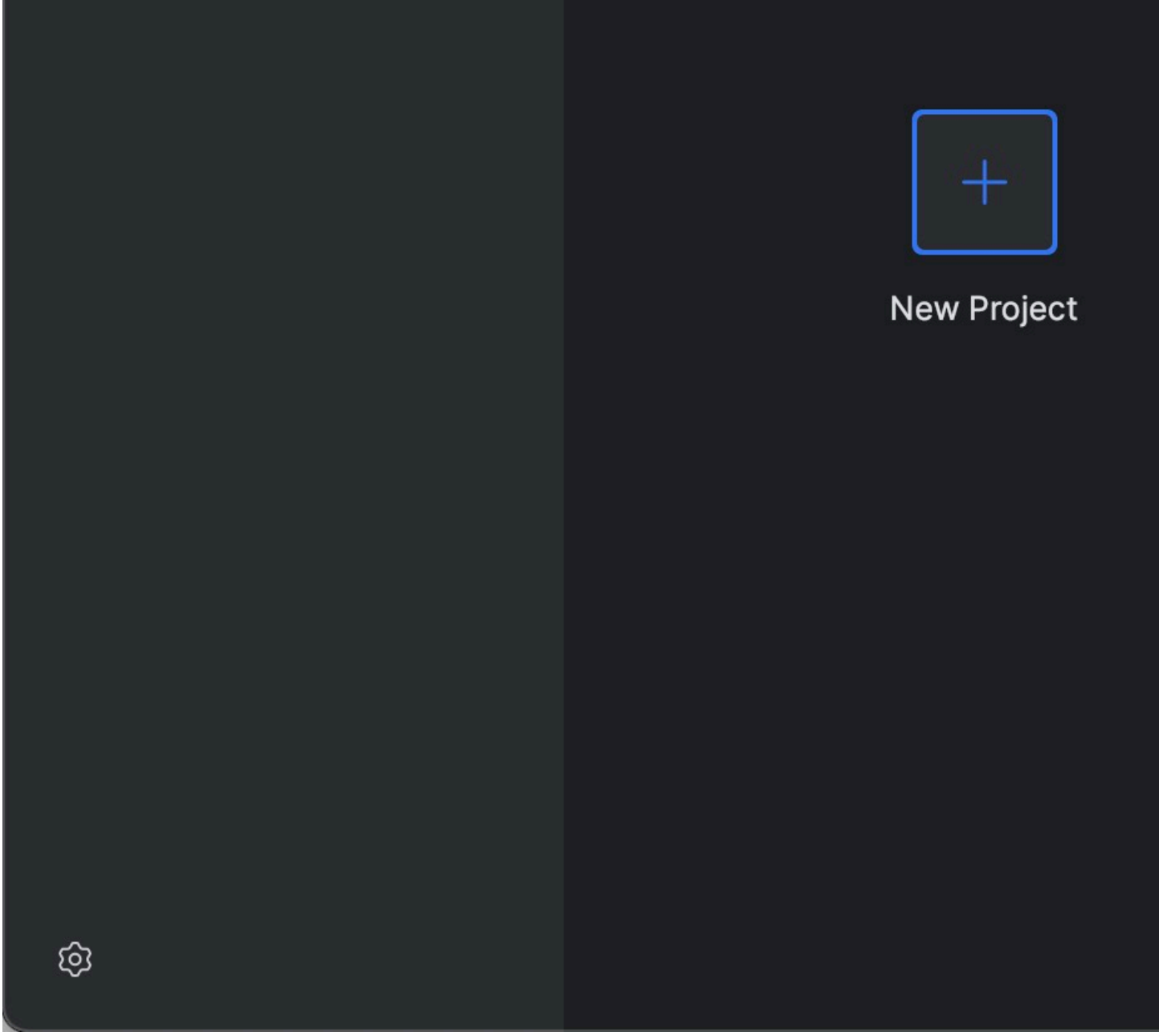

Figure 5: Create a project in DataGrip

5. In the newly created project, click + in the upper-left corner of the **Database Explorer** panel, and select **Data Source** > **Other** > **TiDB**.



Figure 6: Select a data source in DataGrip

6. Copy and paste the appropriate connection string into the **Data Source and Drivers** window in DataGrip. The mappings between DataGrip fields and TiDB Cloud Dedicated connection string are as follows:

DataGrip field	TiDB Cloud Dedicated connection string
Host	`{host}`
Port	`{port}`
User	`{user}`
Password	`{password}`

An example is as follows:

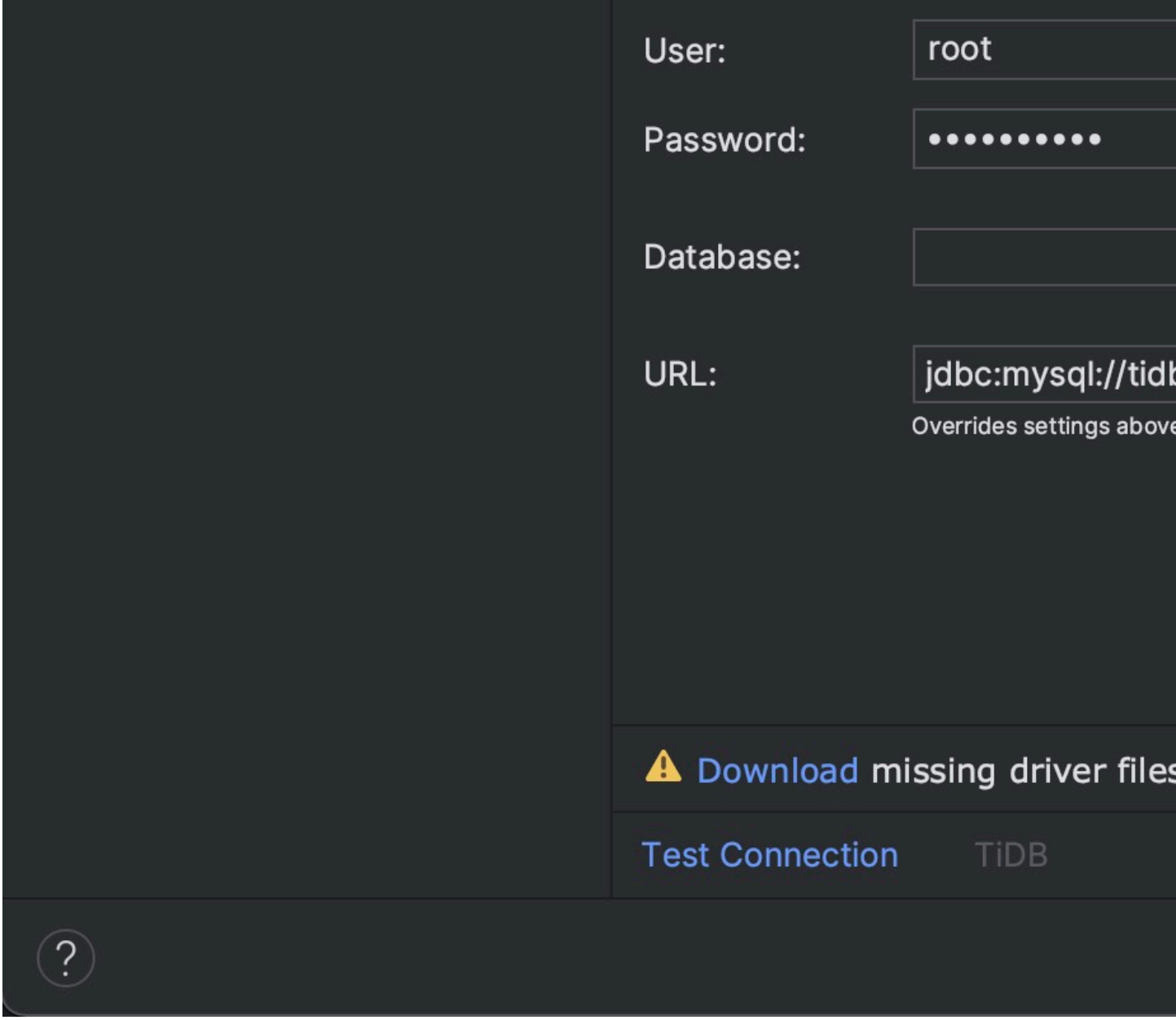

Figure 7: Configure the connection parameters for TiDB Cloud Dedicated

7. Click the **SSH/SSL** tab, select the **Use SSL** checkbox, and input the CA certificate path into the **CA file** field.

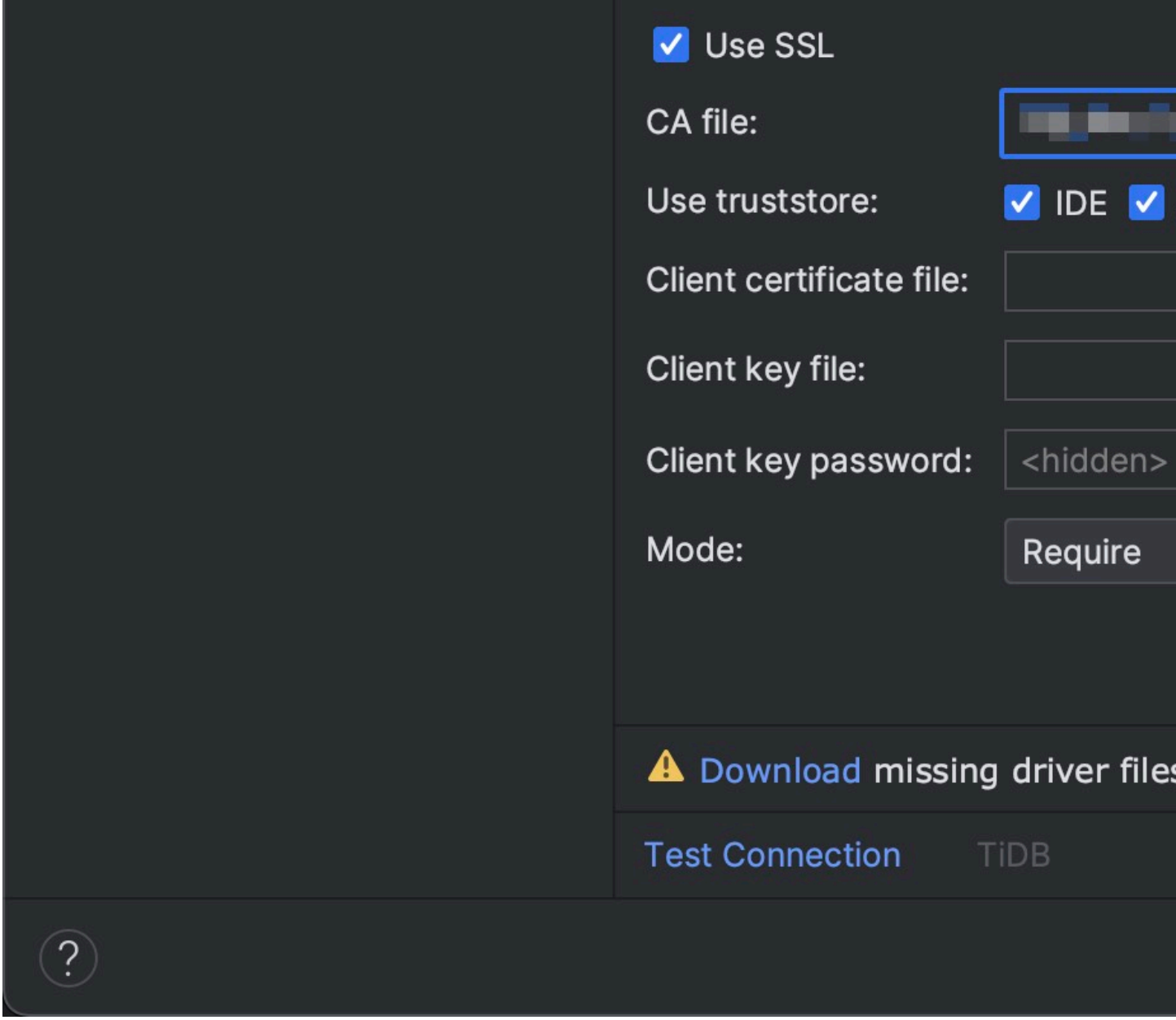

Figure 8: Configure the CA for TiDB Cloud Dedicated

If a **Download missing driver files** warning displays, click **Download** to acquire the driver files.

8. Click the **Advanced** tab, scroll to find the **enabledTLSProtocols** parameter, and set its value to `TLSv1.2,TLSv1.3`.

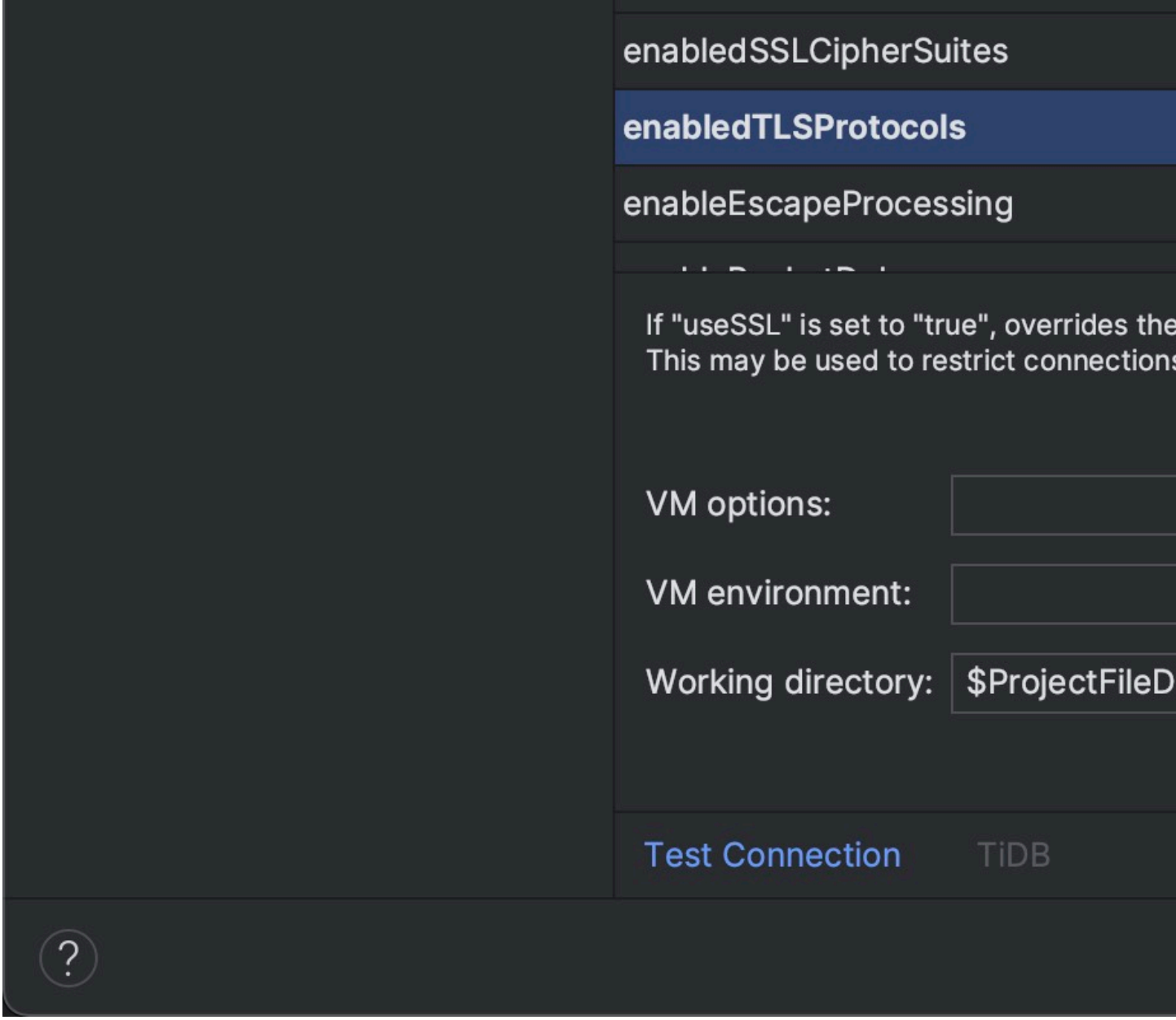

Figure 9: Configure the TLS for TiDB Cloud Dedicated

9. Click **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

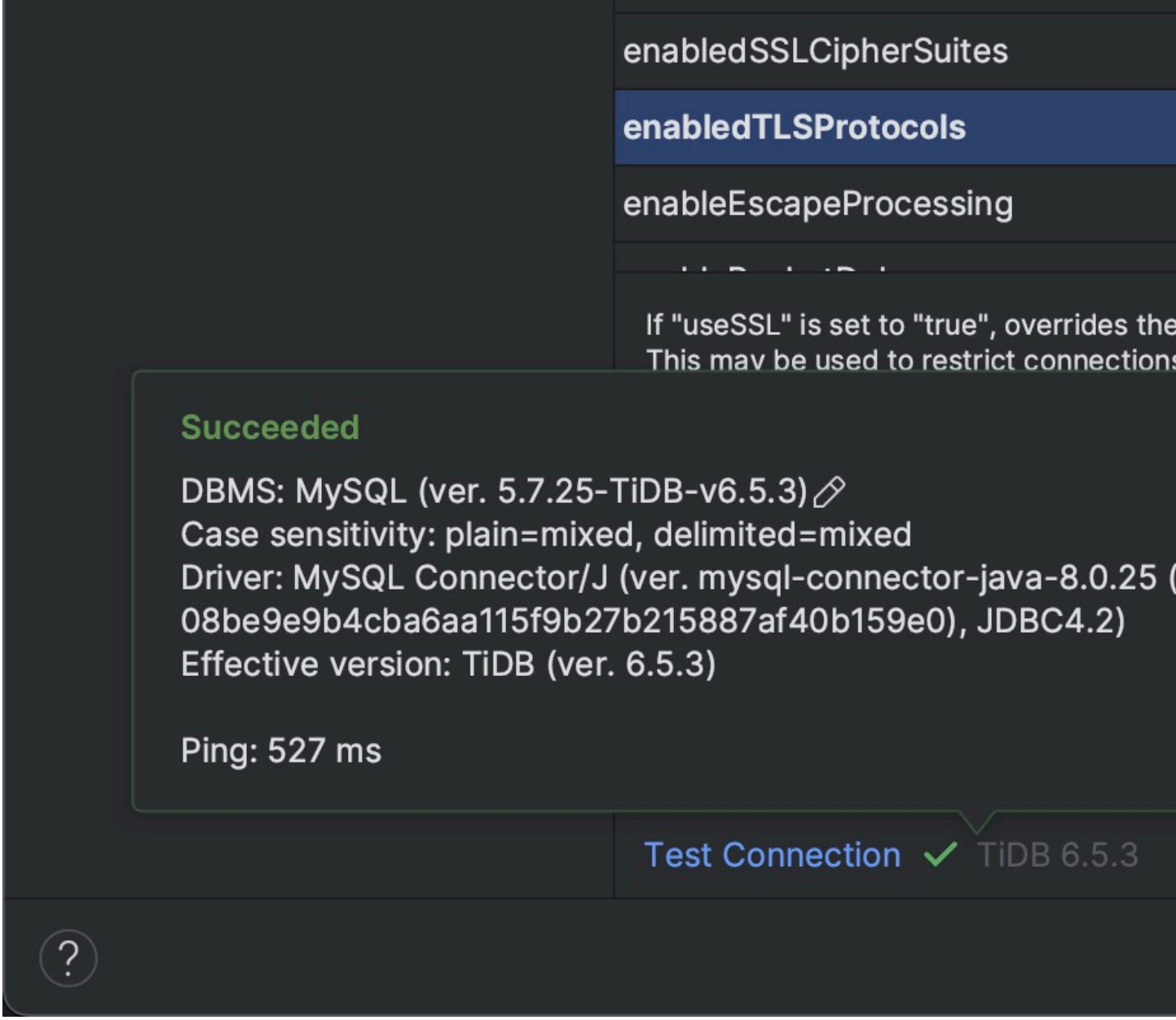

Figure 10: Test the connection to a TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster

10. Click **OK** to save the connection configuration.

1. Launch DataGrip and create a project to manage your connections.

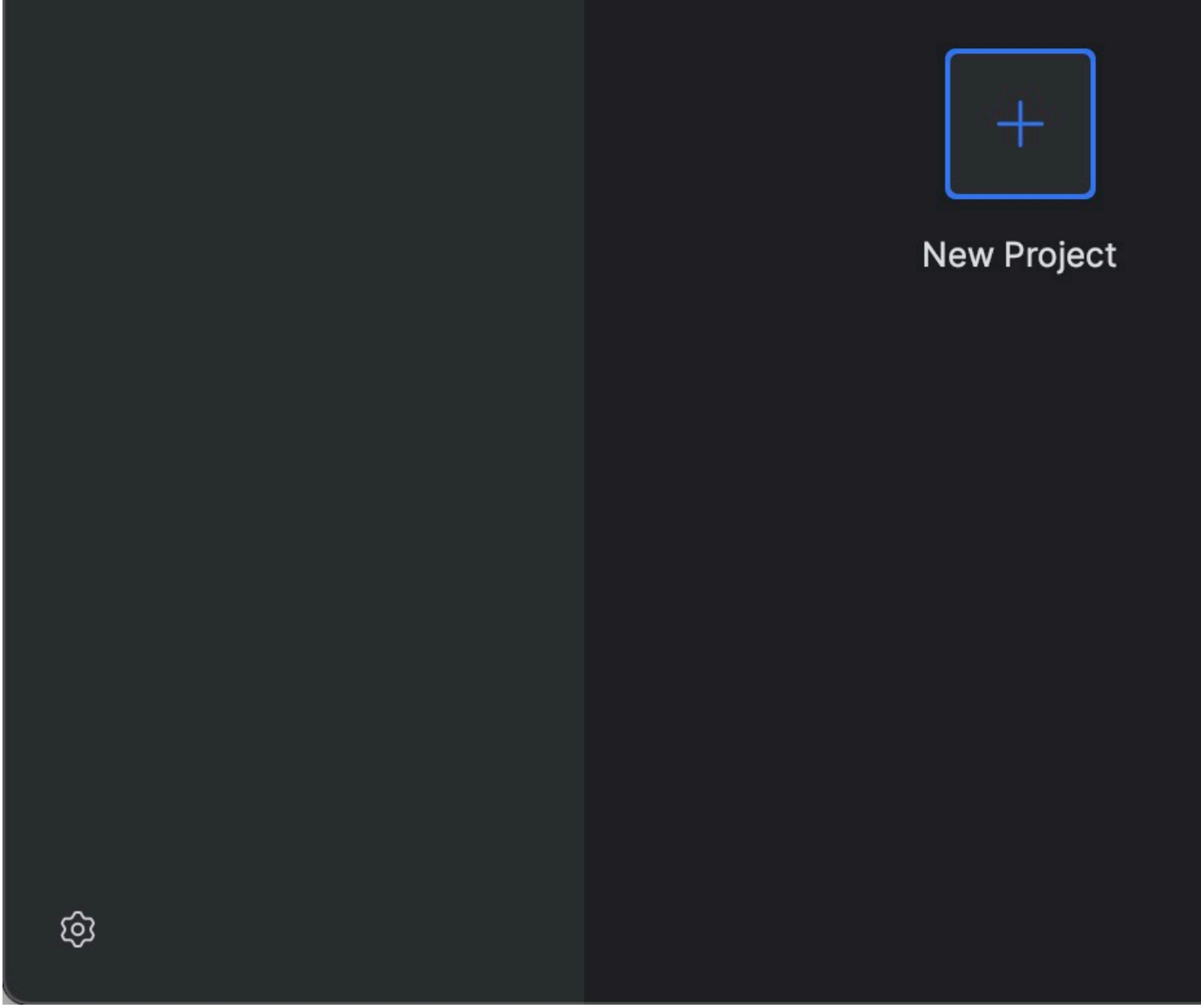

Figure 11: Create a project in DataGrip

2. In the newly created project, click + in the upper-left corner of the **Database Explorer** panel, and select **Data Source** > **Other** > **TiDB**.



Figure 12: Select a data source in DataGrip

3. Configure the following connection parameters:

    - **Host**: The IP address or domain name of your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **Port**: The port number of your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **User**: The username to use to connect to your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **Password**: The password of the username.

    An example is as follows:

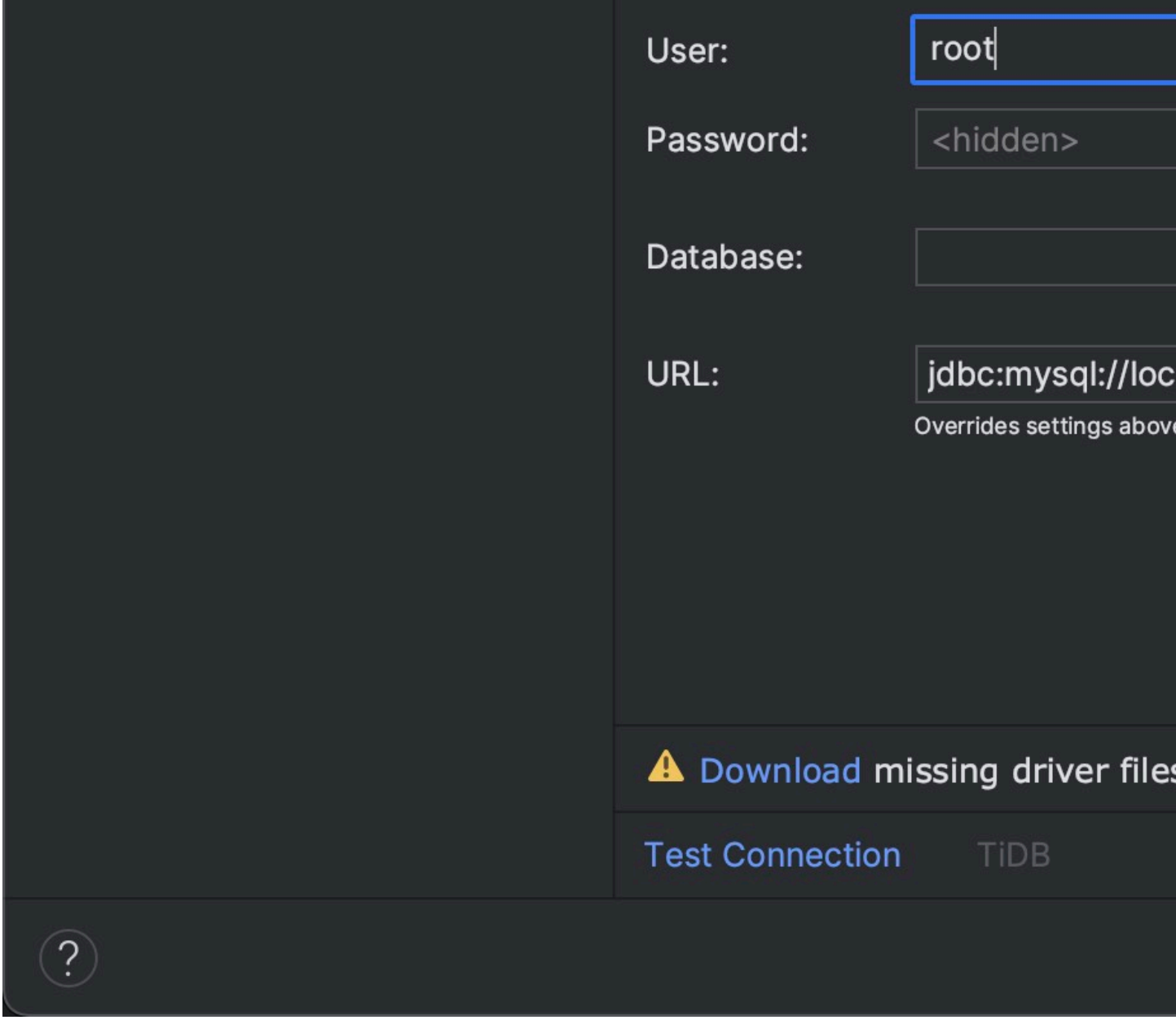

Figure 13: Configure the connection parameters for TiDB Self-Managed

If a **Download missing driver files** warning displays, click **Download** to acquire the driver files.

4. Click **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Self-Managed cluster.

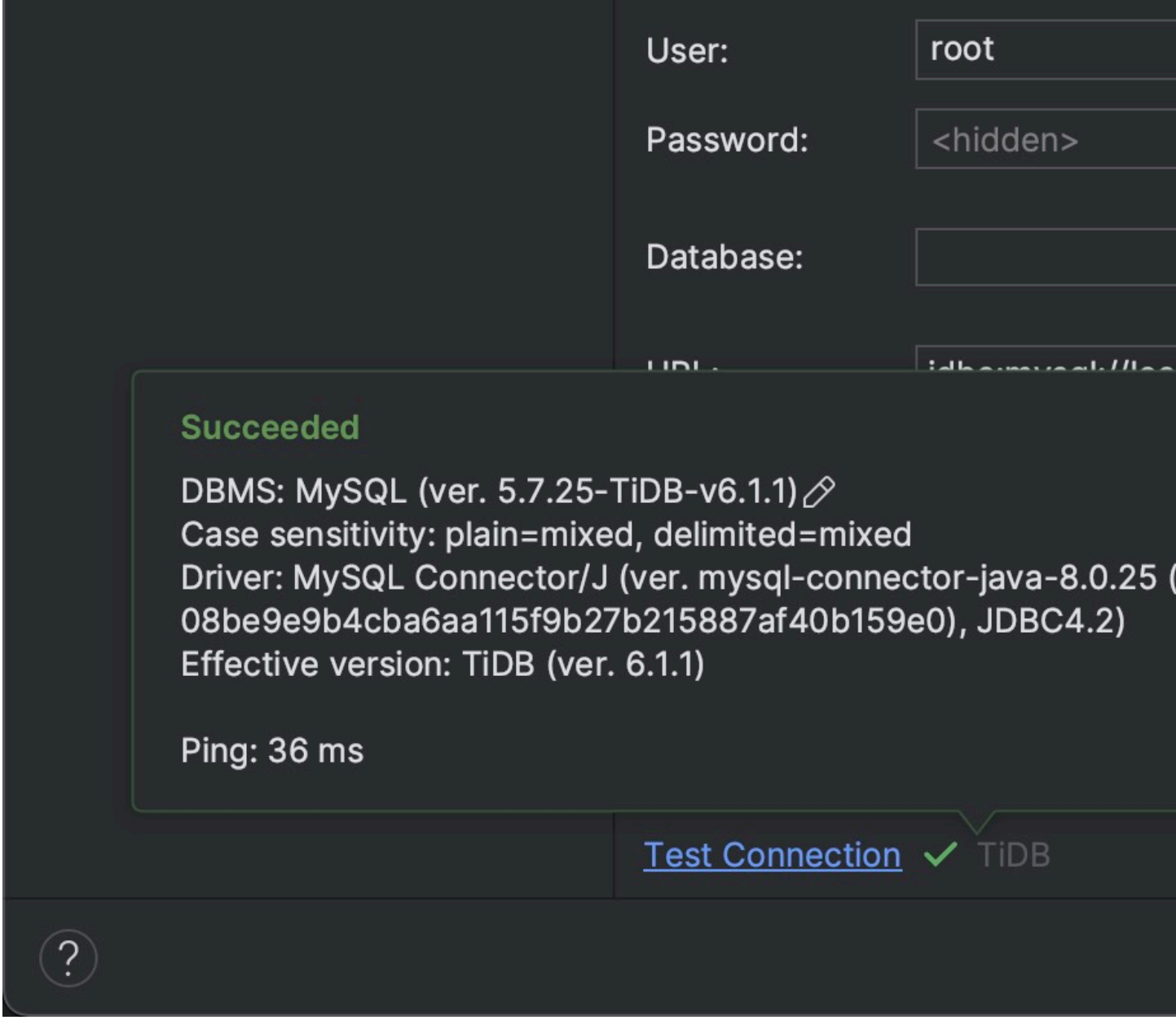

Figure 14: Test the connection to a TiDB Self-Managed cluster

5. Click **OK** to save the connection configuration.

4.4.1.1.3 Next steps

- Learn more usage of DataGrip from the documentation of DataGrip.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.4.1.1.4 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.4.1.2 Connect to TiDB with DBeaver

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and DBeaver Community is a free cross-platform database tool for developers, database administrators, analysts, and everyone working with data.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to connect to your TiDB cluster using DBeaver Community.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial is compatible with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.4.1.2.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- DBeaver Community **23.0.3** or higher.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.4.1.2.2 Connect to TiDB

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.
    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `DBeaver`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

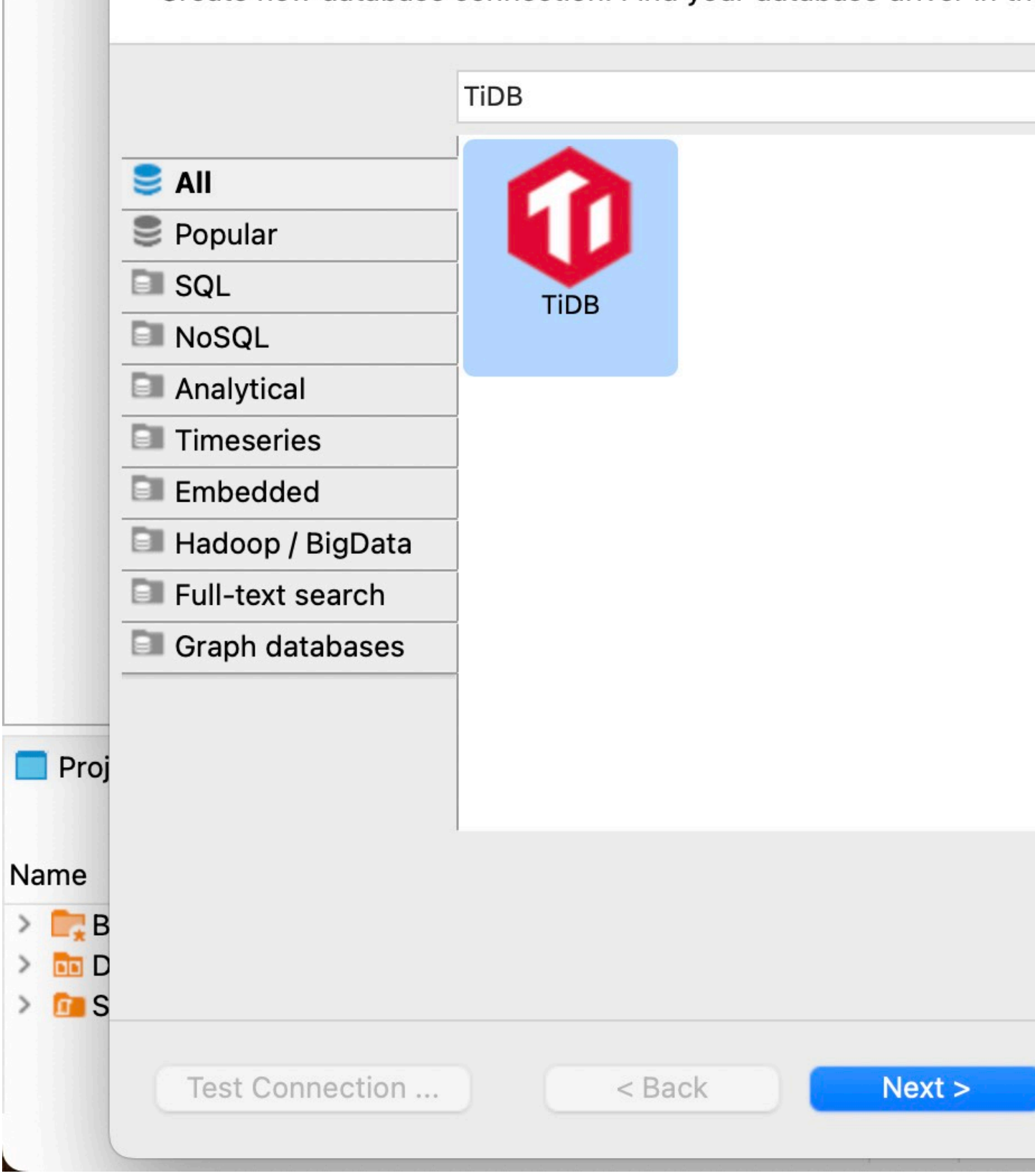

Figure 15: Select TiDB as the database in DBeaver

6. Copy the connection string from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog. In DBeaver, select **URL** for **Connect by** and paste the connection string into the **URL** field.

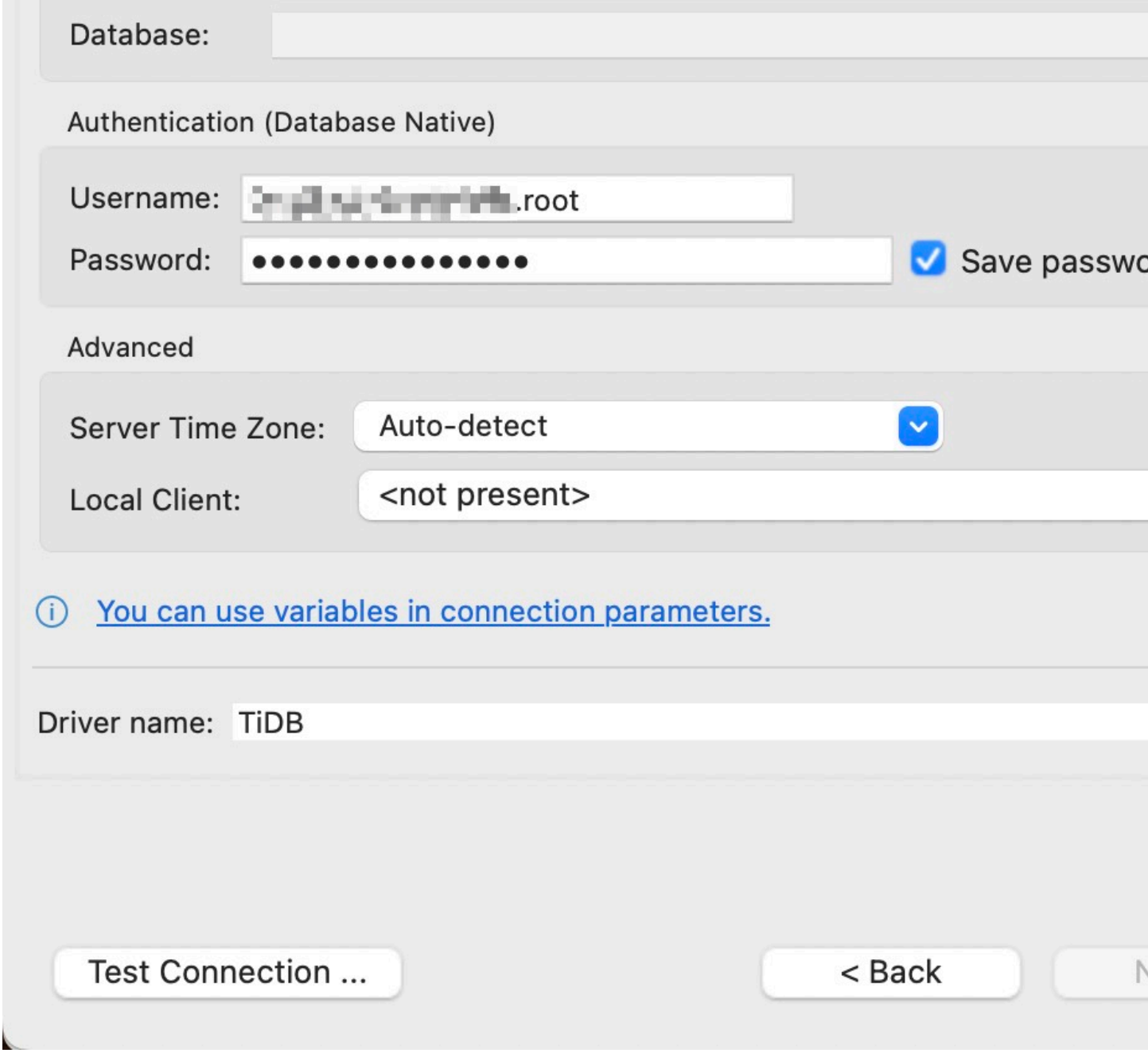

Figure 16: Configure connection settings for TiDB Cloud Serverless

8. Click **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster.

   If the **Download driver files** dialog is displayed, click **Download** to get the driver files.

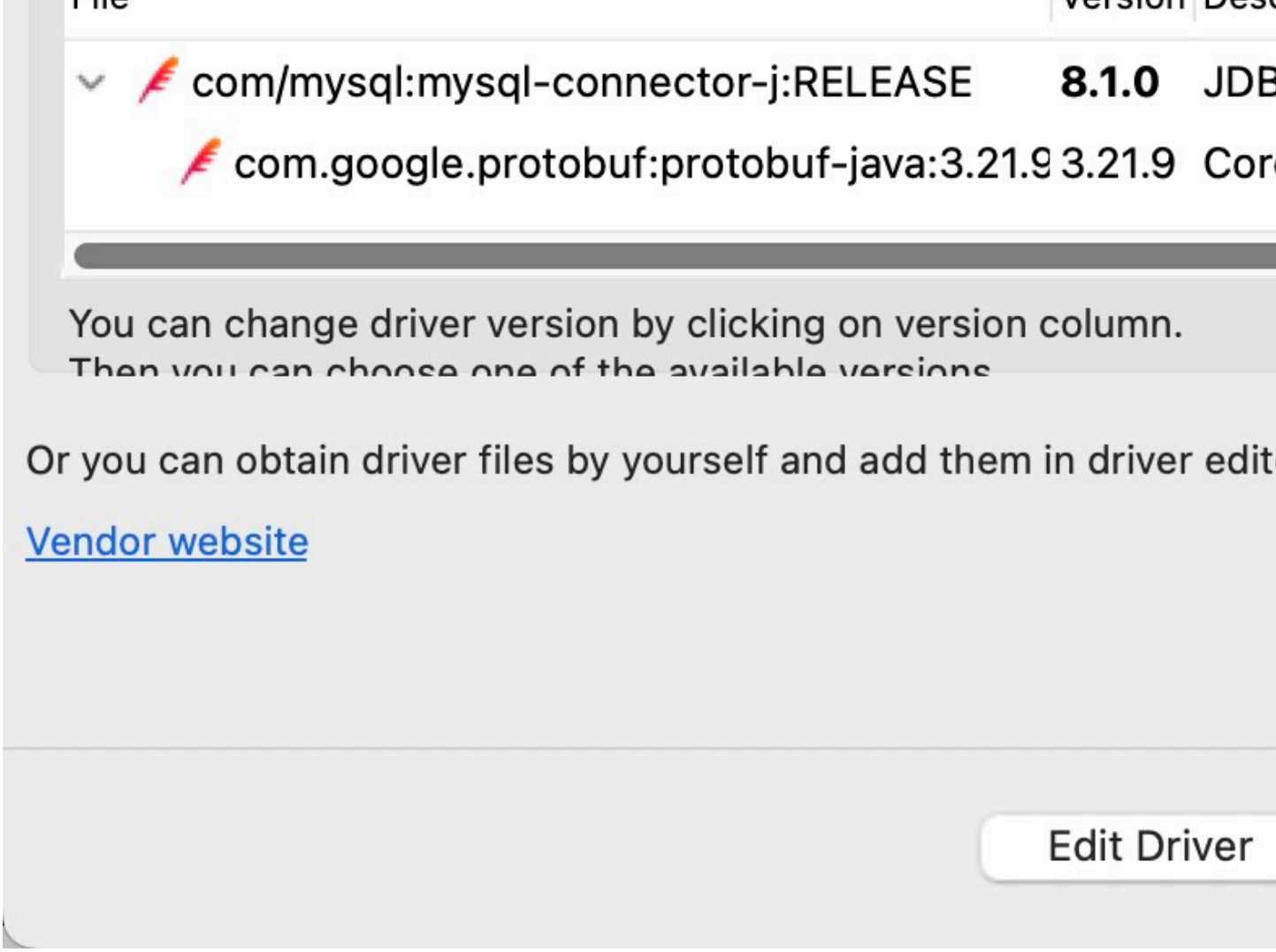

Figure 17: Download driver files

If the connection test is successful, the **Connection test** dialog is displayed as follows. Click **OK** to close it.

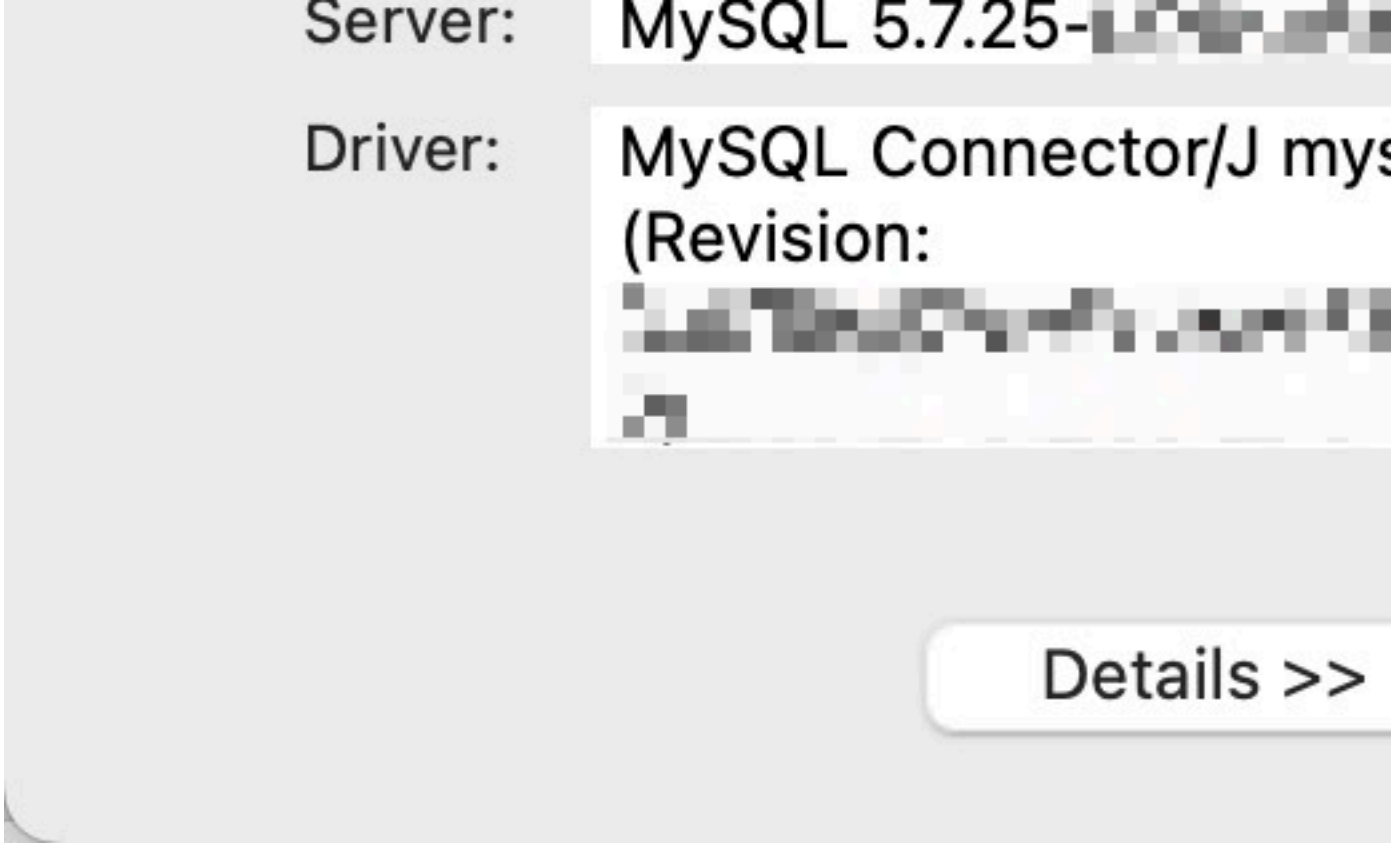

Figure 18: Connection test result

9. Click **Finish** to save the connection configuration.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.
4. Launch DBeaver and click **New Database Connection** in the upper-left corner. In the **Connect to a database** dialog, select **TiDB** from the list, and then click **Next**.

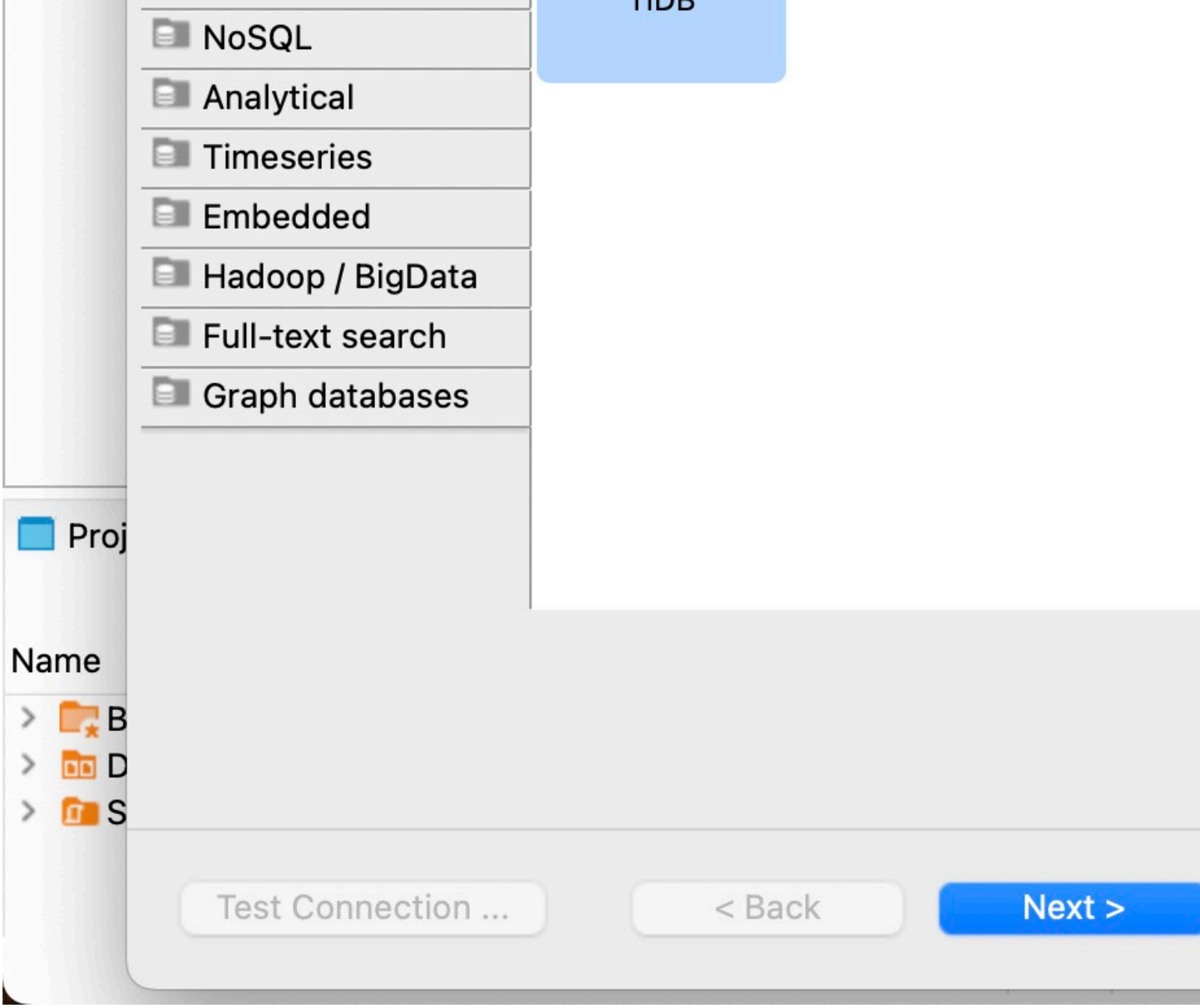

Figure 19: Select TiDB as the database in DBeaver

5. Copy and paste the appropriate connection string into the DBeaver connection panel. The mappings between DBeaver fields and TiDB Cloud Dedicated connection string are as follows:

DBeaver field	TiDB Cloud Dedicated connection string
Server Host	`{host}`
Port	`{port}`
Username	`{user}`
Password	`{password}`

An example is as follows:

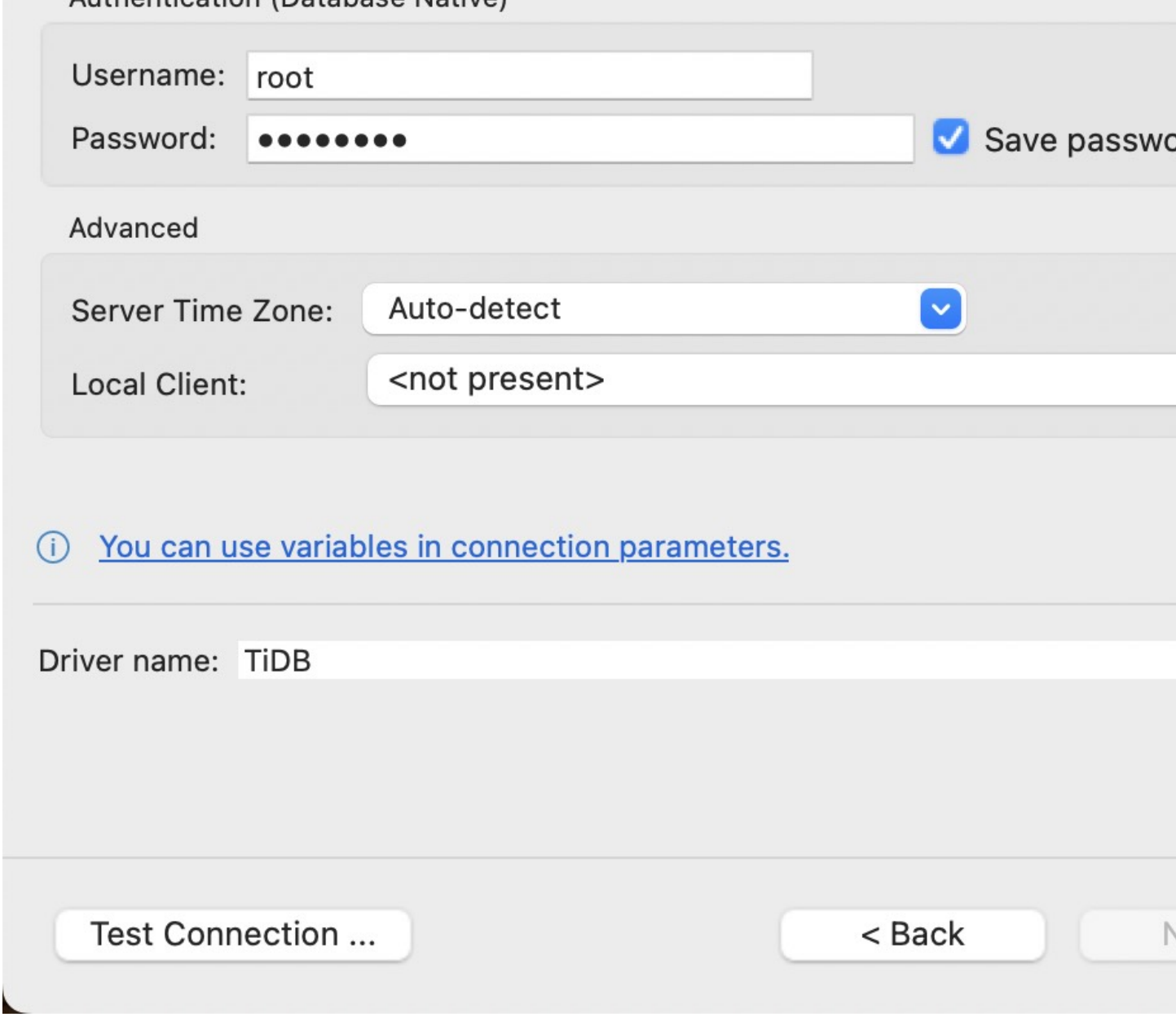

Figure 20: Configure connection settings for TiDB Cloud Dedicated

6. Click **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

   If the **Download driver files** dialog is displayed, click **Download** to get the driver files.

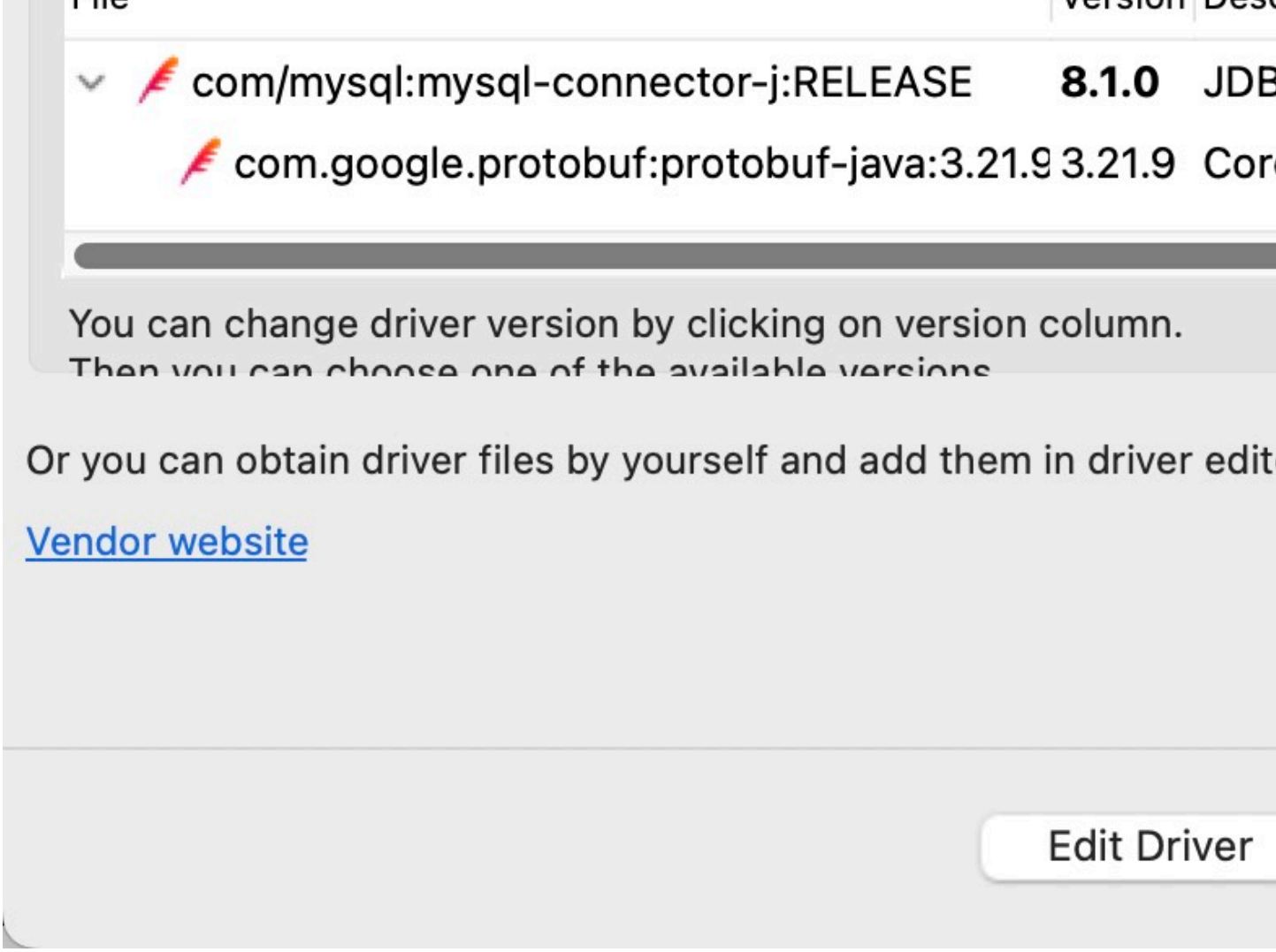

Figure 21: Download driver files

If the connection test is successful, the **Connection test** dialog is displayed as follows. Click **OK** to close it.

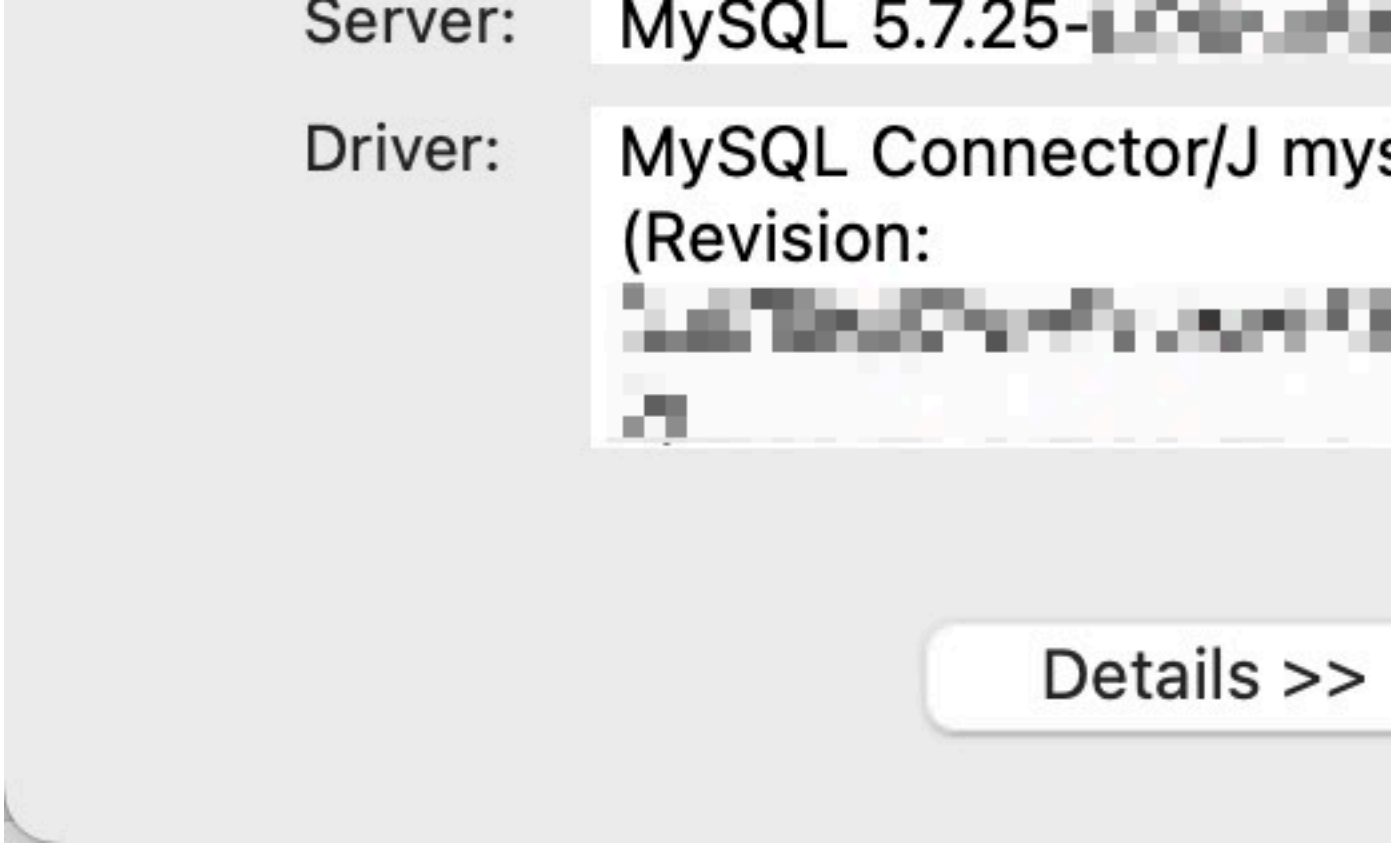

Figure 22: Connection test result

7. Click **Finish** to save the connection configuration.

1. Launch DBeaver and click **New Database Connection** in the upper-left corner. In the **Connect to a database** dialog, select **TiDB** from the list, and then click **Next**.

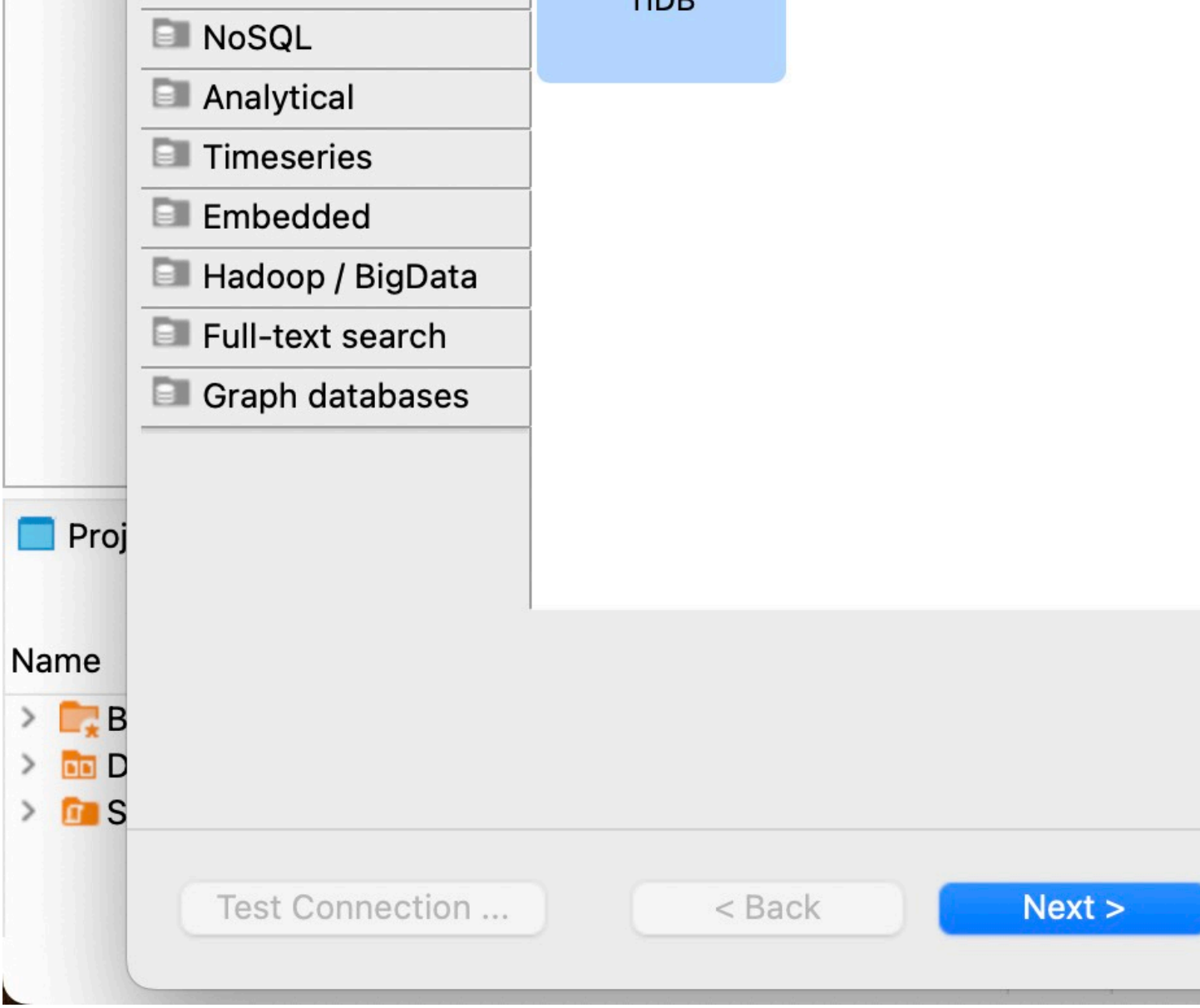

Figure 23: Select TiDB as the database in DBeaver

2. Configure the following connection parameters:

    - **Server Host**: The IP address or domain name of your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **Port**: The port number of your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **Username**: The username to use to connect to your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **Password**: The password of the username.

    An example is as follows:

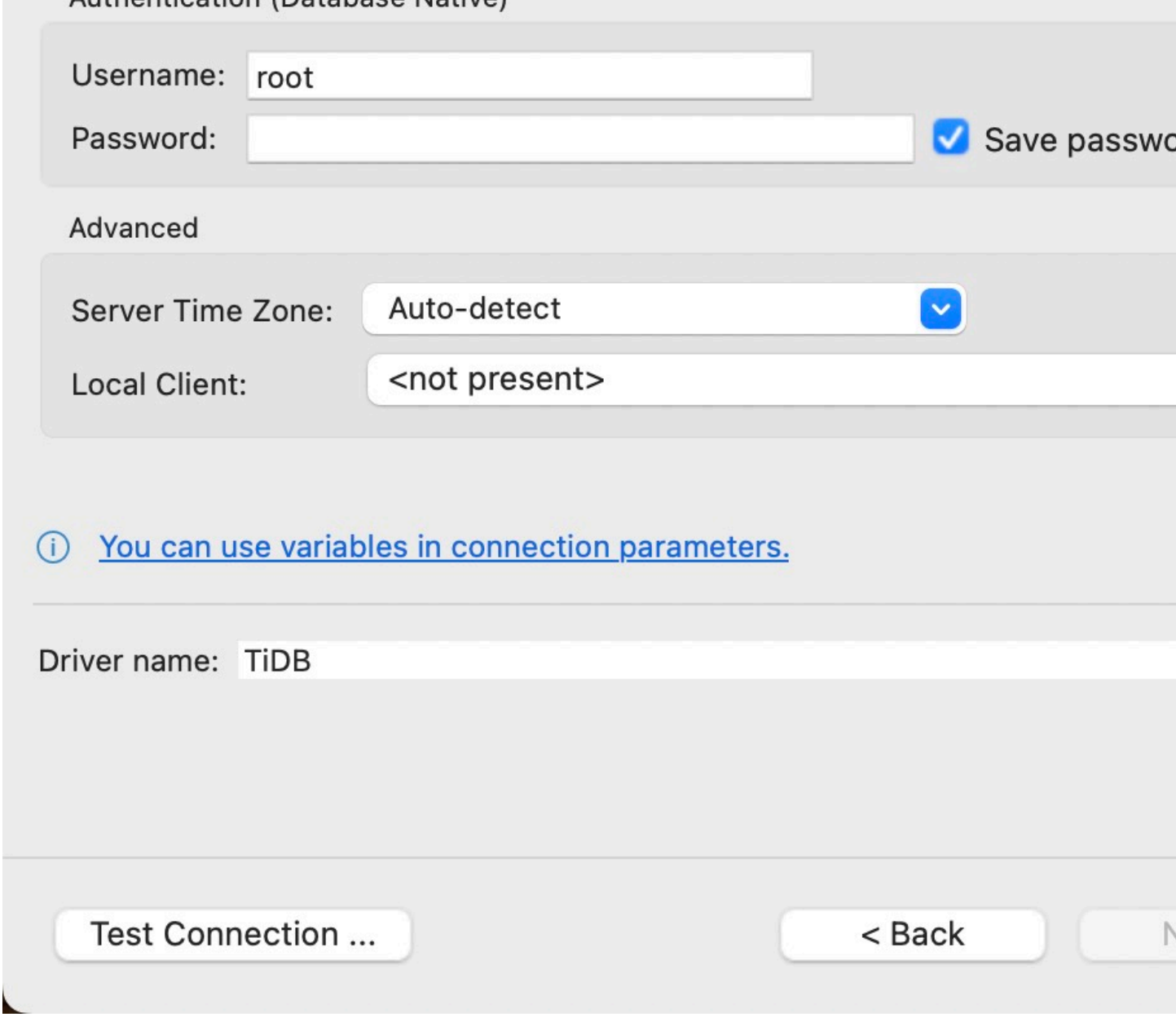

Figure 24: Configure connection settings for TiDB Self-Managed

3. Click **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Self-Managed cluster.

   If the **Download driver files** dialog is displayed, click **Download** to get the driver files.

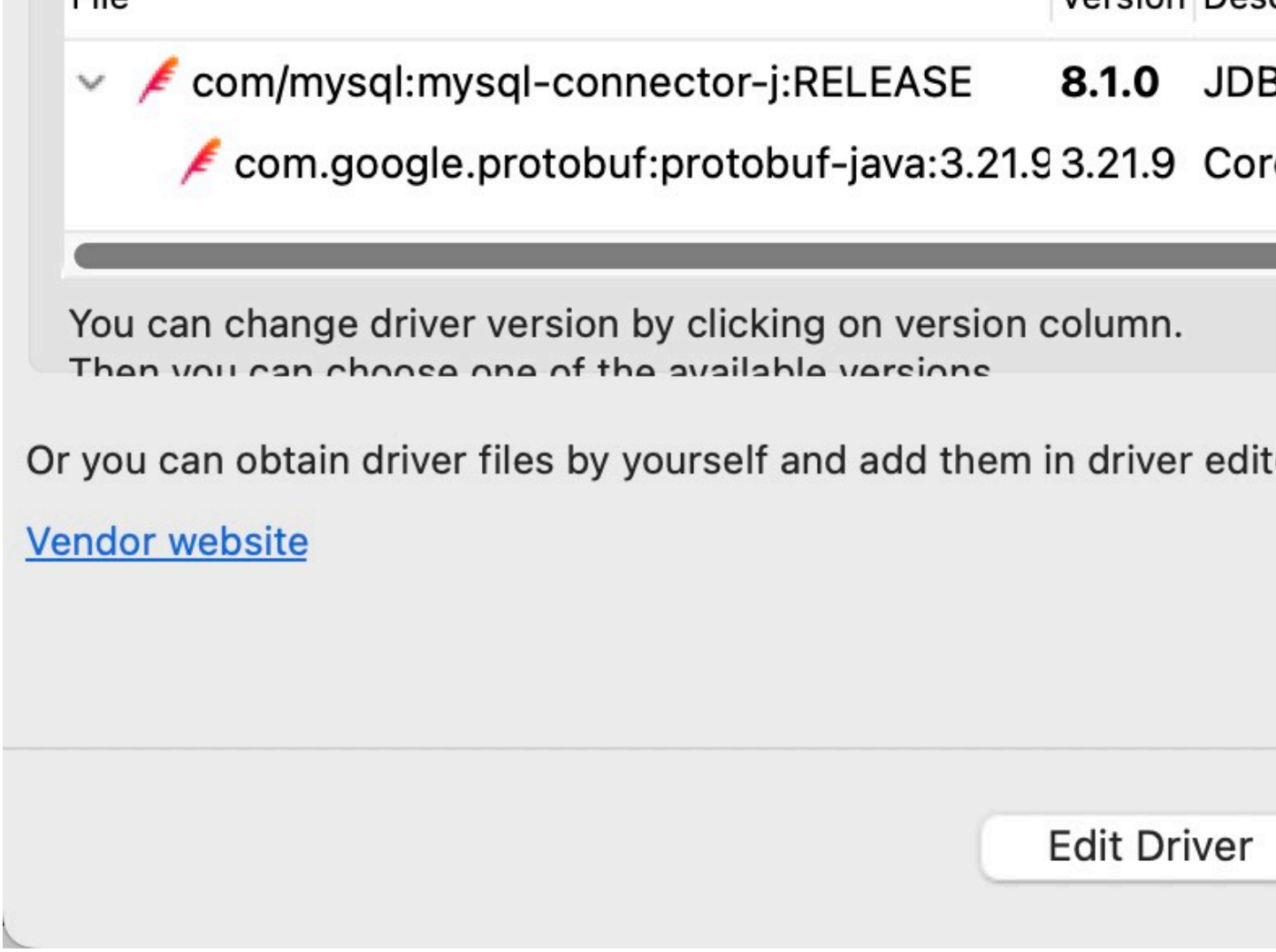

Figure 25: Download driver files

If the connection test is successful, the **Connection test** dialog is displayed as follows. Click **OK** to close it.

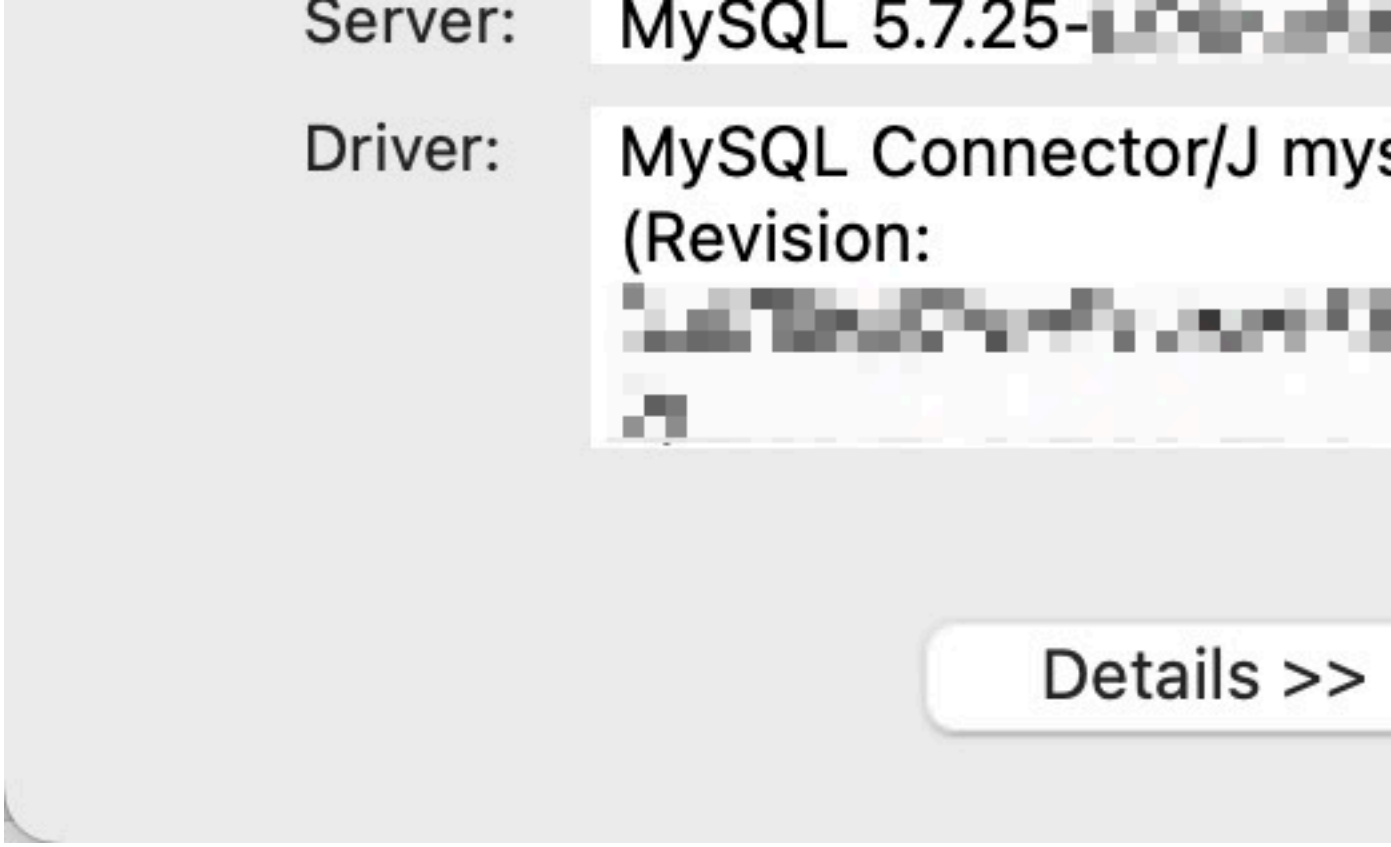

Figure 26: Connection test result

4. Click **Finish** to save the connection configuration.

4.4.1.2.3 Next steps

- Learn more usage of DBeaver from the documentation of DBeaver.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.4.1.2.4 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.4.1.3 Connect to TiDB with Visual Studio Code

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and Visual Studio Code (VS Code) is a lightweight but powerful source code editor. This tutorial uses the SQLTools extension which supports TiDB as an official driver.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to connect to your TiDB cluster using Visual Studio Code.

Note:

- This tutorial is compatible with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.
- This tutorial also works with Visual Studio Code Remote Development environments, such as GitHub Codespaces, Visual Studio Code Dev Containers, and Visual Studio Code WSL.

4.4.1.3.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Visual Studio Code **1.72.0** or later versions.
- SQLTools MySQL/MariaDB/TiDB extension for Visual Studio Code. To install it, you can use one of the following methods:
  - Click this link to launch VS Code and install the extension directly.
  - Navigate to VS Code Marketplace and click **Install**.
  - On the **Extensions** tab of your VS Code, search for `mtxr.sqltools-driver-mysql` to get the **SQLTools MySQL/MariaDB/TiDB** extension, and then click **Install**.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.4.1.3.2 Connect to TiDB

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you have selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

- **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
- **Branch** is set to `main`.
- **Connect With** is set to `VS Code`.
- **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your VS Code is running on a remote development environment, select the remote operating system from the list. For example, if you are using Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution. This is not necessary if you are using GitHub Codespaces.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Launch VS Code and select the **SQLTools** extension on the navigation pane. Under the **CONNECTIONS** section, click **Add New Connection** and select **TiDB** as the database driver.

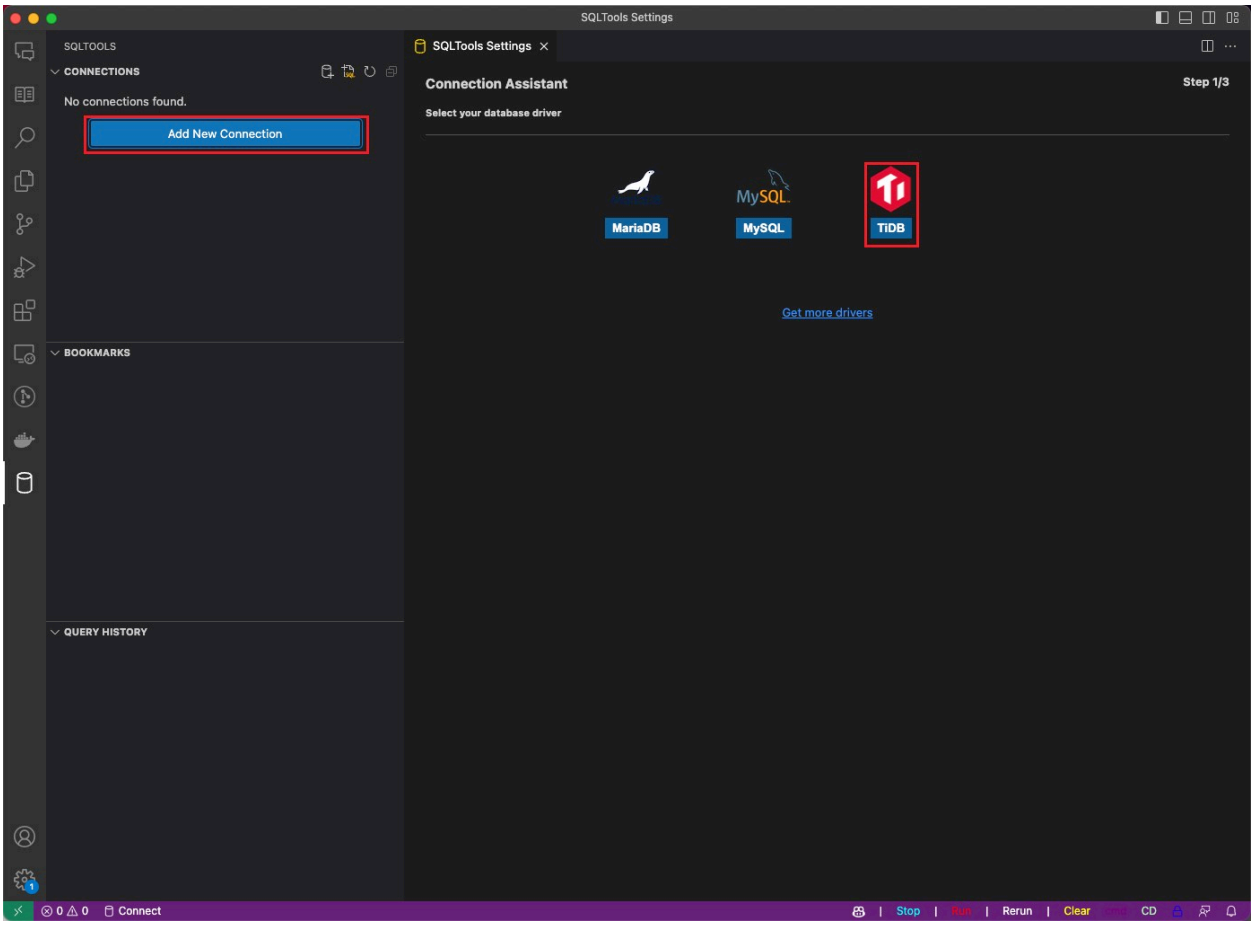

Figure 27: VS Code SQLTools: add new connection

6. In the setting pane, configure the following connection parameters:

    - **Connection name**: give this connection a meaningful name.
    - **Connection group**: (optional) give this group of connections a meaningful name. Connections with the same group name will be grouped together.
    - **Connect using**: select **Server and Port**.
    - **Server Address**: enter the `HOST` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Port**: enter the `PORT` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Database**: enter the database that you want to connect to.
    - **Username**: enter the `USERNAME` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Password mode**: select **SQLTools Driver Credentials**.
    - In the **MySQL driver specific options** area, configure the following parameters:

- **Authentication Protocol**: select **default**.
- **SSL**: select **Enabled**. TiDB Cloud Serverless requires a secure connection. In the **SSL Options (node.TLSSocket)** area, configure the **Certificate Authority (CA) Certificate File** field as the `CA` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.

> **Note:**
> If you are running on Windows or GitHub Codespaces, you can leave **SSL** blank. By default SQLTools trusts well-known CAs curated by Let's Encrypt. For more information, see TiDB Cloud Serverless root certificate management.

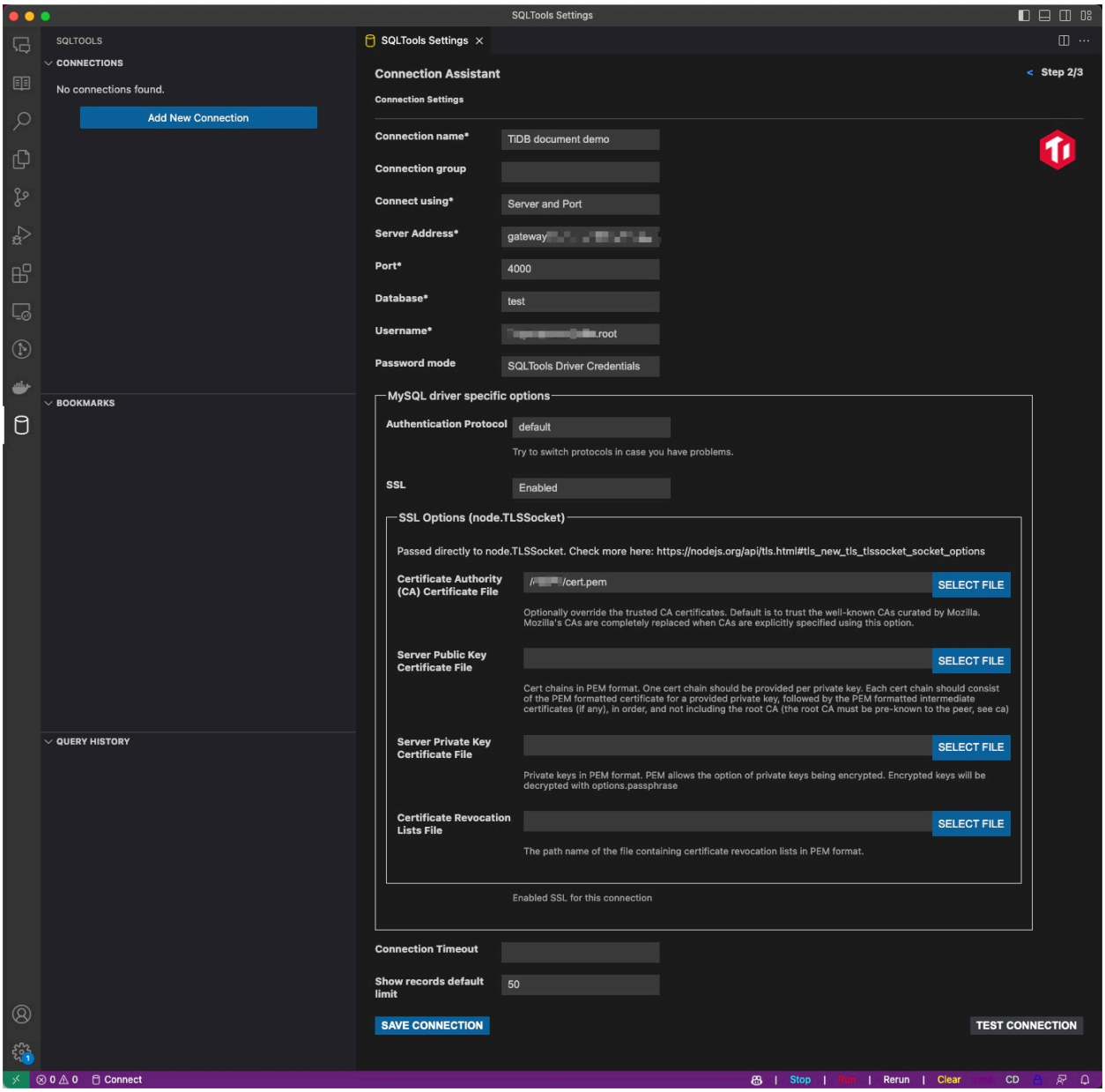

Figure 28: VS Code SQLTools: configure connection settings for TiDB Cloud Serverless

7. Click **TEST CONNECTION** to validate the connection to the TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster.

    1. In the pop-up window, click **Allow**.
    2. In the **SQLTools Driver Credentials** dialog, enter the password you created in step 4.

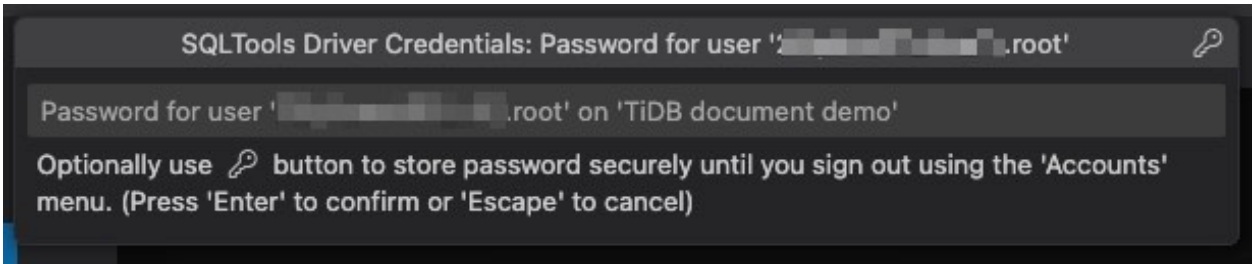

Figure 29: VS Code SQLTools: enter password to connect to TiDB Cloud Serverless

8. If the connection test is successful, you can see the **Successfully connected!** message. Click **SAVE CONNECTION** to save the connection configuration.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.
4. Launch VS Code and select the **SQLTools** extension on the navigation pane. Under the **CONNECTIONS** section, click **Add New Connection** and select **TiDB** as the database driver.

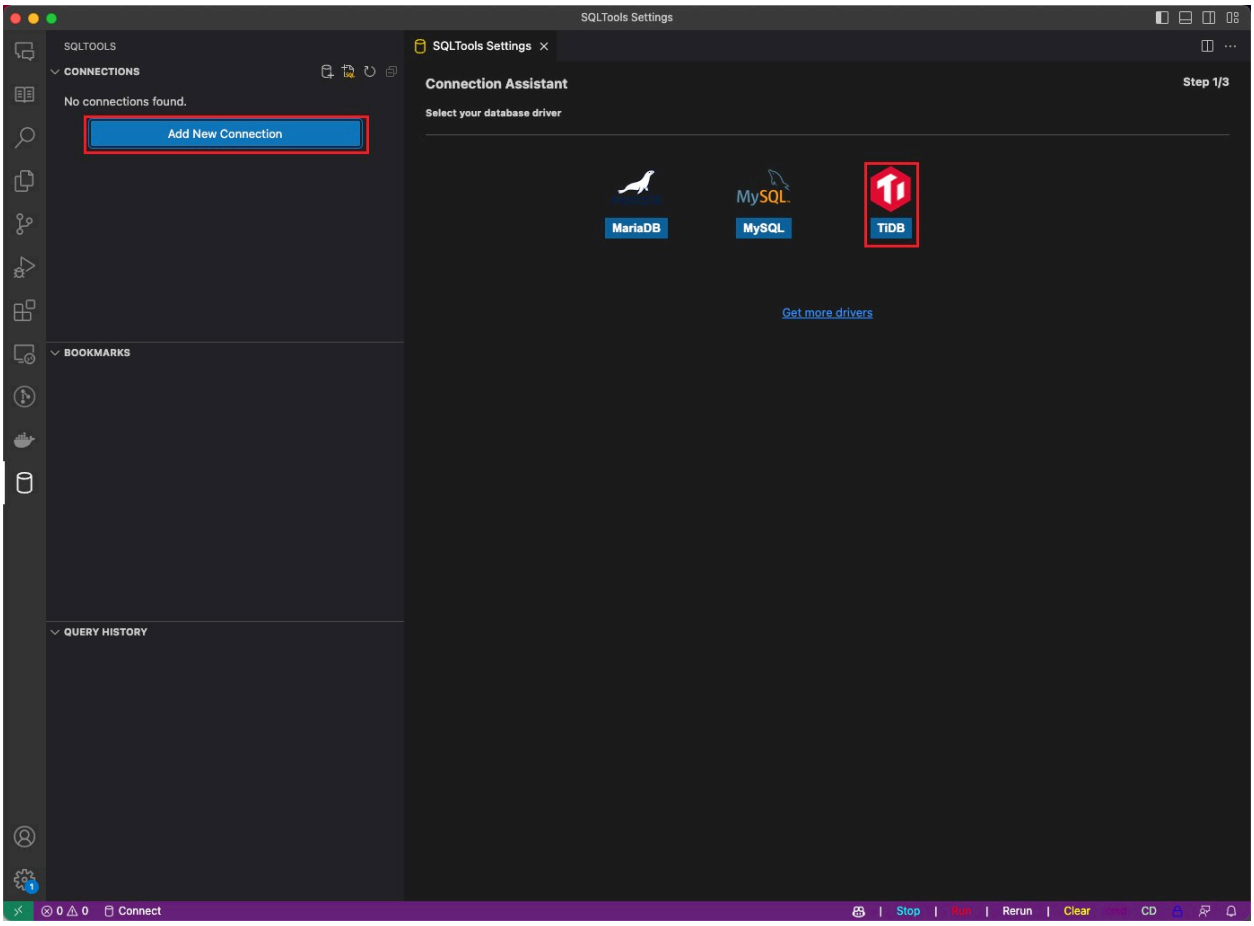

Figure 30: VS Code SQLTools: add new connection

5. In the setting pane, configure the following connection parameters:

    - **Connection name**: give this connection a meaningful name.
    - **Connection group**: (optional) give this group of connections a meaningful name. Connections with the same group name will be grouped together.
    - **Connect using**: select **Server and Port**.
    - **Server Address**: enter the `host` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Port**: enter the `port` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Database**: enter the database that you want to connect to.
    - **Username**: enter the `user` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Password mode**: select **SQLTools Driver Credentials**.
    - In the **MySQL driver specific options** area, configure the following parameters:
        - **Authentication Protocol**: select **default**.

- **SSL**: select **Disabled**.

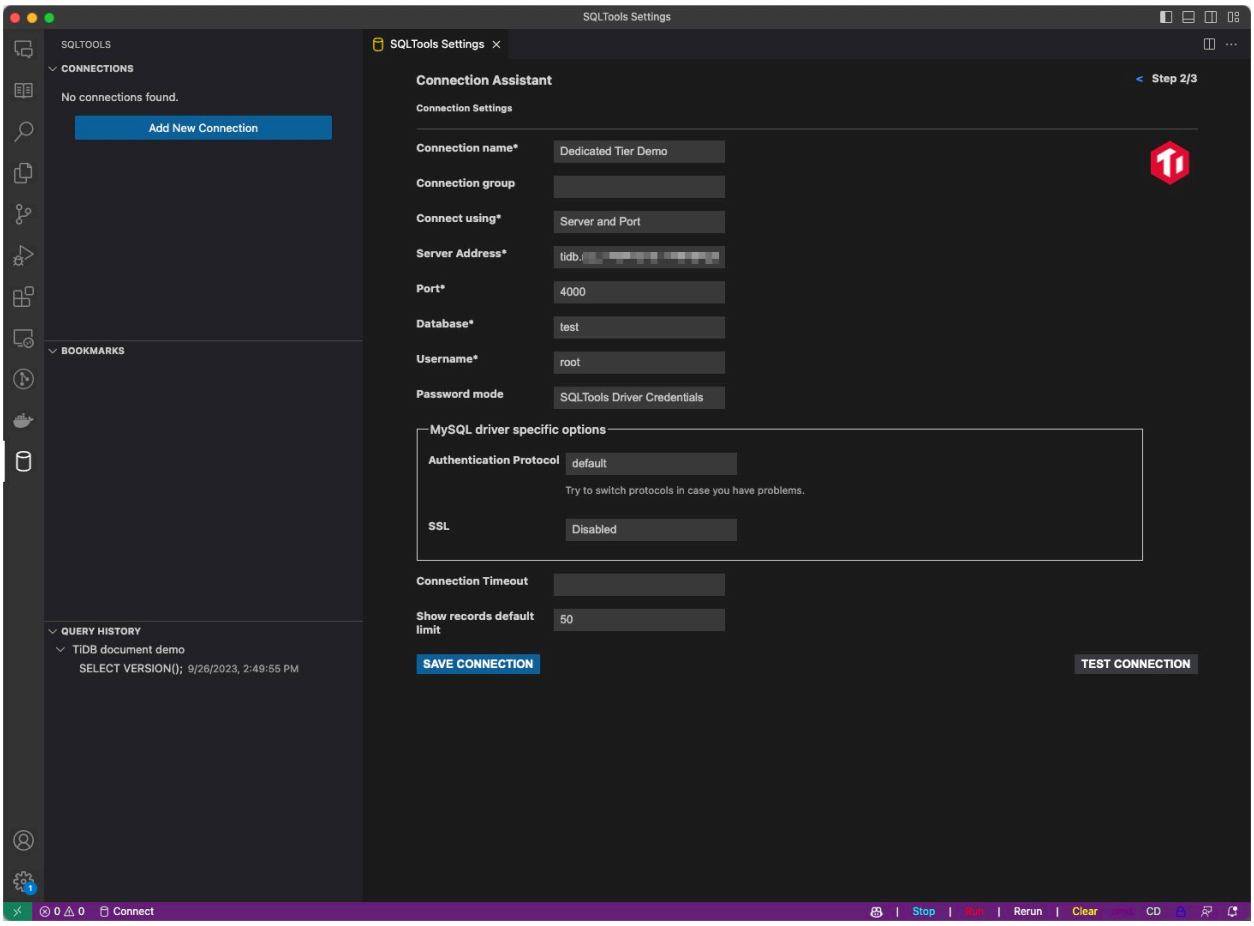

Figure 31: VS Code SQLTools: configure connection settings for TiDB Cloud Dedicated

6. Click **TEST CONNECTION** to validate the connection to the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

    1. In the pop-up window, click **Allow**.
    2. In the **SQLTools Driver Credentials** dialog, enter the password of the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

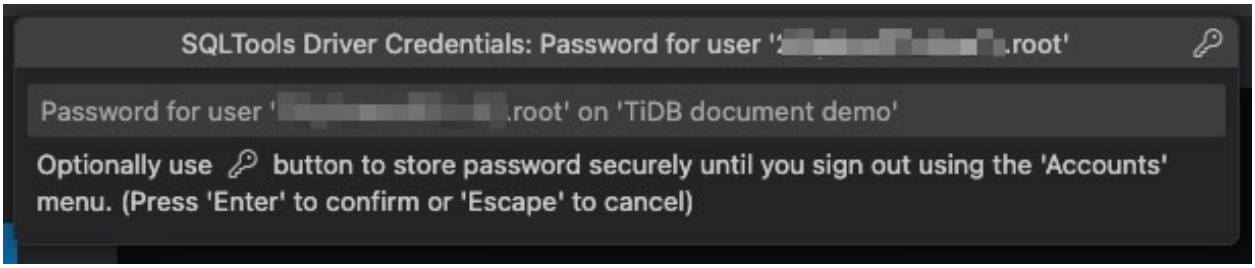

Figure 32: VS Code SQLTools: enter password to connect to TiDB Cloud Dedicated

7. If the connection test is successful, you can see the **Successfully connected!** message. Click **SAVE CONNECTION** to save the connection configuration.

1. Launch VS Code and select the **SQLTools** extension on the navigation pane. Under the **CONNECTIONS** section, click **Add New Connection** and select **TiDB** as the database driver.

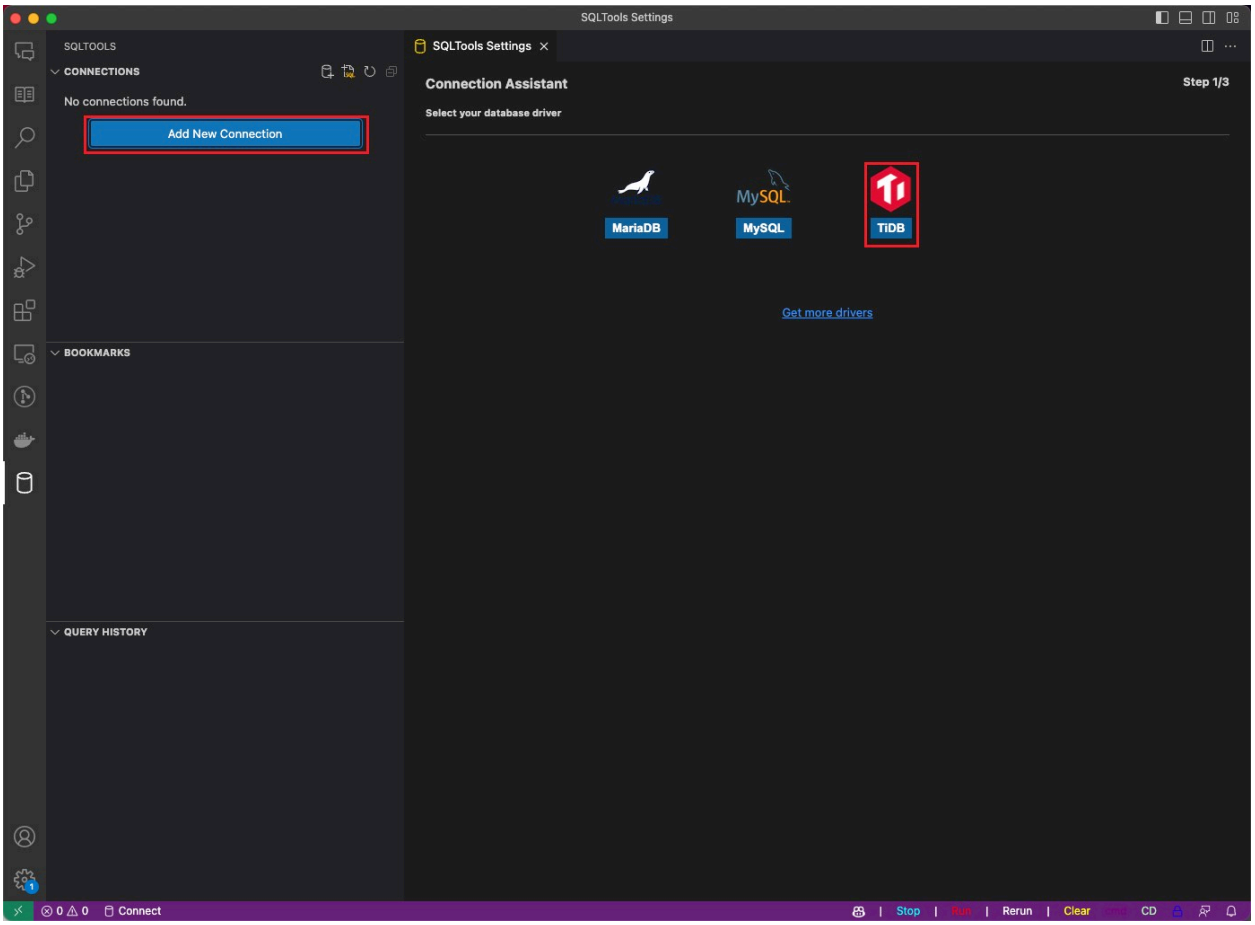

Figure 33: VS Code SQLTools: add new connection

2. In the setting pane, configure the following connection parameters:

    - **Connection name**: give this connection a meaningful name.
    - **Connection group**: (optional) give this group of connections a meaningful name. Connections with the same group name will be grouped together.
    - **Connect using**: select **Server and Port**.
    - **Server Address**: enter the IP address or domain name of your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **Port**: enter the port number of your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **Database**: enter the database that you want to connect to.
    - **Username**: enter the username to use to connect to your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **Password mode**:
        - If the password is empty, select **Use empty password**.
        - Otherwise, select **SQLTools Driver Credentials**.
    - In the **MySQL driver specific options** area, configure the following parameters:
        - **Authentication Protocol**: select **default**.
        - **SSL**: select **Disabled**.

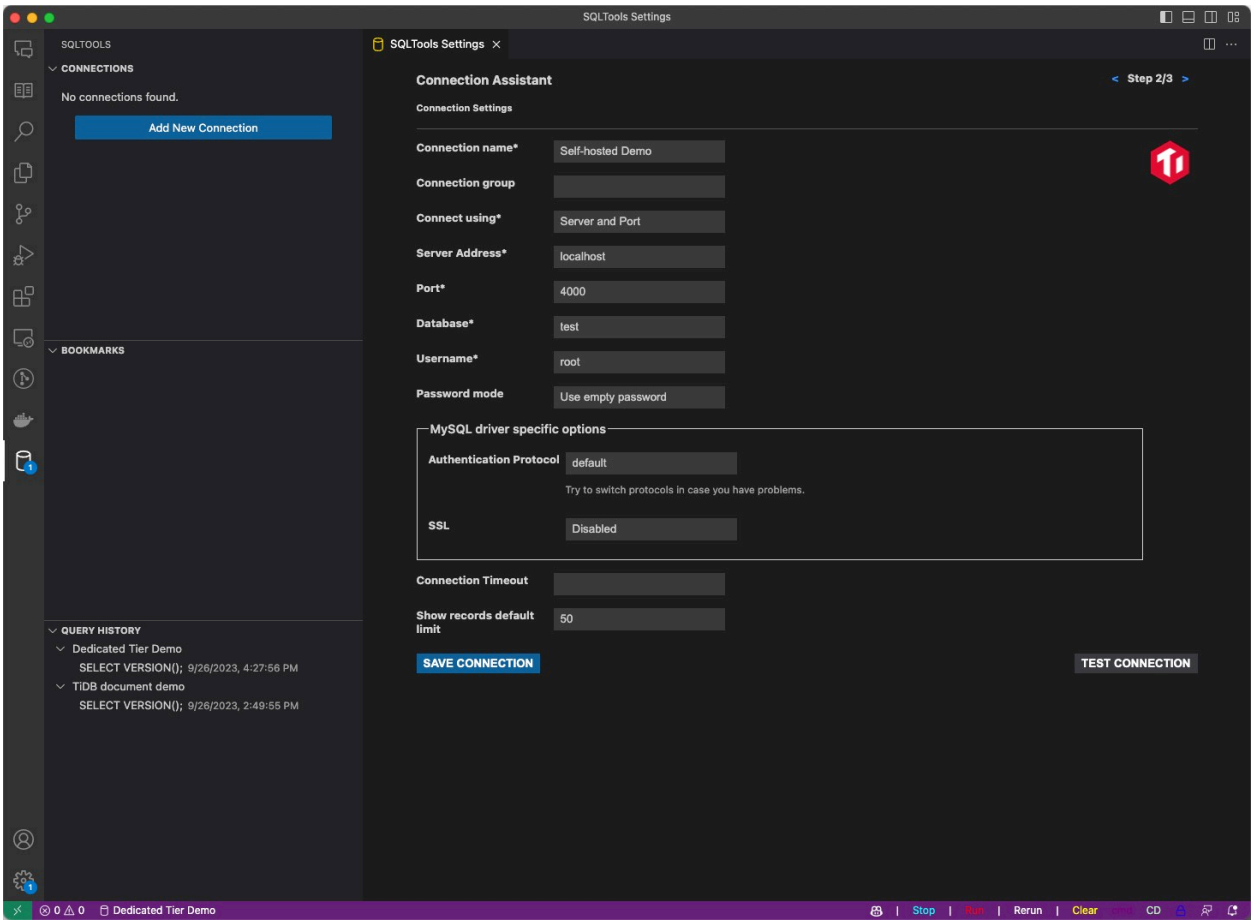

Figure 34: VS Code SQLTools: configure connection settings for TiDB Self-Managed

3. Click **TEST CONNECTION** to validate the connection to the TiDB Self-Managed cluster.

   If the password is not empty, click **Allow** in the pop-up window, and then enter the password of the TiDB Self-Managed cluster.

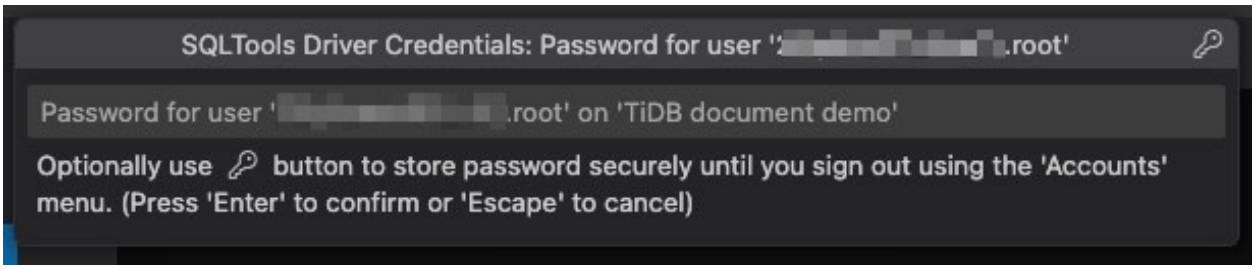

Figure 35: VS Code SQLTools: enter password to connect to TiDB Self-Managed

4. If the connection test is successful, you can see the **Successfully connected!** message.

Click **SAVE CONNECTION** to save the connection configuration.

4.4.1.3.3 Next steps

- Learn more usage of Visual Studio Code from the documentation of Visual Studio Code.
- Learn more usage of VS Code SQLTools extension from the documentation and GitHub repository of SQLTools.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.4.1.3.4 Need help?

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Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.4.1.4 Connect to TiDB with MySQL Workbench

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and MySQL Workbench is a GUI tool set for MySQL database users.

Warning:

- Although you can use MySQL Workbench to connect to TiDB due to its MySQL compatibility, MySQL Workbench does not fully support TiDB. You might encounter some issues during usage as it treats TiDB as MySQL.
- It is recommended to use other GUI tools that officially support TiDB, such as DataGrip, DBeaver, and VS Code SQLTools. For a complete list of GUI tools that fully supported by TiDB, see Third-party tools supported by TiDB.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to connect to your TiDB cluster using MySQL Workbench.

Note:

This tutorial is compatible with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.4.1.4.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- MySQL Workbench **8.0.31** or later versions.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.4.1.4.2 Connect to TiDB

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you have selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.
    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
    - **Branch** is set to `main`.
    - **Connect With** is set to `MySQL Workbench`.
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.
4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

Tip:

If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Launch MySQL Workbench and click + near the **MySQL Connections** title.

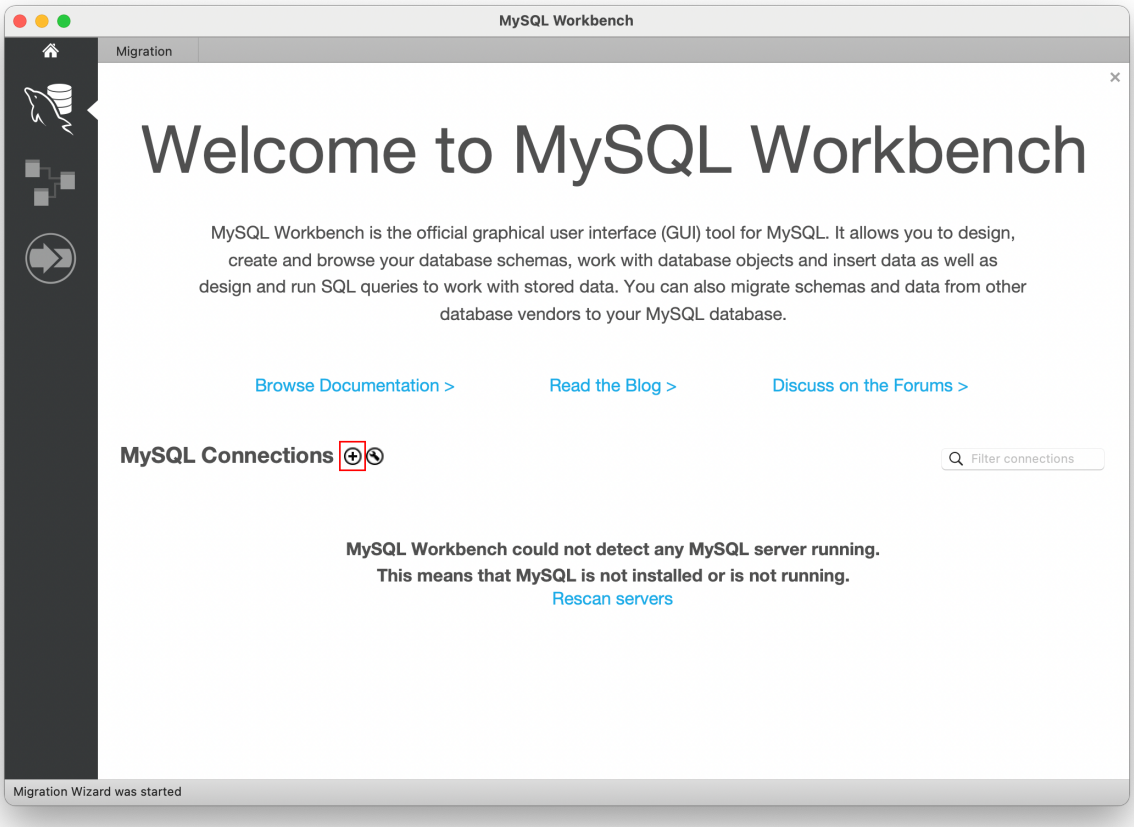

Figure 36: MySQL Workbench: add new connection

6. In the **Setup New Connection** dialog, configure the following connection parameters:

    - **Connection Name**: give this connection a meaningful name.
    - **Hostname**: enter the `HOST` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Port**: enter the `PORT` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Username**: enter the `USERNAME` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Password**: click **Store in Keychain ...** or **Store in Vault**, enter the password of the TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, and then click **OK** to store the password.

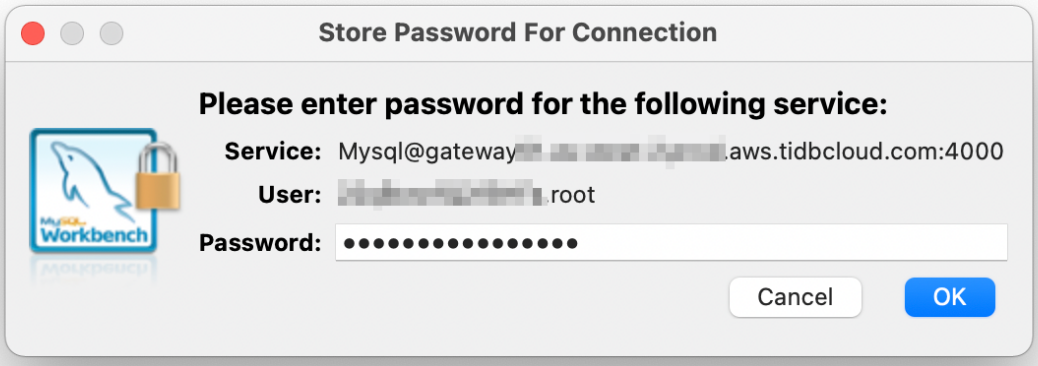

Figure 37: MySQL Workbench: store the password of TiDB Cloud Serverless in keychain

The following figure shows an example of the connection parameters:

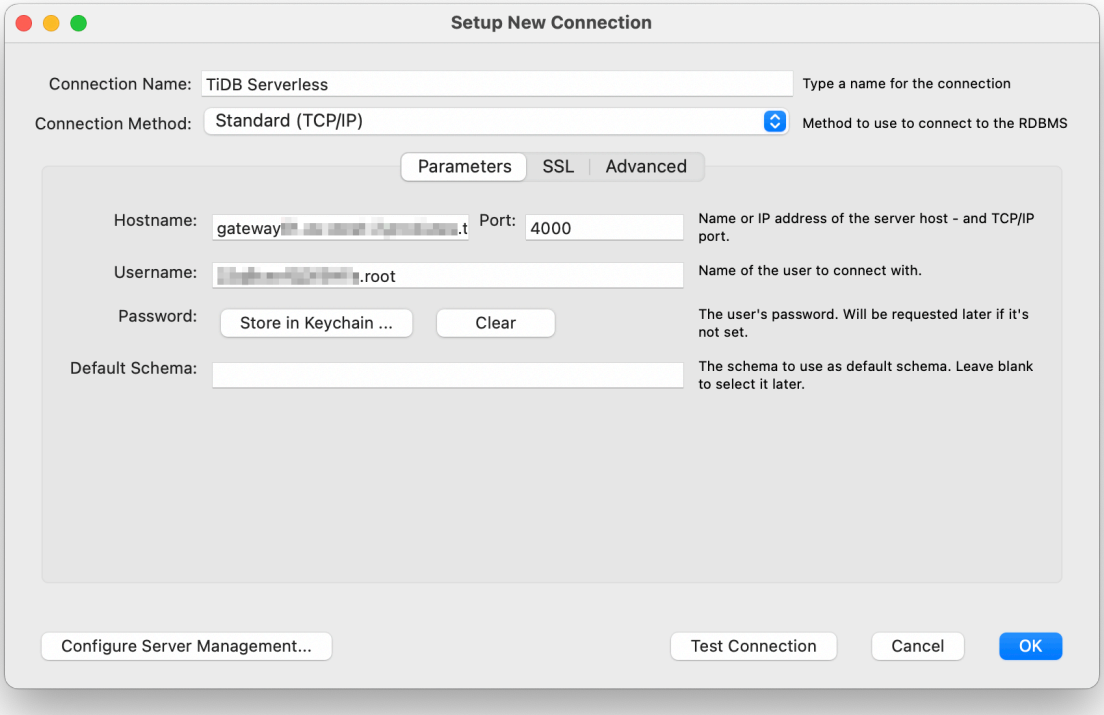

Figure 38: MySQL Workbench: configure connection settings for TiDB Cloud Serverless

7. Click **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster.

8. If the connection test is successful, you can see the **Successfully made the MySQL connection** message. Click **OK** to save the connection configuration.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.

2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list, and then click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

   In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Launch MySQL Workbench and click + near the **MySQL Connections** title.

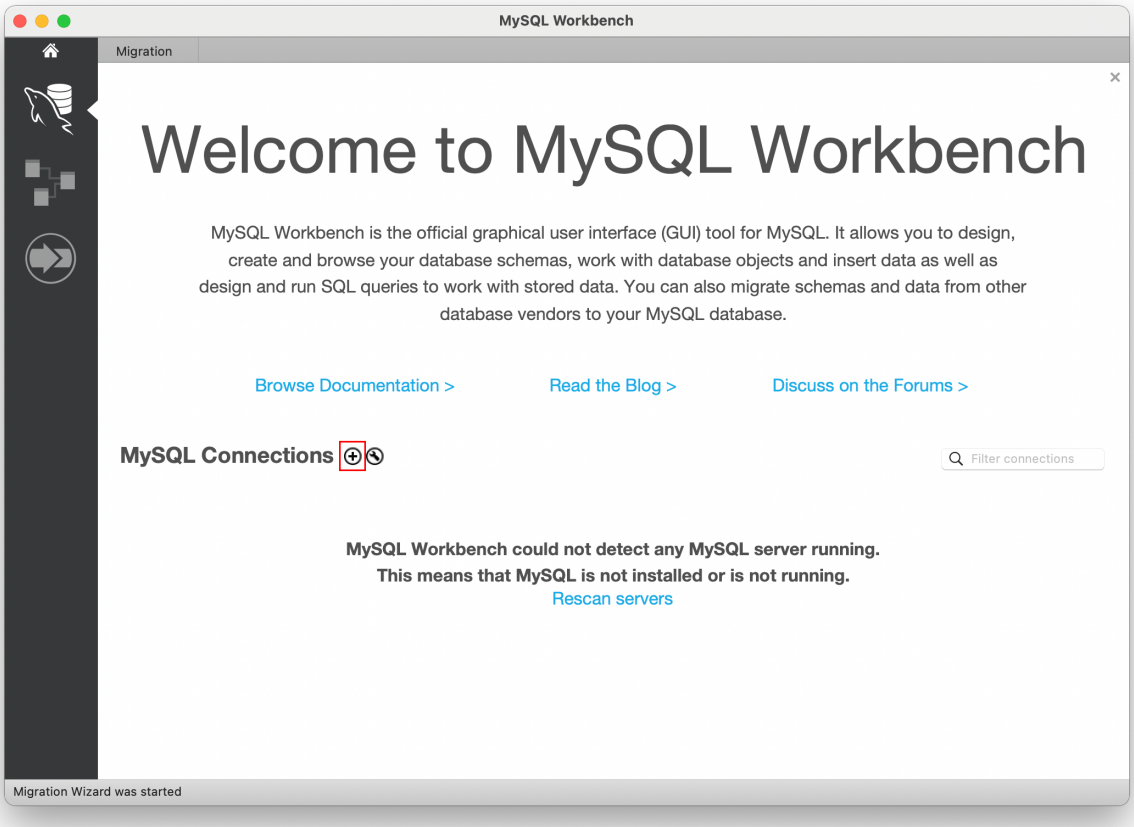

Figure 39: MySQL Workbench: add new connection

5. In the **Setup New Connection** dialog, configure the following connection parameters:

    - **Connection Name**: give this connection a meaningful name.
    - **Hostname**: enter the `HOST` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Port**: enter the `PORT` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Username**: enter the `USERNAME` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Password**: click **Store in Keychain ...**, enter the password of the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster, and then click **OK** to store the password.

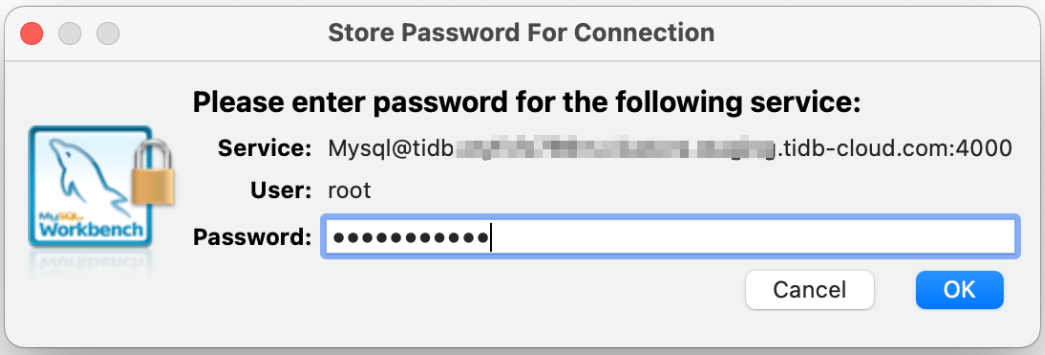

Figure 40: MySQL Workbench: store the password of TiDB Cloud Dedicated in keychain

The following figure shows an example of the connection parameters:

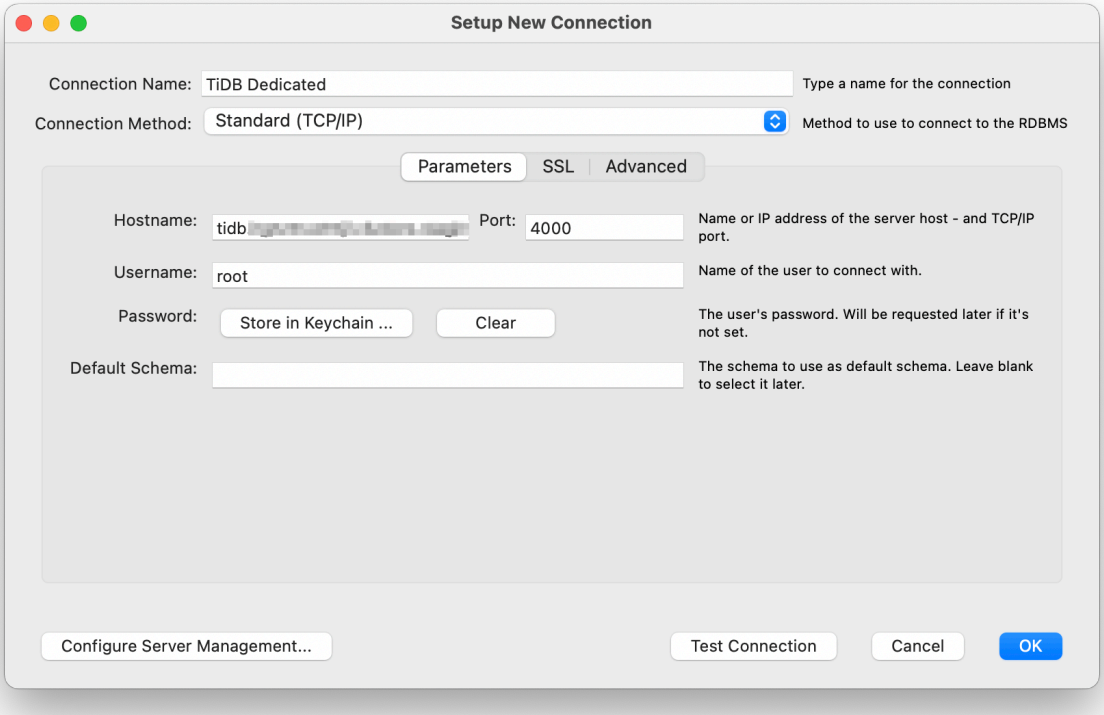

Figure 41: MySQL Workbench: configure connection settings for TiDB Cloud Dedicated

6. Click **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

7. If the connection test is successful, you can see the **Successfully made the MySQL connection** message. Click **OK** to save the connection configuration.

1. Launch MySQL Workbench and click + near the **MySQL Connections** title.

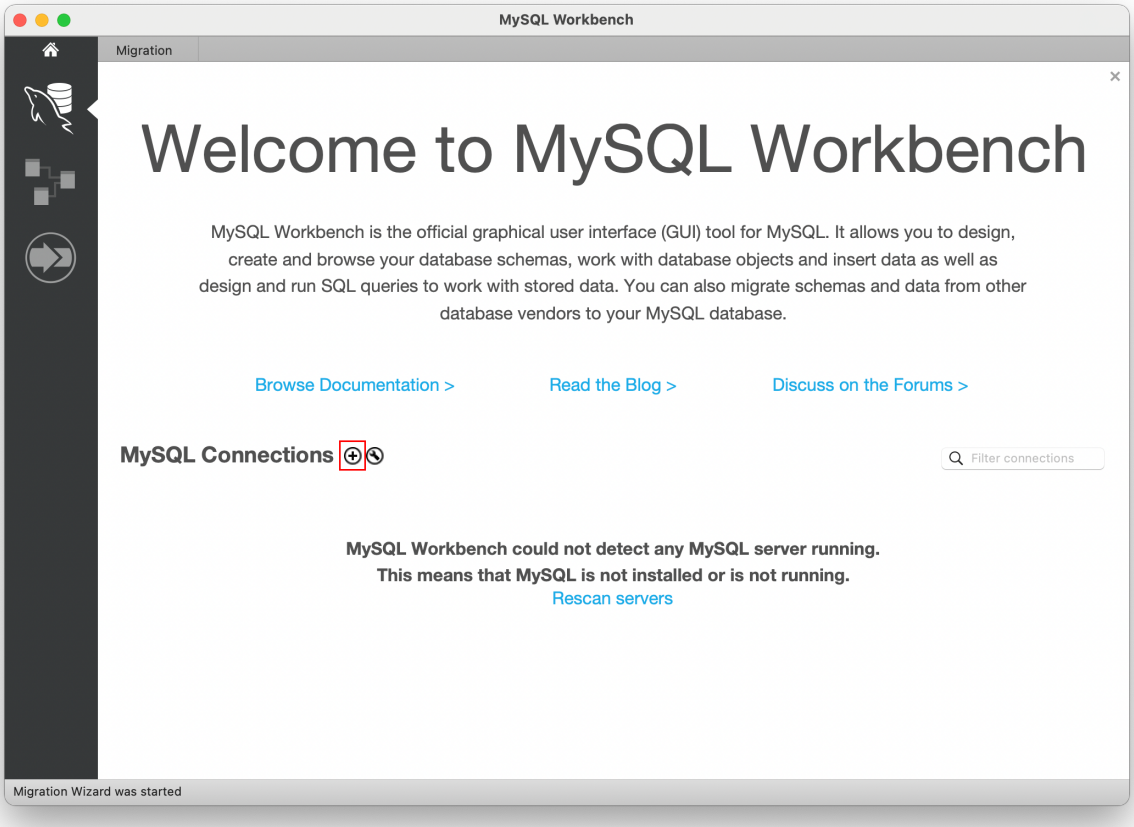

Figure 42: MySQL Workbench: add new connection

2. In the **Setup New Connection** dialog, configure the following connection parameters:

    - **Connection Name**: give this connection a meaningful name.
    - **Hostname**: enter the IP address or domain name of your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **Port**: enter the port number of your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **Username**: enter the username to use to connect to your TiDB.

- **Password**: click **Store in Keychain ...**, enter the password to use to connect to your TiDB cluster, and then click **OK** to store the password.

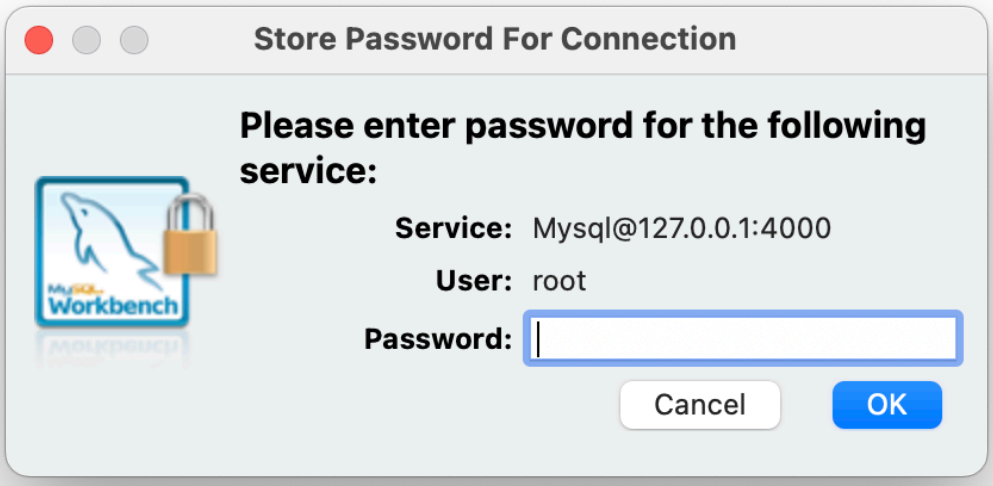

Figure 43: MySQL Workbench: store the password of TiDB Self-Managed in keychain

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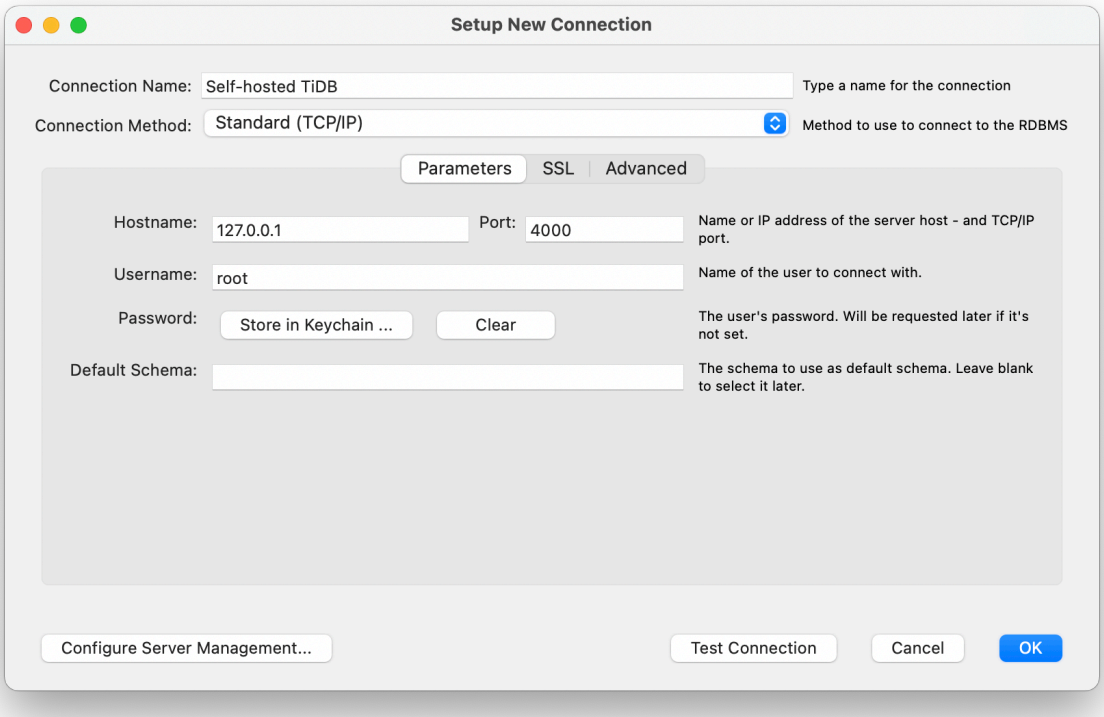

Figure 44: MySQL Workbench: configure connection settings for TiDB Self-Managed

3. Click **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
4. If the connection test is successful, you can see the **Successfully made the MySQL connection** message. Click **OK** to save the connection configuration.

4.4.1.4.3 FAQs

How to handle the connection timeout error "Error Code: 2013. Lost connection to MySQL server during query"?

This error indicates that the query execution time exceeds the timeout limit. To resolve this issue, you can adjust the timeout settings by the following steps:

1. Launch MySQL Workbench and navigate to the **Workbench Preferences** page.
2. In the **SQL Editor** > **MySQL Session** section, configure the **DBMS connection read timeout interval (in seconds)** option. This sets the maximum amount of time (in seconds) that a query can take before MySQL Workbench disconnects from the server.

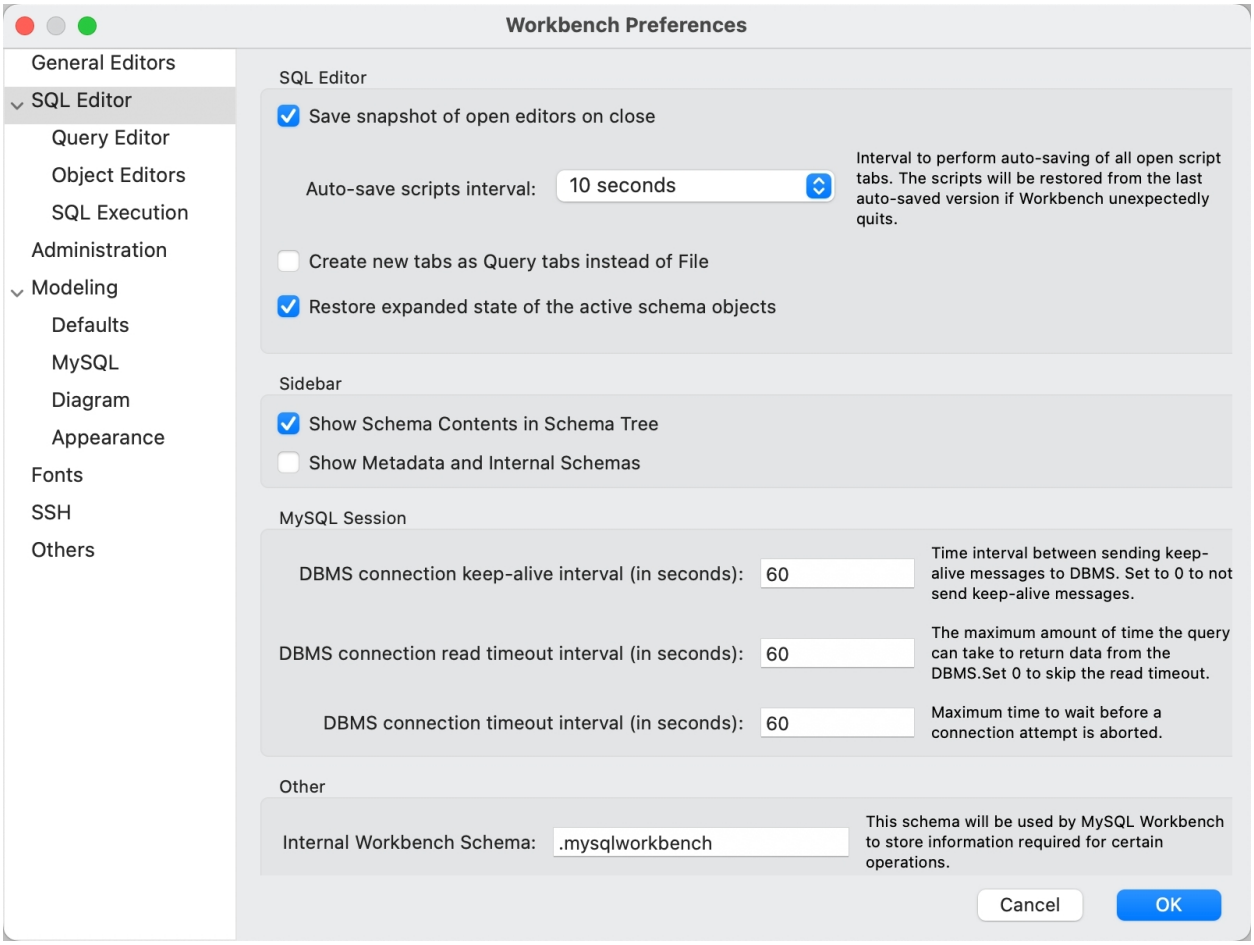

Figure 45: MySQL Workbench: adjust timeout option in SQL Editor settings

For more information, see MySQL Workbench frequently asked questions.

4.4.1.4.4 Next steps

- Learn more usage of MySQL Workbench from the documentation of MySQL Workbench.
- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.4.1.4.5 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.4.1.5 Connect to TiDB with Navicat

TiDB is a MySQL-compatible database, and Navicat is a GUI tool set for database users. This tutorial uses the Navicat Premium tool to connect to TiDB.

In this tutorial, you can learn how to connect to your TiDB cluster using Navicat.

> **Note:**
>
> This tutorial is compatible with TiDB Cloud Serverless, TiDB Cloud Dedicated, and TiDB Self-Managed.

4.4.1.5.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Navicat Premium **17.1.6** or later versions.
- A paid account for Navicat Premium.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- (Recommended) Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.
- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.

4.4.1.5.2 Connect to TiDB

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you have selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.
    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
    - **Branch** is set to `main`.
    - **Connect With** is set to `Navicat`.
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

4. Click **Generate Password** to create a random password.

> **Tip:**
>
> If you have created a password before, you can either use the original password or click **Reset Password** to generate a new one.

5. Launch Navicat Premium, click **Connection** in the upper-left corner, select **PingCAP** from the **Vendor Filter** list, and double-click **TiDB** in the right panel.

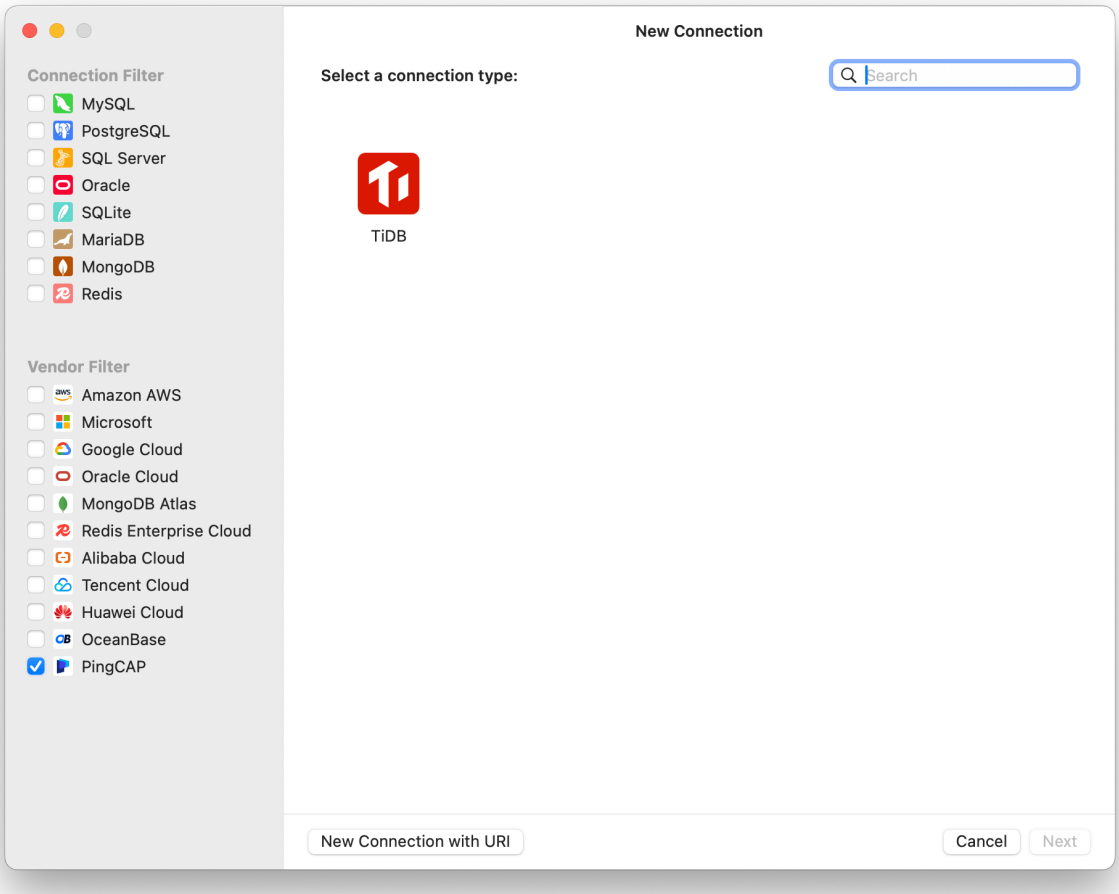

Figure 46: Navicat: add new connection

6. In the **New Connection (TiDB)** dialog, configure the following connection parameters:

    - **Connection Name**: give this connection a meaningful name.

- **Host**: enter the `HOST` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
- **Port**: enter the `PORT` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
- **User Name**: enter the `USERNAME` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
- **Password**: enter the password of the TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster.

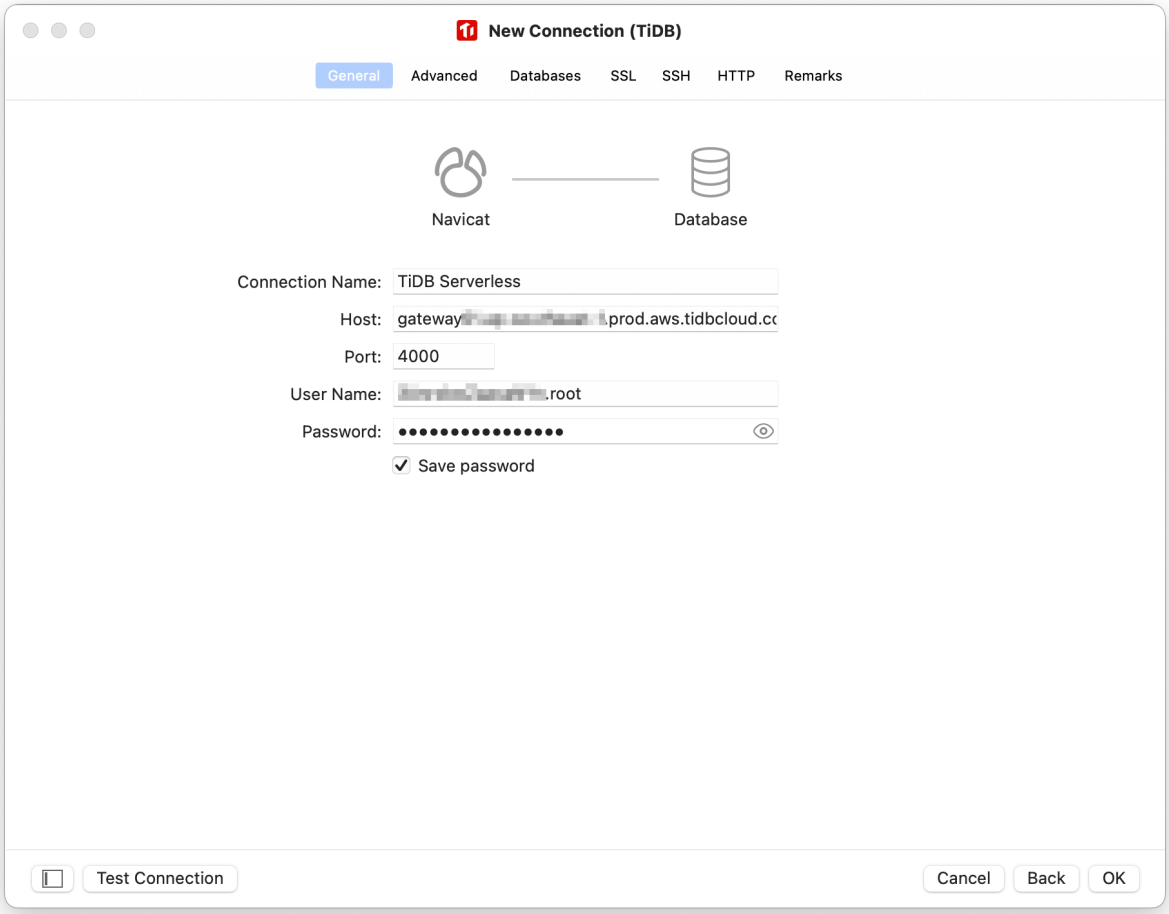

Figure 47: Navicat: configure connection general panel for TiDB Cloud Serverless

7. Click the **SSL** tab and select **Use SSL**, **Use authentication**, and **Verify server certificate against CA** checkboxes. Then, select the `CA` file from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog into the **CA Certificate** field.

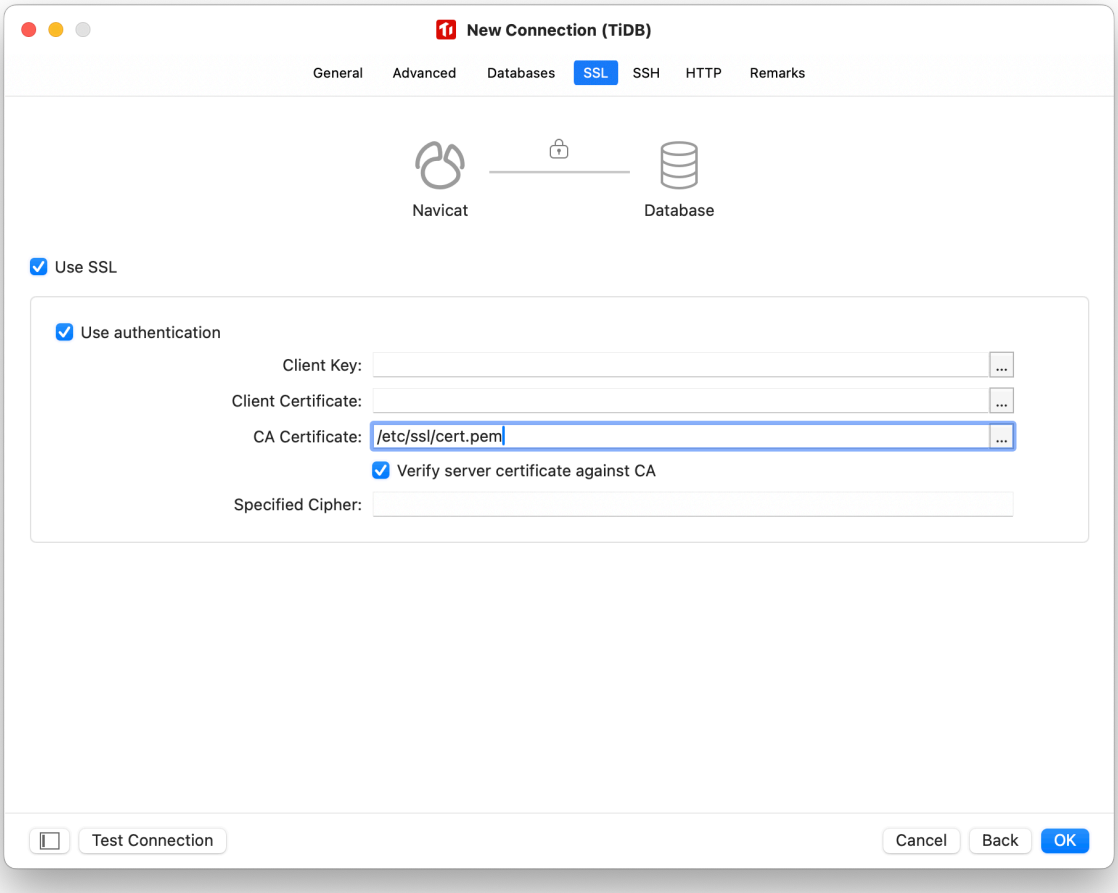

Figure 48: Navicat: configure connection SSL panel for TiDB Cloud Serverless

8. Click **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster.

9. If the connection test is successful, you can see the **Connection Successful** message. Click **OK** to finish the connection configuration.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.

2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. In the connection dialog, select **Public** from the **Connection Type** drop-down list.

   If you have not configured the IP access list, click **Configure IP Access List** or follow the steps in Configure an IP Access List to configure it before your first connection.

In addition to the **Public** connection type, TiDB Dedicated supports **Private Endpoint** and **VPC Peering** connection types. For more information, see Connect to Your TiDB Dedicated Cluster.

4. Click **CA cert** to download the CA certificate.

5. Launch Navicat Premium, click **Connection** in the upper-left corner, select **PingCAP** from the **Vendor Filter** list, and double-click **TiDB** in the right panel.

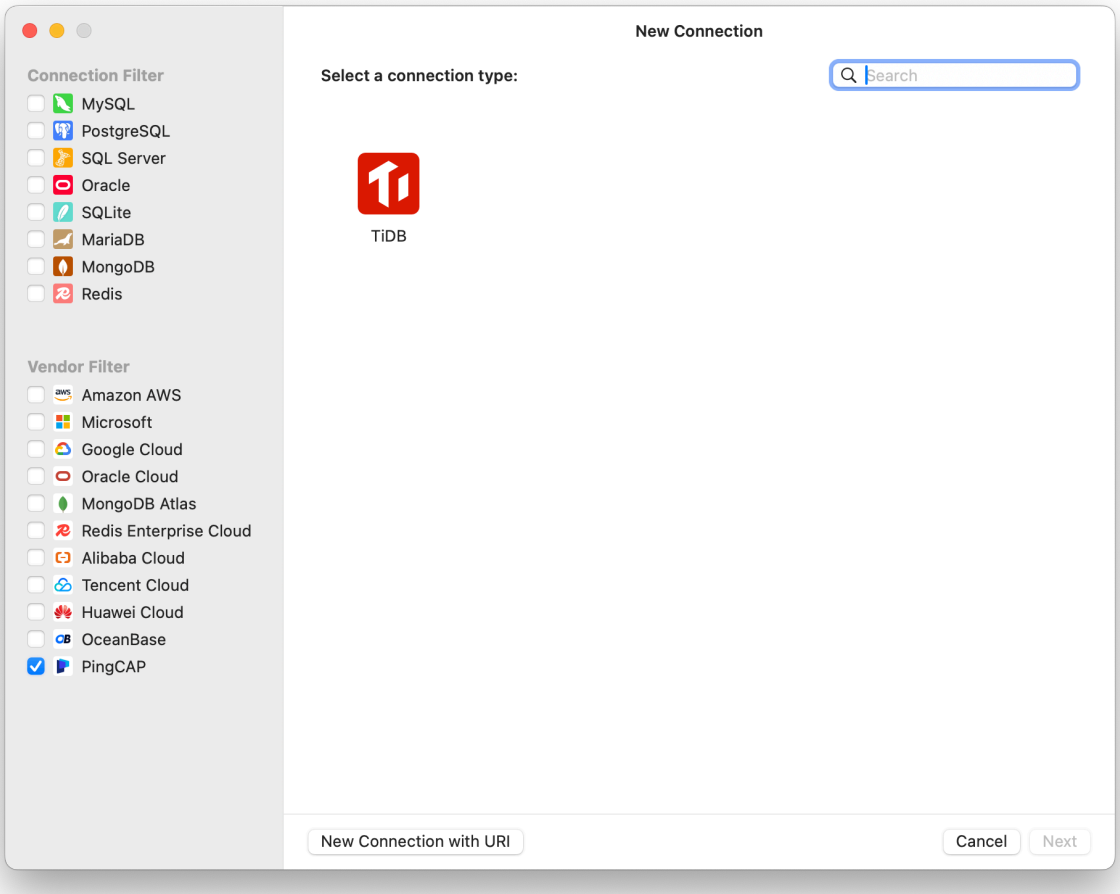

Figure 49: Navicat: add new connection

6. In the **New Connection (TiDB)** dialog, configure the following connection parameters:

    - **Connection Name**: give this connection a meaningful name.
    - **Host**: enter the `HOST` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
    - **Port**: enter the `PORT` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.

- **User Name**: enter the `USERNAME` parameter from the TiDB Cloud connection dialog.
- **Password**: enter the password of the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

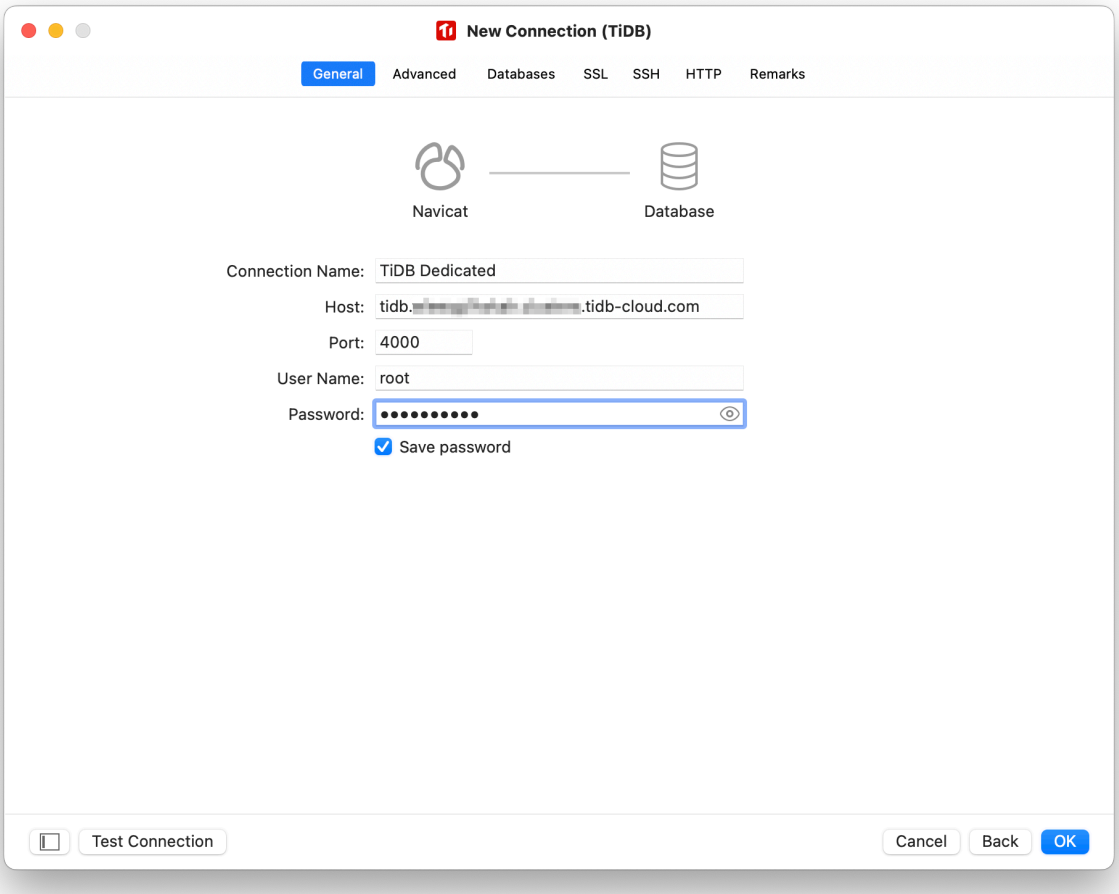

Figure 50: Navicat: configure connection general panel for TiDB Cloud Dedicated

7. Click the **SSL** tab and select **Use SSL**, **Use authentication**, and **Verify server certificate against CA** checkboxes. Then, select the CA file downloaded in step 4 into the **CA Certificate** field.

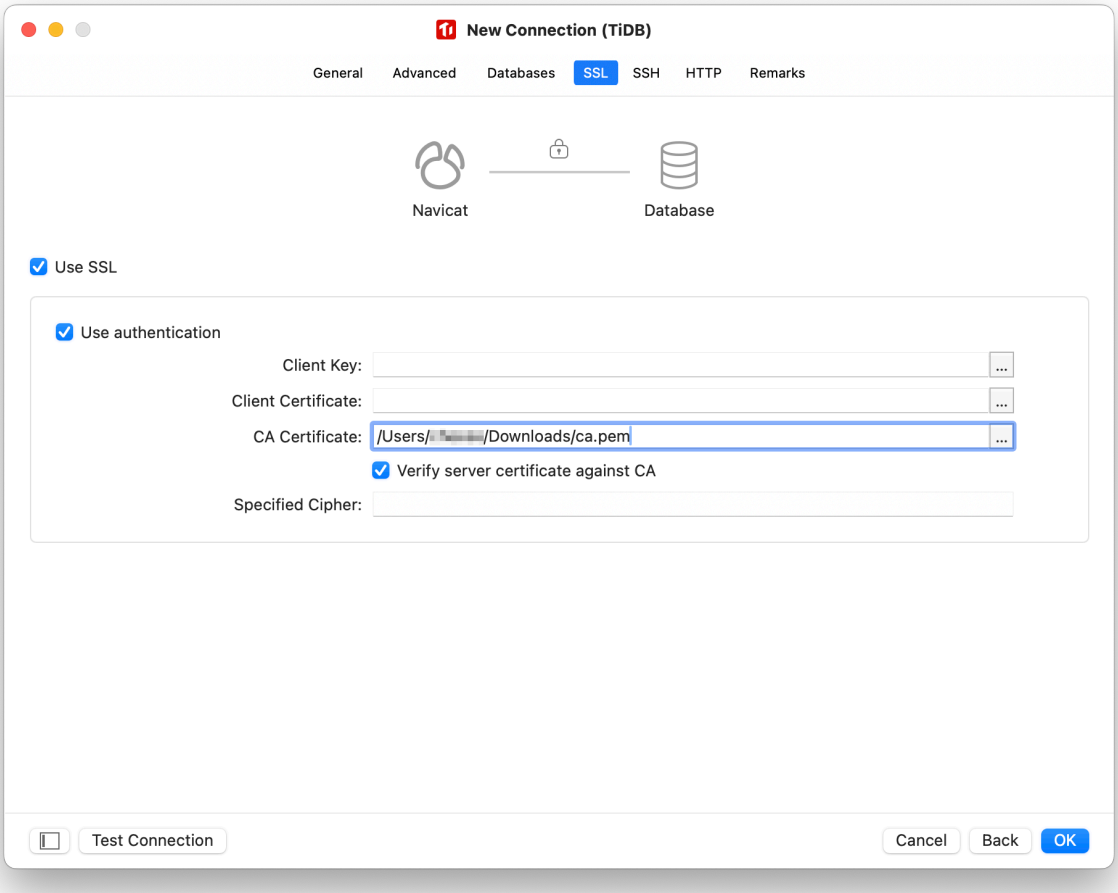

Figure 51: Navicat: configure connection SSL panel for TiDB Cloud Dedicated

8. **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

9. If the connection test is successful, you can see the **Connection Successful** message. Click **OK** to finish the connection configuration.

1. Launch Navicat Premium, click **Connection** in the upper-left corner, select **PingCAP** from the **Vendor Filter** list, and double-click **TiDB** in the right panel.

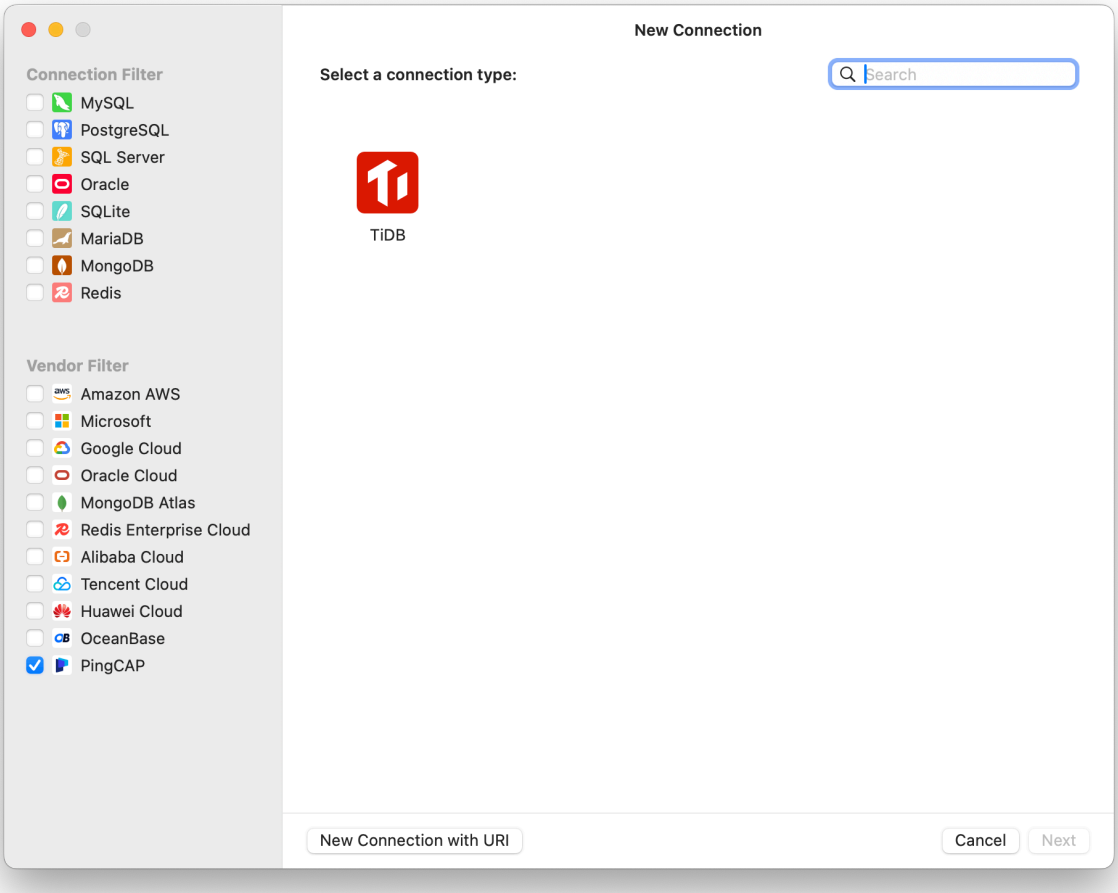

Figure 52: Navicat: add new connection

2. In the **New Connection (TiDB)** dialog, configure the following connection parameters:

    - **Connection Name**: give this connection a meaningful name.
    - **Host**: enter the IP address or domain name of your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **Port**: enter the port number of your TiDB Self-Managed cluster.
    - **User Name**: enter the username to use to connect to your TiDB.
    - **Password**: enter the password to use to connect to your TiDB.

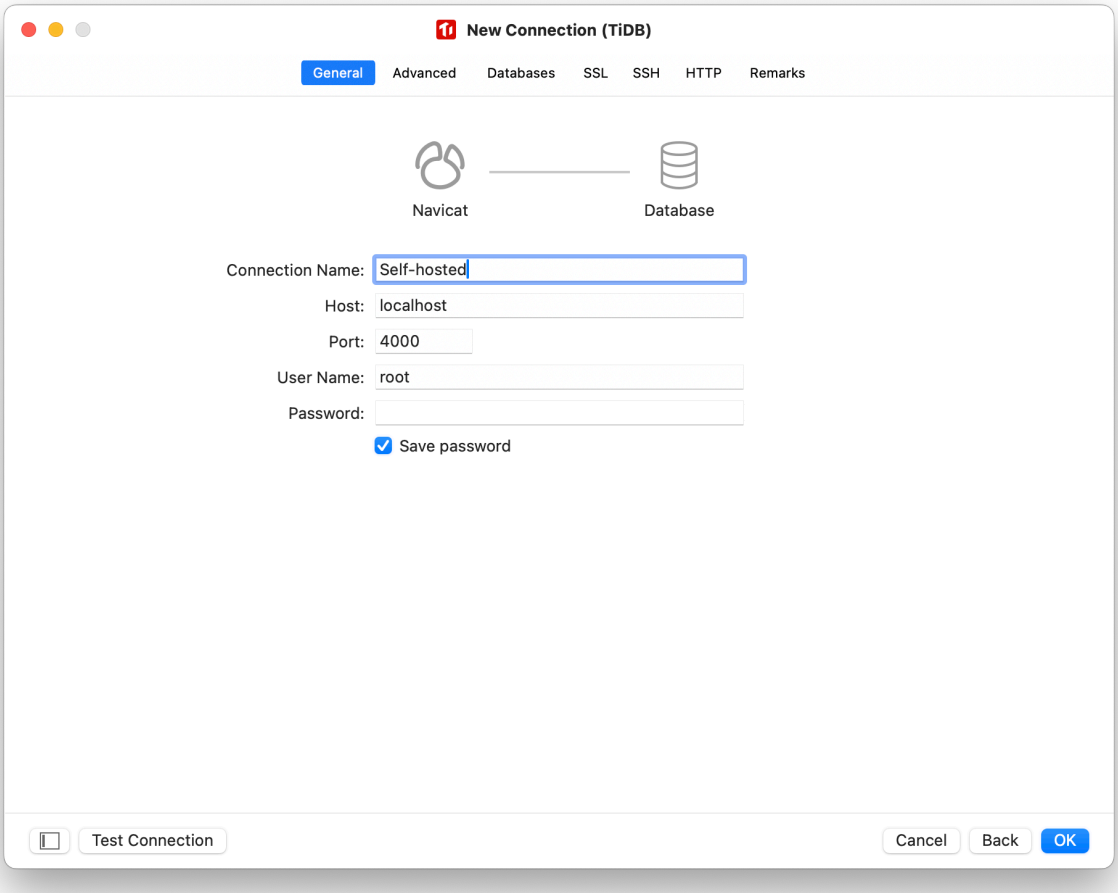

Figure 53: Navicat: configure connection general panel for self-hosted TiDB

3. Click **Test Connection** to validate the connection to the TiDB Self-Managed cluster.

4. If the connection test is successful, you can see the **Connection Successful** message. Click **OK** to finish the connection configuration.

4.4.1.5.3 Next steps

- Learn the best practices for TiDB application development with the chapters in the Developer guide, such as Insert data, Update data, Delete data, Single table reading, Transactions, and SQL performance optimization.
- Learn through the professional TiDB developer courses and earn TiDB certifications after passing the exam.

4.4.1.5.4 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.4.2 Choose Driver or ORM

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB provides the following two support levels for drivers and ORMs:
>
> - **Full**: indicates that TiDB is compatible with most features of the tool and maintains compatibility with its newer versions. PingCAP will periodically conduct compatibility tests with the latest version of Third-party tools supported by TiDB.
> - **Compatible**: indicates that because the corresponding third-party tool is adapted to MySQL and TiDB is highly compatible with the MySQL protocol, so TiDB can use most features of the tool. However, PingCAP has not completed a full test on all features of the tool, which might lead to some unexpected behaviors.
>
> For more information, refer to Third-Party Tools Supported by TiDB.

TiDB is highly compatible with the MySQL protocol but some features are incompatible with MySQL. For a full list of compatibility differences, see MySQL Compatibility.

4.4.2.1 Java

This section describes how to use drivers and ORM frameworks in Java.

4.4.2.1.1 Java drivers

Support level: **Full**

You can follow the MySQL documentation to download and configure a Java JDBC driver. It is recommended to use the latest GA version of MySQL Connector/J with TiDB v6.3.0 or later.

> **Warning:**
>
> There is a bug in the MySQL Connector/J 8.0 versions before 8.0.31 (see MySQL JDBC bugs for details), which might cause threads to hang when using TiDB versions earlier than v6.3.0. To avoid this issue, do **NOT** use MySQL Connector/J 8.0.31 or an earlier version.

For an example of how to build a complete application, see Build a simple CRUD app with TiDB and JDBC.

Support level: **Full**

TiDB-JDBC is a customized Java driver based on MySQL 8.0.29. Compiled based on MySQL official version 8.0.29, TiDB-JDBC fixes the bug of multi-parameter and multi-field EOF in the prepare mode in the original JDBC, and adds features such as automatic TiCDC snapshot maintenance and the SM3 authentication plugin.

The authentication based on SM3 is only supported in TiDB's TiDB-JDBC.

If you are using Maven, add the following content to the `<dependencies></dependencies>` section in the `pom.xml` file:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>io.github.lastincisor</groupId>
  <artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
  <version>8.0.29-tidb-1.0.0</version>
</dependency>
```

If you need to enable SM3 authentication, add the following content to the `<dependencies></dependencies>` section in the `pom.xml` file:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>io.github.lastincisor</groupId>
  <artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
  <version>8.0.29-tidb-1.0.0</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.bouncycastle</groupId>
    <artifactId>bcprov-jdk15on</artifactId>
    <version>1.67</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.bouncycastle</groupId>
    <artifactId>bcpkix-jdk15on</artifactId>
    <version>1.67</version>
</dependency>
```

If you use Gradle, add the following content to `dependencies`:

```
implementation group: 'io.github.lastincisor', name: 'mysql-connector-java',
    ↪  version: '8.0.29-tidb-1.0.0'
implementation group: 'org.bouncycastle', name: 'bcprov-jdk15on', version:
    ↪ '1.67'
implementation group: 'org.bouncycastle', name: 'bcpkix-jdk15on', version:
    ↪ '1.67'
```

4.4.2.1.2 Java ORM frameworks

Note:

- Currently, Hibernate does not support nested transactions.
- Since v6.2.0, TiDB supports savepoint. To use the `Propagation.NESTED` transaction propagation option in `@Transactional`, that is, to set `@Transactional(propagation = Propagation.NESTED)`, make sure that your TiDB is v6.2.0 or later.

Support level: **Full**

To avoid manually managing complex relationships between different dependencies of an application, you can use Gradle or Maven to get all dependencies of your application, including those indirect ones. Note that only Hibernate `6.0.0.Beta2` or above supports the TiDB dialect.

If you are using Maven, add the following to your `<dependencies></dependencies>`:

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.hibernate.orm</groupId>
    <artifactId>hibernate-core</artifactId>
    <version>6.2.3.Final</version>
</dependency>

<dependency>
    <groupId>mysql</groupId>
    <artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
    <version>8.0.33</version>
</dependency>
```

If you are using Gradle, add the following to your `dependencies`:

```
implementation 'org.hibernate:hibernate-core:6.2.3.Final'
implementation 'mysql:mysql-connector-java:8.0.33'
```

- For an example of using Hibernate to build a TiDB application by native Java, see Build a simple CRUD app with TiDB and Hibernate.
- For an example of using Spring Data JPA or Hibernate to build a TiDB application by Spring, see Build a TiDB app using Spring Boot.

In addition, you need to specify the TiDB dialect in your Hibernate configuration file: `org.hibernate.dialect.TiDBDialect`, which is only supported by Hibernate `6.0.0.Beta2` or above. If your `Hibernate` version is earlier than `6.0.0.Beta2`, upgrade it first.

Note:

If you are unable to upgrade your `Hibernate` version, use the MySQL 5.7 dialect `org.hibernate.dialect.MySQL57Dialect` instead. However, this setting might cause unpredictable results and the absence of some TiDB-specific features, such as sequences.

Support level: **Full**

To avoid manually managing complex relationships between different dependencies of an application, you can use Gradle or Maven to get all dependencies of your application, including those indirect dependencies.

If you are using Maven, add the following to your `<dependencies></dependencies>`:

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.mybatis</groupId>
    <artifactId>mybatis</artifactId>
    <version>3.5.13</version>
</dependency>

<dependency>
    <groupId>mysql</groupId>
    <artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
    <version>8.0.33</version>
</dependency>
```

If you are using Gradle, add the following to your `dependencies`:

```
implementation 'org.mybatis:mybatis:3.5.13'
implementation 'mysql:mysql-connector-java:8.0.33'
```

For an example of using MyBatis to build a TiDB application, see Build a simple CRUD app with TiDB and MyBatis.

4.4.2.1.3 Java client load balancing

tidb-loadbalance

Support level: **Full**

tidb-loadbalance is a load balancing component on the application side. With tidb-loadbalance, you can automatically maintain the node information of TiDB server and distribute JDBC connections on the client using the tidb-loadbalance policies. Using a direct JDBC connection between the client application and TiDB server has higher performance than using the load balancing component.

Currently, tidb-loadbalance supports the following policies: roundrobin, random, and weight.

> **Note:**
>
> tidb-loadbalance must be used with mysql-connector-j.

If you are using Maven, add the following content to the element body of `<dependencies></dependencies>` in the `pom.xml` file:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>io.github.lastincisor</groupId>
  <artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
  <version>8.0.29-tidb-1.0.0</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>io.github.lastincisor</groupId>
  <artifactId>tidb-loadbalance</artifactId>
  <version>0.0.5</version>
</dependency>
```

If you are using Gradle, add the following content to `dependencies`:

```
implementation group: 'io.github.lastincisor', name: 'mysql-connector-java',
    ↪  version: '8.0.29-tidb-1.0.0'
implementation group: 'io.github.lastincisor', name: 'tidb-loadbalance',
    ↪ version: '0.0.5'
```

4.4.2.2 Golang

This section describes how to use drivers and ORM frameworks in Golang.

4.4.2.2.1 Golang drivers

go-sql-driver/mysql

Support level: **Full**

To download and configure a Golang driver, refer to the go-sql-driver/mysql documentation.

For an example of how to build a complete application, see Connect to TiDB with Go-MySQL-Driver.

4.4.2.2.2 Golang ORM frameworks

GORM

Support level: **Full**

GORM is a popular ORM framework for Golang. To get all dependencies in your application, you can use the `go get` command.

```
go get -u gorm.io/gorm
go get -u gorm.io/driver/mysql
```

For an example of using GORM to build a TiDB application, see Connect to TiDB with GORM.

4.4.2.3 Python

This section describes how to use drivers and ORM frameworks in Python.

4.4.2.3.1 Python drivers

Support level: **Compatible**

You can follow the PyMySQL documentation to download and configure the driver. It is recommended to use PyMySQL 1.0.2 or later versions.

For an example of using PyMySQL to build a TiDB application, see Connect to TiDB with PyMySQL.

Support level: **Compatible**

You can follow the mysqlclient documentation to download and configure the driver. It is recommended to use mysqlclient 2.1.1 or later versions.

For an example of using mysqlclient to build a TiDB application, see Connect to TiDB with mysqlclient.

Support level: **Compatible**

You can follow the MySQL Connector/Python documentation to download and configure the driver. It is recommended to use Connector/Python 8.0.31 or later versions.

For an example of using MySQL Connector/Python to build a TiDB application, see Connect to TiDB with MySQL Connector/Python.

4.4.2.3.2 Python ORM frameworks

Support level: **Full**

Django is a popular Python web framework. To solve the compatibility issue between TiDB and Django, PingCAP provides a TiDB dialect `django-tidb`. To install it, you can see the `django-tidb` documentation.

For an example of using Django to build a TiDB application, see Connect to TiDB with Django.

Support level: **Full**

SQLAlchemy is a popular ORM framework for Python. To get all dependencies in your application, you can use the `pip install SQLAlchemy==1.4.44` command. It is recommended to use SQLAlchemy 1.4.44 or later versions.

For an example of using SQLAlchemy to build a TiDB application, see Connect to TiDB with SQLAlchemy.

Support level: **Compatible**

peewee is a popular ORM framework for Python. To get all dependencies in your application, you can use the `pip install peewee==3.15.4` command. It is recommended to use peewee 3.15.4 or later versions.

For an example of using peewee to build a TiDB application, see Connect to TiDB with peewee.

4.4.2.4 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

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4.4.3 Connect to TiDB

TiDB is highly compatible with the MySQL protocol. For a full list of client link parameters, see MySQL Client Options.

TiDB supports the MySQL Client/Server Protocol, which allows most client drivers and ORM frameworks to connect to TiDB just as they connect to MySQL.

4.4.3.1 MySQL

You can choose to use MySQL Client or MySQL Shell based on your personal preferences.

You can connect to TiDB using MySQL Client, which can be used as a command-line tool for TiDB. To install MySQL Client, follow the instructions below for YUM based Linux distributions.

```
sudo yum install mysql
```

After the installation, you can connect to TiDB using the following command:

```
mysql --host <tidb_server_host> --port 4000 -u root -p --comments
```

The MySQL v9.0 client on macOS cannot correctly load the `mysql_native_password` plugin, causing the error `ERROR 2059 (HY000): Authentication plugin 'mysql_native_password' cannot be loaded` when connecting to TiDB. To address this issue, it is

recommended to install and use the MySQL v8.0 client to connect to TiDB. Run the following commands to install it:

```
brew install mysql-client@8.0
brew unlink mysql
brew link mysql-client@8.0
```

If you still encounter errors, you can specify the installation path of the MySQL v8.0 client to connect to TiDB. Run the following command:

```
/opt/homebrew/opt/mysql-client@8.0/bin/mysql --comments --host ${YOUR_IP_
    ↪ ADDRESS} --port ${YOUR_PORT_NUMBER} -u ${your_user_name} -p
```

Replace `/opt/homebrew/opt/mysql-client@8.0/bin/mysql` in the preceding command with the installation path of the MySQL v8.0 client in your actual environment.

You can connect to TiDB using MySQL Shell, which can be used as a command-line tool for TiDB. To install MySQL Shell, follow the instructions in the MySQL Shell documentation. After the installation, you can connect to TiDB using the following command:

```
mysqlsh --sql mysql://root@<tidb_server_host>:4000
```

4.4.3.2 JDBC

You can connect to TiDB using the JDBC driver. To do that, you need to create a `MysqlDataSource` or `MysqlConnectionPoolDataSource` object (both objects support the `DataSource` interface), and then set the connection string using the `setURL` function.

For example:

```
MysqlDataSource mysqlDataSource = new MysqlDataSource();
mysqlDataSource.setURL("jdbc:mysql://{host}:{port}/{database}?user={username
    ↪ }&password={password}");
```

For more information on JDBC connections, see the JDBC documentation

4.4.3.2.1 Connection parameters

Parameter name	Description
{username}	A SQL user to connect to the TiDB cluster
{password}	The password of the SQL user
{host}	Host of a TiDB node
{port}	Port that the TiDB node is listening on
{database}	Name of an existing database

For more information about TiDB SQL users, see TiDB User Account Management.

4.4.3.3 Hibernate

You can connect to TiDB using the Hibernate ORM. To do that, you need to set `hibernate.connection.url` in the Hibernate configuration file to a legal TiDB connection string.

For example, if you use a `hibernate.cfg.xml` configuration file, set `hibernate.connection.url` as follows:

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
<!DOCTYPE hibernate-configuration PUBLIC
        "-//Hibernate/Hibernate Configuration DTD 3.0//EN"
        "http://www.hibernate.org/dtd/hibernate-configuration-3.0.dtd">
<hibernate-configuration>
    <session-factory>
        <property name="hibernate.connection.driver_class">com.mysql.cj.jdbc.
            ↪ Driver</property>
        <property name="hibernate.dialect">org.hibernate.dialect.TiDBDialect<
            ↪ /property>
        <property name="hibernate.connection.url">jdbc:mysql://{host}:{port
            ↪ }/{database}?user={user}&amp;password={password}</property>
    </session-factory>
</hibernate-configuration>
```

After the configuration is done, you can use the following command to read the configuration file and get the `SessionFactory` object:

```
SessionFactory sessionFactory = new Configuration().configure("hibernate.
    ↪ cfg.xml").buildSessionFactory();
```

Note the following:

- Because the `hibernate.cfg.xml` configuration file is in the XML format and `&` is a special character in XML, you need to change `&` to `&` when configuring the file. For example, you need to change the connection string `hibernate.connection.url` from `jdbc:mysql://{host}:{port}/{database}?user={user}&password={password}` to `jdbc:mysql://{host}:{ port}/{database}?user={user}&password={password}`.
- It is recommended that you use the `TiDB` dialect by setting `hibernate.dialect` to `org.hibernate.dialect.TiDBDialect`.
- Hibernate supports TiDB dialects starting from `6.0.0.Beta2`, so it is recommended that you use Hibernate `6.0.0.Beta2` or a later version to connect to TiDB.

For more information about Hibernate connection parameters, see Hibernate documentation.

4.4.3.3.1 Connection parameters

Parameter name	Description
{username}	A SQL user to connect to the TiDB cluster
{password}	The password of the SQL user
{host}	Host of a TiDB node
{port}	Port that the TiDB node is listening on
{database}	Name of an existing database

For more information about TiDB SQL users, see TiDB User Account Management.

4.4.3.4 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.4.4 Connection Pools and Connection Parameters

This document describes how to configure connection pools and connection parameters when you use a driver or ORM framework to connect to TiDB.

If you are interested in more tips about Java application development, see Best Practices for Developing Java Applications with TiDB

4.4.4.1 Connection pool

Building TiDB (MySQL) connections is relatively expensive (for OLTP scenarios at least). Because in addition to building a TCP connection, connection authentication is also required. Therefore, the client usually saves the TiDB (MySQL) connections to the connection pool for reuse.

Java has many connection pool implementations such as HikariCP, tomcat-jdbc, druid, c3p0, and dbcp. TiDB does not limit which connection pool you use, so you can choose whichever you like for your application.

4.4.4.1.1 Configure the number of connections

It is a common practice that the connection pool size is well adjusted according to the application's own needs. Take HikariCP as an example:

- **maximumPoolSize**: The maximum number of connections in the connection pool. If this value is too large, TiDB consumes resources to maintain useless connections. If this value is too small, the application gets slow connections. Therefore, you need to configure this value according to your application characteristics. For details, see About Pool Sizing.
- **minimumIdle**: The minimum number of idle connections in the connection pool. It is mainly used to reserve some connections to respond to sudden requests when the application is idle. You also need to configure it according to your application characteristics.

The application needs to return the connection after finishing using it. It is recommended that the application uses the corresponding connection pool monitoring (such as **metricRegistry**) to locate connection pool issues in time.

4.4.4.1.2 Probe configuration

The connection pool maintains persistent connections from clients to TiDB as follows:

- Before v5.4, TiDB does not proactively close client connections by default (unless an error is reported).
- Starting from v5.4, TiDB automatically closes client connections after `28800` seconds (this is, `8` hours) of inactivity by default. You can control this timeout setting using the TiDB and MySQL compatible `wait_timeout` variable. For more information, see JDBC Query Timeout.

Moreover, there might be network proxies such as LVS or HAProxy between clients and TiDB. These proxies typically proactively clean up connections after a specific idle period (determined by the proxy's idle configuration). In addition to monitoring the proxy's idle configuration, connection pools also need to maintain or probe connections for keep-alive.

If you often see the following error in your Java application:

```
The last packet sent successfully to the server was 3600000 milliseconds ago
    ↪ . The driver has not received any packets from the server. com.mysql.
    ↪ jdbc.exceptions.jdbc4.CommunicationsException: Communications link
    ↪ failure
```

If `n` in `n milliseconds ago` is `0` or a very small value, it is usually because the executed SQL operation causes TiDB to exit abnormally. To find the cause, it is recommended to check the TiDB stderr log.

If `n` is a very large value (such as `3600000` in the above example), it is likely that this connection was idle for a long time and then closed by the proxy. The usual solution is to increase the value of the proxy's idle configuration and allow the connection pool to:

- Check whether the connection is available before using the connection every time.
- Regularly check whether the connection is available using a separate thread.
- Send a test query regularly to keep alive connections.

Different connection pool implementations might support one or more of the above methods. You can check your connection pool documentation to find the corresponding configuration.

4.4.4.1.3 Formulas based on experience

According to the About Pool Sizing article of HikariCP, if you have no idea about how to set a proper size for the database connection pool, you can get started with a formula based on experience. Then, based on the performance result of the pool size calculated from the formula, you can further adjust the size to achieve the best performance.

The formula based on experience is as follows:

```
connections = ((core_count * 2) + effective_spindle_count)
```

The description of each parameter in the formula is as follows:

- **connections**: the size of connections obtained.
- **core_count**: the number of CPU cores.
- **effective_spindle_count**: the number of hard drives (not SSD). Because each spinning hard disk can be called a spindle. For example, if you are using a server with a RAID of 16 disks, the **effective_spindle_count** should be 16. Because **HDD** usually can handle only one request at a time, the formula here is actually measuring how many concurrent I/O requests your server can manage.

In particular, pay attention to the following note below the formula.

```
A formula which has held up pretty well across a lot of
    ↪ benchmarks for years is
that for optimal throughput the number of active connections
    ↪ should be somewhere
near ((core_count * 2) + effective_spindle_count). Core count
    ↪ should not include
HT threads, even if hyperthreading is enabled. Effective
    ↪ spindle count is zero if
the active data set is fully cached, and approaches the actual
    ↪ number of spindles
as the cache hit rate falls. ... There hasn't been any analysis
    ↪  so far regarding
how well the formula works with SSDs.
```

This note indicates that:

- **core_count** is the number of physical cores, regardless of whether you enable Hyper-Threading or not.

- When data is fully cached, you need to set **effective_spindle_count** to `0`. As the hit rate of cache decreases, the count is closer to the actual number of `HDD`.
- **Whether the formula works for *SSD* is not tested and unknown.**

When using SSDs, it is recommended that you use the following formula based on experience instead:

```
connections = (number of cores * 4)
```

Therefore, you can set the maximum connection size of the initial connection pool to `cores * 4` in the case of SSDs and further adjust the size to tune the performance.

4.4.4.1.4 Tuning direction

As you can see, a size calculated from the formulas based on experience is just a recommended base value. To get the optimal size on a specific machine, you need to try other values around the base value and test the performance.

Here are some basic rules to help you get the optimal size:

- If your network or storage latency is high, increase your maximum number of connections to reduce the latency waiting time. Once a thread is blocked by latency, other threads can take over and continue processing.
- If you have multiple services deployed on your server and each service has a separate connection pool, consider the sum of the maximum number of connections to all connection pools.

4.4.4.2 Connection parameters

Java applications can be encapsulated with various frameworks. In most of the frameworks, JDBC API is called on the bottommost level to interact with the database server. For JDBC, it is recommended that you focus on the following things:

- JDBC API usage choice
- API Implementer's parameter configuration

4.4.4.2.1 JDBC API

For JDBC API usage, see JDBC official tutorial. This section covers the usage of several important APIs.

Use Prepare API

For OLTP (Online Transactional Processing) scenarios, the SQL statements sent by the program to the database are several types that can be exhausted after removing parameter changes. Therefore, it is recommended to use Prepared Statements instead of regular execution from a text file and reuse Prepared Statements to execute directly. This avoids the overhead of repeatedly parsing and generating SQL execution plans in TiDB.

At present, most upper-level frameworks call the Prepare API for SQL execution. If you use the JDBC API directly for development, pay attention to choosing the Prepare API.

In addition, with the default implementation of MySQL Connector/J, only client-side statements are preprocessed, and the statements are sent to the server in a text file after `?` is replaced on the client. Therefore, in addition to using the Prepare API, you also need to configure `useServerPrepStmts = true` in JDBC connection parameters before you perform statement preprocessing on the TiDB server. For detailed parameter configuration, see MySQL JDBC parameters.

Use Batch API

For batch inserts, you can use the `addBatch/executeBatch` API. The `addBatch()` method is used to cache multiple SQL statements first on the client, and then send them to the database server together when calling the `executeBatch` method.

> **Note:**
>
> In the default MySQL Connector/J implementation, the sending time of the SQL statements that are added to batch with `addBatch()` is delayed to the time when `executeBatch()` is called, but the statements will still be sent one by one during the actual network transfer. Therefore, this method usually does not reduce the amount of communication overhead.
>
> If you want to batch network transfer, you need to configure `rewriteBatchedStatements = true` in the JDBC connection parameters. For the detailed parameter configuration, see Batch-related parameters.

Use `StreamingResult` to get the execution result

In most scenarios, to improve execution efficiency, JDBC obtains query results in advance and saves them in client memory by default. But when the query returns a super large result set, the client often wants the database server to reduce the number of records returned at a time and waits until the client's memory is ready and it requests for the next batch.

The following two processing methods are usually used in JDBC:

- The first method: Set **FetchSize** to `Integer.MIN_VALUE` to ensure that the client does not cache. The client will read the execution result from the network connection through `StreamingResult`.

  When the client uses the streaming read method, it needs to finish reading or close `resultset` before continuing to use the statement to make a query. Otherwise, the error `No statements may be issued when any streaming result sets are open and in use on a given connection. Ensure that you have called .close()on any active streaming result sets before attempting more queries.` is returned.

To avoid such an error in queries before the client finishes reading or closes `resultset` ↪ , you can add the `clobberStreamingResults=true` parameter in the URL. Then, `resultset` is automatically closed but the result set to be read in the previous streaming query is lost.

- The second method: Use Cursor Fetch by first setting `FetchSize` as a positive integer and then configuring `useCursorFetch = true` in the JDBC URL.

TiDB supports both methods, but it is recommended that you use the first method that sets `FetchSize` to `Integer.MIN_VALUE`, because it is a simpler implementation and has better execution efficiency.

For the second method, TiDB first loads all data to the TiDB node, and then returns data to the client according to the `FetchSize`. Therefore, it usually consumes more memory than the first method. If `tidb_enable_tmp_storage_on_oom` is set to `ON`, TiDB might temporarily write the result to the hard disk.

If the `tidb_enable_lazy_cursor_fetch` system variable is set to `ON`, TiDB tries to read part of the data only when the client fetches it, which uses less memory. For more details and limitations, read the complete descriptions for the `tidb_enable_lazy_cursor_fetch` system variable.

4.4.4.2.2 MySQL JDBC parameters

JDBC usually provides implementation-related configurations in the form of JDBC URL parameters. This section introduces MySQL Connector/J's parameter configurations (If you use MariaDB, see MariaDB's parameter configurations). Because this document cannot cover all configuration items, it mainly focuses on several parameters that might affect performance.

Prepare-related parameters

This section introduces parameters related to `Prepare`.

- **useServerPrepStmts**

  useServerPrepStmts is set to `false` by default, that is, even if you use the Prepare API, the "prepare" operation will be done only on the client. To avoid the parsing overhead of the server, if the same SQL statement uses the Prepare API multiple times, it is recommended to set this configuration to `true`.

  To verify that this setting already takes effect, you can do:

  - Go to TiDB monitoring dashboard and view the request command type through **Query Summary** > **CPS By Instance**.
  - If `COM_QUERY` is replaced by `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` or `COM_STMT_PREPARE` in the request, it means this setting already takes effect.

- **cachePrepStmts**

  Although `useServerPrepStmts=true` allows the server to execute Prepared Statements, by default, the client closes the Prepared Statements after each execution and does not reuse them. This means that the "prepare" operation is not even as efficient as text file execution. To solve this, it is recommended that after setting `useServerPrepStmts=true`, you should also configure `cachePrepStmts=true`. This allows the client to cache Prepared Statements.

  To verify that this setting already takes effect, you can do:

  - Go to TiDB monitoring dashboard and view the request command type through **Query Summary** > **CPS By Instance**.
  - If the number of `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` in the request is far more than the number of `COM_STMT_PREPARE`, it means this setting already takes effect.

  In addition, configuring `useConfigs=maxPerformance` will configure multiple parameters at the same time, including `cachePrepStmts=true`.

- **prepStmtCacheSqlLimit**

  After configuring `cachePrepStmts`, also pay attention to the `prepStmtCacheSqlLimit` ↪ configuration (the default value is `256`). This configuration controls the maximum length of the Prepared Statements cached on the client.

  The Prepared Statements that exceed this maximum length will not be cached, so they cannot be reused. In this case, you may consider increasing the value of this configuration depending on the actual SQL length of the application.

  You need to check whether this setting is too small if you:

  - Go to TiDB monitoring dashboard and view the request command type through **Query Summary** > **CPS By Instance**.
  - And find that `cachePrepStmts=true` has been configured, but `COM_STMT_` ↪ `PREPARE` is still mostly equal to `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` and `COM_STMT_CLOSE` exists.

- **prepStmtCacheSize**

  prepStmtCacheSize controls the number of cached Prepared Statements (the default value is `25`). If your application requires "preparing" many types of SQL statements and wants to reuse Prepared Statements, you can increase this value.

  To verify that this setting already takes effect, you can do:

  - Go to TiDB monitoring dashboard and view the request command type through **Query Summary** > **CPS By Instance**.
  - If the number of `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` in the request is far more than the number of `COM_STMT_PREPARE`, it means this setting already takes effect.

Batch-related parameters

While processing batch writes, it is recommended to configure `rewriteBatchedStatements=true`. After using `addBatch()` or `executeBatch()`, JDBC still sends SQL one by one by default, for example:

```
pstmt = prepare("INSERT INTO `t` (a) values(?)");
pstmt.setInt(1, 10);
pstmt.addBatch();
pstmt.setInt(1, 11);
pstmt.addBatch();
pstmt.setInt(1, 12);
pstmt.executeBatch();
```

Although `Batch` methods are used, the SQL statements sent to TiDB are still individual `INSERT` statements:

```
INSERT INTO `t` (`a`) VALUES(10);
INSERT INTO `t` (`a`) VALUES(11);
INSERT INTO `t` (`a`) VALUES(12);
```

But if you set `rewriteBatchedStatements=true`, the SQL statements sent to TiDB will be a single `INSERT` statement:

```
INSERT INTO `t` (`a`) values(10),(11),(12);
```

Note that the rewrite of the `INSERT` statements is to concatenate the values after multiple "values" keywords into a whole SQL statement. If the `INSERT` statements have other differences, they cannot be rewritten, for example:

```
INSERT INTO `t` (`a`) VALUES (10) ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE `a` = 10;
INSERT INTO `t` (`a`) VALUES (11) ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE `a` = 11;
INSERT INTO `t` (`a`) VALUES (12) ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE `a` = 12;
```

The above `INSERT` statements cannot be rewritten into one statement. But if you change the three statements into the following ones:

```
INSERT INTO `t` (`a`) VALUES (10) ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE `a` = VALUES(`a`)
    ↪ ;
INSERT INTO `t` (`a`) VALUES (11) ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE `a` = VALUES(`a`)
    ↪ ;
INSERT INTO `t` (`a`) VALUES (12) ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE `a` = VALUES(`a`)
    ↪ ;
```

Then they meet the rewrite requirement. The above `INSERT` statements will be rewritten into the following one statement:

```
INSERT INTO `t` (`a`) VALUES (10), (11), (12) ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE a =
    ↪ VALUES(`a`);
```

If there are three or more updates during the batch update, the SQL statements will be rewritten and sent as multiple queries. This effectively reduces the client-to-server request overhead, but the side effect is that a larger SQL statement is generated. For example:

```
UPDATE `t` SET `a` = 10 WHERE `id` = 1; UPDATE `t` SET `a` = 11 WHERE `id`
    ↪ = 2; UPDATE `t` SET `a` = 12 WHERE `id` = 3;
```

In addition, because of a client bug, if you want to configure `rewriteBatchedStatements=true` and `useServerPrepStmts=true` during batch update, it is recommended that you also configure the `allowMultiQueries=true` parameter to avoid this bug.

Integrate parameters

Through monitoring, you might notice that although the application only performs `INSERT` operations to the TiDB cluster, there are a lot of redundant `SELECT` statements. Usually this happens because JDBC sends some SQL statements to query the settings, for example, `select @@session.transaction_read_only`. These SQL statements are useless for TiDB, so it is recommended that you configure `useConfigs=maxPerformance` to avoid extra overhead.

`useConfigs=maxPerformance` includes a group of configurations. To get the detailed configurations in MySQL Connector/J 8.0 and those in MySQL Connector/J 5.1, see mysql-connector-j 8.0 and mysql-connector-j 5.1 respectively.

After it is configured, you can check the monitoring to see a decreased number of `SELECT` statements.

Timeout-related parameters

TiDB provides two MySQL-compatible parameters to control the timeout: `wait_timeout` and `max_execution_time`. These two parameters respectively control the connection idle timeout with the Java application and the timeout of the SQL execution in the connection; that is to say, these parameters control the longest idle time and the longest busy time for the connection between TiDB and the Java application. Since TiDB v5.4, the default value of `wait_timeout` is `28800` seconds, which is 8 hours. For TiDB versions earlier than v5.4, the default value is `0`, which means the timeout is unlimited. The default value of `max_execution_time` is `0`, which means the maximum execution time of a SQL statement is unlimited.

The default value of `wait_timeout` is relatively large. In scenarios where a transaction starts but is neither committed nor rolled back, you might need a finer-grained control and a shorter timeout to prevent prolonged lock holding. In this case, you can use `tidb_idle_transaction_timeout` (introduced in TiDB v7.6.0) to control the idle timeout for transactions in a user session.

However, in an actual production environment, idle connections and SQL statements with excessively long execution time negatively affect databases and applications. To avoid idle connections and SQL statements that are executed for too long, you can configure these two parameters in your application's connection string. For example, set `sessionVariables=wait_timeout=3600` (1 hour) and `sessionVariables=max_execution_time=300000` (5 minutes).

4.4.4.3 Need help?

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4.5 Design Database Schema

4.5.1 TiDB Database Schema Design Overview

This document provides the basics of TiDB database schema design, including the objects in TiDB, access control, database schema changes, and object limitations.

In the subsequent documents, Bookshop will be taken as an example to show you how to design a database and perform data read and write operations in a database.

4.5.1.1 Objects in TiDB

To distinguish some general terms, here is a brief agreement on the terms used in TiDB:

- To avoid confusion with the generic term database, **database** in this document refers to a logical object, **TiDB** refers to TiDB itself, and **cluster** refers to a deployed instance of TiDB.
- TiDB uses MySQL-compatible syntax, in which **schema** means the generic term schema instead of a logical object in a database. For more information, see MySQL documentation. Make sure that you note this difference if you are migrating from databases that have schemas as logical objects (for example, PostgreSQL, Oracle, and Microsoft SQL Server).

4.5.1.1.1 Database

A database in TiDB is a collection of objects such as tables and indexes.

TiDB comes with a default database named `test`. However, it is recommended that you create your own database instead of using the `test` database.

4.5.1.1.2 Table

A table is a collection of related data in a database.

Each table consists of **rows** and **columns**. Each value in a row belongs to a specific **column**. Each column allows only a single data type. To further qualify columns, you can add some constraints. To accelerate calculations, you can add generated columns.

4.5.1.1.3 Index

An index is a copy of selected columns in a table. You can create an index using one or more columns of a table. With indexes, TiDB can quickly locate data without having to search every row in a table every time, which greatly improves your query performance.

There are two common types of indexes:

- **Primary Key**: indexes on the primary key column.
- **Secondary Index**: indexes on non-primary key columns.

> **Note:**
>
> In TiDB, the default definition of **Primary Key** is different from that in InnoDB (a common storage engine of MySQL).
>
> - In InnoDB, the definition of **Primary Key** is unique, not null, and a **clustered index**.
> - In TiDB, the definition of **Primary Key** is unique and not null. But the primary key is not guaranteed to be a **clustered index**. To specify whether the primary key is a clustered index, you can add non-reserved keywords `CLUSTERED` or `NONCLUSTERED` after `PRIMARY KEY` in a `CREATE TABLE` statement. If a statement does not explicitly specify these keywords, the default behavior is controlled by the system variable `@@global.tidb_enable_clustered_index`. For more information, see Clustered Indexes.

Specialized indexes

To improve query performance of various user scenarios, TiDB provides you with some specialized types of indexes. For details of each type, see Indexing and constraints.

4.5.1.1.4 Other supported logical objects

TiDB supports the following logical objects at the same level as **table**:

- View: a view acts as a virtual table, whose schema is defined by the `SELECT` statement that creates the view.
- Sequence: a sequence generates and stores sequential data.
- Temporary table: a table whose data is not persistent.

4.5.1.2 Access Control

TiDB supports both user-based and role-based access control. To allow users to view, modify, or delete data objects and data schemas, you can either grant privileges to users directly or grant privileges to users through roles.

4.5.1.3 Database schema changes

As a best practice, it is recommended that you use a MySQL client or a GUI client instead of a driver or ORM to execute database schema changes.

4.5.1.4 Object limitations

For more information, see TiDB Limitations.

4.5.1.5 Need help?

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4.5.2 Create a Database

This document describes how to create a database using SQL and various programming languages and lists the rules of database creation. In this document, the Bookshop application is taken as an example to walk you through the steps of database creation.

4.5.2.1 Before you start

Before creating a database, do the following:

- Build a TiDB Cloud Serverless Cluster.
- Read Schema Design Overview.

4.5.2.2 What is database

Database objects in TiDB contain **tables**, **views**, **sequences**, and other objects.

4.5.2.3 Create databases

To create a database, you can use the `CREATE DATABASE` statement.

For example, to create a database named `bookshop` if it does not exist, use the following statement:

```
CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS `bookshop`;
```

For more information and examples of the `CREATE DATABASE` statement, see the `CREATE DATABASE` document.

To execute the library build statement as the `root` user, run the following command:

```
mysql
    -u root \
    -h {host} \
    -P {port} \
    -p {password} \
    -e "CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS bookshop;"
```

4.5.2.4 View databases

To view the databases in a cluster, use the `SHOW DATABASES` statement.

For example:

```
mysql
    -u root \
    -h {host} \
    -P {port} \
    -p {password} \
    -e "SHOW DATABASES;"
```

The following is an example output:

```
+--------------------+
| Database           |
+--------------------+
| INFORMATION_SCHEMA |
| PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA |
| bookshop           |
| mysql              |
| test               |
+--------------------+
```

4.5.2.5 Rules in database creation

- Follow the Database Naming Conventions and name your database meaningfully.
- TiDB comes with a default database named `test`. However, it is not recommended that you use it in a production environment if you do not have to. You can create your own database using the `CREATE DATABASE` statement and change the current database using the `USE {databasename};` statement in a SQL session.
- Use the `root` user to create objects such as database, roles, and users. Grant only the necessary privileges to roles and users.
- As a best practice, it is recommended that you use a **MySQL command-line client** or a **MySQL GUI client** instead of a driver or ORM to execute database schema changes.

4.5.2.6 Next step

After creating a database, you can add **tables** to it. For more information, see Create a Table.

4.5.2.7 Need help?

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4.5.3 Create a Table

This document introduces how to create tables using the SQL statement and the related best practices. An example of the TiDB-based Bookshop application is provided to illustrate the best practices.

4.5.3.1 Before you start

Before reading this document, make sure that the following tasks are completed:

- Build a TiDB Cloud Serverless Cluster.
- Read Schema Design Overview.
- Create a Database.

4.5.3.2 What is a table

A table is a logical object in TiDB cluster that is subordinate to the database. It is used to store the data sent from SQL statements. Tables save data records in the form of rows and columns. A table has at least one column. If you have defined `n` columns, each row of data has exactly the same fields as the `n` columns.

4.5.3.3 Name a table

The first step for creating a table is to give your table a name. Do not use meaningless names that will cause great distress to yourself or your colleagues in the future. It is recommended that you follow your company or organization's table naming convention.

The `CREATE TABLE` statement usually takes the following form:

```
CREATE TABLE {table_name} ( {elements} );
```

Parameter description

- `{table_name}`: The name of the table to be created.
- `{elements}`: A comma-separated list of table elements, such as column definitions and primary key definitions.

Suppose you need to create a table to store the user information in the `bookshop` database.

Note that you cannot execute the following SQL statement yet because not a single column has been added.

```
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`users` (
);
```

4.5.3.4 Define columns

A **column** is subordinate to a table. Each table has at least one column. Columns provide a structure to a table by dividing the values in each row into small cells of a single data type.

Column definitions typically take the following form.

```
{column_name} {data_type} {column_qualification}
```

Parameter description

- `{column_name}`: The column name.
- `{data_type}`: The column data type.
- `{column_qualification}`: Column qualifications, such as **column-level constraints** or generated column clauses.

You can add some columns to the `users` table, such as the unique identifier `id`, `balance` and `nickname`.

```
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`users` (
  `id` bigint,
  `nickname` varchar(100),
  `balance` decimal(15,2)
);
```

In the above statement, a field is defined with the name `id` and the type bigint. This is used to represent a unique user identifier. This means that all user identifiers should be of the `bigint` type.

Then, a field named `nickname` is defined, which is the varchar type, with a length limit of 100 characters. This means that the `nicknames` of the users use the `varchar` type and are not longer than 100 characters.

Finally, a field named `balance` is added, which is the decimal type, with a **precision** of `15` and a **scale** of `2`. **Precision** represents the total number of digits in the field, and **scale** represents the number of decimal places. For example, `decimal(5,2)` means a precision of `5` and a scale of `2`, with the range from `-999.99` to `999.99`. `decimal(6,1)` means a precision of `6` and a scale of `1`, with the range from `-99999.9` to `99999.9`. **decimal** is a fixed-point

types, which can be used to store numbers accurately. In scenarios where accurate numbers are needed (for example, user property-related), make sure that you use the **decimal** type.

TiDB supports many other column data types, including the integer types, floating-point types, fixed-point types, date and time types, and the enum type. You can refer to the supported column data types and use the **data types** that match the data you want to save in the database.

To make it a bit more complex, you can define a `books` table which will be the core of the `bookshop` data. The `books` table contains fields for the book's ids, titles, types (for example, magazine, novel, life, arts), stock, prices, and publication dates.

```
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`books` (
  `id` bigint NOT NULL,
  `title` varchar(100),
  `type` enum('Magazine', 'Novel', 'Life', 'Arts', 'Comics', 'Education &
    ↪ Reference', 'Humanities & Social Sciences', 'Science & Technology',
    ↪ 'Kids', 'Sports'),
  `published_at` datetime,
  `stock` int,
  `price` decimal(15,2)
);
```

This table contains more data types than the `users` table.

- int: It is recommended to use the type of right size to avoid using too much disk or even affecting performance (too large a type range) or data overflow (too small a data type range).
- datetime: The **datetime** type can be used to store time values.
- enum: The enum type can be used to store a limited selection of values.

4.5.3.5 Select primary key

A primary key is a column or a set of columns in a table whose values uniquely identify a row in the table.

> **Note:**
>
> The default definition of **primary key** in TiDB is different from that in InnoDB(the common storage engine of MySQL).
>
> - In **InnoDB**: A **primary key** is unique, not null, and **index clustered**.
> - In TiDB: A **primary key** is unique and is not null. But the primary key is not guaranteed to be a **clustered index**. Instead, another set of

> keywords `CLUSTERED` / `NONCLUSTERED` additionally controls whether the **primary key** is a **clustered index**. If the keyword is not specified, it is controlled by the system variable `@@global.tidb_enable_clustered_index`, as described in clustered indexes.

The **primary key** is defined in the `CREATE TABLE` statement. The primary key constraint requires that all constrained columns contain only non-NULL values.

A table can be created without a **primary key** or with a non-integer **primary key**. In this case, TiDB creates a `_tidb_rowid` as an **implicit primary key**. The implicit primary key `_tidb_rowid`, because of its monotonically increasing nature, might cause write hotspots in write-intensive scenarios. Therefore, if your application is write-intensive, consider sharding data using the `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` and `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` parameters. However, this might lead to read amplification, so you need to make your own trade-off.

When the **primary key** of a table is an integer type and `AUTO_INCREMENT` is used, hotspots cannot be avoided by using `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS`. If you need to avoid hotspots and do not need a continuous and incremental primary key, you can use `AUTO_RANDOM` instead of `AUTO_INCREMENT` to eliminate row ID continuity.

For more information on how to handle hotspot issues, refer to Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues.

Following the guidelines for selecting primary key, the following example shows how an `AUTO_RANDOM` primary key is defined in the `users` table.

```
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`users` (
  `id` bigint AUTO_RANDOM,
  `balance` decimal(15,2),
  `nickname` varchar(100),
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
);
```

4.5.3.6 Clustered or not

TiDB supports the clustered index feature since v5.0. This feature controls how data is stored in tables containing primary keys. It provides TiDB the ability to organize tables in a way that can improve the performance of certain queries.

The term clustered in this context refers to the organization of how data is stored and not a group of database servers working together. Some database management systems refer to clustered index tables as index-organized tables (IOT).

Currently, tables ***containing primary*** keys in TiDB are divided into the following two categories:

- `NONCLUSTERED`: The primary key of the table is non-clustered index. In tables with non-clustered indexes, the keys for row data consist of internal `_tidb_rowid` implicitly assigned by TiDB. Because primary keys are essentially unique indexes, tables with non-clustered indexes need at least two key-value pairs to store a row, which are:
    - `_tidb_rowid` (key) - row data (value)
    - Primary key data (key) - `_tidb_rowid` (value)
- `CLUSTERED`: The primary key of the table is clustered index. In tables with clustered indexes, the keys for row data consist of primary key data given by the user. Therefore, tables with clustered indexes need only one key-value pair to store a row, which is:
    - Primary key data (key) - row data (value)

As described in select primary key, **clustered indexes** are controlled in TiDB using the keywords `CLUSTERED` and `NONCLUSTERED`.

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB supports clustering only by a table's `PRIMARY KEY`. With clustered indexes enabled, the terms *the* `PRIMARY KEY` and *the clustered index* might be used interchangeably. `PRIMARY KEY` refers to the constraint (a logical property), and clustered index describes the physical implementation of how the data is stored.

Following the guidelines for selecting clustered index, the following example creates a table with an association between `books` and `users`, which represents the `ratings` of a `book` by `users`. The example creates the table and constructs a composite primary key using `book_id` and `user_id`, and creates a **clustered index** on that **primary key**.

```
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`ratings` (
  `book_id` bigint,
  `user_id` bigint,
  `score` tinyint,
  `rated_at` datetime,
  PRIMARY KEY (`book_id`,`user_id`) CLUSTERED
);
```

4.5.3.7 Add column constraints

In addition to primary key constraints, TiDB also supports other **column constraints** such as NOT NULL constraint, UNIQUE KEY constraint, and `DEFAULT`. For complete constraints, refer to the TiDB constraints document.

4.5.3.7.1 Set default value

To set a default value on a column, use the `DEFAULT` constraint. The default value allows you to insert data without specifying a value for each column.

You can use `DEFAULT` together with supported SQL functions to move the calculation of defaults out of the application layer, thus saving resources of the application layer. The resources consumed by the calculation do not disappear and are moved to the TiDB cluster. Commonly, you can insert data with the default time. The following exemplifies setting the default value in the `ratings` table:

```
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`ratings` (
  `book_id` bigint,
  `user_id` bigint,
  `score` tinyint,
  `rated_at` datetime DEFAULT NOW(),
  PRIMARY KEY (`book_id`,`user_id`) CLUSTERED
);
```

In addition, if the current time is also filled in by default when the data is being updated, the following statements can be used (but only the current-time related expressions can be filled in after `ON UPDATE`):

```
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`ratings` (
  `book_id` bigint,
  `user_id` bigint,
  `score` tinyint,
  `rated_at` datetime DEFAULT NOW() ON UPDATE NOW(),
  PRIMARY KEY (`book_id`,`user_id`) CLUSTERED
);
```

For more information on default values of different data types, see default values.

4.5.3.7.2 Prevent duplicate values

If you need to prevent duplicate values in a column, you can use the `UNIQUE` constraint.

For example, to make sure that users' nicknames are unique, you can rewrite the table creation SQL statement for the `users` table like this:

```
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`users` (
  `id` bigint AUTO_RANDOM,
  `balance` decimal(15,2),
  `nickname` varchar(100) UNIQUE,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
);
```

If you try to insert the same `nickname` in the `users` table, an error is returned.

4.5.3.7.3 Prevent null values

If you need to prevent null values in a column, you can use the `NOT NULL` constraint.

Take user nicknames as an example. To ensure that a nickname is not only unique but is also not null, you can rewrite the SQL statement for creating the `users` table as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`users` (
  `id` bigint AUTO_RANDOM,
  `balance` decimal(15,2),
  `nickname` varchar(100) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
);
```

4.5.3.8 Use HTAP capabilities

> **Note:**
>
> The steps provided in this guide is ***ONLY*** for quick start in the test environment. For production environments, refer to explore HTAP.

Suppose that you want to perform OLAP analysis on the `ratings` table using the `bookshop` application, for example, to query **whether the rating of a book has a significant correlation with the time of the rating**, which is to analyze whether the user's rating of the book is objective or not. Then you need to query the `score` and `rated_at` fields of the entire `ratings` table. This operation is resource-intensive for an OLTP-only database. Or you can use some ETL or other data synchronization tools to export the data from the OLTP database to a dedicated OLAP database for analysis.

In this scenario, TiDB, an **HTAP (Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing)** database that supports both OLTP and OLAP scenarios, is an ideal one-stop database solution.

4.5.3.8.1 Replicate column-based data

Currently, TiDB supports two data analysis engines, **TiFlash** and **TiSpark**. For the large data scenarios (100 T), **TiFlash MPP** is recommended as the primary solution for HTAP, and **TiSpark** as a complementary solution.

To learn more about TiDB HTAP capabilities, refer to the following documents: Quick Start with TiDB HTAP and Explore HTAP.

In this example, TiFlash has been chosen as the data analysis engine for the `bookshop` database.

TiFlash does not automatically replicate data after deployment. Therefore, you need to manually specify the tables to be replicated:

```
ALTER TABLE {table_name} SET TIFLASH REPLICA {count};
```

Parameter description

- `{table_name}`: The table name.
- `{count}`: The number of replicated replicas. If it is 0, replicated replicas are deleted.

TiFlash will then replicate the table. When a query is performed, TiDB automatically selects TiKV (row-based) or TiFlash (column-based) for the query based on cost optimization. Alternatively, you can manually specify whether the query uses a **TiFlash** replica. To learn how to specify it, refer to Use TiDB to read TiFlash replicas.

4.5.3.8.2 An example of using HTAP capabilities

The `ratings` table opens `1` replica of TiFlash:

```
ALTER TABLE `bookshop`.`ratings` SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
```

> **Note:**
>
> If your cluster does not contain **TiFlash** nodes, this SQL statement will report an error: `1105 - the tiflash replica count: 1 should be less than the total tiflash server count: 0`. You can use Build a TiDB Cloud Serverless Cluster to create a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster that includes **TiFlash**.

Then you can go on to perform the following query:

```
SELECT HOUR(`rated_at`), AVG(`score`) FROM `bookshop`.`ratings` GROUP BY
    ↪ HOUR(`rated_at`);
```

You can also execute the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement to see whether this statement is using the **TiFlash**:

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT HOUR(`rated_at`), AVG(`score`) FROM `bookshop`.`
    ↪ ratings` GROUP BY HOUR(`rated_at`);
```

Running results:

```
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+----------+---------+-------------+--------------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows  | actRows | task      | access object |
   ↪  execution info
   ↪
   ↪ | operator info
   ↪
   ↪ | memory  | disk |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+----------+---------+-------------+--------------
   ↪
| Projection_4              | 299821.99 | 24    | root        |               |
   ↪ time:60.8ms, loops:6, Concurrency:5
   ↪
   ↪ | hour(cast(bookshop.ratings.rated_at, time))->Column#6, Column#5
   ↪                                                                | 17.7 KB
   ↪  | N/A |
|  ─HashAgg_5               | 299821.99 | 24    | root        |               |
   ↪ time:60.7ms, loops:6, partial_worker:{wall_time:60.660079ms,
   ↪ concurrency:5, task_num:293, tot_wait:262.536669ms, tot_exec
   ↪ :40.171833ms, tot_time:302.827753ms, max:60.636886ms, p95:60.636886ms
   ↪ }, final_worker:{wall_time:60.701437ms, concurrency:5, task_num:25,
   ↪ tot_wait:303.114278ms, tot_exec:176.564µs, tot_time:303.297475ms, max
   ↪ :60.69326ms, p95:60.69326ms} | group by:Column#10, funcs:avg(Column
   ↪ #8)->Column#5, funcs:firstrow(Column#9)->bookshop.ratings.rated_at |
   ↪ 714.0 KB | N/A |
|    ─Projection_15         | 300000.00 | 300000 | root      |               |
   ↪ time:58.5ms, loops:294, Concurrency:5
   ↪
   ↪ | cast(bookshop.ratings.score, decimal(8,4) BINARY)->Column#8,
   ↪ bookshop.ratings.rated_at, hour(cast(bookshop.ratings.rated_at, time)
   ↪ )->Column#10 | 366.2 KB | N/A |
|      ─TableReader_10      | 300000.00 | 300000 | root      |               |
   ↪ time:43.5ms, loops:294, cop_task: {num: 1, max: 43.1ms, proc_keys: 0,
   ↪  rpc_num: 1, rpc_time: 43ms, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00}
   ↪
   ↪ | data:TableFullScan_9
   ↪
   ↪ | 4.58 MB | N/A |
|        ─TableFullScan_9   | 300000.00 | 300000 | cop[tiflash] | table:
   ↪ ratings | tiflash_task:{time:5.98ms, loops:8, threads:1}, tiflash_
   ↪ scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:45, total_skipped_packs:1, total_
   ↪ scanned_rows:368640, total_skipped_rows:8192, total_rs_index_load_
```

```
    ↪ time: 1ms, total_read_time: 1ms},total_create_snapshot_time:1ms}
    ↪                                                          | keep order:false
    ↪
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A     | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+---------+-------------+--------------
    ↪
```

When the field `cop[tiflash]` appears, it means that the task is sent to **TiFlash** for processing.

4.5.3.9 Execute the `CREATE TABLE` statement

After creating all the tables as above rules, our database initialization script should look like this. If you need to see the table information in detail, please refer to Description of the Tables.

To name the database initialization script `init.sql` and save it, you can execute the following statement to initialize the database.

```
mysql
    -u root \
    -h {host} \
    -P {port} \
    -p {password} \
    < init.sql
```

To view all tables under the `bookshop` database, use the `SHOW TABLES` statement.

```
SHOW TABLES IN `bookshop`;
```

Running results:

```
+--------------------+
| Tables_in_bookshop |
+--------------------+
| authors            |
| book_authors       |
| books              |
| orders             |
| ratings            |
| users              |
+--------------------+
```

4.5.3.10 Guidelines to follow when creating a table

This section provides guidelines you need to follow when creating a table.

4.5.3.10.1 Guidelines to follow when naming a table

- Use a **fully-qualified** table name (for example, `CREATE TABLE {database_name}.{table_name}`). If you do not specify the database name, TiDB uses the current database in your **SQL session**. If you do not use `USE {databasename};` to specify the database in your SQL session, TiDB returns an error.
- Use meaningful table names. For example, if you need to create a user table, you can use names: `user`, `t_user`,`users`, or follow your company or organization's naming convention. If your company or organization does not have a naming convention, you can refer to the table naming convention. Do not use such table names as: `t1`, `table1`.
- Multiple words are separated by an underscore, and it is recommended that the name is no more than 32 characters.
- Create a separate `DATABASE` for tables of different business modules and add comments accordingly.

4.5.3.10.2 Guidelines to follow when defining columns

- Check the data types supported by columns and organize your data according to the data type restrictions. Select the appropriate type for the data you plan to store in the column.
- Check the guidelines to follow for selecting primary keys and decide whether to use primary key columns.
- Check the guidelines to follow for selecting clustered indexes and decide whether to specify **clustered indexes**.
- Check adding column constraints and decide whether to add constraints to the columns.
- Use meaningful column names. It is recommended that you follow your company or organization's table naming convention. If your company or organization does not have a corresponding naming convention, refer to the column naming convention.

4.5.3.10.3 Guidelines to follow when selecting primary key

- Define a **primary key** or **unique index** within the table.
- Try to select meaningful **columns** as **primary keys**.
- For performance reasons, try to avoid storing extra-wide tables. It is not recommended that the number of table fields is over `60` and that the total data size of a single row is over `64K`. It is recommended to split fields with too much data length to another table.
- It is not recommended to use complex data types.
- For the fields to be joined, ensure that the data types are consistent and avoid implicit conversion.
- Avoid defining **primary keys** on a single monotonic data column. If you use a single monotonic data column (for example, a column with the `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute) to define the **primary key**, it might impact the write performance. If possible, use `AUTO_RANDOM` instead of `AUTO_INCREMENT`, which discards the continuous and incremental attribute of the primary key.

- If you really need to create an index on a single monotonic data column at write-intensive scenarios, instead of defining this monotonic data column as the **primary key**, you can use `AUTO_RANDOM` to create the **primary key** for that table, or use `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` and `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` to shard `_tidb_rowid`.

4.5.3.10.4 Guidelines to follow when selecting clustered index

- Follow guidelines for selecting primary key to build **clustered indexes**.
- Compared to tables with non-clustered indexes, tables with clustered indexes offer greater performance and throughput advantages in the following scenarios:
  - When data is inserted, the clustered index reduces one write of the index data from the network.
  - When a query with an equivalent condition only involves the primary key, the clustered index reduces one read of index data from the network.
  - When a query with a range condition only involves the primary key, the clustered index reduces multiple reads of index data from the network.
  - When a query with an equivalent or range condition only involves the primary key prefix, the clustered index reduces multiple reads of index data from the network.
- On the other hand, tables with clustered indexes might have the following issues:
  - There might be write hotspot issues when you insert a large number of primary keys with close values. Follow the guidelines to follow when selecting primary key.
  - The table data takes up more storage space if the data type of the primary key is larger than 64 bits, especially when there are multiple secondary indexes.
- To control the default behavior of whether to use clustered indexes, you can explicitly specify whether to use clustered indexes instead of using the system variable `@@global.tidb_enable_clustered_index` and the configuration `alter-primary-key`.

4.5.3.10.5 Guidelines to follow when executing the `CREATE TABLE` statement

- It is not recommended to use a client-side Driver or ORM to perform database schema changes. It is recommended to use a MySQL client or use a GUI client to perform database schema changes. In this document, the **MySQL client** is used to pass in SQL files to perform database schema changes in most scenarios.
- Follow the SQL development specification for creating and deleting tables. It is recommended to wrap the build and delete statements inside the business application to add judgment logic.

4.5.3.11 One more step

Note that all the tables that have been created in this document do not contain secondary indexes. For a guide to add secondary indexes, refer to Creating Secondary Indexes.

4.5.3.12 Need help?

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4.5.4 Create a Secondary Index

This document describes how to create a secondary index using SQL and various programming languages and lists the rules of index creation. In this document, the Bookshop application is taken as an example to walk you through the steps of secondary index creation.

4.5.4.1 Before you start

Before creating a secondary index, do the following:

- Build a TiDB Cloud Serverless Cluster.
- Read Schema Design Overview.
- Create a Database.
- Create a Table.

4.5.4.2 What is secondary index

A secondary index is a logical object in a TiDB cluster. You can simply regard it as a sorting type of data that TiDB uses to improve the query performance. In TiDB, creating a secondary index is an online operation, which does not block any data read and write operations on a table. For each index, TiDB creates references for each row in a table and sorts the references by selected columns instead of by data directly.

For more information about secondary indexes, see Secondary Indexes.

In TiDB, you can either add a secondary index to an existing table or create a secondary index when creating a new table.

4.5.4.3 Add a secondary index to an existing table

To add a secondary index to an existing table, you can use the CREATE INDEX statement as follows:

```
CREATE INDEX {index_name} ON {table_name} ({column_names});
```

Parameter description:

- `{index_name}`: the name of a secondary index.
- `{table_name}`: the table name.
- `{column_names}`: the names of the columns to be indexed, separated by semi-colon commas.

4.5.4.4 Create a secondary index when creating a new table

To create a secondary index at the same time as table creation, you can add a clause containing the `KEY` keyword to the end of the CREATE TABLE statement:

```
KEY `{index_name}` (`{column_names}`)
```

Parameter description:

- `{index_name}`: the name of a secondary index.
- `{column_names}`: the names of the columns to be indexed, separated by semi-colon commas.

4.5.4.5 Rules in secondary index creation

See Best Practices for Indexing.

4.5.4.6 Example

Suppose you want the `bookshop` application to support **searching for all books published in a given year**.

The fields in the `books` table are as follows:

Field name	Type	Field description
id	bigint	Unique ID of the book
title	varchar(100)	Book title
type	enum	Types of books (for example, magazines, animations, and teaching aids)
stock	bigint	Stock
price	decimal(15,2)	Price
published_at	datetime	Date of publishing

The `books` table is created using the following SQL statement:

```
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`books` (
  `id` bigint AUTO_RANDOM NOT NULL,
  `title` varchar(100) NOT NULL,
  `type` enum('Magazine', 'Novel', 'Life', 'Arts', 'Comics', 'Education &
    ↪ Reference', 'Humanities & Social Sciences', 'Science & Technology',
    ↪ 'Kids', 'Sports') NOT NULL,
  `published_at` datetime NOT NULL,
  `stock` int DEFAULT '0',
  `price` decimal(15,2) DEFAULT '0.0',
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`) CLUSTERED
) DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;
```

To support the searching by year feature, you need to write a SQL statement to **search for all books published in a given year**. Taking 2022 as an example, write a SQL statement as follows:

```
SELECT * FROM `bookshop`.`books` WHERE `published_at` >= '2022-01-01
    ↪ 00:00:00' AND `published_at` < '2023-01-01 00:00:00';
```

To check the execution plan of the SQL statement, you can use the `EXPLAIN` statement.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM `bookshop`.`books` WHERE `published_at` >= '
    ↪ 2022-01-01 00:00:00' AND `published_at` < '2023-01-01 00:00:00';
```

The following is an example output of the execution plan:

```
+------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------------
    ↪
| id                     | estRows | task      | access object | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------------
    ↪
| TableReader_7          | 346.32  | root      |               | data:Selection_6
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─Selection_6          | 346.32  | cop[tikv] |               | ge(bookshop.
    ↪ books.published_at, 2022-01-01 00:00:00.000000), lt(bookshop.books.
    ↪ published_at, 2023-01-01 00:00:00.000000) |
|    ─TableFullScan_5    | 20000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:books | keep order:
    ↪ false
    ↪
    ↪ |
+------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.61 sec)
```

In the example output, **TableFullScan** is displayed in the `id` column, which means that TiDB is ready to do a full table scan on the `books` table in this query. In the case of a large amount of data, however, a full table scan might be quite slow and cause a fatal impact.

To avoid such impact, you can add an index for the `published_at` column to the `books` table as follows:

```
CREATE INDEX `idx_book_published_at` ON `bookshop`.`books` (`bookshop`.`
    ↪ books`.`published_at`);
```

After adding the index, execute the `EXPLAIN` statement again to check the execution plan.

The following is an example output.

```
+-------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
   ↪                                     | operator info
   ↪                                               |
+-------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 146.01 | root     |
   ↪                                                 |
   ↪                                                          |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 146.01 | cop[tikv] | table:books, index:idx_
   ↪ book_published_at(published_at) | range:[2022-01-01
   ↪ 00:00:00,2023-01-01 00:00:00), keep order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 146.01 | cop[tikv] | table:books
   ↪                                     | keep order:false
   ↪                                           |
+-------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.18 sec)
```

In the output, **IndexRangeScan** is displayed instead of **TableFullScan**, which means that TiDB is ready to use indexes to do this query.

The words such as **TableFullScan** and **IndexRangeScan** in the execution plan are operators in TiDB. For more information about execution plans and operators, see TiDB Query Execution Plan Overview.

The execution plan does not return the same operator every time. This is because TiDB uses a **Cost-Based Optimization (CBO)** approach, in which an execution plan depends on both rules and data distribution. For more information about TiDB SQL performance, see SQL Tuning Overview.

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB also supports explicit use of indexes when querying, and you can use Optimizer Hints or SQL Plan Management (SPM) to artificially control the use of indexes. But if you do not know well about indexes, optimizer hints, or SPM, **DO NOT** use this feature to avoid any unexpected results.

To query the indexes on a table, you can use the SHOW INDEXES statement:

```
SHOW INDEXES FROM `bookshop`.`books`;
```

The following is an example output:

```
+-------+------------+----------------------+-------------+-------------+-----------+
   ↪
| Table | Non_unique | Key_name             | Seq_in_index | Column_name |
   ↪ Collation | Cardinality | Sub_part | Packed | Null | Index_type |
   ↪ Comment | Index_comment | Visible | Expression | Clustered |
+-------+------------+----------------------+-------------+-------------+-----------+
   ↪
| books |          0 | PRIMARY              |            1 | id          | A
   ↪         |           0 |     NULL | NULL |      | BTREE     |         |
   ↪               | YES     | NULL       | YES       |
| books |          1 | idx_book_published_at |            1 | published_at | A
   ↪      |           0 |     NULL | NULL |      | BTREE     |         |
   ↪               | YES     | NULL       | NO        |
+-------+------------+----------------------+-------------+-------------+-----------+
   ↪
2 rows in set (1.63 sec)
```

4.5.4.7 Next step

After creating a database and adding tables and secondary indexes to it, you can start adding the data write and read features to your application.

4.5.4.8 Need help?

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4.6 Write Data

4.6.1 Insert Data

This document describes how to insert data into TiDB by using the SQL language with different programming languages.

4.6.1.1 Before you start

Before reading this document, you need to prepare the following:

- Build a TiDB Cloud Serverless Cluster.
- Read Schema Design Overview, Create a Database, Create a Table, and Create Secondary Indexes

4.6.1.2 Insert rows

There are two ways to insert multiple rows of data. For example, if you need to insert **3** players' data.

- A **multi-line insertion statement**:

```
INSERT INTO `player` (`id`, `coins`, `goods`) VALUES (1, 1000, 1), (2,
    ↪ 230, 2), (3, 300, 5);
```

- Multiple **single-line insertion statements**:

```
INSERT INTO `player` (`id`, `coins`, `goods`) VALUES (1, 1000, 1);
INSERT INTO `player` (`id`, `coins`, `goods`) VALUES (2, 230, 2);
INSERT INTO `player` (`id`, `coins`, `goods`) VALUES (3, 300, 5);
```

Generally the `multi-line insertion statement` runs faster than the multiple `single ↪ -line insertion statements`.

```
CREATE TABLE `player` (`id` INT, `coins` INT, `goods` INT);
INSERT INTO `player` (`id`, `coins`, `goods`) VALUES (1, 1000, 1), (2, 230,
    ↪ 2);
```

For more information on how to use this SQL, see Connecting to a TiDB Cluster and follow the steps to enter the SQL statement after connecting to a TiDB cluster using a client.

```
// ds is an entity of com.mysql.cj.jdbc.MysqlDataSource
try (Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
    connection.setAutoCommit(false);

    PreparedStatement pstmt = connection.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO
        ↪ player (id, coins, goods) VALUES (?, ?, ?)"))

    // first player
    pstmt.setInt(1, 1);
    pstmt.setInt(2, 1000);
    pstmt.setInt(3, 1);
    pstmt.addBatch();

    // second player
    pstmt.setInt(1, 2);
    pstmt.setInt(2, 230);
    pstmt.setInt(3, 2);
    pstmt.addBatch();

    pstmt.executeBatch();
```

```
    connection.commit();
} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

Due to the default MySQL JDBC Driver settings, you need to change some parameters to get better bulk insert performance.

Parameter	Means	Recommended Scenario	Recommended Configuration
`useServerPrepStmts` ↪	Whether to use the server side to enable prepared statements	When you need to use a prepared statement more than once	`true`
`cachePrepStmts` ↪	Whether the client caches prepared statements	`useServerPrepStmts=true`	`true`
`prepStmtCacheSqlLimit` ↪	Maximum size of a prepared statement (256 characters by default)	When the prepared statement is greater than 256 characters	Configured according to the actual size of the prepared statement
`prepStmtCacheSize` ↪	Maximum number of prepared statement caches (25 by default)	When the number of prepared statements is greater than 25	Configured according to the actual number of prepared statements
`rewriteBatchedStatements` ↪	Whether to rewrite **Batched** statements	When batch operations are required	`true`

Parameter	Means	Recommended Scenario	Recommended Configuration
`allowMultiQueries` ↪	Send batch operations	Because a client bug requires this to be set when `rewriteBatchedStatements = true` and `useServerPrepStmts = true`	`true`

MySQL JDBC Driver also provides an integrated configuration: `useConfigs`. When it is configured with `maxPerformance`, it is equivalent to configuring a set of configurations. Taking `mysql:mysql-connector-java:8.0.28` as an example, `useConfigs=maxPerformance` contains:

```
cachePrepStmts=true
cacheCallableStmts=true
cacheServerConfiguration=true
useLocalSessionState=true
elideSetAutoCommits=true
alwaysSendSetIsolation=false
enableQueryTimeouts=false
connectionAttributes=none
useInformationSchema=true
```

You can check `mysql-connector-java-{version}.jar!/com/mysql/cj/configurations` ↪ `/maxPerformance.properties` to get the configurations contained in `useConfigs=` ↪ `maxPerformance` for the corresponding version of MySQL JDBC Driver.

The following is a typical scenario of JDBC connection string configurations. In this example, Host: `127.0.0.1`, Port: `4000`, User name: `root`, Password: null, Default database: `test`:

```
jdbc:mysql://127.0.0.1:4000/test?user=root&useConfigs=maxPerformance&
    ↪ useServerPrepStmts=true&prepStmtCacheSqlLimit=2048&prepStmtCacheSize
    ↪ =256&rewriteBatchedStatements=true&allowMultiQueries=true
```

For complete examples in Java, see:

- Connect to TiDB with JDBC
- Connect to TiDB with Hibernate
- Connect to TiDB with Spring Boot

```
package main

import (
    "database/sql"
    "strings"
```

```
    _ "github.com/go-sql-driver/mysql"
)

type Player struct {
    ID   string
    Coins int
    Goods int
}

func bulkInsertPlayers(db *sql.DB, players []Player, batchSize int) error {
    tx, err := db.Begin()
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }

    stmt, err := tx.Prepare(buildBulkInsertSQL(batchSize))
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }

    defer stmt.Close()

    for len(players) > batchSize {
        if _, err := stmt.Exec(playerToArgs(players[:batchSize])...); err !=
            ↪ nil {
            tx.Rollback()
            return err
        }

        players = players[batchSize:]
    }

    if len(players) != 0 {
        if _, err := tx.Exec(buildBulkInsertSQL(len(players)), playerToArgs(
            ↪ players)...); err != nil {
            tx.Rollback()
            return err
        }
    }

    if err := tx.Commit(); err != nil {
        tx.Rollback()
        return err
    }
```

```
    return nil
}

func playerToArgs(players []Player) []interface{} {
    var args []interface{}
    for _, player := range players {
        args = append(args, player.ID, player.Coins, player.Goods)
    }
    return args
}

func buildBulkInsertSQL(amount int) string {
    return "INSERT INTO player (id, coins, goods) VALUES (?, ?, ?)" +
        ↪ strings.Repeat(",(?,?,?)", amount-1)
}
```

For complete examples in Golang, see:

- Connect to TiDB with Go-MySQL-Driver
- Connect to TiDB with GORM

```
import MySQLdb
connection = MySQLdb.connect(
    host="127.0.0.1",
    port=4000,
    user="root",
    password="",
    database="bookshop",
    autocommit=True
)

with get_connection(autocommit=True) as connection:
    with connection.cursor() as cur:
        player_list = random_player(1919)
        for idx in range(0, len(player_list), 114):
            cur.executemany("INSERT INTO player (id, coins, goods) VALUES (%s
                ↪ , %s, %s)", player_list[idx:idx + 114])
```

For complete examples in Python, see:

- Connect to TiDB with PyMySQL
- Connect to TiDB with mysqlclient
- Connect to TiDB with MySQL Connector/Python
- Connect to TiDB with SQLAlchemy
- Connect to TiDB with peewee

4.6.1.3 Bulk-Insert

If you need to quickly import a large amount of data into a TiDB cluster, it is recommended that you use a range of tools provided by **PingCAP** for data migration. Using the `INSERT` statement is not the best way, because it is not efficient and requires to handle exceptions and other issues on your own.

The following are the recommended tools for bulk-insert:

- Data export: Dumpling. You can export MySQL or TiDB data to local or Amazon S3.

- Data import: TiDB Lightning. You can import **Dumpling** exported data, a **CSV** file, or Migrate Data from Amazon Aurora to TiDB. It also supports reading data from a local disk or Amazon S3 cloud disk.
- Data replication: TiDB Data Migration. You can replicate MySQL, MariaDB, and Amazon Aurora databases to TiDB. It also supports merging and migrating the sharded instances and tables from the source databases.
- Data backup and restore: Backup & Restore (BR). Compared to **Dumpling**, **BR** is more suitable for ***big data*** scenario.

4.6.1.4 Avoid hotspots

When designing a table, you need to consider if there is a large number of insert operations. If so, you need to avoid hotspots during table design. See the Select primary key section and follow the Rules when selecting primary key.

For more information on how to handle hotspot issues, see Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues.

4.6.1.5 Insert data to a table with the `AUTO_RANDOM` primary key

If the primary key of the table you insert has the `AUTO_RANDOM` attribute, then by default the primary key cannot be specified. For example, in the `bookshop` database, you can see that the `id` field of the `users` table contains the `AUTO_RANDOM` attribute.

In this case, you **cannot** use SQL like the following to insert:

```
INSERT INTO `bookshop`.`users` (`id`, `balance`, `nickname`) VALUES (1,
    ↪ 0.00, 'nicky');
```

An error will occur:

```
ERROR 8216 (HY000): Invalid auto random: Explicit insertion on auto_random
    ↪ column is disabled. Try to set @@allow_auto_random_explicit_insert =
    ↪ true.
```

It is not recommended to manually specify the `AUTO_RANDOM` column during insertion time.

There are two solutions to handle this error:

- (Recommended) Remove this column from the insert statement and use the `AUTO_RANDOM` value that TiDB initialized for you. This fits the semantics of `AUTO_RANDOM`.

```
INSERT INTO `bookshop`.`users` (`balance`, `nickname`) VALUES (0.00, '
    ↪ nicky');
```

- If you are sure that you ***must*** specify this column, then you can use the `SET` statement to allow the column of `AUTO_RANDOM` to be specified during insertion time by changing the user variable.

```
SET @@allow_auto_random_explicit_insert = true;
INSERT INTO `bookshop`.`users` (`id`, `balance`, `nickname`) VALUES
    ↪ (1, 0.00, 'nicky');
```

4.6.1.6 Use HTAP

In TiDB, HTAP capabilities save you from performing additional operations when inserting data. There is no additional insertion logic. TiDB automatically guarantees data consistency. All you need to do is turn on column-oriented replica synchronization after creating the table, and use the column-oriented replica to speed up your queries directly.

4.6.1.7 Need help?

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4.6.2 Update Data

This document describes how to use the following SQL statements to update the data in TiDB with various programming languages:

- UPDATE: Used to modify the data in the specified table.
- INSERT ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE: Used to insert data and update this data if there is a primary key or unique key conflict. It is **not recommended** to use this statement if there are multiple unique keys (including primary keys). This is because this statement updates the data once it detects any unique key (including primary key) conflict. When there are more than one row conflicts, it updates only one row.

4.6.2.1 Before you start

Before reading this document, you need to prepare the following:

- Build a TiDB Cloud Serverless Cluster.
- Read Schema Design Overview, Create a Database, Create a Table, and Create Secondary Indexes.
- If you want to `UPDATE` data, you need to insert data first.

4.6.2.2 Use `UPDATE`

To update an existing row in a table, you need to use an `UPDATE` statement with a `WHERE` clause to filter the columns for updating.

> **Note:**
>
> If you need to update a large number of rows, for example, more than ten thousand, it is recommended that you do ***NOT*** doing a complete update at once, but rather updating a portion at a time iteratively until all rows are updated. You can write scripts or programs to loop this operation. See Bulk-update for details.

4.6.2.2.1 `UPDATE` SQL syntax

In SQL, the `UPDATE` statement is generally in the following form:

```
UPDATE {table} SET {update_column} = {update_value} WHERE {filter_column} =
    ↪ {filter_value}
```

Parameter Name	Description
`{table}`	Table Name
`{update_column}`	Column names to be updated
`{update_value}`	Column values to be updated
`{filter_column}`	Column names matching filters
`{filter_value}`	Column values matching filters

For detailed information, see UPDATE syntax.

4.6.2.2.2 `UPDATE` best practices

The following are some best practices for updating data:

- Always specify the `WHERE` clause in the `UPDATE` statement. If the `UPDATE` statement does not have a `WHERE` clause, TiDB will update ***ALL ROWS*** in the table.
- Use bulk-update when you need to update a large number of rows (for example, more than ten thousand). Because TiDB limits the size of a single transaction (txn-total-size-limit, 100 MB by default), too many data updates at once will result in holding locks for too long (pessimistic transactions) or cause conflicts (optimistic transactions).

4.6.2.2.3 `UPDATE` example

Suppose an author changes her name to **Helen Haruki**. You need to change the authors table. Assume that her unique `id` is **1**, and the filter should be: `id = 1`.

```
UPDATE `authors` SET `name` = "Helen Haruki" WHERE `id` = 1;
```

```
// ds is an entity of com.mysql.cj.jdbc.MysqlDataSource
try (Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
    PreparedStatement pstmt = connection.prepareStatement("UPDATE `authors`
        ↪ SET `name` = ? WHERE `id` = ?");
    pstmt.setString(1, "Helen Haruki");
    pstmt.setInt(2, 1);
    pstmt.executeUpdate();
} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

4.6.2.3 Use `INSERT ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE`

If you need to insert new data into a table, but if there are unique key (a primary key is also a unique key) conflicts, the first conflicted record will be updated. You can use `INSERT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE ...` statement to insert or update.

4.6.2.3.1 `INSERT ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` SQL Syntax

In SQL, the `INSERT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE ...` statement is generally in the following form:

```
INSERT INTO {table} ({columns}) VALUES ({values})
    ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE {update_column} = {update_value};
```

Parameter Name	Description
{table}	Table name
{columns}	Column names to be inserted
{values}	Column values to be inserted
{update_column}	Column names to be updated
{update_value}	Column values to be updated

4.6.2.3.2 `INSERT ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` best practices

- Use `INSERT ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` only for a table with one unique key. This statement updates the data if any ***UNIQUE KEY*** (including the primary key) conflicts are detected. If there are more than one row of conflicts, only one row will

be updated. Therefore, it is not recommended to use the `INSERT ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` statement in tables with multiple unique keys unless you can guarantee that there is only one row of conflict.
- Use this statement when you create data or update data.

4.6.2.3.3 `INSERT ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` example

For example, you need to update the ratings table to include the user's ratings for the book. If the user has not yet rated the book, a new rating will be created. If the user has already rated it, his previous rating will be updated.

In the following example, the primary key is the joint primary keys of `book_id` and `user_id`. A user `user_id = 1` gives a rating of `5` to a book `book_id = 1000`.

```
INSERT INTO `ratings`
    (`book_id`, `user_id`, `score`, `rated_at`)
VALUES
    (1000, 1, 5, NOW())
ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE `score` = 5, `rated_at` = NOW();
```

```
// ds is an entity of com.mysql.cj.jdbc.MysqlDataSource

try (Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
    PreparedStatement p = connection.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO `ratings`
        ↪ (`book_id`, `user_id`, `score`, `rated_at`)
VALUES (?, ?, ?, NOW()) ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE `score` = ?, `rated_at` =
    ↪ NOW()");
    p.setInt(1, 1000);
    p.setInt(2, 1);
    p.setInt(3, 5);
    p.setInt(4, 5);
    p.executeUpdate();
} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

4.6.2.4 Bulk-update

When you need to update multiple rows of data in a table, you can use `INSERT ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` with the `WHERE` clause to filter the data that needs to be updated.

However, if you need to update a large number of rows (for example, more than ten thousand), it is recommended that you update the data iteratively, that is, updating only a portion of the data at each iteration until the update is complete. This is because TiDB limits the size of a single transaction (txn-total-size-limit, 100 MB by default). Too many data updates at once will result in holding locks for too long (pessimistic transactions, or

causing conflicts (optimistic transactions). You can use a loop in your program or script to complete the operation.

This section provides examples of writing scripts to handle iterative updates. This example shows how a combination of `SELECT` and `UPDATE` should be done to complete a bulk-update.

4.6.2.4.1 Write bulk-update loop

First, you should write a `SELECT` query in a loop of your application or script. The return value of this query can be used as the primary key for the rows that need to be updated. Note that when defining this `SELECT` query, you need to use the `WHERE` clause to filter the rows that need to be updated.

4.6.2.4.2 Example

Suppose that you have had a lot of book ratings from users on your `bookshop` website over the past year, but the original design of a 5-point scale has resulted in a lack of differentiation in book ratings. Most books are rated `3`. You decide to switch from a 5-point scale to a 10-point scale to differentiate ratings.

You need to multiply by `2` the data in the `ratings` table from the previous 5-point scale, and add a new column to the ratings table to indicate whether the rows have been updated. Using this column, you can filter out rows that have been updated in `SELECT`, which will prevent the script from crashing and updating the rows multiple times, resulting in unreasonable data.

For example, you create a column named `ten_point` with the data type BOOL as an identifier of whether it is a 10-point scale:

```
ALTER TABLE `bookshop`.`ratings` ADD COLUMN `ten_point` BOOL NOT NULL
    ↪ DEFAULT FALSE;
```

> **Note:**
>
> This bulk-update application uses the **DDL** statements to make schema changes to the data tables. All DDL change operations for TiDB are executed online. For more information, see ADD COLUMN.

In Golang, a bulk-update application is similar to the following:

```
package main

import (
    "database/sql"
```

```
    "fmt"
    _ "github.com/go-sql-driver/mysql"
    "strings"
    "time"
)

func main() {
    db, err := sql.Open("mysql", "root:@tcp(127.0.0.1:4000)/bookshop")
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    defer db.Close()

    bookID, userID := updateBatch(db, true, 0, 0)
    fmt.Println("first time batch update success")
    for {
        time.Sleep(time.Second)
        bookID, userID = updateBatch(db, false, bookID, userID)
        fmt.Printf("batch update success, [bookID] %d, [userID] %d\n", bookID
            ↪ , userID)
    }
}

// updateBatch select at most 1000 lines data to update score
func updateBatch(db *sql.DB, firstTime bool, lastBookID, lastUserID int64) (
    ↪ bookID, userID int64) {
    // select at most 1000 primary keys in five-point scale data
    var err error
    var rows *sql.Rows

    if firstTime {
        rows, err = db.Query("SELECT `book_id`, `user_id` FROM `bookshop`.`
            ↪ ratings` " +
            "WHERE `ten_point` != true ORDER BY `book_id`, `user_id` LIMIT
                ↪ 1000")
    } else {
        rows, err = db.Query("SELECT `book_id`, `user_id` FROM `bookshop`.`
            ↪ ratings` "+
            "WHERE `ten_point` != true AND `book_id` > ? AND `user_id` > ? "+
            "ORDER BY `book_id`, `user_id` LIMIT 1000", lastBookID,
                ↪ lastUserID)
    }

    if err != nil || rows == nil {
        panic(fmt.Errorf("error occurred or rows nil: %+v", err))
```

```
    }

    // joint all id with a list
    var idList []interface{}
    for rows.Next() {
        var tempBookID, tempUserID int64
        if err := rows.Scan(&tempBookID, &tempUserID); err != nil {
            panic(err)
        }
        idList = append(idList, tempBookID, tempUserID)
        bookID, userID = tempBookID, tempUserID
    }

    bulkUpdateSql := fmt.Sprintf("UPDATE `bookshop`.`ratings` SET `ten_point
        ↪ ` = true, "+
        "`score` = `score` * 2 WHERE (`book_id`, `user_id`) IN (%s)",
            ↪ placeHolder(len(idList)))
    db.Exec(bulkUpdateSql, idList...)

    return bookID, userID
}

// placeHolder format SQL place holder
func placeHolder(n int) string {
    holderList := make([]string, n/2, n/2)
    for i := range holderList {
        holderList[i] = "(?,?)"
    }
    return strings.Join(holderList, ",")
}
```

In each iteration, `SELECT` queries in order of the primary key. It selects primary key values for up to 1000 rows that have not been updated to the 10-point scale (`ten_point` is `false`). Each `SELECT` statement selects primary keys larger than the largest of the previous `SELECT` results to prevent duplication. Then, it uses bulk-update, multiples its `score` column by 2, and sets `ten_point` to `true`. The purpose of updating `ten_point` is to prevent the update application from repeatedly updating the same row in case of restart after crashing, which can cause data corruption. `time.Sleep(time.Second)` in each loop makes the update application pause for 1 second to prevent the update application from consuming too many hardware resources.

In Java (JDBC), a bulk-update application might be similar to the following:

Code:

```
package com.pingcap.bulkUpdate;
```

```
import com.mysql.cj.jdbc.MysqlDataSource;

import java.sql.*;
import java.util.LinkedList;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.concurrent.TimeUnit;

public class BatchUpdateExample {
    static class UpdateID {
        private Long bookID;
        private Long userID;

        public UpdateID(Long bookID, Long userID) {
            this.bookID = bookID;
            this.userID = userID;
        }

        public Long getBookID() {
            return bookID;
        }

        public void setBookID(Long bookID) {
            this.bookID = bookID;
        }

        public Long getUserID() {
            return userID;
        }

        public void setUserID(Long userID) {
            this.userID = userID;
        }

        @Override
        public String toString() {
            return "[bookID] " + bookID + ", [userID] " + userID ;
        }
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException {
        // Configure the example database connection.

        // Create a mysql data source instance.
        MysqlDataSource mysqlDataSource = new MysqlDataSource();
```

```
        // Set server name, port, database name, username and password.
        mysqlDataSource.setServerName("localhost");
        mysqlDataSource.setPortNumber(4000);
        mysqlDataSource.setDatabaseName("bookshop");
        mysqlDataSource.setUser("root");
        mysqlDataSource.setPassword("");

        UpdateID lastID = batchUpdate(mysqlDataSource, null);

        System.out.println("first time batch update success");
        while (true) {
            TimeUnit.SECONDS.sleep(1);
            lastID = batchUpdate(mysqlDataSource, lastID);
            System.out.println("batch update success, [lastID] " + lastID);
        }
    }

    public static UpdateID batchUpdate (MysqlDataSource ds, UpdateID lastID)
        ↪ {
        try (Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
            UpdateID updateID = null;

            PreparedStatement selectPs;

            if (lastID == null) {
                selectPs = connection.prepareStatement(
                        "SELECT `book_id`, `user_id` FROM `bookshop`.`ratings`
                            ↪ " +
                        "WHERE `ten_point` != true ORDER BY `book_id`, `user_id
                            ↪ ` LIMIT 1000");
            } else {
                selectPs = connection.prepareStatement(
                        "SELECT `book_id`, `user_id` FROM `bookshop`.`ratings`
                            ↪ "+
                            "WHERE `ten_point` != true AND `book_id` > ? AND `
                                ↪ user_id` > ? "+
                            "ORDER BY `book_id`, `user_id` LIMIT 1000");

                selectPs.setLong(1, lastID.getBookID());
                selectPs.setLong(2, lastID.getUserID());
            }

            List<Long> idList = new LinkedList<>();
            ResultSet res = selectPs.executeQuery();
            while (res.next()) {
```

```
                updateID = new UpdateID(
                        res.getLong("book_id"),
                        res.getLong("user_id")
                );
                idList.add(updateID.getBookID());
                idList.add(updateID.getUserID());
            }

            if (idList.isEmpty()) {
                System.out.println("no data should update");
                return null;
            }

            String updateSQL = "UPDATE `bookshop`.`ratings` SET `ten_point` =
                ↪ true, "+
                    "`score` = `score` * 2 WHERE (`book_id`, `user_id`) IN ("
                        ↪ +
                    placeHolder(idList.size() / 2) + ")";
            PreparedStatement updatePs = connection.prepareStatement(
                ↪ updateSQL);
            for (int i = 0; i < idList.size(); i++) {
                updatePs.setLong(i + 1, idList.get(i));
            }
            int count = updatePs.executeUpdate();
            System.out.println("update " + count + " data");

            return updateID;
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }

        return null;
    }

    public static String placeHolder(int n) {
        StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
        for (int i = 0; i < n ; i++) {
            sb.append(i == 0 ? "(?,?)" : ",(?,?)");
        }

        return sb.toString();
    }
}
```

- `hibernate.cfg.xml` configuration:

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
<!DOCTYPE hibernate-configuration PUBLIC
        "-//Hibernate/Hibernate Configuration DTD 3.0//EN"
        "http://www.hibernate.org/dtd/hibernate-configuration-3.0.dtd">
<hibernate-configuration>
    <session-factory>

        <!-- Database connection settings -->
        <property name="hibernate.connection.driver_class">com.mysql.cj.jdbc.
            ↪ Driver</property>
        <property name="hibernate.dialect">org.hibernate.dialect.TiDBDialect<
            ↪ /property>
        <property name="hibernate.connection.url">jdbc:mysql://localhost:4000
            ↪ /movie</property>
        <property name="hibernate.connection.username">root</property>
        <property name="hibernate.connection.password"></property>
        <property name="hibernate.connection.autocommit">false</property>
        <property name="hibernate.jdbc.batch_size">20</property>

        <!-- Optional: Show SQL output for debugging -->
        <property name="hibernate.show_sql">true</property>
        <property name="hibernate.format_sql">true</property>
    </session-factory>
</hibernate-configuration>
```

In each iteration, `SELECT` queries in order of the primary key. It selects primary key values for up to 1000 rows that have not been updated to the 10-point scale (`ten_point` is `false`). Each `SELECT` statement selects primary keys larger than the largest of the previous `SELECT` results to prevent duplication. Then, it uses bulk-update, multiples its `score` column by 2, and sets `ten_point` to `true`. The purpose of updating `ten_point` is to prevent the update application from repeatedly updating the same row in case of restart after crashing, which can cause data corruption. `TimeUnit.SECONDS.sleep(1);` in each loop makes the update application pause for 1 second to prevent the update application from consuming too many hardware resources.

4.6.2.5 Need help?

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4.6.3 Delete Data

This document describes how to use the DELETE SQL statement to delete the data in TiDB. If you need to periodically delete expired data, use the time to live feature.

4.6.3.1 Before you start

Before reading this document, you need to prepare the following:

- Build a TiDB Cloud Serverless Cluster
- Read Schema Design Overview, Create a Database, Create a Table, and Create Secondary Indexes
- Insert Data

4.6.3.2 SQL syntax

The `DELETE` statement is generally in the following form:

```
DELETE FROM {table} WHERE {filter}
```

Parameter Name	Description
`{table}`	Table name
`{filter}`	Matching conditions of the filter

This example only shows a simple use case of `DELETE`. For detailed information, see DELETE syntax.

4.6.3.3 Best practices

The following are some best practices to follow when you delete data:

- Always specify the `WHERE` clause in the `DELETE` statement. If the `WHERE` clause is not specified, TiDB will delete ***ALL ROWS*** in the table.

- Use bulk-delete when you delete a large number of rows (for example, more than ten thousand), because TiDB limits the size of a single transaction (txn-total-size-limit, 100 MB by default).

- If you delete all the data in a table, do not use the `DELETE` statement. Instead, use the `TRUNCATE` statement.
- For performance considerations, see Performance Considerations.
- In scenarios where large batches of data need to be deleted, Non-Transactional bulk-delete can significantly improve performance. However, this will lose the transactional of the deletion and therefore **CANNOT** be rolled back. Make sure that you select the correct operation.

4.6.3.4 Example

Suppose you find an application error within a specific time period and you need to delete all the data for the ratings within this period, for example, from `2022-04-15 00:00:00` to `2022-04-15 00:15:00`. In this case, you can use the `SELECT` statement to check the number of records to be deleted.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM `ratings` WHERE `rated_at` >= "2022-04-15 00:00:00"
    ↪ AND `rated_at` <= "2022-04-15 00:15:00";
```

If more than 10,000 records are returned, use Bulk-Delete to delete them.

If fewer than 10,000 records are returned, use the following example to delete them.

In SQL, the example is as follows:

```
DELETE FROM `ratings` WHERE `rated_at` >= "2022-04-15 00:00:00" AND `rated_
    ↪ at` <= "2022-04-15 00:15:00";
```

In Java, the example is as follows:

```
// ds is an entity of com.mysql.cj.jdbc.MysqlDataSource

try (Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
    String sql = "DELETE FROM `bookshop`.`ratings` WHERE `rated_at` >= ? AND
        ↪  `rated_at` <= ?";
    PreparedStatement preparedStatement = connection.prepareStatement(sql);
    Calendar calendar = Calendar.getInstance();
    calendar.set(Calendar.MILLISECOND, 0);

    calendar.set(2022, Calendar.APRIL, 15, 0, 0, 0);
    preparedStatement.setTimestamp(1, new Timestamp(calendar.getTimeInMillis
        ↪ ()));

    calendar.set(2022, Calendar.APRIL, 15, 0, 15, 0);
    preparedStatement.setTimestamp(2, new Timestamp(calendar.getTimeInMillis
        ↪ ()));

    preparedStatement.executeUpdate();
} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

In Golang, the example is as follows:

```
package main

import (
    "database/sql"
```

```
    "fmt"
    "time"

    _ "github.com/go-sql-driver/mysql"
)

func main() {
    db, err := sql.Open("mysql", "root:@tcp(127.0.0.1:4000)/bookshop")
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    defer db.Close()

    startTime := time.Date(2022, 04, 15, 0, 0, 0, 0, time.UTC)
    endTime := time.Date(2022, 04, 15, 0, 15, 0, 0, time.UTC)

    bulkUpdateSql := fmt.Sprintf("DELETE FROM `bookshop`.`ratings` WHERE `
        ↪ rated_at` >= ? AND `rated_at` <= ?")
    result, err := db.Exec(bulkUpdateSql, startTime, endTime)
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    _, err = result.RowsAffected()
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
}
```

In Python, the example is as follows:

```
import MySQLdb
import datetime
import time
connection = MySQLdb.connect(
    host="127.0.0.1",
    port=4000,
    user="root",
    password="",
    database="bookshop",
    autocommit=True
)
with connection:
    with connection.cursor() as cursor:
        start_time = datetime.datetime(2022, 4, 15)
        end_time = datetime.datetime(2022, 4, 15, 0, 15)
```

```
        delete_sql = "DELETE FROM `bookshop`.`ratings` WHERE `rated_at` >= %s
            ↪  AND `rated_at` <= %s"
        affect_rows = cursor.execute(delete_sql, (start_time, end_time))
        print(f'delete {affect_rows} data')
```

The `rated_at` field is of the `DATETIME` type in Date and Time Types. You can assume that it is stored as a literal quantity in TiDB, independent of the time zone. On the other hand, the `TIMESTAMP` type stores a timestamp and thus displays a different time string in a different time zone.

> **Note:**
>
> Like MySQL, the `TIMESTAMP` data type is affected by the year 2038 problem. It is recommended to use the `DATETIME` type if you store values larger than 2038.

4.6.3.5 Performance considerations

4.6.3.5.1 TiDB GC mechanism

TiDB does not delete the data immediately after you run the `DELETE` statement. Instead, it marks the data as ready for deletion. Then it waits for TiDB GC (Garbage Collection) to clean up the outdated data. Therefore, the `DELETE` statement ***DOES NOT*** immediately reduce disk usage.

GC is triggered once every 10 minutes by default. Each GC calculates a time point called **safe_point**. Any data earlier than this time point will not be used again, so TiDB can safely clean it up.

For more information, see GC mechanism.

4.6.3.5.2 Update statistical information

TiDB uses statistical information to determine index selection. There is a high risk that the index is not correctly selected after a large volume of data is deleted. You can use manual collection to update the statistics. It provides the TiDB optimizer with more accurate statistical information for SQL performance optimization.

4.6.3.6 Bulk-delete

When you need to delete multiple rows of data from a table, you can choose the `DELETE` example and use the `WHERE` clause to filter the data that needs to be deleted.

However, if you need to delete a large number of rows (more than ten thousand), it is recommended that you delete the data in an iterative way, that is, deleting a portion of the

data at each iteration until the deletion is completed. This is because TiDB limits the size of a single transaction (`txn-total-size-limit`, 100 MB by default). You can use loops in your programs or scripts to perform such operations.

This section provides an example of writing a script to handle an iterative delete operation that demonstrates how you should do a combination of `SELECT` and `DELETE` to complete a bulk-delete.

4.6.3.6.1 Write a bulk-delete loop

You can write a `DELETE` statement in the loop of your application or script, use the `WHERE` clause to filter data, and use `LIMIT` to constrain the number of rows to be deleted in a single statement.

4.6.3.6.2 Bulk-delete example

Suppose you find an application error within a specific time period. You need to delete all the data for the rating within this period, for example, from `2022-04-15 00:00:00` to `2022-04-15 00:15:00`, and more than 10,000 records are written in 15 minutes. You can perform as follows.

In Java, the bulk-delete example is as follows:

```
package com.pingcap.bulkDelete;

import com.mysql.cj.jdbc.MysqlDataSource;

import java.sql.*;
import java.util.*;
import java.util.concurrent.TimeUnit;

public class BatchDeleteExample
{
    public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException {
        // Configure the example database connection.

        // Create a mysql data source instance.
        MysqlDataSource mysqlDataSource = new MysqlDataSource();

        // Set server name, port, database name, username and password.
        mysqlDataSource.setServerName("localhost");
        mysqlDataSource.setPortNumber(4000);
        mysqlDataSource.setDatabaseName("bookshop");
        mysqlDataSource.setUser("root");
        mysqlDataSource.setPassword("");

        while (true) {
```

```
            batchDelete(mysqlDataSource);
            TimeUnit.SECONDS.sleep(1);
        }
    }

    public static void batchDelete (MysqlDataSource ds) {
        try (Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
            String sql = "DELETE FROM `bookshop`.`ratings` WHERE `rated_at`
                ↪ >= ? AND `rated_at` <= ? LIMIT 1000";
            PreparedStatement preparedStatement = connection.prepareStatement
                ↪ (sql);
            Calendar calendar = Calendar.getInstance();
            calendar.set(Calendar.MILLISECOND, 0);

            calendar.set(2022, Calendar.APRIL, 15, 0, 0, 0);
            preparedStatement.setTimestamp(1, new Timestamp(calendar.
                ↪ getTimeInMillis()));

            calendar.set(2022, Calendar.APRIL, 15, 0, 15, 0);
            preparedStatement.setTimestamp(2, new Timestamp(calendar.
                ↪ getTimeInMillis()));

            int count = preparedStatement.executeUpdate();
            System.out.println("delete " + count + " data");
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

In each iteration, `DELETE` deletes up to 1000 rows from `2022-04-15 00:00:00` to `2022-04-15 00:15:00`.

In Golang, the bulk-delete example is as follows:

```
package main

import (
    "database/sql"
    "fmt"
    "time"

    _ "github.com/go-sql-driver/mysql"
)

func main() {
```

```
    db, err := sql.Open("mysql", "root:@tcp(127.0.0.1:4000)/bookshop")
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    defer db.Close()

    affectedRows := int64(-1)
    startTime := time.Date(2022, 04, 15, 0, 0, 0, 0, time.UTC)
    endTime := time.Date(2022, 04, 15, 0, 15, 0, 0, time.UTC)

    for affectedRows != 0 {
        affectedRows, err = deleteBatch(db, startTime, endTime)
        if err != nil {
            panic(err)
        }
    }
}

// deleteBatch delete at most 1000 lines per batch
func deleteBatch(db *sql.DB, startTime, endTime time.Time) (int64, error) {
    bulkUpdateSql := fmt.Sprintf("DELETE FROM `bookshop`.`ratings` WHERE `
        ↪ rated_at` >= ? AND `rated_at` <= ? LIMIT 1000")
    result, err := db.Exec(bulkUpdateSql, startTime, endTime)
    if err != nil {
        return -1, err
    }
    affectedRows, err := result.RowsAffected()
    if err != nil {
        return -1, err
    }

    fmt.Printf("delete %d data\n", affectedRows)
    return affectedRows, nil
}
```

In each iteration, `DELETE` deletes up to 1000 rows from `2022-04-15 00:00:00` to `2022-04-15 00:15:00`.

In Python, the bulk-delete example is as follows:

```
import MySQLdb
import datetime
import time
connection = MySQLdb.connect(
    host="127.0.0.1",
    port=4000,
```

```
    user="root",
    password="",
    database="bookshop",
    autocommit=True
)
with connection:
    with connection.cursor() as cursor:
        start_time = datetime.datetime(2022, 4, 15)
        end_time = datetime.datetime(2022, 4, 15, 0, 15)
        affect_rows = -1
        while affect_rows != 0:
            delete_sql = "DELETE FROM `bookshop`.`ratings` WHERE `rated_at`
                ↪ >= %s AND `rated_at` <= %s LIMIT 1000"
            affect_rows = cursor.execute(delete_sql, (start_time, end_time))
            print(f'delete {affect_rows} data')
            time.sleep(1)
```

In each iteration, `DELETE` deletes up to 1000 rows from `2022-04-15 00:00:00` to `2022-04-15 00:15:00`.

4.6.3.7 Non-transactional bulk-delete

> **Note:**
>
> Since v6.1.0, TiDB supports the non-transactional DML statements. This feature is not available for versions earlier than TiDB v6.1.0.

4.6.3.7.1 Prerequisites of non-transactional bulk-delete

Before using the non-transactional bulk-delete, make sure you have read the Non-Transactional DML statements documentation first. The non-transactional bulk-delete improves the performance and ease of use in batch data processing scenarios but compromises transactional atomicity and isolation.

Therefore, you should use it carefully to avoid serious consequences (such as data loss) due to mishandling.

4.6.3.7.2 SQL syntax for non-transactional bulk-delete

The SQL syntax for non-transactional bulk-delete statement is as follows:

```
BATCH ON {shard_column} LIMIT {batch_size} {delete_statement};
```

Parameter Name	Description
{shard_column}	The column used to divide batches.
{batch_size}	Control the size of each batch.
{delete_statement}	The DELETE statement.

The preceding example only shows a simple use case of a non-transactional bulk-delete statement. For detailed information, see Non-transactional DML Statements.

4.6.3.7.3 Example of non-transactional bulk-delete

In the same scenario as the Bulk-delete example, the following SQL statement shows how to perform a non-transactional bulk-delete:

```
BATCH ON `rated_at` LIMIT 1000 DELETE FROM `ratings` WHERE `rated_at` >= "
    ↪ 2022-04-15 00:00:00" AND `rated_at` <= "2022-04-15 00:15:00";
```

4.6.3.8 Need help?

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4.6.4 Periodically Delete Expired Data Using TTL (Time to Live)

Time to live (TTL) is a feature that allows you to manage TiDB data lifetime at the row level. For a table with the TTL attribute, TiDB automatically checks data lifetime and deletes expired data at the row level. This feature can effectively save storage space and enhance performance in some scenarios.

The following are some common scenarios for TTL:

- Regularly delete verification codes and short URLs.
- Regularly delete unnecessary historical orders.
- Automatically delete intermediate results of calculations.

TTL is designed to help users clean up unnecessary data periodically and in a timely manner without affecting the online read and write workloads. TTL concurrently dispatches different jobs to different TiDB nodes to delete data in parallel in the unit of table. TTL does not guarantee that all expired data is deleted immediately, which means that even if some data is expired, the client might still read that data some time after the expiration time until that data is deleted by the background TTL job.

4.6.4.1 Syntax

You can configure the TTL attribute of a table using the CREATE TABLE or ALTER TABLE statement.

4.6.4.1.1 Create a table with a TTL attribute

- Create a table with a TTL attribute:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    id int PRIMARY KEY,
    created_at TIMESTAMP
) TTL = `created_at` + INTERVAL 3 MONTH;
```

The preceding example creates a table `t1` and specifies `created_at` as the TTL timestamp column, which indicates the creation time of the data. The example also sets the longest time that a row is allowed to live in the table to 3 months through `INTERVAL 3 MONTH`. Data that lives longer than this value will be deleted later.

- Set the `TTL_ENABLE` attribute to enable or disable the feature of cleaning up expired data:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    id int PRIMARY KEY,
    created_at TIMESTAMP
) TTL = `created_at` + INTERVAL 3 MONTH TTL_ENABLE = 'OFF';
```

If `TTL_ENABLE` is set to `OFF`, even if other TTL options are set, TiDB does not automatically clean up expired data in this table. For a table with the TTL attribute, `TTL_ENABLE` is `ON` by default.

- To be compatible with MySQL, you can set a TTL attribute using a comment:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    id int PRIMARY KEY,
    created_at TIMESTAMP
) /*T![ttl] TTL = `created_at` + INTERVAL 3 MONTH TTL_ENABLE = 'OFF'
    ↪ */;
```

In TiDB, using the table TTL attribute or using comments to configure TTL is equivalent. In MySQL, the comment is ignored and an ordinary table is created.

4.6.4.1.2 Modify the TTL attribute of a table

- Modify the TTL attribute of a table:

```
ALTER TABLE t1 TTL = `created_at` + INTERVAL 1 MONTH;
```

You can use the preceding statement to modify a table with an existing TTL attribute or to add a TTL attribute to a table without a TTL attribute.

- Modify the value of `TTL_ENABLE` for a table with the TTL attribute:

```
ALTER TABLE t1 TTL_ENABLE = 'OFF';
```

- To remove all TTL attributes of a table:

```
ALTER TABLE t1 REMOVE TTL;
```

4.6.4.1.3 TTL and the default values of data types

You can use TTL together with default values of the data types. The following are two common usage examples:

- Use `DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` to specify the default value of a column as the current creation time and use this column as the TTL timestamp column. Records that were created 3 months ago are expired:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    id int PRIMARY KEY,
    created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
) TTL = `created_at` + INTERVAL 3 MONTH;
```

- Specify the default value of a column as the creation time or the latest update time and use this column as the TTL timestamp column. Records that have not been updated for 3 months are expired:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    id int PRIMARY KEY,
    created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE CURRENT_
        ↪ TIMESTAMP
) TTL = `created_at` + INTERVAL 3 MONTH;
```

4.6.4.1.4 TTL and generated columns

You can use TTL together with generated columns to configure complex expiration rules. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE message (
    id int PRIMARY KEY,
    created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
    image bool,
    expire_at TIMESTAMP AS (IF(image,
           created_at + INTERVAL 5 DAY,
           created_at + INTERVAL 30 DAY
    ))
) TTL = `expire_at` + INTERVAL 0 DAY;
```

The preceding statement uses the `expire_at` column as the TTL timestamp column and sets the expiration time according to the message type. If the message is an image, it expires in 5 days. Otherwise, it expires in 30 days.

You can use TTL together with the JSON type. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE orders (
    id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    order_info JSON,
    created_at DATE AS (JSON_EXTRACT(order_info, '$.created_at')) VIRTUAL
) TTL = `created_at` + INTERVAL 3 month;
```

4.6.4.2 TTL job

For each table with a TTL attribute, TiDB internally schedules a background job to clean up expired data. You can customize the execution period of these jobs by setting the `TTL_JOB_INTERVAL` attribute for the table. The following example sets the background cleanup jobs for the table `orders` to run once every 24 hours:

```
ALTER TABLE orders TTL_JOB_INTERVAL = '24h';
```

`TTL_JOB_INTERVAL` is set to `1h` by default.

When executing a TTL job, TiDB will split the table into up to 64 tasks, with the Region being the smallest unit. These tasks will be executed distributedly. You can limit the number of concurrent TTL tasks across the entire cluster by setting the system variable `tidb_ttl_running_tasks`. However, not all TTL jobs for all kinds of tables can be split into tasks. For more details on which kinds of tables' TTL jobs cannot be split into tasks, refer to the Limitations section.

To disable the execution of TTL jobs, in addition to setting the `TTL_ENABLE='OFF'` table option, you can also disable the execution of TTL jobs in the entire cluster by setting the `tidb_ttl_job_enable` global variable:

```
SET @@global.tidb_ttl_job_enable = OFF;
```

In some scenarios, you might want to allow TTL jobs to run only in a certain time window. In this case, you can set the `tidb_ttl_job_schedule_window_start_time` and `tidb_ttl_job_schedule_window_end_time` global variables to specify the time window. For example:

```
SET @@global.tidb_ttl_job_schedule_window_start_time = '01:00 +0000';
SET @@global.tidb_ttl_job_schedule_window_end_time = '05:00 +0000';
```

The preceding statement allows TTL jobs to be scheduled only between 1:00 and 5:00 UTC. By default, the time window is set to `00:00 +0000` to `23:59 +0000`, which allows the jobs to be scheduled at any time.

4.6.4.3 Observability

TiDB collects runtime information about TTL periodically and provides visualized charts of these metrics in Grafana. You can see these metrics in the TiDB -> TTL panel in Grafana.

For details of the metrics, see the TTL section in TiDB Monitoring Metrics.

In addition, TiDB provides three tables to obtain more information about TTL jobs:

- The `mysql.tidb_ttl_table_status` table contains information about the previously executed TTL job and ongoing TTL job for all TTL tables

```
TABLE mysql.tidb_ttl_table_status LIMIT 1\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
                  table_id: 85
             parent_table_id: 85
            table_statistics: NULL
                last_job_id: 0b4a6d50-3041-4664-9516-5525ee6d9f90
          last_job_start_time: 2023-02-15 20:43:46
         last_job_finish_time: 2023-02-15 20:44:46
          last_job_ttl_expire: 2023-02-15 19:43:46
             last_job_summary: {"total_rows":4369519,"success_rows
                ↪ ":4369519,"error_rows":0,"total_scan_task":64,"
                ↪ scheduled_scan_task":64,"finished_scan_task":64}
              current_job_id: NULL
        current_job_owner_id: NULL
      current_job_owner_addr: NULL
    current_job_owner_hb_time: NULL
       current_job_start_time: NULL
       current_job_ttl_expire: NULL
           current_job_state: NULL
          current_job_status: NULL
current_job_status_update_time: NULL
1 row in set (0.040 sec)
```

  The column `table_id` is the ID of the partitioned table, and the `parent_table_id` is the ID of the table, corresponding with the ID in `information_schema.tables`. If the table is not a partitioned table, the two IDs are the same.

  The columns `{last, current}_job_{start_time, finish_time, ttl_expire}` describe respectively the start time, finish time, and expiration time used by the TTL job of the last or current execution. The `last_job_summary` column describes the execution status of the last TTL task, including the total number of rows, the number of successful rows, and the number of failed rows.

- The `mysql.tidb_ttl_task` table contains information about the ongoing TTL subtasks. A TTL job is split into many subtasks, and this table records the subtasks that are currently being executed.

- The `mysql.tidb_ttl_job_history` table contains information about the TTL jobs that have been executed. The record of TTL job history is kept for 90 days.

```
TABLE mysql.tidb_ttl_job_history LIMIT 1\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
         job_id: f221620c-ab84-4a28-9d24-b47ca2b5a301
       table_id: 85
  parent_table_id: 85
    table_schema: test_schema
      table_name: TestTable
   partition_name: NULL
     create_time: 2023-02-15 17:43:46
     finish_time: 2023-02-15 17:45:46
      ttl_expire: 2023-02-15 16:43:46
    summary_text: {"total_rows":9588419,"success_rows":9588419,"error_
       ↪ rows":0,"total_scan_task":63,"scheduled_scan_task":63,"
       ↪ finished_scan_task":63}
    expired_rows: 9588419
    deleted_rows: 9588419
error_delete_rows: 0
          status: finished
```

The column `table_id` is the ID of the partitioned table, and the `parent_table_id` is the ID of the table, corresponding with the ID in `information_schema.tables`. `table_schema`, `table_name`, and `partition_name` correspond to the database, table name, and partition name. `create_time`, `finish_time`, and `ttl_expire` indicate the creation time, end time, and expiration time of the TTL task. `expired_rows` and `deleted_rows` indicate the number of expired rows and the number of rows deleted successfully.

4.6.4.4 Compatibility with TiDB tools

TTL can be used with other TiDB migration, backup, and recovery tools.

Tool name	Minimum supported version	Description

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Backup & Restore (BR)	v6.6.0	After you restore data using BR, the `TTL_ENABLE` attribute of the tables will be set to `OFF`. This prevents TiDB from immediately deleting expired data af-

Tool name	Minimum supported version	Description
TiDB Lightning	v6.6.0	After you import data using TiDB Lightning, the `TTL_ENABLE` attribute of the imported table will be set to `OFF`. This prevents TiDB from immediately deleting expired data after

Tool name	Minimum supported version	Description
TiCDC	v7.0.0	The `TTL_ENABLE` attribute in the downstream will be automatically set to `OFF`. The upstream TTL deletions will be synchronized to the downstream. Therefore, to prevent duplicate

Tool name	Minimum supported version	Description

4.6.4.5 Compatibility with SQL

Feature name	Description

Feature name	Description
FLASHBACK ↪ ↪ TABLE ↪	FLASHBACK ↪ ↪ TABLE ↪ will set the TTL_ ↪ ENABLE ↪ attribute of the tables to OFF. This prevents TiDB from immediately deleting expired data after the flashback. You need to manually turn on the TTL_ ↪ ENABLE ↪ attribute

Feature name	Description
FLASHBACK ↪ ↪ DATABASE ↪	FLASHBACK ↪ ↪ DATABASE ↪ will set the TTL_ ↪ ENABLE ↪ attribute of the tables to OFF, and the TTL_ ↪ ENABLE ↪ attribute will not be modified. This prevents TiDB from immediately deleting expired data after the flashback. You need to

Feature name	Description
FLASHBACK CLUSTER	FLASHBACK CLUSTER will set the system variable TIDB_TTL_JOB_ENABLE to OFF and do not change the value of the TTL_ENABLE attribute.

4.6.4.6 Limitations

Currently, the TTL feature has the following limitations:

- The TTL attribute cannot be set on temporary tables, including local temporary tables and global temporary tables.
- A table with the TTL attribute does not support being referenced by other tables as the primary table in a foreign key constraint.
- It is not guaranteed that all expired data is deleted immediately. The time when expired data is deleted depends on the scheduling interval and scheduling window of the background cleanup job.

- For tables that use clustered indexes, a TTL job can be split into multiple subtasks only in the following scenarios:
    - The first column of the primary key or composite primary key is of `INTEGER` or binary string types. The binary string types mainly refer to the following:
        - `CHAR(N)CHARACTER SET BINARY`
        - `VARCHAR(N)CHARACTER SET BINARY`
        - `BINARY(N)`
        - `VARBINARY(N)`
        - `BIT(N)`
    - The character set of the first column of the primary key or composite primary key is `utf8` or `utf8mb4`, and the collation is `utf8_bin`, `utf8mb4_bin`, or `utf8mb4_0900_bin`.
    - For tables where the character set type of the first column of the primary key is `utf8` or `utf8mb4`, subtasks are split only based on the range of visible ASCII characters. If many primary key values have the same ASCII prefix, it might cause uneven task splitting.
    - For tables that do not support splitting a TTL job into multiple subtasks, the TTL job will be executed sequentially on a single TiDB node. If the table contains a large amount of data, the execution of the TTL job might become slow.

4.6.4.7 FAQs

- How can I determine whether the deletion is fast enough to keep the data size relatively stable?

  In the Grafana `TiDB` dashboard, the panel `TTL Insert Rows Per Hour` records the total number of rows inserted in the previous hour. The corresponding `TTL Delete Rows Per Hour` records the total number of rows deleted by the TTL task in the previous hour. If `TTL Insert Rows Per Hour` is higher than `TTL Delete Rows Per Hour` for a long time, it means that the rate of insertion is higher than the rate of deletion and the total amount of data will increase. For example:

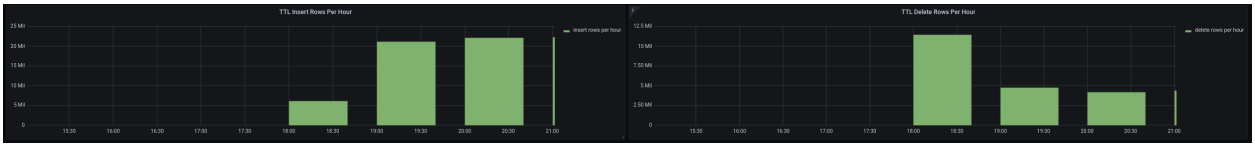

Figure 54: insert fast example

  It is worth noting that since TTL does not guarantee that the expired rows will be deleted immediately, and the rows currently inserted will be deleted in a future TTL task, even if the speed of TTL deletion is lower than the speed of insertion in a short period of time, it does not necessarily mean that the speed of TTL is too slow. You need to consider the situation in its context.

- How can I determine whether the bottleneck of a TTL task is in scanning or deleting?

  Look at the `TTL Scan Worker Time By Phase` and `TTL Delete Worker Time By Phase` panels. If the scan worker is in the `dispatch` phase for a large percentage of time and the delete worker is rarely in the `idle` phase, then the scan worker is waiting for the delete worker to finish the deletion. If the cluster resources are still free at this point, you can consider increasing `tidb_ttl_delete_worker_count` to increase the number of delete workers. For example:



Figure 55: scan fast example

  In contrast, if the scan worker is rarely in the `dispatch` phase and the delete worker is in the `idle` phase for a long time, then the scan worker is relatively busy. For example:

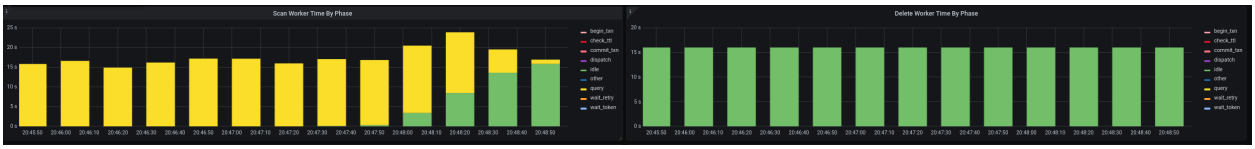

Figure 56: delete fast example

  The percentage of scan and delete in TTL jobs is related to the machine configuration and data distribution, so the monitoring data at each moment is only representative of the TTL Jobs being executed. You can read the table `mysql.tidb_ttl_job_history` to determine which TTL job is running at a certain moment and the corresponding table of the job.

- How to configure `tidb_ttl_scan_worker_count` and `tidb_ttl_delete_worker_count` properly?

  1. Refer to the question "How to determine whether the bottleneck of TTL tasks is in scanning or deleting?" to consider whether to increase the value of `tidb_ttl_scan_worker_count` or `tidb_ttl_delete_worker_count`.
  2. If the number of TiKV nodes is high, increase the value of `tidb_ttl_scan_worker_count` can make the TTL task workload more balanced.

Since too many TTL workers will cause a lot of pressure, you need to evaluate the CPU level of TiDB and the disk and CPU usage of TiKV together. Depending on different scenarios and needs (whether you need to speed up TTL as much as possible, or to reduce the impact of TTL on other queries), you can adjust the value of `tidb_ttl_scan_worker_count` and `tidb_ttl_delete_worker_count` to improve the speed of TTL scanning and deleting or reduce the performance impact brought by TTL tasks.

4.6.5 Prepared Statements

A prepared statement templatizes multiple SQL statements in which only parameters are different. It separates the SQL statements from the parameters. You can use it to improve the following aspects of SQL statements:

- **Security**: Because parameters and statements are separated, the risk of SQL injection attacks is avoided.
- **Performance**: Because the statement is parsed in advance on the TiDB server, only parameters are passed for subsequent executions, saving the cost of parsing the entire SQL statements, splicing SQL statement strings, and network transmission.

In most applications, SQL statements can be enumerated. You can use a limited number of SQL statements to complete data queries for the entire application. So using a prepared statement is a best practice.

4.6.5.1 SQL syntax

This section describes the SQL syntax for creating, running and deleting a prepared statement.

4.6.5.1.1 Create a prepared statement

```
PREPARE {prepared_statement_name} FROM '{prepared_statement_sql}';
```

Parameter Name	Description
`{prepared_statement_name}`	name of the prepared statement
`{prepared_statement_sql}`	the prepared statement SQL with a question mark as a placeholder

See PREPARE statement for more information.

4.6.5.1.2 Use the prepared statement

A prepared statement can only use **user variables** as parameters, so use the SET statement to set the variables before the EXECUTE statement can call the prepared statement.

```
SET @{parameter_name} = {parameter_value};
EXECUTE {prepared_statement_name} USING @{parameter_name};
```

Parameter Name	Description
{parameter_name}	user variable name
{parameter_value}	user variable value
{prepared_statement_name}	The name of the preprocessing statement, which must be the same as the name defined in the Create a prepared statement

See the EXECUTE statement for more information.

4.6.5.1.3 Delete the prepared statement

```
DEALLOCATE PREPARE {prepared_statement_name};
```

Parameter Name	Description
{prepared_statement_name}	The name of the preprocessing statement, which must be the same as the name defined in the Create a prepared statement

See the DEALLOCATE statement for more information.

4.6.5.2 Examples

This section describes two examples of prepared statements: SELECT data and INSERT data.

4.6.5.2.1 SELECT example

For example, you need to query a book with id = 1 in the bookshop application.

```
PREPARE `books_query` FROM 'SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = ?';
```

Running result:

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
SET @id = 1;
```

Running result:

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.04 sec)
```

```
EXECUTE `books_query` USING @id;
```

Running result:

```
+---------+-----------------------------------+--------+---------------------+-------+----
    ↪
| id      | title                             | type   | published_at        | stock |
    ↪ price |
+---------+-----------------------------------+--------+---------------------+-------+----
    ↪
| 1       | The Adventures of Pierce Wehner | Comics | 1904-06-06 20:46:25 |
    ↪ 586 | 411.66 |
+---------+-----------------------------------+--------+---------------------+-------+----
    ↪
1 row in set (0.05 sec)
```

```
// ds is an entity of com.mysql.cj.jdbc.MysqlDataSource
try (Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
    PreparedStatement preparedStatement = connection.prepareStatement("
        ↪ SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = ?");
    preparedStatement.setLong(1, 1);

    ResultSet res = preparedStatement.executeQuery();
    if(!res.next()) {
        System.out.println("No books in the table with id 1");
    } else {
        // got book's info, which id is 1
        System.out.println(res.getLong("id"));
        System.out.println(res.getString("title"));
        System.out.println(res.getString("type"));
    }
} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

4.6.5.2.2 INSERT example

Using the books table as an example, you need to insert a book with `title = TiDB ↪ Developer Guide`, `type = Science & Technology`, `stock = 100`, `price = 0.0`, and `published_at = NOW()` (current time of insertion). Note that you don't need to specify the `AUTO_RANDOM` attribute in the **primary key** of the `books` table. For more information about inserting data, see Insert Data.

```
PREPARE `books_insert` FROM 'INSERT INTO `books` (`title`, `type`, `stock`,
    ↪  `price`, `published_at`) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?);';
```

Running result:

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)
```

```
SET @title = 'TiDB Developer Guide';
SET @type = 'Science & Technology';
SET @stock = 100;
SET @price = 0.0;
SET @published_at = NOW();
```

Running result:

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.04 sec)
```

```
EXECUTE `books_insert` USING @title, @type, @stock, @price, @published_at;
```

Running result:

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)
```

```
try (Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
    String sql = "INSERT INTO `books` (`title`, `type`, `stock`, `price`, `
        ↪ published_at`) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?);";
    PreparedStatement preparedStatement = connection.prepareStatement(sql);

    preparedStatement.setString(1, "TiDB Developer Guide");
    preparedStatement.setString(2, "Science & Technology");
    preparedStatement.setInt(3, 100);
    preparedStatement.setBigDecimal(4, new BigDecimal("0.0"));
    preparedStatement.setTimestamp(5, new Timestamp(Calendar.getInstance().
        ↪ getTimeInMillis()));

    preparedStatement.executeUpdate();
} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

As you can see, JDBC helps you control the life cycle of prepared statements and you don't need to manually create, use, or delete prepared statements in your application. However, note that because TiDB is compatible with MySQL, the default configuration for using MySQL JDBC Driver on the client-side is not to enable the ***server-side*** prepared statement option, but to use the client-side prepared statement.

The following configurations help you use the TiDB server-side prepared statements under JDBC:

Parameter	Means	Recommended Scenario	Recommended Configuration
`useServerPrepStmts`	Whether to use the server side to enable prepared statements	When you need to use a prepared statement more than once	`true`
`cachePrepStmts`	Whether the client caches prepared statements	`useServerPrepStmts=true`	`true`
`prepStmtCacheSqlLimit`	Maximum size of a prepared statement (256 characters by default)	When the prepared statement is greater than 256 characters	Configured according to the actual size of the prepared statement
`prepStmtCacheSize`	Maximum number of prepared statements (25 by default)	When the number of prepared statements is greater than 25	Configured according to the actual number of prepared statements

The following is a typical scenario of JDBC connection string configurations. Host: `127.0.0.1`, Port: `4000`, User name: `root`, Password: null, Default database: `test`:

```
jdbc:mysql://127.0.0.1:4000/test?user=root&useConfigs=maxPerformance&
    ↪ useServerPrepStmts=true&prepStmtCacheSqlLimit=2048&prepStmtCacheSize
    ↪ =256&rewriteBatchedStatements=true&allowMultiQueries=true
```

You can also see the insert rows chapter if you need to change other JDBC parameters when inserting data.

For a complete example in Java, see:

- Connect to TiDB with JDBC
- Connect to TiDB with Hibernate
- Connect to TiDB with Spring Boot

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4.7 Read Data

4.7.1 Query Data from a Single Table

This document describes how to use SQL and various programming languages to query data from a single table in a database.

4.7.1.1 Before you begin

The following content takes the Bookshop application as an example to show how to query data from a single table in TiDB.

Before querying data, make sure that you have completed the following steps:

1. Build a TiDB cluster (using TiDB Cloud or TiUP is recommended).
2. Import table schema and sample data of the Bookshop application.
3. Connect to TiDB.

4.7.1.2 Execute a simple query

In the database of the Bookshop application, the `authors` table stores the basic information of authors. You can use the `SELECT ... FROM ...` statement to query data from the database.

Execute the following SQL statement in a MySQL client:

```
SELECT id, name FROM authors;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+------------+--------------------------+
| id         | name                     |
+------------+--------------------------+
|       6357 | Adelle Bosco             |
|     345397 | Chanelle Koepp           |
```

```
|     807584 | Clementina Ryan      |
|     839921 | Gage Huel            |
|     850070 | Ray Armstrong        |
|     850362 | Ford Waelchi         |
|     881210 | Jayme Gutkowski      |
|    1165261 | Allison Kuvalis      |
|    1282036 | Adela Funk           |
...
| 4294957408 | Lyla Nitzsche        |
+------------+----------------------+
20000 rows in set (0.05 sec)
```

In Java, to store the basic information of authors, you can declare a class `Author`. You should choose appropriate Java data types according to the Data types and Value range in the database. For example:

- Use a variable of type `Int` to store data of type `int`.
- Use a variable of type `Long` to store data of type `bigint`.
- Use a variable of type `Short` to store data of type `tinyint`.
- Use a variable of type `String` to store data of type `varchar`.

```java
public class Author {
    private Long id;
    private String name;
    private Short gender;
    private Short birthYear;
    private Short deathYear;

    public Author() {}

     // Skip the getters and setters.
}
```

```java
public class AuthorDAO {

    // Omit initialization of instance variables.

    public List<Author> getAuthors() throws SQLException {
        List<Author> authors = new ArrayList<>();

        try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
            Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
            ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT id, name FROM authors");
            while (rs.next()) {
```

```
                Author author = new Author();
                author.setId(rs.getLong("id"));
                author.setName(rs.getString("name"));
                authors.add(author);
            }
        }
        return authors;
    }
}
```

- After connecting to TiDB using the JDBC driver, you can create a `Statement` object with `conn.createStatus()`.

- Then call `stmt.executeQuery("query_sql")` to initiate a database query request to TiDB.
- The query results are stored in a `ResultSet` object. By traversing `ResultSet`, the returned results can be mapped to the `Author` object.

4.7.1.3 Filter results

To filter query results, you can use the `WHERE` statement.

For example, the following command queries authors who were born in 1998 among all authors:

Add filter conditions in the `WHERE` statement:

```
SELECT * FROM authors WHERE birth_year = 1998;
```

In Java, you can use the same SQL to handle data query requests with dynamic parameters.

This can be done by concatenating parameters into a SQL statement. However, this method poses a potential SQL Injection risk to the security of the application.

To deal with such queries, use a Prepared statement instead of a normal statement.

```
public List<Author> getAuthorsByBirthYear(Short birthYear) throws
    ↪ SQLException {
    List<Author> authors = new ArrayList<>();
    try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
        PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement("""
        SELECT * FROM authors WHERE birth_year = ?;
        """);
        stmt.setShort(1, birthYear);
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery();
        while (rs.next()) {
```

```
            Author author = new Author();
            author.setId(rs.getLong("id"));
            author.setName(rs.getString("name"));
            authors.add(author);
        }
    }
    return authors;
}
```

4.7.1.4 Sort results

To sort query results, you can use the `ORDER BY` statement.

For example, the following SQL statement is to get a list of the youngest authors by sorting the `authors` table in descending order (`DESC`) according to the `birth_year` column.

```
SELECT id, name, birth_year
FROM authors
ORDER BY birth_year DESC;
```

```
public List<Author> getAuthorsSortByBirthYear() throws SQLException {
    List<Author> authors = new ArrayList<>();
    try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
        Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("""
            SELECT id, name, birth_year
            FROM authors
            ORDER BY birth_year DESC;
            """);

        while (rs.next()) {
            Author author = new Author();
            author.setId(rs.getLong("id"));
            author.setName(rs.getString("name"));
            author.setBirthYear(rs.getShort("birth_year"));
            authors.add(author);
        }
    }
    return authors;
}
```

The result is as follows:

```
+----------+----------------------+------------+
| id       | name                 | birth_year |
+----------+----------------------+------------+
```

```
| 83420726 | Terrance Dach       | 2000      |
| 57938667 | Margarita Christiansen | 2000  |
| 77441404 | Otto Dibbert        | 2000      |
| 61338414 | Danial Cormier      | 2000      |
| 49680887 | Alivia Lemke        | 2000      |
| 45460101 | Itzel Cummings      | 2000      |
| 38009380 | Percy Hodkiewicz    | 2000      |
| 12943560 | Hulda Hackett       | 2000      |
| 1294029  | Stanford Herman     | 2000      |
| 111453184 | Jeffrey Brekke     | 2000      |
...
300000 rows in set (0.23 sec)
```

4.7.1.5 Limit the number of query results

To limit the number of query results, you can use the `LIMIT` statement.

```
SELECT id, name, birth_year
FROM authors
ORDER BY birth_year DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

```
public List<Author> getAuthorsWithLimit(Integer limit) throws SQLException
    ↪ {
    List<Author> authors = new ArrayList<>();
    try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
        PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement("""
            SELECT id, name, birth_year
            FROM authors
            ORDER BY birth_year DESC
            LIMIT ?;
            """);
        stmt.setInt(1, limit);
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery();
        while (rs.next()) {
            Author author = new Author();
            author.setId(rs.getLong("id"));
            author.setName(rs.getString("name"));
            author.setBirthYear(rs.getShort("birth_year"));
            authors.add(author);
        }
    }
    return authors;
}
```

The result is as follows:

```
+-----------+-----------------------+------------+
| id        | name                  | birth_year |
+-----------+-----------------------+------------+
| 83420726  | Terrance Dach         | 2000       |
| 57938667  | Margarita Christiansen | 2000      |
| 77441404  | Otto Dibbert          | 2000       |
| 61338414  | Danial Cormier        | 2000       |
| 49680887  | Alivia Lemke          | 2000       |
| 45460101  | Itzel Cummings        | 2000       |
| 38009380  | Percy Hodkiewicz      | 2000       |
| 12943560  | Hulda Hackett         | 2000       |
| 1294029   | Stanford Herman       | 2000       |
| 111453184 | Jeffrey Brekke        | 2000       |
+-----------+-----------------------+------------+
10 rows in set (0.11 sec)
```

With the `LIMIT` statement, the query time is significantly reduced from `0.23 sec` to `0.11 sec` in this example. For more information, see TopN and Limit.

4.7.1.6 Aggregate queries

To have a better understanding of the overall data situation, you can use the `GROUP BY` statement to aggregate query results.

For example, if you want to know which years there are more authors born, you can group the `authors` table by the `birth_year` column, and then count for each year:

```
SELECT birth_year, COUNT (DISTINCT id) AS author_count
FROM authors
GROUP BY birth_year
ORDER BY author_count DESC;
```

```
public class AuthorCount {
    private Short birthYear;
    private Integer authorCount;

    public AuthorCount() {}

     // Skip the getters and setters.
}

public List<AuthorCount> getAuthorCountsByBirthYear() throws SQLException {
    List<AuthorCount> authorCounts = new ArrayList<>();
    try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
        Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
```

```
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("""
            SELECT birth_year, COUNT(DISTINCT id) AS author_count
            FROM authors
            GROUP BY birth_year
            ORDER BY author_count DESC;
            """);

        while (rs.next()) {
            AuthorCount authorCount = new AuthorCount();
            authorCount.setBirthYear(rs.getShort("birth_year"));
            authorCount.setAuthorCount(rs.getInt("author_count"));
            authorCounts.add(authorCount);
        }
    }
    return authorCount;
}
```

The result is as follows:

```
+------------+--------------+
| birth_year | author_count |
+------------+--------------+
|       1932 |          317 |
|       1947 |          290 |
|       1939 |          282 |
|       1935 |          289 |
|       1968 |          291 |
|       1962 |          261 |
|       1961 |          283 |
|       1986 |          289 |
|       1994 |          280 |
...
|       1972 |          306 |
+------------+--------------+
71 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In addition to the `COUNT` function, TiDB also supports other aggregate functions. For more information, see Aggregate (GROUP BY) Functions.

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4.7.2 Multi-table Join Queries

In many scenarios, you need to use one query to get data from multiple tables. You can use the `JOIN` statement to combine the data from two or more tables.

4.7.2.1 Join types

This section describes the Join types in detail.

4.7.2.1.1 INNER JOIN

The join result of an inner join returns only rows that match the join condition.

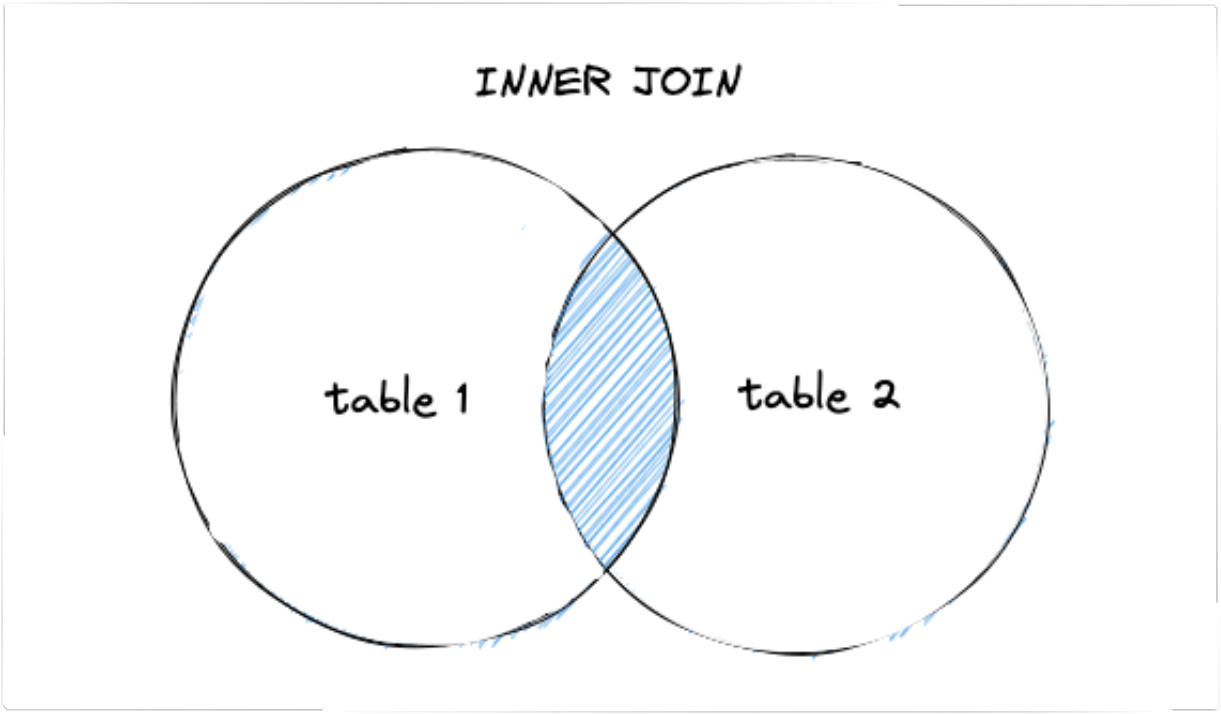

Figure 57: Inner Join

For example, if you want to know the most prolific author, you need to join the author table named `authors` with the book author table named `book_authors`.

In the following SQL statement, use the keyword `JOIN` to declare that you want to join the rows of the left table `authors` and the right table `book_authors` as an inner join with the join condition `a.id = ba.author_id`. The result set will only contain rows that satisfy the join condition. If an author has not written any books, then his record in `authors` table will not satisfy the join condition and will therefore not appear in the result set.

```
SELECT ANY_VALUE(a.id) AS author_id, ANY_VALUE(a.name) AS author_name,
    ↪ COUNT(ba.book_id) AS books
FROM authors a
JOIN book_authors ba ON a.id = ba.author_id
GROUP BY ba.author_id
ORDER BY books DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

The query results are as follows:

```
+------------+----------------+-------+
| author_id | author_name | books |
+------------+----------------+-------+
|  431192671 | Emilie Cassin |  7 |
|  865305676 | Nola Howell |    7 |
|  572207928 | Lamar Koch  |    6 |
| 3894029860 | Elijah Howe |    6 |
| 1150614082 | Cristal Stehr |  6 |
| 4158341032 | Roslyn Rippin |  6 |
| 2430691560 | Francisca Hahn | 6 |
| 3346415350 | Leta Weimann |   6 |
| 1395124973 | Albin Cole |    6 |
| 2768150724 | Caleb Wyman |    6 |
+------------+----------------+-------+
10 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
public List<Author> getTop10AuthorsOrderByBooks() throws SQLException {
    List<Author> authors = new ArrayList<>();
    try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
        Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("""
        SELECT ANY_VALUE(a.id) AS author_id, ANY_VALUE(a.name) AS author_name
            ↪ , COUNT(ba.book_id) AS books
        FROM authors a
        JOIN book_authors ba ON a.id = ba.author_id
        GROUP BY ba.author_id
        ORDER BY books DESC
        LIMIT 10;
        """);
        while (rs.next()) {
            Author author = new Author();
            author.setId(rs.getLong("author_id"));
            author.setName(rs.getString("author_name"));
            author.setBooks(rs.getInt("books"));
            authors.add(author);
```

```
        }
    }
    return authors;
}
```

4.7.2.1.2 LEFT OUTER JOIN

The left outer join returns all the rows in the left table and the values in the right table that match the join condition. If no rows are matched in the right table, it will be filled with `NULL`.

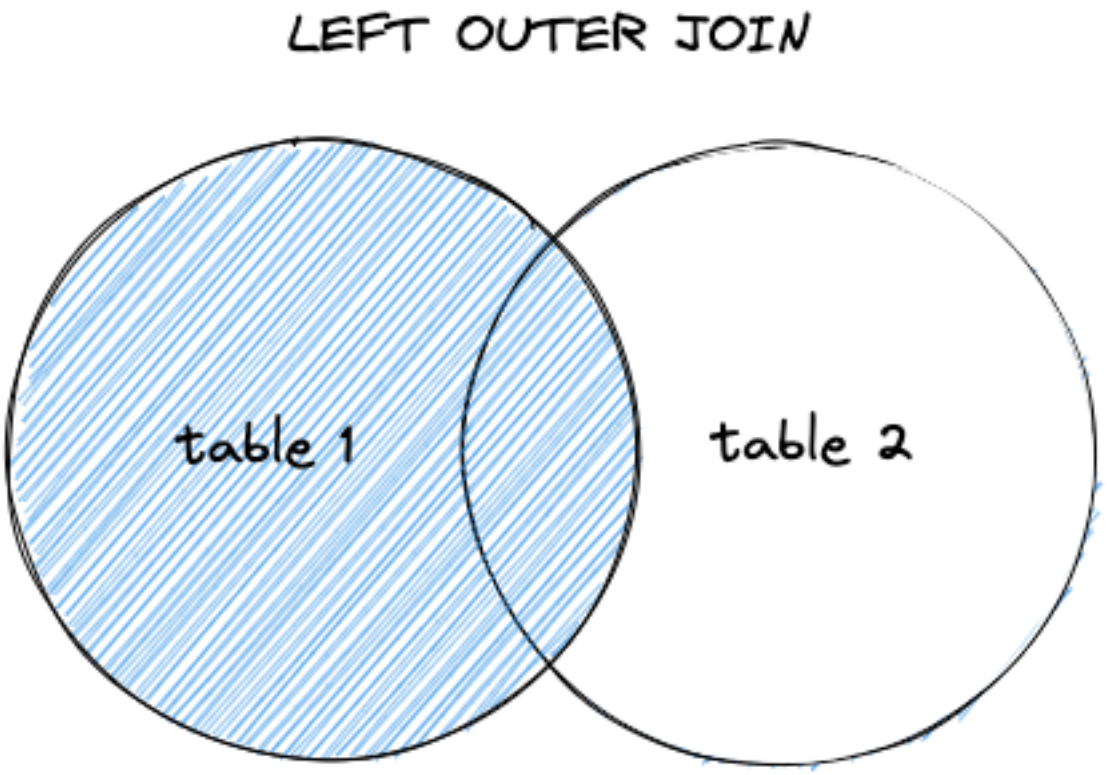

Figure 58: Left Outer Join

In some cases, you want to use multiple tables to complete the data query, but do not want the data set to become too small because the join condition are not met.

For example, on the homepage of the Bookshop app, you want to display a list of new books with average ratings. In this case, the new books may not have been rated by anyone yet. Using inner joins will cause the information of these unrated books to be filtered out, which is not what you expect.

In the following SQL statement, use the `LEFT JOIN` keyword to declare that the left table `books` will be joined to the right table `ratings` in a left outer join, thus ensuring that all rows in the `books` table are returned.

```
SELECT b.id AS book_id, ANY_VALUE(b.title) AS book_title, AVG(r.score) AS
    ↪ average_score
FROM books b
LEFT JOIN ratings r ON b.id = r.book_id
GROUP BY b.id
ORDER BY b.published_at DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

The query results are as follows:

```
+------------+--------------------------------+---------------+
| book_id    | book_title                     | average_score |
+------------+--------------------------------+---------------+
| 3438991610 | The Documentary of lion        |        2.7619 |
| 3897175886 | Torey Kuhn                     |        3.0000 |
| 1256171496 | Elmo Vandervort                |        2.5500 |
| 1036915727 | The Story of Munchkin          |        2.0000 |
|  270254583 | Tate Kovacek                   |        2.5000 |
| 1280950719 | Carson Damore                  |        3.2105 |
| 1098041838 | The Documentary of grasshopper |   2.8462 |
| 1476566306 | The Adventures of Vince Sanford | 2.3529 |
| 4036300890 | The Documentary of turtle      |        2.4545 |
| 1299849448 | Antwan Olson                   |        3.0000 |
+------------+--------------------------------+---------------+
10 rows in set (0.30 sec)
```

It seems that the latest published book already has a lot of ratings. To verify the above method, let's delete all the ratings of the book *The Documentary of lion* through the SQL statement:

```
DELETE FROM ratings WHERE book_id = 3438991610;
```

Query again. The book *The Documentary of lion* still appears in the result set, but the `average_score` column calculated from `score` of the right table `ratings` is filled with `NULL`.

```
+------------+--------------------------------+---------------+
| book_id    | book_title                     | average_score |
+------------+--------------------------------+---------------+
| 3438991610 | The Documentary of lion        |          NULL |
| 3897175886 | Torey Kuhn                     |        3.0000 |
| 1256171496 | Elmo Vandervort                |        2.5500 |
| 1036915727 | The Story of Munchkin          |        2.0000 |
|  270254583 | Tate Kovacek                   |        2.5000 |
| 1280950719 | Carson Damore                  |        3.2105 |
| 1098041838 | The Documentary of grasshopper |   2.8462 |
| 1476566306 | The Adventures of Vince Sanford | 2.3529 |
```

```
| 4036300890 | The Documentary of turtle |       2.4545 |
| 1299849448 | Antwan Olson              |       3.0000 |
+------------+-----------------------------------+--------------+
10 rows in set (0.30 sec)
```

What happens if you use `INNER JOIN`? It's up to you to have a try.

```java
public List<Book> getLatestBooksWithAverageScore() throws SQLException {
    List<Book> books = new ArrayList<>();
    try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
        Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("""
        SELECT b.id AS book_id, ANY_VALUE(b.title) AS book_title, AVG(r.score
            ↪ ) AS average_score
        FROM books b
        LEFT JOIN ratings r ON b.id = r.book_id
        GROUP BY b.id
        ORDER BY b.published_at DESC
        LIMIT 10;
        """);
        while (rs.next()) {
            Book book = new Book();
            book.setId(rs.getLong("book_id"));
            book.setTitle(rs.getString("book_title"));
            book.setAverageScore(rs.getFloat("average_score"));
            books.add(book);
        }
    }
    return books;
}
```

4.7.2.1.3 RIGHT OUTER JOIN

A right outer join returns all the records in the right table and the values in the left table that match the join condition. If there is no matching value, it is filled with `NULL`.

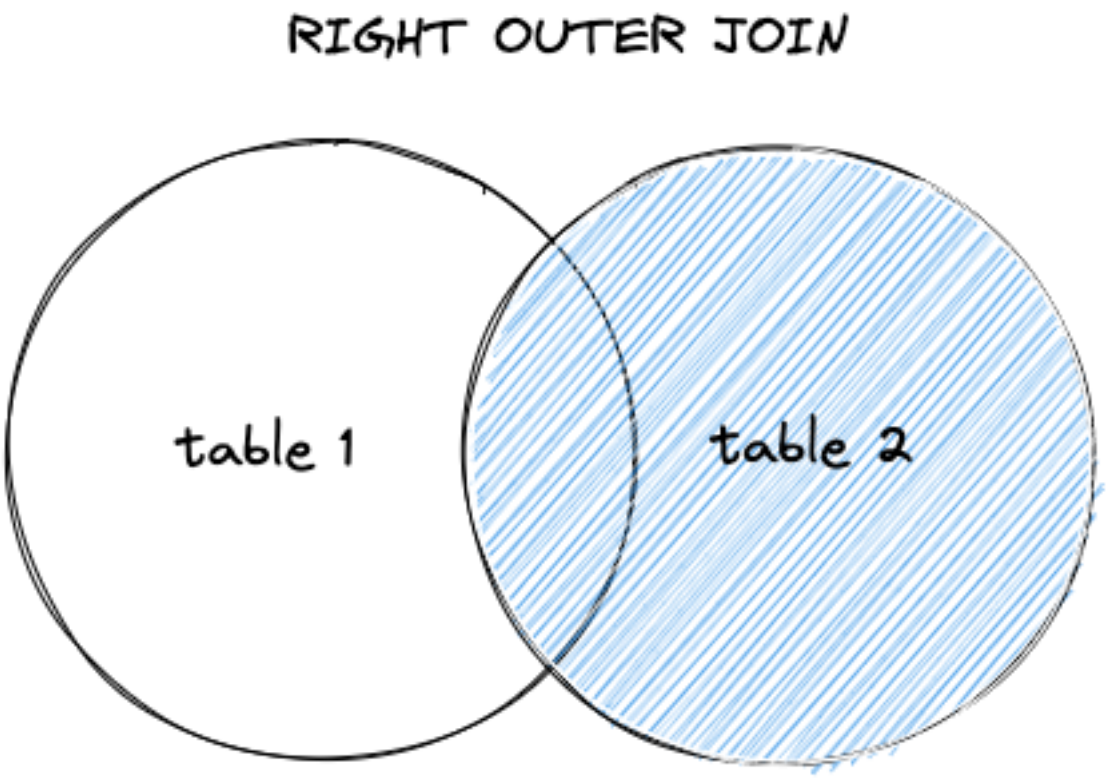

Figure 59: Right Outer Join

4.7.2.1.4 CROSS JOIN

When the join condition is constant, the inner join between the two tables is called a cross join. A cross join joins every record of the left table to all the records of the right table. If the number of records in the left table is `m` and the number of records in the right table is `n`, then `m \* n` records will be generated in the result set.

4.7.2.1.5 LEFT SEMI JOIN

TiDB does not support `LEFT SEMI JOIN table_name` at the SQL syntax level. But at the execution plan level, subquery-related optimizations will use `semi join` as the default join method for rewritten equivalent JOIN queries.

4.7.2.2 Implicit join

Before the `JOIN` statement that explicitly declared a join was added to the SQL standard, it was possible to join two or more tables in a SQL statement using the `FROM t1, t2` clause, and specify the conditions for the join using the `WHERE t1.id = t2.id` clause. You can understand it as an implicit join, which uses the inner join to join tables.

4.7.2.3 Join related algorithms

TiDB supports the following general table join algorithms.

- Index Join
- Hash Join
- Merge Join

The optimizer selects an appropriate join algorithm to execute based on the factors such as the data volume in the joined table. You can see which algorithm the query uses for Join by using the `EXPLAIN` statement.

If the optimizer of TiDB does not execute according to the optimal join algorithm, you can use Optimizer Hints to force TiDB to use a better join algorithm.

For example, assuming the example for the left join query above executes faster using the Hash Join algorithm, which is not chosen by the optimizer, you can append the hint `/*+ HASH_JOIN(b, r)*/` after the `SELECT` keyword. Note that If the table has an alias, use the alias in the hint.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN(b, r) */ b.id AS book_id, ANY_VALUE(b.title)
    ↪ AS book_title, AVG(r.score) AS average_score
FROM books b
LEFT JOIN ratings r ON b.id = r.book_id
GROUP BY b.id
ORDER BY b.published_at DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

Hints related to join algorithms:

- MERGE_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])
- INL_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])
- INL_HASH_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])
- HASH_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

4.7.2.4 Join orders

In real business scenarios, join statements of multiple tables are very common. The execution efficiency of join is related to the order of each table in join. TiDB uses the Join Reorder algorithm to determine the order in which multiple tables are joined.

If the join order selected by the optimizer is not optimal as expected, you can use `STRAIGHT_JOIN` to enforce TiDB to join queries in the order of the tables used in the `FROM` clause.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT *
FROM authors a STRAIGHT_JOIN book_authors ba STRAIGHT_JOIN books b
WHERE b.id = ba.book_id AND ba.author_id = a.id;
```

For more information about the implementation details and limitations of this Join Reorder algorithm, see Introduction to Join Reorder Algorithm.

4.7.2.5 See also

- Explain Statements That Use Joins
- Introduction to Join Reorder

4.7.2.6 Need help?

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4.7.3 Subquery

This document introduces subquery statements and categories in TiDB.

4.7.3.1 Overview

A subquery is a query within another SQL query. With subquery, the query result can be used in another query.

The following takes the Bookshop application as an example to introduce subquery.

4.7.3.2 Subquery statement

In most cases, there are five types of subqueries:

- Scalar Subquery, such as `SELECT (SELECT s1 FROM t2)FROM t1`.
- Derived Tables, such as `SELECT t1.s1 FROM (SELECT s1 FROM t2)t1`.
- Existential Test, such as `WHERE NOT EXISTS(SELECT ... FROM t2)`, `WHERE t1.a IN (SELECT ... FROM t2)`.
- Quantified Comparison, such as `WHERE t1.a = ANY(SELECT ... FROM t2)`, `WHERE t1.a = ANY(SELECT ... FROM t2)`.
- Subquery as a comparison operator operand, such as `WHERE t1.a > (SELECT ... FROM t2)`.

4.7.3.3 Category of subquery

The subquery can be categorized as Correlated Subquery and Self-contained Subquery. TiDB treats these two types differently.

Whether a subquery is correlated or not depends on whether it refers to columns used in its outer query.

4.7.3.3.1 Self-contained subquery

For a self-contained subquery that uses subquery as operand of comparison operators (>, >=, < , <= , = , or ! =), the inner subquery queries only once, and TiDB rewrites it as a constant during the execution plan phase.

For example, to query authors in the `authors` table whose age is greater than the average age, you can use a subquery as a comparison operator operand.

```
SELECT * FROM authors a1 WHERE (IFNULL(a1.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a1.
    ↪ birth_year) > (
    SELECT
        AVG(IFNULL(a2.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a2.birth_year) AS average_
            ↪ age
    FROM
        authors a2
)
```

The inner subquery is executed before TiDB executes the above query:

```
SELECT AVG(IFNULL(a2.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a2.birth_year) AS average_
    ↪ age FROM authors a2;
```

Suppose the result of the query is 34, that is, the average age is 34, and 34 will be used as a constant to replace the original subquery.

```
SELECT * FROM authors a1
WHERE (IFNULL(a1.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a1.birth_year) > 34;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+--------+------------------+--------+------------+------------+
| id     | name             | gender | birth_year | death_year |
+--------+------------------+--------+------------+------------+
| 13514  | Kennith Kautzer  | 1      | 1956       | 2018       |
| 13748  | Dillon Langosh   | 1      | 1985       | NULL       |
| 99184  | Giovanny Emmerich | 1     | 1954       | 2012       |
| 180191 | Myrtie Robel     | 1      | 1958       | 2009       |
| 200969 | Iva Renner       | 0      | 1977       | NULL       |
| 209671 | Abraham Ortiz    | 0      | 1943       | 2016       |
| 229908 | Wellington Wiza  | 1      | 1932       | 1969       |
| 306642 | Markus Crona     | 0      | 1969       | NULL       |
| 317018 | Ellis McCullough | 0      | 1969       | 2014       |
| 322369 | Mozelle Hand     | 0      | 1942       | 1977       |
| 325946 | Elta Flatley     | 0      | 1933       | 1986       |
| 361692 | Otho Langosh     | 1      | 1931       | 1997       |
| 421294 | Karelle VonRueden | 0     | 1977       | NULL       |
...
```

For self-contained subqueries such as Existential Test and Quantified Comparison, TiDB rewrites and replaces them with equivalent queries for better performance. For more information, see Subquery Related Optimizations.

4.7.3.3.2 Correlated subquery

For correlated subquery, because the inner subquery references the columns from the outer query, each subquery is executed once for each row of the outer query. That is, assuming that the outer query gets 10 million results, the subquery will also be executed 10 million times, which will consume more time and resources.

Therefore, in the process of processing, TiDB will try to Decorrelate of Correlated Subquery to improve the query efficiency at the execution plan level.

The following statement is to query authors who are older than the average age of other authors of the same gender.

```
SELECT * FROM authors a1 WHERE (IFNULL(a1.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a1.
    ↪ birth_year) > (
    SELECT
        AVG(
            IFNULL(a2.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - IFNULL(a2.birth_year, YEAR(
                ↪ NOW()))
        ) AS average_age
    FROM
        authors a2
    WHERE a1.gender = a2.gender
);
```

TiDB rewrites it to an equivalent `join` query:

```
SELECT *
FROM
    authors a1,
    (
        SELECT
            gender, AVG(
                IFNULL(a2.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - IFNULL(a2.birth_year,
                    ↪ YEAR(NOW()))
            ) AS average_age
        FROM
            authors a2
        GROUP BY gender
    ) a2
WHERE
    a1.gender = a2.gender
    AND (IFNULL(a1.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a1.birth_year) > a2.average_
        ↪ age;
```

As a best practice, in actual development, it is recommended to avoid querying through a correlated subquery if you can write another equivalent query with better performance.

4.7.3.4 Read more

- Subquery Related Optimizations
- Decorrelation of Correlated Subquery
- Subquery Optimization in TiDB

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4.7.4 Paginate Results

To page through a large query result, you can get your desired part in a "paginated" manner.

4.7.4.1 Paginate query results

In TiDB, you can paginate query results using the `LIMIT` statement. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM table_a t ORDER BY gmt_modified DESC LIMIT offset, row_count;
```

`offset` indicates the beginning number of records and `row_count` indicates the number of records per page. TiDB also supports `LIMIT row_count OFFSET offset` syntax.

When pagination is used, it is recommended that you sort query results with the `ORDER BY` statement unless there is a need to display data randomly.

For example, to let users of the Bookshop application view the latest published books in a paginated manner, you can use the `LIMIT 0, 10` statement, which returns the first page of the result list, with a maximum of 10 records per page. To get the second page, you can change the statement to `LIMIT 10, 10`.

```
SELECT *
FROM books
ORDER BY published_at DESC
LIMIT 0, 10;
```

In application development, the backend program receives the `page_number` parameter (which means the number of the page being requested) and the `page_size` parameter (which controls how many records per page) from the frontend instead of the `offset` parameter. Therefore, some conversions needed to be done before querying.

```
public List<Book> getLatestBooksPage(Long pageNumber, Long pageSize) throws
    ↪ SQLException {
    pageNumber = pageNumber < 1L ? 1L : pageNumber;
    pageSize = pageSize < 10L ? 10L : pageSize;
    Long offset = (pageNumber - 1) * pageSize;
    Long limit = pageSize;
    List<Book> books = new ArrayList<>();
    try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
        PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement("""
        SELECT id, title, published_at
        FROM books
        ORDER BY published_at DESC
        LIMIT ?, ?;
        """);
        stmt.setLong(1, offset);
        stmt.setLong(2, limit);
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery();
        while (rs.next()) {
            Book book = new Book();
            book.setId(rs.getLong("id"));
            book.setTitle(rs.getString("title"));
            book.setPublishedAt(rs.getDate("published_at"));
            books.add(book);
        }
    }
    return books;
}
```

4.7.4.2 Paging batches for single-field primary key tables

Usually, you can write a pagination SQL statement using a primary key or unique index to sort results and the `offset` keyword in the `LIMIT` clause to split pages by a specified row count. Then the pages are wrapped into independent transactions to achieve flexible paging updates. However, the disadvantage is also obvious. As the primary key or unique index needs to be sorted, a larger offset consumes more computing resources, especially in the case of a large volume of data.

The following introduces a more efficient paging batching method:

First, sort the data by primary key and call the window function `row_number()` to generate a row number for each row. Then, call the aggregation function to group row numbers by the specified page size and calculate the minimum and maximum values of each page.

```
SELECT
```

```
    floor((t.row_num - 1) / 1000) + 1 AS page_num,
    min(t.id) AS start_key,
    max(t.id) AS end_key,
    count(*) AS page_size
FROM (
    SELECT id, row_number() OVER (ORDER BY id) AS row_num
    FROM books
) t
GROUP BY page_num
ORDER BY page_num;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+----------+------------+------------+-----------+
| page_num | start_key | end_key | page_size |
+----------+------------+------------+-----------+
|        1 |     268996 | 213168525 |    1000 |
|        2 |  213210359 | 430012226 |    1000 |
|        3 |  430137681 | 647846033 |    1000 |
|        4 |  647998334 | 848878952 |    1000 |
|        5 |  848899254 | 1040978080 |   1000 |
...
|       20 | 4077418867 | 4294004213 |  1000 |
+----------+------------+------------+-----------+
20 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Next, use the `WHERE id BETWEEN start_key AND end_key` statement to query the data of each slice. To update data more efficiently, you can use the above slice information when modifying the data.

To delete the basic information of all books on page 1, replace the `start_key` and `end_key` with values of page 1 in the above result:

```
DELETE FROM books
WHERE
    id BETWEEN 268996 AND 213168525
ORDER BY id;
```

In Java, define a `PageMeta` class to store page meta information.

```
public class PageMeta<K> {
    private Long pageNum;
    private K startKey;
    private K endKey;
    private Long pageSize;

    // Skip the getters and setters.
```

```
}
```

Define a `getPageMetaList()` method to get the page meta information list, and then define a `deleteBooksByPageMeta()` method to delete data in batches according to the page meta information.

```
public class BookDAO {
    public List<PageMeta<Long>> getPageMetaList() throws SQLException {
        List<PageMeta<Long>> pageMetaList = new ArrayList<>();
        try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
            Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
            ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("""
            SELECT
                floor((t.row_num - 1) / 1000) + 1 AS page_num,
                min(t.id) AS start_key,
                max(t.id) AS end_key,
                count(*) AS page_size
            FROM (
                SELECT id, row_number() OVER (ORDER BY id) AS row_num
                FROM books
            ) t
            GROUP BY page_num
            ORDER BY page_num;
            """);
            while (rs.next()) {
                PageMeta<Long> pageMeta = new PageMeta<>();
                pageMeta.setPageNum(rs.getLong("page_num"));
                pageMeta.setStartKey(rs.getLong("start_key"));
                pageMeta.setEndKey(rs.getLong("end_key"));
                pageMeta.setPageSize(rs.getLong("page_size"));
                pageMetaList.add(pageMeta);
            }
        }
        return pageMetaList;
    }

    public void deleteBooksByPageMeta(PageMeta<Long> pageMeta) throws
        ↪ SQLException {
        try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
            PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement("DELETE FROM books
                ↪  WHERE id >= ? AND id <= ?");
            stmt.setLong(1, pageMeta.getStartKey());
            stmt.setLong(2, pageMeta.getEndKey());
            stmt.executeUpdate();
```

```
        }
    }
}
```

The following statement is to delete the data on page 1:

```
List<PageMeta<Long>> pageMetaList = bookDAO.getPageMetaList();
if (pageMetaList.size() > 0) {
    bookDAO.deleteBooksByPageMeta(pageMetaList.get(0));
}
```

The following statement is to delete all book data in batches by paging:

```
List<PageMeta<Long>> pageMetaList = bookDAO.getPageMetaList();
pageMetaList.forEach((pageMeta) -> {
    try {
        bookDAO.deleteBooksByPageMeta(pageMeta);
    } catch (SQLException e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
});
```

This method significantly improves the efficiency of batch processing by avoiding wasting computing resources caused by frequent data sorting operations.

4.7.4.3 Paging batches for composite primary key tables

4.7.4.3.1 Non-clustered index table

For non-clustered index tables (also known as "non-index-organized tables"), the internal field `_tidb_rowid` can be used as a pagination key, and the pagination method is the same as that of single-field primary key tables.

> **Tip:**
>
> You can use the `SHOW CREATE TABLE users;` statement to check whether the table primary key uses clustered index.

For example:

```
SELECT
    floor((t.row_num - 1) / 1000) + 1 AS page_num,
    min(t._tidb_rowid) AS start_key,
```

```
    max(t._tidb_rowid) AS end_key,
    count(*) AS page_size
FROM (
    SELECT _tidb_rowid, row_number () OVER (ORDER BY _tidb_rowid) AS row_num
    FROM users
) t
GROUP BY page_num
ORDER BY page_num;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+----------+-----------+---------+-----------+
| page_num | start_key | end_key | page_size |
+----------+-----------+---------+-----------+
|        1 |         1 |    1000 |      1000 |
|        2 |      1001 |    2000 |      1000 |
|        3 |      2001 |    3000 |      1000 |
|        4 |      3001 |    4000 |      1000 |
|        5 |      4001 |    5000 |      1000 |
|        6 |      5001 |    6000 |      1000 |
|        7 |      6001 |    7000 |      1000 |
|        8 |      7001 |    8000 |      1000 |
|        9 |      8001 |    9000 |      1000 |
|       10 |      9001 |    9990 |       990 |
+----------+-----------+---------+-----------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

4.7.4.3.2 Clustered index table

For clustered index tables (also known as "index-organized tables"), you can use the `concat` function to concatenate values of multiple columns as a key, and then use a window function to query the paging information.

It should be noted that the key is a string at this time, and you must ensure that the length of the string is always the same, to obtain the correct `start_key` and `end_key` in the slice through the `min` and `max` aggregation function. If the length of the field for string concatenation is not fixed, you can use the `LPAD` function to pad it.

For example, you can implement a paging batch for the data in the `ratings` table as follows:

Create the meta information table by using the following statement. As the key concatenated by `book_id` and `user_id`, which are `bigint` types, is unable to convert to the same length, the `LPAD` function is used to pad the length with `0` according to the maximum bits 19 of `bigint`.

```
SELECT
```

```
    floor((t1.row_num - 1) / 10000) + 1 AS page_num,
    min(mvalue) AS start_key,
    max(mvalue) AS end_key,
    count(*) AS page_size
FROM (
    SELECT
        concat('(', LPAD(book_id, 19, 0), ',', LPAD(user_id, 19, 0), ')') AS
            ↪  mvalue,
        row_number() OVER (ORDER BY book_id, user_id) AS row_num
    FROM ratings
) t1
GROUP BY page_num
ORDER BY page_num;
```

> **Note:**
>
> The preceding SQL statement is executed as `TableFullScan`. When the data volume is large, the query will be slow, and you can use TiFlash to speed up it.

The result is as follows:

```
+----------+-----------------------------------------+-----------------------------------------
    ↪
| page_num | start_key                               | end_key
    ↪                                | page_size |
+----------+-----------------------------------------+-----------------------------------------
    ↪
|        1 | (0000000000000268996,0000000000092104804) |
    ↪ (0000000000140982742,0000000000374645100) | 10000 |
|        2 | (0000000000140982742,0000000000456757551) |
    ↪ (0000000000287195082,0000000004053200550) | 10000 |
|        3 | (0000000000287196791,0000000000191962769) |
    ↪ (0000000000434010216,0000000000237646714) | 10000 |
|        4 | (0000000000434010216,0000000000375066168) |
    ↪ (0000000000578893327,0000000002167504460) | 10000 |
|        5 | (0000000000578893327,0000000002457322286) |
    ↪ (0000000000718287668,0000000001502744628) | 10000 |
...
|       29 | (0000000004002523918,0000000000902930986) |
    ↪ (0000000004147203315,0000000004090920746) | 10000 |
|       30 | (0000000004147421329,0000000000319181561) |
    ↪ (0000000004294004213,0000000003586311166) | 9972 |
```

```
+----------+------------------------------------------+------------------------------
    ↪
30 rows in set (0.28 sec)
```

To delete all rating records on page 1, replace the `start_key` and `end_key` with values of page 1 in the above result:

```
SELECT *
FROM ratings
WHERE (
        268996 = 140982742
        AND book_id = 268996
        AND user_id >= 92104804
        AND user_id <= 374645100
    )
    OR (
        268996 != 140982742
        AND (
            (
                book_id > 268996
                AND book_id < 140982742
            )
            OR (
                book_id = 268996
                AND user_id >= 92104804
            )
            OR (
                book_id = 140982742
                AND user_id <= 374645100
            )
        )
    )
ORDER BY book_id, user_id;
```

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4.7.5 Views

This document describes how to use views in TiDB.

4.7.5.1 Overview

TiDB supports views. A view acts as a virtual table, whose schema is defined by the `SELECT` statement that creates the view.

- You can create views to expose only safe fields and data to users, which ensures the security of sensitive fields and data in the underlying tables.
- You can create views for complex queries that are frequently used to make complex queries easier and more convenient.

4.7.5.2 Create a view

In TiDB, a complex query can be defined as a view with the `CREATE VIEW` statement. The syntax is as follows:

```
CREATE VIEW view_name AS query;
```

Note that you cannot create a view with the same name as an existing view or table.

For example, the multi-table join query gets a list of books with average ratings by joining the `books` table and the `ratings` table through a `JOIN` statement.

For the convenience of subsequent queries, you can define the query as a view using the following statement:

```
CREATE VIEW book_with_ratings AS
SELECT b.id AS book_id, ANY_VALUE(b.title) AS book_title, AVG(r.score) AS
    ↪ average_score
FROM books b
LEFT JOIN ratings r ON b.id = r.book_id
GROUP BY b.id;
```

4.7.5.3 Query views

Once a view is created, you can use the `SELECT` statement to query the view just like a normal table.

```
SELECT * FROM book_with_ratings LIMIT 10;
```

When TiDB queries a view, it queries the `SELECT` statement associated with the view.

4.7.5.4 Update views

Currently, the view in TiDB does not support the `ALTER VIEW view_name AS query;`, you can "update" a view in the following two ways:

- Delete the old view with the `DROP VIEW view_name;` statement, and then update the view by creating a new view with the `CREATE VIEW view_name AS query;` statement.

- Use the `CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW view_name AS query;` statement to overwrite an existing view with the same name.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW book_with_ratings AS
SELECT b.id AS book_id, ANY_VALUE(b.title), ANY_VALUE(b.published_at) AS
    ↪ book_title, AVG(r.score) AS average_score
FROM books b
LEFT JOIN ratings r ON b.id = r.book_id
GROUP BY b.id;
```

4.7.5.5 Get view related information

4.7.5.5.1 Using the `SHOW CREATE TABLE|VIEW view_name` statement

```
SHOW CREATE VIEW book_with_ratings\G
```

The result is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
             View: book_with_ratings
      Create View: CREATE ALGORITHM=UNDEFINED DEFINER=`root`@`%` SQL
          ↪ SECURITY DEFINER VIEW `book_with_ratings` (`book_id`, `ANY_
          ↪ VALUE(b.title)`, `book_title`, `average_score`) AS SELECT `b
          ↪ `.`id` AS `book_id`,ANY_VALUE(`b`.`title`) AS `ANY_VALUE(b.
          ↪ title)`,ANY_VALUE(`b`.`published_at`) AS `book_title`,AVG(`r
          ↪ `.`score`) AS `average_score` FROM `bookshop`.`books` AS `b`
          ↪ LEFT JOIN `bookshop`.`ratings` AS `r` ON `b`.`id`=`r`.`book_
          ↪ id` GROUP BY `b`.`id`
character_set_client: utf8mb4
collation_connection: utf8mb4_general_ci
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

4.7.5.5.2 Query the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.VIEWS` table

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.views WHERE TABLE_NAME = 'book_with_
    ↪ ratings'\G
```

The result is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       TABLE_CATALOG: def
        TABLE_SCHEMA: bookshop
          TABLE_NAME: book_with_ratings
```

```
    VIEW_DEFINITION: SELECT `b`.`id` AS `book_id`,ANY_VALUE(`b`.`title`) AS
       ↪  `ANY_VALUE(b.title)`,ANY_VALUE(`b`.`published_at`) AS `book_
       ↪ title`,AVG(`r`.`score`) AS `average_score` FROM `bookshop`.`books
       ↪ ` AS `b` LEFT JOIN `bookshop`.`ratings` AS `r` ON `b`.`id`=`r`.`
       ↪ book_id` GROUP BY `b`.`id`
      CHECK_OPTION: CASCADED
      IS_UPDATABLE: NO
          DEFINER: root@%
    SECURITY_TYPE: DEFINER
CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT: utf8mb4
COLLATION_CONNECTION: utf8mb4_general_ci
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

4.7.5.6 Drop views

Use the `DROP VIEW view_name;` statement to drop a view.

```
DROP VIEW book_with_ratings;
```

4.7.5.7 Limitation

For limitations of views in TiDB, see Limitations of Views.

4.7.5.8 Read More

- Views
- CREATE VIEW Statement
- DROP VIEW Statement
- EXPLAIN Statements Using Views
- TiFlink: Strongly Consistent Materialized Views Using TiKV and Flink

4.7.5.9 Need help?

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4.7.6 Temporary Tables

Temporary tables can be thought of as a technique for reusing query results.

If you want to know something about the eldest authors in the Bookshop application, you might write multiple queries that use the list of eldest authors.

For example, you can use the following statement to get the top 50 eldest authors from the `authors` table:

```
SELECT a.id, a.name, (IFNULL(a.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a.birth_year) AS
    ↪ age
FROM authors a
ORDER BY age DESC
LIMIT 50;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+------------+--------------------+------+
| id         | name               | age |
+------------+--------------------+------+
| 4053452056 | Dessie Thompson |  80 |
| 2773958689 | Pedro Hansen    |  80 |
| 4005636688 | Wyatt Keeling   |  80 |
| 3621155838 | Colby Parker    |  80 |
| 2738876051 | Friedrich Hagenes | 80 |
| 2299112019 | Ray Macejkovic  |  80 |
| 3953661843 | Brandi Williamson | 80 |
...
| 4100546410 | Maida Walsh     |  80 |
+------------+--------------------+------+
50 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

For the convenience of subsequent queries, you need to cache the result of this query. When using general tables for storage, you should pay attention to how to avoid the table name duplication problem between different sessions, and the need of cleaning up intermediate results in time, as these tables might not be used after a batch query.

4.7.6.1 Create a temporary table

To cache intermediate results, the temporary tables feature is introduced in TiDB v5.3.0. TiDB automatically drops a local temporary table after a session ends, which frees you from worrying about the management trouble caused by increasing intermediate results.

4.7.6.1.1 Types of temporary tables

Temporary tables in TiDB are divided into two types: local temporary tables and global temporary tables.

- For a local temporary table, the table definition and data in the table are visible only to the current session. This type is suitable for temporarily storing intermediate data in the session.
- For a global temporary table, the table definition is visible to the entire TiDB cluster, and the data in the table is visible only to the current transaction. This type is suitable for temporarily storing intermediate data in a transaction.

4.7.6.1.2 Create a local temporary table

Before creating a local temporary table, you need to add `CREATE TEMPORARY TABLES` permission to the current database user.

You can create a temporary table using the `CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE <table_name>` statement. The default type is a local temporary table, which is visible only to the current session.

```
CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE top_50_eldest_authors (
    id BIGINT,
    name VARCHAR(255),
    age INT,
    PRIMARY KEY(id)
);
```

After creating the temporary table, you can use the `INSERT INTO table_name SELECT ...` statement to insert the results of the above query into the temporary table you just created.

```
INSERT INTO top_50_eldest_authors
SELECT a.id, a.name, (IFNULL(a.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a.birth_year) AS
    ↪ age
FROM authors a
ORDER BY age DESC
LIMIT 50;
```

The result is as follows:

```
Query OK, 50 rows affected (0.03 sec)
Records: 50 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
public List<Author> getTop50EldestAuthorInfo() throws SQLException {
    List<Author> authors = new ArrayList<>();
    try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
        Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
        stmt.executeUpdate("""
            CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE top_50_eldest_authors (
                id BIGINT,
                name VARCHAR(255),
                age INT,
                PRIMARY KEY(id)
            );
        """);

        stmt.executeUpdate("""
            INSERT INTO top_50_eldest_authors
```

```
            SELECT a.id, a.name, (IFNULL(a.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a.birth
                ↪ _year) AS age
            FROM authors a
            ORDER BY age DESC
            LIMIT 50;
        """);

        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("""
            SELECT id, name FROM top_50_eldest_authors;
        """);

        while (rs.next()) {
            Author author = new Author();
            author.setId(rs.getLong("id"));
            author.setName(rs.getString("name"));
            authors.add(author);
        }
    }
    return authors;
}
```

4.7.6.1.3 Create a global temporary table

To create a global temporary table, you can add the `GLOBAL` keyword and end with `ON COMMIT DELETE ROWS`, which means the table will be deleted after the current transaction ends.

```
CREATE GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE IF NOT EXISTS top_50_eldest_authors_global (
    id BIGINT,
    name VARCHAR(255),
    age INT,
    PRIMARY KEY(id)
) ON COMMIT DELETE ROWS;
```

When inserting data to global temporary tables, you must explicitly declare the start of the transaction via `BEGIN`. Otherwise, the data will be cleared after the `INSERT INTO` statement is executed. Because in the Auto Commit mode, the transaction is automatically committed after the `INSERT INTO` statement is executed, and the global temporary table is cleared when the transaction ends.

When using global temporary tables, you need to turn off Auto Commit mode first. In Java, you can do this with the `conn.setAutoCommit(false);` statement, and you can commit the transaction explicitly with `conn.commit();`. The data added to the global temporary table during the transaction will be cleared after the transaction is committed or canceled.

```
public List<Author> getTop50EldestAuthorInfo() throws SQLException {
    List<Author> authors = new ArrayList<>();
    try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
        conn.setAutoCommit(false);

        Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
        stmt.executeUpdate("""
            CREATE GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE IF NOT EXISTS top_50_eldest_authors
                ↪  (
                id BIGINT,
                name VARCHAR(255),
                age INT,
                PRIMARY KEY(id)
            ) ON COMMIT DELETE ROWS;
        """);

        stmt.executeUpdate("""
            INSERT INTO top_50_eldest_authors
            SELECT a.id, a.name, (IFNULL(a.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a.birth
                ↪ _year) AS age
            FROM authors a
            ORDER BY age DESC
            LIMIT 50;
        """);

        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("""
            SELECT id, name FROM top_50_eldest_authors;
        """);

        conn.commit();
        while (rs.next()) {
            Author author = new Author();
            author.setId(rs.getLong("id"));
            author.setName(rs.getString("name"));
            authors.add(author);
        }
    }
    return authors;
}
```

4.7.6.2 View temporary tables

With the `SHOW [FULL] TABLES` statement, you can view a list of existing global temporary tables, but you cannot see any local temporary tables in the list. For now, TiDB does

not have a similar `information_schema.INNODB_TEMP_TABLE_INFO` system table for storing temporary table information.

For example, you can see the global temporary table `top_50_eldest_authors_global` in the table list, but not the `top_50_eldest_authors` table.

```
+------------------------------+------------+
| Tables_in_bookshop           | Table_type |
+------------------------------+------------+
| authors                      | BASE TABLE |
| book_authors                 | BASE TABLE |
| books                        | BASE TABLE |
| orders                       | BASE TABLE |
| ratings                      | BASE TABLE |
| top_50_eldest_authors_global | BASE TABLE |
| users                        | BASE TABLE |
+------------------------------+------------+
9 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

4.7.6.3 Query a temporary table

Once the temporary table is ready, you can query it as a normal data table:

```
SELECT * FROM top_50_eldest_authors;
```

You can reference data from temporary tables to your query via Multi-table join queries:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT ANY_VALUE(ta.id) AS author_id, ANY_VALUE(ta.age), ANY_VALUE(
    ↪ ta.name), COUNT(*) AS books
FROM top_50_eldest_authors ta
LEFT JOIN book_authors ba ON ta.id = ba.author_id
GROUP BY ta.id;
```

Different from view, querying a temporary table gets data directly from the temporary table instead of executing the original query used in the data insert. In some cases, this can improve the query performance.

4.7.6.4 Drop a temporary table

A local temporary table in a session is automatically dropped after the **session** ends, along with both data and table schema. A global temporary table in a transaction is automatically cleared at the end of the **transaction**, but the table schema remains and needs to be deleted manually.

To manually drop local temporary tables, use the `DROP TABLE` or `DROP TEMPORARY TABLE` syntax. For example:

```
DROP TEMPORARY TABLE top_50_eldest_authors;
```

To manually drop global temporary tables, use the `DROP TABLE` or `DROP GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE` syntax. For example:

```
DROP GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE top_50_eldest_authors_global;
```

4.7.6.5 Limitation

For limitations of temporary tables in TiDB, see Compatibility restrictions with other TiDB features.

4.7.6.6 Read more

- Temporary Tables

4.7.6.7 Need help?

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4.7.7 Common Table Expression

In some transaction scenarios, due to application complexity, you might need to write a single SQL statement of up to 2,000 lines. The statement probably contains a lot of aggregations and multi-level subquery nesting. Maintaining such a long SQL statement can be a developer's nightmare.

To avoid such a long SQL statement, you can simplify queries by using Views or cache intermediate query results by using Temporary tables.

This document introduces the Common Table Expression (CTE) syntax in TiDB, which is a more convenient way to reuse query results.

Since TiDB v5.1, TiDB supports the CTE of the ANSI SQL99 standard and recursion. With CTE, you can write SQL statements for complex application logic more efficiently and maintain the code much easier.

4.7.7.1 Basic use

A Common Table Expression (CTE) is a temporary result set that can be referred to multiple times within a SQL statement to improve the statement readability and execution efficiency. You can apply the `WITH` statement to use CTE.

Common Table Expressions can be classified into two types: non-recursive CTE and recursive CTE.

4.7.7.1.1 Non-recursive CTE

Non-recursive CTE can be defined using the following syntax:

```
WITH <query_name> AS (
    <query_definition>
)
SELECT ... FROM <query_name>;
```

For example, if you want to know how many books each of the 50 oldest authors have written, take the following steps:

Change the statement in temporary tables to the following:

```
WITH top_50_eldest_authors_cte AS (
    SELECT a.id, a.name, (IFNULL(a.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a.birth_year)
        ↪ AS age
    FROM authors a
    ORDER BY age DESC
    LIMIT 50
)
SELECT
    ANY_VALUE(ta.id) AS author_id,
    ANY_VALUE(ta.age) AS author_age,
    ANY_VALUE(ta.name) AS author_name,
    COUNT(*) AS books
FROM top_50_eldest_authors_cte ta
LEFT JOIN book_authors ba ON ta.id = ba.author_id
GROUP BY ta.id;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+------------+------------+--------------------+-------+
| author_id | author_age | author_name    | books |
+------------+------------+--------------------+-------+
| 1238393239 |       80 | Araceli Purdy    |     1 |
|  817764631 |       80 | Ivory Davis      |     3 |
| 3093759193 |       80 | Lysanne Harris   |     1 |
| 2299112019 |       80 | Ray Macejkovic   |     4 |
...
+------------+------------+--------------------+-------+
50 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
public List<Author> getTop50EldestAuthorInfoByCTE() throws SQLException {
    List<Author> authors = new ArrayList<>();
    try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
        Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("""
```

```
            WITH top_50_eldest_authors_cte AS (
                SELECT a.id, a.name, (IFNULL(a.death_year, YEAR(NOW())) - a.
                    ↪ birth_year) AS age
                FROM authors a
                ORDER BY age DESC
                LIMIT 50
            )
            SELECT
                ANY_VALUE(ta.id) AS author_id,
                ANY_VALUE(ta.name) AS author_name,
                ANY_VALUE(ta.age) AS author_age,
                COUNT(*) AS books
            FROM top_50_eldest_authors_cte ta
            LEFT JOIN book_authors ba ON ta.id = ba.author_id
            GROUP BY ta.id;
        """);
        while (rs.next()) {
            Author author = new Author();
            author.setId(rs.getLong("author_id"));
            author.setName(rs.getString("author_name"));
            author.setAge(rs.getShort("author_age"));
            author.setBooks(rs.getInt("books"));
            authors.add(author);
        }
    }
    return authors;
}
```

It can be found that the author "Ray Macejkovic" wrote 4 books. With the CTE query, you can further get the order and rating information of these 4 books as follows:

```
WITH books_authored_by_rm AS (
    SELECT *
    FROM books b
    LEFT JOIN book_authors ba ON b.id = ba.book_id
    WHERE author_id = 2299112019
), books_with_average_ratings AS (
    SELECT
        b.id AS book_id,
        AVG(r.score) AS average_rating
    FROM books_authored_by_rm b
    LEFT JOIN ratings r ON b.id = r.book_id
    GROUP BY b.id
), books_with_orders AS (
    SELECT
```

```
        b.id AS book_id,
        COUNT(*) AS orders
    FROM books_authored_by_rm b
    LEFT JOIN orders o ON b.id = o.book_id
    GROUP BY b.id
)
SELECT
    b.id AS `book_id`,
    b.title AS `book_title`,
    br.average_rating AS `average_rating`,
    bo.orders AS `orders`
FROM
    books_authored_by_rm b
    LEFT JOIN books_with_average_ratings br ON b.id = br.book_id
    LEFT JOIN books_with_orders bo ON b.id = bo.book_id
;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+------------+------------------------+----------------+--------+
| book_id    | book_title             | average_rating | orders |
+------------+------------------------+----------------+--------+
|  481008467 | The Documentary of goat |    2.0000 |    16 |
| 2224531102 | Brandt Skiles          |    2.7143 |    17 |
| 2641301356 | Sheridan Bashirian     |    2.4211 |    12 |
| 4154439164 | Karson Streich         |    2.5833 |    19 |
+------------+------------------------+----------------+--------+
4 rows in set (0.06 sec)
```

Three CTE blocks, which are separated by `,`, are defined in this SQL statement.

First, check out the books written by the author (ID is `2299112019`) in the CTE block `books_authored_by_rm`. Then find the average rating and order for these books respectively in `books_with_average_ratings` and `books_with_orders`. Finally, aggregate the results by the `JOIN` statement.

Note that the query in `books_authored_by_rm` executes only once, and then TiDB creates a temporary space to cache its result. When the queries in `books_with_average_ratings` and `books_with_orders` refer to `books_authored_by_rm`, TiDB gets its result directly from this temporary space.

> **Tip:**
>
> If the efficiency of the default CTE queries is not good, you can use the `MERGE()` hint to expand the CTE subquery to the outer query to improve the efficiency.

4.7.7.1.2 Recursive CTE

Recursive CTE can be defined using the following syntax:

```
WITH RECURSIVE <query_name> AS (
    <query_definition>
)
SELECT ... FROM <query_name>;
```

A classic example is to generate a set of Fibonacci numbers with recursive CTE:

```
WITH RECURSIVE fibonacci (n, fib_n, next_fib_n) AS
(
  SELECT 1, 0, 1
  UNION ALL
  SELECT n + 1, next_fib_n, fib_n + next_fib_n FROM fibonacci WHERE n < 10
)
SELECT * FROM fibonacci;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+------+-------+------------+
| n    | fib_n | next_fib_n |
+------+-------+------------+
|    1 |     0 |          1 |
|    2 |     1 |          1 |
|    3 |     1 |          2 |
|    4 |     2 |          3 |
|    5 |     3 |          5 |
|    6 |     5 |          8 |
|    7 |     8 |         13 |
|    8 |    13 |         21 |
|    9 |    21 |         34 |
|   10 |    34 |         55 |
+------+-------+------------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

4.7.7.2 Read more

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4.7.7.3 Need help?

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4.7.8 Read Replica Data

4.7.8.1 Follower Read

This document introduces how to use Follower Read to optimize query performance.

4.7.8.1.1 Introduction

TiDB uses Region as the basic unit to distribute data to all nodes in the cluster. A Region can have multiple replicas, and the replicas are divided into a leader and multiple followers. When the data on the leader changes, TiDB will update the data to the followers synchronously.

By default, TiDB only reads and writes data on the leader of the same Region. When a read hotspot occurs in a Region, the Region leader can become a read bottleneck for the entire system. In this situation, enabling the Follower Read feature can significantly reduce the load of the leader and improve the throughput of the whole system by balancing the load among multiple followers.

4.7.8.1.2 When to use

Reduce read hotspots

You can visually analyze whether your application has a hotspot Region on the TiDB Dashboard Key Visualizer Page. You can check whether a read hotspot occurs by selecting the "metrics selection box" to `Read (bytes)` or `Read (keys)`.

For more information about handling hotspot, see TiDB Hotspot Problem Handling.

If read hotspots are unavoidable or the changing cost is very high, you can try using the Follower Read feature to better load the balance of reading requests to the follower Region.

Reduce latency for geo-distributed deployments

If your TiDB cluster is deployed across districts or data centers, different replicas of a Region are distributed in different districts or data centers. In this case, you can configure Follower Read as `closest-adaptive` or `closest-replicas` to allow TiDB to prioritize reading from the current data center, which can significantly reduce the latency and traffic overhead of read operations. For implementation details, see Follower Read.

4.7.8.1.3 Enable Follower Read

To enable Follower Read, set the variable `tidb_replica_read` (default value is `leader` ↪) to `follower`, `leader-and-follower`, `prefer-leader`, `closest-replicas`, or `closest` ↪ `-adaptive`:

```
SET [GLOBAL] tidb_replica_read = 'follower';
```

For more details about this variable, see Follower Read Usage.

In Java, to enable Follower Read, define a `FollowerReadHelper` class.

```
public enum FollowReadMode {
    LEADER("leader"),
    FOLLOWER("follower"),
    LEADER_AND_FOLLOWER("leader-and-follower"),
    CLOSEST_REPLICA("closest-replica"),
    CLOSEST_ADAPTIVE("closest-adaptive"),
    PREFER_LEADER("prefer-leader");

    private final String mode;

    FollowReadMode(String mode) {
        this.mode = mode;
    }

    public String getMode() {
        return mode;
    }
}

public class FollowerReadHelper {

    public static void setSessionReplicaRead(Connection conn, FollowReadMode
        ↪  mode) throws SQLException {
        if (mode == null) mode = FollowReadMode.LEADER;
        PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement(
            "SET @@tidb_replica_read = ?;"
        );
        stmt.setString(1, mode.getMode());
        stmt.execute();
    }

    public static void setGlobalReplicaRead(Connection conn, FollowReadMode
        ↪ mode) throws SQLException {
        if (mode == null) mode = FollowReadMode.LEADER;
        PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement(
            "SET GLOBAL @@tidb_replica_read = ?;"
        );
        stmt.setString(1, mode.getMode());
        stmt.execute();
```

```
    }

}
```

When reading data from the Follower node, use the `setSessionReplicaRead(conn, ↪ FollowReadMode.LEADER_AND_FOLLOWER)` method to enable the Follower Read feature, which can balance the load between the Leader node and the Follower node in the current session. When the connection is disconnected, it will be restored to the original mode.

```
public static class AuthorDAO {

    // Omit initialization of instance variables...

    public void getAuthorsByFollowerRead() throws SQLException {
        try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
            // Enable the follower read feature.
            FollowerReadHelper.setSessionReplicaRead(conn, FollowReadMode.
                ↪ LEADER_AND_FOLLOWER);

            // Read the authors list for 100000 times.
            Random random = new Random();
            for (int i = 0; i < 100000; i++) {
                Integer birthYear = 1920 + random.nextInt(100);
                List<Author> authors = this.getAuthorsByBirthYear(birthYear);
                System.out.println(authors.size());
            }
        }
    }

    public List<Author> getAuthorsByBirthYear(Integer birthYear) throws
        ↪ SQLException {
        List<Author> authors = new ArrayList<>();
        try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
            PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement("SELECT id, name
                ↪ FROM authors WHERE birth_year = ?");
            stmt.setInt(1, birthYear);
            ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery();
            while (rs.next()) {
                Author author = new Author();
                author.setId( rs.getLong("id"));
                author.setName(rs.getString("name"));
                authors.add(author);
            }
        }
        return authors;
```

```
    }
}
```

4.7.8.1.4 Read more

- Follower Read

- Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues
- TiDB Dashboard - Key Visualizer Page

4.7.8.1.5 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

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4.7.8.2 Stale Read

Stale Read is a mechanism that TiDB applies to read historical versions of data stored in TiDB. Using this mechanism, you can read the corresponding historical data at a specific time or within a specified time range, and thus save the latency caused by data replication between storage nodes. When you are using Stale Read, TiDB randomly selects a replica for data reading, which means that all replicas are available for data reading.

In practice, consider carefully whether it is appropriate to enable Stale Read in TiDB based on the usage scenarios. Do not enable Stale Read if your application cannot tolerate reading non-real-time data.

TiDB provides three levels of Stale Read: statement level, transaction level, and session level.

4.7.8.2.1 Introduction

In the Bookshop application, you can query the latest published books and their prices through the following SQL statement:

```
SELECT id, title, type, price FROM books ORDER BY published_at DESC LIMIT
    ↪ 5;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+------------+------------------------------+----------------------+--------+
    ↪
| id         | title                        | type                 | price |
+------------+------------------------------+----------------------+--------+
    ↪
| 3181093216 | The Story of Droolius Caesar | Novel                | 100.00 |
```

```
| 1064253862 | Collin Rolfson          | Education & Reference | 92.85 |
| 1748583991 | The Documentary of cat  | Magazine              | 159.75 |
|  893930596 | Myrl Hills              | Education & Reference | 356.85 |
| 3062833277 | Keven Wyman             | Life                  | 477.91 |
+------------+-----------------------------+----------------------+--------+
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.02 sec)
```

In the list at this time (2022-04-20 15:20:00), the price of *The Story of Droolius Caesar* is 100.0.

At the same time, the seller found that the book was very popular and raised the price of the book to 150.0 through the following SQL statement:

```
UPDATE books SET price = 150 WHERE id = 3181093216;
```

The result is as follows:

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
Rows matched: 1 Changed: 1 Warnings: 0
```

By querying the latest books list, you can see that the price of this book has increased.

```
+------------+-----------------------------+----------------------+--------+
    ↪
| id         | title                       | type                 | price |
+------------+-----------------------------+----------------------+--------+
    ↪
| 3181093216 | The Story of Droolius Caesar | Novel               | 150.00 |
| 1064253862 | Collin Rolfson          | Education & Reference | 92.85 |
| 1748583991 | The Documentary of cat  | Magazine              | 159.75 |
|  893930596 | Myrl Hills              | Education & Reference | 356.85 |
| 3062833277 | Keven Wyman             | Life                  | 477.91 |
+------------+-----------------------------+----------------------+--------+
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

If it is not necessary to use the latest data, you can query with Stale Read, which might return outdated data, to avoid the latency caused by data replication during a strongly consistent read.

Assuming that in the Bookshop application, the real-time price of a book is not required on the book lists page but only required on the book details and order pages. Stale Read can be used to improve throughout of the application.

4.7.8.2.2 Statement level

To query the price of a book before a specific time, add an `AS OF TIMESTAMP <datetime > ` clause in the above query statement.

```
SELECT id, title, type, price FROM books AS OF TIMESTAMP '2022-04-20 15:20:00' ORDER BY published_at DESC LIMIT 5;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+------------+------------------------------+----------------------+--------+
| id         | title                        | type                 | price |
+------------+------------------------------+----------------------+--------+
| 3181093216 | The Story of Droolius Caesar | Novel                | 100.00 |
| 1064253862 | Collin Rolfson               | Education & Reference | 92.85 |
| 1748583991 | The Documentary of cat       | Magazine             | 159.75 |
|  893930596 | Myrl Hills                   | Education & Reference | 356.85 |
| 3062833277 | Keven Wyman                  | Life                 | 477.91 |
+------------+------------------------------+----------------------+--------+
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

In addition to specifying an exact time, you can also specify the following:

- `AS OF TIMESTAMP NOW()- INTERVAL 10 SECOND` queries the latest data 10 seconds ago.
- `AS OF TIMESTAMP TIDB_BOUNDED_STALENESS('2016-10-08 16:45:26', '2016-10-08 16:45:29')` queries the latest data between `2016-10-08 16:45:26` and `2016-10-08 16:45:29`.
- `AS OF TIMESTAMP TIDB_BOUNDED_STALENESS(NOW()-INTERVAL 20 SECOND, NOW())` queries the latest data within 20 seconds.

Note that the specified timestamp or interval cannot be too early or later than the current time. Additionally, `NOW()` defaults to second precision. To achieve higher precision, you can add a parameter, such as using `NOW(3)` for millisecond precision. For more information, see MySQL documentation.

Expired data will be recycled by Garbage Collection in TiDB, and the data will be retained for a short period before being cleared. The period is called GC Life Time (default 10 minutes). When a GC starts, the current time minus the time period will be used as the **GC Safe Point**. If you try to read the data before GC Safe Point, TiDB will report the following error:

```
ERROR 9006 (HY000): GC life time is shorter than transaction duration...
```

If the given timestamp is a future time, TiDB will report the following error:

```
ERROR 9006 (HY000): cannot set read timestamp to a future time.
```

```java
public class BookDAO {

    // Omit some code...

    public List<Book> getTop5LatestBooks() throws SQLException {
        List<Book> books = new ArrayList<>();
        try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
            Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
            ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("""
            SELECT id, title, type, price FROM books ORDER BY published_at
                ↪ DESC LIMIT 5;
            """);
            while (rs.next()) {
                Book book = new Book();
                book.setId(rs.getLong("id"));
                book.setTitle(rs.getString("title"));
                book.setType(rs.getString("type"));
                book.setPrice(rs.getDouble("price"));
                books.add(book);
            }
        }
        return books;
    }

    public void updateBookPriceByID(Long id, Double price) throws
        ↪ SQLException {
        try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
            PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement("""
            UPDATE books SET price = ? WHERE id = ?;
            """);
            stmt.setDouble(1, price);
            stmt.setLong(2, id);
            int affects = stmt.executeUpdate();
            if (affects == 0) {
                throw new SQLException("Failed to update the book with id: "
                    ↪ + id);
            }
        }
    }

    public List<Book> getTop5LatestBooksWithStaleRead(Integer seconds)
        ↪ throws SQLException {
```

```
        List<Book> books = new ArrayList<>();
        try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
            PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement("""
            SELECT id, title, type, price FROM books AS OF TIMESTAMP NOW() -
                ↪ INTERVAL ? SECOND ORDER BY published_at DESC LIMIT 5;
            """);
            stmt.setInt(1, seconds);
            ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery();
            while (rs.next()) {
                Book book = new Book();
                book.setId(rs.getLong("id"));
                book.setTitle(rs.getString("title"));
                book.setType(rs.getString("type"));
                book.setPrice(rs.getDouble("price"));
                books.add(book);
            }
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            if ("HY000".equals(e.getSQLState()) && e.getErrorCode() == 1105)
                ↪ {
                System.out.println("WARN: cannot set read timestamp to a
                    ↪ future time.");
            } else if ("HY000".equals(e.getSQLState()) && e.getErrorCode() ==
                ↪  9006) {
                System.out.println("WARN: GC life time is shorter than
                    ↪ transaction duration.");
            } else {
                throw e;
            }
        }
        return books;
    }
}
```

```
List<Book> top5LatestBooks = bookDAO.getTop5LatestBooks();

if (top5LatestBooks.size() > 0) {
    System.out.println("The latest book price (before update): " +
        ↪ top5LatestBooks.get(0).getPrice());

    Book book = top5LatestBooks.get(0);
    bookDAO.updateBookPriceByID(book.getId(), book.price + 10);

    top5LatestBooks = bookDAO.getTop5LatestBooks();
    System.out.println("The latest book price (after update): " +
        ↪ top5LatestBooks.get(0).getPrice());
```

```
    // Use the stale read.
    top5LatestBooks = bookDAO.getTop5LatestBooksWithStaleRead(5);
    System.out.println("The latest book price (maybe stale): " +
        ↪ top5LatestBooks.get(0).getPrice());

    // Try to stale read the data at the future time.
    bookDAO.getTop5LatestBooksWithStaleRead(-5);

    // Try to stale read the data before 20 minutes.
    bookDAO.getTop5LatestBooksWithStaleRead(20 * 60);
}
```

The following result shows that the price returned by Stale Read is 100.00, which is the value before the update.

```
The latest book price (before update): 100.00
The latest book price (after update): 150.00
The latest book price (maybe stale): 100.00
WARN: cannot set read timestamp to a future time.
WARN: GC life time is shorter than transaction duration.
```

4.7.8.2.3 Transaction level

With the `START TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP` statement, you can start a read-only transaction based on historical time, which reads historical data from a specified historical timestamp.

For example:

```
START TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP NOW() - INTERVAL 5 SECOND;
```

By querying the latest price of the book, you can see that the price of *The Story of Droolius Caesar* is still 100.0, which is the value before the update.

```
SELECT id, title, type, price FROM books ORDER BY published_at DESC LIMIT
    ↪ 5;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+------------+------------------------------+----------------------+--------+
    ↪
| id         | title                        | type                 | price |
+------------+------------------------------+----------------------+--------+
    ↪
| 3181093216 | The Story of Droolius Caesar | Novel                | 100.00 |
| 1064253862 | Collin Rolfson               | Education & Reference | 92.85 |
```

```
| 1748583991 | The Documentary of cat  | Magazine           | 159.75 |
|  893930596 | Myrl Hills              | Education & Reference | 356.85 |
| 3062833277 | Keven Wyman             | Life               | 477.91 |
+------------+-------------------------+--------------------+--------+
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

After the transaction with the `COMMIT;` statement is committed, you can read the latest data.

```
+------------+-------------------------+--------------------+--------+
    ↪
| id         | title                   | type               | price |
+------------+-------------------------+--------------------+--------+
    ↪
| 3181093216 | The Story of Droolius Caesar | Novel         | 150.00 |
| 1064253862 | Collin Rolfson          | Education & Reference | 92.85 |
| 1748583991 | The Documentary of cat  | Magazine           | 159.75 |
|  893930596 | Myrl Hills              | Education & Reference | 356.85 |
| 3062833277 | Keven Wyman             | Life               | 477.91 |
+------------+-------------------------+--------------------+--------+
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

You can define a helper class for transactions, which encapsulates the command to enable Stale Read at the transaction level as a helper method.

```
public static class StaleReadHelper {

    public static void startTxnWithStaleRead(Connection conn, Integer
        ↪ seconds) throws SQLException {
        conn.setAutoCommit(false);
        PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement(
            "START TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP NOW() - INTERVAL ?
                ↪ SECOND;"
        );
        stmt.setInt(1, seconds);
        stmt.execute();
    }

}
```

Then define a method to enable the Stale Read feature through a transaction in the `BookDAO` class. Use the method to query instead of adding `AS OF TIMESTAMP` to the query statement.

```
public class BookDAO {

    // Omit some code...

    public List<Book> getTop5LatestBooksWithTxnStaleRead(Integer seconds)
        ↪ throws SQLException {
        List<Book> books = new ArrayList<>();
        try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
            // Start a read only transaction.
            TxnHelper.startTxnWithStaleRead(conn, seconds);

            Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
            ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("""
            SELECT id, title, type, price FROM books ORDER BY published_at
                ↪ DESC LIMIT 5;
            """);
            while (rs.next()) {
                Book book = new Book();
                book.setId(rs.getLong("id"));
                book.setTitle(rs.getString("title"));
                book.setType(rs.getString("type"));
                book.setPrice(rs.getDouble("price"));
                books.add(book);
            }

            // Commit transaction.
            conn.commit();
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            if ("HY000".equals(e.getSQLState()) && e.getErrorCode() == 1105)
                ↪ {
                System.out.println("WARN: cannot set read timestamp to a
                    ↪ future time.");
            } else if ("HY000".equals(e.getSQLState()) && e.getErrorCode() ==
                ↪  9006) {
                System.out.println("WARN: GC life time is shorter than
                    ↪ transaction duration.");
            } else {
                throw e;
            }
        }
        return books;
    }
}
```

```
List<Book> top5LatestBooks = bookDAO.getTop5LatestBooks();

if (top5LatestBooks.size() > 0) {
    System.out.println("The latest book price (before update): " +
        ↪ top5LatestBooks.get(0).getPrice());

    Book book = top5LatestBooks.get(0);
    bookDAO.updateBookPriceByID(book.getId(), book.price + 10);

    top5LatestBooks = bookDAO.getTop5LatestBooks();
    System.out.println("The latest book price (after update): " +
        ↪ top5LatestBooks.get(0).getPrice());

    // Use the stale read.
    top5LatestBooks = bookDAO.getTop5LatestBooksWithTxnStaleRead(5);
    System.out.println("The latest book price (maybe stale): " +
        ↪ top5LatestBooks.get(0).getPrice());

    // After the stale read transaction is committed.
    top5LatestBooks = bookDAO.getTop5LatestBooks();
    System.out.println("The latest book price (after the transaction commit)
        ↪ : " + top5LatestBooks.get(0).getPrice());
}
```

The result is as follows:

```
The latest book price (before update): 100.00
The latest book price (after update): 150.00
The latest book price (maybe stale): 100.00
The latest book price (after the transaction commit): 150
```

With the `SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP` statement, you can set the opened transaction or the next transaction to be a read-only transaction based on a specified historical time. The transaction will read historical data based on the provided historical time.

For example, you can use the following `AS OF TIMESTAMP` statement to switch the ongoing transactions to the read-only mode and read historical data 5 seconds ago.

```
SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP NOW() - INTERVAL 5 SECOND;
```

You can define a helper class for transactions, which encapsulates the command to enable Stale Read at the transaction level as a helper method.

```
public static class TxnHelper {
```

```
    public static void setTxnWithStaleRead(Connection conn, Integer seconds)
        ↪ throws SQLException {
        PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement(
            "SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP NOW() - INTERVAL ?
                ↪ SECOND;"
        );
        stmt.setInt(1, seconds);
        stmt.execute();
    }

}
```

Then define a method to enable the Stale Read feature through a transaction in the `BookDAO` class. Use the method to query instead of adding `AS OF TIMESTAMP` to the query statement.

```
public class BookDAO {

    // Omit some code...

    public List<Book> getTop5LatestBooksWithTxnStaleRead2(Integer seconds)
        ↪ throws SQLException {
        List<Book> books = new ArrayList<>();
        try (Connection conn = ds.getConnection()) {
            StaleReadHelper.setTxnWithStaleRead(conn, seconds);

            // Start a read only transaction.
            conn.setAutoCommit(false);

            Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
            ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("""
            SELECT id, title, type, price FROM books ORDER BY published_at
                ↪ DESC LIMIT 5;
            """);
            while (rs.next()) {
                Book book = new Book();
                book.setId(rs.getLong("id"));
                book.setTitle(rs.getString("title"));
                book.setType(rs.getString("type"));
                book.setPrice(rs.getDouble("price"));
                books.add(book);
            }

            // Commit transaction.
            conn.commit();
```

```
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            if ("HY000".equals(e.getSQLState()) && e.getErrorCode() == 1105)
                ↪ {
                System.out.println("WARN: cannot set read timestamp to a
                    ↪ future time.");
            } else if ("HY000".equals(e.getSQLState()) && e.getErrorCode() ==
                ↪  9006) {
                System.out.println("WARN: GC life time is shorter than
                    ↪ transaction duration.");
            } else {
                throw e;
            }
        }
        return books;
    }
}
```

4.7.8.2.4 Session level

To support reading historical data, TiDB has introduced a new system variable `tidb_read_staleness` since v5.4. you can use it to set the range of historical data that the current session is allowed to read. Its data type is `int` and its scope is `SESSION`.

Enable Stale Read in a session:

```
SET @@tidb_read_staleness="-5";
```

For example, if the value is set to `-5` and TiKV or TiFlash has the corresponding historical data, TiDB selects a timestamp as new as possible within a 5-second time range.

Disable Stale Read in the session:

```
set @@tidb_read_staleness="";
```

```
public static class StaleReadHelper{

    public static void enableStaleReadOnSession(Connection conn, Integer
        ↪ seconds) throws SQLException {
        PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement(
            "SET @@tidb_read_staleness= ?;"
        );
        stmt.setString(1, String.format("-%d", seconds));
        stmt.execute();
    }

    public static void disableStaleReadOnSession(Connection conn) throws
        ↪ SQLException {
```

```
        PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement(
            "SET @@tidb_read_staleness=\"\";"
        );
        stmt.execute();
    }

}
```

4.7.8.2.5 Read more

- Usage Scenarios of Stale Read
- Read Historical Data Using the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` Clause
- Read Historical Data Using the `tidb_read_staleness` System Variable

4.7.8.2.6 Need help?

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4.7.9 HTAP Queries

HTAP stands for Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing. Traditionally, databases are often designed for transactional or analytical scenarios, so the data platform often needs to be split into Transactional Processing and Analytical Processing, and the data needs to be replicated from the transactional database to the analytical database for quick response to analytical queries. TiDB databases can perform both transactional and analytical tasks, which greatly simplifies the construction of data platforms and allows users to use fresher data for analysis.

TiDB uses TiKV, a row-based storage engine, for Online Transactional Processing (OLTP), and TiFlash, a columnar storage engine, for Online Analytical Processing (OLAP). The row-based storage engine and the columnar storage engine co-exist for HTAP. Both storage engines can replicate data automatically and keep strong consistency. The row-based storage engine optimizes OLTP performance, and the columnar storage engine optimizes OLAP performance.

The Create a table section introduces how to enable the HTAP capability of TiDB. The following describes how to use HTAP to analyze data faster.

4.7.9.1 Data preparation

Before starting, you can import more sample data via the `tiup demo` command. For example:

```
tiup demo bookshop prepare --users=200000 --books=500000 --authors=100000 --
    ↪ ratings=1000000 --orders=1000000 --host 127.0.0.1 --port 4000 --drop-
    ↪ tables
```

Or you can use the Import function of TiDB Cloud to import the pre-prepared sample data.

4.7.9.2 Window functions

When using a database, in addition to storing your data and providing application features (such as ordering and rating books), you might also need to analyze the data in the database to make further operations and decisions.

The Query data from a single table document introduces how to use aggregate queries to analyze data as a whole. In more complex scenarios, you might want to aggregate the results of multiple aggregation queries into a single query. If you want to know the historical trend of the order amount of a particular book, you can aggregate `sum` for all order data of each month, and then aggregate the `sum` results together to get the historical trend.

To facilitate such analysis, since TiDB v3.0, TiDB supports window functions. For each row of data, this function provides the ability to access data across multiple rows. Different from a regular aggregation query, the window function aggregates rows without merging results set into a single row.

Similar to aggregate functions, you also need to follow a fixed set of syntax when using the window function:

```
SELECT
    window_function() OVER ([partition_clause] [order_clause] [frame_clause
        ↪ ]) AS alias
FROM
    table_name
```

4.7.9.2.1 `ORDER BY` clause

With the aggregate window function `sum()`, you can analyze the historical trend of the order amount of a particular book. For example:

```
WITH orders_group_by_month AS (
  SELECT DATE_FORMAT(ordered_at, '%Y-%c') AS month, COUNT(*) AS orders
  FROM orders
  WHERE book_id = 3461722937
  GROUP BY 1
)
SELECT
month,
SUM(orders) OVER(ORDER BY month ASC) as acc
```

```
FROM orders_group_by_month
ORDER BY month ASC;
```

The `sum()` function accumulates the data in the order specified by the `ORDER BY` statement in the `OVER` clause. The result is as follows:

```
+---------+-------+
| month   | acc   |
+---------+-------+
| 2011-5  |     1 |
| 2011-8  |     2 |
| 2012-1  |     3 |
| 2012-2  |     4 |
| 2013-1  |     5 |
| 2013-3  |     6 |
| 2015-11 |     7 |
| 2015-4  |     8 |
| 2015-8  |     9 |
| 2017-11 |    10 |
| 2017-5  |    11 |
| 2019-5  |    13 |
| 2020-2  |    14 |
+---------+-------+
13 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Visualize the above data through a line chart with time as the horizontal axis and cumulative order amount as the vertical axis. You can easily know the historical ordering trend of the book through the change of the slope.

4.7.9.2.2 `PARTITION BY` clause

Suppose that you want to analyze the historical ordering trend of different types of books, and visualize it in the same line chart with multiple series.

You can use the `PARTITION BY` clause to group books by types and count history orders for each type separately.

```
WITH orders_group_by_month AS (
    SELECT
        b.type AS book_type,
        DATE_FORMAT(ordered_at, '%Y-%c') AS month,
        COUNT(*) AS orders
    FROM orders o
    LEFT JOIN books b ON o.book_id = b.id
    WHERE b.type IS NOT NULL
    GROUP BY book_type, month
), acc AS (
```

```
    SELECT
        book_type,
        month,
        SUM(orders) OVER(PARTITION BY book_type ORDER BY book_type, month
            ↪ ASC) as acc
    FROM orders_group_by_month
    ORDER BY book_type, month ASC
)
SELECT * FROM acc;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+-----------------------------+---------+------+
| book_type                   | month   | acc |
+-----------------------------+---------+------+
| Magazine                    | 2011-10 |   1 |
| Magazine                    | 2011-8 |    2 |
| Magazine                    | 2012-5 |    3 |
| Magazine                    | 2013-1 |    4 |
| Magazine                    | 2013-6 |    5 |
...
| Novel                       | 2011-3 |   13 |
| Novel                       | 2011-4 |   14 |
| Novel                       | 2011-6 |   15 |
| Novel                       | 2011-8 |   17 |
| Novel                       | 2012-1 |   18 |
| Novel                       | 2012-2 |   20 |
...
| Sports                      | 2021-4 |   49 |
| Sports                      | 2021-7 |   50 |
| Sports                      | 2022-4 |   51 |
+-----------------------------+---------+------+
1500 rows in set (1.70 sec)
```

4.7.9.2.3 Non-aggregate window functions

TiDB also provides some non-aggregated window functions for more analysis statements.

For example, the Pagination Query document introduces how to use the `row_number()` function to achieve efficient pagination batch processing.

4.7.9.3 Hybrid workload

When using TiDB for real-time online analytical processing in hybrid load scenarios, you only need to provide an entry point of TiDB to your data. TiDB automatically selects different processing engines based on the specific business.

4.7.9.3.1 Create TiFlash replicas

TiDB uses the row-based storage engine, TiKV, by default. To use the columnar storage engine, TiFlash, see Enable HTAP capability. Before querying data through TiFlash, you need to create TiFlash replicas for `books` and `orders` tables using the following statement:

```
ALTER TABLE books SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
ALTER TABLE orders SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
```

You can check the progress of the TiFlash replicas using the following statement:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tiflash_replica WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA = '
    ↪ bookshop' and TABLE_NAME = 'books';
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tiflash_replica WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA = '
    ↪ bookshop' and TABLE_NAME = 'orders';
```

A `PROGRESS` column of 1 indicates that the progress is 100% complete, and a `AVAILABLE` column of 1 indicates that the replica is currently available.

```
+--------------+------------+----------+---------------+-----------------+-----------+--
    ↪
| TABLE_SCHEMA | TABLE_NAME | TABLE_ID | REPLICA_COUNT | LOCATION_LABELS |
    ↪ AVAILABLE | PROGRESS |
+--------------+------------+----------+---------------+-----------------+-----------+--
    ↪
| bookshop     | books      |      143 |             1 |                 |         1 |
    ↪         1 |
+--------------+------------+----------+---------------+-----------------+-----------+--
    ↪
1 row in set (0.07 sec)
+--------------+------------+----------+---------------+-----------------+-----------+--
    ↪
| TABLE_SCHEMA | TABLE_NAME | TABLE_ID | REPLICA_COUNT | LOCATION_LABELS |
    ↪ AVAILABLE | PROGRESS |
+--------------+------------+----------+---------------+-----------------+-----------+--
    ↪
| bookshop     | orders     |      147 |             1 |                 |         1 |
    ↪         1 |
+--------------+------------+----------+---------------+-----------------+-----------+--
    ↪
1 row in set (0.07 sec)
```

After replicas are added, you can use the `EXPLAIN` statement to check the execution plan of the above window function `PARTITION BY` clause. If `cop[tiflash]` appears in the execution plan, it means that the TiFlash engine has started to work.

Then, execute the sample SQL statement in `PARTITION BY` clause again. The result is as follows:

```
+-----------------------------+---------+------+
| book_type                   | month   | acc |
+-----------------------------+---------+------+
| Magazine                    | 2011-10 |   1 |
| Magazine                    | 2011-8 |    2 |
| Magazine                    | 2012-5 |    3 |
| Magazine                    | 2013-1 |    4 |
| Magazine                    | 2013-6 |    5 |
...
| Novel                       | 2011-3 |   13 |
| Novel                       | 2011-4 |   14 |
| Novel                       | 2011-6 |   15 |
| Novel                       | 2011-8 |   17 |
| Novel                       | 2012-1 |   18 |
| Novel                       | 2012-2 |   20 |
...
| Sports                      | 2021-4 |   49 |
| Sports                      | 2021-7 |   50 |
| Sports                      | 2022-4 |   51 |
+-----------------------------+---------+------+
1500 rows in set (0.79 sec)
```

By comparing the two execution results, you can find that the query speed is significantly improved with TiFlash (the improvement is more significant with a large volume of data). This is because a window function usually relies on a full table scan for some columns, and columnar TiFlash is more suitable to handle this type of analytical task than row-based TiKV. For TiKV, if you use primary keys or indexes to reduce the number of rows to be queried, the queries can be fast too and consume fewer resources compared with TiFlash.

4.7.9.3.2 Specify a query engine

TiDB uses the Cost Based Optimizer (CBO) to automatically choose whether to use TiFlash replicas based on cost estimates. However, if you are sure whether your query is transactional or analytical, you can specify the query engine to be used with Optimizer Hints.

To specify which engine to be used in a query, you can use the `/*+ read_from_storage (engine_name[table_name])*/` hint as in the following statement.

Note:

- If a table has an alias, use the alias instead of the table name in the hint, otherwise, the hint does not work.

- The `read_from_storage` hint does not work for common table expression.

```
WITH orders_group_by_month AS (
    SELECT
        /*+ read_from_storage(tikv[o]) */
        b.type AS book_type,
        DATE_FORMAT(ordered_at, '%Y-%c') AS month,
        COUNT(*) AS orders
    FROM orders o
    LEFT JOIN books b ON o.book_id = b.id
    WHERE b.type IS NOT NULL
    GROUP BY book_type, month
), acc AS (
    SELECT
        book_type,
        month,
        SUM(orders) OVER(PARTITION BY book_type ORDER BY book_type, month
            ↪ ASC) as acc
    FROM orders_group_by_month mo
    ORDER BY book_type, month ASC
)
SELECT * FROM acc;
```

You can use the `EXPLAIN` statement to check the execution plan of the above SQL statement. If `cop[tiflash]` and `cop[tikv]` appear in the task column at the same time, it means that TiFlash and TiKV are both scheduled to complete this query. Note that TiFlash and TiKV storage engines usually use different TiDB nodes, so the two query types are not affected by each other.

For more information about how TiDB chooses to use TiFlash, see Use TiDB to read TiFlash replicas

4.7.9.4 Read more

- Quick Start with TiDB HTAP
- Explore HTAP

- Window Functions
- Use TiFlash

4.7.9.5 Need help?

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4.8 Vector Search

4.8.1 Vector Search Overview

Vector search offers a powerful solution for semantic similarity searches across diverse data types, such as documents, images, audio, and video. It allows developers to leverage their MySQL expertise to build scalable applications enriched with generative AI capabilities, simplifying the integration of advanced search functionality.

> **Warning:**
>
> The vector search feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

> **Note:**
>
> The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

4.8.1.1 Concepts

Vector search is a search method that prioritizes the meaning of your data to deliver relevant results.

Unlike traditional full-text search, which relies on exact keyword matching and word frequency, vector search converts various data types (such as text, images, or audio) into high-dimensional vectors and queries based on the similarity between these vectors. This search method captures the semantic meaning and contextual information of the data, leading to a more precise understanding of user intent.

Even when the search terms do not exactly match the content in the database, vector search can still provide results that align with the user's intent by analyzing the semantics of the data.

For example, a full-text search for "a swimming animal" only returns results containing these exact keywords. In contrast, vector search can return results for other swimming animals, such as fish or ducks, even if these results do not contain the exact keywords.

4.8.1.1.1 Vector embedding

A vector embedding, also known as an embedding, is a sequence of numbers that represents real-world objects in a high-dimensional space. It captures the meaning and context of unstructured data, such as documents, images, audio, and videos.

Vector embeddings are essential in machine learning and serve as the foundation for semantic similarity searches.

TiDB introduces Vector data types and Vector search index designed to optimize the storage and retrieval of vector embeddings, enhancing their use in AI applications. You can store vector embeddings in TiDB and perform vector search queries to find the most relevant data using these data types.

4.8.1.1.2 Embedding model

Embedding models are algorithms that transform data into vector embeddings.

Choosing an appropriate embedding model is crucial for ensuring the accuracy and relevance of semantic search results. For unstructured text data, you can find top-performing text embedding models on the Massive Text Embedding Benchmark (MTEB) Leaderboard.

To learn how to generate vector embeddings for your specific data types, refer to integration tutorials or examples of embedding models.

4.8.1.2 How vector search works

After converting raw data into vector embeddings and storing them in TiDB, your application can execute vector search queries to find the data most semantically or contextually relevant to a user's query.

TiDB vector search identifies the top-k nearest neighbor (KNN) vectors by using a distance function to calculate the distance between the given vector and vectors stored in the database. The vectors closest to the given vector in the query represent the most similar data in meaning.

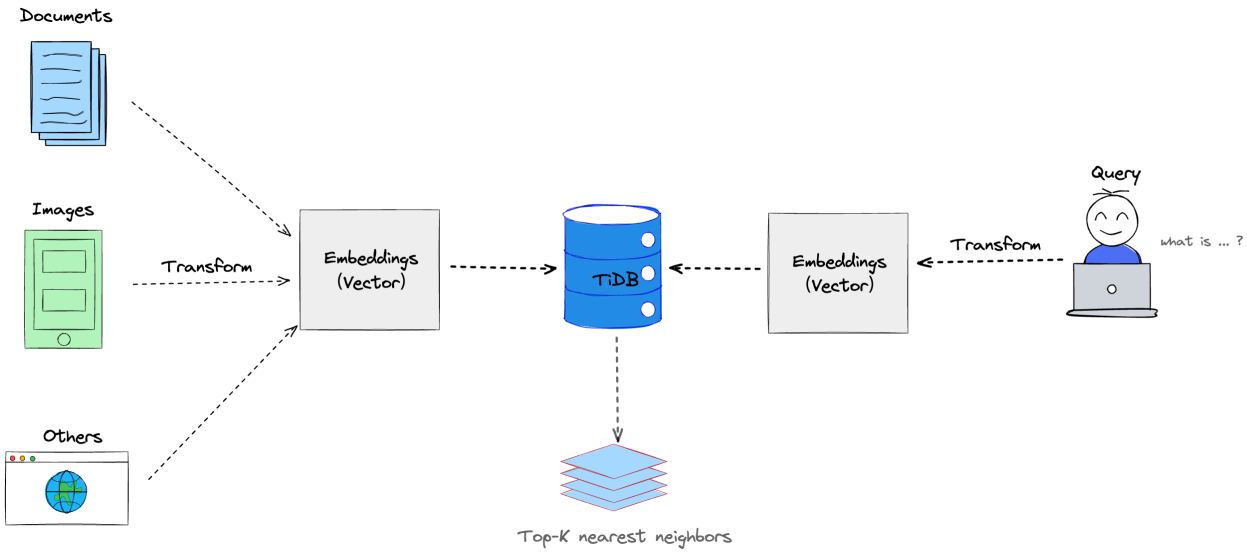

Figure 60: The Schematic TiDB Vector Search

As a relational database with integrated vector search capabilities, TiDB enables you to store data and their corresponding vector representations (that is, vector embeddings) together in one database. You can choose any of the following ways for storage:

- Store data and their corresponding vector representations in different columns of the same table.
- Store data and their corresponding vector representation in different tables. In this way, you need to use `JOIN` queries to combine the tables when retrieving data.

4.8.1.3 Use cases

4.8.1.3.1 Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) is an architecture designed to optimize the output of Large Language Models (LLMs). By using vector search, RAG applications can store vector embeddings in the database and retrieve relevant documents as additional context when the LLM generates responses, thereby improving the quality and relevance of the answers.

4.8.1.3.2 Semantic search

Semantic search is a search technology that returns results based on the meaning of a query, rather than simply matching keywords. It interprets the meaning across different languages and various types of data (such as text, images, and audio) using embeddings. Vector search algorithms then use these embeddings to find the most relevant data that satisfies the user's query.

4.8.1.3.3 Recommendation engine

A recommendation engine is a system that proactively suggests content, products, or services that are relevant and personalized to users. It accomplishes this by creating embeddings that represent user behavior and preferences. These embeddings help the system identify similar items that other users have interacted with or shown interest in. This increases the likelihood that the recommendations will be both relevant and appealing to the user.

4.8.1.4 See also

To get started with TiDB Vector Search, see the following documents:

- Get started with vector search using Python
- Get started with vector search using SQL

4.8.2 Get Started

4.8.2.1 Get Started with Vector Search via SQL

TiDB extends MySQL syntax to support Vector Search and introduce new Vector data types and several vector functions.

This tutorial demonstrates how to get started with TiDB Vector Search just using SQL statements. You will learn how to use the MySQL command-line client to complete the following operations:

- Connect to your TiDB cluster.
- Create a vector table.
- Store vector embeddings.
- Perform vector search queries.

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>
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> **Note:**
>
> The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

4.8.2.1.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- MySQL command-line client (MySQL CLI) installed on your machine.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.
- Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.

4.8.2.1.2 Get started

Step 1. Connect to the TiDB cluster

Connect to your TiDB cluster depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. In the connection dialog, select **MySQL CLI** from the **Connect With** drop-down list and keep the default setting of the **Connection Type** as **Public**.
4. If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.
5. Copy the connection command and paste it into your terminal. The following is an example for macOS:

```
mysql -u '<prefix>.root' -h '<host>' -P 4000 -D 'test' --ssl-mode=
    ↪ VERIFY_IDENTITY --ssl-ca=/etc/ssl/cert.pem -p'<password>'
```

After your TiDB Self-Managed cluster is started, execute your cluster connection command in the terminal.

The following is an example connection command for macOS:

```
mysql --comments --host 127.0.0.1 --port 4000 -u root
```

Step 2. Create a vector table

When creating a table, you can define a column as a vector column by specifying the `VECTOR` data type.

For example, to create a table `embedded_documents` with a three-dimensional `VECTOR` column, execute the following SQL statements using your MySQL CLI:

```
USE test;
CREATE TABLE embedded_documents (
    id       INT      PRIMARY KEY,
    -- Column to store the original content of the document.
    document TEXT,
    -- Column to store the vector representation of the document.
    embedding VECTOR(3)
);
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.27 sec)
```

Step 3. Insert vector embeddings to the table

Insert three documents with their vector embeddings into the `embedded_documents` table:

```
INSERT INTO embedded_documents
VALUES
    (1, 'dog', '[1,2,1]'),
    (2, 'fish', '[1,2,4]'),
    (3, 'tree', '[1,0,0]');
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.15 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

> **Note**
>
> This example simplifies the dimensions of the vector embeddings and uses only 3-dimensional vectors for demonstration purposes.
>
> In real-world applications, embedding models often produce vector embeddings with hundreds or thousands of dimensions.

Step 4. Query the vector table

To verify that the documents have been inserted correctly, query the `embedded_documents` table:

```
SELECT * FROM embedded_documents;
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
+----+----------+-----------+
| id | document | embedding |
+----+----------+-----------+
|  1 | dog      | [1,2,1]   |
|  2 | fish     | [1,2,4]   |
|  3 | tree     | [1,0,0]   |
+----+----------+-----------+
3 rows in set (0.15 sec)
```

Step 5. Perform a vector search query

Similar to full-text search, users provide search terms to the application when using vector search.

In this example, the search term is "a swimming animal", and its corresponding vector embedding is assumed to be `[1,2,3]`. In practical applications, you need to use an embedding model to convert the user's search term into a vector embedding.

Execute the following SQL statement, and TiDB will identify the top three documents closest to `[1,2,3]` by calculating and sorting the cosine distances (`vec_cosine_distance`) between the vector embeddings in the table.

```
SELECT id, document, vec_cosine_distance(embedding, '[1,2,3]') AS distance
FROM embedded_documents
ORDER BY distance
LIMIT 3;
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
+----+----------+--------------------+
| id | document | distance           |
+----+----------+--------------------+
|  2 | fish     | 0.00853986601633272 |
|  1 | dog      | 0.12712843905603044 |
|  3 | tree     |  0.7327387580875756 |
+----+----------+--------------------+
3 rows in set (0.15 sec)
```

The three terms in the search results are sorted by their respective distance from the queried vector: the smaller the distance, the more relevant the corresponding `document`.

Therefore, according to the output, the swimming animal is most likely a fish, or a dog with a gift for swimming.

4.8.2.1.3 See also

- Vector Data Types
- Vector Search Index

4.8.2.2 Get Started with TiDB + AI via Python

This tutorial demonstrates how to develop a simple AI application that provides **semantic search** features. Unlike traditional keyword search, semantic search intelligently understands the meaning behind your query and returns the most relevant result. For example, if you have documents titled "dog", "fish", and "tree", and you search for "a swimming animal", the application would identify "fish" as the most relevant result.

Throughout this tutorial, you will develop this AI application using TiDB Vector Search, Python, TiDB Vector SDK for Python, and AI models.

> **Warning:**
>
> The vector search feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

> **Note:**
>
> The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

4.8.2.2.1 Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Python 3.8 or higher installed.
- Git installed.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.
- Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.

4.8.2.2.2 Get started

The following steps show how to develop the application from scratch. To run the demo directly, you can check out the sample code in the pingcap/tidb-vector-python repository.

Step 1. Create a new Python project

In your preferred directory, create a new Python project and a file named `example.py`:

```
mkdir python-client-quickstart
cd python-client-quickstart
touch example.py
```

Step 2. Install required dependencies

In your project directory, run the following command to install the required packages:

```
pip install sqlalchemy pymysql sentence-transformers tidb-vector python-
    ↪ dotenv
```

- `tidb-vector`: the Python client for interacting with TiDB vector search.
- `sentence-transformers`: a Python library that provides pre-trained models for generating vector embeddings from text.

Step 3. Configure the connection string to the TiDB cluster

Configure the cluster connection string depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

For a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, take the following steps to obtain the cluster connection string and configure environment variables:

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.
    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
    - **Branch** is set to `main`.
    - **Connect With** is set to `SQLAlchemy`.
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click the **PyMySQL** tab and copy the connection string.

> **Tip:**
> If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.

5. In the root directory of your Python project, create a `.env` file and paste the connection string into it.

   The following is an example for macOS:

```
TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://<prefix>.root:<password>@gateway01.<
    ↪ region>.prod.aws.tidbcloud.com:4000/test?ssl_ca=/etc/ssl/cert.pem
    ↪ &ssl_verify_cert=true&ssl_verify_identity=true"
```

For a TiDB Self-Managed cluster, create a `.env` file in the root directory of your Python project. Copy the following content into the `.env` file, and modify the environment variable values according to the connection parameters of your TiDB cluster:

```
TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://<USER>:<PASSWORD>@<HOST>:<PORT>/<DATABASE
    ↪ >"
#### For example: TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://root@127.0.0.1:4000/
    ↪ test"
```

If you are running TiDB on your local machine, `<HOST>` is `127.0.0.1` by default. The initial `<PASSWORD>` is empty, so if you are starting the cluster for the first time, you can omit this field.

The following are descriptions for each parameter:

- `<USER>`: The username to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `<PASSWORD>`: The password to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `<HOST>`: The host of the TiDB cluster.
- `<PORT>`: The port of the TiDB cluster.
- `<DATABASE>`: The name of the database you want to connect to.

Step 4. Initialize the embedding model

An embedding model transforms data into vector embeddings. This example uses the pre-trained model **msmarco-MiniLM-L12-cos-v5** for text embedding. This lightweight model, provided by the `sentence-transformers` library, transforms text data into 384-dimensional vector embeddings.

To set up the model, copy the following code into the `example.py` file. This code initializes a `SentenceTransformer` instance and defines a `text_to_embedding()` function for later use.

```
from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer

print("Downloading and loading the embedding model...")
embed_model = SentenceTransformer("sentence-transformers/msmarco-MiniLM-L12-
    ↪ cos-v5", trust_remote_code=True)
embed_model_dims = embed_model.get_sentence_embedding_dimension()

def text_to_embedding(text):
    """Generates vector embeddings for the given text."""
    embedding = embed_model.encode(text)
    return embedding.tolist()
```

Step 5. Connect to the TiDB cluster

Use the `TiDBVectorClient` class to connect to your TiDB cluster and create a table `embedded_documents` with a vector column.

> **Note**
>
> Make sure the dimension of your vector column in the table matches the dimension of the vectors generated by your embedding model. For example, the **msmarco-MiniLM-L12-cos-v5** model generates vectors with 384 dimensions, so the dimension of your vector columns in `embedded_documents` should be 384 as well.

```
import os
from tidb_vector.integrations import TiDBVectorClient
from dotenv import load_dotenv

#### Load the connection string from the .env file
load_dotenv()

vector_store = TiDBVectorClient(
   # The 'embedded_documents' table will store the vector data.
   table_name='embedded_documents',
   # The connection string to the TiDB cluster.
   connection_string=os.environ.get('TIDB_DATABASE_URL'),
   # The dimension of the vector generated by the embedding model.
   vector_dimension=embed_model_dims,
   # Recreate the table if it already exists.
   drop_existing_table=True,
)
```

Step 6. Embed text data and store the vectors

In this step, you will prepare sample documents containing single words, such as “dog”, “fish”, and “tree”. The following code uses the `text_to_embedding()` function to transform these text documents into vector embeddings, and then inserts them into the vector store.

```
documents = [
    {
        "id": "f8e7dee2-63b6-42f1-8b60-2d46710c1971",
        "text": "dog",
        "embedding": text_to_embedding("dog"),
        "metadata": {"category": "animal"},
    },
    {
        "id": "8dde1fbc-2522-4ca2-aedf-5dcb2966d1c6",
        "text": "fish",
        "embedding": text_to_embedding("fish"),
        "metadata": {"category": "animal"},
    },
    {
        "id": "e4991349-d00b-485c-a481-f61695f2b5ae",
        "text": "tree",
        "embedding": text_to_embedding("tree"),
        "metadata": {"category": "plant"},
    },
]

vector_store.insert(
    ids=[doc["id"] for doc in documents],
    texts=[doc["text"] for doc in documents],
    embeddings=[doc["embedding"] for doc in documents],
    metadatas=[doc["metadata"] for doc in documents],
)
```

Step 7. Perform semantic search

In this step, you will search for “a swimming animal”, which doesn’t directly match any words in existing documents.

The following code uses the `text_to_embedding()` function again to convert the query text into a vector embedding, and then queries with the embedding to find the top three closest matches.

```
def print_result(query, result):
   print(f"Search result (\"{query}\"):")
   for r in result:
      print(f"- text: \"{r.document}\", distance: {r.distance}")
```

```
query = "a swimming animal"
query_embedding = text_to_embedding(query)
search_result = vector_store.query(query_embedding, k=3)
print_result(query, search_result)
```

Run the `example.py` file and the output is as follows:

```
Search result ("a swimming animal"):
- text: "fish", distance: 0.4562914811223072
- text: "dog", distance: 0.6469335836410557
- text: "tree", distance: 0.798545178640937
```

The three terms in the search results are sorted by their respective distance from the queried vector: the smaller the distance, the more relevant the corresponding `document`.

Therefore, according to the output, the swimming animal is most likely a fish, or a dog with a gift for swimming.

4.8.2.2.3 See also

- Vector Data Types
- Vector Search Index

4.8.3 Integrations

4.8.3.1 Vector Search Integration Overview

This document provides an overview of TiDB vector search integration, including supported AI frameworks, embedding models, and Object Relational Mapping (ORM) libraries.

> **Warning:**
>
> The vector search feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

> **Note:**
>
> The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

4.8.3.1.1 AI frameworks

TiDB provides official support for the following AI frameworks, enabling you to easily integrate AI applications developed based on these frameworks with TiDB Vector Search.

AI frameworks	Tutorial
Langchain	Integrate Vector Search with LangChain
LlamaIndex	Integrate Vector Search with LlamaIndex

Moreover, you can also use TiDB for various purposes, such as document storage and knowledge graph storage for AI applications.

4.8.3.1.2 Embedding models and services

TiDB Vector Search supports storing vectors of up to 16383 dimensions, which accommodates most embedding models.

You can either use self-deployed open-source embedding models or third-party embedding APIs provided by third-party embedding providers to generate vectors.

The following table lists some mainstream embedding service providers and the corresponding integration tutorials.

Embedding service providers	Tutorial
Jina AI	Integrate Vector Search with Jina AI Embeddings API

4.8.3.1.3 Object Relational Mapping (ORM) libraries

You can integrate TiDB Vector Search with your ORM library to interact with the TiDB database.

The following table lists the supported ORM libraries and the corresponding integration tutorials:

```
<th>Language</th>
<th>ORM/Client</th>
<th>How to install</th>
<th>Tutorial</th>
```

```
<td rowspan="4">Python</td>
<td>TiDB Vector Client</td>
<td><code>pip install tidb-vector[client]</code></td>
<td><a href="/tidb/v8.5/vector-search-get-started-using-python">Get Started
    ↪ with Vector Search Using Python</a></td>
```

```
<td>SQLAlchemy</td>
```

```
<td><code>pip install tidb-vector</code></td>
<td><a href="/tidb/v8.5/vector-search-integrate-with-sqlalchemy">Integrate
    ↪ TiDB Vector Search with SQLAlchemy</a></td>
```

```
<td>peewee</td>
<td><code>pip install tidb-vector</code></td>
<td><a href="/tidb/v8.5/vector-search-integrate-with-peewee">Integrate TiDB
    ↪ Vector Search with peewee</a></td>
```

```
<td>Django</td>
<td><code>pip install django-tidb[vector]</code></td>
<td><a href="/tidb/v8.5/vector-search-integrate-with-django-orm">Integrate
    ↪ TiDB Vector Search with Django</a></td>
```

4.8.3.2 AI Frameworks

4.8.3.2.1 Integrate Vector Search with LlamaIndex

This tutorial demonstrates how to integrate the vector search feature of TiDB with LlamaIndex.

> **Warning:**
>
> The vector search feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

> **Note:**
>
> The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

> **Tip**
>
> You can view the complete sample code on Jupyter Notebook, or run the sample code directly in the Colab online environment.

Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Python 3.8 or higher installed.
- Jupyter Notebook installed.
- Git installed.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.
- Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.

Get started

This section provides step-by-step instructions for integrating TiDB Vector Search with LlamaIndex to perform semantic searches.

Step 1. Create a new Jupyter Notebook file

In the root directory, create a new Jupyter Notebook file named `integrate_with_llamaindex.ipynb`:

```
touch integrate_with_llamaindex.ipynb
```

Step 2. Install required dependencies

In your project directory, run the following command to install the required packages:

```
pip install llama-index-vector-stores-tidbvector
pip install llama-index
```

Open the `integrate_with_llamaindex.ipynb` file in Jupyter Notebook and add the following code to import the required packages:

```
import textwrap

from llama_index.core import SimpleDirectoryReader, StorageContext
from llama_index.core import VectorStoreIndex
from llama_index.vector_stores.tidbvector import TiDBVectorStore
```

Step 3. Configure environment variables

Configure the environment variables depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

For a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, take the following steps to obtain the cluster connection string and configure environment variables:

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
    - **Branch** is set to `main`.
    - **Connect With** is set to `SQLAlchemy`.
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

4. Click the **PyMySQL** tab and copy the connection string.

> **Tip:**
> If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.

5. Configure environment variables.

    This document uses OpenAI as the embedding model provider. In this step, you need to provide the connection string obtained from the previous step and your OpenAI API key.

    To configure the environment variables, run the following code. You will be prompted to enter your connection string and OpenAI API key:

```
# Use getpass to securely prompt for environment variables in your
    ↪ terminal.
import getpass
import os

# Copy your connection string from the TiDB Cloud console.
# Connection string format: "mysql+pymysql://<USER>:<PASSWORD>@<HOST
    ↪ >:4000/<DB>?ssl_ca=/etc/ssl/cert.pem&ssl_verify_cert=true&ssl_
    ↪ verify_identity=true"
tidb_connection_string = getpass.getpass("TiDB Connection String:")
os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"] = getpass.getpass("OpenAI API Key:")
```

This document uses OpenAI as the embedding model provider. In this step, you need to provide the connection string of your TiDB cluster and your OpenAI API key.

To configure the environment variables, run the following code. You will be prompted to enter your connection string and OpenAI API key:

```
##### Use getpass to securely prompt for environment variables in your
    ↪ terminal.
import getpass
import os

##### Connection string format: "mysql+pymysql://<USER>:<PASSWORD>@<HOST
    ↪ >:4000/<DB>?ssl_ca=/etc/ssl/cert.pem&ssl_verify_cert=true&ssl_verify
    ↪ _identity=true"
tidb_connection_string = getpass.getpass("TiDB Connection String:")
os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"] = getpass.getpass("OpenAI API Key:")
```

Taking macOS as an example, the cluster connection string is as follows:

```
TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://<USERNAME>:<PASSWORD>@<HOST>:<PORT>/<
    ↪ DATABASE_NAME>"
##### For example: TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://root@127.0.0.1:4000/
    ↪ test"
```

You need to modify the parameters in the connection string according to your TiDB cluster. If you are running TiDB on your local machine, `<HOST>` is `127.0.0.1` by default. The initial `<PASSWORD>` is empty, so if you are starting the cluster for the first time, you can omit this field.

The following are descriptions for each parameter:

- `<USERNAME>`: The username to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `<PASSWORD>`: The password to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `<HOST>`: The host of the TiDB cluster.
- `<PORT>`: The port of the TiDB cluster.
- `<DATABASE>`: The name of the database you want to connect to.

Step 4. Load the sample document

Step 4.1 Download the sample document

In your project directory, create a directory named `data/paul_graham/` and download the sample document `paul_graham_essay.txt` from the run-llama/llama_index GitHub repository.

```
!mkdir -p 'data/paul_graham/'
!wget 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/run-llama/llama_index/main/docs/
    ↪ docs/examples/data/paul_graham/paul_graham_essay.txt' -O 'data/paul_
    ↪ graham/paul_graham_essay.txt'
```

Step 4.2 Load the document

Load the sample document from `data/paul_graham/paul_graham_essay.txt` using the `SimpleDirectoryReader` class.

```
documents = SimpleDirectoryReader("./data/paul_graham").load_data()
print("Document ID:", documents[0].doc_id)

for index, document in enumerate(documents):
   document.metadata = {"book": "paul_graham"}
```

Step 5. Embed and store document vectors

Step 5.1 Initialize the TiDB vector store

The following code creates a table named `paul_graham_test` in TiDB, which is optimized for vector search.

```
tidbvec = TiDBVectorStore(
   connection_string=tidb_connection_url,
   table_name="paul_graham_test",
   distance_strategy="cosine",
   vector_dimension=1536,
   drop_existing_table=False,
)
```

Upon successful execution, you can directly view and access the `paul_graham_test` table in your TiDB database.

Step 5.2 Generate and store embeddings

The following code parses the documents, generates embeddings, and stores them in the TiDB vector store.

```
storage_context = StorageContext.from_defaults(vector_store=tidbvec)
index = VectorStoreIndex.from_documents(
   documents, storage_context=storage_context, show_progress=True
)
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
Parsing nodes: 100%|      | 1/1 [00:00<00:00, 8.76it/s]
Generating embeddings: 100%|      | 21/21 [00:02<00:00, 8.22it/s]
```

Step 6. Perform a vector search

The following creates a query engine based on the TiDB vector store and performs a semantic similarity search.

```
query_engine = index.as_query_engine()
response = query_engine.query("What did the author do?")
print(textwrap.fill(str(response), 100))
```

> **Note**
>
> `TiDBVectorStore` only supports the `default` query mode.

The expected output is as follows:

```
The author worked on writing, programming, building microcomputers, giving
    ↪ talks at conferences,
publishing essays online, developing spam filters, painting, hosting dinner
    ↪ parties, and purchasing
a building for office use.
```

Step 7. Search with metadata filters

To refine your searches, you can use metadata filters to retrieve specific nearest-neighbor results that match the applied filters.

Query with `book != "paul_graham"` filter

The following example excludes results where the `book` metadata field is `"paul_graham"`:

```
from llama_index.core.vector_stores.types import (
   MetadataFilter,
   MetadataFilters,
)

query_engine = index.as_query_engine(
   filters=MetadataFilters(
      filters=[
         MetadataFilter(key="book", value="paul_graham", operator="!="),
      ]
   ),
   similarity_top_k=2,
)
response = query_engine.query("What did the author learn?")
print(textwrap.fill(str(response), 100))
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
Empty Response
```

Query with `book == "paul_graham"` filter

The following example filters results to include only documents where the `book` metadata field is `"paul_graham"`:

```
from llama_index.core.vector_stores.types import (
   MetadataFilter,
   MetadataFilters,
)

query_engine = index.as_query_engine(
   filters=MetadataFilters(
      filters=[
         MetadataFilter(key="book", value="paul_graham", operator="=="),
      ]
   ),
   similarity_top_k=2,
)
response = query_engine.query("What did the author learn?")
print(textwrap.fill(str(response), 100))
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
The author learned programming on an IBM 1401 using an early version of
    ↪ Fortran in 9th grade, then
later transitioned to working with microcomputers like the TRS-80 and Apple
    ↪ II. Additionally, the
author studied philosophy in college but found it unfulfilling, leading to a
    ↪  switch to studying AI.
Later on, the author attended art school in both the US and Italy, where
    ↪ they observed a lack of
substantial teaching in the painting department.
```

Step 8. Delete documents

Delete the first document from the index:

```
tidbvec.delete(documents[0].doc_id)
```

Check whether the documents had been deleted:

```
query_engine = index.as_query_engine()
response = query_engine.query("What did the author learn?")
print(textwrap.fill(str(response), 100))
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
Empty Response
```

See also

- Vector Data Types
- Vector Search Index

4.8.3.2.2 Integrate Vector Search with LangChain

This tutorial demonstrates how to integrate the vector search feature of TiDB with LangChain.

> **Warning:**
>
> The vector search feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

> **Note:**
>
> The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

> **Tip**
>
> You can view the complete sample code on Jupyter Notebook, or run the sample code directly in the Colab online environment.

Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Python 3.8 or higher installed.
- Jupyter Notebook installed.
- Git installed.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.
- Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.

Get started

This section provides step-by-step instructions for integrating TiDB Vector Search with LangChain to perform semantic searches.

Step 1. Create a new Jupyter Notebook file

In your preferred directory, create a new Jupyter Notebook file named `integrate_with_langchain.ipynb`:

```
touch integrate_with_langchain.ipynb
```

Step 2. Install required dependencies

In your project directory, run the following command to install the required packages:

```
!pip install langchain langchain-community
!pip install langchain-openai
!pip install pymysql
!pip install tidb-vector
```

Open the `integrate_with_langchain.ipynb` file in Jupyter Notebook, and then add the following code to import the required packages:

```
from langchain_community.document_loaders import TextLoader
from langchain_community.vectorstores import TiDBVectorStore
from langchain_openai import OpenAIEmbeddings
from langchain_text_splitters import CharacterTextSplitter
```

Step 3. Set up your environment

Configure the environment variables depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

For a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, take the following steps to obtain the cluster connection string and configure environment variables:

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.
    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
    - **Branch** is set to `main`.
    - **Connect With** is set to `SQLAlchemy`.
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.
4. Click the **PyMySQL** tab and copy the connection string.

> **Tip:**
> If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.

5. Configure environment variables.

   This document uses OpenAI as the embedding model provider. In this step, you need to provide the connection string obtained from the previous step and your OpenAI API key.

   To configure the environment variables, run the following code. You will be prompted to enter your connection string and OpenAI API key:

```
# Use getpass to securely prompt for environment variables in your
    ↪ terminal.
import getpass
import os

# Copy your connection string from the TiDB Cloud console.
# Connection string format: "mysql+pymysql://<USER>:<PASSWORD>@<HOST
    ↪ >:4000/<DB>?ssl_ca=/etc/ssl/cert.pem&ssl_verify_cert=true&ssl_
    ↪ verify_identity=true"
tidb_connection_string = getpass.getpass("TiDB Connection String:")
os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"] = getpass.getpass("OpenAI API Key:")
```

This document uses OpenAI as the embedding model provider. In this step, you need to provide the connection string obtained from the previous step and your OpenAI API key.

To configure the environment variables, run the following code. You will be prompted to enter your connection string and OpenAI API key:

```
##### Use getpass to securely prompt for environment variables in your
    ↪ terminal.
import getpass
import os

##### Connection string format: "mysql+pymysql://<USER>:<PASSWORD>@<HOST
    ↪ >:4000/<DB>?ssl_ca=/etc/ssl/cert.pem&ssl_verify_cert=true&ssl_verify
    ↪ _identity=true"
tidb_connection_string = getpass.getpass("TiDB Connection String:")
os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"] = getpass.getpass("OpenAI API Key:")
```

Taking macOS as an example, the cluster connection string is as follows:

```
TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://<USERNAME>:<PASSWORD>@<HOST>:<PORT>/<
    ↪ DATABASE_NAME>"
##### For example: TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://root@127.0.0.1:4000/
    ↪ test"
```

You need to modify the values of the connection parameters according to your TiDB cluster. If you are running TiDB on your local machine, `<HOST>` is `127.0.0.1` by default. The initial `<PASSWORD>` is empty, so if you are starting the cluster for the first time, you can omit this field.

The following are descriptions for each parameter:

- `<USERNAME>`: The username to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `<PASSWORD>`: The password to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `<HOST>`: The host of the TiDB cluster.
- `<PORT>`: The port of the TiDB cluster.
- `<DATABASE>`: The name of the database you want to connect to.

Step 4. Load the sample document

Step 4.1 Download the sample document

In your project directory, create a directory named `data/how_to/` and download the sample document `state_of_the_union.txt` from the langchain-ai/langchain GitHub repository.

```
!mkdir -p 'data/how_to/'
!wget 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/langchain-ai/langchain/master/docs/
    ↪ docs/how_to/state_of_the_union.txt' -O 'data/how_to/state_of_the_
    ↪ union.txt'
```

Step 4.2 Load and split the document

Load the sample document from `data/how_to/state_of_the_union.txt` and split it into chunks of approximately 1,000 characters each using a `CharacterTextSplitter`.

```
loader = TextLoader("data/how_to/state_of_the_union.txt")
documents = loader.load()
text_splitter = CharacterTextSplitter(chunk_size=1000, chunk_overlap=0)
docs = text_splitter.split_documents(documents)
```

Step 5. Embed and store document vectors

TiDB vector store supports both cosine distance (`consine`) and Euclidean distance (`l2`) for measuring similarity between vectors. The default strategy is cosine distance.

The following code creates a table named `embedded_documents` in TiDB, which is optimized for vector search.

```
embeddings = OpenAIEmbeddings()
vector_store = TiDBVectorStore.from_documents(
    documents=docs,
    embedding=embeddings,
    table_name="embedded_documents",
    connection_string=tidb_connection_string,
    distance_strategy="cosine", # default, another option is "l2"
)
```

Upon successful execution, you can directly view and access the `embedded_documents` table in your TiDB database.

Step 6. Perform a vector search

This step demonstrates how to query "What did the president say about Ketanji Brown Jackson" from the document `state_of_the_union.txt`.

```
query = "What did the president say about Ketanji Brown Jackson"
```

Option 1: Use `similarity_search_with_score()`

The `similarity_search_with_score()` method calculates the vector space distance between the documents and the query. This distance serves as a similarity score, determined by the chosen `distance_strategy`. The method returns the top `k` documents with the lowest scores. A lower score indicates a higher similarity between a document and your query.

```
docs_with_score = vector_store.similarity_search_with_score(query, k=3)
for doc, score in docs_with_score:
   print("-" * 80)
   print("Score: ", score)
   print(doc.page_content)
   print("-" * 80)
```

Expected output

```
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
Score: 0.18472413652518527
Tonight. I call on the Senate to: Pass the Freedom to Vote Act. Pass the
    ↪ John Lewis Voting Rights Act. And while you' re at it, pass the
    ↪ Disclose Act so Americans can know who is funding our elections.

Tonight, I' d like to honor someone who has dedicated his life to serve this
    ↪  country: Justice Stephen Breyer—an Army veteran, Constitutional
    ↪ scholar, and retiring Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
    ↪ Justice Breyer, thank you for your service.
```

```
One of the most serious constitutional responsibilities a President has is
    ↪ nominating someone to serve on the United States Supreme Court.

And I did that 4 days ago, when I nominated Circuit Court of Appeals Judge
    ↪ Ketanji Brown Jackson. One of our nation' s top legal minds, who will
    ↪  continue Justice Breyer' s legacy of excellence.
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
Score: 0.21757513022785557
A former top litigator in private practice. A former federal public defender
    ↪ . And from a family of public school educators and police officers. A
    ↪  consensus builder. Since she' s been nominated, she' s received a
    ↪ broad range of support—from the Fraternal Order of Police to former
    ↪ judges appointed by Democrats and Republicans.

And if we are to advance liberty and justice, we need to secure the Border
    ↪ and fix the immigration system.

We can do both. At our border, we' ve installed new technology like cutting-
    ↪ edge scanners to better detect drug smuggling.

We' ve set up joint patrols with Mexico and Guatemala to catch more human
    ↪ traffickers.

We' re putting in place dedicated immigration judges so families fleeing
    ↪ persecution and violence can have their cases heard faster.

We' re securing commitments and supporting partners in South and Central
    ↪ America to host more refugees and secure their own borders.
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
Score: 0.22676987253721725
And for our LGBTQ+ Americans, let' s finally get the bipartisan Equality Act
    ↪  to my desk. The onslaught of state laws targeting transgender
    ↪ Americans and their families is wrong.

As I said last year, especially to our younger transgender Americans, I will
    ↪  always have your back as your President, so you can be yourself and
    ↪ reach your God-given potential.
```

```
While it often appears that we never agree, that isn' t true. I signed 80
    ↪ bipartisan bills into law last year. From preventing government
    ↪ shutdowns to protecting Asian-Americans from still-too-common hate
    ↪ crimes to reforming military justice.

And soon, we' ll strengthen the Violence Against Women Act that I first
    ↪ wrote three decades ago. It is important for us to show the nation
    ↪ that we can come together and do big things.

So tonight I' m offering a Unity Agenda for the Nation. Four big things we
    ↪ can do together.

First, beat the opioid epidemic.
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

Option 2: Use `similarity_search_with_relevance_scores()`

The `similarity_search_with_relevance_scores()` method returns the top `k` documents with the highest relevance scores. A higher score indicates a higher degree of similarity between a document and your query.

```
docs_with_relevance_score = vector_store.similarity_search_with_relevance_
    ↪ scores(query, k=2)
for doc, score in docs_with_relevance_score:
    print("-" * 80)
    print("Score: ", score)
    print(doc.page_content)
    print("-" * 80)
```

Expected output

```
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
Score: 0.8152758634748147
Tonight. I call on the Senate to: Pass the Freedom to Vote Act. Pass the
    ↪ John Lewis Voting Rights Act. And while you' re at it, pass the
    ↪ Disclose Act so Americans can know who is funding our elections.

Tonight, I' d like to honor someone who has dedicated his life to serve this
    ↪  country: Justice Stephen Breyer—an Army veteran, Constitutional
    ↪ scholar, and retiring Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
    ↪ Justice Breyer, thank you for your service.

One of the most serious constitutional responsibilities a President has is
    ↪ nominating someone to serve on the United States Supreme Court.
```

```
And I did that 4 days ago, when I nominated Circuit Court of Appeals Judge
    ↪ Ketanji Brown Jackson. One of our nation's top legal minds, who will
    ↪  continue Justice Breyer's legacy of excellence.
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
Score: 0.7824248697721444
A former top litigator in private practice. A former federal public defender
    ↪ . And from a family of public school educators and police officers. A
    ↪  consensus builder. Since she's been nominated, she's received a
    ↪ broad range of support—from the Fraternal Order of Police to former
    ↪ judges appointed by Democrats and Republicans.

And if we are to advance liberty and justice, we need to secure the Border
    ↪ and fix the immigration system.

We can do both. At our border, we've installed new technology like cutting-
    ↪ edge scanners to better detect drug smuggling.

We've set up joint patrols with Mexico and Guatemala to catch more human
    ↪ traffickers.

We're putting in place dedicated immigration judges so families fleeing
    ↪ persecution and violence can have their cases heard faster.

We're securing commitments and supporting partners in South and Central
    ↪ America to host more refugees and secure their own borders.
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

Use as a retriever

In Langchain, a retriever is an interface that retrieves documents in response to an unstructured query, providing more functionality than a vector store. The following code demonstrates how to use TiDB vector store as a retriever.

```python
retriever = vector_store.as_retriever(
   search_type="similarity_score_threshold",
   search_kwargs={"k": 3, "score_threshold": 0.8},
)
docs_retrieved = retriever.invoke(query)
for doc in docs_retrieved:
   print("-" * 80)
   print(doc.page_content)
```

```
    print("-" * 80)
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
Tonight. I call on the Senate to: Pass the Freedom to Vote Act. Pass the
    ↪ John Lewis Voting Rights Act. And while you' re at it, pass the
    ↪ Disclose Act so Americans can know who is funding our elections.

Tonight, I' d like to honor someone who has dedicated his life to serve this
    ↪  country: Justice Stephen Breyer—an Army veteran, Constitutional
    ↪ scholar, and retiring Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
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    ↪ nominating someone to serve on the United States Supreme Court.

And I did that 4 days ago, when I nominated Circuit Court of Appeals Judge
    ↪ Ketanji Brown Jackson. One of our nation' s top legal minds, who will
    ↪  continue Justice Breyer' s legacy of excellence.
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

Remove the vector store

To remove an existing TiDB vector store, use the `drop_vectorstore()` method:

```
vector_store.drop_vectorstore()
```

Search with metadata filters

To refine your searches, you can use metadata filters to retrieve specific nearest-neighbor results that match the applied filters.

Supported metadata types

Each document in the TiDB vector store can be paired with metadata, structured as key-value pairs within a JSON object. Keys are always strings, while values can be any of the following types:

- String
- Number: integer or floating point
- Boolean: `true` or `false`

For example, the following is a valid metadata payload:

```
{
  "page": 12,
  "book_title": "Siddhartha"
}
```

Metadata filter syntax

Available filters include the following:

- `$or`: Selects vectors that match any one of the specified conditions.
- `$and`: Selects vectors that match all the specified conditions.
- `$eq`: Equal to the specified value.
- `$ne`: Not equal to the specified value.
- `$gt`: Greater than the specified value.
- `$gte`: Greater than or equal to the specified value.
- `$lt`: Less than the specified value.
- `$lte`: Less than or equal to the specified value.
- `$in`: In the specified array of values.
- `$nin`: Not in the specified array of values.

If the metadata of a document is as follows:

```
{
  "page": 12,
  "book_title": "Siddhartha"
}
```

The following metadata filters can match this document:

```
{ "page": 12 }
```

```
{ "page": { "$eq": 12 } }
```

```
{
  "page": {
    "$in": [11, 12, 13]
  }
}
```

```
{ "page": { "$nin": [13] } }
```

```
{ "page": { "$lt": 11 } }
```

```
{
  "$or": [{ "page": 11 }, { "page": 12 }],
  "$and": [{ "page": 12 }, { "page": 13 }]
}
```

In a metadata filter, TiDB treats each key-value pair as a separate filter clause and combines these clauses using the `AND` logical operator.

Example

The following example adds two documents to `TiDBVectorStore` and adds a `title` field to each document as the metadata:

```
vector_store.add_texts(
    texts=[
        "TiDB Vector offers advanced, high-speed vector processing
            ↪ capabilities, enhancing AI workflows with efficient data
            ↪ handling and analytics support.",
        "TiDB Vector, starting as low as $10 per month for basic usage",
    ],
    metadatas=[
        {"title": "TiDB Vector functionality"},
        {"title": "TiDB Vector Pricing"},
    ],
)
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
[UUID('c782cb02-8eec-45be-a31f-fdb78914f0a7'),
 UUID('08dcd2ba-9f16-4f29-a9b7-18141f8edae3')]
```

Perform a similarity search with metadata filters:

```
docs_with_score = vector_store.similarity_search_with_score(
    "Introduction to TiDB Vector", filter={"title": "TiDB Vector
        ↪ functionality"}, k=4
)
for doc, score in docs_with_score:
    print("-" * 80)
    print("Score: ", score)
    print(doc.page_content)
    print("-" * 80)
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

```
Score: 0.12761409169211535
TiDB Vector offers advanced, high-speed vector processing capabilities,
    ↪ enhancing AI workflows with efficient data handling and analytics
    ↪ support.
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

Advanced usage example: travel agent

This section demonstrates a use case of integrating vector search with Langchain for a travel agent. The goal is to create personalized travel reports for clients, helping them find airports with specific amenities, such as clean lounges and vegetarian options.

The process involves two main steps:

1. Perform a semantic search across airport reviews to identify airport codes that match the desired amenities.
2. Execute a SQL query to merge these codes with route information, highlighting airlines and destinations that align with user's preferences.

Prepare data

First, create a table to store airport route data:

```
##### Create a table to store flight plan data.
vector_store.tidb_vector_client.execute(
    """CREATE TABLE airplan_routes (
        id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
        airport_code VARCHAR(10),
        airline_code VARCHAR(10),
        destination_code VARCHAR(10),
        route_details TEXT,
        duration TIME,
        frequency INT,
        airplane_type VARCHAR(50),
        price DECIMAL(10, 2),
        layover TEXT
    );"""
)

##### Insert some sample data into airplan_routes and the vector table.
vector_store.tidb_vector_client.execute(
    """INSERT INTO airplan_routes (
        airport_code,
        airline_code,
        destination_code,
        route_details,
```

```
        duration,
        frequency,
        airplane_type,
        price,
        layover
    ) VALUES
    ('JFK', 'DL', 'LAX', 'Non-stop from JFK to LAX.', '06:00:00', 5, 'Boeing
        ↪  777', 299.99, 'None'),
    ('LAX', 'AA', 'ORD', 'Direct LAX to ORD route.', '04:00:00', 3, 'Airbus
        ↪ A320', 149.99, 'None'),
    ('EFGH', 'UA', 'SEA', 'Daily flights from SFO to SEA.', '02:30:00', 7, '
        ↪ Boeing 737', 129.99, 'None');
    """
)
vector_store.add_texts(
    texts=[
        "Clean lounges and excellent vegetarian dining options. Highly
            ↪ recommended.",
        "Comfortable seating in lounge areas and diverse food selections,
            ↪ including vegetarian.",
        "Small airport with basic facilities.",
    ],
    metadatas=[
        {"airport_code": "JFK"},
        {"airport_code": "LAX"},
        {"airport_code": "EFGH"},
    ],
)
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
[UUID('6dab390f-acd9-4c7d-b252-616606fbc89b'),
 UUID('9e811801-0e6b-4893-8886-60f4fb67ce69'),
 UUID('f426747c-0f7b-4c62-97ed-3eeb7c8dd76e')]
```

Perform a semantic search

The following code searches for airports with clean facilities and vegetarian options:

```
retriever = vector_store.as_retriever(
    search_type="similarity_score_threshold",
    search_kwargs={"k": 3, "score_threshold": 0.85},
)
semantic_query = "Could you recommend a US airport with clean lounges and
    ↪ good vegetarian dining options?"
reviews = retriever.invoke(semantic_query)
```

```
for r in reviews:
    print("-" * 80)
    print(r.page_content)
    print(r.metadata)
    print("-" * 80)
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
Clean lounges and excellent vegetarian dining options. Highly recommended.
{'airport_code': 'JFK'}
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
Comfortable seating in lounge areas and diverse food selections, including
    ↪ vegetarian.
{'airport_code': 'LAX'}
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

Retrieve detailed airport information

Extract airport codes from the search results and query the database for detailed route information:

```
##### Extracting airport codes from the metadata
airport_codes = [review.metadata["airport_code"] for review in reviews]

##### Executing a query to get the airport details
search_query = "SELECT * FROM airplan_routes WHERE airport_code IN :codes"
params = {"codes": tuple(airport_codes)}

airport_details = vector_store.tidb_vector_client.execute(search_query,
    ↪ params)
airport_details.get("result")
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
[(1, 'JFK', 'DL', 'LAX', 'Non-stop from JFK to LAX.', datetime.timedelta(
    ↪ seconds=21600), 5, 'Boeing 777', Decimal('299.99'), 'None'),
 (2, 'LAX', 'AA', 'ORD', 'Direct LAX to ORD route.', datetime.timedelta(
     ↪ seconds=14400), 3, 'Airbus A320', Decimal('149.99'), 'None')]
```

Streamline the process

Alternatively, you can streamline the entire process using a single SQL query:

```
search_query = f"""
    SELECT
        VEC_Cosine_Distance(se.embedding, :query_vector) as distance,
        ar.*,
        se.document as airport_review
    FROM
        airplan_routes ar
    JOIN
        {TABLE_NAME} se ON ar.airport_code = JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_EXTRACT(se.
            ↪ meta, '$.airport_code'))
    ORDER BY distance ASC
    LIMIT 5;
"""
query_vector = embeddings.embed_query(semantic_query)
params = {"query_vector": str(query_vector)}
airport_details = vector_store.tidb_vector_client.execute(search_query,
    ↪ params)
airport_details.get("result")
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
[(0.1219207353407008, 1, 'JFK', 'DL', 'LAX', 'Non-stop from JFK to LAX.',
    ↪ datetime.timedelta(seconds=21600), 5, 'Boeing 777', Decimal('299.99')
    ↪ , 'None', 'Clean lounges and excellent vegetarian dining options.
    ↪ Highly recommended.'),
 (0.14613754359804654, 2, 'LAX', 'AA', 'ORD', 'Direct LAX to ORD route.',
     ↪ datetime.timedelta(seconds=14400), 3, 'Airbus A320', Decimal
     ↪ ('149.99'), 'None', 'Comfortable seating in lounge areas and diverse
     ↪  food selections, including vegetarian.'),
 (0.19840519342700513, 3, 'EFGH', 'UA', 'SEA', 'Daily flights from SFO to
     ↪ SEA.', datetime.timedelta(seconds=9000), 7, 'Boeing 737', Decimal
     ↪ ('129.99'), 'None', 'Small airport with basic facilities.')]
```

Clean up data

Finally, clean up the resources by dropping the created table:

```
vector_store.tidb_vector_client.execute("DROP TABLE airplan_routes")
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
{'success': True, 'result': 0, 'error': None}
```

See also

- Vector Data Types
- Vector Search Index

4.8.3.3 Embedding Models/Services

4.8.3.3.1 Integrate TiDB Vector Search with Jina AI Embeddings API

This tutorial walks you through how to use Jina AI to generate embeddings for text data, and then store the embeddings in TiDB vector storage and search similar texts based on embeddings.

> **Warning:**
>
> The vector search feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

> **Note:**
>
> The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Python 3.8 or higher installed.
- Git installed.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.
- Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.

Run the sample app

You can quickly learn about how to integrate TiDB Vector Search with JinaAI Embedding by following the steps below.

Step 1. Clone the repository

Clone the `tidb-vector-python` repository to your local machine:

```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap/tidb-vector-python.git
```

Step 2. Create a virtual environment

Create a virtual environment for your project:

```
cd tidb-vector-python/examples/jina-ai-embeddings-demo
python3 -m venv .venv
source .venv/bin/activate
```

Step 3. Install required dependencies

Install the required dependencies for the demo project:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Step 4. Configure the environment variables

Get the Jina AI API key from the Jina AI Embeddings API page, and then configure the environment variables depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

For a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, take the following steps to obtain the cluster connection string and configure environment variables:

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.
    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `SQLAlchemy`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Switch to the **PyMySQL** tab and click the **Copy** icon to copy the connection string.

> **Tip:**
> If you have not set a password yet, click **Create password** to generate a random password.

5. Set the Jina AI API key and the TiDB connection string as environment variables in your terminal, or create a `.env` file with the following environment variables:

```
JINAAI_API_KEY="****"
TIDB_DATABASE_URL="{tidb_connection_string}"
```

The following is an example connection string for macOS:

```
TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://<prefix>.root:<password>@gateway01.<
    ↪ region>.prod.aws.tidbcloud.com:4000/test?ssl_ca=/etc/ssl/cert.pem
    ↪ &ssl_verify_cert=true&ssl_verify_identity=true"
```

For a TiDB Self-Managed cluster, set the environment variables for connecting to your TiDB cluster in your terminal as follows:

```
export JINA_API_KEY="****"
export TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://<USERNAME>:<PASSWORD>@<HOST>:<PORT
    ↪ >/<DATABASE>"
##### For example: export TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://root@127
    ↪ .0.0.1:4000/test"
```

You need to replace parameters in the preceding command according to your TiDB cluster. If you are running TiDB on your local machine, `<HOST>` is `127.0.0.1` by default. The initial `<PASSWORD>` is empty, so if you are starting the cluster for the first time, you can omit this field.

The following are descriptions for each parameter:

- `<USERNAME>`: The username to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `<PASSWORD>`: The password to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `<HOST>`: The host of the TiDB cluster.
- `<PORT>`: The port of the TiDB cluster.
- `<DATABASE>`: The name of the database you want to connect to.

Step 5. Run the demo

```
python jina-ai-embeddings-demo.py
```

Example output:

```
- Inserting Data to TiDB...
  - Inserting: Jina AI offers best-in-class embeddings, reranker and prompt
      ↪ optimizer, enabling advanced multimodal AI.
  - Inserting: TiDB is an open-source MySQL-compatible database that
      ↪ supports Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing (HTAP)
      ↪ workloads.
- List All Documents and Their Distances to the Query:
```

```
  - distance: 0.3585317326132522
    content: Jina AI offers best-in-class embeddings, reranker and prompt
       ↪ optimizer, enabling advanced multimodal AI.
  - distance: 0.10858102967720984
    content: TiDB is an open-source MySQL-compatible database that supports
       ↪ Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing (HTAP) workloads.
- The Most Relevant Document and Its Distance to the Query:
  - distance: 0.10858102967720984
    content: TiDB is an open-source MySQL-compatible database that supports
       ↪ Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing (HTAP) workloads.
```

Sample code snippets

Get embeddings from Jina AI

Define a `generate_embeddings` helper function to call Jina AI embeddings API:

```python
import os
import requests
import dotenv

dotenv.load_dotenv()

JINAAI_API_KEY = os.getenv('JINAAI_API_KEY')

def generate_embeddings(text: str):
    JINAAI_API_URL = 'https://api.jina.ai/v1/embeddings'
    JINAAI_HEADERS = {
        'Content-Type': 'application/json',
        'Authorization': f'Bearer {JINAAI_API_KEY}'
    }
    JINAAI_REQUEST_DATA = {
        'input': [text],
        'model': 'jina-embeddings-v2-base-en' # with dimension 768.
    }
    response = requests.post(JINAAI_API_URL, headers=JINAAI_HEADERS, json=
       ↪ JINAAI_REQUEST_DATA)
    return response.json()['data'][0]['embedding']
```

Connect to the TiDB cluster

Connect to the TiDB cluster through SQLAlchemy:

```python
import os
import dotenv

from tidb_vector.sqlalchemy import VectorType
from sqlalchemy.orm import Session, declarative_base
```

```
dotenv.load_dotenv()

TIDB_DATABASE_URL = os.getenv('TIDB_DATABASE_URL')
assert TIDB_DATABASE_URL is not None
engine = create_engine(url=TIDB_DATABASE_URL, pool_recycle=300)
```

Define the vector table schema

Create a table named `jinaai_tidb_demo_documents` with a `content` column for storing texts and a vector column named `content_vec` for storing embeddings:

```
from sqlalchemy import Column, Integer, String, create_engine
from sqlalchemy.orm import declarative_base

Base = declarative_base()

class Document(Base):
    __tablename__ = "jinaai_tidb_demo_documents"

    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
    content = Column(String(255), nullable=False)
    content_vec = Column(
        # DIMENSIONS is determined by the embedding model,
        # for Jina AI's jina-embeddings-v2-base-en model it's 768.
        VectorType(dim=768),
        comment="hnsw(distance=cosine)"
```

Note:

- The dimension of the vector column must match the dimension of the embeddings generated by the embedding model.
- In this example, the dimension of embeddings generated by the `jina-embeddings-v2-base-en` model is `768`.

Create embeddings with Jina AI and store in TiDB

Use the Jina AI Embeddings API to generate embeddings for each piece of text and store the embeddings in TiDB:

```
TEXTS = [
   'Jina AI offers best-in-class embeddings, reranker and prompt optimizer,
      ↪ enabling advanced multimodal AI.',
```

```
    'TiDB is an open-source MySQL-compatible database that supports Hybrid
        ↪ Transactional and Analytical Processing (HTAP) workloads.',
]
data = []

for text in TEXTS:
    # Generate embeddings for the texts via Jina AI API.
    embedding = generate_embeddings(text)
    data.append({
        'text': text,
        'embedding': embedding
    })

with Session(engine) as session:
    print('- Inserting Data to TiDB...')
    for item in data:
        print(f' - Inserting: {item["text"]}')
        session.add(Document(
            content=item['text'],
            content_vec=item['embedding']
        ))
    session.commit()
```

Perform semantic search with Jina AI embeddings in TiDB

Generate the embedding for the query text via Jina AI embeddings API, and then search for the most relevant document based on the cosine distance between **the embedding of the query text** and **each embedding in the vector table**:

```
query = 'What is TiDB?'
##### Generate the embedding for the query via Jina AI API.
query_embedding = generate_embeddings(query)

with Session(engine) as session:
    print('- The Most Relevant Document and Its Distance to the Query:')
    doc, distance = session.query(
        Document,
        Document.content_vec.cosine_distance(query_embedding).label('distance
            ↪ ')
    ).order_by(
        'distance'
    ).limit(1).first()
    print(f' - distance: {distance}\n'
          f'   content: {doc.content}')
```

See also

- Vector Data Types
- Vector Search Index

4.8.3.4 ORM Libraries

4.8.3.4.1 Integrate TiDB Vector Search with SQLAlchemy

This tutorial walks you through how to use SQLAlchemy to interact with TiDB Vector Search, store embeddings, and perform vector search queries.

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```

Step 2. Create a virtual environment

Create a virtual environment for your project:

```
cd tidb-vector-python/examples/orm-sqlalchemy-quickstart
python3 -m venv .venv
source .venv/bin/activate
```

Step 3. Install the required dependencies

Install the required dependencies for the demo project:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Alternatively, you can install the following packages for your project:

```
pip install pymysql python-dotenv sqlalchemy tidb-vector
```

Step 4. Configure the environment variables

Configure the environment variables depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

For a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, take the following steps to obtain the cluster connection string and configure environment variables:

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
    - **Branch** is set to `main`.
    - **Connect With** is set to `SQLAlchemy`.
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
>
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Click the **PyMySQL** tab and copy the connection string.

> **Tip:**
> If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.

5. In the root directory of your Python project, create a `.env` file and paste the connection string into it.

   The following is an example for macOS:

```
TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://<prefix>.root:<password>@gateway01.<
    ↪ region>.prod.aws.tidbcloud.com:4000/test?ssl_ca=/etc/ssl/cert.pem
    ↪ &ssl_verify_cert=true&ssl_verify_identity=true"
```

For a TiDB Self-Managed cluster, create a `.env` file in the root directory of your Python project. Copy the following content into the `.env` file, and modify the environment variable values according to the connection parameters of your TiDB cluster:

```
TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://<USER>:<PASSWORD>@<HOST>:<PORT>/<DATABASE
    ↪ >"
##### For example: TIDB_DATABASE_URL="mysql+pymysql://root@127.0.0.1:4000/
    ↪ test"
```

If you are running TiDB on your local machine, `<HOST>` is `127.0.0.1` by default. The initial `<PASSWORD>` is empty, so if you are starting the cluster for the first time, you can omit this field.

The following are descriptions for each parameter:

- `<USER>`: The username to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `<PASSWORD>`: The password to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `<HOST>`: The host of the TiDB cluster.
- `<PORT>`: The port of the TiDB cluster.
- `<DATABASE>`: The name of the database you want to connect to.

Step 5. Run the demo

```
python sqlalchemy-quickstart.py
```

Example output:

```
Get 3-nearest neighbor documents:
  - distance: 0.00853986601633272
    document: fish
```

```
  - distance: 0.12712843905603044
    document: dog
  - distance: 0.7327387580875756
    document: tree
Get documents within a certain distance:
  - distance: 0.00853986601633272
    document: fish
  - distance: 0.12712843905603044
    document: dog
```

Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to develop your application.

Create vector tables

Connect to TiDB cluster

```
import os
import dotenv

from sqlalchemy import Column, Integer, create_engine, Text
from sqlalchemy.orm import declarative_base, Session
from tidb_vector.sqlalchemy import VectorType

dotenv.load_dotenv()

tidb_connection_string = os.environ['TIDB_DATABASE_URL']
engine = create_engine(tidb_connection_string)
```

Define a vector column

Create a table with a column named `embedding` that stores a 3-dimensional vector.

```
Base = declarative_base()

class Document(Base):
    __tablename__ = 'sqlalchemy_demo_documents'
    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
    content = Column(Text)
    embedding = Column(VectorType(3))
```

Store documents with embeddings

```
with Session(engine) as session:
   session.add(Document(content="dog", embedding=[1, 2, 1]))
   session.add(Document(content="fish", embedding=[1, 2, 4]))
   session.add(Document(content="tree", embedding=[1, 0, 0]))
   session.commit()
```

Search the nearest neighbor documents

Search for the top-3 documents that are semantically closest to the query vector `[1, 2, 3]` based on the cosine distance function.

```
with Session(engine) as session:
  distance = Document.embedding.cosine_distance([1, 2, 3]).label('distance'
    ↪ )
  results = session.query(
    Document, distance
  ).order_by(distance).limit(3).all()
```

Search documents within a certain distance

Search for documents whose cosine distance from the query vector `[1, 2, 3]` is less than 0.2.

```
with Session(engine) as session:
    distance = Document.embedding.cosine_distance([1, 2, 3]).label('distance
      ↪ ')
    results = session.query(
        Document, distance
    ).filter(distance < 0.2).order_by(distance).limit(3).all()
```

See also

- Vector Data Types
- Vector Search Index

4.8.3.4.2 Integrate TiDB Vector Search with peewee

This tutorial walks you through how to use peewee to interact with the TiDB Vector Search, store embeddings, and perform vector search queries.

> **Warning:**
>
> The vector search feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

> **Note:**
>
> The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

- Python 3.8 or higher installed.
- Git installed.
- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.
- Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.

Run the sample app

You can quickly learn about how to integrate TiDB Vector Search with peewee by following the steps below.

Step 1. Clone the repository

Clone the `tidb-vector-python` repository to your local machine:

```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap/tidb-vector-python.git
```

Step 2. Create a virtual environment

Create a virtual environment for your project:

```
cd tidb-vector-python/examples/orm-peewee-quickstart
python3 -m venv .venv
source .venv/bin/activate
```

Step 3. Install required dependencies

Install the required dependencies for the demo project:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Alternatively, you can install the following packages for your project:

```
pip install peewee pymysql python-dotenv tidb-vector
```

Step 4. Configure the environment variables

Configure the environment variables depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

For a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, take the following steps to obtain the cluster connection string and configure environment variables:

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.

2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.

3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`.
    - **Branch** is set to `main`.
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`.
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
>
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Copy the connection parameters from the connection dialog.

> **Tip:**
>
> If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.

5. In the root directory of your Python project, create a `.env` file and paste the connection parameters to the corresponding environment variables.

    - `TIDB_HOST`: The host of the TiDB cluster.
    - `TIDB_PORT`: The port of the TiDB cluster.
    - `TIDB_USERNAME`: The username to connect to the TiDB cluster.
    - `TIDB_PASSWORD`: The password to connect to the TiDB cluster.
    - `TIDB_DATABASE`: The database name to connect to.
    - `TIDB_CA_PATH`: The path to the root certificate file.

    The following is an example for macOS:

```
TIDB_HOST=gateway01.****.prod.aws.tidbcloud.com
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USERNAME=********.root
TIDB_PASSWORD=********
TIDB_DATABASE=test
TIDB_CA_PATH=/etc/ssl/cert.pem
```

For a TiDB Self-Managed cluster, create a `.env` file in the root directory of your Python project. Copy the following content into the `.env` file, and modify the environment variable values according to the connection parameters of your TiDB cluster:

```
TIDB_HOST=127.0.0.1
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USERNAME=root
TIDB_PASSWORD=
TIDB_DATABASE=test
```

If you are running TiDB on your local machine, `TIDB_HOST` is `127.0.0.1` by default. The initial `TIDB_PASSWORD` is empty, so if you are starting the cluster for the first time, you can omit this field.

The following are descriptions for each parameter:

- `TIDB_HOST`: The host of the TiDB cluster.
- `TIDB_PORT`: The port of the TiDB cluster.
- `TIDB_USERNAME`: The username to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `TIDB_PASSWORD`: The password to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `TIDB_DATABASE`: The name of the database you want to connect to.

Step 5. Run the demo

```
python peewee-quickstart.py
```

Example output:

```
Get 3-nearest neighbor documents:
  - distance: 0.00853986601633272
    document: fish
  - distance: 0.12712843905603044
    document: dog
  - distance: 0.7327387580875756
    document: tree
Get documents within a certain distance:
  - distance: 0.00853986601633272
    document: fish
  - distance: 0.12712843905603044
    document: dog
```

Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to develop your application.

Create vector tables

Connect to TiDB cluster

```
import os
import dotenv

from peewee import Model, MySQLDatabase, SQL, TextField
from tidb_vector.peewee import VectorField

dotenv.load_dotenv()

##### Using `pymysql` as the driver.
connect_kwargs = {
    'ssl_verify_cert': True,
    'ssl_verify_identity': True,
}

##### Using `mysqlclient` as the driver.
##### connect_kwargs = {
#####     'ssl_mode': 'VERIFY_IDENTITY',
#####     'ssl': {
#####         # Root certificate default path
#####         # https://docs.pingcap.com/tidbcloud/secure-connections-to-
    ↪ serverless-clusters/#root-certificate-default-path
#####         'ca': os.environ.get('TIDB_CA_PATH', '/path/to/ca.pem'),
#####     },
##### }

db = MySQLDatabase(
    database=os.environ.get('TIDB_DATABASE', 'test'),
    user=os.environ.get('TIDB_USERNAME', 'root'),
    password=os.environ.get('TIDB_PASSWORD', ''),
    host=os.environ.get('TIDB_HOST', 'localhost'),
    port=int(os.environ.get('TIDB_PORT', '4000')),
    **connect_kwargs,
)
```

Define a vector column

Create a table with a column named `peewee_demo_documents` that stores a 3-dimensional vector.

```
class Document(Model):
    class Meta:
        database = db
        table_name = 'peewee_demo_documents'

    content = TextField()
```

```
    embedding = VectorField(3)
```

Store documents with embeddings

```
Document.create(content='dog', embedding=[1, 2, 1])
Document.create(content='fish', embedding=[1, 2, 4])
Document.create(content='tree', embedding=[1, 0, 0])
```

Search the nearest neighbor documents

Search for the top-3 documents that are semantically closest to the query vector `[1, 2, 3]` based on the cosine distance function.

```
distance = Document.embedding.cosine_distance([1, 2, 3]).alias('distance')
results = Document.select(Document, distance).order_by(distance).limit(3)
```

Search documents within a certain distance

Search for the documents whose cosine distance from the query vector `[1, 2, 3]` is less than 0.2.

```
distance_expression = Document.embedding.cosine_distance([1, 2, 3])
distance = distance_expression.alias('distance')
results = Document.select(Document, distance).where(distance_expression <
    ↪ 0.2).order_by(distance).limit(3)
```

See also

- Vector Data Types
- Vector Search Index

4.8.3.4.3 Integrate TiDB Vector Search with Django ORM

This tutorial walks you through how to use Django ORM to interact with the TiDB Vector Search, store embeddings, and perform vector search queries.

> **Warning:**
>
> The vector search feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

Note:

The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you need:

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- A TiDB cluster.

If you don't have a TiDB cluster, you can create one as follows:

- Follow Deploy a local test TiDB cluster or Deploy a production TiDB cluster to create a local cluster.
- Follow Creating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to create your own TiDB Cloud cluster.

Run the sample app

You can quickly learn about how to integrate TiDB Vector Search with Django ORM by following the steps below.

Step 1. Clone the repository

Clone the `tidb-vector-python` repository to your local machine:

```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap/tidb-vector-python.git
```

Step 2. Create a virtual environment

Create a virtual environment for your project:

```
cd tidb-vector-python/examples/orm-django-quickstart
python3 -m venv .venv
source .venv/bin/activate
```

Step 3. Install required dependencies

Install the required dependencies for the demo project:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Alternatively, you can install the following packages for your project:

```
pip install Django django-tidb mysqlclient numpy python-dotenv
```

If you encounter installation issues with mysqlclient, refer to the mysqlclient official documentation.

What is `django-tidb`

`django-tidb` is a TiDB dialect for Django, which enhances the Django ORM to support TiDB-specific features (for example, Vector Search) and resolves compatibility issues between TiDB and Django.

To install `django-tidb`, choose a version that matches your Django version. For example, if you are using `django==4.2.*`, install `django-tidb==4.2.*`. The minor version does not need to be the same. It is recommended to use the latest minor version.

For more information, refer to django-tidb repository.

Step 4. Configure the environment variables

Configure the environment variables depending on the TiDB deployment option you've selected.

For a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, take the following steps to obtain the cluster connection string and configure environment variables:

1. Navigate to the **Clusters** page, and then click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page.
2. Click **Connect** in the upper-right corner. A connection dialog is displayed.
3. Ensure the configurations in the connection dialog match your operating environment.

    - **Connection Type** is set to `Public`
    - **Branch** is set to `main`
    - **Connect With** is set to `General`
    - **Operating System** matches your environment.

> **Tip:**
> If your program is running in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), switch to the corresponding Linux distribution.

4. Copy the connection parameters from the connection dialog.

> **Tip:**
> If you have not set a password yet, click **Generate Password** to generate a random password.

5. In the root directory of your Python project, create a `.env` file and paste the connection parameters to the corresponding environment variables.

    - `TIDB_HOST`: The host of the TiDB cluster.
    - `TIDB_PORT`: The port of the TiDB cluster.
    - `TIDB_USERNAME`: The username to connect to the TiDB cluster.
    - `TIDB_PASSWORD`: The password to connect to the TiDB cluster.
    - `TIDB_DATABASE`: The database name to connect to.
    - `TIDB_CA_PATH`: The path to the root certificate file.

    The following is an example for macOS:

```
TIDB_HOST=gateway01.****.prod.aws.tidbcloud.com
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USERNAME=********.root
TIDB_PASSWORD=********
TIDB_DATABASE=test
TIDB_CA_PATH=/etc/ssl/cert.pem
```

For a TiDB Self-Managed cluster, create a `.env` file in the root directory of your Python project. Copy the following content into the `.env` file, and modify the environment variable values according to the connection parameters of your TiDB cluster:

```
TIDB_HOST=127.0.0.1
TIDB_PORT=4000
TIDB_USERNAME=root
TIDB_PASSWORD=
TIDB_DATABASE=test
```

If you are running TiDB on your local machine, `TIDB_HOST` is `127.0.0.1` by default. The initial `TIDB_PASSWORD` is empty, so if you are starting the cluster for the first time, you can omit this field.

The following are descriptions for each parameter:

- `TIDB_HOST`: The host of the TiDB cluster.
- `TIDB_PORT`: The port of the TiDB cluster.
- `TIDB_USERNAME`: The username to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `TIDB_PASSWORD`: The password to connect to the TiDB cluster.
- `TIDB_DATABASE`: The name of the database you want to connect to.

Step 5. Run the demo

Migrate the database schema:

```
python manage.py migrate
```

Run the Django development server:

```
python manage.py runserver
```

Open your browser and visit `http://127.0.0.1:8000` to try the demo application. Here are the available API paths:

API Path	Description
`POST: /insert_documents`	Insert documents with embeddings.
`GET: /get_nearest_neighbors_documents`	Get the 3-nearest neighbor documents.
`GET: /get_documents_within_distance`	Get documents within a certain distance.

Sample code snippets

You can refer to the following sample code snippets to complete your own application development.

Connect to the TiDB cluster

In the file `sample_project/settings.py`, add the following configurations:

```
dotenv.load_dotenv()

DATABASES = {
    "default": {
        # https://github.com/pingcap/django-tidb
        "ENGINE": "django_tidb",
        "HOST": os.environ.get("TIDB_HOST", "127.0.0.1"),
        "PORT": int(os.environ.get("TIDB_PORT", 4000)),
        "USER": os.environ.get("TIDB_USERNAME", "root"),
        "PASSWORD": os.environ.get("TIDB_PASSWORD", ""),
        "NAME": os.environ.get("TIDB_DATABASE", "test"),
        "OPTIONS": {
            "charset": "utf8mb4",
        },
    }
}

TIDB_CA_PATH = os.environ.get("TIDB_CA_PATH", "")
if TIDB_CA_PATH:
    DATABASES["default"]["OPTIONS"]["ssl_mode"] = "VERIFY_IDENTITY"
    DATABASES["default"]["OPTIONS"]["ssl"] = {
        "ca": TIDB_CA_PATH,
    }
```

You can create a `.env` file in the root directory of your project and set up the environment variables `TIDB_HOST`, `TIDB_PORT`, `TIDB_USERNAME`, `TIDB_PASSWORD`, `TIDB_DATABASE`,

and `TIDB_CA_PATH` with the actual values of your TiDB cluster.

Create vector tables

Define a vector column

`tidb-django` provides a `VectorField` to store vector embeddings in a table.

Create a table with a column named `embedding` that stores a 3-dimensional vector.

```
class Document(models.Model):
   content = models.TextField()
   embedding = VectorField(dimensions=3)
```

Store documents with embeddings

```
Document.objects.create(content="dog", embedding=[1, 2, 1])
Document.objects.create(content="fish", embedding=[1, 2, 4])
Document.objects.create(content="tree", embedding=[1, 0, 0])
```

Search the nearest neighbor documents

TiDB Vector support the following distance functions:

- `L1Distance`
- `L2Distance`
- `CosineDistance`
- `NegativeInnerProduct`

Search for the top-3 documents that are semantically closest to the query vector `[1, 2, 3]` based on the cosine distance function.

```
results = Document.objects.annotate(
   distance=CosineDistance('embedding', [1, 2, 3])
).order_by('distance')[:3]
```

Search documents within a certain distance

Search for the documents whose cosine distance from the query vector `[1, 2, 3]` is less than 0.2.

```
results = Document.objects.annotate(
   distance=CosineDistance('embedding', [1, 2, 3])
).filter(distance__lt=0.2).order_by('distance')[:3]
```

See also

- Vector Data Types
- Vector Search Index

4.8.4 Improve Vector Search Performance

TiDB Vector Search enables you to perform Approximate Nearest Neighbor (ANN) queries that search for results similar to an image, document, or other input. To improve the query performance, review the following best practices.

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>
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> **Note:**
>
> The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

4.8.4.1 Add vector search index for vector columns

The vector search index dramatically improves the performance of vector search queries, usually by 10x or more, with a trade-off of only a small decrease of recall rate.

4.8.4.2 Ensure vector indexes are fully built

After you insert a large volume of vector data, some of it might be in the Delta layer waiting for persistence. The vector index for such data will be built after the data is persisted. Until all vector data is indexed, vector search performance is suboptimal. To check the index build progress, see View index build progress.

4.8.4.3 Reduce vector dimensions or shorten embeddings

The computational complexity of vector search indexing and queries increases significantly as the dimension of vectors grows, requiring more floating-point comparisons.

To optimize performance, consider reducing vector dimensions whenever feasible. This usually needs switching to another embedding model. When switching models, you need to evaluate the impact of the model change on the accuracy of vector queries.

Certain embedding models like OpenAI `text-embedding-3-large` support shortening embeddings, which removes some numbers from the end of vector sequences without losing the embedding's concept-representing properties. You can also use such an embedding model to reduce the vector dimensions.

4.8.4.4 Exclude vector columns from the results

Vector embedding data is usually large and only used during the search process. By excluding vector columns from query results, you can greatly reduce the data transferred between the TiDB server and your SQL client, thereby improving query performance.

To exclude vector columns, explicitly list the columns you want to retrieve in the `SELECT` clause, instead of using `SELECT *` to retrieve all columns.

4.8.4.5 Warm up the index

When accessing an index that has never been used or has not been accessed for a long time (cold access), TiDB needs to load the entire index from cloud storage or disk (instead of from memory). This process takes time and often results in higher query latency. Additionally, if there are no SQL queries for an extended period (for example, several hours), computing resources are reclaimed, causing subsequent access to become cold access.

To avoid such query latency, warm up your index before actual workload by running similar vector search queries that hit the vector index.

4.8.5 Vector Search Limitations

This document describes the known limitations of TiDB vector search.

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>
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> **Note:**
>
> The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

4.8.5.1 Vector data type limitations

- Each vector supports up to 16383 dimensions.
- Vector data types cannot store `NaN`, `Infinity`, or `-Infinity` values.

- Vector data types cannot store double-precision floating-point numbers. If you insert or store double-precision floating-point numbers in vector columns, TiDB converts them to single-precision floating-point numbers.
- Vector columns cannot be used as primary keys or as part of a primary key.
- Vector columns cannot be used as unique indexes or as part of a unique index.
- Vector columns cannot be used as partition keys or as part of a partition key.
- Currently, TiDB does not support modifying a vector column to other data types (such as `JSON` and `VARCHAR`).

4.8.5.2 Vector index limitations

See Vector search restrictions.

4.8.5.3 Compatibility with TiDB tools

- Make sure that you are using v8.4.0 or a later version of BR to back up and restore data. Restoring tables with vector data types to TiDB clusters earlier than v8.4.0 is not supported.
- TiDB Data Migration (DM) does not support migrating or replicating MySQL 9.0 vector data types to TiDB.
- When TiCDC replicates vector data to a downstream that does not support vector data types, it will change the vector data types to another type. For more information, see Compatibility with vector data types.

4.8.5.4 Feedback

We value your feedback and are always here to help:

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- Visit our Support Portal

4.9 Transaction

4.9.1 Transaction overview

TiDB supports complete distributed transactions, providing optimistic transactions and pessimistic transactions (introduced in TiDB 3.0). This article mainly introduces transaction statements, optimistic transactions and pessimistic transactions, transaction isolation levels, and application-side retry and error handling in optimistic transactions.

4.9.1.1 Common statements

This chapter introduces how to use transactions in TiDB. The following example demonstrates the process of a simple transaction:

Bob wants to transfer $20 to Alice. This transaction includes two operations:

- Bob's account is reduced by $20.
- Alice's account is increased by $20.

Transactions can ensure that both of the above operations are executed successfully or both fail.

Insert some sample data into the table using the `users` table in the bookshop database:

```
INSERT INTO users (id, nickname, balance)
  VALUES (2, 'Bob', 200);
INSERT INTO users (id, nickname, balance)
  VALUES (1, 'Alice', 100);
```

Run the following transactions and explain what each statement means:

```
BEGIN;
  UPDATE users SET balance = balance - 20 WHERE nickname = 'Bob';
  UPDATE users SET balance = balance + 20 WHERE nickname= 'Alice';
COMMIT;
```

After the above transaction is executed successfully, the table should look like this:

```
+----+--------------+---------+
| id | account_name | balance |
+----+--------------+---------+
|  1 | Alice        |  120.00 |
|  2 | Bob          |  180.00 |
+----+--------------+---------+
```

4.9.1.1.1 Start a transaction

To explicitly start a new transaction, you can use either `BEGIN` or `START TRANSACTION`.

```
BEGIN;
```

```
START TRANSACTION;
```

The default transaction mode of TiDB is pessimistic. You can also explicitly specify the optimistic transaction model:

```
BEGIN OPTIMISTIC;
```

Enable the pessimistic transaction mode:

```
BEGIN PESSIMISTIC;
```

If the current session is in the middle of a transaction when the above statement is executed, TiDB commits the current transaction first, and then starts a new transaction.

4.9.1.1.2 Commit a transaction

You can use the `COMMIT` statement to commit all modifications made by TiDB in the current transaction.

```
COMMIT;
```

Before enabling optimistic transactions, make sure that your application can properly handle errors that may be returned by a `COMMIT` statement. If you are not sure how your application will handle it, it is recommended to use the pessimistic transaction mode instead.

4.9.1.1.3 Roll back a transaction

You can use the `ROLLBACK` statement to roll back modifications of the current transaction.

```
ROLLBACK;
```

In the previous transfer example, if you roll back the entire transaction, Alice's and Bob's balances will remain unchanged, and all modifications of the current transaction are canceled.

```
TRUNCATE TABLE `users`;

INSERT INTO `users` (`id`, `nickname`, `balance`) VALUES (1, 'Alice', 100),
    ↪  (2, 'Bob', 200);

SELECT * FROM `users`;
+----+--------------+---------+
| id | nickname   | balance |
+----+--------------+---------+
|  1 | Alice      |  100.00 |
|  2 | Bob        |  200.00 |
+----+--------------+---------+

BEGIN;
  UPDATE `users` SET `balance` = `balance` - 20 WHERE `nickname`='Bob';
  UPDATE `users` SET `balance` = `balance` + 20 WHERE `nickname`='Alice';
ROLLBACK;

SELECT * FROM `users`;
```

```
+----+-------------+---------+
| id | nickname    | balance |
+----+-------------+---------+
|  1 | Alice       |  100.00 |
|  2 | Bob         |  200.00 |
+----+-------------+---------+
```

The transaction is also automatically rolled back if the client connection is stopped or closed.

4.9.1.2 Transaction isolation levels

The transaction isolation levels are the basis of database transaction processing. The "I" (Isolation) in **ACID** refers to the isolation of the transactions.

The SQL-92 standard defines four isolation levels:

- read uncommitted (`READ UNCOMMITTED`)
- read committed (`READ COMMITTED`)
- repeatable read (`REPEATABLE READ`)
- serializable (`SERIALIZABLE`).

See the table below for details:

Isolation Level	Dirty Write	Dirty Read	Fuzzy Read	Phantom
READ UNCOMMITTED	Not Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
READ COMMITTED	Not Possible	Not possible	Possible	Possible
REPEATABLE READ	Not Possible	Not possible	Not possible	Possible
SERIALIZABLE	Not Possible	Not possible	Not possible	Not possible

TiDB supports the following isolation levels: `READ COMMITTED` and `REPEATABLE READ`:

```
mysql> SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ UNCOMMITTED;
ERROR 8048 (HY000): The isolation level 'READ-UNCOMMITTED' is not supported
    ↪ . Set tidb_skip_isolation_level_check=1 to skip this error
mysql> SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ COMMITTED;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL REPEATABLE READ;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE;
ERROR 8048 (HY000): The isolation level 'SERIALIZABLE' is not supported.
    ↪ Set tidb_skip_isolation_level_check=1 to skip this error
```

TiDB implements Snapshot Isolation (SI) level consistency, also known as "repeatable read" for consistency with MySQL. This isolation level is different from ANSI Repeatable Read Isolation Level and MySQL Repeatable Read Isolation Level. For more details, see TiDB Transaction Isolation Levels.

4.9.1.3 Need help?

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4.9.2 Optimistic Transactions and Pessimistic Transactions

The optimistic transaction model commits the transaction directly, and rolls back when there is a conflict. By contrast, the pessimistic transaction model tries to lock the resources that need to be modified before actually committing the transaction, and only starts committing after ensuring that the transaction can be successfully executed.

The optimistic transaction model is suitable for scenarios with low conflict rates, because the direct commit has a high probability of success. But once a transaction conflict occurs, the cost of rollback is relatively high.

The advantage of the pessimistic transaction model is that for scenarios with high conflict rates, the cost of locking ahead is less than the cost of rollback afterwards. Moreover, it can solve the problem that multiple concurrent transactions fail to commit due to conflicts. However, the pessimistic transaction model is not as efficient as the optimistic transaction model in scenarios with low conflict rates.

The pessimistic transaction model is more intuitive and easier to implement on the application side. The optimistic transaction model requires complex application-side retry mechanisms.

The following is an example of a bookshop. It uses an example of buying books to show the pros and cons of optimistic and pessimistic transactions. The process of buying books mainly consists of the following:

1. Update the stock quantity
2. Create an order
3. Make the payment

These operations must either all succeed or all fail. You must ensure that overselling does not happen in the case of concurrent transactions.

4.9.2.1 Pessimistic transactions

The following code uses two threads to simulate the process that two users buy the same book in a pessimistic transaction mode. There are 10 books left in the bookstore. Bob buys

6 books, and Alice buys 4 books. They complete the orders at nearly the same time. As a result, all books in inventory are sold out.

Because you use multiple threads to simulate the situation that multiple users insert data simultaneously, you need to use a connection object with safe threads. Here use Java's popular connection pool HikariCP for demo.

`sql.DB` in Golang is concurrency-safe, so there is no need to import a third-party package.

To adapt TiDB transactions, write a toolkit util according to the following code:

```
package util

import (
    "context"
    "database/sql"
)

type TiDBSqlTx struct {
    *sql.Tx
    conn       *sql.Conn
    pessimistic bool
}

func TiDBSqlBegin(db *sql.DB, pessimistic bool) (*TiDBSqlTx, error) {
    ctx := context.Background()
    conn, err := db.Conn(ctx)
    if err != nil {
        return nil, err
    }
    if pessimistic {
        _, err = conn.ExecContext(ctx, "set @@tidb_txn_mode=?", "pessimistic
            ↪ ")
    } else {
        _, err = conn.ExecContext(ctx, "set @@tidb_txn_mode=?", "optimistic")
    }
    if err != nil {
        return nil, err
    }
    tx, err := conn.BeginTx(ctx, nil)
    if err != nil {
        return nil, err
    }
    return &TiDBSqlTx{
        conn:       conn,
        Tx:         tx,
        pessimistic: pessimistic,
```

```
    }, nil
}

func (tx *TiDBSqlTx) Commit() error {
    defer tx.conn.Close()
    return tx.Tx.Commit()
}

func (tx *TiDBSqlTx) Rollback() error {
    defer tx.conn.Close()
    return tx.Tx.Rollback()
}
```

To ensure thread safety, you can use the mysqlclient driver to open multiple connections that are not shared between threads.

4.9.2.1.1 Write a pessimistic transaction example

Configuration file

If you use Maven to manage the package, in the `<dependencies>` node in `pom.xml`, add the following dependencies to import `HikariCP`, and set the packaging target, and the main class of the JAR package startup. The following is an example of `pom.xml`.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.
    ↪ org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0 http://maven.apache.
      ↪ org/xsd/maven-4.0.0.xsd">
  <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>

  <groupId>com.pingcap</groupId>
  <artifactId>plain-java-txn</artifactId>
  <version>0.0.1</version>

  <name>plain-java-jdbc</name>

  <properties>
    <project.build.sourceEncoding>UTF-8</project.build.sourceEncoding>
    <maven.compiler.source>17</maven.compiler.source>
    <maven.compiler.target>17</maven.compiler.target>
  </properties>

  <dependencies>
    <dependency>
```

```
    <groupId>junit</groupId>
    <artifactId>junit</artifactId>
    <version>4.13.2</version>
    <scope>test</scope>
  </dependency>

  <!-- https://mvnrepository.com/artifact/mysql/mysql-connector-java -->
  <dependency>
    <groupId>mysql</groupId>
    <artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
    <version>8.0.28</version>
  </dependency>

  <dependency>
    <groupId>com.zaxxer</groupId>
    <artifactId>HikariCP</artifactId>
    <version>5.0.1</version>
  </dependency>
</dependencies>

<build>
  <plugins>
    <plugin>
      <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
      <artifactId>maven-assembly-plugin</artifactId>
      <version>3.3.0</version>
      <configuration>
        <descriptorRefs>
          <descriptorRef>jar-with-dependencies</descriptorRef>
        </descriptorRefs>
        <archive>
          <manifest>
            <mainClass>com.pingcap.txn.TxnExample</mainClass>
          </manifest>
        </archive>

      </configuration>
      <executions>
        <execution>
          <id>make-assembly</id>
          <phase>package</phase>
          <goals>
            <goal>single</goal>
          </goals>
        </execution>
```

```
      </executions>
    </plugin>
  </plugins>
 </build>

</project>
```

Coding

Then write the code:

```
package com.pingcap.txn;

import com.zaxxer.hikari.HikariDataSource;

import java.math.BigDecimal;
import java.sql.*;
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.concurrent.*;

public class TxnExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws SQLException,
        ↪ InterruptedException {
        System.out.println(Arrays.toString(args));
        int aliceQuantity = 0;
        int bobQuantity = 0;

        for (String arg: args) {
            if (arg.startsWith("ALICE_NUM")) {
                aliceQuantity = Integer.parseInt(arg.replace("ALICE_NUM=", "")
                    ↪ );
            }

            if (arg.startsWith("BOB_NUM")) {
                bobQuantity = Integer.parseInt(arg.replace("BOB_NUM=", ""));
            }
        }

        HikariDataSource ds = new HikariDataSource();
        ds.setJdbcUrl("jdbc:mysql://localhost:4000/bookshop?
            ↪ useServerPrepStmts=true&cachePrepStmts=true");
        ds.setUsername("root");
        ds.setPassword("");

        // prepare data
        Connection connection = ds.getConnection();
```

```
        createBook(connection, 1L, "Designing Data-Intensive Application", "
            ↪ Science & Technology",
                Timestamp.valueOf("2018-09-01 00:00:00"), new BigDecimal(100)
                    ↪ , 10);
        createUser(connection, 1L, "Bob", new BigDecimal(10000));
        createUser(connection, 2L, "Alice", new BigDecimal(10000));

        CountDownLatch countDownLatch = new CountDownLatch(2);
        ExecutorService threadPool = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(2);

        final int finalBobQuantity = bobQuantity;
        threadPool.execute(() -> {
            buy(ds, 1, 1000L, 1L, 1L, finalBobQuantity);
            countDownLatch.countDown();
        });
        final int finalAliceQuantity = aliceQuantity;
        threadPool.execute(() -> {
            buy(ds, 2, 1001L, 1L, 2L, finalAliceQuantity);
            countDownLatch.countDown();
        });

        countDownLatch.await(5, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
    }

    public static void createUser(Connection connection, Long id, String
        ↪ nickname, BigDecimal balance) throws SQLException {
        PreparedStatement insert = connection.prepareStatement(
                "INSERT INTO `users` (`id`, `nickname`, `balance`) VALUES (?,
                    ↪ ?, ?)");
        insert.setLong(1, id);
        insert.setString(2, nickname);
        insert.setBigDecimal(3, balance);
        insert.executeUpdate();
    }

    public static void createBook(Connection connection, Long id, String
        ↪ title, String type, Timestamp publishedAt, BigDecimal price,
        ↪ Integer stock) throws SQLException {
        PreparedStatement insert = connection.prepareStatement(
                "INSERT INTO `books` (`id`, `title`, `type`, `published_at`, `
                    ↪ price`, `stock`) values (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)");
        insert.setLong(1, id);
        insert.setString(2, title);
        insert.setString(3, type);
        insert.setTimestamp(4, publishedAt);
```

```
        insert.setBigDecimal(5, price);
        insert.setInt(6, stock);

        insert.executeUpdate();
    }

    public static void buy (HikariDataSource ds, Integer threadID,
                            Long orderID, Long bookID, Long userID, Integer
                                ↪ quantity) {
        String txnComment = "/* txn " + threadID + " */ ";

        try (Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
            try {
                connection.setAutoCommit(false);
                connection.createStatement().executeUpdate(txnComment + "begin
                    ↪  pessimistic");

                // waiting for other thread ran the 'begin pessimistic'
                    ↪ statement
                TimeUnit.SECONDS.sleep(1);

                BigDecimal price = null;

                // read price of book
                PreparedStatement selectBook = connection.prepareStatement(
                    ↪ txnComment + "select price from books where id = ? for
                    ↪ update");
                selectBook.setLong(1, bookID);
                ResultSet res = selectBook.executeQuery();
                if (!res.next()) {
                    throw new RuntimeException("book not exist");
                } else {
                    price = res.getBigDecimal("price");
                }

                // update book
                String updateBookSQL = "update `books` set stock = stock - ?
                    ↪ where id = ? and stock - ? >= 0";
                PreparedStatement updateBook = connection.prepareStatement(
                    ↪ txnComment + updateBookSQL);
                updateBook.setInt(1, quantity);
                updateBook.setLong(2, bookID);
                updateBook.setInt(3, quantity);
                int affectedRows = updateBook.executeUpdate();
```

```
                if (affectedRows == 0) {
                    // stock not enough, rollback
                    connection.createStatement().executeUpdate(txnComment + "
                        ↪ rollback");
                    return;
                }

                // insert order
                String insertOrderSQL = "insert into `orders` (`id`, `book_id
                    ↪ `, `user_id`, `quality`) values (?, ?, ?, ?)";
                PreparedStatement insertOrder = connection.prepareStatement(
                    ↪ txnComment + insertOrderSQL);
                insertOrder.setLong(1, orderID);
                insertOrder.setLong(2, bookID);
                insertOrder.setLong(3, userID);
                insertOrder.setInt(4, quantity);
                insertOrder.executeUpdate();

                // update user
                String updateUserSQL = "update `users` set `balance` = `
                    ↪ balance` - ? where id = ?";
                PreparedStatement updateUser = connection.prepareStatement(
                    ↪ txnComment + updateUserSQL);
                updateUser.setBigDecimal(1, price.multiply(new BigDecimal(
                    ↪ quantity)));
                updateUser.setLong(2, userID);
                updateUser.executeUpdate();

                connection.createStatement().executeUpdate(txnComment + "
                    ↪ commit");
            } catch (Exception e) {
                connection.createStatement().executeUpdate(txnComment + "
                    ↪ rollback");
                e.printStackTrace();
            }
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

Write a `helper.go` file that contains the required database operations:

```
package main
```

```
import (
    "context"
    "database/sql"
    "fmt"
    "time"

    "github.com/go-sql-driver/mysql"
    "github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-example-golang/util"
    "github.com/shopspring/decimal"
)

type TxnFunc func(txn *util.TiDBSqlTx) error

const (
    ErrWriteConflict    = 9007 // Transactions in TiKV encounter write
       ↪ conflicts.
    ErrInfoSchemaChanged = 8028 // table schema changes
    ErrForUpdateCantRetry = 8002 // "SELECT FOR UPDATE" commit conflict
    ErrTxnRetryable     = 8022 // The transaction commit fails and has been
       ↪ rolled back
)

const retryTimes = 5

var retryErrorCodeSet = map[uint16]interface{}{
    ErrWriteConflict:    nil,
    ErrInfoSchemaChanged: nil,
    ErrForUpdateCantRetry: nil,
    ErrTxnRetryable:     nil,
}

func runTxn(db *sql.DB, optimistic bool, optimisticRetryTimes int, txnFunc
    ↪ TxnFunc) {
    txn, err := util.TiDBSqlBegin(db, !optimistic)
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }

    err = txnFunc(txn)
    if err != nil {
        txn.Rollback()
        if mysqlErr, ok := err.(*mysql.MySQLError); ok && optimistic &&
           ↪ optimisticRetryTimes != 0 {
            if _, retryableError := retryErrorCodeSet[mysqlErr.Number];
               ↪ retryableError {
```

```
                fmt.Printf("[runTxn] got a retryable error, rest time: %d\n",
                    ↪ optimisticRetryTimes-1)
                runTxn(db, optimistic, optimisticRetryTimes-1, txnFunc)
                return
            }
        }

        fmt.Printf("[runTxn] got an error, rollback: %+v\n", err)
    } else {
        err = txn.Commit()
        if mysqlErr, ok := err.(*mysql.MySQLError); ok && optimistic &&
            ↪ optimisticRetryTimes != 0 {
            if _, retryableError := retryErrorCodeSet[mysqlErr.Number];
                ↪ retryableError {
                fmt.Printf("[runTxn] got a retryable error, rest time: %d\n",
                    ↪ optimisticRetryTimes-1)
                runTxn(db, optimistic, optimisticRetryTimes-1, txnFunc)
                return
            }
        }

        if err == nil {
            fmt.Println("[runTxn] commit success")
        }
    }
}

func prepareData(db *sql.DB, optimistic bool) {
    runTxn(db, optimistic, retryTimes, func(txn *util.TiDBSqlTx) error {
        publishedAt, err := time.Parse("2006-01-02 15:04:05", "2018-09-01
            ↪ 00:00:00")
        if err != nil {
            return err
        }

        if err = createBook(txn, 1, "Designing Data-Intensive Application",
            "Science & Technology", publishedAt, decimal.NewFromInt(100), 10)
                ↪ ; err != nil {
            return err
        }

        if err = createUser(txn, 1, "Bob", decimal.NewFromInt(10000)); err !=
            ↪  nil {
            return err
        }
```

```
        if err = createUser(txn, 2, "Alice", decimal.NewFromInt(10000)); err
            ↪ != nil {
            return err
        }

        return nil
    })
}

func buyPessimistic(db *sql.DB, goroutineID, orderID, bookID, userID, amount
    ↪  int) {
    txnComment := fmt.Sprintf("/* txn %d */ ", goroutineID)
    if goroutineID != 1 {
        txnComment = "\t" + txnComment
    }

    fmt.Printf("\nuser %d try to buy %d books(id: %d)\n", userID, amount,
        ↪ bookID)

    runTxn(db, false, retryTimes, func(txn *util.TiDBSqlTx) error {
        time.Sleep(time.Second)

        // read the price of book
        selectBookForUpdate := "select `price` from books where id = ? for
            ↪ update"
        bookRows, err := txn.Query(selectBookForUpdate, bookID)
        if err != nil {
            return err
        }
        fmt.Println(txnComment + selectBookForUpdate + " successful")
        defer bookRows.Close()

        price := decimal.NewFromInt(0)
        if bookRows.Next() {
            err = bookRows.Scan(&price)
            if err != nil {
                return err
            }
        } else {
            return fmt.Errorf("book ID not exist")
        }
        bookRows.Close()

        // update book
```

```
        updateStock := "update `books` set stock = stock - ? where id = ? and
            ↪  stock - ? >= 0"
        result, err := txn.Exec(updateStock, amount, bookID, amount)
        if err != nil {
            return err
        }
        fmt.Println(txnComment + updateStock + " successful")

        affected, err := result.RowsAffected()
        if err != nil {
            return err
        }

        if affected == 0 {
            return fmt.Errorf("stock not enough, rollback")
        }

        // insert order
        insertOrder := "insert into `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_id`, `
            ↪ quality`) values (?, ?, ?, ?)"
        if _, err := txn.Exec(insertOrder,
            orderID, bookID, userID, amount); err != nil {
            return err
        }
        fmt.Println(txnComment + insertOrder + " successful")

        // update user
        updateUser := "update `users` set `balance` = `balance` - ? where id
            ↪ = ?"
        if _, err := txn.Exec(updateUser,
            price.Mul(decimal.NewFromInt(int64(amount))), userID); err != nil
                ↪  {
            return err
        }
        fmt.Println(txnComment + updateUser + " successful")

        return nil
    })
}

func buyOptimistic(db *sql.DB, goroutineID, orderID, bookID, userID, amount
    ↪ int) {
    txnComment := fmt.Sprintf("/* txn %d */ ", goroutineID)
    if goroutineID != 1 {
        txnComment = "\t" + txnComment
```

```
}

fmt.Printf("\nuser %d try to buy %d books(id: %d)\n", userID, amount,
    ↪ bookID)

runTxn(db, true, retryTimes, func(txn *util.TiDBSqlTx) error {
    time.Sleep(time.Second)

    // read the price and stock of book
    selectBookForUpdate := "select `price`, `stock` from books where id =
        ↪  ? for update"
    bookRows, err := txn.Query(selectBookForUpdate, bookID)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    fmt.Println(txnComment + selectBookForUpdate + " successful")
    defer bookRows.Close()

    price, stock := decimal.NewFromInt(0), 0
    if bookRows.Next() {
        err = bookRows.Scan(&price, &stock)
        if err != nil {
            return err
        }
    } else {
        return fmt.Errorf("book ID not exist")
    }
    bookRows.Close()

    if stock < amount {
        return fmt.Errorf("book not enough")
    }

    // update book
    updateStock := "update `books` set stock = stock - ? where id = ? and
        ↪  stock - ? >= 0"
    result, err := txn.Exec(updateStock, amount, bookID, amount)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    fmt.Println(txnComment + updateStock + " successful")

    affected, err := result.RowsAffected()
    if err != nil {
        return err
```

```
        }

        if affected == 0 {
            return fmt.Errorf("stock not enough, rollback")
        }

        // insert order
        insertOrder := "insert into `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_id`, `
            ↪ quality`) values (?, ?, ?, ?)"
        if _, err := txn.Exec(insertOrder,
            orderID, bookID, userID, amount); err != nil {
            return err
        }
        fmt.Println(txnComment + insertOrder + " successful")

        // update user
        updateUser := "update `users` set `balance` = `balance` - ? where id
            ↪ = ?"
        if _, err := txn.Exec(updateUser,
            price.Mul(decimal.NewFromInt(int64(amount))), userID); err != nil
                ↪  {
            return err
        }
        fmt.Println(txnComment + updateUser + " successful")

        return nil
    })
}

func createBook(txn *util.TiDBSqlTx, id int, title, bookType string,
    publishedAt time.Time, price decimal.Decimal, stock int) error {
    _, err := txn.ExecContext(context.Background(),
        "INSERT INTO `books` (`id`, `title`, `type`, `published_at`, `price`,
            ↪  `stock`) values (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)",
        id, title, bookType, publishedAt, price, stock)
    return err
}

func createUser(txn *util.TiDBSqlTx, id int, nickname string, balance
    ↪ decimal.Decimal) error {
    _, err := txn.ExecContext(context.Background(),
        "INSERT INTO `users` (`id`, `nickname`, `balance`) VALUES (?, ?, ?)",
        id, nickname, balance)
    return err
}
```

Then write a `txn.go` with a `main` function to call `helper.go` and handle the incoming command line arguments:

```
package main

import (
    "database/sql"
    "flag"
    "fmt"
    "sync"
)

func main() {
    optimistic, alice, bob := parseParams()

    openDB("mysql", "root:@tcp(127.0.0.1:4000)/bookshop?charset=utf8mb4",
        ↪ func(db *sql.DB) {
        prepareData(db, optimistic)
        buy(db, optimistic, alice, bob)
    })
}

func buy(db *sql.DB, optimistic bool, alice, bob int) {
    buyFunc := buyOptimistic
    if !optimistic {
        buyFunc = buyPessimistic
    }

    wg := sync.WaitGroup{}
    wg.Add(1)
    go func() {
        defer wg.Done()
        buyFunc(db, 1, 1000, 1, 1, bob)
    }()

    wg.Add(1)
    go func() {
        defer wg.Done()
        buyFunc(db, 2, 1001, 1, 2, alice)
    }()

    wg.Wait()
}
```

```
func openDB(driverName, dataSourceName string, runnable func(db *sql.DB)) {
    db, err := sql.Open(driverName, dataSourceName)
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    defer db.Close()

    runnable(db)
}

func parseParams() (optimistic bool, alice, bob int) {
    flag.BoolVar(&optimistic, "o", false, "transaction is optimistic")
    flag.IntVar(&alice, "a", 4, "Alice bought num")
    flag.IntVar(&bob, "b", 6, "Bob bought num")

    flag.Parse()

    fmt.Println(optimistic, alice, bob)

    return optimistic, alice, bob
}
```

The Golang example already includes optimistic transactions.

```
import time

import MySQLdb
import os
import datetime
from threading import Thread

REPEATABLE_ERROR_CODE_SET = {
    9007, # Transactions in TiKV encounter write conflicts.
    8028, # table schema changes
    8002, # "SELECT FOR UPDATE" commit conflict
    8022  # The transaction commit fails and has been rolled back
}


def create_connection():
    return MySQLdb.connect(
        host="127.0.0.1",
        port=4000,
        user="root",
        password="",
```

```
        database="bookshop",
        autocommit=False
    )


def prepare_data() -> None:
    connection = create_connection()
    with connection:
        with connection.cursor() as cursor:
            cursor.execute("INSERT INTO `books` (`id`, `title`, `type`, `
                ↪ published_at`, `price`, `stock`) "
                           "values (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s)",
                           (1, "Designing Data-Intensive Application", "Science
                               ↪  & Technology",
                            datetime.datetime(2018, 9, 1), 100, 10))

            cursor.executemany("INSERT INTO `users` (`id`, `nickname`, `
                ↪ balance`) VALUES (%s, %s, %s)",
                               [(1, "Bob", 10000), (2, "ALICE", 10000)])
            connection.commit()


def buy_optimistic(thread_id: int, order_id: int, book_id: int, user_id:
    ↪ int, amount: int,
                   optimistic_retry_times: int = 5) -> None:
    connection = create_connection()

    txn_log_header = f"/* txn {thread_id} */"
    if thread_id != 1:
        txn_log_header = "\t" + txn_log_header

    with connection:
        with connection.cursor() as cursor:
            cursor.execute("BEGIN OPTIMISTIC")
            print(f'{txn_log_header} BEGIN OPTIMISTIC')
            time.sleep(1)

            try:
                # read the price of book
                select_book_for_update = "SELECT `price`, `stock` FROM books
                    ↪ WHERE id = %s FOR UPDATE"
                cursor.execute(select_book_for_update, (book_id,))
                book = cursor.fetchone()
                if book is None:
                    raise Exception("book_id not exist")
```

```
            price, stock = book
            print(f'{txn_log_header} {select_book_for_update} successful'
                ↪ )

            if stock < amount:
                raise Exception("book not enough, rollback")

            # update book
            update_stock = "update `books` set stock = stock - %s where id
                ↪  = %s and stock - %s >= 0"
            rows_affected = cursor.execute(update_stock, (amount, book_id
                ↪ , amount))
            print(f'{txn_log_header} {update_stock} successful')

            if rows_affected == 0:
                raise Exception("stock not enough, rollback")

            # insert order
            insert_order = "insert into `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_
                ↪ id`, `quality`) values (%s, %s, %s, %s)"
            cursor.execute(insert_order, (order_id, book_id, user_id,
                ↪ amount))
            print(f'{txn_log_header} {insert_order} successful')

            # update user
            update_user = "update `users` set `balance` = `balance` - %s
                ↪ where id = %s"
            cursor.execute(update_user, (amount * price, user_id))
            print(f'{txn_log_header} {update_user} successful')

        except Exception as err:
            connection.rollback()

            print(f'something went wrong: {err}')
        else:
            # important here! you need deal the Exception from the TiDB
            try:
                connection.commit()
            except MySQLdb.MySQLError as db_err:
                code, desc = db_err.args
                if code in REPEATABLE_ERROR_CODE_SET and optimistic_retry_
                    ↪ times > 0:
                    print(f'retry, rest {optimistic_retry_times - 1} times
                        ↪ , for {code} {desc}')
                    buy_optimistic(thread_id, order_id, book_id, user_id,
```

```
                    ↪ amount, optimistic_retry_times - 1)


def buy_pessimistic(thread_id: int, order_id: int, book_id: int, user_id:
    ↪ int, amount: int) -> None:
    connection = create_connection()

    txn_log_header = f"/* txn {thread_id} */"
    if thread_id != 1:
        txn_log_header = "\t" + txn_log_header

    with connection:
        with connection.cursor() as cursor:
            cursor.execute("BEGIN PESSIMISTIC")
            print(f'{txn_log_header} BEGIN PESSIMISTIC')
            time.sleep(1)

            try:
                # read the price of book
                select_book_for_update = "SELECT `price` FROM books WHERE id
                    ↪ = %s FOR UPDATE"
                cursor.execute(select_book_for_update, (book_id,))
                book = cursor.fetchone()
                if book is None:
                    raise Exception("book_id not exist")
                price = book[0]
                print(f'{txn_log_header} {select_book_for_update} successful'
                    ↪ )

                # update book
                update_stock = "update `books` set stock = stock - %s where id
                    ↪  = %s and stock - %s >= 0"
                rows_affected = cursor.execute(update_stock, (amount, book_id
                    ↪ , amount))
                print(f'{txn_log_header} {update_stock} successful')

                if rows_affected == 0:
                    raise Exception("stock not enough, rollback")

                # insert order
                insert_order = "insert into `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_
                    ↪ id`, `quality`) values (%s, %s, %s, %s)"
                cursor.execute(insert_order, (order_id, book_id, user_id,
                    ↪ amount))
                print(f'{txn_log_header} {insert_order} successful')
```

```
                # update user
                update_user = "update `users` set `balance` = `balance` - %s
                    ↪ where id = %s"
                cursor.execute(update_user, (amount * price, user_id))
                print(f'{txn_log_header} {update_user} successful')

            except Exception as err:
                connection.rollback()
                print(f'something went wrong: {err}')
            else:
                connection.commit()


optimistic = os.environ.get('OPTIMISTIC')
alice = os.environ.get('ALICE')
bob = os.environ.get('BOB')

if not (optimistic and alice and bob):
    raise Exception("please use \"OPTIMISTIC=<is_optimistic> ALICE=<alice_
        ↪ num> "
                    "BOB=<bob_num> python3 txn_example.py\" to start this
                        ↪ script")

prepare_data()

if bool(optimistic) is True:
    buy_func = buy_optimistic
else:
    buy_func = buy_pessimistic

bob_thread = Thread(target=buy_func, kwargs={
    "thread_id": 1, "order_id": 1000, "book_id": 1, "user_id": 1, "amount":
        ↪ int(bob)})
alice_thread = Thread(target=buy_func, kwargs={
    "thread_id": 2, "order_id": 1001, "book_id": 1, "user_id": 2, "amount":
        ↪ int(alice)})

bob_thread.start()
alice_thread.start()
bob_thread.join(timeout=10)
alice_thread.join(timeout=10)
```

The Python example already includes optimistic transactions.

4.9.2.1.2 An example that does not involve overselling

Run the sample program:

```
mvn clean package
java -jar target/plain-java-txn-0.0.1-jar-with-dependencies.jar ALICE_NUM=4
    ↪ BOB_NUM=6
```

```
go build -o bin/txn
./bin/txn -a 4 -b 6
```

```
OPTIMISTIC=False ALICE=4 BOB=6 python3 txn_example.py
```

SQL logs:

```
/* txn 1 */ BEGIN PESSIMISTIC
    /* txn 2 */ BEGIN PESSIMISTIC
    /* txn 2 */ SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = 1 FOR UPDATE
    /* txn 2 */ UPDATE `books` SET `stock` = `stock` - 4 WHERE `id` = 1 AND
        ↪  `stock` - 4 >= 0
    /* txn 2 */ INSERT INTO `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_id`, `quality`)
        ↪  VALUES (1001, 1, 1, 4)
    /* txn 2 */ UPDATE `users` SET `balance` = `balance` - 400.0 WHERE `id`
        ↪ = 2
    /* txn 2 */ COMMIT
/* txn 1 */ SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = 1 FOR UPDATE
/* txn 1 */ UPDATE `books` SET `stock` = `stock` - 6 WHERE `id` = 1 AND `
    ↪ stock` - 6 >= 0
/* txn 1 */ INSERT INTO `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_id`, `quality`)
    ↪ VALUES (1000, 1, 1, 6)
/* txn 1 */ UPDATE `users` SET `balance` = `balance` - 600.0 WHERE `id` = 1
/* txn 1 */ COMMIT
```

Finally, check that the order is created, the user balance is deducted, and the book inventory is deducted as expected.

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM `books`;
+--
    ↪ --+--------------------------------------+--------------------+-------------
    ↪
| id | title                                | type               | published_at
    ↪      | stock | price |
+--
    ↪ --+--------------------------------------+--------------------+-------------
    ↪
|  1 | Designing Data-Intensive Application | Science & Technology |
    ↪ 2018-09-01 00:00:00 | 0 | 100.00 |
```

```
+--
    ↪ --+--------------------------------------+--------------------+-------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM orders;
+------+---------+---------+---------+--------------------+
| id   | book_id | user_id | quality | ordered_at         |
+------+---------+---------+---------+--------------------+
| 1000 |       1 |       1 |       6 | 2022-04-19 10:58:12 |
| 1001 |       1 |       1 |       4 | 2022-04-19 10:58:11 |
+------+---------+---------+---------+--------------------+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM users;
+----+---------+----------+
| id | balance | nickname |
+----+---------+----------+
|  1 | 9400.00 | Bob      |
|  2 | 9600.00 | Alice    |
+----+---------+----------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

4.9.2.1.3 An example that prevents overselling

The task in this example is more challenging. Suppose there are 10 books left in stock. Bob buys 7 books, Alice buys 4 books, and they place orders almost at the same time. What will happen? You can reuse the code from the previous example to solve this challenge, and change Bob's purchase quantity from 6 to 7.

Run the sample program:

```
mvn clean package
java -jar target/plain-java-txn-0.0.1-jar-with-dependencies.jar ALICE_NUM=4
    ↪ BOB_NUM=7
```

```
go build -o bin/txn
./bin/txn -a 4 -b 7
```

```
OPTIMISTIC=False ALICE=4 BOB=7 python3 txn_example.py
```

```
/* txn 1 */ BEGIN PESSIMISTIC
    /* txn 2 */ BEGIN PESSIMISTIC
    /* txn 2 */ SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = 1 FOR UPDATE
    /* txn 2 */ UPDATE `books` SET `stock` = `stock` - 4 WHERE `id` = 1 AND
        ↪  `stock` - 4 >= 0
```

```
    /* txn 2 */ INSERT INTO `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_id`, `quality`)
       ↪  values (1001, 1, 1, 4)
    /* txn 2 */ UPDATE `users` SET `balance` = `balance` - 400.0 WHERE `id`
       ↪ = 2
    /* txn 2 */ COMMIT
/* txn 1 */ SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = 1 FOR UPDATE
/* txn 1 */ UPDATE `books` SET `stock` = `stock` - 7 WHERE `id` = 1 AND `
   ↪ stock` - 7 >= 0
/* txn 1 */ ROLLBACK
```

Since `txn 2` preemptively gets the lock resource and updates the stock, the return value of `affected_rows` in `txn 1` is 0, and it enters the `rollback` process.

Let's check the order creation, user balance deduction, and book inventory deduction. Alice successfully ordered 4 books, Bob failed to order 7 books, and the remaining 6 books are in stock as expected.

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM books;
+--
   ↪ --+--------------------------------------+---------------------+-------------
   ↪
| id | title                                | type                | published_at
   ↪      | stock | price |
+--
   ↪ --+--------------------------------------+---------------------+-------------
   ↪
|  1 | Designing Data-Intensive Application | Science & Technology |
   ↪ 2018-09-01 00:00:00 | 6 | 100.00 |
+--
   ↪ --+--------------------------------------+---------------------+-------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM orders;
+------+---------+---------+---------+---------------------+
| id   | book_id | user_id | quality | ordered_at          |
+------+---------+---------+---------+---------------------+
| 1001 |       1 |       1 |       4 | 2022-04-19 11:03:03 |
+------+---------+---------+---------+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM users;
+----+----------+----------+
| id | balance | nickname |
+----+----------+----------+
|  1 | 10000.00 | Bob      |
```

```
|  2 | 9600.00 | Alice  |
+----+----------+----------+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

4.9.2.2 Optimistic transactions

The following code uses two threads to simulate the process that two users buy the same book in an optimistic transaction, just like the pessimistic transaction example. There are 10 books left in inventory. Bob buys 6 and Alice buys 4. They complete the order at about the same time. In the end, no books are left in inventory.

4.9.2.2.1 Write an optimistic transaction example

Coding

```
package com.pingcap.txn.optimistic;

import com.zaxxer.hikari.HikariDataSource;

import java.math.BigDecimal;
import java.sql.*;
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.concurrent.*;

public class TxnExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws SQLException,
        ↪ InterruptedException {
        System.out.println(Arrays.toString(args));
        int aliceQuantity = 0;
        int bobQuantity = 0;

        for (String arg: args) {
            if (arg.startsWith("ALICE_NUM")) {
                aliceQuantity = Integer.parseInt(arg.replace("ALICE_NUM=", "")
                    ↪ );
            }

            if (arg.startsWith("BOB_NUM")) {
                bobQuantity = Integer.parseInt(arg.replace("BOB_NUM=", ""));
            }
        }

        HikariDataSource ds = new HikariDataSource();
        ds.setJdbcUrl("jdbc:mysql://localhost:4000/bookshop?
            ↪ useServerPrepStmts=true&cachePrepStmts=true");
```

```
        ds.setUsername("root");
        ds.setPassword("");

        // prepare data
        Connection connection = ds.getConnection();
        createBook(connection, 1L, "Designing Data-Intensive Application", "
            ↪ Science & Technology",
                Timestamp.valueOf("2018-09-01 00:00:00"), new BigDecimal(100)
                    ↪ , 10);
        createUser(connection, 1L, "Bob", new BigDecimal(10000));
        createUser(connection, 2L, "Alice", new BigDecimal(10000));

        CountDownLatch countDownLatch = new CountDownLatch(2);
        ExecutorService threadPool = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(2);

        final int finalBobQuantity = bobQuantity;
        threadPool.execute(() -> {
            buy(ds, 1, 1000L, 1L, 1L, finalBobQuantity, 5);
            countDownLatch.countDown();
        });
        final int finalAliceQuantity = aliceQuantity;
        threadPool.execute(() -> {
            buy(ds, 2, 1001L, 1L, 2L, finalAliceQuantity, 5);
            countDownLatch.countDown();
        });

        countDownLatch.await(5, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
    }

    public static void createUser(Connection connection, Long id, String
        ↪ nickname, BigDecimal balance) throws SQLException {
        PreparedStatement insert = connection.prepareStatement(
                "INSERT INTO `users` (`id`, `nickname`, `balance`) VALUES (?,
                    ↪ ?, ?)");
        insert.setLong(1, id);
        insert.setString(2, nickname);
        insert.setBigDecimal(3, balance);
        insert.executeUpdate();
    }

    public static void createBook(Connection connection, Long id, String
        ↪ title, String type, Timestamp publishedAt, BigDecimal price,
        ↪ Integer stock) throws SQLException {
        PreparedStatement insert = connection.prepareStatement(
                "INSERT INTO `books` (`id`, `title`, `type`, `published_at`, `
```

```
                ↪ price`, `stock`) values (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)");
        insert.setLong(1, id);
        insert.setString(2, title);
        insert.setString(3, type);
        insert.setTimestamp(4, publishedAt);
        insert.setBigDecimal(5, price);
        insert.setInt(6, stock);

        insert.executeUpdate();
    }

    public static void buy (HikariDataSource ds, Integer threadID, Long
        ↪ orderID, Long bookID,
                            Long userID, Integer quantity, Integer retryTimes)
                               ↪ {
        String txnComment = "/* txn " + threadID + " */ ";

        try (Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
            try {

                connection.setAutoCommit(false);
                connection.createStatement().executeUpdate(txnComment + "begin
                    ↪  optimistic");

                // waiting for other thread ran the 'begin optimistic'
                    ↪ statement
                TimeUnit.SECONDS.sleep(1);

                BigDecimal price = null;

                // read price of book
                PreparedStatement selectBook = connection.prepareStatement(
                    ↪ txnComment + "SELECT * FROM books where id = ? for
                    ↪ update");
                selectBook.setLong(1, bookID);
                ResultSet res = selectBook.executeQuery();
                if (!res.next()) {
                    throw new RuntimeException("book not exist");
                } else {
                    price = res.getBigDecimal("price");
                    int stock = res.getInt("stock");
                    if (stock < quantity) {
                        throw new RuntimeException("book not enough");
                    }
                }
```

```
            // update book
            String updateBookSQL = "update `books` set stock = stock - ?
                ↪ where id = ? and stock - ? >= 0";
            PreparedStatement updateBook = connection.prepareStatement(
                ↪ txnComment + updateBookSQL);
            updateBook.setInt(1, quantity);
            updateBook.setLong(2, bookID);
            updateBook.setInt(3, quantity);
            updateBook.executeUpdate();

            // insert order
            String insertOrderSQL = "insert into `orders` (`id`, `book_id
                ↪ `, `user_id`, `quality`) values (?, ?, ?, ?)";
            PreparedStatement insertOrder = connection.prepareStatement(
                ↪ txnComment + insertOrderSQL);
            insertOrder.setLong(1, orderID);
            insertOrder.setLong(2, bookID);
            insertOrder.setLong(3, userID);
            insertOrder.setInt(4, quantity);
            insertOrder.executeUpdate();

            // update user
            String updateUserSQL = "update `users` set `balance` = `
                ↪ balance` - ? where id = ?";
            PreparedStatement updateUser = connection.prepareStatement(
                ↪ txnComment + updateUserSQL);
            updateUser.setBigDecimal(1, price.multiply(new BigDecimal(
                ↪ quantity)));
            updateUser.setLong(2, userID);
            updateUser.executeUpdate();

            connection.createStatement().executeUpdate(txnComment + "
                ↪ commit");
        } catch (Exception e) {
            connection.createStatement().executeUpdate(txnComment + "
                ↪ rollback");
            System.out.println("error occurred: " + e.getMessage());

            if (e instanceof SQLException sqlException) {
                switch (sqlException.getErrorCode()) {
                    // You can get all error codes at https://docs.
                        ↪ pingcap.com/tidb/stable/error-codes
                    case 9007: // Transactions in TiKV encounter write
                        ↪ conflicts.
```

```
                    case 8028: // table schema changes
                    case 8002: // "SELECT FOR UPDATE" commit conflict
                    case 8022: // The transaction commit fails and has
                        ↪ been rolled back
                        if (retryTimes != 0) {
                            System.out.println("rest " + retryTimes + "
                                ↪ times. retry for " + e.getMessage());
                            buy(ds, threadID, orderID, bookID, userID,
                                ↪ quantity, retryTimes - 1);
                        }
                }
            }
        }
    } catch (SQLException e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
  }
}
```

Configuration changes

Change the startup class in `pom.xml`:

```
<mainClass>com.pingcap.txn.TxnExample</mainClass>
```

Change it to the following to point to the optimistic transaction example.

```
<mainClass>com.pingcap.txn.optimistic.TxnExample</mainClass>
```

The Golang example in the Write a pessimistic transaction example section already supports optimistic transactions and can be used directly without changes.

The Python example in the Write a pessimistic transaction example section already supports optimistic transactions and can be used directly without changes.

4.9.2.2.2 An example that does not involve overselling

Run the sample program:

```
mvn clean package
java -jar target/plain-java-txn-0.0.1-jar-with-dependencies.jar ALICE_NUM=4
    ↪ BOB_NUM=6
```

```
go build -o bin/txn
./bin/txn -a 4 -b 6 -o true
```

```
OPTIMISTIC=True ALICE=4 BOB=6 python3 txn_example.py
```

SQL statement execution process:

```
    /* txn 2 */ BEGIN OPTIMISTIC
/* txn 1 */ BEGIN OPTIMISTIC
    /* txn 2 */ SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = 1 FOR UPDATE
    /* txn 2 */ UPDATE `books` SET `stock` = `stock` - 4 WHERE `id` = 1 AND
       ↪  `stock` - 4 >= 0
    /* txn 2 */ INSERT INTO `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_id`, `quality`)
       ↪  VALUES (1001, 1, 1, 4)
    /* txn 2 */ UPDATE `users` SET `balance` = `balance` - 400.0 WHERE `id`
       ↪ = 2
    /* txn 2 */ COMMIT
/* txn 1 */ SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = 1 for UPDATE
/* txn 1 */ UPDATE `books` SET `stock` = `stock` - 6 WHERE `id` = 1 AND `
    ↪ stock` - 6 >= 0
/* txn 1 */ INSERT INTO `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_id`, `quality`)
    ↪ VALUES (1000, 1, 1, 6)
/* txn 1 */ UPDATE `users` SET `balance` = `balance` - 600.0 WHERE `id` = 1
retry 1 times for 9007 Write conflict, txnStartTS=432618733006225412,
    ↪ conflictStartTS=432618733006225411, conflictCommitTS
    ↪ =432618733006225414, key={tableID=126, handle=1} primary={tableID
    ↪ =114, indexID=1, indexValues={1, 1000, }} [try again later]
/* txn 1 */ BEGIN OPTIMISTIC
/* txn 1 */ SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = 1 FOR UPDATE
/* txn 1 */ UPDATE `books` SET `stock` = `stock` - 6 WHERE `id` = 1 AND `
    ↪ stock` - 6 >= 0
/* txn 1 */ INSERT INTO `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_id`, `quality`)
    ↪ VALUES (1000, 1, 1, 6)
/* txn 1 */ UPDATE `users` SET `balance` = `balance` - 600.0 WHERE `id` = 1
/* txn 1 */ COMMIT
```

In the optimistic transaction mode, because the intermediate state is not necessarily correct, it is not possible to judge whether a statement is successfully executed through `affected_rows` as in the pessimistic transaction mode. You need to regard the transaction as a whole, and judge whether the current transaction has a write conflict by checking whether the final `COMMIT` statement returns an exception.

As you can see from the above SQL log, because two transactions are executed concurrently and the same record is modified, a `9007 Write conflict` exception is thrown after `txn 1` COMMIT. For write conflicts in the optimistic transaction mode, you can safely retry on the application side. After one retry, the data is committed successfully. The final execution result is as expected:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM books;
+--
    ↪ --+-------------------------------------+---------------------+-------------
    ↪
```

```
| id | title                                | type                | published_at
    ↪      | stock | price |
+--
    ↪ --+--------------------------------------+---------------------+-------------
    ↪
|  1 | Designing Data-Intensive Application | Science & Technology |
    ↪ 2018-09-01 00:00:00 | 0 | 100.00 |
+--
    ↪ --+--------------------------------------+---------------------+-------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM orders;
+------+---------+---------+---------+---------------------+
| id   | book_id | user_id | quality | ordered_at          |
+------+---------+---------+---------+---------------------+
| 1000 |       1 |       1 |       6 | 2022-04-19 03:18:19 |
| 1001 |       1 |       1 |       4 | 2022-04-19 03:18:17 |
+------+---------+---------+---------+---------------------+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM users;
+----+---------+----------+
| id | balance | nickname |
+----+---------+----------+
|  1 | 9400.00 | Bob      |
|  2 | 9600.00 | Alice    |
+----+---------+----------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

4.9.2.2.3 An example that prevents overselling

This section describes an optimistic transaction example that prevents overselling. Suppose there are 10 books left in inventory. Bob buys 7 books,and Alice buys 4 books. They place orders almost at the same time. What will happen? You can reuse the code from the optimistic transaction example to address this requirement. Change Bob's purchases from 6 to 7.

Run the sample program:

```
mvn clean package
java -jar target/plain-java-txn-0.0.1-jar-with-dependencies.jar ALICE_NUM=4
    ↪ BOB_NUM=7
```

```
go build -o bin/txn
```

```
./bin/txn -a 4 -b 7 -o true
```

```
OPTIMISTIC=True ALICE=4 BOB=7 python3 txn_example.py
```

```
/* txn 1 */ BEGIN OPTIMISTIC
    /* txn 2 */ BEGIN OPTIMISTIC
    /* txn 2 */ SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = 1 FOR UPDATE
    /* txn 2 */ UPDATE `books` SET `stock` = `stock` - 4 WHERE `id` = 1 AND
       ↪  `stock` - 4 >= 0
    /* txn 2 */ INSERT INTO `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_id`, `quality`)
       ↪  VALUES (1001, 1, 1, 4)
    /* txn 2 */ UPDATE `users` SET `balance` = `balance` - 400.0 WHERE `id`
       ↪ = 2
    /* txn 2 */ COMMIT
/* txn 1 */ SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = 1 FOR UPDATE
/* txn 1 */ UPDATE `books` SET `stock` = `stock` - 7 WHERE `id` = 1 AND `
    ↪ stock` - 7 >= 0
/* txn 1 */ INSERT INTO `orders` (`id`, `book_id`, `user_id`, `quality`)
    ↪ VALUES (1000, 1, 1, 7)
/* txn 1 */ UPDATE `users` SET `balance` = `balance` - 700.0 WHERE `id` = 1
retry 1 times for 9007 Write conflict, txnStartTS=432619094333980675,
    ↪ conflictStartTS=432619094333980676, conflictCommitTS
    ↪ =432619094333980678, key={tableID=126, handle=1} primary={tableID
    ↪ =114, indexID=1, indexValues={1, 1000, }} [try again later]
/* txn 1 */ BEGIN OPTIMISTIC
/* txn 1 */ SELECT * FROM `books` WHERE `id` = 1 FOR UPDATE
Fail -> out of stock
/* txn 1 */ ROLLBACK
```

You can see from the above SQL log that `txn 1` is retried on the application side due to a write conflict in the first execution. By comparing the latest snapshots, you can find that the stock is running out. The application side throws `out of stock`, and ends abnormally.

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM books;
+--
    ↪ --+--------------------------------------+---------------------+-------------
    ↪
| id | title                                | type                | published_at
    ↪      | stock | price |
+--
    ↪ --+--------------------------------------+---------------------+-------------
    ↪
|  1 | Designing Data-Intensive Application | Science & Technology |
    ↪ 2018-09-01 00:00:00 | 6 | 100.00 |
```

```
+--
    ↪ --+-------------------------------------+--------------------+-----------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM orders;
+------+---------+---------+---------+--------------------+
| id   | book_id | user_id | quality | ordered_at         |
+------+---------+---------+---------+--------------------+
| 1001 |       1 |       1 |       4 | 2022-04-19 03:41:16 |
+------+---------+---------+---------+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM users;
+----+----------+----------+
| id | balance | nickname |
+----+----------+----------+
|  1 | 10000.00 | Bob      |
|  2 |  9600.00 | Alice    |
+----+----------+----------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

4.9.2.3 Need help?

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4.9.3 Transaction Restraints

This document briefly introduces the transaction restraints in TiDB.

4.9.3.1 Isolation levels

The isolation levels supported by TiDB are **RC (Read Committed)** and **SI (Snapshot Isolation)**, where **SI** is basically equivalent to the **RR (Repeatable Read)** isolation level.

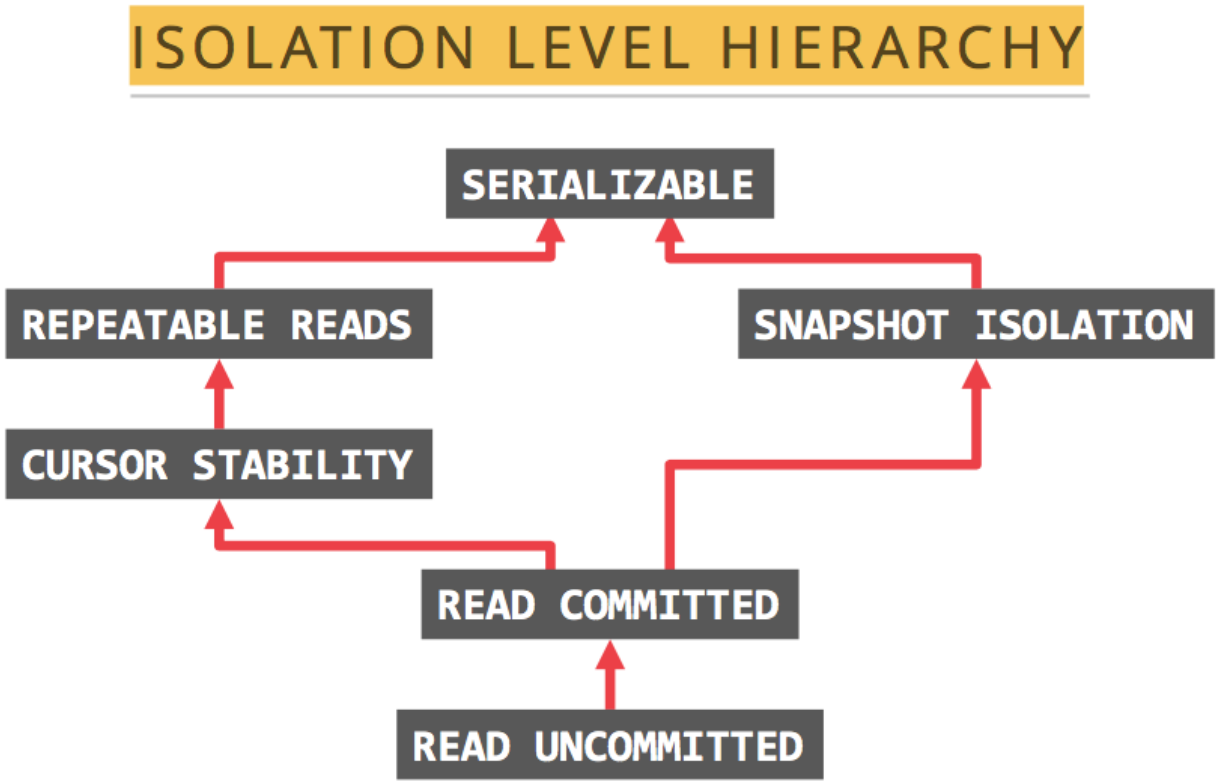

Figure 61: isolation level

4.9.3.2 Snapshot Isolation can avoid phantom reads

The `SI` isolation level of TiDB can avoid **Phantom Reads**, but the `RR` in ANSI/ISO SQL standard cannot.

The following two examples show what **phantom reads** is.

- Example 1: **Transaction A** first gets `n` rows according to the query, and then **Transaction B** changes `m` rows other than these `n` rows or adds `m` rows that match the query of **Transaction A**. When **Transaction A** runs the query again, it finds that there are `n+m` rows that match the condition. It is like a phantom, so it is called a **phantom read**.
- Example 2: **Admin A** changes the grades of all students in the database from specific scores to ABCDE grades, but **Admin B** inserts a record with a specific score at this time. When **Admin A** finishes changing and finds that there is still a record (the one inserted by **Admin B**) that has not been changed yet. That is a **phantom read**.

4.9.3.3 SI cannot avoid write skew

TiDB's SI isolation level cannot avoid **write skew** exceptions. You can use the `SELECT FOR UPDATE` syntax to avoid **write skew** exceptions.

A **write skew** exception occurs when two concurrent transactions read different but related records, and then each transaction updates the data it reads and eventually commits the transaction. If there is a constraint between these related records that cannot be modified concurrently by multiple transactions, then the end result will violate the constraint.

For example, suppose you are writing a doctor shift management program for a hospital. Hospitals typically require several doctors to be on call at the same time, but the minimum requirement is that at least one doctor is on call. Doctors can drop their shifts (for example, if they are feeling sick) as long as at least one doctor is on call during that shift.

Now there is a situation where doctors `Alice` and `Bob` are on call. Both are feeling sick, so they decide to take sick leave. They happen to click the button at the same time. Let's simulate this process with the following program:

```
package com.pingcap.txn.write.skew;

import com.zaxxer.hikari.HikariDataSource;

import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.PreparedStatement;
import java.sql.ResultSet;
import java.sql.SQLException;
import java.util.concurrent.CountDownLatch;
import java.util.concurrent.ExecutorService;
import java.util.concurrent.Executors;
import java.util.concurrent.Semaphore;

public class EffectWriteSkew {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws SQLException,
        ↪ InterruptedException {
        HikariDataSource ds = new HikariDataSource();
        ds.setJdbcUrl("jdbc:mysql://localhost:4000/test?useServerPrepStmts=
            ↪ true&cachePrepStmts=true");
        ds.setUsername("root");

        // prepare data
        Connection connection = ds.getConnection();
        createDoctorTable(connection);
        createDoctor(connection, 1, "Alice", true, 123);
        createDoctor(connection, 2, "Bob", true, 123);
        createDoctor(connection, 3, "Carol", false, 123);

        Semaphore txn1Pass = new Semaphore(0);
        CountDownLatch countDownLatch = new CountDownLatch(2);
        ExecutorService threadPool = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(2);

        threadPool.execute(() -> {
```

```
            askForLeave(ds, txn1Pass, 1, 1);
            countDownLatch.countDown();
        });

        threadPool.execute(() -> {
            askForLeave(ds, txn1Pass, 2, 2);
            countDownLatch.countDown();
        });

        countDownLatch.await();
    }

    public static void createDoctorTable(Connection connection) throws
        ↪ SQLException {
        connection.createStatement().executeUpdate("CREATE TABLE `doctors` ("
            ↪ +
                "    `id` int NOT NULL," +
                "    `name` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL," +
                "    `on_call` tinyint DEFAULT NULL," +
                "    `shift_id` int DEFAULT NULL," +
                "    PRIMARY KEY (`id`)," +
                "    KEY `idx_shift_id` (`shift_id`)" +
                "  ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
                    ↪ ");
    }

    public static void createDoctor(Connection connection, Integer id,
        ↪ String name, Boolean onCall, Integer shiftID) throws SQLException
        ↪ {
        PreparedStatement insert = connection.prepareStatement(
                "INSERT INTO `doctors` (`id`, `name`, `on_call`, `shift_id`)
                    ↪ VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?)");
        insert.setInt(1, id);
        insert.setString(2, name);
        insert.setBoolean(3, onCall);
        insert.setInt(4, shiftID);
        insert.executeUpdate();
    }

    public static void askForLeave(HikariDataSource ds, Semaphore txn1Pass,
        ↪ Integer txnID, Integer doctorID) {
        try(Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
            try {
                connection.setAutoCommit(false);
```

```
            String comment = txnID == 2 ? " " : "" + "/* txn #{txn_id} */
                ↪ ";
            connection.createStatement().executeUpdate(comment + "BEGIN");

            // Txn 1 should be waiting for txn 2 done
            if (txnID == 1) {
                txn1Pass.acquire();
            }

            PreparedStatement currentOnCallQuery = connection.
                ↪ prepareStatement(comment +
                    "SELECT COUNT(*) AS `count` FROM `doctors` WHERE `on_
                        ↪ call` = ? AND `shift_id` = ?");
            currentOnCallQuery.setBoolean(1, true);
            currentOnCallQuery.setInt(2, 123);
            ResultSet res = currentOnCallQuery.executeQuery();

            if (!res.next()) {
                throw new RuntimeException("error query");
            } else {
                int count = res.getInt("count");
                if (count >= 2) {
                    // If current on-call doctor has 2 or more, this
                        ↪ doctor can leave
                    PreparedStatement insert = connection.prepareStatement(
                        ↪  comment +
                            "UPDATE `doctors` SET `on_call` = ? WHERE `id` =
                                ↪  ? AND `shift_id` = ?");
                    insert.setBoolean(1, false);
                    insert.setInt(2, doctorID);
                    insert.setInt(3, 123);
                    insert.executeUpdate();

                    connection.commit();
                } else {
                    throw new RuntimeException("At least one doctor is on
                        ↪ call");
                }
            }

            // Txn 2 done, let txn 1 run again
            if (txnID == 2) {
                txn1Pass.release();
            }
        } catch (Exception e) {
```

```
                // If got any error, you should roll back, data is priceless
                connection.rollback();
                e.printStackTrace();
            }
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

To adapt TiDB transactions, write a util according to the following code:

```
package main

import (
    "database/sql"
    "fmt"
    "sync"

    "github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-example-golang/util"

    _ "github.com/go-sql-driver/mysql"
)

func main() {
    openDB("mysql", "root:@tcp(127.0.0.1:4000)/test", func(db *sql.DB) {
        writeSkew(db)
    })
}

func openDB(driverName, dataSourceName string, runnable func(db *sql.DB)) {
    db, err := sql.Open(driverName, dataSourceName)
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    defer db.Close()

    runnable(db)
}

func writeSkew(db *sql.DB) {
    err := prepareData(db)
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
```

```
    waitingChan, waitGroup := make(chan bool), sync.WaitGroup{}

    waitGroup.Add(1)
    go func() {
        defer waitGroup.Done()
        err = askForLeave(db, waitingChan, 1, 1)
        if err != nil {
            panic(err)
        }
    }()

    waitGroup.Add(1)
    go func() {
        defer waitGroup.Done()
        err = askForLeave(db, waitingChan, 2, 2)
        if err != nil {
            panic(err)
        }
    }()

    waitGroup.Wait()
}

func askForLeave(db *sql.DB, waitingChan chan bool, goroutineID, doctorID
    ↪ int) error {
    txnComment := fmt.Sprintf("/* txn %d */ ", goroutineID)
    if goroutineID != 1 {
        txnComment = "\t" + txnComment
    }

    txn, err := util.TiDBSqlBegin(db, true)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    fmt.Println(txnComment + "start txn")

    // Txn 1 should be waiting until txn 2 is done.
    if goroutineID == 1 {
        <-waitingChan
    }

    txnFunc := func() error {
        queryCurrentOnCall := "SELECT COUNT(*) AS `count` FROM `doctors`
            ↪ WHERE `on_call` = ? AND `shift_id` = ?"
```

```
        rows, err := txn.Query(queryCurrentOnCall, true, 123)
        if err != nil {
            return err
        }
        defer rows.Close()
        fmt.Println(txnComment + queryCurrentOnCall + " successful")

        count := 0
        if rows.Next() {
            err = rows.Scan(&count)
            if err != nil {
                return err
            }
        }
        rows.Close()

        if count < 2 {
            return fmt.Errorf("at least one doctor is on call")
        }

        shift := "UPDATE `doctors` SET `on_call` = ? WHERE `id` = ? AND `
            ↪ shift_id` = ?"
        _, err = txn.Exec(shift, false, doctorID, 123)
        if err == nil {
            fmt.Println(txnComment + shift + " successful")
        }
        return err
    }

    err = txnFunc()
    if err == nil {
        txn.Commit()
        fmt.Println("[runTxn] commit success")
    } else {
        txn.Rollback()
        fmt.Printf("[runTxn] got an error, rollback: %+v\n", err)
    }

    // Txn 2 is done. Let txn 1 run again.
    if goroutineID == 2 {
        waitingChan <- true
    }

    return nil
}
```

```
func prepareData(db *sql.DB) error {
    err := createDoctorTable(db)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }

    err = createDoctor(db, 1, "Alice", true, 123)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    err = createDoctor(db, 2, "Bob", true, 123)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    err = createDoctor(db, 3, "Carol", false, 123)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    return nil
}

func createDoctorTable(db *sql.DB) error {
    _, err := db.Exec("CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `doctors` (" +
        "    `id` int NOT NULL," +
        "    `name` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL," +
        "    `on_call` tinyint DEFAULT NULL," +
        "    `shift_id` int DEFAULT NULL," +
        "    PRIMARY KEY (`id`)," +
        "    KEY `idx_shift_id` (`shift_id`)" +
        "  ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin")
    return err
}

func createDoctor(db *sql.DB, id int, name string, onCall bool, shiftID int)
    ↪  error {
    _, err := db.Exec("INSERT INTO `doctors` (`id`, `name`, `on_call`, `
        ↪ shift_id`) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?)",
        id, name, onCall, shiftID)
    return err
}
```

SQL log:

```
/* txn 1 */ BEGIN
```

```
    /* txn 2 */ BEGIN
    /* txn 2 */ SELECT COUNT(*) as `count` FROM `doctors` WHERE `on_call` =
       ↪  1 AND `shift_id` = 123
    /* txn 2 */ UPDATE `doctors` SET `on_call` = 0 WHERE `id` = 2 AND `
       ↪ shift_id` = 123
    /* txn 2 */ COMMIT
/* txn 1 */ SELECT COUNT(*) AS `count` FROM `doctors` WHERE `on_call` = 1
    ↪ and `shift_id` = 123
/* txn 1 */ UPDATE `doctors` SET `on_call` = 0 WHERE `id` = 1 AND `shift_id
    ↪ ` = 123
/* txn 1 */ COMMIT
```

Running result:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM doctors;
+----+-------+---------+----------+
| id | name | on_call | shift_id |
+----+-------+---------+----------+
|  1 | Alice |       0 |      123 |
|  2 | Bob   |       0 |      123 |
|  3 | Carol |       0 |      123 |
+----+-------+---------+----------+
```

In both transactions, the application first checks if two or more doctors are on call; if so, it assumes that one doctor can safely take leave. Since the database uses the snapshot isolation, both checks return `2`, so both transactions move on to the next stage. `Alice` updates her record to be off duty, and so does `Bob`. Both transactions are successfully committed. Now there are no doctors on duty which violates the requirement that at least one doctor should be on call. The following diagram (quoted from ***Designing Data-Intensive Applications***) illustrates what actually happens.

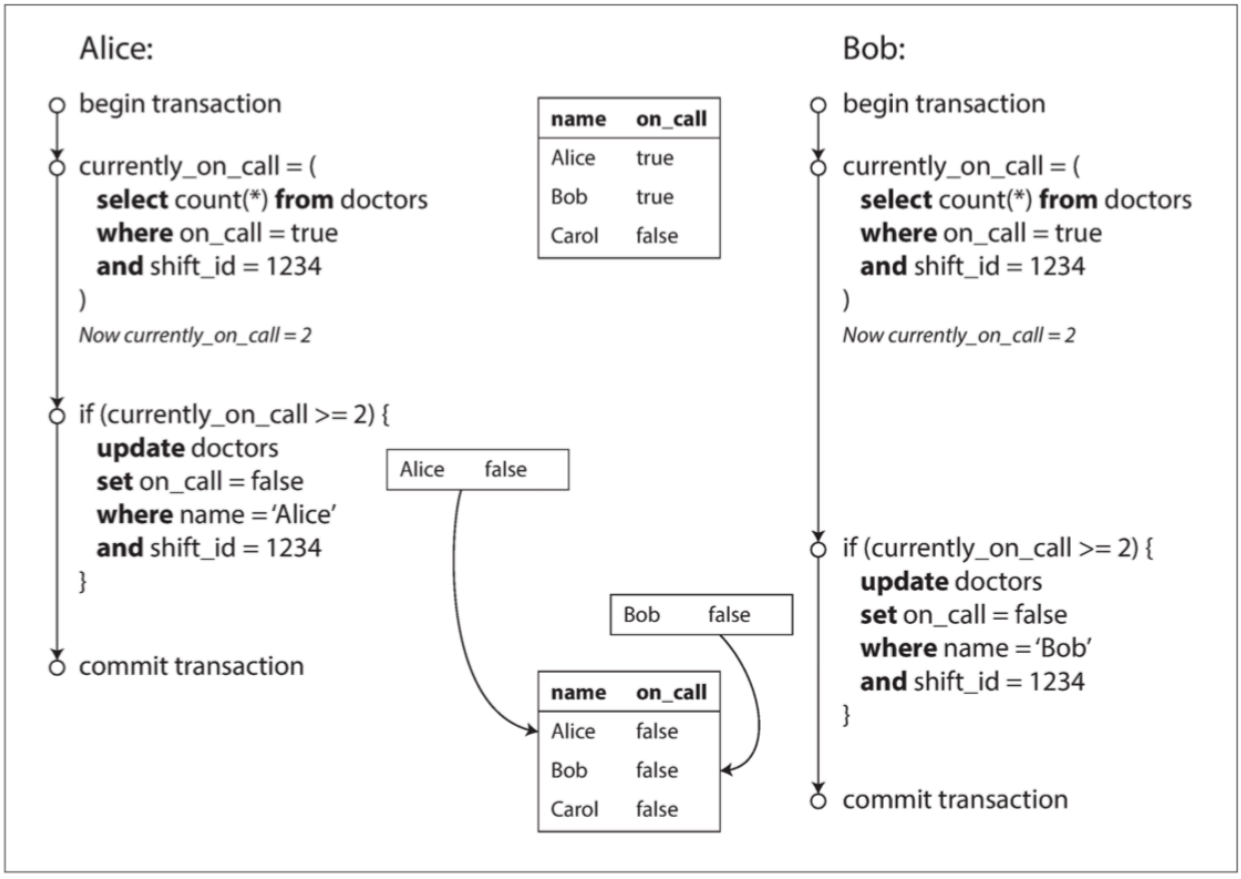

Figure 62: Write Skew

Now let's change the sample program to use `SELECT FOR UPDATE` to avoid the write skew problem:

```
package com.pingcap.txn.write.skew;

import com.zaxxer.hikari.HikariDataSource;

import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.PreparedStatement;
import java.sql.ResultSet;
import java.sql.SQLException;
import java.util.concurrent.CountDownLatch;
import java.util.concurrent.ExecutorService;
import java.util.concurrent.Executors;
import java.util.concurrent.Semaphore;

public class EffectWriteSkew {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws SQLException,
```

```
        ↪ InterruptedException {
        HikariDataSource ds = new HikariDataSource();
        ds.setJdbcUrl("jdbc:mysql://localhost:4000/test?useServerPrepStmts=
            ↪ true&cachePrepStmts=true");
        ds.setUsername("root");

        // prepare data
        Connection connection = ds.getConnection();
        createDoctorTable(connection);
        createDoctor(connection, 1, "Alice", true, 123);
        createDoctor(connection, 2, "Bob", true, 123);
        createDoctor(connection, 3, "Carol", false, 123);

        Semaphore txn1Pass = new Semaphore(0);
        CountDownLatch countDownLatch = new CountDownLatch(2);
        ExecutorService threadPool = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(2);

        threadPool.execute(() -> {
            askForLeave(ds, txn1Pass, 1, 1);
            countDownLatch.countDown();
        });

        threadPool.execute(() -> {
            askForLeave(ds, txn1Pass, 2, 2);
            countDownLatch.countDown();
        });

        countDownLatch.await();
    }

    public static void createDoctorTable(Connection connection) throws
        ↪ SQLException {
        connection.createStatement().executeUpdate("CREATE TABLE `doctors` ("
            ↪  +
                "    `id` int NOT NULL," +
                "    `name` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL," +
                "    `on_call` tinyint DEFAULT NULL," +
                "    `shift_id` int DEFAULT NULL," +
                "    PRIMARY KEY (`id`)," +
                "    KEY `idx_shift_id` (`shift_id`)" +
                "  ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
                    ↪ ");
    }

    public static void createDoctor(Connection connection, Integer id,
```

```
    ↪ String name, Boolean onCall, Integer shiftID) throws SQLException
    ↪ {
    PreparedStatement insert = connection.prepareStatement(
            "INSERT INTO `doctors` (`id`, `name`, `on_call`, `shift_id`)
               ↪ VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?)");
    insert.setInt(1, id);
    insert.setString(2, name);
    insert.setBoolean(3, onCall);
    insert.setInt(4, shiftID);
    insert.executeUpdate();
}

public static void askForLeave(HikariDataSource ds, Semaphore txn1Pass,
    ↪ Integer txnID, Integer doctorID) {
    try(Connection connection = ds.getConnection()) {
        try {
            connection.setAutoCommit(false);

            String comment = txnID == 2 ? " " : "" + "/* txn #{txn_id} */
               ↪ ";
            connection.createStatement().executeUpdate(comment + "BEGIN");

            // Txn 1 should be waiting for txn 2 done
            if (txnID == 1) {
                txn1Pass.acquire();
            }

            PreparedStatement currentOnCallQuery = connection.
               ↪ prepareStatement(comment +
                   "SELECT COUNT(*) AS `count` FROM `doctors` WHERE `on_
                      ↪ call` = ? AND `shift_id` = ? FOR UPDATE");
            currentOnCallQuery.setBoolean(1, true);
            currentOnCallQuery.setInt(2, 123);
            ResultSet res = currentOnCallQuery.executeQuery();

            if (!res.next()) {
                throw new RuntimeException("error query");
            } else {
                int count = res.getInt("count");
                if (count >= 2) {
                    // If current on-call doctor has 2 or more, this
                       ↪ doctor can leave
                    PreparedStatement insert = connection.prepareStatement(
                       ↪  comment +
                           "UPDATE `doctors` SET `on_call` = ? WHERE `id` =
```

```
                                ↪  ? AND `shift_id` = ?");
                        insert.setBoolean(1, false);
                        insert.setInt(2, doctorID);
                        insert.setInt(3, 123);
                        insert.executeUpdate();

                        connection.commit();
                    } else {
                        throw new RuntimeException("At least one doctor is on
                            ↪ call");
                    }
                }

                // Txn 2 done, let txn 1 run again
                if (txnID == 2) {
                    txn1Pass.release();
                }
            } catch (Exception e) {
                // If got any error, you should roll back, data is priceless
                connection.rollback();
                e.printStackTrace();
            }
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

```
package main

import (
    "database/sql"
    "fmt"
    "sync"

    "github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-example-golang/util"

    _ "github.com/go-sql-driver/mysql"
)

func main() {
    openDB("mysql", "root:@tcp(127.0.0.1:4000)/test", func(db *sql.DB) {
        writeSkew(db)
    })
}
```

```
func openDB(driverName, dataSourceName string, runnable func(db *sql.DB)) {
    db, err := sql.Open(driverName, dataSourceName)
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    defer db.Close()

    runnable(db)
}

func writeSkew(db *sql.DB) {
    err := prepareData(db)
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }

    waitingChan, waitGroup := make(chan bool), sync.WaitGroup{}

    waitGroup.Add(1)
    go func() {
        defer waitGroup.Done()
        err = askForLeave(db, waitingChan, 1, 1)
        if err != nil {
            panic(err)
        }
    }()

    waitGroup.Add(1)
    go func() {
        defer waitGroup.Done()
        err = askForLeave(db, waitingChan, 2, 2)
        if err != nil {
            panic(err)
        }
    }()

    waitGroup.Wait()
}

func askForLeave(db *sql.DB, waitingChan chan bool, goroutineID, doctorID
    ↪ int) error {
    txnComment := fmt.Sprintf("/* txn %d */ ", goroutineID)
    if goroutineID != 1 {
        txnComment = "\t" + txnComment
```

```
}

txn, err := util.TiDBSqlBegin(db, true)
if err != nil {
    return err
}
fmt.Println(txnComment + "start txn")

// Txn 1 should be waiting until txn 2 is done.
if goroutineID == 1 {
    <-waitingChan
}

txnFunc := func() error {
    queryCurrentOnCall := "SELECT COUNT(*) AS `count` FROM `doctors`
        ↪ WHERE `on_call` = ? AND `shift_id` = ?"
    rows, err := txn.Query(queryCurrentOnCall, true, 123)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    defer rows.Close()
    fmt.Println(txnComment + queryCurrentOnCall + " successful")

    count := 0
    if rows.Next() {
        err = rows.Scan(&count)
        if err != nil {
            return err
        }
    }
    rows.Close()

    if count < 2 {
        return fmt.Errorf("at least one doctor is on call")
    }

    shift := "UPDATE `doctors` SET `on_call` = ? WHERE `id` = ? AND `
        ↪ shift_id` = ?"
    _, err = txn.Exec(shift, false, doctorID, 123)
    if err == nil {
        fmt.Println(txnComment + shift + " successful")
    }
    return err
}
```

```
    err = txnFunc()
    if err == nil {
        txn.Commit()
        fmt.Println("[runTxn] commit success")
    } else {
        txn.Rollback()
        fmt.Printf("[runTxn] got an error, rollback: %+v\n", err)
    }

    // Txn 2 is done. Let txn 1 run again.
    if goroutineID == 2 {
        waitingChan <- true
    }

    return nil
}

func prepareData(db *sql.DB) error {
    err := createDoctorTable(db)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }

    err = createDoctor(db, 1, "Alice", true, 123)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    err = createDoctor(db, 2, "Bob", true, 123)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    err = createDoctor(db, 3, "Carol", false, 123)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    return nil
}

func createDoctorTable(db *sql.DB) error {
    _, err := db.Exec("CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `doctors` (" +
        "    `id` int NOT NULL," +
        "    `name` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL," +
        "    `on_call` tinyint DEFAULT NULL," +
        "    `shift_id` int DEFAULT NULL," +
        "    PRIMARY KEY (`id`)," +
```

```
        "    KEY `idx_shift_id` (`shift_id`)" +
        "  ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin")
    return err
}

func createDoctor(db *sql.DB, id int, name string, onCall bool, shiftID int)
    ↪  error {
    _, err := db.Exec("INSERT INTO `doctors` (`id`, `name`, `on_call`, `
        ↪ shift_id`) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?)",
        id, name, onCall, shiftID)
    return err
}
```

SQL log:

```
/* txn 1 */ BEGIN
    /* txn 2 */ BEGIN
    /* txn 2 */ SELECT COUNT(*) AS `count` FROM `doctors` WHERE on_call = 1
        ↪  AND `shift_id` = 123 FOR UPDATE
    /* txn 2 */ UPDATE `doctors` SET on_call = 0 WHERE `id` = 2 AND `shift_
        ↪ id` = 123
    /* txn 2 */ COMMIT
/* txn 1 */ SELECT COUNT(*) AS `count` FROM `doctors` WHERE `on_call` = 1
    ↪ FOR UPDATE
At least one doctor is on call
/* txn 1 */ ROLLBACK
```

Running result:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM doctors;
+----+-------+---------+----------+
| id | name | on_call | shift_id |
+----+-------+---------+----------+
|  1 | Alice |       1 |      123 |
|  2 | Bob   |       0 |      123 |
|  3 | Carol |       0 |      123 |
+----+-------+---------+----------+
```

4.9.3.4 Support for savepoint and nested transactions

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v6.2.0, TiDB supports the savepoint feature. If your TiDB cluster is earlier than v6.2.0, your TiDB cluster does not support the

> `PROPAGATION_NESTED` behavior. It is recommended to upgrade to v6.2.0 or a later version. If upgrading TiDB is not possible, and your applications are based on the **Java Spring** framework that uses the `PROPAGATION_NESTED` propagation behavior, you need to adapt it on the application side to remove the logic for nested transactions.

The `PROPAGATION_NESTED` propagation behavior supported by **Spring** triggers a nested transaction, which is a child transaction that is started independently of the current transaction. A `savepoint` is recorded when the nested transaction starts. If the nested transaction fails, the transaction will roll back to the `savepoint` state. The nested transaction is part of the outer transaction and will be committed together with the outer transaction.

The following example demonstrates the `savepoint` mechanism:

```
mysql> BEGIN;
mysql> INSERT INTO T2 VALUES(100);
mysql> SAVEPOINT svp1;
mysql> INSERT INTO T2 VALUES(200);
mysql> ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT svp1;
mysql> RELEASE SAVEPOINT svp1;
mysql> COMMIT;
mysql> SELECT * FROM T2;
+------+
|  ID  |
+------+
|  100 |
+------+
```

4.9.3.5 Large transaction restrictions

The basic principle is to limit the size of the transaction. At the KV level, TiDB has a restriction on the size of a single transaction. At the SQL level, one row of data is mapped to one KV entry, and each additional index will add one KV entry. The restriction is as follows at the SQL level:

- The maximum single row record size is 120 MiB.
    - You can adjust it by using the `performance.txn-entry-size-limit` configuration parameter of tidb-server for TiDB v4.0.10 and later v4.0.x versions, TiDB v5.0.0 and later versions. The value is `6 MB` for versions earlier than v4.0.10.
    - Starting from v7.6.0, you can use the `tidb_txn_entry_size_limit` system variable to dynamically modify the value of this configuration item.

- The maximum single transaction size supported is 1 TiB.
    - For TiDB v4.0 and later versions, You can configure it by `performance.txn-total-size-limit`). The value is `100 MB` for earlier versions.
    - For TiDB v6.5.0 and later versions, this configuration is no longer recommended. For more information, see `performance.txn-total-size-limit`).

Note that for both the size restrictions and row restrictions, you should also consider the overhead of encoding and additional keys for the transaction during the transaction execution. To achieve optimal performance, it is recommended to write one transaction every 100 ~ 500 rows.

4.9.3.6 Auto-committed `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statements do NOT wait for locks

Currently locks are not added to auto-committed `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statements. The effect is shown in the following figure:

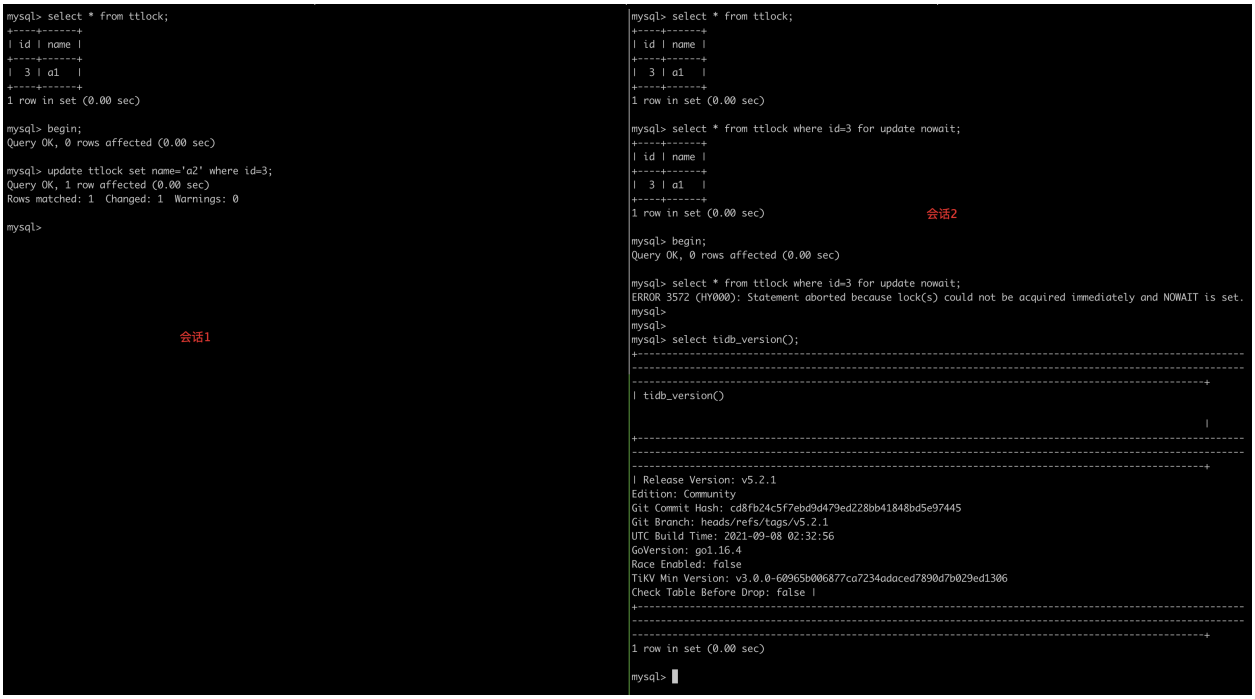

Figure 63: The situation in TiDB

This is a known incompatibility issue with MySQL. You can solve this issue by using the explicit `BEGIN;COMMIT;` statements.

4.9.3.7 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

4.9.4 Handle Transaction Errors

This document introduces how to handle transaction errors, such as deadlocks and application retry errors.

4.9.4.1 Deadlocks

The following error in your application indicates a deadlock issue:

```
ERROR 1213: Deadlock found when trying to get lock; try restarting
    ↪ transaction
```

A deadlock occurs when two or more transactions are waiting for each other to release the lock they already hold, or the inconsistent lock order results in a loop waiting for the lock resources.

The following is an example of a deadlock using the table `books` in the `bookshop` database:

First, insert 2 rows into the table `books`:

```
INSERT INTO books (id, title, stock, published_at) VALUES (1, 'book-1', 10,
    ↪ now()), (2, 'book-2', 10, now());
```

In TiDB pessimistic transaction mode, if two clients execute the following statements respectively, a deadlock will occur:

Client-A	Client-B
BEGIN;	
	BEGIN;
UPDATE books SET stock=stock-1 WHERE id=1;	
	UPDATE books SET s
UPDATE books SET stock=stock-1 WHERE id=2; – execution will be blocked	
	UPDATE books SET s

After client-B encounters a deadlock error, TiDB automatically rolls back the transaction in client-B. Updating `id=2` in client-A will be executed successfully. You can then run `COMMIT` to finish the transaction.

4.9.4.1.1 Solution 1: avoid deadlocks

To get better performance, you can avoid deadlocks at the application level by adjusting the business logic or schema design. In the example above, if client-B also uses the same update order as client-A, that is, they update books with `id=1` first, and then update books with `id=2`. The deadlock can then be avoided:

Client-A	Client-B
BEGIN;	
	BEGIN;
UPDATE books SET stock=stock-1 WHERE id=1;	
	UPDATE books SET stock=stock-1 WHERE id=1
UPDATE books SET stock=stock-1 WHERE id=2;	
COMMIT;	
	UPDATE books SET stock=stock-1 WHERE id=2
	COMMIT;

Alternatively, you can update 2 books with 1 SQL statement, which can also avoid the deadlock and execute more efficiently:

```
UPDATE books SET stock=stock-1 WHERE id IN (1, 2);
```

4.9.4.1.2 Solution 2: reduce transaction granularity

If you only update 1 book in each transaction, you can also avoid deadlocks. However, the trade-off is that too small transaction granularity may affect performance.

4.9.4.1.3 Solution 3: use optimistic transactions

There are no deadlocks in the optimistic transaction model. But in your application, you need to add the optimistic transaction retry logic in case of failure. For details, see Application retry and error handling.

4.9.4.1.4 Solution 4: retry

Add the retry logic in the application as suggested in the error message. For details, see Application retry and error handling.

4.9.4.2 Application retry and error handling

Although TiDB is as compatible as possible with MySQL, the nature of its distributed system leads to certain differences. One of them is the transaction model.

The Adapters and ORMs that developers use to connect with databases are tailored for traditional databases such as MySQL and Oracle. In these databases, transactions rarely fail to commit at the default isolation level, so retry mechanisms are not required. When a transaction fails to commit, these clients abort due to an error, as it is treated as an exception in these databases.

Different from traditional databases such as MySQL, in TiDB, if you use the optimistic transaction model and want to avoid commit failure, you need to add a mechanism to handle related exceptions in your applications.

The following Python pseudocode shows how to implement application-level retries. It does not require your driver or ORM to implement advanced retry logic. It can be used in any programming language or environment.

Your retry logic must follow the following rules:

- Throws an error if the number of failed retries reaches the `max_retries` limit.
- Use `try ... catch ...` to catch SQL execution exceptions. Retry when encountering the following errors. Roll back when encountering other errors.
    - `Error 8002: can not retry select for update statement`: SELECT FOR UPDATE write conflict error
    - `Error 8022: Error: KV error safe to retry`: transaction commit failed error.
    - `Error 8028: Information schema is changed during the execution of the statement`: Table schema has been changed by DDL operation, resulting in an error in the transaction commit.
    - `Error 9007: Write conflict`: Write conflict error, usually caused by multiple transactions modifying the same row of data when the optimistic transaction mode is used.
- `COMMIT` the transaction at the end of the try block.

For more information about error codes, see Error Codes and Troubleshooting.

```
while True:
    n++
    if n == max_retries:
        raise("did not succeed within #{n} retries")
    try:
        connection.execute("your sql statement here")
        connection.exec('COMMIT')
        break
    catch error:
        if (error.code != "9007" && error.code != "8028" && error.code != "
            ↪ 8002" && error.code != "8022"):
            raise error
        else:
            connection.exec('ROLLBACK')

            # Capture the error types that require application-side retry,
            # wait for a short period of time,
            # and exponentially increase the wait time for each transaction
                ↪ failure
            sleep_ms = int(((1.5 ** n) + rand) * 100)
            sleep(sleep_ms) # make sure your sleep() takes milliseconds
```

Note:

If you frequently encounter `Error 9007: Write conflict`, you may need to check your schema design and the data access patterns of your workload to find the root cause of the conflict and try to avoid conflicts by a better design.

For information about how to troubleshoot and resolve transaction conflicts, see Troubleshoot Lock Conflicts.

4.9.4.3 See also

- Troubleshoot Write Conflicts in Optimistic Transactions

4.9.4.4 Need help?

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4.10 Optimize

4.10.1 Overview of Optimizing SQL Performance

This document introduces how to optimize the performance of SQL statements in TiDB. To get good performance, you can start with the following aspects:

- SQL performance tuning
- Schema design: Based on your application workload patterns, you might need to change the table schema to avoid transaction contention or hot spots.

4.10.1.1 SQL performance tuning

To get good SQL statement performance, you can follow these guidelines:

- Scan as few rows as possible. It is recommended to scan only the data you need and avoid scanning excess data.
- Use the right index. Ensure that there is a corresponding index for the column in the `WHERE` clause in SQL. If not, the statement entails a full table scan and thus causes poor performance.

- Use the right join type. It is important to choose the right join type based on the relative size of the tables involved in the query. In general, TiDB's cost-based optimizer picks the best-performing join type. However, in a few cases, you might need to manually specify a better join type.
- Use the right storage engine. For hybrid OLTP and OLAP workloads, the TiFlash engine is recommended. For details, see HTAP Query.

4.10.1.2 Schema design

After tuning SQL performance, if your application still cannot get good performance, you might need to check your schema design and data access patterns to avoid the following issues:

- Transaction contention. For how to diagnose and resolve transaction contention, see Troubleshoot Lock Conflicts.
- Hot spots. For how to diagnose and resolve hot spots, see Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues.

4.10.1.2.1 See also

- SQL Performance Tuning

4.10.1.3 Need help?

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4.10.2 SQL Performance Tuning

This document introduces some common reasons for slow SQL statements and techniques for tuning SQL performance.

4.10.2.1 Before you begin

You can use `tiup demo` import to prepare data:

```
tiup demo bookshop prepare --host 127.0.0.1 --port 4000 --books 1000000
```

Or using the Import feature of TiDB Cloud to import the pre-prepared sample data.

4.10.2.2 Issue: Full table scan

The most common reason for slow SQL queries is that the `SELECT` statements perform full table scan or use incorrect indexes.

When TiDB retrieves a small number of rows from a large table based on a column that is not the primary key or in the secondary index, the performance is usually poor:

```
SELECT * FROM books WHERE title = 'Marian Yost';
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------+------------+----------------------+--------------------+-------+-
    ↪
| id         | title      | type                 | published_at       | stock |
    ↪ price |
+--
    ↪ ----------+------------+----------------------+--------------------+-------+-
    ↪
| 65670536   | Marian Yost | Arts                 | 1950-04-09 06:28:58 | 542 |
    ↪ 435.01 |
| 1164070689 | Marian Yost | Education & Reference | 1916-05-27 12:15:35 |
    ↪ 216 | 328.18 |
| 1414277591 | Marian Yost | Arts                 | 1932-06-15 09:18:14 | 303 |
    ↪ 496.52 |
| 2305318593 | Marian Yost | Arts                 | 2000-08-15 19:40:58 | 398 |
    ↪ 402.90 |
| 2638226326 | Marian Yost | Sports               | 1952-04-02 12:40:37 | 191 |
    ↪ 174.64 |
+--
    ↪ ----------+------------+----------------------+--------------------+-------+-
    ↪
5 rows in set
Time: 0.582s
```

To understand why this query is slow, you can use `EXPLAIN` to see the execution plan:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM books WHERE title = 'Marian Yost';
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------+-----------+----------+--------------+--------------------
    ↪
| id                | estRows   | task     | access object | operator info
    ↪                    |
+--
    ↪ ------------------+-----------+----------+--------------+--------------------
    ↪
| TableReader_7     | 1.27      | root     |               | data:Selection_6
    ↪                    |
|  ─Selection_6     | 1.27      | cop[tikv] |              | eq(bookshop.books.
    ↪ title, "Marian Yost") |
|    ─TableFullScan_5 | 1000000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:books | keep order:
    ↪ false              |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------+-----------+----------+--------------+-------------------
    ↪
```

As can be seen from `TableFullScan_5` in the execution plan, TiDB performs a full table scan on the `books` table and checks whether `title` satisfies the condition for each row. The `estRows` value of `TableFullScan_5` is `1000000.00`, which means the optimizer estimates that this full table scan takes `1000000.00` rows of data.

For more information about the usage of `EXPLAIN`, see EXPLAIN Walkthrough.

4.10.2.2.1 Solution: Use secondary index

To speed up this query above, add a secondary index on the `books.title` column:

```
CREATE INDEX title_idx ON books (title);
```

The query execution is much faster:

```
SELECT * FROM books WHERE title = 'Marian Yost';
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------+------------+----------------------+--------------------+-------+-
    ↪
| id         | title      | type                 | published_at       | stock |
    ↪ price |
+--
    ↪ ----------+------------+----------------------+--------------------+-------+-
    ↪
| 1164070689 | Marian Yost | Education & Reference | 1916-05-27 12:15:35 |
    ↪ 216 | 328.18 |
| 1414277591 | Marian Yost | Arts                 | 1932-06-15 09:18:14 | 303 |
    ↪ 496.52 |
| 2305318593 | Marian Yost | Arts                 | 2000-08-15 19:40:58 | 398 |
    ↪ 402.90 |
| 2638226326 | Marian Yost | Sports               | 1952-04-02 12:40:37 | 191 |
    ↪ 174.64 |
| 65670536   | Marian Yost | Arts                 | 1950-04-09 06:28:58 | 542 |
    ↪ 435.01 |
+--
    ↪ ----------+------------+----------------------+--------------------+-------+-
    ↪
5 rows in set
Time: 0.007s
```

To understand why the performance is improved, use `EXPLAIN` to see the new execution plan:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM books WHERE title = 'Marian Yost';
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task      | access object
   ↪                       | operator info                                        |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10            | 1.27    | root      |
   ↪                                     |
   ↪                                                 |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build) | 1.27 | cop[tikv] | table:books, index:title_
   ↪ idx(title) | range:["Marian Yost","Marian Yost"], keep order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe) | 1.27 | cop[tikv] | table:books
   ↪                       | keep order:false                                     |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------------
   ↪
```

As can be seen from `IndexLookup_10` in the execution plan, TiDB queries the data by the `title_idx` index. Its `estRows` value is `1.27`, which means that the optimizer estimates that only `1.27` rows are scanned. The estimated rows scanned are much fewer than the `1000000.00` rows of data in the full table scan.

The `IndexLookup_10` execution plan is to first use the `IndexRangeScan_8` operator to read the index data that meets the condition through the `title_idx` index, and then use the `TableLookup_9` operator to query the corresponding rows according to the Row ID stored in the index data.

For more information on the TiDB execution plan, see TiDB Query Execution Plan Overview.

4.10.2.2.2 Solution: Use covering index

If the index is a covering index, which contains all the columns queried by the SQL statements, scanning the index data is sufficient for the query.

For example, in the following query, you only need to query the corresponding `price` based on `title`:

```
SELECT title, price FROM books WHERE title = 'Marian Yost';
```

```
+-------------+--------+
| title       | price |
```

```
+-------------+--------+
| Marian Yost | 435.01 |
| Marian Yost | 328.18 |
| Marian Yost | 496.52 |
| Marian Yost | 402.90 |
| Marian Yost | 174.64 |
+-------------+--------+
5 rows in set
Time: 0.007s
```

Because the `title_idx` index only contains data in the `title` column, TiDB still needs to first scan the index data and then query the `price` column from the table.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT title, price FROM books WHERE title = 'Marian Yost';
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task      | access object
   ↪                       | operator info                                      |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10            | 1.27    | root      |
   ↪                                     |
   ↪                                                 |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build) | 1.27 | cop[tikv] | table:books, index:title_
   ↪ idx(title) | range:["Marian Yost","Marian Yost"], keep order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe) | 1.27 | cop[tikv] | table:books
   ↪                       | keep order:false                                   |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------------
   ↪
```

To optimize the performance, drop the `title_idx` index and create a new covering index `title_price_idx`:

```
ALTER TABLE books DROP INDEX title_idx;
```

```
CREATE INDEX title_price_idx ON books (title, price);
```

Because the `price` data is stored in the `title_price_idx` index, the following query only needs to scan the index data:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT title, price FROM books WHERE title = 'Marian Yost';
```

```
--
    ↪ -----------------+---------+----------+-----------------------------------
    ↪
| id                | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                | operator info
    ↪                                   |
+--
    ↪ -----------------+---------+----------+-----------------------------------
    ↪
| IndexReader_6     | 1.27    | root     |
    ↪                                                | index:IndexRangeScan_5
    ↪                            |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5 | 1.27 | cop[tikv] | table:books, index:title_price_
    ↪ idx(title, price) | range:["Marian Yost","Marian Yost"], keep order:
    ↪ false |
+--
    ↪ -----------------+---------+----------+-----------------------------------
    ↪
```

Now this query runs faster:

```
SELECT title, price FROM books WHERE title = 'Marian Yost';
```

```
+-------------+--------+
| title       | price |
+-------------+--------+
| Marian Yost | 174.64 |
| Marian Yost | 328.18 |
| Marian Yost | 402.90 |
| Marian Yost | 435.01 |
| Marian Yost | 496.52 |
+-------------+--------+
5 rows in set
Time: 0.004s
```

Since the `books` table will be used in later examples, drop the `title_price_idx` index:

```
ALTER TABLE books DROP INDEX title_price_idx;
```

4.10.2.2.3 Solution: Use primary index

If a query uses the primary key to filter data, the query runs fast. For example, the primary key of the `books` table is the `id` column, so you can use the `id` column to query data:

```
SELECT * FROM books WHERE id = 896;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---+---------------+--------------------+--------------------+-------+------
    ↪
| id  | title         | type               | published_at       | stock | price
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---+---------------+--------------------+--------------------+-------+------
    ↪
| 896 | Kathryne Doyle | Science & Technology | 1969-03-18 01:34:15 | 468 |
    ↪ 281.32 |
+--
    ↪ ---+---------------+--------------------+--------------------+-------+------
    ↪
1 row in set
Time: 0.004s
```

Use `EXPLAIN` to see the execution plan:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM books WHERE id = 896;
```

```
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
| id          | estRows | task | access object | operator info |
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
| Point_Get_1 | 1.00 | root | table:books | handle:896 |
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
```

`Point_Get` is a very fast execute plan.

4.10.2.3 Use the right join type

See JOIN Execution Plan.

4.10.2.3.1 See also

- EXPLAIN Walkthrough
- Explain Statements That Use Indexes

4.10.2.4 Need help?

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4.10.3 Performance Tuning Best Practices

This document introduces some best practices for using TiDB databases.

4.10.3.1 DML best practices

This section describes the best practices involved when you use DML with TiDB.

4.10.3.1.1 Use multi-row statements

When you need to modify multiple rows of table, it is recommended to use multi-row statements:

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, 'a'), (2, 'b'), (3, 'c');

DELETE FROM t WHERE id IN (1, 2, 3);
```

It is not recommended to use multiple single-row statements:

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, 'a');
INSERT INTO t VALUES (2, 'b');
INSERT INTO t VALUES (3, 'c');

DELETE FROM t WHERE id = 1;
DELETE FROM t WHERE id = 2;
DELETE FROM t WHERE id = 3;
```

4.10.3.1.2 Use `PREPARE`

When you need to execute a SQL statement for multiple times, it is recommended to use the `PREPARE` statement to avoid the overhead of repeatedly parsing the SQL syntax.

```
func BatchInsert(db *sql.DB) error {
    stmt, err := db.Prepare("INSERT INTO t (id) VALUES (?), (?), (?), (?),
        ↪ (?)")
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    for i := 0; i < 1000; i += 5 {
        values := []interface{}{i, i + 1, i + 2, i + 3, i + 4}
        _, err = stmt.Exec(values...)
        if err != nil {
            return err
        }
    }
    return nil
}
```

```
public void batchInsert(Connection connection) throws SQLException {
    PreparedStatement statement = connection.prepareStatement(
            "INSERT INTO `t` (`id`) VALUES (?), (?), (?), (?), (?)");
    for (int i = 0; i < 1000; i ++) {
        statement.setInt(i % 5 + 1, i);

        if (i % 5 == 4) {
            statement.executeUpdate();
        }
    }
}
```

Do not execute the `PREPARE` statement repeatedly. Otherwise, the execution efficiency cannot be improved.

4.10.3.1.3 Only query the columns you need

If you do not need data from all columns, do not use `SELECT *` to return all columns data. The following query is inefficient:

```
SELECT * FROM books WHERE title = 'Marian Yost';
```

You should only query the columns you need. For example:

```
SELECT title, price FROM books WHERE title = 'Marian Yost';
```

4.10.3.1.4 Use bulk delete

When you delete a large amount of data, it is recommended to use bulk delete.

4.10.3.1.5 Use bulk update

When you update a large amount of data, it is recommended to use bulk update.

4.10.3.1.6 Use `TRUNCATE` instead of `DELETE` for full table data

When you need to delete all data from a table, it is recommended to use the `TRUNCATE` statement:

```
TRUNCATE TABLE t;
```

It is not recommended to use `DELETE` for full table data:

```
DELETE FROM t;
```

4.10.3.2 DDL best practices

This section describes the best practices involved when using TiDB's DDL.

4.10.3.2.1 Primary key best practices

See the rules to follow when selecting the primary key.

4.10.3.3 Index best practices

See Index Best Practices.

4.10.3.3.1 Add index best practices

TiDB supports the online index add operation. You can use ADD INDEX or CREATE INDEX statement to add an index. It does not block data reads and writes in the table. You can adjust the concurrency and the batch size during the `re-organize` phase of the index add operation by modifying the following system variables:

- `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt`
- `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size`

To reduce the impact on the online application, the default speed of add index operation is slow. When the target column of add index operation only involves read load or is not directly related to online workload, you can appropriately increase the value of the above variables to speed up the add index operation:

```
SET @@global.tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt = 16;
SET @@global.tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size = 4096;
```

When the target column of the add index operation is updated frequently (including `UPDATE`, `INSERT` and `DELETE`), increasing the above variables causes more write conflicts, which impacts the online workload. Accordingly, the add index operation might take a long time to complete due to constant retries. In this case, it is recommended to decrease the value of the above variables to avoid write conflicts with the online application:

```
SET @@global.tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt = 4;
SET @@global.tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size = 128;
```

4.10.3.4 Transaction conflicts

For how to locate and resolve transaction conflicts, see Troubleshoot Lock Conflicts.

4.10.3.5 Best practices for developing Java applications with TiDB

See Best Practices for Developing Java Applications with TiDB.

4.10.3.5.1 See also

- Highly Concurrent Write Best Practices

4.10.3.6 Need help?

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4.10.4 Best Practices for Indexing

This document introduces some best practices for creating and using indexes in TiDB.

4.10.4.1 Before you begin

This section takes the `books` table in the bookshop database as an example.

```
CREATE TABLE `books` (
  `id` bigint AUTO_RANDOM NOT NULL,
  `title` varchar(100) NOT NULL,
  `type` enum('Magazine', 'Novel', 'Life', 'Arts', 'Comics', 'Education &
    ↪ Reference', 'Humanities & Social Sciences', 'Science & Technology',
    ↪ 'Kids', 'Sports') NOT NULL,
  `published_at` datetime NOT NULL,
  `stock` int DEFAULT '0',
  `price` decimal(15,2) DEFAULT '0.0',
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`) CLUSTERED
) DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;
```

4.10.4.2 Best practices for creating indexes

- Creating a combined index with multiple columns, which is an optimization called covering index optimization. **Covering index optimization** allows TiDB to query data directly on indexes, which helps improve performance.
- Avoid creating a secondary index on columns that you do not query often. A useful secondary index can speed up queries, but be aware that it also has side effects. Each time you add an index, an additional Key-Value is added when you insert a row. The more indexes you have, the slower you write, and the more space it consumes. In addition, too many indexes affect optimizer runtime, and inappropriate indexes can mislead the optimizer. So, more indexes do not always mean better performance.
- Create an appropriate index based on your application. In principle, create indexes only on the columns to be used in queries to improve performance. The following cases are suitable for creating an index:

- Columns with a high distinction degree can significantly reduce the number of filtered rows. For example, it is recommended to create an index on the personal ID number, but not on the gender.
- Use combined indexes when querying with multiple conditions. Note that columns with equivalent conditions need to be placed in the front of the combined index. Here is an example: if the `select* from t where c1 = 10 and c2 = 100 and c3 > 10` query is frequently used, consider creating a combined index `Index cidx (c1, c2, c3)`, so that an index prefix can be constructed to scan by query conditions.

- Name your secondary index meaningfully, and it is recommended to follow the table naming conventions of your company or organization. If such naming conventions do not exist, follow the rules in Index Naming Specification.

4.10.4.3 Best practices for using indexes

- Indexes are to speed up queries, so make sure that the existing indexes are actually used by some queries. If an index is not used by any query, the index is meaningless, and you need to drop it.

- When using a combined index, follow the left-prefix rule.

  Suppose that you create a new combined index on the `title` and `published_at` columns:

  ```
  CREATE INDEX title_published_at_idx ON books (title, published_at);
  ```

  The following query can still use the combined index:

  ```
  SELECT * FROM books WHERE title = 'database';
  ```

  However, the following query cannot use the combined index because the condition for the leftmost first column in the index is not specified:

  ```
  SELECT * FROM books WHERE published_at = '2018-08-18 21:42:08';
  ```

- When using an index column as a condition in a query, do not use calculation, function, or type conversion on it, which will prevent the TiDB optimizer from using the index.

  Suppose that you create a new index on the time type column `published_at`:

  ```
  CREATE INDEX published_at_idx ON books (published_at);
  ```

  However, the following query cannot use the index on `published_at`:

  ```
  SELECT * FROM books WHERE YEAR(published_at)=2022;
  ```

  To use the index on `published_at`, you can rewrite the query as follows, which avoids using any function on the index column:

```
SELECT * FROM books WHERE published_at >= '2022-01-01' AND published_
    ↪ at < '2023-01-01';
```

You can also use an expression index to create an expression index for `YEAR(Published ↪ at)` in the query condition:

```
CREATE INDEX published_year_idx ON books ((YEAR(published_at)));
```

Now, if you execute the `SELECT * FROM books WHERE YEAR(published_at)=2022;` query, the query can use the `published_year_idx` index to speed up the execution.

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, expression index is an experimental feature, and it needs to be enabled in the TiDB configuration file. For more details, see expression index.

- Try to use a covering index, in which the columns in the index contain the columns to be queried, and avoid querying all columns with `SELECT *` statements.

  The following query only needs to scan the index `title_published_at_idx` to get the data:

  ```
  SELECT title, published_at FROM books WHERE title = 'database';
  ```

  Although the following query statement can use the combined index `(title, ↪ published_at)`, it causes an extra cost to query the non-indexed column, which requires TiDB to query row data according to the reference stored in the index data (usually the primary key information).

  ```
  SELECT * FROM books WHERE title = 'database';
  ```

- A query cannot use indexes when the query condition contains `!=` or `NOT IN`. For example, the following query cannot use any indexes:

  ```
  SELECT * FROM books WHERE title != 'database';
  ```

- A query cannot use indexes if the `LIKE` condition starts with wildcard `%` in the query. For example, the following query cannot use any indexes:

  ```
  SELECT * FROM books WHERE title LIKE '%database';
  ```

- When the query condition has multiple indexes available, and you know which index is the best in practice, it is recommended to use Optimizer Hint to force the TiDB optimizer to use this index. This can prevent the TiDB optimizer from selecting the wrong index due to inaccurate statistics or other problems.

In the following query, assuming that indexes `id_idx` and `title_idx` are available on the column `id` and `title` respectively, if you know that `id_idx` is better, you can use `USE INDEX` hint in SQL to force the TiDB optimizer to use the `id_idx` index.

```
SELECT * FROM t USE INDEX(id_idx) WHERE id = 1 and title = 'database';
```

- When using the `IN` expression in a query condition, it is recommended that the number of value matched after it does not exceed 300, otherwise the execution efficiency will be poor.

4.10.4.4 Need help?

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4.10.5 Other Optimization Methods

4.10.5.1 Avoid Implicit Type Conversions

This document introduces the rules and possible consequences of implicit type conversions in TiDB and how to avoid implicit type conversions.

4.10.5.1.1 Conversion rules

When the data types on the two sides of the predicate in a SQL statement do not match, TiDB implicitly convert the data types on one or both sides to a compatible data type for predicate operations.

The rules for implicit type conversion in TiDB are as follows:

- If one or both arguments are `NULL`, the result of the comparison is `NULL`. The NULL-safe `<=>` equivalent comparison operator does not require conversion, because NULL `<=>` NULL results in `true`.
- If both arguments in the comparison operation are strings, they are compared as strings.
- If both arguments are integers, they are compared as integers.
- If no comparison is made with numbers, the hexadecimal value is treated as a binary string.
- If one of the arguments is a decimal value, the comparison depends on the other argument. If the other argument is a decimal or integer value, the argument is compared with the decimal value. If the other argument is a floating-point value, the argument is compared with the floating-point value.
- If one of the arguments is a `TIMESTAMP` or `DATETIME` column and the other argument is a constant, the constant is converted to a timestamp before the comparison is performed.
- In all other cases, the arguments are compared as floating-point numbers (the `DOUBLE` type).

4.10.5.1.2 Consequences caused by implicit type conversion

Implicit type conversions increase the usability of human-computer interaction. However, avoid using implicit type conversions in application code, because they might lead to the following issues:

- Index invalidity
- Loss of precision

Index invalidity

In the following case, `account_id` is the primary key and its data type is `varchar`. In the execution plan, this SQL statement has an implicit type conversion and cannot use the index.

```
DESC SELECT * FROM `account` WHERE `account_id`=6010000000009801;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------------+----------+--------------+----------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows       | task     | access object | operator
   ↪ info                                       |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------------+----------+--------------+----------
   ↪
| TableReader_7         | 8000628000.00 | root     |               | data:
   ↪ Selection_6                                |
| ─Selection_6          | 8000628000.00 | cop[tikv] |              | eq(cast(
   ↪ findpt.account.account_id), 6.010000000009801e+15) |
|   ─TableFullScan_5    | 10000785000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:account | keep
   ↪ order:false                                |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------------+----------+--------------+----------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Brief description of run results: From the above execution plan, the `Cast` operator is visible.

Loss of precision

In the following case, the data type of the `a` field is `decimal(32,0)`. In the execution plan, an implicit type conversion occurs, and both the decimal field and the string constant are converted to the double type. Because the precision of the double type is not as high as decimal, there is a loss of precision. In this case, the SQL statement incorrectly filters the result set out of range.

```
DESC SELECT * FROM `t1` WHERE `a` BETWEEN '12123123' AND '
   ↪ 1111222211111111200000';
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+------------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
   ↪                                                              |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+------------------
   ↪
| TableReader_7         | 0.80    | root      |               | data:Selection_6
   ↪                                                                 |
|  ─Selection_6         | 0.80    | cop[tikv] |               | ge(cast(findpt.t1
   ↪ .a), 1.2123123e+07), le(cast(findpt.t1.a), 1.1112222111111112e+21) |
|    ─TableFullScan_5   | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1      | keep order:false,
   ↪  stats:pseudo                                                   |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+------------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Brief description of run results: From the above execution plan, the `Cast` operator is visible.

```
SELECT * FROM `t1` WHERE `a` BETWEEN '12123123' AND '1111222211111111200000
   ↪ ';
+------------------------+
| a                      |
+------------------------+
| 1111222211111111222211 |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

Brief description of run results: The above execution gives a wrong result.

4.10.5.1.3 Need help?

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4.10.5.2 Unique Serial Number Generation

This document introduces the unique serial number generation scheme to help developers who generate their own unique IDs.

4.10.5.2.1 Auto-increment column

`AUTO_INCREMENT` is a column attribute of many RDBMSs that are compatible with the MySQL protocol. With the `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute, a database can automatically assign values to this column without user intervention. As the number of records in the table increases, the value of this column automatically increments and are guaranteed to be unique. In most scenarios, `AUTO_INCREMENT` columns are used as proxy primary keys with no actual meaning.

The limitation of `AUTO_INCREMENT` columns is that the column must be of the integer type and the values assigned to them must be integer. If the serial numbers required by the application are sliced by letters, numbers, and other characters, it is difficult for the user to get the auto-increment numbers required in the serial number through the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column.

4.10.5.2.2 Sequence

A **Sequence** is a database object that an application can invoke to produce incremental sequence values. Applications can flexibly use the sequence values to assign values to one or more tables. Applications can also use the sequence values for more complex processing to produce a combination of text and numbers. This approach gives some tracking and classification meaning to proxy keys.

Sequence is available starting with TiDB v4.0. For details, refer to sequence documentation.

4.10.5.2.3 Snowflake-like solutions

Snowflake is a distributed ID generation solution proposed by Twitter. There are several implementations, the more popular ones are Baidu's **uid-generator** and Meituan's **leaf**. This section uses `uid-generator` as an example.

The 64-bit ID structure generated by `uid-generator` is as follows:

```
| sign | delta seconds | worker node id | sequencs |
|------|---------------|----------------|----------|
| 1bit |    28bits     | 22bits         | 13bits   |
```

- sign: Fixed length of 1 bit. Fixed to `0` to indicate that the generated ID is always a positive number.
- delta seconds: 28 bits by default. The current time, presented as an incremental value in seconds relative to a preset time base (defaults to `2016-05-20`). 28 bits can support up to about 8.7 years.
- worker node id: 22 bits by default. Represents the machine ID, usually obtained from a centralized ID generator when the application process is started. Common centralized ID generators include auto-increment columns and ZooKeeper. The default allocation policy is discard-as-you-go, and the process re-acquires a new worker node ID on restart. 22 bits can support up to about 4.2 million starts.
- sequence: 13 bits by default. The sequence of concurrency per second. 13 bits can support 8192 concurrent sequences per second.

4.10.5.2.4 Number allocation solution

The number allocation solution can be understood as bulk acquisition of auto-increment IDs from the database. This scheme requires a sequence number generation table, with each row representing a sequence object. An example of table definition is as follows:

Field Name	Field Type	Field Description
`SEQ_NAME`	varchar(128)	The name of the sequence, used to distinguish different applications.
`MAX_ID`	bigint	The maximum value of the current sequence that has been allocated.
`STEP`	int	The step, which indicates the length of each assigned segment.

Every time, the application gets a segment of sequence numbers at the configured step. It updates the database at the same time to persist the maximum value of the current sequence that has been allocated. The processing and allocation of sequence numbers are completed in the application's memory. After a segment of sequence numbers is used up, the application gets a new segment of sequence numbers, which effectively alleviates the pressure on the database write. In practice, you can also adjust the step to control the frequency of database updates.

Finally, note that the IDs generated by the above two solutions are not random enough to be directly used as **primary keys** for TiDB tables. In practice, you can perform bit-reverse on the generated IDs to get more random new IDs. For example, after performing bit-reverse, the ID `00000010100101000001111010011100` becomes `00111001011110000010100101000000`, and `11111111111111111111111111111101` becomes `10111111111111111111111111111111`.

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4.11 Troubleshoot

4.11.1 SQL or Transaction Issues

This document introduces problems that may occur during application development and related documents.

4.11.1.1 Troubleshoot SQL query problems

If you want to improve SQL query performance, follow the instructions in SQL Performance Tuning to solve performance problems such as full table scans and missing indexes.

If you still have performance issues, see the following documents:

- Analyze Slow Queries
- Identify Expensive Queries Using Top SQL

If you have questions about SQL operations, see SQL FAQs.

4.11.1.2 Troubleshoot transaction issues

See Handle transaction errors.

4.11.1.3 See also

- Unsupported features

- Cluster Management FAQs
- TiDB FAQs

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4.11.2 Unstable Result Set

This document describes how to solve unstable result set errors.

4.11.2.1 GROUP BY

For convenience, MySQL "extends" the `GROUP BY` syntax to allow the `SELECT` clause to refer to non-aggregated fields not declared in the `GROUP BY` clause, that is, the `NON-FULL GROUP BY` syntax. In other databases, this is considered a syntax ***ERROR*** because it causes unstable result sets.

For example, you have two tables:

- `stu_info` stores the student information
- `stu_score` stores the student test scores.

Then you can write a SQL query statement like this:

```
SELECT
    `a`.`class`,
    `a`.`stuname`,
    max( `b`.`courscore` )
FROM
    `stu_info` `a`
    JOIN `stu_score` `b` ON `a`.`stuno` = `b`.`stuno`
GROUP BY
    `a`.`class`,
    `a`.`stuname`
ORDER BY
    `a`.`class`,
    `a`.`stuname`;
```

Result:

```
+-----------+-------------+-----------------+
| class     | stuname     | max(b.courscore) |
+-----------+-------------+-----------------+
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy |        95.5 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar |         99.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob |           95.0 |
+-----------+-------------+-----------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The `a.class` and `a.stuname` fields are specified in the `GROUP BY` statement, and the selected columns are `a.class`, `a.stuname` and `b.courscore`. The only column that is not in the `GROUP BY` condition, `b.courscore`, is also specified with a unique value using the `max()` function. There is ***ONLY ONE*** result that satisfies this SQL statement without any ambiguity, which is called the `FULL GROUP BY` syntax.

A counterexample is the `NON-FULL GROUP BY` syntax. For example, in these two tables, write the following SQL query (delete `a.stuname` in `GROUP BY`).

```
SELECT
    `a`.`class`,
    `a`.`stuname`,
    max( `b`.`courscore` )
FROM
    `stu_info` `a`
    JOIN `stu_score` `b` ON `a`.`stuno` = `b`.`stuno`
GROUP BY
    `a`.`class`
ORDER BY
    `a`.`class`,
    `a`.`stuname`;
```

Then two values that match this SQL are returned.

The first returned value:

```
+-----------+-------------+----------------------+
| class     | stuname     | max( `b`.`courscore` ) |
+-----------+-------------+----------------------+
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy |                95.5 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar |                99.0 |
+-----------+-------------+----------------------+
```

The second returned value:

```
+-----------+-------------+-----------------+
| class     | stuname     | max(b.courscore) |
+-----------+-------------+-----------------+
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy |            95.5 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob |              99.0 |
+-----------+-------------+-----------------+
```

There are two results because you did ***NOT*** specify how to get the value of the `a.stuname` field in SQL, and two results are both satisfied by SQL semantics. It results in an unstable result set. Therefore, if you want to guarantee the stability of the result set of the `GROUP BY` statement, use the `FULL GROUP BY` syntax.

MySQL provides a `sql_mode` switch `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY` to control whether to check the `FULL GROUP BY` syntax or not. TiDB is also compatible with this `sql_mode` switch.

```
mysql> select a.class, a.stuname, max(b.courscore) from stu_info a join stu
    ↪ _score b on a.stuno=b.stuno group by a.class order by a.class, a.
    ↪ stuname;
+-----------+-------------+-----------------+
| class     | stuname     | max(b.courscore) |
+-----------+-------------+-----------------+
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy |            95.5 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar |            99.0 |
+-----------+-------------+-----------------+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> set @@sql_mode='STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION,ONLY_FULL
    ↪ _GROUP_BY';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> select a.class, a.stuname, max(b.courscore) from stu_info a join stu
    ↪ _score b on a.stuno=b.stuno group by a.class order by a.class, a.
    ↪ stuname;
ERROR 1055 (42000): Expression #2 of ORDER BY is not in GROUP BY clause and
    ↪  contains nonaggregated column '' which is not functionally dependent
```

```
    ↪  on columns in GROUP BY clause; this is incompatible with sql_mode=
    ↪ only_full_group_by
```

Run results: The above example shows the effect when you set `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY` for `sql_mode`.

4.11.2.2 ORDER BY

In SQL semantics, the result set is output in order only if the `ORDER BY` syntax is used. For a single-instance database, since the data is stored on one server, the results of multiple executions are often stable without data reorganization. Some databases (especially the MySQL InnoDB storage engine) can even output the result sets in order of the primary key or index.

As a distributed database, TiDB stores data on multiple servers. In addition, the TiDB layer does not cache data pages, so the result set order of SQL statements without `ORDER BY` is easily perceived as unstable. To output a sequential result set, you need to explicitly add the order field into the `ORDER BY` clause, which conforms to SQL semantics.

In the following example, only one field is added to the `ORDER BY` clause, and TiDB only sorts the results by that one field.

```
mysql> select a.class, a.stuname, b.course, b.courscore from stu_info a
    ↪ join stu_score b on a.stuno=b.stuno order by a.class;
+-----------+-------------+-------------------------+-----------+
| class     | stuname     | course                  | courscore |
+-----------+-------------+-------------------------+-----------+
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | PrinciplesofDatabase | 60.5 |
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | English           |     43.0 |
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | OpSwimming        |     67.0 |
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | OpFencing         |     76.0 |
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | FundamentalsofCompiling | 88.0 |
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | OperatingSystem   |     90.5 |
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | PrincipleofStatistics | 69.0 |
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | ProbabilityTheory |     76.0 |
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | Physics           |     63.5 |
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | AdvancedMathematics |   95.5 |
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | LinearAlgebra     |     92.5 |
| 2018_CS_01 | MonkeyDLuffy | DiscreteMathematics |   89.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | PrinciplesofDatabase |     88.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | English           |     79.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | OpBasketball      |     92.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | OpTennis          |     94.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | LinearAlgebra     |      6.5 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | AdvancedMathematics |    5.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | DiscreteMathematics |     72.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | ProbabilityTheory |     12.0 |
```

```
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | PrincipleofStatistics | 20.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | OperatingSystem       |     36.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | FundamentalsofCompiling | 2.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | DiscreteMathematics |    14.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | PrinciplesofDatabase |    9.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | English             |     60.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | OpTableTennis       |     12.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | OpPiano             |     99.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | FundamentalsofCompiling |  43.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | OperatingSystem     |     95.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | PrincipleofStatistics |   90.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | ProbabilityTheory   |     87.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | Physics             |     65.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | AdvancedMathematics |     55.0 |
| 2018_CS_03 | SpongeBob | LinearAlgebra       |     60.5 |
| 2018_CS_03 | PatrickStar | Physics           |      6.0 |
+------------+-------------+-------------------------+----------+
36 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Results are unstable when the `ORDER BY` values are the same. To reduce randomness, `ORDER BY` values should be unique. If you can't guarantee the uniqueness, you need to add more `ORDER BY` fields until the combination of the `ORDER BY` fields in `ORDER BY` is unique, then the result will be stable.

4.11.2.3 The result set is unstable because order by is not used in `GROUP_CONCAT()`

The result set is unstable because TiDB reads data from the storage layer in parallel, so the result set order returned by `GROUP_CONCAT()` without `ORDER BY` is easily perceived as unstable.

To let `GROUP_CONCAT()` get the result set output in order, you need to add the sorting fields to the `ORDER BY` clause, which conforms to the SQL semantics. In the following example, `GROUP_CONCAT()` that splices `customer_id` without `ORDER BY` causes an unstable result set.

1. Excluded `ORDER BY`

   First query:

```
mysql> select GROUP_CONCAT( customer_id SEPARATOR ',' ) FROM customer
    ↪ where customer_id like '200002%';
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| GROUP_CONCAT(customer_id SEPARATOR ',')                          |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
|
    ↪ 20000200992,20000200993,20000200994,20000200995,20000200996,20000200...
    ↪  |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
```

Second query:

```
mysql> select GROUP_CONCAT( customer_id SEPARATOR ',' ) FROM customer
    ↪ where customer_id like '200002%';
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| GROUP_CONCAT(customer_id SEPARATOR ',')                              |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
|
    ↪ 20000203040,20000203041,20000203042,20000203043,20000203044,20000203...
    ↪  |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
```

2. Include `ORDER BY`

First query:

```
mysql> select GROUP_CONCAT( customer_id order by customer_id SEPARATOR
    ↪  ',' ) FROM customer where customer_id like '200002%';
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| GROUP_CONCAT(customer_id SEPARATOR ',')                              |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
|
    ↪ 20000200000,20000200001,20000200002,20000200003,20000200004,20000200...
    ↪  |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
```

Second query:

```
mysql> select GROUP_CONCAT( customer_id order by customer_id SEPARATOR
    ↪  ',' ) FROM customer where customer_id like '200002%';
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| GROUP_CONCAT(customer_id SEPARATOR ',')                                    |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
|
    ↪ 20000200000,20000200001,20000200002,20000200003,20000200004,20000200...
    ↪  |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
```

4.11.2.4 Unstable results in `SELECT * FROM T LIMIT N`

The returned result is related to the distribution of data on the storage node (TiKV). If multiple queries are performed, different storage units (Regions) of the storage nodes (TiKV) return results at different speeds, which can cause unstable results.

4.11.2.5 Need help?

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4.11.3 Timeouts in TiDB

This document describes various timeouts in TiDB to help you troubleshoot errors.

4.11.3.1 GC timeout

TiDB's transaction implementation uses the MVCC (Multiple Version Concurrency Control) mechanism. When the newly written data overwrites the old data, the old data will not be replaced, but kept together with the newly written data. The versions are distinguished by the timestamp. TiDB uses the mechanism of periodic Garbage Collection (GC) to clean up the old data that is no longer needed.

- For TiDB versions earlier than v4.0:

By default, each MVCC version (consistency snapshots) is kept for 10 minutes. Transactions that take longer than 10 minutes to read will receive an error `GC life time is shorter than transaction duration`.

- For TiDB v4.0 and later versions:

  For running transactions that do not exceed a duration of 24 hours, garbage collection (GC) are blocked during the transaction execution. The error `GC life time is shorter than transaction duration` does not occur.

If you need longer read time temporarily in some cases, you can increase the retention time of MVCC versions:

- For TiDB versions earlier than v5.0: adjust `tikv_gc_life_time` in the `mysql.tidb` table in TiDB.
- For TiDB v5.0 and later versions: adjust the system variable `tidb_gc_life_time`.

Note that the system variable configuration takes effect globally and immediately. Increasing its value will increase the life time of all existing snapshots, and decreasing it will immediately shorten the life time of all snapshots. Too many MVCC versions will impact the performance of the TiDB cluster. So you need to change this variable back to the previous setting in time.

Tip:

Specifically, when Dumpling is exporting data from TiDB (less than 1 TB), if the TiDB version is v4.0.0 or later and Dumpling can access the PD address and the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_INFO` table of the TiDB cluster, Dumpling automatically adjusts the GC safe point to block GC without affecting the original cluster.

However, in either of the following scenarios, Dumpling cannot automatically adjust the GC time:

- The data size is very large (more than 1 TB).
- Dumpling cannot connect directly to PD, for example, the TiDB cluster is on TiDB Cloud or on Kubernetes that is separated from Dumpling.

In such scenarios, you must manually extend the GC time in advance to avoid export failure due to GC during the export process.

For more details, see Manually set the TiDB GC time.

For more information about GC, see GC Overview.

4.11.3.2 Transaction timeout

In scenarios where a transaction starts but is neither committed nor rolled back, you might need a finer-grained control and a shorter timeout to prevent prolonged lock holding. In this case, you can use `tidb_idle_transaction_timeout` (introduced in TiDB v7.6.0) to control the idle timeout for transactions in a user session.

GC does not affect ongoing transactions. However, there is still an upper limit to the number of pessimistic transactions that can run, with a limit on the transaction timeout and a limit on the memory used by the transaction. You can modify the transaction timeout by `max-txn-ttl` under the `[performance]` category of the TiDB profile, `60` minutes by default.

SQL statements such as `INSERT INTO t10 SELECT * FROM t1` are not affected by GC, but will be rolled back due to timeout after exceeding `max-txn-ttl`.

4.11.3.3 SQL execution timeout

TiDB also provides a system variable (`max_execution_time`, `0` by default, indicating no limit) to limit the execution time of a single SQL statement. Currently, the system variable only takes effect for read-only SQL statements. The unit of `max_execution_time` is `ms`, but the actual precision is at the `100ms` level instead of the millisecond level.

4.11.3.4 JDBC query timeout

Starting from v6.1.0, when the `enable-global-kill` configuration item is set to its default value `true`, you can use the `setQueryTimeout()` method provided by MySQL JDBC to control the query timeout.

> **Note:**
>
> When your TiDB version is earlier than v6.1.0 or `enable-global-kill` is set to `false`, `setQueryTimeout()` does not work for TiDB. This is because the client sends a `KILL` command to the database when it detects the query timeout. However, because the TiDB service is load balanced, TiDB does not execute the `KILL` command to avoid termination of the connection on a wrong TiDB node. In such cases, you can use `max_execution_time` to control query timeout.

TiDB provides the following MySQL-compatible timeout control parameters.

- **wait_timeout**, controls the non-interactive idle timeout for the connection to Java applications. Since TiDB v5.4, the default value of `wait_timeout` is `28800` seconds, which is 8 hours. For TiDB versions earlier than v5.4, the default value is `0`, which means the timeout is unlimited.

- **interactive_timeout**, controls the interactive idle timeout for the connection to Java applications. The value is `8 hours` by default.
- **max_execution_time**, controls the timeout for SQL execution in the connection, only effective for read-only SQL statements. The value is `0` by default, which allows the connection to be infinitely busy, that is, an SQL statement is executed for an infinitely long time.

However, in a real production environment, idle connections and indefinitely executing SQL statements have a negative effect on both the database and the application. You can avoid idle connections and indefinitely executing SQL statements by configuring these two session-level variables in your application's connection string. For example, set the following:

- `sessionVariables=wait_timeout=3600` (1 hour)
- `sessionVariables=max_execution_time=300000` (5 minutes)

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4.12 Reference

4.12.1 Bookshop Example Application

Bookshop is a virtual online bookstore application through which you can buy books of various categories and rate the books you have read.

To make your reading on the application developer guide more smoothly, we present the example SQL statements based on the table structures and data of the Bookshop application. This document focuses on the methods of importing the table structures and data as well as the definitions of the table structures.

4.12.1.1 Import table structures and data

You can import Bookshop table structures and data either via TiUP or via the import feature of TiDB Cloud.

4.12.1.1.1 Method 1: Via `tiup demo`

If your TiDB cluster is deployed using TiUP or you can connect to your TiDB server, you can quickly generate and import sample data for the Bookshop application by running the following command:

```
tiup demo bookshop prepare
```

By default, this command enables your application to connect to port `4000` on address `127.0.0.1`, enables you to log in as the `root` user without a password, and creates a table structure in the database named `bookshop`.

Configure connection information

The following table lists the connection parameters. You can change their default settings to match your environment.

Parameter	Abbreviation	Default value	Description
`--password`	`-p`	None	Database user password
`--host`	`-H`	`127.0.0.1`	Database address
`--port`	`-P`	`4000`	Database port
`--db`	`-D`	`bookshop`	Database name
`--user`	`-U`	`root`	Database user

For example, if you want to connect to a database on TiDB Cloud, you can specify the connection information as follows:

```
tiup demo bookshop prepare -U <username> -H <endpoint> -P 4000 -p <password>
```

Set the data volume

You can specify the volume of data to be generated in each database table by configuring the following parameters:

Parameter	Default value	Description
`--users`	`10000`	The number of rows of data to be generated in the `users` table
`--authors`	`20000`	The number of rows to be generated in the `authors` table
`--books`	`20000`	The number of rows of data to be generated in the `books` table
`--orders`	`300000`	The number of rows of data to be generated in the `orders` table
`--ratings`	`300000`	The number of rows of data to be generated in the `ratings` table

For example, the following command is executed to generate:

- 200,000 rows of user information via the `--users` parameter
- 500,000 rows of book information via the `--books` parameter
- 100,000 rows of author information via the `--authors` parameter
- 1,000,000 rows of rating records via the `--ratings` parameter
- 1,000,000 rows of order records via the `--orders` parameter

```
tiup demo bookshop prepare --users=200000 --books=500000 --authors=100000 --
    ↪ ratings=1000000 --orders=1000000 --drop-tables
```

You can delete the original table structure through the `--drop-tables` parameter. For more parameter descriptions, run the `tiup demo bookshop --help` command.

4.12.1.1.2 Method 2: Via TiDB Cloud Import

1. Open the **Import** page for your target cluster.

    1. Log in to the TiDB Cloud console and navigate to the **Clusters** page of your project.

    > **Tip:**
    > If you have multiple projects, you can click in the lower-left corner and switch to another project.

    2. Click the name of your target cluster to go to its overview page, and then click **Import** in the left navigation pane.

2. Select **Import data from Cloud Storage**, and then click **Amazon S3**.

3. On the **Import Data from Amazon S3** page, configure the following source data information:

    - **Import File Count**: for TiDB Cloud Serverless, select **Multiple files**. This field is not available in TiDB Cloud Dedicated.
    - **Included Schema Files**: select **Yes**.
    - **Data Format**: select **SQL**.
    - **Folder URI**: enter `s3://developer.pingcap.com/bookshop/`.
    - **Bucket Access**: select **AWS Role ARN**.
    - **Role ARN**: enter `arn:aws:iam::494090988690:role/s3-tidb-cloud-developer-access`.

    In this example, the following data is generated in advance:

    - 200,000 rows of user information
    - 500,000 rows of book information
    - 100,000 rows of author information
    - 1,000,000 rows of rating records
    - 1,000,000 rows of order records

4. Click **Connect** > **Start Import** to start the import process and wait for TiDB Cloud to complete the import.

For more information about how to import or migrate data to TiDB Cloud, see TiDB Cloud Migration Overview.

4.12.1.1.3 View data import status

After the import is completed, you can view the data volume information of each table by executing the following SQL statement:

```
SELECT
    CONCAT(table_schema,'.',table_name) AS 'Table Name',
    table_rows AS 'Number of Rows',
    CONCAT(ROUND(data_length/(1024*1024*1024),4),'G') AS 'Data Size',
    CONCAT(ROUND(index_length/(1024*1024*1024),4),'G') AS 'Index Size',
    CONCAT(ROUND((data_length+index_length)/(1024*1024*1024),4),'G') AS '
        ↪ Total'
FROM
    information_schema.TABLES
WHERE table_schema LIKE 'bookshop';
```

The result is as follows:

```
+----------------------+---------------+-----------+------------+---------+
    ↪
| Table Name           | Number of Rows | Data Size | Index Size | Total |
+----------------------+---------------+-----------+------------+---------+
    ↪
| bookshop.orders      |       1000000 | 0.0373G | 0.0075G  | 0.0447G |
| bookshop.book_authors |    1000000 | 0.0149G | 0.0149G  | 0.0298G |
| bookshop.ratings     |       4000000 | 0.1192G | 0.1192G  | 0.2384G |
| bookshop.authors     |        100000 | 0.0043G | 0.0000G  | 0.0043G |
| bookshop.users       |        195348 | 0.0048G | 0.0021G  | 0.0069G |
| bookshop.books       |       1000000 | 0.0546G | 0.0000G  | 0.0546G |
+----------------------+---------------+-----------+------------+---------+
    ↪
6 rows in set (0.03 sec)
```

4.12.1.2 Description of the tables

This section describes the database tables of the Bookshop application in detail.

4.12.1.2.1 books table

This table stores the basic information of books.

Field name	Type	Description
id	bigint	Unique ID of a book
title	varchar(100)	Title of a book
type	enum	Type of a book (for example, magazine, animation, or teaching aids)
stock	bigint	Stock

Field name	Type	Description
price	decimal(15,2)	Price
published_at	datetime	Date of publish

4.12.1.2.2 `authors` table

This table stores basic information of authors.

Field name	Type	Description
id	bigint	Unique ID of an author
name	varchar(100)	Name of an author
gender	tinyint	Biological gender (0: female, 1: male, NULL: unknown)
birth_year	smallint	Year of birth
death_year	smallint	Year of death

4.12.1.2.3 `users` table

This table stores information of Bookshop users.

Field name	Type	Description
id	bigint	Unique ID of a user
balance	decimal(15,2)	Balance
nickname	varchar(100)	Nickname

4.12.1.2.4 `ratings` table

This table stores records of user ratings on books.

Field name	Type	Description
book_id	bigint	Unique ID of a book (linked to books)
user_id	bigint	User's unique identifier (linked to users)
score	tinyint	User rating (1-5)
rated_at	datetime	Rating time

4.12.1.2.5 `book_authors` table

An author may write multiple books, and a book may involve more than one author. This table stores the correspondence between books and authors.

Field name	Type	Description
book_id	bigint	Unique ID of a book (linked to books)
author_id	bigint	Unique ID of an author (Link to authors)

4.12.1.2.6 `orders` table

This table stores user purchase information.

Field name	Type	Description
id	bigint	Unique ID of an order
book_id	bigint	Unique ID of a book (linked to books)
user_id	bigint	User unique identifier (associated with users)
quantity	tinyint	Purchase quantity
ordered_at	datetime	Purchase time

4.12.1.3 Database initialization script `dbinit.sql`

If you want to manually create database table structures in the Bookshop application, run the following SQL statements:

```
CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS `bookshop`;

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `bookshop`.`books`;
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`books` (
  `id` bigint AUTO_RANDOM NOT NULL,
  `title` varchar(100) NOT NULL,
  `type` enum('Magazine', 'Novel', 'Life', 'Arts', 'Comics', 'Education &
    ↪ Reference', 'Humanities & Social Sciences', 'Science & Technology',
    ↪ 'Kids', 'Sports') NOT NULL,
  `published_at` datetime NOT NULL,
  `stock` int DEFAULT '0',
  `price` decimal(15,2) DEFAULT '0.0',
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`) CLUSTERED
) DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `bookshop`.`authors`;
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`authors` (
  `id` bigint AUTO_RANDOM NOT NULL,
  `name` varchar(100) NOT NULL,
  `gender` tinyint DEFAULT NULL,
  `birth_year` smallint DEFAULT NULL,
  `death_year` smallint DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`) CLUSTERED
) DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `bookshop`.`book_authors`;
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`book_authors` (
  `book_id` bigint NOT NULL,
  `author_id` bigint NOT NULL,
```

```
  PRIMARY KEY (`book_id`,`author_id`) CLUSTERED
) DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `bookshop`.`ratings`;
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`ratings` (
  `book_id` bigint NOT NULL,
  `user_id` bigint NOT NULL,
  `score` tinyint NOT NULL,
  `rated_at` datetime NOT NULL DEFAULT NOW() ON UPDATE NOW(),
  PRIMARY KEY (`book_id`,`user_id`) CLUSTERED,
  UNIQUE KEY `uniq_book_user_idx` (`book_id`,`user_id`)
) DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;
ALTER TABLE `bookshop`.`ratings` SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `bookshop`.`users`;
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`users` (
  `id` bigint AUTO_RANDOM NOT NULL,
  `balance` decimal(15,2) DEFAULT '0.0',
  `nickname` varchar(100) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
) DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `bookshop`.`orders`;
CREATE TABLE `bookshop`.`orders` (
  `id` bigint AUTO_RANDOM NOT NULL,
  `book_id` bigint NOT NULL,
  `user_id` bigint NOT NULL,
  `quality` tinyint NOT NULL,
  `ordered_at` datetime NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE
    ↪ CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`) CLUSTERED,
  KEY `orders_book_id_idx` (`book_id`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
```

4.12.1.4 Need help?

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4.12.2 Guidelines

4.12.2.1 Object Naming Convention

This document introduces the rules to name database objects, such as database, table, index, and user.

4.12.2.1.1 General rules

- It is recommended to use meaningful English words separated by underscores.
- Use only letters, numbers, and underscores in a name.
- Avoid using TiDB reserved words, such as `group` and `order`, as column names.
- It is recommended to use lowercase letters for all database objects.

4.12.2.1.2 Database naming convention

It is recommended to differentiate database names by business, product, or other metrics and use no more than 20 characters in a database name. For example, you can name a temporary library as `tmp_crm` or a test library as `test_crm`.

4.12.2.1.3 Table naming convention

- Use the same prefix for tables of the same business or module, and make sure that the table name is self-explanatory as much as possible.
- Separate words in a name by underscores. It is recommended to use no more than 32 characters in a table name.
- It is recommended to annotate the purpose of the table for a better understanding. For example:
  - Temporary table: `tmp_t_crm_relation_0425`
  - Backup table: `bak_t_crm_relation_20170425`
  - Temporary table of business operations: `tmp_st_{business code}_{creator abbreviation}_{date}`
  - Record table of accounts period: `t_crm_ec_record_YYYY{MM}{dd}`
- Create separate databases for tables of different business modules and add annotations accordingly.

4.12.2.1.4 Column naming convention

- The column naming is the actual meaning or abbreviation of the column.
- It is recommended to use the same column name between tables with the same meaning.
- It is recommended to add annotations to columns and specify named values for enumerated types, such as "0: offline, 1: online".
- It is recommended to name the boolean column as `is_{description}`. For example, the column of a `member` table that indicates whether the member is enabled, can be named as `is_enabled`.
- It is not recommended to name a column with more than 30 characters, and the number of columns should be less than 60.
- Avoid using TiDB reserved words as column names, such as `order`, `from`, and `desc`. To check whether a keyword is reserved, see TiDB keywords.

4.12.2.1.5 Index naming convention

- Primary key index: `pk_{table_name_abbreviation}_{field_name_abbreviation}`
- Unique index: `uk_{table_name_abbreviation}_{field_name_abbreviation}`
- Common index: `idx_{table_name_abbreviation}_{field_name_abbreviation}`
- Column name with multiple words: use meaningful abbreviations

4.12.2.1.6 Need help?

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4.12.2.2 SQL Development Specifications

This document introduces some general development specifications for using SQL.

4.12.2.2.1 Create and delete tables

- Basic principle: under the premise of following the table naming convention, it is recommended that the application internally packages the table creation and deletion statements and adds judgment logic to prevent abnormal interruption of business processes.
- Details: `create table if not exists table_name` or `drop table if exists table_name` statements are recommended to add `if` judgments to avoid abnormal interruptions caused by SQL commands running abnormally on the application side.

4.12.2.2.2 `SELECT *` usage

- Basic principle: avoid using `SELECT *` for queries.
- Details: select the appropriate columns as required and avoid using `SELECT *` to read all fields because such operations consume network bandwidth. Consider adding the queried fields to the index to make effective use of the covering index.

4.12.2.2.3 Use functions on fields

- Basic principle: You can use related functions on the queried fields. To avoid index failure, do not use any functions on the filtered fields in the `WHERE` clause, including data type conversion functions. You may consider using the expression index.
- Detailed description:

  NOT recommended:

```
SELECT gmt_create
FROM ...
WHERE DATE_FORMAT(gmt_create, '%Y%m%d %H:%i:%s') = '20090101 00:00:00'
```

Recommended:

```
SELECT DATE_FORMAT(gmt_create, '%Y%m%d %H:%i:%s')
FROM ...
WHERE gmt_create = str_to_date('20090101 00:00:00', '%Y%m%d %H:%i:%s')
```

4.12.2.2.4 Other specifications

- Do not perform mathematical operations or functions on the index column in the `WHERE` condition.
- Replace `OR` with `IN` or `UNION`. The number of `IN` must be less than `300`.
- Avoid using the `%` prefix for fuzzy prefix queries.
- If the application uses **Multi Statements** to execute SQL, that is, multiple SQLs are joined with semicolons and sent to the client for execution at once, TiDB only returns the result of the first SQL execution.
- When you use expressions, check if the expressions support computing push-down to the storage layer (TiKV or TiFlash). If not, you should expect more memory consumption and even OOM at the TiDB layer. Computing that can be pushed down to the storage layer is as follows:
  - TiFlash supported push-down calculations.
  - TiKV - List of Expressions for Pushdown.
  - Predicate push down.

4.12.2.2.5 Need help?

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4.13 Cloud Native Development Environment

4.13.1 Gitpod

With Gitpod, you can get a full development environment in your browser with the click of a button or link, and you can write code right away.

Gitpod is an open-source Kubernetes application (GitHub repository address: https://github.com/gitpod-io/gitpod) for direct-to-code development environments, which spins up fresh, automated development environments for each task, in the cloud, in seconds. It enables you to describe your development environment as code and start instant, remote and cloud-based development environments directly from your browser or your Desktop IDE.

4.13.1.1 Quick start

1. Fork the example code repository pingcap-inc/tidb-example-java for TiDB application development.
2. Start your Gitpod workspace by prefixing the URL of the sample code repository with `https://gitpod.io/#` in the address bar of your browser.

- For example, `https://gitpod.io/#https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-example-java`.
- You can configure environment variables in the URL. For example, `https://gitpod.io/#targetFile=spring-jpa-hibernate_Makefile,targetMode=spring-jpa-hibernate/https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-example-java`.

3. Log in and start the workspace using one of the providers listed. For example, `Github`.

4.13.1.2 Use the default Gitpod configuration and environment

After completing the quick-start steps, it will take a while for Gitpod to set up your workspace.

Take the Spring Boot Web application as an example. You can create a new workspace by the `https://gitpod.io/#targetFile=spring-jpa-hibernate_Makefile,targetMode=spring-jpa-hibernate/https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-example-java` URL.

After that, you will see a page similar to the following:

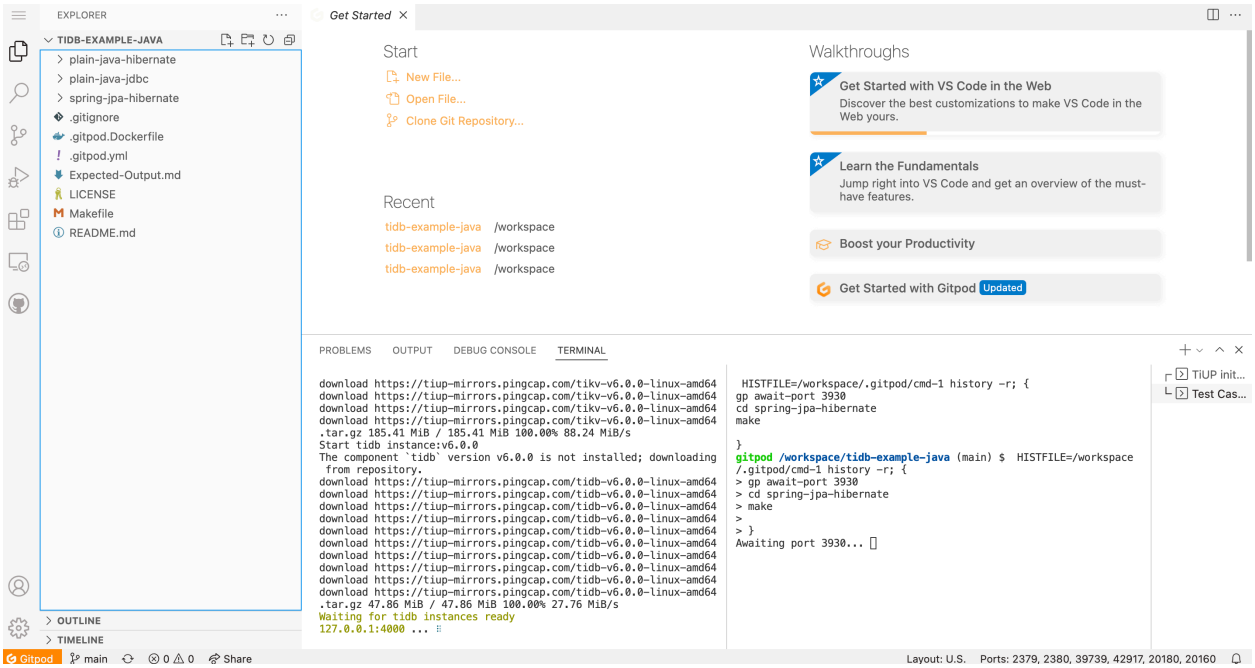

Figure 64: playground gitpod workspace init

This scenario in the page uses TiUP to build a TiDB Playground. You can check the progress on the left side of the terminal area.

Once the TiDB Playground is ready, another `Spring JPA Hibernate` task will run. You can check the progress on the right side of the terminal area.

After all these tasks are finished, you will see a page similar to the following. On this page, check the `REMOTE EXPLORER` area in the left navigation pane (Gitpod supports URL-based port forwarding) and find the URL of your port `8080`.

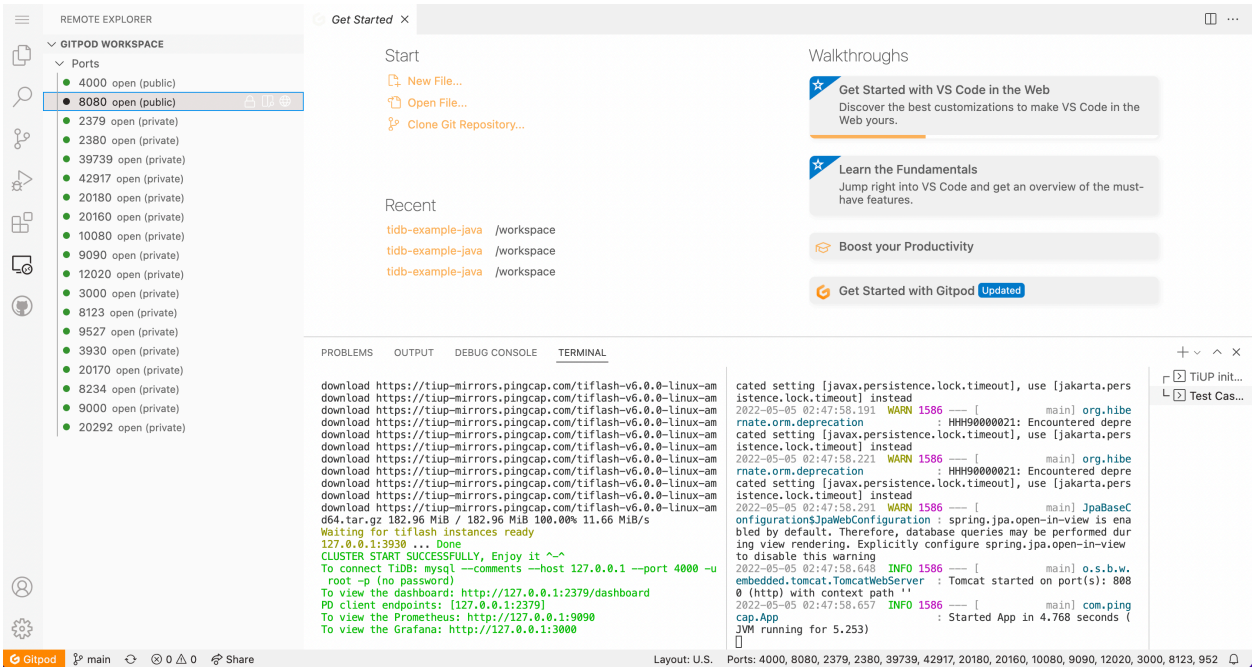

Figure 65: playground gitpod workspace ready

4.13.1.3 Using custom Gitpod configuration and Docker image

4.13.1.3.1 Customize Gitpod configurations

Referring to example.gitpod.yml, create a `.gitpod. yml` file in the root directory of your project to configure the Gitpod workspace.

```
### This configuration file was automatically generated by Gitpod.
### Please adjust to your needs (see https://www.gitpod.io/docs/config-
    ↪ gitpod-file)
### and commit this file to your remote git repository to share the goodness
    ↪  with others.

### image:
###   file: .gitpod.Dockerfile

tasks:
  - name: Open Target File
    command: |
      if [ -n "$targetFile" ]; then code ${targetFile//[_]//}; fi
  - name: TiUP init playground
    command: |
      $HOME/.tiup/bin/tiup playground
  - name: Test Case
```

```
    openMode: split-right
    init: echo "*** Waiting for TiUP Playground Ready! ***"
    command: |
      gp await-port 3930
      if [ "$targetMode" == "plain-java-jdbc" ]
      then
        cd plain-java-jdbc
        code src/main/resources/dbinit.sql
        code src/main/java/com/pingcap/JDBCExample.java
        make mysql
      elif [ "$targetMode" == "plain-java-hibernate" ]
      then
        cd plain-java-hibernate
        make
      elif [ "$targetMode" == "spring-jpa-hibernate" ]
      then
        cd spring-jpa-hibernate
        make
      fi
ports:
  - port: 8080
    visibility: public
  - port: 4000
    visibility: public
  - port: 2379-36663
    onOpen: ignore
```

4.13.1.3.2 Customize Gitpod Docker images

By default, Gitpod uses a standard Docker image named Workspace-Full as the basis for the workspace. Workspaces launched from this default image are pre-installed with Docker, Go, Java, Node.js, C/C++, Python, Ruby, Rust, PHP, and tools such as Homebrew, Tailscale, and Nginx.

You can use a public Docker image or a Dockerfile and also install any required dependencies for your project.

For example, you can use a Dockerfile (see also Example `.gitpod.Dockerfile`) as follows:

```
FROM gitpod/workspace-java-17

RUN sudo apt install mysql-client -y
RUN curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/
    ↪ install.sh | sh
```

Then, you need to update `.gitpod.yml`:

```
### This configuration file was automatically generated by Gitpod.
### Please adjust to your needs (see https://www.gitpod.io/docs/config-
    ↪ gitpod-file)
### and commit this file to your remote git repository to share the goodness
    ↪  with others.

image:
  # Import your Dockerfile here.
  file: .gitpod.Dockerfile

tasks:
  - name: Open Target File
    command: |
      if [ -n "$targetFile" ]; then code ${targetFile//[_]//}; fi
  - name: TiUP init playground
    command: |
      $HOME/.tiup/bin/tiup playground
  - name: Test Case
    openMode: split-right
    init: echo "*** Waiting for TiUP Playground Ready! ***"
    command: |
      gp await-port 3930
      if [ "$targetMode" == "plain-java-jdbc" ]
      then
        cd plain-java-jdbc
        code src/main/resources/dbinit.sql
        code src/main/java/com/pingcap/JDBCExample.java
        make mysql
      elif [ "$targetMode" == "plain-java-hibernate" ]
      then
        cd plain-java-hibernate
        make
      elif [ "$targetMode" == "spring-jpa-hibernate" ]
      then
        cd spring-jpa-hibernate
        make
      fi
ports:
  - port: 8080
    visibility: public
  - port: 4000
    visibility: public
  - port: 2379-36663
```

```
onOpen: ignore
```

4.13.1.3.3 Apply changes

After completing the configuration of the `.gitpod.yml` file, make sure that the latest code is available in your corresponding GitHub repository.

Visit `https://gitpod.io/#<YOUR_REPO_URL>` to create a new Gitpod workspace with the latest code applied.

Visit `https://gitpod.io/workspaces` for all established workspaces.

4.13.1.4 Summary

Gitpod provides a complete, automated, and pre-configured cloud-native development environment. You can develop, run, and test code directly in the browser without any local configurations.

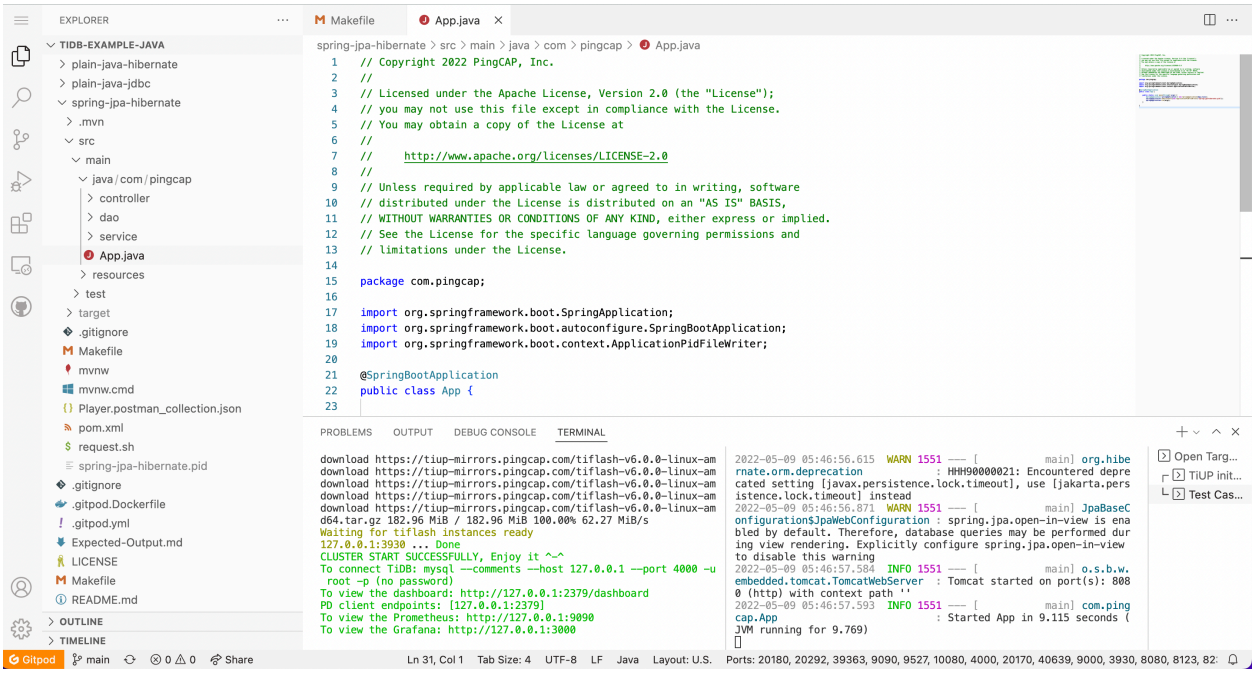

Figure 66: playground gitpod summary

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4.14 Third-Party Support

4.14.1 Third-Party Tools Supported by TiDB

> **Note:**
>
> This document only lists common third-party tools supported by TiDB. Some other third-party tools are not listed, not because they are not supported, but because PingCAP is not sure whether they use features that are incompatible with TiDB.

TiDB is highly compatible with the MySQL protocol, so most of the MySQL drivers, ORM frameworks, and other tools that adapt to MySQL are compatible with TiDB. This document focuses on these tools and their support levels for TiDB.

4.14.1.1 Support Level

PingCAP works with the community and provides the following support levels for third-party tools:

- ***Full***: Indicates that TiDB is already compatible with most functionalities of the corresponding third-party tool, and maintains compatibility with its newer versions. PingCAP will periodically conduct compatibility tests with the latest version of the tool.
- ***Compatible***: Indicates that because the corresponding third-party tool is adapted to MySQL and TiDB is highly compatible with the MySQL protocol, so TiDB can use most features of the tool. However, PingCAP has not completed a full test on all features of the tool, which might lead to some unexpected behaviors.

> **Note:**
>
> Unless specified, support for Application retry and error handling is not included for **Driver** or **ORM frameworks**.

If you encounter problems when connecting to TiDB using the tools listed in this document, please submit an issue on GitHub with details to promote support on this tool.

4.14.1.2 Driver

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4.14.1.3 ORM

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        ↪ Connect to TiDB with Hibernate</a></td>
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        ↪ JPA</a></td>
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        ↪ referrerpolicy="no-referrer-when-downgrade">jOOQ</a></td>
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        ↪ Connect to TiDB with Rails Framework and ActiveRecord ORM</a></td
```

```
      ↪ >
</tr>
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      ↪ -referrer-when-downgrade">Sequelize</a></td>
   <td>v6.20.1</td>
   <td>Full</td>
   <td>N/A</td>
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      ↪ Connect to TiDB with Sequelize</a></td>
</tr>
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   <td>Full</td>
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      ↪ Connect to TiDB with TypeORM</a></td>
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   <td>Full</td>
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      ↪ referrerpolicy="no-referrer-when-downgrade">django-tidb</a></td>
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```

```
    <td>Full</td>
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        ↪ ">Connect to TiDB with SQLAlchemy</a></td>
  </tr>
```

4.14.1.4 GUI

GUI	Latest tested version	Support level	Tutorial
Beekeeper Studio	4.3.0	Full	N/A
JetBrains DataGrip	2023.2.1	Full	Connect to TiDB with JetBrains DataGrip
DBeaver	23.0.3	Full	Connect to TiDB with DBeaver
Visual Studio Code	1.72.0	Full	Connect to TiDB with Visual Studio Code
Navicat	17.1.6	Full	Connect to TiDB with Navicat

4.14.1.5 Need help?

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4.14.2 Known Incompatibility Issues with Third-Party Tools

> **Note:**
>
> The Unsupported features section lists the unsupported features in TiDB, including:
>
> - Stored procedures and functions
> - Triggers
> - Events
> - User-defined functions
> - `SPATIAL` functions, data types and indexes
> - `XA` syntax
>
> The preceding unsupported features are expected behavior and are not listed in this document. For more details, see MySQL Compatibility.

The incompatibility issues listed in this document are found in some third-party tools supported by TiDB.

4.14.2.1 General incompatibility

4.14.2.1.1 `SELECT CONNECTION_ID()` returns a 64-bit integer in TiDB

Description

The `SELECT CONNECTION_ID()` function returns a 64-bit integer in TiDB, such as `2199023260887`, while it returns a 32-bit integer in MySQL, such as `391650`.

Way to avoid

In a TiDB application, to avoid data overflow, you should use a 64-bit integer or string type to store the result of `SELECT CONNECTION_ID()`. For example, you can use `Long` or `String` in Java and use `string` in JavaScript or TypeScript.

4.14.2.1.2 TiDB does not maintain `Com_*` counters

Description

MySQL maintains a series of server status variables starting with `Com_` to keep track of the total number of operations you have performed on the database. For example, `Com_select` records the total number of `SELECT` statements initiated by MySQL since it was last started (even if the statements were not queried successfully). TiDB does not maintain these variables. You can use the statement SHOW GLOBAL STATUS LIKE 'Com_%' to see the difference between TiDB and MySQL.

Way to avoid

Do not use these variables. One common scenario is monitoring. TiDB is well observable and does not require querying from server status variables. For custom monitoring tools, refer to TiDB Monitoring Framework Overview.

4.14.2.1.3 TiDB distinguishes between `TIMESTAMP` and `DATETIME` in error messages

Description

TiDB error messages distinguish between `TIMESTAMP` and `DATETIME`, while MySQL does not, and returns them all as `DATETIME`. That is, MySQL incorrectly converts `TIMESTAMP` type error messages to `DATETIME` type.

Way to avoid

Do not use the error messages for string matching. Instead, use Error Codes for troubleshooting.

4.14.2.1.4 TiDB does not support the `CHECK TABLE` statement

Description

The `CHECK TABLE` statement is not supported in TiDB.

Way to avoid

To check the consistency of data and corresponding indexes, you can use the `ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]` statement in TiDB.

4.14.2.2 Compatibility with MySQL JDBC

The test version is MySQL Connector/J 8.0.29.

4.14.2.2.1 The default collation is inconsistent

Description

The collations of MySQL Connector/J are stored on the client side and distinguished by the server version.

The following table lists known client-side and server-side collation inconsistencies in character sets:

Character	Client-side default collation	Server-side default collation
`ascii`	`ascii_general_ci`	`ascii_bin`
`latin1`	`latin1_swedish_ci`	`latin1_bin`
`utf8mb4`	`utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci`	`utf8mb4_bin`

Way to avoid

Set the collation manually, and do not rely on the client-side default collation. The client-side default collation is stored by the MySQL Connector/J configuration file.

4.14.2.2.2 The `NO_BACKSLASH_ESCAPES` parameter does not take effect

Description

In TiDB, you cannot use the `NO_BACKSLASH_ESCAPES` parameter without escaping the `\` character. For more details, track this issue.

Way to avoid

Do not use `NO_BACKSLASH_ESCAPES` with `\` in TiDB, but use `\\` in SQL statements.

4.14.2.2.3 The `INDEX_USED` related parameters are not supported

Description

TiDB does not set the `SERVER_QUERY_NO_GOOD_INDEX_USED` and `SERVER_QUERY_NO_INDEX_USED` parameters in the protocol. This will cause the following parameters to be returned inconsistently with the actual situation:

- `com.mysql.cj.protocol.ServerSession.noIndexUsed()`

- `com.mysql.cj.protocol.ServerSession.noGoodIndexUsed()`

Way to avoid

Do not use the `noIndexUsed()` and `noGoodIndexUsed()` functions in TiDB.

4.14.2.2.4 The `enablePacketDebug` parameter is not supported

Description

TiDB does not support the enablePacketDebug parameter. It is a MySQL Connector/J parameter used for debugging that will keep the buffer of the data packet. This might cause the connection to close unexpectedly. **DO NOT** turn it on.

Way to avoid

Do not set the `enablePacketDebug` parameter in TiDB.

4.14.2.2.5 The UpdatableResultSet is not supported

Description

TiDB does not support `UpdatableResultSet`. **DO NOT** specify the `ResultSet.CONCUR_UPDATABLE` parameter and **DO NOT** update data inside the `ResultSet`.

Way to avoid

To ensure data consistency by transaction, you can use `UPDATE` statements to update data.

4.14.2.3 MySQL JDBC bugs

4.14.2.3.1 `useLocalTransactionState` and `rewriteBatchedStatements` are true at the same time will cause the transaction to fail to commit or roll back

Description

When using MySQL Connector/J 8.0.32 or an earlier version, if the `useLocalTransactionState` and `rewriteBatchedStatements` parameters are set to `true` at the same time, the transaction might fail to commit. You can reproduce with this code.

Way to avoid

> **Note:**
>
> `useConfigs=maxPerformance` includes a group of configurations. For detailed configurations in MySQL Connector/J 8.0 and MySQL Connector/J 5.1, see mysql-connector-j 8.0 and mysql-connector-j 5.1 respectively. You

need to disable `useLocalTransactionState` when using `maxPerformance`. That is, use `useConfigs=maxPerformance&useLocalTransactionState=false`.

This bug has been fixed in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.33. Considering updates for the 8.0.x series have ceased, it is strongly recommended to upgrade your MySQL Connector/J to the latest General Availability (GA) version for improved stability and performance.

4.14.2.3.2 Connector is incompatible with the server version earlier than 5.7.5

Description

The database connection might hang under certain conditions when using MySQL Connector/J 8.0.31 or an earlier version with a MySQL server < 5.7.5 or a database using the MySQL server < 5.7.5 protocol (such as TiDB earlier than v6.3.0). For more details, see the Bug Report.

Way to avoid

This bug has been fixed in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.32. Considering updates for the 8.0.x series have ceased, it is strongly recommended to upgrade your MySQL Connector/J to the latest General Availability (GA) version for improved stability and performance.

TiDB also fixes it in the following ways:

- Client side: This bug has been fixed in **pingcap/mysql-connector-j** and you can use the pingcap/mysql-connector-j instead of the official MySQL Connector/J.
- Server side: This compatibility issue has been fixed since TiDB v6.3.0 and you can upgrade the server to v6.3.0 or later versions.

4.14.2.4 Compatibility with Sequelize

The compatibility information described in this section is based on Sequelize v6.32.1.

According to the test results, TiDB supports most of the Sequelize features (using `MySQL` as the dialect).

Unsupported features are:

- `GEOMETRY` is not supported.
- Modification of integer primary key is not supported.
- `PROCEDURE` is not supported.
- The `READ-UNCOMMITTED` and `SERIALIZABLE` isolation levels are not supported.
- Modification of a column's `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute is not allowed by default.
- `FULLTEXT`, `HASH`, and `SPATIAL` indexes are not supported.

- `sequelize.queryInterface.showIndex(Model.tableName);` is not supported.
- `sequelize.options.databaseVersion` is not supported.
- Adding a foreign key reference using `queryInterface.addColumn` is not supported.

4.14.2.4.1 Modification of integer primary key is not supported

Description

Modification of integer primary key is not supported. TiDB uses primary key as an index for data organization if the primary key is integer type. Refer to Issue #18090 and Clustered Indexes for more details.

4.14.2.4.2 The `READ-UNCOMMITTED` and `SERIALIZABLE` isolation levels are not supported

Description

TiDB does not support the `READ-UNCOMMITTED` and `SERIALIZABLE` isolation levels. If the isolation level is set to `READ-UNCOMMITTED` or `SERIALIZABLE`, TiDB throws an error.

Way to avoid

Use only the isolation level that TiDB supports: `REPEATABLE-READ` or `READ-COMMITTED`.

If you want TiDB to be compatible with other applications that set the `SERIALIZABLE` isolation level but not depend on `SERIALIZABLE`, you can set `tidb_skip_isolation_level_check` to `1`. In such case, TiDB ignores the unsupported isolation level error.

4.14.2.4.3 Modification of a column's `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute is not allowed by default

Description

Adding or removing the `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute of a column via `ALTER TABLE MODIFY` or `ALTER TABLE CHANGE` command is not allowed by default.

Way to avoid

Refer to the restrictions of `AUTO_INCREMENT`.

To allow the removal of the `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute, set `@@tidb_allow_remove_auto_inc` to `true`.

4.14.2.4.4 `FULLTEXT`, `HASH`, and `SPATIAL` indexes are not supported

Description

`FULLTEXT`, `HASH`, and `SPATIAL` indexes are not supported.

4.14.2.5 Need help?

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4.14.3 Integrate TiDB with ProxySQL

This document provides a high-level introduction to ProxySQL, describes how to integrate ProxySQL with TiDB in a development environment and a production environment, and demonstrates the key integration benefits through the scenario of query routing.

If you are interested in learning more about TiDB and ProxySQL, you can find some useful links as follows:

- TiDB Cloud
- TiDB Developer Guide
- ProxySQL Documentation

4.14.3.1 What is ProxySQL?

ProxySQL is a high-performance, open-source SQL proxy. It has a flexible architecture and can be deployed in several different ways, making it ideal for a variety of use cases. For example, ProxySQL can be used to improve performance by caching frequently-accessed data.

ProxySQL is designed from the ground up to be fast, efficient, and easy to use. It is fully compatible with MySQL, and supports all of the features you would expect from a high quality SQL proxy. In addition, ProxySQL comes with a number of unique features that make it an ideal choice for a wide range of applications.

4.14.3.2 Why ProxySQL integration?

- ProxySQL can help boost application performance by reducing latency when interacting with TiDB. Irrespective of what you are building, whether it is a scalable application using serverless functions like Lambda, where the workload is nondeterministic and can spike, or if you are building an application to execute queries that load tons of data. By leveraging powerful capabilities of ProxySQL such as connection pooling and caching frequently-used queries, applications can gain immediate benefits.
- ProxySQL can act as an additional layer of application security protection against SQL vulnerabilities such as SQL injection with the help of query rules, an easy-to-configure feature available in ProxySQL.
- As both ProxySQL and TiDB are open-source projects, you can get the benefits of zero vendor lock-in.

4.14.3.3 Deployment architecture

The most obvious way to deploy ProxySQL with TiDB is to add ProxySQL as a standalone intermediary between the application layer and TiDB. However, the scalability and failure tolerance are not guaranteed, and it also adds additional latency due to network hop. To avoid these problems, an alternate deployment architecture is to deploy ProxySQL as a sidecar as below:

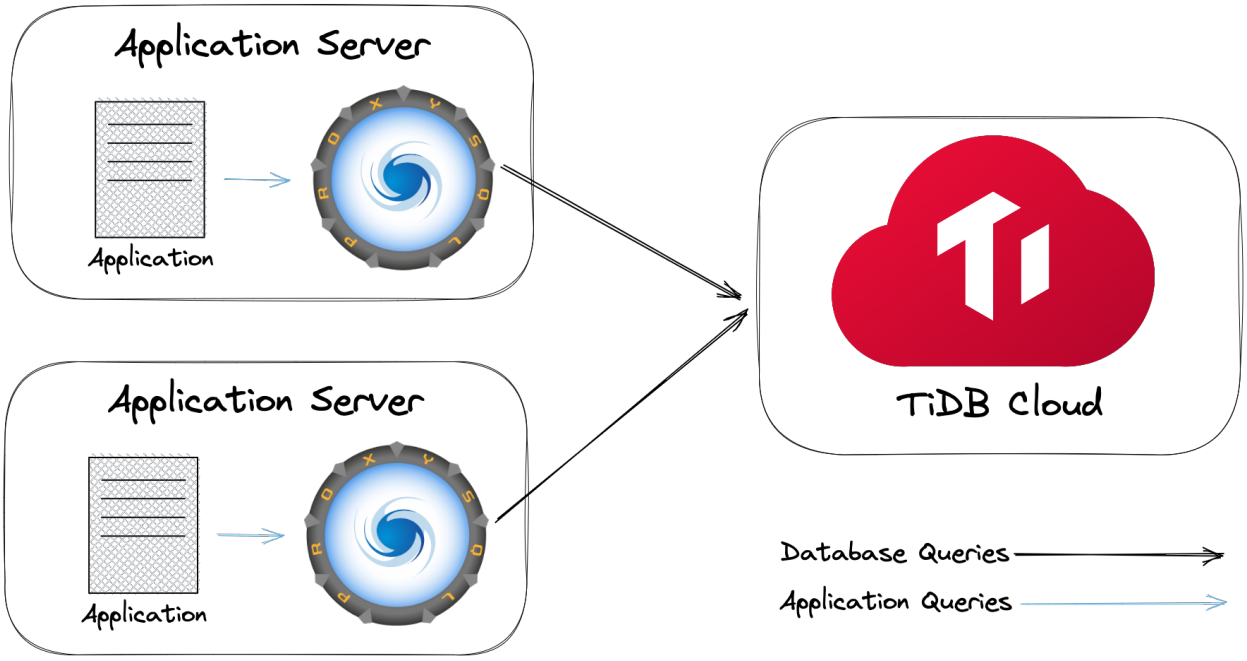

Figure 67: proxysql-client-side-tidb-cloud

Note:

The preceding illustration is only for reference. You must adapt it according to your actual deployment architecture.

4.14.3.4 Development environment

This section describes how to integrate TiDB with ProxySQL in a development environment. To get started with the ProxySQL integration, you can choose either of the following options depending on your TiDB cluster type after you have all the prerequisites in place.

- Option 1: Integrate TiDB Cloud with ProxySQL
- Option 2: Integrate TiDB (self-hosted) with ProxySQL

4.14.3.4.1 Prerequisites

Depending on the option you choose, you might need the following packages:

- Git
- Docker

- Python 3
- Docker Compose
- MySQL Client

You can follow the installation instructions as below:

1. Download and start Docker (the Docker Desktop already includes the Docker Compose).
2. Run the following command to install Python and `mysql-client`:

```
/bin/bash -c "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/
    ↪ install/HEAD/install.sh)"
brew install python mysql-client
```

```
curl -fsSL https://get.docker.com | bash -s docker
yum install -y git python39 docker-ce docker-ce-cli containerd.io docker-
    ↪ compose-plugin mysql
systemctl start docker
```

- Download and install Git.

    1. Download the **64-bit Git for Windows Setup** package from the Git Windows Download page.
    2. Install the Git package by following the setup wizard. You can click **Next** for a few times to use the default installation settings.

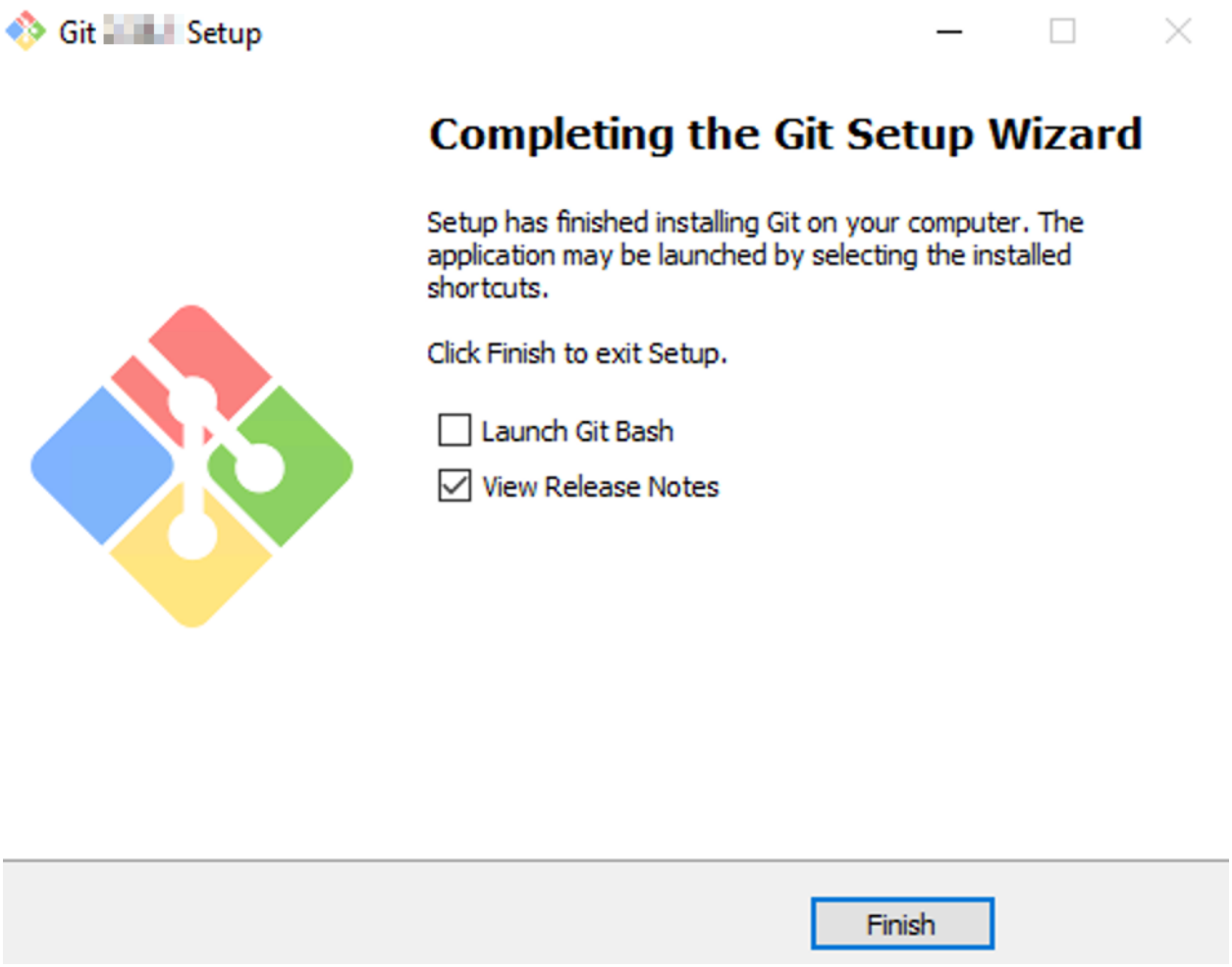

Figure 68: proxysql-windows-git-install

- Download and install MySQL Shell.

    1. Download the ZIP file of MySQL Installer from the MySQL Community Server Download page.
    2. Unzip the file, and locate `mysql.exe` in the `bin` folder. You need to add the path of the `bin` folder to the system variable and set it into the `PATH` variable at Git Bash:

    ```
    echo 'export PATH="(your bin folder)":$PATH' >>~/.bash_profile
    source ~/.bash_profile
    ```

    For example:

    ```
    echo 'export PATH="/c/Program Files (x86)/mysql-8.0.31-winx64/bin"
        ↪ :$PATH' >>~/.bash_profile
    source ~/.bash_profile
    ```

- Download and install Docker.

    1. Download Docker Desktop installer from the Docker Download page.
    2. Double-click the installer to run it. After the installation is completed, you will be prompted for a restart.

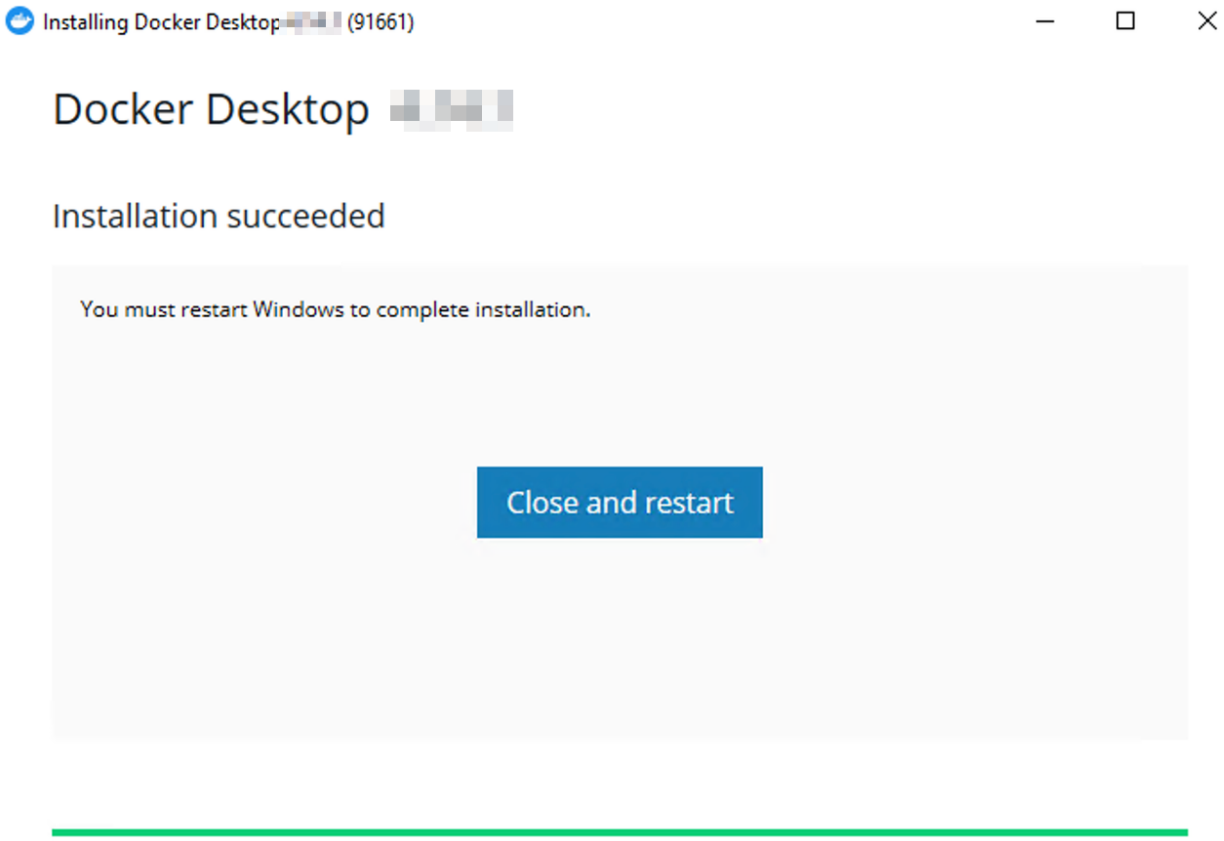

Figure 69: proxysql-windows-docker-install

- Download the latest Python 3 installer from the Python Download page and run it.

4.14.3.4.2 Option 1: Integrate TiDB Cloud with ProxySQL

For this integration, you will be using the ProxySQL Docker image along with a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster. The following steps will set up ProxySQL on port `16033`, so make sure this port is available.

Step 1. Create a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster

1. Create a free TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster. Remember the root password that you set for your cluster.

2. Get your cluster hostname, port, and username for later use.

    1. On the Clusters page, click your cluster name to go to the cluster overview page.
    2. On the cluster overview page, locate the **Connection** pane, and then copy the `Endpoint`, `Port`, and `User` fields, where the `Endpoint` is your cluster hostname.

Step 2. Generate ProxySQL configuration files

1. Clone the integration example code repository for TiDB and ProxySQL:

```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-proxysql-integration.git
```


```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-proxysql-integration.git
```

```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-proxysql-integration.git
```


2. Change to the `tidb-cloud-connect` folder:

```
cd tidb-proxysql-integration/example/tidb-cloud-connect
```


```
cd tidb-proxysql-integration/example/tidb-cloud-connect
```

```
cd tidb-proxysql-integration/example/tidb-cloud-connect
```


3. Generate ProxySQL configuration files by running `proxysql-config.py`:

```
python3 proxysql-config.py
```


```
python3 proxysql-config.py
```

```
python proxysql-config.py
```


When prompted, enter the endpoint of your cluster for `Serverless Tier Host`, and then enter the username and the password of your cluster.

The following is an example output. You will see that three configuration files are generated under the current `tidb-cloud-connect` folder.

```
[Begin] generating configuration files..
tidb-cloud-connect.cnf generated successfully.
proxysql-prepare.sql generated successfully.
proxysql-connect.py generated successfully.
[End] all files generated successfully and placed in the current folder
    ↪ .
```

Step 3. Configure ProxySQL

1. Start Docker. If Docker has already started, skip this step:

   Double-click the icon of the installed Docker to start it.

   ```
   systemctl start docker
   ```

   Double-click the icon of the installed Docker to start it.

2. Pull the ProxySQL image and start a ProxySQL container in the background:

   ```
   docker compose up -d
   ```


   ```
   docker compose up -d
   ```

   ```
   docker compose up -d
   ```


3. Integrate with ProxySQL by running the following command, which executes `proxysql -prepare.sql` inside **ProxySQL Admin Interface**:

   ```
   docker compose exec proxysql sh -c "mysql -uadmin -padmin -h127.0.0.1 -P6032 < ./proxysql-prepare.sql"
   ```


   ```
   docker compose exec proxysql sh -c "mysql -uadmin -padmin -h127.0.0.1 -P6032 < ./proxysql-prepare.sql"
   ```

   ```
   docker compose exec proxysql sh -c "mysql -uadmin -padmin -h127.0.0.1 -P6032 < ./proxysql-prepare.sql"
   ```


Note:

The `proxysql-prepare.sql` script does the following:

1. Adds a user using the username and password of your cluster.
2. Assigns the user to the monitoring account.
3. Adds your TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster to the list of hosts.
4. Enables a secure connection between ProxySQL and the TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster.

To have a better understanding, it is strongly recommended that you check the `proxysql-prepare.sql` file. To learn more about ProxySQL configuration, see ProxySQL documentation.

The following is an example output. You will see that the hostname of your cluster is shown in the output, which means that the connectivity between ProxySQL and the TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster is established.

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
   hostgroup_id: 0
       hostname: gateway01.us-west-2.prod.aws.tidbcloud.com
           port: 4000
       gtid_port: 0
           status: ONLINE
           weight: 1
       compression: 0
   max_connections: 1000
max_replication_lag: 0
           use_ssl: 1
   max_latency_ms: 0
           comment:
```

Step 4. Connect to your TiDB cluster through ProxySQL

1. To connect to your TiDB cluster, run `proxysql-connect.py`. The script will automatically launch the MySQL client and use the username and password you specified in Step 2 for connection.

```
python3 proxysql-connect.py
```

```
python3 proxysql-connect.py
```

```
python proxysql-connect.py
```

2. After connecting to your TiDB cluster, you can use the following SQL statement to validate the connection:

```
SELECT VERSION();
```

If the TiDB version is displayed, you are successfully connected to your TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster through ProxySQL. To exit from the MySQL client anytime, enter `quit` and press enter.

> **Note:**
>
> ***For Debugging:*** If you are unable to connect to the cluster, check the files `tidb-cloud-connect.cnf`, `proxysql-prepare.sql`, and `proxysql -connect.py`. Make sure that the server information you provided is available and correct.

3. To stop and remove containers, and go to the previous directory, run the following command:

```
docker compose down
cd -
```


```
docker compose down
cd -
```

```
docker compose down
cd -
```


4.14.3.4.3 Option 2: Integrate TiDB (self-hosted) with ProxySQL

For this integration, you will set up an environment using Docker images of TiDB and ProxySQL. You are encouraged to try other ways of installing TiDB (self-hosted) in your own interest.

The following steps will set up ProxySQL and TiDB on ports `6033` and `4000` respectively, so make sure these ports are available.

1. Start Docker. If Docker has already started, skip this step:

   Double-click the icon of the installed Docker to start it.

   ```
   systemctl start docker
   ```

   Double-click the icon of the installed Docker to start it.

2. Clone the integration example code repository for TiDB and ProxySQL:

   ```
   git clone https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-proxysql-integration.git
   ```


   ```
   git clone https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-proxysql-integration.git
   ```

   ```
   git clone https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-proxysql-integration.git
   ```


3. Pull the latest images of ProxySQL and TiDB:

   ```
   cd tidb-proxysql-integration && docker compose pull
   ```


   ```
   cd tidb-proxysql-integration && docker compose pull
   ```

   ```
   cd tidb-proxysql-integration && docker compose pull
   ```


4. Start an integrated environment using both TiDB and ProxySQL running as containers:

   ```
   docker compose up -d
   ```

```
docker compose up -d
```


```
docker compose up -d
```


To log in to the ProxySQL `6033` port, you can use the `root` username with an empty password.

5. Connect to TiDB via ProxySQL:

```
mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 6033
```


```
mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 6033
```

```
mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 6033
```


6. After connecting to your TiDB cluster, you can use the following SQL statement to validate the connection:

```
SELECT VERSION();
```

If the TiDB version is displayed, you are successfully connected to your TiDB containers through ProxySQL.

7. To stop and remove containers, and go to the previous directory, run the following command:

```
docker compose down
cd -
```


```
docker compose down
cd -
```

```
docker compose down
cd -
```


4.14.3.5 Production environment

For a production environment, it is recommended that you use TiDB Cloud Dedicated directly for a fully-managed experience.

4.14.3.5.1 Prerequisite

Download and install a MySQL client. For example, MySQL Shell.

4.14.3.5.2 Integrate TiDB Cloud with ProxySQL on CentOS

ProxySQL can be installed on many different platforms. The following takes CentOS as an example.

For a full list of supported platforms and the corresponding version requirements, see ProxySQL documentation.

Step 1. Create a TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster

For detailed steps, see Create a TiDB Cluster.

Step 2. Install ProxySQL

1. Add ProxySQL to the YUM repository:

```
cat > /etc/yum.repos.d/proxysql.repo << EOF
[proxysql]
name=ProxySQL YUM repository
baseurl=https://repo.proxysql.com/ProxySQL/proxysql-2.4.x/centos/\
    ↪ $releasever
gpgcheck=1
gpgkey=https://repo.proxysql.com/ProxySQL/proxysql-2.4.x/repo_pub_key
EOF
```

2. Install ProxySQL:

```
yum install -y proxysql
```

3. Start ProxySQL:

```
systemctl start proxysql
```

To learn more about the supported platforms of ProxySQL and their installation, refer to ProxySQL README or ProxySQL installation documentation.

Step 3. Configure ProxySQL

To use ProxySQL as a proxy for TiDB, you need to configure ProxySQL. To do so, you can either execute SQL statements inside ProxySQL Admin Interface (recommended) or use the configuration file.

> **Note:**
>
> The following sections list only the required configuration items of ProxySQL. For a comprehensive list of configurations, see ProxySQL documentation.

Option 1: Configure ProxySQL using the Admin Interface

1. Reconfigure ProxySQL's internals using the standard ProxySQL Admin interface, accessible via any MySQL command line client (available by default on port `6032`):

```
mysql -u admin -padmin -h 127.0.0.1 -P6032 --prompt 'ProxySQL Admin> '
```

   The above step will take you to the ProxySQL admin prompt.

2. Configure the TiDB clusters to be used, where you can add one or multiple TiDB clusters to ProxySQL. The following statement will add one TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster for example. You need to replace `<tidb cloud dedicated cluster host>` and `<tidb cloud dedicated cluster port>` with your TiDB Cloud endpoint and port (the default port is `4000`).

```
INSERT INTO mysql_servers(hostgroup_id, hostname, port)
VALUES
  (
    0,
    '<tidb cloud dedicated cluster host>',
    <tidb cloud dedicated cluster port>
  );
LOAD mysql servers TO runtime;
SAVE mysql servers TO DISK;
```

Note:

- `hostgroup_id`: specify an ID of the hostgroup. ProxySQL manages clusters using hostgroup. To distribute SQL traffic to these clusters evenly, you can configure several clusters that need load balancing to the same hostgroup. To distinguish the clusters, such as for read and write purposes, you can configure them to use different hostgroups.
- `hostname`: the endpoint of the TiDB cluster.
- `port`: the port of the TiDB cluster.

3. Configure Proxy login users to make sure that the users have appropriate permissions on the TiDB cluster. In the following statements, you need to replace '*tidb cloud dedicated cluster username*' and '*tidb cloud dedicated cluster password*' with the actual username and password of your cluster.

```
INSERT INTO mysql_users(
  username, password, active, default_hostgroup,
  transaction_persistent
)
VALUES
  (
    '<tidb cloud dedicated cluster username>',
```

```
    '<tidb cloud dedicated cluster password>',
    1, 0, 1
  );
LOAD mysql users TO runtime;
SAVE mysql users TO DISK;
```

Note:

- `username`: TiDB username.
- `password`: TiDB password.
- `active`: controls whether the user is active. `1` indicates that the user is **active** and can be used for login, while `0` indicates that the user is inactive.
- `default_hostgroup`: the default hostgroup used by the user, where SQL traffic is distributed unless the query rule overrides the traffic to a specific hostgroup.
- `transaction_persistent`: `1` indicates a persistent transaction. When a user starts a transaction within a connection, all query statements are routed to the same hostgroup until the transaction is committed or rolled back.

Option 2: Configure ProxySQL using a configuration file

This option should only be considered as an alternate method for configuring ProxySQL. For more information, see Configuring ProxySQL through the config file.

1. Delete any existing SQLite database (where configurations are stored internally):

```
rm /var/lib/proxysql/proxysql.db
```

Warning:

If you delete the SQLite database file, any configuration changes made using ProxySQL Admin interface will be lost.

2. Modify the configuration file `/etc/proxysql.cnf` according to your need. For example:

```
mysql_servers:
(
    {
        address="<tidb cloud dedicated cluster host>"
        port=<tidb cloud dedicated cluster port>
        hostgroup=0
```

```
        max_connections=2000
    }
)

mysql_users:
(
    {
        username = "<tidb cloud dedicated cluster username>"
        password = "<tidb cloud dedicated cluster password>"
        default_hostgroup = 0
        max_connections = 1000
        default_schema = "test"
        active = 1
        transaction_persistent = 1
    }
)
```

In the preceding example:

- `address` and `port`: specify the endpoint and port of your TiDB Cloud cluster.
- `username` and `password`: specify the username and password of your TiDB Cloud cluster.

3. Restart ProxySQL:

```
systemctl restart proxysql
```

After the restart, the SQLite database will be created automatically.

> **Warning:**
>
> Do not run ProxySQL with default credentials in production. Before starting the `proxysql` service, you can change the defaults in the `/etc/proxysql.cnf` file by changing the `admin_credentials` variable.

4.14.3.6 Typical scenario

This section takes query routing as an example to show some of the benefits that you can leverage by integrating ProxySQL with TiDB.

4.14.3.6.1 Query rules

Databases can be overloaded by high traffic, faulty code, or malicious spam. With query rules of ProxySQL, you can respond to these issues quickly and effectively by rerouting, rewriting, or rejecting queries.

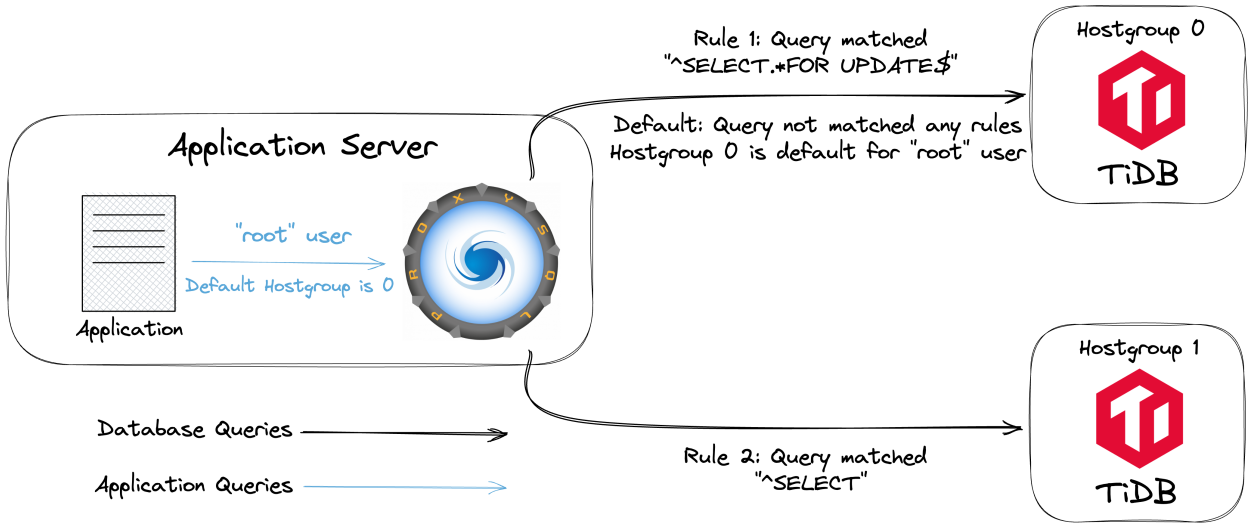

Figure 70: proxysql-client-side-rules

> **Note:**
>
> In the following steps, you will be using the container images of TiDB and ProxySQL to configure query rules. If you have not pulled them, you can check the integration section for detailed steps.

1. Clone the integration example code repository for TiDB and ProxySQL. Skip this step if you have already cloned it in the previous steps.

```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-proxysql-integration.git
```

```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-proxysql-integration.git
```

```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-proxysql-integration.git
```

2. Change to the example directory for ProxySQL rules:

```
cd tidb-proxysql-integration/example/proxy-rule-admin-interface
```

```
cd tidb-proxysql-integration/example/proxy-rule-admin-interface
```


```
cd tidb-proxysql-integration/example/proxy-rule-admin-interface
```


3. Run the following command to start two TiDB containers and a ProxySQL container:

```
docker compose up -d
```


```
docker compose up -d
```

```
docker compose up -d
```


If everything goes well, the following containers are started:

- Two Docker containers of TiDB clusters exposed via ports 4001, 4002
- One ProxySQL Docker container exposed via port 6034.

4. In the two TiDB containers, using `mysql` to create a table with a similar schema definition and then insert different data (`'tidb-server01-port-4001'`, `'tidb-server02-port-4002'`) to identify these containers.

```
mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4001 << EOF
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS test.tidb_server;
CREATE TABLE test.tidb_server (server_name VARCHAR(255));
INSERT INTO test.tidb_server (server_name) VALUES ('tidb-server01-port
    ↪ -4001');
EOF

mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4002 << EOF
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS test.tidb_server;
CREATE TABLE test.tidb_server (server_name VARCHAR(255));
INSERT INTO test.tidb_server (server_name) VALUES ('tidb-server02-port
    ↪ -4002');
EOF
```


```
mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4001 << EOF
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS test.tidb_server;
CREATE TABLE test.tidb_server (server_name VARCHAR(255));
INSERT INTO test.tidb_server (server_name) VALUES ('tidb-server01-port
    ↪ -4001');
EOF

mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4002 << EOF
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS test.tidb_server;
CREATE TABLE test.tidb_server (server_name VARCHAR(255));
```

```
INSERT INTO test.tidb_server (server_name) VALUES ('tidb-server02-port
    ↪ -4002');
EOF
```

```
mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4001 << EOF
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS test.tidb_server;
CREATE TABLE test.tidb_server (server_name VARCHAR(255));
INSERT INTO test.tidb_server (server_name) VALUES ('tidb-server01-port
    ↪ -4001');
EOF

mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4002 << EOF
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS test.tidb_server;
CREATE TABLE test.tidb_server (server_name VARCHAR(255));
INSERT INTO test.tidb_server (server_name) VALUES ('tidb-server02-port
    ↪ -4002');
EOF
```

5. Configure ProxySQL by running the following command, which executes `proxysql-prepare.sql` inside ProxySQL Admin Interface to establish a proxy connection between the TiDB containers and ProxySQL.

```
docker compose exec proxysql sh -c "mysql -uadmin -padmin -h127.0.0.1 -
    ↪ P6032 < ./proxysql-prepare.sql"
```

```
docker compose exec proxysql sh -c "mysql -uadmin -padmin -h127.0.0.1 -
    ↪ P6032 < ./proxysql-prepare.sql"
```

```
docker compose exec proxysql sh -c "mysql -uadmin -padmin -h127.0.0.1 -
    ↪ P6032 < ./proxysql-prepare.sql"
```

Note:

The `proxysql-prepare.sql` does the following:

- Adds the TiDB clusters in ProxySQL with `hostgroup_id` as `0` and `1`.
- Adds a user `root` with an empty password and sets `default_hostgroup` as `0`.
- Adds the rule `^SELECT.*FOR UPDATE$` with `rule_id` as `1` and `destination_hostgroup` as `0`. If a SQL statement matches this rule, the request will be forwarded to the TiDB cluster with `hostgroup` as `0`.

- Adds the rule `^SELECT` with `rule_id` as `2` and `destination_hostgroup` as `1`. If a SQL statement matches this rule, the request will be forwarded to the TiDB cluster with `hostgroup` as `1`.

To have a better understanding, it is strongly recommended that you check the `proxysql-prepare.sql` file. To learn more about ProxySQL configuration, see ProxySQL documentation.

The following is some additional information about how ProxySQL patterns match query rules:

- ProxySQL tries to match the rules one by one in the ascending order of `rule_id`.
- `^` symbol matches the beginning of a SQL statement and `$` matches the end.

For more information about ProxySQL regular expression and pattern matching, see mysql-query_processor_regex in ProxySQL documentation.

For a full list of parameters, see mysql_query_rules in ProxySQL documentation.

6. Verify the configuration and check whether the query rules work.

    1. Log into ProxySQL MySQL Interface as the `root` user:

    ```
    mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 6034
    ```


    ```
    mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 6034
    ```

    ```
    mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 6034
    ```


    2. Execute the following SQL statements:

        - Execute a `SELECT` statement:

        ```
        SELECT * FROM test.tidb_server;
        ```

        This statement will match rule_id `2` and forward the statement to the TiDB cluster on `hostgroup 1`.

        - Execute a `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE` statement:

        ```
        SELECT * FROM test.tidb_server FOR UPDATE;
        ```

        This statement will match rule_id `1` and forward the statement to the TiDB cluster on `hostgroup 0`.

        - Start a transaction:

```
BEGIN;
INSERT INTO test.tidb_server (server_name) VALUES ('insert this
    ↪ and rollback later');
SELECT * FROM test.tidb_server;
ROLLBACK;
```

In this transaction, the `BEGIN` statement will not match any rules. It uses the default hostgroup (`hostgroup 0` in this example). Because ProxySQL enables user transaction_persistent by default, which will execute all statements within the same transaction in the same hostgroup, the `INSERT` and `SELECT * FROM test.tidb_server;` statements will also be forwarded to the TiDB cluster `hostgroup 0`.

The following is an example output. If you get a similar output, you have successfully configured the query rules with ProxySQL.

```
+-------------------------+
| server_name             |
+-------------------------+
| tidb-server02-port-4002 |
+-------------------------+
+-------------------------+
| server_name             |
+-------------------------+
| tidb-server01-port-4001 |
+-------------------------+
+--------------------------------+
| server_name                    |
+--------------------------------+
| tidb-server01-port-4001        |
| insert this and rollback later |
+--------------------------------+
```

3. To exit from the MySQL client anytime, enter `quit` and press enter.

7. To stop and remove containers, and go to the previous directory, run the following command:

```
docker compose down
cd -
```


```
docker compose down
cd -
```

```
docker compose down
cd -
```

4.14.3.7 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

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4.14.4 Integrate TiDB with Amazon AppFlow

Amazon AppFlow is a fully managed API integration service that you use to connect your software as a service (SaaS) applications to AWS services, and securely transfer data. With Amazon AppFlow, you can import and export data from and to TiDB into many types of data providers, such as Salesforce, Amazon S3, LinkedIn, and GitHub. For more information, see Supported source and destination applications in AWS documentation.

This document describes how to integrate TiDB with Amazon AppFlow and takes integrating a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster as an example.

If you do not have a TiDB cluster, you can create a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, which is free and can be created in approximately 30 seconds.

4.14.4.1 Prerequisites

- Git
- JDK 11 or above
- Maven 3.8 or above
- AWS CLI version 2
- AWS Serverless Application Model Command Line Interface (AWS SAM CLI) 1.58.0 or above
- An AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) user with the following requirements:
  - The user can access AWS using an access key.
  - The user has the following permissions:
    - `AWSCertificateManagerFullAccess`: used for reading and writing the AWS Secrets Manager.
    - `AWSCloudFormationFullAccess`: SAM CLI uses AWS CloudFormation to proclaim the AWS resources.
    - `AmazonS3FullAccess`: AWS CloudFormation uses Amazon S3 to publish.
    - `AWSLambda_FullAccess`: currently, AWS Lambda is the only way to implement a new connector for Amazon AppFlow.
    - `IAMFullAccess`: SAM CLI needs to create a `ConnectorFunctionRole` for the connector.
- A SalesForce account.

4.14.4.2 Step 1. Register a TiDB connector

4.14.4.2.1 Clone the code

Clone the integration example code repository for TiDB and Amazon AppFlow:

```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap-inc/tidb-appflow-integration
```

4.14.4.2.2 Build and upload a Lambda

1. Build the package:

```
cd tidb-appflow-integration
mvn clean package
```

2. (Optional) Configure your AWS access key ID and secret access key if you have not.

```
aws configure
```

3. Upload your JAR package as a Lambda:

```
sam deploy --guided
```

Note:

- The `--guided` option uses prompts to guide you through the deployment. Your input will be stored in a configuration file, which is `samconfig.toml` by default.
- `stack_name` specifies the name of AWS Lambda that you are deploying.
- This prompted guide uses AWS as the cloud provider of TiDB Cloud Serverless. To use Amazon S3 as the source or destination, you need to set the `region` of AWS Lambda as the same as that of Amazon S3.
- If you have already run `sam deploy --guided` before, you can just run `sam deploy` instead, and SAM CLI will use the configuration file `samconfig.toml` to simplify the interaction.

If you see a similar output as follows, this Lambda is successfully deployed.

```
Successfully created/updated stack - <stack_name> in <region>
```

4. Go to the AWS Lambda console, and you can see the Lambda that you just uploaded. Note that you need to select the correct region in the upper-right corner of the window.

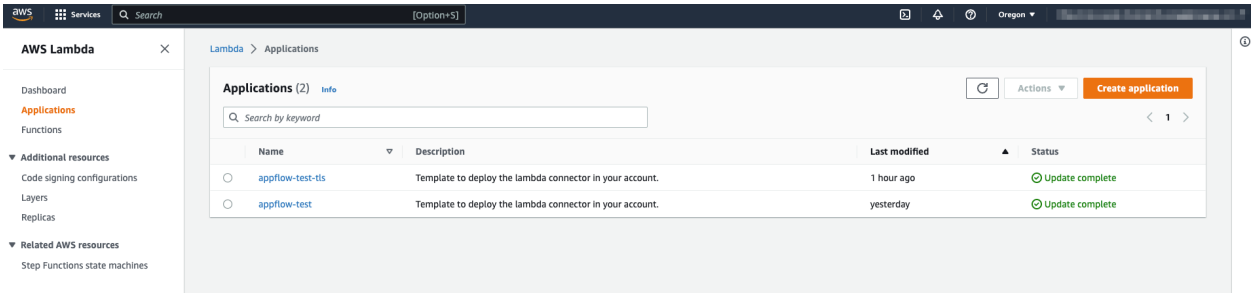

Figure 71: lambda dashboard

4.14.4.2.3 Use Lambda to register a connector

1. In the AWS Management Console, navigate to Amazon AppFlow > Connectors and click **Register new connector**.

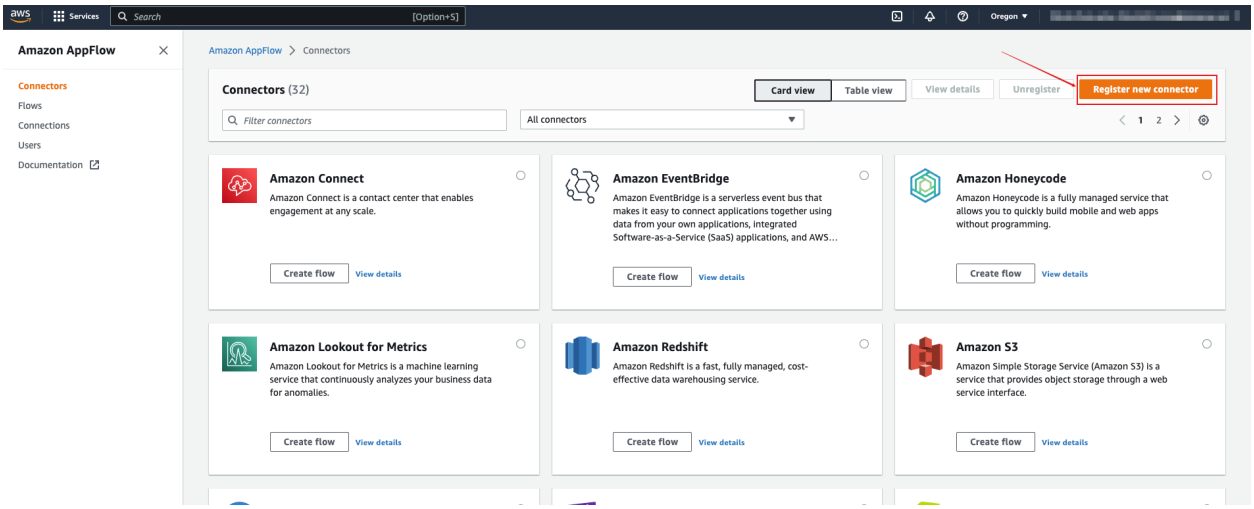

Figure 72: register connector

2. In the **Register a new connector** dialog, choose the Lambda function you uploaded and specify the connector label using the connector name.

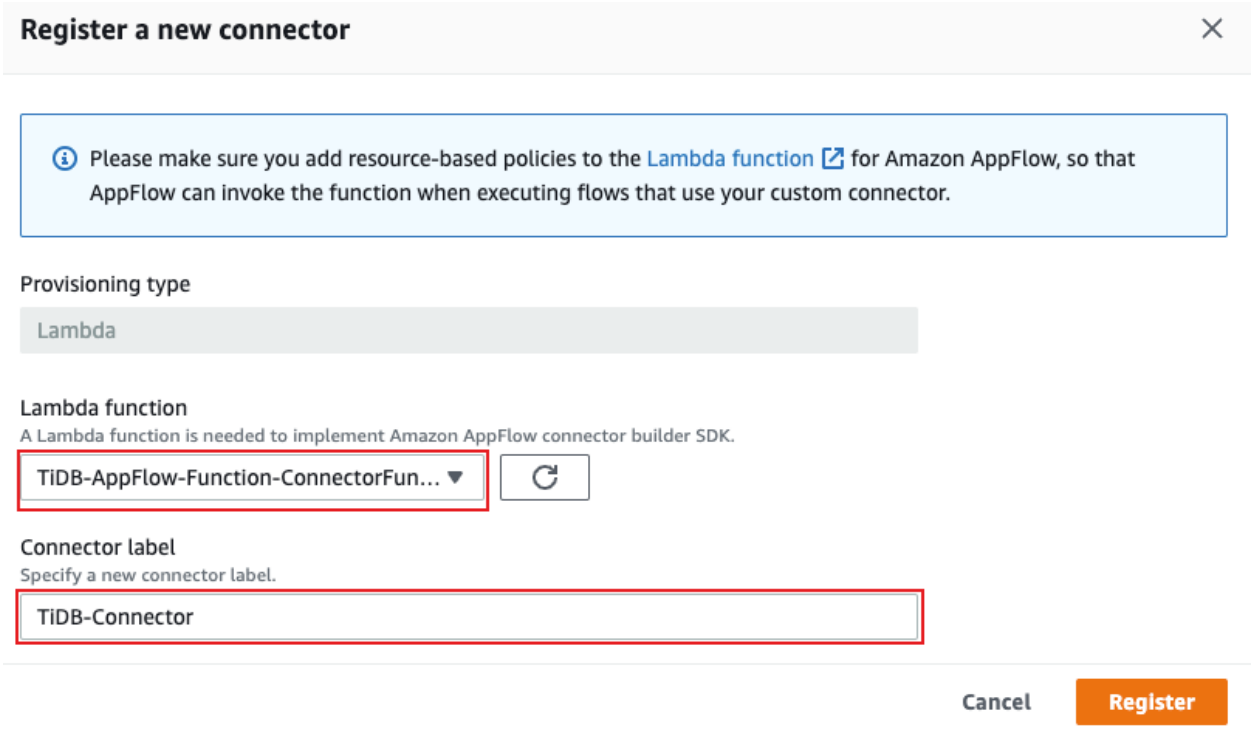

Figure 73: register connector dialog

3. Click **Register**. Then, a TiDB connector is registered successfully.

4.14.4.3 Step 2. Create a flow

Navigate to Amazon AppFlow > Flows and click **Create flow**.

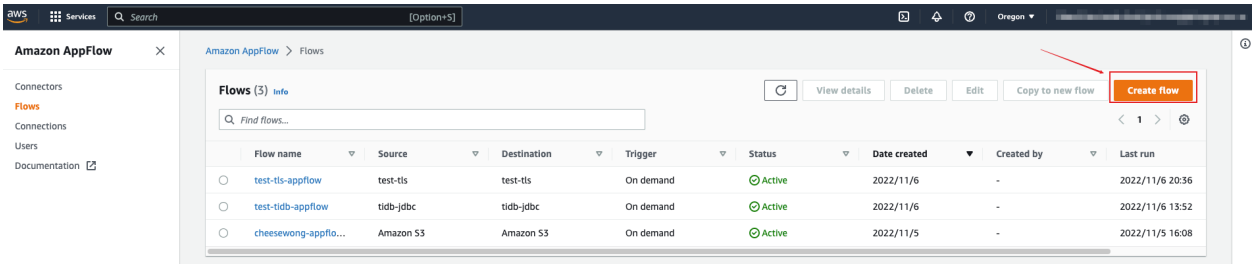

Figure 74: create flow

4.14.4.3.1 Set the flow name

Enter the flow name, and then click **Next**.

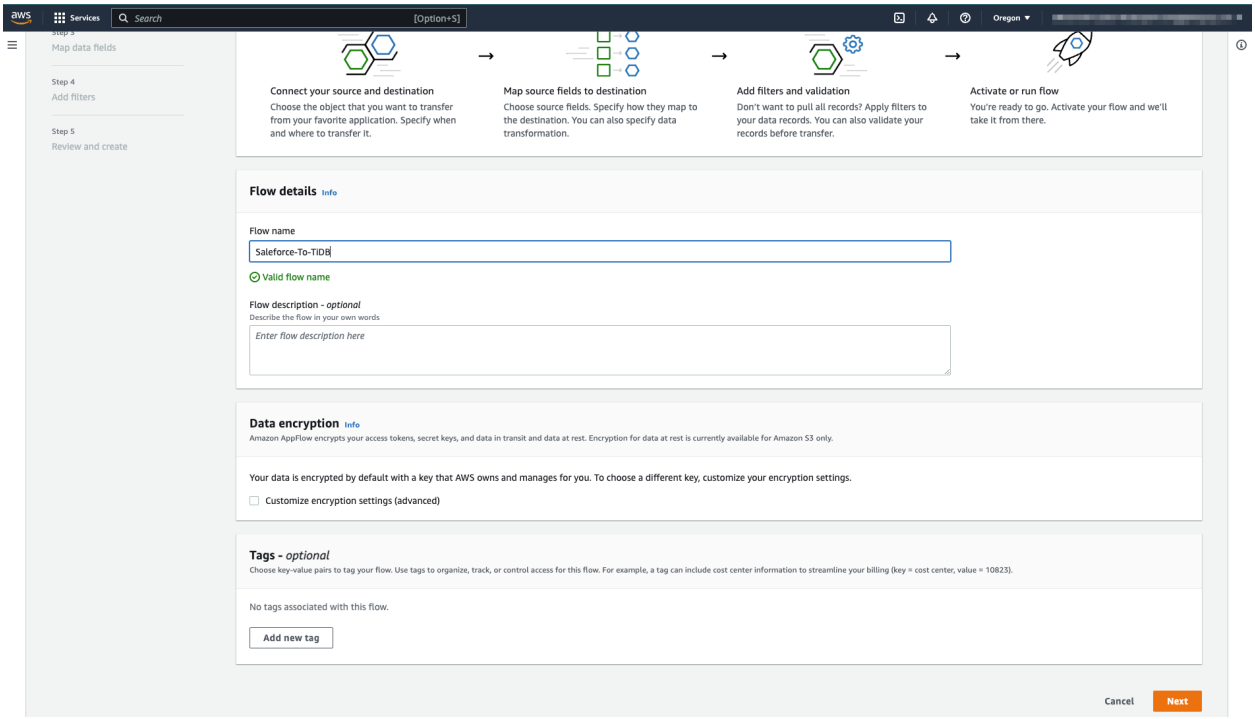

Figure 75: name flow

4.14.4.3.2 Set the source and destination tables

Choose the **Source details** and **Destination details**. TiDB connector can be used in both of them.

1. Choose the source name. This document uses **Salesforce** as an example source.

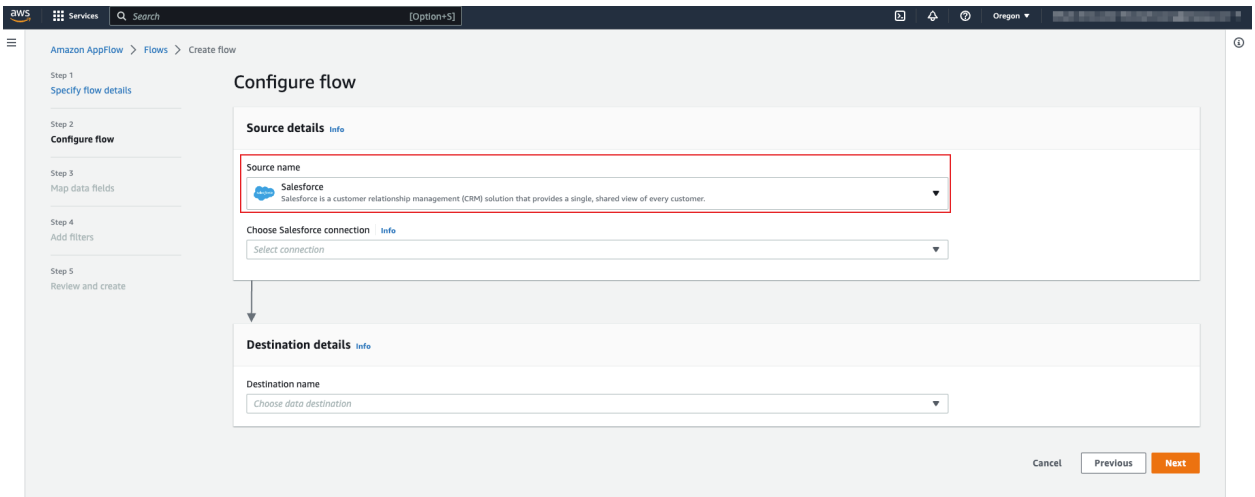

Figure 76: salesforce source

After you register to Salesforce, Salesforce will add some example data to your platform. The following steps will use the **Account** object as an example source object.

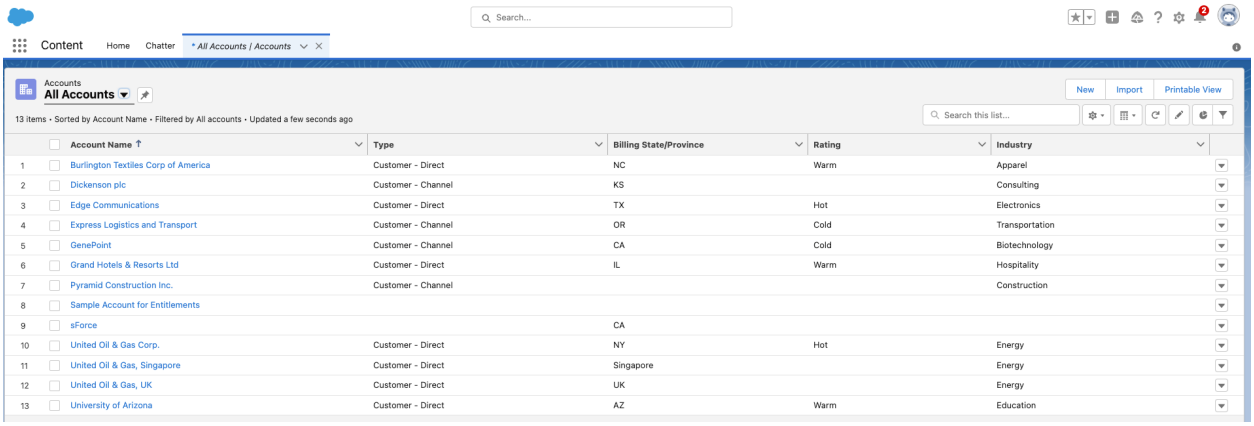

Figure 77: salesforce data

2. Click **Connect**.

    1. In the **Connect to Salesforce** dialog, specify the name of this connection, and then click **Continue**.

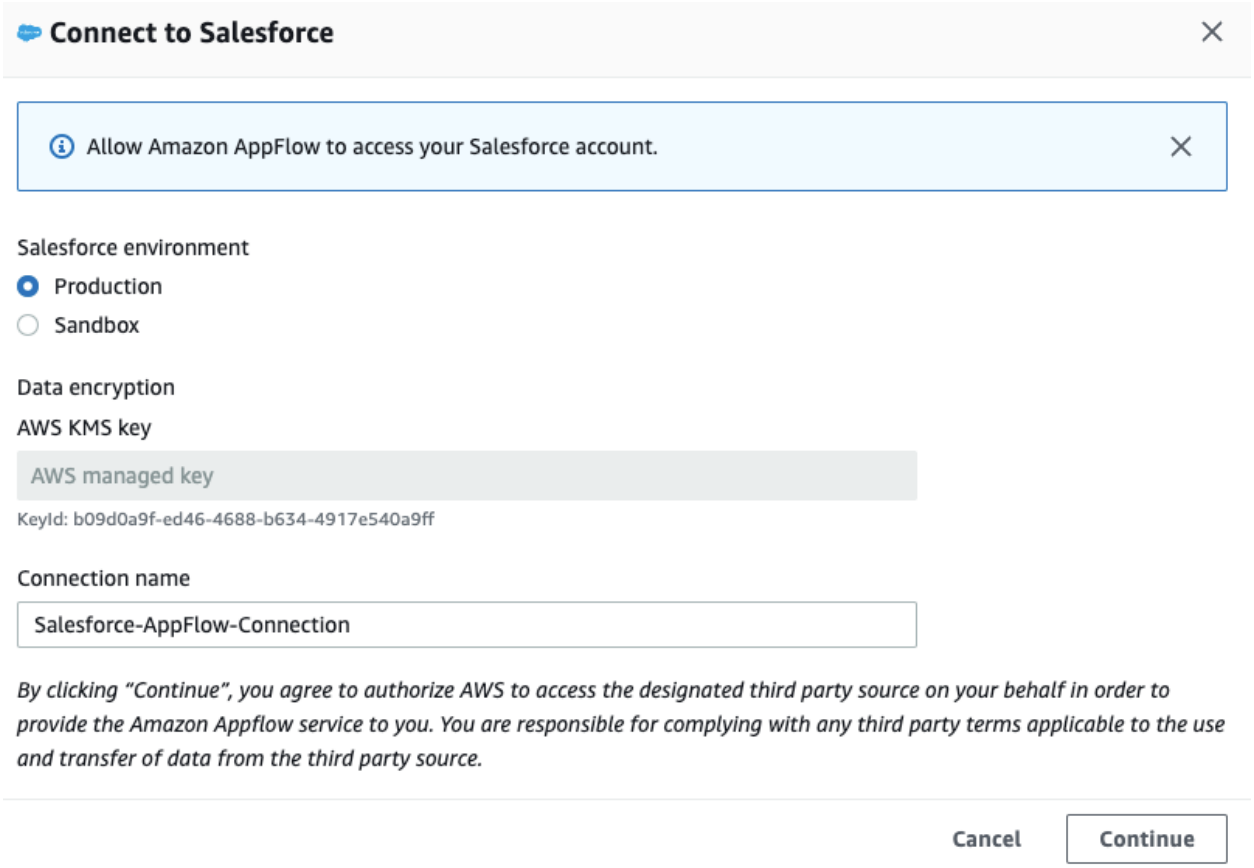

Figure 78: connect to salesforce

2. Click **Allow** to confirm that AWS can read your Salesforce data.

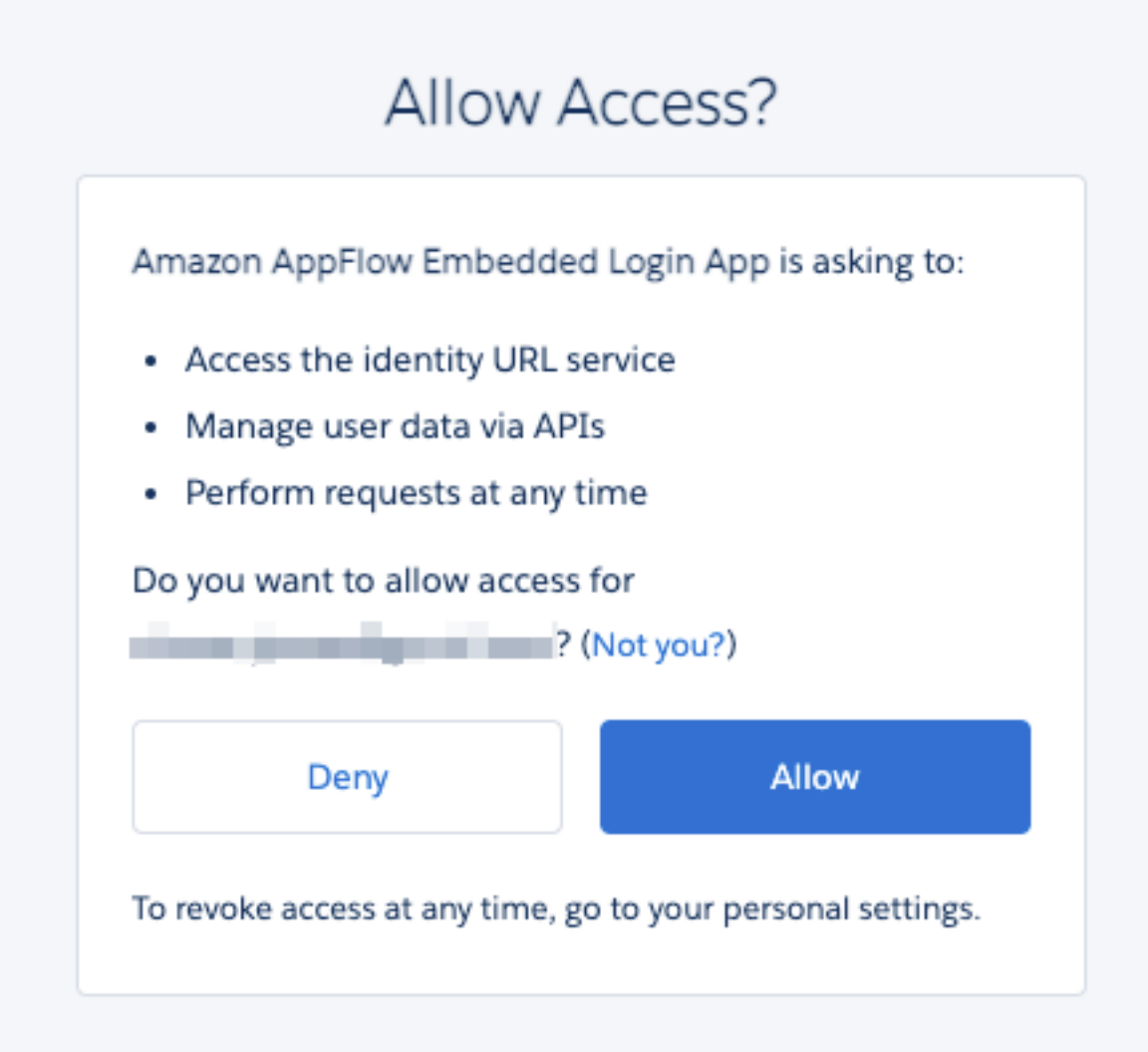

Figure 79: allow salesforce

> **Note:**
> If your company has already used the Professional Edition of Salesforce, the REST API is not enabled by default. You might need to register a new Developer Edition to use the REST API. For more information, refer to Salesforce Forum Topic.

3. In the **Destination details** area, choose **TiDB-Connector** as the destination. The **Connect** button is displayed.

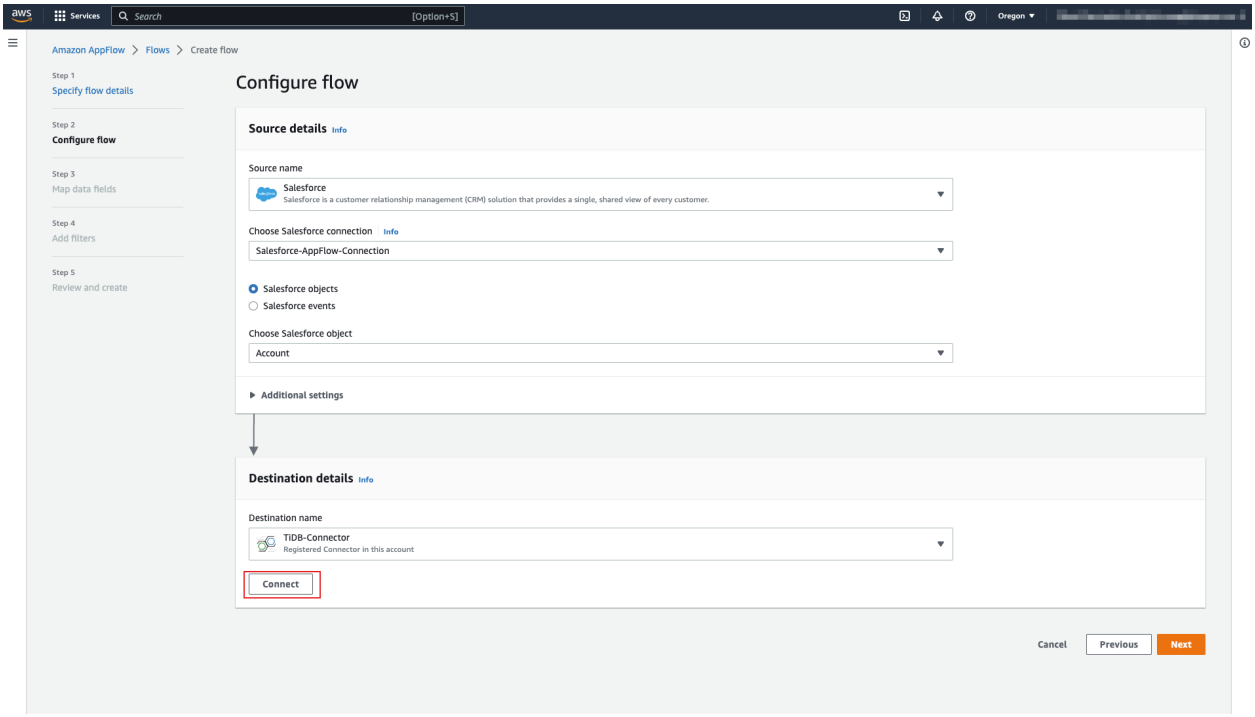

Figure 80: tidb dest

4. Before clicking **Connect**, you need to create a `sf_account` table in TiDB for the Salesforce **Account** object. Note that this table schema is different from the sample data in Tutorial of Amazon AppFlow.

```
CREATE TABLE `sf_account` (
    `id` varchar(255) NOT NULL,
    `name` varchar(150) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
    `type` varchar(150) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
    `billing_state` varchar(255) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
    `rating` varchar(255) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
    `industry` varchar(255) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
    PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
);
```

5. After the `sf_account` table is created, click **Connect**. A connection dialog is displayed.

6. In the **Connect to TiDB-Connector** dialog, enter the connection properties of the TiDB cluster. If you use a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, you need to set the **TLS** option to `Yes`, which lets the TiDB connector use the TLS connection. Then, click **Connect**.

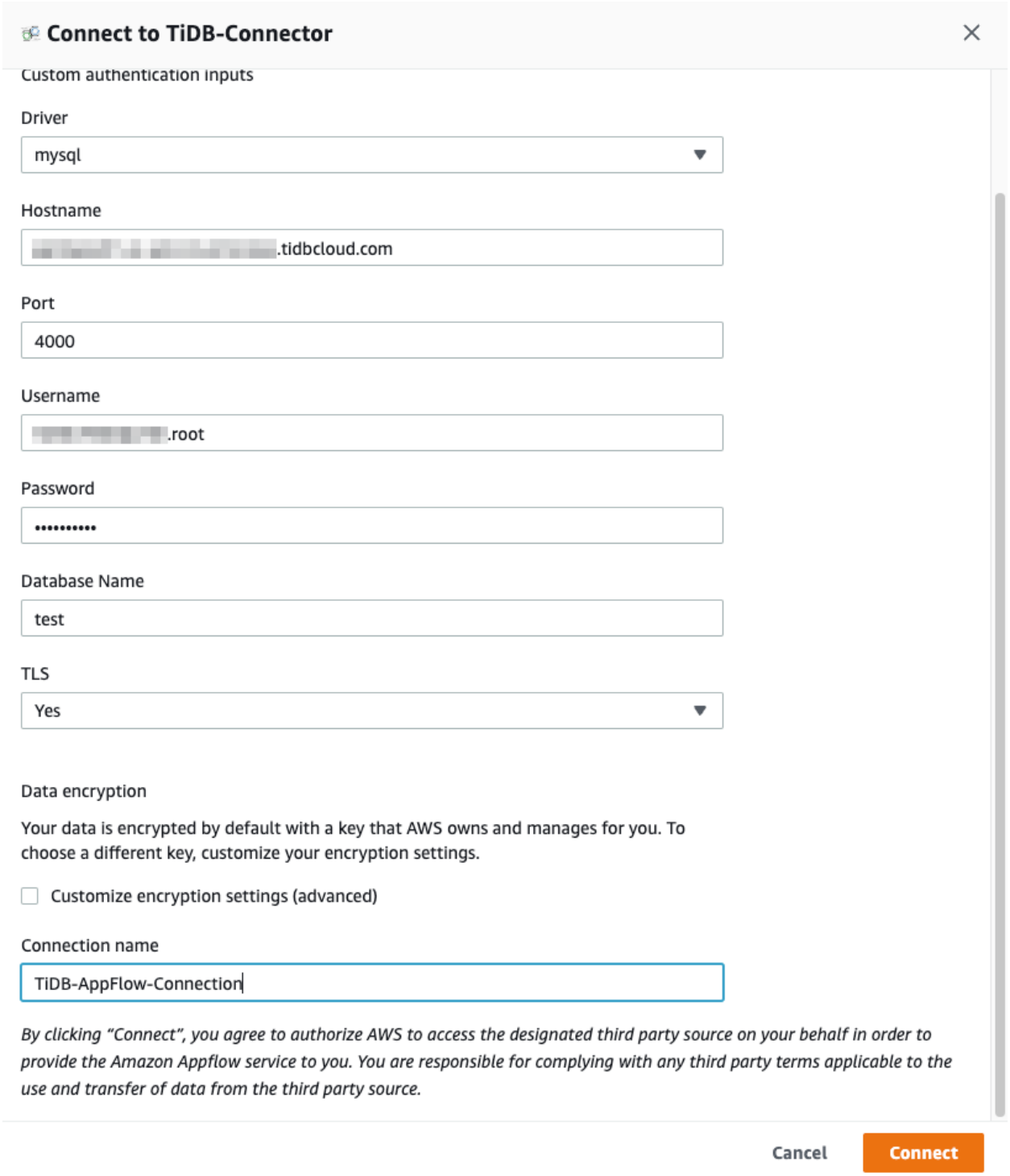

Figure 81: tidb connection message

7. Now you can get all tables in the database that you specified for connection. Choose the **sf_account** table from the drop-down list.

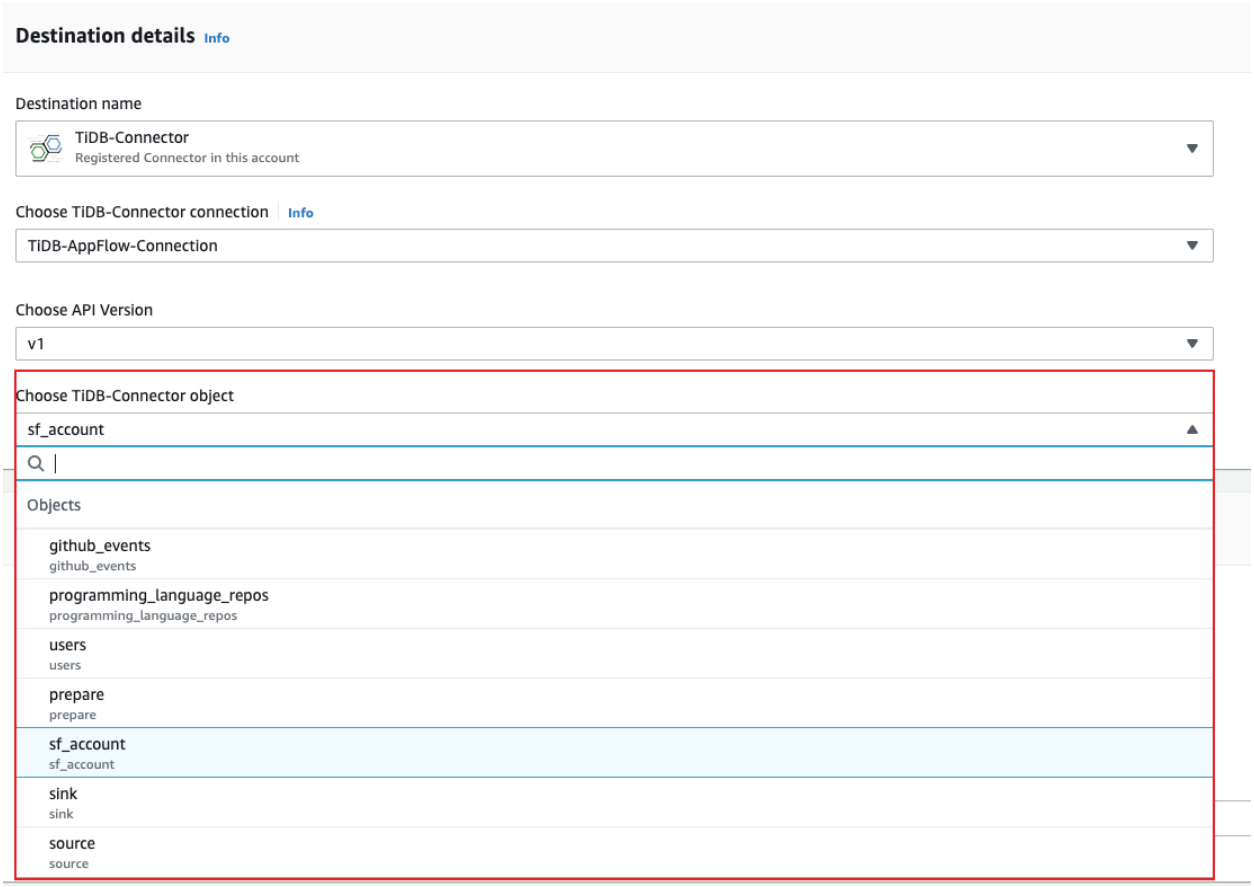

Figure 82: database

The following screenshot shows the configurations to transfer data from the Salesforce **Account** object to the `sf_account` table in TiDB:

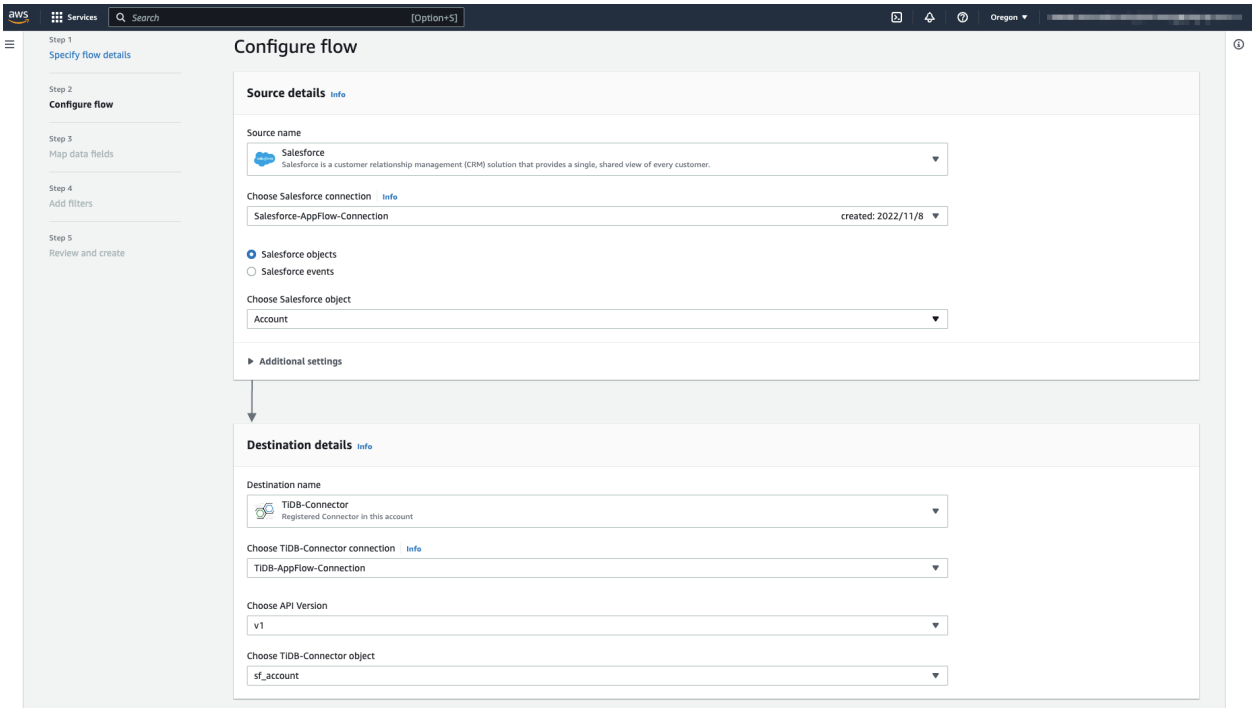

Figure 83: complete flow

8. In the **Error handling** area, choose **Stop the current flow run**. In the **Flow trigger** area, choose the **Run on demand** trigger type, which means you need to run the flow manually. Then, click **Next**.

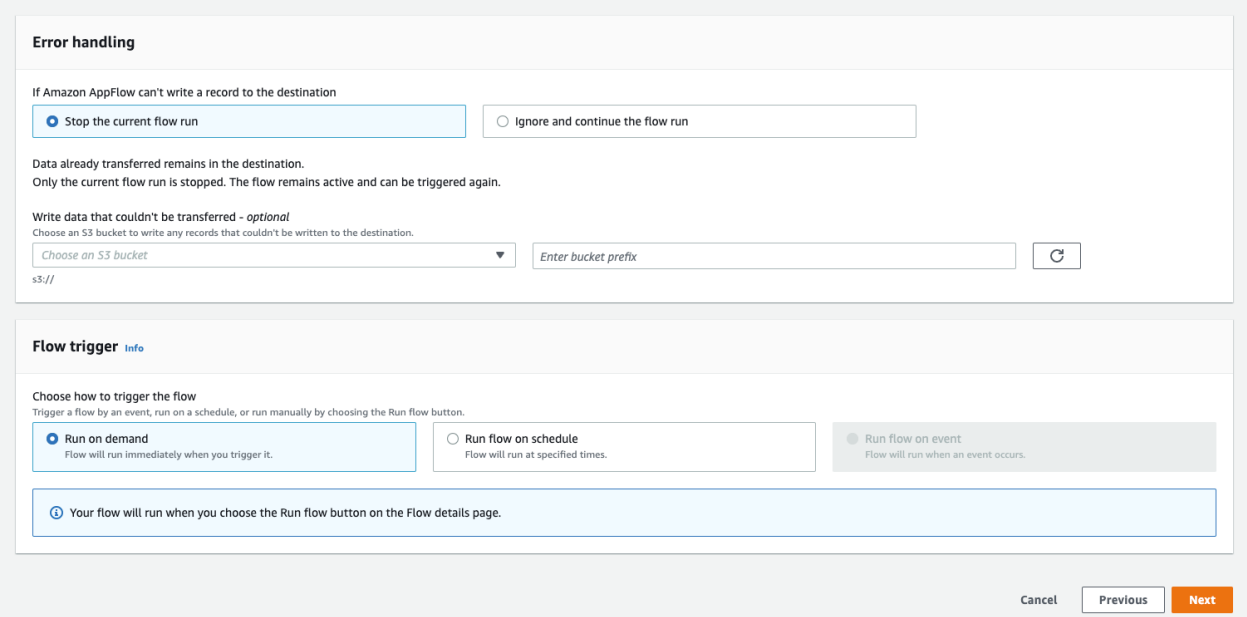

Figure 84: complete step1

4.14.4.3.3 Set mapping rules

Map the fields of the **Account** object in Salesforce to the `sf_account` table in TiDB, and then click **Next**.

- The `sf_account` table is newly created in TiDB and it is empty.

```
test> SELECT * FROM sf_account;
+----+------+------+---------------+--------+----------+
| id | name | type | billing_state | rating | industry |
+----+------+------+---------------+--------+----------+
+----+------+------+---------------+--------+----------+
```

- To set a mapping rule, you can select a source field name on the left, and select a destination field name on the right. Then, click **Map fields**, and a rule is set.

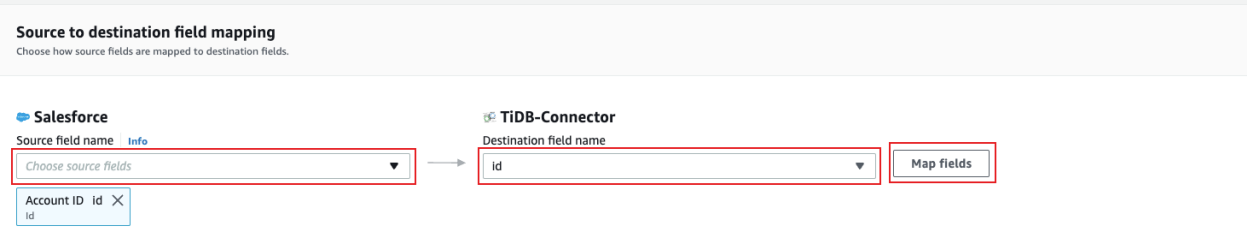

Figure 85: add mapping rule

- The following mapping rules (Source field name -> Destination field name) are needed in this document:

    - Account ID -> id
    - Account Name -> name
    - Account Type -> type
    - Billing State/Province -> billing_state
    - Account Rating -> rating
    - Industry -> industry

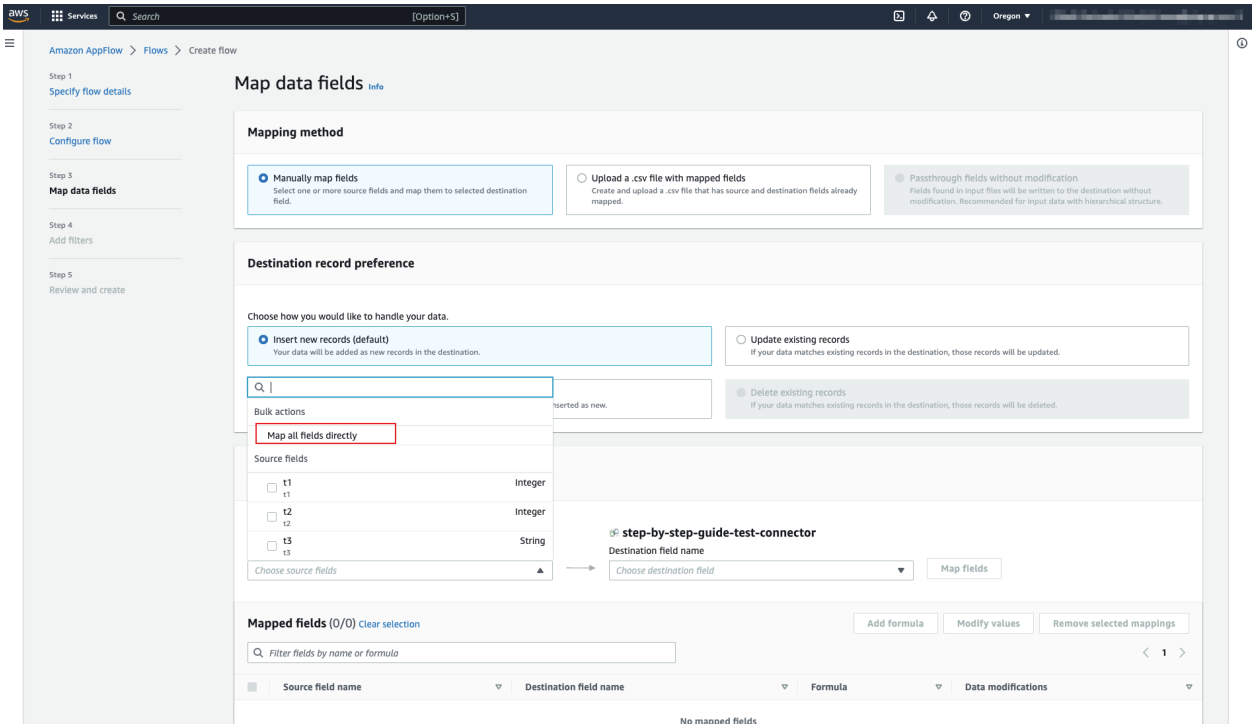

Figure 86: mapping a rule

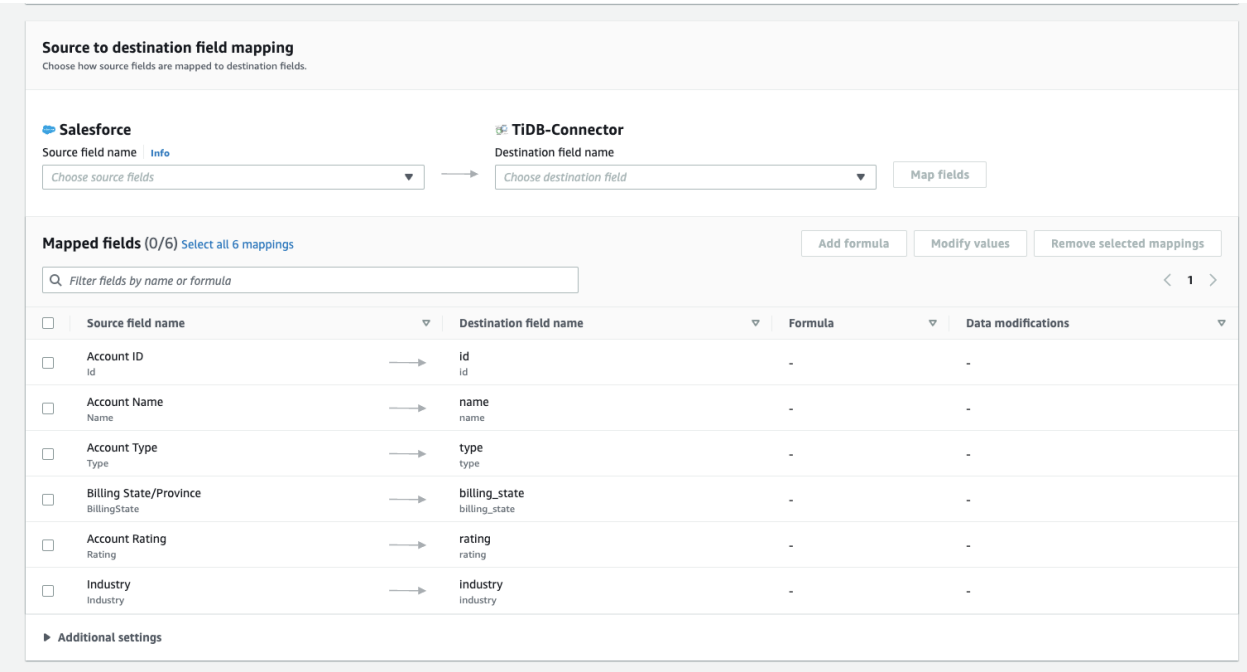

Figure 87: show all mapping rules

4.14.4.3.4 (Optional) Set filters

If you want to add some filters to your data fields, you can set them here. Otherwise, skip this step and click **Next**.

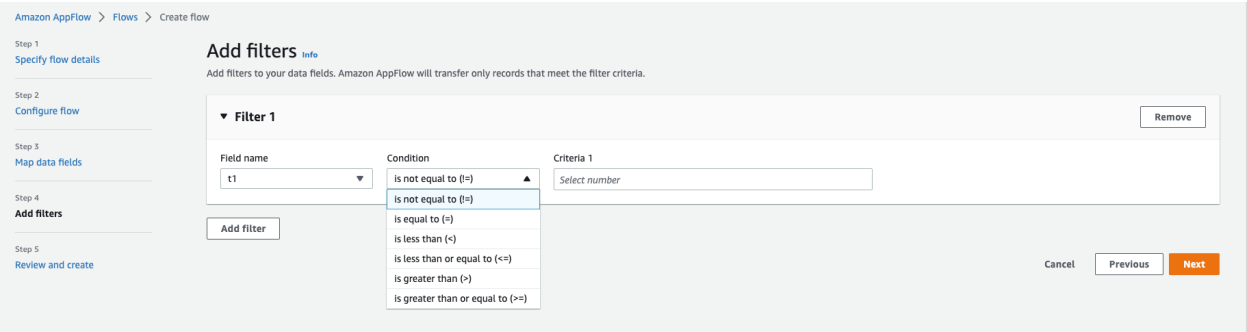

Figure 88: filters

4.14.4.3.5 Confirm and create the flow

Confirm the information of the flow to be created. If everything looks fine, click **Create flow**.

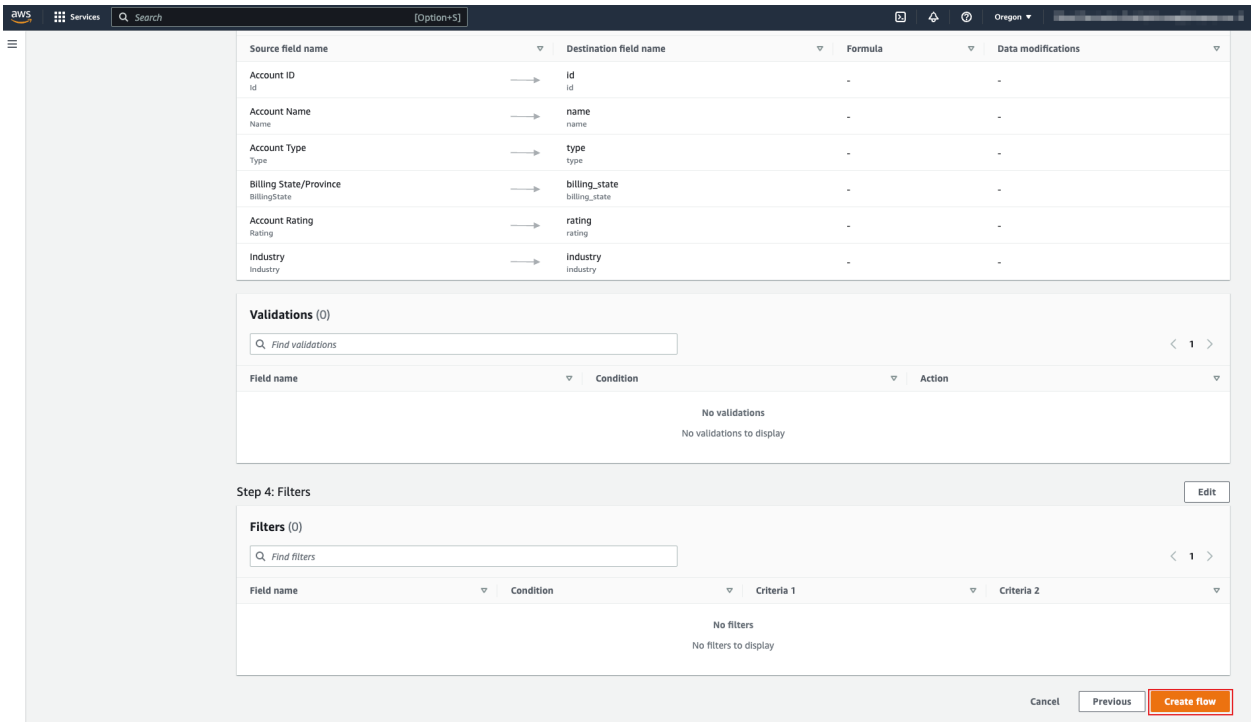

Figure 89: review

4.14.4.4 Step 3. Run the flow

On the page of the newly created flow, click **Run flow** in the upper-right corner.

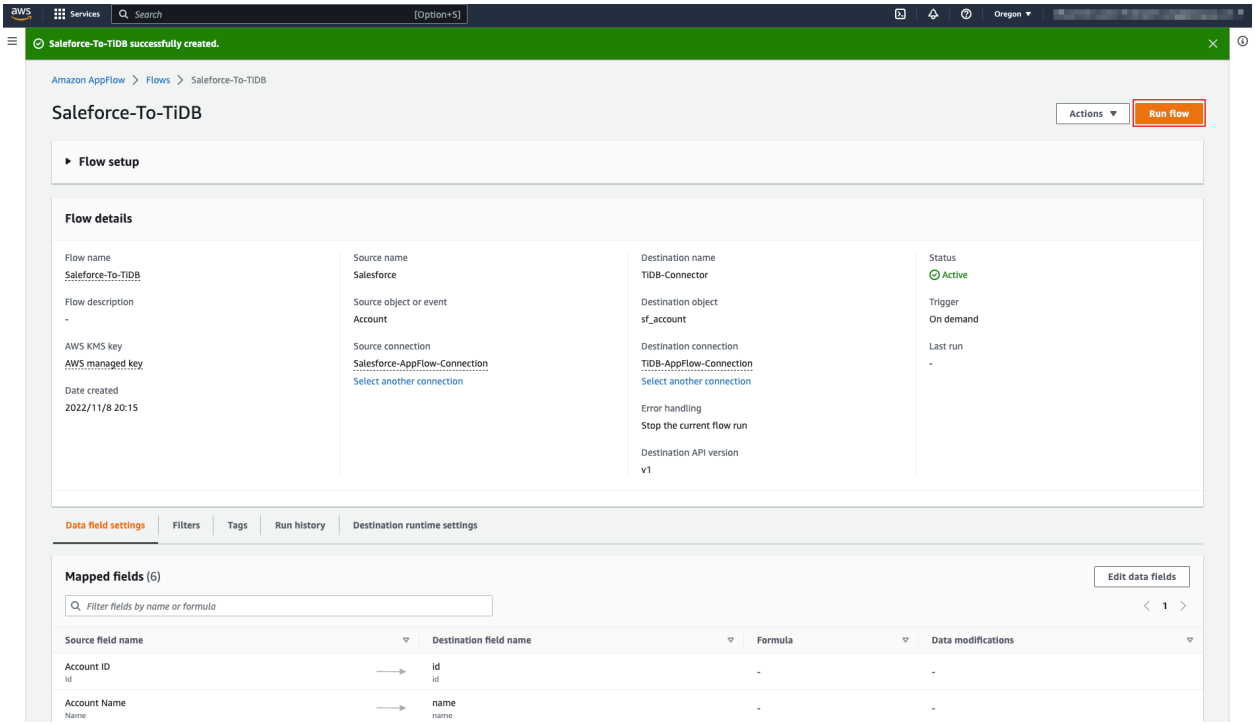

Figure 90: run flow

The following screenshot shows an example that the flow runs successfully:

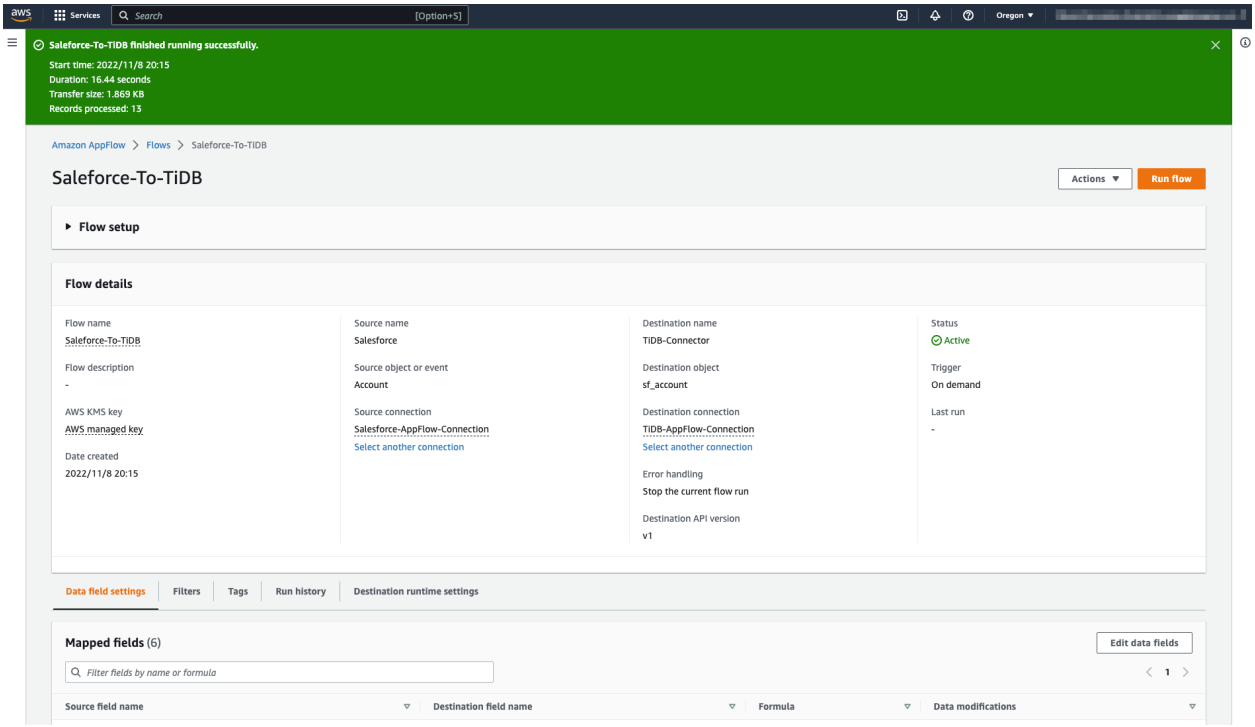

Figure 91: run success

Query the `sf_account` table, and you can see that the records from the Salesforce **Account** object have been written to it:

```
test> SELECT * FROM sf_account;
+--
    ↪ ------------------+----------------------------------------+--------------------+--
    ↪
| id                 | name                                   | type               |
    ↪ billing_state | rating | industry  |
+--
    ↪ ------------------+----------------------------------------+--------------------+--
    ↪
| 001Do000003EDTlIAO | Sample Account for Entitlements | null         | null
    ↪          | null  | null          |
| 001Do000003EDTZIA4 | Edge Communications             | Customer - Direct | TX
    ↪          | Hot   | Electronics   |
| 001Do000003EDTaIAO | Burlington Textiles Corp of America | Customer -
    ↪ Direct | NC | Warm  | Apparel       |
| 001Do000003EDTbIAO | Pyramid Construction Inc.    | Customer - Channel |
    ↪ null      | null  | Construction |
| 001Do000003EDTcIAO | Dickenson plc                | Customer - Channel |
    ↪ KS        | null  | Consulting    |
```

```
| 001Do000003EDTdIAO | Grand Hotels & Resorts Ltd   | Customer - Direct | IL
   ↪          | Warm  | Hospitality  |
| 001Do000003EDTeIAO | United Oil & Gas Corp.       | Customer - Direct | NY
   ↪          | Hot   | Energy       |
| 001Do000003EDTfIAO | Express Logistics and Transport | Customer - Channel
   ↪  | OR    | Cold  | Transportation |
| 001Do000003EDTgIAO | University of Arizona        | Customer - Direct | AZ
   ↪          | Warm  | Education    |
| 001Do000003EDThIAO | United Oil & Gas, UK         | Customer - Direct | UK
   ↪          | null  | Energy       |
| 001Do000003EDTiIAO | United Oil & Gas, Singapore  | Customer - Direct |
   ↪ Singapore | null  | Energy       |
| 001Do000003EDTjIAO | GenePoint                    | Customer - Channel |
   ↪ CA        | Cold  | Biotechnology |
| 001Do000003EDTkIAO | sForce                       | null              | CA
   ↪          | null  | null         |
+--
   ↪ -----------------+-------------------------------------+-------------------+--
   ↪
```

4.14.4.5 Noteworthy things

- If anything goes wrong, you can navigate to the CloudWatch page on the AWS Management Console to get logs.
- The steps in this document are based on Building custom connectors using the Amazon AppFlow Custom Connector SDK.
- TiDB Cloud Serverless is **NOT** a production environment.
- To prevent excessive length, the examples in this document only show the `Insert` strategy, but `Update` and `Upsert` strategies are also tested and can be used.

4.14.4.6 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

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5 Deploy

5.1 TiDB Software and Hardware Requirements

This document describes the software and hardware requirements for deploying and running the TiDB database. As an open-source distributed SQL database with high performance, TiDB can be deployed in the Intel architecture server, ARM architecture server,

and major virtualization environments and runs well. TiDB supports most of the major hardware networks and Linux operating systems.

5.1.1 OS and platform requirements

In v8.5 LTS, TiDB ensures multi-level quality standards for various combinations of operating systems and CPU architectures.

- For the following combinations of operating systems and CPU architectures, TiDB **provides enterprise-level production quality**, and the product features have been comprehensively and systematically verified:

```
<th>Operating systems</th>
<th>Supported CPU architectures</th>
```

```
<td>Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.4 or a later 8.x version</td>
<td><ul><li>x86_64</li><li>ARM 64</li></ul></td>
```

```
<td>Amazon Linux 2</td>
<td><ul><li>x86_64</li><li>ARM 64</li></ul></td>
```

```
<td>Amazon Linux 2023</td>
<td><ul><li>x86_64</li><li>ARM 64</li></ul></td>
```

```
<td>Rocky Linux 9.1 or later</td>
<td><ul><li>x86_64</li><li>ARM 64</li></ul></td>
```

```
<td>Kylin V10 SP1/SP2/SP3 (SP3 is supported starting from v7.5.5)</td>
<td><ul><li>x86_64</li><li>ARM 64</li></ul></td>
```

```
<td>UnionTech OS (UOS) V20</td>
<td><ul><li>x86_64</li><li>ARM 64</li></ul></td>
```

```
<td>openEuler 22.03 LTS SP1/SP3</td>
<td><ul><li>x86_64</li><li>ARM 64</li></ul></td>
```

Warning:

- According to CentOS Linux EOL, the upstream support for CentOS Linux 7 ended on June 30, 2024.

    - Before upgrading TiDB, make sure to check your operating system version. TiDB v8.4.0 DMR and v8.5.0 removed the support of glibc 2.17, and dropped support and testing with CentOS Linux 7. It is recommended to use Rocky Linux 9.1 or a later version. Upgrading a TiDB cluster on CentOS 7 to v8.4.0 or v8.5.0 will cause the risk of cluster unavailability.
    - Starting from v8.5.1, to assist users still using CentOS Linux 7, TiDB resumes the support of glibc 2.17, resumes testing of CentOS Linux 7, and is now compatible with CentOS Linux 7. However, due to the EOL status of CentOS Linux, it is strongly recommended that you review the official announcements and security guidance for CentOS Linux 7 and migrate to an operating system supported by TiDB for production use, such as Rocky Linux 9.1 or later.
  - According to Red Hat Enterprise Linux Life Cycle, the maintenance support for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 ended on June 30, 2024. TiDB ends the support for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 starting from the 8.4 DMR version. It is recommended to use Rocky Linux 9.1 or a later version. Upgrading a TiDB cluster on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 to v8.4.0 or later will cause the cluster to become unavailable. Before upgrading TiDB, make sure to check your operating system version.

- For the following combinations of operating systems and CPU architectures, you can compile, build, and deploy TiDB. In addition, you can also use the basic features of OLTP, OLAP, and the data tools. However, TiDB **does not guarantee enterprise-level production quality**:

```
<th>Operating systems</th>
<th>Supported CPU architectures</th>
```

```
<td>macOS 12 (Monterey) or later</td>
<td><ul><li>x86_64</li><li>ARM 64</li></ul></td>
```

```
<td>Oracle Enterprise Linux 8 or a later</td>
<td>x86_64</td>
```

```
<td>Ubuntu LTS 20.04 or later</td>
<td>x86_64</td>
```

```
<td>CentOS Stream 8</td>
<td><ul><li>x86_64</li><li>ARM 64</li></ul></td>
```

```
<td>Debian 10 (Buster) or later</td>
<td>x86_64</td>
```

```
<td>Fedora 38 or later</td>
<td>x86_64</td>
```

```
<td>openSUSE Leap later than v15.5 (not including Tumbleweed)</td>
<td>x86_64</td>
```

```
<td>SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15</td>
<td>x86_64</td>
```

Note:

- For Oracle Enterprise Linux, TiDB supports the Red Hat Compatible Kernel (RHCK) and does not support the Unbreakable Enterprise Kernel provided by Oracle Enterprise Linux.
- Support for Ubuntu 16.04 will be removed in future versions of TiDB. Upgrading to Ubuntu 18.04 or later is strongly recommended.
- CentOS Stream 8 reaches End of Builds on May 31, 2024.

- If you are using the 32-bit version of an operating system listed in the preceding two tables, TiDB **is not guaranteed** to be compilable, buildable or deployable on the 32-bit operating system and the corresponding CPU architecture, or TiDB does not actively adapt to the 32-bit operating system.
- Other operating system versions not mentioned above might work but are not officially supported.

5.1.1.1 Libraries required for compiling and running TiDB

Libraries required for compiling and running TiDB	Version
Golang	1.23 or later
Rust	nightly-2023-12-28 or later
GCC	7.x
LLVM	17.0 or later

Library required for running TiDB: glibc (2.28-151.el8 version)

5.1.1.2 Docker image dependencies

The following CPU architectures are supported:

- x86_64. Starting from TiDB v6.6.0, the x86-64-v2 instruction set is required.
- ARM 64

5.1.2 Software requirements

5.1.2.1 Control machine

Software	Version
sshpass	1.06 or later
TiUP	1.5.0 or later

> **Note:**
>
> It is required that you deploy TiUP on the control machine to operate and manage TiDB clusters.

5.1.2.2 Target machines

Software	Version
sshpass	1.06 or later
numa	2.0.12 or later
tar	any

5.1.3 Server requirements

You can deploy and run TiDB on the 64-bit generic hardware server platform in the Intel x86-64 architecture or on the hardware server platform in the ARM architecture. The requirements and recommendations about server hardware configuration (ignoring the resources occupied by the operating system itself) for development, test, and production environments are as follows:

5.1.3.1 Development and test environments

Component	CPU	Memory	Local Storage	Network	Number of Instances (Minimum Requirement)
TiDB	8 core+	16 GB+	Disk space requirements	Gigabit network card	1 (can be deployed on the same machine with PD)
PD	4 core+	8 GB+	SAS, 200 GB+	Gigabit network card	1 (can be deployed on the same machine with TiDB)
TiKV	8 core+	32 GB+	SAS, 200 GB+	Gigabit network card	3
TiFlash	32 core+	64 GB+	SSD, 200 GB+	Gigabit network card	1
TiCDC	8 core+	16 GB+	SAS, 200 GB+	Gigabit network card	1

Note:

- In the test environment, the TiDB and PD instances can be deployed on the same server.
- For performance-related test, do not use low-performance storage and network hardware configuration, in order to guarantee the correctness of the test result.
- For the TiKV server, it is recommended to use NVMe SSDs to ensure faster reads and writes.
- If you only want to test and verify the features, follow Quick Start Guide for TiDB to deploy TiDB on a single machine.
- Starting from v6.3.0, to deploy TiFlash under the Linux AMD64 architecture, the CPU must support the AVX2 instruction set. Ensure that `grep avx2 /proc/cpuinfo` has output. To deploy TiFlash under the Linux ARM64 architecture, the CPU must support the ARMv8 instruction set architecture. Ensure that `grep 'crc32' /proc/cpuinfo | grep 'asimd'` has output. By using the instruction set extensions, TiFlash's vectorization engine can deliver better performance.

5.1.3.2 Production environment

Component	CPU	Memory	Hard Disk Type	Network	Number o
TiDB	16 core+	48 GB+	SSD	10 Gigabit network card (2 preferred)	
PD	8 core+	16 GB+	SSD	10 Gigabit network card (2 preferred)	
TiKV	16 core+	64 GB+	SSD	10 Gigabit network card (2 preferred)	
TiFlash	48 core+	128 GB+	1 or more SSDs	10 Gigabit network card (2 preferred)	
TiCDC	16 core+	64 GB+	SSD	10 Gigabit network card (2 preferred)	
Monitor	8 core+	16 GB+	SAS	Gigabit network card	

Note:

- In the production environment, the TiDB and PD instances can be deployed on the same server. If you have a higher requirement for performance and reliability, try to deploy them separately.
- It is strongly recommended to configure TiDB, TiKV, and TiFlash with at least 8 CPU cores each in the production environment. To get better performance, a higher configuration is recommended.
- It is recommended to keep the size of TiKV hard disk within 4 TB if you are using PCIe SSDs or within 1.5 TB if you are using regular SSDs.
- If you deploy TiKV on a cloud provider, such as AWS, Google Cloud, or Azure, it is recommended to use cloud disks for TiKV nodes. Data on local disks might be lost if the TiKV instance crashes in the cloud environment.

Before you deploy TiFlash, note the following items:

- TiFlash can be deployed on multiple disks.
- It is recommended to use a high-performance SSD as the first disk of the TiFlash data directory to buffer the real-time replication of TiKV data. The performance of this disk should not be lower than that of TiKV, such as PCIe SSD. The disk capacity should be no less than 10% of the total capacity; otherwise, it might become the bottleneck of this node. You can deploy ordinary SSDs for other disks, but note that a better PCIe SSD brings better performance.
- It is recommended to deploy TiFlash on different nodes from TiKV. If you must deploy TiFlash and TiKV on the same node, increase the number of CPU cores and memory, and try to deploy TiFlash and TiKV on different disks to avoid interfering each other.
- The total capacity of the TiFlash disks is calculated in this way: `the data volume of the entire TiKV cluster to be replicated / the number of TiKV replicas * the number of TiFlash replicas`. For example, if the overall

planned capacity of TiKV is 1 TB, the number of TiKV replicas is 3, and the number of TiFlash replicas is 2, then the recommended total capacity of TiFlash is `1024 GB / 3 * 2`. You can replicate only the data of some tables. In such case, determine the TiFlash capacity according to the data volume of the tables to be replicated.

Before you deploy TiCDC, note that it is recommended to deploy TiCDC on PCIe SSD disks larger than 500 GB.

5.1.4 Network requirements

As an open-source distributed SQL database, TiDB requires the following network port configuration to run. Based on the TiDB deployment in actual environments, the administrator can open relevant ports in the network side and host side.

Component	Default Port	Description
TiDB	4000	the communication port for the application and DBA tools
TiDB	10080	the communication port to report TiDB status

Component	Default Port	Description
TiKV	20160	the TiKV communication port
TiKV	20180	the communication port to report TiKV status
PD	2379	the communication port between TiDB and PD

Component	Default Port	Description
PD	2380	the inter-node com-mu-nica-tion port within the PD clus-ter
TiFlash	9000	the Ti-Flash TCP ser-vice port
TiFlash	3930	the Ti-Flash RAFT and Co-pro-ces-sor ser-vice port
TiFlash	20170	the Ti-Flash Proxy ser-vice port

Component	Default Port	Description
TiFlash	20292	the port for Prometheus to pull TiFlash Proxy metrics
TiFlash	8234	the port for Prometheus to pull TiFlash metrics
TiCDC	8300	the TiCDC communication port
Monitoring	9090	the communication port for the Prometheus service

Component	Default Port	Description
Monitoring	12020	the communication port for the Ng-Monitoring service
Node_exporter	9100	the communication port to report the system information of every TiDB cluster node

Component	Default Port	Description
Blackbox_exporter	9115	the Blackbox_exporter communication port, used to monitor the ports in the TiDB cluster
Grafana	3000	the port for the external Web monitoring service and client (Browser) access

Component	Default Port	Description
Alertmanager	9093	the port for the alert web service
Alertmanager	9094	the alert communication port

5.1.5 Disk space requirements

```
<th>Component</th>
<th>Disk space requirement</th>
<th>Healthy disk usage</th>
```

```
<td>TiDB</td>
<td><ul><li>At least 30 GB for the log disk</li><li>Starting from v6.5.0,
    ↪ Fast Online DDL (controlled by the <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/
    ↪ tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg-new-in-v630">
    ↪ tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg</a> variable) is enabled by default to
    ↪ accelerate DDL operations, such as adding indexes. If DDL operations
    ↪ involving large objects exist in your application, or you want to use
    ↪  <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/sql-statement-import-into
    ↪ ">IMPORT INTO</a> to import data, it is highly recommended to prepare
    ↪  additional SSD disk space for TiDB (100 GB or more). For detailed
    ↪ configuration instructions, see <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/
    ↪ tidb/dev/check-before-deployment#set-temporary-spaces-for-tidb-
    ↪ instances-recommended">Set a temporary space for a TiDB instance</a
    ↪ ></li></ul></td>
<td>Lower than 90%</td>
```

```
<td>PD</td>
<td>At least 20 GB for the data disk and for the log disk, respectively</td>
<td>Lower than 90%</td>
```

```
<td>TiKV</td>
<td>At least 100 GB for the data disk and for the log disk, respectively</td
   ↪ >
<td>Lower than 80%</td>
```

```
<td>TiFlash</td>
<td>At least 100 GB for the data disk and at least 30 GB for the log disk,
   ↪ respectively</td>
<td>Lower than 80%</td>
```

```
<td>TiUP</td>
<td><ul><li>Control machine: No more than 1 GB space is required for
   ↪ deploying a TiDB cluster of a single version. The space required
   ↪ increases if TiDB clusters of multiple versions are deployed.</li><li
   ↪ >Deployment servers (machines where the TiDB components run): TiFlash
   ↪  occupies about 700 MB space and other components (such as PD, TiDB,
   ↪ and TiKV) occupy about 200 MB space respectively. During the cluster
   ↪ deployment process, the TiUP cluster requires less than 1 MB of
   ↪ temporary space (<code>/tmp</code> directory) to store temporary
   ↪ files.</li></ul></td>
<td>N/A</td>
```

```
<td>Ngmonitoring</td>
<td><ul><li>Conprof: 3 x 1 GB x Number of components (each component
   ↪ occupies about 1 GB per day, 3 days in total) + 20 GB reserved space
   ↪ </li><li>Top SQL: 30 x 50 MB x Number of components (each component
   ↪ occupies about 50 MB per day, 30 days in total)</li><li>Conprof and
   ↪ Top SQL share the reserved space</li></ul></td>
<td>N/A</td>
```

5.1.6 Web browser requirements

TiDB relies on Grafana to provide visualization of database metrics. A recent version of Microsoft Edge, Safari, Chrome or Firefox with Javascript enabled is sufficient.

5.1.7 Hardware and software requirements for TiFlash disaggregated storage and compute architecture

The preceding TiFlash software and hardware requirements are for the coupled storage and compute architecture. Starting from v7.0.0, TiFlash supports the disaggregated storage and compute architecture. In this architecture, TiFlash is divided into two types of nodes: the Write Node and the Compute Node. The requirements for these nodes are as follows:

- Software: remain the same as the coupled storage and compute architecture, see OS and platform requirements.
- Network port: remain the same as the coupled storage and compute architecture, see Network.
- Disk space:
  - TiFlash Write Node: it is recommended to configure at least 200 GB of disk space, which is used as a local buffer when adding TiFlash replicas and migrating Region replicas before uploading data to Amazon S3. In addition, an object storage compatible with Amazon S3 is required.
  - TiFlash Compute Node: it is recommended to configure at least 100 GB of disk space, which is mainly used to cache the data read from the Write Node to improve performance. The cache of the Compute Node might be fully used, which is normal.
- CPU and memory requirements are described in the following sections.

5.1.7.1 Development and test environments

Component	CPU	Memory	Local Storage	Network	Number of Instances (Minimum Requirement)
TiFlash Write Node	16 cores+	32 GB+	SSD, 200 GB+	Gigabit Ethernet	1
TiFlash Compute Node	16 cores+	32 GB+	SSD, 100 GB+	Gigabit Ethernet	0 (see the following note)

5.1.7.2 Production environment

Component	CPU	Memory	Disk Type	Network	Number of Instances (Minimum Requirement)
TiFlash Write Node	32 cores+	64 GB+	1 or more SSDs	10 Gigabit Ethernet (2 recommended)	1
TiFlash Compute Node	32 cores+	64 GB+	1 or more SSDs	10 Gigabit Ethernet (2 recommended)	0 (see the following note)

Note:

You can use deployment tools such as TiUP to quickly scale in or out the TiFlash Compute Node, within the range of `[0, +inf]`.

5.2 TiDB Environment and System Configuration Check

This document describes the environment check operations before deploying TiDB. The following steps are ordered by priorities.

5.2.1 Mount the data disk ext4 filesystem with options on the target machines that deploy TiKV

For production deployments, it is recommended to use NVMe SSD of EXT4 filesystem to store TiKV data. This configuration is the best practice, whose reliability, security, and stability have been proven in a large number of online scenarios.

Log in to the target machines using the `root` user account.

Format your data disks to the ext4 filesystem and add the `nodelalloc` and `noatime` mount options to the filesystem. It is required to add the `nodelalloc` option, or else the TiUP deployment cannot pass the precheck. The `noatime` option is optional.

> **Note:**
>
> If your data disks have been formatted to ext4 and have added the mount options, you can uninstall it by running the `umount /dev/nvme0n1p1` command, skip directly to the fifth step below to edit the `/etc/fstab` file, and add the options again to the filesystem.

Take the `/dev/nvme0n1` data disk as an example:

1. View the data disk.

```
fdisk -l
```

```
Disk /dev/nvme0n1: 1000 GB
```

2. Create the partition.

```
parted -s -a optimal /dev/nvme0n1 mklabel gpt -- mkpart primary ext4 1
    ↪ -1
```

For large NVMe devices, you can create multiple partitions:

```
parted -s -a optimal /dev/nvme0n1 mklabel gpt -- mkpart primary ext4 1
    ↪ 2000GB
parted -s -a optimal /dev/nvme0n1 -- mkpart primary ext4 2000GB -1
```

> **Note:**
>
> Use the `lsblk` command to view the device number of the partition: for a NVMe disk, the generated device number is usually `nvme0n1p1`; for a regular disk (for example, `/dev/sdb`), the generated device number is usually `sdb1`.

3. Format the data disk to the ext4 filesystem.

```
mkfs.ext4 /dev/nvme0n1p1
```

4. View the partition UUID of the data disk.

   In this example, the UUID of nvme0n1p1 is `c51eb23b-195c-4061-92a9-3fad812cc12f`.

```
lsblk -f
```

```
NAME    FSTYPE LABEL UUID                                 MOUNTPOINT
sda
 ─sda1  ext4         237b634b-a565-477b-8371-6dff0c41f5ab /boot
 ─sda2  swap         f414c5c0-f823-4bb1-8fdf-e531173a72ed
 ─sda3  ext4         547909c1-398d-4696-94c6-03e43e317b60 /
sr0
nvme0n1
 ─nvme0n1p1 ext4       c51eb23b-195c-4061-92a9-3fad812cc12f
```

5. Edit the `/etc/fstab` file and add the `nodelalloc` mount options.

```
vi /etc/fstab
```

```
UUID=c51eb23b-195c-4061-92a9-3fad812cc12f /data1 ext4 defaults,
    ↪ nodelalloc,noatime 0 2
```

6. Mount the data disk.

```
mkdir /data1 && \
systemctl daemon-reload && \
mount -a
```

7. Check using the following command.

```
mount -t ext4
```

```
/dev/nvme0n1p1 on /data1 type ext4 (rw,noatime,nodelalloc,data=ordered)
```

   If the filesystem is ext4 and `nodelalloc` is included in the mount options, you have successfully mount the data disk ext4 filesystem with options on the target machines.

5.2.2 Check and disable system swap

TiDB needs a sufficient amount of memory for operation. If the memory that TiDB uses gets swapped out and later gets swapped back in, this can cause latency spikes. If you want to maintain stable performance, it is recommended that you permanently disable the system swap, but it might trigger OOM issues when there is insufficient memory. If you want to avoid such OOM issues, you can just decrease the swap priority, instead of permanently disabling it.

- Enabling and using swap might introduce performance jitter issues. It is recommended that you permanently disable the operating system tier swap for low-latency and stability-critical database services. To permanently disable swap, you can use the following method:
  - During the initialization phase of the operating system, do not partition the swap partition disk separately.
  - If you have already partitioned a separate swap partition disk during the initialization phase of the operating system and enabled swap, run the following command to disable it:

```
echo "vm.swappiness = 0">> /etc/sysctl.conf
sysctl -p
swapoff -a && swapon -a
```

- If the host memory is insufficient, disabling the system swap might be more likely to trigger OOM issues. You can run the following command to decrease the swap priority instead of disabling it permanently:

```
echo "vm.swappiness = 0">> /etc/sysctl.conf
sysctl -p
```

5.2.3 Set temporary spaces for TiDB instances (Recommended)

Some operations in TiDB require writing temporary files to the server, so it is necessary to ensure that the operating system user that runs TiDB has sufficient permissions to read and write to the target directory. If you do not start the TiDB instance with the `root` privilege, you need to check the directory permissions and set them correctly.

- TiDB work area

  Operations that consume a significant amount of memory, such as hash table construction and sorting, might write temporary data to disk to reduce memory consumption and improve stability. The disk location for writing is defined by the configuration item `tmp-storage-path`. With the default configuration, make sure that the user that runs TiDB has read and write permissions to the temporary folder (usually `/tmp`) of the operating system.

- `Fast Online DDL` work area

  When the variable `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg` is set to `ON` (the default value in v6.5.0 and later versions), `Fast Online DDL` is enabled, and some DDL operations need to read and write temporary files in filesystems. The location is defined by the configuration item `temp-dir`. You need to ensure that the user that runs TiDB has read and write permissions for that directory of the operating system. The default directory `/tmp/tidb` uses tmpfs (temporary file system). It is recommended to explicitly specify a disk directory. The following uses `/data/tidb-deploy/tempdir` as an example:

> **Note:**
> If DDL operations on large objects exist in your application, it is highly recommended to configure an independent large file system for `temp-dir`.

```
sudo mkdir -p /data/tidb-deploy/tempdir
```

If the `/data/tidb-deploy/tempdir` directory already exists, make sure the write permission is granted.

```
sudo chmod -R 777 /data/tidb-deploy/tempdir
```

> **Note:**
> If the directory does not exist, TiDB will automatically create it upon startup. If the directory creation fails or TiDB does not have the read and write permissions for that directory, `Fast Online DDL` will be disabled during runtime.

5.2.4 Check the firewall service of target machines

In TiDB clusters, the access ports between nodes must be open to ensure the transmission of information such as read and write requests and data heartbeats. In common online scenarios, the data interaction between the database and the application service and between the database nodes are all made within a secure network. Therefore, if there are no special security requirements, it is recommended to stop the firewall of the target machine. Otherwise, refer to the port usage and add the needed port information to the allowlist of the firewall service.

5.2.4.1 Stop and disable firewalld

This section describes how to stop and disable the firewall service of a target machine.

1. Check the firewall status. The following example uses CentOS Linux release 7.7.1908 (Core):

```
sudo firewall-cmd --state
sudo systemctl status firewalld.service
```

2. Stop the firewall service:

```
sudo systemctl stop firewalld.service
```

3. Disable automatic startup of the firewall service:

```
sudo systemctl disable firewalld.service
```

4. Check the firewall status:

```
sudo systemctl status firewalld.service
```

5.2.4.2 Change the firewall zone

Instead of disabling the firewall completely, you can use a less restrictive zone. The default `public` zone allows only specific services and ports, while the `trusted` zone allows all traffic by default.

To set the default zone to `trusted`:

```
firewall-cmd --set-default-zone trusted
```

To verify the default zone:

```
firewall-cmd --get-default-zone
## trusted
```

To list the policy for a zone:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=trusted --list-all
## trusted
##   target: ACCEPT
##   icmp-block-inversion: no
##   interfaces:
##   sources:
##   services:
##   ports:
##   protocols:
##   forward: yes
##   masquerade: no
##   forward-ports:
##   source-ports:
```

```
##   icmp-blocks:
##   rich rules:
```

5.2.4.3 Configure the firewall

To configure the firewall for TiDB cluster components, use the following commands. These examples are for reference only. Adjust the zone names, ports, and services based on your specific environment.

Configure the firewall for the TiDB component:

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --new-service tidb
firewall-cmd --permanent --service tidb --set-description="TiDB Server"
firewall-cmd --permanent --service tidb --set-short="TiDB"
firewall-cmd --permanent --service tidb --add-port=4000/tcp
firewall-cmd --permanent --service tidb --add-port=10080/tcp
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-service=tidb
```

Configure the firewall for the TiKV component:

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --new-service tikv
firewall-cmd --permanent --service tikv --set-description="TiKV Server"
firewall-cmd --permanent --service tikv --set-short="TiKV"
firewall-cmd --permanent --service tikv --add-port=20160/tcp
firewall-cmd --permanent --service tikv --add-port=20180/tcp
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-service=tikv
```

Configure the firewall for the PD component:

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --new-service pd
firewall-cmd --permanent --service pd --set-description="PD Server"
firewall-cmd --permanent --service pd --set-short="PD"
firewall-cmd --permanent --service pd --add-port=2379/tcp
firewall-cmd --permanent --service pd --add-port=2380/tcp
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-service=pd
```

Configure the firewall for Prometheus:

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-service=prometheus
firewall-cmd --permanent --service=prometheus --add-port=12020/tcp
```

Configure the firewall for Grafana:

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-service=grafana
```

5.2.5 Check and install the NTP service

TiDB is a distributed database system that requires clock synchronization between nodes to guarantee linear consistency of transactions in the ACID model.

At present, the common solution to clock synchronization is to use the Network Time Protocol (NTP) services. You can use the `pool.ntp.org` timing service on the Internet, or build your own NTP service in an offline environment.

To check whether the NTP service is installed and whether it synchronizes with the NTP server normally, take the following steps:

1. Run the following command. If it returns `running`, then the NTP service is running.

```
sudo systemctl status ntpd.service
```

```
ntpd.service - Network Time Service
Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/ntpd.service; disabled; vendor
   ↪ preset: disabled)
Active: active (running) since — 2017-12-18 13:13:19 CST; 3s ago
```

   - If it returns `Unit ntpd.service could not be found.`, then try the following command to see whether your system is configured to use `chronyd` instead of `ntpd` to perform clock synchronization with NTP:

```
sudo systemctl status chronyd.service
```

```
chronyd.service - NTP client/server
Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/chronyd.service; enabled;
   ↪ vendor preset: enabled)
Active: active (running) since Mon 2021-04-05 09:55:29 EDT; 3 days
   ↪ ago
```

     If the result shows that neither `chronyd` nor `ntpd` is configured, it means that neither of them is installed in your system. You should first install `chronyd` or `ntpd` and ensure that it can be automatically started. By default, `ntpd` is used.

     If your system is configured to use `chronyd`, proceed to step 3.

2. Run the `ntpstat` command to check whether the NTP service synchronizes with the NTP server.

> **Note:**
>
> For the Ubuntu system, you need to install the `ntpstat` package.

```
ntpstat
```

- If it returns `synchronised to NTP server` (synchronizing with the NTP server), then the synchronization process is normal.

```
synchronised to NTP server (85.199.214.101) at stratum 2
time correct to within 91 ms
polling server every 1024 s
```

- The following situation indicates the NTP service is not synchronizing normally:

```
unsynchronised
```

- The following situation indicates the NTP service is not running normally:

```
Unable to talk to NTP daemon. Is it running?
```

3. Run the `chronyc tracking` command to check whether the Chrony service synchronizes with the NTP server.

> **Note:**
>
> This only applies to systems that use Chrony instead of NTPd.

```
chronyc tracking
```

- If the command returns `Leap status     : Normal`, the synchronization process is normal.

```
Reference ID    : 5EC69F0A (ntp1.time.nl)
Stratum         : 2
Ref time (UTC)  : Thu May 20 15:19:08 2021
System time     : 0.000022151 seconds slow of NTP time
Last offset     : -0.000041040 seconds
RMS offset      : 0.000053422 seconds
Frequency       : 2.286 ppm slow
Residual freq   : -0.000 ppm
Skew            : 0.012 ppm
Root delay      : 0.012706812 seconds
Root dispersion : 0.000430042 seconds
Update interval : 1029.8 seconds
Leap status     : Normal
```

- If the command returns the following result, an error occurs in the synchronization:

```
Leap status  : Not synchronised
```

- If the command returns the following result, the `chronyd` service is not running normally:

```
506 Cannot talk to daemon
```

- If the offset appears to be too high, you can run the `chronyc makestep` command to immediately correct the time offset. Otherwise, `chronyd` will gradually correct the time offset.

To make the NTP service start synchronizing as soon as possible, run the following command. Replace `pool.ntp.org` with your NTP server.

```
sudo systemctl stop ntpd.service && \
sudo ntpdate pool.ntp.org && \
sudo systemctl start ntpd.service
```

To install the NTP service manually on the CentOS 7 system, run the following command:

```
sudo yum install ntp ntpdate && \
sudo systemctl start ntpd.service && \
sudo systemctl enable ntpd.service
```

5.2.6 Check and configure the optimal parameters of the operating system

For TiDB in the production environment, it is recommended to optimize the operating system configuration in the following ways:

1. Disable THP (Transparent Huge Pages). The memory access pattern of databases tends to be sparse rather than consecutive. If the high-level memory fragmentation is serious, higher latency will occur when THP pages are allocated.

2. Set the I/O Scheduler of the storage media.

    - For the high-speed SSD storage, the kernel's default I/O scheduling operations might cause performance loss. It is recommended to set the I/O Scheduler to first-in-first-out (FIFO), such as `noop` or `none`. This configuration allows the kernel to pass I/O requests directly to hardware without scheduling, thus improving performance.
    - For NVMe storage, the default I/O Scheduler is `none`, so no adjustment is needed.

3. Choose the `performance` mode for the cpufrequ module which controls the CPU frequency. The performance is maximized when the CPU frequency is fixed at its highest supported operating frequency without dynamic adjustment.

Take the following steps to check the current operating system configuration and configure optimal parameters:

1. Execute the following command to see whether THP is enabled or disabled:

```
cat /sys/kernel/mm/transparent_hugepage/enabled
```

```
[always] madvise never
```

> **Note:**
> If `[always] madvise never` is output, THP is enabled. You need to disable it.

2. Execute the following command to see the I/O Scheduler of the disk where the data directory is located.

   If your data directory uses an SD or VD device, run the following command to check the I/O Scheduler:

```
cat /sys/block/sd[bc]/queue/scheduler
```

```
noop [deadline] cfq
noop [deadline] cfq
```

> **Note:**
> If `noop [deadline] cfq` is output, the I/O Scheduler for the disk is in the `deadline` mode. You need to change it to `noop`.

   If your data directory uses an NVMe device, run the following command to check the I/O Scheduler:

```
cat /sys/block/nvme[01]*/queue/scheduler
```

```
[none] mq-deadline kyber bfq
[none] mq-deadline kyber bfq
```

> **Note:**
>
> `[none] mq-deadline kyber bfq` indicates that the NVMe device uses the `none` I/O Scheduler, and no changes are needed.

3. Execute the following command to see the `ID_SERIAL` of the disk:

```
udevadm info --name=/dev/sdb | grep ID_SERIAL
```

```
E: ID_SERIAL=36d0946606d79f90025f3e09a0c1f9e81
E: ID_SERIAL_SHORT=6d0946606d79f90025f3e09a0c1f9e81
```

> **Note:**
>
> - If multiple disks are allocated with data directories, you need to execute the above command for each disk to record the `ID_SERIAL` of each disk.
> - If your device uses the `noop` or `none` Scheduler, you do not need to record the `ID_SERIAL` or configure udev rules or the tuned profile.

4. Execute the following command to see the power policy of the cpufreq module:

```
cpupower frequency-info --policy
```

```
analyzing CPU 0:
current policy: frequency should be within 1.20 GHz and 3.10 GHz.
            The governor "powersave" may decide which speed to use
               ↪ within this range.
```

> **Note:**
>
> If `The governor "powersave"` is output, the power policy of the cpufreq module is `powersave`. You need to modify it to `performance`. If you use a virtual machine or a cloud host, the output is usually `Unable to ↪ determine current policy`, and you do not need to change anything.

5. Configure optimal parameters of the operating system:

    - Method one: Use tuned (Recommended)

1. Execute the `tuned-adm list` command to see the tuned profile of the current operating system:

```
tuned-adm list
```

```
Available profiles:
- balanced                  - General non-specialized tuned
    ↪ profile
- desktop                   - Optimize for the desktop use-case
- hpc-compute               - Optimize for HPC compute workloads
- latency-performance       - Optimize for deterministic
    ↪ performance at the cost of increased power consumption
- network-latency           - Optimize for deterministic
    ↪ performance at the cost of increased power consumption,
    ↪ focused on low latency network performance
- network-throughput        - Optimize for streaming network
    ↪ throughput, generally only necessary on older CPUs or 40G
    ↪ + networks
- powersave                 - Optimize for low power consumption
- throughput-performance    - Broadly applicable tuning that
    ↪ provides excellent performance across a variety of common
    ↪  server workloads
- virtual-guest             - Optimize for running inside a
    ↪ virtual guest
- virtual-host              - Optimize for running KVM guests
Current active profile: balanced
```

   The output `Current active profile: balanced` means that the tuned profile of the current operating system is `balanced`. It is recommended to optimize the configuration of the operating system based on the current profile.

2. Create a new tuned profile:

```
mkdir /etc/tuned/balanced-tidb-optimal/
vi /etc/tuned/balanced-tidb-optimal/tuned.conf
```

```
[main]
include=balanced

[cpu]
governor=performance

[vm]
transparent_hugepages=never

[disk]
devices_udev_regex=(ID_SERIAL=36d0946606d79f90025f3e09a0c1fc035
    ↪ )|(ID_SERIAL=36d0946606d79f90025f3e09a0c1f9e81)
```

```
elevator=noop
```

The output `include=balanced` means to add the optimization configuration of the operating system to the current `balanced` profile.

3. Apply the new tuned profile:

> **Note:**
> If your device uses the `noop` or `none` I/O Scheduler, skip this step. No Scheduler configuration is needed in the tuned profile.

```
tuned-adm profile balanced-tidb-optimal
```

- Method two: Configure using scripts. Skip this method if you already use method one.

1. Execute the `grubby` command to see the default kernel version:

> **Note:**
> Install the `grubby` package first before you execute `grubby`.

```
grubby --default-kernel
```

```
/boot/vmlinuz-3.10.0-957.el7.x86_64
```

2. Execute `grubby --update-kernel` to modify the kernel configuration:

```
grubby --args="transparent_hugepage=never" --update-kernel `
    ↪ grubby --default-kernel`
```

> **Note:**
> You can also specify the actual version number after `--update ↪ -kernel`, for example, `--update-kernel /boot/vmlinuz ↪ -3.10.0-957.el7.x86_64` or `ALL`.

3. Execute `grubby --info` to see the modified default kernel configuration:

```
grubby --info /boot/vmlinuz-3.10.0-957.el7.x86_64
```

> **Note:**
> `--info` is followed by the actual default kernel version.

```
index=0
kernel=/boot/vmlinuz-3.10.0-957.el7.x86_64
```

```
args="ro crashkernel=auto rd.lvm.lv=centos/root rd.lvm.lv=
    ↪ centos/swap rhgb quiet LANG=en_US.UTF-8 transparent_
    ↪ hugepage=never"
root=/dev/mapper/centos-root
initrd=/boot/initramfs-3.10.0-957.el7.x86_64.img
title=CentOS Linux (3.10.0-957.el7.x86_64) 7 (Core)
```

4. Modify the current kernel configuration to immediately disable THP:

```
echo never > /sys/kernel/mm/transparent_hugepage/enabled
echo never > /sys/kernel/mm/transparent_hugepage/defrag
```

5. Configure the I/O Scheduler in the udev script:

```
vi /etc/udev/rules.d/60-tidb-schedulers.rules
```

```
ACTION=="add|change", SUBSYSTEM=="block", ENV{ID_SERIAL}=="36
    ↪ d0946606d79f90025f3e09a0c1fc035", ATTR{queue/scheduler}="
    ↪ noop"
ACTION=="add|change", SUBSYSTEM=="block", ENV{ID_SERIAL}=="36
    ↪ d0946606d79f90025f3e09a0c1f9e81", ATTR{queue/scheduler}="
    ↪ noop"
```

6. Apply the udev script:

> **Note:**
> If your device uses the `noop` or `none` I/O Scheduler, skip this step. No udev rules configuration is needed.

```
udevadm control --reload-rules
udevadm trigger --type=devices --action=change
```

7. Create a service to configure the CPU power policy:

```
cat >> /etc/systemd/system/cpupower.service << EOF
[Unit]
Description=CPU performance
[Service]
Type=oneshot
ExecStart=/usr/bin/cpupower frequency-set --governor
    ↪ performance
[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
EOF
```

8. Apply the CPU power policy configuration service:

```
systemctl daemon-reload
systemctl enable cpupower.service
systemctl start cpupower.service
```

6. Execute the following command to verify the THP status:

```
cat /sys/kernel/mm/transparent_hugepage/enabled
```

```
always madvise [never]
```

7. Execute the following command to verify the I/O Scheduler of the disk where the data directory is located:

```
cat /sys/block/sd[bc]/queue/scheduler
```

```
[noop] deadline cfq
[noop] deadline cfq
```

8. Execute the following command to see the power policy of the cpufreq module:

```
cpupower frequency-info --policy
  ```
```

analyzing CPU 0: current policy: frequency should be within 1.20 GHz and 3.10 GHz. The governor "performance" may decide which speed to use within this range. "'

9. Execute the following commands to modify the `sysctl` parameters:

```
echo "fs.file-max = 1000000">> /etc/sysctl.conf
echo "net.core.somaxconn = 32768">> /etc/sysctl.conf
echo "net.ipv4.tcp_syncookies = 0">> /etc/sysctl.conf
echo "vm.overcommit_memory = 1">> /etc/sysctl.conf
echo "vm.min_free_kbytes = 1048576">> /etc/sysctl.conf
sysctl -p
```

Warning:

It is not recommended to increase the value of `vm.min_free_kbytes` on systems with less than 16 GiB of memory, because it might cause instability and boot failures.

Note:
```

- `vm.min_free_kbytes` is a Linux kernel parameter that controls the minimum amount of free memory reserved by the system, measured in KiB.
- The setting of `vm.min_free_kbytes` affects the memory reclaim mechanism. Setting it too large reduces the available memory, while setting it too small might cause memory request speeds to exceed background reclaim speeds, leading to memory reclamation and consequent delays in memory allocation.
- It is recommended to set `vm.min_free_kbytes` to `1048576` KiB (1 GiB) at least. If NUMA is installed, it is recommended to set it to `number of NUMA nodes * 1048576` KiB.
- For systems running Linux kernel 4.11 or earlier, it is recommended to set `net.ipv4.tcp_tw_recycle = 0`.

10. Execute the following command to configure the user's `limits.conf` file:

```
cat << EOF >>/etc/security/limits.conf
tidb            soft    nofile          1000000
tidb            hard    nofile          1000000
tidb            soft    stack           32768
tidb            hard    stack           32768
tidb            soft    core            unlimited
tidb            hard    core            unlimited
EOF
```

5.2.7 Manually configure the SSH mutual trust and sudo without password

This section describes how to manually configure the SSH mutual trust and sudo without password. It is recommended to use TiUP for deployment, which automatically configure SSH mutual trust and login without password. If you deploy TiDB clusters using TiUP, ignore this section.

1. Log in to the target machine respectively using the `root` user account, create the `tidb` user and set the login password.

```
useradd tidb && \
passwd tidb
```

2. To configure sudo without password, run the following command, and add `tidb ALL =(ALL)NOPASSWD: ALL` to the end of the file:

```
visudo
```

```
tidb ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL
```

3. Use the `tidb` user to log in to the control machine, and run the following command. Replace `10.0.1.1` with the IP of your target machine, and enter the `tidb` user password of the target machine as prompted. After the command is executed, SSH mutual trust is already created. This applies to other machines as well. Newly created `tidb` users do not have the `.ssh` directory. To create such a directory, execute the command that generates the RSA key. To deploy TiDB components on the control machine, configure mutual trust for the control machine and the control machine itself.

```
ssh-keygen -t rsa
ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub 10.0.1.1
```

4. Log in to the control machine using the `tidb` user account, and log in to the IP of the target machine using `ssh`. If you do not need to enter the password and can successfully log in, then the SSH mutual trust is successfully configured.

```
ssh 10.0.1.1
```

```
[tidb@10.0.1.1 ~]$
```

5. After you log in to the target machine using the `tidb` user, run the following command. If you do not need to enter the password and can switch to the `root` user, then sudo without password of the `tidb` user is successfully configured.

```
sudo -su root
```

```
[root@10.0.1.1 tidb]#
```

5.2.8 Install the `numactl` tool

This section describes how to install the NUMA tool. In online environments, because the hardware configuration is usually higher than required, to better plan the hardware resources, multiple instances of TiDB or TiKV can be deployed on a single machine. In such scenarios, you can use NUMA tools to prevent the competition for CPU resources which might cause reduced performance.

Note:

- Binding cores using NUMA is a method to isolate CPU resources and is suitable for deploying multiple instances on highly configured physical machines.

- After completing deployment using `tiup cluster deploy`, you can use the `exec` command to perform cluster level management operations.

To install the NUMA tool, take either of the following two methods:

Method 1: Log in to the target node to install NUMA. Take CentOS Linux release 7.7.1908 (Core) as an example.

```
sudo yum -y install numactl
```

Method 2: Install NUMA on an existing cluster in batches by running the `tiup cluster exec` command.

1. Follow Deploy a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP to deploy a cluster `tidb-test`. If you have installed a TiDB cluster, you can skip this step.

```
tiup cluster deploy tidb-test v6.1.0 ./topology.yaml --user root [-p]
    ↪ [-i /home/root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
```

2. Run the `tiup cluster exec` command using the `sudo` privilege to install NUMA on all the target machines in the `tidb-test` cluster:

```
tiup cluster exec tidb-test --sudo --command "yum -y install numactl"
```

   To get help information of the `tiup cluster exec` command, run the `tiup cluster exec --help` command.

5.2.9 Disable SELinux

SELinux must be disabled or set to permissive mode. To check the current status, use the getenforce(8) utility.

If SELinux is not disabled, open the `/etc/selinux/config` file, locate the line starting with `SELINUX=`, and change it to `SELINUX=disabled`. After making this change, you need to reboot the system because switching from `enforcing` or `permissive` to `disabled` does not take effect without a reboot.

On some systems (such as Ubuntu), the `/etc/selinux/config` file might not exist, and the getenforce utility might not be installed. In that case, you can skip this step.

5.3 Plan Cluster Topology

5.3.1 Minimal Deployment Topology

This document describes the minimal deployment topology of TiDB clusters.

5.3.1.1 Topology information

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
TiDB	2	16 VCore 32 GiB 100 GiB for storage	10.0.1.1 10.0.1.2	Default port Global directory configuration
PD	3	4 VCore 8 GiB 100 GiB for storage	10.0.1.4 10.0.1.5 10.0.1.6	Default port Global directory configuration
TiKV	3	16 VCore 32 GiB 2 TiB (NVMe SSD) for storage	10.0.1.7 10.0.1.8 10.0.1.9	Default port Global directory configuration

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
Monitoring & Grafana	1	4 VCore 8 GiB 500 GiB (SSD) for storage	10.0.1.10	Default port Global directory configuration

Note:

The IP addresses of the instances are given as examples only. In your actual deployment, replace the IP addresses with your actual IP addresses.

5.3.1.1.1 Topology templates

- The simple template for the minimal topology
- The complex template for the minimal topology

For detailed descriptions of the configuration items in the above TiDB cluster topology file, see Topology Configuration File for Deploying TiDB Using TiUP.

Note:

- You do not need to manually create the `tidb` user in the configuration file. The TiUP cluster component automatically creates the `tidb` user on the target machines. You can customize the user, or keep the user consistent with the control machine.

- If you configure the deployment directory as a relative path, the cluster will be deployed in the home directory of the user.

5.3.2 TiFlash Deployment Topology

This document describes the deployment topology of TiFlash based on the minimal TiDB topology.

TiFlash is a columnar storage engine, and gradually becomes the standard cluster topology. It is suitable for real-time HTAP applications.

5.3.2.1 Topology information

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
TiDB	3	16 VCore 32GB * 1	10.0.1.7 10.0.1.8 10.0.1.9	Default port Global directory configuration

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
PD	3	4 VCore 8GB * 1	10.0.1.4 10.0.1.5 10.0.1.6	Default port Global directory configuration
TiKV	3	16 VCore 32GB 2TB (nvme ssd) * 1	10.0.1.1 10.0.1.2 10.0.1.3	Default port Global directory configuration
TiFlash	1	32 VCore 64 GB 2TB (nvme ssd) * 1	10.0.1.11	Default port Global directory configuration

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
Monitoring & Grafana	1	4 VCore 8GB * 1 500GB (ssd)	10.0.1.10	Default port Global directory configuration

Note:

The IP addresses of the instances are given as examples only. In your actual deployment, replace the IP addresses with your actual IP addresses.

5.3.2.1.1 Topology templates

- The simple template for the TiFlash topology
- The complex template for the TiFlash topology

For detailed descriptions of the configuration items in the above TiDB cluster topology file, see Topology Configuration File for Deploying TiDB Using TiUP.

5.3.2.1.2 Key parameters

- To enable the Placement Rules feature of PD, set the value of `replication.enable-placement-rules` in the configuration template to `true`.
- The instance level `"-host"` configuration in `tiflash_servers` only supports IP, not domain name.

- For detailed TiFlash parameter description, see TiFlash Configuration.

Note:

- You do not need to manually create the `tidb` user in the configuration file. The TiUP cluster component automatically creates the `tidb` user on the target machines. You can customize the user, or keep the user consistent with the control machine.
- If you configure the deployment directory as a relative path, the cluster will be deployed in the home directory of the user.

5.3.3 PD Microservice Deployment Topology

This document describes the deployment topology of PD microservices based on the minimal TiDB topology.

5.3.3.1 Topology information

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
TiDB	2	16 VCore 32GB * 1	10.0.1.1 10.0.1.2	Default port Global directory configuration
PD	3	4 VCore 8GB * 1	10.0.1.3 10.0.1.4 10.0.1.5	Default port Global directory configuration
TSO	2	4 VCore 8GB * 1	10.0.1.6 10.0.1.7	Default port Global directory configuration
Scheduling	2	4 VCore 8GB * 1	10.0.1.8 10.0.1.9	Default port Global directory configuration
TiKV	3	16 VCore 32GB 2TB (nvme ssd) * 1	10.0.1.10 10.0.1.11 10.0.1.12	Default port Global directory configuration
Monitoring & Grafana	1	4 VCore 8GB * 1 500GB (ssd)	10.0.1.13	Default port Global directory configuration

Note:

The IP addresses of the instances are given as examples only. In your actual deployment, replace the IP addresses with your actual IP addresses.

5.3.3.1.1 Topology template

Simple template for the PD microservice topology

```
### # Global variables are applied to all deployments and used as the
   ↪ default value of
### # the deployments if a specific deployment value is missing.
global:
  user: "tidb"
  ssh_port: 22
  deploy_dir: "/tidb-deploy"
  data_dir: "/tidb-data"
  listen_host: 0.0.0.0
  arch: "amd64"
  pd_mode: "ms" # To enable PD microservices, you must specify this field as
     ↪  "ms".

monitored:
  node_exporter_port: 9200
  blackbox_exporter_port: 9215

### # Specifies the configuration of PD servers.
pd_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.3
  - host: 10.0.1.4
  - host: 10.0.1.5

### # Specifies the configuration of TiDB servers.
tidb_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.1
  - host: 10.0.1.2

### # Specifies the configuration of TiKV servers.
tikv_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.10
  - host: 10.0.1.11
  - host: 10.0.1.12
```

```
### # Specifies the configuration of TSO servers.
tso_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.6
  - host: 10.0.1.7

### # Specifies the configuration of Scheduling servers.
scheduling_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.8
  - host: 10.0.1.9

### # Specifies the configuration of Prometheus servers.
monitoring_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.13

### # Specifies the configuration of Grafana servers.
grafana_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.13
```

For detailed descriptions of the configuration items in the preceding TiDB cluster topology file, see Topology configuration file for deploying TiDB using TiUP.

5.3.3.1.2 Key parameters

- The instance-level `host` configuration in `tso_servers` only supports IP address, not domain name.
- For detailed descriptions of TSO configuration items, see TSO configuration file.
- The instance-level `host` configuration in `scheduling_servers` only supports IP address, not domain name.
- For detailed descriptions of Scheduling configuration items, see Scheduling configuration file.

Note:

- You do not need to manually create the `tidb` user in the configuration file. The TiUP cluster component automatically creates the `tidb` user on the target machines. You can customize the user, or keep the user consistent with the control machine.
- If you configure the deployment directory as a relative path, the cluster will be deployed in the home directory of the user.

5.3.4 TiProxy Deployment Topology

This document describes the deployment topology of TiProxy based on the minimal TiDB topology.

For other deployment methods, refer to the following documents:

- To deploy TiProxy using TiDB Operator, see the TiDB Operator documentation.
- To quickly deploy TiProxy locally using TiUP, see Deploy TiProxy.
- To deploy TiProxy using TiUP, see Installation and usage.

TiProxy is a L7 proxy server for TiDB, which can balance connections and migrate sessions when possible.

5.3.4.1 Topology information

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
TiDB	3	16 VCore 32GB * 3	10.0.1.4 10.0.1.5 10.0.1.6	Default port Global directory configuration
PD	3	4 VCore 8GB * 3	10.0.1.1 10.0.1.2 10.0.1.3	Default port Global directory configuration

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
TiKV	3	16 VCore 32GB 2TB (nvme ssd) * 3	10.0.1.7 10.0.1.8 10.0.1.9	Default port Global directory configuration
TiProxy	2	4 VCore 8 GB * 1	10.0.1.11 10.0.1.12	Default port Global directory configuration
Monitoring & Grafana	1	4 VCore 8GB * 1 500GB (ssd)	10.0.1.13	Default port Global directory configuration

Note:

The IP addresses of the instances are given as examples only. In your actual deployment, replace the IP addresses with your actual IP addresses.

5.3.4.1.1 Topology templates

For more information about the template for TiProxy, see The simple template for the TiProxy topology.

For detailed descriptions of the configuration items in the preceding TiDB cluster topology file, see Topology Configuration File for Deploying TiDB Using TiUP.

5.3.4.1.2 Key parameters

- The instance level `"-host"` configuration in `tiproxy_servers` only supports IP, not domain name.
- For detailed TiProxy parameter description, see TiProxy Configuration.

Note:

- You do not need to manually create the `tidb` user in the configuration file. The TiUP cluster component automatically creates the `tidb` user on the target machines. You can customize the user, or keep the user consistent with the control machine.
- If you configure the deployment directory as a relative path, the cluster will be deployed in the home directory of the user.

5.3.5 TiCDC Deployment Topology

Note:

TiCDC is a feature for general availability (GA) since v4.0.6. You can use it in the production environment.

This document describes the deployment topology of TiCDC based on the minimal cluster topology.

TiCDC is a tool for replicating the incremental data of TiDB, introduced in TiDB 4.0. It supports multiple downstream platforms, such as TiDB, MySQL, Kafka, MQ, and storage services. TiCDC has low latency and native high availability.

5.3.5.1 Topology information

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
TiDB	3	16 VCore 32GB * 1	10.0.1.1 10.0.1.2 10.0.1.3	Default port Global directory configuration
PD	3	4 VCore 8GB * 1	10.0.1.4 10.0.1.5 10.0.1.6	Default port Global directory configuration

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
TiKV	3	16 VCore 32GB 2TB (nvme ssd) * 1	10.0.1.7 10.0.1.8 10.0.1.9	Default port Global directory configuration
CDC	3	8 VCore 16GB * 1	10.0.1.11 10.0.1.12 10.0.1.13	Default port Global directory configuration
Monitoring & Grafana	1	4 VCore 8GB * 1 500GB (ssd)	10.0.1.11	Default port Global directory configuration

Note:

The IP addresses of the instances are given as examples only. In your actual deployment, replace the IP addresses with your actual IP addresses.

5.3.5.1.1 Topology templates

- The simple template for the TiCDC topology
- The complex template for the TiCDC topology

For detailed descriptions of the configuration items in the above TiDB cluster topology file, see Topology Configuration File for Deploying TiDB Using TiUP.

Note:

- You do not need to manually create the `tidb` user in the configuration file. The TiUP cluster component automatically creates the `tidb` user on the target machines. You can customize the user, or keep the user consistent with the control machine.
- If you configure the deployment directory as a relative path, the cluster will be deployed in the home directory of the user.

5.3.6 TiSpark Deployment Topology

Warning:

TiSpark support in the TiUP cluster is deprecated. It is **NOT** recommended to use it.

This document introduces the TiSpark deployment topology and how to deploy TiSpark based on the minimum cluster topology.

TiSpark is a component built for running Apache Spark on top of TiDB/TiKV to answer complex OLAP queries. It brings benefits of both the Spark platform and the distributed

TiKV cluster to TiDB and makes TiDB a one-stop solution for both online transactions and analytics.

For more information about the TiSpark architecture and how to use it, see TiSpark User Guide.

5.3.6.1 Topology information

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
TiDB	3	16 VCore 32GB * 1	10.0.1.1 10.0.1.2 10.0.1.3	Default port Global directory configuration
PD	3	4 VCore 8GB * 1	10.0.1.4 10.0.1.5 10.0.1.6	Default port Global directory configuration

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
TiKV	3	16 VCore 32GB 2TB (nvme ssd) * 1	10.0.1.7 10.0.1.8 10.0.1.9	Default port Global directory configuration
TiSpark	3	8 VCore 16GB * 1	10.0.1.21 (master) 10.0.1.22 (worker) 10.0.1.23 (worker)	Default port Global directory configuration
Monitoring & Grafana	1	4 VCore 8GB * 1 500GB (ssd)	10.0.1.11	Default port Global directory configuration

> **Note:**
>
> The IP addresses of the instances are given as examples only. In your actual deployment, replace the IP addresses with your actual IP addresses.

5.3.6.2 Topology templates

- Simple TiSpark topology template
- Complex TiSpark topology template

For detailed descriptions of the configuration items in the above TiDB cluster topology file, see Topology Configuration File for Deploying TiDB Using TiUP.

> **Note:**
>
> - You do not need to manually create the `tidb` user in the configuration file. The TiUP cluster component automatically creates the `tidb` user on the target machines. You can customize the user, or keep the user consistent with the control machine.
> - If you configure the deployment directory as a relative path, the cluster will be deployed in the home directory of the user.

5.3.6.3 Prerequisites

TiSpark is based on the Apache Spark cluster, so before you start the TiDB cluster that contains TiSpark, you must ensure that Java Runtime Environment (JRE) 8 is installed on the server that deploys TiSpark. Otherwise, TiSpark cannot be started.

TiUP does not support installing JRE automatically. You need to install it on your own. For detailed installation instruction, see How to download and install prebuilt OpenJDK packages.

If JRE 8 has already been installed on the deployment server but is not in the path of the system's default package management tool, you can specify the path of the JRE environment to be used by setting the `java_home` parameter in the topology configuration. This parameter corresponds to the `JAVA_HOME` system environment variable.

5.3.7 Geo-Distributed Deployment Topology

This document takes the typical architecture of three data centers (DC) in two cities as an example, and introduces the geo-distributed deployment architecture and the key configuration. The cities used in this example are Shanghai (referred to as `sha`) and Beijing (referred to as `bja` and `bjb`).

5.3.7.1 Topology information

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	BJ IP	SH IP	Configuration
TiDB	5	16 VCore 32GB * 1	10.0.1.1 10.0.1.2 10.0.1.3 10.0.1.4	10.0.1.5	Default port Global directory configuration
PD	5	4 VCore 8GB * 1	10.0.1.6 10.0.1.7 10.0.1.8 10.0.1.9	10.0.1.10	Default port Global directory configuration

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	BJ IP	SH IP	Configuration
TiKV	5	16 VCore 32GB 4TB (nvme ssd) * 1	10.0.1.11 10.0.1.12 10.0.1.13 10.0.1.14	10.0.1.15	Default port Global directory configuration
Monitoring & Grafana	1	4 VCore 8GB * 1 500GB (ssd)	10.0.1.16		Default port Global directory configuration

Note:

The IP addresses of the instances are given as examples only. In your actual deployment, replace the IP addresses with your actual IP addresses.

5.3.7.1.1 Topology templates

- The geo-distributed topology template

For detailed descriptions of the configuration items in the above TiDB cluster topology file, see Topology Configuration File for Deploying TiDB Using TiUP.

5.3.7.1.2 Key parameters

This section describes the key parameter configuration of the TiDB geo-distributed deployment.

TiKV parameters

- The gRPC compression format (`none` by default):

  To increase the transmission speed of gRPC packages between geo-distributed target nodes, set this parameter to `gzip`.

```
server.grpc-compression-type: gzip
```

- The label configuration:

  Since TiKV is deployed across different data centers, if the physical machines go down, the Raft Group might lose three of the default five replicas, which causes the cluster unavailability. To address this issue, you can configure the labels to enable the smart scheduling of PD, which ensures that the Raft Group does not allow three replicas to be located in TiKV instances on the same machine in the same cabinet of the same data center.

- The TiKV configuration:

  The same host-level label information is configured for the same physical machine.

```
config:
  server.labels:
    zone: bj
    dc: bja
    rack: rack1
    host: host2
```

- To prevent remote TiKV nodes from launching unnecessary Raft elections, it is required to increase the minimum and maximum number of ticks that the remote TiKV nodes need to launch an election. The two parameters are set to `0` by default.

```
raftstore.raft-min-election-timeout-ticks: 50
raftstore.raft-max-election-timeout-ticks: 60
```

Note:

Using `raftstore.raft-min-election-timeout-ticks` and `raftstore.raft-max-election-timeout-ticks` to configure larger election timeout ticks for a TiKV node can significantly decrease the likelihood of Regions on that node becoming Leaders. However, in a disaster scenario where some TiKV nodes are offline and the remaining active TiKV nodes lag behind in Raft logs, only Regions on this TiKV node with large election timeout ticks can become Leaders. Because Regions on this TiKV node must wait for at least the duration set by `raftstore.raft-min-election-timeout-ticks` before initiating an election, it is recommended to avoid setting these values excessively large to prevent potential impact on the cluster availability in such scenarios.

PD parameters

- The PD metadata information records the topology of the TiKV cluster. PD schedules the Raft Group replicas on the following four dimensions:

```
replication.location-labels: ["zone","dc","rack","host"]
```

- To ensure high availability of the cluster, adjust the number of Raft Group replicas to be 5:

```
replication.max-replicas: 5
```

- Forbid the remote TiKV Raft replica being elected as Leader:

```
label-property:
     reject-leader:
       - key: "dc"
         value: "sha"
```

Note:

Since TiDB 5.2, the `label-property` configuration is not supported by default. To set the replica policy, use the placement rules.

For the further information about labels and the number of Raft Group replicas, see Schedule Replicas by Topology Labels.

Note:

- You do not need to manually create the `tidb` user in the configuration file. The TiUP cluster component automatically creates the `tidb` user on the target machines. You can customize the user, or keep the user consistent with the control machine.
- If you configure the deployment directory as a relative path, the cluster will be deployed in the home directory of the user.

5.3.8 Hybrid Deployment Topology

This document describes the topology and key parameters of the TiKV and TiDB hybrid deployment.

The hybrid deployment is usually used in the following scenario:

The deployment machine has multiple CPU processors with sufficient memory. To improve the utilization rate of the physical machine resources, multiple instances can be deployed on a single machine, that is, TiDB and TiKV's CPU resources are isolated through NUMA node bindings. PD and Prometheus are deployed together, but their data directories need to use separate file systems.

5.3.8.1 Topology information

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
TiDB	6	32 VCore 64GB	10.0.1.1 10.0.1.2 10.0.1.3	Configure NUMA to bind CPU cores

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
PD	3	16 VCore 32 GB	10.0.1.4 10.0.1.5 10.0.1.6	Configure the `location_labels` parameter

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
TiKV	6	32 VCore 64GB	10.0.1.7 10.0.1.8 10.0.1.9	1. Separate the instance-level port and status_port; 2. Configure the global parameters `readpool` ↪ , `storage` ↪ and `raftstore` ↪ ; 3. Configure labels of the instance-level host; 4. Con-

Instance	Count	Physical machine configuration	IP	Configuration
Monitoring & Grafana	1	4 VCore 8GB * 1 500GB (ssd)	10.0.1.10	Default configuration

Note:

The IP addresses of the instances are given as examples only. In your actual deployment, replace the IP addresses with your actual IP addresses.

5.3.8.1.1 Topology templates

- The simple template for the hybrid deployment
- The complex template for the hybrid deployment

For detailed descriptions of the configuration items in the above TiDB cluster topology file, see Topology Configuration File for Deploying TiDB Using TiUP.

5.3.8.1.2 Key parameters

This section introduces the key parameters when you deploy multiple instances on a single machine, which is mainly used in scenarios when multiple instances of TiDB and TiKV are deployed on a single machine. You need to fill in the results into the configuration template according to the calculation methods provided below.

- Optimize the configuration of TiKV
    - To configure `readpool` to be self-adaptive to the thread pool. By configuring the `readpool.unified.max-thread-count` parameter, you can make `readpool.storage` and `readpool.coprocessor` share a unified thread pool, and set the self-adaptive switch respectively.

- Enable `readpool.storage` and `readpool.coprocessor`:

```
readpool.storage.use-unified-pool: true
readpool.coprocessor.use-unified-pool: true
```

- The calculation method:

```
readpool.unified.max-thread-count = cores * 0.8 / the number of
    ↪ TiKV instances
```

- To configure the storage CF (all RocksDB column families) to be self-adaptive to memory. By configuring the `storage.block-cache.capacity` parameter, you can make CF automatically balance the memory usage.
  - The calculation method:

```
storage.block-cache.capacity = (MEM_TOTAL * 0.5 / the number of
    ↪ TiKV instances)
```

- If multiple TiKV instances are deployed on the same physical disk, add the `capacity` parameter in the TiKV configuration:

```
raftstore.capacity = disk total capacity / the number of TiKV
    ↪ instances
```

- The label scheduling configuration

  Since multiple instances of TiKV are deployed on a single machine, if the physical machines go down, the Raft Group might lose two of the default three replicas, which causes the cluster unavailability. To address this issue, you can use the label to enable the smart scheduling of PD, which ensures that the Raft Group has more than two replicas in multiple TiKV instances on the same machine.

  - The TiKV configuration

    The same host-level label information is configured for the same physical machine:

```
config:
  server.labels:
    host: tikv1
```

  - The PD configuration

    To enable PD to identify and scheduling Regions, configure the labels type for PD:

```
pd:
  replication.location-labels: ["host"]
```

- `numa_node` core binding

- In the instance parameter module, configure the corresponding `numa_node` parameter and add the number of CPU cores.
- Before using NUMA to bind cores, make sure that the numactl tool is installed, and confirm the information of CPUs in the physical machines. After that, configure the parameters.
- The `numa_node` parameter corresponds to the `numactl --membind` configuration.

Note:

- When editing the configuration file template, modify the required parameter, IP, port, and directory.
- Each component uses the global `<deploy_dir>/<components_name>-<port>` as their `deploy_dir` by default. For example, if TiDB specifies the `4001` port, its `deploy_dir` is `/tidb-deploy/tidb-4001` by default. Therefore, in multi-instance scenarios, when specifying a non-default port, you do not need to specify the directory again.
- You do not need to manually create the `tidb` user in the configuration file. The TiUP cluster component automatically creates the `tidb` user on the target machines. You can customize the user, or keep the user consistent with the control machine.
- If you configure the deployment directory as a relative path, the cluster will be deployed in the home directory of the user.

5.4 Deploy a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP

This guide describes how to deploy a TiDB Self-Managed cluster using TiUP in the production environment.

TiUP is a cluster operation and maintenance tool introduced in TiDB v4.0. It provides TiUP cluster, a Golang-based component for managing TiDB clusters. By using the TiUP cluster, you can easily perform routine database operations, such as deploying, starting, stopping, destroying, scaling, upgrading TiDB clusters, and managing TiDB cluster parameters.

TiUP also supports deploying TiDB, TiFlash, TiCDC, and the monitoring system. This guide introduces how to deploy TiDB clusters with different topologies.

5.4.1 Step 1. Prerequisites and prechecks

Make sure that you have read the following documents:

- TiDB Software and Hardware Requirements

- TiDB Environment and System Configuration Check

In addition, it is recommended to learn the Best Practices for TiDB Security Configuration.

5.4.2 Step 2. Deploy TiUP on the control machine

You can deploy TiUP on the control machine in either of the two ways: online deployment and offline deployment.

5.4.2.1 Deploy TiUP online

> **Note:**
>
> If the TiUP environment switches to offline, refer to Deploy TiUP offline for deployment. Otherwise, TiUP cannot work properly.

Log in to the control machine using a regular user account (take the `tidb` user as an example). Subsequent TiUP installation and cluster management can be performed by the `tidb` user.

1. Install TiUP by running the following command:

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/
    ↪ install.sh | sh
```

2. Set TiUP environment variables:

    1. Redeclare the global environment variables:

    ```
    source .bash_profile
    ```

    2. Confirm whether TiUP is installed:

    ```
    which tiup
    ```

3. Install the TiUP cluster component:

```
tiup cluster
```

4. If TiUP is already installed, update the TiUP cluster component to the latest version:

```
tiup update --self && tiup update cluster
```

If `Updated successfully!` is displayed, the TiUP cluster is updated successfully.

5. Verify the current version of your TiUP cluster:

```
tiup --binary cluster
```

5.4.2.2 Deploy TiUP offline

Perform the following steps in this section to deploy a TiDB cluster offline using TiUP:

5.4.2.2.1 Prepare the TiUP offline component package

Method 1: Download the offline binary packages (TiUP offline package included) of the target TiDB version using the following links. You need to download both the server and toolkit packages. Note that your downloading means you agree to the Privacy Policy.

```
https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-server-{version}-linux-{arch}.
    ↪ tar.gz
```

```
https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-toolkit-{version}-linux-{arch}.
    ↪ tar.gz
```

> **Tip:**
>
> `{version}` in the link indicates the version number of TiDB and `{arch ↪ }` indicates the architecture of the system, which can be `amd64` or `arm64`. For example, the download link for `v8.5.1` in the `amd64` architecture is `https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-toolkit- ↪ v8.5.1-linux-amd64.tar.gz`.

Method 2: Manually pack an offline component package using `tiup mirror clone`. The detailed steps are as follows:

1. Install the TiUP package manager online.

    1. Install the TiUP tool:

    ```
    curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.
        ↪ com/install.sh | sh
    ```

2. Redeclare the global environment variables:

```
source .bash_profile
```

3. Confirm whether TiUP is installed:

```
which tiup
```

2. Pull the mirror using TiUP.

1. Pull the needed components on a machine that has access to the Internet:

```
tiup mirror clone tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64 ${
    ↪ version} --os=linux --arch=amd64
```

The command above creates a directory named `tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64` in the current directory, which contains the component package necessary for starting a cluster.

2. Pack the component package by using the `tar` command and send the package to the control machine in the isolated environment:

```
tar czvf tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz tidb-
    ↪ community-server-${version}-linux-amd64
```

`tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz` is an independent offline environment package.

3. Customize the offline mirror, or adjust the contents of an existing offline mirror.

If you want to adjust an existing offline mirror (such as adding a new version of a component), take the following steps:

1. When pulling an offline mirror, you can get an incomplete offline mirror by specifying specific information via parameters, such as the component and version information. For example, you can pull an offline mirror that includes only the offline mirror of TiUP v1.12.3 and TiUP Cluster v1.12.3 by running the following command:

```
tiup mirror clone tiup-custom-mirror-v1.12.3 --tiup v1.12.3 --
    ↪ cluster v1.12.3
```

If you only need the components for a particular platform, you can specify them using the `--os` or `--arch` parameters.

2. Refer to the step 2 of "Pull the mirror using TiUP", and send this incomplete offline mirror to the control machine in the isolated environment.

3. Check the path of the current offline mirror on the control machine in the isolated environment. If your TiUP tool is of a recent version, you can get the current mirror address by running the following command:

```
tiup mirror show
```

If the output of the above command indicates that the `show` command does not exist, you might be using an older version of TiUP. In this case, you can get the current mirror address from `$HOME/.tiup/tiup.toml`. Record this mirror address. In the following steps, `${base_mirror}` is used to refer to this address.

4. Merge an incomplete offline mirror into an existing offline mirror:

   First, copy the `keys` directory in the current offline mirror to the `$HOME/.tiup` directory:

   ```
   cp -r ${base_mirror}/keys $HOME/.tiup/
   ```

   Then use the TiUP command to merge the incomplete offline mirror into the mirror in use:

   ```
   tiup mirror merge tiup-custom-mirror-v1.12.3
   ```

5. When the above steps are completed, check the result by running the `tiup list` command. In this document's example, the outputs of both `tiup list tiup` and `tiup list cluster` show that the corresponding components of `v1.12.3` are available.

5.4.2.2.2 Deploy the offline TiUP component

After sending the package to the control machine of the target cluster, install the TiUP component by running the following commands:

```
tar xzvf tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz && \
sh tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64/local_install.sh && \
source /home/tidb/.bash_profile
```

The `local_install.sh` script automatically runs the `tiup mirror set tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64` command to set the current mirror address to `tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64`.

5.4.2.2.3 Merge offline packages

If you download the offline packages via download links, you need to merge the server package and the toolkit package into an offline mirror. If you manually package the offline component packages using the `tiup mirror clone` command, you can skip this step.

Run the following commands to merge the offline toolkit package into the server package directory:

```
tar xf tidb-community-toolkit-${version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz
ls -ld tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64 tidb-community-toolkit-${version}-linux-amd64
```

```
cd tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64/
cp -rp keys ~/.tiup/
tiup mirror merge ../tidb-community-toolkit-${version}-linux-amd64
```

To switch the mirror to another directory, run the `tiup mirror set <mirror-dir>` command. To switch the mirror to the online environment, run the `tiup mirror set https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com` command.

5.4.3 Step 3. Initialize the cluster topology file

Run the following command to create a cluster topology file:

```
tiup cluster template > topology.yaml
```

In the following two common scenarios, you can generate recommended topology templates by running commands:

- For hybrid deployment: Multiple instances are deployed on a single machine. For details, see Hybrid Deployment Topology.

  ```
  tiup cluster template --full > topology.yaml
  ```

- For geo-distributed deployment: TiDB clusters are deployed in geographically distributed data centers. For details, see Geo-Distributed Deployment Topology.

  ```
  tiup cluster template --multi-dc > topology.yaml
  ```

Run `vi topology.yaml` to see the content of the configuration file:

```
global:
  user: "tidb"
  ssh_port: 22
  deploy_dir: "/tidb-deploy"
  data_dir: "/tidb-data"
server_configs: {}
pd_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.4
  - host: 10.0.1.5
  - host: 10.0.1.6
tidb_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.7
  - host: 10.0.1.8
  - host: 10.0.1.9
tikv_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.1
```

```
  - host: 10.0.1.2
  - host: 10.0.1.3
monitoring_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.4
grafana_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.4
alertmanager_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.4
```

The following examples cover six common scenarios. You need to modify the configuration file (named `topology.yaml`) according to the topology description and templates in the corresponding links. For other scenarios, edit the configuration template accordingly.

Application	Configuration task	Configuration file template	Topology description
OLTP	Deploy minimal topology	Simple minimal configuration template Full minimal configuration template	This is the basic cluster topology, including tidb-server, tikv-server, and pd-server.

Application	Configuration task	Configuration file template	Topology description
HTAP	Deploy the TiFlash topology	Simple TiFlash configuration template Full TiFlash configuration template	This is to deploy TiFlash along with the minimal cluster topology. TiFlash is a columnar storage engine, and gradually becomes a standard cluster topology.

Application	Configuration task	Configuration file template	Topology description
Replicate incremental data using TiCDC	Deploy the TiCDC topology	Simple TiCDC configuration template Full TiCDC configuration template	This is to deploy TiCDC along with the minimal cluster topology. TiCDC supports multiple downstream platforms, such as TiDB, MySQL, Kafka, MQ, and storage services.

Application	Configuration task	Configuration file template	Topology description
Use OLAP on Spark	Deploy the TiSpark topology	Simple TiSpark configuration template Full TiSpark configuration template	This is to deploy TiSpark along with the minimal cluster topology. TiSpark is a component built for running Apache Spark on top of TiDB/TiKV to answer the OLAP queries. Currently, TiUP cluster's support

Application	Configuration task	Configuration file template	Topology description
Deploy multiple instances on a single machine	Deploy a hybrid topology	Simple configuration template for hybrid deployment Full configuration template for hybrid deployment	The deployment topologies also apply when you need to add extra configurations for the directory, port, resource ratio, and label.

Application	Configuration task	Configuration file template	Topology description
Deploy TiDB clusters across data centers	Deploy a geo-distributed deployment topology	Configuration template for geo-distributed deployment	This topology takes the typical architecture of three data centers in two cities as an example. It introduces the geo-distributed deployment architecture and the key configura-

Application	Configuration task	Configuration file template	Topology description

Note:

- For parameters that should be globally effective, configure these parameters of corresponding components in the `server_configs` section of the configuration file.
- For parameters that should be effective on a specific node, configure these parameters in the `config` of this node.
- Use `.` to indicate the subcategory of the configuration, such as `log.slow-threshold`. For more formats, see TiUP configuration template.
- If you need to specify the user group name to be created on the target machine, see this example.

For more configuration description, see the following configuration examples:

- TiDB `config.toml.example`
- TiKV `config.toml.example`
- PD `config.toml.example`
- TiFlash `config.toml.example`

5.4.4 Step 4. Run the deployment command

Note:

You can securely authenticate users used for initialization when deploying a cluster via TiUP (specified via `--user`) using either a key or a cross-password:

- If you use secret keys, specify the path of the keys through `-i` or `--identity_file`.
- If you use passwords, add the `-p` flag to enter the password interaction window.
- If password-free login to the target machine has been configured, no authentication is required.

In general, the users and groups used by TiUP to actually execute the processes (specified via `topology.yaml`, and the default value is `tidb`) are created automatically on the target machine, with the following exceptions:

- The user name configured in `topology.yaml` already exists on the target machine.
- You have used the `--skip-create-user` option in the command line to explicitly skip the step of creating the user.

Regardless of whether the users and groups agreed upon in `topology.yaml` are created automatically, TiUP automatically generates a pair of ssh keys and sets up a secret-free login for that user on each machine. This user and ssh key will be used to manage the machine for all subsequent operations, while the user and password used for initialization will not be used any more after the deployment is complete.

Before you run the `deploy` command, use the `check` and `check --apply` commands to detect and automatically repair potential risks in the cluster:

1. Check for potential risks:

```
tiup cluster check ./topology.yaml --user root [-p] [-i /home/root/.ssh
    ↪ /gcp_rsa]
```

2. Enable automatic repair:

```
tiup cluster check ./topology.yaml --apply --user root [-p] [-i /home/
    ↪ root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
```

3. Deploy a TiDB cluster:

```
tiup cluster deploy tidb-test v8.5.1 ./topology.yaml --user root [-p]
    ↪ [-i /home/root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
```

In the `tiup cluster deploy` command above:

- `tidb-test` is the name of the TiDB cluster to be deployed.
- `v8.5.1` is the version of the TiDB cluster to be deployed. You can see the latest supported versions by running `tiup list tidb`.
- `topology.yaml` is the initialization configuration file.

- `--user root` indicates logging into the target machine as the `root` user to complete the cluster deployment. The `root` user is expected to have `ssh` and `sudo` privileges to the target machine. Alternatively, you can use other users with `ssh` and `sudo` privileges to complete the deployment.
- `[-i]` and `[-p]` are optional. If you have configured login to the target machine without password, these parameters are not required. If not, choose one of the two parameters. `[-i]` is the private key of the root user (or other users specified by `--user`) that has access to the target machine. `[-p]` is used to input the user password interactively.

At the end of the output log, you will see `Deployed cluster` `tidb-test` `successfully`. This indicates that the deployment is successful.

5.4.5 Step 5. Check the clusters managed by TiUP

```
tiup cluster list
```

TiUP supports managing multiple TiDB clusters. The preceding command outputs information of all the clusters currently managed by TiUP, including the cluster name, deployment user, version, and secret key information:

5.4.6 Step 6. Check the status of the deployed TiDB cluster

For example, run the following command to check the status of the `tidb-test` cluster:

```
tiup cluster display tidb-test
```

Expected output includes the instance ID, role, host, listening port, and status (because the cluster is not started yet, so the status is `Down`/`inactive`), and directory information.

5.4.7 Step 7. Start a TiDB cluster

Since TiUP cluster v1.9.0, safe start is introduced as a new start method. Starting a database using this method improves the security of the database. It is recommended that you use this method.

After safe start, TiUP automatically generates a password for the TiDB root user and returns the password in the command-line interface.

Note:

- After safe start of a TiDB cluster, you cannot log in to TiDB using a root user without a password. Therefore, you need to record the password returned in the command output for future logins.

- The password is generated only once. If you do not record it or you forgot it, refer to Forget the `root` password to change the password.

Method 1: Safe start

```
tiup cluster start tidb-test --init
```

If the output is as follows, the start is successful:

```
Started cluster `tidb-test` successfully.
The root password of TiDB database has been changed.
The new password is: 'y_+3Hwp=*AWz8971s6'.
Copy and record it to somewhere safe, it is only displayed once, and will
    ↪ not be stored.
The generated password can NOT be got again in future.
```

Method 2: Standard start

```
tiup cluster start tidb-test
```

If the output log includes `Started cluster `tidb-test` successfully`, the start is successful. After standard start, you can log in to a database using a root user without a password.

5.4.8 Step 8. Verify the running status of the TiDB cluster

```
tiup cluster display tidb-test
```

If the output log shows `Up` status, the cluster is running properly.

5.4.9 See also

If you have deployed TiFlash along with the TiDB cluster, see the following documents:

- Use TiFlash
- Maintain a TiFlash Cluster
- TiFlash Alert Rules and Solutions
- Troubleshoot TiFlash

If you have deployed TiCDC along with the TiDB cluster, see the following documents to stream data:

- Changefeed Overview

- Manage Changefeed
- Troubleshoot TiCDC
- TiCDC FAQs

If you want to scale out or scale in your TiDB cluster without interrupting the online services, see Scale a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.

5.5 Deploy a TiDB Cluster on Kubernetes

You can use TiDB Operator to deploy TiDB clusters on Kubernetes. TiDB Operator is an automatic operation system for TiDB clusters on Kubernetes. It provides full life-cycle management for TiDB including deployment, upgrades, scaling, backup, fail-over, and configuration changes. With TiDB Operator, TiDB can run seamlessly in the Kubernetes clusters deployed on a public or private cloud.

Currently, the TiDB on Kubernetes documentation is independent of the TiDB documentation. For detailed steps on how to deploy TiDB clusters on Kubernetes using TiDB Operator, learn the relationship between TiDB Operator and TiDB versions, and see the corresponding TiDB on Kubernetes documentation.

5.6 Check Cluster Status

After a TiDB cluster is deployed, you need to check whether the cluster runs normally. This document introduces how to check the cluster status using TiUP commands, TiDB Dashboard and Grafana, and how to log into the TiDB database to perform simple SQL operations.

5.6.1 Check the TiDB cluster status

This section describes how to check the TiDB cluster status using TiUP commands, TiDB Dashboard, and Grafana.

5.6.1.1 Use TiUP

Use the `tiup cluster display <cluster-name>` command to check the cluster status. For example:

```
tiup cluster display tidb-test
```

Expected output: If the `Status` information of each node is `Up`, the cluster runs normally.

5.6.1.2 Use TiDB Dashboard

1. Log in to TiDB Dashboard at `${pd-ip}:${pd-port}/dashboard`. The username and password is the same as that of the TiDB `root` user. If you have modified the `root` password, enter the modified password. The password is empty by default.

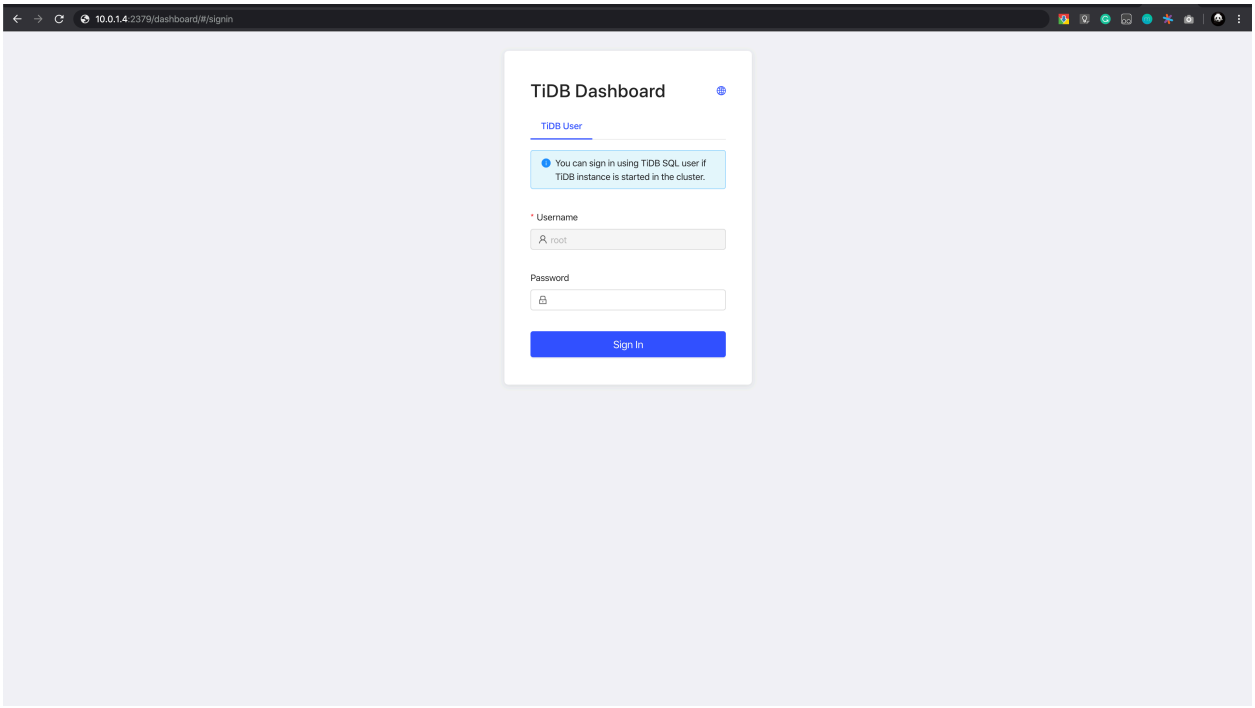


Figure 92: TiDB-Dashboard

2. The home page displays the node information in the TiDB cluster.

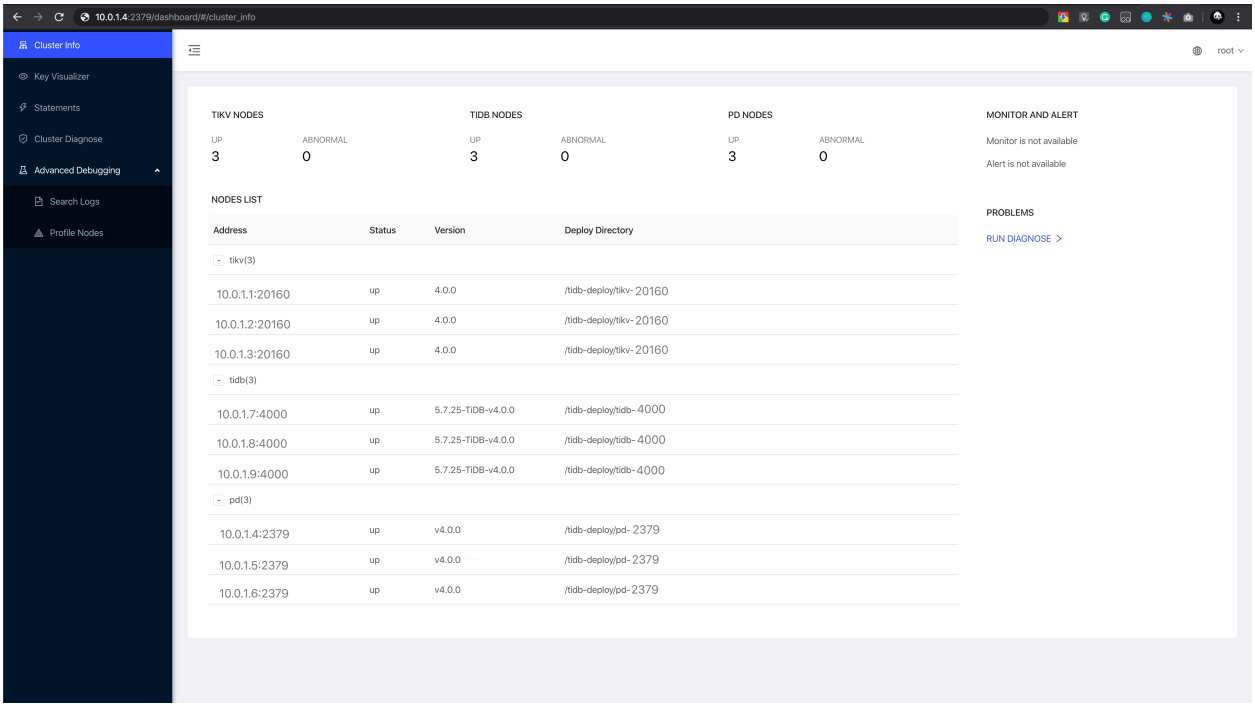


Figure 93: TiDB-Dashboard-status

5.6.1.3 Use Grafana

1. Log in to the Grafana monitoring at `${Grafana-ip}:3000`. The default username and password are both `admin`.

2. To check the TiDB port status and load monitoring information, click **Overview**.

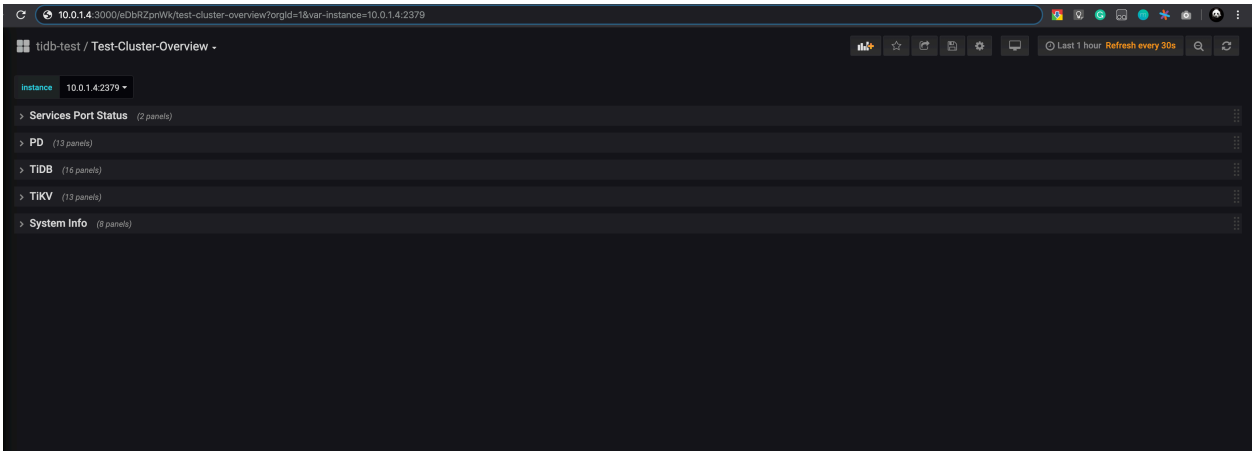


Figure 94: Grafana-overview

5.6.2 Log in to the database and perform simple operations

> **Note:**
>
> Install the MySQL client before you log in to the database.

Log in to the database by running the following command:

```
mysql -u root -h ${tidb_server_host_IP_address} -P 4000
```

`${tidb_server_host_IP_address}` is one of the IP addresses set for `tidb_servers` when you initialize the cluster topology file, such as `10.0.1.7`.

The following information indicates successful login:

```
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 3
Server version: 8.0.11-TiDB-v8.5.1 TiDB Server (Apache License 2.0)
    ↪ Community Edition, MySQL 8.0 compatible
Copyright (c) 2000, 2023, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved
    ↪ .
Oracle is a registered trademark of Oracle Corporation and/or its
affiliates. Other names may be trademarks of their respective
owners.

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input
    ↪ statement.
```

5.6.2.1 Database operations

- Check the version of TiDB:

  ```
  select tidb_version()\G
  ```

  Expected output:

  ```
  *************************** 1. row ***************************
  tidb_version(): Release Version: v5.0.0
  Edition: Community
  Git Commit Hash: 689a6b6439ae7835947fcaccf329a3fc303986cb
  Git Branch: HEAD
  UTC Build Time: 2020-05-28 11:09:45
  GoVersion: go1.13.4
  ```

```
Race Enabled: false
TiKV Min Version: v3.0.0-60965b006877ca7234adaced7890d7b029ed1306
Check Table Before Drop: false
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Create a database named `pingcap`:

```
create database pingcap;
```

Expected output:

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)
```

Switch to the `pingcap` database:

```
use pingcap;
```

Expected output:

```
Database changed
```

- Create a table named `tab_tidb`:

```
CREATE TABLE `tab_tidb` (
`id` int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
`name` varchar(20) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
`age` int NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
`version` varchar(20) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
PRIMARY KEY (`id`),
KEY `idx_age` (`age`));
```

Expected output:

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)
```

- Insert data:

```
insert into `tab_tidb` values (1,'TiDB',5,'TiDB-v5.0.0');
```

Expected output:

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)
```

- View the entries in `tab_tidb`:

```
select * from tab_tidb;
```

Expected output:

```
+----+------+-----+-------------+
| id | name | age | version |
+----+------+-----+-------------+
|  1 | TiDB |  5 | TiDB-v5.0.0 |
+----+------+-----+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- View the store state, `store_id`, capacity, and uptime of TiKV:

```
select STORE_ID,ADDRESS,STORE_STATE,STORE_STATE_NAME,CAPACITY,AVAILABLE
    ↪ ,UPTIME from INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_STORE_STATUS;
```

Expected output:

```
+--
    ↪ --------+-------------------+-------------+-----------------+----------+-
    ↪
| STORE_ID | ADDRESS         | STORE_STATE | STORE_STATE_NAME | CAPACITY
    ↪  | AVAILABLE | UPTIME    |
+--
    ↪ --------+-------------------+-------------+-----------------+----------+-
    ↪
|        1 | 10.0.1.1:20160 |        0 | Up              | 49.98GiB | 46.3
    ↪ GiB | 5h21m52.474864026s |
|        4 | 10.0.1.2:20160 |        0 | Up              | 49.98GiB |
    ↪ 46.32GiB | 5h21m52.522669177s |
|        5 | 10.0.1.3:20160 |        0 | Up              | 49.98GiB |
    ↪ 45.44GiB | 5h21m52.713660541s |
+--
    ↪ --------+-------------------+-------------+-----------------+----------+-
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Exit TiDB:

```
exit
```

Expected output:

```
Bye
```

5.7 Test Cluster Performance

5.7.1 How to Test TiDB Using Sysbench

It is recommended to use Sysbench 1.0 or later, which can be downloaded here.

5.7.1.1 Test plan

5.7.1.1.1 TiDB configuration

Higher log level means fewer logs to be printed and thus positively influences TiDB performance. Specifically, you can add the following command in the TiUP configuration file:

```
server_configs:
  tidb:
    log.level: "error"
```

It is also recommended to make sure `tidb_enable_prepared_plan_cache` is enabled and that you allow sysbench to use prepared statements by using `--db-ps-mode=auto`. See the SQL Prepared Execution Plan Cache for documentation about what the SQL plan cache does and how to monitor it.

> **Note:**
>
> In different versions of Sysbench, the default value of `db-ps-mode` might be different. It is recommended to explicitly specify it in the command.

5.7.1.1.2 TiKV configuration

Higher log level also means better performance for TiKV.

There are multiple Column Families on TiKV cluster which are mainly used to store different types of data, including Default CF, Write CF, and Lock CF. For the Sysbench test, you only need to focus on Default CF and Write CF. The Column Family that is used to import data has a constant proportion among TiDB clusters:

Default CF : Write CF = 4 : 1

Configuring the block cache of RocksDB on TiKV should be based on the machine's memory size, in order to make full use of the memory. To deploy a TiKV cluster on a 40GB virtual machine, it is recommended to configure the block cache as follows:

```
server_configs:
  tikv:
    log-level: "error"
    rocksdb.defaultcf.block-cache-size: "24GB"
    rocksdb.writecf.block-cache-size: "6GB"
```

You can also configure TiKV to share block cache:

```
server_configs:
  tikv:
    storage.block-cache.capacity: "30GB"
```

For more detailed information on TiKV performance tuning, see Tune TiKV Performance.

5.7.1.2 Test process

> **Note:**
>
> The test in this document was performed without load balancing tools such as HAproxy. We run the Sysbench test on individual TiDB node and added the results up. The load balancing tools and the parameters of different versions might also impact the performance.

5.7.1.2.1 Sysbench configuration

This is an example of the Sysbench configuration file:

```
mysql-host={TIDB_HOST}
mysql-port=4000
mysql-user=root
mysql-password=password
mysql-db=sbtest
time=600
threads={8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256}
report-interval=10
db-driver=mysql
```

The above parameters can be adjusted according to actual needs. Among them, `TIDB_HOST` is the IP address of the TiDB server (because we cannot include multiple addresses in the configuration file), `threads` is the number of concurrent connections in the test, which can be adjusted in "8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256". When importing data, it is recommended to set threads = 8 or 16. After adjusting `threads`, save the file named **config**.

See the following as a sample **config** file:

```
mysql-host=172.16.30.33
mysql-port=4000
mysql-user=root
mysql-password=password
mysql-db=sbtest
```

```
time=600
threads=16
report-interval=10
db-driver=mysql
```

5.7.1.2.2 Data import

> **Note:**
>
> If you enable the optimistic transaction model (TiDB uses the pessimistic transaction mode by default), TiDB rolls back transactions when a concurrency conflict is found. Setting `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` to `off` turns on the automatic retry mechanism after meeting a transaction conflict, which can prevent Sysbench from quitting because of the transaction conflict error.

Before importing the data, it is necessary to make some settings to TiDB. Execute the following command in MySQL client:

```
set global tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry = off;
```

Then exit the client.

Restart MySQL client and execute the following SQL statement to create a database `sbtest`:

```
create database sbtest;
```

Adjust the order in which Sysbench scripts create indexes. Sysbench imports data in the order of "Build Table -> Insert Data -> Create Index", which takes more time for TiDB to import data. Users can adjust the order to speed up the import of data. Suppose that you use the Sysbench version 1.0.20. You can adjust the order in either of the following two ways:

- Download the modified oltp_common.lua file for TiDB and overwrite the `/usr/share/sysbench/oltp_common.lua` file with it.
- In `/usr/share/sysbench/oltp_common.lua`, move the lines 235-240 to be right behind the line 198.

> **Note:**
>
> This operation is optional and is only to save the time consumed by data import.

At the command line, enter the following command to start importing data. The config file is the one configured in the previous step:

```
sysbench --config-file=config oltp_point_select --tables=32 --table-size
    ↪ =10000000 prepare
```

5.7.1.2.3 Warming data and collecting statistics

To warm data, we load data from disk into the block cache of memory. The warmed data has significantly improved the overall performance of the system. It is recommended to warm data once after restarting the cluster.

```
sysbench --config-file=config oltp_point_select --tables=32 --table-size
    ↪ =10000000 prewarm
```

5.7.1.2.4 Point select test command

```
sysbench --config-file=config oltp_point_select --tables=32 --table-size
    ↪ =10000000 --db-ps-mode=auto --rand-type=uniform run
```

5.7.1.2.5 Update index test command

```
sysbench --config-file=config oltp_update_index --tables=32 --table-size
    ↪ =10000000 --db-ps-mode=auto --rand-type=uniform run
```

5.7.1.2.6 Read-only test command

```
sysbench --config-file=config oltp_read_only --tables=32 --table-size
    ↪ =10000000 --db-ps-mode=auto --rand-type=uniform run
```

5.7.1.3 Common issues

5.7.1.3.1 TiDB and TiKV are both properly configured under high concurrency, why is the overall performance still low?

This issue often has things to do with the use of a proxy. You can add pressure on single TiDB server, sum each result up and compare the summed result with the result with proxy.

Take HAproxy as an example. The parameter `nbproc` can increase the number of processes it can start at most. Later versions of HAproxy also support `nbthread` and `cpu-map`. All of these can mitigate the negative impact of proxy use on performance.

5.7.1.3.2 Under high concurrency, why is the CPU utilization rate of TiKV still low?

Although the overall CPU utilization rate is low for TiKV, the CPU utilization rate of some modules in the cluster might be high.

The maximum concurrency limits for other modules on TiKV, such as storage readpool, coprocessor, and gRPC, can be adjusted through the TiKV configuration file.

The actual CPU usage can be observed through Grafana's TiKV Thread CPU monitor panel. If there is a bottleneck on the modules, it can be adjusted by increasing the concurrency of the modules.

5.7.1.3.3 Given that TiKV has not yet reached the CPU usage bottleneck under high concurrency, why is TiDB's CPU utilization rate still low?

CPU of NUMA architecture is used on some high-end equipment where cross-CPU access to remote memory will greatly reduce performance. By default, TiDB will use all CPUs of the server, and goroutine scheduling will inevitably lead to cross-CPU memory access.

Therefore, it is recommended to deploy n TiDBs (n is the number of NUMA CPUs) on the server of NUMA architecture, and meanwhile set the TiDB parameter `max-procs` to a value that is the same as the number of NUMA CPU cores.

5.7.2 How to Run TPC-C Test on TiDB

This document describes how to test TiDB using TPC-C.

TPC-C is an online transaction processing (OLTP) benchmark. It tests the OLTP system by using a commodity sales model that involves the following five transactions of different types:

- NewOrder
- Payment
- OrderStatus
- Delivery
- StockLevel

5.7.2.1 Prepare

Before testing, TPC-C Benchmark specifies the initial state of the database, which is the rule for data generation in the database. The `ITEM` table contains a fixed number of 100,000 items, while the number of warehouses can be adjusted. If there are W records in the `WAREHOUSE` table, then:

- The `STOCK` table has W * 100,000 records (Each warehouse corresponds to the stock data of 100,000 items)

- The `DISTRICT` table has W * 10 records (Each warehouse provides services to 10 districts)
- The `CUSTOMER` table has W * 10 * 3,000 records (Each district has 3,000 customers)
- The `HISTORY` table has W * 10 * 3,000 records (Each customer has one transaction history)
- The `ORDER` table has W * 10 * 3,000 records (Each district has 3,000 orders and the last 900 orders generated are added to the `NEW-ORDER` table. Each order randomly generates 5 ~ 15 ORDER-LINE records.)

In this document, the testing uses 1,000 warehouses as an example to test TiDB.

TPC-C uses tpmC (transactions per minute) to measure the maximum qualified throughput (MQTh, Max Qualified Throughput). The transactions are the NewOrder transactions and the final unit of measure is the number of new orders processed per minute.

The test in this document is implemented based on go-tpc. You can download the test program using TiUP commands.

```
tiup install bench
```

For detailed usage of the TiUP Bench component, see TiUP Bench.

Assume that you have deployed a TiDB cluster with two TiDB servers located at 172.16.5.140 and 172.16.5.141, and both servers are listening on port 4000. You can run a TPC-C test with the following steps.

5.7.2.2 Load data

Loading data is usually the most time-consuming and problematic stage of the entire TPC-C test. This section provides the following command to load data.

Execute the following TiUP command in Shell:

```
tiup bench tpcc -H 172.16.5.140,172.16.5.141 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses
    ↪ 1000 --threads 20 prepare
```

Based on different machine configurations, this loading process might take a few hours. If the cluster size is small, you can use a smaller `WAREHOUSE` value for the test.

After the data is loaded, you can execute the `tiup bench tpcc -H 172.16.5.140 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 4 check` command to validate the data correctness.

5.7.2.3 Run the test

Execute the following command to run the test:

```
tiup bench tpcc -H 172.16.5.140,172.16.5.141 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses
    ↪ 1000 --threads 100 --time 10m run
```

During the test, test results are continuously printed on the console:

```
[Current] NEW_ORDER - Takes(s): 4.6, Count: 5, TPM: 65.5, Sum(ms): 4604, Avg
    ↪ (ms): 920, 90th(ms): 1500, 99th(ms): 1500, 99.9th(ms): 1500
[Current] ORDER_STATUS - Takes(s): 1.4, Count: 1, TPM: 42.2, Sum(ms): 256,
    ↪ Avg(ms): 256, 90th(ms): 256, 99th(ms): 256, 99.9th(ms): 256
[Current] PAYMENT - Takes(s): 6.9, Count: 5, TPM: 43.7, Sum(ms): 2208, Avg(
    ↪ ms): 441, 90th(ms): 512, 99th(ms): 512, 99.9th(ms): 512
[Current] STOCK_LEVEL - Takes(s): 4.4, Count: 1, TPM: 13.8, Sum(ms): 224,
    ↪ Avg(ms): 224, 90th(ms): 256, 99th(ms): 256, 99.9th(ms): 256
...
```

After the test is finished, the test summary results are printed:

```
[Summary] DELIVERY - Takes(s): 455.2, Count: 32, TPM: 4.2, Sum(ms): 44376,
    ↪ Avg(ms): 1386, 90th(ms): 2000, 99th(ms): 4000, 99.9th(ms): 4000
[Summary] DELIVERY_ERR - Takes(s): 455.2, Count: 1, TPM: 0.1, Sum(ms): 953,
    ↪ Avg(ms): 953, 90th(ms): 1000, 99th(ms): 1000, 99.9th(ms): 1000
[Summary] NEW_ORDER - Takes(s): 487.8, Count: 314, TPM: 38.6, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 282377, Avg(ms): 899, 90th(ms): 1500, 99th(ms): 1500, 99.9th(ms):
    ↪ 1500
[Summary] ORDER_STATUS - Takes(s): 484.6, Count: 29, TPM: 3.6, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 8423, Avg(ms): 290, 90th(ms): 512, 99th(ms): 1500, 99.9th(ms): 1500
[Summary] PAYMENT - Takes(s): 490.1, Count: 321, TPM: 39.3, Sum(ms): 144708,
    ↪  Avg(ms): 450, 90th(ms): 512, 99th(ms): 1000, 99.9th(ms): 1500
[Summary] STOCK_LEVEL - Takes(s): 487.6, Count: 41, TPM: 5.0, Sum(ms): 9318,
    ↪  Avg(ms): 227, 90th(ms): 512, 99th(ms): 1000, 99.9th(ms): 1000
```

After the test is finished, you can execute the `tiup bench tpcc -H 172.16.5.140 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 4 check` command to validate the data correctness.

5.7.2.4 Clean up test data

Execute the following command to clean up the test data:

```
tiup bench tpcc -H 172.16.5.140 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 4 cleanup
```

5.7.3 How to Run CH-benCHmark Test on TiDB

This document describes how to test TiDB using CH-benCHmark.

CH-benCHmark is a mixed workload containing both TPC-C and TPC-H tests. It is the most common workload to test HTAP systems. For more information, see The mixed workload CH-benCHmark.

Before running the CH-benCHmark test, you need to deploy TiFlash first, which is a TiDB's HTAP component. After you deploy TiFlash and create TiFlash replicas, TiKV will replicate the latest data of TPC-C online transactions to TiFlash in real time, and the TiDB

optimizer will automatically push down OLAP queries from TPC-H workload to the MPP engine of TiFlash for efficient execution.

The CH-benCHmark test in this document is implemented based on go-tpc. You can download the test program using the following TiUP command:

```
tiup install bench
```

For detailed usage of the TiUP Bench component, see TiUP Bench.

5.7.3.1 Load data

5.7.3.1.1 Load TPC-C data

Loading data is usually the most time-consuming and problematic stage of the entire TPC-C test.

Taking 1000 warehouses as an example, you can execute the following TiUP command in shell for data load and test. Note that you need to replace `172.16.5.140` and `4000` in this document with your TiDB host and port values.

```
tiup bench tpcc -H 172.16.5.140 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 1000 prepare -T
    ↪ 32
```

Depending on different machine configurations, this loading process might take a few hours. If the cluster size is small, you can use a smaller warehouse value for the test.

After the data is loaded, you can execute the `tiup bench tpcc -H 172.16.5.140 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 1000 check` command to validate the data correctness.

5.7.3.1.2 Load additional tables and views required for TPC-H

Run the following TiUP command in the shell:

```
tiup bench ch -H 172.16.5.140 -P 4000 -D tpcc prepare
```

The following is the log output:

```
creating nation
creating region
creating supplier
generating nation table
generate nation table done
generating region table
generate region table done
generating suppliers table
generate suppliers table done
creating view revenue1
```

5.7.3.2 Create TiFlash replicas

After TiFlash is deployed, TiFlash does not automatically replicate TiKV data. You need to execute the following SQL statement to create TiFlash replicas for the `tpcc` database. Once the specified TiFlash replicas are created, TiKV automatically replicates the latest data to TiFlash in real-time. In the following example, two TiFlash nodes are deployed in the cluster and the replica number is set to 2.

```
ALTER DATABASE tpcc SET tiflash replica 2;
```

To check whether the replication of all tables in the `tpcc` database is complete, execute the following statement, in which the `WHERE` clause is used to specify the databases and tables to be checked. If you want to check the replication status of all databases, remove the `WHERE` clause from the statement.

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tiflash_replica WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA = 'tpcc
    ↪ ';
```

In the result of the above statement:

- `AVAILABLE` indicates whether the TiFlash replica of a specific table is available or not. `1` means available and `0` means unavailable. Once a replica becomes available, this status does not change anymore.
- `PROGRESS` means the progress of the replication. The value is between `0` and `1`. `1` means that the replication is complete for the TiFlash replica.

5.7.3.3 Collect statistics

To ensure that the TiDB optimizer can generate the optimal execution plan, execute the following SQL statements to collect statistics in advance. **Be sure to set `tidb_analyze_column_options` to `ALL`, otherwise collecting statistics can result in a significant drop in query performance.**

```
set global tidb_analyze_column_options='ALL';
analyze table customer;
analyze table district;
analyze table history;
analyze table item;
analyze table new_order;
analyze table order_line;
analyze table orders;
analyze table stock;
analyze table warehouse;
analyze table nation;
analyze table region;
analyze table supplier;
```

5.7.3.4 Run the test

Taking 50 TP concurrency and 1 AP concurrency as an example, execute the following command to run the test:

```
tiup bench ch --host 172.16.5.140 -P4000 --warehouses 1000 run -D tpcc -T 50
    ↪  -t 1 --time 1h
```

During the test, test results are continuously printed on the console. For example:

```
[Current] NEW_ORDER - Takes(s): 10.0, Count: 13524, TPM: 81162.0, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 998317.6, Avg(ms): 73.9, 50th(ms): 71.3, 90th(ms): 100.7, 95th(ms):
    ↪ 113.2, 99th(ms): 159.4, 99.9th(ms): 209.7, Max(ms): 243.3
[Current] ORDER_STATUS - Takes(s): 10.0, Count: 1132, TPM: 6792.7, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 16196.6, Avg(ms): 14.3, 50th(ms): 13.1, 90th(ms): 24.1, 95th(ms):
    ↪ 27.3, 99th(ms): 37.7, 99.9th(ms): 50.3, Max(ms): 52.4
[Current] PAYMENT - Takes(s): 10.0, Count: 12977, TPM: 77861.1, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 773982.0, Avg(ms): 59.7, 50th(ms): 56.6, 90th(ms): 88.1, 95th(ms):
    ↪ 100.7, 99th(ms): 151.0, 99.9th(ms): 201.3, Max(ms): 243.3
[Current] STOCK_LEVEL - Takes(s): 10.0, Count: 1134, TPM: 6806.0, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 31220.9, Avg(ms): 27.5, 50th(ms): 25.2, 90th(ms): 37.7, 95th(ms):
    ↪ 44.0, 99th(ms): 71.3, 99.9th(ms): 117.4, Max(ms): 125.8
[Current] Q11  - Count: 1, Sum(ms): 3682.9, Avg(ms): 3683.6
[Current] DELIVERY - Takes(s): 10.0, Count: 1167, TPM: 7002.6, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 170712.9, Avg(ms): 146.3, 50th(ms): 142.6, 90th(ms): 192.9, 95th(ms):
    ↪  209.7, 99th(ms): 251.7, 99.9th(ms): 335.5, Max(ms): 385.9
[Current] NEW_ORDER - Takes(s): 10.0, Count: 13238, TPM: 79429.5, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 1010795.3, Avg(ms): 76.4, 50th(ms): 75.5, 90th(ms): 104.9, 95th(ms):
    ↪ 117.4, 99th(ms): 159.4, 99.9th(ms): 234.9, Max(ms): 352.3
[Current] ORDER_STATUS - Takes(s): 10.0, Count: 1224, TPM: 7350.6, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 17874.1, Avg(ms): 14.6, 50th(ms): 13.6, 90th(ms): 23.1, 95th(ms):
    ↪ 27.3, 99th(ms): 37.7, 99.9th(ms): 54.5, Max(ms): 60.8
[Current] PAYMENT - Takes(s): 10.0, Count: 12650, TPM: 75901.1, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 761981.3, Avg(ms): 60.3, 50th(ms): 56.6, 90th(ms): 88.1, 95th(ms):
    ↪ 104.9, 99th(ms): 159.4, 99.9th(ms): 218.1, Max(ms): 318.8
[Current] STOCK_LEVEL - Takes(s): 10.0, Count: 1179, TPM: 7084.9, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 32829.8, Avg(ms): 27.9, 50th(ms): 26.2, 90th(ms): 37.7, 95th(ms):
    ↪ 44.0, 99th(ms): 71.3, 99.9th(ms): 100.7, Max(ms): 117.4
[Current] Q12  - Count: 1, Sum(ms): 9945.8, Avg(ms): 9944.7
[Current] Q13  - Count: 1, Sum(ms): 1729.6, Avg(ms): 1729.6
...
```

After the test is finished, the test summary results are printed. For example:

```
Finished: 50 OLTP workers, 1 OLAP workers
[Summary] DELIVERY - Takes(s): 3599.7, Count: 501795, TPM: 8363.9, Sum(ms):
    ↪ 63905178.8, Avg(ms): 127.4, 50th(ms): 125.8, 90th(ms): 167.8, 95th(ms
    ↪ ): 184.5, 99th(ms): 226.5, 99.9th(ms): 318.8, Max(ms): 604.0
```

```
[Summary] DELIVERY_ERR - Takes(s): 3599.7, Count: 14, TPM: 0.2, Sum(ms):
   ↪ 1027.7, Avg(ms): 73.4, 50th(ms): 71.3, 90th(ms): 109.1, 95th(ms):
   ↪ 109.1, 99th(ms): 113.2, 99.9th(ms): 113.2, Max(ms): 113.2
[Summary] NEW_ORDER - Takes(s): 3599.7, Count: 5629221, TPM: 93826.9, Sum(ms
   ↪ ): 363758020.7, Avg(ms): 64.6, 50th(ms): 62.9, 90th(ms): 88.1, 95th(
   ↪ ms): 100.7, 99th(ms): 130.0, 99.9th(ms): 184.5, Max(ms): 570.4
[Summary] NEW_ORDER_ERR - Takes(s): 3599.7, Count: 20, TPM: 0.3, Sum(ms):
   ↪ 404.2, Avg(ms): 20.2, 50th(ms): 18.9, 90th(ms): 37.7, 95th(ms): 50.3,
   ↪  99th(ms): 56.6, 99.9th(ms): 56.6, Max(ms): 56.6
[Summary] ORDER_STATUS - Takes(s): 3599.8, Count: 500318, TPM: 8339.0, Sum(
   ↪ ms): 7135956.6, Avg(ms): 14.3, 50th(ms): 13.1, 90th(ms): 24.1, 95th(
   ↪ ms): 27.3, 99th(ms): 37.7, 99.9th(ms): 50.3, Max(ms): 385.9
[Summary] PAYMENT - Takes(s): 3599.8, Count: 5380815, TPM: 89684.8, Sum(ms):
   ↪  269863092.5, Avg(ms): 50.2, 50th(ms): 48.2, 90th(ms): 75.5, 95th(ms)
   ↪ : 88.1, 99th(ms): 125.8, 99.9th(ms): 184.5, Max(ms): 1073.7
[Summary] PAYMENT_ERR - Takes(s): 3599.8, Count: 11, TPM: 0.2, Sum(ms):
   ↪ 313.0, Avg(ms): 28.5, 50th(ms): 10.0, 90th(ms): 67.1, 95th(ms): 67.1,
   ↪  99th(ms): 88.1, 99.9th(ms): 88.1, Max(ms): 88.1
[Summary] STOCK_LEVEL - Takes(s): 3599.8, Count: 500467, TPM: 8341.5, Sum(ms
   ↪ ): 13208726.4, Avg(ms): 26.4, 50th(ms): 25.2, 90th(ms): 37.7, 95th(ms
   ↪ ): 44.0, 99th(ms): 62.9, 99.9th(ms): 96.5, Max(ms): 570.4
[Summary] STOCK_LEVEL_ERR - Takes(s): 3599.8, Count: 2, TPM: 0.0, Sum(ms):
   ↪ 7.6, Avg(ms): 3.7, 50th(ms): 3.1, 90th(ms): 4.7, 95th(ms): 4.7, 99th(
   ↪ ms): 4.7, 99.9th(ms): 4.7, Max(ms): 4.7
tpmC: 93826.9, efficiency: 729.6%
[Summary] Q1   - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 42738.2, Avg(ms): 3885.3
[Summary] Q10  - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 440370.3, Avg(ms): 40034.3
[Summary] Q11  - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 44208.6, Avg(ms): 4018.7
[Summary] Q12  - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 105320.3, Avg(ms): 9574.6
[Summary] Q13  - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 19199.5, Avg(ms): 1745.4
[Summary] Q14  - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 84582.1, Avg(ms): 7689.5
[Summary] Q15  - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 271944.8, Avg(ms): 24722.8
[Summary] Q16  - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 183894.9, Avg(ms): 16718.1
[Summary] Q17  - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 89018.9, Avg(ms): 8092.7
[Summary] Q18  - Count: 10, Sum(ms): 767814.5, Avg(ms): 76777.6
[Summary] Q19  - Count: 10, Sum(ms): 17099.1, Avg(ms): 1709.8
[Summary] Q2   - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 53513.6, Avg(ms): 4865.2
[Summary] Q20  - Count: 10, Sum(ms): 73717.7, Avg(ms): 7372.1
[Summary] Q21  - Count: 10, Sum(ms): 166001.4, Avg(ms): 16601.1
[Summary] Q22  - Count: 10, Sum(ms): 48268.4, Avg(ms): 4827.7
[Summary] Q3   - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 31110.1, Avg(ms): 2828.5
[Summary] Q4   - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 83814.2, Avg(ms): 7619.3
[Summary] Q5   - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 368301.0, Avg(ms): 33483.5
[Summary] Q6   - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 61702.5, Avg(ms): 5608.9
[Summary] Q7   - Count: 11, Sum(ms): 158928.2, Avg(ms): 14446.3
```

After the test is finished, you can execute the `tiup bench tpcc -H 172.16.5.140 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 1000 check` command to validate the data correctness.

6 Migrate

6.1 Data Migration Overview

This document gives an overview of the data migration solutions that you can use with TiDB. The data migration solutions are as follows:

- Full data migration.
    - To import Amazon Aurora snapshots, CSV files, or SQL dump files into TiDB, you can use TiDB Lightning to perform the full migration.
    - To export all TiDB data as CSV files or SQL dump files, you can use Dumpling to perform the full migration, which makes data migration from MySQL or MariaDB easier.
    - To migrate all data from a database with a small data size volume (for example, less than 1 TiB), you can also use TiDB Data Migration (DM).
- Quick initialization of TiDB. TiDB Lightning supports quickly importing data and can quickly initialize a specific table in TiDB. Before you use this feature, pay attention that the quick initialization has a great impact on TiDB and the cluster does not provide services during the initialization period.
- Incremental replication. You can use TiDB DM to replicate binlogs from MySQL, MariaDB, or Aurora to TiDB, which greatly reduces the window downtime during the replication period.
- Data replication between TiDB clusters. TiDB supports backup and restore. This feature can initialize a snapshot in an existing TiDB cluster to a new TiDB cluster.
- Incremental replication between TiDB clusters. TiDB supports disaster recovery between homogeneous databases to ensure eventual data consistency of primary and secondary databases after a disaster event. It works only when both primary and secondary clusters are TiDB.

You might choose different migration solutions according to the database type, deployment location, application data size, and application needs. The following sections introduce some common migration scenarios, and you can refer to these sections to determine the most suitable solution according to your needs.

6.1.1 Migrate data from Aurora MySQL to TiDB

When you migrate data from Aurora to a TiDB cluster deployed on AWS, your data migration takes two operations: full data migration and incremental replication. You can choose the corresponding operation according to your application needs.

- Migrate Data from Amazon Aurora to TiDB.

6.1.2 Migrate data from MySQL to TiDB

If cloud storage (S3) service is not used, the network connectivity is good, and the network latency is low, you can follow instructions in Migrate Small Datasets from MySQL to TiDB to migrate data from MySQL to TiDB.

If you have a high demand on migration speed, or if the data size is large (for example, larger than 1 TiB), and you do not allow other applications to write to TiDB during the migration period, you can use TiDB Lightning to quickly import data. Then, you can use DM to replicate incremental data (binlog) based on your application needs. See Migrate Large Datasets from MySQL to TiDB.

6.1.3 Migrate and merge MySQL shards into TiDB

Suppose that your application uses MySQL shards for data storage, and you need to migrate these shards into TiDB as one table. In this case, you can use DM to perform the shard merge and migration.

- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Small Datasets to TiDB

If the data size of the sharded tables is large (for example, larger than 1 TiB), and you do not allow other applications to write to TiDB during the migration period, you can use TiDB Lightning to quickly merge and import the sharded tables. Then, you can use DM to replicate incremental sharding data (binlog) based on your application needs.

- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Large Datasets to TiDB

6.1.4 Migrate data from Vitess to TiDB

To migrate data from Vitess to TiDB, the following guide is available:

- Migrate Data from Vitess to TiDB

6.1.5 Migrate data from files to TiDB

- Migrate data from CSV files to TiDB
- Migrate data from SQL files to TiDB
- Migrate data from Parquet files to TiDB

6.1.6 Incremental replication between TiDB clusters

You can use TiCDC for incremental data replication between TiDB clusters. For details, refer to TiCDC Overview.

6.1.7 More advanced migration solutions

The following features can improve the migration process and might meet more needs in your application.

- Continuous Replication from Databases that Use gh-ost or pt-osc
- Migrate Data to a Downstream TiDB Table with More Columns
- Filter Binlog Events
- Filter DML Events Using SQL Expressions

6.2 TiDB Migration Tools Overview

TiDB provides multiple data migration tools for different scenarios such as full data migration, incremental data migration, backup and restore, and data replication.

This document introduces the user scenarios, supported upstreams and downstreams, advantages, and limitations of these tools. You can choose the right tool according to your needs.

6.2.1 TiDB Data Migration (DM)

- **User scenario**: Data migration from MySQL-compatible databases to TiDB
- **Upstream**: MySQL, MariaDB, Aurora
- **Downstream**: TiDB
- **Advantages**:
  - A convenient and unified data migration task management tool that supports full data migration and incremental replication
  - Support filtering tables and operations
  - Support shard merge and migration
- **Limitation**: Data import speed is roughly the same as that of TiDB Lightning's logical import mode, and a lot lower than that of TiDB Lightning's physical import mode. So it is recommended to use DM to migrate full data with a size of less than 1 TiB.

6.2.2 TiDB Lightning

- **User scenario**: Full data import into TiDB
- **Upstream (the imported source file)**:

  - Files exported from Dumpling
  - Parquet files exported by Amazon Aurora, Apache Hive, and Snowflake
  - CSV files
  - Data from local disks or Amazon S3
- **Downstream**: TiDB
- **Advantages**:
  - Support quickly importing a large amount of data and quickly initializing a specific table in a TiDB cluster
  - Support checkpoints to store the import progress, so that `tidb-lightning` continues importing from where it lefts off after restarting
  - Support data filtering
- **Limitation**:
  - If physical import mode is used for data import, during the import process, the TiDB cluster cannot provide services.
  - If you do not want the TiDB services to be impacted, perform the data import according to TiDB Lightning logical import mode.

6.2.3 Dumpling

- **User scenario**: Full data export from MySQL or TiDB
- **Upstream**: MySQL, TiDB
- **Downstream (the output file)**: SQL, CSV
- **Advantages**:
  - Support the table-filter feature that enables you to filter data easier
  - Support exporting data to Amazon S3
- **Recommendation**:
  - If you want to restore the exported data to a database other than TiDB, it is recommended to use Dumpling.
  - If you want to restore the exported data to another TiDB cluster, it is recommended to use Backup & Restore (BR).

6.2.4 TiCDC

- **User scenario**: This tool is implemented by pulling TiKV change logs. It can restore cluster data to a consistent state with any upstream TSO, and support other systems to subscribe to data changes.
- **Upstream**: TiDB
- **Downstream**: TiDB, MySQL, Kafka, MQ, Confluent, storage services such as Amazon S3, GCS, Azure Blob Storage, and NFS.
- **Advantages**: Provide TiCDC Open Protocol

- **Limitation**: TiCDC only replicates tables that have at least one valid index. The following scenarios are not supported:
    - The TiKV cluster that uses RawKV alone.
    - The DDL operation `CREATE SEQUENCE` and the `SEQUENCE` function in TiDB.

6.2.5 Backup & Restore (BR)

- **User scenario**: Migrate a large amount of TiDB cluster data by backing up and restoring data
- **Upstream**: TiDB
- **Downstream (the output file)**: SST, backup.meta files, backup.lock files
- **Advantages**:
    - Suitable for migrating data to another TiDB cluster
    - Support backing up data to an external storage for disaster recovery
- **Limitation**:
    - When BR restores data to the upstream cluster of TiCDC, the restored data cannot be replicated to the downstream by TiCDC.
    - BR supports operations only between clusters that have the same `new_collation_enabled` value in the `mysql.tidb` table.

6.2.6 sync-diff-inspector

- **User scenario**: Comparing data stored in the databases with the MySQL protocol
- **Upstream**: TiDB, MySQL
- **Downstream**: TiDB, MySQL
- **Advantages**: Can be used to repair data in the scenario where a small amount of data is inconsistent
- **Limitation**:
    - Online check is not supported for data migration between MySQL and TiDB.
    - JSON, BIT, BINARY, BLOB and other types of data are not supported.

6.2.7 Install tools using TiUP

Since TiDB v4.0, TiUP acts as a package manager that helps you manage different cluster components in the TiDB ecosystem. Now you can manage any cluster component using a single command.

6.2.7.1 Step 1. Install TiUP

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/
    ↪ install.sh | sh
```

Redeclare the global environment variable:

```
source ~/.bash_profile
```

6.2.7.2 Step 2. Install components

You can use the following command to see the available components:

```
tiup list
```

The command outputs the available components:

```
Available components:
Name          Owner     Description
----          -----     -----------
PCC           community A tool used to capture plan changes among different
   ↪ versions of TiDB
bench         pingcap   Benchmark database with different workloads
br            pingcap   TiDB/TiKV cluster backup restore tool.
cdc           pingcap   CDC is a change data capture tool for TiDB
chaosd        community An easy-to-use Chaos Engineering tool used to inject
   ↪  failures to a physical node
client        pingcap   Client to connect playground
cloud         pingcap   CLI tool to manage TiDB Cloud
cluster       pingcap   Deploy a TiDB cluster for production
ctl           pingcap   TiDB controller suite
dm            pingcap   Data Migration Platform manager
dmctl         pingcap   dmctl component of Data Migration Platform.
errdoc        pingcap   Document about TiDB errors
pd-recover    pingcap   PD Recover is a disaster recovery tool of PD, used
   ↪ to recover the PD cluster which cannot start or provide services
   ↪ normally.
playground    pingcap   Bootstrap a local TiDB cluster for fun
tidb          pingcap   TiDB is an open source distributed HTAP database
   ↪ compatible with the MySQL protocol.
tidb-dashboard pingcap  TiDB Dashboard is a Web UI for monitoring,
   ↪ diagnosing, and managing the TiDB cluster
tidb-lightning pingcap  TiDB Lightning is a tool used for fast full import
   ↪ of large amounts of data into a TiDB cluster
tikv-br       pingcap   TiKV cluster backup restore tool
tikv-cdc      pingcap   TiKV-CDC is a change data capture tool for TiKV
tiproxy       pingcap   TiProxy is a database proxy that is based on TiDB.
tiup          pingcap   TiUP is a command-line component management tool
   ↪ that can help to download and install TiDB platform components to the
   ↪  local system
```

Install one or more components that you need. For example:

```
tiup install dm
```

```
tiup install dm tidb-lightning
```

> **Note:**
>
> To install a component of a specific version, use the `tiup install <component>[:version]` command.

6.2.7.3 Step 3. Update TiUP and its components (optional)

It is recommended to see the release log and compatibility notes of the new version.

```
tiup update --self && tiup update dm
```

6.2.8 See also

- Deploy TiUP offline
- Download and install tools in binary

6.3 Best Practices for Importing 50 TiB Data

This document provides best practices for importing large volumes of data into TiDB, including some key factors and steps that affect data import. We have successfully imported data of a large single table over 50 TiB into both the internal environment and customer's environment, and have accumulated best practices based on these real application scenarios, which can help you import data more smoothly and efficiently.

TiDB Lightning (Physical Import Mode) is a comprehensive and efficient data import tool used for importing data into empty tables and initializing empty clusters, and uses files as the data source. TiDB Lightning provides two running modes: a single instance and parallel import. You can import source files of different sizes.

- If the data size of the source files is within 10 TiB, it is recommended to use a single instance of TiDB Lightning for the import.
- If the data size of the source files exceeds 10 TiB, it is recommended to use multiple instances of TiDB Lightning for Parallel Import.
- If the source file data scale is exceptionally large (larger than 50 TiB), in addition to parallel importing, you need to make certain preparations and optimizations based on the characteristics of the source data, table definitions, and parameter configurations to achieve smoother and faster large-scale data import.

The following sections apply to both importing multiple tables and importing large single tables:

- Key factors
- Prepare source files
- Estimate storage space
- Change configuration parameters
- Resolve the "checksum mismatch" error
- Enable checkpoint
- Troubleshooting

The best practices for importing large single tables are described separately in the following section because of its special requirements:

- Best practices for importing a large single table

6.3.1 Key factors

When you import data, some key factors can affect import performance and might even cause import to fail. Some common critical factors are as follows:

- Source files
    - Whether the data within a single file is sorted by the primary key. Sorted data can achieve optimal import performance.
    - Whether overlapping primary keys or non-null unique indexes exist between source files imported by multiple TiDB Lightning instances. The smaller the overlap is, the better the import performance.
- Table definitions
    - The number and size of secondary indexes per table can affect the import speed. Fewer indexes result in faster imports and less space consumption after import.
    - Index data size = Number of indexes * Index size * Number of rows.
- Compression ratio
    - Data imported into a TiDB cluster is stored in a compressed format. The compression ratio cannot be calculated in advance. It can only be determined after the data is actually imported into the TiKV cluster.
    - As a best practice, you can first import a small portion of the data (for example, 10%) to obtain the corresponding compression ratio of the cluster, and then use it to estimate the compression ratio of the entire data import.
- Configuration parameters

- `region-concurrency`: The concurrency of TiDB Lightning main logical processing.
- `send-kv-pairs`: The number of Key-Value pairs sent by TiDB Lightning to TiKV in a single request.
- `disk-quota`: The disk quota used by TiDB Lightning local temp files when using the physical import mode.
- `GOMEMLIMIT`: TiDB Lightning is implemented in the Go language. Configure `GOMEMLIMIT` properly.

- Data validation

  After data and index import is completed, the `ADMIN CHECKSUM` statement is executed on each table, and the checksum value is compared with the local checksum value of TiDB Lightning. When many tables exist, or an individual table has a large number of rows, the checksum phase can take a long time.

- The analyze operation

  After the checksum is successfully completed, the `ANALYZE TABLE` statement is executed on each table to generate the optimal execution plan. The analyze operation can be time-consuming when dealing with a large number of tables or an individual table with a significant amount of data.

- Relevant issues

  During the actual process of importing 50 TiB of data, certain issues might occur that are only exposed when dealing with a massive number of source files and large-scale clusters. When choosing a product version, it is recommended to check whether the corresponding issues have been fixed.

  The following issues have been resolved in v6.5.3, v7.1.0, and later versions:

  - Issue-14745: After the import is completed, a large number of temporary files are left in the TiKV import directory.
  - Issue-6426: The PD range scheduling interface might fail to scatter regions, resulting in timeout issues. Before v6.2.0, global scheduling is disabled by default, which can avoid triggering this problem.
  - Issue-43079: TiDB Lightning fails to refresh the Region Peers information during retry for NotLeader errors.
  - Issue-43291: TiDB Lightning does not retry in cases where temporary files are not found (the "No such file or directory" error).

6.3.2 Prepare source files

- When generating source files, it is preferable to sort them by the primary key within a single file. If the table definition does not have a primary key, you can add an auto-increment primary key. In this case, the order of the file content does not matter.

- When assigning source files to multiple TiDB Lightning instances, try to avoid the situation where overlapping primary keys or non-null unique indexes exist between multiple source files. If the generated files are globally sorted, they can be distributed into different TiDB Lightning instances based on ranges to achieve optimal import performance.
- Control each file to be less than 96 MiB in size during file generation.
- If a file is exceptionally large and exceeds 256 MiB, enable `strict-format`.

6.3.3 Estimate storage space

You can use either of the following two methods to estimate the storage space required for importing data:

- Assuming the total data size is **A**, the total index size is **B**, the replication factor is **3**, and the compression ratio is (typically around 2.5), the overall occupied space can be calculated as: **(A+B)*3/** . This method is primarily used for estimating without performing any data import, to plan the cluster topology.
- Import only 10% of the data and multiply the actual occupied space by 10 to estimate the final space usage for that batch of data. This method is more accurate, especially when you import a large amount of data.

Note that it is recommended to reserve 20% of storage space, because background tasks such as compaction and snapshot replication also consume a portion of the storage space.

6.3.4 Change configuration parameters

- `region-concurrency`: The concurrency of TiDB Lightning main logical processing. During parallel importing, it is recommended to set it to 75% of the CPU cores to prevent resource overload and potential OOM issues.
- `send-kv-pairs`: The number of Key-Value pairs sent by TiDB Lightning to TiKV in a single request. It is recommended to adjust this value based on the formula send-kv-pairs * row-size < 1 MiB. Starting from v7.2.0, this parameter is replaced by `send-kv-size`, and no additional setting is required.
- `disk-quota`: It is recommended to ensure that the sorting directory space of TiDB Lightning is larger than the size of the data source. If you cannot ensure that, you can set `disk-quota` to 80% of the sorting directory space of TiDB Lightning. In this way, TiDB Lightning will sort and write data in batches according to the specified `disk-quota`, but note that this approach might result in lower import performance compared to a complete sorting process.
- `GOMEMLIMIT`: TiDB Lightning is implemented in the Go language. Setting `GOMEMLIMIT` to 80% of the instance memory to reduce the probability of OOM caused by the Go GC mechanism.

For more information about TiDB Lightning parameters, see TiDB Lightning configuration parameters.

6.3.5 Resolve the "checksum mismatch" error

Conflicts might occur during data validation. The error message is "checksum mismatch". To resolve this issue, take the following steps as needed:

1. In the source data, check for conflicted primary keys or unique keys, and resolve the conflicts before reimporting. In most cases, this is the most common cause.
2. Check if the table primary key or unique key definition is reasonable. If not, modify the table definition and reimport data.
3. If the issue persists after following the preceding two steps, further examination is required to determine whether a small amount (less than 10%) of unexpected conflicting data exists in the source data. To let TiDB Lightning detect and resolve conflicting data, enable conflict detection.

6.3.6 Enable checkpoint

For importing a large volume of data, it is essential to refer to Lightning Checkpoints and enable checkpoints. It is recommended to prioritize using MySQL as the driver to avoid losing the checkpoint information if TiDB Lightning is running in a container environment where the container might exit and delete the checkpoint information.

If you encounter insufficient space in downstream TiKV during import, you can manually run the `kill` command (without the `-9` option) on all TiDB Lightning instances. After scaling up the capacity, you can resume the import based on the checkpoint information.

6.3.7 Best practices for importing a large single table

Importing multiple tables can increase the time required for checksum and analyze operations, sometimes exceeding the time required for data import itself. However, it is generally not necessary to adjust the configuration. If one or more large tables exist among the multiple tables, it is recommended to separate the source files of these large tables and import them separately.

This section provides the best practices for importing large single tables. There is no strict definition for a large single table, but it is generally considered to meet one of the following criteria:

- The table size exceeds 10 TiB.
- The number of rows exceeds 1 billion and the number of columns exceeds 50 in a wide table.

6.3.7.1 Generate source files

Follow the steps outlined in the Prepare source files.

For a large single table, if global sorting is not achievable but sorting within each file based on the primary key is possible, and the file is a standard CSV file, it is recommended to generate large single files with each around 20 GiB.

Then, enable `strict-format`. This approach reduces the overlap of primary and unique keys in the imported files between TiDB Lightning instances, and TiDB Lightning instances can split the large files before importing to achieve optimal import performance.

6.3.7.2 Plan cluster topology

Prepare TiDB Lightning instances to make each instance process 5 TiB to 10 TiB of source data. Deploy one TiDB Lightning instance on each node. For the specifications of the nodes, refer to the environment requirements of TiDB Lightning instances.

6.3.7.3 Change configuration parameters

- Set `region-concurrency` to 75% of the number of cores of the TiDB Lightning instance.
- Set `send-kv-pairs` to `3200`. This method applies to TiDB v7.1.0 and earlier versions. Starting from v7.2.0, this parameter is replaced by `send-kv-size`, and no additional setting is required.
- Adjust `GOMEMLIMIT` to 80% of the memory on the node where the instance is located.

If the PD Scatter Region latency during the import process exceeds 30 minutes, consider the following optimizations:

- Check whether the TiKV cluster encounters any I/O bottlenecks.
- Increase TiKV `raftstore.apply-pool-size` from the default value of `2` to `4` or `8`.
- Reduce TiDB Lightning `region-split-concurrency` to half the number of CPU cores, with a minimum value of `1`.

6.3.7.4 Disable the analyze operation

In the case of a large single table (for example, with over 1 billion rows and more than 50 columns), it is recommended to disable the `analyze` operation (`analyze="off"`) during the import process, and manually execute the `ANALYZE TABLE` statement after the import is completed.

For more information about the configuration of `analyze`, see TiDB Lightning task configuration.

6.3.8 Troubleshooting

If you encounter problems while using TiDB Lightning, see Troubleshoot TiDB Lightning.

6.4 Migration Scenarios

6.4.1 Migrate Data from Amazon Aurora to TiDB

This document describes how to migrate data from Amazon Aurora to TiDB. The migration process uses DB snapshot, which saves a lot of space and time.

The whole migration has two processes:

- Import full data to TiDB using TiDB Lightning
- Replicate incremental data to TiDB using DM (optional)

6.4.1.1 Prerequisites

- Install Dumpling and TiDB Lightning. If you want to create the corresponding tables manually on the target side, do not install Dumpling.
- Get the upstream database privileges required by Dumpling.
- Get the target database privileges required for TiDB Lightning.

6.4.1.2 Import full data to TiDB

6.4.1.2.1 Step 1. Export and import the schema file

This section describes how to export the schema file from Amazon Aurora and import it to TiDB. If you have manually created the table in the target database, you can skip this step.

1.1 Export the schema file from Amazon Aurora

Because the snapshot file from Amazon Aurora does not contain the DDL statements, you need to export the schema using Dumpling and create the schema in the target database using TiDB Lightning.

Export the schema using Dumpling by running the following command. The command includes the `--filter` parameter to only export the desired table schema. For more information about the parameters, see the Option list of Dumpling.

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=${access_key}
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=${secret_key}
tiup dumpling --host ${host} --port 3306 --user root --password ${password}
    ↪ --filter 'my_db1.table[12],mydb.*' --consistency none --no-data --
    ↪ output 's3://my-bucket/schema-backup'
```

Record the URI of the schema exported in the above command, such as 's3://my-bucket/schema-backup', which will be used when importing the schema file later.

To get access to Amazon S3, you can pass the secret access key and access key of the account that has access to this Amazon S3 storage path into the Dumpling or TiDB Lightning node as environment variables. Dumpling and TiDB Lightning also support reading credential files from `~/.aws/credentials`. This method eliminates the need to provide the secret access key and access key again for all tasks on that Dumpling or TiDB Lightning node.

1.2 Create the TiDB Lightning configuration file for the schema file

Create a new `tidb-lightning-schema.toml` file, copy the following content into the file, and replace the corresponding content.

```
[tidb]

### The target TiDB cluster information.
host = ${host}
port = ${port}
user = "${user_name}"
password = "${password}"
status-port = ${status-port} # The TiDB status port. Usually the port is
    ↪ 10080.
pd-addr = "${ip}:${port}" # The cluster PD address. Usually the port is
    ↪ 2379.

[tikv-importer]
### "local": Use the default Physical Import Mode (the "local" backend).
### During the import, the target TiDB cluster cannot provide any service.
### For more information about import modes, see https://docs.pingcap.com/
    ↪ tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-overview
backend = "local"

### Set the temporary storage directory for the sorted Key-Value files.
### The directory must be empty, and the storage space must be greater than
    ↪ the size of the dataset to be imported.
### For better import performance, it is recommended to use a directory
    ↪ different from `data-source-dir` and use flash storage,
### which can use I/O exclusively.
sorted-kv-dir = "${path}"

[mydumper]
### Set the directory of the schema file exported from Amazon Aurora
data-source-dir = "s3://my-bucket/schema-backup"
```

If you need to enable TLS in the TiDB cluster, refer to TiDB Lightning Configuration.

1.3 Import the schema file to TiDB

Use TiDB Lightning to import the schema file to the downstream TiDB.

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=${access_key}
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=${secret_key}
nohup tiup tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning-schema.toml > nohup.out
    ↪ 2>&1 &
```

6.4.1.2.2 Step 2. Export and import an Amazon Aurora snapshot to Amazon S3

This section describes how to export an Amazon Aurora snapshot to Amazon S3 and import it into TiDB by TiDB Lightning.

2.1 Export an Amazon Aurora snapshot to Amazon S3

1. Get the name and location of the Amazon Aurora binlog for subsequent incremental migration. In Amazon Aurora, run the `SHOW MASTER STATUS` command and record the current binlog position:

   ```
   SHOW MASTER STATUS;
   ```

   The output is similar to the following. Record the binlog name and position for later use.

   ```
   +----------------------------+----------+--------------+------------------+--------
      ↪
   | File                       | Position | Binlog_Do_DB | Binlog_Ignore_DB
      ↪ | Executed_Gtid_Set |
   +----------------------------+----------+--------------+------------------+--------
      ↪
   | mysql-bin-changelog.018128 | 52806 |          |                  |
      ↪                  |
   +----------------------------+----------+--------------+------------------+--------
      ↪
   1 row in set (0.012 sec)
   ```

2. Export the Amazon Aurora snapshot. For detailed steps, refer to Exporting DB snapshot data to Amazon S3. After you obtain the binlog position, export the snapshot within 5 minutes. Otherwise, the recorded binlog position might be outdated and thus cause data conflict during the incremental replication.

2.2 Create the TiDB Lightning configuration file for the data file

Create a new `tidb-lightning-data.toml` configuration file, copy the following content into the file, and replace the corresponding content.

```
[tidb]

### The target TiDB cluster information.
host = ${host}
port = ${port}
user = "${user_name}"
password = "${password}"
status-port = ${status-port} # The TiDB status port. Usually the port is
    ↪ 10080.
pd-addr = "${ip}:${port}" # The cluster PD address. Usually the port is
    ↪ 2379.

[tikv-importer]
### "local": Use the default Physical Import Mode (the "local" backend).
### During the import, the target TiDB cluster cannot provide any service.
### For more information about import modes, see https://docs.pingcap.com/
    ↪ tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-overview
backend = "local"

### Set the temporary storage directory for the sorted Key-Value files.
### The directory must be empty, and the storage space must be greater than
    ↪ the size of the dataset to be imported.
### For better import performance, it is recommended to use a directory
    ↪ different from `data-source-dir` and use flash storage,
### which can use I/O exclusively.
sorted-kv-dir = "${path}"

[mydumper]
### Set the directory of the snapshot file exported from Amazon Aurora
data-source-dir = "${s3_path}" # eg: s3://my-bucket/sql-backup

[[mydumper.files]]
### The expression that parses the parquet file.
pattern = '(?i)^(?:[^/]*/)*([a-z0-9_]+)\.([a-z0-9_]+)/(?:[^/]*/)*(?:[a-z0
    ↪ -9\-_.]+\.(parquet))$'
schema = '$1'
table = '$2'
type = '$3'
```

If you need to enable TLS in the TiDB cluster, refer to TiDB Lightning Configuration.

2.3 Import full data to TiDB

1. Use TiDB Lightning to import data from an Amazon Aurora snapshot to TiDB.

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=${access_key}
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=${secret_key}
nohup tiup tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning-data.toml > nohup.out
    ↪ 2>&1 &
```

2. After the import starts, you can check the progress of the import by either of the following methods:

    - `grep` the keyword `progress` in the log. The progress is updated every 5 minutes by default.
    - Check progress in the monitoring dashboard.
    - Check progress in the TiDB Lightning web interface.

3. After TiDB Lightning completes the import, it exits automatically. Check whether `tidb-lightning.log` contains `the whole procedure completed` in the last lines. If yes, the import is successful. If no, the import encounters an error. Address the error as instructed in the error message.

> **Note:**
>
> Whether the import is successful or not, the last line of the log shows `tidb ↪ lightning exit`. It means that TiDB Lightning exits normally, but does not necessarily mean that the import is successful.

If you encounter any problem during the import, refer to TiDB Lightning FAQ for troubleshooting.

6.4.1.3 Replicate incremental data to TiDB (optional)

6.4.1.3.1 Prerequisites

- Install DM.
- Get the source database and target database privileges required for DM.

6.4.1.3.2 Step 1: Create the data source

1. Create the `source1.yaml` file as follows:

```
# Must be unique.
source-id: "mysql-01"
# Configures whether DM-worker uses the global transaction identifier (
    ↪ GTID) to pull binlogs. To enable this mode, the upstream MySQL
    ↪ must also enable GTID. If the upstream MySQL service is
    ↪ configured to switch master between different nodes automatically
    ↪ , GTID mode is required.
enable-gtid: false

from:
  host: "${host}"      # e.g.: 172.16.10.81
  user: "root"
  password: "${password}" # Supported but not recommended to use
      ↪ plaintext password. It is recommended to use `dmctl encrypt` to
      ↪  encrypt the plaintext password before using it.
  port: 3306
```

2. Load the data source configuration to the DM cluster using `tiup dmctl` by running the following command:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} operate-source create
    ↪ source1.yaml
```

The parameters used in the command above are described as follows:

Parameter	Description
--master-addr	The {advertise-addr} of any DM-master in the cluster where dmctl is to be connected, e.g.: 172.16.10.71:826
operate-source create	Loads the data source to the DM cluster.

6.4.1.3.3 Step 2: Create the migration task

Create the `task1.yaml` file as follows:

```
### Task name. Multiple tasks that are running at the same time must each have a unique name.
name: "test"
### Task mode. Options are:
### - full: only performs full data migration.
```

```
### - incremental: only performs binlog real-time replication.
### - all: full data migration + binlog real-time replication.
task-mode: "incremental"
### The configuration of the target TiDB database.
target-database:
  host: "${host}"               # e.g.: 172.16.10.83
  port: 4000
  user: "root"
  password: "${password}"       # Supported but not recommended to use a
     ↪ plaintext password. It is recommended to use `dmctl encrypt` to
     ↪ encrypt the plaintext password before using it.

### Global configuration for block and allow lists. Each instance can
   ↪ reference the configuration by name.
block-allow-list:                # If the DM version is earlier than v2
   ↪ .0.0-beta.2, use black-white-list.
  listA:                         # Name.
    do-tables:                   # Allow list for the upstream tables to be
       ↪  migrated.
    - db-name: "test_db"         # Name of databases to be migrated.
      tbl-name: "test_table"     # Name of tables to be migrated.

### Configures the data source.
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-01"          # Data source ID, i.e., source-id in
     ↪ source1.yaml
    block-allow-list: "listA"      # References the block-allow-list
       ↪ configuration above.
###      syncer-config-name: "global" # Name of the syncer configuration.
    meta:                          # The position where the binlog
       ↪ replication starts when `task-mode` is `incremental` and the
       ↪ downstream database checkpoint does not exist. If the checkpoint
       ↪ exists, the checkpoint is used. If neither the `meta`
       ↪ configuration item nor the downstream database checkpoint exists,
       ↪ the migration starts from the latest binlog position of the
       ↪ upstream.
      binlog-name: "mysql-bin.000004" # The binlog position recorded in "
         ↪ Step 1. Export an Amazon Aurora snapshot to Amazon S3". When the
         ↪  upstream database has source-replica switching, GTID mode is
         ↪ required.
      binlog-pos: 109227
      # binlog-gtid: "09bec856-ba95-11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188:1-9"

### (Optional) If you need to incrementally replicate data that has already
   ↪ been migrated in the full data migration, you need to enable the safe
```

```
  ↪  mode to avoid the incremental data replication error.
# This scenario is common in the following case: the full migration data
   ↪ does not belong to the data source's consistency snapshot, and
   ↪ after that, DM starts to replicate incremental data from a position
   ↪  earlier than the full migration.
# syncers:          # The running configurations of the sync processing
   ↪ unit.
#   global:          # Configuration name.
#     safe-mode: true # If this field is set to true, DM changes INSERT of
   ↪  the data source to REPLACE for the target database, and changes
   ↪ UPDATE of the data source to DELETE and REPLACE for the target
   ↪ database. This is to ensure that when the table schema contains a
   ↪ primary key or unique index, DML statements can be imported
   ↪ repeatedly. In the first minute of starting or resuming an
   ↪ incremental replication task, DM automatically enables the safe
   ↪ mode.
```

The YAML file above is the minimum configuration required for the migration task. For more configuration items, refer to DM Advanced Task Configuration File.

6.4.1.3.4 Step 3. Run the migration task

Before you start the migration task, to reduce the probability of errors, it is recommended to confirm that the configuration meets the requirements of DM by running the `check-task` command:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} check-task task.yaml
```

After that, start the migration task by running `tiup dmctl`:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} start-task task.yaml
```

The parameters used in the command above are described as follows:

Parameter	Description
`--master-addr`	The `{advertise-addr}` of any DM-master in the cluster where `dmctl` is to be connected, e.g.: 172.16.10.71:826
`start-task`	Starts the migration task.

If the task fails to start, check the prompt message and fix the configuration. After that, you can re-run the command above to start the task.

If you encounter any problem, refer to DM error handling and DM FAQ.

6.4.1.3.5 Step 4. Check the migration task status

To learn whether the DM cluster has an ongoing migration task and the task status, run the `query-status` command using `tiup dmctl`:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} query-status ${task-name}
```

For a detailed interpretation of the results, refer to Query Status.

6.4.1.3.6 Step 5. Monitor the task and view logs

To view the history status of the migration task and other internal metrics, take the following steps.

If you have deployed Prometheus, Alertmanager, and Grafana when you deployed DM using TiUP, you can access Grafana using the IP address and port specified during the deployment. You can then select DM dashboard to view DM-related monitoring metrics.

When DM is running, DM-worker, DM-master, and dmctl print the related information in logs. The log directories of these components are as follows:

- DM-master: specified by the DM-master process parameter `--log-file`. If you deploy DM using TiUP, the log directory is `/dm-deploy/dm-master-8261/log/` by default.
- DM-worker: specified by the DM-worker process parameter `--log-file`. If you deploy DM using TiUP, the log directory is `/dm-deploy/dm-worker-8262/log/` by default.

6.4.1.4 What's next

- Pause the migration task.
- Resume the migration task.
- Stop the migration task.
- Export and import the cluster data source and task configuration.
- Handle failed DDL statements.

6.4.2 Migrate Small Datasets from MySQL to TiDB

This document describes how to use TiDB Data Migration (DM) to migrate small datasets from MySQL to TiDB in the full migration mode and incremental replication mode. "Small datasets" in this document mean data size less than 1 TiB.

The migration speed varies from 30 GB/h to 50 GB/h, depending on multiple factors such as the number of indexes in the table schema, hardware, and network environment.

6.4.2.1 Prerequisites

- Deploy a DM Cluster Using TiUP
- Grant the required privileges for the source database and the target database of DM

6.4.2.2 Step 1. Create the data source

First, create the `source1.yaml` file as follows:

```
### The ID must be unique.
source-id: "mysql-01"
```

```
### Configures whether DM-worker uses the global transaction identifier (
    ↪ GTID) to pull binlogs. To enable GTID, the upstream MySQL must have
    ↪ enabled GTID. If the upstream MySQL has automatic source-replica
    ↪ switching, the GTID mode is required.
enable-gtid: true

from:
  host: "${host}"      # For example: 172.16.10.81
  user: "root"
  password: "${password}" # Plaintext password is supported but not
      ↪ recommended. It is recommended to use dmctl encrypt to encrypt the
      ↪ plaintext password before using the password.
  port: 3306
```

Then, load the data source configuration to the DM cluster using `tiup dmctl` by running the following command:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} operate-source create source1.
    ↪ yaml
```

The parameters used in the command above are described as follows:

Parameter	Description
`--` ↪ `master` ↪ `-` ↪ `addr` ↪	`{` ↪ `advertise` ↪ `-` ↪ `addr` ↪ `}` ↪ of any DM-master node in the cluster where `dmctl` ↪ is to connect. For example, 172.16.10.71:8261.
`operate` ↪ `-` ↪ `source` ↪ ↪ `create` ↪	Load the data source to the DM cluster.

6.4.2.3 Step 2. Create the migration task

Create the `task1.yaml` file as follows:

```
### Task name. Each of the multiple tasks running at the same time must have
    ↪  a unique name.
name: "test"
```

```
### Task mode. Options are:
### full: only performs full data migration.
### incremental: only performs binlog real-time replication.
### all: full data migration + binlog real-time replication.
task-mode: "all"
### The configuration of the target TiDB database.
target-database:
  host: "${host}"               # For example: 172.16.10.83
  port: 4000
  user: "root"
  password: "${password}"       # Plaintext password is supported but not
     ↪ recommended. It is recommended to use dmctl encrypt to encrypt the
     ↪ plaintext password before using the password.

### The configuration of all MySQL instances of source database required for
   ↪  the current migration task.
mysql-instances:
-
  # The ID of an upstream instance or a replication group
  source-id: "mysql-01"
  # The names of the block list and allow list configuration of the schema
     ↪ name or table name that is to be migrated. These names are used to
     ↪ reference the global configuration of the block and allowlist. For
     ↪ the global configuration, refer to the `block-allow-list`
     ↪ configuration below.
  block-allow-list: "listA"

### The global configuration of blocklist and allowlist. Each instance is
   ↪ referenced by a configuration item name.
block-allow-list:
  listA:                         # name
    do-tables:                   # The allowlist of upstream tables that
       ↪ need to be migrated.
    - db-name: "test_db"         # The schema name of the table to be
       ↪ migrated.
      tbl-name: "test_table"     # The name of the table to be migrated.
```

The above is the minimum task configuration to perform the migration. For more configuration items regarding the task, refer to DM task complete configuration file introduction.

6.4.2.4 Step 3. Start the migration task

To avoid errors, before starting the migration task, it is recommended to use the `check -task` command to check whether the configuration meets the requirements of DM configuration.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} check-task task.yaml
```

Start the migration task by running the following command with `tiup dmctl`.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} start-task task.yaml
```

The parameters used in the command above are described as follows:

Parameter	Description
`--master-addr`	`{advertise-addr}` - the `advertise-addr` of any DM-master node in the cluster where `dmctl` is to connect. For example: 172.16.10.71:826
`start-task`	Start the migration task

If the task fails to start, after changing the configuration according to the returned result,

you can run the `start-task task.yaml` command to restart the task. If you encounter problems, refer to Handle Errors and FAQ.

6.4.2.5 Step 4: Check the migration task status

To learn whether the DM cluster has an ongoing migration task, the task status and some other information, run the `query-status` command using `tiup dmctl`:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} query-status ${task-name}
```

For a detailed interpretation of the results, refer to Query Status.

6.4.2.6 Step 5. Monitor the task and view logs (optional)

To view the historical status of the migration task and other internal metrics, take the following steps.

If you have deployed Prometheus, Alertmanager, and Grafana when deploying DM using TiUP, you can access Grafana using the IP address and port specified during the deployment. You can then select the DM dashboard to view DM-related monitoring metrics.

- The log directory of DM-master: specified by the DM-master process parameter `--log-file`. If you have deployed DM using TiUP, the log directory is `/dm-deploy/dm-master-8261/log/` by default.
- The log directory of DM-worker: specified by the DM-worker process parameter `--log-file`. If you have deployed DM using TiUP, the log directory is `/dm-deploy/dm-worker-8262/log/` by default.

6.4.2.7 What's next

- Pause the migration task
- Resume the migration task
- Stop the migration task
- Export and import the cluster data source and task configuration
- Handle failed DDL statements

6.4.3 Migrate Large Datasets from MySQL to TiDB

When the data volume to be migrated is small, you can easily use DM to migrate data, both for full migration and incremental replication. However, because DM imports data at a slow speed (30~50 GiB/h), when the data volume is large, the migration might take a long time. "Large datasets" in this document usually mean data around one TiB or more.

This document describes how to perform the full migration using Dumpling and TiDB Lightning. TiDB Lightning Physical Import Mode can import data at a speed of up to 500 GiB/h. Note that this speed is affected by various factors such as hardware configuration, table schema, and the number of indexes. After the full migration is completed, you can replicate the incremental data using DM.

6.4.3.1 Prerequisites

- Install DM.
- Install Dumpling and TiDB Lightning.
- Grant the source database and target database privileges required for DM.
- Grant the target database privileges required for TiDB Lightning.
- Grant the source database privileges required for Dumpling.

6.4.3.2 Resource requirements

Operating system: The example in this document uses fresh CentOS 7 instances. You can deploy a virtual machine either on your local host or in the cloud. Because TiDB Lightning consumes as much CPU resources as needed by default, it is recommended that you deploy it on a dedicated server. If this is not possible, you can deploy it on a single server together with other TiDB components (for example, `tikv-server`) and then configure `region-concurrency` to limit the CPU usage from TiDB Lightning. Usually, you can configure the size to 75% of the logical CPU.

Memory and CPU: Because TiDB Lightning consumes high resources, it is recommended to allocate more than 64 GiB of memory and more than 32 CPU cores. To get the best performance, make sure that the CPU core to memory (GiB) ratio is greater than 1:2.

Disk space:

- Dumpling requires a disk space that can store the whole data source (or to store all upstream tables to be exported). SSD is recommended. To calculate the required space, see Downstream storage space requirements.
- During the import, TiDB Lightning needs temporary space to store the sorted key-value pairs. The disk space should be enough to hold the largest single table from the data source.
- If the full data volume is large, you can increase the binlog storage time in the upstream. This is to ensure that the binlogs are not lost during the incremental replication.

Note: It is difficult to calculate the exact data volume exported by Dumpling from MySQL, but you can estimate the data volume by using the following SQL statement to summarize the `DATA_LENGTH` field in the `information_schema.tables` table:

```
-- Calculate the size of all schemas
SELECT
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(DATA_LENGTH)) AS 'Data Size',
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(INDEX_LENGTH)) 'Index Size'
FROM
  information_schema.tables
GROUP BY
  TABLE_SCHEMA;
```

```
-- Calculate the 5 largest tables
SELECT
  TABLE_NAME,
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(data_length)) AS 'Data Size',
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(index_length)) AS 'Index Size',
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(data_length+index_length)) AS 'Total Size'
FROM
  information_schema.tables
GROUP BY
  TABLE_NAME,
  TABLE_SCHEMA
ORDER BY
  SUM(DATA_LENGTH+INDEX_LENGTH) DESC
LIMIT
  5;
```

6.4.3.2.1 Disk space for the target TiKV cluster

The target TiKV cluster must have enough disk space to store the imported data. In addition to the standard hardware requirements, the storage space of the target TiKV cluster must be larger than **the size of the data source x the number of replicas x 2**. For example, if the cluster uses 3 replicas by default, the target TiKV cluster must have a storage space larger than 6 times the size of the data source. The formula has `x 2` because:

- Index might take extra space.
- RocksDB has a space amplification effect.

6.4.3.3 Step 1. Export all data from MySQL

1. Export all data from MySQL by running the following command:

```
tiup dumpling -h ${ip} -P 3306 -u root -t 16 -r 200000 -F 256MiB -B my_
    ↪ db1 -f 'my_db1.table[12]' -o 's3://my-bucket/sql-backup'
```

Dumpling exports data in SQL files by default. You can specify a different file format by adding the `--filetype` option.

The parameters used above are as follows. For more Dumpling parameters, refer to Dumpling Overview.

parameters	Description
- ↪ u ↪ or -- ↪ user ↪	MySQL user
- ↪ p ↪ or -- ↪ password ↪	MySQL user password
- ↪ P ↪ or -- ↪ port ↪	MySQL port
- ↪ h ↪ or -- ↪ host ↪	MySQL IP address
- ↪ t ↪ or -- ↪ thread ↪	The number of threads used for export

parameters	Description
- ↪ o ↪ or -- ↪ output ↪	The directory that stores the exported file. Supports a local path or an external storage URI
- ↪ r ↪ or -- ↪ row ↪	The maximum number of rows in a single file

parameters	Description
- ↪ F ↪	The maximum size of a single file, in MiB. Recommended value: 256 MiB.
- B or -- ↪ database ↪	Specifies a database to be exported
- ↪ f ↪ or -- ↪ filter ↪	Exports tables that match the pattern. Refer to table-filter for the syntax.

Make sure `${data-path}` has the space to store all exported upstream tables. To calculate the required space, see Downstream storage space requirements. To prevent the export from being interrupted by a large table consuming all the spaces, it is strongly recommended to use the `-F` option to limit the size of a single file.

2. View the `metadata` file in the `${data-path}` directory. This is a Dumpling-generated metadata file. Record the binlog position information, which is required for the incremental replication in Step 3.

```
SHOW MASTER STATUS:
Log: mysql-bin.000004
Pos: 109227
GTID:
```

6.4.3.4 Step 2. Import full data to TiDB

1. Create the `tidb-lightning.toml` configuration file:

```
[lightning]
# log.
level = "info"
file = "tidb-lightning.log"

[tikv-importer]
# "local": Default backend. The local backend is recommended to import
    ↪ large volumes of data (1 TiB or more). During the import, the
    ↪ target TiDB cluster cannot provide any service.
# "tidb": The "tidb" backend is recommended to import data less than 1
    ↪ TiB. During the import, the target TiDB cluster can provide
    ↪ service normally. For more information on the backends, refer to
    ↪ https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-backends.
backend = "local"
# Sets the temporary storage directory for the sorted Key-Value files.
    ↪ The directory must be empty, and the storage space must be
    ↪ greater than the size of the dataset to be imported. For better
    ↪ import performance, it is recommended to use a directory
    ↪ different from `data-source-dir` and use flash storage, which can
    ↪  use I/O exclusively.
sorted-kv-dir = "${sorted-kv-dir}"

[mydumper]
# The data source directory. The same directory where Dumpling exports
    ↪ data in "Step 1. Export all data from MySQL".
data-source-dir = "${data-path}" # A local path or S3 path. For example
    ↪ , 's3://my-bucket/sql-backup'.
```

```
[tidb]
# The target TiDB cluster information.
host = ${host}             # e.g.: 172.16.32.1
port = ${port}             # e.g.: 4000
user = "${user_name}"      # e.g.: "root"
password = "${password}"   # e.g.: "rootroot"
status-port = ${status-port} # During the import, TiDB Lightning needs
    ↪ to obtain the table schema information from the TiDB status port.
    ↪  e.g.: 10080
pd-addr = "${ip}:${port}" # The address of the PD cluster, e.g.:
    ↪ 172.16.31.3:2379. TiDB Lightning obtains some information from PD
    ↪ . When backend = "local", you must specify status-port and pd-
    ↪ addr correctly. Otherwise, the import will be abnormal.
```

For more information on TiDB Lightning configuration, refer to TiDB Lightning Configuration.

2. Start the import by running `tidb-lightning`. If you launch the program directly in the command line, the process might exit unexpectedly after receiving a SIGHUP signal. In this case, it is recommended to run the program using a `nohup` or `screen` tool. For example:

   If you import data from S3, pass the SecretKey and AccessKey that have access to the S3 storage path as environment variables to the TiDB Lightning node. You can also read the credentials from `~/.aws/credentials`.

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=${access_key}
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=${secret_key}
nohup tiup tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning.toml > nohup.out 2>&1
    ↪ &
```

3. After the import starts, you can check the progress of the import by one of the following methods:

   - `grep` the keyword `progress` in the log. The progress is updated every 5 minutes by default.
   - Check progress in the monitoring dashboard.
   - Check progress in the TiDB Lightning web interface.

4. After TiDB Lightning completes the import, it exits automatically. Check whether `tidb-lightning.log` contains `the whole procedure completed` in the last lines. If yes, the import is successful. If no, the import encounters an error. Address the error as instructed in the error message.

Note:

Whether the import is successful or not, the last line of the log shows `tidb lightning exit`. It means that TiDB Lightning exits normally, but does not necessarily mean that the import is successful.

If the import fails, refer to TiDB Lightning FAQ for troubleshooting.

6.4.3.5 Step 3. Replicate incremental data to TiDB

6.4.3.5.1 Add the data source

1. Create a `source1.yaml` file as follows:

```
# Must be unique.
source-id: "mysql-01"

# Configures whether DM-worker uses the global transaction identifier (
    ↪ GTID) to pull binlogs. To enable this mode, the upstream MySQL
    ↪ must also enable GTID. If the upstream MySQL service is
    ↪ configured to switch master between different nodes automatically
    ↪ , GTID mode is required.
enable-gtid: true

from:
  host: "${host}"        # e.g.: 172.16.10.81
  user: "root"
  password: "${password}" # Supported but not recommended to use a
      ↪ plaintext password. It is recommended to use `dmctl encrypt` to
      ↪  encrypt the plaintext password before using it.
  port: 3306
```

2. Load the data source configuration to the DM cluster using `tiup dmctl` by running the following command:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} operate-source create
    ↪ source1.yaml
```

The parameters used in the command above are described as follows:

Parameter	Description
--master-addr	The {advertise-addr} of any DM-master in the cluster where dmctl is to be connected, e.g.: 172.16.10.71:826
operate-source create	Loads the data source to the DM cluster.

6.4.3.5.2 Add a replication task

1. Edit the `task.yaml` file. Configure the incremental replication mode and the starting point of each data source:

```
name: task-test                     # Task name. Must be globally unique.
task-mode: incremental              # Task mode. The "incremental" mode only performs incremental data replication.
```

```
# Configures the target TiDB database.
target-database:                # The target database instance.
  host: "${host}"               # e.g.: 127.0.0.1
  port: 4000
  user: "root"
  password: "${password}"       # It is recommended to use `dmctl
    ↪ encrypt` to encrypt the plaintext password before using it.

# Use block and allow lists to specify the tables to be replicated.
block-allow-list:               # The collection of filtering rules
  ↪ that matches the tables in the source database instance. If the
  ↪ DM version is earlier than v2.0.0-beta.2, use black-white-list.
  bw-rule-1:                    # The block-allow-list configuration
    ↪ item ID.
    do-dbs: ["${db-name}"]      # Name of databases to be replicated.

# Configures the data source.
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-01"       # Data source ID, i.e., source-id in
    ↪ source1.yaml
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-1" # You can use the block-allow-list
      ↪ configuration above.
    # syncer-config-name: "global" # You can use the syncers
      ↪ incremental data configuration below.
    meta:                       # The position where the binlog
      ↪ replication starts when `task-mode` is `incremental` and the
      ↪ downstream database checkpoint does not exist. If the
      ↪ checkpoint exists, the checkpoint is used. If neither the `
      ↪ meta` configuration item nor the downstream database
      ↪ checkpoint exists, the migration starts from the latest
      ↪ binlog position of the upstream.
      # binlog-name: "mysql-bin.000004" # The binlog position recorded
        ↪ in "Step 1. Export all data from MySQL". If the upstream
        ↪ database service is configured to switch master between
        ↪ different nodes automatically, GTID mode is required.
      # binlog-pos: 109227
      binlog-gtid: "09bec856-ba95-11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188:1-9"

# (Optional) If you need to incrementally replicate data that has
  ↪ already been migrated in the full data migration, you need to
  ↪ enable the safe mode to avoid the incremental data replication
  ↪ error.
# This scenario is common in the following case: the full migration
  ↪ data does not belong to the data source's consistency snapshot,
```

```
    ↪ and after that, DM starts to replicate incremental data from a
    ↪ position earlier than the full migration.
# syncers:          # The running configurations of the sync processing
    ↪ unit.
#   global:         # Configuration name.
#     safe-mode: true # If this field is set to true, DM changes INSERT
    ↪ of the data source to REPLACE for the target database, and
    ↪ changes UPDATE of the data source to DELETE and REPLACE for the
    ↪ target database. This is to ensure that when the table schema
    ↪ contains a primary key or unique index, DML statements can be
    ↪ imported repeatedly. In the first minute of starting or resuming
    ↪ an incremental replication task, DM automatically enables the
    ↪ safe mode.
```

The YAML above is the minimum configuration required for the migration task. For more configuration items, refer to DM Advanced Task Configuration File.

Before you start the migration task, to reduce the probability of errors, it is recommended to confirm that the configuration meets the requirements of DM by running the `check-task` command:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} check-task task.yaml
```

2. Start the migration task by running the following command:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} start-task task.yaml
```

The parameters used in the command above are described as follows:

Parameter	Description
`--master-addr`	The {advertise-addr} of any DM-master in the cluster where `dmctl` is to be connected, e.g.: 172.16.10.71:826
`start-task`	Starts the migration task.

If the task fails to start, check the prompt message and fix the configuration. After that, you can re-run the command above to start the task.

If you encounter any problem, refer to DM error handling and DM FAQ.

6.4.3.5.3 Check the migration task status

To learn whether the DM cluster has an ongoing migration task and view the task status, run the `query-status` command using `tiup dmctl`:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} query-status ${task-name}
```

For a detailed interpretation of the results, refer to Query Status.

6.4.3.5.4 Monitor the task and view logs

To view the history status of the migration task and other internal metrics, take the following steps.

If you have deployed Prometheus, Alertmanager, and Grafana when you deployed DM using TiUP, you can access Grafana using the IP address and port specified during the deployment. You can then select DM dashboard to view DM-related monitoring metrics.

When DM is running, DM-worker, DM-master, and dmctl print the related information in logs. The log directories of these components are as follows:

- DM-master: specified by the DM-master process parameter `--log-file`. If you deploy DM using TiUP, the log directory is `/dm-deploy/dm-master-8261/log/` by default.
- DM-worker: specified by the DM-worker process parameter `--log-file`. If you deploy DM using TiUP, the log directory is `/dm-deploy/dm-worker-8262/log/` by default.

6.4.3.6 What's next

- Pause a Data Migration Task
- Resume a Data Migration Task
- Stop a Data Migration Task
- Export and Import Data Sources and Task Configuration of Clusters
- Handle Failed DDL Statements

6.4.4 Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Small Datasets to TiDB

If you want to migrate and merge multiple MySQL database instances upstream to one TiDB database downstream, and the amount of data is not too large, you can use DM to migrate MySQL shards. "Small datasets" in this document usually mean data around or less than one TiB. Through examples in this document, you can learn the operation steps, precautions, and troubleshooting of the migration.

This document applies to migrating MySQL shards less than 1 TiB in total. If you want to migrate MySQL shards with a total of more than 1 TiB of data, it will take a long time to migrate only using DM. In this case, it is recommended that you follow the operation introduced in Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Large Datasets to TiDB to perform migration.

This document takes a simple example to illustrate the migration procedure. The MySQL shards of the two data source MySQL instances in the example are migrated to the downstream TiDB cluster.

In this example, both MySQL Instance 1 and MySQL Instance 2 contain the following schemas and tables. In this example, you migrate and merge tables from `store_01` and `store_02` schemas with a `sale` prefix in both instances, into the downstream `sale` table in the `store` schema.

Schema	Table
store_01	sale_01, sale_02
store_02	sale_01, sale_02

Target schemas and tables:

Schema	Table
store	sale

6.4.4.1 Prerequisites

Before starting the migration, make sure you have completed the following tasks:

- Deploy a DM Cluster Using TiUP
- Privileges required by DM-worker

6.4.4.1.1 Check conflicts for the sharded tables

If the migration involves merging data from different sharded tables, primary key or unique index conflicts may occur during the merge. Therefore, before migration, you need to take a deep look at the current sharding scheme from the business point of view, and find a way to avoid the conflicts. For more details, see Handle conflicts between primary keys or unique indexes across multiple sharded tables. The following is a brief description.

In this example, `sale_01` and `sale_02` have the same table structure as follows

```
CREATE TABLE `sale_01` (
  `id` bigint NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  `sid` bigint NOT NULL,
  `pid` bigint NOT NULL,
  `comment` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`),
  UNIQUE KEY `sid` (`sid`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
```

The `id` column is the primary key, and the `sid` column is the sharding key. The `id` column is auto-incremental, and duplicated multiple sharded table ranges will cause data conflicts. The `sid` can ensure that the index is globally unique, so you can follow the steps in Remove the primary key attribute of the auto-increment primary key to bypasses the `id` column.

```
CREATE TABLE `sale` (
  `id` bigint NOT NULL,
  `sid` bigint NOT NULL,
  `pid` bigint NOT NULL,
```

```
  `comment` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  INDEX (`id`),
  UNIQUE KEY `sid` (`sid`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
```

6.4.4.2 Step 1. Load data sources

Create a new data source file called `source1.yaml`, which configures an upstream data source into DM, and add the following content:

```
### Configuration.
source-id: "mysql-01" # Must be unique.
### Specifies whether DM-worker pulls binlogs with GTID (Global Transaction
    ↪ Identifier).
### The prerequisite is that you have already enabled GTID in the upstream
    ↪ MySQL.
### If you have configured the upstream database service to switch master
    ↪ between different nodes automatically, you must enable GTID.
enable-gtid: true
from:
  host: "${host}"        # For example: 172.16.10.81
  user: "root"
  password: "${password}" # Plaintext passwords are supported but not
      ↪ recommended. It is recommended that you use dmctl encrypt to encrypt
      ↪  plaintext passwords.
  port: ${port}          # For example: 3306
```

Run the following command in a terminal. Use `tiup dmctl` to load the data source configuration into the DM cluster:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} operate-source create source1.
    ↪ yaml
```

The parameters are described as follows.

Parameter	Description
--master-addr	{advertise-addr} of any DM-master node in the cluster that dm-ctl connects to. For example: 172.16.10.71:826
operate-source create	Load data sources to the DM clusters.

Repeat the above steps until all data sources are added to the DM cluster.

6.4.4.3 Step 2. Configure the migration task

Create a task configuration file named `task1.yaml` and writes the following content to it:

```
name: "shard_merge"           # The name of the task. Should be globally
    ↪ unique.
```

```
### Task mode. You can set it to the following:
### - full: Performs only full data migration (incremental replication is
    ↪ skipped)
### - incremental: Only performs real-time incremental replication using
    ↪ binlog. (full data migration is skipped)
### - all: Performs both full data migration and incremental replication.
    ↪ For migrating small to medium amount of data here, use this option.
task-mode: all
### Required for the MySQL shards. By default, the "pessimistic" mode is
    ↪ used.
### If you have a deep understanding of the principles and usage limitations
    ↪  of the optimistic mode, you can also use the "optimistic" mode.
### For more information, see [Merge and Migrate Data from Sharded Tables](
    ↪ https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/feature-shard-merge/)
shard-mode: "pessimistic"
meta-schema: "dm_meta"                  # A schema will be created in the
    ↪ downstream database to store the metadata
ignore-checking-items: ["auto_increment_ID"] # In this example, there are
    ↪ auto-incremental primary keys upstream, so you do not need to check
    ↪ this item.

target-database:
  host: "${host}"                       # For example: 192.168.0.1
  port: 4000
  user: "root"
  password: "${password}"               # Plaintext passwords are supported
      ↪  but not recommended. It is recommended that you use dmctl encrypt
      ↪ to encrypt plaintext passwords.

mysql-instances:
  -
    source-id: "mysql-01"                             # ID of the data
        ↪ source, which is source-id in source1.yaml
    route-rules: ["sale-route-rule"]                  # Table route rules
        ↪ applied to the data source
    filter-rules: ["store-filter-rule", "sale-filter-rule"] # Binlog event
        ↪ filter rules applied to the data source
    block-allow-list: "log-bak-ignored"               # Block & Allow Lists
        ↪ rules applied to the data source
  -
    source-id: "mysql-02"
    route-rules: ["sale-route-rule"]
    filter-rules: ["store-filter-rule", "sale-filter-rule"]
    block-allow-list: "log-bak-ignored"
```

```
### Configurations for merging MySQL shards
routes:
  sale-route-rule:
    schema-pattern: "store_*"                          # Merge schemas store_
       ↪ 01 and store_02 to the store schema in the downstream
    table-pattern: "sale_*"                            # Merge tables sale_01
       ↪ and sale_02 of schemas store_01 and store_02 to the sale table in
       ↪ the downstream
    target-schema: "store"
    target-table: "sale"
    # Optional. Used for extracting the source information of sharded
       ↪ schemas and tables and writing the information to the user-defined
       ↪  columns in the downstream. If these options are configured, you
       ↪ need to manually create a merged table in the downstream. For
       ↪ details, see the following table routing setting.
    # extract-table:                                   # Extracts and writes
       ↪ the table name suffix without the sale_ part to the c-table column
       ↪  of the merged table. For example, 01 is extracted and written to
       ↪ the c-table column for the sharded table sale_01.
    #   table-regexp: "sale_(.*)"
    #   target-column: "c_table"
    # extract-schema:                                  # Extracts and writes
       ↪ the schema name suffix without the store_ part to the c_schema
       ↪ column of the merged table. For example, 02 is extracted and
       ↪ written to the c_schema column for the sharded schema store_02.
    #   schema-regexp: "store_(.*)"
    #   target-column: "c_schema"
    # extract-source:                                  # Extracts and writes
       ↪ the source instance information to the c_source column of the
       ↪ merged table. For example, mysql-01 is extracted and written to
       ↪ the c_source column for the data source mysql-01.
    #   source-regexp: "(.*)"
    #   target-column: "c_source"

### Filters out some DDL events.
filters:
  sale-filter-rule:       # Filter name.
    schema-pattern: "store_*" # The binlog events or DDL SQL statements of
       ↪ upstream MySQL instance schemas that match schema-pattern are
       ↪ filtered by the rules below.
    table-pattern: "sale_*" # The binlog events or DDL SQL statements of
       ↪ upstream MySQL instance tables that match table-pattern are
       ↪ filtered by the rules below.
    events: ["truncate table", "drop table", "delete"] # The binlog event
       ↪ array.
```

```
    action: Ignore                                  # The string (`Do`/`Ignore
       ↪ `). `Do` is the allow list. `Ignore` is the block list.
  store-filter-rule:
    schema-pattern: "store_*"
    events: ["drop database"]
    action: Ignore

### Block and allow list
block-allow-list:       # filter or only migrate all operations of some
    ↪ databases or some tables.
  log-bak-ignored:      # Rule name.
    do-dbs: ["store_*"]  # The allow list of the schemas to be migrated,
       ↪ similar to replicate-do-db in MySQL.
```

The above example is the minimum configuration to perform the migration task. For more information, see DM Advanced Task Configuration File.

For more information on `routes`, `filters` and other configurations in the task file, see the following documents:

- Table routing
- Block & Allow Table Lists
- Binlog event filter
- Filter Certain Row Changes Using SQL Expressions

6.4.4.4 Step 3. Start the task

Before starting a migration task, run the `check-task` subcommand in `tiup dmctl` to check whether the configuration meets the requirements of DM so as to avoid possible errors.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} check-task task.yaml
```

Run the following command in `tiup dmctl` to start a migration task:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} start-task task.yaml
```

Parameter	Description
`--master-addr`	{ `--advertise-addr` } of any DM-master node in the cluster that dmctl connects to. For example: 172.16.10.71:826
`start-task`	Starts the data migration task.

If the migration task fails to start, modify the configuration information according to the error information, and then run `start-task task.yaml` again to start the migration task. If you encounter problems, see Handle Errors and FAQ.

6.4.4.5 Step 4. Check the task

After starting the migration task, you can use `dmtcl tiup` to run `query-status` to view the status of the task.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} query-status ${task-name}
```

If you encounter errors, use `query-status ${task-name}` to view more detailed information. For details about the query results, task status and sub task status of the `query-status` command, see TiDB Data Migration Query Status.

6.4.4.6 Step 5. Monitor tasks and check logs (optional)

You can view the history of a migration task and internal operational metrics through Grafana or logs.

- Via Grafana

  If Prometheus, Alertmanager, and Grafana are correctly deployed when you deploy the DM cluster using TiUP, you can view DM monitoring metrics in Grafana. Specifically, enter the IP address and port specified during deployment in Grafana and select the DM dashboard.

- Via logs

  When DM is running, DM-master, DM-worker, and dmctl output logs, which includes information about migration tasks. The log directory of each component is as follows.

  - DM-master log directory: It is specified by the DM-master process parameter `--log-file`. If DM is deployed using TiUP, the log directory is `/dm-deploy/dm-master-8261/log/`.
  - DM-worker log directory: It is specified by the DM-worker process parameter `--log-file`. If DM is deployed using TiUP, the log directory is `/dm-deploy/dm-worker-8262/log/`.

6.4.4.7 See also

- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Large Datasets to TiDB.
- Merge and Migrate Data from Sharded Tables
- Best Practices of Data Migration in the Shard Merge Scenario
- Handle Errors
- Handle Performance Issues
- FAQ

6.4.5 Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Large Datasets to TiDB

If you want to migrate a large MySQL dataset (for example, more than 1 TiB) from different partitions into TiDB, and you are able to suspend all the TiDB cluster write operations from your business during the migration, you can use TiDB Lightning to do the

migration quickly. After migration, you can also use TiDB DM to perform incremental replication according to your business needs. "Large datasets" in this document usually mean data around one TiB or more.

This document uses an example to walk through the whole procedure of such kind of migration.

If the data size of the MySQL shards is less than 1 TiB, you can follow the procedure described in Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Small Datasets to TiDB, which supports both full and incremental migration and the steps are easier.

The example in this document assumes that you have two databases, `my_db1` and `my_db2`. You use Dumpling to export two tables `table1` and `table2` from `my_db1`, and two tables `table3` and `table4` from `my_db2`, respectively. After that, you use TiDB Lightning to import and merge the four exported tables into the same `table5` from `mydb` in the target TiDB.

In this document, you can migrate data following this procedure:

1. Use Dumpling to export full data. In this example, you export 2 tables respectively from 2 upstream databases:
    - Export `table1` and `table2` from `my_db1`
    - Export `table3` and `table4` from `my_db2`
2. Start TiDB Lightning to migrate data to `mydb.table5` in TiDB.
3. (Optional) Use TiDB DM to perform incremental replication.

6.4.5.1 Prerequisites

Before getting started, see the following documents to prepare for the migration task.

- Deploy a DM Cluster Using TiUP
- Use TiUP to Deploy Dumpling and Lightning
- Downstream privilege requirements for Dumpling
- Downstream privilege requirements for TiDB Lightning
- Downstream storage space for TiDB Lightning
- Privileges required by DM-worker

6.4.5.1.1 Check conflicts for Sharded Tables

If the migration involves merging data from different sharded tables, primary key or unique index conflicts may occur during the merge. Therefore, before migration, you need to take a deep look at the current sharding scheme from the business point of view, and find a way to avoid conflicts. For more details, see Handle conflicts between primary keys or unique indexes across multiple sharded tables. The following is a brief description.

Assume that tables 1~4 have the same table structure as follows.

```
CREATE TABLE `table1` (
  `id` bigint NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  `sid` bigint NOT NULL,
  `pid` bigint NOT NULL,
  `comment` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`),
  UNIQUE KEY `sid` (`sid`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
```

For those four tables, the `id` column is the primary key. It is auto-incremental, which will cause different sharded tables to generate duplicated `id` ranges and cause the primary key conflict on the target table during the migration. On the other hand, the `sid` column is the sharding key, which ensures that the index is unique globally. So you can remove the unique constraint of the `id` column in the target `table5` to avoid the data merge conflicts.

```
CREATE TABLE `table5` (
  `id` bigint NOT NULL,
  `sid` bigint NOT NULL,
  `pid` bigint NOT NULL,
  `comment` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  INDEX (`id`),
  UNIQUE KEY `sid` (`sid`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
```

6.4.5.2 Step1. Use Dumpling to export full data

If those multiple sharded tables to be exported are in the same upstream MySQL instance, you can directly use the `-f` parameter of Dumpling to export them in a single operation.

If the sharded tables are stored in different MySQL instances, you can use Dumpling to export them respectively and place the exported results in the same parent directory.

In the following example, both methods are used, and then the exported data is stored in the same parent directory.

First, run the following command to use Dumpling to export `table1` and `table2` from `my_db1`:

```
tiup dumpling -h ${ip} -P 3306 -u root -t 16 -r 200000 -F 256MB -B my_db1 -f
    ↪  'my_db1.table[12]' -o ${data-path}/my_db1
```

The following table describes parameters in the command above. For more information about Dumpling parameters, see Dumpling Overview.

Parameter	Description
`-u` or `--user`	Specifies the user name to be used.
`-p` or `--password`	Specifies the password to be used.
`-P` or `--port`	Specifies the port to be used.
`-h` or `--host`	Specifies the IP address of the data source.

Parameter	Description
- ↪ t ↪ or -- ↪ thread ↪	Specifies the number of threads for the export. Increasing the number of threads improves the concurrency of Dumpling and the export speed, and increases the database's memory consumption. Therefore, it is not rec-om-

Parameter	Description

`-o`
or
`--output`
	Specifies the export directory of the storage, which supports a local file path or an external storage URI.

Parameter	Description
`-r` or `--row`	Specifies the maximum number of rows in a single file. If you use this parameter, Dumpling enables the in-table concurrency to speed up the export and reduce the memory usage.

Parameter	Description
`-F`	Specifies the maximum size of a single file. The unit is `MiB`. It is recommended to keep the value to 256 MiB.
`-B` or `--database`	Specifies databases to be exported.

Parameter	Description
- ↪ f ↪ or -- ↪ filter ↪	Exports tables that match the filter pattern. For the filter syntax, see table-filter.

Ensure that there is enough free space in `${data-path}`. It is strongly recommended to use the `-F` option to avoid interruptions in the backup process due to oversized single tables.

Then, run the following command to use Dumpling to export `table3` and `table4` from `my_db2`. Note that the path is `${data-path}/my_db2` instead of `${data-path}/my_db1`.

```
tiup dumpling -h ${ip} -P 3306 -u root -t 16 -r 200000 -F 256MB -B my_db2 -f
    ↪  'my_db2.table[34]' -o ${data-path}/my_db2
```

After the preceding procedures, all source data tables are now exported to the `${data-path}` directory. Putting all the exported data on the same directory makes subsequent import by TiDB Lightning convenient.

The starting position information needed for incremental replication is in the `metadata` files in `my_db1` and `my_db2` sub-directories of `${data-path}` directory respectively. They are meta-information files automatically generated by Dumpling. To perform incremental replication, you need to record the binlog locations information in these files.

6.4.5.3 Step 2. Start TiDB Lightning to import full exported data

Before starting TiDB Lightning for migration, it is recommended that you understand how to handle checkpoints, and then choose the appropriate way to proceed according to your needs.

6.4.5.3.1 Checkpoints

Migrating a large volume of data usually takes hours or even days. There is a certain chance that the long-running process is interrupted unexpectedly. It can be very frustrating to redo everything from scratch, even if some part of data has already been imported.

Fortunately, TiDB Lightning provides a feature called `checkpoints`, which makes TiDB Lightning save the import progress as `checkpoints` from time to time, so that an interrupted import task can be resumed from the latest checkpoint upon restart.

If the TiDB Lightning task crashes due to unrecoverable errors (for example, data corruption), it will not pick up from the checkpoint, but will report an error and quit the task. To ensure the safety of the imported data, you must resolve these errors by using the `tidb-lightning-ctl` command before proceeding with other steps. The options include:

- –checkpoint-error-destroy: This option allows you to restart importing data into failed target tables from scratch by destroying all the existing data in those tables first.
- –checkpoint-error-ignore: If migration has failed, this option clears the error status as if no errors ever happened.
- –checkpoint-remove: This option simply clears all checkpoints, regardless of errors.

For more information, see TiDB Lightning Checkpoints.

6.4.5.3.2 Create a target schema

Create `mydb.table5` at downstream.

```
CREATE TABLE `table5` (
  `id` bigint NOT NULL,
  `sid` bigint NOT NULL,
  `pid` bigint NOT NULL,
  `comment` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  INDEX (`id`),
  UNIQUE KEY `sid` (`sid`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
```

6.4.5.3.3 Start the migration task

Follow these steps to start `tidb-lightning`:

1. Edit the toml file. `tidb-lightning.toml` is used in the following example:

```
[lightning]
# Logs
level = "info"
file = "tidb-lightning.log"
```

```
[mydumper]
data-source-dir = ${data-path}

[tikv-importer]
# Choose a local backend.
# "local": The default mode. It is used for large data volumes greater
    ↪ than 1 TiB. During migration, downstream TiDB cannot provide
    ↪ services.
# "tidb": Used for data volumes less than 1 TiB. During migration,
    ↪ downstream TiDB can provide services normally.
# For more information, see [TiDB Lightning Backends](https://docs.
    ↪ pingcap.com/tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-backends)
backend = "local"
# Set the temporary directory for the sorted key value pairs. It must
    ↪ be empty.
# The free space must be greater than the size of the dataset to be
    ↪ imported.
# It is recommended that you use a directory different from `data-
    ↪ source-dir` to get better migration performance by consuming I/O
    ↪ resources exclusively.
sorted-kv-dir = "${sorted-kv-dir}"

# Set the renaming rules ('routes') from source to target tables, in
    ↪ order to support merging different table shards into a single
    ↪ target table. Here you migrate `table1` and `table2` in `my_db1`,
    ↪  and `table3` and `table4` in `my_db2`, to the target `table5` in
    ↪  downstream `my_db`.
[[mydumper.files]]
pattern = '(^|/)my_db1\.table[1-2]\..*\.sql$'
schema = "my_db"
table = "table5"
type = "sql"

[[mydumper.files]]
pattern = '(^|/)my_db2\.table[3-4]\..*\.sql$'
schema = "my_db"
table = "table5"
type = "sql"

# Information of the target TiDB cluster. For example purposes only.
    ↪ Replace the IP address with your IP address.
[tidb]
# Information of the target TiDB cluster.
# Values here are only for illustration purpose. Replace them with your
    ↪  own values.
```

```
host = ${host}        # For example: "172.16.31.1"
port = ${port}        # For example: 4000
user = "${user_name}" # For example: "root"
password = "${password}" # For example: "rootroot"
status-port = ${status-port} # The table information is read from the
    ↪ status port. For example: 10080
# the IP address of the PD cluster. TiDB Lightning gets some
    ↪ information through the PD cluster.
# For example: "172.16.31.3:2379".
# When backend = "local", make sure that the values of status-port and
    ↪ pd-addr are correct. Otherwise an error will occur.
pd-addr = "${ip}:${port}"
```

2. Run `tidb-lightning`. If you run the program by directly invoking the program name in a shell, the process may quit unexpectedly after receiving a SIGHUP signal. It is recommended that you run the program using tools such as `nohup` or `screen` or `tiup`, and put the process to the shell background. If you migrate from S3, the SecretKey and AccessKey of the account that has access to the Amazon S3 backend store needs to be passed into the Lightning node as environment variables. Reading credential files from `~/.aws/credentials` is also supported. For example:

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=${access_key}
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=${secret_key}
nohup tiup tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning.toml > nohup.out 2>&1
    ↪ &
```

3. After starting the migration task, you can check the progress by using either of the following methods:

- Use `grep` tool to search the keyword `progress` in the log. By default, a message reporting the progress is flushed into the log file every 5 minutes.
- View progress via the monitoring dashboard. For more information, see TiDB Lightning Monitoring.
- View the progress via the Web page. See Web Interface.

After TiDB Lightning completes the import, it exits automatically. Check whether `tidb-lightning.log` contains `the whole procedure completed` in the last lines. If yes, the import is successful. If no, the import encounters an error. Address the error as instructed in the error message.

Note:

> Whether the migration is successful or not, the last line in the log will always be `tidb lightning exit`. It just means that TiDB Lightning quits normally, and does not guarantee that the importing task is completed successfully.

If you encounter any problems during migration, see TiDB Lightning FAQs.

6.4.5.4 Step 3. (Optional) Use DM to perform incremental replication

To replicate the data changes based on binlog from a specified position in the source database to TiDB, you can use TiDB DM to perform incremental replication.

6.4.5.4.1 Add the data source

Create a new data source file called `source1.yaml`, which configures an upstream data source into DM, and add the following content:

```
### Configuration.
source-id: "mysql-01" # Must be unique.

### Specifies whether DM-worker pulls binlogs with GTID (Global Transaction
    ↪ Identifier).
### The prerequisite is that you have already enabled GTID in the upstream
    ↪ MySQL.
### If you have configured the upstream database service to switch master
    ↪ between different nodes automatically, you must enable GTID.
enable-gtid: true

from:
  host: "${host}"        # For example: 172.16.10.81
  user: "root"
  password: "${password}" # Plaintext passwords are supported but not
      ↪ recommended. It is recommended that you use dmctl encrypt to encrypt
      ↪  plaintext passwords.
  port: ${port}          # For example: 3306
```

Run the following command in a terminal. Use `tiup dmctl` to load the data source configuration into the DM cluster:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} operate-source create source1.
    ↪ yaml
```

The parameters are described as follows.

Parameter	Description
`--` ↪ `master` ↪ `-` ↪ `addr` ↪	{advertise-addr} of any DM-master node in the cluster that dm-ctl connects to. For example: 172.16.10.71:826
`operate` ↪ `-` ↪ `source` ↪ ↪ `create` ↪	Load data sources to DM clusters.

Repeat the above steps until all MySQL upstream instances are added to the DM as data sources.

6.4.5.4.2 Create a replication task

Edit a task configuration file called `task.yaml`, to configure the incremental replication mode and replication starting point for each data source.

```
name: task-test           # The name of the task. Should be globally unique
    ↪ .
task-mode: incremental    # The mode of the task. "incremental" means full
    ↪ data migration is skipped and only incremental replication is
    ↪ performed.
```

```
### Required for incremental replication from sharded tables. By default,
   ↪ the "pessimistic" mode is used.
### If you have a deep understanding of the principles and usage limitations
   ↪  of the optimistic mode, you can also use the "optimistic" mode.
### For more information, see [Merge and Migrate Data from Sharded Tables](
   ↪ https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/feature-shard-merge/).

shard-mode: "pessimistic"

### Configure the access information of the target TiDB database instance:
target-database:          # The target database instance
  host: "${host}"         # For example: 127.0.0.1
  port: 4000
  user: "root"
  password: "${password}" # It is recommended to use a dmctl encrypted
     ↪ password.

### Use block-allow-list to configure tables that require sync:
block-allow-list:         # The set of filter rules on matching tables in
   ↪ the data sources, to decide which tables need to migrate and which
   ↪ not. Use the black-white-list if the DM version is earlier than or
   ↪ equal to v2.0.0-beta.2.
  bw-rule-1:              # The ID of the block and allow list rule.
    do-dbs: ["my_db1"]    # The databases to be migrated. Here, my_db1 of
       ↪ instance 1 and my_db2 of instance 2 are configured as two separate
       ↪  rules to demonstrate how to prevent my_db2 of instance 1 from
       ↪ being replicated.
  bw-rule-2:
    do-dbs: ["my_db2"]
routes:                           # Table renaming rules ('routes') from
   ↪ upstream to downstream tables, in order to support merging different
   ↪ sharded table into a single target table.
  route-rule-1:                   # Rule name. Migrate and merge table1 and
     ↪ table2 from my_db1 to the downstream my_db.table5.
    schema-pattern: "my_db1"      # Rule for matching upstream schema names.
       ↪  It supports the wildcards "*" and "?".
    table-pattern: "table[1-2]"   # Rule for matching upstream table names.
       ↪ It supports the wildcards "*" and "?".
    target-schema: "my_db"        # Name of the target schema.
    target-table: "table5"        # Name of the target table.
  route-rule-2:                   # Rule name. Migrate and merge table3 and
     ↪ table4 from my_db2 to the downstream my_db.table5.
    schema-pattern: "my_db2"
    table-pattern: "table[3-4]"
    target-schema: "my_db"
```

```
    target-table: "table5"

### Configure data sources. The following uses two data sources as an
    ↪ example.
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-01"         # Data source ID. It is the source-id in
      ↪ source1.yaml.
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-1" # Use the block and allow list
       ↪ configuration above. Replicate `my_db1` in instance 1.
    route-rules: ["route-rule-1"] # Use the configured routing rule above to
       ↪  merge upstream tables.
###      syncer-config-name: "global" # Use the syncers configuration below.
    meta:                         # The position where the binlog
       ↪ replication starts when `task-mode` is `incremental` and the
       ↪ downstream database checkpoint does not exist. If the checkpoint
       ↪ exists, the checkpoint is used. If neither the `meta`
       ↪ configuration item nor the downstream database checkpoint exists,
       ↪ the migration starts from the latest binlog position of the
       ↪ upstream.
      binlog-name: "${binlog-name}" # The log location recorded in ${data-
         ↪ path}/my_db1/metadata in Step 1. You can either specify binlog-
         ↪ name + binlog-pos or binlog-gtid. When the upstream database
         ↪ service is configured to switch master between different nodes
         ↪ automatically, use binlog GTID here.
      binlog-pos: ${binlog-position}
      # binlog-gtid:              " For example: 09bec856-ba95-11ea-850a-58
         ↪ f2b4af5188:1-9"
  - source-id: "mysql-02"         # Data source ID. It is the source-id in
      ↪ source1.yaml.
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-2" # Use the block and allow list
       ↪ configuration above. Replicate `my_db2` in instance2.
    route-rules: ["route-rule-2"] # Use the routing rule configured above.

###      syncer-config-name: "global" # Use the syncers configuration below.
    meta:                         # The migration starting point of binlog
       ↪ when task-mode is incremental and there is no checkpoint in the
       ↪ downstream database. If there is a checkpoint, the checkpoint will
       ↪  be used.
      # binlog-name: "${binlog-name}" # The log location recorded in ${data-
         ↪ path}/my_db2/metadata in Step 1. You can either specify binlog-
         ↪ name + binlog-pos or binlog-gtid. When the upstream database
         ↪ service is configured to switch master between different nodes
         ↪ automatically, use binlog GTID here.
      # binlog-pos: ${binlog-position}
      binlog-gtid: "09bec856-ba95-11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188:1-9"
```

```
### (Optional) If you need to incrementally replicate some data changes that
    ↪  have been covered in the full migration, you need to enable the safe
    ↪  mode to avoid data migration errors during incremental replication.
### This scenario is common when the fully migrated data is not part of a
    ↪ consistent snapshot of the data source, and the incremental data is
    ↪ replicated from a location earlier than the fully migrated data.
### syncers:         # The running parameters of the sync processing unit.
### global:          # Configuration name.
### If set to true, DM changes INSERT to REPLACE, and changes UPDATE to a
    ↪ pair of DELETE and REPLACE for data source replication operations.
### Thus, it can apply DML repeatedly during replication when primary keys
    ↪ or unique indexes exist in the table structure.
### TiDB DM automatically starts safe mode within 1 minute before starting
    ↪ or resuming an incremental replication task.
###   safe-mode: true
```

For more configurations, see DM Advanced Task Configuration File.

Before you start the data migration task, it is recommended to use the `check-task` ↪ subcommand in `tiup dmctl` to check if the configuration meets the DM configuration requirements.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} check-task task.yaml
```

Use `tiup dmctl` to run the following command to start the data migration task.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} start-task task.yaml
```

The parameters in this command are described as follows.

Parameter	Description
–master-addr	{advertise-addr} of any DM-master node in the cluster that dmctl connects to. For example: 172.16.10.71:826
start-task	Starts the data migration task.

If the task fails to start, first make configuration changes according to the prompt messages from the returned result, and then run the `start-task task.yaml` subcommand in `tiup dmctl` to restart the task. If you encounter problems, see Handle Errors and TiDB Data Migration FAQ.

6.4.5.4.3 Check the migration status

You can check if there are running migration tasks in the DM cluster and their status by running the `query-status` command in `tiup dmctl`.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} query-status ${task-name}
```

For more information, see Query Status.

6.4.5.4.4 Monitor tasks and view logs

You can view the history of a migration task and internal operational metrics through Grafana or logs.

- Via Grafana

  If Prometheus, Alertmanager, and Grafana are correctly deployed when you deploy the DM cluster using TiUP, you can view DM monitoring metrics in Grafana. Specifically, enter the IP address and port specified during deployment in Grafana and select the DM dashboard.

- Via logs

  When DM is running, DM-master, DM-worker, and dmctl output logs, which includes information about migration tasks. The log directory of each component is as follows.

  - DM-master log directory: It is specified by the DM-master command line parameter `--log-file`. If DM is deployed using TiUP, the log directory is `/dm-deploy/dm-master-8261/log/`.
  - DM-worker log directory: It is specified by the DM-worker command line parameter `--log-file`. If DM is deployed using TiUP, the log directory is `/dm-deploy/dm-worker-8262/log/`.

6.4.5.5 See also

- Dumpling
- TiDB Lightning
- Pessimistic mode and optimistic mode
- Pause a Data Migration Task
- Resume a Data Migration Task
- Stop a Data Migration Task
- Export and Import Data Sources and Task Configuration of Clusters
- Handle Failed DDL Statements
- Handle Errors

6.4.6 Migrate Data from Vitess to TiDB

This document describes the tools that you can use to migrate data from Vitess to TiDB.

Because the backend of Vitess is based on MySQL, when migrating data from Vitess to TiDB, you can use the same migration tools that apply to MySQL, such as Dumpling, TiDB Lightning, and TiDB Data Migration (DM). Note that these tools should be set up for each shard in Vitess for data migration.

Generally, before data migration, it is recommended to configure the DM task to set `task-mode` to `all` and `import-mode` to `physical`. For more information, see Task configuration file template (advanced).

If your data size exceeds 10 TiB, it is recommended to do the import in two steps:

1. Use Dumpling and TiDB Lightning to import existing data.
2. Use DM to import incremental data.

In addition to these tools, you can also use Debezium connector for Vitess. This connector enables you to use Kafka Connect or Apache Flink to stream changes from Vitess to TiDB.

Because both Vitess and TiDB support the MySQL protocol and SQL dialect, changes at the application level are expected to be small. For tasks directly managing sharding or other implementation-specific aspects, however, the changes might be larger. To facilitate the data migration from Vitess to TiDB, TiDB introduces the `VITESS_HASH()` function, which returns the hash of a string that is compatible with Vitess' HASH function.

6.4.6.1 Examples

6.4.6.1.1 Dumpling and TiDB Lightning

The following two examples show how Dumpling and TiDB Lightning work together to migrate data from Vitess to TiDB.

- In this example, TiDB Lightning uses the logical import mode, which first encodes data into SQL statements and then runs the SQL statements to import data.

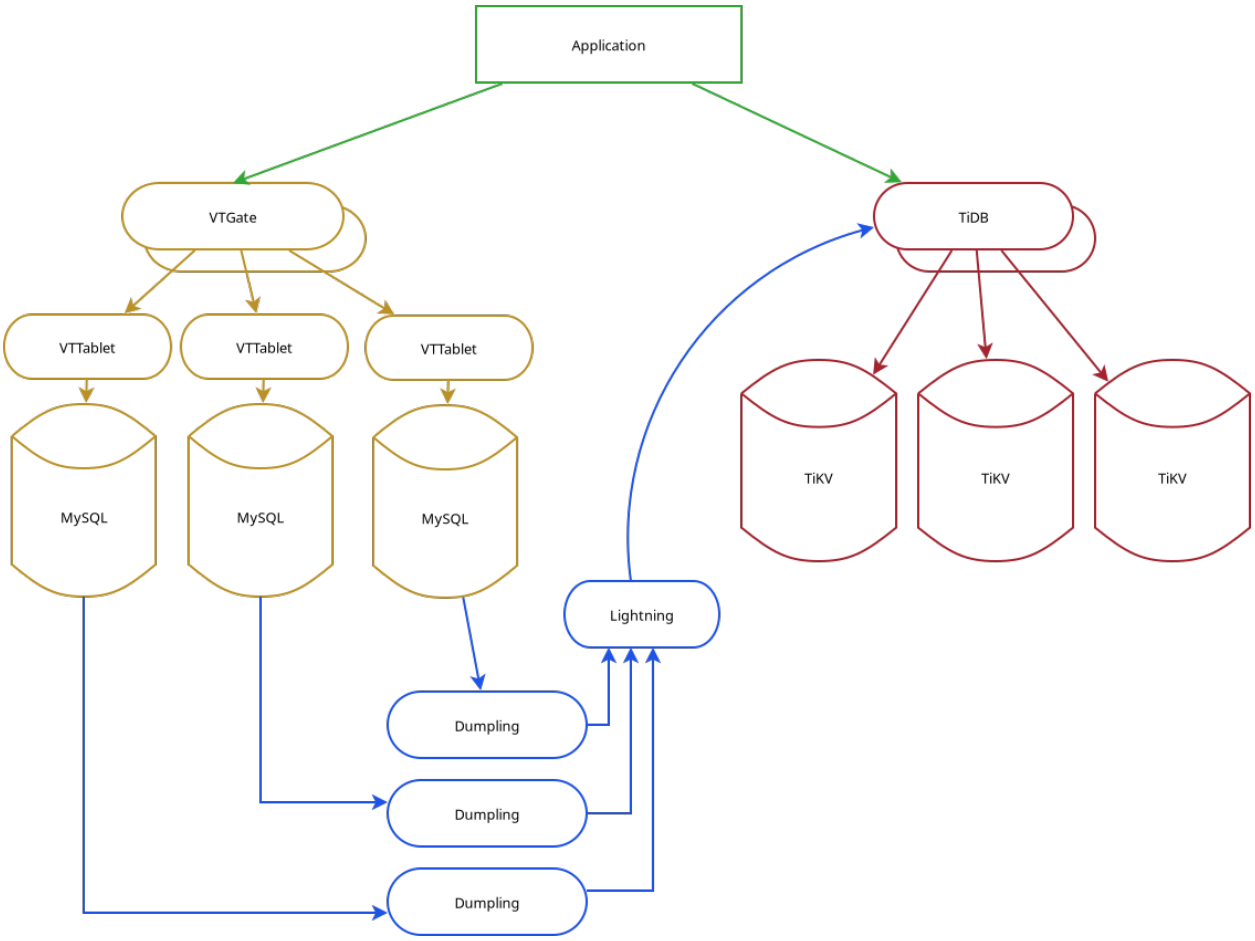


Figure 95: Vitess to TiDB Migration with TiDB backend

- In this example, TiDB Lightning uses the physical import mode to directly ingest data into TiKV.

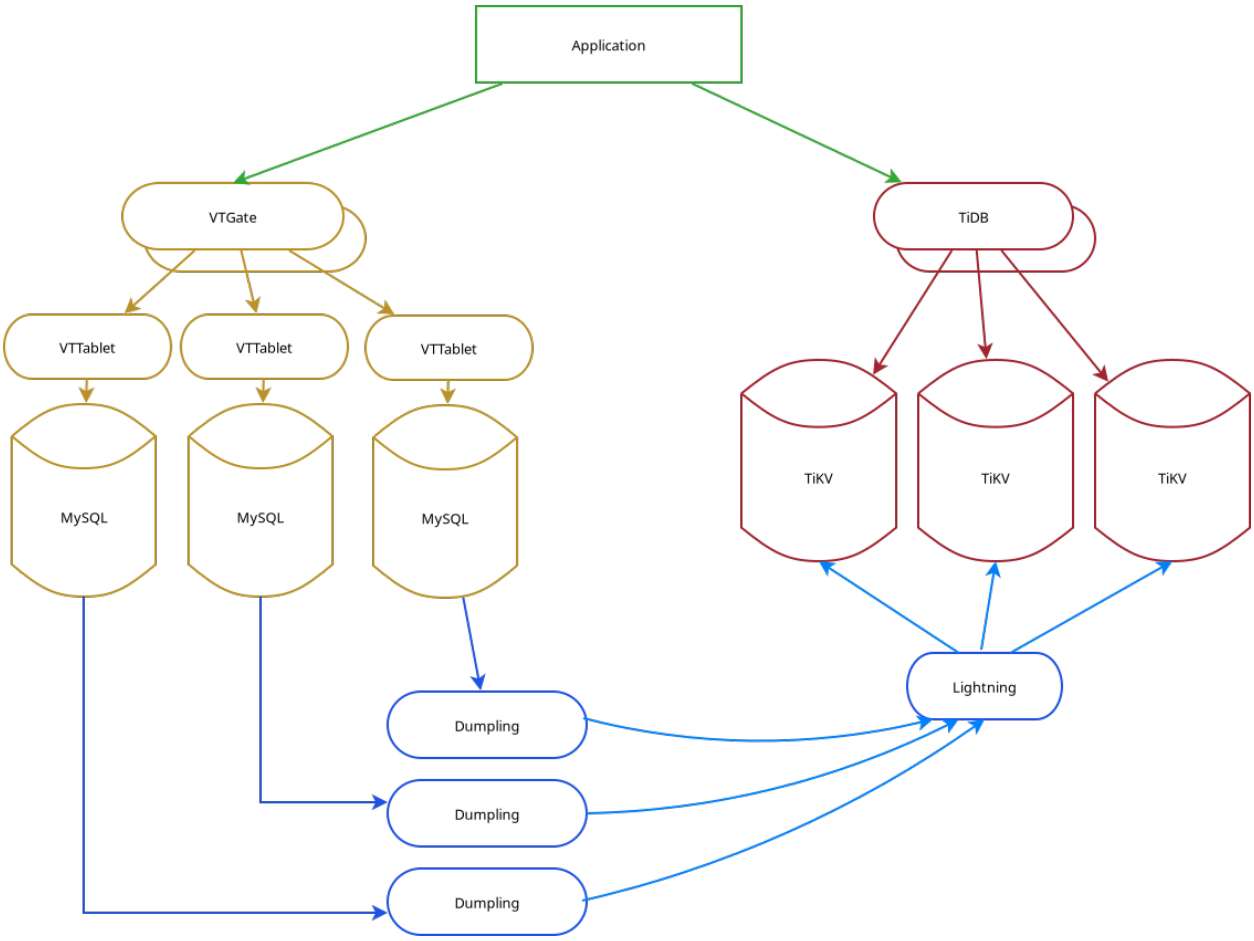


Figure 96: Vitess to TiDB Migration with local backend

6.4.6.1.2 DM

The following example shows how DM migrates data from Vitess to TiDB.

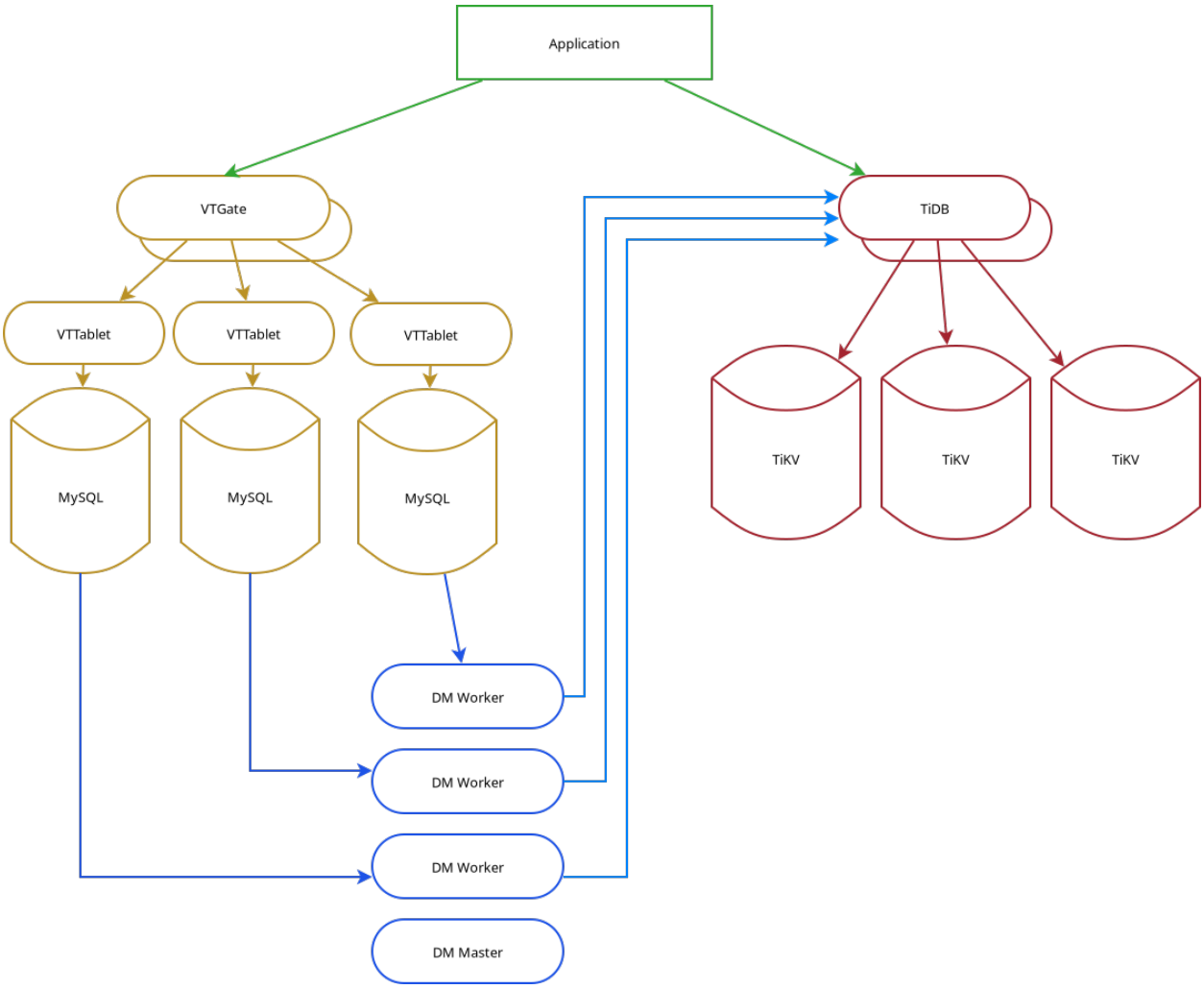


Figure 97: Vitess to TiDB with DM

6.4.7 Migrate Data from MariaDB to TiDB

This document describes how to migrate data from a MariaDB server installation to a TiDB cluster.

6.4.7.1 Prerequisites

Choose the right migration strategy:

- The first strategy is to dump data with Dumpling and restore data with TiDB Lightning. This works for all versions of MariaDB. The drawback of this strategy is that it needs more downtime.
- The second strategy is to Replicate data with DM from MariaDB to TiDB with DM. DM does not support all versions of MariaDB. Supported versions are listed on the DM Compatibility Catalog.

Besides these two strategies, there might be other strategies available specifically to your situation. For example:

- Use the functionality of your Object Relational Mapping (ORM) to re-deploy and migrate your data.
- Modify your application to write from both MariaDB and TiDB while the migration is ongoing.

This document only covers the first two strategies.

Prepare the following based on the strategy you choose:

- For the **dump and restore** strategy:
  - Install Dumpling and TiDB Lightning.
  - Make sure you have the required privileges on the MariaDB server for Dumpling to export data.
- For the **data replication** strategy, set up Data Migration (DM).

6.4.7.2 Check compatibility

TiDB is compatible with MySQL, and MySQL and MariaDB have a lot of functionality in common. However, there might be MariaDB-specific features that might not be compatible with TiDB that you should be aware of before migrating.

Besides checking the items in this section, it is recommended that you also check the Compatibility & Differences in the MariaDB documentation.

6.4.7.2.1 Authentication

The Security Compatibility with MySQL document lists authentication methods that TiDB supports. TiDB does not support a few authentication methods in MariaDB. This means that you might have to create a new password hash for the account or take other specific measures.

To check what authentication methods are used, you can run the following statement:

```
SELECT
  plugin,
  COUNT(*)
FROM
  mysql.user
GROUP BY
  plugin;
```

```
+----------------------+----------+
| plugin               | COUNT(*) |
+----------------------+----------+
| mysql_native_password |   11 |
+----------------------+----------+
1 row in set (0.002 sec)
```

6.4.7.2.2 System-versioned tables

TiDB does not support system-versioned tables. However, TiDB does support `AS OF TIMESTAMP` which might replace some of the use cases of system-versioned tables.

You can check for affected tables with the following statement:

```
SELECT
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
  TABLE_NAME
FROM
  information_schema.tables
WHERE
  TABLE_TYPE='SYSTEM VERSIONED';
```

```
+--------------+------------+
| TABLE_SCHEMA | TABLE_NAME |
+--------------+------------+
| test         | t          |
+--------------+------------+
1 row in set (0.005 sec)
```

To remove system versioning, execute the `ALTER TABLE` statement:

```
MariaDB [test]> ALTER TABLE t DROP SYSTEM VERSIONING;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.071 sec)
Records: 0 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

6.4.7.2.3 Sequences

Both MariaDB and TiDB support `CREATE SEQUENCE`. However, it is currently not supported by DM. It is recommended that you do not create, modify, or remove sequences during the migration and test this specifically after migration.

To check if you are using sequences, execute the following statement:

```
SELECT
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
  TABLE_NAME
```

```
FROM
  information_schema.tables
WHERE
  TABLE_TYPE='SEQUENCE';
```

```
+--------------+------------+
| TABLE_SCHEMA | TABLE_NAME |
+--------------+------------+
| test         | s1         |
+--------------+------------+
1 row in set (0.016 sec)
```

6.4.7.2.4 Storage engines

MariaDB offers storage engines for local data such as `InnoDB`, `MyISAM` and `Aria`. While the data format is not directly supported by TiDB, migrating these works fine. However, some engines place data outside of the server, such as the `CONNECT` storage engine and `Spider` ↪ . While you can migrate such tables to TiDB, TiDB does not provide the functionality to store data outside of the TiDB cluster.

To check what storage engines you are using, execute the following statement:

```
SELECT
  ENGINE,
  COUNT(*)
FROM
  information_schema.tables
GROUP BY
  ENGINE;
```

```
+--------------------+----------+
| ENGINE             | COUNT(*) |
+--------------------+----------+
| NULL               |      101 |
| Aria               |       38 |
| CSV                |        2 |
| InnoDB             |        6 |
| MEMORY             |       67 |
| MyISAM             |        1 |
| PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA |       81 |
+--------------------+----------+
7 rows in set (0.009 sec)
```

6.4.7.2.5 Syntax

MariaDB supports the `RETURNING` keyword for `DELETE`, `INSERT`, and `REPLACE` statements. TiDB does not support them. You might want to look into your application and query logging to see if it affects your migration.

6.4.7.2.6 Data types

MariaDB supports some data types that TiDB does not support, such as `UUID`, `INET4`, and `INET6`.

To check for these datatypes, execute the following statement:

```
SELECT
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
  TABLE_NAME,
  COLUMN_NAME,
  DATA_TYPE
FROM
  information_schema.columns
WHERE
  DATA_TYPE IN('INET4','INET6','UUID');
```

```
+--------------+------------+-------------+-----------+
| TABLE_SCHEMA | TABLE_NAME | COLUMN_NAME | DATA_TYPE |
+--------------+------------+-------------+-----------+
| test         | u1         | u           | uuid      |
| test         | u1         | i4          | inet4     |
| test         | u1         | i6          | inet6     |
+--------------+------------+-------------+-----------+
3 rows in set (0.026 sec)
```

6.4.7.2.7 Character set and collation

TiDB does not support the `latin1_swedish_ci` collation that is often used in MariaDB.

To see what collations TiDB supports, execute this statement on TiDB:

```
SHOW COLLATION;
```

```
+--
   ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+----------+---------+-------------
   ↪
| Collation       | Charset | Id | Default | Compiled | Sortlen | Pad_
   ↪ attribute |
+--
   ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+----------+---------+-------------
   ↪
| ascii_bin       | ascii   |  65 | Yes     | Yes      |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
```

```
| binary           | binary  |  63 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | NO PAD     |
| gbk_bin          | gbk     |  87 |        | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| gbk_chinese_ci   | gbk     |  28 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| latin1_bin       | latin1  |  47 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8_bin         | utf8    |  83 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8_general_ci  | utf8    |  33 |        | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8_unicode_ci  | utf8    | 192 |        | Yes     |       8 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci | utf8mb4 | 255 |    | Yes     |       0 | NO PAD     |
| utf8mb4_0900_bin | utf8mb4 | 309 |      | Yes     |       1 | NO PAD     |
| utf8mb4_bin      | utf8mb4 |  46 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8mb4_general_ci | utf8mb4 | 45 |     | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8mb4_unicode_ci | utf8mb4 | 224 |    | Yes     |       8 | PAD SPACE  |
+--
    ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+---------+---------+-------------
    ↪
13 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

To check what collations the columns of your current tables are using, you can use this statement:

```
SELECT
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
  COLLATION_NAME,
  COUNT(*)
FROM
  information_schema.columns
GROUP BY
  TABLE_SCHEMA, COLLATION_NAME
ORDER BY
  COLLATION_NAME;
```

```
+--------------------+--------------------+----------+
| TABLE_SCHEMA       | COLLATION_NAME     | COUNT(*) |
+--------------------+--------------------+----------+
| sys                | NULL               |      562 |
| test               | NULL               |       14 |
| mysql              | NULL               |       84 |
| performance_schema | NULL               |      892 |
| information_schema | NULL               |      421 |
| mysql              | latin1_swedish_ci  |       34 |
| performance_schema | utf8mb3_bin        |       38 |
| mysql              | utf8mb3_bin        |       61 |
| sys                | utf8mb3_bin        |       40 |
| information_schema | utf8mb3_general_ci |      375 |
| performance_schema | utf8mb3_general_ci |      244 |
```

```
| sys                | utf8mb3_general_ci |   386 |
| mysql              | utf8mb3_general_ci |    67 |
| mysql              | utf8mb4_bin        |     8 |
+--------------------+--------------------+-------+
14 rows in set (0.045 sec)
```

See also Character Set and Collation.

6.4.7.3 Dump data with Dumpling and restore data with TiDB Lightning

This method assumes that you take your application offline, migrate the data, and then re-configure your application to use the migrated data.

> **Note:**
>
> It is strongly recommended to first do this on a test or development instance of your application before doing it in production. This is both to check for possible compatibility issues as to get insight into how much time the migration will take.

Perform the following steps to migrate data from MariaDB to TiDB:

1. Stop your application. Take your application offline. This ensures there are no modifications made to the data in MariaDB during or after the migration.
2. Dump data in MariaDB with the `tiup dumpling` command.

```
tiup dumpling --port 3306 --host 127.0.0.1 --user root --password
    ↪ secret -F 256MB -o /data/backup
```

3. Restore the data by using the `tiup tidb-lightning` command. For more information about how to configure TiDB Lightning and how to run it, see Get Started with TiDB Lightning.
4. Migrate user accounts and permissions. For more information about how to migrate your users and permissions, see Export users and grants.
5. Reconfigure your application. You need to change the application configuration so that it can connect to the TiDB server.
6. Clean up. Once you have verified that the migration is successful you can make a final backup of the data in MariaDB and stop the server. This also means you can remove tools such as TiUP, Dumpling, and TiDB Lightning.

6.4.7.4 Replicate data with DM

This method assumes you would set up replication, stop your application and wait for the replication to catch up, and then re-configure your application to use TiDB.

To use DM, you need to deploy a set of DM services either with a TiUP cluster or with TiDB Operator. After that, use `dmctl` to configure the DM services.

> **Note:**
>
> It is strongly recommended to first do this on a test or development instance of your application before doing it in production. This is both to check for possible compatibility issues as to get insight into how much time the migration will take.

6.4.7.4.1 Step 1. Prepare

Make sure that binlogs are enabled on MariaDB and that the `binlog_format` is set to `ROW`. It is also recommended to set `binlog_annotate_row_events=OFF` and `log_bin_compress=OFF`.

You also need an account with the `SUPER` permission or with the `BINLOG MONITOR` and `REPLICATION MASTER ADMIN` permissions. This account also needs read permission for the schemas you are going to migrate.

If you are not using an account with the `SUPER` permission, then you might have to add the following to the DM configuration, because TiDB does not yet know how to check for MariaDB specific permissions.

```
ignore-checking-items: ["replication_privilege"]
```

Before you use DM to migrate data from upstream to downstream, a precheck helps detect errors in the upstream database configurations and ensures that the migration goes smoothly. For more information, see Migration Task Precheck

6.4.7.4.2 Step 2. Replicate data

Follow the Quick Start Guide for TiDB Data Migration to replicate your data from MariaDB to TiDB.

Note that it is not required to first copy the initial data as you would do with MariaDB to MariaDB replication, DM will do this for you.

6.4.7.4.3 Step 3. Migrate user accounts and permissions

See Export users and grants for how to migrate your users and permissions.

6.4.7.4.4 Step 4. Test your data

Once your data is replicated, you can run read-only queries on it to validate it. For more information, see Test your application.

6.4.7.4.5 Step 5. Switch over

To switch over to TiDB, you need to do the following:

1. Stop your application.
2. Monitor the replication delay, which should go to 0 seconds.
3. Change the configuration of your application so that it connects to TiDB and start it again.

To check for replication delay, run `query-status <taskname>` via `dmctl` and check for `"synced: true"` in the `subTaskStatus`.

6.4.7.4.6 Step 6. Clean up

Once you have verified that the migration is successful, you can make a final backup of the data in MariaDB and stop the server. It also means you can stop and remove the DM cluster.

6.4.7.5 Export users and grants

You can use `pt-show-grants`. It is part of the Percona Toolkit to export users and grants from MariaDB and load these into TiDB.

6.4.7.6 Test your application

While it is possible to use generic tools such as `sysbench` for testing, it is highly recommended to test some specific features of your application. For example, run a copy of your application against a TiDB cluster with a temporary copy of your data.

Such a test makes sure your application compatibility and performance with TiDB is verified. You need to monitor the log files of your application and TiDB to see if there are any warnings that might need to be addressed. Make sure that the database driver that your application is using (for example MySQL Connector/J for Java based applications) is tested. You might want to use an application such as JMeter to put some load on your application if needed.

6.4.7.7 Validate data

You can use sync-diff-inspector to validate if the data in MariaDB and TiDB are identical.

6.4.8 Migrate Data from CSV Files to TiDB

This document describes how to migrate data from CSV files to TiDB.

TiDB Lightning can read data from CSV files and other delimiter formats, such as tab-separated values (TSV). For other flat file data sources, you can also refer to this document and migrate data to TiDB.

6.4.8.1 Prerequisites

- Install TiDB Lightning.
- Get the target database privileges required for TiDB Lightning.

6.4.8.2 Step 1. Prepare the CSV files

Put all the CSV files in the same directory. If you need TiDB Lightning to recognize all CSV files, the file names should meet the following requirements:

- If a CSV file contains the data for an entire table, name the file `${db_name}.${table_name}.csv`.
- If the data of one table is separated into multiple CSV files, append a numeric suffix to these CSV files. For example, `${db_name}.${table_name}.003.csv`. The numeric suffixes can be inconsecutive but must be in ascending order. You also need to add extra zeros before the number to ensure all the suffixes are in the same length.

TiDB Lightning recursively searches for all `.csv` files in this directory and its subdirectories.

6.4.8.3 Step 2. Create the target table schema

Because CSV files do not contain schema information, before importing data from CSV files into TiDB, you need to create the target table schema. You can create the target table schema by either of the following two methods:

- **Method 1**: create the target table schema using TiDB Lightning.

  Create SQL files that contain the required DDL statements:

  - Add `CREATE DATABASE` statements in the `${db_name}-schema-create.sql` files.
  - Add `CREATE TABLE` statements in the `${db_name}.${table_name}-schema.sql` files.

- **Method 2**: create the target table schema manually.

6.4.8.4 Step 3. Create the configuration file

Create a `tidb-lightning.toml` file with the following content:

```
[lightning]
### Log
level = "info"
file = "tidb-lightning.log"

[tikv-importer]
### "local": Default backend. The local backend is recommended to import
    ↪ large volumes of data (1 TiB or more). During the import, the target
    ↪ TiDB cluster cannot provide any service.
### "tidb": The "tidb" backend is recommended to import data less than 1 TiB
    ↪ . During the import, the target TiDB cluster can provide service
    ↪ normally.
### For more information on import mode, refer to <https://docs.pingcap.com/
    ↪ tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-overview#tidb-lightning-architecture>
backend = "local"
### Set the temporary storage directory for the sorted Key-Value files. The
    ↪ directory must be empty, and the storage space must be greater than
    ↪ the size of the dataset to be imported. For better import performance
    ↪ , it is recommended to use a directory different from `data-source-
    ↪ dir` and use flash storage, which can use I/O exclusively.
sorted-kv-dir = "/mnt/ssd/sorted-kv-dir"

[mydumper]
### Directory of the data source.
data-source-dir = "${data-path}" # A local path or S3 path. For example, 's3
    ↪ ://my-bucket/sql-backup'.

### Defines CSV format.
[mydumper.csv]
### Field separator of the CSV file. Must not be empty. If the source file
    ↪ contains fields that are not string or numeric, such as binary, blob,
    ↪  or bit, it is recommended not to usesimple delimiters such as ",",
    ↪ and use an uncommon character combination like "|+|" instead.
separator = ','
### Delimiter. Can be zero or multiple characters.
delimiter = '"'
### Line terminator. By default, \r, \n, and \r\n are all treated as line
    ↪ terminators.
### terminator = "\r\n"
### Configures whether the CSV file has a table header.
### If this item is set to true, TiDB Lightning uses the first line of the
    ↪ CSV file to parse the corresponding relationship of fields.
```

```
header = true
### Configures whether the CSV file contains NULL.
### If this item is set to true, any column of the CSV file cannot be parsed
    ↪  as NULL.
not-null = false
### If `not-null` is set to false (CSV contains NULL),
### The following value is parsed as NULL.
null = '\N'
### Whether to treat the backslash ('\') in the string as an escape
    ↪ character.
backslash-escape = true
### Whether to trim the last separator at the end of each line.
trim-last-separator = false

[tidb]
### The target cluster.
host = ${host}         # e.g.: 172.16.32.1
port = ${port}         # e.g.: 4000
user = "${user_name}"  # e.g.: "root"
password = "${password}" # e.g.: "rootroot"
status-port = ${status-port} # During the import, TiDB Lightning needs to
    ↪ obtain the table schema information from the TiDB status port. e.g.:
    ↪ 10080
pd-addr = "${ip}:${port}" # The address of the PD cluster, e.g.:
    ↪ 172.16.31.3:2379. TiDB Lightning obtains some information from PD.
    ↪ When backend = "local", you must specify status-port and pd-addr
    ↪ correctly. Otherwise, the import will be abnormal.
```

For more information on the configuration file, refer to TiDB Lightning Configuration.

6.4.8.5 Step 4. Tune the import performance (optional)

When you import data from CSV files with a uniform size of about 256 MiB, TiDB Lightning works in the best performance. However, if you import data from a single large CSV file, TiDB Lightning can only use one thread to process the import by default, which might slow down the import speed.

To speed up the import, you can split a large CSV file into smaller ones. For a CSV file in a common format, before TiDB Lightning reads the entire file, it is hard to quickly locate the beginning and ending positions of each line. Therefore, TiDB Lightning does not automatically split CSV files by default. But if your CSV files to be imported meet certain format requirements, you can enable the `strict-format` mode. In this mode, TiDB Lightning automatically splits a single large CSV file into multiple files, each in about 256 MiB, and processes them in parallel.

> **Note:**
>
> If a CSV file is not in a strict format but the `strict-format` mode is set to `true` by mistake, a field that spans multiple lines will be split into two fields. This causes the parsing to fail, and TiDB Lightning might import the corrupted data without reporting any error.

In a strict-format CSV file, each field only takes up one line. It must meet the following requirements:

- The delimiter is empty.
- Each field does not contain CR (`\r`) or LF (`\n`).

You need to explicitly specify the line terminator `terminator` for a `strict-format` CSV file.

If your CSV file meets the above requirements, you can speed up the import by enabling the `strict-format` mode as follows:

```
[mydumper]
strict-format = true
```

6.4.8.6 Step 5. Import the data

To start the import, run `tidb-lightning`. If you launch the program in the command line, the process might exit unexpectedly after receiving a SIGHUP signal. In this case, it is recommended to run the program using a `nohup` or `screen` tool. For example:

```
nohup tiup tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning.toml > nohup.out 2>&1 &
```

After the import starts, you can check the progress of the import by either of the following methods:

- `grep` the keyword `progress` in the log. The progress is updated every 5 minutes by default.
- Check progress in the monitoring dashboard.
- Check progress in the TiDB Lightning web interface.

After TiDB Lightning completes the import, it exits automatically. Check whether `tidb-lightning.log` contains `the whole procedure completed` in the last lines. If yes, the import is successful. If no, the import encounters an error. Address the error as instructed in the error message.

> **Note:**
>
> Whether the import is successful or not, the last line of the log shows `tidb ↪ lightning exit`. It means that TiDB Lightning exits normally, but does not necessarily mean that the import is successful.

If the import fails, refer to TiDB Lightning FAQ for troubleshooting.

6.4.8.7 Other file formats

If your data source is in other formats, to migrate data from your data source, you must end the file name with `.csv` and make corresponding changes in the `[mydumper.csv ↪ ]` section of the `tidb-lightning.toml` configuration file. Here are example changes for common formats:

TSV:

```
### Format example
### ID   Region   Count
### 1    East     32
### 2    South    NULL
### 3    West     10
### 4    North    39

### Format configuration
[mydumper.csv]
separator = "\t"
delimiter = ''
header = true
not-null = false
null = 'NULL'
backslash-escape = false
trim-last-separator = false
```

TPC-H DBGEN:

```
### Format example
### 1|East|32|
### 2|South|0|
### 3|West|10|
### 4|North|39|

### Format configuration
[mydumper.csv]
```

```
separator = '|'
delimiter = ''
header = false
not-null = true
backslash-escape = false
trim-last-separator = true
```

6.4.8.8 What's next

- CSV Support and Restrictions.

6.4.9 Migrate Data from SQL Files to TiDB

This document describes how to migrate data from MySQL SQL files to TiDB using TiDB Lightning. For how to generate MySQL SQL files, refer to Export to SQL files using Dumpling.

6.4.9.1 Prerequisites

- Install TiDB Lightning using TiUP
- Grant the required privileges to the target database for TiDB Lightning

6.4.9.2 Step 1. Prepare SQL files

Put all the SQL files in the same directory, like `/data/my_datasource/` or `s3://my-bucket/sql-backup`. TiDB Lightning recursively searches for all `.sql` files in this directory and its subdirectories.

6.4.9.3 Step 2. Define the target table schema

To import data to TiDB, you need to create the table schema for the target database.

If you use Dumpling to export data, the table schema file is automatically exported. For the data exported in other ways, you can create the table schema in one of the following methods:

- **Method 1**: Create the target table schema using TiDB Lightning.

  Create SQL files that contain the required DDL statements:

  - Add `CREATE DATABASE` statements in the `${db_name}-schema-create.sql` files.
  - Add `CREATE TABLE` statements in the `${db_name}.${table_name}-schema.sql` files.

- **Method 2**: Create the target table schema manually.

6.4.9.4 Step 3. Create the configuration file

Create a `tidb-lightning.toml` file with the following content:

```
[lightning]
### Log
level = "info"
file = "tidb-lightning.log"

[tikv-importer]
### "local": Default. The local backend is used to import large volumes of
    ↪ data (around or more than 1 TiB). During the import, the target TiDB
    ↪ cluster cannot provide any service.
### "tidb": The "tidb" backend can also be used to import small volumes of
    ↪ data (less than 1 TiB). During the import, the target TiDB cluster
    ↪ can provide service normally. For the information about backend mode,
    ↪  refer to https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-
    ↪ backends.

backend = "local"
### Sets the temporary storage directory for the sorted key-value files. The
    ↪  directory must be empty, and the storage space must be greater than
    ↪ the size of the dataset to be imported. For better import performance
    ↪ , it is recommended to use a directory different from `data-source-
    ↪ dir` and use flash storage and exclusive I/O for the directory.
sorted-kv-dir = "${sorted-kv-dir}"

[mydumper]
### Directory of the data source
data-source-dir = "${data-path}" # Local or S3 path, such as 's3://my-bucket
    ↪ /sql-backup'

[tidb]
### The information of target cluster
host = ${host}             # For example, 172.16.32.1
port = ${port}             # For example, 4000
user = "${user_name}"      # For example, "root"
password = "${password}"   # For example, "rootroot"
status-port = ${status-port} # During the import process, TiDB Lightning
    ↪ needs to obtain table schema information from the "Status Port" of
    ↪ TiDB, such as 10080.
pd-addr = "${ip}:${port}" # The address of the cluster's PD. TiDB Lightning
    ↪  obtains some information through PD, such as 172.16.31.3:2379. When
    ↪ backend = "local", you must correctly specify status-port and pd-addr
    ↪ . Otherwise, the import will encounter errors.
```

For more information about the configuration file, refer to TiDB Lightning Configuration.

6.4.9.5 Step 4. Import the data

To start the import, run `tidb-lightning`. If you launch the program in the command line, the program might exit because of the `SIGHUP` signal. In this case, it is recommended to run the program with a `nohup` or `screen` tool.

If you import the data from S3, you need to pass in `SecretKey` and `AccessKey` of the account as environment variables. The account has the permission to access the S3 backend storage.

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=${access_key}
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=${secret_key}
nohup tiup tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning.toml > nohup.out 2>&1 &
```

TiDB Lightning also supports reading credential files from `~/.aws/credentials`.

After the import is started, you can check the progress in one of the following ways:

- Search the `progress` keyword in the `grep` log, which is updated every 5 minutes by default.
- Use the Grafana dashboard. For details, see TiDB Lightning Monitoring.
- Use web interface. For details, see TiDB Lightning Web Interface.

After the import is completed, TiDB Lightning automatically exits. Check whether `tidb-lightning.log` contains `the whole procedure completed` in the last lines. If yes, the import is successful. If no, the import encounters an error. Address the error as instructed in the error message.

> **Note:**
>
> No matter whether the import is successful or not, the last line displays `tidb lightning exit`. It only means that TiDB Lightning has exited normally, not the completion of the task. If you encounter problems during the import process, refer to TiDB Lightning FAQ for troubleshooting.

6.4.10 Migrate Data from Parquet Files to TiDB

This document describes how to generate parquet files from Apache Hive and how to migrate data from parquet files to TiDB using TiDB Lightning.

If you export parquet files from Amazon Aurora, refer to Migrate data from Amazon Aurora to TiDB.

6.4.10.1 Prerequisites

- Install TiDB Lightning using TiUP.
- Get the target database privileges required for TiDB Lightning.

6.4.10.2 Step 1. Prepare the parquet files

This section describes how to export parquet files from Hive that can be read by TiDB Lightning.

Each table in Hive can be exported to parquet files by annotating `STORED AS PARQUET LOCATION '/path/in/hdfs'`. Therefore, if you need to export a table named `test`, perform the following steps:

1. Run the following SQL statement in Hive:

```
CREATE TABLE temp STORED AS PARQUET LOCATION '/path/in/hdfs'
AS SELECT * FROM test;
```

   After executing the preceding statement, the table data is successfully exported to the HDFS system.

2. Export the parquet files to the local file system using the `hdfs dfs -get` command:

```
hdfs dfs -get /path/in/hdfs /path/in/local
```

   After the export is complete, if you need to delete the exported parquet files in HDFS, you can directly delete the temporary table (`temp`):

```
DROP TABLE temp;
```

3. The parquet files exported from Hive might not have the `.parquet` suffix and cannot be correctly identified by TiDB Lightning. Therefore, before importing the files, you need to rename the exported files and add the `.parquet` suffix to change the full filename to a format that TiDB Lightning recognizes, for example, `${db_name}.${table_name}.parquet`. For more information about file types and patterns, see TiDB Lightning Data Sources. You can also match data files by setting correct customized expressions.

4. Put all the parquet files in a unified directory, for example, `/data/my_datasource/` or `s3://my-bucket/sql-backup`. TiDB Lightning will recursively search for all `.parquet` files in this directory and its subdirectories.

6.4.10.3 Step 2. Create the target table schema

Before importing data from parquet files into TiDB, you need to create the target table schema. You can create the target table schema by either of the following two methods:

- **Method 1**: create the target table schema using TiDB Lightning.

  Create SQL files that contain the required DDL statements:

  - Add `CREATE DATABASE` statements in the `${db_name}-schema-create.sql` files.
  - Add `CREATE TABLE` statements in the `${db_name}.${table_name}-schema.sql` files.

- **Method 2**: create the target table schema manually.

6.4.10.4 Step 3. Create the configuration file

Create a `tidb-lightning.toml` file with the following content:

```
[lightning]
### Log
level = "info"
file = "tidb-lightning.log"

[tikv-importer]
### "local": Default backend. The local backend is recommended to import
    ↪ large volumes of data (1 TiB or more). During the import, the target
    ↪ TiDB cluster cannot provide any service.
backend = "local"
### "tidb": The "tidb" backend is recommended to import data less than 1 TiB
    ↪ . During the import, the target TiDB cluster can provide service
    ↪ normally.
### For more information on import mode, refer to <https://docs.pingcap.com/
    ↪ tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-overview#tidb-lightning-architecture>
### Set the temporary storage directory for the sorted Key-Value files. The
    ↪ directory must be empty, and the storage space must be greater than
    ↪ the size of the dataset to be imported. For better import performance
    ↪ , it is recommended to use a directory different from `data-source-
    ↪ dir` and use flash storage, which can use I/O exclusively.
sorted-kv-dir = "${sorted-kv-dir}"

[mydumper]
### Directory of the data source.
data-source-dir = "${data-path}" # A local path or S3 path. For example, 's3
    ↪ ://my-bucket/sql-backup'.

[tidb]
### The target cluster.
host = ${host}         # e.g.: 172.16.32.1
port = ${port}         # e.g.: 4000
user = "${user_name}"  # e.g.: "root"
password = "${password}" # e.g.: "rootroot"
```

```
status-port = ${status-port} # During the import, TiDB Lightning needs to
    ↪ obtain the table schema information from the TiDB status port. e.g.:
    ↪ 10080
pd-addr = "${ip}:${port}" # The address of the PD cluster, e.g.:
    ↪ 172.16.31.3:2379. TiDB Lightning obtains some information from PD.
    ↪ When backend = "local", you must specify status-port and pd-addr
    ↪ correctly. Otherwise, the import will be abnormal.
```

For more information on the configuration file, refer to TiDB Lightning configuration.

6.4.10.5 Step 4. Import the data

1. Run `tidb-lightning`.

    - If you import data from Amazon S3, you need to set the SecretKey and AccessKey of the account that has permission to access the S3 backend storage as environment variables before running TiDB Lightning.

        ```
        export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=${access_key}
        export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=${secret_key}
        ```

        In addition to the preceding method, TiDB Lightning also supports reading the credential file from `~/.aws/credentials`.

    - If you launch the program in the command line, the process might exit unexpectedly after receiving a `SIGHUP` signal. In this case, it is recommended to run the program using a `nohup` or `screen` tool. For example:

        ```
        nohup tiup tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning.toml > nohup.out
            ↪ 2>&1 &
        ```

2. After the import starts, you can check the progress of the import by either of the following methods:

    - Search for the keyword `progress` in the log using `grep`. The progress is updated every 5 minutes by default.
    - Check progress in the monitoring dashboard.
    - Check progress in TiDB Lightning web interface.

    After TiDB Lightning completes the import, it exits automatically.

3. Check if the import is successful.

    Check whether `tidb-lightning.log` contains `the whole procedure completed` in the last lines. If yes, the import is successful. If no, the import encounters an error. Address the error as instructed in the error message.

> **Note:**
>
> Whether the import is successful or not, the last line of the log shows `tidb lightning exit`. It means that TiDB Lightning exits normally, but does not necessarily mean that the import is successful.

If the import fails, refer to TiDB Lightning FAQ for troubleshooting.

6.4.11 Migrate from One TiDB Cluster to Another TiDB Cluster

This document describes how to migrate data from one TiDB cluster to another TiDB cluster. This function applies to the following scenarios:

- Split databases: You can split databases when a TiDB cluster is excessively large, or you want to avoid impact between services of a cluster.
- Relocate databases: Physically relocate databases, such as changing the data center.
- Migrate data to a TiDB cluster of a newer version: Migrate data to a TiDB cluster of a newer version to satisfy data security and accuracy requirements.

This document exemplifies the whole migration process and contains the following steps:

1. Set up the environment.
2. Migrate full data.
3. Migrate incremental data.
4. Migrate services to the new TiDB cluster.

6.4.11.1 Step 1. Set up the environment

1. Deploy TiDB clusters.

   Deploy two TiDB clusters, one upstream and the other downstream by using TiUP Playground. For more information, refer to Deploy and Maintain an Online TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.

```
# Create an upstream cluster
tiup --tag upstream playground --host 0.0.0.0 --db 1 --pd 1 --kv 1 --
    ↪ tiflash 0 --ticdc 1
# Create a downstream cluster
tiup --tag downstream playground --host 0.0.0.0 --db 1 --pd 1 --kv 1 --
    ↪ tiflash 0 --ticdc 1
# View cluster status
tiup status
```

2. Initialize data.

   By default, test databases are created in the newly deployed clusters. Therefore, you can use sysbench to generate test data and simulate data in real scenarios.

```
sysbench oltp_write_only --config-file=./tidb-config --tables=10 --
    ↪ table-size=10000 prepare
```

   In this document, we use sysbench to run the `oltp_write_only` script. This script generates 10 tables in the test database, each with 10,000 rows. The tidb-config is as follows:

```
mysql-host=172.16.6.122 # Replace the value with the IP address of your
    ↪  upstream cluster
mysql-port=4000
mysql-user=root
mysql-password=
db-driver=mysql      # Set database driver to MySQL
mysql-db=test        # Set the database as a test database
report-interval=10   # Set data collection period to 10s
threads=10           # Set the number of worker threads to 10
time=0               # Set the time required for executing the script.
    ↪ 0 indicates time unlimited
rate=100             # Set average TPS to 100
```

3. Simulate service workload.

   In real scenarios, service data is continuously written to the upstream cluster. In this document, we use sysbench to simulate this workload. Specifically, run the following command to enable 10 workers to continuously write data to three tables, sbtest1, sbtest2, and sbtest3, with a total TPS not exceeding 100.

```
sysbench oltp_write_only --config-file=./tidb-config --tables=3 run
```

4. Prepare external storage.

   In full data backup, both the upstream and downstream clusters need to access backup files. It is recommended that you use External storage to store backup files. In this document, Minio is used to simulate an S3-compatible storage service.

```
wget https://dl.min.io/server/minio/release/linux-amd64/minio
chmod +x minio
# Configure access-key access-screct-id to access minio
export HOST_IP='172.16.6.122' # Replace the value with the IP address
    ↪ of your upstream cluster
export MINIO_ROOT_USER='minio'
export MINIO_ROOT_PASSWORD='miniostorage'
# Create the database directory. backup is the bucket name.
```

```
mkdir -p data/backup
# Start minio at port 6060
./minio server ./data --address :6060 &
```

The preceding command starts a minio server on one node to simulate S3 services. Parameters in the command are configured as follows:

- Endpoint: `http://${HOST_IP}:6060/`
- Access-key: `minio`
- Secret-access-key: `miniostorage`
- Bucket: `backup`

The access link is as follows:

```
s3://backup?access-key=minio&secret-access-key=miniostorage&endpoint=
    ↪ http://${HOST_IP}:6060&force-path-style=true
```

6.4.11.2 Step 2. Migrate full data

After setting up the environment, you can use the backup and restore functions of BR to migrate full data. BR can be started in three ways. In this document, we use the SQL statements, `BACKUP` and `RESTORE`.

Note:

- `BACKUP` and `RESTORE` SQL statements are experimental. It is not recommended that you use them in the production environment. They might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.
- In production clusters, performing a backup with GC disabled might affect cluster performance. It is recommended that you back up data in off-peak hours, and set `RATE_LIMIT` to a proper value to avoid performance degradation.
- If the versions of the upstream and downstream clusters are different, you should check BR compatibility. In this document, we assume that the upstream and downstream clusters are the same version.

1. Disable GC.

   To ensure that newly written data is not deleted during incremental migration, you should disable GC for the upstream cluster before backup. In this way, history data is not deleted.

   Run the following command to disable GC:

```
MySQL [test]> SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_enable=FALSE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

To verify that the change takes effect, query the value of `tidb_gc_enable`:

```
MySQL [test]> SELECT @@global.tidb_gc_enable;
```

```
+--------------------------+:
| @@global.tidb_gc_enable |
+--------------------------+
|                        0 |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

> **Note:**
>
> TiCDC `gc-ttl` is 24 hours by default. If the backup and restore takes a long time, the default `gc-ttl` might not be sufficient, which could cause the subsequent incremental replication task to fail. To avoid this situation, adjust the `gc-ttl` value according to your specific needs when starting the TiCDC server. For more information, see What is `gc-ttl` in TiCDC.

2. Back up data.

   Run the `BACKUP` statement in the upstream cluster to back up data:

```
MySQL [(none)]> BACKUP DATABASE * TO 's3://backup?access-key=minio&
    ↪ secret-access-key=miniostorage&endpoint=http://${HOST_IP}:6060&
    ↪ force-path-style=true' RATE_LIMIT = 120 MB/SECOND;
```

```
+---------------+----------+--------------------+---------------------+------------
    ↪
| Destination | Size     | BackupTS           | Queue Time          |
    ↪ Execution Time    |
+---------------+----------+--------------------+---------------------+------------
    ↪
| s3://backup | 10315858 | 431434047157698561 | 2022-02-25 19:57:59 |
    ↪ 2022-02-25 19:57:59 |
+---------------+----------+--------------------+---------------------+------------
    ↪
1 row in set (2.11 sec)
```

After the `BACKUP` command is executed, TiDB returns metadata about the backup data. Pay attention to `BackupTS`, because data generated before it is backed up. In this document, we use `BackupTS` as **the end of data check** and **the start of incremental migration scanning by TiCDC**.

3. Restore data.

   Run the `RESTORE` command in the downstream cluster to restore data:

```
mysql> RESTORE DATABASE * FROM 's3://backup?access-key=minio&secret-
    ↪ access-key=miniostorage&endpoint=http://${HOST_IP}:6060&force-
    ↪ path-style=true';
```

```
+--------------+-----------+--------------------+---------------------+------------
    ↪
| Destination | Size    | BackupTS         | Queue Time        |
    ↪ Execution Time    |
+--------------+-----------+--------------------+---------------------+------------
    ↪
| s3://backup | 10315858 | 431434141450371074 | 2022-02-25 20:03:59 |
    ↪ 2022-02-25 20:03:59 |
+--------------+-----------+--------------------+---------------------+------------
    ↪
1 row in set (41.85 sec)
```

4. (Optional) Validate data.

   You can use sync-diff-inspector to check data consistency between upstream and downstream at a certain time. The preceding `BACKUP` output shows that the upstream cluster finishes backup at 431434047157698561. The preceding `RESTORE` output shows that the downstream finishes restoration at 431434141450371074.

```
sync_diff_inspector -C ./config.yaml
```

   For details about how to configure the sync-diff-inspector, see Configuration file description. In this document, the configuration is as follows:

```
# Diff Configuration.
######################### Datasource config ##########################
[data-sources]
[data-sources.upstream]
    host = "172.16.6.122" # Replace the value with the IP address of
        ↪ your upstream cluster
    port = 4000
    user = "root"
    password = ""
    snapshot = "431434047157698561" # Set snapshot to the actual backup
        ↪  time (BackupTS in the "Back up data" section in [Step 2.
        ↪ Migrate full data](#step-2-migrate-full-data))
```

```
[data-sources.downstream]
    host = "172.16.6.125" # Replace the value with the IP address of
        ↪ your downstream cluster
    port = 4000
    user = "root"
    password = ""

########################## Task config ##########################
[task]
    output-dir = "./output"
    source-instances = ["upstream"]
    target-instance = "downstream"
    target-check-tables = ["*.*"]
```

6.4.11.3 Step 3. Migrate incremental data

1. Deploy TiCDC.

   After finishing full data migration, deploy and configure a TiCDC to replicate incremental data. In production environments, deploy TiCDC as instructed in Deploy TiCDC. In this document, a TiCDC node has been started upon the creation of the test clusters. Therefore, you can skip the step of deploying TiCDC and proceed with changefeed configuration.

2. Create a changefeed.

   In the upstream cluster, run the following command to create a changefeed from the upstream to the downstream clusters:

   ```
   tiup cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://172.16.6.122:8300 --sink
       ↪ -uri="mysql://root:@172.16.6.125:4000" --changefeed-id="upstream-
       ↪ to-downstream" --start-ts="431434047157698561"
   ```

   In this command, the parameters are as follows:

   - `--server`: IP address of any node in the TiCDC cluster
   - `--sink-uri`: URI of the downstream cluster
   - `--changefeed-id`: changefeed ID, must be in the format of a regular expression, [7]+(-[a-zA-Z0-9]+)*$
   - `--start-ts`: start timestamp of the changefeed, must be the backup time (or BackupTS in the "Back up data" section in Step 2. Migrate full data)

   For more information about the changefeed configurations, see Task configuration file.

[7] a-zA-Z0-9

3. Enable GC.

   In incremental migration using TiCDC, GC only removes history data that is replicated. Therefore, after creating a changefeed, you need to run the following command to enable GC. For details, see What is the complete behavior of TiCDC garbage collection (GC) safepoint?.

   To enable GC, run the following command:

```
MySQL [test]> SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_enable=TRUE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

   To verify that the change takes effect, query the value of `tidb_gc_enable`:

```
MySQL [test]> SELECT @@global.tidb_gc_enable;
```

```
+-------------------------+
| @@global.tidb_gc_enable |
+-------------------------+
|                       1 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

6.4.11.4 Step 4. Migrate services to the new TiDB cluster

After creating a changefeed, data written to the upstream cluster is replicated to the downstream cluster with low latency. You can migrate read traffic to the downstream cluster gradually. Observe for a period. If the downstream cluster is stable, you can migrate write traffic to the downstream cluster by performing the following steps:

1. Stop write services in the upstream cluster. Make sure that all upstream data are replicated to downstream before stopping the changefeed.

```
# Stop the changefeed from the upstream cluster to the downstream
   ↪ cluster
tiup cdc cli changefeed pause -c "upstream-to-downstream" --server=http
   ↪ ://172.16.6.122:8300

# View the changefeed status
tiup cdc cli changefeed list
```

```
[
  {
    "id": "upstream-to-downstream",
    "summary": {
    "state": "stopped", # Ensure that the status is stopped
```

```
    "tso": 431747241184329729,
    "checkpoint": "2022-03-11 15:50:20.387", # This time must be later
       ↪ than the time of stopping writing
    "error": null
    }
  }
]
```

2. Create a changefeed from downstream to upstream. You can leave `start-ts` unspecified so as to use the default setting, because the upstream and downstream data are consistent and there is no new data written to the cluster.

```
tiup cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://172.16.6.125:8300 --sink
   ↪ -uri="mysql://root:@172.16.6.122:4000" --changefeed-id="
   ↪ downstream -to-upstream"
```

3. After migrating writing services to the downstream cluster, observe for a period. If the downstream cluster is stable, you can discard the upstream cluster.

6.4.12 Migrate Data from TiDB to MySQL-compatible Databases

This document describes how to migrate data from TiDB clusters to MySQL-compatible databases, such as Aurora, MySQL, and MariaDB. The whole process contains four steps:

1. Set up the environment.
2. Migrate full data.
3. Migrate incremental data.
4. Migrate services to the MySQL-compatible cluster.

6.4.12.1 Step 1. Set up the environment

1. Deploy a TiDB cluster upstream.

   Deploy a TiDB cluster by using TiUP Playground. For more information, refer to Deploy and Maintain an Online TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.

```
# Create a TiDB cluster
tiup playground --db 1 --pd 1 --kv 1 --tiflash 0 --ticdc 1
# View cluster status
tiup status
```

2. Deploy a MySQL instance downstream.

   - In a lab environment, you can use Docker to quickly deploy a MySQL instance by running the following command:

```
docker run --name some-mysql -e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=my-secret-pw -p
    ↪ 3306:3306 -d mysql
```

- In a production environment, you can deploy a MySQL instance by following instructions in Installing MySQL.

3. Simulate service workload.

   In the lab environment, you can use `go-tpc` to write data to the TiDB cluster upstream. This is to generate event changes in the TiDB cluster. Run the following command to create a database named `tpcc` in the TiDB cluster, and then use TiUP bench to write data to this database.

```
tiup bench tpcc -H 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 4 prepare
tiup bench tpcc -H 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 4 run --time
    ↪ 300s
```

   For more details about `go-tpc`, refer to How to Run TPC-C Test on TiDB.

6.4.12.2 Step 2. Migrate full data

After setting up the environment, you can use Dumpling to export the full data from the upstream TiDB cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> In production clusters, performing a backup with GC disabled might affect cluster performance. It is recommended that you complete this step in off-peak hours.

1. Disable Garbage Collection (GC).

   To ensure that newly written data is not deleted during incremental migration, you should disable GC for the upstream cluster before exporting full data. In this way, history data is not deleted. For TiDB v4.0.0 and later versions, Dumpling might automatically adjust the GC safe point to block GC. Nevertheless, manually disabling GC is still necessary because the GC process might begin after Dumpling exits, leading to the failure of incremental changes migration.

   Run the following command to disable GC:

```
MySQL [test]> SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_enable=FALSE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

To verify that the change takes effect, query the value of `tidb_gc_enable`:

```
MySQL [test]> SELECT @@global.tidb_gc_enable;
```

```
+-------------------------+
| @@global.tidb_gc_enable |
+-------------------------+
|                       0 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

2. Back up data.

    1. Export data in SQL format using Dumpling:

    ```
    tiup dumpling -u root -P 4000 -h 127.0.0.1 --filetype sql -t 8 -o
        ↪ ./dumpling_output -r 200000 -F256MiB
    ```

    2. After finishing exporting data, run the following command to check the metadata. `Pos` in the metadata is the TSO of the export snapshot and can be recorded as the BackupTS.

    ```
    cat dumpling_output/metadata
    ```

    ```
    Started dump at: 2022-06-28 17:49:54
    SHOW MASTER STATUS:
            Log: tidb-binlog
            Pos: 434217889191428107
            GTID:
    Finished dump at: 2022-06-28 17:49:57
    ```

3. Restore data.

    Use MyLoader (an open-source tool) to import data to the downstream MySQL instance. For details about how to install and use MyLoader, see MyDumpler/MyLoader. Note that you need to use MyLoader v0.10 or earlier versions. Higher versions cannot process metadata files exported by Dumpling.

    Run the following command to import full data exported by Dumpling to MySQL:

    ```
    myloader -h 127.0.0.1 -P 3306 -d ./dumpling_output/
    ```

4. (Optional) Validate data.

    You can use sync-diff-inspector to check data consistency between upstream and downstream at a certain time.

    ```
    sync_diff_inspector -C ./config.yaml
    ```

For details about how to configure the sync-diff-inspector, see Configuration file description. In this document, the configuration is as follows:

```
# Diff Configuration.
######################### Datasource config #########################
[data-sources]
[data-sources.upstream]
       host = "127.0.0.1" # Replace the value with the IP address of
          ↪ your upstream cluster
       port = 4000
       user = "root"
       password = ""
       snapshot = "434217889191428107" # Set snapshot to the actual
          ↪ backup time (BackupTS in the "Back up data" section in [
          ↪ Step 2. Migrate full data](#step-2-migrate-full-data))
[data-sources.downstream]
       host = "127.0.0.1" # Replace the value with the IP address of
          ↪ your downstream cluster
       port = 3306
       user = "root"
       password = ""
######################### Task config #########################
[task]
       output-dir = "./output"
       source-instances = ["upstream"]
       target-instance = "downstream"
       target-check-tables = ["*.*"]
```

6.4.12.3 Step 3. Migrate incremental data

1. Deploy TiCDC.

   After finishing full data migration, deploy and configure a TiCDC cluster to replicate incremental data. In production environments, deploy TiCDC as instructed in Deploy TiCDC. In this document, a TiCDC node has been started upon the creation of the test cluster. Therefore, you can skip the step of deploying TiCDC and proceed with the next step to create a changefeed.

2. Create a changefeed.

   In the upstream cluster, run the following command to create a changefeed from the upstream to the downstream clusters:

```
tiup cdc:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> cli changefeed create --server=http
   ↪ ://127.0.0.1:8300 --sink-uri="mysql://root:@127.0.0.1:3306" --
   ↪ changefeed-id="upstream-to-downstream" --start-ts
   ↪ ="434217889191428107"
```

In this command, the parameters are as follows:

- `--server`: IP address of any node in the TiCDC cluster
- `--sink-uri`: URI of the downstream cluster
- `--changefeed-id`: changefeed ID, must be in the format of a regular expression, `^[a-zA-Z0-9]+(\-[a-zA-Z0-9]+)*$`
- `--start-ts`: start timestamp of the changefeed, must be the backup time (or BackupTS in the "Back up data" section in Step 2. Migrate full data)

For more information about the changefeed configurations, see Task configuration file.

3. Enable GC.

   In incremental migration using TiCDC, GC only removes history data that is replicated. Therefore, after creating a changefeed, you need to run the following command to enable GC. For details, see What is the complete behavior of TiCDC garbage collection (GC) safepoint.

To enable GC, run the following command:

````
```sql
MySQL [test]> SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_enable=TRUE;
```


```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

To verify that the change takes effect, query the value of `tidb_gc_enable`:

```sql
MySQL [test]> SELECT @@global.tidb_gc_enable;
```


```
+-------------------------+
| @@global.tidb_gc_enable |
+-------------------------+
|                       1 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```
````

6.4.12.4 Step 4. Migrate services

After creating a changefeed, data written to the upstream cluster is replicated to the downstream cluster with low latency. You can migrate read traffic to the downstream cluster gradually. Observe the read traffic for a period. If the downstream cluster is stable, you can migrate write traffic to the downstream cluster as well in the following steps:

1. Stop write services in the upstream cluster. Make sure that all upstream data are replicated to downstream before stopping the changefeed.

```
# Stop the changefeed from the upstream cluster to the downstream
    ↪ cluster
tiup cdc cli changefeed pause -c "upstream-to-downstream" --pd=http
    ↪ ://172.16.6.122:2379
# View the changefeed status
tiup cdc cli changefeed list
```

```
[
  {
    "id": "upstream-to-downstream",
    "summary": {
    "state": "stopped", # Ensure that the status is stopped
    "tso": 434218657561968641,
    "checkpoint": "2022-06-28 18:38:45.685", # This time should be
       ↪ later than the time of stopping writing
    "error": null
    }
  }
]
```

2. After migrating writing services to the downstream cluster, observe for a period. If the downstream cluster is stable, you can discard the upstream cluster.

6.5 Advanced Migration

6.5.1 Continuous Replication from Databases that Use gh-ost or pt-osc

In production scenarios, table locking during DDL execution can block the reads from or writes to the database to a certain extent. Therefore, online DDL tools are often used to execute DDLs to minimize the impact on reads and writes. Common DDL tools are gh-ost and pt-osc.

When using DM to migrate data from MySQL to TiDB, you can enable `online-ddl` to allow collaboration of DM and gh-ost or pt-osc.

For the detailed replication instructions, refer to the following documents by scenarios:

- Migrate Small Datasets from MySQL to TiDB

- Migrate Large Datasets from MySQL to TiDB
- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Small Datasets to TiDB
- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Large Datasets to TiDB

6.5.1.1 Enable online-ddl on DM

In the task configuration file of DM, set the global parameter `online-ddl` to `true`, as shown below:

```
### ----------- Global configuration -----------
#### ********* Basic configuration *********
name: test                    # The name of the task. Should be globally
    ↪ unique.
task-mode: all                # The task mode. Can be set to `full`, `
    ↪ incremental`, or `all`.
shard-mode: "pessimistic"     # The shard merge mode. Optional modes are `
    ↪ pessimistic` and `optimistic`. The `pessimistic` mode is used by
    ↪ default. After understanding the principles and restrictions of the "
    ↪ optimistic" mode, you can set it to the "optimistic" mode.
meta-schema: "dm_meta"        # The downstream database that stores the `meta`
    ↪  information.
online-ddl: true              # Enable online-ddl support on DM to support
    ↪ automatic processing of "gh-ost" and "pt-osc" for the upstream
    ↪ database.
```

6.5.1.2 Workflow after enabling online-ddl

After online-ddl is enabled on DM, the DDL statements generated by DM replicating gh-ost or pt-osc will change.

The workflow of gh-ost or pt-osc:

- Create a ghost table according to the table schema of the DDL real table.
- Apply DDLs on the ghost table.
- Replicate the data of the DDL real table to the ghost table.
- After the data are consistent between the two tables, use the rename statement to replace the real table with the ghost table.

The workflow of DM:

- Skip creating the ghost table downstream.
- Record DDLs applied to the ghost table.

- Replicate data only from the ghost table.
- Apply DDLs recorded downstream.

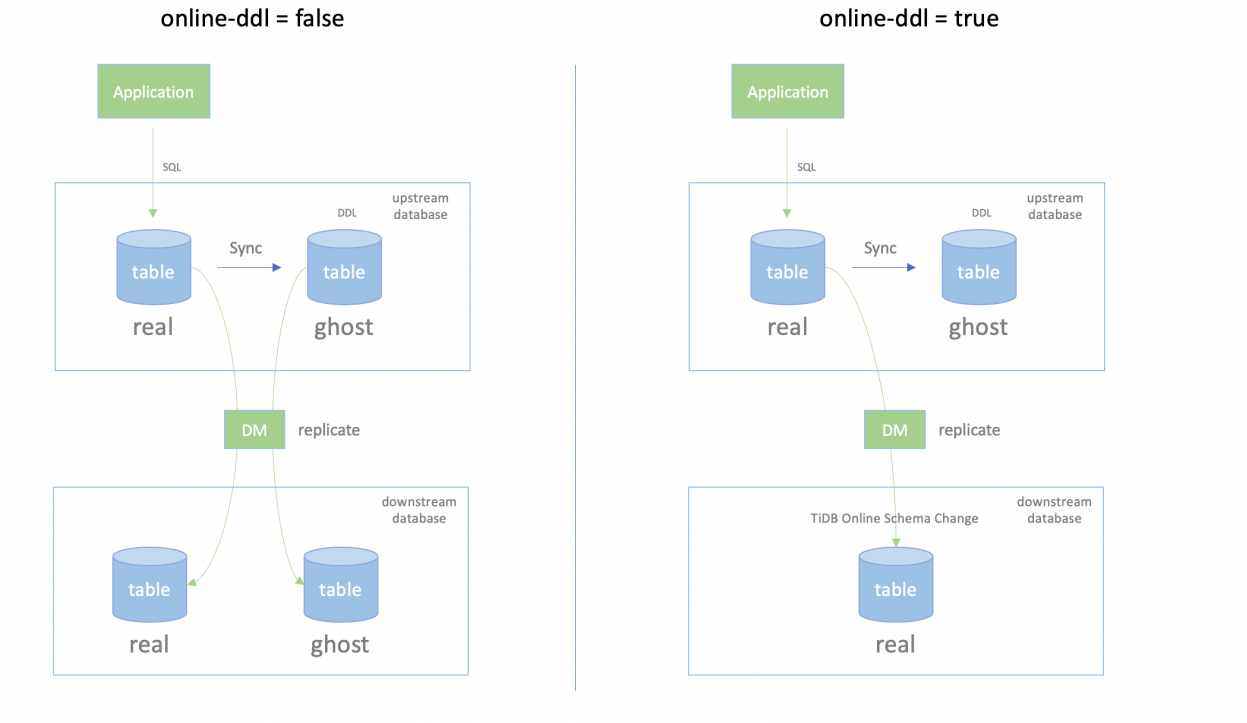


Figure 98: dm-online-ddl

The change in the workflow brings the following advantages:

- The downstream TiDB does not need to create and replicate the ghost table, saving the storage space and network transmission overhead.
- When you migrate and merge data from sharded tables, the RENAME operation is ignored for each sharded ghost table to ensure the correctness of the replication.

6.5.1.3 See also

Working details for DM with online DDL tools

6.5.2 Migrate Data to a Downstream TiDB Table with More Columns

This document provides the additional steps to be taken when you migrate data to a downstream TiDB table with more columns than the corresponding upstream table. For regular migration steps, see the following migration scenarios:

- Migrate Small Datasets from MySQL to TiDB
- Migrate Large Datasets from MySQL to TiDB
- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Small Datasets to TiDB
- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Large Datasets to TiDB

6.5.2.1 Use DM to migrate data to a downstream TiDB table with more columns

When replicating the upstream binlog, DM tries to use the current table schema of the downstream to parse the binlog and generate the corresponding DML statements. If the column number of the table in the upstream binlog does not match the column number in the downstream table schema, the following error occurs:

```
"errors": [
    {
        "ErrCode": 36027,
        "ErrClass": "sync-unit",
        "ErrScope": "internal",
        "ErrLevel": "high",
        "Message": "startLocation: [position: (mysql-bin.000001, 2022), gtid-
            ↪ set:09bec856-ba95-11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188:1-9 ], endLocation: [
            ↪  position: (mysql-bin.000001, 2022), gtid-set: 09bec856-ba95
            ↪ -11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188:1-9]: gen insert sqls failed, schema:
            ↪ log, table: messages: Column count doesn't match value count:
            ↪ 3 (columns) vs 2 (values)",
        "RawCause": "",
        "Workaround": ""
    }
]
```

The following is an example upstream table schema:

```
### Upstream table schema
CREATE TABLE `messages` (
  `id` int NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
)
```

The following is an example downstream table schema:

```
### Downstream table schema
CREATE TABLE `messages` (
  `id` int NOT NULL,
  `message` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL, # This is the additional column that
     ↪  only exists in the downstream table.
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
)
```

When DM tries to use the downstream table schema to parse the binlog event generated by the upstream, DM reports the above `Column count doesn't match` error.

In such cases, you can use the `binlog-schema` command to set a table schema for the table to be migrated from the data source. The specified table schema needs to correspond to the binlog event data to be replicated by DM. If you are migrating sharded tables, for each sharded table, you need to set a table schema in DM to parse binlog event data. The steps are as follows:

1. Create a SQL file in DM and add the `CREATE TABLE` statement that corresponds to the upstream table schema to the file. For example, save the following table schema to `log.messages.sql`. For DM v6.0 or later versions, you can update the table schema by adding the `--from-source` or `--from-target` flag without creating a SQL file. For details, see Manage Table Schemas of Tables to be Migrated.

```
# Upstream table schema
CREATE TABLE `messages` (
`id` int NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
)
```

2. Use the `binlog-schema` command to set the table schema for the table to be migrated from the data source. At this time, the data migration task should be in the Paused state due to the above `Column count doesn't match` error.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} binlog-schema update -s ${
    ↪ source-id} ${task-name} ${database-name} ${table-name} ${schema-
    ↪ file}
```

   The descriptions of parameters in this command are as follows:

Parameter	Description

`-`
`↪ master`
`↪ -`
`↪ addr`
`↪`
	Specifies
	`${`
	`↪ advertise`
	`↪ -`
	`↪ addr`
	`↪ }`
	of
	any
	DM-
	master
	node
	in
	the
	clus-
	ter
	where
	dm-
	ctl is
	to be
	con-
	nected.
	`${`
	`↪ advertise`
	`↪ -`
	`↪ addr`
	`↪ }`
	indi-
	cates
	the
	ad-
	dress
	that
	DM-
	master
	ad-
	ver-
	tises
	to
	the
	out-
	side
	world.

Parameter	Description
`binlog -schema set`	Manually set the schema information.
`-s`	Specifies the source. `${source -id}` indicates the source ID of MySQL data.

Parameter	Description
`${ ↪ task ↪ - ↪ name ↪ } ↪ `	Specifies the name of the migration task defined in the `task ↪ . ↪ yaml ↪ ` configuration file of the data migration task.

Parameter	Description
${ ↪ database ↪ - ↪ name ↪ } ↪	Specifies the database. ${ ↪ database ↪ - ↪ name ↪ } indicates the name of the upstream database.
${ ↪ table ↪ - ↪ name ↪ } ↪	Specifies the name of the upstream table.
${ ↪ schema ↪ - ↪ file ↪ } ↪	Specifies the table schema file to be set.

For example:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr 172.16.10.71:8261 binlog-schema update -s
    ↪ mysql-01 task-test -d log -t message log.message.sql
```

3. Use the `resume-task` command to resume the migration task in the Paused state.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} resume-task ${task-name}
```

4. Use the `query-status` command to confirm that the data migration task is running correctly.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} query-status ${task-name}
```

6.5.3 Filter Binlog Events

This document describes how to filter binlog events when you use DM to perform continuous incremental data replication. For the detailed replication instructions, refer to the following documents by scenarios:

- Migrate Small Datasets from MySQL to TiDB
- Migrate Large Datasets from MySQL to TiDB
- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Small Datasets to TiDB
- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Large Datasets to TiDB

6.5.3.1 Configuration

To use binlog event filter, add a `filter` to the task configuration file of DM, as shown below:

```
filters:
  rule-1:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    table-pattern: "t_*"
    events: ["truncate table", "drop table"]
    sql-pattern: ["^DROP\\s+PROCEDURE", "^CREATE\\s+PROCEDURE"]
    action: Ignore
```

- `schema-pattern/table-pattern`: Filters matching schemas or tables
- `events`: Filters binlog events. Supported events are listed in the table below:

Event	Category	Description
all		Includes all events
all dml		Includes all DML events
all ddl		Includes all DDL events
none		Includes no event
none ddl		Excludes all DDL events
none dml		Excludes all DML events
insert	DML	Insert DML event
update	DML	Update DML event
delete	DML	Delete DML event
create database	DDL	Create database event

Event	Category	Description
drop database	DDL	Drop database event
create table	DDL	Create table event
create index	DDL	Create index event
drop table	DDL	Drop table event
truncate table	DDL	Truncate table event
rename table	DDL	Rename table event
drop index	DDL	Drop index event
alter table	DDL	Alter table event

- `sql-pattern`: Filters specified DDL SQL statements. The matching rule supports using a regular expression.
- `action`: `Do` or `Ignore`
  - `Do`: the allow list. A binlog event is replicated if meeting either of the following two conditions:
    - The event matches the rule setting.
    - sql-pattern has been specified and the SQL statement of the event matches any of the sql-pattern options.
  - `Ignore`: the block list. A binlog event is filtered out if meeting either of the following two conditions:
    - The event matches the rule setting.
    - sql-pattern has been specified and the SQL statement of the event matches any of the sql-pattern options.

  If both `Do` and `Ignore` are configured, `Ignore` has higher priority over `Do`. That is, an event satisfying both `Ignore` and `Do` conditions will be filtered out.

6.5.3.2 Application scenarios

This section describes the application scenarios of binlog event filter.

6.5.3.2.1 Filter out all sharding deletion operations

To filter out all deletion operations, configure a `filter-table-rule` and a `filter-schema-rule`, as shown below:

```
filters:
  filter-table-rule:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    table-pattern: "t_*"
    events: ["truncate table", "drop table", "delete"]
    action: Ignore
```

```
  filter-schema-rule:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    events: ["drop database"]
    action: Ignore
```

6.5.3.2.2 Migrate only DML operations of sharded schemas and tables

To replicate only DML statements, configure two `Binlog event filter rule`, as shown below:

```
filters:
  do-table-rule:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    table-pattern: "t_*"
    events: ["create table", "all dml"]
    action: Do
  do-schema-rule:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    events: ["create database"]
    action: Do
```

6.5.3.2.3 Filter out SQL statements not supported by TiDB

To filter out SQL statements not supported by TiDB, configure a `filter-procedure-rule`, as shown below:

```
filters:
  filter-procedure-rule:
    schema-pattern: "*"
    sql-pattern: [".*\\s+DROP\\s+PROCEDURE", ".*\\s+CREATE\\s+PROCEDURE", "
      ↪ ALTER\\s+TABLE[\\s\\S]*ADD\\s+PARTITION", "ALTER\\s+TABLE[\\s\\S]*
      ↪ DROP\\s+PARTITION"]
    action: Ignore
```

> **Warning:**
>
> To avoid filtering out data that needs to be migrated, configure the global filtering rule as strictly as possible.

6.5.3.3 See also

Filter Binlog Events Using SQL Expressions

6.5.4 Filter DML Events Using SQL Expressions

This document introduces how to filter binlog events using SQL expressions when you use DM to perform continuous incremental data replication. For the detailed replication instruction, refer to the following documents:

- Migrate Small Datasets from MySQL to TiDB
- Migrate Large Datasets from MySQL to TiDB
- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Small Datasets to TiDB
- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Large Datasets to TiDB

When performing incremental data replication, you can use the Binlog Event Filter to filter certain types of binlog events. For example, you can choose not to replicate `DELETE` events to the downstream for the purposes like archiving and auditing. However, the Binlog Event Filter cannot determine whether to filter the `DELETE` event of a row that requires finer granularity.

To address the issue, since v2.0.5, DM supports using `binlog value filter` in incremental data replication to filter data. Among the DM-supported and `ROW`-formatted binlog, the binlog events carry values of all columns, and you can configure SQL expressions based on these values. If the expression calculates a row change as `TRUE`, DM does not replicate this row change to the downstream.

Similar to Binlog Event Filter, you need to configure `binlog value filter` in the task configuration file. For details, see the following configuration example. For the advanced task configuration and the description, refer to DM advanced task configuration file.

```
name: test
task-mode: all

mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-01"
    expression-filters: ["even_c"]

expression-filter:
  even_c:
    schema: "expr_filter"
    table: "tbl"
    insert-value-expr: "c % 2 = 0"
```

In the above configuration example, the `even_c` rule is configured and referenced by the data source `mysql-replica-01`. According to this rule, for the `tb1` table in the `expr_filter` schema, when an even number is inserted into the `c` column (`c % 2 = 0`), this `insert` statement is not replicated to the downstream. The following example shows the effect of this rule.

Incrementally insert the following data in the upstream data source:

```
INSERT INTO tbl(id, c) VALUES (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4);
```

Then query the `tb1` table on downstream. You can see that only the rows with odd numbers on `c` are replicated.

```
MySQL [test]> select * from tbl;
+------+------+
| id   | c    |
+------+------+
|    1 |    1 |
|    3 |    3 |
+------+------+
2 rows in set (0.001 sec)
```

6.5.4.1 Configuration parameters and description

- `schema`: The name of the upstream schema to match. Wildcard matching or regular matching is not supported.
- `table`: The name of the upstream table to match. Wildcard matching or regular matching is not supported.
- `insert-value-expr`: Configures an expression that takes effect on values carried by the `INSERT` type binlog events (WRITE_ROWS_EVENT). You cannot use this expression together with `update-old-value-expr`, `update-new-value-expr` or `delete-value-expr` in the same configuration item.
- `update-old-value-expr`: Configures an expression that takes effect on the old values carried by the `UPDATE` type binlog events (UPDATE_ROWS_EVENT). You cannot use this expression together with `insert-value-expr` or `delete-value-expr` in the same configuration item.
- `update-new-value-expr`: Configures an expression that takes effect on the new values carried by the `UPDATE` type binlog events (UPDATE_ROWS_EVENT). You cannot use this expression together with `insert-value-expr` or `delete-value-expr` in the same configuration item.
- `delete-value-expr`: Configures an expression that takes effect on values carried by the `DELETE` type binlog events (DELETE_ROWS_EVENT). You cannot use this expression together with `insert-value-expr`, `update-old-value-expr` or `update-new-value-expr`.

Note:

- You can configure `update-old-value-expr` and `update-new-value-expr` together.

- When `update-old-value-expr` and `update-new-value-expr` are configured together, the rows whose "update + old values" meet `update-old-value-expr` **and** whose "update + new values" meet `update-new-value-expr` are filtered.
- When one of `update-old-value-expr` and `update-new-value-expr` is configured, the configured expression determines whether to filter the **entire row change**, which means that the deletion of old values and the insertion of new values are filtered as a whole.

You can use the SQL expression on one column or on multiple columns. You can also use the SQL functions supported by TiDB, such as `c % 2 = 0`, `a*a + b*b = c*c`, and `ts > NOW()`.

The `TIMESTAMP` default time zone is the time zone specified in the task configuration file. The default value is the time zone of the downstream. You can explicitly specify the time zone in a way like `c_timestamp = '2021-01-01 12:34:56.5678+08:00'`.

You can configure multiple filtering rules under the `expression-filter` configuration item. The upstream data source references the required rule in `expression-filters` to make it effective. When multiple rules are used, if **any** one of the rules are matched, the entire row change is filtered.

Note:

Configuring too many expression filtering rules increases the calculation overhead of DM and slows down the data replication.

7 Stream Data

7.1 TiCDC Overview

TiCDC is a tool used to replicate incremental data from TiDB. Specifically, TiCDC pulls TiKV change logs, sorts captured data, and exports row-based incremental data to downstream databases. For detailed data replication capabilities, see TiCDC Data Replication Capabilities.

7.1.1 Usage scenarios

TiCDC has multiple usage scenarios, including:

- Providing high availability and disaster recovery solutions for multiple TiDB clusters. TiCDC ensures eventual data consistency between primary and secondary clusters in case of a disaster.
- Replicating real-time data changes to homogeneous systems. This provides data sources for various scenarios, such as monitoring, caching, global indexing, data analysis, and primary-secondary replication between heterogeneous databases.

7.1.2 Major features

7.1.2.1 Key capabilities

TiCDC has the following key capabilities:

- Replicating incremental data between TiDB clusters with second-level RPO and minute-level RTO.
- Bidirectional replication between TiDB clusters, allowing the creation of a multi-active TiDB solution using TiCDC.
- Replicating incremental data from a TiDB cluster to a MySQL database or other MySQL-compatible databases with low latency.
- Replicating incremental data from a TiDB cluster to a Kafka cluster. The recommended data format includes Canal-JSON, Avro, and Debezium.
- Replicating incremental data from a TiDB cluster to storage services, such as Amazon S3, GCS, Azure Blob Storage, and NFS.
- Replicating tables with the ability to filter databases, tables, DMLs, and DDLs.
- High availability with no single point of failure, supporting dynamically adding and deleting TiCDC nodes.
- Cluster management through Open API, including querying task status, dynamically modifying task configuration, and creating or deleting tasks.

7.1.2.2 Replication order

- For all DDL or DML statements, TiCDC outputs them **at least once**.
- When the TiKV or TiCDC cluster encounters a failure, TiCDC might send the same DDL/DML statement repeatedly. For duplicated DDL/DML statements:
    - The MySQL sink can execute DDL statements repeatedly. For DDL statements that can be executed repeatedly in the downstream, such as `TRUNCATE TABLE` ↪ , the statement is executed successfully. For those that cannot be executed repeatedly, such as `CREATE TABLE`, the execution fails, and TiCDC ignores the error and continues with the replication process.
    - The Kafka sink provides different strategies for data distribution.
        - You can distribute data to different Kafka partitions based on the table, primary key, or timestamp. This ensures that the updated data of a row is sent to the same partition in order.

- All these distribution strategies send `Resolved TS` messages to all topics and partitions periodically. This indicates that all messages earlier than the `Resolved TS` have already been sent to the topics and partitions. The Kafka consumer can use the `Resolved TS` to sort the messages received.
- The Kafka sink sometimes sends duplicated messages, but these duplicated messages do not affect the constraints of `Resolved Ts`. For example, if a changefeed is paused and then resumed, the Kafka sink might send `msg1` ↪ , `msg2`, `msg3`, `msg2`, and `msg3` in order. You can filter out the duplicated messages from Kafka consumers.

7.1.2.3 Replication consistency

- MySQL sink
  - TiCDC enables the redo log to ensure eventual consistency of data replication.
  - TiCDC ensures that the order of single-row updates is consistent with the upstream.
  - TiCDC does not ensure that the downstream transactions are executed in the same order as the upstream transactions.

> **Note:**
>
> Since v6.2, you can use the sink URI parameter `transaction-atomicity` to control whether to split single-table transactions. Splitting single-table transactions can greatly reduce the latency and memory consumption of replicating large transactions.

7.1.3 TiCDC architecture

TiCDC is an incremental data replication tool for TiDB, which is highly available through PD's etcd. The replication process consists of the following steps:

1. Multiple TiCDC processes pull data changes from TiKV nodes.
2. TiCDC sorts and merges the data changes.
3. TiCDC replicates the data changes to multiple downstream systems through multiple replication tasks (changefeeds).

The architecture of TiCDC is illustrated in the following figure:

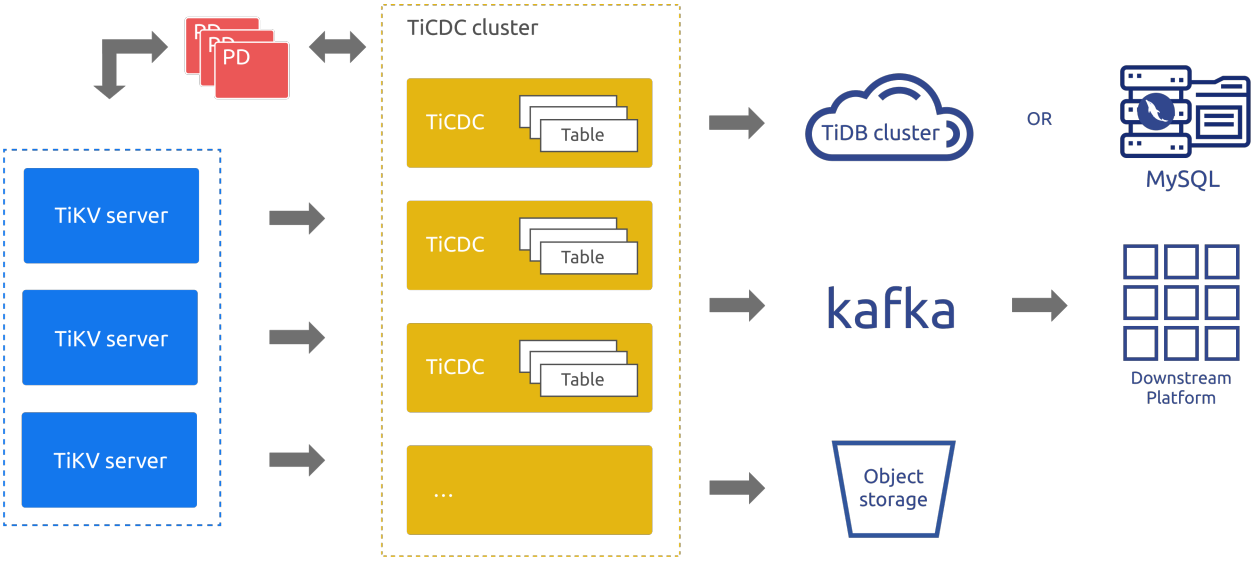


Figure 99: TiCDC architecture

The components in the architecture diagram are described as follows:

- TiKV Server: TiKV nodes in a TiDB cluster. When data changes occur, TiKV nodes send the changes as change logs (KV change logs) to TiCDC nodes. If TiCDC nodes detect that the change logs are not continuous, they will actively request the TiKV nodes to provide change logs.
- TiCDC: TiCDC nodes where TiCDC processes run. Each node runs a TiCDC process. Each process pulls data changes from one or more tables in TiKV nodes and replicates the changes to the downstream system through the sink component.
- PD: The scheduling module in a TiDB cluster. This module is responsible for scheduling cluster data and usually consists of three PD nodes. PD provides high availability through the etcd cluster. In the etcd cluster, TiCDC stores its metadata, such as node status information and changefeed configurations.

As shown in the architecture diagram, TiCDC supports replicating data to TiDB, MySQL, Kafka, and storage services.

7.1.4 Valid index

Generally, TiCDC only replicates tables that have at least one valid index to the downstream. If an index in a table meets one of the following requirements, it is valid.

- A primary key (`PRIMARY KEY`) is a valid index.
- A unique index (`UNIQUE INDEX`) is valid if every column of the index is explicitly defined as non-nullable (`NOT NULL`) and the index does not have a virtual generated column (`VIRTUAL GENERATED COLUMNS`).

Note:

When you set `force-replicate` to `true`, TiCDC will forcibly replicate tables without a valid index.

7.1.5 Best practices

- When you use TiCDC to replicate data between two TiDB clusters, if the network latency between the two clusters is higher than 100 ms:
  - For TiCDC versions earlier than v6.5.2, it is recommended to deploy TiCDC in the region (IDC) where the downstream TiDB cluster is located.
  - With a series of improvements introduced starting from TiCDC v6.5.2, it is recommended to deploy TiCDC in the region (IDC) where the upstream TiDB cluster is located.
- Each table to be replicated by TiCDC has at least one valid index.
- To ensure eventual consistency when using TiCDC for disaster recovery, you need to configure redo log and ensure that the storage system where the redo log is written can be read normally when a disaster occurs in the upstream.

7.1.6 Implementation of processing data changes

This section mainly describes how TiCDC processes data changes generated by upstream DML operations.

For data changes generated by upstream DDL operations, TiCDC obtains the complete DDL SQL statement, converts it into the corresponding format based on the sink type of the downstream, and sends it to the downstream. This section does not elaborate on this.

Note:

The logic of how TiCDC processes data changes might be adjusted in subsequent versions.

MySQL binlog directly records all DML SQL statements executed in the upstream. Unlike MySQL, TiCDC listens to the real-time information of each Region Raft Log in the upstream TiKV, and generates data change information based on the difference between the data before and after each transaction, which corresponds to multiple SQL statements.

TiCDC only guarantees that the output change events are equivalent to the changes in the upstream TiDB, and does not guarantee that it can accurately restore the SQL statements that caused the data changes in the upstream TiDB.

Data change information includes the data change types and the data values before and after the change. The difference between the data before and after the transaction can result in three types of events:

1. The `DELETE` event: corresponds to a `DELETE` type data change message, which contains the data before the change.
2. The `INSERT` event: corresponds to a `PUT` type data change message, which contains the data after the change.
3. The `UPDATE` event: corresponds to a `PUT` type data change message, which contains the data both before and after the change.

Based on the data change information, TiCDC generates data in the appropriate formats for different downstream types, and sends the data to the downstream. For example, it generates data in formats such as Canal-JSON and Avro, and writes the data to Kafka, or converts the data back into SQL statements and sends them to the downstream MySQL or TiDB.

Currently, when TiCDC adapts data change information for the corresponding protocol, for specific `UPDATE` events, it might split them into one `DELETE` event and one `INSERT` event. For more information, see Split `UPDATE` events for MySQL sinks and Split primary or unique key `UPDATE` events for non-MySQL sinks.

When the downstream is MySQL or TiDB, TiCDC cannot guarantee that the SQL statements written to the downstream are exactly the same as the SQL statements executed in the upstream. This is because TiCDC does not directly obtain the original DML statements executed in the upstream, but generates SQL statements based on the data change information. However, TiCDC ensures the consistency of the final results.

For example, the following SQL statement is executed in the upstream:

```
Create Table t1 (A int Primary Key, B int);

BEGIN;
Insert Into t1 values(1,2);
Insert Into t1 values(2,2);
Insert Into t1 values(3,3);
Commit;

Update t1 set b = 4 where b = 2;
```

TiCDC generates the following two SQL statements based on the data change information, and writes them to the downstream:

```
INSERT INTO `test.t1` (`A`,`B`) VALUES (1,2),(2,2),(3,3);
UPDATE `test`.`t1`
SET `A` = CASE
       WHEN `A` = 1 THEN 1
       WHEN `A` = 2 THEN 2
END, `B` = CASE
       WHEN `A` = 1 THEN 4
       WHEN `A` = 2 THEN 4
END
WHERE `A` = 1 OR `A` = 2;
```

7.1.7 Unsupported scenarios

Currently, the following scenarios are not supported:

- A TiKV cluster that uses RawKV alone.
- The `CREATE SEQUENCE` DDL operation and the `SEQUENCE` function in TiDB. When the upstream TiDB uses `SEQUENCE`, TiCDC ignores `SEQUENCE` DDL operations/functions performed upstream. However, DML operations using `SEQUENCE` functions can be correctly replicated.
- Currently, performing TiDB Lightning physical import on tables and databases that are being replicated by TiCDC is not supported. For more information, see Why does replication using TiCDC stall or even stop after data restore using TiDB Lightning and BR from upstream.
- Before v8.2.0, BR does not support restoring data for a cluster with TiCDC replication tasks. For more information, see Why does replication using TiCDC stall or even stop after data restore using TiDB Lightning and BR from upstream.
- Starting from v8.2.0, BR relaxes the restrictions on data restoration for TiCDC: if the `BackupTS` (the backup time) of the data to be restored is earlier than the changefeed `CheckpointTS` (the timestamp that indicates the current replication progress), BR can proceed with the data restoration normally. Considering that the `BackupTS` is usually much earlier, it can be assumed that in most scenarios, BR supports restoring data for a cluster with TiCDC replication tasks.

TiCDC only partially supports scenarios involving large transactions in the upstream. For details, refer to the TiCDC FAQ, where you can find details on whether TiCDC supports replicating large transactions and any associated risks.

7.2 Deploy and Maintain TiCDC

This document describes how to deploy and maintain a TiCDC cluster, including the hardware and software recommendations. You can either deploy TiCDC along with a new TiDB cluster or add the TiCDC component to an existing TiDB cluster.

7.2.1 Software and hardware recommendations

In production environments, the recommendations of hardware for TiCDC are as follows:

CPU	Memory	Disk	Network	Number of TiCDC cluster instances (minimum requirements for production environment)
16 core+	64 GB+	500 GB+ SSD	10 Gigabit network card (2 preferred)	2

For more information, see Software and Hardware Recommendations.

7.2.2 Deploy a new TiDB cluster that includes TiCDC using TiUP

When you deploy a new TiDB cluster using TiUP, you can also deploy TiCDC at the same time. You only need to add the `cdc_servers` section in the configuration file that TiUP uses to start the TiDB cluster. The following is an example:

```
cdc_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.20
    gc-ttl: 86400
    data_dir: "/cdc-data"
  - host: 10.0.1.21
    gc-ttl: 86400
    data_dir: "/cdc-data"
```

More references:

- For detailed operations, see Edit the initialization configuration file.
- For detailed configurable fields, see Configure `cdc_servers` using TiUP.
- For detailed steps to deploy a TiDB cluster, see Deploy a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.

> **Note:**
>
> Before installing TiCDC, ensure that you have manually configured the SSH mutual trust and sudo without password between the TiUP control machine and the TiCDC host.

7.2.3 Add or scale out TiCDC to an existing TiDB cluster using TiUP

The method of scaling out a TiCDC cluster is similar to that of deploying one. It is recommended to use TiUP to perform the scale-out.

1. Create a `scale-out.yml` file to add the TiCDC node information. The following is an example:

```
cdc_servers:
  - host: 10.1.1.1
    gc-ttl: 86400
    data_dir: /tidb-data/cdc-8300
  - host: 10.1.1.2
    gc-ttl: 86400
    data_dir: /tidb-data/cdc-8300
  - host: 10.0.1.4
    gc-ttl: 86400
    data_dir: /tidb-data/cdc-8300
```

2. Run the scale-out command on the TiUP control machine:

```
tiup cluster scale-out <cluster-name> scale-out.yml
```

For more use cases, see Scale out a TiCDC cluster.

7.2.4 Delete or scale in TiCDC from an existing TiDB cluster using TiUP

It is recommended that you use TiUP to scale in TiCDC nodes. The following is the scale-in command:

```
tiup cluster scale-in <cluster-name> --node 10.0.1.4:8300
```

For more use cases, see Scale in a TiCDC cluster.

7.2.5 Upgrade TiCDC using TiUP

You can upgrade TiDB clusters using TiUP, during which TiCDC is upgraded as well. After you execute the upgrade command, TiUP automatically upgrades the TiCDC component. The following is an example:

```
tiup update --self && \
tiup update --all && \
tiup cluster upgrade <cluster-name> <version> --transfer-timeout 600
```

> **Note:**
>
> In the preceding command, you need to replace `<cluster-name>` and `<version>` with the actual cluster name and cluster version. For example, the version can be v8.5.1.

7.2.5.1 Upgrade cautions

When you upgrade a TiCDC cluster, you need to pay attention to the following:

- TiCDC v4.0.2 reconfigured `changefeed`. For details, see Configuration file compatibility notes.
- If you encounter any problem during the upgrade, you can refer to upgrade FAQs for solutions.
- Since v6.3.0, TiCDC supports rolling upgrade. During the upgrade, the replication latency is stable and does not fluctuate significantly. Rolling upgrade takes effect automatically if the following conditions are met:
- TiCDC is v6.3.0 or later.
    - TiUP is v1.11.3 or later.
    - At least two TiCDC instances are running in the cluster.

7.2.6 Modify TiCDC cluster configurations using TiUP

This section describes how to use the `tiup cluster edit-config` command to modify the configurations of TiCDC. In the following example, it is assumed that you need to change the default value of `gc-ttl` from `86400` to `172800` (48 hours).

1. Run the `tiup cluster edit-config` command. Replace `<cluster-name>` with the actual cluster name:

```
tiup cluster edit-config <cluster-name>
```

2. In the vi editor, modify the `cdc server-configs`:

```
server_configs:
  tidb: {}
  tikv: {}
  pd: {}
  tiflash: {}
  tiflash-learner: {}
  cdc:
    gc-ttl: 172800
```

   In the preceding command, `gc-ttl` is set to 48 hours.

3. Run the `tiup cluster reload -R cdc` command to reload the configuration.

7.2.7 Stop and start TiCDC using TiUP

You can use TiUP to easily stop and start TiCDC nodes. The commands are as follows:

- Stop TiCDC: `tiup cluster stop -R cdc`
- Start TiCDC: `tiup cluster start -R cdc`
- Restart TiCDC: `tiup cluster restart -R cdc`

7.2.8 Enable TLS for TiCDC

See Enable TLS Between TiDB Components.

7.2.9 View TiCDC status using the command-line tool

Run the following command to view the TiCDC cluster status. Note that you need to replace `v<CLUSTER_VERSION>` with the TiCDC cluster version, such as `v8.5.1`:

```
tiup cdc:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> cli capture list --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300
```

```
[
  {
    "id": "806e3a1b-0e31-477f-9dd6-f3f2c570abdd",
    "is-owner": true,
    "address": "127.0.0.1:8300",
    "cluster-id": "default"
  },
  {
    "id": "ea2a4203-56fe-43a6-b442-7b295f458ebc",
    "is-owner": false,
    "address": "127.0.0.1:8301",
    "cluster-id": "default"
  }
]
```

- `id`: Indicates the ID of the service process.
- `is-owner`: Indicates whether the service process is the owner node.
- `address`: Indicates the address via which the service process provides interface to the outside.
- `cluster-id`: Indicates the ID of the TiCDC cluster. The default value is `default`.

7.3 Changefeed

7.3.1 Changefeed Overview

A changefeed is a replication task in TiCDC, which replicates the data change logs of specified tables in a TiDB cluster to the designated downstream. You can run and manage multiple changefeeds in a TiCDC cluster.

7.3.1.1 Changefeed state transfer

The state of a replication task represents the running status of the replication task. During the running of TiCDC, replication tasks might fail with errors, be manually paused, resumed, or reach the specified `TargetTs`. These behaviors can lead to the change of the replication task state. This section describes the states of TiCDC replication tasks and the transfer relationships between states.

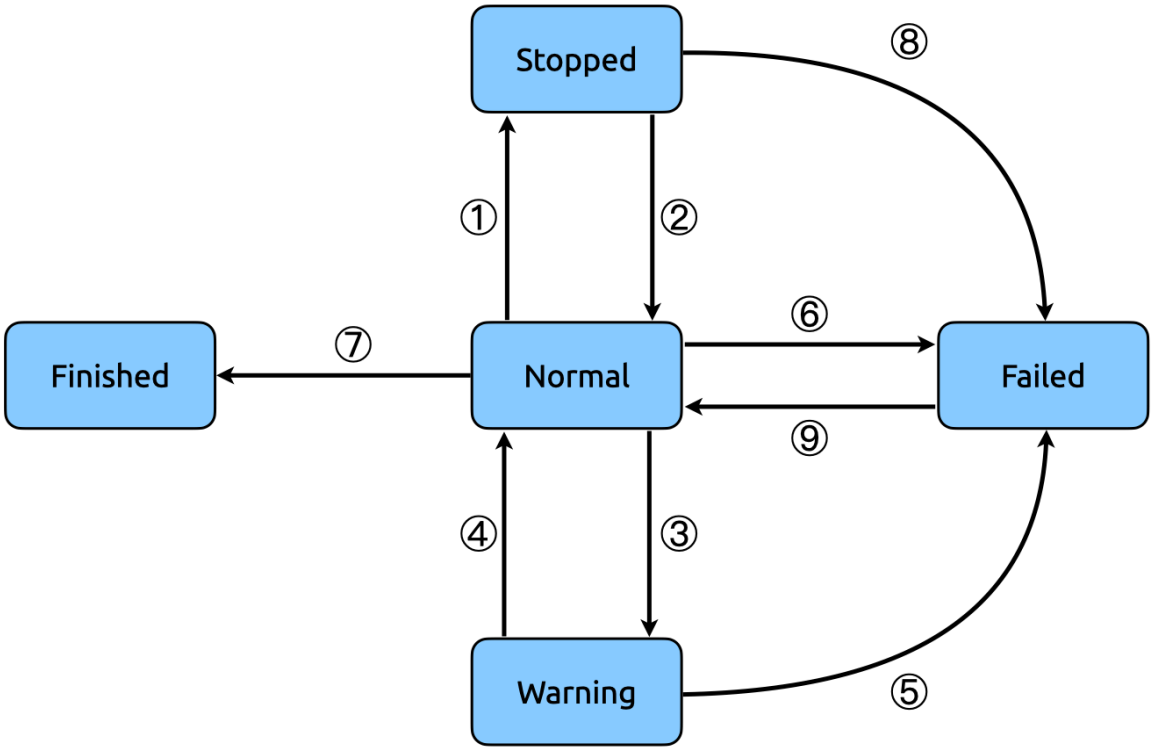


Figure 100: TiCDC state transfer

The states in the preceding state transfer diagram are described as follows:

- `Normal`: The replication task runs normally and the checkpoint-ts proceeds normally. A changefeed in this state blocks GC to advance.
- `Stopped`: The replication task is stopped, because the user manually pauses the changefeed. The changefeed in this state blocks GC operations.
- `Warning`: The replication task returns an error. The replication cannot continue due to some recoverable errors. The changefeed in this state keeps trying to resume until the state transfers to `Normal`. The default retry time is 30 minutes (which can be adjusted by `changefeed-error-stuck-duration`). If it exceeds this time, the changefeed enters a failed state. The changefeed in this state blocks GC operations.
- `Finished`: The replication task is finished and has reached the preset `TargetTs`. The changefeed in this state does not block GC operations.
- `Failed`: The replication task fails. The changefeed in this state does not keep trying to resume. To give you enough time to handle the failure, the changefeed in this state blocks GC operations. The duration of the blockage is specified by the `gc-ttl` parameter, with a default value of 24 hours. If the underlying issue is resolved within this duration, you can manually resume the changefeed. Otherwise, if the changefeed remains in this state beyond the `gc-ttl` duration, the replication task cannot resume and cannot be recovered.

Note:

- If GC is blocked by a changefeed, the changefeed will block GC advancement for up to the time specified by `gc-ttl`. After that, the changefeed will be set to the `failed` state, with an error type of `ErrGCTTLExceeded`, and will no longer block GC advancement.
- If the changefeed encounters errors with error codes `ErrGCTTLExceeded`, `ErrSnapshotLostByGC`, or `ErrStartTsBeforeGC`, it does not block GC operations.

The numbers in the preceding state transfer diagram are described as follows.

- Run the `changefeed pause` command.
- Run the `changefeed resume` command to resume the replication task.
- Recoverable errors occur during the `changefeed` operation, and the operation is retried automatically.
- The changefeed automatic retry succeeds, and `checkpoint-ts` continues to advance.
- The changefeed automatic retry exceeds 30 minutes and fails. The changefeed enters the failed state. At this time, the changefeed continues to block upstream GC for a duration specified by `gc-ttl`.
- The changefeed encounters an unrecoverable error and directly enters the failed state. At this time, the changefeed continues to block upstream GC for a duration specified by `gc-ttl`.
- The replication progress of the changefeed reaches the value set by `target-ts`, and the replication is completed.
- The changefeed has been suspended for a duration longer than the value specified by `gc-ttl`, thus encountering GC advancement errors, and cannot be resumed.
- If the cause of the failure has been resolved, and the changefeed was suspended for a duration shorter than the value specified by `gc-ttl`, run the `changefeed resume` command to resume the replication task.

7.3.1.2 Operate changefeeds

You can manage a TiCDC cluster and its replication tasks using the command-line tool `cdc cli`. For details, see Manage TiCDC changefeeds.

You can also use the HTTP interface (the TiCDC OpenAPI feature) to manage a TiCDC cluster and its replication tasks. For details, see TiCDC OpenAPI.

If your TiCDC is deployed using TiUP, you can start `cdc cli` by running the `tiup cdc :v<CLUSTER_VERSION> cli` command. Replace `v<CLUSTER_VERSION>` with the TiCDC cluster version, such as `v8.5.1`. You can also run `cdc cli` directly.

7.3.2 Create Changefeeds

7.3.2.1 Replicate Data to MySQL-compatible Databases

This document describes how to replicate incremental data to the downstream TiDB database or other MySQL-compatible databases using TiCDC. It also introduces how to use the eventually consistent replication feature in disaster scenarios.

7.3.2.1.1 Create a replication task

Create a replication task by running the following command:

```
cdc cli changefeed create \
    --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 \
    --sink-uri="mysql://root:123456@127.0.0.1:3306/" \
    --changefeed-id="simple-replication-task"
```

```
Create changefeed successfully!
ID: simple-replication-task
Info: {"sink-uri":"mysql://root:123456@127.0.0.1:3306/","opts":{},"create-
    ↪ time":"2023-11-28T22:04:08.103600025+08:00","start-ts
    ↪ ":415241823337054209,"target-ts":0,"admin-job-type":0,"sort-engine":"
    ↪ unified","sort-dir":".","config":{"case-sensitive":false,"filter":{"
    ↪ rules":["*.*"],"ignore-txn-start-ts":null,"ddl-allow-list":null},"
    ↪ mounter":{"worker-num":16},"sink":{"dispatchers":null},"scheduler":{"
    ↪ type":"table-number","polling-time":-1}},"state":"normal","history":
    ↪ null,"error":null}
```

- `--server`: The address of any TiCDC server in the TiCDC cluster.
- `--changefeed-id`: The ID of the replication task. The format must match the `^[ ↪ a-zA-Z0-9]+(\-[a-zA-Z0-9]+)*$` regular expression. If this ID is not specified, TiCDC automatically generates a UUID (the version 4 format) as the ID.
- `--sink-uri`: The downstream address of the replication task. For details, see Configure sink URI with `mysql/tidb`.
- `--start-ts`: Specifies the starting TSO of the changefeed. From this TSO, the TiCDC cluster starts pulling data. The default value is the current time.
- `--target-ts`: Specifies the ending TSO of the changefeed. To this TSO, the TiCDC cluster stops pulling data. The default value is empty, which means that TiCDC does not automatically stop pulling data.
- `--config`: Specifies the changefeed configuration file. For details, see TiCDC Changefeed Configuration Parameters.

Note:

- TiCDC only replicates incremental data. To initialize full data, use Dumpling/TiDB Lightning or BR.
- After the full data is initialized, you need to specify the `start-ts` as the TSO when the upstream backup is performed. For example, the `pos` value in the metadata file under the Dumpling directory, or the `backupTS` value in the log output after BR completes the backup.

7.3.2.1.2 Configure sink URI for MySQL or TiDB

Sink URI is used to specify the connection information of the TiCDC target system. The format is as follows:

```
[scheme]://[userinfo@][host]:[port][/path]?[query_parameters]
```

Note:

`/path` is not used for the MySQL sink.

Sample configuration for MySQL:

```
--sink-uri="mysql://root:12345678@127.0.0.1:3306"
```

The following are descriptions of sink URI parameters and parameter values that can be configured for MySQL or TiDB:

Parameter/Parameter value	Description
`root`	The username of the downstream database. To replicate data to TiDB or other MySQL-compatible databases, make sure that the downstream database user has certain permissions.
`12345678`	The password of the downstream database (can be encoded using Base64).
`127.0.0.1`	The IP address of the downstream database.
`3306`	The port for the downstream database.
`worker-count`	The number of SQL statements that can be concurrently executed to the downstream (optional, the default value is `16`, and the maximum value is `1024`).

Parameter/Parameter value	Description
`cache-prep-stmts`	Controls whether to use prepared statements when executing SQL in the downstream and enable prepared statement cache on the client side (optional, `true` by default).
`max-txn-row`	The batch size of SQL statements executed to the downstream (optional, the default value is `256`, and the maximum value is `2048`).
`max-multi-update-row`	The batch size of `UPDATE ROWS` SQL statements executed to the downstream when batch write (`batch-dml-enable`) is enabled, always less than `max-txn-row` (optional, the default value is `40`, and the maximum value is `256`).
`max-multi-update-row-size`	The size limit of `UPDATE ROWS` SQL statements executed to the downstream when batch write (`batch-dml-enable`) is enabled. If the size exceeds this limit, each row is executed as a separate SQL statement (optional, the default value is `1024`, and the maximum value is `8192`).
`ssl-ca`	The path of the CA certificate file needed to connect to the downstream MySQL instance (optional).
`ssl-cert`	The path of the certificate file needed to connect to the downstream MySQL instance (optional).
`ssl-key`	The path of the certificate key file needed to connect to the downstream MySQL instance (optional).
`time-zone`	The time zone used when connecting to the downstream MySQL instance, which is effective since v4.0.8. This is an optional parameter. If this parameter is not specified, the time zone of TiCDC service processes is used. If this parameter is set to an empty value, such as `time-zone=""`, no time zone is specified when TiCDC connects to the downstream MySQL instance and the default time zone of the downstream is used.
`transaction-atomicity`	The atomicity level of a transaction. This is an optional parameter, with the default value of `none`. When the value is `table`, TiCDC ensures the atomicity of a single-table transaction. When the value is `none`, TiCDC splits the single-table transaction.
`batch-dml-enable`	Enables the batch write (batch-dml) feature (optional, the default value is `true`).

Parameter/Parameter value	Description
`read-timeout`	The go-sql-driver parameter, I/O read timeout (optional, the default value is `2m`).
`write-timeout`	The go-sql-driver parameter, I/O write timeout (optional, the default value is `2m`).
`timeout`	The go-sql-driver parameter, timeout for establishing connections, also known as dial timeout (optional, the default value is `2m`).
`tidb-txn-mode`	Specifies the `tidb_txn_mode` environment variable (optional, the default value is `optimistic`).
`safe-mode`	Specifies how TiCDC handles `INSERT` and `UPDATE` statements when replicating data to the downstream. When it is `true`, TiCDC converts all upstream `INSERT` statements to `REPLACE INTO` statements, and all `UPDATE` statements to `DELETE` + `REPLACE INTO` statements. Before v6.1.3, the default value of this parameter is `true`. Starting from v6.1.3, the default value is changed to `false`. When TiCDC starts, it obtains a current timestamp `ThresholdTs`. For `INSERT` and `UPDATE` statements with `CommitTs` less than `ThresholdTs`, TiCDC converts them to `REPLACE INTO` statements and `DELETE` + `REPLACE INTO` statements respectively. For `INSERT` and `UPDATE` statements with `CommitTs` greater than or equal to `ThresholdTs`, `INSERT` statements are directly replicated to the downstream, while the behavior of `UPDATE` statements follows the TiCDC Behavior in Splitting UPDATE Events.

To encode the database password in the sink URI using Base64, use the following command:

```
echo -n '12345678' | base64 # '12345678' is the password to be encoded.
```

The encoded password is as follows:

```
MTIzNDU2Nzg=
```

Note:

When the sink URI parameters contain special characters such as `! * ' ( ) ; : @ & = + $ , / ? % # [ ]`, you need to escape the special characters,

for example, in URI Encoder.

For example, if the username for connecting to the downstream database is `R&D (2)` and the certificate file path is `/data1/R&D (2).pem`, you need to escape these parameters as follows:

```
--sink-uri="mysql://R%26D%20%282%29:MTIzNDU2Nzg%3D@127
    ↪ .0.0.1:3306/?ssl-cert=/data1/R%26D%20%282%29.pem"
#                   ^~~ ^~~^~~ ^~~          ^~~
    ↪                                 ^~~ ^~~^~~ ^~~
```

7.3.2.1.3 Permissions required for the downstream database user

To replicate data to TiDB or other MySQL-compatible databases, the downstream database user needs the following permissions:

- `Select`
- `Index`
- `Insert`
- `Update`
- `Delete`
- `Create`
- `Drop`
- `Alter`
- `Create View`

To replicate `RECOVER TABLE` to the downstream TiDB, the downstream database user also needs the `Super` permission.

If the downstream TiDB cluster has read-only mode enabled, the downstream database user also needs the `RESTRICTED_REPLICA_WRITER_ADMIN` permission.

7.3.2.1.4 Eventually consistent replication in disaster scenarios

Starting from v6.1.1, this feature becomes GA. Starting from v5.3.0, TiCDC supports backing up incremental data from an upstream TiDB cluster to an object storage or an NFS of the downstream cluster. When the upstream cluster encounters a disaster and becomes unavailable, TiCDC can restore the downstream data to the recent eventually consistent state. This is the eventually consistent replication capability provided by TiCDC. With this capability, you can switch applications to the downstream cluster quickly, avoiding long-time downtime and improving service continuity.

Currently, TiCDC can replicate incremental data from a TiDB cluster to another TiDB cluster or a MySQL-compatible database system (including Aurora, MySQL, and MariaDB).

In case the upstream cluster crashes, TiCDC can restore data in the downstream cluster within 5 minutes, given the conditions that TiCDC replicates data normally before the crash, and the replication lag is small. It allows data loss of 10s at most, that is, RTO <= 5 min, and P95 RPO <= 10s.

TiCDC replication lag increases in the following scenarios:

- The TPS increases significantly in a short time.
- Large or long transactions occur in the upstream.
- The TiKV or TiCDC cluster in the upstream is reloaded or upgraded.
- Time-consuming DDL statements, such as `add index`, are executed in the upstream.
- The PD is configured with aggressive scheduling strategies, resulting in frequent transfer of Region leaders, or frequent Region merge or Region split.

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v6.1.1, the eventually consistent replication feature of TiCDC supports Amazon S3-compatible object storage. Starting from v6.1.4, this feature supports GCS- and Azure-compatible object storage.

Prerequisites

- Prepare a highly available object storage or NFS for storing TiCDC's real-time incremental data backup files. These files can be accessed in case of a disaster in the upstream.
- Enable this feature for changefeeds that need to have eventual consistency in disaster scenarios. To enable it, you can add the following configuration to the changefeed configuration file.

```
[consistent]
#### Consistency level. Options include:
#### - none: the default value. In a non-disaster scenario, eventual
   ↪ consistency is only guaranteed if and only if finished-ts is
   ↪ specified.
#### - eventual: Uses redo log to guarantee eventual consistency in case of
   ↪ the primary cluster disasters.
level = "eventual"

#### Individual redo log file size, in MiB. By default, it's 64. It is
   ↪ recommended to be no more than 128.
max-log-size = 64
```

```
#### The interval for flushing or uploading redo logs to Amazon S3, in
    ↪ milliseconds. It is recommended that this configuration be equal to
    ↪ or greater than 2000.
flush-interval = 2000

#### The path under which redo log backup is stored. The scheme can be nfs (
    ↪ NFS directory), or Amazon S3, GCS, and Azure (uploaded to object
    ↪ storage).
storage = "$SCHEME://logbucket/test-changefeed?endpoint=http://$ENDPOINT/"
```

Disaster recovery

When a disaster happens in the primary cluster, you need to recover manually in the secondary cluster by running the `cdc redo` command. The recovery process is as follows.

1. Ensure that all the TiCDC processes have exited. This is to prevent the primary cluster from resuming service during data recovery and prevent TiCDC from restarting data synchronization.
2. Use cdc binary for data recovery. Run the following command:

```
cdc redo apply --tmp-dir="/tmp/cdc/redo/apply" \
    --storage="s3://logbucket/test-changefeed?endpoint=http
        ↪ ://10.0.10.25:24927/" \
    --sink-uri="mysql://normal:123456@10.0.10.55:3306/"
```

In this command:

- `tmp-dir`: Specifies the temporary directory for downloading TiCDC incremental data backup files.
- `storage`: Specifies the address for storing the TiCDC incremental data backup files, either a URI of object storage or an NFS directory.
- `sink-uri`: Specifies the secondary cluster address to restore the data to. Scheme can only be `mysql`.

7.3.2.2 Replicate Data to Kafka

This document describes how to create a changefeed that replicates incremental data to Apache Kafka using TiCDC.

7.3.2.2.1 Create a replication task

Create a replication task by running the following command:

```
cdc cli changefeed create \
    --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 \
```

```
    --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092,127.0.0.1:9093,127.0.0.1:9094/topic-
        ↪ name?protocol=canal-json&kafka-version=2.4.0&partition-num=6&max-
        ↪ message-bytes=67108864&replication-factor=1" \
    --changefeed-id="simple-replication-task"
```

```
Create changefeed successfully!
ID: simple-replication-task
Info: {"sink-uri":"kafka://127.0.0.1:9092,127.0.0.1:9093,127.0.0.1:9094/
    ↪ topic-name?protocol=canal-json&kafka-version=2.4.0&partition-num=6&
    ↪ max-message-bytes=67108864&replication-factor=1","opts":{},"create-
    ↪ time":"2023-11-28T22:04:08.103600025+08:00","start-ts
    ↪ ":415241823337054209,"target-ts":0,"admin-job-type":0,"sort-engine":"
    ↪ unified","sort-dir":".","config":{"case-sensitive":false,"filter":{"
    ↪ rules":["*.*"],"ignore-txn-start-ts":null,"ddl-allow-list":null},"
    ↪ mounter":{"worker-num":16},"sink":{"dispatchers":null},"scheduler":{"
    ↪ type":"table-number","polling-time":-1}},"state":"normal","history":
    ↪ null,"error":null}
```

- `--server`: The address of any TiCDC server in the TiCDC cluster.
- `--changefeed-id`: The ID of the replication task. The format must match the `^[ ↪ a-zA-Z0-9]+(\-[a-zA-Z0-9]+)*$` regular expression. If this ID is not specified, TiCDC automatically generates a UUID (the version 4 format) as the ID.
- `--sink-uri`: The downstream address of the replication task. For details, see Configure sink URI with `kafka`.
- `--start-ts`: Specifies the starting TSO of the changefeed. From this TSO, the TiCDC cluster starts pulling data. The default value is the current time.
- `--target-ts`: Specifies the ending TSO of the changefeed. To this TSO, the TiCDC cluster stops pulling data. The default value is empty, which means that TiCDC does not automatically stop pulling data.
- `--config`: Specifies the changefeed configuration file. For details, see TiCDC Changefeed Configuration Parameters.

7.3.2.2.2 Supported Kafka versions

The following table shows the minimum supported Kafka versions for each TiCDC version:

TiCDC version	Minimum supported Kafka version
TiCDC >= v8.1.0	2.1.0
v7.6.0 <= TiCDC < v8.1.0	2.4.0
v7.5.2 <= TiCDC < v8.0.0	2.1.0
v7.5.0 <= TiCDC < v7.5.2	2.4.0
v6.5.0 <= TiCDC < v7.5.0	2.1.0
v6.1.0 <= TiCDC < v6.5.0	2.0.0

7.3.2.2.3 Configure sink URI for Kafka

Sink URI is used to specify the connection information of the TiCDC target system. The format is as follows:

```
[scheme]://[host]:[port][/path]?[query_parameters]
```

Tip:

If there are multiple hosts or ports for the downstream Kafka, you can configure multiple `[host]:[port]` in the sink URI. For example:

```
[scheme]://[host]:[port],[host]:[port],[host]:[port][/path]?[
    ↪ query_parameters]
```

Sample configuration:

```
--sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?protocol=canal-json&kafka-
    ↪ version=2.4.0&partition-num=6&max-message-bytes=67108864&replication-
    ↪ factor=1"
```

The following are descriptions of sink URI parameters and values that can be configured for Kafka:

Parameter/Parameter value	Description
`host`	The IP address of the downstream Kafka services.
`port`	The port for the downstream Kafka.
`topic-name`	Variable. The name of the Kafka topic.
`protocol`	The protocol with which messages are output to Kafka. The value options are `canal-json`, `open-protocol`, `avro`, `debezium` and `simple`.
`kafka-version`	The version of the downstream Kafka. This value needs to be consistent with the actual version of the downstream Kafka.
`kafka-client-id`	Specifies the Kafka client ID of the replication task (optional. `TiCDC_sarama_producer_replication ID` by default).
`partition-num`	The number of the downstream Kafka partitions (optional. The value must be **no greater than** the actual number of partitions; otherwise, the replication task cannot be created successfully. `3` by default).
`max-message-bytes`	The maximum size of data that is sent to Kafka broker each time (optional, `10MB` by default). From v5.0.6 and v4.0.6, the default value has changed from `64MB` and `256MB` to `10MB`.

Parameter/Parameter value	Description
`replication-factor`	The number of Kafka message replicas that can be saved (optional, `1` by default). This value must be greater than or equal to the value of `min.insync.replicas` in Kafka.
`required-acks`	A parameter used in the `Produce` request, which notifies the broker of the number of replica acknowledgements it needs to receive before responding. Value options are `0` (`NoResponse`: no response, only `TCP ACK` is provided), `1` (`WaitForLocal`: responds only after local commits are submitted successfully), and `-1` (`WaitForAll`: responds after all replicated replicas are committed successfully. You can configure the minimum number of replicated replicas using the `min.insync.replicas` configuration item of the broker). (Optional, the default value is `-1`).
`compression`	The compression algorithm used when sending messages (value options are `none`, `lz4`, `gzip`, `snappy`, and `zstd`; `none` by default). Note that the Snappy compressed file must be in the official Snappy format. Other variants of Snappy compression are not supported.
`auto-create-topic`	Determines whether TiCDC creates the topic automatically when the `topic-name` passed in does not exist in the Kafka cluster (optional, `true` by default).
`enable-tidb-extension`	Optional. `false` by default. When the output protocol is `canal-json`, if the value is `true`, TiCDC sends WATERMARK events and adds the TiDB extension field to Kafka messages. From v6.1.0, this parameter is also applicable to the `avro` protocol. If the value is `true`, TiCDC adds three TiDB extension fields to the Kafka message.
`max-batch-size`	New in v4.0.9. If the message protocol supports outputting multiple data changes to one Kafka message, this parameter specifies the maximum number of data changes in one Kafka message. It currently takes effect only when Kafka's `protocol` is `open-protocol` (optional, `16` by default).
`enable-tls`	Whether to use TLS to connect to the downstream Kafka instance (optional, `false` by default).
`ca`	The path of the CA certificate file needed to connect to the downstream Kafka instance (optional).
`cert`	The path of the certificate file needed to connect to the downstream Kafka instance (optional).
`key`	The path of the certificate key file needed to connect to the downstream Kafka instance (optional).
`insecure-skip-verify`	Whether to skip certificate verification when connecting to the downstream Kafka instance (optional, `false` by default).

Parameter/Parameter value	Description
`sasl-user`	The identity (authcid) of SASL/PLAIN or SASL/SCRAM authentication needed to connect to the downstream Kafka instance (optional).
`sasl-password`	The password of SASL/PLAIN or SASL/SCRAM authentication needed to connect to the downstream Kafka instance (optional). If it contains special characters, they need to be URL encoded.
`sasl-mechanism`	The name of SASL authentication needed to connect to the downstream Kafka instance. The value can be `plain`, `scram-sha-256`, `scram-sha-512`, or `gssapi`.
`sasl-gssapi-auth-type`	The gssapi authentication type. Values can be `user` or `keytab` (optional).
`sasl-gssapi-keytab-path`	The gssapi keytab path (optional).
`sasl-gssapi-kerberos-config-path`	The gssapi kerberos configuration path (optional).
`sasl-gssapi-service-name`	The gssapi service name (optional).
`sasl-gssapi-user`	The user name of gssapi authentication (optional).
`sasl-gssapi-password`	The password of gssapi authentication (optional). If it contains special characters, they need to be URL encoded.
`sasl-gssapi-realm`	The gssapi realm name (optional).
`sasl-gssapi-disable-pafxfast`	Whether to disable the gssapi PA-FX-FAST (optional).
`dial-timeout`	The timeout in establishing a connection with the downstream Kafka. The default value is `10s`.
`read-timeout`	The timeout in getting a response returned by the downstream Kafka. The default value is `10s`.
`write-timeout`	The timeout in sending a request to the downstream Kafka. The default value is `10s`.
`avro-decimal-handling-mode`	Only effective with the `avro` protocol. Determines how Avro handles the DECIMAL field. The value can be `string` or `precise`, indicating either mapping the DECIMAL field to a string or a precise floating number.
`avro-bigint-unsigned-handling-mode`	Only effective with the `avro` protocol. Determines how Avro handles the BIGINT UNSIGNED field. The value can be `string` or `long`, indicating either mapping the BIGINT UNSIGNED field to a 64-bit signed number or a string.

Best practices

- It is recommended that you create your own Kafka Topic. At a minimum, you need to set the maximum amount of data of each message that the Topic can send to the Kafka broker, and the number of downstream Kafka partitions. When you create a changefeed, these two settings correspond to `max-message-bytes` and `partition-num`, respectively.
- If you create a changefeed with a Topic that does not yet exist, TiCDC will try to create the Topic using the `partition-num` and `replication-factor` parameters. It is recommended that you specify these parameters explicitly.
- In most cases, it is recommended to use the `canal-json` protocol.

> **Note:**
>
> When `protocol` is `open-protocol`, TiCDC encodes multiple events into one Kafka message and avoids generating messages that exceed the length specified by `max-message-bytes`. If the encoded result of a single row change event exceeds the value of `max-message-bytes`, the changefeed reports an error and prints logs.

TiCDC uses the authentication and authorization of Kafka

The following are examples when using Kafka SASL authentication:

- SASL/PLAIN

```
shell  --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?kafka-version=2.4.0&
↪ sasl-user=alice-user&sasl-password=alice-secret&sasl-mechanism=plain"
```

- SASL/SCRAM

SCRAM-SHA-256 and SCRAM-SHA-512 are similar to the PLAIN method. You just need to specify `sasl-mechanism` as the corresponding authentication method.

- SASL/GSSAPI

SASL/GSSAPI `user` authentication:

```
shell  --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?kafka-version=2.4.0&
↪ sasl-mechanism=gssapi&sasl-gssapi-auth-type=user&sasl-gssapi-kerberos-
↪ config-path=/etc/krb5.conf&sasl-gssapi-service-name=kafka&sasl-gssapi-
↪ user=alice/for-kafka&sasl-gssapi-password=alice-secret&sasl-gssapi-realm
↪ =example.com"
```

Values of `sasl-gssapi-user` and `sasl-gssapi-realm` are related to the principle specified in kerberos. For example, if the principle is set as `alice/for-kafka@example.com`, then `sasl-gssapi-user` and `sasl-gssapi-realm` are specified as `alice/for-kafka` and `example.com` respectively.

SASL/GSSAPI `keytab` authentication:

```
shell  --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?kafka-version=2.4.0&
↪ sasl-mechanism=gssapi&sasl-gssapi-auth-type=keytab&sasl-gssapi-kerberos
↪ -config-path=/etc/krb5.conf&sasl-gssapi-service-name=kafka&sasl-gssapi-
↪ user=alice/for-kafka&sasl-gssapi-keytab-path=/var/lib/secret/alice.key&
↪ sasl-gssapi-realm=example.com"
```

For more information about SASL/GSSAPI authentication methods, see Configuring GSSAPI.

- TLS/SSL encryption

  If the Kafka broker has TLS/SSL encryption enabled, you need to add the `-enable ↪ -tls=true` parameter to `--sink-uri`. If you want to use self-signed certificates, you also need to specify `ca`, `cert` and `key` in `--sink-uri`.

- ACL authorization

  The minimum set of permissions required for TiCDC to function properly is as follows.

  - The `Create`, `Write`, and `Describe` permissions for the Topic resource type.
  - The `DescribeConfig` permission for the Cluster resource type.

The usage scenarios for each permission are as follows:

```
| Resource type | Type of operation |  Scenario                          |
| :-------------| :-------------- | :----------------------------------|
| Cluster     | `DescribeConfig`| Gets the cluster metadata while the
   ↪ changefeed is running |
| Topic       | `Describe`    | Tries to create a topic when the changefeed
   ↪ starts |
| Topic       | `Create`      | Tries to create a topic when the changefeed
   ↪ starts |
| Topic       | `Write`       | Sends data to the topic              |

When creating or starting a changefeed, you can disable the `Describe` and `
   ↪ Create` permissions if the specified Kafka topic already exists.
```

Integrate TiCDC with Kafka Connect (Confluent Platform)

To use the data connectors provided by Confluent to stream data to relational or non-relational databases, you need to use the `avro` protocol and provide a URL for Confluent Schema Registry in `schema-registry`.

Sample configuration:

```
--sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?&protocol=avro&replication-
    ↪ factor=3" --schema-registry="http://127.0.0.1:8081" --config
    ↪ changefeed_config.toml
```

```
[sink]
dispatchers = [
 {matcher = ['*.*'], topic = "tidb_{schema}_{table}"},
]
```

For detailed integration guide, see Quick Start Guide on Integrating TiDB with Confluent Platform.

Integrate TiCDC with AWS Glue Schema Registry

Starting from v7.4.0, TiCDC supports using the AWS Glue Schema Registry as the Schema Registry when users choose the Avro protocol for data replication. The configuration example is as follows:

```
./cdc cli changefeed create --server=127.0.0.1:8300 --changefeed-id="kafka-
    ↪ glue-test" --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?&protocol=
    ↪ avro&replication-factor=3" --config changefeed_glue.toml
```

```
[sink]
[sink.kafka-config.glue-schema-registry-config]
region="us-west-1"
registry-name="ticdc-test"
access-key="xxxx"
secret-access-key="xxxx"
token="xxxx"
```

In the above configuration, `region` and `registry-name` are required fields, while `access-key`, `secret-access-key`, and `token` are optional fields. The best practice is to set the AWS credentials as environment variables or store them in the `~/.aws/credentials` file instead of setting them in the changefeed configuration file.

For more information, refer to the official AWS SDK for Go V2 documentation.

7.3.2.2.4 Customize the rules for Topic and Partition dispatchers of Kafka Sink

Matcher rules

Take the following configuration of `dispatchers` as an example:

```
[sink]
dispatchers = [
  {matcher = ['test1.*', 'test2.*'], topic = "Topic expression 1", partition
     ↪  = "ts" },
```

```
  {matcher = ['test3.*', 'test4.*'], topic = "Topic expression 2", partition
    ↪  = "index-value" },
  {matcher = ['test1.*', 'test5.*'], topic = "Topic expression 3", partition
    ↪  = "table"},
  {matcher = ['test6.*'], partition = "ts"}
]
```

- For the tables that match the matcher rule, they are dispatched according to the policy specified by the corresponding topic expression. For example, the `test3.aa` table is dispatched according to "Topic expression 2"; the `test5.aa` table is dispatched according to "Topic expression 3".
- For a table that matches multiple matcher rules, it is dispatched according to the first matching topic expression. For example, the `test1.aa` table is distributed according to "Topic expression 1".
- For tables that do not match any matcher rule, the corresponding data change events are sent to the default topic specified in `--sink-uri`. For example, the `test10.aa` table is sent to the default topic.
- For tables that match the matcher rule but do not specify a topic dispatcher, the corresponding data changes are sent to the default topic specified in `--sink-uri`. For example, the `test6.aa` table is sent to the default topic.

Topic dispatchers

You can use topic = "xxx" to specify a Topic dispatcher and use topic expressions to implement flexible topic dispatching policies. It is recommended that the total number of topics be less than 1000.

The format of the Topic expression is `[prefix]{schema}[middle][{table}][suffix]`.

- `prefix`: optional. Indicates the prefix of the Topic Name.
- `{schema}`: required. Used to match the schema name. Starting from v7.1.4, this parameter is optional.
- `middle`: optional. Indicates the delimiter between schema name and table name.
- `{table}`: optional. Used to match the table name.
- `suffix`: optional. Indicates the suffix of the Topic Name.

`prefix`, `middle` and `suffix` can only include the following characters: `a-z`, `A-Z`, `0-9`, `.`, `_` and `-`. `{schema}` and `{table}` are both lowercase. Placeholders such as `{Schema}` and `{TABLE}` are invalid.

Some examples:

- `matcher = ['test1.table1', 'test2.table2'], topic = "hello_{schema}_{table}"`

    - The data change events corresponding to `test1.table1` are sent to the topic named `hello_test1_table1`.
    - The data change events corresponding to `test2.table2` are sent to the topic named `hello_test2_table2`.
- `matcher = ['test3.*', 'test4.*'], topic = "hello_{schema}_world"`
    - The data change events corresponding to all tables in `test3` are sent to the topic named `hello_test3_world`.
    - The data change events corresponding to all tables in `test4` are sent to the topic named `hello_test4_world`.
- `matcher = ['test5.*, 'test6.*'], topic = "hard_code_topic_name"`
    - The data change events corresponding to all tables in `test5` and `test6` are sent to the topic named `hard_code_topic_name`. You can specify the topic name directly.
- `matcher = ['*.*'], topic = "{schema}_{table}"`
    - All tables listened by TiCDC are dispatched to separate topics according to the "schema_table" rule. For example, for the `test.account` table, TiCDC dispatches its data change log to a Topic named `test_account`.

Dispatch DDL events

Schema-level DDLs

DDLs that are not related to a specific table are called schema-level DDLs, such as `create database` and `drop database`. The events corresponding to schema-level DDLs are sent to the default topic specified in `--sink-uri`.

Table-level DDLs

DDLs that are related to a specific table are called table-level DDLs, such as `alter table` and `create table`. The events corresponding to table-level DDLs are sent to the corresponding topic according to dispatcher configurations.

For example, for a dispatcher like `matcher = ['test.*'], topic = {schema}_{table}`, DDL events are dispatched as follows:

- If a single table is involved in the DDL event, the DDL event is sent to the corresponding topic as is. For example, for the DDL event `drop table test.table1`, the event is sent to the topic named `test_table1`.
- If multiple tables are involved in the DDL event (`rename table` / `drop table` / `drop view` may involve multiple tables), the DDL event is split into multiple events and sent to the corresponding topics. For example, for the DDL event `rename table test.table1 to test.table10, test.table2 to test.table20`, the event `rename table test.table1 to test.table10` is sent to the topic named `test_table1` and the event `rename table test.table2 to test.table20` is sent to the topic named `test.table2`.

Partition dispatchers

You can use `partition = "xxx"` to specify a partition dispatcher. It supports five dispatchers: `default`, `index-value`, `columns`, `table`, and `ts`. The dispatcher rules are as follows:

- `default`: uses the `table` dispatcher rule by default. It calculates the partition number using the schema name and table name, ensuring data from a table is sent to the same partition. As a result, the data from a single table only exists in one partition and is guaranteed to be ordered. However, this dispatcher rule limits the send throughput, and the consumption speed cannot be improved by adding consumers.
- `index-value`: calculates the partition number using either the primary key, a unique index, or an index explicitly specified by `index`, distributing table data across multiple partitions. The data from a single table is sent to multiple partitions, and the data in each partition is ordered. You can improve the consumption speed by adding consumers.
- `columns`: calculates the partition number using the values of explicitly specified columns, distributing table data across multiple partitions. The data from a single table is sent to multiple partitions, and the data in each partition is ordered. You can improve the consumption speed by adding consumers.
- `table`: calculates the partition number using the schema name and table name.
- `ts`: calculates the partition number using the commitTs of the row change, distributing table data across multiple partitions. The data from a single table is sent to multiple partitions, and the data in each partition is ordered. You can improve the consumption speed by adding consumers. However, multiple changes of a data item might be sent to different partitions and the consumer progress of different consumers might be different, which might cause data inconsistency. Therefore, the consumer needs to sort the data from multiple partitions by commitTs before consuming.

Take the following configuration of `dispatchers` as an example:

```
[sink]
dispatchers = [
    {matcher = ['test.*'], partition = "index-value"},
    {matcher = ['test1.*'], partition = "index-value", index = "index1"},
    {matcher = ['test2.*'], partition = "columns", columns = ["id", "a"]},
    {matcher = ['test3.*'], partition = "table"},
]
```

- Tables in the `test` database use the `index-value` dispatcher, which calculates the partition number using the value of the primary key or unique index. If a primary key exists, the primary key is used; otherwise, the shortest unique index is used.
- Tables in the `test1` table use the `index-value` dispatcher and calculate the partition number using values of all columns in the index named `index1`. If the specified index does not exist, an error is reported. Note that the index specified by `index` must be a unique index.

- Tables in the `test2` database use the `columns` dispatcher and calculate the partition number using the values of columns `id` and `a`. If any of the columns does not exist, an error is reported.
- Tables in the `test3` database use the `table` dispatcher.
- Tables in the `test4` database use the `default` dispatcher, that is the `table` dispatcher, as they do not match any of the preceding rules.

If a table matches multiple dispatcher rules, the first matching rule takes precedence.

Note:

Since v6.1.0, to clarify the meaning of the configuration, the configuration used to specify the partition dispatcher has been changed from `dispatcher` to `partition`, with `partition` being an alias for `dispatcher`. For example, the following two rules are exactly equivalent.

```
[sink]
dispatchers = [
   {matcher = ['*.*'], dispatcher = "index-value"},
   {matcher = ['*.*'], partition = "index-value"},
]
```

However, `dispatcher` and `partition` cannot appear in the same rule. For example, the following rule is invalid.

```
{matcher = ['*.*'], dispatcher = "index-value", partition = "
    ↪ table"},
```

7.3.2.2.5 Column selectors

The column selector feature supports selecting columns from events and sending only the data changes related to those columns to the downstream.

Take the following configuration of `column-selectors` as an example:

```
[sink]
column-selectors = [
    {matcher = ['test.t1'], columns = ['a', 'b']},
    {matcher = ['test.*'], columns = ["*", "!b"]},
    {matcher = ['test1.t1'], columns = ['column*', '!column1']},
    {matcher = ['test3.t'], columns = ["column?", "!column1"]},
]
```

- For table `test.t1`, only columns `a` and `b` are sent.
- For tables in the `test` database (excluding the `t1` table), all columns except `b` are sent.
- For table `test1.t1`, any column starting with `column` is sent, except for `column1`.
- For table `test3.t`, any 7-character column starting with `column` is sent, except for `column1`.
- For tables that do not match any rule, all columns are sent.

> **Note:**
>
> After being filtered by the `column-selectors` rules, the data in the table must have a primary key or unique key to be replicated. Otherwise, the changefeed reports an error when it is created or running.

7.3.2.2.6 Scale out the load of a single large table to multiple TiCDC nodes

This feature splits the data replication range of a single large table into multiple ranges, according to the data volume and the number of modified rows per minute, and it makes the data volume and the number of modified rows replicated in each range approximately the same. This feature distributes these ranges to multiple TiCDC nodes for replication, so that multiple TiCDC nodes can replicate a large single table at the same time. This feature can solve the following two problems:

- A single TiCDC node cannot replicate a large single table in time.
- The resources (such as CPU and memory) consumed by TiCDC nodes are not evenly distributed.

> **Warning:**
>
> TiCDC v7.0.0 only supports scaling out the load of a large single table on Kafka changefeeds.

Sample configuration:

```
[scheduler]
#### The default value is "false". You can set it to "true" to enable this
    ↪ feature.
enable-table-across-nodes = true
#### When you enable this feature, it only takes effect for tables with the
    ↪ number of regions greater than the `region-threshold` value.
```

```
region-threshold = 100000
#### When you enable this feature, it takes effect for tables with the
    ↪ number of rows modified per minute greater than the `write-key-
    ↪ threshold` value.
#### Note:
#### * The default value of `write-key-threshold` is 0, which means that the
    ↪  feature does not split the table replication range according to the
    ↪ number of rows modified in a table by default.
#### * You can configure this parameter according to your cluster workload.
    ↪ For example, if it is configured as 30000, it means that the feature
    ↪ will split the replication range of a table when the number of
    ↪ modified rows per minute in the table exceeds 30000.
#### * When `region-threshold` and `write-key-threshold` are configured at
    ↪ the same time:
####  TiCDC will check whether the number of modified rows is greater than
    ↪ `write-key-threshold` first.
####  If not, next check whether the number of Regions is greater than `
    ↪ region-threshold`.
write-key-threshold = 30000
```

You can query the number of Regions a table contains by the following SQL statement:

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_REGION_STATUS WHERE DB_NAME="
    ↪ database1" AND TABLE_NAME="table1" AND IS_INDEX=0;
```

7.3.2.2.7 Handle messages that exceed the Kafka topic limit

Kafka topic sets a limit on the size of messages it can receive. This limit is controlled by the `max.message.bytes` parameter. If TiCDC Kafka sink sends data that exceeds this limit, the changefeed reports an error and cannot proceed to replicate data. To solve this problem, TiCDC adds a new configuration `large-message-handle-option` and provides the following solution.

Currently, this feature supports two encoding protocols: Canal-JSON and Open Protocol. When using the Canal-JSON protocol, you must specify `enable-tidb-extension=true` in `sink-uri`.

TiCDC data compression

Starting from v7.4.0, TiCDC Kafka sink supports compressing data immediately after encoding and comparing the compressed data size with the message size limit. This feature can effectively reduce the occurrence of messages exceeding the size limit.

An example configuration is as follows:

```
[sink.kafka-config.large-message-handle]
#### This configuration is introduced in v7.4.0.
```

```
#### "none" by default, which means that the compression feature is disabled
    ↪ .
#### Possible values are "none", "lz4", and "snappy". The default value is "
    ↪ none".
large-message-handle-compression = "none"
```

When `large-message-handle-compression` is enabled, the message received by the consumer is encoded using a specific compression protocol, and the consumer application needs to use the specified compression protocol to decode the data.

This feature is different from the compression feature of the Kafka producer:

- The compression algorithm specified in `large-message-handle-compression` compresses a single Kafka message. The compression is performed before comparing with the message size limit.
- At the same time, you can also configure the compression algorithm by using the `compression` parameter in `sink-uri`. This compression algorithm is applied to the entire data sending request, which contains multiple Kafka messages.

If you set `large-message-handle-compression`, when TiCDC receives a message, it first compares it to the value of the message size limit parameter, and messages larger than the size limit are compressed. If you also set `compression` in `sink-uri`, TiCDC compresses the entire sending data request again at the sink level based on the `sink-uri` setting.

The compression ratio for the two preceding compression methods is calculated as follows: `compression ratio = size before compression / size after compression * 100`.

Send handle keys only

Starting from v7.3.0, TiCDC Kafka sink supports sending only the handle keys when the message size exceeds the limit. This can significantly reduce the message size and avoid changefeed errors and task failures caused by the message size exceeding the Kafka topic limit. Handle Key refers to the following:

- If the table to be replicated has primary key, the primary key is the handle key.
- If the table does not have primary key but has NOT NULL Unique Key, the NOT NULL Unique Key is the handle key.

The sample configuration is as follows:

```
[sink.kafka-config.large-message-handle]
#### large-message-handle-option is introduced in v7.3.0.
#### Defaults to "none". When the message size exceeds the limit, the
    ↪ changefeed fails.
#### When set to "handle-key-only", if the message size exceeds the limit,
    ↪ only the handle key is sent in the data field. If the message size
    ↪ still exceeds the limit, the changefeed fails.
large-message-handle-option = "claim-check"
```

Consume messages with handle keys only

The message format with handle keys only is as follows:

```
{
    "id": 0,
    "database": "test",
    "table": "tp_int",
    "pkNames": [
        "id"
    ],
    "isDdl": false,
    "type": "INSERT",
    "es": 1639633141221,
    "ts": 1639633142960,
    "sql": "",
    "sqlType": {
        "id": 4
    },
    "mysqlType": {
        "id": "int"
    },
    "data": [
        {
          "id": "2"
        }
    ],
    "old": null,
    "_tidb": {   // TiDB extension fields
        "commitTs": 429918007904436226, // A TiDB TSO timestamp
        "onlyHandleKey": true
    }
}
```

When a Kafka consumer receives a message, it first checks the `onlyHandleKey` field. If this field exists and is `true`, it means that the message only contains the handle key of the complete data. In this case, to get the complete data, you need to query the upstream TiDB and use `tidb_snapshot` to read historical data.

> **Warning:**
>
> When the Kafka consumer processes data and queries TiDB, the data might have been deleted by GC. You need to modify the GC Lifetime of the TiDB cluster to a larger value to avoid this situation.

Send large messages to external storage

Starting from v7.4.0, TiCDC Kafka sink supports sending large messages to external storage when the message size exceeds the limit. Meanwhile, TiCDC sends a message to Kafka that contains the address of the large message in the external storage. This can avoid changefeed failures caused by the message size exceeding the Kafka topic limit.

An example configuration is as follows:

```
[sink.kafka-config.large-message-handle]
#### large-message-handle-option is introduced in v7.3.0.
#### Defaults to "none". When the message size exceeds the limit, the
    ↪ changefeed fails.
#### When set to "handle-key-only", if the message size exceeds the limit,
    ↪ only the handle key is sent in the data field. If the message size
    ↪ still exceeds the limit, the changefeed fails.
#### When set to "claim-check", if the message size exceeds the limit, the
    ↪ message is sent to external storage.
large-message-handle-option = "claim-check"
claim-check-storage-uri = "s3://claim-check-bucket"
```

When `large-message-handle-option` is set to `"claim-check"`, `claim-check-storage ↪ -uri` must be set to a valid external storage address. Otherwise, creating the changefeed will fail.

> **Tip**
>
> For more information about the URI parameters of Amazon S3, GCS, and Azure Blob Storage in TiCDC, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

TiCDC does not clean up messages on external storage services. Data consumers need to manage external storage services on their own.

Consume large messages from external storage

The Kafka consumer receives a message that contains the address of the large message in the external storage. The message format is as follows:

```
{
    "id": 0,
    "database": "test",
    "table": "tp_int",
    "pkNames": [
        "id"
    ],
```

```
    "isDdl": false,
    "type": "INSERT",
    "es": 1639633141221,
    "ts": 1639633142960,
    "sql": "",
    "sqlType": {
        "id": 4
    },
    "mysqlType": {
        "id": "int"
    },
    "data": [
        {
          "id": "2"
        }
    ],
    "old": null,
    "_tidb": {   // TiDB extension fields
        "commitTs": 429918007904436226, // A TiDB TSO timestamp
        "claimCheckLocation": "s3:/claim-check-bucket/${uuid}.json"
    }
}
```

If the message contains the `claimCheckLocation` field, the Kafka consumer reads the large message data stored in JSON format according to the address provided by the field. The message format is as follows:

```
{
  key: "xxx",
  value: "xxx",
}
```

The `key` and `value` fields correspond to the same-named fields in the Kafka message. Consumers can get the original large message by parsing the data in these two fields. Only Kafka messages encoded with the Open Protocol contain valid content in the `key` field. TiCDC encodes both `key` and `value` into a single JSON object to deliver the complete message at once. For other protocols, the `key` field is always empty.

Send the `value` field to external storage only

Starting from v8.4.0, TiCDC supports sending only the `value` field of Kafka messages to external storage. This feature is only applicable to non-Open Protocol scenarios. You can control this feature by setting the `claim-check-raw-value` parameter, which defaults to `false`.

> **Note:**
>
> When using the Open Protocol, if you set `claim-check-raw-value` to `true`, an error will occur.

When `claim-check-raw-value` is set to `true`, the changefeed sends the `value` field of Kafka messages directly to external storage without additional JSON serialization of `key` and `value`. This reduces CPU overhead. Additionally, consumers can read directly consumable data from external storage, reducing deserialization overhead.

An example configuration is as follows:

```
protocol = "simple"

[sink.kafka-config.large-message-handle]
large-message-handle-option = "claim-check"
claim-check-storage-uri = "s3://claim-check-bucket"
claim-check-raw-value = true
```

7.3.2.3 Replicate Data to Pulsar

This document describes how to create a changefeed that replicates incremental data to Pulsar using TiCDC.

7.3.2.3.1 Create a replication task to replicate incremental data to Pulsar

Create a replication task by running the following command:

```
cdc cli changefeed create \
    --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 \
--sink-uri="pulsar://127.0.0.1:6650/persistent://public/default/yktest?
    ↪ protocol=canal-json" \
--config=./t_changefeed.toml \
--changefeed-id="simple-replication-task"
```

```
Create changefeed successfully!
ID: simple-replication-task
Info: {"upstream_id":7277814241002263370,"namespace":"default","id":"simple-
    ↪ replication-task","sink_uri":"pulsar://127.0.0.1:6650/consumer-test?
    ↪ protocol=canal-json","create_time":"2025-01-17T14
    ↪ :42:32.000904+08:00","start_ts":444203257406423044,"config":{"memory_
    ↪ quota":1073741824,"case_sensitive":false,"force_replicate":false,"
```

```
↪ ignore_ineligible_table":false,"check_gc_safe_point":true,"enable_
↪ sync_point":false,"bdr_mode":false,"sync_point_interval
↪ ":600000000000,"sync_point_retention":86400000000000,"filter":{"rules
↪ ":["pulsar_test.*"]},"mounter":{"worker_num":16},"sink":{"protocol":"
↪ canal-json","csv":{"delimiter":",","quote":"\"","null":"\\N","include
↪ _commit_ts":false,"binary_encoding_method":"base64"},"dispatchers
↪ ":[{"matcher":["pulsar_test.*"],"partition":"","topic":"test_{schema}
↪ _{table}"}],"encoder_concurrency":16,"terminator":"\r\n","date_
↪ separator":"day","enable_partition_separator":true,"only_output_
↪ updated_columns":false,"delete_only_output_handle_key_columns":false
↪ ,"pulsar_config":{"connection-timeout":30,"operation-timeout":30,"
↪ batching-max-messages":1000,"batching-max-publish-delay":10,"send-
↪ timeout":30},"advance_timeout":150},"consistent":{"level":"none","max
↪ _log_size":64,"flush_interval":2000,"use_file_backend":false},"
↪ scheduler":{"enable_table_across_nodes":false,"region_threshold
↪ ":100000,"write_key_threshold":0},"integrity":{"integrity_check_level
↪ ":"none","corruption_handle_level":"warn"}},"state":"normal","creator
↪ _version":"v8.5.1","resolved_ts":444203257406423044,"checkpoint_ts
↪ ":444203257406423044,"checkpoint_time":"2025-01-17 14:42:31.410"}
```

The meaning of each parameter is as follows:

- `--server`: the address of a TiCDC server in the TiCDC cluster.
- `--changefeed-id`: the ID of the replication task. The format must match the regular expression `^[a-zA-Z0-9]+(\-[a-zA-Z0-9]+)*$`. If the ID is not specified, TiCDC automatically generates a UUID (in the version 4 format) as the ID.
- `--sink-uri`: the downstream address of the replication task. See Use Sink URI to configure Pulsar.
- `--start-ts`: the start TSO of the changefeed. The TiCDC cluster starts pulling data from this TSO. The default value is the current time.
- `--target-ts`: the target TSO of the changefeed. The TiCDC cluster stops pulling data at this TSO. It is empty by default, which means that TiCDC does not automatically stop pulling data.
- `--config`: the changefeed configuration file. See TiCDC changefeed configuration parameters.

7.3.2.3.2 Use Sink URI and changefeed config to configure Pulsar

You can use Sink URI to specify the connection information for the TiCDC target system, and use changefeed config to configure parameters related to Pulsar.

Sink URI

A Sink URI follows the following format:

```
[scheme]://[userinfo@][host]:[port][/path]?[query_parameters]
```

Configuration example 1:

```
--sink-uri="pulsar://127.0.0.1:6650/persistent://abc/def/yktest?protocol=
   ↪ canal-json"
```

Configuration example 2:

```
--sink-uri="pulsar://127.0.0.1:6650/yktest?protocol=canal-json"
```

The configurable parameters in a URI are as follows:

Parameter	Description
`pulsar`	The scheme for the downstream Pulsar. The value can be `pulsar`, `pulsar+ssl`, `pulsar+http`, or `pulsar+https`, in which `pulsar+http` and `pulsar+https` are supported starting from v8.2.0.
`127.0.0.1`	The IP address by which the downstream Pulsar provides service.
`6650`	The connection port for the downstream Pulsar.
`persistent://abc/ ↪ def/yktest`	As shown in the preceding configuration example 1, this parameter is used to specify the tenant, namespace, and topic of Pulsar.
`yktest`	As shown in the preceding configuration example 2, if the topic you want to specify is in the default namespace `default` of the default tenant `public` in Pulsar, you can configure the URI with just the topic name, for example, `yktest`. This is equivalent to specifying the topic as `persistent://public/default/yktest`.

Changefeed config parameters

The following are examples of changefeed config parameters:

```
[sink]
#### `dispatchers` is used to specify matching rules.
#### Note: When the downstream MQ is Pulsar, if the routing rule for `
   ↪ partition` is not specified as any of `ts`, `index-value`, `table`,
   ↪ or `default`, each Pulsar message will be routed using the string you
   ↪  set as the key.
#### For example, if you specify the routing rule for a matcher as the
   ↪ string `code`, then all Pulsar messages that match that matcher will
   ↪ be routed with `code` as the key.
#### dispatchers = [
####   {matcher = ['test1.*', 'test2.*'], topic = "Topic expression 1",
   ↪ partition = "ts" },
####   {matcher = ['test3.*', 'test4.*'], topic = "Topic expression 2",
   ↪ partition = "index-value" },
```

```
####   {matcher = ['test1.*', 'test5.*'], topic = "Topic expression 3",
   ↪ partition = "table"},
####   {matcher = ['test6.*'], partition = "default"},
####   {matcher = ['test7.*'], partition = "test123"}
#### ]

#### `protocol` is used to specify the protocol format for encoding messages
   ↪ .
#### When the downstream is Pulsar, the protocol can only be canal-json.
#### protocol = "canal-json"

#### The following parameters only take effect when the downstream is Pulsar
   ↪ .
[sink.pulsar-config]
#### Authentication on the Pulsar server is done using a token. Specify the
   ↪ value of the token.
authentication-token = "xxxxxxxxxxxxx"
#### When you use a token for Pulsar server authentication, specify the path
   ↪  to the file where the token is located.
token-from-file="/data/pulsar/token-file.txt"
#### Pulsar uses the basic account and password to authenticate the identity
   ↪ . Specify the account.
basic-user-name="root"
#### Pulsar uses the basic account and password to authenticate the identity
   ↪ . Specify the password.
basic-password="password"
#### The certificate path on the client, which is required when Pulsar
   ↪ enables the mTLS authentication.
auth-tls-certificate-path="/data/pulsar/certificate"
#### The private key path on the client, which is required when Pulsar
   ↪ enables the mTLS authentication.
auth-tls-private-key-path="/data/pulsar/certificate.key"
#### The path to the trusted certificate file of the Pulsar TLS
   ↪ authentication, which is required when Pulsar enables the mTLS
   ↪ authentication or TLS encrypted transmission.
tls-trust-certs-file-path="/data/pulsar/tls-trust-certs-file"
#### The path to the encrypted private key on the client, which is required
   ↪ when Pulsar enables TLS encrypted transmission.
tls-key-file-path="/data/pulsar/tls-key-file"
#### The path to the encrypted certificate file on the client, which is
   ↪ required when Pulsar enables TLS encrypted transmission.
tls-certificate-file="/data/pulsar/tls-certificate-file"
#### Pulsar oauth2 issuer-url. For more information, see the Pulsar website:
   ↪  https://pulsar.apache.org/docs/2.10.x/client-libraries-go/#tls-
   ↪ encryption-and-authentication
```

```
oauth2.oauth2-issuer-url="https://xxxx.auth0.com"
#### Pulsar oauth2 audience
oauth2.oauth2-audience="https://xxxx.auth0.com/api/v2/"
#### Pulsar oauth2 private-key
oauth2.oauth2-private-key="/data/pulsar/privateKey"
#### Pulsar oauth2 client-id
oauth2.oauth2-client-id="0Xx...Yyxeny"
#### Pulsar oauth2 oauth2-scope
oauth2.oauth2-scope="xxxx"
#### The number of cached Pulsar producers in TiCDC. The value is 10240 by
    ↪ default. Each Pulsar producer corresponds to one topic. If the number
    ↪  of topics you need to replicate is larger than the default value,
    ↪ you need to increase the number.
pulsar-producer-cache-size=10240
#### Pulsar data compression method. No compression is used by default.
    ↪ Optional values are "lz4", "zlib", and "zstd".
compression-type=""
#### The timeout for the Pulsar client to establish a TCP connection with
    ↪ the server. The value is 5 seconds by default.
connection-timeout=5
#### The timeout for Pulsar clients to initiate operations such as creating
    ↪ and subscribing to a topic. The value is 30 seconds by default.
operation-timeout=30
#### The maximum number of messages in a single batch for a Pulsar producer
    ↪ to send. The value is 1000 by default.
batching-max-messages=1000
#### The interval at which Pulsar producer messages are saved for batching.
    ↪ The value is 10 milliseconds by default.
batching-max-publish-delay=10
#### The timeout for a Pulsar producer to send a message. The value is 30
    ↪ seconds by default.
send-timeout=30
```

Best practice

- You need to specify the `protocol` parameter when creating a changefeed. Currently, only the `canal-json` protocol is supported for replicating data to Pulsar.
- The `pulsar-producer-cache-size` parameter indicates the number of producers cached in the Pulsar client. Because each producer in Pulsar can only correspond to one topic, TiCDC adopts the LRU method to cache producers, and the default limit is 10240. If the number of topics you need to replicate is larger than the default value, you need to increase the number.

TLS encrypted transmission

Starting from v7.5.1 and v8.0.0, TiCDC supports TLS encrypted transmission for Pulsar. The configuration example is as follows:

Sink URI:

```
--sink-uri="pulsar+ssl://127.0.0.1:6651/persistent://public/default/yktest?
    ↪ protocol=canal-json"
```

Configuration:

```
[sink.pulsar-config]
tls-trust-certs-file-path="/data/pulsar/tls-trust-certs-file"
```

If the `tlsRequireTrustedClientCertOnConnect=true` parameter is configured for your Pulsar server, you also need to configure the `tls-key-file-path` and `tls-certificate-file` parameters in the changefeed configuration file. For example:

```
[sink.pulsar-config]
tls-trust-certs-file-path="/data/pulsar/tls-trust-certs-file"
tls-certificate-file="/data/pulsar/tls-certificate-file"
tls-key-file-path="/data/pulsar/tls-key-file"
```

TiCDC authentication and authorization for Pulsar

The following is a sample configuration when you use token authentication with Pulsar:

- Token

  Sink URI:

  ```
  --sink-uri="pulsar://127.0.0.1:6650/persistent://public/default/yktest?
      ↪ protocol=canal-json"
  ```

  Config parameter:

  ```
  [sink.pulsar-config]
  authentication-token = "xxxxxxxxxxxxx"
  ```

- Token from file

  Sink URI:

  ```
  --sink-uri="pulsar://127.0.0.1:6650/persistent://public/default/yktest?
      ↪ protocol=canal-json"
  ```

  Config parameter:

  ```
  [sink.pulsar-config]
  # Pulsar uses tokens for authentication on the Pulsar server. Specify
      ↪ the path to the token file, which will be read from the TiCDC
      ↪ server.
  token-from-file="/data/pulsar/token-file.txt"
  ```

- mTLS authentication

  Sink URI:

```
--sink-uri="pulsar+ssl://127.0.0.1:6651/persistent://public/default/
    ↪ yktest?protocol=canal-json"
```

  Config parameters:

```
[sink.pulsar-config]
# Certificate path of the Pulsar mTLS authentication
auth-tls-certificate-path="/data/pulsar/certificate"
# Private key path of the Pulsar mTLS authentication
auth-tls-private-key-path="/data/pulsar/certificate.key"
# Path to the trusted certificate file of the Pulsar mTLS
    ↪ authentication
tls-trust-certs-file-path="/data/pulsar/tls-trust-certs-file"
```

- OAuth2 authentication

  Starting from v7.5.1 and v8.0.0, TiCDC supports the OAuth2 authentication for Pulsar.

  Sink URI:

```
--sink-uri="pulsar://127.0.0.1:6650/persistent://public/default/yktest?
    ↪ protocol=canal-json"
```

  Config parameters:

```
[sink.pulsar-config]
# Pulsar oauth2 issuer-url. For more information, see the Pulsar
    ↪ website: https://pulsar.apache.org/docs/2.10.x/client-libraries-
    ↪ go/#oauth2-authentication
oauth2.oauth2-issuer-url="https://xxxx.auth0.com"
# Pulsar oauth2 audience
oauth2.oauth2-audience="https://xxxx.auth0.com/api/v2/"
# Pulsar oauth2 private-key
oauth2.oauth2-private-key="/data/pulsar/privateKey"
# Pulsar oauth2 client-id
oauth2.oauth2-client-id="0Xx...Yyxeny"
# Pulsar oauth2 oauth2-scope
oauth2.oauth2-scope="xxxx"
```

7.3.2.3.3 Customize the dispatching rules for topics and partitions in Pulsar Sink

Matching rules for Matcher

Take the `dispatchers` configuration item in the following sample configuration file as an example:

```
[sink]
dispatchers = [
  {matcher = ['test1.*', 'test2.*'], topic = "Topic expression 1", partition
     ↪  = "ts" },
  {matcher = ['test3.*', 'test4.*'], topic = "Topic expression 2", partition
     ↪  = "index-value" },
  {matcher = ['test1.*', 'test5.*'], topic = "Topic expression 3", partition
     ↪  = "table"},
  {matcher = ['test6.*'], partition = "default"},
  {matcher = ['test7.*'], partition = "test123"}
]
```

- The tables that match a matcher rule are dispatched according to the policy specified by the corresponding topic expression. For example, the table `test3.aa` is dispatched according to `Topic expression 2`, and the table `test5.aa` is dispatched according to `Topic expression 3`.
- For a table that matches more than one matcher rule, it is dispatched according to the first matching topic expression. For example, the table `test1.aa` is dispatched according to `Topic expression 1`.
- For tables that do not match any matcher, the corresponding data change events are sent to the default topic specified in `-sink-uri`. For example, the table `test10.aa` is sent to the default topic.
- For tables that match the matcher rule but do not have a topic dispatcher specified, the corresponding data changes are sent to the default topic specified in `-sink-uri`. For example, the table `test6.abc` is sent to the default topic.

Topic dispatcher

You can use `topic = "xxx"` to specify a topic dispatcher and use topic expressions to implement flexible topic dispatching policies. It is recommended that the total number of topics be less than 1000.

The format of a topic expression is `[tenant_and_namespace][prefix]{schema}[middle][{table}][suffix]`. The following are the meanings of each part:

- `tenant_and_namespace`: Optional. Represents the tenant and namespace of the topic, such as `persistent://abc/def/`. If not configured, it means that the topic is in the default namespace `default` under the default tenant `public` of Pulsar.
- `prefix`: Optional. Represents the prefix of the topic name.
- `{schema}`: Optional. Represents the database name.
- `middle`: Optional. Represents the separator between a database name and a table name.

- `{table}`: Optional. Represents the table name.
- `suffix`: Optional. Represents the suffix of the topic name.

`prefix`, `middle`, and `suffix` only support uppercase and lowercase letters (`a-z`, `A-Z`), numbers (`0-9`), dots (`.`), underscores (`_`), and hyphens (`-`). `{schema}` and `{table}` must be lowercase. Placeholders such as `{Schema}` and `{TABLE}` that contain uppercase letters are invalid.

The following are some examples:

- `matcher = ['test1.table1', 'test2.table2'], topic = "hello_{schema}_{table}"`
  - Data change events corresponding to the table `test1.table1` are despatched to a topic named `hello_test1_table1`.
  - Data change events corresponding to the table `test2.table2` are despatched to a topic named `hello_test2_table2`.
- `matcher = ['test3.*', 'test4.*'], topic = "hello_{schema}_world"`
  - Data change events for all tables under `test3` are despatched to a topic named `hello_test3_world`.
  - Data change events for all tables under `test4` are despatched to a topic named `hello_test4_world`.
- `matcher = ['*.*'], topic = "{schema}_{table}"`
  - For all tables that TiCDC listens on, they are despatched to separate topics according to the `databaseName_tableName` rule. For example, for the table `test.account`, TiCDC despatches its data change log to a topic named `test_account`.

Dispatch DDL events

Database-level DDL events

DDL statements such as `CREATE DATABASE` and `DROP DATABASE` that are not related to a specific table are called database-level DDL statements. Events corresponding to database-level DDL statements are dispatched to the default topic specified in `--sink-uri`.

Table-level DDL events

DDL statements such as `ALTER TABLE` and `CREATE TABLE` that are related to a specific table are called table-level DDL statements. Events corresponding to table-level DDL statements are dispatched to an appropriate topic according to the configuration of `dispatchers`.

For example, for a `dispatchers` configuration like `matcher = ['test.*'], topic = {schema}_{table}`, the DDL events are despatched as follows:

- If a DDL event only involves a single table, the DDL event is dispatched to the appropriate topic as it is. For example, for the DDL event `DROP TABLE test.table1`, the event is dispatched to the topic named `test_table1`.
- If a DDL event involves more than one table (`RENAME TABLE`, `DROP TABLE`, and `DROP VIEW` might all involve more than one table), the single DDL event is split into multiple ones and dispatched to appropriate topics. For example, for the DDL event `RENAME TABLE test.table1 TO test.table10, test.table2 TO test.table20`, the processing is as follows:
    - Dispatch the DDL event for `RENAME TABLE test.table1 TO test.table10` to a topic named `test_table1`.
    - Dispatch the DDL event for `RENAME TABLE test.table2 TO test.table20` to a topic named `test_table2`.

Partition dispatcher

Currently, TiCDC only supports consumers to consume messages using the exclusive subscription model, that is, each consumer can consume messages from all partitions in a topic.

You can specify a partition dispatcher with `partition = "xxx"`. The following partition dispatches are supported: `default`, `ts`, `index-value`, and `table`. If you fill in any other string, TiCDC will pass that string as the `key` of the message in the messages sent to the Pulsar server.

The dispatching rules are as follows:

- `default`: By default, events are dispatched by the schema name and table name, which is the same as when `table` is specified.
- `ts`: Use commitTs of row changes to perform hash calculation and dispatch events.
- `index-value`: Use the value of the table primary key or unique index to perform hash calculation and dispatch events.
- `table`: Use the schema name and table name to perform hash calculation and dispatch events.
- Other self-defined string: The self-defined string is used directly as the key for the Pulsar message, and the Pulsar producer uses this key value for dispatching.

7.3.2.4 Replicate Data to Storage Services

Starting from TiDB v6.5.0, TiCDC supports saving row change events to storage services, including Amazon S3, GCS, Azure Blob Storage, and NFS. This document describes how to create a changefeed that replicates incremental data to such storage services using TiCDC, and how data is stored. The organization of this document is as follows:

- How to replicate data to storage services.
- How data is stored in storage services.

7.3.2.4.1 Replicate change data to storage services

Run the following command to create a changefeed task:

```
cdc cli changefeed create \
    --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 \
    --sink-uri="s3://logbucket/storage_test?protocol=canal-json" \
    --changefeed-id="simple-replication-task"
```

The output is as follows:

```
Info: {"upstream_id":7171388873935111376,"namespace":"default","id":"simple-
    ↪ replication-task","sink_uri":"s3://logbucket/storage_test?protocol=
    ↪ canal-json","create_time":"2025-01-17T18:52:05.566016967+08:00","
    ↪ start_ts":437706850431664129,"engine":"unified","config":{"case_
    ↪ sensitive":false,"enable_old_value":true,"force_replicate":false,"
    ↪ ignore_ineligible_table":false,"check_gc_safe_point":true,"enable_
    ↪ sync_point":false,"sync_point_interval":600000000000,"sync_point_
    ↪ retention":86400000000000,"filter":{"rules":["*.*"],"event_filters":
    ↪ null},"mounter":{"worker_num":16},"sink":{"protocol":"canal-json","
    ↪ schema_registry":"","csv":{"delimiter":",","quote":"\"","null":"\\N
    ↪ ","include_commit_ts":false},"column_selectors":null,"transaction_
    ↪ atomicity":"none","encoder_concurrency":16,"terminator":"\r\n","date_
    ↪ separator":"none","enable_partition_separator":false},"consistent":{"
    ↪ level":"none","max_log_size":64,"flush_interval":2000,"storage
    ↪ ":""}},"state":"normal","creator_version":"v8.5.1"}
```

- `--server`: The address of any TiCDC server in the TiCDC cluster.
- `--changefeed-id`: The ID of the changefeed. The format must match the `^[a-zA-Z0 ↪ -9]+(\-[a-zA-Z0-9]+)*$` regular expression. If this ID is not specified, TiCDC automatically generates a UUID (the version 4 format) as the ID.
- `--sink-uri`: The downstream address of the changefeed. For details, see Configure sink URI.
- `--start-ts`: The starting TSO of the changefeed. TiCDC starts pulling data from this TSO. The default value is the current time.
- `--target-ts`: The ending TSO of the changefeed. TiCDC stops pulling data until this TSO. The default value is empty, which means that TiCDC does not automatically stop pulling data.
- `--config`: The configuration file of the changefeed. For details, see TiCDC changefeed configuration parameters.

7.3.2.4.2 Configure sink URI

This section describes how to configure Sink URI for storage services, including Amazon S3, GCS, Azure Blob Storage, and NFS. Sink URI is used to specify the connection information of the TiCDC target system. The format is as follows:

```
[scheme]://[host]/[path]?[query_parameters]
```

For `[query_parameters]` in the URI, the following parameters can be configured:

Parameter	Description	Default value	Value range
`worker-count`	Concurrency for saving data changes to cloud storage in the downstream.	`16`	`[1, 512]`
`flush-interval`	Interval for saving data changes to cloud storage in the downstream.	`5s`	`[2s, 10m]`
`file-size`	A data change file is stored to cloud storage if the number of bytes exceeds the value of this parameter.	`67108864`	`[1048576, 536870912]`
`protocol`	The protocol format of the messages sent to the downstream.	N/A	`canal-json` and `csv`

Parameter	Description	Default value	Value range
`enable-tidb-extension`	When `protocol` is set to `canal-json` and `enable-tidb-extension` is set to `true`, TiCDC sends WATERMARK events and adds the TiDB extension field to Canal-JSON messages.	`false`	`false` and `true`

> **Note:**
>
> Data change files are saved to the downstream when either `flush-interval` or `file-size` meets the requirements. The `protocol` parameter is mandatory. If TiCDC does not receive this parameter when creating a changefeed, the `CDC:ErrSinkUnknownProtocol` error is returned.

Configure sink URI for external storage

When storing data in a cloud storage system, you need to set different authentication parameters depending on the cloud service provider. This section describes the authentication methods when using Amazon S3, Google Cloud Storage (GCS), and Azure Blob Storage, and how to configure accounts to access the corresponding storage services.

The following is an example configuration for Amazon S3:

```
--sink-uri="s3://bucket/prefix?protocol=canal-json"
```

Before replicating data, you need to set appropriate access permissions for the directory in Amazon S3:

- Minimum permissions required by TiCDC: `s3:ListBucket`, `s3:PutObject`, and `s3:GetObject`.
- If the changefeed configuration item `sink.cloud-storage-config.flush-concurrency` is greater than 1, which means parallel uploading of single files is enabled, you need to additionally add permissions related to ListParts:
    - `s3:AbortMultipartUpload`
    - `s3:ListMultipartUploadParts`
    - `s3:ListBucketMultipartUploads`

If you have not created a replication data storage directory, refer to Create a bucket to create an S3 bucket in the specified region. If necessary, you can also create a folder in the bucket by referring to Organize objects in the Amazon S3 console by using folders.

You can configure an account to access Amazon S3 in the following ways:

- Method 1: Specify the access key

  If you specify an access key and a secret access key, authentication is performed according to them. In addition to specifying the key in the URI, the following methods are supported:

    - TiCDC reads the `$AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID` and `$AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY` environment variables.
    - TiCDC reads the `$AWS_ACCESS_KEY` and `$AWS_SECRET_KEY` environment variables.
    - TiCDC reads the shared credentials file in the path specified by the `$AWS_SHARED_CREDENTIALS_FILE` environment variable.
    - TiCDC reads the shared credentials file in the `~/.aws/credentials` path.

- Method 2: Access based on an IAM role

  Associate an IAM role with configured permissions to access Amazon S3 to the EC2 instance running the TiCDC server. After successful setup, TiCDC can directly access the corresponding directories in Amazon S3 without additional settings.

The following is an example configuration for GCS:

```
--sink-uri="gcs://bucket/prefix?protocol=canal-json"
```

You can configure the account used to access GCS by specifying an access key. Authentication is performed according to the specified `credentials-file`. In addition to specifying the key in the URI, the following methods are supported:

- TiCDC reads the file in the path specified by the `$GOOGLE_APPLICATION_CREDENTIALS` environment variable.
- TiCDC reads the file `~/.config/gcloud/application_default_credentials.json`.

- TiCDC obtains credentials from the metadata server when the cluster is running in GCE or GAE.

The following is an example configuration for Azure Blob Storage:

```
--sink-uri="azure://bucket/prefix?protocol=canal-json"
```

You can configure an account to access Azure Blob Storage in the following ways:

- Method 1: Specify a shared access signature

  If you configure `account-name` and `sas-token` in the URI, the storage account name and shared access signature token specified by this parameter are used. Because the shared access signature token has the `&` character, you need to encode it as `%26` before adding it to the URI. You can also directly encode the entire `sas-token` using percent-encoding.

- Method 2: Specify the access key

  If you configure `account-name` and `account-key` in the URI, the storage account name and key specified by this parameter are used. In addition to specifying the key file in the URI, TiCDC can also read the key from the environment variable `$AZURE_STORAGE_KEY`.

- Method 3: Use Azure AD to restore the backup

  Configure the environment variables `$AZURE_CLIENT_ID`, `$AZURE_TENANT_ID`, and `$AZURE_CLIENT_SECRET`.

> **Tip:**
>
> For more information about the URI parameters of Amazon S3, GCS, and Azure Blob Storage in TiCDC, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

Configure sink URI for NFS

The following is an example configuration for NFS:

```
--sink-uri="file:///my-directory/prefix?protocol=canal-json"
```

7.3.2.4.3 Storage path structure

This section describes the storage path structure of data change records, metadata, and DDL events.

Data change records

Data change records are saved to the following path:

```
{scheme}://{prefix}/{schema}/{table}/{table-version-separator}/{partition-
    ↪ separator}/{date-separator}/CDC{num}.{extension}
```

- `scheme`: specifies the storage type, for example, `s3`, `gcs`, `azure`, or `file`.
- `prefix`: specifies the user-defined parent directory, for example, s3://**bucket/bbb/ccc**.
- `schema`: specifies the schema name, for example, s3://bucket/bbb/ccc/**test**.
- `table`: specifies the table name, for example, s3://bucket/bbb/ccc/test/**table1**.
- `table-version-separator`: specifies the separator that separates the path by the table version, for example, s3://bucket/bbb/ccc/test/table1/**9999**.
- `partition-separator`: specifies the separator that separates the path by the table partition, for example, s3://bucket/bbb/ccc/test/table1/9999/**20**.
- `date-separator`: classifies the files by the transaction commit date. The default value is `day`. Value options are:
    - `none`: no `date-separator`. For example, all files with `test.table1` version being `9999` are saved to `s3://bucket/bbb/ccc/test/table1/9999`.
    - `year`: the separator is the year of the transaction commit date, for example, s3://bucket/bbb/ccc/test/table1/9999/**2022**.
    - `month`: the separator is the year and month of the transaction commit date, for example, s3://bucket/bbb/ccc/test/table1/9999/**2022-01**.
    - `day`: the separator is the year, month, and day of the transaction commit date, for example, s3://bucket/bbb/ccc/test/table1/9999/**2022-01-02**.
- `num`: saves the serial number of the file that records the data change, for example, s3://bucket/bbb/ccc/test/table1/9999/2022-01-02/CDC**000005**.csv.
- `extension`: specifies the extension of the file. TiDB v6.5.0 supports the CSV and Canal-JSON formats.

> **Note:**
>
> The table version changes in the following scenarios:
>
> - The upstream TiDB performs a DDL operation on the table.
> - TiCDC schedules the table across nodes.
> - The changefeed to which the table belongs restarts.
>
> Note that the change of the table version does not mean the change of the table schema. For example, adding a comment to a column does not cause the schema file content to change.

Index files

An index file is used to prevent written data from being overwritten by mistake. It is stored in the same path as the data change records.

```
{scheme}://{prefix}/{schema}/{table}/{table-version-separator}/{partition-
    ↪ separator}/{date-separator}/meta/CDC.index
```

The index file records the largest file name used in the current directory. For example:

```
CDC000005.csv
```

In this example, the files `CDC000001.csv` through `CDC000004.csv` in this directory are occupied. When a table scheduling or node restart occurs in the TiCDC cluster, the new node reads the index file and determines if `CDC000005.csv` is occupied. If it is not occupied, the new node writes the file starting from `CDC000005.csv`. If it is occupied, it starts writing from `CDC000006.csv`, which prevents overwriting data written by other nodes.

Metadata

Metadata is saved in the following path:

```
{protocol}://{prefix}/metadata
```

Metadata is a JSON-formatted file, for example:

```
{
    "checkpoint-ts":433305438660591626
}
```

- `checkpoint-ts`: Transactions with `commit-ts` smaller than `checkpoint-ts` are written to the target storage in the downstream.

DDL events

DDL events at the table level

When a DDL event of an upstream table causes a table version change, TiCDC automatically does the following:

- Switches to a new path to write data change records. For example, when the version of `test.table1` changes to `441349361156227074`, TiCDC changes to the `s3://bucket/bbb/ccc/test/table1/441349361156227074/2022-01-02/` path to write data change records.
- Generates a schema file in the following path to store the table schema information:

```
{scheme}://{prefix}/{schema}/{table}/meta/schema_{table-version}_{hash
    ↪ }.json
```

Taking the `schema_441349361156227074_3131721815.json` schema file as an example, the table schema information in this file is as follows:

```
{
    "Table":"table1",
    "Schema":"test",
    "Version":1,
    "TableVersion":441349361156227074,
    "Query":"ALTER TABLE test.table1 ADD OfficeLocation blob(20)",
    "Type":5,
    "TableColumns":[
        {
            "ColumnName":"Id",
            "ColumnType":"INT",
            "ColumnNullable":"false",
            "ColumnIsPk":"true"
        },
        {
            "ColumnName":"LastName",
            "ColumnType":"CHAR",
            "ColumnLength":"20"
        },
        {
            "ColumnName":"FirstName",
            "ColumnType":"VARCHAR",
            "ColumnLength":"30"
        },
        {
            "ColumnName":"HireDate",
            "ColumnType":"DATETIME"
        },
        {
            "ColumnName":"OfficeLocation",
            "ColumnType":"BLOB",
            "ColumnLength":"20"
        }
    ],
    "TableColumnsTotal":"5"
}
```

- `Table`: Table name.
- `Schema`: Schema name.
- `Version`: Protocol version of the storage sink.
- `TableVersion`: Table version.
- `Query`: DDL statement.

- `Type`: DDL type.
- `TableColumns`: An array of one or more maps, each of which describes a column in the source table.
    - `ColumnName`: Column name.
    - `ColumnType`: Column type. For details, see Data type.
    - `ColumnLength`: Column length. For details, see Data type.
    - `ColumnPrecision`: Column precision. For details, see Data type.
    - `ColumnScale`: The number of digits following the decimal point (the scale). For details, see Data type.
    - `ColumnNullable`: The column can be NULL when the value of this option is `true`.
    - `ColumnIsPk`: The column is part of the primary key when the value of this option is `true`.
- `TableColumnsTotal`: The size of the `TableColumns` array.

DDL events at the database level

When a database-level DDL event is performed in the upstream database, TiCDC automatically generates a schema file in the following path to store the database schema information:

```
{scheme}://{prefix}/{schema}/meta/schema_{table-version}_{hash}.json
```

Taking the `schema_441349361156227000_3131721815.json` schema file as an example, the database schema information in this file is as follows:

```
{
  "Table": "",
  "Schema": "schema1",
  "Version": 1,
  "TableVersion": 441349361156227000,
  "Query": "CREATE DATABASE `schema1`",
  "Type": 1,
  "TableColumns": null,
  "TableColumnsTotal": 0
}
```

Data type

This section describes the data types used in the `schema_{table-version}_{hash}.json` file (hereafter referred to as "schema file" in the following sections). The data types are defined as `T(M[, D])`. For details, see Data Types.

Integer types

Integer types in TiDB are defined as `IT[(M)] [UNSIGNED]`, where

- `IT` is the integer type, which can be `TINYINT`, `SMALLINT`, `MEDIUMINT`, `INT`, `BIGINT`, or `BIT`.
- `M` is the display width of the type.

Integer types are defined as follows in the schema file:

```
{
    "ColumnName":"COL1",
    "ColumnType":"{IT} [UNSIGNED]",
    "ColumnPrecision":"{M}"
}
```

Decimal types

Decimal types in TiDB are defined as `DT[(M,D)][UNSIGNED]`, where

- `DT` is the floating-point type, which can be `FLOAT`, `DOUBLE`, `DECIMAL`, or `NUMERIC`.
- `M` is the precision of the data type, or the total number of digits.
- `D` is the number of digits following the decimal point.

Decimal types are defined as follows in the schema file:

```
{
    "ColumnName":"COL1",
    "ColumnType":"{DT} [UNSIGNED]",
    "ColumnPrecision":"{M}",
    "ColumnScale":"{D}"
}
```

Date and time types

Date types in TiDB are defined as `DT`, where

- `DT` is the date type, which can be `DATE` or `YEAR`.

The date types are defined as follows in the schema file:

```
{
    "ColumnName":"COL1",
    "ColumnType":"{DT}"
}
```

The time types in TiDB are defined as `TT[(M)]`, where

- `TT` is the time type, which can be `TIME`, `DATETIME`, or `TIMESTAMP`.
- `M` is the precision of seconds in the range from 0 to 6.

The time types are defined as follows in the schema file:

```
{
    "ColumnName":"COL1",
    "ColumnType":"{TT}",
    "ColumnScale":"{M}"
}
```

String types

The string types in TiDB are defined as `ST[(M)]`, where

- `ST` is the string type, which can be `CHAR`, `VARCHAR`, `TEXT`, `BINARY`, `BLOB`, or `JSON`.
- `M` is the maximum length of the string.

The string types are defined as follows in the schema file:

```
{
    "ColumnName":"COL1",
    "ColumnType":"{ST}",
    "ColumnLength":"{M}"
}
```

Enum and Set types

The Enum and Set types are defined as follows in the schema file:

```
{
    "ColumnName":"COL1",
    "ColumnType":"{ENUM/SET}",
}
```

7.3.3 Manage Changefeeds

This document describes how to create and manage TiCDC changefeeds by using the TiCDC command-line tool `cdc cli`. You can also manage changefeeds via the HTTP interface of TiCDC. For details, see TiCDC OpenAPI.

7.3.3.1 Create a replication task

Run the following command to create a replication task:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 --sink-uri="mysql
    ↪ ://root:123456@127.0.0.1:3306/" --changefeed-id="simple-replication-
    ↪ task"
```

```
Create changefeed successfully!
ID: simple-replication-task
Info: {"upstream_id":7178706266519722477,"namespace":"default","id":"simple-
    ↪ replication-task","sink_uri":"mysql://root:xxxxx@127.0.0.1:4000/?time
    ↪ -zone=","create_time":"2025-01-17T15:05:46.679218+08:00","start_ts
    ↪ ":438156275634929669,"engine":"unified","config":{"case_sensitive":
    ↪ false,"enable_old_value":true,"force_replicate":false,"ignore_
    ↪ ineligible_table":false,"check_gc_safe_point":true,"enable_sync_point
    ↪ ":true,"bdr_mode":false,"sync_point_interval":30000000000,"sync_point
    ↪ _retention":3600000000000,"filter":{"rules":["test.*"],"event_filters
    ↪ ":null},"mounter":{"worker_num":16},"sink":{"protocol":"","schema_
    ↪ registry":"","csv":{"delimiter":",","quote":"\"","null":"\\N","
    ↪ include_commit_ts":false},"column_selectors":null,"transaction_
    ↪ atomicity":"none","encoder_concurrency":16,"terminator":"\r\n","date_
    ↪ separator":"none","enable_partition_separator":false},"consistent":{"
    ↪ level":"none","max_log_size":64,"flush_interval":2000,"storage
    ↪ ":""}},"state":"normal","creator_version":"v8.5.1"}
```

7.3.3.2 Query the replication task list

Run the following command to query the replication task list:

```
cdc cli changefeed list --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300
```

```
[{
    "id": "simple-replication-task",
    "summary": {
      "state": "normal",
      "tso": 417886179132964865,
      "checkpoint": "2020-07-07 16:07:44.881",
      "error": null
    }
}]
```

- `checkpoint` indicates that TiCDC has already replicated data before this time point to the downstream.
- `state` indicates the state of the replication task.
    - `normal`: The replication task runs normally.
    - `stopped`: The replication task is stopped (manually paused).
    - `error`: The replication task is stopped (by an error).
    - `removed`: The replication task is removed. Tasks of this state are displayed only when you have specified the `--all` option. To see these tasks when this option is not specified, run the `changefeed query` command.

- `finished`: The replication task is finished (data is replicated to the `target-ts`). Tasks of this state are displayed only when you have specified the `--all` option. To see these tasks when this option is not specified, run the `changefeed query` command.

7.3.3.3 Query a specific replication task

To query a specific replication task, run the `changefeed query` command. The query result includes the task information and the task state. You can specify the `--simple` or `-s` argument to simplify the query result that will only include the basic replication state and the checkpoint information. If you do not specify this argument, detailed task configuration, replication states, and replication table information are output.

```
cdc cli changefeed query -s --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 --changefeed-id=
    ↪ simple-replication-task
```

```
{
 "state": "normal",
 "tso": 419035700154597378,
 "checkpoint": "2020-08-27 10:12:19.579",
 "error": null
}
```

In the preceding command and result:

- `state` is the replication state of the current changefeed. Each state must be consistent with the state in `changefeed list`.
- `tso` represents the largest transaction TSO in the current changefeed that has been successfully replicated to the downstream.
- `checkpoint` represents the corresponding time of the largest transaction TSO in the current changefeed that has been successfully replicated to the downstream.
- `error` records whether an error has occurred in the current changefeed.

```
cdc cli changefeed query --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 --changefeed-id=
    ↪ simple-replication-task
```

```
{
  "info": {
    "sink-uri": "mysql://127.0.0.1:3306/?max-txn-row=20\u0026worker-count
        ↪ =4",
    "opts": {},
    "create-time": "2020-08-27T10:33:41.687983832+08:00",
    "start-ts": 419036036249681921,
    "target-ts": 0,
    "admin-job-type": 0,
```

```
  "sort-engine": "unified",
  "sort-dir": ".",
  "config": {
    "case-sensitive": false,
    "filter": {
      "rules": [
        "*.*"
      ],
      "ignore-txn-start-ts": null,
      "ddl-allow-list": null
    },
    "mounter": {
      "worker-num": 16
    },
    "sink": {
      "dispatchers": null,
    },
    "scheduler": {
      "type": "table-number",
      "polling-time": -1
    }
  },
  "state": "normal",
  "history": null,
  "error": null
},
"status": {
  "resolved-ts": 419036036249681921,
  "checkpoint-ts": 419036036249681921,
  "admin-job-type": 0
},
"count": 0,
"task-status": [
  {
    "capture-id": "97173367-75dc-490c-ae2d-4e990f90da0f",
    "status": {
      "tables": {
        "47": {
          "start-ts": 419036036249681921
        }
      },
      "operation": null,
      "admin-job-type": 0
    }
  }
```

```
  ]
}
```

In the preceding command and result:

- `info` is the replication configuration of the queried changefeed.
- `status` is the replication state of the queried changefeed.
    - `resolved-ts`: The largest transaction `TS` in the current changefeed. Note that this `TS` has been successfully sent from TiKV to TiCDC.
    - `checkpoint-ts`: The largest transaction `TS` in the current `changefeed`. Note that this `TS` has been successfully written to the downstream.
    - `admin-job-type`: The status of a changefeed:
        - `0`: The state is normal.
        - `1`: The task is paused. When the task is paused, all replicated `processors` exit. The configuration and the replication status of the task are retained, so you can resume the task from `checkpoint-ts`.
        - `2`: The task is resumed. The replication task resumes from `checkpoint-ts`.
        - `3`: The task is removed. When the task is removed, all replicated `processors` are ended, and the configuration information of the replication task is cleared up. Only the replication status is retained for later queries.
- `task-status` indicates the state of each replication sub-task in the queried changefeed.

7.3.3.4 Pause a replication task

Run the following command to pause a replication task:

```
cdc cli changefeed pause --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 --changefeed-id
    ↪ simple-replication-task
```

In the preceding command:

- `--changefeed-id=uuid` represents the ID of the changefeed that corresponds to the replication task you want to pause.

7.3.3.5 Resume a replication task

Run the following command to resume a paused replication task:

```
cdc cli changefeed resume --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 --changefeed-id
    ↪ simple-replication-task
```

- `--changefeed-id=uuid` represents the ID of the changefeed that corresponds to the replication task you want to resume.

- `--overwrite-checkpoint-ts`: starting from v6.2.0, you can specify the starting TSO of resuming the replication task. TiCDC starts pulling data from the specified TSO. The argument accepts `now` or a specific TSO (such as 434873584621453313). The specified TSO must be in the range of (GC safe point, CurrentTSO]. If this argument is not specified, TiCDC replicates data from the current `checkpoint-ts` by default. You can use the `cdc cli changefeed list` command to check the current value of `checkpoint-ts`.
- `--no-confirm`: when the replication is resumed, you do not need to confirm the related information. Defaults to `false`.

Note:

- If the TSO specified in `--overwrite-checkpoint-ts` (`t2`) is larger than the current checkpoint TSO in the changefeed (`t1`), data between `t1` and `t2` will not be replicated to the downstream. This causes data loss. You can obtain `t1` by running `cdc cli changefeed query`.
- If the TSO specified in `--overwrite-checkpoint-ts` (`t2`) is smaller than the current checkpoint TSO in the changefeed (`t1`), TiCDC pulls data from an old time point (`t2`), which might cause data duplication (for example, if the downstream is MQ sink).

7.3.3.6 Remove a replication task

Run the following command to remove a replication task:

```
cdc cli changefeed remove --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 --changefeed-id
    ↪ simple-replication-task
```

In the preceding command:

- `--changefeed-id=uuid` represents the ID of the changefeed that corresponds to the replication task you want to remove.

7.3.3.7 Update task configuration

TiCDC supports modifying the configuration of the replication task (not dynamically). To modify the changefeed configuration, pause the task, modify the configuration, and then resume the task.

```
cdc cli changefeed pause -c test-cf --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300
cdc cli changefeed update -c test-cf --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 --sink-
    ↪ uri="mysql://127.0.0.1:3306/?max-txn-row=20&worker-count=8" --config=
    ↪ changefeed.toml
```

```
cdc cli changefeed resume -c test-cf --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300
```

Currently, you can modify the following configuration items:

- `sink-uri` of the changefeed.
- The changefeed configuration file and all configuration items in the file.
- The `target-ts` of the changefeed.

7.3.3.8 Manage processing units of replication sub-tasks (`processor`)

- Query the `processor` list:

```
cdc cli processor list --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300
```

```
[
        {
                "id": "9f84ff74-abf9-407f-a6e2-56aa35b33888",
                "capture-id": "b293999a-4168-4988-a4f4-35d9589b226b",
                "changefeed-id": "simple-replication-task"
        }
]
```

- Query a specific changefeed which corresponds to the status of a specific replication task:

```
cdc cli processor query --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 --changefeed-id
    ↪ =simple-replication-task --capture-id=b293999a-4168-4988-a4f4-35
    ↪ d9589b226b
```

```
{
  "status": {
    "tables": {
      "56": {   # 56 ID of the replication table, corresponding to tidb_
          ↪ table_id of a table in TiDB
        "start-ts": 417474117955485702
      }
    },
    "operation": null,
    "admin-job-type": 0
  },
  "position": {
    "checkpoint-ts": 417474143881789441,
    "resolved-ts": 417474143881789441,
    "count": 0
  }
}
```

In the preceding command:

- `status.tables`: Each key number represents the ID of the replication table, corresponding to `tidb_table_id` of a table in TiDB.
- `resolved-ts`: The largest TSO among the sorted data in the current processor.
- `checkpoint-ts`: The largest TSO that has been successfully written to the downstream in the current processor.

7.3.3.9 Replicate tables with the new framework for collations enabled

Starting from v4.0.15, v5.0.4, v5.1.1 and v5.2.0, TiCDC supports tables that have enabled new framework for collations.

7.3.3.10 Replicate tables without a valid index

Since v4.0.8, TiCDC supports replicating tables that have no valid index by modifying the task configuration. To enable this feature, configure in the changefeed configuration file as follows:

```
force-replicate = true
```

Warning:

When `force-replicate` is set to `true`, data consistency is not guaranteed. For tables without a valid index, operations such as `INSERT` and `REPLACE` are not reentrant, so there is a risk of data redundancy. TiCDC guarantees that data is distributed only at least once during the replication process. Therefore, enabling this feature to replicate tables without a valid index will definitely cause data redundancy. If you do not accept data redundancy, it is recommended to add an effective index, such as adding a primary key column with the `AUTO RANDOM` attribute.

7.3.3.11 Unified Sorter

Note:

Starting from v6.0.0, TiCDC uses the DB Sorter engine by default, and no longer uses the Unified Sorter. It is recommended that you do not configure the `sort engine` item.

Unified sorter is the sorting engine in TiCDC. It can mitigate OOM problems caused by the following scenarios:

- The data replication task in TiCDC is paused for a long time, during which a large amount of incremental data is accumulated and needs to be replicated.
- The data replication task is started from an early timestamp so it becomes necessary to replicate a large amount of incremental data.

For the changefeeds created using `cdc cli` after v4.0.13, Unified Sorter is enabled by default; for the changefeeds that have existed before v4.0.13, the previous configuration is used.

To check whether or not the Unified Sorter feature is enabled on a changefeed, you can run the following example command (assuming the IP address of the PD instance is `http://10.0.10.25:2379`):

```
cdc cli --server="http://10.0.10.25:8300" changefeed query --changefeed-id=
    ↪ simple-replication-task | grep 'sort-engine'
```

In the output of the above command, if the value of `sort-engine` is "unified", it means that Unified Sorter is enabled on the changefeed.

Note:

- If your servers use mechanical hard drives or other storage devices that have high latency or limited bandwidth, the performance of Unified Sorter will be affected significantly.
- By default, Unified Sorter uses `data_dir` to store temporary files. It is recommended to ensure that the free disk space is greater than or equal to 500 GiB. For production environments, it is recommended to ensure that the free disk space on each node is greater than (the maximum `checkpoint-ts` delay allowed by the business) * (upstream write traffic at business peak hours). In addition, if you plan to replicate a large amount of historical data after `changefeed` is created, make sure that the free space on each node is greater than the amount of the replicated data.

7.3.4 Changefeed Log Filters

TiCDC supports filtering data by tables and events. This document introduces how to use the two types of filters.

7.3.4.1 Table filter

Table filter is a feature that allows you to keep or filter out specific databases and tables by specifying the following configurations:

```
[filter]
### Filter rules
rules = ['*.*', '!test.*']
```

Common filter rules:

- `rules = ['*.*']`
  - Replicate all tables (not including system tables)
- `rules = ['test1.*']`
  - Replicate all tables in the `test1` database
- `rules = ['*.*', '!scm1.tbl2']`
  - Replicate all tables except for the `scm1.tbl2` table
- `rules = ['scm1.tbl2', 'scm1.tbl3']`
  - Only replicate tables `scm1.tbl2` and `scm1.tbl3`
- `rules = ['scm1.tidb_*']`
  - Replicate all tables in the `scm1` database whose names start with `tidb_`

For more information, see Table filter syntax.

7.3.4.2 Event filter rules

Starting in v6.2.0, TiCDC supports event filter. You can configure event filter rules to filter out the DML and DDL events that meet the specified conditions.

The following is an example of event filter rules:

```
[filter]
### The event filter rules must be under the `[filter]` configuration. You
    ↪ can configure multiple event filters at the same time.

[[filter.event-filters]]
matcher = ["test.worker"] # matcher is an allow list, which means this rule
    ↪ only applies to the worker table in the test database.
ignore-event = ["insert"] # Ignore insert events.
ignore-sql = ["^drop", "add column"] # Ignore DDLs that start with "drop" or
    ↪  contain "add column".
```

```
ignore-delete-value-expr = "name = 'john'" # Ignore delete DMLs that contain
    ↪  the condition "name = 'john'".
ignore-insert-value-expr = "id >= 100" # Ignore insert DMLs that contain the
    ↪  condition "id >= 100".
ignore-update-old-value-expr = "age < 18 or name = 'lili'" # Ignore update
    ↪ DMLs whose old value contains "age < 18" or "name = 'lili'".
ignore-update-new-value-expr = "gender = 'male' and age > 18" # Ignore
    ↪ update DMLs whose new value contains "gender = 'male'" and "age >
    ↪ 18".
```

Description of configuration parameters:

- `matcher`: the database and table that this event filter rule applies to. The syntax is the same as table filter.
- `ignore-event`: the event type to be ignored. This parameter accepts an array of strings. You can configure multiple event types. Currently, the following event types are supported:

Event	Type	Alias	Description
all dml			Matches all DML events
all ddl			Matches all DDL events
insert	DML		Matches `insert` DML event
update	DML		Matches `update` DML event
delete	DML		Matches `delete` DML event
create schema	DDL	create database	Matches `create database` event
drop schema	DDL	drop database	Matches `drop database` event
create table	DDL		Matches `create table` event
drop table	DDL		Matches `drop table` event
rename table	DDL		Matches `rename table` event
truncate table	DDL		Matches `truncate table` event
alter table	DDL		Matches `alter table` event, including all clauses of `alter table`, `create index` and `drop index`

Event	Type	Alias	Description
add table partition	DDL		Matches `add table partition` event
drop table partition	DDL		Matches `drop table partition` event
truncate table partition	DDL		Matches `truncate table partition` event
create view	DDL		Matches `create view`event
drop view	DDL		Matches `drop view` event
modify schema charset and collate	DDL		Matches `modify schema charset and collate` event
recover table	DDL		Matches `recover table` event
rebase auto id	DDL		Matches `rebase auto id` event
modify table comment	DDL		Matches `modify table comment` event
modify table charset and collate	DDL		Matches `modify table charset and collate` event
exchange table partition	DDL		Matches `exchange table partition` event
reorganize table partition	DDL		Matches `reorganize table partition` event
alter table partitioning	DDL		Matches `alter table partitioning` event
remove table partitioning	DDL		Matches `remove table partitioning` event
add column	DDL		Matches `add column` event
drop column	DDL		Matches `drop column` event
modify column	DDL		Matches `modify column` event

Event	Type	Alias	Description
set default value	DDL		Matches `set default value` event
add primary key	DDL		Matches `add primary key` event
drop primary key	DDL		Matches `drop primary key` event
rename index	DDL		Matches `rename index` event
alter index visibility	DDL		Matches `alter index visibility` event
alter ttl info	DDL		Matches `alter ttl info` event
alter ttl remove	DDL		Matches DDL events that remove all TTL attributes of a table
multi schema change	DDL		Matches DDL events that change multiple attributes of a table within the same DDL statement

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB's DDL statements support changing multiple attributes of a single table at the same time, such as `ALTER TABLE t MODIFY COLUMN a INT ↪ , ADD COLUMN b INT, DROP COLUMN c;`. This operation is defined as MultiSchemaChange. If you want to filter out this type of DDL, you need to configure `"multi schema change"` in `ignore-event`.

- `ignore-sql`: the regular expressions of the DDL statements to be filtered out. This parameter accepts an array of strings, in which you can configure multiple regular expressions. This configuration only applies to DDL events.
- `ignore-delete-value-expr`: this parameter accepts a SQL expression that follows the default SQL mode, used to filter out the `DELETE` type of DML events with a specified value.
- `ignore-insert-value-expr`: this parameter accepts a SQL expression that follows the default SQL mode, used to filter out the `INSERT` type of DML events with a specified value.
- `ignore-update-old-value-expr`: this parameter accepts a SQL expression that follows the default SQL mode, used to filter out the `UPDATE` type of DML events with a specified old value.

- `ignore-update-new-value-expr`: this parameter accepts a SQL expression that follows the default SQL mode, used to filter out the `UPDATE` DML events with a specified new value.

Note:

- When TiDB updates a value in the column of the clustered index, TiDB splits an `UPDATE` event into a `DELETE` event and an `INSERT` event. TiCDC does not identify such events as an `UPDATE` event and thus cannot correctly filter out such events.
- When you configure a SQL expression, make sure all tables that matches `matcher` contain all the columns specified in the SQL expression. Otherwise, the replication task cannot be created. In addition, if the table schema changes during the replication, which results in a table no longer containing a required column, the replication task fails and cannot be resumed automatically. In such a situation, you must manually modify the configuration and resume the task.

7.3.5 Changefeed DDL Replication

This document describes the rules and special cases of DDL replication in TiCDC.

7.3.5.1 DDL allow list

Currently, TiCDC uses an allow list to determine whether to replicate a DDL statement. Only the DDL statements in the allow list are replicated to the downstream. The DDL statements not in the allow list are not replicated.

In addition, TiCDC determines whether to replicate a DDL statement to the downstream based on whether the table has a valid index and whether the configuration item `force-replicate` is set to `true`. When `force-replicate=true`, the replication task attempts to forcibly replicate tables without a valid index.

The following is the allow list of DDL statements supported by TiCDC. The abbreviations in the table:

- Y: Replication to the downstream is supported in this condition.
- N: Replication to the downstream is not supported in this condition.

Note

- When the upstream table has no valid index and `force-replicate=true` is not configured, the table will not be replicated. However, subsequent DDL statements (including `CREATE INDEX`, `ADD INDEX`, and `ADD PRIMARY KEY`) that create a valid index on this table will be replicated, which might cause inconsistency between downstream and upstream table schemas and lead to subsequent data replication failure.
- DDL statements (including `DROP INDEX` and `DROP PRIMARY KEY`) that drop the last valid index will not be replicated, causing subsequent data replication to fail.

DDL	A valid index exists	A valid index does not exist and `force-replicate` is `false` (default)	A valid index does not exist and `force-replicate` is set to `true`
`CREATE DATABASE`	Y	Y	Y
`DROP DATABASE`	Y	Y	Y
`ALTER DATABASE CHARACTER SET`	Y	Y	Y

DDL	A valid index exists	A valid index does not exist and `force -> replicate` is `false` (default)	A valid index does not exist and `force -> replicate` is set to `true`
`CREATE -> INDEX`	Y	Y	Y
`ADD -> INDEX`	Y	Y	Y
`DROP -> INDEX`	Y	N	Y
`ADD -> PRIMARY -> KEY`	Y	Y	Y
`DROP -> PRIMARY -> KEY`	Y	N	Y
`CREATE -> TABLE`	Y	N	Y

DDL	A valid index exists	A valid index does not exist and `force - replicate` is `false` (default)	A valid index does not exist and `force - replicate` is set to `true`
`DROP TABLE`	Y	N	Y
`ADD COLUMN`	Y	N	Y
`DROP COLUMN`	Y	N	Y
`TRUNCATE TABLE`	Y	N	Y
`MODIFY COLUMN`	Y	N	Y
`RENAME TABLE`	Y	N	Y

DDL	A valid index exists	A valid index does not exist and `force` ↪ - ↪ `replicate` ↪ is `false` (default)	A valid index does not exist and `force` ↪ - ↪ `replicate` ↪ is set to `true`
`ALTER` ↪ ↪ `COLUMN` ↪ ↪ `DEFAULT` ↪ ↪ `VALUE` ↪	Y	N	Y
`ALTER` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `COMMENT` ↪	Y	N	Y
`RENAME` ↪ ↪ `INDEX` ↪	Y	N	Y
`ADD` ↪ ↪ `PARTITION` ↪	Y	N	Y
`DROP` ↪ ↪ `PARTITION` ↪	Y	N	Y
`TRUNCATE` ↪ ↪ `PARTITION` ↪	Y	N	Y

DDL	A valid index exists	A valid index does not exist and `force -> replace` is `false` (default)	A valid index does not exist and `force -> replace` is set to `true`
`CREATE -> -> VIEW -> ->`	Y	N	Y
`DROP -> -> VIEW -> ->`	Y	N	Y
`ALTER -> -> TABLE -> -> CHARACTER -> -> SET -> ->`	Y	N	Y
`RECOVER -> -> TABLE -> ->`	Y	N	Y
`REBASE -> -> AUTO -> -> ID -> ->`	Y	N	Y

DDL	A valid index exists	A valid index does not exist and `force` ↪ - ↪ `replicate` ↪ is `false` (default)	A valid index does not exist and `force` ↪ - ↪ `replicate` ↪ is set to `true`
`ALTER` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `INDEX` ↪ ↪ `VISIBILITY` ↪	Y	N	Y
`EXCHANGE` ↪ ↪ `PARTITION` ↪	Y	N	Y
`REORGANIZE` ↪ ↪ `PARTITION` ↪	Y	N	Y
`ALTER` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `TTL` ↪	Y	N	Y
`ALTER` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `REMOVE` ↪ ↪ `TTL` ↪	Y	N	Y

7.3.5.2 DDL replication considerations

7.3.5.2.1 Asynchronous execution of `ADD INDEX` and `CREATE INDEX` DDLs

When the downstream is TiDB, TiCDC executes `ADD INDEX` and `CREATE INDEX` DDL operations asynchronously to minimize the impact on changefeed replication latency. This means that, after replicating `ADD INDEX` and `CREATE INDEX` DDLs to the downstream TiDB for execution, TiCDC returns immediately without waiting for the completion of the DDL execution. This avoids blocking subsequent DML executions.

During the execution of the `ADD INDEX` or `CREATE INDEX` DDL operation in the downstream, when TiCDC executes the next DDL operation of the same table, this DDL operation might be blocked in the `queueing` state for a long time. This can cause TiCDC to repeatedly execute this DDL operation, and if retries take too long, it might lead to replication task failure. Starting from v8.4.0, if TiCDC has the `SUPER` permission of the downstream database, it periodically runs `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` to check the status of asynchronously executed DDL tasks. TiCDC will wait for index creation to complete before proceeding with replication. Although this might increase replication latency, it avoids replication task failure.

Note:

- If the execution of certain downstream DMLs relies on indexes that have not completed replication, these DMLs might be executed slowly, thereby affecting TiCDC replication latency.
- Before replicating DDLs to the downstream, if a TiCDC node crashes or if the downstream is performing other write operations, the DDL replication has an extremely low probability of failure. You can check the downstream to see whether that occurs.

7.3.5.2.2 DDL replication considerations for renaming tables

Due to the lack of some context during the replication process, TiCDC has some constraints on the replication of `RENAME TABLE` DDLs.

Rename a single table in a DDL statement

If a DDL statement renames a single table, TiCDC only replicates the DDL statement when the old table name matches the filter rule. The following is an example.

Assume that the configuration file of your changefeed is as follows:

```
[filter]
rules = ['test.t*']
```

TiCDC processes this type of DDL as follows:

DDL	Whether to replicate	Reason for the handling
`RENAME TABLE test.t1 TO test.t2`	Replicate	`test.t1` matches the filter rule
`RENAME TABLE test.t1 TO ignore.t1`	Replicate	`test.t1` matches the filter rule

DDL	Whether to replicate	Reason for the handling
`RENAME` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `ignore` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ `TO` ↪ ↪ `ignore` ↪ `.` ↪ `t2` ↪	Ignore	`ignore` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ does not match the filter rule

DDL	Whether to replicate	Reason for the handling
`RENAME` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `n1` ↪ ↪ `TO` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪	Report an error and exit the replication	The old table name `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `n1` ↪ ↪ does not match the filter rule, but the new table name `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ matches the filter rule. This operation is illegal. In this case, refer to the

DDL	Whether to replicate	Reason for the handling
`RENAME` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `ignore` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ `TO` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪	Report an error and exit the replication	Same reason as above.

Rename multiple tables in a DDL statement

If a DDL statement renames multiple tables, TiCDC replicates the DDL statement only when the **old database name**, **old table names**, and **new database name** all match the filter rule.

In addition, TiCDC does not support the `RENAME TABLE` DDL that swaps the table names. The following is an example.

Assume that the configuration file of your changefeed is as follows:

```
[filter]
rules = ['test.t*']
```

TiCDC processes this type of DDL as follows:

DDL	Whether to replicate	Reason for the handling
`RENAME` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ `TO` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t2` ↪ `,` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t3` ↪ ↪ `TO` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t4` ↪	Replicate	All database names and table names match the filter rule.

DDL	Whether to replicate	Reason for the handling
`RENAME` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ `TO` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `ignore1` ↪ `,` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t3` ↪ ↪ `TO` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `ignore2` ↪	Replicate	The old database name, the old table names, and the new database name match the filter rule.

DDL	Whether to replicate	Reason for the handling
`RENAME` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ `TO` ↪ ↪ `ignore` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ `,` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t2` ↪ ↪ `TO` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t22` ↪ `;` ↪	Report an error	The new database name `ignore` ↪ does not match the filter rule.

DDL	Whether to replicate	Reason for the handling
`RENAME TABLE test.t1 TO test.t4, test.t3 TO test.t1, test.t4 TO test.t3;`	Report an error	The `RENAME TABLE` DDL swaps the names of `test.t1` and `test.t3` in one DDL statement, which TiCDC cannot handle correctly. In this case, refer to the error message for han-

DDL	Whether to replicate	Reason for the handling

7.3.5.2.3 DDL statement considerations

When executing cross-database DDL statements (such as `CREATE TABLE db1.t1 LIKE t2`) in the upstream, it is recommended that you explicitly specify all relevant database names in DDL statements (such as `CREATE TABLE db1.t1 LIKE db2.t2`). Otherwise, cross-database DDL statements might not be executed correctly in the downstream due to the lack of database name information.

7.3.5.2.4 Notes on using event filter rules to filter DDL events

If a filtered DDL statement involves table creation or deletion, TiCDC only filters out the DDL statement without affecting the replication behavior of DML statements. The following is an example.

Assume that the configuration file of your changefeed is as follows:

```
[filter]
rules = ['test.t*']

[[filter.event-filters]]
matcher = ["test.t1"] # This filter rule applies only to the t1 table in the test database.
ignore-event = ["create table", "drop table", "truncate table", "rename table"]
```

DDL	DDL behavior	DML behavior	Explanation
`CREATE` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ `(` ↪ `id` ↪ ↪ `INT` ↪ `,` ↪ ↪ `name` ↪ ↪ `VARCHAR` ↪ `(50)` ↪ `)` ↪ `;` ↪	Ignore	Replicate	`test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ matches the event filter rule, so the `CREATE` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ event is ignored. The replication of DML events remains unaffected.

DDL	DDL behavior	DML behavior	Explanation
`CREATE` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t2` ↪ ↪ `(` ↪ `id` ↪ ↪ `INT` ↪ `,` ↪ ↪ `name` ↪ ↪ `VARCHAR` ↪ `(50)` ↪ `)` ↪ `;` ↪	Replicate	Replicate	`test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t2` ↪ ↪ does not match the event filter rule.

DDL	DDL behavior	DML behavior	Explanation
`CREATE` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `ignore` ↪ ↪ `(` ↪ `id` ↪ ↪ `INT` ↪ `,` ↪ ↪ `name` ↪ ↪ `VARCHAR` ↪ `(50)` ↪ `)` ↪ `;` ↪	Ignore	Ignore	`test` ↪ `.` ↪ `ignore` ↪ ↪ matches the event filter rule, so both DDL and DML events are ignored.

DDL	DDL behavior	DML behavior	Explanation
`DROP` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ `;` ↪	Ignore	-	`test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ matches the event filter rule, so the `DROP` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ event is ignored. Because the table is deleted, TiCDC no longer replicates DML events for `t1`.

DDL	DDL behavior	DML behavior	Explanation
`TRUNCATE TABLE test . t1 ;`	Ignore	Replicate	`test . t1` matches the event filter rule, so the `TRUNCATE TABLE` event is ignored. The replication of DML events remains unaffected.

DDL	DDL behavior	DML behavior	Explanation
`RENAME` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ `TO` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t2` ↪ `;` ↪	Ignore	Replicate	`test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ matches the event filter rule, so the `RENAME` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ event is ignored. The replication of DML events remains unaffected.

DDL	DDL behavior	DML behavior	Explanation
`RENAME` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ `TO` ↪ ↪ `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `ignore` ↪ `;` ↪	Ignore	Ignore	`test` ↪ `.` ↪ `t1` ↪ ↪ matches the event filter rule, so the `RENAME` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ ↪ event is ignored. `test` ↪ `.` ↪ `ignore` ↪ ↪ matches the event filter rule, so both DDL and DML events are ignored.

Note:

- When replicating data to a database, use the event filter to filter DDL events with caution. Ensure that the upstream and downstream database schemas remain consistent during replication. Otherwise, TiCDC might report errors or cause undefined replication behavior.
- For versions earlier than v6.5.8, v7.1.4, and v7.5.1, using the event filter to filter DDL events involving table creation or deletion affects DML replication. It is not recommended to use this feature in these versions.

7.3.6 Bidirectional Replication

TiCDC supports bi-directional replication (BDR) among two TiDB clusters. Based on this feature, you can create a multi-active TiDB solution using TiCDC.

This section describes how to use bi-directional replication taking two TiDB clusters as an example.

7.3.6.1 Deploy bi-directional replication

TiCDC only replicates incremental data changes that occur after a specified timestamp to the downstream cluster. Before starting the bi-directional replication, you need to take the following steps:

1. (Optional) According to your needs, import the data of the two TiDB clusters into each other using the data export tool Dumpling and data import tool TiDB Lightning.
2. Deploy two TiCDC clusters between the two TiDB clusters. The cluster topology is as follows. The arrows in the diagram indicate the directions of data flow.

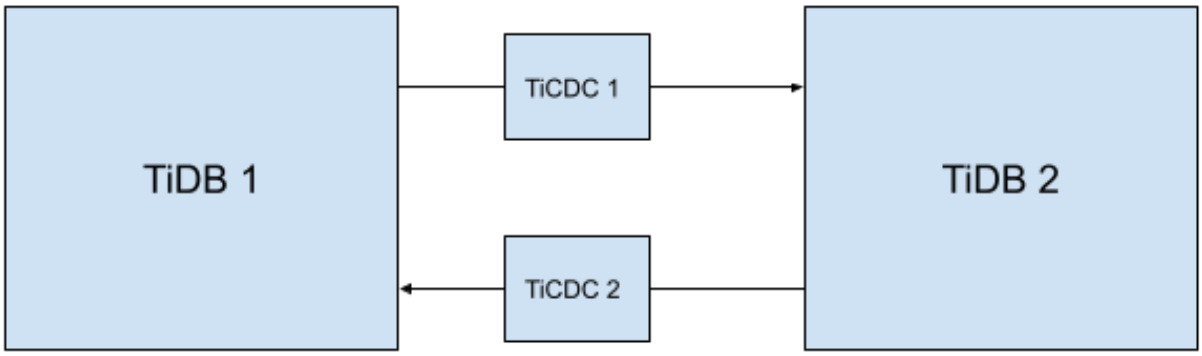


Figure 101: TiCDC bidirectional replication

3. Specify the starting time point of data replication for the upstream and downstream clusters.

    1. Check the time point of the upstream and downstream clusters. In the case of two TiDB clusters, make sure that data in the two clusters are consistent at certain time points. For example, the data of TiDB A at `ts=1` and the data of TiDB B at `ts=2` are consistent.
    2. When you create the changefeed, set the `--start-ts` of the changefeed for the upstream cluster to the corresponding `tso`. That is, if the upstream cluster is TiDB A, set `--start-ts=1`; if the upstream cluster is TiDB B, set `--start-ts =2`.

4. In the configuration file specified by the `--config` parameter, add the following configuration:

```
# Whether to enable the bi-directional replication mode
bdr-mode = true
```

After the configuration takes effect, the clusters can perform bi-directional replication.

7.3.6.2 DDL types

Starting from v7.6.0, to support DDL replication as much as possible in bi-directional replication, TiDB divides the DDLs that TiCDC originally supports into two types: replicable DDLs and non-replicable DDLs, according to the impact of DDLs on the business.

7.3.6.2.1 Replicable DDLs

Replicable DDLs are the DDLs that can be directly executed and replicated to other TiDB clusters in bi-directional replication.

Replicable DDLs include:

- CREATE DATABASE
- CREATE TABLE
- ADD COLUMN: the column can be null, or has not null and default value at the same time
- ADD NON-UNIQUE INDEX
- DROP INDEX
- MODIFY COLUMN: you can only modify the default value and comment of the column
- ALTER COLUMN DEFAULT VALUE
- MODIFY TABLE COMMENT
- RENAME INDEX
- ADD TABLE PARTITION
- DROP PRIMARY KEY
- ALTER TABLE INDEX VISIBILITY
- ALTER TABLE TTL
- ALTER TABLE REMOVE TTL
- CREATE VIEW
- DROP VIEW

7.3.6.2.2 Non-replicable DDLs

Non-replicable DDLs are the DDLs that have a great impact on the business, and might cause data inconsistency between clusters. Non-replicable DDLs cannot be directly replicated to other TiDB clusters in bi-directional replication through TiCDC. Non-replicable DDLs must be executed through specific operations.

Non-replicable DDLs include:

- DROP DATABASE
- DROP TABLE
- ADD COLUMN: the column is not null and does not have a default value
- DROP COLUMN
- ADD UNIQUE INDEX
- TRUNCATE TABLE
- MODIFY COLUMN: you can modify the attributes of the column except default value and comment
- RENAME TABLE
- DROP PARTITION
- TRUNCATE PARTITION
- ALTER TABLE CHARACTER SET
- ALTER DATABASE CHARACTER SET
- RECOVER TABLE
- ADD PRIMARY KEY
- REBASE AUTO ID
- EXCHANGE PARTITION
- REORGANIZE PARTITION

7.3.6.3 DDL replication

To solve the problem of replicable DDLs and non-replicable DDLs, TiDB introduces the following BDR roles:

- `PRIMARY`: You can execute replicable DDLs, but not non-replicable DDLs. Replicable DDLs executed in a PRIMARY cluster will be replicated to the downstream by TiCDC.
- `SECONDARY`: You cannot execute replicable DDLs or non-replicable DDLs. However, DDLs executed in a PRIMARY cluster can be replicated to a SECONDARY cluster by TiCDC.

When no BDR role is set, you can execute any DDL. However, the changefeed in BDR mode does not replicate any DDL on that cluster.

In short, in BDR mode, TiCDC only replicates replicable DDLs in the PRIMARY cluster to the downstream.

7.3.6.3.1 Replication scenarios of replicable DDLs

1. Choose a TiDB cluster and execute `ADMIN SET BDR ROLE PRIMARY` to set it as the primary cluster.

```
ADMIN SET BDR ROLE PRIMARY;
Query OK, 0 rows affected
Time: 0.003s

ADMIN SHOW BDR ROLE;
+----------+
| BDR_ROLE |
+----------+
| primary |
+----------+
```

2. On other TiDB clusters, execute `ADMIN SET BDR ROLE SECONDARY` to set them as the secondary clusters.
3. Execute **replicable DDLs** on the primary cluster. The successfully executed DDLs will be replicated to the secondary clusters by TiCDC.

> **Note:**
>
> To prevent misuse:

- If you try to execute **non-replicable DDLs** on the primary cluster, you will get the Error 8263.
- If you try to execute **replicable DDLs** or **non-replicable DDLs** on the secondary clusters, you will get the Error 8263.

7.3.6.3.2 Replication scenarios of non-replicable DDLs

1. Execute `ADMIN UNSET BDR ROLE` on all TiDB clusters to unset the BDR role.
2. Stop writing data to the tables that need to execute DDLs in all clusters.
3. Wait until all writes to the corresponding tables in all clusters are replicated to other clusters, and then manually execute all DDLs on each TiDB cluster.
4. Wait until the DDLs are completed, and then resume writing data.
5. Follow the steps in Replication scenarios of replicable DDLs to switch back to the replication scenario of replicable DDLs.

Warning:

After you execute `ADMIN UNSET BDR ROLE` on all TiDB clusters, none of the DDLs are replicated by TiCDC. You need to manually execute the DDLs on each cluster separately.

7.3.6.4 Stop bi-directional replication

After the application has stopped writing data, you can insert a special record into each cluster. By checking the two special records, you can make sure that data in two clusters are consistent.

After the check is completed, you can stop the changefeed to stop bi-directional replication, and execute `ADMIN UNSET BDR ROLE` on all TiDB clusters.

7.3.6.5 Limitations

- Use BDR role only in the following scenarios:
  - 1 `PRIMARY` cluster and n `SECONDARY` clusters (replication scenarios of replicable DDLs)
  - n clusters that have no BDR roles (replication scenarios in which you can manually execute non-replicable DDLs on each cluster)

> **Note:**
>
> Do not set the BDR role in other scenarios, for example, setting `PRIMARY` ↪ , `SECONDARY`, and no BDR roles at the same time. If you set the BDR role incorrectly, TiDB cannot guarantee data correctness and consistency during data replication.

- Usually do not use `AUTO_INCREMENT` or `AUTO_RANDOM` to avoid data conflicts in the replicated tables. If you need to use `AUTO_INCREMENT` or `AUTO_RANDOM`, you can set different `auto_increment_increment` and `auto_increment_offset` for different clusters to ensure that different clusters can be assigned different primary keys. For example, if there are three TiDB clusters (A, B, and C) in bi-directional replication, you can set them as follows:

    - In Cluster A, set `auto_increment_increment=3` and `auto_increment_offset` ↪ `=2000`
    - In Cluster B, set `auto_increment_increment=3` and `auto_increment_offset` ↪ `=2001`
    - In Cluster C, set `auto_increment_increment=3` and `auto_increment_offset` ↪ `=2002`

    This way, A, B, and C will not conflict with each other in the implicitly assigned `AUTO_` ↪ `INCREMENT` ID and `AUTO_RANDOM` ID. If you need to add a cluster in BDR mode, you need to temporarily stop writing data of the related application, set the appropriate values for `auto_increment_increment` and `auto_increment_offset` on all clusters, and then resume writing data of the related application.

- Bi-directional replication clusters cannot detect write conflicts, which might cause undefined behaviors. Therefore, you must ensure that there are no write conflicts from the application side.

- Bi-directional replication supports more than two clusters, but does not support multiple clusters in cascading mode, that is, a cyclic replication like TiDB A -> TiDB B -> TiDB C -> TiDB A. In such a topology, if one cluster fails, the whole data replication will be affected. Therefore, to enable bi-directional replication among multiple clusters, you need to connect each cluster with every other clusters, for example, `TiDB A <-> TiDB B`, `TiDB B <-> TiDB C`, `TiDB C <-> TiDB A`.

7.4 Monitor and Alert

7.4.1 TiCDC Monitoring Metrics Summary

Starting from v7.0.0, when you deploy Grafana using TiUP, the TiCDC Summary Dashboard is automatically added to the Grafana monitoring page. Through this dashboard, you can quickly understand the status of TiCDC servers and changefeeds.

The following image shows the monitoring panels of the TiCDC Summary Dashboard:

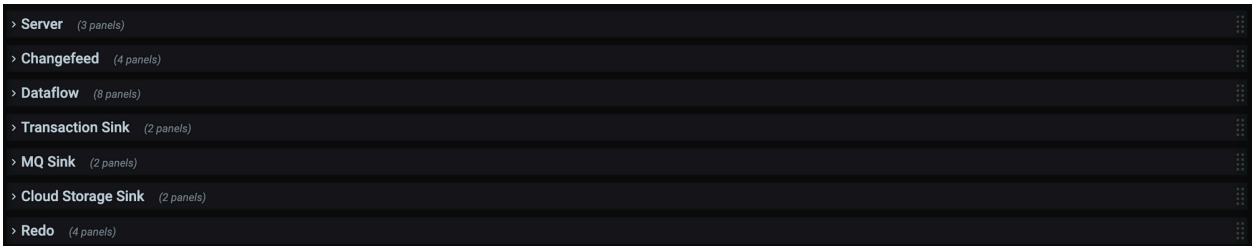


Figure 102: TiCDC Summary Dashboard - Overview

Each monitoring panel is described as follows:

- Server: summary of TiCDC nodes in the cluster.
- Changefeed: the latency and status information of TiCDC changefeeds.
- Dataflow: statistics of data changes processed by TiCDC internal modules.
- Transaction Sink: the write latency of the downstream MySQL or TiDB.
- MQ Sink: the write latency of the downstream MQ system.
- Cloud Storage Sink: the write speed of the downstream cloud storage.
- Redo: the write latency when the redo feature is enabled.

7.4.1.1 Server panel

The **Server** panel is as follows:

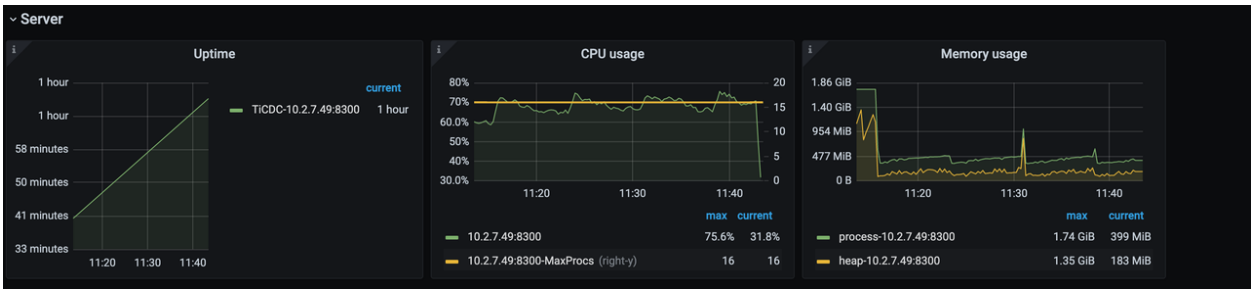


Figure 103: TiCDC Summary Dashboard - Server metrics

- **Uptime**: the time that TiCDC nodes have been running.
- **CPU usage**: the CPU usage of TiCDC nodes.
- **Memory usage**: the memory usage of TiCDC nodes.

7.4.1.2 Changefeed panel

The **Changefeed** panel is as follows:



Figure 104: TiCDC Summary Dashboard - Changefeed metrics

- **Changefeed checkpoint lag**: indicates the data replication latency between the upstream TiDB cluster and the downstream system, measured in time. In general, this metric reflects the overall health of the data replication task. Usually, the smaller the lag, the better the status of the replication task. When the lag increases, it usually indicates that the replication ability of the changefeed or the consumption ability of the downstream system cannot keep up with the write speed of the upstream.
- **Changefeed resolved ts lag**: indicates the data latency between the upstream TiDB cluster and the TiCDC node, measured in time. This metric reflects the ability of the changefeed to pull the data changes from the upstream. When the lag increases, it means that the changefeed cannot pull the data changes generated by the upstream in time.

7.4.1.3 Dataflow panel



Figure 105: TiCDC Summary Dashboard - Puller metrics

- **Puller output events/s**: the number of data changes output by the Puller module to the Sorter module per second in the TiCDC node. This metric reflects the speed at which TiCDC pulls the data changes from the upstream.

- **Puller output events**: the total number of data changes output by the Puller module to the Sorter module in the TiCDC node.



Figure 106: TiCDC Summary Dashboard - Sorter metrics

- **Sorter output events/s**: the number of data changes output by the Sorter module per second to the Sink module in the TiCDC node. Note that the data output rate of Sorter is affected by the Sink module. Therefore, when you find that the output rate of the Sorter module is lower than that of the Puller module, it does not necessarily mean that the sorting speed of the Sorter module is too slow. You need to first observe the metrics related to the Sink module to confirm whether the Sink module takes a long time to flush data, resulting in a decrease in Sorter module output.
- **Sorter output event**: the total number of data changes output by the Sorter module to the Sink module in the TiCDC node.

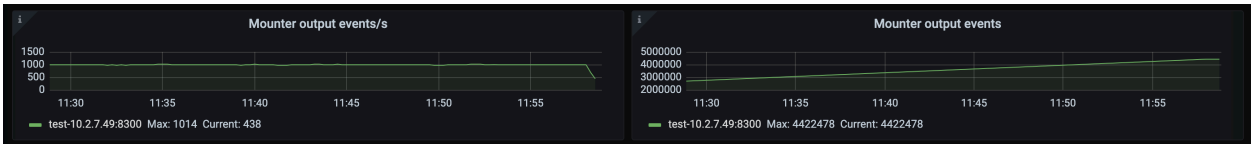


Figure 107: TiCDC Summary Dashboard - Mounter metrics

- **Mounter output events/s**: the number of data changes decoded by the Mounter module per second in the TiCDC node. When the upstream data changes involve a large number of fields, the decoding speed of the Mounter module might be affected.
- **Mounter output event**: the total number of data changes decoded by the Mounter module in the TiCDC node.

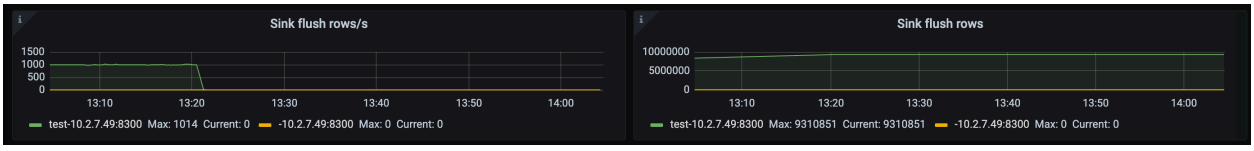


Figure 108: TiCDC Summary Dashboard - Sink metrics

- **Sink flush rows/s**: the number of data changes output by the Sink module to the downstream per second in the TiCDC node. This metric reflects the speed at which the data changes are replicated to the downstream. When **Sink flush rows/s** is lower than **Puller output events/s**, the replication latency might increase.
- **Sink flush rows**: the total number of data changes output by the Sink module to the downstream in the TiCDC node.

7.4.1.4 Transaction Sink panel

The **Transaction Sink** panel displays data only when the downstream is MySQL or TiDB.

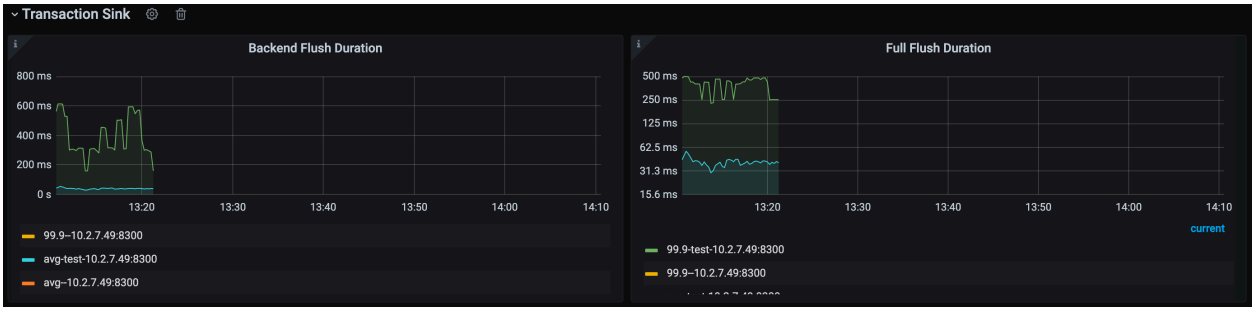


Figure 109: TiCDC Summary Dashboard - Transaction Sink metrics

- **Backend Flush Duration**: the duration that the TiCDC Transaction Sink module takes to execute a SQL statement on the downstream. By observing this metric, you can determine whether the performance of the downstream is the bottleneck of the replication speed. Generally, the p999 value should be below 500 ms. When the value exceeds this limit, the replication speed might be affected, resulting in an increase in the Changefeed checkpoint lag.
- **Full Flush Duration**: the total duration consumed by each transaction in TiCDC from sorting by Sorter to sending downstream. By subtracting the **Backend Flush Duration** value from this value, you can get the total queueing time of a transaction before it is executed on the downstream. If the queueing time is too long, you can consider allocating more memory quota to the replication task.

7.4.1.5 MQ Sink panel

The **MQ Sink** panel displays data only when the downstream is Kafka.

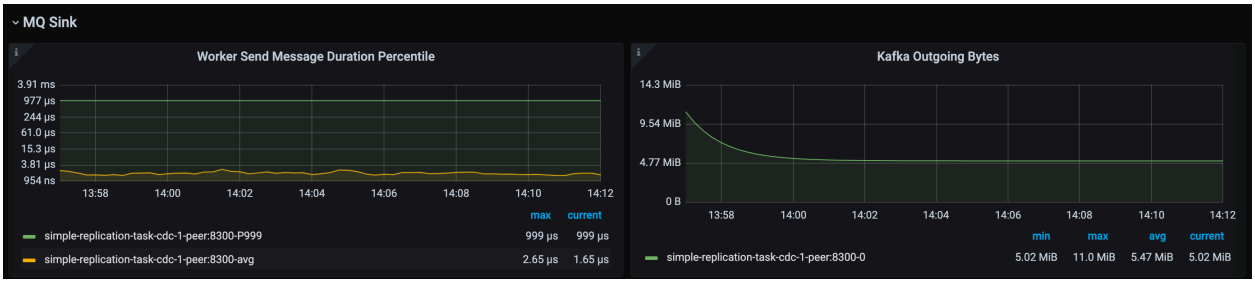


Figure 110: TiCDC Summary Dashboard - Transaction Sink metrics

- **Worker Send Message Duration Percentile**: The latency of TiCDC MQ Sink worker sending data to the downstream.
- **Kafka Ongoing Bytes**: The speed at which TiCDC MQ Sink sends data to the downstream.

7.4.1.6 Cloud Storage Sink panel

The **Cloud Storage Sink** panel displays data only when the downstream is Cloud Storage.

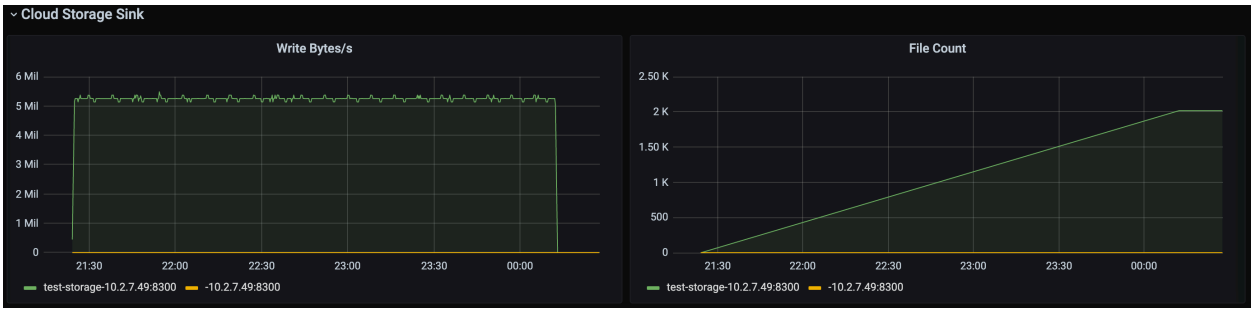


Figure 111: TiCDC Summary Dashboard - Transaction Sink metrics

- **Write Bytes/s**: The speed at which the Cloud Storage Sink module writes data to the downstream.
- **File Count**: the total number of files written by the Cloud Storage Sink module.

7.4.1.7 Redo panel

The **Redo** panel displays data only when the Redo Log feature is enabled.



Figure 112: TiCDC Summary Dashboard - Transaction Sink metrics

- **Redo Write rows/s**: the number of rows written per second by the Redo module. When the Redo feature is enabled, if the latency of a replication task increases, you can observe whether there is a significant difference between this metric and the value of Puller Output event/s. If so, the increase in latency might be due to the insufficient writing capacity of the Redo module.
- **Redo Write byte/s**: the speed at which data is written per second by the Redo module.
- **Redo flush log duration**: the time taken for the Redo module to flush data to the downstream. If this metric value is high, this operation might affect the replication speed.
- **Redo flushall duration**: the total time that data changes stay in the Redo module.

7.4.2 TiCDC Monitoring Metrics Details

If you use TiUP to deploy the TiDB cluster, you can see a sub-dashboard for TiCDC in the monitoring system which is deployed at the same time. You can get an overview of TiCDC's current status from the TiCDC dashboard, where the key metrics are displayed. This document provides a detailed description of these key metrics.

The metric description in this document is based on the following replication task example, which replicates data to MySQL using the default configuration.

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 --sink-uri="mysql
    ↪ ://root:123456@127.0.0.1:3306/" --changefeed-id="simple-replication-
    ↪ task"
```

The TiCDC dashboard contains four monitoring panels. See the following screenshot:



Figure 113: TiCDC Dashboard - Overview

The description of each panel is as follows:

- **Server**: The summary information of TiKV nodes and TiCDC nodes in the TiDB cluster
- **Changefeed**: The detailed information of TiCDC replication tasks
- **Events**: The detail information about the data flow within the TiCDC cluster
- **TiKV**: TiKV information related to TiCDC

7.4.2.1 Server

The following is an example of the **Server** panel:



Figure 114: TiCDC Dashboard - Server metrics

The description of each metric in the **Server** panel is as follows:

- Uptime: The time for which TiKV nodes and TiCDC nodes have been running
- Goroutine count: The number of goroutines of a TiCDC node
- Open FD count: The number of file handles opened by TiCDC nodes
- Ownership: The current status of nodes in the TiCDC cluster
- Ownership history: The ownership history of the TiCDC cluster
- CPU usage: The CPU usage of TiCDC nodes
- Memory usage: The memory usage of TiCDC nodes

7.4.2.2 Changefeed

The following is an example of the **Changefeed** panel:



Figure 115: TiCDC Dashboard - Changefeed metrics 1

- Changefeed table count: The number of tables that each TiCDC node needs to replicate in the replication task
- Processor resolved ts: The timestamps that have been resolved in the TiCDC cluster
- Table resolved ts: The replication progress of each table in the replication task
- Changefeed checkpoint: The progress of replicating data to the downstream. Normally, the green bars are connected to the yellow line
- PD etcd requests/s: The number of requests that a TiCDC node sends to PD per second
- Exit error count/m: The number of errors that interrupt the replication task per minute
- Changefeed checkpoint lag: The progress lag of data replication (the unit is second) between the upstream and the downstream
- Processor resolved ts lag: The progress lag of data replication (the unit is second) between the upstream and TiCDC nodes



Figure 116: TiCDC Dashboard - Changefeed metrics 2

- Sink write duration: The histogram of the time spent by TiCDC writing a transaction change to the downstream
- Sink write duration percentile: The time (P95, P99, and P999) spent by TiCDC writing a transaction change to the downstream within one second
- Flush sink duration: The histogram of the time spent by TiCDC asynchronously flushing data to the downstream
- Flush sink duration percentile: The time (P95, P99, and P999) spent by TiCDC asynchronously flushing data to the downstream within one second

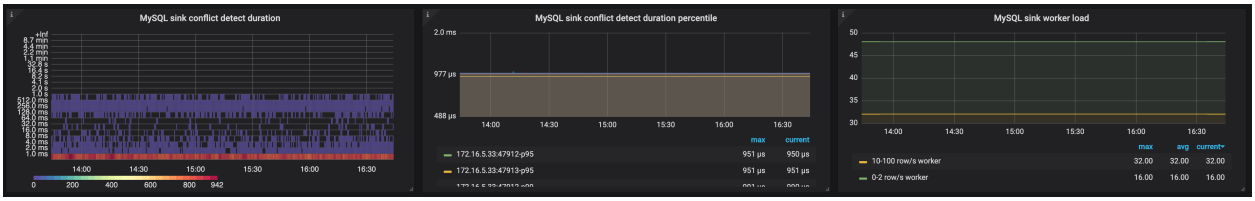


Figure 117: TiCDC Dashboard - Changefeed metrics 3

- MySQL sink conflict detect duration: The histogram of the time spent on detecting MySQL sink conflicts
- MySQL sink conflict detect duration percentile: The time (P95, P99, and P999) spent on detecting MySQL sink conflicts within one second
- MySQL sink worker load: The workload of MySQL sink workers of TiCDC nodes

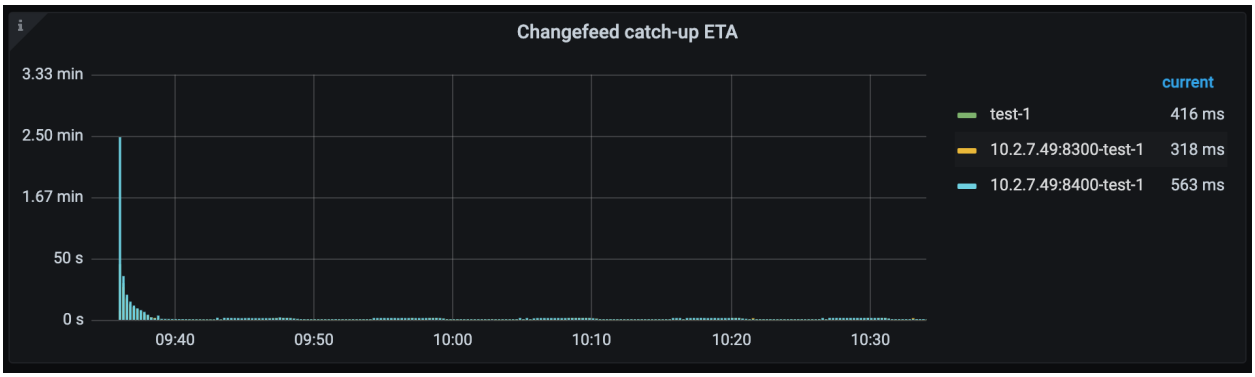


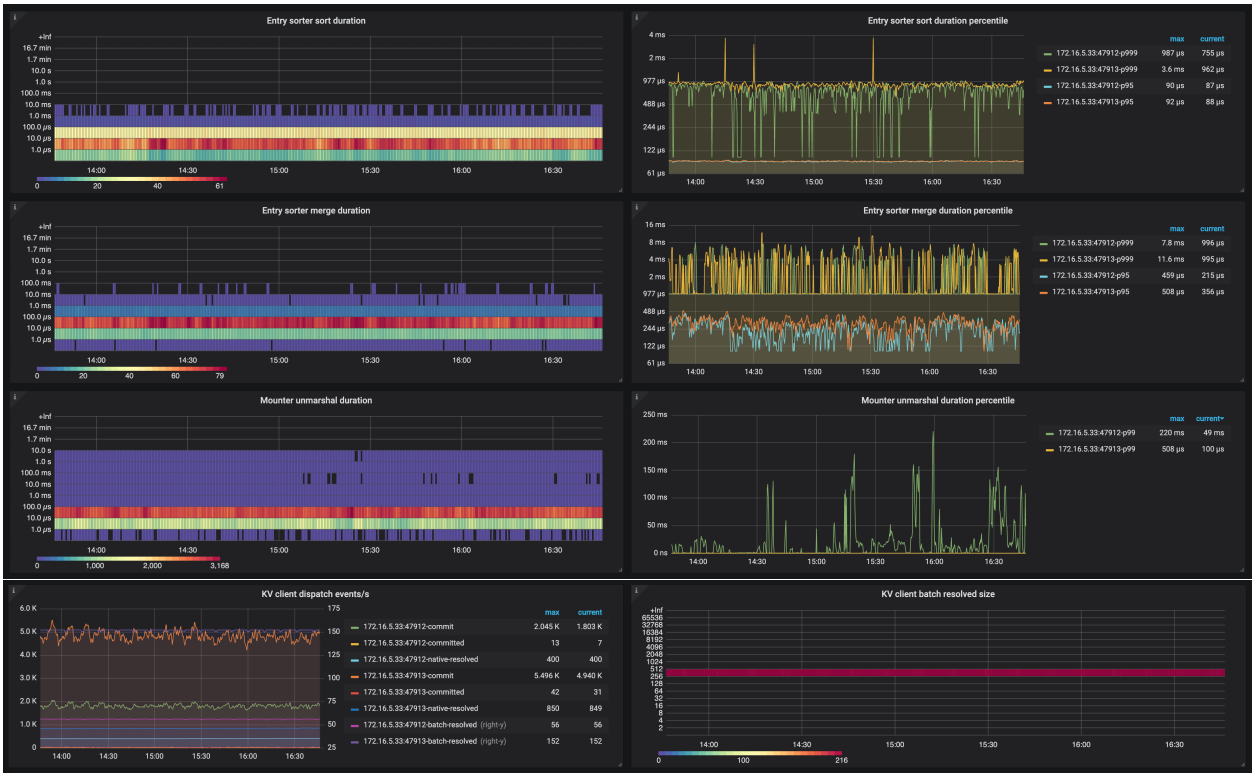
Figure 118: TiCDC Dashboard - Changefeed metrics 4

- Changefeed catch-up ETA: The estimated time needed for the replication task to catch up with the upstream cluster data. When the upstream write speed is faster than the TiCDC replication speed, the metric might be extremely large. Because TiCDC replication speed is subject to many factors, this metric is for reference only and might not be the actual replication time.

7.4.2.3 Events

The following is an example of the **Events** panel:





The description of each metric in the **Events** panel is as follows:

- Eventfeed count: The number of Eventfeed RPC requests of TiCDC nodes
- Event size percentile: The event size (P95, P99, and P999) which TiCDC receives from TiKV within one second
- Eventfeed error/m: The number of errors reported by Eventfeed RPC requests of TiCDC nodes per minute
- KV client receive events/s: The number of events that the KV client module of TiCDC nodes receives from TiKV per second
- Puller receive events/s: The number of events that the Puller module of TiCDC nodes receives from the KV client per second
- Puller output events/s: The number of events that the Puller module of TiCDC nodes sends to the Sorter module per second
- Sink flush rows/s: The number of events that TiCDC nodes write to the downstream per second
- Puller buffer size: The number of events that TiCDC nodes cache in the Puller module
- Entry sorter buffer size: The number of events that TiCDC nodes cache in the Sorter module
- Processor/Mounter buffer size: The number of events that TiCDC nodes cache in the Processor module and the Mounter module
- Sink row buffer size: The number of events that TiCDC nodes cache in the Sink module
- Entry sorter sort duration: The histogram of the time spent by TiCDC nodes sorting events
- Entry sorter sort duration percentile: The time (P95, P99, and P999) spent by TiCDC

sorting events within one second

- Entry sorter merge duration: The histogram of the time spent by TiCDC nodes merging sorted events
- Entry sorter merge duration percentile: The time (P95, P99, and P999) spent by TiCDC merging sorted events within one second
- Mounter unmarshal duration: The histogram of the time spent by TiCDC nodes unmarshalling events
- Mounter unmarshal duration percentile: The time (P95, P99, and P999) spent by TiCDC unmarshalling events within one second
- KV client dispatch events/s: The number of events that the KV client module dispatches among the TiCDC nodes
- KV client batch resolved size: The batch size of resolved timestamp messages that TiKV sends to TiCDC

7.4.2.4 TiKV

The following is an example of the **TiKV** panel:



The description of each metric in the **TiKV** panel is as follows:

- CDC endpoint CPU: The CPU usage of the CDC endpoint threads on TiKV nodes
- CDC worker CPU: The CPU usage of the CDC worker threads on TiKV nodes
- Min resolved ts: The minimum resolved timestamp on TiKV nodes
- Min resolved region: The Region ID of the minimum resolved timestamp on TiKV nodes
- Resolved ts lag duration percentile: The lag between the minimum resolved timestamp on TiKV nodes and the current time
- Initial scan duration: The histogram of the time spent on incremental scan when TiKV nodes connect to TiCDC nodes
- Initial scan duration percentile: The time (P95, P99, and P999) spent on the incremental scan of TiKV nodes within one second
- Memory without block cache: The memory usage of TiKV nodes excluding the RocksDB block cache
- CDC pending bytes in memory: The memory usage of CDC module on TiKV nodes
- Captured region count: The number of event-capturing Regions on TiKV nodes

7.4.3 TiCDC Alert Rules

This document describes the TiCDC alert rules and the corresponding solutions. In descending order, the severity levels are: **Critical**, **Warning**.

7.4.3.1 Critical alerts

This section introduces critical alerts and solutions.

7.4.3.1.1 `cdc_checkpoint_high_delay`

For critical alerts, you need to pay close attention to abnormal monitoring metrics.

- Alert rule:

  `ticdc_owner_checkpoint_ts_lag > 600`

- Description:

  A replication task is delayed more than 10 minutes.

- Solution:

  See TiCDC Handles Replication Interruption.

7.4.3.1.2 `cdc_resolvedts_high_delay`

- Alert rule:

  `ticdc_owner_resolved_ts_lag > 300`

- Description:

  The Resolved TS of a replication task is delayed more than 5 minutes.

- Solution:

  See TiCDC Handles Replication Interruption.

7.4.3.1.3 `ticdc_changefeed_failed`

- Alert rule:

  `(max_over_time(ticdc_owner_status[1m])== 2)> 0`

- Description:

  A replication task encounters an unrecoverable error and enters the failed state.

- Solution:

  This alert is similar to replication interruption. See TiCDC Handles Replication Interruption.

7.4.3.2 Warning alerts

Warning alerts are a reminder for an issue or error.

7.4.3.2.1 `cdc_multiple_owners`

- Alert rule:

  `sum(rate(ticdc_owner_ownership_counter[30s]))>= 2`

- Description:

  There are multiple owners in the TiCDC cluster.

- Solution:

  Collect TiCDC logs to locate the root cause.

7.4.3.2.2 `cdc_no_owner`

- Alert rule:

  `sum(rate(ticdc_owner_ownership_counter[240s]))< 0.5`

- Description:

  There is no owner in the TiCDC cluster for more than 10 minutes.

- Solution:

  Collect TiCDC logs to identify the root cause.

7.4.3.2.3 `ticdc_changefeed_meet_error`

- Alert rule:

```
(max_over_time(ticdc_owner_status[1m])== 1 or max_over_time(ticdc_owner
↪ _status[1m])== 6)> 0
```

- Description:

  A replication task encounters an error.

- Solution:

  See TiCDC Handles Replication Interruption.

7.4.3.2.4 `ticdc_processor_exit_with_error_count`

- Alert rule:

```
changes(ticdc_processor_exit_with_error_count[1m])> 0
```

- Description:

  A replication task reports an error and exits.

- Solution:

  See TiCDC Handles Replication Interruption.

7.4.3.2.5 `tikv_cdc_min_resolved_ts_no_change_for_1m`

- Alert rule:

```
changes(tikv_cdc_min_resolved_ts[1m])< 1 and ON (instance)tikv_cdc_
↪ region_resolve_status{status="resolved"} > 0 and ON (instance)tikv_
↪ cdc_captured_region_total > 0
```

- Description:

  The minimum Resolved TS 1 of TiKV CDC has not advanced for 1 minute.

- Solution:

  Collect TiKV logs to locate the root cause.

7.4.3.2.6 tikv_cdc_scan_duration_seconds_more_than_10min

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.9, rate(tikv_cdc_scan_duration_seconds_bucket{}[1m
↪ ]))> 600
```

- Description:

  The TiKV CDC module has scanned for incremental replication for more than 10 minutes.

- Solution:

  Collect TiCDC monitoring metrics and TiKV logs to locate the root cause.

7.4.3.2.7 ticdc_sink_execution_error

- Alert rule:

```
changes(ticdc_sink_execution_error[1m])> 0
```

- Description:

  An error occurs when a replication task writes data to the downstream.

- Solution:

  There are many possible root causes. See Troubleshoot TiCDC.

7.4.3.2.8 ticdc_memory_abnormal

- Alert rule:

```
go_memstats_heap_alloc_bytes{job="ticdc"} > 1e+10
```

- Description:

  The TiCDC heap memory usage exceeds 10 GiB.

- Solution:

  Collect TiCDC logs to locate the root cause.

7.5 Integration Scenarios

7.5.1 Data Integration Overview

Data integration means the flow, transfer, and consolidation of data among various data sources. As data grows exponentially in volume and data value is more profoundly explored, data integration has become increasingly popular and urgent. To avoid the situation that TiDB becomes data silos and to integrate data with different platforms, TiCDC offers the capability to replicate TiDB incremental data change logs to other data platforms. This document describes the data integration applications using TiCDC. You can choose an integration solution that suits your business scenarios.

7.5.1.1 Integrate with Confluent Cloud and Snowflake

You can use TiCDC to replicate incremental data from TiDB to Confluent Cloud, and replicate the data to Snowflake, ksqlDB, and SQL Server via Confluent Cloud. For details, see Integrate with Confluent Cloud and Snowflake.

7.5.1.2 Integrate with Apache Kafka and Apache Flink

You can use TiCDC to replicate incremental data from TiDB to Apache Kafka, and consume the data using Apache Flink. For details, see Integrate with Apache Kafka and Apache Flink.

7.5.2 Integrate Data with Confluent Cloud and Snowflake

Confluent is an Apache Kafka-compatible streaming data platform that provides strong data integration capabilities. On this platform, you can access, store, and manage non-stop real-time streaming data.

Starting from TiDB v6.1.0, TiCDC supports replicating incremental data to Confluent in Avro format. This document introduces how to replicate TiDB incremental data to Confluent using TiCDC, and further replicate data to Snowflake, ksqlDB, and SQL Server via Confluent Cloud. The organization of this document is as follows:

1. Quickly deploy a TiDB cluster with TiCDC included.
2. Create a changefeed that replicates data from TiDB to Confluent Cloud.
3. Create Connectors that replicate data from Confluent Cloud to Snowflake, ksqlDB, and SQL Server.
4. Write data to TiDB using go-tpc, and observe data changes in Snowflake, ksqlDB, and SQL Server.

The preceding steps are performed in a lab environment. You can also deploy a cluster in a production environment by referring to these steps.

7.5.2.1 Replicate incremental data to Confluent Cloud

7.5.2.1.1 Step 1. Set up the environment

1. Deploy a TiDB cluster with TiCDC included.

   In a lab or testing environment, you can deploy a TiDB cluster with TiCDC included quickly by using TiUP Playground.

```
tiup playground --host 0.0.0.0 --db 1 --pd 1 --kv 1 --tiflash 0 --ticdc
    ↪ 1
# View cluster status
tiup status
```

   If TiUP is not installed yet, refer to Install TiUP. In a production environment, you can deploy a TiCDC as instructed in Deploy TiCDC.

2. Register Confluent Cloud and create a Confluent cluster.

   Create a Basic cluster and make it accessible via Internet. For details, see Quick Start for Confluent Cloud.

7.5.2.1.2 Step 2. Create an access key pair

1. Create a cluster API key.

   Sign in to Confluent Cloud. Choose **Data integration** > **API keys** > **Create key**. On the **Select scope for API key** page that is displayed, select **Global access**.

   After creation, a key pair file is generated, as shown below.

```
=== Confluent Cloud API key: xxx-xxxxx ===

API key:
L5WWA4GK4NAT2EQV

API secret:
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Bootstrap server:
xxx-xxxxx.ap-east-1.aws.confluent.cloud:9092
```

2. Record the Schema Registry Endpoints.

   In the Confluent Cloud Console, choose **Schema Registry** > **API endpoint**. Record the Schema Registry Endpoints. The following is an example:

```
https://yyy-yyyyy.us-east-2.aws.confluent.cloud
```

3. Create a Schema Registry API key.

   In the Confluent Cloud Console, choose **Schema Registry** > **API credentials**. Click **Edit** and then **Create key**.

   After creation, a key pair file is generated, as shown below:

```
=== Confluent Cloud API key: yyy-yyyyy ===
API key:
7NBH2CAFM2LMGTH7
API secret:
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
```

   You can also perform this step by using Confluent CLI. For details, see Connect Confluent CLI to Confluent Cloud Cluster.

7.5.2.1.3 Step 3. Create a Kafka changefeed

1. Create a changefeed configuration file.

   As required by Avro and Confluent Connector, incremental data of each table must be sent to an independent topic, and a partition must be dispatched for each event based on the primary key value. Therefore, you need to create a changefeed configuration file `changefeed.conf` with the following contents:

```
[sink]
dispatchers = [
{matcher = ['*.*'], topic = "tidb_{schema}_{table}", partition="index-
    ↪ value"},
]
```

   For detailed description of `dispatchers` in the configuration file, see Customize the rules for Topic and Partition dispatchers of Kafka Sink.

2. Create a changefeed to replicate incremental data to Confluent Cloud:

```
tiup cdc:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> cli changefeed create --server="http
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:8300" --sink-uri="kafka://<broker_endpoint>/ticdc-
    ↪ meta?protocol=avro&replication-factor=3&enable-tls=true&auto-
    ↪ create-topic=true&sasl-mechanism=plain&sasl-user=<broker_api_key
    ↪ >&sasl-password=<broker_api_secret>" --schema-registry="https://<
    ↪ schema_registry_api_key>:<schema_registry_api_secret>@<schema_
    ↪ registry_endpoint>" --changefeed-id="confluent-changefeed" --
    ↪ config changefeed.conf
```

   You need to replace the values of the following fields with those created or recorded in Step 2. Create an access key pair:

   - `<broker_endpoint>`

- <broker_api_key>
- <broker_api_secret>
- <schema_registry_api_key>
- <schema_registry_api_secret>
- <schema_registry_endpoint>

Note that you should encode <schema_registry_api_secret> based on HTML URL Encoding Reference before replacing its value. After you replace all the preceding fields, the configuration file is as follows:

```
tiup cdc:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> cli changefeed create --server="http
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:8300" --sink-uri="kafka://xxx-xxxxx.ap-east-1.aws.
    ↪ confluent.cloud:9092/ticdc-meta?protocol=avro&replication-factor
    ↪ =3&enable-tls=true&auto-create-topic=true&sasl-mechanism=plain&
    ↪ sasl-user=L5WWA4GK4NAT2EQV&sasl-password=
    ↪ xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" --schema-registry="https://7
    ↪ NBH2CAFM2LMGTH7:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@yyy-yyyyy.us-east-2.aws.
    ↪ confluent.cloud" --changefeed-id="confluent-changefeed" --config
    ↪ changefeed.conf
```

- Run the command to create a changefeed.
  - If the changefeed is successfully created, changefeed information, such as changefeed ID, is displayed, as shown below:

    ```
    Create changefeed successfully!
    ID: confluent-changefeed
    Info: {... changfeed info json struct ...}
    ```

  - If no result is returned after you run the command, check the network connectivity between the server where you run the command and Confluent Cloud. For details, see Test connectivity to Confluent Cloud.

3. After creating the changefeed, run the following command to check the changefeed status:

```
tiup cdc:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> cli changefeed list --server="http
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:8300"
```

You can refer to Manage TiCDC Changefeeds to manage the changefeed.

7.5.2.1.4 Step 4. Write data to generate change logs

After the preceding steps are done, TiCDC sends change logs of incremental data in the TiDB cluster to Confluent Cloud. This section describes how to write data into TiDB to generate change logs.

1. Simulate service workload.

   To generate change logs in a lab environment, you can use go-tpc to write data to the TiDB cluster. Specifically, run the following command to create a database `tpcc` in the TiDB cluster. Then, use TiUP bench to write data to this new database.

   ```
   tiup bench tpcc -H 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 4 prepare
   tiup bench tpcc -H 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 4 run --time
       ↪ 300s
   ```

   For more details about go-tpc, refer to How to Run TPC-C Test on TiDB.

2. Observe data in Confluent Cloud.

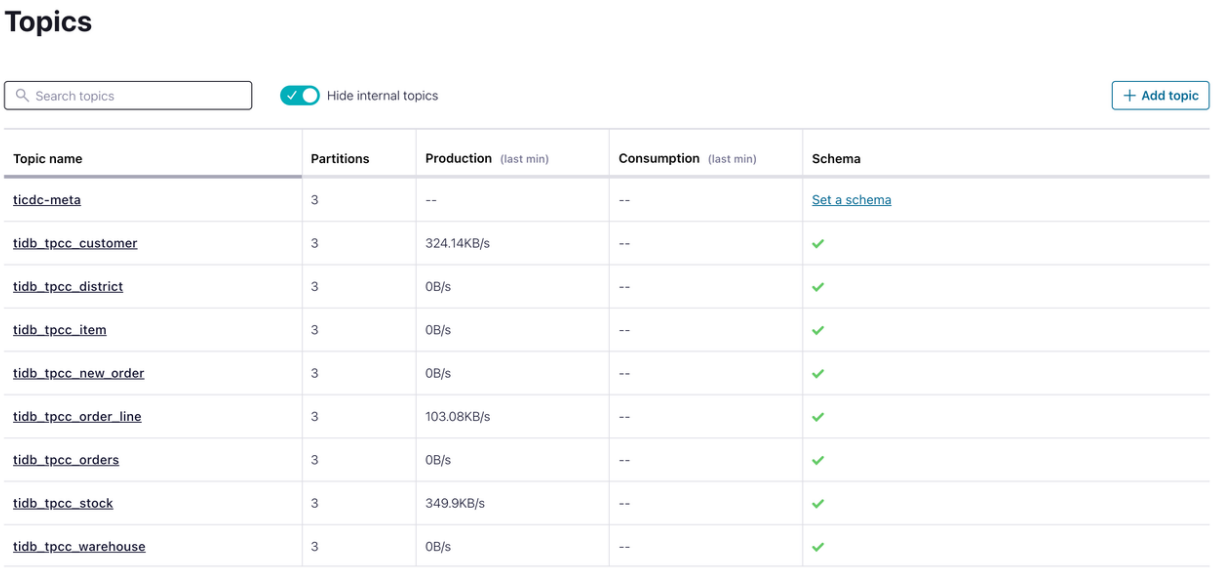


Figure 119: Confluent topics

In the Confluent Cloud Console, click **Topics**. You can see that the target topics have been created and are receiving data. At this time, incremental data of the TiDB database is successfully replicated to Confluent Cloud.

7.5.2.2 Integrate data with Snowflake

Snowflake is a cloud native data warehouse. With Confluent, you can replicate TiDB incremental data to Snowflake by creating Snowflake Sink Connectors.

7.5.2.2.1 Prerequisites

- You have registered and created a Snowflake cluster. See Getting Started with Snowflake.

- Before connecting to the Snowflake cluster, you have generated a private key for it. See Key Pair Authentication & Key Pair Rotation.

7.5.2.2.2 Integration procedure

1. Create a database and a schema in Snowflake.

   In the Snowflake control console, choose **Data** > **Database**. Create a database named `TPCC` and a schema named `TiCDC`.

2. In the Confluent Cloud Console, choose **Data integration** > **Connectors** > **Snowflake Sink**. The page shown below is displayed.

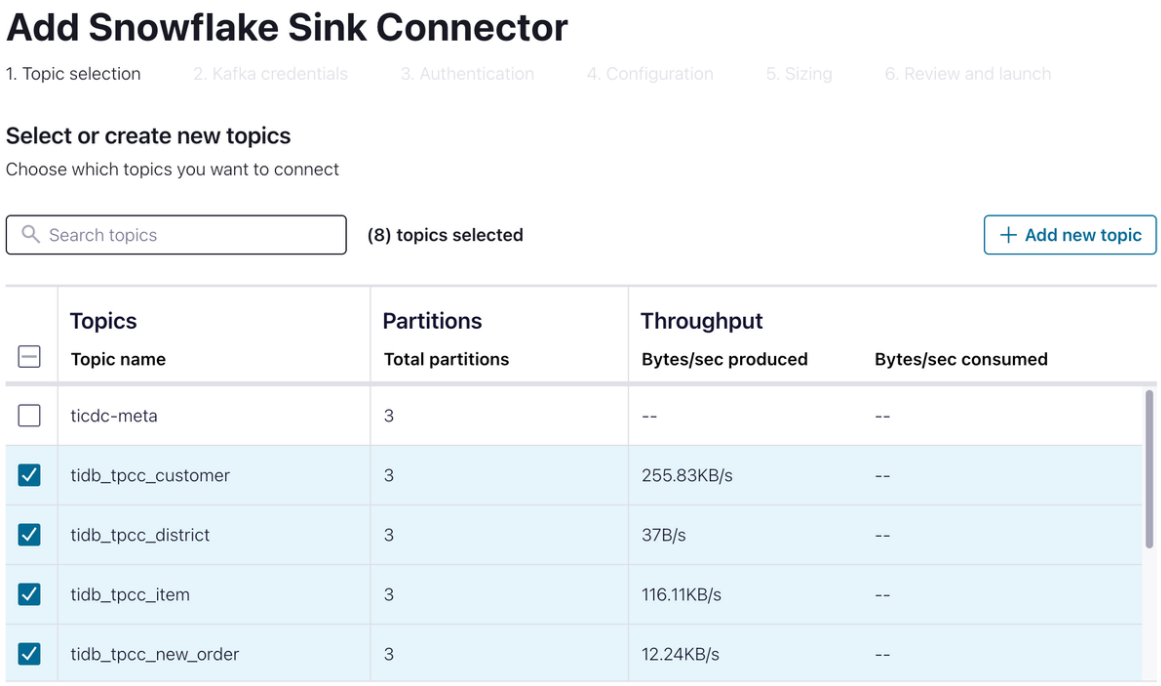


Figure 120: Add snowflake sink connector

3. Select the topic you want to replicate to Snowflake. Then go to the next page.

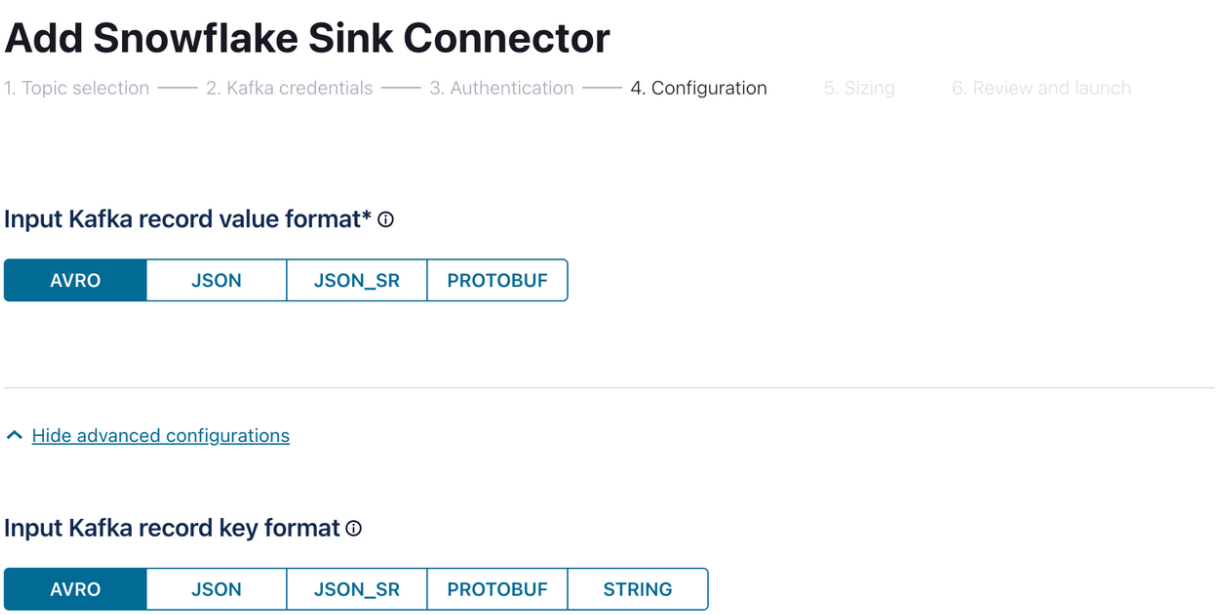


Figure 121: Configuration

4. Specify the authentication information for connecting Snowflake. Fill in **Database name** and **Schema name** with the values you created in the previous step. Then go to the next page.

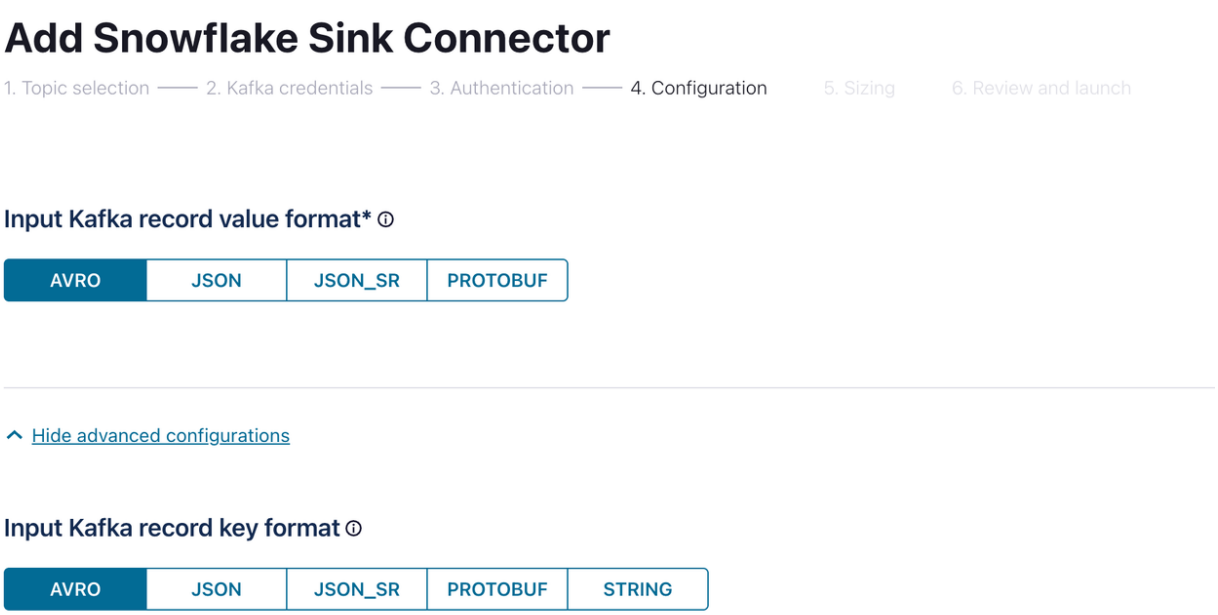


Figure 122: Configuration

5. On the **Configuration** page, select `AVRO` for both **Input Kafka record value format** and **Input Kafka record key format**. Then click **Continue**. Wait until the connector is created and the status becomes **Running**, which might take several minutes.

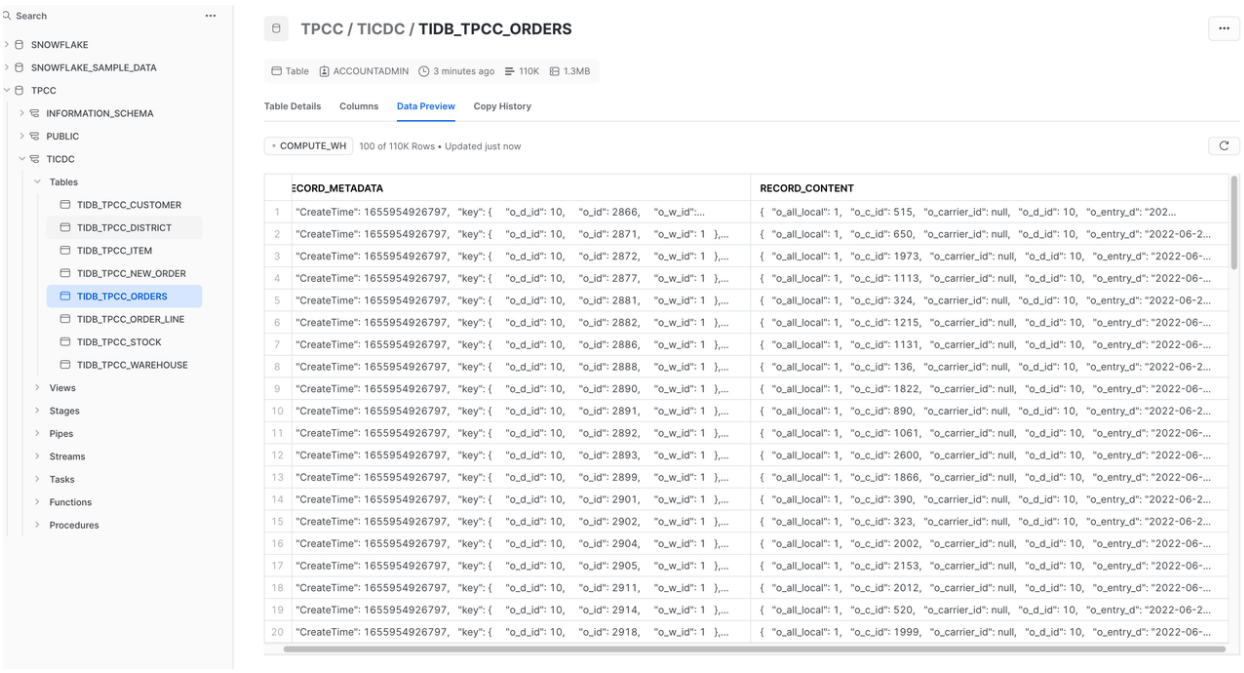


Figure 123: Data preview

6. In the Snowflake console, choose **Data** > **Database** > **TPCC** > **TiCDC**. You can see that TiDB incremental data has been replicated to Snowflake. Data integration with Snowflake is done (see the preceding figure). However, the table structure in Snowflake is different from that in TiDB, and data is inserted into Snowflake incrementally. In most scenarios, you expect the data in Snowflake to be a replica of the data in TiDB, rather than storing TiDB change logs. This problem will be addressed in the next section.

7.5.2.2.3 Create data replicas of TiDB tables in Snowflake

In the previous section, the change logs of TiDB incremental data have been replicated to Snowflake. This section describes how to process these change logs using the TASK and STREAM features of Snowflake according to the event type of `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE` ↪ , and then write them to a table with the same structure as that in upstream, thereby creating a data replica of the TiDB table in Snowflake. The following takes the `ITEM` table as an example.

The structure of the `ITEM` table is as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE `item` (
  `i_id` int NOT NULL,
  `i_im_id` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `i_name` varchar(24) DEFAULT NULL,
  `i_price` decimal(5,2) DEFAULT NULL,
  `i_data` varchar(50) DEFAULT NULL,
```

```
  PRIMARY KEY (`i_id`)
);
```

In Snowflake, there is a table named `TIDB_TEST_ITEM`, which is automatically created by the Confluent Snowflake Sink Connector. The table structure is as follows:

```
create or replace TABLE TIDB_TEST_ITEM (
       RECORD_METADATA VARIANT,
       RECORD_CONTENT VARIANT
);
```

1. In Snowflake, create a table with the same structure as that in TiDB:

   ```
   create or replace table TEST_ITEM (
       i_id INTEGER primary key,
       i_im_id INTEGER,
       i_name VARCHAR,
       i_price DECIMAL(36,2),
       i_data VARCHAR
   );
   ```

2. Create a stream for `TIDB_TEST_ITEM` and set `append_only` to `true` as follows.

   ```
   create or replace stream TEST_ITEM_STREAM on table TIDB_TEST_ITEM
       ↪ append_only=true;
   ```

   In this way, the created stream captures only `INSERT` events in real time. Specifically, when a new change log is generated for `ITEM` in TiDB, the change log will be inserted into `TIDB_TEST_ITEM` and be captured by the stream.

3. Process the data in the stream. According to the event type, insert, update, or delete the stream data in the `TEST_ITEM` table.

   ```
   --Merge data into the TEST_ITEM table
   merge into TEST_ITEM n
     using
         -- Query TEST_ITEM_STREAM
         (SELECT RECORD_METADATA:key as k, RECORD_CONTENT:val as v from
             ↪ TEST_ITEM_STREAM) stm
         -- Match the stream with table on the condition that i_id is equal
         on k:i_id = n.i_id
     -- If the TEST_ITEM table contains a record that matches i_id and v
         ↪ is empty, delete this record
     when matched and IS_NULL_VALUE(v) = true then
         delete
   ```

```
  -- If the TEST_ITEM table contains a record that matches i_id and v
     ↪ is not empty, update this record
  when matched and IS_NULL_VALUE(v) = false then
     update set n.i_data = v:i_data, n.i_im_id = v:i_im_id, n.i_name =
        ↪ v:i_name, n.i_price = v:i_price

  -- If the TEST_ITEM table does not contain a record that matches i_id
     ↪ , insert this record
  when not matched then
     insert
        (i_data, i_id, i_im_id, i_name, i_price)
     values
        (v:i_data, v:i_id, v:i_im_id, v:i_name, v:i_price)
;
```

In the preceding example, the `MERGE INTO` statement of Snowflake is used to match the stream and the table on a specific condition, and then execute corresponding operations, such as deleting, updating, or inserting a record. In this example, three `WHERE` clauses are used for the following three scenarios:

- Delete the record in the table when the stream and the table match and the data in the stream is empty.
- Update the record in the table when the stream and the table match and the data in the stream is not empty.
- Insert the record in the table when the stream and the table do not match.

4. Periodically execute the statement in Step 3 to ensure that data is always up-to-date. You can also use the `SCHEDULED TASK` feature of Snowflake:

```
-- Create a TASK to periodically execute the MERGE INTO statement
create or replace task STREAM_TO_ITEM
    warehouse = test
    -- Execute the TASK every minute
    schedule = '1 minute'
when
    -- Skip the TASK when there is no data in TEST_ITEM_STREAM
    system$stream_has_data('TEST_ITEM_STREAM')
as
-- Merge data into the TEST_ITEM table. The statement is the same as
    ↪ that in the preceding example
merge into TEST_ITEM n
  using
     (select RECORD_METADATA:key as k, RECORD_CONTENT:val as v from
        ↪ TEST_ITEM_STREAM) stm
     on k:i_id = n.i_id
  when matched and IS_NULL_VALUE(v) = true then
```

```
    delete
  when matched and IS_NULL_VALUE(v) = false then
    update set n.i_data = v:i_data, n.i_im_id = v:i_im_id, n.i_name =
      ↪ v:i_name, n.i_price = v:i_price
  when not matched then
    insert
      (i_data, i_id, i_im_id, i_name, i_price)
    values
      (v:i_data, v:i_id, v:i_im_id, v:i_name, v:i_price)
;
```

At this time, you have established a data channel with certain ETL capabilities. Through this data channel, you can replicate TiDB's incremental data change logs to Snowflake, maintain a data replica of TiDB, and use the data in Snowflake.

The last step is to regularly clean up the useless data in the `TIDB_TEST_ITEM` table:

```
-- Clean up the TIDB_TEST_ITEM table every two hours
create or replace task TRUNCATE_TIDB_TEST_ITEM
    warehouse = test
    schedule = '120 minute'
when
    system$stream_has_data('TIDB_TEST_ITEM')
as
    TRUNCATE table TIDB_TEST_ITEM;
```

7.5.2.3 Integrate data with ksqlDB

ksqlDB is a database purpose-built for stream processing applications. You can create ksqlDB clusters on Confluent Cloud and access incremental data replicated by TiCDC.

1. Select **ksqlDB** in the Confluent Cloud Console and create a ksqlDB cluster as instructed.

   Wait until the ksqlDB cluster status is **Running**. This process takes several minutes.

2. In the ksqlDB Editor, run the following command to create a stream to access the `tidb_tpcc_orders` topic:

   ```
   CREATE STREAM orders (o_id INTEGER, o_d_id INTEGER, o_w_id INTEGER, o_
     ↪ c_id INTEGER, o_entry_d STRING, o_carrier_id INTEGER, o_ol_cnt
     ↪ INTEGER, o_all_local INTEGER) WITH (kafka_topic='tidb_tpcc_
     ↪ orders', partitions=3, value_format='AVRO');
   ```

3. Run the following command to check the orders STREAM data:

```
SELECT * FROM ORDERS EMIT CHANGES;
```

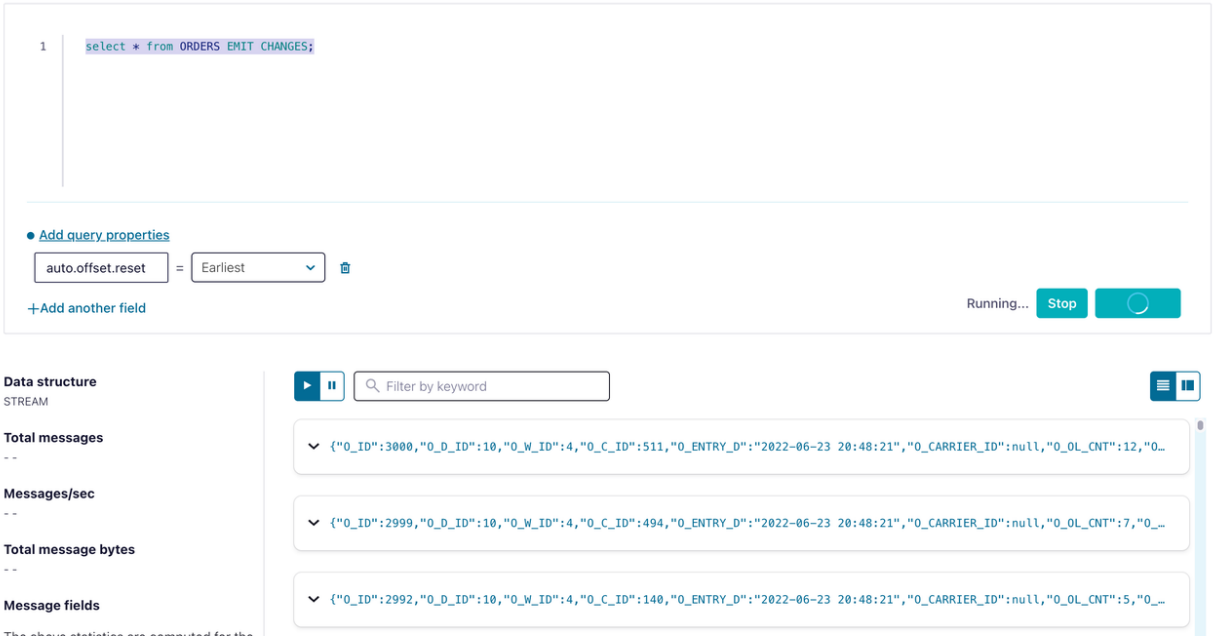


Figure 124: Select from orders

You can see that the incremental data has been replicated to ksqlDB, as shown in the preceding figure. Data integration with ksqlDB is done.

7.5.2.4 Integrate data with SQL Server

Microsoft SQL Server is a relational database management system (RDBMS) developed by Microsoft. With Confluent, you can replicate TiDB incremental data to SQL Server by creating SQL Server Sink Connectors.

1. Connect to SQL Server and create a database named `tpcc`.

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-1-1-1 bin]$ sqlcmd -S 10.61.43.14,1433 -U admin
Password:
1> create database tpcc
2> go
1> select name from master.dbo.sysdatabases
2> go
name
----------------------------------------------------------------------
master
tempdb
```

```
model
msdb
rdsadmin
tpcc
(6 rows affected)
```

2. In the Confluent Cloud Console, choose **Data integration** > **Connectors** > **Microsoft SQL Server Sink**. The page shown below is displayed.

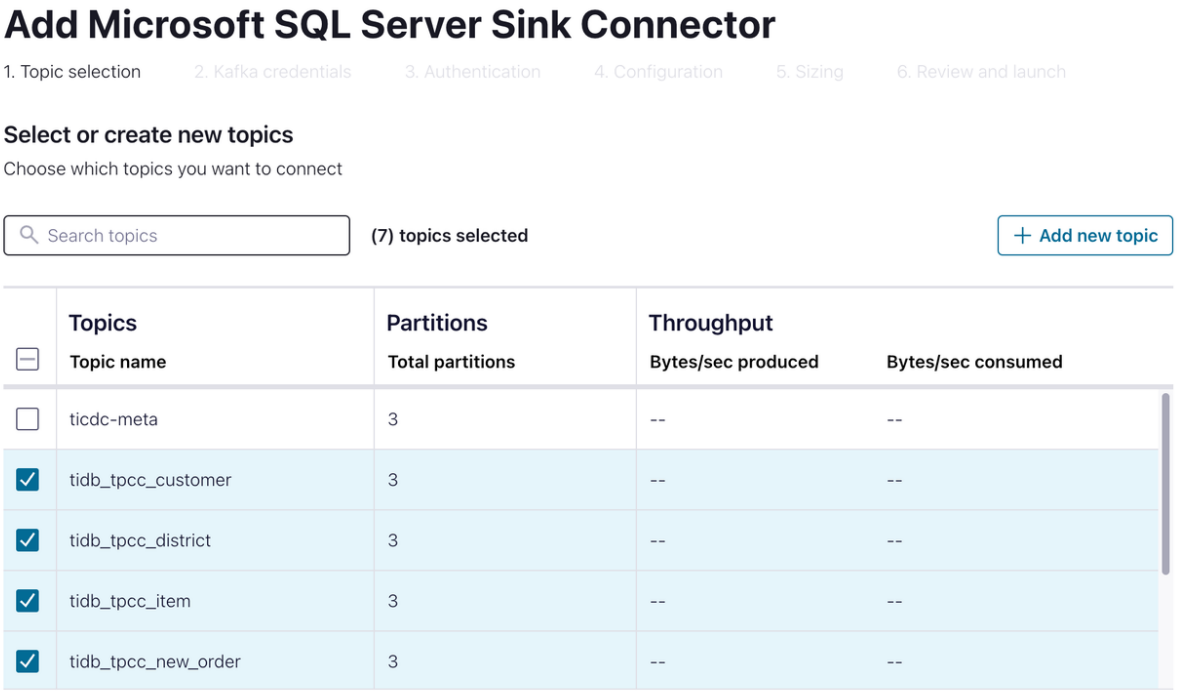


Figure 125: Topic selection

3. Select the topic you want to replicate to SQL Server. Then go to the next page.

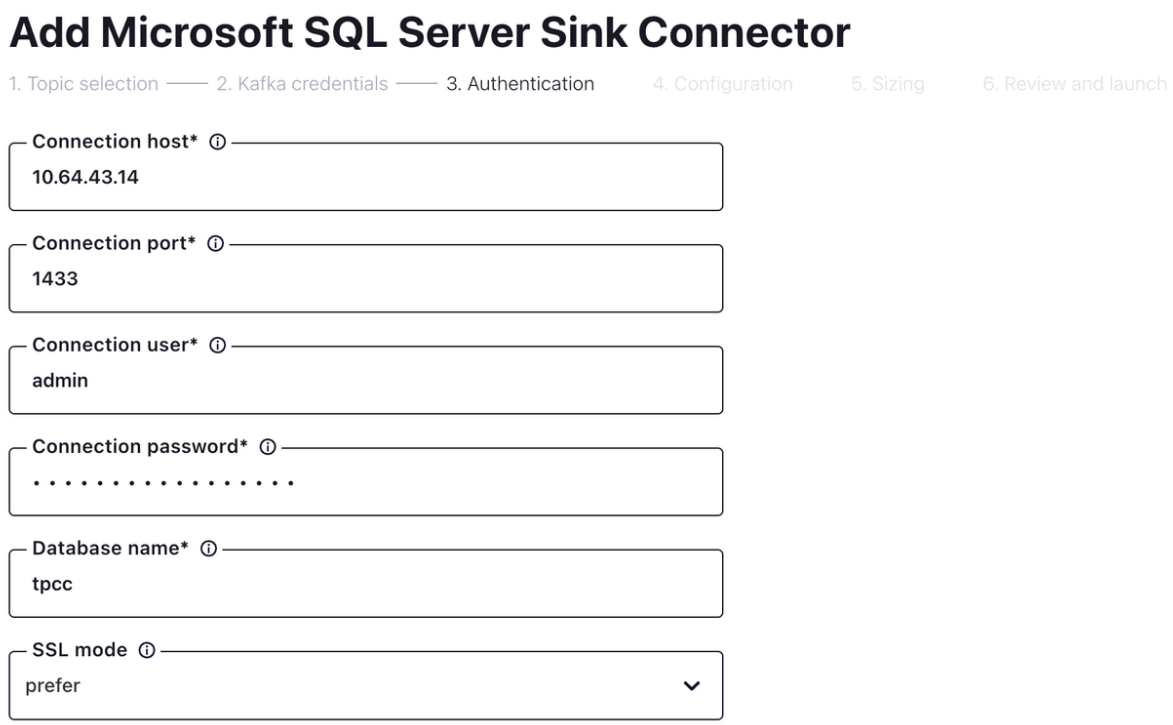


Figure 126: Authentication

4. Fill in the connection and authentication information. Then go to the next page.

5. On the **Configuration** page, configure the following fields and click **Continue**.

Field	Value
Input Kafka record value format	AVRO
Insert mode	UPSERT
Auto create table	true
Auto add columns	true
PK mode	record_key
Input Kafka record key format	AVRO
Delete on null	true

6. After configuration, click **Continue**. Wait until the connector status becomes **Running**, which might take several minutes.

Run Cancel | Disconnect Change Connection | tpcc

```
SELECT TOP (1000) [o_id]
      ,[o_d_id]
      ,[o_w_id]
      ,[o_c_id]
      ,[o_entry_d]
      ,[o_carrier_id]
      ,[o_ol_cnt]
      ,[o_all_local]
  FROM [tpcc].[dbo].[tidb_tpcc_orders]
```

Results Messages

	o_id	o_d_id	o_w_id	o_c_id	o_entry_d	o_carrier_id	o_ol_cnt	o_all_local
1	1	1	1	1860	2022-06-22 22:08:06	3	6	1
2	1	3	1	884	2022-06-22 22:08:06	10	5	1
3	2	1	1	1247	2022-06-22 22:08:06	7	10	1
4	2	3	1	752	2022-06-22 22:08:06	2	12	1
5	3	1	1	902	2022-06-22 22:08:06	5	11	1
6	3	2	1	1250	2022-06-22 22:08:06	8	7	1
7	4	1	1	1468	2022-06-22 22:08:06	7	6	1
8	4	2	1	2246	2022-06-22 22:08:06	3	9	1
9	4	3	1	358	2022-06-22 22:08:06	4	13	1
10	5	1	1	639	2022-06-22 22:08:06	9	10	1

Figure 127: Results

7. Connect SQL Server and observe the data. You can see that the incremental data has been replicated to SQL Server, as shown in the preceding figure. Data integration with SQL Server is done.

7.5.3 Integrate Data with Apache Kafka and Apache Flink

This document describes how to replicate TiDB data to Apache Kafka and Apache Flink using TiCDC. The organization of this document is as follows:

1. Quickly deploy a TiDB cluster with TiCDC included, and create a Kafka cluster and a Flink cluster.
2. Create a changefeed that replicates data from TiDB to Kafka.
3. Write data to TiDB using go-tpc.
4. Observe data on Kafka console consumer and check that the data is replicated to a specified Kafka topic.
5. (Optional) Configure the Flink cluster to consume Kafka data.

The preceding steps are performed in a lab environment. You can also deploy a cluster in a production environment by referring to these steps.

7.5.3.1 Step 1. Set up the environment

1. Deploy a TiDB cluster with TiCDC included.

   In a lab or testing environment, you can deploy a TiDB cluster with TiCDC included quickly by using TiUP Playground.

   ```
   tiup playground --host 0.0.0.0 --db 1 --pd 1 --kv 1 --tiflash 0 --ticdc
       ↪ 1
   # View cluster status
   tiup status
   ```

   If TiUP is not installed yet, refer to Install TiUP. In a production environment, you can deploy a TiCDC as instructed in Deploy TiCDC.

2. Create a Kafka cluster.

   - Lab environment: refer to Apache Kafka Quickstart to start a Kafka cluster.
   - Production environment: refer to Running Kafka in Production to deploy a Kafka production cluster.

3. (Optional) Create a Flink cluster.

   - Lab environment: refer to Apache Flink First steps to start a Flink cluster.
   - Production environment: refer to Apache Kafka Deployment to deploy a Flink production cluster.

7.5.3.2 Step 2. Create a Kafka changefeed

1. Create a changefeed configuration file.

   As required by Flink, incremental data of each table must be sent to an independent topic, and a partition must be dispatched for each event based on the primary key value. Therefore, you need to create a changefeed configuration file `changefeed.conf` with the following contents:

   ```
   [sink]
   dispatchers = [
   {matcher = ['*.*'], topic = "tidb_{schema}_{table}", partition="index-
       ↪ value"},
   ]
   ```

   For detailed description of `dispatchers` in the configuration file, see Customize the rules for Topic and Partition dispatchers of Kafka Sink.

2. Create a changefeed to replicate incremental data to Kafka:

```
tiup cdc:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> cli changefeed create --server="http
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:8300" --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/kafka-topic
    ↪ -name?protocol=canal-json" --changefeed-id="kafka-changefeed" --
    ↪ config="changefeed.conf"
```

- If the changefeed is successfully created, changefeed information, such as changefeed ID, is displayed, as shown below:

```
Create changefeed successfully!
ID: kafka-changefeed
Info: {... changfeed info json struct ...}
```

- If no result is returned after you run the command, check the network connectivity between the server where you run the command and the Kafka machine specified in the sink URI.

In a production environment, a Kafka cluster has multiple broker nodes. Therefore, you can add the addresses of multiple brokers to the sink UIR. This ensures stable access to the Kafka cluster. When the Kafka cluster is down, the changefeed still works. Suppose that a Kafka cluster has three broker nodes, with IP addresses being 127.0.0.1:9092, 127.0.0.2:9092, and 127.0.0.3:9092, respectively. You can create a changefeed with the following sink URI.

```
tiup cdc:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> cli changefeed create --server="http
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:8300" --sink-uri="kafka
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:9092,127.0.0.2:9092,127.0.0.3:9092/kafka-topic-name?
    ↪ protocol=canal-json&partition-num=3&replication-factor=1&max-
    ↪ message-bytes=1048576" --config="changefeed.conf"
```

3. After creating the changefeed, run the following command to check the changefeed status:

```
tiup cdc:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> cli changefeed list --server="http
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:8300"
```

You can refer to Manage TiCDC Changefeeds to manage the changefeed.

7.5.3.3 Step 3. Write data to generate change logs

After the preceding steps are done, TiCDC sends change logs of incremental data in the TiDB cluster to Kafka. This section describes how to write data into TiDB to generate change logs.

1. Simulate service workload.

To generate change logs in a lab environment, you can use go-tpc to write data to the TiDB cluster. Specifically, run the following command to use TiUP bench to create a `tpcc` database and write data to this new database.

```
tiup bench tpcc -H 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 4 prepare
tiup bench tpcc -H 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 4 run --time
    ↪ 300s
```

For more details about go-tpc, refer to How to Run TPC-C Test on TiDB.

2. Consume data in the Kafka topic.

   When a changefeed works normally, it writes data to the Kafka topic. Run `kafka-console-consumer.sh`. You can see that data is successfully written to the Kafka topic.

```
./bin/kafka-console-consumer.sh --bootstrap-server 127.0.0.1:9092 --
    ↪ from-beginning --topic `${topic-name}`
```

At this time, incremental data of the TiDB database is successfully replicated to Kafka. Next, you can use Flink to consume Kafka data. Alternatively, you can develop a Kafka consumer client yourself for specific service scenarios.

7.5.3.4 (Optional) Step 4. Configure Flink to consume Kafka data

1. Install a Flink Kafka connector.

   In the Flink ecosystem, a Flink Kafka connector is used to consume Kafka data and output data to Flink. However, Flink Kafka connectors are not automatically installed. To use it, add a Flink Kafka connector and its dependencies to the Flink installation directory after installing Flink. Specifically, download the following jar files to the `lib` directory of the Flink installation directory. If you have already run the Flink cluster, restart it to load the new plugin.

   - flink-connector-kafka-1.15.0.jar
   - flink-sql-connector-kafka-1.15.0.jar
   - kafka-clients-3.2.0.jar

2. Create a table.

   In the directory where Flink is installed, run the following command to start the Flink SQL client:

```
[root@flink flink-1.15.0]# ./bin/sql-client.sh
```

   Then, run the following command to create a table named `tpcc_orders`.

```
CREATE TABLE tpcc_orders (
    o_id INTEGER,
    o_d_id INTEGER,
    o_w_id INTEGER,
    o_c_id INTEGER,
    o_entry_d STRING,
    o_carrier_id INTEGER,
    o_ol_cnt INTEGER,
    o_all_local INTEGER
) WITH (
'connector' = 'kafka',
'topic' = 'tidb_tpcc_orders',
'properties.bootstrap.servers' = '127.0.0.1:9092',
'properties.group.id' = 'testGroup',
'format' = 'canal-json',
'scan.startup.mode' = 'earliest-offset',
'properties.auto.offset.reset' = 'earliest'
)
```

Replace `topic` and `properties.bootstrap.servers` with the actual values in the environment.

3. Query data of the table.

   Run the following command to query data of the `tpcc_orders` table:

```
SELECT * FROM tpcc_orders;
```

   After this command is executed, you can see that there is new data in the table, as shown in the following figure.

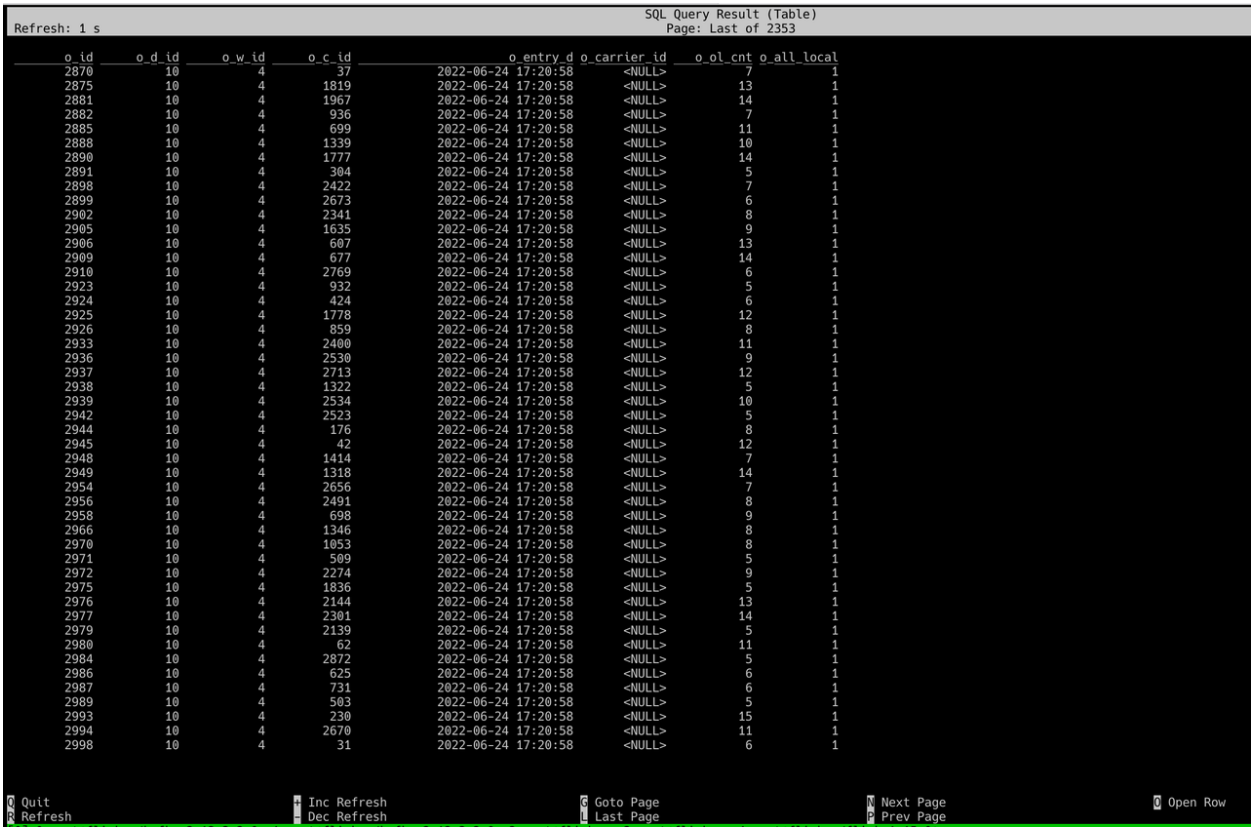


Figure 128: SQL query result

Data integration with Kafka is done.

7.5.4 Architecture and Principles of TiCDC

7.5.4.1 TiCDC architecture

Consisting of multiple TiCDC nodes, a TiCDC cluster uses a distributed and stateless architecture. The design of TiCDC and its components is as follows:

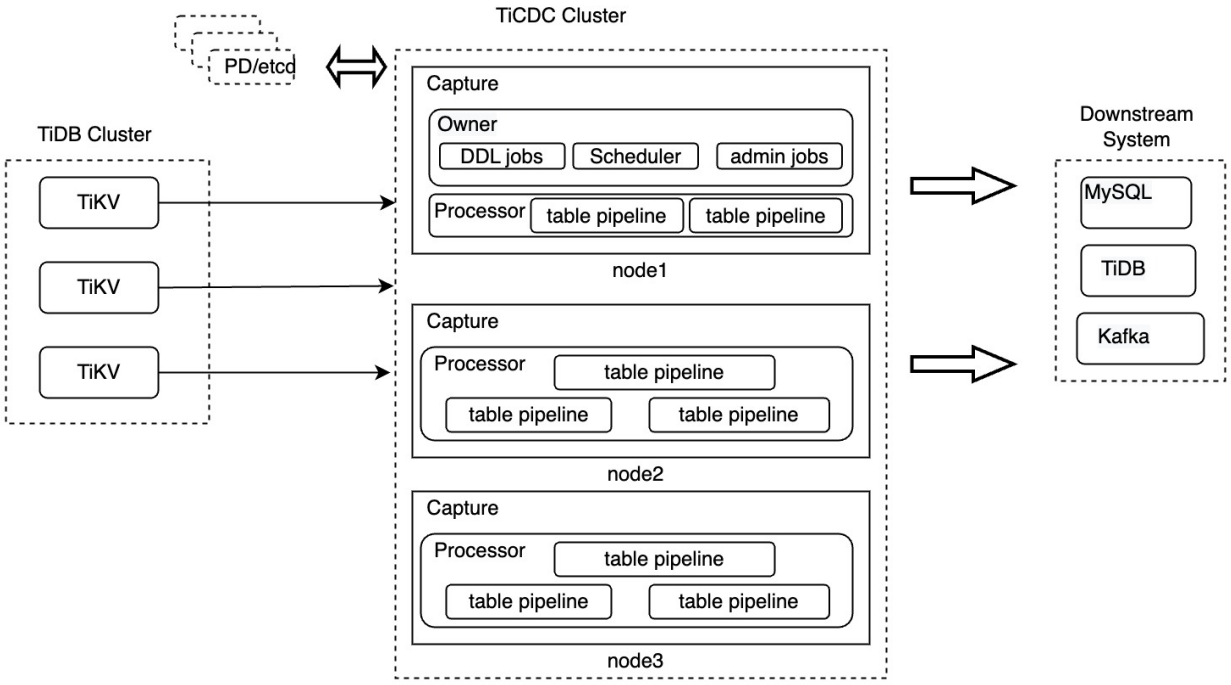


Figure 129: TiCDC architecture

7.5.4.2 TiCDC components

In the preceding diagram, a TiCDC cluster consists of multiple nodes running TiCDC instances. Each TiCDC instance carries a Capture process. One of the Capture processes is elected as the owner Capture, which is responsible for scheduling workload, replicating DDL statements, and performing management tasks.

Each Capture process contains one or multiple Processor threads for replicating data from tables in the upstream TiDB. Because table is the minimum unit of data replication in TiCDC, a Processor is composed of multiple table pipelines.

Each pipeline contains the following components: Puller, Sorter, Mounter, and Sink.

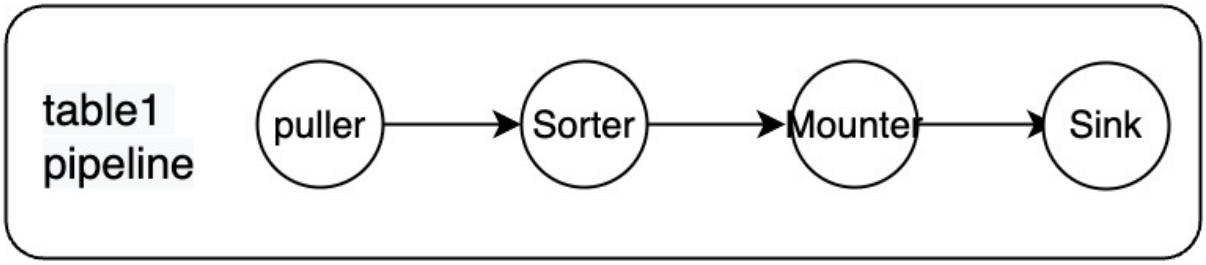


Figure 130: TiCDC architecture

These components work in serial with each other to complete the replication process, including pulling data, sorting data, loading data, and replicating data from the upstream to the downstream. The components are described as follows:

- Puller: pulls DDL and row changes from TiKV nodes.
- Sorter: sorts the changes received from TiKV nodes in ascending order of timestamps.
- Mounter: converts the changes into a format that TiCDC sink can process based on the schema information.
- Sink: replicates the changes to the downstream system.

To realize high availability, each TiCDC cluster runs multiple TiCDC nodes. These nodes regularly report their status to the etcd cluster in PD, and elect one of the nodes as the owner of the TiCDC cluster. The owner node schedules data based on the status stored in etcd and writes the scheduling results to etcd. The Processor completes tasks according to the status in etcd. If the node running the Processor fails, the cluster schedules tables to other nodes. If the owner node fails, the Capture processes in other nodes will elect a new owner. See the following figure:

TiCDC architecture

7.5.4.3 Changefeeds and tasks

Changefeed and Task in TiCDC are two logical concepts. The specific description is as follows:

- Changefeed: Represents a replication task. It carries the information about the tables to be replicated and the downstream.
- Task: After TiCDC receives a replication task, it splits this task into several subtasks. Such a subtask is called Task. These Tasks are assigned to the Capture processes of the TiCDC nodes for processing.

For example:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server="http://127.0.0.1:8300" --sink-uri="kafka
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:9092/cdc-test?kafka-version=2.4.0&partition-num=6&max-
    ↪ message-bytes=67108864&replication-factor=1"
cat changefeed.toml
......
[sink]
dispatchers = [
    {matcher = ['test1.tab1', 'test2.tab2'], topic = "{schema}_{table}"},
    {matcher = ['test3.tab3', 'test4.tab4'], topic = "{schema}_{table}"},
]
```

For a detailed description of the parameters in the preceding `cdc cli changefeed create` command, see TiCDC Changefeed Configuration Parameters.

The preceding `cdc cli changefeed create` command creates a changefeed task that replicates `test1.tab1`, `test1.tab2`, `test3.tab3`, and `test4.tab4` to the Kafka cluster. The processing flow after TiCDC receives this command is as follows:

1. TiCDC sends this task to the owner Capture process.
2. The owner Capture process saves information about this changefeed task in etcd in PD.
3. The owner Capture process splits the changefeed task into several Tasks and notifies other Capture processes of the Tasks to be completed.
4. The Capture processes start pulling data from TiKV nodes, process the data, and complete replication.

The following is the TiCDC architecture diagram with Changefeed and Task included:

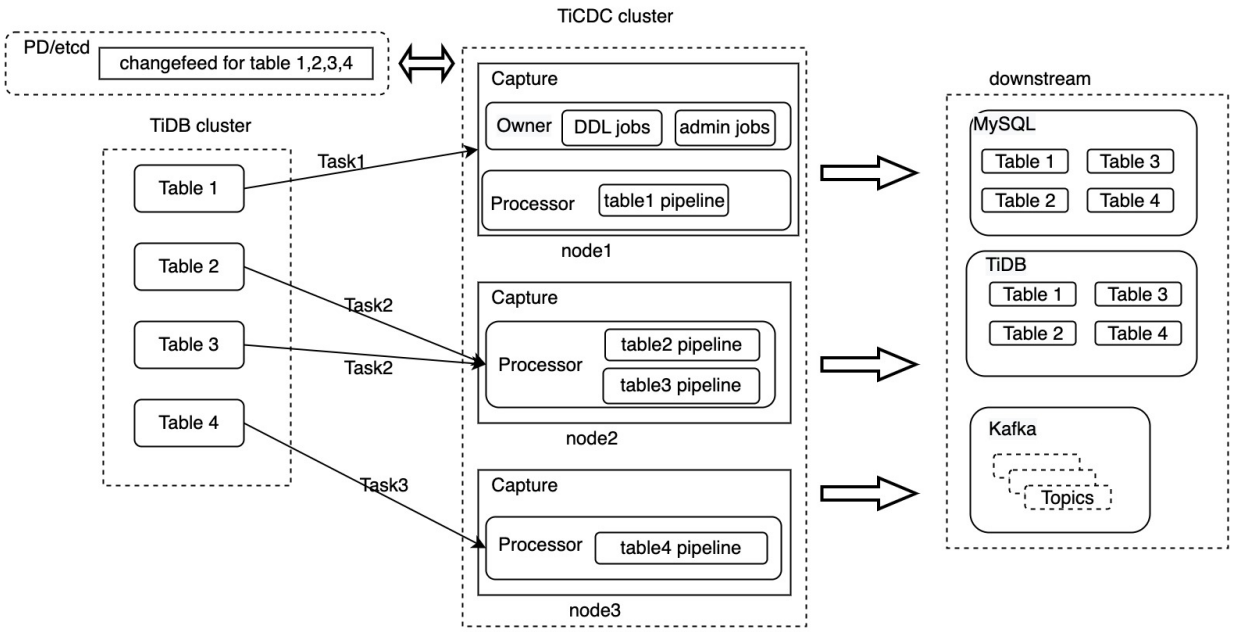


Figure 131: TiCDC architecture

In the preceding diagram, a changefeed is created to replicate four tables to downstream. This changefeed is split into three Tasks, which are sent to the three Capture processes respectively in the TiCDC cluster. After TiCDC processes the data, the data is replicated to the downstream system.

TiCDC supports replicating data to MySQL, TiDB, and Kafka databases. The preceding diagram only illustrates the process of data transfer at the changefeed level. The following

sections describe in detail how TiCDC processes data, using Task1 that replicates table `table1` as an example.

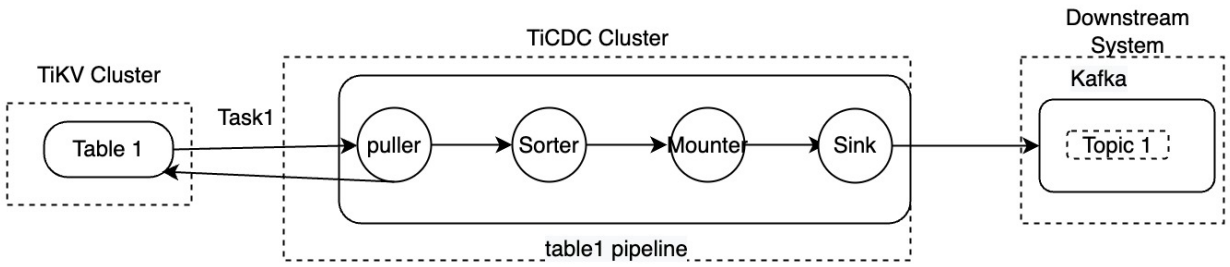


Figure 132: TiCDC architecture

1. Push data: When a data change occurs, TiKV pushes data to the Puller module.
2. Scan incremental data: The Puller module pulls data from TiKV when it finds the data changes received not continuous.
3. Sort data: The Sorter module sorts the data received from TiKV based on the timestamps and sends the sorted data to the Mounter module.
4. Mount data: After receiving the data changes, the Mounter module loads the data in a format that TiCDC sink can understand.
5. Replicate data: The Sink module replicates the data changes to the downstream.

The upstream of TiCDC is the distributed relational database TiDB that supports transactions. When TiCDC replicates data, it should ensure the consistency of data and that of transactions when replicating multiple tables, which is a great challenge. The following sections introduce the key technologies and concepts used by TiCDC to address this challenge.

7.5.4.4 Key concepts of TiCDC

For the downstream relational databases, TiCDC ensures the consistency of transactions in a single table and eventual transaction consistency in multiple tables. In addition, TiCDC ensures that any data change that has occurred in the upstream TiDB cluster can be replicated to the downstream at least once.

7.5.4.4.1 Architecture-related concepts

- Capture: The process that runs the TiCDC node. Multiple Capture processes constitute a TiCDC cluster. Each Capture process is responsible for replicating data changes in TiKV, including receiving and actively pulling data changes, and replicating the data to the downstream.

- Capture Owner: The owner Capture among multiple Capture processes. Only one owner role exists in a TiCDC cluster at a time. The Capture Owner is responsible for scheduling data within the cluster.
- Processor: The logical thread inside Capture. Each Processor is responsible for processing the data of one or more tables in the same replication stream. A Capture node can run multiple Processors.
- Changefeed: A task that replicates data from an upstream TiDB cluster to a downstream system. A changefeed contains multiple Tasks, and each Task is processed by a Capture node.

7.5.4.4.2 Timestamp-related concepts

TiCDC introduces a series of timestamps (TS) to indicate the status of data replication. These timestamps are used to ensure that data is replicated to the downstream at least once and that the consistency of data is guaranteed.

ResolvedTS

This timestamp exists in both TiKV and TiCDC.

- ResolvedTS in TiKV: Represents the start time of the earliest transaction in a Region leader, that is, `ResolvedTS` = max(`ResolvedTS`, min(`StartTS`)). Because a TiDB cluster contains multiple TiKV nodes, the minimum ResolvedTS of the Region leader on all TiKV nodes is called the global ResolvedTS. The TiDB cluster ensures that all transactions before the global ResolvedTS are committed. Alternatively, you can assume that there are no uncommitted transactions before this timestamp.

- ResolvedTS in TiCDC:

    - table ResolvedTS: Each table has a table-level ResolvedTS, which indicates all data changes in the table that are smaller than the Resolved TS have been received. To make it simple, this timestamp is the same as the minimum value of the ResolvedTS of all Regions corresponding to this table on the TiKV node.
    - global ResolvedTS: The minimum ResolvedTS of all Processors on all TiCDC nodes. Because each TiCDC node has one or more Processors, each Processor corresponds to multiple table pipelines.

  For TiCDC, the ResolvedTS sent by TiKV is a special event in the format of `<resolvedTS: timestamp>`. In general, the ResolvedTS satisfies the following constraints:

```
table ResolvedTS >= global ResolvedTS
```

CheckpointTS

This timestamp exists only in TiCDC. It means that the data changes that occur before this timestamp have been replicated to the downstream system.

- table CheckpointTS: Because TiCDC replicates data in tables, the table checkpointTS indicates all data changes that occur before CheckpointTS have been replicated at the table level.
- processor CheckpointTS: Indicates the minimum table CheckpointTS on a Processor.
- global CheckpointTS: Indicates the minimum CheckpointTS among all Processors.

Generally, a checkpointTS satisfies the following constraint:

```
table CheckpointTS >= global CheckpointTS
```

Because TiCDC only replicates data smaller than the global ResolvedTS to the downstream, the complete constraint is as follows:

```
table ResolvedTS >= global ResolvedTS >= table CheckpointTS >= global
    ↪ CheckpointTS
```

After data changes and transactions are committed, the ResolvedTS on the TiKV node will continue to advance, and the Puller module on the TiCDC node keeps receiving data pushed by TiKV. The Puller module also decides whether to scan incremental data based on the data changes it has received, which ensures that all data changes are sent to the TiCDC node.

The Sorter module sorts data received by the Puller module in ascending order according to the timestamp. This process ensures data consistency at the table level. Next, the Mounter module assembles the data changes from the upstream into a format that the Sink module can consume, and sends it to the Sink module. The Sink module replicates the data changes between the CheckpointTS and the ResolvedTS to the downstream in the order of the timestamp, and advances the checkpointTS after the downstream receives the data changes.

The preceding sections only cover data changes of DML statements and do not include DDL statements. The following sections introduce the timestamp related to DDL statements.

Barrier TS

Barrier TS is generated when there are DDL change events or a Syncpoint is used.

- DDL change events: Barrier TS ensures that all changes before the DDL statement are replicated to the downstream. After this DDL statement is executed and replicated, TiCDC starts replicating other data changes. Because DDL statements are processed by the Capture Owner, the Barrier TS corresponding to a DDL statement is only generated by the owner node.
- Syncpoint: When you enable the Syncpoint feature of TiCDC, a Barrier TS is generated by TiCDC according to the `sync-point-interval` you specified. When all table changes before this Barrier TS are replicated, TiCDC inserts the current global CheckpointTS as the primary TS to the table recording tsMap in downstream. Then TiCDC continues data replication.

After a Barrier TS is generated, TiCDC ensures that only data changes that occur before this Barrier TS are replicated to downstream. Before these data changes are replicated to downstream, the replication task does not proceed. The owner TiCDC checks whether all target data has been replicated by continuously comparing the global CheckpointTS and the Barrier TS. If the global CheckpointTS equals to the Barrier TS, TiCDC continues replication after performing a designated operation (such as executing a DDL statement or recording the global CheckpointTS downstream). Otherwise, TiCDC waits for all data changes that occur before the Barrier TS to be replicated to the downstream.

7.5.4.5 Major processes

This section describes the major processes of TiCDC to help you better understand its working principles.

Note that the following processes occur only within TiCDC and are transparent to users. Therefore, you do not need to care about which TiCDC node you are starting.

7.5.4.5.1 Start TiCDC

- For a TiCDC node that is not an owner, it works as follows:

    1. Starts the Capture process.
    2. Starts the Processor.
    3. Receives the Task scheduling command executed by the Owner.
    4. Starts or stops tablePipeline according to the scheduling command.

- For an owner TiCDC node, it works as follows:

    1. Starts the Capture process.
    2. The node is elected as the Owner and the corresponding thread is started.
    3. Reads the changefeed information.
    4. Starts the changefeed management process.
    5. Reads the schema information in TiKV according to the changefeed configuration and the latest CheckpointTS to determine the tables to be replicated.
    6. Reads the list of tables currently replicated by each Processor and distributes the tables to be added.
    7. Updates the replication progress.

7.5.4.5.2 Stop TiCDC

Usually, you stop a TiCDC node when you need to upgrade it or perform some planned maintenance operations. The process of stopping a TiCDC node is as follows:

1. The node receives the command to stop itself.
2. The node sets its service status to unavailable.

3. The node stops receiving new replication tasks.
4. The node notifies the Owner node to transfer its data replication tasks to other nodes.
5. The node stops after the replication tasks are transferred to other nodes.

7.5.5 TiCDC Data Replication Capabilities

TiCDC (TiDB Change Data Capture) is a core component in the TiDB ecosystem for real-time data replication. This document provides a detailed explanation of TiCDC data replication capabilities.

7.5.5.1 How TiCDC works

- TiCDC listens to TiKV change logs (Raft logs) and converts row-level data changes (`INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE` operations) into downstream-compatible SQL statements. TiCDC does not rely on the original SQL statements executed on the upstream database. For details, see how TiCDC processes data changes.
- TiCDC generates logical operations (such as `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE`) equivalent to SQL semantics, rather than restoring the original SQL statements executed on the upstream database one by one. For details, see how TiCDC processes data changes.
- TiCDC ensures eventual consistency of transactions. With redo log enabled, TiCDC can guarantee eventual consistency in disaster recovery scenarios. With Syncpoint enabled, TiCDC supports consistent snapshot reads and data consistency validation.

7.5.5.2 Supported downstream systems

TiCDC supports replicating data to various downstream systems, including the following:

- TiDB database or other MySQL-compatible databases
- Apache Kafka
- Message Queue (MQ)-type sinks, such as Pulsar
- Storage services (Amazon S3, GCS, Azure Blob Storage, and NFS)
- Snowflake, ksqlDB, SQL Server via Confluent Cloud integration
- Apache Flink for consuming Kafka-replicated data

7.5.5.3 Scope of data replication

TiCDC supports the following types of upstream data changes:

- **Supported:**
  - DDL and DML statements (excluding system tables).

- Index operations (`ADD INDEX`, `CREATE INDEX`): to reduce the impact on changefeed replication latency, if the downstream is TiDB, TiCDC asynchronously executes the `ADD INDEX` and `CREATE INDEX` DDL operations.
- Foreign key constraint DDL statements (`ADD FOREIGN KEY`): TiCDC does **not** replicate upstream system variable settings. You need to manually configure `foreign_key_checks` in the downstream to determine whether the downstream foreign key constraint check is enabled. Additionally, when writing data to the downstream, TiCDC automatically enables the session-level setting `SET SESSION foreign_key_checks = OFF;`. Therefore, even if global foreign key checks are enabled in the downstream, the data written by TiCDC will not trigger foreign key constraint validation.

- **Not supported**:
  - DDL and DML statements executed in upstream system tables (including `mysql.*` and `information_schema.*`).
  - DDL and DML statements executed in upstream temporary tables.
  - DQL (Data Query Language) and DCL (Data Control Language) statements.

7.5.5.4 Limitations

- TiCDC does not support certain scenarios. For details, see unsupported scenarios.
- TiCDC only verifies the integrity of upstream data changes. It does not validate whether the changes conform to upstream or downstream constraints. If the data violates downstream constraints, TiCDC will return an error when writing to the downstream.

  For example: When a changefeed is configured to filter out all DDL events, if the upstream executes a `DROP COLUMN` operation but continues to write `INSERT` statements involving that column, TiCDC will fail to replicate these DML changes to the downstream because of table schema mismatches.

7.5.6 TiCDC Server Configurations

This document describes the CLI and configuration file parameters used in TiCDC.

7.5.6.1 `cdc server` CLI parameters

The following are descriptions of options available in a `cdc server` command:

- `addr`: The listening address of TiCDC, the HTTP API address, and the Prometheus address of the TiCDC service. The default value is `127.0.0.1:8300`.
- `advertise-addr`: The advertised address via which clients access TiCDC. If unspecified, the value is the same as that of `addr`.

- `pd`: A comma-separated list of PD endpoints.
- `config`: The address of the configuration file that TiCDC uses (optional). This option is supported since TiCDC v5.0.0. This option can be used in the TiCDC deployment since TiUP v1.4.0. For detailed configuration description, see TiCDC Changefeed Configurations
- `data-dir`: Specifies the directory that TiCDC uses when it needs to use disks to store files. The sort engine used by TiCDC and redo logs use this directory to store temporary files. It is recommended to ensure that the free disk space for this directory is greater than or equal to 500 GiB. If you are using TiUP, you can configure `data_dir` in the `cdc_servers` section, or directly use the default `data_dir` path in `global`.
- `gc-ttl`: The TTL (Time To Live) of the service level `GC safepoint` in PD set by TiCDC, and the duration that the replication task can suspend, in seconds. The default value is `86400`, which means 24 hours. Note: Suspending of the TiCDC replication task affects the progress of TiCDC GC safepoint, which means that it affects the progress of upstream TiDB GC, as detailed in Complete Behavior of TiCDC GC safepoint.
- `log-file`: The path to which logs are output when the TiCDC process is running. If this parameter is not specified, logs are written to the standard output (stdout).
- `log-level`: The log level when the TiCDC process is running. The default value is `"info"`.
- `ca`: Specifies the path of the CA certificate file in PEM format for TLS connection (optional).
- `cert`: Specifies the path of the certificate file in PEM format for TLS connection (optional).
- `cert-allowed-cn`: Specifies the path of the common name in PEM format for TLS connection (optional).
- `key`: Specifies the path of the private key file in PEM format for TLS connection (optional).
- `tz`: Time zone used by the TiCDC service. TiCDC uses this time zone when it internally converts time data types such as `TIMESTAMP` or when it replicates data to the downstream. The default is the local time zone in which the process runs. If you specify `time-zone` (in `sink-uri`) and `tz` at the same time, the internal TiCDC processes use the time zone specified by `tz`, and the sink uses the time zone specified by `time-zone` for replicating data to the downstream. Make sure that the time zone specified by `tz` is the same as that specified by `time-zone` (in `sink-uri`).
- `cluster-id`: (optional) The ID of the TiCDC cluster. The default value is `default`. `cluster-id` is the unique identifier of a TiCDC cluster. TiCDC nodes with the same `cluster-id` belong to the same cluster. The length of a `cluster-id` is 128 characters at most. `cluster-id` must follow the pattern of `^[a-zA-Z0-9]+(-[a-zA-Z0-9]+)*$` and cannot be one of the following: `owner`, `capture`, `task`, `changefeed`, `job`, and `meta`.

7.5.6.2 `cdc server` configuration file parameters

The following describes the configuration file specified by the `config` option in the `cdc server` command. You can find the default configuration file in `pkg/cmd/util/ticdc`

↪ .toml.

7.5.6.2.1 addr

- Example: "127.0.0.1:8300"

7.5.6.2.2 advertise-addr

- Example: ""

7.5.6.2.3 log-file

- Example: ""

7.5.6.2.4 log-level

- Example: "info"

7.5.6.2.5 data-dir

- Example: ""

7.5.6.2.6 gc-ttl

- Example: 86400 (24h)

7.5.6.2.7 tz

- Example: "System"

7.5.6.2.8 cluster-id

- Example: "default"

7.5.6.2.9 gc-tuner-memory-threshold

- Specifies the maximum memory threshold for tuning GOGC. Setting a smaller threshold increases the GC frequency. Setting a larger threshold reduces GC frequency and consumes more memory resources for the TiCDC process. Once the memory usage exceeds this threshold, GOGC Tuner stops working.
- Default value: 0, indicating that GOGC Tuner is disabled
- Unit: Bytes

7.5.6.2.10 security

`ca-path`

- Example: `""`

`cert-path`

- Example: `""`

`key-path`

- Example: `""`

`mtls`

- Controls whether to enable the TLS client authentication.
- Default value: `false`

`client-user-required`

- Controls whether to use username and password for client authentication. The default value is false.
- Default value: `false`

`client-allowed-user`

- Lists the usernames that are allowed for client authentication. Authentication requests with usernames not in this list will be rejected.
- Default value: `null`

7.5.6.2.11 capture-session-ttl

- Specifies the session duration between TiCDC and etcd services. This parameter is optional.
- Default value: `10`
- Unit: Seconds

7.5.6.2.12 `owner-flush-interval`

- Specifies the interval at which the Owner module in the TiCDC cluster attempts to push the replication progress. This parameter is optional and its default value is `50000000` nanoseconds (that is, 50 milliseconds).
- You can configure this parameter in two ways: specifying only the number (for example, configuring it as `40000000` represents 40000000 nanoseconds, which is 40 milliseconds), or specifying both the number and unit (for example, directly configuring it as `40ms`).
- Default value: `50000000`, that is, 50 milliseconds

7.5.6.2.13 `processor-flush-interval`

- Specifies the interval at which the Processor module in the TiCDC cluster attempts to push the replication progress. This parameter is optional and its default value is `50000000` nanoseconds (that is, 50 milliseconds).
- The configuration method of this parameter is the same as that of `owner-flush-interval`.
- Default value: `50000000`, that is, 50 milliseconds

7.5.6.2.14 log

`error-output`

- Specifies the output location for internal error logs of the zap log module. This parameter is optional.
- Default value: `"stderr"`

log.file

`max-size`

- Specifies the maximum size of a single log file. This parameter is optional.
- Default value: `300`
- Unit: MiB

`max-days`

- Specifies the maximum number of days to retain log files. This parameter is optional.
- Default value: `0`, indicating never to delete

`max-backups`

- Specifies the number of log files to retain. This parameter is optional.
- Default value: `0`, indicating to keep all log files

7.5.6.2.15 sorter

`cache-size-in-mb`

- Specifies the size of the shared pebble block cache in the Sorter module for the 8 pebble DBs started by default.
- Default value: `128`
- Unit: MiB

`sorter-dir`

- Specifies the directory where sorter files are stored relative to the data directory (`data-dir`). This parameter is optional.
- Default value: `"/tmp/sorter"`

7.5.6.2.16 kv-client

`worker-concurrent`

- Specifies the number of threads that can be used in a single Region worker. This parameter is optional.
- Default value: `8`

`worker-pool-size`

- Specifies the number of threads in the shared thread pool of TiCDC, mainly used for processing KV events. This parameter is optional.
- Default value: `0`, indicating that the default pool size is twice the number of CPU cores

`region-retry-duration`

- Specifies the retry duration of Region connections. This parameter is optional.
- You can configure this parameter in two ways:
  - Specify only the number, for example, `50000000` represents 50000000 nanoseconds (50 milliseconds)
  - Specify both the number and the unit, for example, `50ms`
- Default value: `60000000000` (1 minute)

7.5.7 CLI and Configuration Parameters of TiCDC Changefeeds

7.5.7.1 Changefeed CLI parameters

This section introduces the command-line parameters of TiCDC changefeeds by illustrating how to create a replication (changefeed) task:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://10.0.10.25:8300 --sink-uri="mysql
    ↪ ://root:123456@127.0.0.1:3306/" --changefeed-id="simple-replication-
    ↪ task"
```

```
Create changefeed successfully!
ID: simple-replication-task
Info: {"upstream_id":7178706266519722477,"namespace":"default","id":"simple-
    ↪ replication-task","sink_uri":"mysql://root:xxxxx@127.0.0.1:4000/?time
    ↪ -zone=","create_time":"2025-01-17T15:05:46.679218+08:00","start_ts
    ↪ ":438156275634929669,"engine":"unified","config":{"case_sensitive":
    ↪ false,"enable_old_value":true,"force_replicate":false,"ignore_
    ↪ ineligible_table":false,"check_gc_safe_point":true,"enable_sync_point
    ↪ ":true,"bdr_mode":false,"sync_point_interval":30000000000,"sync_point
    ↪ _retention":3600000000000,"filter":{"rules":["test.*"],"event_filters
    ↪ ":null},"mounter":{"worker_num":16},"sink":{"protocol":"","schema_
    ↪ registry":"","csv":{"delimiter":",","quote":"\"","null":"\\N","
    ↪ include_commit_ts":false},"column_selectors":null,"transaction_
    ↪ atomicity":"none","encoder_concurrency":16,"terminator":"\r\n","date_
    ↪ separator":"none","enable_partition_separator":false},"consistent":{"
    ↪ level":"none","max_log_size":64,"flush_interval":2000,"storage
    ↪ ":""}},"state":"normal","creator_version":"v8.5.1"}
```

- `--changefeed-id`: The ID of the replication task. The format must match the `^[ ↪ a-zA-Z0-9]+(\-[a-zA-Z0-9]+)*$` regular expression. If this ID is not specified, TiCDC automatically generates a UUID (the version 4 format) as the ID.
- `--sink-uri`: The downstream address of the replication task. Configure `--sink-uri` according to the following format. Currently, the scheme supports `mysql`, `tidb`, and `kafka`.

  ```
  [scheme]://[userinfo@][host]:[port][/path]?[query_parameters]
  ```

  When the sink URI parameters contain special characters such as `! * ' ( ) ; : @ ↪ & = + $ , / ? % # [ ]`, you need to escape the special characters, for example, in URI Encoder.
- `--start-ts`: Specifies the starting TSO of the changefeed. From this TSO, the TiCDC cluster starts pulling data. The default value is the current time.

- `--target-ts`: Specifies the ending TSO of the changefeed. To this TSO, the TiCDC cluster stops pulling data. The default value is empty, which means that TiCDC does not automatically stop pulling data.
- `--config`: Specifies the configuration file of the changefeed.

7.5.7.2 Changefeed configuration parameters

This section introduces the configuration of a replication task.

7.5.7.2.1 `memory-quota`

- Specifies the memory quota (in bytes) that can be used in the capture server by the sink manager. If the value is exceeded, the overused part will be recycled by the go runtime.
- Default value: `1073741824` (1 GiB)

7.5.7.2.2 `case-sensitive`

- Specifies whether the database names and tables in the configuration file are case-sensitive. Starting from v6.5.6, v7.1.3, and v7.5.0, the default value changes from `true` to `false`.
- This configuration item affects configurations related to filter and sink.
- Default value: `false`

7.5.7.2.3 `force-replicate`

- Specifies whether to forcibly replicate tables without a valid index.
- Default value: `false`

7.5.7.2.4 `enable-sync-point` New in v6.3.0

- Specifies whether to enable the Syncpoint feature, which is supported starting from v6.3.0 and is disabled by default.
- Starting from v6.4.0, only the changefeed with the `SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN` or `SUPER` privilege can use the TiCDC Syncpoint feature.
- This configuration item only takes effect if the downstream is TiDB.
- Default value: `false`

7.5.7.2.5 `sync-point-interval`

- Specifies the interval at which Syncpoint aligns the upstream and downstream snapshots.
- This configuration item only takes effect if the downstream is TiDB.
- The format is `"h m s"`. For example, `"1h30m30s"`.
- Default value: `"10m"`
- Minimum value: `"30s"`

7.5.7.2.6 `sync-point-retention`

- Specifies how long the data is retained by Syncpoint in the downstream table. When this duration is exceeded, the data is cleaned up.
- This configuration item only takes effect if the downstream is TiDB.
- The format is `"h m s"`. For example, `"24h30m30s"`.
- Default value: `"24h"`

7.5.7.2.7 `sql-mode` New in v6.5.6, v7.1.3, and v7.5.0

- Specifies the SQL mode used when parsing DDL statements. Multiple modes are separated by commas.
- Default value: `"ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_ZERO_DATE,ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION"`, which is the same as the default SQL mode of TiDB

7.5.7.2.8 `bdr-mode`

- To set up BDR (Bidirectional replication) clusters using TiCDC, modify this parameter to `true` and set the TiDB clusters to BDR mode. For more information, see Bidirectional Replication.
- Default value: `false`, indicating that bi-directional replication (BDR) mode is not enabled

7.5.7.2.9 `changefeed-error-stuck-duration`

- Specifies the duration for which the changefeed is allowed to automatically retry when internal errors or exceptions occur.
- The changefeed enters the failed state if internal errors or exceptions occur in the changefeed and persist longer than the duration set by this parameter.
- When the changefeed is in the failed state, you need to restart the changefeed manually for recovery.
- The format is `"h m s"`. For example, `"1h30m30s"`.
- Default value: `"30m"`

7.5.7.2.10 mounter

`worker-num`

- Specifies the number of threads with which the mounter decodes KV data.
- Default value: `16`

7.5.7.2.11 filter

`ignore-txn-start-ts`

- Ignores the transaction of specified start_ts.

`rules`

- Specifies the filter rules. For more information, see Syntax.

filter.event-filters

For more information, see Event filter rules.

`matcher`

- `matcher` is an allow list. `matcher = ["test.worker"]` means this rule only applies to the `worker` table in the `test` database.

`ignore-event`

- `ignore-event = ["insert"]` ignores `INSERT` events.
- `ignore-event = ["drop table", "delete"]` ignores the `DROP TABLE` DDL events and the `DELETE` DML events. Note that when a value in the clustered index column is updated in TiDB, TiCDC splits an `UPDATE` event into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events. TiCDC cannot identify such events as `UPDATE` events and thus cannot correctly filter out such events.

`ignore-sql`

- `ignore-sql = ["^drop", "add column"]` ignores DDLs that start with `DROP` or contain `ADD COLUMN`.

`ignore-delete-value-expr`

- `ignore-delete-value-expr = "name = 'john'"` ignores `DELETE` DMLs that contain the condition `name = 'john'`.

`ignore-insert-value-expr`

- `ignore-insert-value-expr = "id >= 100"` ignores `INSERT` DMLs that contain the condition `id >= 100`

`ignore-update-old-value-expr`

- `ignore-update-old-value-expr = "age < 18"` ignores `UPDATE` DMLs whose old value contains `age < 18`

`ignore-update-new-value-expr`

- `ignore-update-new-value-expr = "gender = 'male'"` ignores `UPDATE` DMLs whose new value contains `gender = 'male'`

7.5.7.2.12 scheduler

`enable-table-across-nodes`

- Allocate tables to multiple TiCDC nodes for replication on a per-Region basis.
- This configuration item only takes effect on Kafka changefeeds and is not supported on MySQL changefeeds.
- When `enable-table-across-nodes` is enabled, there are two allocation modes:
    1. Allocate tables based on the number of Regions, so that each TiCDC node handles roughly the same number of Regions. If the number of Regions for a table exceeds the value of `region-threshold`, the table will be allocated to multiple nodes for replication. The default value of `region-threshold` is `100000`.
    2. Allocate tables based on the write traffic, so that each TiCDC node handles roughly the same number of modified rows. Only when the number of modified rows per minute in a table exceeds the value of `write-key-threshold`, will this allocation take effect.

You only need to configure one of the two modes. If both `region-threshold` and `write-key-threshold` are configured, TiCDC prioritizes the traffic allocation mode, namely `write-key-threshold`.

- The value is `false` by default. Set it to `true` to enable this feature.
- Default value: `false`

`region-threshold`

- Default value: `100000`

`write-key-threshold`

- Default value: `0`, which means that the traffic allocation mode is not used by default

7.5.7.2.13 sink

`dispatchers`

- For the sink of MQ type, you can use dispatchers to configure the event dispatcher.
- Starting from v6.1.0, TiDB supports two types of event dispatchers: partition and topic.
- The matching syntax of matcher is the same as the filter rule syntax.
- This configuration item only takes effect if the downstream is MQ.
- When the downstream MQ is Pulsar, if the routing rule for `partition` is not specified as any of `ts`, `index-value`, `table`, or `default`, each Pulsar message will be routed using the string you set as the key. For example, if you specify the routing rule for a matcher as the string `code`, then all Pulsar messages that match that matcher will be routed with `code` as the key.

`column-selectors` New in v7.5.0

- Selects specific columns for replication. This only takes effect when the downstream is Kafka.

`protocol`

- Specifies the protocol format used for encoding messages.
- This configuration item only takes effect if the downstream is Kafka, Pulsar, or a storage service.
- When the downstream is Kafka, the protocol can be canal-json, avro, debezium, open-protocol, or simple.
- When the downstream is Pulsar, the protocol can only be canal-json.
- When the downstream is a storage service, the protocol can only be canal-json or csv.

`delete-only-output-handle-key-columns` New in v7.2.0

- Specifies the output of DELETE events. This parameter is valid only for canal-json and open-protocol protocols.
- This parameter is incompatible with `force-replicate`. If both this parameter and `force-replicate` are set to `true`, TiCDC reports an error when creating a changefeed.
- The Avro protocol is not controlled by this parameter and always outputs only the primary key columns or unique index columns.
- The CSV protocol is not controlled by this parameter and always outputs all columns.
- Default value: `false`, which means outputting all columns
- When you set it to `true`, only primary key columns or unique index columns are output.

`schema-registry`

- Specifies the schema registry URL.
- This configuration item only takes effect if the downstream is MQ.

`encoder-concurrency`

- Specifies the number of encoder threads used when encoding data.
- This configuration item only takes effect if the downstream is MQ.
- Default value: `32`

`enable-kafka-sink-v2`

> **Warning:**
>
> This configuration is an experimental feature. It is not recommended to use it in production environments.

- Specifies whether to enable kafka-sink-v2 that uses the kafka-go sink library.
- This configuration item only takes effect if the downstream is MQ.
- Default value: `false`

`only-output-updated-columns` New in v7.1.0

- Specifies whether to only output the updated columns.
- This configuration item only applies to the MQ downstream using the open-protocol and canal-json.
- Default value: `false`

`terminator`

- This configuration item is only used when you replicate data to storage sinks and can be ignored when replicating data to MQ or MySQL sinks.
- Specifies the row terminator, used for separating two data change events.
- Default value: `""`, which means `\r\n` is used

`date-separator`

- Specifies the date separator type used in the file directory. For more information, see Data change records.
- This configuration item only takes effect if the downstream is a storage service.
- Default value: `day`, which means separating files by day

- Value options: `none`, `year`, `month`, `day`

`enable-partition-separator`

- Controls whether to use partitions as the separation string.
- This configuration item only takes effect if the downstream is a storage service.
- Default value: `true`, which means that partitions in a table are stored in separate directories
- Note that this configuration will be deprecated in future versions and will be forcibly set to `true`. It is recommended to keep this configuration at its default value to avoid potential data loss in downstream partitioned tables. For more information, see Issue #11979. For usage examples, see Data change records.

`debezium-disable-schema`

- Controls whether to disable the output of schema information.
- Default value: `false`, which means enabling the output of schema information
- This parameter only takes effect when the sink type is MQ and the output protocol is Debezium.

sink.csv New in v6.5.0

Starting from v6.5.0, TiCDC supports saving data changes to storage services in CSV format. Ignore the following configurations if you replicate data to MQ or MySQL sinks.

`delimiter`

- Specifies the character used to separate fields in the CSV file. The value must be an ASCII character.
- Default value: `,`

`quote`

- Specifies the quotation character used to surround fields in the CSV file. If the value is empty, no quotation is used.
- Default value: `"`

`null`

- Specifies the character displayed when a CSV column is NULL.
- Default value: `\N`

`include-commit-ts`

- Controls whether to include commit-ts in CSV rows.
- Default value: `false`

`binary-encoding-method`

- Specifies the encoding method of binary data.
- Default value: `base64`
- Value option: `base64`, `hex`

`output-handle-key`

- Controls whether to output handle key information. This configuration parameter is for internal implementation only, so it is not recommended to set it.
- Default value: `false`

`output-old-value`

- Controls whether to output the value before the row data changes. The default value is false.
- When it is enabled (setting it to `true`), the `UPDATE` event will output two rows of data: the first row is a `DELETE` event that outputs the data before the change; the second row is an `INSERT` event that outputs the changed data.
- When it is enabled, the `"is-update"` column will be added before the column with data changes. This added column is used to identify whether the data change of the current row comes from the `UPDATE` event or the original `INSERT` or `DELETE` event. If the data change of the current row comes from the `UPDATE` event, the value of the `"is-update"` column is `true`. Otherwise, it is `false`.
- Default value: `false`

Starting from v8.0.0, TiCDC supports the Simple message encoding protocol. The following are the configuration parameters for the Simple protocol. For more information about the protocol, see TiCDC Simple Protocol.

The following configuration parameters control the sending behavior of bootstrap messages.

`send-bootstrap-interval-in-sec`

- Controls the time interval for sending bootstrap messages, in seconds.
- Default value: `120`, which means that a bootstrap message is sent every 120 seconds for each table
- Unit: Seconds

`send-bootstrap-in-msg-count`

- Controls the message interval for sending bootstrap, in message count.
- Default value: `10000`, which means that a bootstrap message is sent every 10000 row changed messages for each table
- If you want to disable the sending of bootstrap messages, set both `send-bootstrap-interval-in-sec` and `send-bootstrap-in-msg-count` to `0`.

`send-bootstrap-to-all-partition`

- Controls whether to send bootstrap messages to all partitions.
- Setting it to `false` means bootstrap messages are sent to only the first partition of the corresponding table topic.
- Default value: `true`, which means that bootstrap messages are sent to all partitions of the corresponding table topic

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`encoding-format`

- Controls the encoding format of the Simple protocol messages. Currently, the Simple protocol message supports `json` and `avro` encoding formats.
- Default value: `json`
- Value options: `json`, `avro`

sink.open

`output-old-value`

- Controls whether to output the value before the row data changes. The default value is true. When it is disabled, the `UPDATE` event does not output the "p" field.
- Default value: `true`

sink.debezium

`output-old-value`

- Controls whether to output the value before the row data changes. The default value is true. When it is disabled, the `UPDATE` event does not output the "before" field.
- Default value: `true`

7.5.7.2.14 consistent

Specifies the replication consistency configurations for a changefeed when using the redo log. For more information, see Eventually consistent replication in disaster scenarios.

Note: The consistency-related configuration items only take effect when the downstream is a database and the redo log feature is enabled.

`level`

- The data consistency level. `"none"` means that the redo log is disabled.
- Default value: `"none"`
- Value options: `"none"`, `"eventual"`

`max-log-size`

- The max redo log size.
- Default value: `64`
- Unit: MiB

`flush-interval`

- The flush interval for redo log.
- Default value: `2000`
- Unit: milliseconds

`storage`

- The storage URI of the redo log.
- Default value: `""`

`use-file-backend`

- Specifies whether to store the redo log in a local file.
- Default value: `false`

`encoding-worker-num`

- The number of encoding and decoding workers in the redo module.
- Default value: `16`

`flush-worker-num`

- The number of flushing workers in the redo module.

- Default value: `8`

`compression` New in v6.5.6, v7.1.3, v7.5.1, and v7.6.0

- The behavior to compress redo log files.
- Default value: `""`, which means no compression
- Value options: `""`, `"lz4"`

`flush-concurrency` New in v6.5.6, v7.1.3, v7.5.1, and v7.6.0

- The concurrency for uploading a single redo file.
- Default value: `1`, which means concurrency is disabled

7.5.7.2.15 integrity

`integrity-check-level`

- Controls whether to enable the checksum validation for single-row data.
- Default value: `"none"`, which means to disable the feature
- Value options: `"none"`, `"correctness"`

`corruption-handle-level`

- Specifies the log level of the changefeed when the checksum validation for single-row data fails.
- Default value: `"warn"`
- Value options: `"warn"`, `"error"`

7.5.7.2.16 sink.kafka-config

The following configuration items only take effect when the downstream is Kafka.

`sasl-mechanism`

- Specifies the mechanism of Kafka SASL authentication.
- Default value: `""`, indicating that SASL authentication is not used

`sasl-oauth-client-id`

- Specifies the client-id in the Kafka SASL OAUTHBEARER authentication. This parameter is required when the OAUTHBEARER authentication is used.
- Default value: `""`

`sasl-oauth-client-secret`

- Specifies the client-secret in the Kafka SASL OAUTHBEARER authentication. This parameter is required when the OAUTHBEARER authentication is used.
- Default value: `""`

`sasl-oauth-token-url`

- Specifies the token-url in the Kafka SASL OAUTHBEARER authentication to obtain the token. This parameter is required when the OAUTHBEARER authentication is used.
- Default value: `""`

`sasl-oauth-scopes`

- Specifies the scopes in the Kafka SASL OAUTHBEARER authentication. This parameter is optional when the OAUTHBEARER authentication is used.
- Default value: `""`

`sasl-oauth-grant-type`

- Specifies the grant-type in the Kafka SASL OAUTHBEARER authentication. This parameter is optional when the OAUTHBEARER authentication is used.
- Default value: `"client_credentials"`

`sasl-oauth-audience`

- Specifies the audience in the Kafka SASL OAUTHBEARER authentication. This parameter is optional when the OAUTHBEARER authentication is used.
- Default value: `""`

`output-raw-change-event`

- Controls whether to output the original data change event. For more information, see Control whether to split primary or unique key `UPDATE` events.
- Default value: `false`

7.5.7.2.17 sink.kafka-config.glue-schema-registry-config

The following configuration is only required when using Avro as the protocol and AWS Glue Schema Registry:

```
region="us-west-1"
registry-name="ticdc-test"
access-key="xxxx"
secret-access-key="xxxx"
token="xxxx"
```

For more information, see Integrate TiCDC with AWS Glue Schema Registry.

7.5.7.2.18 sink.pulsar-config

The following parameters take effect only when the downstream is Pulsar.

`authentication-token`

- Authentication on the Pulsar server is done using a token. Specify the value of the token.

`token-from-file`

- When you use a token for Pulsar server authentication, specify the path to the file where the token is located.

`basic-user-name`

- Pulsar uses the basic account and password to authenticate the identity. Specify the account.

`basic-password`

- Pulsar uses the basic account and password to authenticate the identity. Specify the password.

`auth-tls-certificate-path`

- Specifies the certificate path for Pulsar TLS encrypted authentication.

`auth-tls-private-key-path`

- Specifies the private key path for Pulsar TLS encrypted authentication.

`tls-trust-certs-file-path`

- Specifies the path to trusted certificate file of the Pulsar TLS encrypted authentication.

`oauth2.oauth2-issuer-url`

- Pulsar oauth2 issuer-url.
- For more information, see Pulsar documentation website.

`oauth2.oauth2-audience`

- Pulsar oauth2 audience.
- For more information, see the Pulsar website.

`oauth2.oauth2-private-key`

- Pulsar oauth2 private-key.
- For more information, see the Pulsar website.

`oauth2.oauth2-client-id`

- Pulsar oauth2 client-id
- For more information, see the Pulsar website.

`oauth2.oauth2-scope`

- Pulsar oauth2 oauth2-scope.
- For more information, see the Pulsar website.

`pulsar-producer-cache-size`

- Specifies the number of cached Pulsar producers in TiCDC. Each Pulsar producer corresponds to one topic. If the number of topics you need to replicate is larger than the default value, you need to increase the number.
- Default value: `10240`

`compression-type`

- Pulsar data compression method.
- Default value: `""`, which means no compression is used
- Value options: `"lz4"`, `"zlib"`, `"zstd"`

`connection-timeout`

- The timeout for the Pulsar client to establish a TCP connection with the server.
- Default value: `5` (seconds)

`operation-timeout`

- The timeout for Pulsar clients to initiate operations such as creating and subscribing to a topic.
- Default value: `30` (seconds)

`batching-max-messages`

- The maximum number of messages in a single batch for a Pulsar producer to send.
- Default value: `1000`

`batching-max-publish-delay`

- The interval at which Pulsar producer messages are saved for batching.
- Default value: `10` (milliseconds)

`send-timeout`

- The timeout for a Pulsar producer to send a message.
- Default value: `30` (seconds)

`output-raw-change-event`

- Controls whether to output the original data change event. For more information, see Control whether to split primary or unique key `UPDATE` events.
- Default value: `false`

7.5.7.2.19 sink.cloud-storage-config

`worker-count`

- The concurrency for saving data changes to the downstream cloud storage.
- Default value: `16`

`flush-interval`

- The interval for saving data changes to the downstream cloud storage.
- Default value: `"2s"`

`file-size`

- A data change file is saved to the cloud storage when the number of bytes in this file exceeds `file-size`.
- Default value: `67108864`, that is 64 MiB

`file-expiration-days`

- The duration to retain files, which takes effect only when `date-separator` is configured as `day`.
- Default value: `0`, which means file cleanup is disabled
- Assume that `file-expiration-days = 1` and `file-cleanup-cron-spec = "0 0 0 * * *"`, then TiCDC performs daily cleanup at 00:00:00 for files saved beyond 24 hours. For example, at 00:00:00 on 2023/12/02, TiCDC cleans up files generated before 2023/12/01, while files generated on 2023/12/01 remain unaffected.

`file-cleanup-cron-spec`

- The running cycle of the scheduled cleanup task, compatible with the crontab configuration.
- The format is `<Second> <Minute> <Hour> <Day of the month> <Month> <Day of the week (Optional)>`
- Default value: `"0 0 2 * * *"`, which means that the cleanup task is executed every day at 2 AM

`flush-concurrency`

- The concurrency for uploading a single file.
- Default value: `1`, which means concurrency is disabled

`output-raw-change-event`

- Controls whether to output the original data change event. For more information, see Control whether to split primary or unique key `UPDATE` events.
- Default value: `false`

7.5.8 TiCDC Client Authentication

Starting from v8.1.0, TiCDC supports client authentication using Mutual Transport Layer Security (mTLS) or TiDB username and password.

- mTLS authentication provides security control at the transport layer, enabling TiCDC to verify the client identity.
- TiDB username and password authentication provides security control at the application layer, ensuring that only authorized users can log in through the TiCDC node.

These two authentication methods can be used either independently or in combination to meet different scenarios and security requirements.

Note:

To ensure the security of network access, it is strongly recommended to use TiCDC client authentication only when TLS is enabled. If TLS is not enabled, the username and password are transmitted as plaintext over the network, which can lead to serious credential leaks.

7.5.8.1 Use mTLS for client authentication

1. In the TiCDC server, configure the `security.mtls` parameter as `true` to enable mTLS authentication:

```
[security]
# This parameter controls whether to enable the TLS client
    ↪ authentication. The default value is false.
mtls = true
```

2. Configure the client certificate.

   When using the TiCDC command-line tool, you can specify the client certificate using the following methods. TiCDC will attempt to read the client certificate in the following order:

   1. Specify the certificate and private key using the command-line parameters `--cert` and `--key`. If the server uses a self-signed certificate, you also need to specify the trusted CA certificate using the `--ca` parameter.

```
cdc cli changefeed list --cert client.crt --key client.key --ca ca.
    ↪ crt
```

   2. Specify the paths to the certificate, private key, and CA certificate using the environment variables `TICDC_CERT_PATH`, `TICDC_KEY_PATH`, and `TICDC_CA_PATH`.

```
export TICDC_CERT_PATH=client.crt
export TICDC_KEY_PATH=client.key
export TICDC_CA_PATH=ca.crt
```

   3. Specify the certificate using the shared credential file `~/.ticdc/credentials`. You can modify the configuration using the `cdc cli configure-credentials` command.

   When using TiCDC OpenAPI, you can specify the client certificate and private key using `--cert` and `--key`. If the server uses a self-signed certificate, you also need to specify the trusted CA certificate using the `--cacert` parameter. For example:

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/status --cert client.crt --key
    ↪  client.key --cacert ca.crt
```

7.5.8.2 Use TiDB username and password for client authentication

1. Create a user in TiDB and grant the user permission to log in from the TiCDC node.

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'ticdc_ip_address' IDENTIFIED BY 'password';
```

2. In the TiCDC server, configure `security.client-user-required` and `security.client-allowed-user` to enable username and password authentication:

```
[security]
# This parameter controls whether to use username and password for client authentication. The default value is false.
client-user-required = true
# This parameter lists the usernames that are allowed for client authentication. Authentication requests with usernames not in this list will be rejected. The default value is null.
client-allowed-user = ["test"]
```

3. Specify the username and password of the user created in step 1.

   When using the TiCDC command-line tool, you can specify the username and password using the following methods. TiCDC will attempt to read the client certificate in the following order:

   1. Specify the username and password using the command-line parameters `--user` and `--password`:

```
cdc cli changefeed list --user test --password password
```

   2. Specify the username using the command-line parameter `--user`. Then, enter the password in the terminal:

```
cdc cli changefeed list --user test
```

   3. Specify the username and password using the environment variables `TICDC_USER` and `TICDC_PASSWORD`:

```
export TICDC_USER=test
export TICDC_PASSWORD=password
```

   4. Specify the username and password using the shared credential file `~/.ticdc/credentials`. You can modify the configuration using the `cdc cli configure-credentials` command.

When using TiCDC OpenAPI, you can specify the username and password using `--user <user>:<password>`. For example:

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/status --user test:password
```

7.5.9 TiCDC Data Integrity Validation for Single-Row Data

Starting from v7.1.0, TiCDC introduces the data integrity validation feature, which uses a checksum algorithm to validate the integrity of single-row data. This feature helps verify whether any error occurs in the process of writing data from TiDB, replicating it through TiCDC, and then writing it to a Kafka cluster. Currently, only changefeeds using Kafka as the downstream and Simple or Avro as the protocol support this feature. For more information about the checksum algorithm, see Algorithm for checksum calculation.

7.5.9.1 Enable the feature

TiCDC disables data integrity validation by default. To enable it, perform the following steps:

1. Enable the checksum integrity validation feature for single-row data in the upstream TiDB cluster by setting the `tidb_enable_row_level_checksum` system variable:

   ```
   SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_row_level_checksum = ON;
   ```

   This configuration only takes effect for newly created sessions, so you need to reconnect to TiDB.

2. In the configuration file specified by the `--config` parameter when you create a changefeed, add the following configurations:

   ```
   [integrity]
   integrity-check-level = "correctness"
   corruption-handle-level = "warn"
   ```

3. When using Avro as the data encoding format, you need to set `enable-tidb-extension=true` in the `sink-uri`. To prevent numerical precision loss during network transmission, which can cause checksum validation failures, you also need to set `avro-decimal-handling-mode=string` and `avro-bigint-unsigned-handling-mode=string`. The following is an example:

   ```
   cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --changefeed-id="kafka-avro-checksum" --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?protocol=avro&enable-tidb-extension=true&avro-decimal-handling-mode=string&avro-bigint-unsigned-handling-mode=string" --schema-registry=http://127.0.0.1:8081 --config changefeed_config.toml
   ```

With the preceding configuration, each message written to Kafka by the changefeed will include the corresponding data's checksum. You can verify data consistency based on these checksum values.

> **Note:**
>
> For existing changefeeds, if `avro-decimal-handling-mode` and `avro-bigint-unsigned-handling-mode` are not set, enabling the checksum validation feature might cause schema compatibility issues. To resolve this issue, you can modify the compatibility type of the Schema Registry to `NONE`. For more details, see Schema Registry.

7.5.9.2 Disable the feature

TiCDC disables data integrity validation by default. To disable this feature after enabling it, perform the following steps:

1. Follow the `Pause Task -> Modify Configuration -> Resume Task` process described in Update task configuration and remove all `[integrity]` configurations in the configuration file specified by the `--config` parameter of the changefeed.

```
[integrity]
integrity-check-level = "none"
corruption-handle-level = "warn"
```

2. Execute the following SQL statement in the upstream TiDB to disable the checksum integrity validation feature (`tidb_enable_row_level_checksum`):

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_row_level_checksum = OFF;
```

   The preceding configuration only takes effect for newly created sessions. After all clients writing to TiDB have reconnected, the messages written by changefeed to Kafka will no longer include the checksum for the corresponding data.

7.5.9.3 Checksum algorithms

7.5.9.3.1 Checksum V1

Before v8.4.0, TiDB and TiCDC use Checksum V1 for checksum calculation and verification.

After you enable the checksum integrity validation feature for single-row data, TiDB uses the CRC32 algorithm to calculate the checksum of each row and writes it to TiKV along with the data. TiCDC reads the data from TiKV and recalculates the checksum using

the same algorithm. If the two checksums are equal, it indicates that the data is consistent during the transmission from TiDB to TiCDC.

TiCDC then encodes the data into a specific format and sends it to Kafka. After the Kafka consumer reads the data, it calculates a new checksum using the same CRC32 algorithm as TiDB. If the new checksum is equal to the checksum in the data, it indicates that the data is consistent during the transmission from TiCDC to the Kafka consumer.

7.5.9.3.2 Checksum V2

Starting from v8.4.0, TiDB and TiCDC introduce Checksum V2 to address issues of Checksum V1 in verifying old values in Update or Delete events after `ADD COLUMN` or `DROP COLUMN` operations.

For clusters created in v8.4.0 or later, or clusters upgraded to v8.4.0 or later, TiDB uses Checksum V2 by default when single-row data checksum verification is enabled. TiCDC supports handling both Checksum V1 and V2. This change only affects TiDB and TiCDC internal implementation and does not affect checksum calculation methods for downstream Kafka consumers.

7.5.9.4 Algorithm for checksum calculation

The pseudocode for the checksum calculation algorithm is as follows:

```
fn checksum(columns) {
    let result = 0
    for column in sort_by_schema_order(columns) {
        result = crc32.update(result, encode(column))
    }
    return result
}
```

- `columns` should be sorted by column ID. In the Avro schema, fields are already sorted by column ID, so you can directly use the order in `columns`.
- The `encode(column)` function encodes the column value into bytes. Encoding rules vary based on the data type of the column. The specific rules are as follows:
    - TINYINT, SMALLINT, INT, BIGINT, MEDIUMINT, and YEAR types are converted to UINT64 and encoded in little-endian. For example, the number `0x0123456789abcdef` is encoded as `hex'0x0123456789abcdef'`.
    - FLOAT and DOUBLE types are converted to DOUBLE and then encoded as UINT64 in IEEE754 format.
    - BIT, ENUM, and SET types are converted to UINT64.
        - BIT type is converted to UINT64 in binary format.

  - ENUM and SET types are converted to their corresponding INT values in UINT64. For example, if the data value of a `SET('a','b','c')` type column is `'a,c'`, the value is encoded as `0b101`, which is `5` in decimal.
- TIMESTAMP, DATE, DURATION, DATETIME, JSON, and DECIMAL types are first converted to STRING and then converted to bytes.
- CHAR, VARCHAR, VARSTRING, STRING, TEXT, and BLOB types (including TINY, MEDIUM, and LONG) are directly converted to bytes.
- NULL and GEOMETRY types are excluded from the checksum calculation and this function returns empty bytes.

For more information about the implementation of data consumption and checksum verification using Golang, see TiCDC row data checksum verification.

Note:

- After enabling the checksum validation feature, DECIMAL and UNSIGNED BIGINT types data will be converted to STRING types. Therefore, in the downstream consumer code, you need to convert them back to their corresponding numerical types before calculating checksum values.
- The checksum verification process does not include DELETE events. This is because DELETE events only contain the handle key column, while the checksum is calculated based on all columns.

7.5.10 Upstream and Downstream Clusters Data Validation and Snapshot Read

When you use TiCDC to build upstream and downstream clusters of TiDB, you might need to perform consistent snapshot read or data consistency validation on the upstream and downstream without stopping the replication. In the regular replication mode, TiCDC only guarantees that the data is eventually consistent, but cannot guarantee that the data is consistent during the replication process. Therefore, it is difficult to perform consistent read of dynamically changing data. To meet such a need, TiCDC provides the Syncpoint feature.

Syncpoint uses the snapshot feature provided by TiDB and enables TiCDC to maintain a `ts-map` that has consistency between upstream and downstream snapshots during the replication process. In this way, the issue of verifying the consistency of dynamic data is converted to the issue of verifying the consistency of static snapshot data, which achieves the effect of nearly real-time verification.

7.5.10.1 Enable Syncpoint

After enabling the Syncpoint feature, you can use Consistent snapshot read and Data consistency validation.

To enable the Syncpoint feature, set the value of the TiCDC configuration item `enable-sync-point` to `true` when creating a replication task. After enabling Syncpoint, TiCDC writes the following information to the downstream TiDB cluster:

1. During the replication, TiCDC periodically (configured by `sync-point-interval`) aligns snapshots between the upstream and downstream and saves the upstream and downstream TSO correspondences in the downstream `tidb_cdc.syncpoint_v1` table.
2. During the replication, TiCDC also periodically (configured by `sync-point-interval`) executes `SET GLOBAL tidb_external_ts = @@tidb_current_ts`, which sets a consistent snapshot point that has been replicated in backup clusters.

The following TiCDC configuration example enables Syncpoint when creating a replication task:

```
### Enables SyncPoint.
enable-sync-point = true

### Aligns the upstream and downstream snapshots every 5 minutes
sync-point-interval = "5m"

### Cleans up the ts-map data in the downstream tidb_cdc.syncpoint_v1 table every hour
sync-point-retention = "1h"
```

7.5.10.2 Consistent snapshot read

Note:

Before you perform consistent snapshot read, make sure that you have enabled the Syncpoint feature. If multiple replication tasks use the same downstream TiDB cluster and have Syncpoint enabled, each of these tasks updates `tidb_external_ts` and `ts-map` based on their respective replication progress. In this case, you need to set up consistent snapshot read at the replication task level by reading records from the `ts-map` table. Meanwhile, you need to avoid downstream applications reading data using `tidb_enable_external_ts_read`, because multiple replication tasks might interfere with each other and result in inconsistent results.

When you need to query the data from the backup cluster, you can set `SET GLOBAL|SESSION tidb_enable_external_ts_read = ON;` for the application to obtain transactionally consistent data on the backup cluster.

In addition, you can also select a previous point in time for snapshot read by querying `ts-map`.

7.5.10.3 Data consistency validation

> **Note:**
>
> Before you perform data consistency validation, make sure that you have enabled the Syncpoint feature.

To validate the data of upstream and downstream clusters, you only need to configure `snapshot` in sync-diff-inspector.

7.5.10.3.1 Step 1: obtain `ts-map`

You can execute the following SQL statement in the downstream TiDB cluster to obtain the upstream TSO (`primary_ts`) and downstream TSO (`secondary_ts`):

```
select * from tidb_cdc.syncpoint_v1;
+--
   ↪ ---------------+---------------+--------------------+--------------------+----
   ↪
| ticdc_cluster_id | changefeed | primary_ts      | secondary_ts     |
   ↪ created_at        |
+--
   ↪ ---------------+---------------+--------------------+--------------------+----
   ↪
| default        | test-2 | 435953225454059520 | 435953235516456963 |
   ↪ 2022-09-13 08:40:15 |
+--
   ↪ ---------------+---------------+--------------------+--------------------+----
   ↪
```

The fields in the preceding `syncpoint_v1` table are described as follows:

- `ticdc_cluster_id`: The ID of the TiCDC cluster in this record.
- `changefeed`: The ID of the changefeed in this record. Because different TiCDC clusters might have changefeeds with the same name, you need to confirm the `ts-map` inserted by a changefeed with the TiCDC cluster ID and changefeed ID.

- `primary_ts`: The timestamp of the upstream database snapshot.
- `secondary_ts`: The timestamp of the downstream database snapshot.
- `created_at`: The time when this record is inserted.

7.5.10.3.2 Step 2: configure snapshot

Then configure the snapshot information of the upstream and downstream databases by using the `ts-map` information obtained in Step 1.

Here is a configuration example of the `Datasource config` section:

```
########################## Datasource config ########################
[data-sources.uptidb]
    host = "172.16.0.1"
    port = 4000
    user = "root"
    password = ""
    snapshot = "435953225454059520"

[data-sources.downtidb]
    host = "172.16.0.2"
    port = 4000
    user = "root"
    snapshot = "435953235516456963"
```

7.5.10.4 Notes

- Before TiCDC creates a changefeed, make sure that the value of the TiCDC configuration item `enable-sync-point` is set to `true`. Only in this way, Syncpoint is enabled and the `ts-map` is saved in the downstream. The default format of the configuration item `sync-point-interval` is `"h m s"`, for example `"1h30m30s"`, and the minimum value is `"30s"`. For the complete configuration information, see TiCDC task configuration file.
- When you perform data validation using Syncpoint, you need to modify the Garbage Collection (GC) time of TiKV to ensure that the historical data corresponding to snapshot is not collected by GC during the data check. It is recommended that you modify the GC time to 1 hour and recover the setting after the check.
- The above example only shows the section of `Datasource config`. For complete configuration, refer to sync-diff-inspector User Guide.
- Starting from v6.4.0, only the changefeed with the `SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN` or `SUPER` privilege can use the TiCDC Syncpoint feature.
- Starting from v8.2.0, TiCDC makes the following adjustments to the generation rules of `primary_ts` values:
    - Whenever TiCDC generates a new `primary_ts`, its value must be an integer multiple of `sync-point-interval`.

- For each new changefeed, TiCDC calculates an initial `primary_ts`. This initial value is greater than or equal to the changefeed start time (`startTs`), and is the smallest integer multiple of `sync-point-interval`.

This setting is used to align the Syncpoints of different changefeeds during data replication. For example, multiple downstream clusters can restore to the `secondary_ts` of a Syncpoint with the same `primary_ts` by executing the `FLASHBACK TABLE` statement, achieving data consistency across downstream clusters.

7.5.11 TiCDC Behavior in Splitting UPDATE Events

7.5.11.1 Split `UPDATE` events for MySQL sinks

Starting from v6.5.10, v7.1.6, v7.5.2, v8.1.1, and v8.2.0, when using the MySQL sink, any TiCDC node that receives a request for replicating a table will fetch the current timestamp `thresholdTS` from PD before starting the replication to the downstream. Based on the value of this timestamp, TiCDC decides whether to split `UPDATE` events:

- For transactions containing one or multiple `UPDATE` changes, if the transaction `commitTS` is less than `thresholdTS`, TiCDC splits the `UPDATE` event into a `DELETE` event and an `INSERT` event before writing them to the Sorter module.
- For `UPDATE` events with the transaction `commitTS` greater than or equal to `thresholdTS` ↪ , TiCDC does not split them. For more information, see GitHub issue #10918.

> **Note:**
>
> In v8.1.0, when using MySQL Sink, TiCDC also decides whether to split `UPDATE` events based on the value of `thresholdTS`, but `thresholdTS` is obtained differently. Specifically, in v8.1.0, `thresholdTS` is the current timestamp fetched from PD at TiCDC startup, but this way might cause data inconsistency issues in multi-node scenarios. For more information, see GitHub issue #11219.

This behavior change (that is, deciding whether to split `UPDATE` events based on `thresholdTS`) addresses the issue of downstream data inconsistencies caused by the potentially incorrect order of `UPDATE` events received by TiCDC, which can lead to an incorrect order of split `DELETE` and `INSERT` events.

Take the following SQL statements as an example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT PRIMARY KEY, b INT);
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, 1);
INSERT INTO t VALUES (2, 2);
```

```
BEGIN;
UPDATE t SET a = 3 WHERE a = 2;
UPDATE t SET a = 2 WHERE a = 1;
COMMIT;
```

In this example, the two `UPDATE` statements within the transaction have a sequential dependency on execution. The primary key `a` is changed from `2` to `3`, and then the primary key `a` is changed from `1` to `2`. After this transaction is executed, the records in the upstream database are `(2, 1)` and `(3, 2)`.

However, the order of `UPDATE` events received by TiCDC might differ from the actual execution order of the upstream transaction. For example:

```
UPDATE t SET a = 2 WHERE a = 1;
UPDATE t SET a = 3 WHERE a = 2;
```

- Before this behavior change, TiCDC writes these `UPDATE` events to the Sorter module and then splits them into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events. After the split, the actual execution order of these events in the downstream is as follows:

  ```
  BEGIN;
  DELETE FROM t WHERE a = 1;
  REPLACE INTO t VALUES (2, 1);
  DELETE FROM t WHERE a = 2;
  REPLACE INTO t VALUES (3, 2);
  COMMIT;
  ```

  After the downstream executes the transaction, the records in the database are `(3, 2)`, which are different from the records in the upstream database (`(2, 1)` and `(3, 2)`), indicating a data inconsistency issue.

- After this behavior change, if the transaction `commitTS` is less than the `thresholdTS` ↪ fetched from PD when TiCDC starts replicating the corresponding table to the downstream, TiCDC splits these `UPDATE` events into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events before writing them to the Sorter module. After the sorting by the Sorter module, the actual execution order of these events in the downstream is as follows:

  ```
  BEGIN;
  DELETE FROM t WHERE a = 1;
  DELETE FROM t WHERE a = 2;
  REPLACE INTO t VALUES (2, 1);
  REPLACE INTO t VALUES (3, 2);
  COMMIT;
  ```

  After the downstream executes the transaction, the records in the downstream database are the same as those in the upstream database, which are `(2, 1)` and `(3, 2)`, ensuring data consistency.

As you can see from the preceding example, splitting the `UPDATE` event into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events before writing them to the Sorter module ensures that all `DELETE` events are executed before `INSERT` events after the split, thereby maintaining data consistency regardless of the order of `UPDATE` events received by TiCDC.

> **Note:**
>
> After this behavior change, when using the MySQL sink, TiCDC does not split the `UPDATE` event in most cases. Consequently, there might be primary key or unique key conflicts during changefeed runtime, causing the changefeed to restart automatically. After the restart, TiCDC will split the conflicting `UPDATE` events into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events before writing them to the Sorter module. This ensures that all events within the same transaction are correctly ordered, with all `DELETE` events preceding `INSERT` events, thus correctly completing data replication.

7.5.11.2 Split primary or unique key `UPDATE` events for non-MySQL sinks

7.5.11.2.1 Transactions containing a single `UPDATE` change

Starting from v6.5.3, v7.1.1, and v7.2.0, when using a non-MySQL sink, for transactions that only contain a single update change, if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in an `UPDATE` event, TiCDC splits this event into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events. For more information, see GitHub issue #9086.

This change primarily addresses the issue that TiCDC only outputs the new value without the old value by default when using the CSV and AVRO protocols. Due to this issue, when the primary key or non-null unique index value changes, the consumer can only receive the new value, making it impossible to process the value before the change (for example, delete the old value). Take the following SQL as an example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT PRIMARY KEY, b INT);
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, 1);
UPDATE t SET a = 2 WHERE a = 1;
```

In this example, the primary key `a` is updated from `1` to `2`. If the `UPDATE` event is not split, the consumer can only obtain the new value `a = 2` and cannot obtain the old value `a = 1` when using the CSV and AVRO protocols. This might cause the downstream consumer to only insert the new value `2` without deleting the old value `1`.

7.5.11.2.2 Transactions containing multiple `UPDATE` changes

Starting from v6.5.4, v7.1.2, and v7.4.0, for transactions containing multiple changes, if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in the `UPDATE` event, TiCDC splits

the event into DELETE and INSERT events and ensures that all events follow the sequence of DELETE events preceding INSERT events. For more information, see GitHub issue #9430.

This change primarily addresses the potential issue of primary key or unique key conflicts that consumers might encounter when writing data changes from the Kafka sink or other sinks to a relational database or performing a similar operation. This issue is caused by the potentially incorrect order of UPDATE events received by TiCDC.

Take the following SQL as an example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT PRIMARY KEY, b INT);
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, 1);
INSERT INTO t VALUES (2, 2);

BEGIN;
UPDATE t SET a = 3 WHERE a = 1;
UPDATE t SET a = 1 WHERE a = 2;
UPDATE t SET a = 2 WHERE a = 3;
COMMIT;
```

In this example, by executing three SQL statements to swap the primary keys of two rows, TiCDC only receives two update change events, that is, changing the primary key a from 1 to 2 and changing the primary key a from 2 to 1. If consumers directly write these two UPDATE events to the downstream, a primary key conflict will occur, leading to changefeed errors.

Therefore, TiCDC splits these two events into four events, that is, deleting records (1, 1) and (2, 2) and writing records (2, 1) and (1, 2).

7.5.11.2.3 Control whether to split primary or unique key UPDATE events

Starting from v6.5.10, v7.1.6, v7.5.3, and v8.1.1, when using a non-MySQL sink, TiCDC supports controlling whether to split primary or unique key UPDATE events via the output-raw-change-event parameter, as described in the GitHub issue #11211. The specific behavior of this parameter is as follows:

- When you set output-raw-change-event = false, if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in an UPDATE event, TiCDC splits the event into DELETE and INSERT events and ensures that all events follow the sequence of DELETE events preceding INSERT events.
- When you set output-raw-change-event = true, TiCDC does not split UPDATE events, and the consumer side is responsible for dealing with the problems described in Split primary or unique key UPDATE events for non-MySQL sinks. Otherwise there might be a risk of data inconsistency. Note that when the primary key of a table is a clustered index, updates to the primary key are still split into DELETE and INSERT events in TiDB, and such behavior is not affected by the output-raw-change-event parameter.

Note

In the following tables, UK/PK stands for primary key or unique key.

Release 6.5 compatibility

Version	Protocol	Split UK/PK `UPDATE` ↪ events	Not split UK/PK `UPDATE` ↪ events	Comments
<= v6.5.2	ALL			
v6.5.3 / v6.5.4	Canal/Open			
v6.5.3	CSV/Avro			Split but does not sort. See #9086
v6.5.4	Canal/Open			Only split and sort transactions that contain multiple changes
v6.5.5 ~ v6.5.9	ALL			

Version	Protocol	Split UK/PK UPDATE events	Not split UK/PK UPDATE events	Comments
>= v6.5.10	ALL	(Default value: output - raw - change - event = false)	(Optional: output - raw - change - event = true)	

Release 7.1 compatibility

Version	Protocol	Split UK/PK UPDATE events	Not split UK/PK UPDATE events	Comments
v7.1.0	ALL			
v7.1.1	Canal/Open			
v7.1.1	CSV/Avro			Split but does not sort. See #9086
v7.1.2 ~ v7.1.5	ALL			

Version	Protocol	Split UK/PK UPDATE ↪ events	Not split UK/PK UPDATE ↪ events	Comments
>= v7.1.6	ALL	(Default value: `output` ↪ `-` ↪ `raw` ↪ `-` ↪ `change` ↪ `-` ↪ `event` ↪ ↪ `=` ↪ ↪ `false` ↪)	(Optional: `output` ↪ `-` ↪ `raw` ↪ `-` ↪ `change` ↪ `-` ↪ `event` ↪ ↪ `=` ↪ ↪ `true` ↪)	

Release 7.5 compatibility

Version	Protocol	Split UK/PK UPDATE ↪ events	Not split UK/PK UPDATE ↪ events	Comments
<= v7.5.2	ALL			

Version	Protocol	Split UK/PK UPDATE ↪ events	Not split UK/PK UPDATE ↪ events	Comments
>= v7.5.3	ALL	(Default value:`output` ↪ `-` ↪ `raw` ↪ `-` ↪ `change` ↪ `-` ↪ `event` ↪ ↪ `=` ↪ ↪ `false` ↪)	(Optional: `output` ↪ `-` ↪ `raw` ↪ `-` ↪ `change` ↪ `-` ↪ `event` ↪ ↪ `=` ↪ ↪ `true` ↪)	

Release 8.1 compatibility

Version	Protocol	Split UK/PK UPDATE ↪ events	Not split UK/PK UPDATE ↪ events	Comments
v8.1.0	ALL			

Version	Protocol	Split UK/PK UPDATE ↪ events	Not split UK/PK UPDATE ↪ events	Comments
>= v8.1.1	ALL	(Default value:`output` ↪ `-` ↪ `raw` ↪ `-` ↪ `change` ↪ `-` ↪ `event` ↪ ↪ `=` ↪ ↪ `false` ↪)	(Optional: `output` ↪ `-` ↪ `raw` ↪ `-` ↪ `change` ↪ `-` ↪ `event` ↪ ↪ `=` ↪ ↪ `true` ↪)	

7.5.12 Output Protocols

7.5.12.1 TiCDC Avro Protocol

TiCDC Avro protocol is a third-party implementation of the Confluent Avro data exchange protocol defined by Confluent Platform. Avro is a data format defined by Apache Avro™

This document describes how TiCDC implements the Confluent Avro protocol, and the interaction between Avro and Confluent Schema Registry.

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v7.3.0, if you enable TiCDC to replicate tables without a valid index, TiCDC will report an error when you create a changefeed that uses the Avro protocol.

7.5.12.1.1 Use Avro

The following is a configuration example using Avro:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --changefeed-id="
    ↪ kafka-avro" --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?protocol=
    ↪ avro" --schema-registry=http://127.0.0.1:8081 --config changefeed_
    ↪ config.toml
```

The value of `--schema-registry` supports the `https` protocol and `username:password` authentication. The username and password must be URL-encoded. For example, `--schema ↪ -registry=https://username:password@schema-registry-uri.com`.

> **Note:**
>
> When using the Avro protocol, one Kafka topic can only contain data for one table. You need to configure the Topic dispatcher in the configuration file.

```
[sink]
dispatchers = [
 {matcher = ['*.*'], topic = "tidb_{schema}_{table}"},
]
```

7.5.12.1.2 Definition of the data format

TiCDC converts a DML event into a Kafka event, and the Key and Value of an event are encoded according to the Avro protocol.

Key data format

```
{
    "name":"{{TableName}}",
    "namespace":"{{Namespace}}",
    "type":"record",
    "fields":[
        {{ColumnValueBlock}},
        {{ColumnValueBlock}},
    ]
}
```

- `{{TableName}}` indicates the name of the table where the event occurs.
- `{{Namespace}}` is the namespace of Avro.
- `{{ColumnValueBlock}}` defines the format of each column of data.

The `fields` in the key contains only primary key columns or unique index columns.

Value data format

```
{
    "name":"{{TableName}}",
    "namespace":"{{Namespace}}",
    "type":"record",
    "fields":[
        {{ColumnValueBlock}},
        {{ColumnValueBlock}},
    ]
}
```

The data format of Value is the same as that of Key, by default. However, `fields` in the Value contains all columns.

Note:

The Avro protocol encodes DML events as follows:

- For Delete events, Avro only encodes the Key part. The Value part is empty.
- For Insert events, Avro encodes all column data to the Value part.
- For Update events, Avro encodes only all column data that is updated to the Value part.

The Avro protocol does not encode the old values for Update and Delete events. Additionally, to be compatible with most Confluent sink connectors that rely on `null` records to identify deletions (`delete.on.null`), Delete events do not include extension information, such as `_tidb_commit_ts`, even when `enable-tidb-extension` is enabled. If you need these features, consider using other protocols such as Canal-JSON or Debezium.

7.5.12.1.3 TiDB extension fields

By default, Avro only collects data of changed rows in DML events and does not collect the type of data changes or TiDB-specific CommitTS (the unique identifiers of transactions). To address this issue, TiCDC introduces the following three TiDB extension fields to the Avro protocol message. When `enable-tidb-extension` is set to `true` (`false` by default) in `sink-uri`, TiCDC adds these three fields to the Avro messages during message generation.

- `_tidb_op`: The DML type. "c" indicates insert and "u" indicates updates.
- `_tidb_commit_ts`: The unique identifier of a transaction.
- `_tidb_commit_physical_time`: The physical timestamp in a transaction identifier.

The following is a configuration example:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --changefeed-id="
    ↪ kafka-avro-enable-extension" --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic
    ↪ -name?protocol=avro&enable-tidb-extension=true" --schema-registry=
    ↪ http://127.0.0.1:8081 --config changefeed_config.toml
```

```
[sink]
dispatchers = [
 {matcher = ['*.*'], topic = "tidb_{schema}_{table}"},
]
```

After you enable `enable-tidb-extension`, the data format of the Value will be as follows:

```
{
    "name":"{{TableName}}",
    "namespace":"{{Namespace}}",
    "type":"record",
    "fields":[
        {{ColumnValueBlock}},
        {{ColumnValueBlock}},
        {
            "name":"_tidb_op",
            "type":"string"
        },
        {
            "name":"_tidb_commit_ts",
            "type":"long"
        },
        {
            "name":"_tidb_commit_physical_time",
            "type":"long"
        }
    ]
}
```

Compared with the Value data format with `enable-tidb-extension` disabled, three new fields are added: `_tidb_op`, `_tidb_commit_ts`, and `_tidb_commit_physical_time`.

Column data format

The Column data is the `{{ColumnValueBlock}}` part of the Key/Value data format. TiCDC generates the Column data format based on the SQL Type. The basic Column data format is as follows:

```
{
    "name":"{{ColumnName}}",
```

```
    "type":{
        "connect.parameters":{
            "tidb_type":"{{TIDB_TYPE}}"
        },
        "type":"{{AVRO_TYPE}}"
    }
}
```

If one column can be NULL, the Column data format can be:

```
{
    "default":null,
    "name":"{{ColumnName}}",
    "type":[
        "null",
        {
            "connect.parameters":{
                "tidb_type":"{{TIDB_TYPE}}"
            },
            "type":"{{AVRO_TYPE}}"
        }
    ]
}
```

- `{{ColumnName}}` indicates the column name.
- `{{TIDB_TYPE}}` indicates the type in TiDB, which is not a one-to-one mapping with the SQL type.
- `{{AVRO_TYPE}}` indicates the type in the Avro Specification.

SQL TYPE	TIDB_TYPE	AVRO_TYPE	Description
BOOL	INT	int	
TINYINT	INT	int	When it is unsigned, TIDB_TYPE is INT UNSIGNED.
SMALLINT	INT	int	When it is unsigned, TIDB_TYPE is INT UNSIGNED.
MEDIUMINT	INT	int	When it is unsigned, TIDB_TYPE is INT UNSIGNED.
INT	INT	int	When it is unsigned, TIDB_TYPE is INT UNSIGNED and AVRO_TYPE is long.
BIGINT	BIGINT	long	When it is unsigned, TIDB_TYPE is BIGINT UNSIGNED. If `avro-bigint-unsigned-handling-mode` is string, AVRO_TYPE is string.
TINYBLOB	BLOB	bytes	-
BLOB	BLOB	bytes	-
MEDIUMBLOB	BLOB	bytes	-

SQL TYPE	TIDB_TYPE	AVRO_TYPE	Description
LONGBLOB	BLOB	bytes	-
BINARY	BLOB	bytes	-
VARBINARY	BLOB	bytes	-
TINYTEXT	TEXT	string	-
TEXT	TEXT	string	-
MEDIUMTEXT	TEXT	string	-
LONGTEXT	TEXT	string	-
CHAR	TEXT	string	-
VARCHAR	TEXT	string	-
FLOAT	FLOAT	double	-
DOUBLE	DOUBLE	double	-
DATE	DATE	string	-
DATETIME	DATETIME	string	-
TIMESTAMP	TIMESTAMP	string	-
TIME	TIME	string	-
YEAR	YEAR	int	-
BIT	BIT	bytes	-
JSON	JSON	string	-
ENUM	ENUM	string	-
SET	SET	string	-
DECIMAL	DECIMAL	bytes	When `avro-decimal-handling-mode` is string, AVRO_TYPE is string.
TiDBVECTORFloat32	TiDBVECTORFloat32	string	-

In the Avro protocol, two other `sink-uri` parameters might affect the Column data format as well: `avro-decimal-handling-mode` and `avro-bigint-unsigned-handling-mode`.

- `avro-decimal-handling-mode` controls how Avro handles decimal fields, including:
    - string: Avro handles decimal fields as strings.
    - precise: Avro handles decimal fields as bytes.
- `avro-bigint-unsigned-handling-mode` controls how Avro handles BIGINT UNSIGNED fields, including:
    - string: Avro handles BIGINT UNSIGNED fields as strings.
    - long: Avro handles BIGINT UNSIGNED fields as 64-bit signed integers. When the value is greater than `9223372036854775807`, overflow will occur.

The following is a configuration example:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --changefeed-id="
    ↪ kafka-avro-string-option" --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-
    ↪ name?protocol=avro&avro-decimal-handling-mode=string&avro-bigint-
    ↪ unsigned-handling-mode=string" --schema-registry=http
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:8081 --config changefeed_config.toml
```

```
[sink]
dispatchers = [
 {matcher = ['*.*'], topic = "tidb_{schema}_{table}"},
]
```

Most SQL types are mapped to the base Column data format. Some other SQL types extend the base data format to provide more information.

BIT(64)

```
{
    "name":"{{ColumnName}}",
    "type":{
        "connect.parameters":{
            "tidb_type":"BIT",
            "length":"64"
        },
        "type":"bytes"
    }
}
```

ENUM/SET(a,b,c)

```
{
    "name":"{{ColumnName}}",
    "type":{
        "connect.parameters":{
            "tidb_type":"ENUM/SET",
            "allowed":"a,b,c"
        },
        "type":"string"
    }
}
```

DECIMAL(10, 4)

```
{
    "name":"{{ColumnName}}",
    "type":{
        "connect.parameters":{
```

```
            "tidb_type":"DECIMAL",
        },
        "logicalType":"decimal",
        "precision":10,
        "scale":4,
        "type":"bytes"
    }
}
```

7.5.12.1.4 DDL events and schema changes

Avro does not send DDL events and Watermark events to downstream. It checks whether a schema changes each time a DML event occurs. If a schema changes, Avro generates a new schema and registers it with the Schema Registry. If the schema change does not pass the compatibility check, the registration fails. TiCDC does not resolve any schema compatibility issues.

For example, the default compatibility policy of Confluent Schema Registry is `BACKWARD`, and you add a non-empty column to the source table. In this situation, Avro generates a new schema but fails to register it with Schema Registry due to compatibility issues. At this time, the changefeed enters an error state.

Note that, even if a schema change passes the compatibility check and a new version is registered, the data producers and consumers still need to acquire the new schema for data encoding and decoding.

For more information about schemas, refer to Schema Registry related documents.

7.5.12.1.5 Consumer implementation

The TiCDC Avro protocol can be deserialized by `io.confluent.kafka.serializers.KafkaAvroDeserializer`.

The consumer program can acquire the latest schema via Schema Registry API, and then use the schema to deserialize the data encoded by the TiCDC Avro protocol.

Distinguish event types

The consumer program can distinguish DML event types by the following rules:

- If there is only the Key part, it is a Delete event.
- If there are both Key and Value parts, it is either an Insert or an Update event. If the TiDB extension fields are enabled, you can use the `_tidb_op` field to identify if it is an Insert or Update event. If the TiDB extension fields are not enabled, you cannot distinguish them.

7.5.12.1.6 Topic distribution

Schema Registry supports three Subject Name Strategies: TopicNameStrategy, RecordNameStrategy, and TopicRecordNameStrategy. Currently, TiCDC Avro only supports TopicNameStrategy, which means that a Kafka topic can only receive data in one data format. Therefore, TiCDC Avro prohibits mapping multiple tables to the same topic. When you create a changefeed, an error will be reported if the topic rule does not include the `{schema}` and `{table}` placeholders in the configured distribution rule.

7.5.12.1.7 Compatibility

When upgrading the TiCDC cluster to v7.0.0, if a table replicated using Avro contains the `FLOAT` data type, you need to manually adjust the compatibility policy of Confluent Schema Registry to `None` before upgrading so that the changefeed can successfully update the schema. Otherwise, after upgrading, the changefeed will be unable to update the schema and enter an error state. For more information, see #8490.

7.5.12.2 TiCDC Canal-JSON Protocol

Canal-JSON is a data exchange format protocol defined by Alibaba Canal. In this document, you can learn how Canal-JSON data formats are implemented in TiCDC, including the TiDB extension field, the definitions of the Canal-JSON data formats, and comparison with the official Canal.

7.5.12.2.1 Use Canal-JSON

When using Message Queue (MQ) as the downstream Sink, you can specify Canal-JSON in `sink-uri`. TiCDC wraps and constructs Canal-JSON messages with Event as the basic unit, and sends TiDB data change Events to the downstream.

There are three types of Events:

- DDL Event: Represents a DDL change record. It is sent after an upstream DDL statement is successfully executed. The DDL Event is sent to the MQ Partition with the index being 0.
- DML Event: Represents a row data change record. This type of Event is sent when a row change occurs. It contains the information about the row after the change occurs.
- WATERMARK Event: Represents a special time point. It indicates that the Events received before this point is complete. It applies only to the TiDB extension field and takes effect when you set `enable-tidb-extension` to `true` in `sink-uri`.

The following is an example of using `Canal-JSON`:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --changefeed-id="
    ↪ kafka-canal-json" --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?kafka
    ↪ -version=2.4.0&protocol=canal-json"
```

7.5.12.2.2 TiDB extension field

The Canal-JSON protocol is originally designed for MySQL. It does not contain important fields such as the TiDB-specific unique identifier for the CommitTS transaction. To solve this problem, TiCDC appends a TiDB extension field to the Canal-JSON protocol format. After you set `enable-tidb-extension` to `true` (`false` by default) in `sink-uri`, TiCDC behaves as follows when generating Canal-JSON messages:

- TiCDC sends DML Event and DDL Event messages that contain a field named `_tidb`.
- TiCDC sends WATERMARK Event messages.

The following is an example:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --changefeed-id="
    ↪ kafka-canal-json-enable-tidb-extension" --sink-uri="kafka
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?kafka-version=2.4.0&protocol=canal-json&
    ↪ enable-tidb-extension=true"
```

7.5.12.2.3 Definitions of message formats

This section describes the formats of DDL Event, DML Event and WATERMARK Event, and how the data is parsed on the consumer side.

DDL Event

TiCDC encodes a DDL Event into the following Canal-JSON format.

```
{
    "id": 0,
    "database": "test",
    "table": "",
    "pkNames": null,
    "isDdl": true,
    "type": "QUERY",
    "es": 1639633094670,
    "ts": 1639633095489,
    "sql": "drop database if exists test",
    "sqlType": null,
    "mysqlType": null,
    "data": null,
    "old": null,
    "_tidb": {   // TiDB extension field
        "commitTs": 429918007904436226 // A TiDB TSO timestamp
    }
}
```

The fields are explained as follows.

Field	Type	Description
id	Number	The default value is 0 in TiCDC.
database	String	The name of the database where the row is located
table	String	The name of the table where the row is located
pkNames	Array	The names of all the columns that make up the primary key
isDdl	Bool	Whether the message is a DDL event
type	String	Event types defined by Canal-JSON
es	Number	13-bit (millisecond) timestamp when the event that generated the message happened
ts	Number	13-bit (millisecond) timestamp when TiCDC generated the message
sql	String	When isDdl is `true`, records the corresponding DDL statement
sqlType	Object	When isDdl is `false`, records how the data type of each column is represented in Java
mysqlType	object	When isDdl is `false`, records how the data type of each column is represented in MySQL
data	Object	When isDdl is `false`, records the name of each column and its data value
old	Object	Only if the message is generated by an update Event, records the name of each column and the data value before the update
_tidb	Object	TiDB extension field. It exists only if you set `enable-tidb-extension` to `true`. The value of `commitTs` is the TSO of the transaction that caused the row to change.

DML Event

TiCDC encodes a row of DML data change event as follows:

```
{
    "id": 0,
    "database": "test",
    "table": "tp_int",
    "pkNames": [
        "id"
    ],
    "isDdl": false,
    "type": "INSERT",
    "es": 1639633141221,
    "ts": 1639633142960,
    "sql": "",
    "sqlType": {
        "c_bigint": -5,
        "c_int": 4,
        "c_mediumint": 4,
        "c_smallint": 5,
```

```
        "c_tinyint": -6,
        "id": 4
    },
    "mysqlType": {
        "c_bigint": "bigint",
        "c_int": "int",
        "c_mediumint": "mediumint",
        "c_smallint": "smallint",
        "c_tinyint": "tinyint",
        "id": "int"
    },
    "data": [
        {
            "c_bigint": "9223372036854775807",
            "c_int": "2147483647",
            "c_mediumint": "8388607",
            "c_smallint": "32767",
            "c_tinyint": "127",
            "id": "2"
        }
    ],
    "old": null,
    "_tidb": {   // TiDB extension field
        "commitTs": 429918007904436226 // A TiDB TSO timestamp
    }
}
```

WATERMARK Event

TiCDC sends a WATERMARK Event only when you set `enable-tidb-extension` to `true`. The value of the `type` field is `TIDB_WATERMARK`. The Event contains the `_tidb` field, and the field contains only one parameter `watermarkTs`. The value of `watermarkTs` is the TSO recorded when the Event is sent.

When you receive an Event of this type, all Events with `commitTs` less than `watermarkTs` have been sent. Because TiCDC provides the "At Least Once" semantics, data might be sent repeatedly. If a subsequent Event with `commitTs` less than `watermarkTs` is received, you can safely ignore this Event.

The following is an example of the WATERMARK Event.

```
{
    "id": 0,
    "database": "",
    "table": "",
    "pkNames": null,
    "isDdl": false,
```

```
    "type": "TIDB_WATERMARK",
    "es": 1640007049196,
    "ts": 1640007050284,
    "sql": "",
    "sqlType": null,
    "mysqlType": null,
    "data": null,
    "old": null,
    "_tidb": {   // TiDB extension field
        "watermarkTs": 429918007904436226 // A TiDB TSO timestamp
    }
}
```

Data parsing on the consumer side

As you can see from the example above, Canal-JSON has a unified data format, with different field filling rules for different Event types. Consumers can parse data in this JSON format using a unified method, and then determine the Event type by checking the field values:

- When `isDdl` is `true`, the message contains a DDL Event.
- When `isDdl` is `false`, you need to further check the `type` field. If `type` is `TIDB_WATERMARK`, it is a WATERMARK Event; otherwise, it is a DML Event.

7.5.12.2.4 Field descriptions

The Canal-JSON format records the corresponding data type in the `mysqlType` field and the `sqlType` field.

MySQL Type field

In the `mysqlType` field, the Canal-JSON format records the string of MySQL Type in each column. For more information, see TiDB Data Types.

SQL Type field

In the `sqlType` field, the Canal-JSON format records Java SQL Type of each column, which is the data type corresponding to the data in JDBC. Its value can be calculated by MySQL Type and the specific data value. The mapping is as follows:

MySQL Type	Java SQL Type Code
Boolean	-6
Float	7
Double	8
Decimal	3
Char	1
Varchar	12

MySQL Type	Java SQL Type Code
Binary	2004
Varbinary	2004
Tinytext	2005
Text	2005
Mediumtext	2005
Longtext	2005
Tinyblob	2004
Blob	2004
Mediumblob	2004
Longblob	2004
Date	91
Datetime	93
Timestamp	93
Time	92
Year	12
Enum	4
Set	-7
Bit	-7
JSON	12
TiDBVectorFloat32	12

7.5.12.2.5 Integer types

You need to consider whether integer types have the `Unsigned` constraint and the value size, which corresponds to different Java SQL Type Codes respectively, as shown in the following table.

MySQL Type String	Value Range	Java SQL Type Code
tinyint	[-128, 127]	-6
tinyint unsigned	[0, 127]	-6
tinyint unsigned	[128, 255]	5
smallint	[-32768, 32767]	5
smallint unsigned	[0, 32767]	5
smallint unsigned	[32768, 65535]	4
mediumint	[-8388608, 8388607]	4
mediumint unsigned	[0, 8388607]	4
mediumint unsigned	[8388608, 16777215]	4
int	[-2147483648, 2147483647]	4
int unsigned	[0, 2147483647]	4
int unsigned	[2147483648, 4294967295]	-5
bigint	[-9223372036854775808, 9223372036854775807]	-5
bigint unsigned	[0, 9223372036854775807]	-5
bigint unsigned	[9223372036854775808, 18446744073709551615]	3

The following table shows the mapping relationships between Java SQL Types in TiCDC and their codes.

Java SQL Type	Java SQL Type Code
CHAR	1
DECIMAL	3
INTEGER	4
SMALLINT	5
REAL	7
DOUBLE	8
VARCHAR	12
DATE	91
TIME	92
TIMESTAMP	93
BLOB	2004
CLOB	2005
BIGINT	-5
TINYINT	-6
Bit	-7

For more information about Java SQL Types, see Java SQL Class Types.

7.5.12.2.6 Binary and Blob types

TiCDC encodes binary types in the Canal-JSON format by converting each byte to its character representation as follows:

- Printable characters are represented using the ISO/IEC 8859-1 character encodings.
- Non-printable characters and certain characters with special meaning in HTML are represented using their UTF-8 escape sequence.

The following table shows the detailed representation information.

Character type	Value range	Character representation
Control characters	[0, 31]	UTF-8 escape (such as `\u0000` through `\u001F`)
Horizontal tab	[9]	`\t`
Line feed	[10]	`\n`
Carriage return	[13]	`\r`
Printable characters	[32, 127]	Literal character (such as `A`)
Ampersand	[38]	`\u0026`
Less-than sign	[60]	`\u0038`
Greater-than sign	[62]	`\u003E`
Extended control characters	[128, 159]	Literal character
ISO 8859-1 (Latin-1)	[160, 255]	Literal character

Example of the encoding

For example, the following 16 bytes `[5 7 10 15 36 50 43 99 120 60 38 255 254 45 55 70]` stored in a `VARBINARY` column called `c_varbinary` are encoded in a Canal-JSON `Update` event as follows:

```
{
    ...
    "data": [
        {
            ...
            "c_varbinary": "\u0005\u0007\n\u000f$2+cx\u003c\u0026ÿþ-7F"
        }
    ]
    ...
}
```

7.5.12.2.7 Comparison of TiCDC Canal-JSON and the official Canal

The way that TiCDC implements the Canal-JSON data format, including the `Update` Event and the `mysqlType` field, differs from the official Canal. The following table shows the main differences.

Item	TiCDC Canal-JSON	Canal
Event of `Update` Type	By default, the `old` field contains all the column data. When `only_output_updated_columns` is `true`, the `old` field contains only the modified column data.	The `old` field contains only the modified column data
`mysqlType` field	For types with parameters, it does not contain the information of the type parameter	For types with parameters, it contains the full information of the type parameter

Compatibility with the official Canal

Starting from v6.5.6, v7.1.3, and v7.6.0, TiCDC Canal-JSON supports compatibility with the data format of the official Canal. When creating a changefeed, you can set `content-compatible=true` in `sink-uri` to enable this feature. In this mode, TiCDC outputs Canal-JSON format data that is compatible with the official Canal. The specific changes are as follows:

- The `mysqlType` field contains the full information of the type parameter for each type.
- An Event of `Update` Type only outputs the modified column data.

Event of `Update` Type

For an Event of `Update` Type:

- In TiCDC, the `old` field contains all the column data
- In the official Canal, the `old` field contains only the modified column data

Assume that the following SQL statements are executed sequentially in the upstream TiDB:

```
create table tp_int
(
    id         int auto_increment,
    c_tinyint  tinyint  null,
    c_smallint smallint null,
    c_mediumint mediumint null,
    c_int      int      null,
    c_bigint   bigint   null,
    constraint pk
        primary key (id)
);

insert into tp_int(c_tinyint, c_smallint, c_mediumint, c_int, c_bigint)
values (127, 32767, 8388607, 2147483647, 9223372036854775807);

update tp_int set c_int = 0, c_tinyint = 0 where c_smallint = 32767;
```

For the `update` statement, TiCDC outputs an Event message with `type` as `UPDATE`, as shown below. The `update` statement only modifies the `c_int` and `c_tinyint` columns. The `old` field in the output event message contains all the column data.

```
{
    "id": 0,
    ...
    "type": "UPDATE",
    ...
    "sqlType": {
        ...
    },
    "mysqlType": {
        ...
    },
    "data": [
        {
            "c_bigint": "9223372036854775807",
            "c_int": "0",
```

```
            "c_mediumint": "8388607",
            "c_smallint": "32767",
            "c_tinyint": "0",
            "id": "2"
        }
    ],
    "old": [                          // In TiCDC, this field contains all
        ↪ the column data.
        {
            "c_bigint": "9223372036854775807",
            "c_int": "2147483647",    // Modified column
            "c_mediumint": "8388607",
            "c_smallint": "32767",
            "c_tinyint": "127",       // Modified column
            "id": "2"
        }
    ]
}
```

For the official Canal, the `old` field in the output event message contains only the modified column data, as shown below.

```
{
    "id": 0,
    ...
    "type": "UPDATE",
    ...
    "sqlType": {
        ...
    },
    "mysqlType": {
        ...
    },
    "data": [
        {
            "c_bigint": "9223372036854775807",
            "c_int": "0",
            "c_mediumint": "8388607",
            "c_smallint": "32767",
            "c_tinyint": "0",
            "id": "2"
        }
    ],
    "old": [                          // In Canal, this field contains only
        ↪ the modified column data.
```

```
        {
            "c_int": "2147483647",     // Modified column
            "c_tinyint": "127",        // Modified column
        }
    ]
}
```

`mysqlType` field

For the `mysqlType` field, if a type contains parameters, the official Canal contains the full information of the type parameter. TiCDC does not contain such information.

In the following example, the table-defining SQL statement contains a parameter for each column, such as the ones for `decimal`, `char`, `varchar` and `enum`. By comparing the Canal-JSON formats generated by TiCDC and the official Canal, you can see that TiCDC only contains the basic MySQL information in the `mysqlType` field. If you need the full information of the type parameter, you need to implement it by other means.

Assume that the following SQL statements are executed sequentially in the upstream TiDB:

```
create table t (
    id    int auto_increment,
    c_decimal  decimal(10, 4) null,
    c_char     char(16)    null,
    c_varchar  varchar(16) null,
    c_binary   binary(16)  null,
    c_varbinary varbinary(16) null,
    c_enum enum('a','b','c') null,
    c_set set('a','b','c') null,
    c_bit bit(64)          null,
    constraint pk
        primary key (id)
);

insert into t (c_decimal, c_char, c_varchar, c_binary, c_varbinary, c_enum,
    ↪ c_set, c_bit)
values (123.456, "abc", "abc", "abc", "abc", 'a', 'a,b', b'1000001');
```

The output of TiCDC is as follows:

```
{
    "id": 0,
    ...
    "isDdl": false,
    "sqlType": {
        ...
    },
```

```
    "mysqlType": {
        "c_binary": "binary",
        "c_bit": "bit",
        "c_char": "char",
        "c_decimal": "decimal",
        "c_enum": "enum",
        "c_set": "set",
        "c_varbinary": "varbinary",
        "c_varchar": "varchar",
        "id": "int"
    },
    "data": [
        {
            ...
        }
    ],
    "old": null,
}
```

The output of the official Canal is as follows:

```
{
    "id": 0,
    ...
    "isDdl": false,
    "sqlType": {
        ...
    },
    "mysqlType": {
        "c_binary": "binary(16)",
        "c_bit": "bit(64)",
        "c_char": "char(16)",
        "c_decimal": "decimal(10, 4)",
        "c_enum": "enum('a','b','c')",
        "c_set": "set('a','b','c')",
        "c_varbinary": "varbinary(16)",
        "c_varchar": "varchar(16)",
        "id": "int"
    },
    "data": [
        {
            ...
        }
    ],
    "old": null,
```

```
}
```

7.5.12.2.8 Changes in TiCDC Canal-JSON

Changes in the `Old` field of the `Delete` events

From v5.4.0, the `old` field of the `Delete` events has changed.

The following is a `Delete` event message. Before v5.4.0, the `old` field contains the same content as the "data" field. In v5.4.0 and later versions, the `old` field is set to null. You can get the deleted data by using the "data" field.

```
{
    "id": 0,
    "database": "test",
    ...
    "type": "DELETE",
    ...
    "sqlType": {
        ...
    },
    "mysqlType": {
        ...
    },
    "data": [
        {
            "c_bigint": "9223372036854775807",
            "c_int": "0",
            "c_mediumint": "8388607",
            "c_smallint": "32767",
            "c_tinyint": "0",
            "id": "2"
        }
    ],
    "old": null,
    // The following is an example before v5.4.0. The `old` field contains
        ↪ the same content as the "data" field.
    "old": [
        {
            "c_bigint": "9223372036854775807",
            "c_int": "0",
            "c_mediumint": "8388607",
            "c_smallint": "32767",
            "c_tinyint": "0",
            "id": "2"
        }
```

```
    ]
}
```

7.5.12.3 TiCDC CSV Protocol

When using a cloud storage service as the downstream sink, you can send DML events to the cloud storage service in CSV format.

7.5.12.3.1 Use CSV

The following is an example of the configuration when using the CSV protocol:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --changefeed-id="
    ↪ csv-test" --sink-uri="s3://bucket/prefix" --config changefeed.toml
```

The configuration in the `changefeed.toml` file is as follows:

```
[sink]
protocol = "csv"
terminator = "\n"

[sink.csv]
delimiter = ',' # Before v7.6.0, you can only set the delimiter to a single
    ↪ character. Starting from v7.6.0, you can set it to 1-3 characters.
    ↪ For example, `$^` or `|@|`.
quote = '"'
null = '\N'
include-commit-ts = true
output-old-value = false
```

7.5.12.3.2 Transactional constraints

- In a single CSV file, the `commit-ts` of a row is equal to or smaller than that of the subsequent row.
- The same transactions of a single table are stored in the same CSV file.
- Multiple tables of the same transaction can be stored in different CSV files.

7.5.12.3.3 Data storage path structure

For more information about the storage path structure of the data, see Storage path structure.

7.5.12.3.4 Definition of the data format

In the CSV file, each column is defined as follows:

- Column 1: The operation-type indicator, including `I`, `U`, and `D`. `I` means `INSERT`, `U` means `UPDATE`, and `D` means `DELETE`.
- Column 2: Table name.
- Column 3: Schema name.
- Column 4: The `commit-ts` of the source transaction. This column is optional.
- Column 5: The `is-update` column only exists when the value of `output-old-value` is true, which is used to identify whether the row data change comes from the UPDATE event (the value of the column is true) or the INSERT/DELETE event (the value is false).
- Column 6 to the last column: One or more columns with data changes.

Assume that table `hr.employee` is defined as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE `employee` (
  `Id` int NOT NULL,
  `LastName` varchar(20) DEFAULT NULL,
  `FirstName` varchar(30) DEFAULT NULL,
  `HireDate` date DEFAULT NULL,
  `OfficeLocation` varchar(20) DEFAULT NULL
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4;
```

When `include-commit-ts = true` and `output-old-value = false`, the DML events of this table are stored in the CSV format as follows:

```
"I","employee","hr",433305438660591626,101,"Smith","Bob","2014-06-04","New
    ↪ York"
"U","employee","hr",433305438660591627,101,"Smith","Bob","2015-10-08","Los
    ↪ Angeles"
"D","employee","hr",433305438660591629,101,"Smith","Bob","2017-03-13","
    ↪ Dallas"
"I","employee","hr",433305438660591630,102,"Alex","Alice","2017-03-14","
    ↪ Shanghai"
"U","employee","hr",433305438660591630,102,"Alex","Alice","2018-06-15","
    ↪ Beijing"
```

When `include-commit-ts = true` and `output-old-value = true`, the DML events of this table are stored in the CSV format as follows:

```
"I","employee","hr",433305438660591626,false,101,"Smith","Bob
    ↪ ","2014-06-04","New York"
"D","employee","hr",433305438660591627,true,101,"Smith","Bob","2015-10-08","
    ↪ Shanghai"
```

```
"I","employee","hr",433305438660591627,true,101,"Smith","Bob","2015-10-08","
    ↪ Los Angeles"
"D","employee","hr",433305438660591629,false,101,"Smith","Bob
    ↪ ","2017-03-13","Dallas"
"I","employee","hr",433305438660591630,false,102,"Alex","Alice
    ↪ ","2017-03-14","Shanghai"
"D","employee","hr",433305438660591630,true,102,"Alex","Alice
    ↪ ","2017-03-14","Beijing"
"I","employee","hr",433305438660591630,true,102,"Alex","Alice
    ↪ ","2018-06-15","Beijing"
```

7.5.12.3.5 Data type mapping

MySQL type	CSV type	Example	Description
`BOOLEAN/TINYINT/SMALLINT ↪ /INT/MEDIUMINT/BIGINT`	Integer	`123`	-
`FLOAT/DOUBLE`	Float	`153.123`	-
`NULL`	Null	`\N`	-
`TIMESTAMP/DATETIME`	String	`"1973-12-30 ↪ 15:30:00.123456" ↪`	Format: `yyyy-MM-dd ↪ HH:mm:ss.%06d`
`DATE`	String	`"2000-01-01"`	Format: `yyyy-MM-dd`
`TIME`	String	`"23:59:59"`	Format: `yyyy-MM-dd`
`YEAR`	Integer	`1970`	-
`VARCHAR/JSON/TINYTEXT ↪ /MEDIUMTEXT/LONGTEXT ↪ /TEXT/CHAR`	String	`"test"`	UTF-8 encoded
`VARBINARY/TINYBLOB ↪ /MEDIUMBLOB/LONGBLOB ↪ /BLOB/BINARY`	String	`"6Zi/5pav"` or `"e998bfe696af"`	Base64 or hex encoded
`BIT`	Integer	`81`	-
`DECIMAL`	String	`"129012.1230000" ↪`	-
`ENUM`	String	`"a"`	-
`SET`	String	`"a,b"`	-
`TiDBVectorFloat32`	String	`"[1.23, -0.4]"`	-

7.5.12.4 TiCDC Debezium Protocol

Debezium is a tool for capturing database changes. It converts each captured database change into a message called an "event" and sends these events to Kafka. Starting from v8.0.0, TiCDC supports sending TiDB changes to Kafka using a Debezium style output

format, simplifying migration from MySQL databases for users who had previously been using Debezium's MySQL integration.

7.5.12.4.1 Use the Debezium message format

When you use Kafka as the downstream sink, specify the `protocol` field as `debezium` in `sink-uri` configuration. Then TiCDC encapsulates the Debezium messages based on the events and sends TiDB data change events to the downstream.

Currently, the Debezium protocol only supports Row Changed events and directly ignores DDL events and WATERMARK events. A Row changed event represents a data change in a row. When a row changes, the Row Changed event is sent, including relevant information about the row both before and after the change. A WATERMARK event marks the replication progress of a table, indicating that all events earlier than the watermark have been sent to the downstream.

The configuration example for using the Debezium message format is as follows:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --changefeed-id="
    ↪ kafka-debezium" --sink-uri="kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?kafka-
    ↪ version=2.4.0&protocol=debezium"
```

The Debezium output format contains the schema information of the current row so that downstream consumers can better understand the data structure of the current row. For scenarios where schema information is unnecessary, you can also disable the schema output by setting the `debezium-disable-schema` parameter to `true` in the changefeed configuration file or `sink-uri`.

In addition, the original Debezium format does not include important fields such as the unique transaction identifier of the `CommitTS` in TiDB. To ensure data integrity, TiCDC adds two fields, `CommitTs` and `ClusterID`, to the Debezium format to identify the relevant information of TiDB data changes.

7.5.12.4.2 Message format definition

This section describes the format definition of the DML event output in the Debezium format.

DML event

TiCDC encodes a DML event into a Kafka message, with both the key and value encoded in the Debezium format.

Key format

```
{
    "payload": {
        "a": 4
    },
    "schema": {
```

```
        "fields": [
            {
                "field": "a",
                "optional": true,
                "type": "int32"
            }
        ],
        "name": "default.test.t2.Key",
        "optional": false,
        "type": "struct"
    }
}
```

The fields in the key only include primary key or unique index columns. The fields are explained as follows:

Field	Type	Description
`payload`	JSON	The information about primary key or unique index columns. The key and value in each field represent the column name and its current value, respectively.
`schema.` ↪ `fields`	JSON	The type information of each field in the payload, including the schema information of the row data before and after the change.
`schema.name`	String	The name of the schema, in the `"{cluster-name}.{schema-name}.{table-name}.Key"` format.
`schema.` ↪ `optional`	Boolean	Indicates whether the field is optional. When it is `true`, the field is optional.
`schema.type`	String	The data type of the field.

Value format

```
{
    "payload":{
        "ts_ms":1707103832957,
        "transaction":null,
        "op":"c",
        "before":null,
        "after":{
            "a":4,
            "b":2
        },
        "source":{
            "version":"2.4.0.Final",
```

```
        "connector":"TiCDC",
        "name":"default",
        "ts_ms":1707103832263,
        "snapshot":"false",
        "db":"test",
        "table":"t2",
        "server_id":0,
        "gtid":null,
        "file":"",
        "pos":0,
        "row":0,
        "thread":0,
        "query":null,
        "commit_ts":447507027004751877,
        "cluster_id":"default"
    }
},
"schema":{
    "type":"struct",
    "optional":false,
    "name":"default.test.t2.Envelope",
    "version":1,
    "fields":{
        {
            "type":"struct",
            "optional":true,
            "name":"default.test.t2.Value",
            "field":"before",
            "fields":[
                {
                    "type":"int32",
                    "optional":false,
                    "field":"a"
                },
                {
                    "type":"int32",
                    "optional":true,
                    "field":"b"
                }
            ]
        },
        {
            "type":"struct",
            "optional":true,
            "name":"default.test.t2.Value",
```

```
                "field":"after",
                "fields":[
                    {
                        "type":"int32",
                        "optional":false,
                        "field":"a"
                    },
                    {
                        "type":"int32",
                        "optional":true,
                        "field":"b"
                    }
                ]
            },
            {
                "type":"string",
                "optional":false,
                "field":"op"
            },
            ...
        }
    }
}
```

The key fields of the preceding JSON data are explained as follows:

Field	Type	Description
payload.op	String	The type of the change event. `"c"` indicates an `INSERT` event, `"u"` indicates an `UPDATE` event, and `"d"` indicates a `DELETE` event.
payload.ts_ms	Number	The timestamp (in milliseconds) when TiCDC generates this message.
payload.before	JSON	The data value before the change event of a statement. For `"c"` events, the value of the `before` field is `null`.
payload.after	JSON	The data value after the change event of a statement. For `"d"` events, the value of the `after` field is `null`.
payload.source.commit_ts	Number	The `CommitTs` identifier when TiCDC generates this message.
payload.source.db	String	The name of the database where the event occurs.
payload.source.table	String	The name of the table where the event occurs.
schema.fields	JSON	The type information of each field in the payload, including the schema information of the row data before and after the change.

Field	Type	Description
schema.name	String	The name of the schema, in the `"{cluster-name}.{schema-name}.{table-name}.Envelope"` format.
schema.optional	Boolean	Indicates whether the field is optional. When it is `true`, the field is optional.
schema.type	String	The data type of the field.

Data type mapping

The data format mapping in the TiCDC Debezium message basically follows the Debezium data type mapping rules, which is generally consistent with the native message of the Debezium Connector for MySQL. However, for some data types, the following differences exist between TiCDC Debezium and Debezium Connector messages:

- Currently, TiDB does not support spatial data types, including GEOMETRY, LINESTRING, POLYGON, MULTIPOINT, MULTILINESTRING, MULTIPOLYGON, and GEOMETRYCOLLECTION.
- For string-like data types, including Varchar, String, VarString, TinyBlob, MediumBlob, BLOB, and LongBlob, when the column has the BINARY flag, TiCDC encodes it as a String type after encoding it in Base64; when the column does not have the BINARY flag, TiCDC encodes it directly as a String type. The native Debezium Connector encodes it in different ways according to `binary.handling.mode`.
- For the Decimal data type, including `DECIMAL` and `NUMERIC`, TiCDC uses the float64 type to represent it. The native Debezium Connector encodes it in float32 or float64 according to the different precision of the data type.

7.5.12.5 TiCDC Open Protocol

TiCDC Open Protocol is a row-level data change notification protocol that provides data sources for monitoring, caching, full-text indexing, analysis engines, and primary-secondary replication between different databases. TiCDC complies with TiCDC Open Protocol and replicates data changes of TiDB to third-party data medium such as MQ (Message Queue).

TiCDC Open Protocol uses Event as the basic unit to replicate data change events to the downstream. The Event is divided into three categories:

- Row Changed Event: Represents the data change in a row. When a row is changed, this Event is sent and contains information about the changed row.
- DDL Event: Represents the DDL change. This Event is sent after a DDL statement is successfully executed in the upstream. The DDL Event is broadcasted to every MQ Partition.
- Resolved Event: Represents a special time point before which the Event received is complete.

7.5.12.5.1 Restrictions

- In most cases, the Row Changed Event of a version is sent only once, but in special situations such as node failure and network partition, the Row Changed Event of the same version might be sent multiple times.
- On the same table, the Row Changed Events of each version which is first sent are incremented in the order of timestamps (TS) in the Event stream.
- Resolved Events are periodically broadcasted to each MQ Partition. The Resolved Event means that any Event with a TS earlier than Resolved Event TS has been sent to the downstream.
- DDL Events are broadcasted to each MQ Partition.
- Multiple Row Changed Events of a row are sent to the same MQ Partition.

7.5.12.5.2 Message format

A Message contains one or more Events, arranged in the following format:

Key:

Offset(Byte)	0~7	8~15	16~(15+length1)	...	...
Parameter	Protocol version	Length1	Event Key1	LengthN	Event KeyN

Value:

Offset(Byte)	0~7	8~(7+length1)	...	...
Parameter	Length1	Event Value1	LengthN	Event ValueN

- `LengthN` represents the length of the `N`th key/value.
- The length and protocol version are the big-endian `int64` type.
- The version of the current protocol is `1`.

7.5.12.5.3 Event format

This section introduces the formats of Row Changed Event, DDL Event, and Resolved Event.

Row Changed Event

- **Key:**

```
{
    "ts":<TS>,
    "scm":<Schema Name>,
    "tbl":<Table Name>,
    "t":1
```

```
}
```

Parameter	Type	Description
TS	Number	The timestamp of the transaction that causes the row change.
Schema Name	String	The name of the schema where the row is in.
Table Name	String	The name of the table where the row is in.

- **Value:**

  `Insert` event. The newly added row data is output.

```
{
    "u":{
        <Column Name>:{
            "t":<Column Type>,
            "h":<Where Handle>,
            "f":<Flag>,
            "v":<Column Value>
        },
        <Column Name>:{
            "t":<Column Type>,
            "h":<Where Handle>,
            "f":<Flag>,
            "v":<Column Value>
        }
    }
}
```

  `Update` event. The newly added row data ("u") and the row data before the update ("p") are output.

```
{
    "u":{
        <Column Name>:{
            "t":<Column Type>,
            "h":<Where Handle>,
            "f":<Flag>,
            "v":<Column Value>
        },
        <Column Name>:{
            "t":<Column Type>,
            "h":<Where Handle>,
            "f":<Flag>,
            "v":<Column Value>
        }
```

```
    },
    "p":{
        <Column Name>:{
            "t":<Column Type>,
            "h":<Where Handle>,
            "f":<Flag>,
            "v":<Column Value>
        },
        <Column Name>:{
            "t":<Column Type>,
            "h":<Where Handle>,
            "f":<Flag>,
            "v":<Column Value>
        }
    }
}
```

`Delete` event. The deleted row data is output.

```
{
    "d":{
        <Column Name>:{
            "t":<Column Type>,
            "h":<Where Handle>,
            "f":<Flag>,
            "v":<Column Value>
        },
        <Column Name>:{
            "t":<Column Type>,
            "h":<Where Handle>,
            "f":<Flag>,
            "v":<Column Value>
        }
    }
}
```

Parameter	Type	Description
Column Name	String	The column name.
Column Type	Number	The column type. For details, see Column Type Code.

Parameter	Type	Description
Where Handle	Boolean	Determines whether this column can be the filter condition of the `Where` clause. When this column is unique on the table, `Where Handle` is `true`.
Flag	Number	The bit flags of columns. For details, see Bit flags of columns.
Column Value	Any	The Column value.

DDL Event

- **Key:**

```
{
    "ts":<TS>,
    "scm":<Schema Name>,
    "tbl":<Table Name>,
    "t":2
}
```

Parameter	Type	Description
TS	Number	The timestamp of the transaction that performs the DDL change.
Schema Name	String	The schema name of the DDL change, which might be an empty string.
Table Name	String	The table name of the DDL change, which might be am empty string.

- **Value:**

```
{
    "q":<DDL Query>,
    "t":<DDL Type>
}
```

Parameter	Type	Description
DDL Query	String	DDL Query SQL
DDL Type	String	The DDL type. For details, see DDL Type Code.

Resolved Event

- **Key:**

```
{
    "ts":<TS>,
    "t":3
}
```

Parameter	Type	Description
TS	Number	The Resolved timestamp. Any TS earlier than this Event has been sent.

- **Value:** None

7.5.12.5.4 Examples of the Event stream output

This section shows and displays the output logs of the Event stream.

Suppose that you execute the following SQL statement in the upstream and the MQ Partition number is 2:

```
CREATE TABLE test.t1(id int primary key, val varchar(16));
```

From the following Log 1 and Log 3, you can see that the DDL Event is broadcasted to all MQ Partitions, and that the Resolved Event is periodically broadcasted to each MQ Partition.

```
1. [partition=0] [key="{\"ts\":415508856908021766,\"scm\":\"test\",\"tbl
   ↪ \":\"t1\",\"t\":2}"] [value="{\"q\":\"CREATE TABLE test.t1(id int
   ↪ primary key, val varchar(16))\",\"t\":3}"]
2. [partition=0] [key="{\"ts\":415508856908021766,\"t\":3}"] [value=]
3. [partition=1] [key="{\"ts\":415508856908021766,\"scm\":\"test\",\"tbl
   ↪ \":\"t1\",\"t\":2}"] [value="{\"q\":\"CREATE TABLE test.t1(id int
   ↪ primary key, val varchar(16))\",\"t\":3}"]
4. [partition=1] [key="{\"ts\":415508856908021766,\"t\":3}"] [value=]
```

Execute the following SQL statements in the upstream:

```
BEGIN;
INSERT INTO test.t1(id, val) VALUES (1, 'aa');
INSERT INTO test.t1(id, val) VALUES (2, 'aa');
```

```
UPDATE test.t1 SET val = 'bb' WHERE id = 2;
INSERT INTO test.t1(id, val) VALUES (3, 'cc');
COMMIT;
```

- From the following Log 5 and Log 6, you can see that Row Changed Events on the same table might be sent to different partitions based on the primary key, but changes to the same row are sent to the same partition so that the downstream can easily process the Event concurrently.
- From Log 6, multiple changes to the same row in a transaction are only sent in one Row Changed Event.
- Log 8 is a repeated event of Log 7. Row Changed Event might be repeated, but the first Event of each version is sent orderly.

```
5. [partition=0] [key="{\"ts\":415508878783938562,\"scm\":\"test\",\"tbl
   ↪ \":\"t1\",\"t\":1}"] [value="{\"u\":{\"id\":{\"t\":3,\"h\":true,\"v
   ↪ \":1},\"val\":{\"t\":15,\"v\":\"aa\"}}}"]
6. [partition=1] [key="{\"ts\":415508878783938562,\"scm\":\"test\",\"tbl
   ↪ \":\"t1\",\"t\":1}"] [value="{\"u\":{\"id\":{\"t\":3,\"h\":true,\"v
   ↪ \":2},\"val\":{\"t\":15,\"v\":\"bb\"}}}"]
7. [partition=0] [key="{\"ts\":415508878783938562,\"scm\":\"test\",\"tbl
   ↪ \":\"t1\",\"t\":1}"] [value="{\"u\":{\"id\":{\"t\":3,\"h\":true,\"v
   ↪ \":3},\"val\":{\"t\":15,\"v\":\"cc\"}}}"]
8. [partition=0] [key="{\"ts\":415508878783938562,\"scm\":\"test\",\"tbl
   ↪ \":\"t1\",\"t\":1}"] [value="{\"u\":{\"id\":{\"t\":3,\"h\":true,\"v
   ↪ \":3},\"val\":{\"t\":15,\"v\":\"cc\"}}}"]
```

Execute the following SQL statements in the upstream:

```
BEGIN;
DELETE FROM test.t1 WHERE id = 1;
UPDATE test.t1 SET val = 'dd' WHERE id = 3;
UPDATE test.t1 SET id = 4, val = 'ee' WHERE id = 2;
COMMIT;
```

- Log 9 is the Row Changed Event of the `Delete` type. This type of Event only contains primary key columns or unique index columns.
- Log 13 and Log 14 are Resolved Events. The Resolved Event means that in this Partition, any events smaller than the Resolved TS (including Row Changed Event and DDL Event) have been sent.

```
9. [partition=0] [key="{\"ts\":415508881418485761,\"scm\":\"test\",\"tbl
   ↪ \":\"t1\",\"t\":1}"] [value="{\"d\":{\"id\":{\"t\":3,\"h\":true,\"v
   ↪ \":1}}}"]
```

```
10. [partition=1] [key="{\"ts\":415508881418485761,\"scm\":\"test\",\"tbl
    ↪ \":\"t1\",\"t\":1}"] [value="{\"d\":{\"id\":{\"t\":3,\"h\":true,\"v
    ↪ \":2}}}"]
11. [partition=0] [key="{\"ts\":415508881418485761,\"scm\":\"test\",\"tbl
    ↪ \":\"t1\",\"t\":1}"] [value="{\"u\":{\"id\":{\"t\":3,\"h\":true,\"v
    ↪ \":3},\"val\":{\"t\":15,\"v\":\"ZGQ=\"}}}"]
12. [partition=0] [key="{\"ts\":415508881418485761,\"scm\":\"test\",\"tbl
    ↪ \":\"t1\",\"t\":1}"] [value="{\"u\":{\"id\":{\"t\":3,\"h\":true,\"v
    ↪ \":4},\"val\":{\"t\":15,\"v\":\"ZWU=\"}}}"]
13. [partition=0] [key="{\"ts\":415508881038376963,\"t\":3}"] [value=]
14. [partition=1] [key="{\"ts\":415508881038376963,\"t\":3}"] [value=]
```

7.5.12.5.5 Protocol parsing for consumers

Currently, TiCDC does not provide the standard parsing library for TiCDC Open Protocol, but the Golang version and Java version of parsing examples are provided. You can refer to the data format provided in this document and the following examples to implement the protocol parsing for consumers.

- Golang examples
- Java examples

7.5.12.5.6 Column type code

`Column Type Code` represents the column data type of the Row Changed Event.

Type	Code	Output Example	Description
TINYINT/BOOLEAN	1	{“t”:1,“v”:1}	
SMALLINT	2	{“t”:2,“v”:1}	
INT	3	{“t”:3,“v”:123}	
FLOAT	4	{“t”:4,“v”:153.123}	
DOUBLE	5	{“t”:5,“v”:153.123}	
NULL	6	{“t”:6,“v”:null}	
TIMESTAMP	7	{“t”:7,“v”:“1973-12-30 15:30:00”}	
BIGINT	8	{“t”:8,“v”:123}	
MEDIUMINT	9	{“t”:9,“v”:123}	
DATE	10/14	{“t”:10,“v”:“2000-01-01”}	
TIME	11	{“t”:11,“v”:“23:59:59”}	

Type	Code	Output Example	Description
DATETIME	12	{“t”:12,“v”:“2015-12-20 23:58:58”}	
YEAR	13	{“t”:13,“v”:1970}	
VARCHAR/VARBINARY	15/253	{“t”:15,“v”:“test”} / {“t”:15,“v”:“\\x89PNG\\r\\n\\x1a\\n”}	The value is encoded in UTF-8. When the upstream type is VARBINARY, invisible characters are escaped.
BIT	16	{“t”:16,“v”:81}	
JSON	245	{“t”:245,“v”:“{\”key1\“:\”value1\“}”}	
DECIMAL	246	{“t”:246,“v”:“129012.1230000”}	
ENUM	247	{“t”:247,“v”:1}	
SET	248	{“t”:248,“v”:3}	
TINYTEXT/TINYBLOB	249	{“t”:249,“v”:“5rWL6K+V4dA==”}	The value is encoded in Base64.

Type	Code	Output Example	Description
MEDIUMTEXT/MEDIUMBLOB	250	{“t”:250,“v”:“5rWL6K+VTGV4dA==”}	The value is encoded in Base64.
LONGTEXT/LONGBLOB	251	{“t”:251,“v”:“5rWL6K+VTGV4dA==”}	The value is encoded in Base64.
TEXT/BLOB	252	{“t”:252,“v”:“5rWL6K+VTGV4dA==”}	The value is encoded in Base64.

Type	Code	Output Example	Description
CHAR/BINARY	254	{“t”:254,“v”:“test”} / {“t”:254,“v”:“\\x89PNG\\r\\n\\x1a\\n”}	The value is encoded in UTF-8. When the upstream type is BINARY, invisible characters are escaped.
TiDBVectorFloat32	225	{“t”:225,“v”:“[1.23, -0.4]”}	
GEOMETRY	255		Unsupported

7.5.12.5.7 DDL Type Code

`DDL Type Code` represents the DDL statement type of the DDL Event.

Type	Code
Create Schema	1
Drop Schema	2
Create Table	3
Drop Table	4
Add Column	5
Drop Column	6
Add Index	7

Type	Code
Drop Index	8
Add Foreign Key	9
Drop Foreign Key	10
Truncate Table	11
Modify Column	12
Rebase Auto ID	13
Rename Table	14
Set Default Value	15
Shard RowID	16
Modify Table Comment	17
Rename Index	18
Add Table Partition	19
Drop Table Partition	20
Create View	21
Modify Table Charset And Collate	22
Truncate Table Partition	23
Drop View	24
Recover Table	25
Modify Schema Charset And Collate	26
Lock Table	27
Unlock Table	28
Repair Table	29
Set TiFlash Replica	30
Update TiFlash Replica Status	31
Add Primary Key	32
Drop Primary Key	33
Create Sequence	34
Alter Sequence	35
Drop Sequence	36

7.5.12.5.8 Bit flags of columns

The bit flags represent specific attributes of columns.

Bit	Value	Name	Description
1	0x01	BinaryFlag	Whether the column is a binary-encoded column.
2	0x02	HandleKeyFlag	Whether the column is a Handle index column.
3	0x04	GeneratedColumnFlag	Whether the column is a generated column.
4	0x08	PrimaryKeyFlag	Whether the column is a primary key column.
5	0x10	UniqueKeyFlag	Whether the column is a unique index column.
6	0x20	MultipleKeyFlag	Whether the column is a composite index column.
7	0x40	NullableFlag	Whether the column is a nullable column.
8	0x80	UnsignedFlag	Whether the column is an unsigned column.

Example:

If the value of a column flag is `85`, the column is a nullable column, a unique index column, a generated column, and a binary-encoded column.

```
85 == 0b_101_0101
   == NullableFlag | UniqueKeyFlag | GeneratedColumnFlag | BinaryFlag
```

If the value of a column is `46`, the column is a composite index column, a primary key column, a generated column, and a Handle key column.

```
46 == 0b_010_1110
   == MultipleKeyFlag | PrimaryKeyFlag | GeneratedColumnFlag | HandleKeyFlag
```

Note:

- `BinaryFlag` is meaningful only when the column type is BLOB/TEXT (including TINYBLOB/TINYTEXT and BINARY/CHAR). When the upstream column is the BLOB type, the `BinaryFlag` value is set to `1`. When the upstream column is the TEXT type, the `BinaryFlag` value is set to `0`.
- To replicate a table from the upstream, TiCDC selects a valid index as the Handle index. The `HandleKeyFlag` value of the Handle index column is set to `1`.

7.5.12.6 TiCDC Simple Protocol

Starting from v8.0.0, TiCDC supports the Simple protocol. This document describes how to use the TiCDC Simple protocol and the data format implementation.

7.5.12.6.1 Use the TiCDC Simple protocol

When you use Kafka as the downstream, specify `protocol` as `"simple"` in the changefeed configuration. Then TiCDC encodes each row change or DDL event as a message, and sends the data change event to the downstream.

The configuration example for using the Simple protocol is as follows:

`sink-uri` configuration:

```
--sink-uri = "kafka://127.0.0.1:9092/topic-name?kafka-version=2.4.0"
```

Changefeed configuration:

```
[sink]
protocol = "simple"

#### The following configuration parameters control the sending behavior of
   ↪ bootstrap messages.
#### send-bootstrap-interval-in-sec controls the time interval for sending
   ↪ bootstrap messages, in seconds.
#### The default value is 120 seconds, which means that a bootstrap message
   ↪ is sent every 120 seconds for each table.
send-bootstrap-interval-in-sec = 120

#### send-bootstrap-in-msg-count controls the message interval for sending
   ↪ bootstrap, in message count.
#### The default value is 10000, which means that a bootstrap message is
   ↪ sent every 10000 row changed messages for each table.
send-bootstrap-in-msg-count = 10000
#### Note: If you want to disable the sending of bootstrap messages, set
   ↪ both send-bootstrap-interval-in-sec and send-bootstrap-in-msg-count
   ↪ to 0.

#### send-bootstrap-to-all-partition controls whether to send bootstrap
   ↪ messages to all partitions.
#### The default value is true, which means that bootstrap messages are sent
   ↪  to all partitions of the corresponding table topic.
#### Setting it to false means bootstrap messages are sent to only the first
   ↪  partition of the corresponding table topic.
send-bootstrap-to-all-partition = true

[sink.kafka-config.codec-config]
#### encoding-format controls the encoding format of the Simple protocol
   ↪ messages. Currently, the Simple protocol message supports "json" and
   ↪ "avro" encoding formats.
#### The default value is "json".
encoding-format = "json"
```

7.5.12.6.2 Message types

The TiCDC Simple protocol has the following message types.

DDL:

- `CREATE`: the creating table event.
- `RENAME`: the renaming table event.
- `CINDEX`: the creating index event.

- `DINDEX`: the deleting index event.
- `ERASE`: the deleting table event.
- `TRUNCATE`: the truncating table event.
- `ALTER`: the altering table event, including adding columns, dropping columns, modifying column types, and other `ALTER TABLE` statements supported by TiCDC.
- `QUERY`: other DDL events.

DML:

- `INSERT`: the inserting event.
- `UPDATE`: the updating event.
- `DELETE`: the deleting event.

Other:

- `WATERMARK`: containing a TSO (that is, a 64-bit timestamp) of the upstream TiDB cluster, which marks the table replication progress. All events earlier than the watermark have been sent to the downstream.
- `BOOTSTRAP`: containing the schema information of a table, used to build the table schema for the downstream.

7.5.12.6.3 Message format

In the Simple protocol, each message contains only one event. The Simple protocol supports encoding messages in JSON and Avro formats. This document uses JSON format as an example. For Avro format messages, their fields and meanings are the same as those in JSON format messages, but the encoding format is different. For details about the Avro format, see Simple Protocol Avro Schema.

DDL

TiCDC encodes a DDL event in the following JSON format:

```
{
   "version":1,
   "type":"ALTER",
   "sql":"ALTER TABLE `user` ADD COLUMN `createTime` TIMESTAMP",
   "commitTs":447987408682614795,
   "buildTs":1708936343598,
   "tableSchema":{
      "schema":"simple",
      "table":"user",
      "tableID":148,
      "version":447987408682614791,
      "columns":[
         {
```

```
      "name":"id",
      "dataType":{
         "mysqlType":"int",
         "charset":"binary",
         "collate":"binary",
         "length":11
      },
      "nullable":false,
      "default":null
   },
   {
      "name":"name",
      "dataType":{
         "mysqlType":"varchar",
         "charset":"utf8mb4",
         "collate":"utf8mb4_bin",
         "length":255
      },
      "nullable":true,
      "default":null
   },
   {
      "name":"age",
      "dataType":{
         "mysqlType":"int",
         "charset":"binary",
         "collate":"binary",
         "length":11
      },
      "nullable":true,
      "default":null
   },
   {
      "name":"score",
      "dataType":{
         "mysqlType":"float",
         "charset":"binary",
         "collate":"binary",
         "length":12
      },
      "nullable":true,
      "default":null
   },
   {
      "name":"createTime",
```

```
            "dataType":{
               "mysqlType":"timestamp",
               "charset":"binary",
               "collate":"binary",
               "length":19
            },
            "nullable":true,
            "default":null
         }
      ],
      "indexes":[
         {
            "name":"primary",
            "unique":true,
            "primary":true,
            "nullable":false,
            "columns":[
               "id"
            ]
         }
      ]
   },
   "preTableSchema":{
      "schema":"simple",
      "table":"user",
      "tableID":148,
      "version":447984074911121426,
      "columns":[
         {
            "name":"id",
            "dataType":{
               "mysqlType":"int",
               "charset":"binary",
               "collate":"binary",
               "length":11
            },
            "nullable":false,
            "default":null
         },
         {
            "name":"name",
            "dataType":{
               "mysqlType":"varchar",
               "charset":"utf8mb4",
               "collate":"utf8mb4_bin",
```

```
            "length":255
         },
         "nullable":true,
         "default":null
      },
      {
         "name":"age",
         "dataType":{
            "mysqlType":"int",
            "charset":"binary",
            "collate":"binary",
            "length":11
         },
         "nullable":true,
         "default":null
      },
      {
         "name":"score",
         "dataType":{
            "mysqlType":"float",
            "charset":"binary",
            "collate":"binary",
            "length":12
         },
         "nullable":true,
         "default":null
      }
   ],
   "indexes":[
      {
         "name":"primary",
         "unique":true,
         "primary":true,
         "nullable":false,
         "columns":[
            "id"
         ]
      }
   ]
  }
}
```

The fields in the preceding JSON data are explained as follows:

Field	Type	Description
`version`	Number	The version number of the protocol, which is currently `1`.
`type`	String	The DDL event type, including `CREATE`, `RENAME`, `CINDEX`, `DINDEX`, `ERASE`, `TRUNCATE`, `ALTER`, and `QUERY`.
`sql`	String	The DDL statement.
`commitTs`	Number	The commit timestamp when the DDL statement execution is completed in the upstream.
`buildTs`	Number	The UNIX timestamp when the message is successfully encoded within TiCDC.
`tableSchema`	Object	The current schema information of the table. For more information, see TableSchema definition.
`preTableSchema` ↪	Object	The schema information of the table before the DDL statement is executed. All DDL events, except the `CREATE` type of DDL event, have this field.

DML

INSERT

TiCDC encodes an `INSERT` event in the following JSON format:

```
{
   "version":1,
   "database":"simple",
   "table":"user",
   "tableID":148,
   "type":"INSERT",
   "commitTs":447984084414103554,
   "buildTs":1708923662983,
   "schemaVersion":447984074911121426,
   "data":{
      "age":"25",
      "id":"1",
      "name":"John Doe",
      "score":"90.5"
   }
}
```

The fields in the preceding JSON data are explained as follows:

Field	Type	Description
`version`	Number	The version number of the protocol, which is currently `1`.
`database`	String	The name of the database.
`table`	String	The name of the table.
`tableID`	Number	The ID of the table.

Field	Type	Description
`type`	String	The DML event type, including `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE`.
`commitTs`	Number	The commit timestamp when the DML statement execution is completed in the upstream.
`buildTs`	Number	The UNIX timestamp when the message is successfully encoded within TiCDC.
`schemaVersion` ↪	Number	The schema version number of the table when the DML message is encoded.
`data`	Object	The inserted data, where the field name is the column name and the field value is the column value.

The `INSERT` event contains the `data` field, and does not contain the `old` field.

UPDATE

TiCDC encodes an `UPDATE` event in the following JSON format:

```
{
   "version":1,
   "database":"simple",
   "table":"user",
   "tableID":148,
   "type":"UPDATE",
   "commitTs":447984099186180098,
   "buildTs":1708923719184,
   "schemaVersion":447984074911121426,
   "data":{
      "age":"25",
      "id":"1",
      "name":"John Doe",
      "score":"95"
   },
   "old":{
      "age":"25",
      "id":"1",
      "name":"John Doe",
      "score":"90.5"
   }
}
```

The fields in the preceding JSON data are explained as follows:

Field	Type	Description
`version`	Number	The version number of the protocol, which is currently `1`.

Field	Type	Description
`database`	String	The name of the database.
`table`	String	The name of the table.
`tableID`	Number	The ID of the table.
`type`	String	The DML event type, including `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE`.
`commitTs`	Number	The commit timestamp when the DML statement execution is completed in the upstream.
`buildTs`	Number	The UNIX timestamp when the message is successfully encoded within TiCDC.
`schemaVersion` ↪	Number	The schema version number of the table when the DML message is encoded.
`data`	Object	The data after updating, where the field name is the column name and the field value is the column value.
`old`	Object	The data before updating, where the field name is the column name and the field value is the column value.

The `UPDATE` event contains both the `data` and `old` fields, which represent the data after and before updating respectively.

DELETE

TiCDC encodes a `DELETE` event in the following JSON format:

```
{
   "version":1,
   "database":"simple",
   "table":"user",
   "tableID":148,
   "type":"DELETE",
   "commitTs":447984114259722243,
   "buildTs":1708923776484,
   "schemaVersion":447984074911121426,
   "old":{
      "age":"25",
      "id":"1",
      "name":"John Doe",
      "score":"95"
   }
}
```

The fields in the preceding JSON data are explained as follows:

Field	Type	Description
`version`	Number	The version number of the protocol, which is currently `1`.

Field	Type	Description
`database`	String	The name of the database.
`table`	String	The name of the table.
`tableID`	Number	The ID of the table.
`type`	String	The DML event type, including `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE`.
`commitTs`	Number	The commit timestamp when the DML statement execution is completed in the upstream.
`buildTs`	Number	The UNIX timestamp when the message is successfully encoded within TiCDC.
`schemaVersion` ↪	Number	The schema version number of the table when the DML message is encoded.
`old`	Object	The deleted data, where the field name is the column name and the field value is the column value.

The `DELETE` event contains the `old` field, and does not contain the `data` field.

WATERMARK

TiCDC encodes a `WATERMARK` event in the following JSON format:

```
{
   "version":1,
   "type":"WATERMARK",
   "commitTs":447984124732375041,
   "buildTs":1708923816911
}
```

The fields in the preceding JSON data are explained as follows:

Field	Type	Description
`version`	Number	The version number of the protocol, which is currently `1`.
`type`	String	The `WATERMARK` event type.
`commitTs`	Number	The commit timestamp of the `WATERMARK`.
`buildTs`	Number	The UNIX timestamp when the message is successfully encoded within TiCDC.

BOOTSTRAP

TiCDC encodes a `BOOTSTRAP` event in the following JSON format:

```
{
   "version":1,
   "type":"BOOTSTRAP",
   "commitTs":0,
   "buildTs":1708924603278,
```

```
"tableSchema":{
   "schema":"simple",
   "table":"new_user",
   "tableID":148,
   "version":447984074911121426,
   "columns":[
      {
         "name":"id",
         "dataType":{
            "mysqlType":"int",
            "charset":"binary",
            "collate":"binary",
            "length":11
         },
         "nullable":false,
         "default":null
      },
      {
         "name":"name",
         "dataType":{
            "mysqlType":"varchar",
            "charset":"utf8mb4",
            "collate":"utf8mb4_bin",
            "length":255
         },
         "nullable":true,
         "default":null
      },
      {
         "name":"age",
         "dataType":{
            "mysqlType":"int",
            "charset":"binary",
            "collate":"binary",
            "length":11
         },
         "nullable":true,
         "default":null
      },
      {
         "name":"score",
         "dataType":{
            "mysqlType":"float",
            "charset":"binary",
            "collate":"binary",
```

```
            "length":12
         },
         "nullable":true,
         "default":null
      }
   ],
   "indexes":[
      {
         "name":"primary",
         "unique":true,
         "primary":true,
         "nullable":false,
         "columns":[
            "id"
         ]
      }
   ]
  }
}
```

The fields in the preceding JSON data are explained as follows:

Field	Type	Description
`version`	Number	The version number of the protocol, which is currently `1`.
`type`	String	The `BOOTSTRAP` event type.
`commitTs`	Number	The `commitTs` of the `BOOTSTRAP` is `0`. Because it is generated internally by TiCDC, its `commitTs` is meaningless.
`buildTs`	Number	The UNIX timestamp when the message is successfully encoded within TiCDC.
`tableSchema`	Object	The schema information of the table. For more information, see TableSchema definition.

7.5.12.6.4 Message generation and sending rules

DDL

- Generation time: TiCDC sends a DDL event after all transactions before this DDL event have been sent.
- Destination: TiCDC sends DDL events to all partitions of the corresponding topic.

DML

- Generation time: TiCDC sends DML events in the order of the `commitTs` of the transaction.

- Destination: TiCDC sends DDL events to the corresponding partition of the corresponding topic according to the user-configured dispatch rules.

WATERMARK

- Generation time: TiCDC sends `WATERMARK` events periodically to mark the replication progress of a changefeed. The current interval is 1 second.
- Destination: TiCDC sends `WATERMARK` events to all partitions of the corresponding topic.

BOOTSTRAP

- Generation time:
  - After creating a new changefeed, before the first DML event of a table is sent, TiCDC sends a `BOOTSTRAP` event to the downstream to build the table schema.
  - Additionally, TiCDC sends `BOOTSTRAP` events periodically to allow newly joined consumers to build the table schema. The default interval is 120 seconds or every 10000 messages. You can adjust the sending interval by configuring the `send-bootstrap-interval-in-sec` and `send-bootstrap-in-msg-count` parameters in the `sink` configuration.
  - If a table does not receive any new DML messages within 30 minutes, the table is considered inactive. TiCDC stops sending `BOOTSTRAP` events for the table until new DML events are received.
- Destination: By default, TiCDC sends `BOOTSTRAP` events to all partitions of the corresponding topic. You can adjust the sending strategy by configuring the `send-bootstrap-to-all-partition` parameter in the sink configuration.

7.5.12.6.5 Message consumption methods

Because the TiCDC Simple protocol does not include the schema information of the table when sending a DML message, the downstream needs to receive the DDL or BOOTSTRAP message and cache the schema information of the table before consuming a DML message. When receiving a DML message, the downstream obtains the corresponding table schema information from the cache by searching the `table` name and `schemaVersion` fields of the DML message, and then correctly consumes the DML message.

The following describes how the downstream consumes DML messages based on DDL or BOOTSTRAP messages. According to preceding descriptions, the following information is known:

- Each DML message contains a `schemaVersion` field to mark the schema version number of the table corresponding to the DML message.
- Each DDL message contains a `tableSchema` and `preTableSchema` field to mark the schema information of the table before and after the DDL event.

- Each BOOTSTRAP message contains a `tableSchema` field to mark the schema information of the table corresponding to the BOOTSTRAP message.

The consumption methods are introduced in the following two scenarios.

Scenario 1: The consumer starts consuming from the beginning

In this scenario, the consumer starts consuming from the creation of a table, so the consumer can receive all DDL and BOOTSTRAP messages of the table. In this case, the consumer can obtain the schema information of the table through the `table` name and `schemaVersion` field of the DML message. The detailed process is as follows:

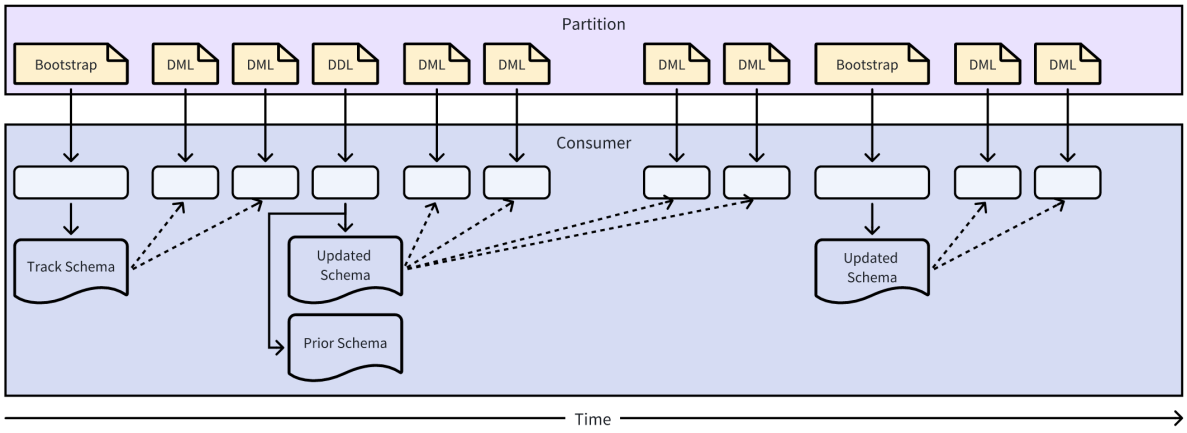


Figure 133: TiCDC Simple Protocol consumer scene 1

Scenario 2: The consumer starts consuming from the middle

When a new consumer joins the consumer group, it might start consuming from the middle, so it might miss earlier DDL and BOOTSTRAP messages of the table. In this case, the consumer might receive some DML messages before obtaining the schema information of the table. Therefore, the consumer needs to wait for a period of time until it receives the DDL or BOOTSTRAP message to obtain the schema information of the table. Because TiCDC sends BOOTSTRAP messages periodically, the consumer can always obtain the schema information of the table within a period of time. The detailed process is as follows:

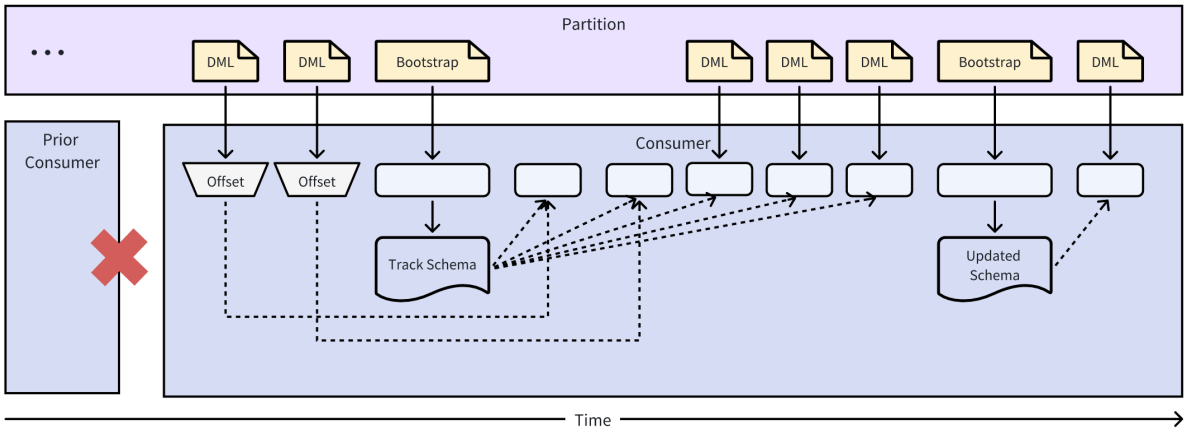


Figure 134: TiCDC Simple Protocol consumer scene 2

7.5.12.6.6 Reference

TableSchema definition

TableSchema is a JSON object that contains the schema information of the table, including the table name, table ID, table version number, column information, and index information. The JSON message format is as follows:

```
{
    "schema":"simple",
    "table":"user",
    "tableID":148,
    "version":447984074911121426,
    "columns":[
        {
        "name":"id",
        "dataType":{
            "mysqlType":"int",
            "charset":"binary",
            "collate":"binary",
            "length":11
        },
        "nullable":false,
        "default":null
        },
        {
        "name":"name",
        "dataType":{
            "mysqlType":"varchar",
            "charset":"utf8mb4",
```

```
            "collate":"utf8mb4_bin",
            "length":255
        },
        "nullable":true,
        "default":null
        },
        {
        "name":"age",
        "dataType":{
            "mysqlType":"int",
            "charset":"binary",
            "collate":"binary",
            "length":11
        },
        "nullable":true,
        "default":null
        },
        {
        "name":"score",
        "dataType":{
            "mysqlType":"float",
            "charset":"binary",
            "collate":"binary",
            "length":12
        },
        "nullable":true,
        "default":null
        }
    ],
    "indexes":[
        {
        "name":"primary",
        "unique":true,
        "primary":true,
        "nullable":false,
        "columns":[
            "id"
        ]
        }
    ]
}
```

The preceding JSON data is explained as follows:

Field	Type	Description
`schema`	String	The name of the database.
`table`	String	The name of the table.
`tableID`	Number	The ID of the table.
`version`	Number	The schema version number of the table.
`columns`	Array	The column information, including the column name, data type, whether it can be null, and the default value.
`indexes`	Array	The index information, including the index name, whether it is unique, whether it is a primary key, and the index columns.

You can uniquely identify the schema information of a table by the table name and the schema version number.

> **Note:**
>
> Due to the implementation limitations of TiDB, the schema version number of a table does not change when the `RENAME TABLE` DDL operation is executed.

Column definition

Column is a JSON object that contains the schema information of the column, including the column name, data type, whether it can be null, and the default value.

```
{
        "name":"id",
        "dataType":{
            "mysqlType":"int",
            "charset":"binary",
            "collate":"binary",
            "length":11
        },
        "nullable":false,
        "default":null
}
```

The preceding JSON data is explained as follows:

Field	Type	Description
`name`	String	The name of the column.
`dataType`	Object	The data type information, including the MySQL data type, character set, collation, and field length.
`nullable`	Boolean	Whether the column can be null.
`default`	String	The default value of the column.

Index definition

Index is a JSON object that contains the schema information of the index, including the index name, whether it is unique, whether it is a primary key, and the index column.

```
{
        "name":"primary",
        "unique":true,
        "primary":true,
        "nullable":false,
        "columns":[
            "id"
        ]
}
```

The preceding JSON data is explained as follows:

Field	Type	Description
`name`	String	The name of the index.
`unique`	Boolean	Whether the index is unique.
`primary`	Boolean	Whether the index is a primary key.
`nullable`	Boolean	Whether the index can be null.
`columns`	Array	The column names included in the index.

mysqlType reference table

The following table describes the value range of the `mysqlType` field in the TiCDC Simple protocol and its type in TiDB (Golang) and Avro (Java). When you need to parse DML messages, you can correctly parse the data according to this table and the `mysqlType` field in the DML message, depending on the protocol and language you use.

TiDB type (Golang) represents the type of the corresponding `mysqlType` when it is processed in TiDB and TiCDC (Golang). **Avro type (Java)** represents the type of the corresponding `mysqlType` when it is encoded into Avro format messages.

mysqlType	Value range	TiDB type (Golang)	Avro type
tinyint	[-128, 127]	int64	long
tinyint unsigned	[0, 255]	uint64	long
smallint	[-32768, 32767]	int64	long
smallint unsigned	[0, 65535]	uint64	long
mediumint	[-8388608, 8388607]	int64	long
mediumint unsigned	[0, 16777215]	uint64	long
int	[-2147483648, 2147483647]	int64	long
int unsigned	[0, 4294967295]	uint64	long
bigint	[-9223372036854775808, 9223372036854775807]	int64	long
bigint unsigned	[0, 9223372036854775807]	uint64	long

mysqlType	Value range	TiDB type (Golang)	Avro type
bigint unsigned	[9223372036854775808, 18446744073709551615]	uint64	string
float	/	float32	float
double	/	float64	double
decimal	/	string	string
varchar	/	[]uint8	string
char	/	[]uint8	string
varbinary	/	[]uint8	bytes
binary	/	[]uint8	bytes
tinytext	/	[]uint8	string
text	/	[]uint8	string
mediumtext	/	[]uint8	string
longtext	/	[]uint8	string
tinyblob	/	[]uint8	bytes
blob	/	[]uint8	bytes
mediumblob	/	[]uint8	bytes
longblob	/	[]uint8	bytes
date	/	string	string
datetime	/	string	string
timestamp	/	string	string
time	/	string	string
year	/	int64	long
enum	/	uint64	long
set	/	uint64	long
bit	/	uint64	long
json	/	string	string
bool	/	int64	long
TiDBVectorFloat32	/	string	string

Avro schema definition

The Simple protocol supports outputting messages in Avro format. For details about the Avro format, see Simple Protocol Avro Schema.

7.5.13 TiCDC OpenAPI v2

TiCDC provides the OpenAPI feature for querying and operating the TiCDC cluster. The OpenAPI feature is a subset of the `cdc cli` tool.

> **Note:**
>
> TiCDC OpenAPI v1 will be removed in the future. It is recommended to use TiCDC OpenAPI v2.

You can use the APIs to perform the following maintenance operations on the TiCDC cluster:

- Get the status information of a TiCDC node
- Check the health status of a TiCDC cluster
- Create a replication task
- Remove a replication task
- Update the replication configuration
- Query the replication task list
- Query a specific replication task
- Pause a replication task
- Resume a replication task
- Query the replication subtask list
- Query a specific replication subtask
- Query the TiCDC service process list
- Evict an owner node
- Dynamically adjust the log level of the TiCDC server

The request body and returned values of all APIs are in JSON format. A successful request returns a `200 OK` message. The following sections describe the specific usage of the APIs.

In the following examples, the listening IP address of the TiCDC server is `127.0.0.1` ↪ and the port is `8300`. You can specify the IP address and port bound to TiCDC via `--addr=ip:port` when starting the TiCDC server.

7.5.13.1 API error message template

After an API request is sent, if an error occurs, the returned error message is in the following format:

```
{
    "error_msg": "",
    "error_code": ""
}
```

In the above JSON output, `error_msg` describes the error message and `error_code` is the corresponding error code.

7.5.13.2 Return format of the API List interface

If an API request returns a list of resources (for example, a list of all `Captures`), the TiCDC return format is as follows:

```
{
  "total": 2,
```

```
  "items": [
    {
      "id": "d2912e63-3349-447c-90ba-wwww",
      "is_owner": true,
      "address": "127.0.0.1:8300"
    },
    {
      "id": "d2912e63-3349-447c-90ba-xxxx",
      "is_owner": false,
      "address": "127.0.0.1:8302"
    }
  ]
}
```

In the above example:

- `total`: indicates the total number of resources.
- `items`: an array that contains all the resources returned by this request. All elements of the array are of the same resource.

7.5.13.3 Get the status information of a TiCDC node

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status information of the corresponding node is returned.

7.5.13.3.1 Request URI

```
GET /api/v2/status
```

7.5.13.3.2 Example

The following request gets the status information of the TiCDC node whose IP address is `127.0.0.1` and port number is `8300`.

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/status
```

```
{
  "version": "v8.5.1",
  "git_hash": "10413bded1bdb2850aa6d7b94eb375102e9c44dc",
  "id": "d2912e63-3349-447c-90ba-72a4e04b5e9e",
  "pid": 1447,
  "is_owner": true,
  "liveness": 0
}
```

The parameters of the above output are described as follows:

- `version`: the current version number of TiCDC.
- `git_hash`: the Git hash value.
- `id`: the capture ID of the node.
- `pid`: the capture process ID (PID) of the node.
- `is_owner`: indicates whether the node is an owner.
- `liveness`: whether this node is live. `0` means normal. `1` means that the node is in the `graceful shutdown` state.

7.5.13.4 Check the health status of a TiCDC cluster

This API is a synchronous interface. If the cluster is healthy, `200 OK` is returned.

7.5.13.4.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v2/health`

7.5.13.4.2 Example

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/health
```

If the cluster is healthy, the response is `200 OK` and an empty JSON object:

```
{}
```

If the cluster is not healthy, the response is a JSON object containing the error message.

7.5.13.5 Create a replication task

This interface is used to submit a replication task to TiCDC. If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.13.5.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v2/changefeeds`

7.5.13.5.2 Parameter descriptions

```
{
  "changefeed_id": "string",
  "replica_config": {
    "bdr_mode": true,
    "case_sensitive": false,
    "check_gc_safe_point": true,
    "consistent": {
      "flush_interval": 0,
```

```
    "level": "string",
    "max_log_size": 0,
    "storage": "string"
  },
  "enable_old_value": true,
  "enable_sync_point": true,
  "filter": {
    "event_filters": [
      {
        "ignore_delete_value_expr": "string",
        "ignore_event": [
          "string"
        ],
        "ignore_insert_value_expr": "string",
        "ignore_sql": [
          "string"
        ],
        "ignore_update_new_value_expr": "string",
        "ignore_update_old_value_expr": "string",
        "matcher": [
          "string"
        ]
      }
    ],
    "ignore_txn_start_ts": [
      0
    ],
    "rules": [
      "string"
    ]
  },
  "force_replicate": true,
  "ignore_ineligible_table": true,
  "memory_quota": 0,
  "mounter": {
    "worker_num": 0
  },
  "sink": {
    "column_selectors": [
      {
        "columns": [
          "string"
        ],
        "matcher": [
          "string"
```

```
        ]
      }
    ],
    "csv": {
      "delimiter": "string",
      "include_commit_ts": true,
      "null": "string",
      "quote": "string"
    },
    "date_separator": "string",
    "dispatchers": [
      {
        "matcher": [
          "string"
        ],
        "partition": "string",
        "topic": "string"
      }
    ],
    "enable_partition_separator": true,
    "encoder_concurrency": 0,
    "protocol": "string",
    "schema_registry": "string",
    "terminator": "string",
    "transaction_atomicity": "string"
  },
  "sync_point_interval": "string",
  "sync_point_retention": "string"
 },
 "sink_uri": "string",
 "start_ts": 0,
 "target_ts": 0
}
```

The parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	`STRING` type. The ID of the replication task. (Optional)
`replica_config`	Configuration parameters for the replication task. (Optional)
`sink_uri`	`STRING` type. The downstream address of the replication task. (**Required**)
`start_ts`	`UINT64` type. Specifies the start TSO of the changefeed. The TiCDC cluster will start pulling data from this TSO. The default value is the current time. (Optional)

Parameter name	Description
`target_ts`	`UINT64` type. Specifies the target TSO of the changefeed. The TiCDC cluster stops pulling data when reaching this TSO. The default value is empty, meaning TiCDC does not stop automatically. (Optional)

The meaning and format of `changefeed_id`, `start_ts`, `target_ts`, and `sink_uri` are the same as those described in the Use `cdc cli` to create a replication task document. For the detailed description of these parameters, see that document. Note that when you specify the certificate path in `sink_uri`, make sure you have uploaded the corresponding certificate to the corresponding TiCDC server.

The descriptions of the `replica_config` parameters are as follows.

Parameter name	Description
`bdr_mode`	`BOOLEAN` type. Determines whether to enable bidirectional replication. The default value is `false`. (Optional)
`case_sensitive`	`BOOLEAN` type. Determines whether to be case-sensitive when filtering table names. Starting from v6.5.6, v7.1.3, and v7.5.0, the default value changes from `true` to `false`. (Optional)
`check_gc_safe_point`	`BOOLEAN` type. Determines whether to check that the start time of the replication task is earlier than the GC time. The default value is `true`. (Optional)
`consistent`	The configuration parameters of redo log. (Optional)
`enable_sync_point`	`BOOLEAN` type. Determines whether to enable `sync point`. (Optional)
`filter`	The configuration parameters of `filter`. (Optional)
`force_replicate`	`BOOLEAN` type. The default value is `false`. When you set it to `true`, the replication task forcibly replicates the tables without unique indexes. (Optional)

Parameter name	Description
ignore_ineligible_table	BOOLEAN type. The default value is false. When you set it to true, the replication task ignores the tables that cannot be replicated. (Optional)
memory_quota	UINT64 type. The memory quota for the replication task. (Optional)
mounter	The configuration parameters of mounter. (Optional)
sink	The configuration parameters of sink. (Optional)
sync_point_interval	STRING type. Note that the returned value is a time in nanosecond of the UINT64 type. When the sync point feature is enabled, this parameter specifies the interval at which Syncpoint aligns the upstream and downstream snapshots. The default value is 10m and the minimum value is 30s. (Optional)
sync_point_retention	STRING type. Note that the returned value is a time in nanosecond of the UINT64 type. When the sync point feature is enabled, this parameter specifies how long the data is retained by Syncpoint in the downstream table. When this duration is exceeded, the data is cleaned up. The default value is 24h. (Optional)

The consistent parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
flush_interval	UINT64 type. The interval to flush redo log files. (Optional)
level	STRING type. The consistency level of the replicated data. (Optional)
max_log_size	UINT64 type. The maximum value of redo log. (Optional)
storage	STRING type. The destination address of the storage. (Optional)
use_file_backend	BOOL type. Specifies whether to store the redo log in a local file. (Optional)
encoding_worker_num	INT type. The number of encoding and decoding workers in the redo module. (Optional)
flush_worker_num	INT type. The number of flushing workers in the redo module. (Optional)

Parameter name	Description
`compression`	`STRING` type. The behavior to compress redo log files. Available options are `""` and `"lz4"`. The default value is `""`, which means no compression. (Optional)
`flush_concurrency`	`INT` type. The concurrency for uploading a single file. The default value is `1`, which means concurrency is disabled. (Optional)

The `filter` parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`event_filters`	The configuration to filter events. (Optional)
`ignore_txn_start_ts`	`UINT64 ARRAY` type. Specifying this will ignore transactions that specify `start_ts`, such as `[1, 2]`. (Optional)
`rules`	`STRING ARRAY` type. The rules for table schema filtering, such as `['foo*.*', 'bar*.*']`. For more information, see Table Filter. (Optional)

The `filter.event_filters` parameters are described as follows. For more information, see Changefeed Log Filters.

Parameter name	Description
`ignore_delete_value_expr`	`STRING ARRAY` type. For example, `"name = 'john'"` means to filter out DELETE DML statements containing the `name = 'john'` condition. (Optional)
`ignore_event`	`STRING ARRAY` type. For example, `["insert"]` indicates that the INSERT events are filtered out. (Optional)
`ignore_insert_value_expr`	`STRING ARRAY` type. For example, `"id >= 100"` means to filter out INSERT DML statements that match the `id >= 100` condition. (Optional)
`ignore_sql`	`STRING ARRAY` type. For example, `["^drop", "add column"]` means to filter out DDL statements that start with `DROP` or contain `ADD COLUMN`. (Optional)

Parameter name	Description
`ignore_update_new_value_expr`	`STRING ARRAY` type. For example, `"gender = 'male'"` means to filter out the UPDATE DML statements with the new value `gender = 'male'`. (Optional)
`ignore_update_old_value_expr`	`STRING ARRAY` type. For example, `"age < 18"` means to filter out the UPDATE DML statements with the old value `age < 18`. (Optional)
`matcher`	`STRING ARRAY` type. It works as an allowlist. For example, `["test.worker"]` means that the filter rule applies only to the `worker` table in the `test` database. (Optional)

The `mounter` parameter is described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`worker_num`	`INT` type. The number of Mounter threads. Mounter is used to decode the data output from TiKV. The default value is `16`. (Optional)

The `sink` parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`column_selectors`	The column selector configuration. (Optional)
`csv`	The CSV configuration. (Optional)
`date_separator`	`STRING` type. Indicates the date separator type of the file directory. Value options are `none`, `year`, `month`, and `day`. `none` is the default value and means that the date is not separated. (Optional)
`dispatchers`	An configuration array for event dispatching. (Optional)
`encoder_concurrency`	`INT` type. The number of encoder threads in the MQ sink. The default value is `16`. (Optional)

Parameter name	Description
protocol	STRING type. For MQ sinks, you can specify the protocol format of the message. The following protocols are currently supported: canal-json, open-protocol, avro, debezium, and simple.
schema_registry	STRING type. The schema registry address. (Optional)
terminator	STRING type. The terminator is used to separate two data change events. The default value is null, which means "\r\n" is used as the terminator. (Optional)
transaction_atomicity	STRING type. The atomicity level of the transaction. (Optional)
only_output_updated_columns	BOOLEAN type. For MQ sinks using the canal-json or open-protocol protocol, you can specify whether only output the modified columns. The default value is false. (Optional)
cloud_storage_config	The storage sink configuration. (Optional)
open	The Open Protocol configuration. (Optional)
debezium	The Debezium Protocol configuration. (Optional)

sink.column_selectors is an array. The parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
columns	STRING ARRAY type. The column array.
matcher	STRING ARRAY type. The matcher configuration. It has the same matching syntax as the filter rule does.

The sink.csv parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`delimiter`	`STRING` type. The character used to separate fields in the CSV file. The value must be an ASCII character and defaults to `,`.
`include_commit_ts`	`BOOLEAN` type. Whether to include commit-ts in CSV rows. The default value is `false`.
`null`	`STRING` type. The character that is displayed when a CSV column is null. The default value is `\N`.
`quote`	`STRING` type. The quotation character used to surround fields in the CSV file. If the value is empty, no quotation is used. The default value is `"`.
`binary_encoding_method`	`STRING` type. The encoding method of binary data, which can be `"base64"` or `"hex"`. The default value is `"base64"`.

`sink.dispatchers`: for the sink of MQ type, you can use this parameter to configure the event dispatcher. The following dispatchers are supported: `default`, `ts`, `index-value`, and `table`. The dispatcher rules are as follows:

- `default`: dispatches events in the `table` mode.
- `ts`: uses the commitTs of the row change to create the hash value and dispatch events.
- `index-value`: uses the name and value of the selected HandleKey column to create the hash value and dispatch events.
- `table`: uses the schema name of the table and the table name to create the hash value and dispatch events.

`sink.dispatchers` is an array. The parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`matcher`	`STRING ARRAY` type. It has the same matching syntax as the filter rule does.
`partition`	`STRING` type. The target partition for dispatching events.
`topic`	`STRING` type. The target topic for dispatching events.

`sink.cloud_storage_config` parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`worker_count`	`INT` type. The concurrency for saving data changes to the downstream cloud storage.
`flush_interval`	`STRING` type. The interval for saving data changes to the downstream cloud storage.
`file_size`	`INT` type. A data change file is saved to the cloud storage when the number of bytes in this file exceeds the value of this parameter.
`file_expiration_days`	`INT` type. The duration to retain files, which takes effect only when `date-separator` is configured as `day`.
`file_cleanup_cron_spec`	`STRING` type. The running cycle of the scheduled cleanup task, compatible with the crontab configuration, with a format of `<Second> <Minute> <Hour> <Day of the month> <Month> <Day of the week (Optional)>`.
`flush_concurrency`	`INT` type. The concurrency for uploading a single file.
`output_raw_change_event`	`BOOLEAN` type. Controls whether to output the original data change event for a non-MySQL sink.

`sink.open` parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`output_old_value`	`BOOLEAN` type. It controls whether to output the value before the row data changes. The default value is `true`. When it is disabled, the UPDATE event does not output the “p” field.

`sink.debezium` parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`output_old_value`	`BOOLEAN` type. It controls whether to output the value before the row data changes. The default value is true. When it is disabled, the UPDATE event does not output the “before” field.

7.5.13.5.3 Example

The following request creates a replication task with an ID of `test5` and `sink_uri` of `blackhome://`.

```
curl -X POST -H "'Content-type':'application/json'" http://127.0.0.1:8300/
    ↪ api/v2/changefeeds -d '{"changefeed_id":"test5","sink_uri":"blackhole
    ↪ ://"}'
```

If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.13.5.4 Response body format

```
{
  "admin_job_type": 0,
  "checkpoint_time": "string",
  "checkpoint_ts": 0,
  "config": {
    "bdr_mode": true,
    "case_sensitive": false,
    "check_gc_safe_point": true,
    "consistent": {
      "flush_interval": 0,
      "level": "string",
      "max_log_size": 0,
      "storage": "string"
    },
    "enable_old_value": true,
    "enable_sync_point": true,
    "filter": {
      "event_filters": [
        {
          "ignore_delete_value_expr": "string",
          "ignore_event": [
            "string"
          ],
          "ignore_insert_value_expr": "string",
          "ignore_sql": [
            "string"
          ],
          "ignore_update_new_value_expr": "string",
          "ignore_update_old_value_expr": "string",
          "matcher": [
            "string"
          ]
```

```
      }
    ],
    "ignore_txn_start_ts": [
      0
    ],
    "rules": [
      "string"
    ]
  },
  "force_replicate": true,
  "ignore_ineligible_table": true,
  "memory_quota": 0,
  "mounter": {
    "worker_num": 0
  },
  "sink": {
    "column_selectors": [
      {
        "columns": [
          "string"
        ],
        "matcher": [
          "string"
        ]
      }
    ],
    "csv": {
      "delimiter": "string",
      "include_commit_ts": true,
      "null": "string",
      "quote": "string"
    },
    "date_separator": "string",
    "dispatchers": [
      {
        "matcher": [
          "string"
        ],
        "partition": "string",
        "topic": "string"
      }
    ],
    "enable_partition_separator": true,
    "encoder_concurrency": 0,
    "protocol": "string",
```

```
      "schema_registry": "string",
      "terminator": "string",
      "transaction_atomicity": "string"
    },
    "sync_point_interval": "string",
    "sync_point_retention": "string"
  },
  "create_time": "string",
  "creator_version": "string",
  "error": {
    "addr": "string",
    "code": "string",
    "message": "string"
  },
  "id": "string",
  "resolved_ts": 0,
  "sink_uri": "string",
  "start_ts": 0,
  "state": "string",
  "target_ts": 0,
  "task_status": [
    {
      "capture_id": "string",
      "table_ids": [
        0
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

The parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`admin_job_type`	`INTEGER` type. The admin job type.
`checkpoint_time`	`STRING` type. The formatted time of the current checkpoint for the replication task.
`checkpoint_ts`	`STRING` type. The TSO of the current checkpoint for the replication task.
`config`	The replication task configuration. The structure and meaning are the same as that of the `replica_config` configuration in creating the replication task.
`create_time`	`STRING` type. The time when the replication task is created.

Parameter name	Description
`creator_version`	`STRING` type. The TiCDC version when the replication task is created.
`error`	The replication task error.
`id`	`STRING` type. The replication task ID.
`resolved_ts`	`UINT64` type. The replication task resolved ts.
`sink_uri`	`STRING` type. The replication task sink URI.
`start_ts`	`UINT64` type. The replication task start ts.
`state`	`STRING` type. The replication task status. It can be `normal`, `stopped`, `error`, `failed`, or `finished`.
`target_ts`	`UINT64` type. The replication task target ts.
`task_status`	The detailed status of dispatching the replication task.

The `task_status` parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`capture_id`	`STRING` type. The capture ID.
`table_ids`	`UINT64 ARRAY` type. The ID of the table being replicated on this capture.

The `error` parameters are described as follows:

Parameter name	Description
`addr`	`STRING` type. The capture address.
`code`	`STRING` type. The error code.
`message`	`STRING` type. The details of the error.

7.5.13.6 Remove a replication task

This API is an idempotent interface (that is, it can be applied multiple times without changing the result beyond the initial application) for removing a replication task. If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.13.6.1 Request URI

```
DELETE /api/v2/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}
```

7.5.13.6.2 Parameter descriptions

Path parameters

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be removed.

7.5.13.6.3 Example

The following request removes the replication task with the ID `test1`.

```
curl -X DELETE http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/changefeeds/test1
```

If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.13.7 Update the replication configuration

This API is used for updating a replication task. If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

To modify the changefeed configuration, follow the steps of `pause the replication task -> modify the configuration -> resume the replication task`.

7.5.13.7.1 Request URI

`PUT /api/v2/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}`

7.5.13.7.2 Parameter descriptions

Path parameters

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be updated.

Parameters for the request body

```
{
  "replica_config": {
    "bdr_mode": true,
    "case_sensitive": false,
    "check_gc_safe_point": true,
    "consistent": {
      "flush_interval": 0,
      "level": "string",
```

```
    "max_log_size": 0,
    "storage": "string"
  },
  "enable_old_value": true,
  "enable_sync_point": true,
  "filter": {
    "event_filters": [
      {
        "ignore_delete_value_expr": "string",
        "ignore_event": [
          "string"
        ],
        "ignore_insert_value_expr": "string",
        "ignore_sql": [
          "string"
        ],
        "ignore_update_new_value_expr": "string",
        "ignore_update_old_value_expr": "string",
        "matcher": [
          "string"
        ]
      }
    ],
    "ignore_txn_start_ts": [
      0
    ],
    "rules": [
      "string"
    ]
  },
  "force_replicate": true,
  "ignore_ineligible_table": true,
  "memory_quota": 0,
  "mounter": {
    "worker_num": 0
  },
  "sink": {
    "column_selectors": [
      {
        "columns": [
          "string"
        ],
        "matcher": [
          "string"
        ]
```

```
      }
    ],
    "csv": {
      "delimiter": "string",
      "include_commit_ts": true,
      "null": "string",
      "quote": "string"
    },
    "date_separator": "string",
    "dispatchers": [
      {
        "matcher": [
          "string"
        ],
        "partition": "string",
        "topic": "string"
      }
    ],
    "enable_partition_separator": true,
    "encoder_concurrency": 0,
    "protocol": "string",
    "schema_registry": "string",
    "terminator": "string",
    "transaction_atomicity": "string"
  },
  "sync_point_interval": "string",
  "sync_point_retention": "string"
 },
 "sink_uri": "string",
 "target_ts": 0
}
```

Currently, only the following configurations can be modified via the API.

Parameter name	Description
`target_ts`	`UINT64` type. Specifies the target TSO of the changefeed. (Optional)
`sink_uri`	`STRING` type. The downstream address of the replication task. (Optional)
`replica_config`	The configuration parameters of sink. It must be complete. (Optional)

The meanings of the above parameters are the same as those in the Create a replication task section. See that section for details.

7.5.13.7.3 Example

The following request updates the `target_ts` of the replication task with the ID `test1` to 32.

```
curl -X PUT -H "'Content-type':'application/json'" http://127.0.0.1:8300/
    ↪ api/v2/changefeeds/test1 -d '{"target_ts":32}'
```

If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned. The meanings of the JSON response body are the same as those in the Create a replication task section. See that section for details.

7.5.13.8 Query the replication task list

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the basic information of all replication tasks (changefeed) in the TiCDC cluster is returned.

7.5.13.8.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v2/changefeeds`

7.5.13.8.2 Parameter descriptions

Query parameter

Parameter name	Description
`state`	When this parameter is specified, the information of replication tasks in this specified state is returned. (Optional)

The value options for `state` are `all`, `normal`, `stopped`, `error`, `failed`, and `finished`.

If this parameter is not specified, the basic information of replication tasks in the `normal`, `stopped`, or `failed` state is returned by default.

7.5.13.8.3 Example

The following request queries the basic information of all replication tasks in the `normal` state.

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/changefeeds?state=normal
```

```
{
  "total": 2,
  "items": [
    {
```

```
    "id": "test",
    "state": "normal",
    "checkpoint_tso": 439749918821711874,
    "checkpoint_time": "2023-02-27 23:46:52.888",
    "error": null
  },
  {
    "id": "test2",
    "state": "normal",
    "checkpoint_tso": 439749918821711874,
    "checkpoint_time": "2023-02-27 23:46:52.888",
    "error": null
  }
 ]
}
```

The parameters in the returned result above are described as follows:

- `id`: the ID of the replication task.
- `state`: the current state of the replication task.
- `checkpoint_tso`: the TSO of the current checkpoint of the replication task.
- `checkpoint_time`: the formatted time of the current checkpoint of the replication task.
- `error`: the error information of the replication task.

7.5.13.9 Query a specific replication task

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the detailed information of the specified replication task (changefeed) is returned.

7.5.13.9.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v2/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}`

7.5.13.9.2 Parameter description

Path parameter

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be queried.

7.5.13.9.3 Example

The following request queries the detailed information of the replication task with the

ID `test1`.

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/changefeeds/test1
```

The meanings of the JSON response body are the same as those in the Create a replication task section. See that section for details.

7.5.13.10 Query whether a specific replication task is completed

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, it returns the synchronization status of the specified replication task (changefeed), including whether the task is completed and additional details.

7.5.13.10.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v2/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}/synced`

7.5.13.10.2 Parameter description

Path parameter

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be queried.

7.5.13.10.3 Examples

The following request queries the synchronization status of the replication task with the ID `test1`.

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/changefeeds/test1/synced
```

Example 1: The synchronization is completed

```
{
  "synced": true,
  "sink_checkpoint_ts": "2023-11-30 15:14:11.015",
  "puller_resolved_ts": "2023-11-30 15:14:12.215",
  "last_synced_ts": "2023-11-30 15:08:35.510",
  "now_ts": "2023-11-30 15:14:11.511",
  "info": "Data syncing is finished"
}
```

The response includes the following fields:

- `synced`: whether this replication task is completed. `true` means the task is completed, and `false` means potential incompleteness. If it is `false`, you need to check both the `info` field and other fields for the specific status.

- `sink_checkpoint_ts`: the checkpoint-ts value of the sink module, in PD time.
- `puller_resolved_ts`: the resolved-ts value of the puller module, in PD time.
- `last_synced_ts`: the commit-ts value of the latest data processed by TiCDC, in PD time.
- `now_ts`: current PD time.
- `info`: supplementary information to assist in determining the synchronization status, especially when `synced` is `false`.

Example 2: The synchronization is not completed

```
{
  "synced": false,
  "sink_checkpoint_ts": "2023-11-30 15:26:31.519",
  "puller_resolved_ts": "2023-11-30 15:26:23.525",
  "last_synced_ts": "2023-11-30 15:24:30.115",
  "now_ts": "2023-11-30 15:26:31.511",
  "info": "The data syncing is not finished, please wait"
}
```

This example shows the response of an ongoing replication task. By checking both `synced` and `info` fields, you can learn that the replication task is not completed yet and further waiting is expected.

Example 3: The synchronization status needs further check

```
{
  "synced":false,
  "sink_checkpoint_ts":"2023-12-13 11:45:13.515",
  "puller_resolved_ts":"2023-12-13 11:45:13.525",
  "last_synced_ts":"2023-12-13 11:45:07.575",
  "now_ts":"2023-12-13 11:50:24.875",
  "info":"Please check whether PD is online and TiKV Regions are all
     ↪ available. If PD is offline or some TiKV regions are not available,
     ↪ it means that the data syncing process is complete. To check whether
     ↪  TiKV regions are all available, you can view 'TiKV-Details' > '
     ↪ Resolved-Ts' > 'Max Leader Resolved TS gap' on Grafana. If the gap
     ↪ is large, such as a few minutes, it means that some regions in TiKV
     ↪ are unavailable. Otherwise, if the gap is small and PD is online, it
     ↪  means the data syncing is incomplete, so please wait"
}
```

This API enables you to query the synchronization status even when the upstream cluster encounters disasters. In certain situations, you might not be able to directly determine whether the current data replication task of TiCDC is completed or not. In such cases, you can request this API, and then check both the `info` field in the response and the current status of the upstream cluster to determine the specific status.

In this example, `sink_checkpoint_ts` is behind `now_ts` in time, either because TiCDC is still catching up with data replication, or because the PD or TiKV has failed. If this is due to TiCDC still catching up with data replication, it means that the replication task is not completed yet. If this is due to a PD or TiKV failure, it means that the replication task is completed. Therefore, you need to check the `info` field to assist in determining the cluster status.

Example 4: Query error

```
{
  "error_msg": "[CDC:ErrPDEtcdAPIError]etcd api call error: context deadline
    ↪  exceeded",
  "error_code": "CDC:ErrPDEtcdAPIError"
}
```

In cases where PD in the upstream cluster fails for a long period of time, querying this API might return an error similar to the preceding one, which provides no information for further check. Because PD failures directly affect TiCDC data replication, when getting such errors, you can assume that TiCDC has completed the data replication as much as possible, but data loss might still occur in the downstream cluster due to PD failures.

7.5.13.11 Pause a replication task

This API pauses a replication task. If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.13.11.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v2/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}/pause`

7.5.13.11.2 Parameter description

Path parameter

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be paused.

7.5.13.11.3 Example

The following request pauses the replication task with the ID `test1`.

```
curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/changefeeds/test1/pause
```

If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.13.12 Resume a replication task

This API resumes a replication task. If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.13.12.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v2/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}/resume`

7.5.13.12.2 Parameter description

Path parameter

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be resumed.

Parameters for the request body

```
{
  "overwrite_checkpoint_ts": 0
}
```

Parameter name	Description
`overwrite_` ↪ `checkpoint_` ↪ `ts`	`UINT64` type. Reassign a checkpoint TSO when resuming a replication task (changefeed).

7.5.13.12.3 Example

The following request resumes the replication task with the ID `test1`.

```
curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/changefeeds/test1/resume -d '{}'
```

If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.13.13 Query the replication subtask list

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the basic information of all replication subtasks (`processor`) is returned.

7.5.13.13.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v2/processors`

7.5.13.13.2 Example

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/processors
```


```
{
  "total": 3,
  "items": [
    {
      "changefeed_id": "test2",
      "capture_id": "d2912e63-3349-447c-90ba-72a4e04b5e9e"
    },
    {
      "changefeed_id": "test1",
      "capture_id": "d2912e63-3349-447c-90ba-72a4e04b5e9e"
    },
    {
      "changefeed_id": "test",
      "capture_id": "d2912e63-3349-447c-90ba-72a4e04b5e9e"
    }
  ]
}
```


The parameters are described as follows:

- `changefeed_id`: the changefeed ID.
- `capture_id`: the capture ID.

7.5.13.14 Query a specific replication subtask

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the detailed information of the specified replication subtask (`processor`) is returned.

7.5.13.14.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v2/processors/{changefeed_id}/{capture_id}`

7.5.13.14.2 Parameter descriptions

Path parameters

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The changefeed ID of the replication subtask to be queried.
`capture_id`	The capture ID of the replication subtask to be queried.

7.5.13.14.3 Example

The following request queries the detailed information of a subtask whose `changefeed_id` is `test` and `capture_id` is `561c3784-77f0-4863-ad52-65a3436db6af`. A subtask can be identified by `changefeed_id` and `capture_id`.

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/processors/test/561c3784-77f0-4863-ad52-65a3436db6af
```

```
{
  "table_ids": [
    80
  ]
}
```

The parameter is described as follows:

- `table_ids`: The table ID to be replicated on this capture.

7.5.13.15 Query the TiCDC service process list

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the basic information of all replication processes (`capture`) is returned.

7.5.13.15.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v2/captures`

7.5.13.15.2 Example

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/captures
```

```
{
  "total": 1,
  "items": [
    {
      "id": "d2912e63-3349-447c-90ba-72a4e04b5e9e",
      "is_owner": true,
      "address": "127.0.0.1:8300"
    }
  ]
}
```

The parameters are described as follows:

- `id`: the capture ID.
- `is_owner`: whether the capture is the owner.
- `address`: the address of the capture.

7.5.13.16 Evict an owner node

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.13.16.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v2/owner/resign`

7.5.13.16.2 Example

The following request evicts the current owner node of TiCDC and triggers a new round of elections to generate a new owner node.

```
curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v2/owner/resign
```

If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.13.17 Dynamically adjust the log level of the TiCDC server

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned.

7.5.13.17.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v2/log`

7.5.13.17.2 Request parameter

Parameter for the request body

Parameter name	Description
`log_level`	The log level you want to set.

`log_level` supports the log levels provided by zap: “debug”, “info”, “warn”, “error”, “dpanic” , “panic”, and “fatal”.

7.5.13.17.3 Example

```
curl -X POST -H "'Content-type':'application/json'" http://127.0.0.1:8300/
    ↪ api/v2/log -d '{"log_level":"debug"}'
```

If the request is successful, `200 OK` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.14 TiCDC OpenAPI v1

> **Note**
>
> TiCDC OpenAPI v1 is deprecated and will be deleted in the future. It is recommended to use TiCDC OpenAPI v2.

TiCDC provides the OpenAPI feature for querying and operating the TiCDC cluster, which is similar to the feature of `cdc cli` tool.

You can use the APIs to perform the following maintenance operations on the TiCDC cluster:

- Get the status information of a TiCDC node
- Check the health status of a TiCDC cluster
- Create a replication task
- Remove a replication task
- Update the replication configuration
- Query the replication task list
- Query a specific replication task
- Pause a replication task
- Resume a replication task
- Query the replication subtask list
- Query a specific replication subtask
- Query the TiCDC service process list
- Evict an owner node
- Manually trigger the load balancing of all tables in a replication task
- Manually schedule a table to another node
- Dynamically adjust the log level of the TiCDC server

The request body and returned value of all APIs are in JSON format. The following sections describe the specific usage of the APIs.

In the following examples, the listening IP address of the TiCDC server is `127.0.0.1` and the port is `8300`. You can bind a specified IP and port via `--addr=ip:port` when starting the TiCDC server.

7.5.14.1 API error message template

After sending an API request, if an error occurs, the returned error message is in the following format:

```
{
    "error_msg": "",
    "error_code": ""
}
```

From the above JSON output, `error_msg` describes the error message and `error_code` is the corresponding error code.

7.5.14.2 Get the status information of a TiCDC node

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status information of the corresponding node is returned.

7.5.14.2.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v1/status`

7.5.14.2.2 Example

The following request gets the status information of the TiCDC node whose IP address is `127.0.0.1` and port number is `8300`.

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/status
```

```
{
    "version": "v5.2.0-master-dirty",
    "git_hash": "f191cd00c53fdf7a2b1c9308a355092f9bf8824e",
    "id": "c6a43c16-0717-45af-afd6-8b3e01e44f5d",
    "pid": 25432,
    "is_owner": true
}
```

The fields of the above output are described as follows:

- version: The current TiCDC version number.
- git_hash: The Git hash value.
- id: The capture ID of the node.
- pid: The capture process PID of the node.
- is_owner: Indicates whether the node is an owner.

7.5.14.3 Check the health status of a TiCDC cluster

This API is a synchronous interface. If the cluster is healthy, `200 OK` is returned.

7.5.14.3.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v1/health`

7.5.14.3.2 Example

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/health
```

7.5.14.4 Create a replication task

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.14.4.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v1/changefeeds`

7.5.14.4.2 Parameter description

Compared to the optional parameters for creating a replication task using the `cli` command, the optional parameters for creating such task using the API are not as complete. This API supports the following parameters.

Parameters for the request body

Parameter name | Description |
:———————— | :————————- ————————————- |
`changefeed_id` | `STRING` type. The ID of the replication task. (Optional) |
`start_ts` | `UINT64` type. Specifies the start TSO of the changefeed. (Optional) |
`target_ts` | `UINT64` type. Specifies the target TSO of the changefeed. (Optional) |
`sink_uri` | `STRING` type. The downstream address of the replication task. (**Required**) |
`force_replicate` | `BOOLEAN` type. Determines whether to forcibly replicate the tables without unique indexes. (Optional) |
`ignore_ineligible_table` | `BOOLEAN` type. Determines whether to ignore the tables that cannot be replicated. (Optional) |
`filter_rules` | `STRING` type array. The rules for table schema filtering. (Optional) |
`ignore_txn_start_ts` | `UINT64` type array. Ignores the transaction of a specified start_ts. (Optional) |
`mounter_worker_num` | `INT` type. The mounter thread number. (Optional) |
`sink_config` | The configuration parameters of sink. (Optional) |

The meaning and format of `changefeed_id`, `start_ts`, `target_ts`, and `sink_uri` are the same as those described in the Use `cdc cli` to create a replication task document. For the detailed description of these parameters, see this document. Note that when you specify the certificate path in `sink_uri`, make sure you have uploaded the corresponding certificate to the corresponding TiCDC server.

Some other parameters in the above table are described further as follows.

`force_replicate`: This parameter defaults to `false`. When it is specified as `true`, TiCDC tries to forcibly replicate tables that do not have a unique index.

`ignore_ineligible_table`: This parameter defaults to `false`. When it is specified as `true`, TiCDC ignores tables that cannot be replicated.

`filter_rules`: The rules for table schema filtering, such as `filter_rules = ['foo *.*','bar*.*']`. For details, see the Table Filter document.

`ignore_txn_start_ts`: When this parameter is specified, the specified start_ts is ignored. For example, `ignore-txn-start-ts = [1, 2]`.

`mounter_worker_num`: The thread number of mounter. Mounter is used to decode the data output from TiKV. The default value is `16`.

The configuration parameters of sink are as follows:

```
{
  "dispatchers":[
    {"matcher":["test1.*", "test2.*"], "dispatcher":"ts"},
    {"matcher":["test3.*", "test4.*"], "dispatcher":"index-value"}
  ],
  "protocol":"canal-json"
}
```

`dispatchers`: For the sink of MQ type, you can use dispatchers to configure the event dispatcher. Four dispatchers are supported: `default`, `ts`, `index-value`, and `table`. The dispatcher rules are as follows:

- `default`: dispatches events in the `table` mode.
- `ts`: uses the commitTs of the row change to create the hash value and dispatch events.
- `index-value`: uses the name and value of the selected HandleKey column to create the hash value and dispatch events.
- `table`: uses the schema name of the table and the table name to create the hash value and dispatch events.

`matcher`: The matching syntax of matcher is the same as the filter rule syntax.

`protocol`: For the sink of MQ type, you can specify the protocol format of the message. Currently the following protocols are supported: `canal-json`, `open-protocol`, `avro`, `debezium`, and `simple`.

7.5.14.4.3 Example

The following request creates a replication task with an ID of `test5` and a `sink_uri` of `blackhole://`.

```
curl -X POST -H "'Content-type':'application/json'" http://127.0.0.1:8300/
    ↪ api/v1/changefeeds -d '{"changefeed_id":"test5","sink_uri":"blackhole
    ↪ ://"}'
```

If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.14.5 Remove a replication task

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.14.5.1 Request URI

`DELETE /api/v1/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}`

7.5.14.5.2 Parameter description

Path parameters

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be removed.

7.5.14.5.3 Example

The following request removes the replication task with the ID `test1`.

```
curl -X DELETE http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/changefeeds/test1
```

If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.14.6 Update the replication configuration

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

To modify the changefeed configuration, follow the steps of `pause the replication task -> modify the configuration -> resume the replication task`.

7.5.14.6.1 Request URI

`PUT /api/v1/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}`

7.5.14.6.2 Parameter description

Path parameters

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be updated.

Parameters for the request body

Currently, only the following configuration can be modified via the API.

Parameter name | Description |
:—————— | :————————— ——————— |
`target_ts` | `UINT64` type. Specifies the target TSO of the changefeed. (Optional) |
`sink_uri` | `STRING` type. The downstream address of the replication task. (Optional) |
`filter_rules` | `STRING` type array. The rules for table schema filtering. (Optional) |
`ignore_txn_start_ts` | `UINT64` type array. Ignores the transaction of a specified start_ts. (Optional) |
`mounter_worker_num` | `INT` type. The mounter thread number. (Optional) |
`sink_config` | The configuration parameters of sink. (Optional) |

The meanings of the above parameters are the same as those in the Create a replication task section. See that section for details.

7.5.14.6.3 Example

The following request updates the `mounter_worker_num` of the replication task with the ID `test1` to `32`.

```
curl -X PUT -H "'Content-type':'application/json'" http://127.0.0.1:8300/
    ↪ api/v1/changefeeds/test1 -d '{"mounter_worker_num":32}'
```

If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.14.7 Query the replication task list

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the basic information of all nodes in the TiCDC cluster is returned.

7.5.14.7.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v1/changefeeds`

7.5.14.7.2 Parameter description

Query parameters

Parameter name | Description |
:—— | :————————————- —— |
`state` | When this parameter is specified, the replication status information only of this state is returned.(Optional) |

The value options for `state` are `all`, `normal`, `stopped`, `error`, `failed`, and `finished`.

If this parameter is not specified, the basic information of replication tasks whose state is normal, stopped, or failed is returned by default.

7.5.14.7.3 Example

The following request queries the basic information of all replication tasks whose state is `normal`.

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/changefeeds?state=normal
```

```
[
    {
        "id": "test1",
        "state": "normal",
        "checkpoint_tso": 426921294362574849,
        "checkpoint_time": "2021-08-10 14:04:54.242",
        "error": null
    },
    {
        "id": "test2",
        "state": "normal",
        "checkpoint_tso": 426921294362574849,
        "checkpoint_time": "2021-08-10 14:04:54.242",
        "error": null
    }
]
```

The fields in the returned result above are described as follows:

- id: The ID of the replication task.
- state: The current state of the replication task.
- checkpoint_tso: The TSO representation of the current checkpoint of the replication task.
- checkpoint_time: The formatted time representation of the current checkpoint of the replication task.
- error: The error information of the replication task.

7.5.14.8 Query a specific replication task

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the detailed information of the specified replication task is returned.

7.5.14.8.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v1/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}`

7.5.14.8.2 Parameter description

Path parameters

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be queried.

7.5.14.8.3 Example

The following request queries the detailed information of the replication task with the ID `test1`.

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/changefeeds/test1
```

```
{
    "id": "test1",
    "sink_uri": "blackhole://",
    "create_time": "2021-08-10 11:41:30.642",
    "start_ts": 426919038970232833,
    "target_ts": 0,
    "checkpoint_tso": 426921014615867393,
    "checkpoint_time": "2021-08-10 13:47:07.093",
    "sort_engine": "unified",
    "state": "normal",
    "error": null,
    "error_history": null,
    "creator_version": "",
    "task_status": [
        {
            "capture_id": "d8924259-f52f-4dfb-97a9-c48d26395945",
            "table_ids": [
                63,
                65
            ],
            "table_operations": {}
        }
    ]
}
```

7.5.14.9 Pause a replication task

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.14.9.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v1/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}/pause`

7.5.14.9.2 Parameter description

Path parameters

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be paused.

7.5.14.9.3 Example

The following request pauses the replication task with the ID `test1`.

```
curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/changefeeds/test1/pause
```

If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.14.10 Resume a replication task

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.14.10.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v1/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}/resume`

7.5.14.10.2 Parameter description

Path parameters

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be resumed.

7.5.14.10.3 Example

The following request resumes the replication task with the ID `test1`.

```
curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/changefeeds/test1/resume
```

If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.14.11 Query the replication subtask list

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the basic information of all replication subtasks (`processor`) is returned.

7.5.14.11.1 Request URI

```
GET /api/v1/processors
```

7.5.14.11.2 Example

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/processors
```

```
[
    {
        "changefeed_id": "test1",
        "capture_id": "561c3784-77f0-4863-ad52-65a3436db6af"
    }
]
```

7.5.14.12 Query a specific replication subtask

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the detailed information of the specified replication subtask (`processor`) is returned.

7.5.14.12.1 Request URI

```
GET /api/v1/processors/{changefeed_id}/{capture_id}
```

7.5.14.12.2 Parameter description

Path parameters

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The changefeed ID of the replication subtask to be queried.
`capture_id`	The capture ID of the replication subtask to be queried.

7.5.14.12.3 Example

The following request queries the detailed information of a subtask whose `changefeed`

↪ `_id` is `test` and `capture_id` is `561c3784-77f0-4863-ad52-65a3436db6af`. A subtask can be indentifed by `changefeed_id` and `capture_id`.

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/processors/test1/561c3784-77f0
    ↪ -4863-ad52-65a3436db6af
```

```
{
    "checkpoint_ts": 426919123303006208,
    "resolved_ts": 426919123369066496,
    "table_ids": [
        63,
        65
    ],
    "error": null
}
```

7.5.14.13 Query the TiCDC service process list

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the basic information of all replication processes (`capture`) is returned.

7.5.14.13.1 Request URI

`GET /api/v1/captures`

7.5.14.13.2 Example

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/captures
```

```
[
    {
        "id": "561c3784-77f0-4863-ad52-65a3436db6af",
        "is_owner": true,
        "address": "127.0.0.1:8300"
    }
]
```

7.5.14.14 Evict an owner node

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.14.14.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v1/owner/resign`

7.5.14.14.2 Example

The following request evicts the current owner node of TiCDC and triggers a new round of elections to generate a new owner node.

```
curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/owner/resign
```

If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.14.15 Manually trigger the load balancing of all tables in a replication task

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.14.15.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v1/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}/tables/rebalance_table`

7.5.14.15.2 Parameter description

Path parameters

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be scheduled.

7.5.14.15.3 Example

The following request triggers the load balancing of all tables in the changefeed with the ID `test1`.

```
curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8300/api/v1/changefeeds/test1/tables/
    ↪ rebalance_table
```

If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.14.16 Manually schedule a table to another node

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. The returned result only means that the server agrees to run the command but does not guarantee that the command will be run successfully.

7.5.14.16.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v1/changefeeds/{changefeed_id}/tables/move_table`

7.5.14.16.2 Parameter description

Path parameters

Parameter name	Description
`changefeed_id`	The ID of the replication task (changefeed) to be scheduled.

Parameters for the request body

Parameter name	Description
`target_capture_id`	The ID of the target capture.
`table_id`	The ID of the table to be scheduled.

7.5.14.16.3 Example

The following request schedules the table with the ID `49` in the changefeed with the ID `test1` to the capture with the ID `6f19a6d9-0f8c-4dc9-b299-3ba7c0f216f5`.

```
curl -X POST -H "'Content-type':'application/json'" http://127.0.0.1:8300/
    ↪ api/v1/changefeeds/changefeed-test1/tables/move_table -d '{"capture_
    ↪ id":"6f19a6d9-0f8c-4dc9-b299-3ba7c0f216f5","table_id":49}'
```

If the request is successful, `202 Accepted` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.14.17 Dynamically adjust the log level of the TiCDC server

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, `202 OK` is returned.

7.5.14.17.1 Request URI

`POST /api/v1/log`

7.5.14.17.2 Request parameters

Parameters for the request body

Parameter name	Description
`log_level`	The log level you want to set.

`log_level` supports the log levels provided by zap: “debug”, “info”, “warn”, “error”, “dpanic” , “panic”, and “fatal”.

7.5.14.17.3 Example

```
curl -X POST -H "'Content-type':'application/json'" http://127.0.0.1:8300/
    ↪ api/v1/log -d '{"log_level":"debug"}'
```

If the request is successful, `202 OK` is returned. If the request fails, an error message and error code are returned.

7.5.15 TiCDC Data Consumption

7.5.15.1 TiCDC Row Data Checksum Verification Based on Avro

This document introduces how to consume data sent to Kafka by TiCDC and encoded by Avro protocol using Golang, and how to perform data verification using the Single-row data checksum feature.

The source code of this example is available in the `avro-checksum-verification` directory.

The example in this document uses kafka-go to create a simple Kafka consumer program. This program continuously reads data from a specified topic, calculates the checksum, and verifies its value.

```
package main

import (
    "context"
    "encoding/binary"
    "encoding/json"
    "hash/crc32"
    "io"
    "math"
    "net/http"
    "strconv"
    "strings"

    "github.com/linkedin/goavro/v2"
    "github.com/pingcap/log"
    "github.com/pingcap/tidb/parser/mysql"
    "github.com/pingcap/tidb/types"
    "github.com/pingcap/tiflow/pkg/errors"
    "github.com/segmentio/kafka-go"
    "go.uber.org/zap"
)

const (
    // The first byte of the Confluent Avro wire format is always 0.
```

```
    // For more details, see https://docs.confluent.io/platform/current/
       ↪ schema-registry/fundamentals/serdes-develop/index.html#wire-format
       ↪ .
    magicByte = uint8(0)
)

func main() {
    var (
        kafkaAddr       = "127.0.0.1:9092"
        schemaRegistryURL = "http://127.0.0.1:8081"

        topic         = "avro-checksum-test"
        consumerGroupID = "avro-checksum-test"
    )

    consumer := kafka.NewReader(kafka.ReaderConfig{
        Brokers: []string{kafkaAddr},
        GroupID: consumerGroupID,
        Topic:   topic,
        MaxBytes: 10e6, // 10MB
    })
    defer consumer.Close()

    ctx := context.Background()
    log.Info("start consuming ...", zap.String("kafka", kafkaAddr), zap.
       ↪ String("topic", topic), zap.String("groupID", consumerGroupID))
    for {
        // 1. Fetch the kafka message.
        message, err := consumer.FetchMessage(ctx)
        if err != nil {
            log.Error("read kafka message failed", zap.Error(err))
        }

        value := message.Value
        if len(value) == 0 {
            log.Info("delete event does not have value, skip checksum
               ↪ verification", zap.String("topic", topic))
        }

        // 2. Decode the value to get the corresponding value map and schema
           ↪ map.
        valueMap, valueSchema, err := getValueMapAndSchema(value,
           ↪ schemaRegistryURL)
        if err != nil {
            log.Panic("decode kafka value failed", zap.String("topic", topic)
```

```
            ↪ , zap.ByteString("value", value), zap.Error(err))
        }

        // 3. Calculate and verify checksum value using the value map and
            ↪ schema map obtained in the previous step.
        err = CalculateAndVerifyChecksum(valueMap, valueSchema)
        if err != nil {
            log.Panic("calculate checksum failed", zap.String("topic", topic)
                ↪ , zap.ByteString("value", value), zap.Error(err))
        }

        // 4. Commit offset after the data is successfully consumed.
        if err := consumer.CommitMessages(ctx, message); err != nil {
            log.Error("commit kafka message failed", zap.Error(err))
            break
        }
    }
}
```

The key steps for calculating the checksum value are `getValueMapAndSchema()` and `CalculateAndVerifyChecksum()`. The following sections describe the implementation of these two functions.

7.5.15.1.1 Decode data and get the corresponding schema

The `getValueMapAndSchema()` method decodes data and gets the corresponding schema. This method returns both the data and schema as a `map[string]interface{}` type.

```
// data is the key or value of the received kafka message, and url is the
    ↪ schema registry url.
// This function returns the decoded value and corresponding schema as map.
func getValueMapAndSchema(data []byte, url string) (map[string]interface{},
    ↪ map[string]interface{}, error) {
    schemaID, binary, err := extractSchemaIDAndBinaryData(data)
    if err != nil {
        return nil, nil, err
    }

    codec, err := GetSchema(url, schemaID)
    if err != nil {
        return nil, nil, err
    }

    native, _, err := codec.NativeFromBinary(binary)
    if err != nil {
        return nil, nil, err
```

```
    }

    result, ok := native.(map[string]interface{})
    if !ok {
        return nil, nil, errors.New("raw avro message is not a map")
    }

    schema := make(map[string]interface{})
    if err := json.Unmarshal([]byte(codec.Schema()), &schema); err != nil {
        return nil, nil, errors.Trace(err)
    }

    return result, schema, nil
}

// extractSchemaIDAndBinaryData
func extractSchemaIDAndBinaryData(data []byte) (int, []byte, error) {
    if len(data) < 5 {
        return 0, nil, errors.ErrAvroInvalidMessage.FastGenByArgs()
    }
    if data[0] != magicByte {
        return 0, nil, errors.ErrAvroInvalidMessage.FastGenByArgs()
    }
    return int(binary.BigEndian.Uint32(data[1:5])), data[5:], nil
}

// GetSchema fetches the schema from the schema registry by the schema ID.
// This function returns a goavro.Codec that can be used to encode and
    ↪ decode the data.
func GetSchema(url string, schemaID int) (*goavro.Codec, error) {
    requestURI := url + "/schemas/ids/" + strconv.Itoa(schemaID)

    req, err := http.NewRequest("GET", requestURI, nil)
    if err != nil {
        log.Error("Cannot create the request to look up the schema", zap.
            ↪ Error(err))
        return nil, errors.WrapError(errors.ErrAvroSchemaAPIError, err)
    }
    req.Header.Add(
        "Accept",
        "application/vnd.schemaregistry.v1+json, application/vnd.
            ↪ schemaregistry+json, "+
            "application/json",
    )
```

```
    httpClient := &http.Client{}
    resp, err := httpClient.Do(req)
    if err != nil {
        return nil, err
    }
    defer resp.Body.Close()

    body, err := io.ReadAll(resp.Body)
    if err != nil {
        log.Error("Cannot parse the lookup schema response", zap.Error(err))
        return nil, errors.WrapError(errors.ErrAvroSchemaAPIError, err)
    }

    if resp.StatusCode == 404 {
        log.Warn("Specified schema not found in Registry", zap.String("
            ↪ requestURI", requestURI), zap.Int("schemaID", schemaID))
        return nil, errors.ErrAvroSchemaAPIError.GenWithStackByArgs("Schema
            ↪ not found in Registry")
    }

    if resp.StatusCode != 200 {
        log.Error("Failed to query schema from the Registry, HTTP error",
            zap.Int("status", resp.StatusCode), zap.String("uri", requestURI)
                ↪ , zap.ByteString("responseBody", body))
        return nil, errors.ErrAvroSchemaAPIError.GenWithStack("Failed to
            ↪ query schema from the Registry, HTTP error")
    }

    var jsonResp lookupResponse
    err = json.Unmarshal(body, &jsonResp)
    if err != nil {
        log.Error("Failed to parse result from Registry", zap.Error(err))
        return nil, errors.WrapError(errors.ErrAvroSchemaAPIError, err)
    }

    codec, err := goavro.NewCodec(jsonResp.Schema)
    if err != nil {
        return nil, errors.WrapError(errors.ErrAvroSchemaAPIError, err)
    }
    return codec, nil
}

type lookupResponse struct {
    Name    string `json:"name"`
    SchemaID int  `json:"id"`
```

```
    Schema  string `json:"schema"`
}
```

7.5.15.1.2 Calculate and verify the checksum value

The `valueMap` and `valueSchema` obtained in the previous step contain all the elements used for checksum calculation and verification.

The checksum calculation and verification process on the consumer side includes the following steps:

1. Get the expected checksum value.
2. Iterate over each column, generate a byte slice according to the column value and the corresponding MySQL type, and update the checksum value continuously.
3. Compare the checksum value calculated in the previous step with the checksum value obtained from the received message. If they are not the same, the checksum verification fails and the data might be corrupted.

The sample code is as follows:

```
func CalculateAndVerifyChecksum(valueMap, valueSchema map[string]interface
    ↪ {}) error {
    // The fields variable stores the column type information for each data
        ↪ change event. The column IDs are used to sort the fields, which is
        ↪  the same as the order in which the checksum is calculated.
    fields, ok := valueSchema["fields"].([]interface{})
    if !ok {
        return errors.New("schema fields should be a map")
    }

    // 1. Get the expected checksum value from valueMap, which is encoded as
        ↪  a string.
    // If the expected checksum value is not found, it means that the
        ↪ checksum feature is not enabled when TiCDC sends the data. In this
        ↪  case, this function returns directly.
    o, ok := valueMap["_tidb_row_level_checksum"]
    if !ok {
        return nil
    }
    expected := o.(string)
    if expected == "" {
        return nil
    }

    // expectedChecksum is the expected checksum value passed from TiCDC.
```

```
expectedChecksum, err := strconv.ParseUint(expected, 10, 64)
if err != nil {
    return errors.Trace(err)
}

// 2. Iterate over each field and calculate the checksum value.
var actualChecksum uint32
// buf stores the byte slice used to update the checksum value each time
    ↪ .
buf := make([]byte, 0)
for _, item := range fields {
    field, ok := item.(map[string]interface{})
    if !ok {
        return errors.New("schema field should be a map")
    }

    // The tidbOp and subsequent columns are not involved in the checksum
        ↪ calculation, because they are used to assist data consumption
        ↪ and not real TiDB column data.
    colName := field["name"].(string)
    if colName == "_tidb_op" {
        break
    }

    // The holder variable stores the type information of each column.
    var holder map[string]interface{}
    switch ty := field["type"].(type) {
    case []interface{}:
        for _, item := range ty {
            if m, ok := item.(map[string]interface{}); ok {
                holder = m["connect.parameters"].(map[string]interface{})
                break
            }
        }
    case map[string]interface{}:
        holder = ty["connect.parameters"].(map[string]interface{})
    default:
        log.Panic("type info is anything else", zap.Any("typeInfo", field
            ↪ ["type"]))
    }
    tidbType := holder["tidb_type"].(string)

    mysqlType := mysqlTypeFromTiDBType(tidbType)

    // Get the value of each column from the decoded value map according
```

```
            ↪ to the name of each column.
        value, ok := valueMap[colName]
        if !ok {
            return errors.New("value not found")
        }
        value, err := getColumnValue(value, holder, mysqlType)
        if err != nil {
            return errors.Trace(err)
        }

        if len(buf) > 0 {
            buf = buf[:0]
        }

        // Generate a byte slice used to update the checksum according to the
            ↪  value and mysqlType of each column, and then update the
            ↪ checksum value.
        buf, err = buildChecksumBytes(buf, value, mysqlType)
        if err != nil {
            return errors.Trace(err)
        }
        actualChecksum = crc32.Update(actualChecksum, crc32.IEEETable, buf)
    }

    if uint64(actualChecksum) != expectedChecksum {
        log.Error("checksum mismatch",
            zap.Uint64("expected", expectedChecksum),
            zap.Uint64("actual", uint64(actualChecksum)))
        return errors.New("checksum mismatch")
    }

    log.Info("checksum verified", zap.Uint64("checksum", uint64(
        ↪ actualChecksum)))
    return nil
}

func mysqlTypeFromTiDBType(tidbType string) byte {
    var result byte
    switch tidbType {
    case "INT", "INT UNSIGNED":
        result = mysql.TypeLong
    case "BIGINT", "BIGINT UNSIGNED":
        result = mysql.TypeLonglong
    case "FLOAT":
        result = mysql.TypeFloat
```

```
    case "DOUBLE":
        result = mysql.TypeDouble
    case "BIT":
        result = mysql.TypeBit
    case "DECIMAL":
        result = mysql.TypeNewDecimal
    case "TEXT":
        result = mysql.TypeVarchar
    case "BLOB":
        result = mysql.TypeLongBlob
    case "ENUM":
        result = mysql.TypeEnum
    case "SET":
        result = mysql.TypeSet
    case "JSON":
        result = mysql.TypeJSON
    case "DATE":
        result = mysql.TypeDate
    case "DATETIME":
        result = mysql.TypeDatetime
    case "TIMESTAMP":
        result = mysql.TypeTimestamp
    case "TIME":
        result = mysql.TypeDuration
    case "YEAR":
        result = mysql.TypeYear
    default:
        log.Panic("this should not happen, unknown TiDB type", zap.String("
            ↪ type", tidbType))
    }
    return result
}

// The value is an interface type, which needs to be converted according to
    ↪ the type information provided by the holder.
func getColumnValue(value interface{}, holder map[string]interface{},
    ↪ mysqlType byte) (interface{}, error) {
    switch t := value.(type) {
    // The column with nullable is encoded as a map, and there is only one
        ↪ key-value pair. The key is the type, and the value is the real
        ↪ value. Only the real value is concerned here.
    case map[string]interface{}:
        for _, v := range t {
            value = v
        }
```

```
    }

    switch mysqlType {
    case mysql.TypeEnum:
        // Enum is encoded as a string, which is converted to the int value
            ↪ corresponding to the Enum definition here.
        allowed := strings.Split(holder["allowed"].(string), ",")
        switch t := value.(type) {
        case string:
            enum, err := types.ParseEnum(allowed, t, "")
            if err != nil {
                return nil, errors.Trace(err)
            }
            value = enum.Value
        case nil:
            value = nil
        }
    case mysql.TypeSet:
        // Set is encoded as a string, which is converted to the int value
            ↪ corresponding to the Set definition here.
        elems := strings.Split(holder["allowed"].(string), ",")
        switch t := value.(type) {
        case string:
            s, err := types.ParseSet(elems, t, "")
            if err != nil {
                return nil, errors.Trace(err)
            }
            value = s.Value
        case nil:
            value = nil
        }
    }
    return value, nil
}

// buildChecksumBytes generates a byte slice used to update the checksum,
    ↪ refer to https://github.com/pingcap/tidb/blob/
    ↪ e3417913f58cdd5a136259b902bf177eaf3aa637/util/rowcodec/common.go#L308
func buildChecksumBytes(buf []byte, value interface{}, mysqlType byte) ([]
    ↪ byte, error) {
    if value == nil {
        return buf, nil
    }

    switch mysqlType {
```

```
// TypeTiny, TypeShort, and TypeInt32 are encoded as int32.
// TypeLong is encoded as int32 if signed, otherwise, it is encoded as
    ↪ int64.
// TypeLongLong is encoded as int64 if signed, otherwise, it is encoded
    ↪ as uint64.
// When the checksum feature is enabled, bigintUnsignedHandlingMode must
    ↪  be set to string, which is encoded as string.
case mysql.TypeTiny, mysql.TypeShort, mysql.TypeLong, mysql.TypeLonglong
    ↪ , mysql.TypeInt24, mysql.TypeYear:
    switch a := value.(type) {
    case int32:
        buf = binary.LittleEndian.AppendUint64(buf, uint64(a))
    case uint32:
        buf = binary.LittleEndian.AppendUint64(buf, uint64(a))
    case int64:
        buf = binary.LittleEndian.AppendUint64(buf, uint64(a))
    case uint64:
        buf = binary.LittleEndian.AppendUint64(buf, a)
    case string:
        v, err := strconv.ParseUint(a, 10, 64)
        if err != nil {
            return nil, errors.Trace(err)
        }
        buf = binary.LittleEndian.AppendUint64(buf, v)
    default:
        log.Panic("unknown golang type for the integral value",
            zap.Any("value", value), zap.Any("mysqlType", mysqlType))
    }
// Encode float type as float64 and encode double type as float64.
case mysql.TypeFloat, mysql.TypeDouble:
    var v float64
    switch a := value.(type) {
    case float32:
        v = float64(a)
    case float64:
        v = a
    }
    if math.IsInf(v, 0) || math.IsNaN(v) {
        v = 0
    }
    buf = binary.LittleEndian.AppendUint64(buf, math.Float64bits(v))
// getColumnValue encodes Enum and Set to uint64 type.
case mysql.TypeEnum, mysql.TypeSet:
    buf = binary.LittleEndian.AppendUint64(buf, value.(uint64))
case mysql.TypeBit:
```

```
        // Encode bit type as []byte and convert it to uint64.
        v, err := binaryLiteralToInt(value.([]byte))
        if err != nil {
            return nil, errors.Trace(err)
        }
        buf = binary.LittleEndian.AppendUint64(buf, v)
    // Non-binary types are encoded as string, and binary types are encoded
        ↪ as []byte.
    case mysql.TypeVarchar, mysql.TypeVarString, mysql.TypeString, mysql.
        ↪ TypeTinyBlob, mysql.TypeMediumBlob, mysql.TypeLongBlob, mysql.
        ↪ TypeBlob:
        switch a := value.(type) {
        case string:
            buf = appendLengthValue(buf, []byte(a))
        case []byte:
            buf = appendLengthValue(buf, a)
        default:
            log.Panic("unknown golang type for the string value",
                zap.Any("value", value), zap.Any("mysqlType", mysqlType))
        }
    case mysql.TypeTimestamp, mysql.TypeDatetime, mysql.TypeDate, mysql.
        ↪ TypeDuration, mysql.TypeNewDate:
        v := value.(string)
        buf = appendLengthValue(buf, []byte(v))
    // When the checksum feature is enabled, decimalHandlingMode must be set
        ↪  to string.
    case mysql.TypeNewDecimal:
        buf = appendLengthValue(buf, []byte(value.(string)))
    case mysql.TypeJSON:
        buf = appendLengthValue(buf, []byte(value.(string)))
    // Null and Geometry are not involved in the checksum calculation.
    case mysql.TypeNull, mysql.TypeGeometry:
    // do nothing
    default:
        return buf, errors.New("invalid type for the checksum calculation")
    }
    return buf, nil
}

func appendLengthValue(buf []byte, val []byte) []byte {
    buf = binary.LittleEndian.AppendUint32(buf, uint32(len(val)))
    buf = append(buf, val...)
    return buf
}
```

```
// Convert []byte to uint64, refer to https://github.com/pingcap/tidb/blob/
    ↪ e3417913f58cdd5a136259b902bf177eaf3aa637/types/binary_literal.go#L105
func binaryLiteralToInt(bytes []byte) (uint64, error) {
    bytes = trimLeadingZeroBytes(bytes)
    length := len(bytes)

    if length > 8 {
        log.Error("invalid bit value found", zap.ByteString("value", bytes))
        return math.MaxUint64, errors.New("invalid bit value")
    }

    if length == 0 {
        return 0, nil
    }

    val := uint64(bytes[0])
    for i := 1; i < length; i++ {
        val = (val << 8) | uint64(bytes[i])
    }
    return val, nil
}

func trimLeadingZeroBytes(bytes []byte) []byte {
    if len(bytes) == 0 {
        return bytes
    }
    pos, posMax := 0, len(bytes)-1
    for ; pos < posMax; pos++ {
        if bytes[pos] != 0 {
            break
        }
    }
    return bytes[pos:]
}
```

7.5.15.2 Guide for Developing a Storage Sink Consumer

This document describes how to design and implement a TiDB data change consumer.

> **Note:**
>
> The storage sink cannot handle the `DROP DATABASE` DDL. Therefore, avoid executing this DDL. If you do need to execute this DDL, execute it manually in the downstream MySQL.

TiCDC does not provide any standard way for implementing a consumer. This document provides a consumer example program written in Golang. This program can read data from the storage service and write the data to a MySQL-compatible database. You can refer to the data format and instructions provided in this example to implement a consumer on your own.

Consumer program written in Golang

7.5.15.2.1 Design a consumer

The following diagram shows the overall consumption process of the consumer:

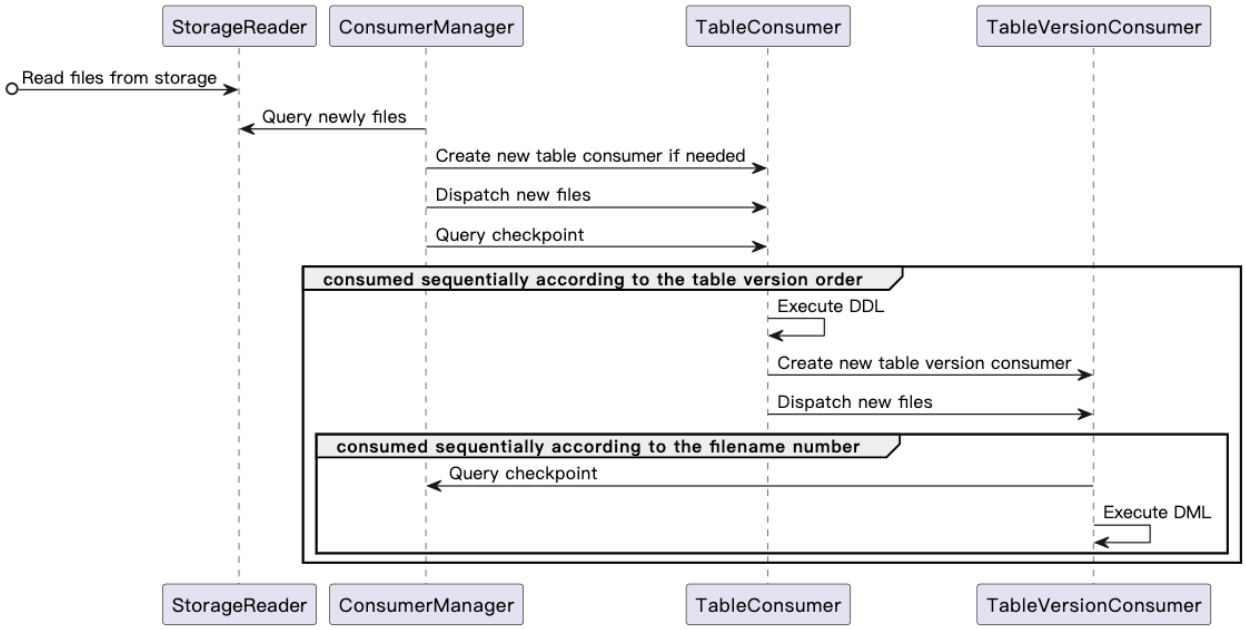


Figure 135: TiCDC storage consumer overview

The components of the consumer and their features are described as follows:

```
type StorageReader struct {
}
// Read the files from storage.
// Add new files and delete files that do not exist in storage.
func (c *StorageReader) ReadFiles() {}

// Query newly added files and the latest checkpoint from storage. One file
    ↪ can only be returned once.
func (c *StorageReader) ExposeNewFiles() (int64, []string) {}
```

```
// ConsumerManager is responsible for assigning tasks to TableConsumer.
// Different consumers can consume data concurrently,
// but data of one table must be processed by the same TableConsumer.
type ConsumerManager struct {
  // StorageCheckpoint is recorded in the metadata file, and it can be
     ↪ fetched by calling `StorageReader.ExposeNewFiles()`.
  // This checkpoint indicates that the data whose transaction commit time
     ↪ is less than this checkpoint has been stored in storage.
  StorageCheckpoint int64
  // This checkpoint indicates where the consumer has consumed.
  // ConsumerManager periodically collects TableConsumer.Checkpoint,
  // then Checkpoint is updated to the minimum value of all TableConsumer.
     ↪ Checkpoint.
  Checkpoint int64

  tableFiles[schema][table]*TableConsumer
}

// Query newly added files from StorageReader.
// For a newly created table, create a TableConsumer for it.
// If any, send new files to the corresponding TableConsumer.
func (c *ConsumerManager) Dispatch() {}
type TableConsumer struct {
  // This checkpoint indicates where this TableConsumer has consumed.
  // Its initial value is ConsumerManager.Checkpoint.
  // TableConsumer.Checkpoint is equal to TableVersionConsumer.Checkpoint.
  Checkpoint int64

  schema,table string
  // Must be consumed sequentially according to the order of table versions.
  verConsumers map[version int64]*TableVersionConsumer
  currentVer, previousVer int64
}

// Send newly added files to the corresponding TableVersionConsumer.
// For any DDL, assign a TableVersionConsumer for the new table version.
func (tc *TableConsumer) Dispatch() {}

// If DDL query is empty or its tableVersion is less than TableConsumer.
   ↪ Checkpoint,
// - ignore this DDL, and consume the data under the table version.
// Otherwise,
// - execute the DDL first, and then consume the data under the table
   ↪ version.
```

```
// - For tables that are dropped, auto-recycling is performed after the drop
   ↪ table DDL is executed.
func (tc *TableConsumer) ExecuteDDL() {}

type TableVersionConsumer struct {
  // This checkpoint indicates where the TableVersionConsumer has consumed.
  // Its initial value is TableConsumer.Checkpoint.
  Checkpoint int64

  schema,table,version string
  // For the same table version, data in different partitions can be
     ↪ consumed concurrently.
  # partitionNum int64
  // Must be consumed sequentially according to the data file number.
  fileSet map[filename string]*TableVersionConsumer
  currentVersion
}
// If data commit ts is less than TableConsumer.Checkpoint
// or bigger than ConsumerManager.StorageCheckpoint,
// - ignore this data.
// Otherwise,
// - process this data and write it to MySQL.
func (tc *TableVersionConsumer) ExecuteDML() {}
```

7.5.15.2.2 Process DDL events

The consumer traverses the directory for the first time. The following is an example:

```
├── metadata
├── test
    ├── tbl_1
        ├── 437752935075545091
            ├── CDC000001.json
            ├── schema.json
```

The consumer parses the table schema of the `schema.json` file and obtains the DDL Query statements:

- If no Query statement is found or `TableVersion` is less than the consumer checkpoint, the consumer skips this statement.
- If Query statements exist or `TableVersion` is equal to or greater than the consumer checkpoint, the consumer executes the DDL statements in the downstream MySQL.

Then the consumer starts replicating the `CDC000001.json` file.

In the following example, the DDL Query statement in the `test/tbl_1/437752935075545091/schema.json` file is not empty:

```
{
    "Table":"test",
    "Schema":"tbl_1",
    "Version": 1,
    "TableVersion":437752935075545091,
    "Query": "create table tbl_1 (Id int primary key, LastName char(20),
        ↪ FirstName varchar(30), HireDate datetime, OfficeLocation Blob(20))
        ↪ ",
    "TableColumns":[
        {
            "ColumnName":"Id",
            "ColumnType":"INT",
            "ColumnNullable":"false",
            "ColumnIsPk":"true"
        },
        {
            "ColumnName":"LastName",
            "ColumnType":"CHAR",
            "ColumnLength":"20"
        },
        {
            "ColumnName":"FirstName",
            "ColumnType":"VARCHAR",
            "ColumnLength":"30"
        },
        {
            "ColumnName":"HireDate",
            "ColumnType":"DATETIME"
        },
        {
            "ColumnName":"OfficeLocation",
            "ColumnType":"BLOB",
            "ColumnLength":"20"
        }
    ],
    "TableColumnsTotal":"5"
}
```

When the consumer traverses the directory again, it finds a new version directory of the table. Note that the consumer can consume data in the new directory only after all files in the `test/tbl_1/437752935075545091` directory have been consumed.

```
└── metadata
```

```
├── test
│   ├── tbl_1
│   │   ├── 437752935075545091
│   │   │   ├── CDC000001.json
│   │   │   └── schema.json
│   │   └── 437752935075546092
│   │       ├── CDC000001.json
│   │       └── schema.json
```

The consumption logic is consistent. Specifically, the consumer parses the table schema of the `schema.json` file and obtains and processes DDL Query statements accordingly. Then the consumer starts replicating the `CDC000001.json` file.

7.5.15.2.3 Process DML events

After DDL events are properly processed, you can process DML events in the `{schema ↪ }/{table}/{table-version-separator}/` directory based on the specific file format (CSV or Canal-JSON) and file number.

TiCDC ensures that data is replicated at least once. Therefore, there might be duplicate data. You need to compare the commit ts of the change data with the consumer checkpoint. If the commit ts is less than the consumer checkpoint, you need to perform deduplication.

7.5.16 TiCDC Compatibility

This section describes compatibility issues related to TiCDC and how to handle them.

7.5.16.1 Compatibility with TiDB Lightning

TiDB Lightning provides two data import modes: logical import mode and physical import mode. This section describes the compatibility of these modes with TiCDC and the steps to use TiDB Lightning and TiCDC together in a cluster.

In the logical import mode, TiDB Lightning imports data by executing SQL statements. This mode is compatible with TiCDC. To use TiDB Lightning's logical import mode with TiCDC for data replication, perform the following steps:

1. Create a changefeed. For more information, see Create a replication task.
2. Start TiDB Lightning and import data using the logical import mode. For more information, see Use logical import mode.

In the physical import mode, TiDB Lightning imports data by inserting SST files into TiKV. TiCDC is not compatible with this mode and does not support replicating data imported through physical import mode. If you need to use both TiDB Lightning's physical import mode and TiCDC, choose one of the following solutions based on your downstream system:

- If the downstream is a TiDB cluster, perform the following steps:

    1. Use TiDB Lightning to import data into both the upstream and downstream TiDB clusters to ensure data consistency.
    2. Create a changefeed to replicate subsequent incremental data written through SQL. For more information, see Create a replication task.

- If the downstream is not a TiDB cluster, perform the following steps:

    1. Use the offline import tool provided by your downstream system to import TiDB Lightning's input files.
    2. Create a changefeed to replicate subsequent incremental data written through SQL. For more information, see Create a replication task.

7.5.16.2 Compatibility with TiFlash

Currently, when you use TiCDC to replicate tables to a downstream TiDB cluster, creating TiFlash replicas for the tables is not supported, which means that TiCDC does not support replicating TiFlash-related DDL statements, such as:

- `ALTER TABLE table_name SET TIFLASH REPLICA count;`
- `ALTER DATABASE db_name SET TIFLASH REPLICA count;`

7.5.16.3 CLI and configuration file compatibility

- In TiCDC v4.0.0, `ignore-txn-commit-ts` is removed and `ignore-txn-start-ts` is added, which uses start_ts to filter transactions.
- In TiCDC v4.0.2, `db-dbs/db-tables/ignore-dbs/ignore-tables` are removed and `rules` is added, which uses new filter rules for databases and tables. For detailed filter syntax, see Table Filter.
- Starting from TiCDC v6.2.0, `cdc cli` can directly interact with TiCDC server via TiCDC Open API. You can specify the address of the TiCDC server using the `--server` parameter. `--pd` is deprecated.
- Since v6.4.0, only the changefeed with the `SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN` or `SUPER` privilege can use the TiCDC Syncpoint feature.

7.5.16.4 Handle compatibility issues

This section describes compatibility issues related to TiCDC and how to handle them.

7.5.16.4.1 Incompatibility issue caused by using the TiCDC v5.0.0-rc `cdc cli` tool to operate a v4.0.x cluster

When using the `cdc cli` tool of TiCDC v5.0.0-rc to operate a v4.0.x TiCDC cluster, you might encounter the following abnormal situations:

- If the TiCDC cluster is v4.0.8 or an earlier version, using the v5.0.0-rc `cdc cli` tool to create a replication task might cause cluster anomalies and get the replication task stuck.
- If the TiCDC cluster is v4.0.9 or a later version, using the v5.0.0-rc `cdc cli` tool to create a replication task will cause the old value and unified sorter features to be unexpectedly enabled by default.

Solutions:

Use the `cdc` executable file corresponding to the TiCDC cluster version to perform the following operations:

1. Delete the changefeed created using the v5.0.0-rc `cdc cli` tool. For example, run the `tiup cdc:v4.0.9 cli changefeed remove -c xxxx --pd=xxxxx --force` command.
2. If the replication task is stuck, restart the TiCDC cluster. For example, run the `tiup cluster restart <cluster_name> -R cdc` command.
3. Re-create the changefeed. For example, run the `tiup cdc:v4.0.9 cli changefeed create --sink-uri=xxxx --pd=xxx` command.

> **Note:**
>
> This issue exists only when `cdc cli` is v5.0.0-rc. `cdc cli` tool of other v5.0.x versions is compatible with v4.0.x clusters.

7.5.16.4.2 Compatibility notes for `sort-dir` and `data-dir`

The `sort-dir` configuration is used to specify the temporary file directory for the TiCDC sorter. Its functionalities might vary in different versions. The following table lists `sort-dir`'s compatibility changes across versions.

Version	sort ↪ - ↪ engine ↪ functionality	Note	Recommendation

Version	sort ↪ - ↪ engine ↪ functionality	Note	Recommendation
v4.0.11 or earlier v4.0 version, v5.0.0-rc	It is a changefeed configuration item and specifies temporary file directory for the file sorter and unified ↪ sorter.	In these versions, file ↪ sorter and unified ↪ sorter are **experimental features** and **NOT** recommended for the production environment. If mul-	It is not recommended to use unified ↪ sorter in the production environment.

Version	sort ↪ - ↪ engine ↪ functionality	Note	Recommendation
v4.0.12, v4.0.13, v5.0.0, and v5.0.1	It is a configuration item of changefeed or of cdc ↪ server ↪ .	By default, the sort ↪ - ↪ dir ↪ configuration of a changefeed does not take effect, and the sort ↪ - ↪ dir ↪ configuration of cdc ↪ ↪ server ↪ defaults to /	You need to configure sort ↪ - ↪ dir ↪ using the cdc ↪ ↪ server ↪ command-line parameter (or TiUP).

Version	sort ↪ - ↪ engine ↪ function-ality	Note	Recommendation
v4.0.14 and later v4.0 versions, v5.0.3 and later v5.0 versions, later TiDB versions	sort ↪ - ↪ dir ↪ is deprecated. It is recommended to configure data ↪ - ↪ dir ↪ .	You can configure data ↪ - ↪ dir ↪ using the latest version of TiUP. In these TiDB versions, unified ↪ sorter is enabled by default. Make sure that data ↪ - ↪ dir ↪ has been con-	You need to configure data ↪ - ↪ dir ↪ using the cdc ↪ ↪ server ↪ command-line parameter (or TiUP).

Version	sort ↪ - ↪ engine ↪ functionality	Note	Recommendation
v6.0.0 and later versions	data ↪ - ↪ dir ↪ is used for saving the temporary files generated by TiCDC.	Starting from v6.0.0, TiCDC uses db ↪ sorter ↪ as the sort engine by default. data ↪ - ↪ dir ↪ is the disk directory for this engine.	You need to configure data ↪ - ↪ dir ↪ using the cdc ↪ ↪ server ↪ command-line parameter (or TiUP).

7.5.16.4.3 Compatibility with temporary tables

Since v5.3.0, TiCDC supports global temporary tables. Replicating global temporary tables to the downstream using TiCDC of a version earlier than v5.3.0 causes table definition error.

If the upstream cluster contains a global temporary table, the downstream TiDB cluster

is expected to be v5.3.0 or a later version. Otherwise, an error occurs during the replication process.

7.5.16.4.4 Compatibility with vector data types

Starting from v8.4.0, TiCDC supports replicating tables with vector data types to downstream (experimental).

When the downstream is Kafka or a storage service (such as Amazon S3, GCS, Azure Blob Storage, or NFS), TiCDC converts vector data types into string types before writing to the downstream.

When the downstream is a MySQL-compatible database that does not support vector data types, TiCDC fails to write DDL events involving vector types to the downstream. In this case, add the `has-vector-type=true` parameter to `sink-url`, which allows TiCDC to convert vector data types into the `LONGTEXT` type before writing.

7.6 Troubleshoot TiCDC

This document introduces the common errors you might encounter when using TiCDC, and the corresponding maintenance and troubleshooting methods.

> **Note:**
>
> In this document, the server address specified in `cdc cli` commands is `server =http://127.0.0.1:8300`. When you use the command, replace the address with your actual TiCDC Server address.

7.6.1 TiCDC replication interruptions

7.6.1.1 How do I know whether a TiCDC replication task is interrupted?

- Check the `changefeed checkpoint` monitoring metric of the replication task (choose the right `changefeed id`) in the Grafana dashboard. If the metric value stays unchanged, or the `checkpoint lag` metric keeps increasing, the replication task might be interrupted.
- Check the `exit error count` monitoring metric. If the metric value is greater than `0`, an error has occurred in the replication task.
- Execute `cdc cli changefeed list` and `cdc cli changefeed query` to check the status of the replication task. `stopped` means the task has stopped, and the `error` item provides the detailed error message. After the error occurs, you can search `error on running processor` in the TiCDC server log to see the error stack for troubleshooting.

- In some extreme cases, the TiCDC service is restarted. You can search the `FATAL` level log in the TiCDC server log for troubleshooting.

7.6.1.2 How do I know whether the replication task is stopped manually?

You can know whether the replication task is stopped manually by executing `cdc cli`. For example:

```
cdc cli changefeed query --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --changefeed-id 28
    ↪ c43ffc-2316-4f4f-a70b-d1a7c59ba79f
```

In the output of the above command, `admin-job-type` shows the state of this replication task. For more information about each state and its meaning, see Changefeed states.

7.6.1.3 How do I handle replication interruptions?

A replication task might be interrupted in the following known scenarios:

- The downstream continues to be abnormal, and TiCDC still fails after many retries.
    - In this scenario, TiCDC saves the task information. Because TiCDC has set the service GC safepoint in PD, the data after the task checkpoint is not cleaned by TiKV GC within the valid period of `gc-ttl`.
    - Handling method: You can resume the replication task by executing `cdc cli changefeed resume` after the downstream is back to normal.
- Replication cannot continue because of incompatible SQL statement(s) in the downstream.
    - In this scenario, TiCDC saves the task information. Because TiCDC has set the service GC safepoint in PD, the data after the task checkpoint is not cleaned by TiKV GC within the valid period of `gc-ttl`.
    - Handling procedures:
        1. Query the status information of the replication task using the `cdc cli changefeed query` command and record the value of `checkpoint-ts`.
        2. Use the new task configuration file and add the `ignore-txn-start-ts` parameter to skip the transaction corresponding to the specified `start-ts`.
        3. Pause the replication task by executing `cdc cli changefeed pause -c <changefeed-id>`.
        4. Specify the new task configuration file by executing `cdc cli changefeed update -c <changefeed-id> --config <config-file-path>`.
        5. Resume the replication task by executing `cdc cli changefeed resume -c <changefeed-id>`.

7.6.1.4 What should I do to handle the OOM that occurs after TiCDC is restarted after a task interruption?

- Update your TiDB cluster and TiCDC cluster to the latest versions. The OOM problem has already been resolved in **v4.0.14 and later v4.0 versions, v5.0.2 and later v5.0 versions, and the latest versions**.

7.6.2 How do I handle the `Error 1298: Unknown or incorrect time zone: 'UTC'` error when creating the replication task or replicating data to MySQL?

This error is returned when the downstream MySQL does not load the time zone. You can load the time zone by running `mysql_tzinfo_to_sql`. After loading the time zone, you can create tasks and replicate data normally.

```
mysql_tzinfo_to_sql /usr/share/zoneinfo | mysql -u root mysql -p
```

If the output of the command above is similar to the following one, the import is successful:

```
Enter password:
Warning: Unable to load '/usr/share/zoneinfo/iso3166.tab' as time zone.
    ↪ Skipping it.
Warning: Unable to load '/usr/share/zoneinfo/leap-seconds.list' as time zone
    ↪ . Skipping it.
Warning: Unable to load '/usr/share/zoneinfo/zone.tab' as time zone.
    ↪ Skipping it.
Warning: Unable to load '/usr/share/zoneinfo/zone1970.tab' as time zone.
    ↪ Skipping it.
```

If the downstream is a special MySQL environment (a public cloud RDS or some MySQL derivative versions) and importing the time zone using the preceding method fails, you can use the default time zone of the downstream by setting `time-zone` to an empty value, such as `time-zone=""`.

When using time zones in TiCDC, it is recommended to explicitly specify the time zone, such as `time-zone="Asia/Shanghai"`. Also, make sure that the `tz` specified in TiCDC server configurations and the `time-zone` specified in Sink URI are consistent with the time zone configuration of the downstream database. This prevents data inconsistency caused by inconsistent time zones.

7.6.3 How do I handle the incompatibility issue of configuration files caused by TiCDC upgrade?

Refer to Notes for compatibility.

7.6.4 The `start-ts` timestamp of the TiCDC task is quite different from the current time. During the execution of this task, replication is interrupted and an error `[CDC:ErrBufferReachLimit]` occurs. What should I do?

Since v4.0.9, you can try to enable the unified sorter feature in your replication task, or use the BR tool for an incremental backup and restore, and then start the TiCDC replication task from a new time.

7.6.5 When the downstream of a changefeed is a database similar to MySQL and TiCDC executes a time-consuming DDL statement, all other changefeeds are blocked. What should I do?

1. Pause the execution of the changefeed that contains the time-consuming DDL statement. Then you can see that other changefeeds are no longer blocked.
2. Search for the `apply job` field in the TiCDC log and confirm the `start-ts` of the time-consuming DDL statement.
3. Manually execute the DDL statement in the downstream. After the execution finishes, go on performing the following operations.
4. Modify the changefeed configuration and add the above `start-ts` to the `ignore-txn-start-ts` configuration item.
5. Resume the paused changefeed.

7.6.6 The `[tikv:9006]GC life time is shorter than transaction duration, transaction starts at xx, GC safe point is yy` error is reported when I use TiCDC to create a changefeed. What should I do?

You need to run the `pd-ctl service-gc-safepoint --pd <pd-addrs>` command to query the current GC safepoint and service GC safepoint. If the GC safepoint is smaller than the `start-ts` of the TiCDC replication task (changefeed), you can directly add the `--disable-gc-check` option to the `cdc cli create changefeed` command to create a changefeed.

If the result of `pd-ctl service-gc-safepoint --pd <pd-addrs>` does not have `gc_worker service_id`:

- If your PD version is v4.0.8 or earlier, refer to PD issue #3128 for details.
- If your PD is upgraded from v4.0.8 or an earlier version to a later version, refer to PD issue #3366 for details.

7.6.7 When I use TiCDC to replicate messages to Kafka, Kafka returns the `Message was too large` error. Why?

For TiCDC v4.0.8 or earlier versions, you cannot effectively control the size of the message output to Kafka only by configuring the `max-message-bytes` setting for Kafka in the Sink URI. To control the message size, you also need to increase the limit on the bytes of messages

to be received by Kafka. To add such a limit, add the following configuration to the Kafka server configuration.

```
## The maximum byte number of a message that the broker receives
message.max.bytes=2147483648
## The maximum byte number of a message that the broker copies
replica.fetch.max.bytes=2147483648
## The maximum message byte number that the consumer side reads
fetch.message.max.bytes=2147483648
```

7.6.8 How can I find out whether a DDL statement fails to execute in downstream during TiCDC replication? How to resume the replication?

If a DDL statement fails to execute, the replication task (changefeed) automatically stops. The checkpoint-ts is the DDL statement's finish-ts. If you want TiCDC to retry executing this statement in the downstream, use `cdc cli changefeed resume` to resume the replication task. For example:

```
cdc cli changefeed resume -c test-cf --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300
```

If you want to skip this DDL statement that goes wrong, set the start-ts of the changefeed to the checkpoint-ts (the timestamp at which the DDL statement goes wrong) plus one, and then run the `cdc cli changefeed create` command to create a new changefeed task. For example, if the checkpoint-ts at which the DDL statement goes wrong is `415241823337054209`, run the following commands to skip this DDL statement:

To skip this DDL statement that goes wrong, you can configure the `ignore-txn-start-ts` parameter to skip the transactions corresponding to the specified `start-ts`. For example:

1. Search the TiCDC log for the `apply job` field, and identify the `start-ts` of the DDLs that are taking a long time.
2. Modify the changefeed configuration. Add the above `start-ts` to the `ignore-txn-start-ts` configuration item.
3. Resume the suspended changefeed.

> **Note:**
>
> Although setting the changefeed `start-ts` to the value of `checkpoint-ts` (at the time of the error) plus one and then recreating the task can skip the DDL statement, it can also cause TiCDC to lose the DML data change at the time of `checkpointTs+1`. Therefore, this operation is strictly prohibited in production environments.

```
cdc cli changefeed remove --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --changefeed-id
    ↪ simple-replication-task
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --sink-uri="mysql
    ↪ ://root:123456@127.0.0.1:3306/" --changefeed-id="simple-replication-
    ↪ task" --sort-engine="unified" --start-ts 415241823337054210
```

7.6.9 The `Kafka: client has run out of available brokers to talk to: EOF` error is reported when I use TiCDC to replicate messages to Kafka. What should I do?

This error is typically caused by the connection failure between TiCDC and the Kafka cluster. To troubleshoot, you can check the Kafka logs and network status. One possible reason is that you did not specify the correct `kafka-version` parameter when creating the replication task, causing the Kafka client inside TiCDC to use the wrong Kafka API version when accessing the Kafka server. You can fix this issue by specifying the correct `kafka-version` parameter in the `--sink-uri` configuration. For example:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --sink-uri "kafka
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:9092/test?topic=test&protocol=open-protocol&kafka-
    ↪ version=2.4.0"
```

7.7 TiCDC FAQs

This document introduces the common questions that you might encounter when using TiCDC.

> **Note:**
>
> In this document, the server address specified in `cdc cli` commands is `--server=http://127.0.0.1:8300`. When you use the command, replace the address with your actual PD address.

7.7.1 How do I choose `start-ts` when creating a task in TiCDC?

The `start-ts` of a replication task corresponds to a Timestamp Oracle (TSO) in the upstream TiDB cluster. TiCDC requests data from this TSO in a replication task. Therefore, the `start-ts` of the replication task must meet the following requirements:

- The value of `start-ts` is larger than the `tikv_gc_safe_point` value of the current TiDB cluster. Otherwise, an error occurs when you create a task.

- Before starting a task, ensure that the downstream has all data before `start-ts`. For scenarios such as replicating data to message queues, if the data consistency between upstream and downstream is not required, you can relax this requirement according to your application need.

If you do not specify `start-ts`, or specify `start-ts` as `0`, when a replication task is started, TiCDC gets a current TSO and starts the task from this TSO.

7.7.2 Why can't some tables be replicated when I create a task in TiCDC?

When you execute `cdc cli changefeed create` to create a replication task, TiCDC checks whether the upstream tables meet the replication requirements. If some tables do not meet the requirements, `some tables are not eligible to replicate` is returned with a list of ineligible tables. You can choose `Y` or `y` to continue creating the task, and all updates on these tables are automatically ignored during the replication. If you choose an input other than `Y` or `y`, the replication task is not created.

7.7.3 How do I view the state of TiCDC replication tasks?

To view the status of TiCDC replication tasks, use `cdc cli`. For example:

```
cdc cli changefeed list --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
[{
    "id": "4e24dde6-53c1-40b6-badf-63620e4940dc",
    "summary": {
      "state": "normal",
      "tso": 417886179132964865,
      "checkpoint": "2020-07-07 16:07:44.881",
      "error": null
    }
}]
```

- `checkpoint`: TiCDC has replicated all data before this timestamp to downstream.
- `state`: The state of this replication task. For more information about each state and its meaning, see Changefeed states.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is introduced in TiCDC 4.0.3.

7.7.4 How to verify if TiCDC has replicated all updates after upstream stops updating?

After the upstream TiDB cluster stops updating, you can verify if replication is complete by comparing the latest TSO timestamp of the upstream TiDB cluster with the replication progress in TiCDC. If the TiCDC replication progress timestamp is greater than or equal to the upstream TiDB cluster's TSO, then all updates have been replicated. To verify replication completeness, perform the following steps:

1. Get the latest TSO timestamp from the upstream TiDB cluster.

> **Note:**
> Use the `TIDB_CURRENT_TSO()` function to get the current TSO, instead of using functions like `NOW()` that return the current time.

The following example uses `TIDB_PARSE_TSO()` to convert the TSO to a readable time format for further comparison:

```
BEGIN;
SELECT TIDB_PARSE_TSO(TIDB_CURRENT_TSO());
ROLLBACK;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-----------------------------------+
| TIDB_PARSE_TSO(TIDB_CURRENT_TSO()) |
+-----------------------------------+
| 2024-11-12 20:35:34.848000     |
+-----------------------------------+
```

2. Get the replication progress in TiCDC.

   You can check the replication progress in TiCDC using one of the following methods:

   - **Method 1**: query the checkpoint of the changefeed (recommended).

     Use the TiCDC command-line tool `cdc cli` to view the checkpoint for all replication tasks:

     ```
     cdc cli changefeed list --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300
     ```

     The output is as follows:

     ```
     [
       {
         "id": "syncpoint",
     ```

```
    "namespace": "default",
    "summary": {
      "state": "normal",
      "tso": 453880043653562372,
      "checkpoint": "2024-11-12 20:36:01.447",
      "error": null
    }
  }
]
```

In the output, `"checkpoint": "2024-11-12 20:36:01.447"` indicates that TiCDC has replicated all upstream TiDB changes before this time. If this timestamp is greater than or equal to the upstream TiDB cluster's TSO obtained in step 1, then all updates have been replicated downstream.

- **Method 2**: query Syncpoint from the downstream TiDB.

  If the downstream is a TiDB cluster and the TiCDC Syncpoint feature is enabled, you can get the replication progress by querying the Syncpoint in the downstream TiDB.

> **Note:**
> The Syncpoint update interval is controlled by the `sync-point-interval` configuration item. For the most up-to-date replication progress, use method 1.

Execute the following SQL statement in the downstream TiDB to get the upstream TSO (`primary_ts`) and downstream TSO (`secondary_ts`):

```
SELECT * FROM tidb_cdc.syncpoint_v1;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------+------------+--------------------+--------------------
   ↪
| ticdc_cluster_id | changefeed | primary_ts   | secondary_ts     |
   ↪ created_at        |
+--
   ↪ ----------------+------------+--------------------+--------------------
   ↪
| default          | syncpoint | 453879870259200000 |
   ↪ 453879870545461257 | 2024-11-12 20:25:01 |
| default          | syncpoint | 453879948902400000 |
   ↪ 453879949214351361 | 2024-11-12 20:30:01 |
| default          | syncpoint | 453880027545600000 |
   ↪ 453880027751907329 | 2024-11-12 20:35:00 |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------+------------+-------------------+--------------------
    ↪
```

In the output, each row shows the upstream TiDB snapshot at `primary_ts` matches the downstream TiDB snapshot at `secondary_ts`.

To view the replication progress, convert the latest `primary_ts` to a readable time format:

```
SELECT TIDB_PARSE_TSO(453880027545600000);
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-----------------------------------+
| TIDB_PARSE_TSO(453880027545600000) |
+-----------------------------------+
| 2024-11-12 20:35:00               |
+-----------------------------------+
```

If the time corresponding to the latest `primary_ts` is greater than or equal to the upstream TiDB cluster's TSO obtained in step 1, then TiCDC has replicated all updates downstream.

7.7.5 What is `gc-ttl` in TiCDC?

Since v4.0.0-rc.1, PD supports external services in setting the service-level GC safepoint. Any service can register and update its GC safepoint. PD ensures that the key-value data later than this GC safepoint is not cleaned by GC.

When the replication task is unavailable or interrupted, this feature ensures that the data to be consumed by TiCDC is retained in TiKV without being cleaned by GC.

When starting the TiCDC server, you can specify the Time To Live (TTL) duration of GC safepoint by configuring `gc-ttl`. You can also use TiUP to modify `gc-ttl`. The default value is 24 hours. In TiCDC, this value means:

- The maximum time the GC safepoint is retained at the PD after the TiCDC service is stopped.
- When TiKV's GC is blocked by TiCDC's GC safepoint, `gc-ttl` indicates the maximum replication delay of a TiCDC replication task. If the delay of the replication task exceeds the value set by `gc-ttl`, the replication task enters into the `failed` state and reports the `ErrGCTTLExceeded` error. It cannot be recovered, and no longer blocks GC safepoint to advance.

The second behavior above is introduced in TiCDC v4.0.13 and later versions. The purpose is to prevent a replication task in TiCDC from suspending for too long, causing the GC safepoint of the upstream TiKV cluster not to continue for a long time and retaining too many outdated data versions, thus affecting the performance of the upstream cluster.

Note:

In some scenarios, for example, when you use TiCDC for incremental replication after full replication with Dumpling/BR, the default 24 hours of `gc-ttl` may not be sufficient. You need to specify an appropriate value for `gc-ttl` when you start the TiCDC server.

7.7.6 What is the complete behavior of TiCDC garbage collection (GC) safepoint?

If a replication task starts after the TiCDC service starts, the TiCDC owner updates the PD service GC safepoint with the smallest value of `checkpoint-ts` among all replication tasks. The service GC safepoint ensures that TiCDC does not delete data generated at that time and after that time. If the replication task is interrupted, or manually stopped, the `checkpoint-ts` of this task does not change. Meanwhile, PD's corresponding service GC safepoint is not updated either.

If the replication task is suspended longer than the time specified by `gc-ttl`, the replication task enters the `failed` status and cannot be resumed. The PD corresponding service GC safepoint will continue.

The default Time-To-Live (TTL) that TiCDC sets for a service GC safepoint is 24 hours, which means that the GC mechanism does not delete the data required by TiCDC for continuing replication if the TiCDC service can be recovered within 24 hours after it is interrupted.

7.7.7 How to recover a replication task after it fails?

1. Use `cdc cli changefeed query` to query the error information of the replication task and fix the error as soon as possible.
2. Increase the value of `gc-ttl` to allow more time to fix the error, ensuring that the replication task does not enter the `failed` status due to the replication delay exceeding `gc-ttl` after the error is fixed.
3. After evaluating the impact on the system, increase the value of `tidb_gc_life_time` in TiDB to block GC and retain data, ensuring that the replication task does not enter the `failed` status due to GC cleaning data after the error is fixed.

7.7.8 How to understand the relationship between the TiCDC time zone and the time zones of the upstream/downstream databases?

	Upstream time zone	TiCDC time zone	Downstream time zone
Configuration method	See Time Zone Support	Configured using the `--tz` parameter when you start the TiCDC server	Configured using the `time-zone` parameter in `sink-uri`

	Upstream time zone	TiCDC time zone	Downstream time zone
Description	The time zone of the upstream TiDB, which affects DML operations of the timestamp type and DDL operations related to timestamp type columns.	TiCDC assumes that the upstream TiDB's time zone is the same as the TiCDC time zone configuration, and performs related operations on the timestamp column.	The downstream MySQL processes the timestamp in the DML and DDL operations according to the downstream time zone setting.

Note:

Be careful when you set the time zone of the TiCDC server, because this time zone is used for converting the time type. Keep the upstream time zone, TiCDC time zone, and the downstream time zone consistent. The TiCDC server chooses its time zone in the following priority:

- TiCDC first uses the time zone specified using `--tz`.
- When `--tz` is not available, TiCDC tries to read the time zone set using the `TZ` environment variable.
- When the `TZ` environment variable is not available, TiCDC uses the default time zone of the machine.

7.7.9 What is the default behavior of TiCDC if I create a replication task without specifying the configuration file in `--config`?

If you use the `cdc cli changefeed create` command without specifying the `-config` parameter, TiCDC creates the replication task in the following default behaviors:

- Replicates all tables except system tables
- Only replicates tables that contain valid indexes

7.7.10 Does TiCDC support outputting data changes in the Canal protocol?

Yes. Note that for the Canal protocol, TiCDC only supports the JSON output format, while the protobuf format is not officially supported yet. To enable Canal output, specify `protocol` as `canal-json` in the `--sink-uri` configuration. For example:

```
cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://127.0.0.1:8300 --sink-uri="kafka
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:9092/cdc-test?kafka-version=2.4.0&protocol=canal-json"
    ↪ --config changefeed.toml
```

Note:

- This feature is introduced in TiCDC 4.0.2.
- TiCDC currently supports outputting data changes in the Canal-JSON format only to MQ sinks such as Kafka.

For more information, refer to TiCDC changefeed configurations.

7.7.11 Why does the latency from TiCDC to Kafka become higher and higher?

- Check how do I view the state of TiCDC replication tasks.
- Adjust the following parameters of Kafka:
    - Increase the `message.max.bytes` value in `server.properties` to `1073741824` (1 GB).
    - Increase the `replica.fetch.max.bytes` value in `server.properties` to `1073741824` (1 GB).
    - Increase the `fetch.message.max.bytes` value in `consumer.properties` to make it larger than the `message.max.bytes` value.

7.7.12 When TiCDC replicates data to Kafka, can I control the maximum size of a single message in TiDB?

When `protocol` is set to `avro` or `canal-json`, messages are sent per row change. A single Kafka message contains only one row change and is generally no larger than Kafka's limit. Therefore, there is no need to limit the size of a single message. If the size of a single Kafka message does exceed Kafka's limit, refer to Why does the latency from TiCDC to Kafka become higher and higher?.

When `protocol` is set to `open-protocol`, messages are sent in batches. Therefore, one Kafka message might be excessively large. To avoid this situation, you can configure the `max-message-bytes` parameter to control the maximum size of data sent to the Kafka broker each time (optional, `10MB` by default). You can also configure the `max-batch-size` parameter (optional, `16` by default) to specify the maximum number of change records in each Kafka message.

7.7.13 If I modify a row multiple times in a transaction, will TiCDC output multiple row change events?

No. When you modify the same row in one transaction multiple times, TiDB only sends the latest modification to TiKV. Therefore, TiCDC can only obtain the result of the latest modification.

7.7.14 When TiCDC replicates data to Kafka, does a message contain multiple types of data changes?

Yes. A single message might contain multiple `updates` or `deletes`, and `update` and `delete` might co-exist.

7.7.15 When TiCDC replicates data to Kafka, how do I view the timestamp, table name, and schema name in the output of TiCDC Open Protocol?

The information is included in the key of Kafka messages. For example:

```
{
    "ts":<TS>,
    "scm":<Schema Name>,
    "tbl":<Table Name>,
    "t":1
}
```

For more information, refer to TiCDC Open Protocol event format.

7.7.16 When TiCDC replicates data to Kafka, how do I know the timestamp of the data changes in a message?

You can get the unix timestamp by moving `ts` in the key of the Kafka message by 18 bits to the right.

7.7.17 How does TiCDC Open Protocol represent `null`?

In TiCDC Open Protocol, the type code `6` represents `null`.

Type	Code	Output Example	Note
Null	6	`{"t":6,"v":null}`	

For more information, refer to TiCDC Open Protocol column type code.

7.7.18 How can I tell if a Row Changed Event of TiCDC Open Protocol is an `INSERT` event or an `UPDATE` event?

- `UPDATE` event contains both `"p"` and `"u"` fields
- `INSERT` event only contains the `"u"` field
- `DELETE` event only contains the `"d"` field

For more information, refer to Open protocol Row Changed Event format.

7.7.19 How much PD storage does TiCDC use?

When using TiCDC, you might encounter the `etcdserver: mvcc: database space exceeded` error, which is primarily related to the mechanism that TiCDC uses etcd in PD to store metadata.

etcd uses Multi-Version Concurrency Control (MVCC) to store data, and the default compaction interval in PD is 1 hour. This means that etcd retains multiple versions of all data for 1 hour before compaction.

Before v6.0.0, TiCDC uses etcd in PD to store and update metadata for all tables in a changefeed. Therefore, the PD storage space used by TiCDC is proportional to the number of tables being replicated by the changefeed. When TiCDC is replicating a large number of tables, the etcd storage space could fill up quickly, increasing the probability of the `etcdserver: mvcc: database space exceeded` error.

If you encounter this error, refer to etcd maintenance space-quota to clean up the etcd storage space.

Starting from v6.0.0, TiCDC optimizes its metadata storage mechanism, effectively avoiding the etcd storage space issues caused by the preceding reasons. If your TiCDC version is earlier than v6.0.0, it is recommended to upgrade to v6.0.0 or later versions.

7.7.20 Does TiCDC support replicating large transactions? Is there any risk?

TiCDC provides partial support for large transactions (more than 5 GB in size). Depending on different scenarios, the following risks might exist:

- The latency of primary-secondary replication might greatly increase.
- When TiCDC's internal processing capacity is insufficient, the replication task error `ErrBufferReachLimit` might occur.
- When TiCDC's internal processing capacity is insufficient or the throughput capacity of TiCDC's downstream is insufficient, out of memory (OOM) might occur.

Since v6.2, TiCDC supports splitting a single-table transaction into multiple transactions. This can greatly reduce the latency and memory consumption of replicating large transactions. Therefore, if your application does not have a high requirement on transaction atomicity, it is recommended to enable the splitting of large transactions to avoid possible replication latency and OOM. To enable the splitting, set the value of the sink uri parameter `transaction-atomicity` to `none`.

If you still encounter an error above, it is recommended to use BR to restore the incremental data of large transactions. The detailed operations are as follows:

1. Record the `checkpoint-ts` of the changefeed that is terminated due to large transactions, use this TSO as the `--lastbackupts` of the BR incremental backup, and execute incremental data backup.
2. After backing up the incremental data, you can find a log record similar to `["Full backup Failed summary : total backup ranges: 0, total success: 0, total failed: 0"] [BackupTS=421758868510212097]` in the BR log output. Record the `BackupTS` in this log.
3. Restore the incremental data.
4. Create a new changefeed and start the replication task from `BackupTS`.
5. Delete the old changefeed.

7.7.21 Does TiCDC replicate data changes caused by lossy DDL operations to the downstream?

Lossy DDL refers to DDL that might cause data changes when executed in TiDB. Some common lossy DDL operations include:

- Modifying the type of a column, for example, INT -> VARCHAR
- Modifying the length of a column, for example, VARCHAR(20) -> VARCHAR(10)
- Modifying the precision of a column, for example, DECIMAL(10, 3) -> DECIMAL(10, 2)
- Modifying the UNSIGNED or SIGNED attribute of a column, for example, INT UNSIGNED -> INT SIGNED

Before TiDB v7.1.0, TiCDC replicates DML events with identical old and new data to the downstream. When the downstream is MySQL, these DML events do not cause any data changes until the downstream receives and executes the DDL statement. However, when the downstream is Kafka or a cloud storage service, TiCDC writes a row of redundant data to the downstream.

Starting from TiDB v7.1.0, TiCDC eliminates these redundant DML events and no longer replicates them to downstream.

7.7.22 The default value of the time type field is inconsistent when replicating a DDL statement to the downstream MySQL 5.7. What can I do?

Suppose that the `create table test (id int primary key, ts timestamp)` statement is executed in the upstream TiDB. When TiCDC replicates this statement to the downstream MySQL 5.7, MySQL uses the default configuration. The table schema after the replication is as follows. The default value of the `timestamp` field becomes `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP`:

```
mysql root@127.0.0.1:test> show create table test;
+--
   ↪ -----+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Table | Create Table
   ↪                                                                    |
+--
   ↪ -----+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| test | CREATE TABLE `test` (
   ↪                                                        |
|      |   `id` int NOT NULL,
   ↪                                                      |
|      |   `ts` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE
   ↪ CURRENT_TIMESTAMP, |
```

```
|       |   PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
    ↪                                                                |
|       | ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
    ↪                                      |
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set
```

From the result, you can see that the table schema before and after the replication is inconsistent. This is because the default value of `explicit_defaults_for_timestamp` in TiDB is different from that in MySQL. See MySQL Compatibility for details.

Since v5.0.1 or v4.0.13, for each replication to MySQL, TiCDC automatically sets `explicit_defaults_for_timestamp = ON` to ensure that the time type is consistent between the upstream and downstream. For versions earlier than v5.0.1 or v4.0.13, pay attention to the compatibility issue caused by the inconsistent `explicit_defaults_for_timestamp` value when using TiCDC to replicate the time type data.

7.7.23 Why do `INSERT/UPDATE` statements from the upstream become `REPLACE INTO` after being replicated to the downstream if I set `safe-mode` to `true` when I create a TiCDC replication task?

TiCDC guarantees that all data is replicated at least once. When there is duplicate data in the downstream, write conflicts occur. To avoid this problem, TiCDC converts `INSERT` and `UPDATE` statements into `REPLACE INTO` statements. This behavior is controlled by the `safe-mode` parameter.

In versions earlier than v6.1.3, the default value of `safe-mode` is `true`, which means all `INSERT` and `UPDATE` statements are converted into `REPLACE INTO` statements.

In v6.1.3 and later versions, the default value of `safe-mode` changes to `false`, and TiCDC can automatically determine whether the downstream has duplicate data. If no duplicate data is detected, TiCDC directly replicates `INSERT` and `UPDATE` statements without conversion; otherwise, TiCDC converts `INSERT` and `UPDATE` statements into `REPLACE INTO` statements and then replicates them.

7.7.24 Why does TiCDC use disks? When does TiCDC write to disks? Does TiCDC use memory buffer to improve replication performance?

When upstream write traffic is at peak hours, the downstream may fail to consume all data in a timely manner, resulting in data pile-up. TiCDC uses disks to process the data that is piled up. TiCDC needs to write data to disks during normal operation. However, this is not usually the bottleneck for replication throughput and replication latency, given that writing to disks only results in latency within a hundred milliseconds. TiCDC also uses memory to accelerate reading data from disks to improve replication performance.

7.7.25 Why does replication using TiCDC stall or even stop after data restore using TiDB Lightning physical import mode and BR from upstream?

Currently, TiCDC is not yet fully compatible with TiDB Lightning physical import mode and BR. Therefore, avoid using TiDB Lightning physical import mode and BR on tables that are replicated by TiCDC. Otherwise, unknown errors might occur, such as TiCDC replication getting stuck, a significant spike in replication latency, or data loss.

If you need to use TiDB Lightning physical import mode or BR to restore data for some tables replicated by TiCDC, take these steps:

1. Remove the TiCDC replication task related to these tables.
2. Use TiDB Lightning physical import mode or BR to restore data separately in the upstream and downstream clusters of TiCDC.
3. After the restoration is complete and data consistency between the upstream and downstream clusters is verified, create a new TiCDC replication task for incremental replication, with the timestamp (TSO) from the upstream backup as the `start-ts` for the task. For example, assuming the snapshot timestamp of the BR backup in the upstream cluster is `431434047157698561`, you can create a new TiCDC replication task using the following command:

```
cdc cli changefeed create -c "upstream-to-downstream-some-tables" --
    ↪ start-ts=431434047157698561 --sink-uri="mysql://root@127
    ↪ .0.0.1:4000? time-zone="
```

7.7.26 After a changefeed resumes from pause, its replication latency gets higher and higher and returns to normal only after a few minutes. Why?

When a changefeed is resumed, TiCDC needs to scan the historical versions of data in TiKV to catch up with the incremental data logs generated during the pause. The replication process proceeds only after the scan is completed. The scan process might take several to tens of minutes.

7.7.27 How should I deploy TiCDC to replicate data between two TiDB cluster located in different regions?

For TiCDC versions earlier than v6.5.2, it is recommended that you deploy TiCDC in the downstream TiDB cluster. If the network latency between the upstream and downstream is high, for example, more than 100 ms, the latency produced when TiCDC executes SQL statements to the downstream might increase dramatically due to the MySQL transmission protocol issues. This results in a decrease in system throughput. However, deploying TiCDC in the downstream can greatly ease this problem. After optimization, starting from TiCDC v6.5.2, it is recommended that you deploy TiCDC in the upstream TiDB cluster.

7.7.28 What is the order of executing DML and DDL statements?

Currently, TiCDC adopts the following order:

1. TiCDC blocks the replication progress of the tables affected by DDL statements until the DDL `commitTS`. This ensures that DML statements executed before DDL `commitTS` can be successfully replicated to the downstream first.
2. TiCDC continues with the replication of DDL statements. If there are multiple DDL statements, TiCDC replicates them in a serial manner.
3. After the DDL statements are executed in the downstream, TiCDC will continue with the replication of DML statements executed after DDL `commitTS`.

7.7.29 How should I check whether the upstream and downstream data is consistent?

If the downstream is a TiDB cluster or MySQL instance, it is recommended that you compare the data using sync-diff-inspector.

7.7.30 Replication of a single table can only be run on a single TiCDC node. Will it be possible to use multiple TiCDC nodes to replicate data of multiple tables?

Starting from v7.1.0, TiCDC supports the MQ sink to replicate data change logs at the granularity of TiKV Regions, which achieves scalable processing capability and allows TiCDC to replicate a single table with a large number of Regions. To enable this feature, you can configure the following parameter in the TiCDC configuration file:

```
[scheduler]
enable-table-across-nodes = true
```

7.7.31 Does TiCDC replication get stuck if the upstream has long-running uncommitted transactions?

TiDB has a transaction timeout mechanism. When a transaction runs for a period longer than `max-txn-ttl`, TiDB forcibly rolls it back. TiCDC waits for the transaction to be committed before proceeding with the replication, which causes replication delay.

7.7.32 Why can't I use the `cdc cli` command to operate a TiCDC cluster deployed by TiDB Operator?

This is because the default port number of the TiCDC cluster deployed by TiDB Operator is `8301`, while the default port number of the `cdc cli` command to connect to the TiCDC server is `8300`. When using the `cdc cli` command to operate the TiCDC cluster deployed by TiDB Operator, you need to explicitly specify the `--server` parameter, as follows:

```
./cdc cli changefeed list --server "127.0.0.1:8301"
[
  {
    "id": "4k-table",
    "namespace": "default",
    "summary": {
      "state": "stopped",
      "tso": 441832628003799353,
      "checkpoint": "2023-05-30 22:41:57.910",
      "error": null
    }
  },
  {
    "id": "big-table",
    "namespace": "default",
    "summary": {
      "state": "normal",
      "tso": 441872834546892882,
      "checkpoint": "2023-06-01 17:18:13.700",
      "error": null
    }
  }
]
```

7.7.33 Does TiCDC replicate generated columns of DML operations?

Generated columns include virtual generated columns and stored generated columns. TiCDC ignores virtual generated columns and only replicates stored generated columns to the downstream. However, stored generated columns are also ignored when the downstream is MySQL or another MySQL-compatible database (rather than Kafka or other storage services).

> **Note:**
>
> When replicating stored generated columns to Kafka or a storage service and then writing them back to MySQL, `Error 3105 (HY000): The value ↪ specified for generated column 'xx' in table 'xxx' is not ↪ allowed` might occur. To avoid this error, you can use Open Protocol for replication. The output of this protocol includes bit flags of columns, which can distinguish whether a column is a generated column.

7.7.34 How do I resolve frequent `CDC:ErrMySQLDuplicateEntryCDC` errors?

When using TiCDC to replicate data to TiDB or MySQL, you might encounter the following error if SQL statements in the upstream are executed in a specific pattern:

```
CDC:ErrMySQLDuplicateEntryCDC
```

The cause of the error: TiDB combines `DELETE + INSERT` operations on the same row within the same transaction into a single `UPDATE` row change. When TiCDC replicates these changes as updates to the downstream, the `UPDATE` operations attempting to swap unique key values might result in conflicts.

Taking the following table as an example:

```
CREATE TABLE data_table (
    id BIGINT(20) NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
    value BINARY(16) NOT NULL,
    UNIQUE KEY value_index (value)
) CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;
```

If the upstream attempts to swap the `value` field of the two rows in the table:

```
DELETE FROM data_table WHERE id = 1;
DELETE FROM data_table WHERE id = 2;
INSERT INTO data_table (id, value) VALUES (1, 'v3');
INSERT INTO data_table (id, value) VALUES (2, 'v1');
```

TiDB generates two `UPDATE` row changes, so TiCDC converts them into two `UPDATE` statements for replication to the downstream:

```
UPDATE data_table SET value = 'v3' WHERE id = 1;
UPDATE data_table SET value = 'v1' WHERE id = 2;
```

If the downstream table still contains `v1` when executing the second `UPDATE` statement, it violates the unique key constraint on the `value` column, resulting in the `CDC:ErrMySQLDuplicateEntryCDC` error.

If the `CDC:ErrMySQLDuplicateEntryCDC` error occurs frequently, you can enable TiCDC safe mode by setting the `safe-mode=true` parameter in the `sink-uri` configuration:

```
mysql://user:password@host:port/?safe-mode=true
```

In safe mode, TiCDC splits the `UPDATE` operation into `DELETE + REPLACE INTO` for execution, thus avoiding the unique key conflict error.

7.8 TiCDC Glossary

This glossary provides TiCDC-related terms and definitions. These terms appear in TiCDC logs, monitoring metrics, configurations, and documents.

For TiDB-related terms and definitions, see TiDB glossary.

7.8.1 C

7.8.1.1 Capture

A single TiCDC instance on which the replication task of the cluster runs. Multiple captures form a TiCDC cluster.

7.8.1.2 Changed data

The data to be written to TiCDC from the upstream TiDB cluster, including the DML-caused data changes and the DDL-caused table schema changes.

7.8.1.3 Changefeed

An incremental replication task in TiCDC, which outputs the data change logs of several tables in a TiDB cluster to the designated downstream.

7.8.2 O

7.8.2.1 Owner

A capture of a special role that manages the TiCDC cluster and schedules replication tasks of the cluster. An owner is elected by captures and there is at most one owner at any time.

7.8.3 P

7.8.3.1 Processor

TiCDC replication tasks allocate data tables on TiCDC instances, and the processor refers to the replication processing unit of these tables. Processor tasks include pulling, sorting, restoring, and distributing changed data.

8 Maintain

8.1 Security

8.1.1 Best Practices for TiDB Security Configuration

The security of TiDB is crucial for protecting data integrity and confidentiality. This document provides guidelines for configuring TiDB clusters securely during deployment. By following these best practices, you can effectively reduce potential security risks, prevent data breaches, and ensure the continuous, stable, and reliable operation of your TiDB database system.

Note:

This document offers general recommendations on TiDB security configurations. PingCAP does not guarantee the completeness or accuracy of the information, and it assumes no responsibility for any issues arising from the use of this guide. Users should assess these recommendations based on their specific needs and consult professionals for tailored advice.

8.1.1.1 Set the initial password for the root user

By default, the root user in a newly created TiDB cluster has no password, which poses a potential security risk. If a password is not set, anyone can attempt to log in to the TiDB database as the root user, potentially gaining access to and modifying data.

To avoid this risk, it is recommended to set a root password during deployment:

- For deployments using TiUP, refer to Deploy TiDB Cluster Using TiUP to generate a random password for the root user.
- For deployments using TiDB Operator, refer to Set initial account and password to set the root password.

8.1.1.2 Enable password complexity checks

By default, TiDB does not enforce password complexity policies, which might lead to the use of weak or empty passwords, increasing security risks.

To ensure that database users create strong passwords, it is recommended to configure a reasonable password complexity policy. For example, configure a policy that requires passwords to include a combination of uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters. By enforcing password complexity checks, you can improve database security, prevent brute force attacks, reduce internal threats, ensure compliance with regulations, and lower the risk of data breaches, thus enhancing overall security.

8.1.1.3 Change the default Grafana password

TiDB installation includes the Grafana component by default, and the default username and password are typically `admin/admin`. If the password is not changed promptly, attackers could exploit this to gain control of the system.

It is recommended to immediately change the Grafana password to a strong one during the TiDB deployment, and regularly update the password to ensure system security. Here are the steps to change the Grafana password:

- Upon first login to Grafana, follow the prompts to change the password.

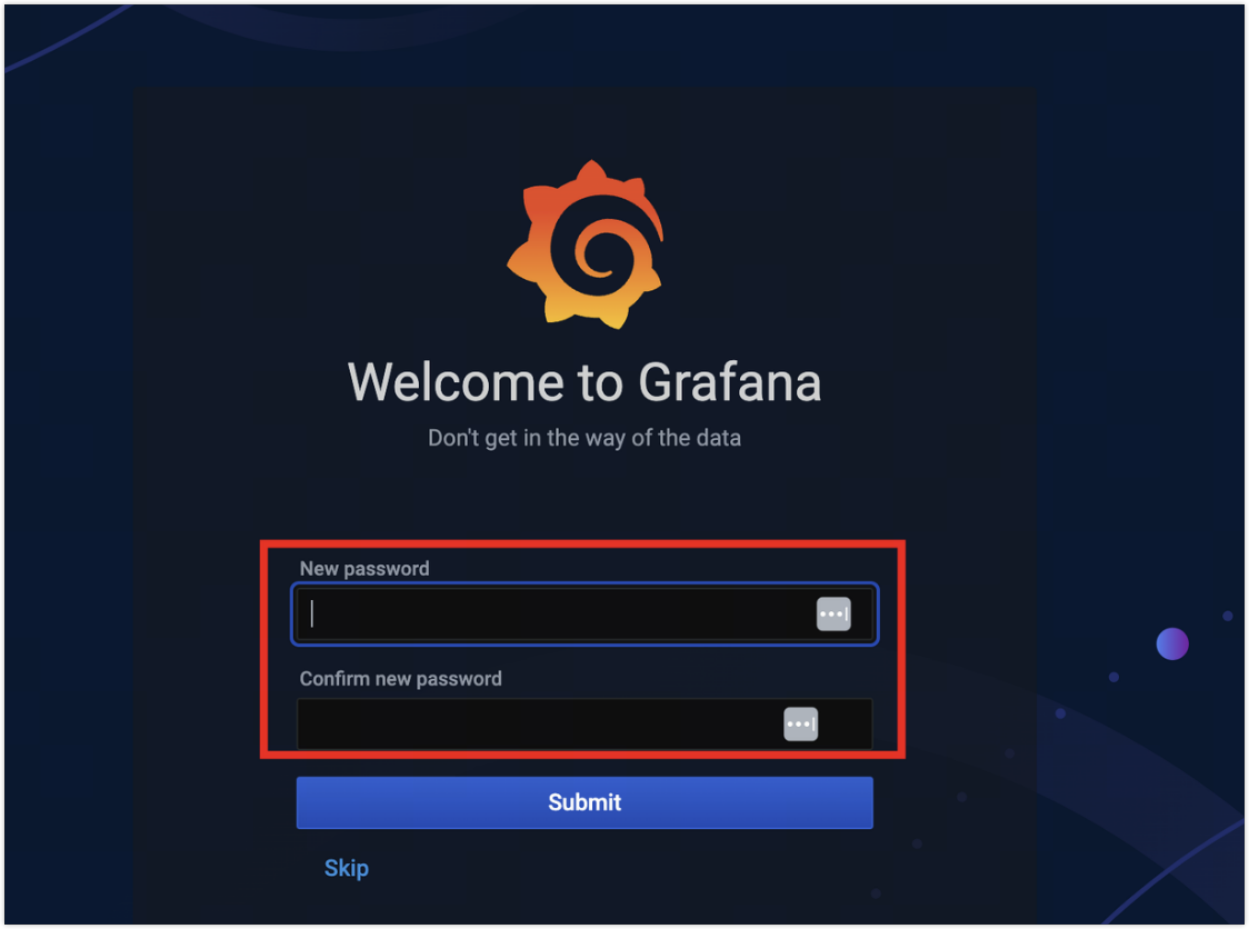


Figure 136: Grafana Password Reset Guide

- Access the Grafana personal configuration center to change the password.

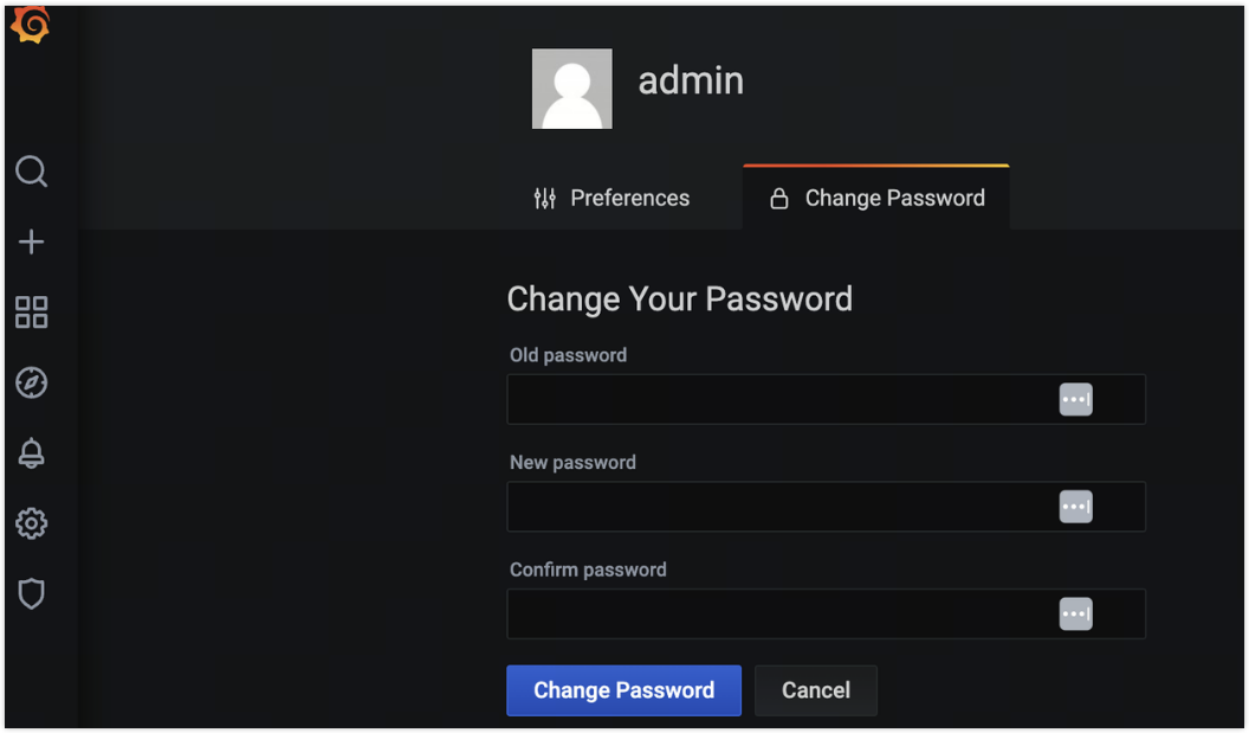


Figure 137: Grafana Password Reset Guide

8.1.1.4 Enhance TiDB Dashboard security

8.1.1.4.1 Use a least privilege user

TiDB Dashboard shares the account system with TiDB SQL users, and TiDB Dashboard authorization is based on TiDB SQL user permissions. TiDB Dashboard requires minimal permissions and can even operate with read-only access.

To enhance security, it is recommended to create a least-privilege SQL user for accessing the TiDB Dashboard and to avoid using high-privilege users.

8.1.1.4.2 Restrict access control

By default, TiDB Dashboard is designed for trusted users. The default port includes additional API interfaces besides TiDB Dashboard. If you want to allow access to TiDB Dashboard from external networks or untrusted users, take the following measures to avoid security vulnerabilities:

- Use a firewall or other mechanisms to restrict the default 2379 port to trusted domains, preventing access by external users.

> **Note:**
> TiDB, TiKV, and other components need to communicate with the PD component via the PD client port. Do not block internal network access between components, which will make the cluster unavailable.

- Configure a reverse proxy to securely provide TiDB Dashboard services to external users on a different port.

8.1.1.5 Protect internal ports

By default, TiDB installation includes several privileged interfaces for inter-component communication. These ports typically do not need to be accessible to users, because they are primarily for internal communication. Exposing these ports on public networks increases the attack surface, violates the principle of least privilege, and raises the risk of security vulnerabilities. The following table lists the default listening ports in a TiDB cluster:

Component	Default port	Protocol
TiDB	4000	MySQL
TiDB	10080	HTTP
TiKV	20160	Protocol
TiKV	20180	HTTP
PD	2379	HTTP/Protocol
PD	2380	Protocol
TiFlash	3930	Protocol
TiFlash	20170	Protocol
TiFlash	20292	HTTP
TiFlash	8234	HTTP
TiFlow	8261	HTTP
TiFlow	8291	HTTP
TiFlow	8262	HTTP
TiFlow	8300	HTTP
TiDB Lightning	8289	HTTP
TiDB Operator	6060	HTTP
TiDB Dashboard	2379	HTTP
TiDB Binlog	8250	HTTP
TiDB Binlog	8249	HTTP
TMS	8082	HTTP
TEM	8080	HTTP
TEM	8000	HTTP
TEM	4110	HTTP
TEM	4111	HTTP
TEM	4112	HTTP
TEM	4113	HTTP

Component	Default port	Protocol
TEM	4124	HTTP
Prometheus	9090	HTTP
Grafana	3000	HTTP
AlertManager	9093	HTTP
AlertManager	9094	Protocol
Node Exporter	9100	HTTP
Blackbox Exporter	9115	HTTP
NG Monitoring	12020	HTTP

It is recommended to only expose the `4000` port for the database and the `9000` port for the Grafana dashboard to ordinary users, while restricting access to other ports using network security policies or firewalls. The following is an example of using `iptables` to restrict port access:

```
### Allow internal port communication from the whitelist of component IP
    ↪ addresses
sudo iptables -A INPUT -s internal IP address range -j ACCEPT

### Only open ports 4000 and 9000 to external users
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 4000 -j ACCEPT
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 9000 -j ACCEPT

### Deny all other traffic by default
sudo iptables -P INPUT DROP
```

If you need to access TiDB Dashboard, it is recommended to configure a reverse proxy to securely provide services to external networks on a separate port.

8.1.1.6 Resolving false positives from third-party MySQL vulnerability scanners

Most vulnerability scanners detect MySQL vulnerabilities based on version information. Because TiDB is MySQL protocol-compatible but not MySQL itself, version-based vulnerability scans might lead to false positives. It is recommended to focus vulnerability scans on principle-based assessments. If compliance scanning tools require a specific MySQL version, you can modify the server version number to meet the requirement.

By changing the server version number, you can avoid false positives from vulnerability scanners. The `server-version` value is used by TiDB nodes to verify the current TiDB version. Before upgrading the TiDB cluster, ensure that the `server-version` value is either empty or the actual version of TiDB to avoid unexpected behavior.

8.1.2 Enable TLS between TiDB Clients and Servers

By default, TiDB allows insecure connections between the server and clients. This enables third parties that monitor channel traffic to know and possibly modify the data sent and received between the server and the client, including query content and query results. If a channel is untrustworthy (such as if the client is connected to the TiDB server via a public network), an insecure connection is prone to information leakage. In this case, for security reasons, it is recommended to require a connection that is secured with TLS.

The TiDB server supports secure connections based on the TLS (Transport Layer Security) protocol. The protocol is consistent with MySQL secure connections and is directly supported by existing MySQL clients such as MySQL Client, MySQL Shell and MySQL drivers. TLS is sometimes referred to as SSL (Secure Sockets Layer). Because the SSL protocol has known security vulnerabilities, TiDB does not support SSL. TiDB supports the following protocols: TLSv1.2 and TLSv1.3.

When a TLS secured connection is used, the connection has the following security properties:

- Confidentiality: the traffic plaintext is encrypted to avoid eavesdropping
- Integrity: the traffic plaintext cannot be tampered
- Authentication: (optional) the client can verify the identity of the server and the server can verify the identity of the client to avoid man-in-the-middle attacks

To use connections secured with TLS, you first need to configure the TiDB server to enable TLS. Then you need to configure the client application to use TLS. Most client libraries enable TLS automatically when the server has TLS support configured correctly.

Similar to MySQL, TiDB allows TLS and non-TLS connections on the same TCP port. For a TiDB server with TLS enabled, you can choose to securely connect to the TiDB server through an encrypted connection, or to use an unencrypted connection. You can use the following ways to require the use of secure connections:

- Configure the system variable `require_secure_transport` to require secure connections to the TiDB server for all users.
- Specify `REQUIRE SSL` when you create a user (`create user`), or modify an existing user (`alter user`), which is to specify that specified users must use TLS connections to access TiDB. The following is an example of creating a user:

```
CREATE USER 'u1'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY 'my_random_password' REQUIRE SSL;
```

> **Note:**
>
> If the login user has configured using the TiDB Certificate-Based Authentication for Login, the user is implicitly required to enable the encrypted connection to TiDB.

8.1.2.1 Configure TiDB server to use secure connections

See the following descriptions about the related parameters to enable secure connections:

- `auto-tls`: enables automatic certificate generation (since v5.2.0)
- `ssl-cert`: specifies the file path of the SSL certificate
- `ssl-key`: specifies the private key that matches the certificate
- `ssl-ca`: (optional) specifies the file path of the trusted CA certificate
- `tls-version`: (optional) specifies the minimum TLS version, e.g. "TLSv1.2"

`auto-tls` allows secure connections but does not provide client certificate validation. For certificate validation, and to control how certificates are generated, see the advice on configuring the `ssl-cert`, `ssl-key` and `ssl-ca` variables below.

To enable secure connections with your own certificates in the TiDB server, you must specify both of the `ssl-cert` and `ssl-key` parameters in the configuration file when you start the TiDB server. You can also specify the `ssl-ca` parameter for client authentication (see Enable authentication).

All the files specified by the parameters are in PEM (Privacy Enhanced Mail) format. Currently, TiDB does not support the import of a password-protected private key, so it is required to provide a private key file without a password. If the certificate or private key is invalid, the TiDB server starts as usual, but the client cannot connect to the TiDB server through a TLS connection.

If the certificate parameters are correct, TiDB outputs `mysql protocol server secure connection is enabled` to the logs on `"INFO"` level when started.

8.1.2.2 Configure the MySQL client to use TLS connections

The client of MySQL 5.7 or later versions attempts to establish a TLS connection by default. If the server does not support TLS connections, it automatically returns to unencrypted connections. The client of MySQL earlier than version 5.7 uses the non-TLS connections by default.

You can change the connection behavior of the client using the following `--ssl-mode` parameters:

- `--ssl-mode=REQUIRED`: The client requires a TLS connection. The connection cannot be established if the server side does not support TLS connections.
- In the absence of the `--ssl-mode` parameter: The client attempts to use a TLS connection, but the encrypted connection cannot be established if the server side does not support encrypted connections. Then the client uses an unencrypted connection.
- `--ssl-mode=DISABLED`: The client uses an unencrypted connection.

MySQL 8.x clients have two SSL modes in addition to this parameter:

- `--ssl-mode=VERIFY_CA`: Validates the certificate from the server against the CA that requires `--ssl-ca`.
- `--ssl-mode=VERIFY_IDENTITY`: The same as `VERIFY_CA`, but also validating whether the hostname you are connecting to matches the certificate.

For MySQL 5.7 and MariaDB clients and earlier you can use `--ssl-verify-server-cert` to enable validation of the server certificate.

For more information, see Client-Side Configuration for Encrypted Connections in MySQL.

8.1.2.3 Enable authentication

If the `ssl-ca` parameter is not specified in the TiDB server or MySQL client, the client or the server does not perform authentication by default and cannot prevent man-in-the-middle attack. For example, the client might "securely" connect to a disguised client. You can configure the `ssl-ca` parameter for authentication in the server and client. Generally, you only need to authenticate the server, but you can also authenticate the client to further enhance the security.

- To authenticate the TiDB server from the MySQL client:

1. Specify the `ssl-cert` and `ssl-key` parameters in the TiDB server.
2. Specify the `--ssl-ca` parameter in the MySQL client.
3. Specify the `--ssl-mode` to `VERIFY_CA` at least in the MySQL client.
4. Make sure that the certificate (`ssl-cert`) configured in the TiDB server is signed by the CA specified by the client `--ssl-ca` parameter; otherwise, the authentication fails.

- To authenticate the MySQL client from the TiDB server:

1. Specify the `ssl-cert`, `ssl-key`, and `ssl-ca` parameters in the TiDB server.
2. Specify the `--ssl-cert` and `--ssl-key` parameters in the client.
3. Make sure the server-configured certificate and the client-configured certificate are both signed by the `ssl-ca` specified by the server.

- To perform mutual authentication, meet both of the above requirements.

By default, the server-to-client authentication is optional. Even if the client does not present its certificate of identification during the TLS handshake, the TLS connection can be still established. You can also require the client to be authenticated by specifying `REQUIRE x509` when creating a user (`CREATE USER`), or modifying an existing user (`ALTER USER`). The following is an example of creating a user:

```
CREATE USER 'u1'@'%' REQUIRE X509;
```

> **Note:**
>
> If the login user has configured using the TiDB Certificate-Based Authentication for Login, the user is implicitly required to enable the TLS connection to TiDB.

8.1.2.4 Check whether the current connection uses encryption

Use the `SHOW STATUS LIKE "%Ssl%";` statement to get the details of the current connection, including whether encryption is used, the encryption protocol used by encrypted connections and the TLS version number.

See the following example of the result in an encrypted connection. The results change according to different TLS versions or encryption protocols supported by the client.

```
SHOW STATUS LIKE "Ssl%";
```

```
+-----------------------+-------------------------------------------------------->
   ↪
| Variable_name         | Value                                                  >
+-----------------------+-------------------------------------------------------->
   ↪
| Ssl_cipher            | TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256                                 >
| Ssl_cipher_list       | RC4-SHA:DES-CBC3-SHA:AES128-SHA:AES256-SHA:AES128-
   ↪ SHA2>
| Ssl_server_not_after  | Apr 23 07:59:47 2024 UTC                               >
| Ssl_server_not_before | Jan 24 07:59:47 2024 UTC                               >
| Ssl_verify_mode       | 5                                                      >
| Ssl_version           | TLSv1.3                                                >
+-----------------------+-------------------------------------------------------->
   ↪
6 rows in set (0.0062 sec)
```

For the official MySQL client, you can also use the `STATUS` or `\s` statement to view the connection status:

```
mysql> \s
...
SSL: Cipher in use is TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
...
```

8.1.2.5 Supported TLS versions, key exchange protocols, and encryption algorithms

The TLS versions, key exchange protocols and encryption algorithms supported by TiDB are determined by the official Go libraries.

The crypto policy for your operating system and the client library you are using might also impact the list of supported protocols and cipher suites.

8.1.2.5.1 Supported TLS versions

- TLSv1.2
- TLSv1.3

You can use the `tls-version` configuration option to limit the TLS versions that can be used.

The actual TLS versions that can be used depend on the OS crypto policy, MySQL client version and the SSL/TLS library that is used by the client.

8.1.2.5.2 Supported key exchange protocols and encryption algorithms

- TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
- TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
- TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256
- TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
- TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
- TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
- TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
- TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
- TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
- TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256
- TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256
- TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
- TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
- TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
- TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
- TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256
- TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256
- TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
- TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
- TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256

8.1.2.6 Reload certificate, key, and CA

To replace the certificate, the key or CA, first replace the corresponding files, then execute the `ALTER INSTANCE RELOAD TLS` statement on the running TiDB instance to reload

the certificate (ssl-cert), the key (ssl-key), and the CA (ssl-ca) from the original configuration path. In this way, you do not need to restart the TiDB instance.

The newly loaded certificate, key, and CA take effect on the connection that is established after the statement is successfully executed. The connection established before the statement execution is not affected.

8.1.2.7 Monitoring

Since TiDB v5.2.0, you can use the `Ssl_server_not_after` and `Ssl_server_not_before` status variables to monitor the start and end dates of the validity of the certificate.

```
SHOW GLOBAL STATUS LIKE 'Ssl\_server\_not\_%';
```

```
+----------------------+--------------------------+
| Variable_name        | Value                    |
+----------------------+--------------------------+
| Ssl_server_not_after | Nov 28 06:42:32 2021 UTC |
| Ssl_server_not_before | Aug 30 06:42:32 2021 UTC |
+----------------------+--------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.0076 sec)
```

8.1.2.8 See also

- Enable TLS Between TiDB Components.

8.1.3 Enable TLS Between TiDB Components

This document describes how to enable encrypted data transmission between components within a TiDB cluster. Once enabled, encrypted transmission is used between the following components:

- Communication between TiDB, TiKV, PD, and TiFlash
- TiDB Control and TiDB; TiKV Control and TiKV; PD Control and PD
- Internal communication within each TiDB, TiKV, PD, and TiFlash cluster

Currently, it is not supported to only enable encrypted transmission of some specific components.

8.1.3.1 Configure and enable encrypted data transmission

1. Prepare certificates.

   It is recommended to prepare a server certificate for TiDB, TiKV, and PD separately. Make sure that these components can authenticate each other. The Control tools of TiDB, TiKV, and PD can choose to share one client certificate.

   You can use tools like `openssl`, `easy-rsa` and `cfssl` to generate self-signed certificates.

   If you choose `openssl`, you can refer to generating self-signed certificates.

2. Configure certificates.

   To enable mutual authentication among TiDB components, configure the certificates of TiDB, TiKV, and PD as follows.

   - TiDB

     Configure in the configuration file or command-line arguments:

```
[security]
# Path of the file that contains list of trusted SSL CAs for
   ↪ connection with cluster components.
cluster-ssl-ca = "/path/to/ca.pem"
# Path of the file that contains X509 certificate in PEM format for
   ↪  connection with cluster components.
cluster-ssl-cert = "/path/to/tidb-server.pem"
# Path of the file that contains X509 key in PEM format for
   ↪ connection with cluster components.
cluster-ssl-key = "/path/to/tidb-server-key.pem"
```

   - TiKV

     Configure in the configuration file or command-line arguments, and set the corresponding URL to `https`:

```
[security]
## The path for certificates. An empty string means that secure
   ↪ connections are disabled.
# Path of the file that contains a list of trusted SSL CAs. If it
   ↪ is set, the following settings `cert_path` and `key_path`
   ↪ are also needed.
ca-path = "/path/to/ca.pem"
# Path of the file that contains X509 certificate in PEM format.
cert-path = "/path/to/tikv-server.pem"
# Path of the file that contains X509 key in PEM format.
key-path = "/path/to/tikv-server-key.pem"
```

- PD

  Configure in the configuration file or command-line arguments, and set the corresponding URL to `https`:

```
[security]
## The path for certificates. An empty string means that secure
   ↪ connections are disabled.
# Path of the file that contains a list of trusted SSL CAs. If it
   ↪ is set, the following settings `cert_path` and `key_path`
   ↪ are also needed.
cacert-path = "/path/to/ca.pem"
# Path of the file that contains X509 certificate in PEM format.
cert-path = "/path/to/pd-server.pem"
# Path of the file that contains X509 key in PEM format.
key-path = "/path/to/pd-server-key.pem"
```

- TiFlash (New in v4.0.5)

  Configure in the `tiflash.toml` file:

```
[security]
## The path for certificates. An empty string means that secure
   ↪ connections are disabled.
# Path of the file that contains a list of trusted SSL CAs. If it
   ↪ is set, the following settings `cert_path` and `key_path`
   ↪ are also needed.
ca_path = "/path/to/ca.pem"
# Path of the file that contains X509 certificate in PEM format.
cert_path = "/path/to/tiflash-server.pem"
# Path of the file that contains X509 key in PEM format.
key_path = "/path/to/tiflash-server-key.pem"
```

  Configure in the `tiflash-learner.toml` file:

```
[security]
# Path of the file that contains a list of trusted SSL CAs. If it
   ↪ is set, the following settings `cert_path` and `key_path`
   ↪ are also needed.
ca-path = "/path/to/ca.pem"
# Path of the file that contains X509 certificate in PEM format.
cert-path = "/path/to/tiflash-server.pem"
# Path of the file that contains X509 key in PEM format.
key-path = "/path/to/tiflash-server-key.pem"
```

- TiCDC

  Configure in the configuration file:

```
[security]
```

```
ca-path = "/path/to/ca.pem"
cert-path = "/path/to/cdc-server.pem"
key-path = "/path/to/cdc-server-key.pem"
```

Alternatively, configure in the command-line arguments and set the corresponding URL to `https`:

```
cdc server --pd=https://127.0.0.1:2379 --log-file=ticdc.log --addr
    ↪ =0.0.0.0:8301 --advertise-addr=127.0.0.1:8301 --ca=/path/to/
    ↪ ca.pem --cert=/path/to/ticdc-cert.pem --key=/path/to/ticdc-
    ↪ key.pem
```

Now, encrypted transmission among TiDB components is enabled.

Note:

After enabling encrypted transmission in a TiDB cluster, if you need to connect to the cluster using tidb-ctl, tikv-ctl, or pd-ctl, specify the client certificate. For example:

```
./tidb-ctl -u https://127.0.0.1:10080 --ca /path/to/ca.pem --ssl-cert /
    ↪ path/to/client.pem --ssl-key /path/to/client-key.pem
```

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u https://127.0.0.1:2379 --cacert /path
    ↪ /to/ca.pem --cert /path/to/client.pem --key /path/to/client-key.
    ↪ pem
```

```
./tikv-ctl --host="127.0.0.1:20160" --ca-path="/path/to/ca.pem" --cert-
    ↪ path="/path/to/client.pem" --key-path="/path/to/clinet-key.pem"
```

8.1.3.1.1 Verify component caller's identity

In general, the callee needs to verify the caller's identity using `Common Name`, in addition to verifying the key, the certificates, and the CA provided by the caller. For example, TiKV can only be accessed by TiDB, and other visitors are blocked even though they have legitimate certificates.

To verify the caller's identity for a component, you need to mark the certificate user identity using `Common Name` when generating the certificate, and check the caller's identity by configuring `cluster-verify-cn` (in TiDB) or `cert-allowed-cn` (in other components) for the callee.

Note:

- Starting from v8.4.0, the PD configuration item `cert-allowed-cn` supports multiple values. You can configure multiple `Common Name` in the `cluster-verify-cn` configuration item for TiDB and in the `cert-allowed-cn` configuration item for other components as needed. Note that TiUP uses a separate identifier when querying component status. For example, if the cluster name is `test`, TiUP uses `test-client` as the `Common Name`.
- For v8.3.0 and earlier versions, the PD configuration item `cert-allowed-cn` can only be set to a single value. Therefore, the `Common Name` of all authentication objects must be set to the same value. For related configuration examples, see v8.3.0 documentation.

- TiDB

  Configure in the configuration file or command-line arguments:

```
[security]
cluster-verify-cn = ["tidb", "test-client", "prometheus"]
```

- TiKV

  Configure in the configuration file or command-line arguments:

```
[security]
cert-allowed-cn = ["tidb", "pd", "tikv", "tiflash", "prometheus"]
```

- PD

  Configure in the configuration file or command-line arguments:

```
[security]
cert-allowed-cn = ["tidb", "pd", "tikv", "tiflash", "test-client", "
    ↪ prometheus"]
```

- TiFlash (New in v4.0.5)

  Configure in the `tiflash.toml` file or command-line arguments:

```
[security]
cert_allowed_cn = ["tidb", "tikv", "prometheus"]
```

  Configure in the `tiflash-learner.toml` file:

```
[security]
cert-allowed-cn = ["tidb", "tikv", "tiflash", "prometheus"]
```

8.1.3.2 Reload certificates

- If your TiDB cluster is deployed in a local data center, to reload the certificates and keys, TiDB, PD, TiKV, TiFlash, TiCDC, and all kinds of clients reread the current certificates and key files each time a new connection is created, without restarting the TiDB cluster.
- If your TiDB cluster is deployed on your own managed cloud, make sure that the issuance of TLS certificates is integrated with the certificate management service of the cloud provider. The TLS certificates of the TiDB, PD, TiKV, TiFlash, and TiCDC components can be automatically rotated without restarting the TiDB cluster.

8.1.3.3 Certificate validity

You can customize the validity period of TLS certificates for each component in a TiDB cluster. For example, when using OpenSSL to issue and generate TLS certificates, you can set the validity period via the **days** parameter. For more information, see Generate self-signed certificates.

8.1.3.4 See also

- Enable TLS Between TiDB Clients and Servers

8.1.4 Generate Self-Signed Certificates

> **Note:**
>
> To enable TLS between clients and servers, you only need to set `auto-tls`.

This document provides an example of using `openssl` to generate a self-signed certificate. You can also generate certificates and keys that meet requirements according to your demands.

Assume that the topology of the instance cluster is as follows:

Name	Host IP	Services
node1	172.16.10.11	PD1, TiDB1
node2	172.16.10.12	PD2
node3	172.16.10.13	PD3
node4	172.16.10.14	TiKV1
node5	172.16.10.15	TiKV2
node6	172.16.10.16	TiKV3

8.1.4.1 Install OpenSSL

- For Debian or Ubuntu OS:

```
apt install openssl
```

- For RedHat or CentOS OS:

```
yum install openssl
```

You can also refer to OpenSSL's official download document for installation.

8.1.4.2 Generate the CA certificate

A certificate authority (CA) is a trusted entity that issues digital certificates. In practice, contact your administrator to issue the certificate or use a trusted CA. CA manages multiple certificate pairs. Here you only need to generate an original pair of certificates as follows.

1. Generate the root key:

```
openssl genrsa -out root.key 4096
```

2. Generate root certificates:

```
openssl req -new -x509 -days 1000 -key root.key -out root.crt
```

3. Validate root certificates:

```
openssl x509 -text -in root.crt -noout
```

8.1.4.3 Issue certificates for individual components

This section describes how to issue certificates for individual components.

8.1.4.3.1 Certificates that might be used in the cluster

- tidb-server certificate: used by TiDB to authenticate TiDB for other components and clients
- tikv-server certificate: used by TiKV to authenticate TiKV for other components and clients
- pd-server certificate: used by PD to authenticate PD for other components and clients
- client certificate: used to authenticate the clients from PD, TiKV and TiDB, such as `pd-ctl`, `tikv-ctl`

8.1.4.3.2 Issue certificates to TiKV instances

To issue a certificate to a TiKV instance, perform the following steps:

1. Generate the private key corresponding to the certificate:

```
openssl genrsa -out tikv.key 2048
```

2. Make a copy of the OpenSSL configuration template file (Refer to the actual location of your template file because it might have more than one location):

```
cp /usr/lib/ssl/openssl.cnf .
```

   If you do not know the actual location, look for it in the root directory:

```
find / -name openssl.cnf
```

3. Edit `openssl.cnf`, add `req_extensions = v3_req` under the `[ req ]` field, and add `subjectAltName = @alt_names` under the `[ v3_req ]` field. Finally, create a new field and edit the information of SAN.

```
[ alt_names ]
IP.1 = 127.0.0.1
IP.2 = 172.16.10.14
IP.3 = 172.16.10.15
IP.4 = 172.16.10.16
```

4. Save the `openssl.cnf` file, and generate the certificate request file (in this step, you can also assign a Common Name to the certificate, which is used to allow the server to validate the identity of the client. Each component does not enable the validation by default, and you can enable it in the configuration file):

```
openssl req -new -key tikv.key -out tikv.csr -config openssl.cnf
```

5. Issue and generate the certificate:

```
openssl x509 -req -days 365 -CA root.crt -CAkey root.key -
    ↪ CAcreateserial -in tikv.csr -out tikv.crt -extensions v3_req -
    ↪ extfile openssl.cnf
```

6. Verify that the certificate includes the SAN field (optional):

```
openssl x509 -text -in tikv.crt -noout
```

7. Confirm that the following files exist in your current directory:

```
root.crt
tikv.crt
tikv.key
```

The process of issuing certificates for other TiDB components is similar and will not be repeated in this document.

8.1.4.3.3 Issue certificates for clients

To issue a certificate to a client, perform the following steps:

1. Generate the private key corresponding to the certificate:

```
openssl genrsa -out client.key 2048
```

2. Generate the certificate request file (in this step, you can also assign a Common Name to the certificate, which is used to allow the server to validate the identity of the client. Each component does not enable the validation by default, and you can enable it in the configuration file):

```
openssl req -new -key client.key -out client.csr
```

3. Issue and generate the certificate:

```
openssl x509 -req -days 365 -CA root.crt -CAkey root.key -
    ↪ CAcreateserial -in client.csr -out client.crt
```

8.1.5 Encryption at Rest

> **Note:**
>
> If your cluster is deployed on AWS and uses the EBS storage, it is recommended to use the EBS encryption. See AWS documentation - EBS Encryption. You are using the non-EBS storage on AWS such as the local NVMe storage, it is recommended to use encryption at rest introduced in this document.

Encryption at rest means that data is encrypted when it is stored. For databases, this feature is also referred to as TDE (transparent data encryption). This is opposed to encryption in flight (TLS) or encryption in use (rarely used). Different things could be doing

encryption at rest (such as SSD drive, file system, and cloud vendor), but by having TiKV do the encryption before storage this helps ensure that attackers must authenticate with the database to gain access to data. For example, when an attacker gains access to the physical machine, data cannot be accessed by copying files on disk.

8.1.5.1 Encryption support in different TiDB components

In a TiDB cluster, different components use different encryption methods. This section introduces the encryption supports in different TiDB components such as TiKV, TiFlash, PD, and Backup & Restore (BR).

When a TiDB cluster is deployed, the majority of user data is stored on TiKV and TiFlash nodes. Some metadata is stored on PD nodes (for example, secondary index keys used as TiKV Region boundaries). To get the full benefits of encryption at rest, you need to enable encryption for all components. Backups, log files, and data transmitted over the network should also be considered when you implement encryption.

8.1.5.1.1 TiKV

TiKV supports encryption at rest. This feature allows TiKV to transparently encrypt data files using AES or SM4 in CTR mode. To enable encryption at rest, an encryption key must be provided by the user and this key is called master key. TiKV automatically rotates data keys that it used to encrypt actual data files. Manually rotating the master key can be done occasionally. Note that encryption at rest only encrypts data at rest (namely, on disk) and not while data is transferred over network. It is advised to use TLS together with encryption at rest.

You can use Key Management Service (KMS) for both cloud and self-hosted deployments or supply the plaintext master key in a file.

TiKV currently does not exclude encryption keys and user data from core dumps. It is advised to disable core dumps for the TiKV process when using encryption at rest. This is not currently handled by TiKV itself.

TiKV tracks encrypted data files using the absolute path of the files. As a result, once encryption is turned on for a TiKV node, the user should not change data file paths configuration such as `storage.data-dir`, `raftstore.raftdb-path`, `rocksdb.wal-dir` and `raftdb.wal-dir`.

SM4 encryption is only supported in v6.3.0 and later versions of TiKV. TiKV versions earlier than v6.3.0 only support AES encryption. SM4 encryption affects performance. In the worst-case scenario, it might cause a 50% to 80% throughput degradation. However, a sufficiently large `storage.block-cache` can significantly mitigate this impact, reducing the throughput degradation to around 10%.

8.1.5.1.2 TiFlash

TiFlash supports encryption at rest. Data keys are generated by TiFlash. All files (including data files, schema files, and temporary files) written into TiFlash (including TiFlash

Proxy) are encrypted using the current data key. The encryption algorithms, the encryption configuration (in the `tiflash-learner.toml` file supported by TiFlash), and the meanings of monitoring metrics are consistent with those of TiKV.

If you have deployed TiFlash with Grafana, you can check the **TiFlash-Proxy-Details -> Encryption** panel.

SM4 encryption is only supported in v6.4.0 and later versions of TiFlash. TiFlash versions earlier than v6.4.0 only support AES encryption.

8.1.5.1.3 PD

Encryption-at-rest for PD is an experimental feature, which is configured in the same way as in TiKV.

8.1.5.1.4 Backups with BR

BR supports S3 server-side encryption (SSE) when backing up data to S3. A customer-owned AWS KMS key can also be used together with S3 server-side encryption. See BR S3 server-side encryption for details.

8.1.5.1.5 Logging

TiKV, TiDB, and PD info logs might contain user data for debugging purposes. The info log and this data in it are not encrypted. It is recommended to enable log redaction.

8.1.5.2 TiKV encryption at rest

8.1.5.2.1 Overview

TiKV currently supports encrypting data using AES128, AES192, AES256, or SM4 (only in v6.3.0 and later versions), in CTR mode. TiKV uses envelope encryption. As a result, two types of keys are used in TiKV when encryption is enabled.

- Master key. The master key is provided by user and is used to encrypt the data keys TiKV generates. Management of master key is external to TiKV.
- Data key. The data key is generated by TiKV and is the key actually used to encrypt data.

The same master key can be shared by multiple instances of TiKV. The recommended way to provide a master key in production is via KMS. Currently, TiKV supports KMS encryption on AWS, Google Cloud, and Azure. To enable KMS encryption, you need to create a customer master key (CMK) through KMS, and then provide the CMK key ID to TiKV using the configuration file. If TiKV fails to get access to the KMS CMK, it will fail to start or restart.

Alternatively, if using custom key is desired, supplying the master key via file is also supported. The file must contain a 256 bits (or 32 bytes) key encoded as hex string, end with a newline (namely, `\n`), and contain nothing else. Persisting the key on disk, however, leaks the key, so the key file is only suitable to be stored on the `tempfs` in RAM.

Data keys are passed to the underlying storage engine (namely, RocksDB). All files written by RocksDB, including SST files, WAL files, and the MANIFEST file, are encrypted by the current data key. Other temporary files used by TiKV that may include user data are also encrypted using the same data key. Data keys are automatically rotated by TiKV every week by default, but the period is configurable. On key rotation, TiKV does not rewrite all existing files to replace the key, but RocksDB compaction are expected to rewrite old data into new data files, with the most recent data key, if the cluster gets constant write workload. TiKV keeps track of the key and encryption method used to encrypt each of the files and use the information to decrypt the content on reads.

Regardless of data encryption method, data keys are encrypted using AES256 in GCM mode for additional authentication. This required the master key to be 256 bits (32 bytes), when passing from file instead of KMS.

8.1.5.2.2 Configure encryption

To enable encryption, you can add the encryption section in the configuration files of TiKV and PD:

```
[security.encryption]
data-encryption-method = "aes128-ctr"
data-key-rotation-period = "168h" # 7 days
```

- `data-encryption-method` specifies the encryption algorithm. The possible values are `"aes128-ctr"`, `"aes192-ctr"`, `"aes256-ctr"`, `"sm4-ctr"` (only for v6.3.0 and later versions), and `"plaintext"`. The default value is `"plaintext"`, which means that encryption is disabled by default.
    - For a new TiKV cluster or an existing TiKV cluster, only data written after encryption has been enabled is guaranteed to be encrypted.
    - To disable encryption after it is enabled, remove `data-encryption-method` from the configuration file or set its value to `"plaintext"`, and then restart TiKV.
    - To change the encryption algorithm, replace the value of `data-encryption-method` with a supported encryption algorithm, and then restart TiKV. After the replacement, as new data is written in, the encryption files generated by the previous encryption algorithm are gradually rewritten to files generated by the new encryption algorithm.
- `data-key-rotation-period` specifies how often TiKV rotates keys.

If encryption is enabled (that is, the value of `data-encryption-method` is not `"plaintext"`), you must specify a master key in either of the following ways:

- Specify a master key via KMS
- Specify a master key via a file

Specify a master key via KMS

TiKV supports KMS encryption for three platforms: AWS, Google Cloud, and Azure. Depending on the platform where your service is deployed, you can choose one of them to configure KMS encryption.

Step 1. Create a master key

To create a key on AWS, take the following steps:

1. Go to the AWS KMS on the AWS console.
2. Make sure that you have selected the correct region on the top right corner of your console.
3. Click **Create key** and select **Symmetric** as the key type.
4. Set an alias for the key.

You can also perform the operations using the AWS CLI:

```
aws --region us-west-2 kms create-key
aws --region us-west-2 kms create-alias --alias-name "alias/tidb-tde" --
    ↪ target-key-id 0987dcba-09fe-87dc-65ba-ab0987654321
```

The `--target-key-id` to enter in the second command is in the output of the first command.

Step 2. Configure the master key

To specify the master key using AWS KMS, add the `[security.encryption.master-key]` configuration after the `[security.encryption]` section in the TiKV configuration file:

```
[security.encryption.master-key]
type = "kms"
key-id = "0987dcba-09fe-87dc-65ba-ab0987654321"
region = "us-west-2"
endpoint = "https://kms.us-west-2.amazonaws.com"
```

The `key-id` specifies the key ID for the KMS CMK. The `region` is the AWS region name for the KMS CMK. The `endpoint` is optional and you do not need to specify it normally unless you are using an AWS KMS-compatible service from a non-AWS vendor or need to use a VPC endpoint for KMS.

You can also use multi-Region keys in AWS. For this, you need to set up a primary key in a specific region and add replica keys in the regions you require.

Step 1. Create a master key

To create a key on Google Cloud, take the following steps:

1. Go to the Key Management page in the Google Cloud console.
2. Click **Create key ring**. Enter a name for the key ring, select a location of the key ring, and then click **Create**. Note that the location of the key ring needs to cover the region where the TiDB cluster is deployed.
3. Select the key ring you created in the previous step, and then click **Create Key** on the key ring details page.
4. Enter a name for the key, set the key information as follows, and then click **Create**.

    - **Protection level**: **Software** or **HSM**
    - **Key Material**: **Generated key**
    - **Purpose**: **Symmetric encrypt/decrypt**

You can also perform this operation using the gcloud CLI:

```
gcloud kms keyrings create "key-ring-name" --location "global"
gcloud kms keys create "key-name" --keyring "key-ring-name" --location "
    ↪ global" --purpose "encryption" --rotation-period "30d"
```

Make sure to replace the values of `"key-ring-name"`, `"key-name"`, `"global"`, and `"30d"` in the preceding command with the names and configurations corresponding to your actual key.

Step 2. Configure the master key

To specify the master key using Google Cloud KMS, add the `[security.encryption.master-key]` configuration after the `[security.encryption]` section:

```
[security.encryption.master-key]
type = "kms"
key-id = "projects/project-name/locations/global/keyRings/key-ring-name/
    ↪ cryptoKeys/key-name"
vendor = "gcp"

[security.encryption.master-key.gcp]
credential-file-path = "/path/to/credential.json"
```

- `key-id` specifies the key ID of the KMS CMK.
- `credential-file-path` specifies the path of the authentication credentials file, which currently supports two types of credentials: Service Account and Authentication User. If the TiKV environment is already configured with application default credentials, there is no need to configure `credential-file-path`.

Step 1. Create a master key

To create a key on Azure, refer to the instructions in Set and retrieve a key from Azure Key Vault using the Azure portal.

Step 2. Configure the master key

To specify the master key using Azure KMS, add the `[security.encryption.master-key]` configuration after the `[security.encryption]` section in the TiKV configuration file:

```
[security.encryption.master-key]
type = 'kms'
key-id = 'your-kms-key-id'
region = 'region-name'
endpoint = 'endpoint'
vendor = 'azure'

[security.encryption.master-key.azure]
tenant-id = 'tenant_id'
client-id = 'client_id'
keyvault-url = 'keyvault_url'
hsm-name = 'hsm_name'
hsm-url = 'hsm_url'
### The following four fields are optional, used to set client authentication credentials. You can configure them according to the requirements of your scenario.
client_certificate = ""
client_certificate_path = ""
client_certificate_password = ""
client_secret = ""
```

Except `vendor`, you need to modify the values of other fields in the preceding configuration to the corresponding configuration of the actual key.

Specify a master key via a file

To specify a master key that's stored in a file, the master key configuration would look like the following:

```
[security.encryption.master-key]
type = "file"
path = "/path/to/key/file"
```

Here `path` is the path to the key file. The file must contain a 256 bits (or 32 bytes) key encoded as hex string, end with a newline (`\n`) and contain nothing else. Example of the file content:

```
3b5896b5be691006e0f71c3040a29495ddcad20b14aff61806940ebd780d3c62
```

8.1.5.2.3 Rotate the master key

To rotate master key, you have to specify both of the new master key and old master key in the configuration, and restart TiKV. Use `security.encryption.master-key` to specify the new master key, and use `security.encryption.previous-master-key` to specify the old master key. The configuration format for `security.encryption.previous-master-key` ↪ is the same as `encryption.master-key`. On restart TiKV must access both of the old and new master key, but once TiKV is up and running, TiKV will only need access to the new key. It is okay to leave the `encryption.previous-master-key` configuration in the configuration file from that on. Even on restart, TiKV only tries to use the old key if it fails to decrypt existing data using the new master key.

Currently online master key rotation is not supported, so you need to restart TiKV. It is advised to do a rolling restart to a running TiKV cluster serving online query.

Here is an example configuration for rotating the KMS CMK:

```
[security.encryption.master-key]
type = "kms"
key-id = "50a0c603-1c6f-11e6-bb9e-3fadde80ce75"
region = "us-west-2"

[security.encryption.previous-master-key]
type = "kms"
key-id = "0987dcba-09fe-87dc-65ba-ab0987654321"
region = "us-west-2"
```

8.1.5.2.4 Monitoring and debugging

To monitor encryption at rest, if you deploy TiKV with Grafana, you can look at the **Encryption** panel in the **TiKV-Details** dashboard. There are a few metrics to look for:

- Encryption initialized: 1 if encryption is initialized during TiKV startup, 0 otherwise. In case of master key rotation, after encryption is initialized, TiKV do not need access to the previous master key.
- Encryption data keys: number of existing data keys. The number is bumped by 1 after each time data key rotation happened. Use this metrics to monitor if data key rotation works as expected.
- Encrypted files: number of encrypted data files currently exists. Compare this number to existing data files in the data directory to estimate portion of data being encrypted, when turning on encryption for a previously unencrypted cluster.
- Encryption meta file size: size of the encryption meta data files.
- Read/Write encryption meta duration: the extra overhead to operate on metadata for encryption.

For debugging, the `tikv-ctl` command can be used to dump encryption metadata such as encryption method and data key id used to encryption the file, as well as list of data keys.

Since the operation can expose sensitive data, it is not recommended to use in production. Please refer to TiKV Control document.

8.1.5.2.5 Compatibility between TiKV versions

To reduce the overhead caused by I/O and mutex contention when TiKV manages the encryption metadata, an optimization is introduced in TiKV v4.0.9 and controlled by `security.encryption.enable-file-dictionary-log` in the TiKV configuration file. This configuration parameter takes effect only on TiKV v4.0.9 or later versions.

When it is enabled (by default), the data format of encryption metadata is unrecognizable by TiKV v4.0.8 or earlier versions. For example, assume that you use TiKV v4.0.9 or later with encryption at rest and the default `enable-file-dictionary-log` configuration. If you downgrade your cluster to TiKV v4.0.8 or earlier, TiKV will fail to start, with an error in the info log similar to the following one:

```
[2020/12/07 07:26:31.106 +08:00] [ERROR] [mod.rs:110] ["encryption: failed
   ↪ to load file dictionary."]
[2020/12/07 07:26:33.598 +08:00] [FATAL] [lib.rs:483] ["called `Result::
   ↪ unwrap()` on an `Err` value: Other(\"[components/encryption/src/
   ↪ encrypted_file/header.rs:18]: unknown version 2\")"]
```

To avoid the error above, you can first set `security.encryption.enable-file-` ↪ `dictionary-log` to `false` and start TiKV with v4.0.9 or later. Once TiKV starts successfully, the data format of encryption metadata is downgraded to the version recognizable to earlier TiKV versions. At this point, you can then downgrade your TiKV cluster to an earlier version.

8.1.5.3 TiFlash encryption at rest

8.1.5.3.1 Overview

The encryption algorithm currently supported by TiFlash is consistent with that supported by TiKV, including AES128, AES192, AES256, and SM4 (only in v6.4.0 and later versions), in CTR mode. TiFlash also uses envelope encryption. Therefore, two types of keys are used in TiFlash when encryption is enabled.

- Master key. The master key is provided by user and is used to encrypt the data keys TiFlash generates. Management of master key is external to TiFlash.
- Data key. The data key is generated by TiFlash and is the key actually used to encrypt data.

The same master key can be shared by multiple instances of TiFlash, and can also be shared among TiFlash and TiKV. The recommended way to provide a master key in production is via AWS KMS. Alternatively, if using custom key is desired, supplying the

master key via file is also supported. The specific method to generate master key and the format of the master key are the same as TiKV.

TiFlash uses the current data key to encrypt all data placed on the disk, including data files, Schema files, and temporary data files generated during calculations. Data keys are automatically rotated by TiFlash every week by default, and the period is configurable. On key rotation, TiFlash does not rewrite all existing files to replace the key, but background compaction tasks are expected to rewrite old data into new data files, with the most recent data key, if the cluster gets constant write workload. TiFlash keeps track of the key and encryption method used to encrypt each of the files and use the information to decrypt the content on reads.

8.1.5.3.2 Key creation

To create a key on AWS, refer to the steps to create a key for TiKV.

8.1.5.3.3 Configure encryption

To enable encryption, you can add the encryption section in the `tiflash-learner.toml` configuration file:

```
[security.encryption]
data-encryption-method = "aes128-ctr"
data-key-rotation-period = "168h" # 7 days
```

Alternatively, add the following contents in the TiUP cluster template:

```
server_configs:
  tiflash-learner:
    security.encryption.data-encryption-method: "aes128-ctr"
    security.encryption.data-key-rotation-period: "168h" # 7 days
```

Possible values for `data-encryption-method` are “aes128-ctr”, “aes192-ctr”, “aes256-ctr”, “sm4-ctr” (only in v6.4.0 and later versions) and “plaintext”. The default value is “plaintext”, which means encryption is not turned on. `data-key-rotation-period` defines how often TiFlash rotates the data key. Encryption can be turned on for a fresh TiFlash cluster, or an existing TiFlash cluster, though only data written after encryption is enabled is guaranteed to be encrypted. To disable encryption, remove `data-encryption-method` ↪ in the configuration file, or reset it to “plaintext”, and restart TiFlash. To change encryption method, update `data-encryption-method` in the configuration file and restart TiFlash. To change the encryption algorithm, replace `data-encryption-method` with a supported encryption algorithm and then restart TiFlash. After the replacement, as new data is written in, the encryption file generated by the previous encryption algorithm is gradually rewritten to a file generated by the new encryption algorithm.

The master key has to be specified if encryption is enabled (that is,`data-encryption` ↪ `-method` is not “plaintext”). To specify an AWS KMS CMK as the master key, add

the `encryption.master-key` section after the `encryption` section in the `tiflash-learner.toml` configuration file:

```
[security.encryption.master-key]
type = "kms"
key-id = "0987dcba-09fe-87dc-65ba-ab0987654321"
region = "us-west-2"
endpoint = "https://kms.us-west-2.amazonaws.com"
```

Alternatively, add the following contents in the TiUP cluster template:

```
server_configs:
  tiflash-learner:
    security.encryption.master-key.type: "kms"
    security.encryption.master-key.key-id: "0987dcba-09fe-87dc-65ba-
      ↪ ab0987654321"
    security.encryption.master-key.region: "us-west-2"
    security.encryption.master-key.endpoint: "https://kms.us-west-2.
      ↪ amazonaws.com"
```

The meanings of the preceding configuration items are the same as those of TiKV.

To specify a master key that is stored in a file, add the following configuration in the `tiflash-learner.toml` configuration file:

```
[security.encryption.master-key]
type = "file"
path = "/path/to/key/file"
```

Alternatively, add the following contents in the TiUP cluster template:

```
server_configs:
  tiflash-learner:
    security.encryption.master-key.type: "file"
    security.encryption.master-key.path: "/path/to/key/file"
```

The meanings of the preceding configuration items and the content format of the key file are the same as those of TiKV.

8.1.5.3.4 Rotate the master key

To rotate the master key of TiFlash, follow the steps to rotate the master key of TiKV. Currently, TiFlash does not support online master key rotation, either. Therefore, you need to restart TiFlash to make the rotation effective. It is recommended to do a rolling restart to a running TiFlash cluster serving online query.

To rotate the KMS CMK, add the following contents in the `tiflash-learner.toml` configuration file:

```
[security.encryption.master-key]
type = "kms"
key-id = "50a0c603-1c6f-11e6-bb9e-3fadde80ce75"
region = "us-west-2"

[security.encryption.previous-master-key]
type = "kms"
key-id = "0987dcba-09fe-87dc-65ba-ab0987654321"
region = "us-west-2"
```

Alternatively, add the following contents in the TiUP cluster template:

```
server_configs:
  tiflash-learner:
    security.encryption.master-key.type: "kms"
    security.encryption.master-key.key-id: "50a0c603-1c6f-11e6-bb9e-3
       ↪ fadde80ce75"
    security.encryption.master-key.region: "us-west-2"
    security.encryption.previous-master-key.type: "kms"
    security.encryption.previous-master-key.key-id: "0987dcba-09fe-87dc-65ba
       ↪ -ab0987654321"
    security.encryption.previous-master-key.region: "us-west-2"
```

8.1.5.3.5 Monitoring and debugging

To monitor encryption at rest, if you deploy TiFlash with Grafana, you can look at the **Encryption** panel in the **TiFlash-Proxy-Details** dashboard. The meaning of monitoring items is the same as that of TiKV.

For debugging, since TiFlash reuses TiKV's logic for managing encrypted metadata, the `tikv-ctl` command can be used to dump encryption metadata such as encryption method and data key ID used to encryption the file, as well as list of data keys. This operation can expose sensitive data and is therefore not recommended in production. Refer to TiKV Control for more details.

8.1.5.3.6 Compatibility between TiKV versions

TiFlash also optimizes encrypted metadata operations in v4.0.9, and its compatibility requirements are the same as those of TiKV. For details, see Compatibility between TiKV versions.

8.1.5.4 BR S3 server-side encryption

To enable S3 server-side encryption when backup to S3 using BR, pass `--s3.sse` argument and set value to "aws:kms". S3 will use its own KMS key for encryption. Example:

```
tiup br backup full --pd <pd-address> --storage "s3://<bucket>/<prefix>" --
    ↪ s3.sse aws:kms
```

To use a custom AWS KMS CMK that you created and owned, pass `--s3.sse-kms-key-id` in addition. In this case, both the BR process and all the TiKV nodes in the cluster would need access to the KMS CMK (for example, via AWS IAM), and the KMS CMK needs to be in the same AWS region as the S3 bucket used to store the backup. It is advised to grant access to the KMS CMK to BR process and TiKV nodes via AWS IAM. Refer to AWS documentation for usage of IAM. For example:

```
tiup br backup full --pd <pd-address> --storage "s3://<bucket>/<prefix>" --
    ↪ s3.sse aws:kms --s3.sse-kms-key-id 0987dcba-09fe-87dc-65ba-
    ↪ ab0987654321
```

When restoring the backup, both `--s3.sse` and `--s3.sse-kms-key-id` should NOT be used. S3 will figure out encryption settings by itself. The BR process and TiKV nodes in the cluster to restore the backup to would also need access to the KMS CMK, or the restore will fail. Example:

```
tiup br restore full --pd <pd-address> --storage "s3://<bucket>/<prefix>"
```

8.1.5.5 BR Azure Blob Storage server-side encryption

When backing up data to Azure Blob Storage using BR, you can specify either an encryption scope or an encryption key for server-side encryption.

8.1.5.5.1 Method 1: use an encryption scope

To specify an encryption scope for the backup data, you can use one of the following two ways:

- Include the `--azblob.encryption-scope` option in the `backup` command and set it to the scope name:

  ```
  tiup br backup full --pd <pd-address> --storage "azure://<bucket>/<
      ↪ prefix>" --azblob.encryption-scope scope1
  ```

- Include `encryption-scope` in the URI and set it to the scope name:

  ```
  tiup br backup full --pd <pd-address> --storage "azure://<bucket>/<
      ↪ prefix>?encryption-scope=scope1"
  ```

For more information, see the Azure documentation: Upload a blob with an encryption scope.

When restoring the backup, you do not need to specify the encryption scope. Azure Blob Storage automatically decrypts the data. For example:

```
tiup br restore full --pd <pd-address> --storage "azure://<bucket>/<prefix>"
```

8.1.5.5.2 Method 2: use an encryption key

To specify an encryption key for the backup data, you can use one of the following three ways:

- Include the `--azblob.encryption-key` option in the `backup` command and set it to an AES256 encryption key:

```
tiup br backup full --pd <pd-address> --storage "azure://<bucket>/<
    ↪ prefix>" --azblob.encryption-key <aes256-key>
```

- Include `encryption-key` in the URI and set it to an AES256 encryption key. If the key contains URI reserved characters such as `&` and `%`, you need to percent-encode it first:

```
tiup br backup full --pd <pd-address> --storage "azure://<bucket>/<
    ↪ prefix>?encryption-key=<aes256-key>"
```

- Set the `AZURE_ENCRYPTION_KEY` environment variable to an AES256 encryption key. Before running, make sure that you remember the encryption key in the environment variable to avoid forgetting it.

```
export AZURE_ENCRYPTION_KEY=<aes256-key>
tiup br backup full --pd <pd-address> --storage "azure://<bucket>/<
    ↪ prefix>"
```

For more information, see the Azure documentation: Provide an encryption key on a request to Blob storage.

When restoring the backup, you need to specify the encryption key. For example:

- Include the `--azblob.encryption-key` option in the `restore` command:

```
tiup br restore full --pd <pd-address> --storage "azure://<bucket>/<
    ↪ prefix>" --azblob.encryption-key <aes256-key>
```

- Include `encryption-key` in the URI:

```
tiup br restore full --pd <pd-address> --storage "azure://<bucket>/<
    ↪ prefix>?encryption-key=<aes256-key>"
```

- Set the `AZURE_ENCRYPTION_KEY` environment variable:

```
export AZURE_ENCRYPTION_KEY=<aes256-key>
tiup br restore full --pd <pd-address> --storage "azure://<bucket>/<
    ↪ prefix>"
```

8.1.6 Enable Encryption for Disk Spill

When the system variable `tidb_enable_tmp_storage_on_oom` is set to `ON`, if the memory usage of a single SQL statement exceeds the limit of the system variable `tidb_mem_quota_query`, some operators can save the intermediate results during execution as a temporary file to the disk and delete the file after the query is completed.

You can enable encryption for disk spill to prevent attackers from accessing data by reading these temporary files.

8.1.6.1 Configure

To enable encryption for the disk spill files, you can configure the item `spilled-file-encryption-method` in the `[security]` section of the TiDB configuration file.

```
[security]
spilled-file-encryption-method = "aes128-ctr"
```

Value options for `spilled-file-encryption-method` are `aes128-ctr` and `plaintext`. The default value is `plaintext`, which means that encryption is disabled.

8.1.7 Log Redaction

When TiDB provides detailed log information, it might print sensitive data (for example, user data) in the log, which causes data security risks. To avoid such risks, each component (TiDB, TiKV, and PD) provides a configuration item that enables log redaction to shield user data values.

8.1.7.1 Log redaction in TiDB side

To enable log redaction in the TiDB side, set the value of `global.tidb_redact_log` to `ON` or `MARKER`. This configuration value defaults to `OFF`, which means that log redaction is disabled.

You can use the `set` syntax to set the global variable `tidb_redact_log`:

```
set @@global.tidb_redact_log = ON;
```

After the setting, all logs generated in new sessions are redacted:

```
create table t (a int, unique key (a));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

insert into t values (1),(1);
ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry '1' for key 't.a'
```

The error log for the `INSERT` statement above is printed as follows:

```
[2024/07/02 11:35:32.686 +08:00] [INFO] [conn.go:1146] ["command dispatched
    ↪ failed"] [conn=1482686470] [session_alias=] [connInfo="id:1482686470,
    ↪  addr:127.0.0.1:52258 status:10, collation:utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci, user:
    ↪ root"] [command=Query] [status="inTxn:0, autocommit:1"] [sql="insert
    ↪ into `t` values ( ... )"] [txn_mode=PESSIMISTIC] [timestamp
    ↪ =450859193514065921] [err="[kv:1062]Duplicate entry '?' for key 't.a
    ↪ '"]
```

From the preceding error log, you can see that when the value of `tidb_redact_log` is set to `ON`, sensitive information is replaced by the `?` mark in the TiDB log to avoid data security risks.

In addition, TiDB provides the `MARKER` option. When the value of `tidb_redact_log` is set to `MARKER`, TiDB marks sensitive information in the log with `<>` instead of replacing it directly, so you can customize the redaction rules.

```
set @@global.tidb_redact_log = MARKER;
```

After the preceding configuration, the sensitive information is marked rather than replaced in all logs generated by new sessions:

```
create table t (a int, unique key (a));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.07 sec)

insert into t values (1),(1);
ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry '<1>' for key 't.a'
```

The error log is as follows:

```
[2024/07/02 11:35:01.426 +08:00] [INFO] [conn.go:1146] ["command dispatched
    ↪ failed"] [conn=1482686470] [session_alias=] [connInfo="id:1482686470,
    ↪  addr:127.0.0.1:52258 status:10, collation:utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci, user:
    ↪ root"] [command=Query] [status="inTxn:0, autocommit:1"] [sql="insert
    ↪ into `t` values ( <1> ) , ( <1> )"] [txn_mode=PESSIMISTIC] [timestamp
    ↪ =450859185309483010] [err="[kv:1062]Duplicate entry '<1>' for key 't.
    ↪ a'"]
```

As you can see from the preceding error log, after you set `tidb_redact_log` to `MARKER`, TiDB marks sensitive information using `< >` in the log. You can customize redaction rules to handle sensitive information in the log as needed.

8.1.7.2 Log redaction in TiKV side

To enable log redaction in the TiKV side, set the value of `security.redact-info-log` to `true` or `"marker"`. This configuration value defaults to `false`, which means that log redaction is disabled.

8.1.7.3 Log redaction in PD side

To enable log redaction in the PD side, set the value of `security.redact-info-log` to `true` or `"marker"`. This configuration value defaults to `false`, which means that log redaction is disabled.

8.1.7.4 Log redaction in TiFlash side

To enable log redaction in the TiFlash side, set both the `security.redact_info_log` value in tiflash-server and the `security.redact-info-log` value in tiflash-learner to `true` or `"marker"`. Both configuration values default to `false`, which means that log redaction is disabled.

8.2 Upgrade

8.2.1 Upgrade TiDB Using TiUP

This document applies to upgrading to TiDB v8.5.x from the following versions: v6.1.x, v6.5.x, v7.1.x, v7.5.x, v8.1.x, v8.2.0, v8.3.0, and v8.4.0

Warning:

1. Before upgrading TiDB, ensure that your operating system version meets the OS and platform requirements. If you plan to upgrade your cluster running on CentOS Linux 7 to v8.5, ensure you use TiDB v8.5.1 or a later version to avoid the risk of cluster unavailability. For more information, see TiDB v8.5.1 Release Notes.
2. You cannot upgrade TiFlash online from versions earlier than 5.3 to 5.3 or later. Instead, you must first stop all the TiFlash instances of the early version, and then upgrade the cluster offline. If other components (such as TiDB and TiKV) do not support an online upgrade, follow the instructions in warnings in Online upgrade.
3. **DO NOT** run DDL statements during the upgrade process. Otherwise, the issue of undefined behavior might occur.
4. **DO NOT** upgrade a TiDB cluster when a DDL statement is being executed in the cluster (usually for the time-consuming DDL statements such as `ADD INDEX` and the column type changes). Before the upgrade, it is recommended to use the `ADMIN SHOW DDL` command to check whether the TiDB cluster has an ongoing DDL job. If the cluster has a DDL job, to upgrade the cluster, wait until the DDL execution is finished or use the `ADMIN CANCEL DDL` command to cancel the DDL job before you upgrade the cluster.

5. If the TiDB version before upgrade is 7.1.0 or later, you can ignore the preceding warnings 3 and 4. For more information, see limitations on using TiDB smooth upgrade.
6. Be sure to read limitations on user operations before upgrading your TiDB cluster using TiUP.

Note:

- If your cluster to be upgraded is earlier than v6.2, the upgrade might get stuck when you upgrade the cluster to v6.2 or later versions in some scenarios. You can refer to How to fix the issue.
- TiDB nodes use the value of the `server-version` configuration item to verify the current TiDB version. Therefore, to avoid unexpected behaviors, before upgrading the TiDB cluster, you need to set the value of `server-version` to empty or the real version of the current TiDB cluster.
- Setting the `performance.force-init-stats` configuration item to `ON` prolongs the TiDB startup time, which might cause startup timeouts and upgrade failures. To avoid this issue, it is recommended to set a longer waiting timeout for TiUP.
  - Scenarios that might be affected:
    - The original cluster version is earlier than v6.5.7 and v7.1.0 (which does not support `performance.force-init-stats` yet), and the target version is v7.2.0 or later.
    - The original cluster version is equal to or later than v6.5.7 and v7.1.0, and the `performance.force-init-stats` configuration item is set to `ON`.
  - Check the value of the `performance.force-init-stats` configuration item:

    ```
    SHOW CONFIG WHERE type = 'tidb' AND name = 'performance
        ↪ .force-init-stats';
    ```

  - You can increase the TiUP waiting timeout by adding the command-line option `--wait-timeout`. For example, execute the following command to set the waiting timeout to 1200 seconds (20 minutes).

    ```
    tiup update cluster --wait-timeout 1200 [other options]
    ```

    Generally, a 20-minute waiting timeout is sufficient for most scenarios. For a more precise estimate, search for `init stats info time`

in the TiDB log to get the statistics loading time during the previous startup as a reference. For example:

```
[domain.go:2271] ["init stats info time"] [lite=true]
    ↪ ["take time"=2.151333ms]
```

If the original cluster is v7.1.0 or earlier, when upgrading to v7.2.0 or later, because of the introduction of `performance.lite-init-stats`, the statistics loading time is greatly reduced. In this case, the `init stats info time` before the upgrade is longer than the loading time after the upgrade.

- If you want to shorten the rolling upgrade duration of TiDB and the potential performance impact of missing initial statistical information during the upgrade is acceptable for your cluster, you can set `performance.force-init-stats` to `OFF` before the upgrade by modifying the configuration of the target instance with TiUP. After the upgrade is completed, you can reassess and revert this setting if necessary.

8.2.1.1 Upgrade caveat

- TiDB currently does not support version downgrade or rolling back to an earlier version after the upgrade.
- Support upgrading the versions of TiCDC, TiFlash, and other components.
- When upgrading TiFlash from versions earlier than v6.3.0 to v6.3.0 and later versions, note that the CPU must support the AVX2 instruction set under the Linux AMD64 architecture and the ARMv8 instruction set architecture under the Linux ARM64 architecture. For details, see the description in v6.3.0 Release Notes.
- For detailed compatibility changes of different versions, see the Release Notes of each version. Modify your cluster configuration according to the "Compatibility Changes" section of the corresponding release notes.
- When updating clusters from versions earlier than v5.3 to v5.3 or later versions, note that there is a time format change in the alerts generated by the default deployed Prometheus. This format change is introduced starting from Prometheus v2.27.1. For more information, see Prometheus commit.

8.2.1.2 Preparations

This section introduces the preparation works needed before upgrading your TiDB cluster, including upgrading TiUP and the TiUP Cluster component.

8.2.1.2.1 Step 1: Review compatibility changes

Review compatibility changes in TiDB release notes. If any changes affect your upgrade, take actions accordingly.

The following provides release notes you need to know when you upgrade from v8.4.0 to the current version (v8.5.1). If you are upgrading from v8.3.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the release notes of the intermediate versions.

- TiDB v8.5.0 compatibility changes
- TiDB v8.5.1 release notes

8.2.1.2.2 Step 2: Upgrade TiUP or TiUP offline mirror

Before upgrading your TiDB cluster, you first need to upgrade TiUP or TiUP mirror.

Upgrade TiUP and TiUP Cluster

> **Note:**
>
> If the control machine of the cluster to upgrade cannot access `https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com`, skip this section and see Upgrade TiUP offline mirror.

1. Upgrade the TiUP version. It is recommended that the TiUP version is `1.11.3` or later.

```
tiup update --self
tiup --version
```

2. Upgrade the TiUP Cluster version. It is recommended that the TiUP Cluster version is `1.11.3` or later.

```
tiup update cluster
tiup cluster --version
```

Upgrade TiUP offline mirror

> **Note:**
>
> If the cluster to upgrade was deployed not using the offline method, skip this step.

Refer to Deploy a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP - Deploy TiUP offline to download the TiUP mirror of the new version and upload it to the control machine. After executing `local_install.sh`, TiUP will complete the overwrite upgrade.

```
tar xzvf tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz
sh tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64/local_install.sh
source /home/tidb/.bash_profile
```

After the overwrite upgrade, run the following command to merge the server and toolkit offline mirrors to the server directory:

```
tar xf tidb-community-toolkit-${version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz
ls -ld tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64 tidb-community-toolkit-$
    ↪ {version}-linux-amd64
cd tidb-community-server-${version}-linux-amd64/
cp -rp keys ~/.tiup/
tiup mirror merge ../tidb-community-toolkit-${version}-linux-amd64
```

After merging the mirrors, run the following command to upgrade the TiUP Cluster component:

```
tiup update cluster
```

Now, the offline mirror has been upgraded successfully. If an error occurs during TiUP operation after the overwriting, it might be that the `manifest` is not updated. You can try `rm -rf ~/.tiup/manifests/*` before running TiUP again.

8.2.1.2.3 Step 3: Edit TiUP topology configuration file

Note:

Skip this step if one of the following situations applies:

- You have not modified the configuration parameters of the original cluster. Or you have modified the configuration parameters using `tiup ↪ cluster` but no more modification is needed.
- After the upgrade, you want to use v8.5.1's default parameter values for the unmodified configuration items.

1. Enter the `vi` editing mode to edit the topology file:

```
tiup cluster edit-config <cluster-name>
```

2. Refer to the format of topology configuration template and fill the parameters you want to modify in the `server_configs` section of the topology file.

3. After the modification, enter : + w + q to save the change and exit the editing mode. Enter Y to confirm the change.

8.2.1.2.4 Step 4: Check the DDL and backup status of the cluster

To avoid undefined behaviors or other unexpected problems during the upgrade, it is recommended to check the following items before the upgrade.

- Cluster DDLs:
    - If you use smooth upgrade to upgrade TiDB to v8.1.0 or later, and the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) is enabled, it is recommended to disable the DXF before upgrading. Otherwise, the indexes added during the upgrade process might be inconsistent with the data, leading to upgrade failures.
    - If you do not use smooth upgrade, it is recommended to use the `ADMIN SHOW DDL` statement to check whether ongoing DDL jobs exist. If an ongoing DDL job exists, wait for the completion of its execution or cancel it using the `ADMIN CANCEL DDL` statement before performing an upgrade.
- Cluster backup: It is recommended to execute the `SHOW [BACKUPS|RESTORES]` statement to check whether there is an ongoing backup or restore task in the cluster. If yes, wait for its completion before performing an upgrade.

8.2.1.2.5 Step 5: Check the health status of the current cluster

To avoid the undefined behaviors or other issues during the upgrade, it is recommended to check the health status of Regions of the current cluster before the upgrade. To do that, you can use the `check` sub-command.

```
tiup cluster check <cluster-name> --cluster
```

After the command is executed, the "Region status" check result will be output.

- If the result is "All Regions are healthy", all Regions in the current cluster are healthy and you can continue the upgrade.
- If the result is "Regions are not fully healthy: m miss-peer, n pending-peer" with the "Please fix unhealthy regions before other operations." prompt, some Regions in the current cluster are abnormal. You need to troubleshoot the anomalies until the check result becomes "All Regions are healthy". Then you can continue the upgrade.

8.2.1.3 Upgrade the TiDB cluster

This section describes how to upgrade the TiDB cluster and verify the version after the upgrade.

8.2.1.3.1 Upgrade the TiDB cluster to a specified version

You can upgrade your cluster in one of the two ways: online upgrade and offline upgrade.

By default, TiUP Cluster upgrades the TiDB cluster using the online method, which means that the TiDB cluster can still provide services during the upgrade process. With the online method, the leaders are migrated one by one on each node before the upgrade and restart. Therefore, for a large-scale cluster, it takes a long time to complete the entire upgrade operation.

If your application has a maintenance window for the database to be stopped for maintenance, you can use the offline upgrade method to quickly perform the upgrade operation.

Online upgrade

```
tiup cluster upgrade <cluster-name> <version>
```

For example, if you want to upgrade the cluster to v8.5.1:

```
tiup cluster upgrade <cluster-name> v8.5.1
```

Note:

- An online upgrade upgrades all components one by one. During the upgrade of TiKV, all leaders in a TiKV instance are evicted before stopping the instance. The default timeout time is 5 minutes (300 seconds). The instance is directly stopped after this timeout time.
- You can use the `--force` parameter to upgrade the cluster immediately without evicting the leader. However, the errors that occur during the upgrade will be ignored, which means that you are not notified of any upgrade failure. Therefore, use the `--force` parameter with caution.
- To keep a stable performance, make sure that all leaders in a TiKV instance are evicted before stopping the instance. You can set `--transfer-timeout` to a larger value, for example, `--transfer-timeout 3600` (unit: second).
- To upgrade TiFlash from versions earlier than v5.3.0 to v5.3.0 or later, you must stop TiFlash and then upgrade it, and the TiUP version must be earlier than v1.12.0. For more information, see Upgrade TiFlash using TiUP.

Specify the component version during upgrade

Starting from tiup-cluster v1.14.0, you can specify certain components to a specific version during cluster upgrade. These components will remain at their fixed version in the subsequent upgrade unless you specify a different version.

> **Note:**
>
> For components that share a version number, such as TiDB, TiKV, PD, and TiCDC, there are no complete tests to ensure that they work properly in a mixed-version deployment scenario. Ensure that you use this section only in test environments, or with the help of technical support.

```
tiup cluster upgrade -h | grep "version"
      --alertmanager-version string    Fix the version of alertmanager and no
         ↪  longer follows the cluster version.
      --blackbox-exporter-version string Fix the version of blackbox-
         ↪ exporter and no longer follows the cluster version.
      --cdc-version string             Fix the version of cdc and no longer
         ↪ follows the cluster version.
      --ignore-version-check           Ignore checking if target version is
         ↪ bigger than current version.
      --node-exporter-version string   Fix the version of node-exporter and
         ↪ no longer follows the cluster version.
      --pd-version string              Fix the version of pd and no longer
         ↪ follows the cluster version.
      --tidb-dashboard-version string Fix the version of tidb-dashboard and
         ↪ no longer follows the cluster version.
      --tiflash-version string         Fix the version of tiflash and no
         ↪ longer follows the cluster version.
      --tikv-cdc-version string        Fix the version of tikv-cdc and no
         ↪ longer follows the cluster version.
      --tikv-version string            Fix the version of tikv and no longer
         ↪ follows the cluster version.
      --tiproxy-version string         Fix the version of tiproxy and no
         ↪ longer follows the cluster version.
```

Offline upgrade

1. Before the offline upgrade, you first need to stop the entire cluster.

   ```
   tiup cluster stop <cluster-name>
   ```

2. Use the `upgrade` command with the `--offline` option to perform the offline upgrade. Fill in the name of your cluster for `<cluster-name>` and the version to upgrade to for `<version>`, such as `v8.5.1`.

   ```
   tiup cluster upgrade <cluster-name> <version> --offline
   ```

3. After the upgrade, the cluster will not be automatically restarted. You need to use the `start` command to restart it.

```
tiup cluster start <cluster-name>
```

8.2.1.3.2 Verify the cluster version

Execute the `display` command to view the latest cluster version `TiDB Version`:

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

```
Cluster type:     tidb
Cluster name:     <cluster-name>
Cluster version:  v8.5.1
```

8.2.1.4 FAQ

This section describes common problems encountered when updating the TiDB cluster using TiUP.

8.2.1.4.1 If an error occurs and the upgrade is interrupted, how to resume the upgrade after fixing this error?

Re-execute the `tiup cluster upgrade` command to resume the upgrade. The upgrade operation restarts the nodes that have been previously upgraded. If you do not want the upgraded nodes to be restarted, use the `replay` sub-command to retry the operation:

1. Execute `tiup cluster audit` to see the operation records:

```
tiup cluster audit
```

   Find the failed upgrade operation record and keep the ID of this operation record. The ID is the `<audit-id>` value in the next step.

2. Execute `tiup cluster replay <audit-id>` to retry the corresponding operation:

```
tiup cluster replay <audit-id>
```

8.2.1.4.2 How to fix the issue that the upgrade gets stuck when upgrading to v6.2.0 or later versions?

Starting from v6.2.0, TiDB enables the concurrent DDL framework by default to execute concurrent DDLs. This framework changes the DDL job storage from a KV queue to a table queue. This change might cause the upgrade to get stuck in some scenarios. The following are some scenarios that might trigger this issue and the corresponding solutions:

- Upgrade gets stuck due to plugin loading

  During the upgrade, loading certain plugins that require executing DDL statements might cause the upgrade to get stuck.

  Solution: avoid loading plugins during the upgrade. Instead, load plugins only after the upgrade is completed.

- Upgrade gets stuck due to using the `kill -9` command for offline upgrade

  - Precautions: avoid using the `kill -9` command to perform the offline upgrade. If it is necessary, restart the new version TiDB node after 2 minutes.
  - If the upgrade is already stuck, restart the affected TiDB node. If the issue has just occurred, it is recommended to restart the node after 2 minutes.

- Upgrade gets stuck due to DDL Owner change

  In multi-instance scenarios, network or hardware failures might cause DDL Owner change. If there are unfinished DDL statements in the upgrade phase, the upgrade might get stuck.

  Solution:

  1. Terminate the stuck TiDB node (avoid using `kill -9`).
  2. Restart the new version TiDB node.

8.2.1.4.3 The evict leader has waited too long during the upgrade. How to skip this step for a quick upgrade?

You can specify `--force`. Then the processes of transferring PD leader and evicting TiKV leader are skipped during the upgrade. The cluster is directly restarted to update the version, which has a great impact on the cluster that runs online. In the following command, `<version>` is the version to upgrade to, such as `v8.5.1`.

```
tiup cluster upgrade <cluster-name> <version> --force
```

8.2.1.4.4 How to update the version of tools such as pd-ctl after upgrading the TiDB cluster?

You can upgrade the tool version by using TiUP to install the `ctl` component of the corresponding version:

```
tiup install ctl:v8.5.1
```

8.2.2 Use TiDB Operator

8.2.3 TiDB Smooth Upgrade

This document introduces the smooth upgrade feature of TiDB, which supports upgrading TiDB clusters without manually canceling DDL operations.

Starting from v7.1.0, when you upgrade TiDB to a later version, TiDB supports smooth upgrade. This feature removes the limitations during the upgrade process and provides a more user-friendly upgrade experience. Note that you need to ensure that there are no user-initiated DDL operations during the upgrade process.

8.2.3.1 Supported versions

Depending on whether the feature needs to be controlled by a switch, there are two ways to use smooth upgrade:

- The feature is enabled by default and does not need to be controlled by a switch. Currently, the versions that support this method are v7.1.0, v7.1.1, v7.2.0, and v7.3.0. The specific supported versions are as follows:
  - Upgrade from v7.1.0 to v7.1.1, v7.2.0, or v7.3.0
  - Upgrade from v7.1.1 to v7.2.0 or v7.3.0
  - Upgrade from v7.2.0 to v7.3.0
- The feature is disabled by default, and can be enabled by sending the `/upgrade/start` request. For details, see TiDB HTTP API. The supported versions are as follows:
  - Upgrade from v7.1.2 and later v7.1 versions (that is, v7.1.x, where x >= 2) to v7.4.0 and later versions
  - Upgrade from v7.4.0 to later versions

Refer to the following table for the upgrade methods supported by specific versions:

Original version	Upgraded version	Upgrade methods	Note
< v7.1.0	Any version	Does not support smooth upgrade.	
v7.1.0	v7.1.1, v7.2.0, or v7.3.0	Smooth upgrade is automatically supported. No additional operations are required.	Experimental feature. It might encounter the issue #44760.

Original version	Upgraded version	Upgrade methods	Note
v7.1.1	v7.2.0 or v7.3.0	Smooth upgrade is automatically supported. No additional operations are required.	Experimental feature.
v7.2.0	v7.3.0	Smooth upgrade is automatically supported. No additional operations are required.	Experimental feature.
[v7.1.2, v7.2.0)	[v7.1.2, v7.2.0)	Enable smooth upgrade by sending the `/upgrade/start` HTTP request. There are two methods: Use TiUP and Other upgrade methods	When smooth upgrade is not enabled, ensure that no DDL operations are performed during the upgrade.
[v7.1.2, v7.2.0) or >= v7.4.0	>= v7.4.0	Enable smooth upgrade by sending the `/upgrade/start` HTTP request. There are two methods: Use TiUP and Other upgrade methods	When smooth upgrade is not enabled, ensure that no DDL operations are performed during the upgrade.

Original version	Upgraded version	Upgrade methods	Note
v7.1.0, v7.1.1, v7.2.0, and v7.3.0	>= v7.4.0	Does not support smooth upgrade.	

8.2.3.2 Feature introduction

Before the smooth upgrade feature is introduced, there are the following limitations on DDL operations during the upgrade process:

- Running DDL operations during the upgrade process might cause undefined behavior in TiDB.
- Upgrading TiDB during the DDL operations might cause undefined behavior in TiDB.

These limitations can be summarized as that you need to ensure that there are no user-initiated DDL operations during the upgrade process. After the smooth upgrade feature is introduced, TiDB is no longer subject to this limitation during the upgrade process.

For more information, see the **Warning** content in Upgrade TiDB Using TiUP.

8.2.3.2.1 Upgrade steps

Use TiUP to upgrade

Starting from v1.14.0, TiUP automatically supports this feature. That is, you can directly use the `tiup cluster upgrade` command to upgrade TiDB clusters. Note that the `tiup cluster patch` command is not supported currently.

Use TiDB Operator to upgrade

Currently, this feature is not supported. It will be supported as soon as possible.

Other upgrade methods

You can take the following steps to upgrade TiDB manually or by using a script:

1. Send the HTTP upgrade start request to any TiDB node in the cluster: `curl -X POST http://{TiDBIP}:10080/upgrade/start`.

- The TiDB cluster enters the **Upgrading** state.
- The DDL operations to be performed are paused.

2. Replace the TiDB binary and perform a rolling upgrade. This process is the same as the original upgrade process.

- The system DDL operations are performed during the upgrade process.

3. After all TiDB nodes in the cluster are upgraded successfully, send the HTTP upgrade finish request to any TiDB node: `curl -X POST http://{TiDBIP}:10080/upgrade/finish`.
    - The paused DDL operations of users are resumed.

8.2.3.3 Limitations

When using the smooth upgrade feature, note the following limitations.

> **Note:**
>
> The limitations in this section apply not only to scenarios using the smooth upgrade feature, but also to upgrading TiDB using TiUP.

8.2.3.3.1 Limitations on user operations

- Before the upgrade, consider the following restrictions:
    - If there is a canceling DDL job in the cluster, that is, an ongoing DDL job is being canceled by a user, because the job in the canceling state cannot be paused, TiDB will retry canceling the job. If the retry fails, an error is reported and the upgrade is exited.
    - If your current TiDB version is earlier than v8.1.0 and the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) is enabled, disable it by setting `tidb_enable_dist_task` to `OFF`. Make sure that all ongoing distributed `ADD INDEX` and `IMPORT INTO` tasks are completed. Alternatively, you can cancel these tasks and wait until the upgrade is complete to restart them. Otherwise, the `ADD INDEX` operations during the upgrade might cause data index inconsistency. If your current TiDB version is v8.1.0 or later, you do not need to disable the DXF, and you can just ignore this limitation.
- In scenarios of using TiUP to upgrade TiDB, because TiUP upgrade has a timeout period, if the cluster has a large number of DDL jobs (more than 300) waiting in queues before the upgrade, the upgrade might fail.
- During the upgrade, the following operations are not allowed:
    - Run DDL operations on system tables (`mysql.*`, `information_schema.*`, `performance_schema.*`, and `metrics_schema.*`).
    - Manually cancel DDL jobs: `ADMIN CANCEL DDL JOBS job_id [, job_id] ...;` .
    - Import data.

8.2.3.3.2 Limitations on tools

- During the upgrade, use of the following tools is not supported:
    - BR: BR might replicate the paused DDL jobs to TiDB. The paused DDL jobs cannot be automatically resumed, which might cause the DDL jobs to be stuck later.
    - DM and TiCDC: If you use DM or TiCDC to import SQL statements to TiDB during the upgrade process, and if one of the SQL statements contains DDL operations, the import operation is blocked and undefined errors might occur.

8.2.3.3.3 Limitation on plugins

The plugins installed in TiDB might contain DDL operations. However, during the upgrade, if the DDL operations in the plugins are performed on non-system tables, the upgrade might fail.

8.2.4 Migrate and Upgrade a TiDB Cluster

This document describes how to migrate and upgrade a TiDB cluster (also known as a blue-green upgrade) using BR for full backup and restore, along with TiCDC for incremental data replication. This solution uses dual-cluster redundancy and incremental replication to enable smooth traffic switchover and fast rollback, providing a reliable and low-risk upgrade path for critical systems. It is recommended to regularly upgrade the database version to continuously benefit from performance improvements and new features, helping you maintain a secure and efficient database system. The key advantages of this solution include:

- **Controllable risk**: supports rollback to the original cluster within minutes, ensuring business continuity.
- **Data integrity**: uses a multi-stage verification mechanism to prevent data loss.
- **Minimal business impact**: requires only a brief maintenance window for the final switchover.

The core workflow for migration and upgrade is as follows:

1. **Pre-check risks**: verify cluster status and solution feasibility.
2. **Prepare the new cluster**: create a new cluster from a full backup of the old cluster and upgrade it to the target version.
3. **Replicate incremental data**: establish a forward data replication channel using TiCDC.
4. **Switch and verify**: perform multi-dimensional verification, switch business traffic to the new cluster, and set up a TiCDC reverse replication channel.
5. **Observe status**: maintain the reverse replication channel. After the observation period, clean up the environment.

Rollback plan: if the new cluster encounters issues during the migration and upgrade process, you can switch business traffic back to the original cluster at any time.

The following sections describe the standardized process and general steps for migrating and upgrading a TiDB cluster. The example commands are based on a TiDB Self-Managed environment.

8.2.4.1 Step 1: Evaluate solution feasibility

Before migrating and upgrading, evaluate the compatibility of relevant components and check cluster health status.

- Check the TiDB cluster version: this solution applies to TiDB v6.5.0 or later versions.
- Verify TiCDC compatibility:
    - **Table schema requirements**: ensure that tables to be replicated contain valid indexes. For more information, see TiCDC valid index.
    - **Feature limitations**: TiCDC does not support Sequence or TiFlash DDL replication. For more information, see TiCDC unsupported scenarios.
    - **Best practices**: avoid executing DDL operations on the upstream cluster of TiCDC during switchover.
- Verify BR compatibility:
    - Review the compatibility matrix of BR full backup. For more information, see BR version compatibility matrix.
    - Check the known limitations of BR backup and restore. For more information, see BR usage restrictions.
- Check the health status of the cluster, such as Region health and node resource utilization.

8.2.4.2 Step 2: Prepare the new cluster

8.2.4.2.1 1. Adjust the GC lifetime of the old cluster

To ensure data replication stability, adjust the system variable `tidb_gc_life_time` to a value that covers the total duration of the following operations and intervals: BR backup, BR restore, cluster upgrade, and TiCDC Changefeed replication setup. Otherwise, the replication task might enter an unrecoverable `failed` state, requiring a restart of the entire migration and upgrade process from a new full backup.

The following example sets `tidb_gc_life_time` to `60h`:

```
-- Check the current GC lifetime setting.
SHOW VARIABLES LIKE '%tidb_gc_life_time%';
-- Set GC lifetime.
SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_life_time=60h;
```

> **Note:**
>
> Increasing `tidb_gc_life_time` increases storage usage for MVCC data and might affect query performance. For more information, see GC Overview. Adjust the GC duration based on estimated operation time while considering storage and performance impacts.

8.2.4.2.2 2. Migrate full data to the new cluster

When migrating full data to the new cluster, note the following:

- **Version compatibility**: the BR version used for backup and restore must match the major version of the old cluster.
- **Performance impact**: BR backup consumes system resources. To minimize business impact, perform backups during off-peak hours.
- **Time estimation**: under optimal hardware conditions (no disk I/O or network bandwidth bottlenecks), estimated times are:
  - Backup speed: backing up 1 TiB of data per TiKV node with 8 threads takes approximately 1 hour.
  - Restore speed: restoring 1 TiB of data per TiKV node takes approximately 20 minutes.
- **Configuration consistency**: ensure that the `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` configuration is identical between the old and new clusters. Otherwise, BR restore will fail.
- **System table restore**: Use the `--with-sys-table` option during BR restore to recover system table data.

To migrate full data to the new cluster, take the following steps:

1. Perform a full backup on the old cluster:

```
tiup br:${cluster_version} backup full --pd ${pd_host}:${pd_port} -s ${
    ↪ backup_location}
```

2. Record the TSO of the old cluster for later TiCDC Changefeed creation:

```
tiup br:${cluster_version} validate decode --field="end-version" \
--storage "s3://xxx?access-key=${access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret
    ↪ -access-key}" | tail -n1
```

3. Deploy the new cluster:

```
tiup cluster deploy ${new_cluster_name} ${cluster_version} tidb-cluster
    ↪ .yaml
```

4. Restore the full backup to the new cluster:

```
tiup br:${cluster_version} restore full --pd ${pd_host}:${pd_port} -s $
    ↪ {backup_location} --with-sys-table
```

8.2.4.2.3 3. Upgrade the new cluster to the target version

To save time, you can perform an offline upgrade using the following commands. For more upgrade methods, see Upgrade TiDB Using TiUP.

```
tiup cluster stop <new_cluster_name> # Stop the cluster
tiup cluster upgrade <new_cluster_name> <v_target_version> --offline #
    ↪ Perform offline upgrade
tiup cluster start <new_cluster_name> # Start the cluster
```

To maintain business continuity, you need to replicate essential configurations from the old cluster to the new cluster, such as configuration items and system variables.

8.2.4.3 Step 3: Replicate incremental data

8.2.4.3.1 1. Establish a forward data replication channel

At this stage, the old cluster remains at its original version, while the new cluster has been upgraded to the target version. In this step, you need to establish a forward data replication channel from the old cluster to the new cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> The TiCDC component version must match the major version of the old cluster.

- Create a Changefeed task and set the incremental replication starting point (`${tso}`) to the exact backup TSO recorded in Step 2 to prevent data loss:

```
tiup ctl:${cluster_version} cdc changefeed create --server http://${cdc
    ↪ _host}:${cdc_port} --sink-uri="mysql://${username}:${password}@${
    ↪ tidb_endpoint}:${port}" --config config.toml --start-ts ${tso}
```

- Check the replication task status and confirm that `tso` or `checkpoint` is continuously advancing:

```
tiup ctl:${cluster_version} cdc changefeed list --server http://${cdc_
    ↪ host}:${cdc_port}
```

  The output is as follows:

```
[{
    "id": "cdcdb-cdc-task-standby",
    "summary": {
      "state": "normal",
      "tso": 417886179132964865,
      "checkpoint": "202x-xx-xx xx:xx:xx.xxx",
      "error": null
    }
}]
```

During incremental data replication, continuously monitor the replication channel status and adjust settings if needed:

- Latency metrics: ensure that `Changefeed checkpoint lag` remains within an acceptable range, such as within 5 minutes.
- Throughput health: ensure that `Sink flush rows/s` consistently exceeds the business write rate.
- Errors and alerts: regularly check TiCDC logs and alert information.
- (Optional) Test data replication: update test data and verify that Changefeed correctly replicates it to the new cluster.
- (Optional) Adjust the TiCDC configuration item `gc-ttl` (defaults to 24 hours).

  If a replication task is unavailable or interrupted and cannot be resolved in time, `gc-ttl` ensures that data needed by TiCDC is retained in TiKV without being cleaned by garbage collection (GC). If this duration is exceeded, the replication task enters a `failed` state and cannot recover. In this case, PD's GC safe point continues advancing, requiring a new backup to restart the process.

  Increasing the value of `gc-ttl` accumulates more MVCC data, similar to increasing `tidb_gc_life_time`. It is recommended to set it to a reasonably long but appropriate value.

8.2.4.3.2 2. Verify data consistency

After data replication is complete, verify data consistency between the old and new clusters using the following methods:

- Use the sync-diff-inspector tool:

```
./sync_diff_inspector --config=./config.toml
```

- Use the snapshot configuration of sync-diff-inspector with the Syncpoint feature of TiCDC to verify data consistency without stopping Changefeed replication. For more information, see Upstream and Downstream Clusters Data Validation and Snapshot Read.
- Perform manual validation of business data, such as comparing table row counts.

8.2.4.3.3 3. Finalize the environment setup

This migration procedure restores some system table data using the BR `--with-sys-table` option. For tables that are not included in the scope, you need to manually restore. Common items to check and supplement include:

- User privileges: compare the `mysql.user` table.
- Configuration settings: ensure that configuration items and system variables are consistent.
- Auto-increment columns: clear auto-increment ID caches in the new cluster.
- Statistics: collect statistics manually or enable automatic collection in the new cluster.

Additionally, you can scale out the new cluster to handle expected workloads and migrate operational tasks, such as alert subscriptions, scheduled statistics collection scripts, and data backup scripts.

8.2.4.4 Step 4: Switch business traffic and rollback

8.2.4.4.1 1. Prepare for the switchover

- Confirm replication status:
  - Monitor the latency of TiCDC Changefeed replication.
  - Ensure that the incremental replication throughput is greater than or equal to the peak business write rate.
- Perform multi-dimensional validation, such as:
  - Ensure that all data validation steps are complete and perform any necessary additional checks.
  - Conduct sanity or integration tests on the application in the new cluster.

8.2.4.4.2 2. Execute the switchover

1. Stop application services to prevent the old cluster from handling business traffic. To further restrict access, you can use one of the following methods:

    - Lock user accounts in the old cluster:

    ```
    ALTER USER ACCOUNT LOCK;
    ```

    - Set the old cluster to read-only mode. It is recommended to restart TiDB nodes in the old cluster to clear active business sessions and prevent connections that have not entered read-only mode:

    ```
    SET GLOBAL tidb_super_read_only=ON;
    ```

2. Ensure TiCDC catches up:

    - After setting the old cluster to read-only mode, retrieve the current `up-tso`:

    ```
    SELECT tidb_current_ts();
    ```

    - Monitor the Changefeed `checkpointTs` to confirm it has surpassed `up-tso`, indicating that TiCDC has completed data replication.

3. Verify data consistency between the new and old clusters:

    - After TiCDC catches up, obtain the `down-tso` from the new cluster.
    - Use the sync-diff-inspector tool to compare data consistency between the new and old clusters at `up-tso` and `down-tso`.

4. Pause the forward Changefeed replication task:

    ```
    tiup ctl:${cluster_version} cdc changefeed pause --server http://${cdc_
        ↪ host}:${cdc_port} -c <changefeedid>
    ```

5. Restart the TiDB nodes in the new cluster to clear the auto-increment ID cache.

6. Check the operational status of the new cluster using the following methods:

    - Verify that the TiDB version matches the target version:

    ```
    tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
    ```

    - Log into the database and confirm component versions:

    ```
    SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_INFO;
    ```

- Use Grafana to monitor service status: navigate to **Overview > Services Port Status** and confirm that all services are in the **Up** state.

7. Set up reverse replication from the new cluster to the old cluster.

    1. Unlock user accounts in the old cluster and restore read-write mode:

    ```
    ALTER USER ACCOUNT UNLOCK;
    SET GLOBAL tidb_super_read_only=OFF;
    ```

    2. Record the current TSO of the new cluster:

    ```
    SELECT tidb_current_ts();
    ```

    3. Configure the reverse replication link and ensure the Changefeed task is running properly:

        - Because business operations are stopped at this stage, you can use the current TSO.
        - Ensure that `sink-uri` is set to the address of the old cluster to avoid loopback writing risks.

    ```
    tiup ctl:${cluster_version} cdc changefeed create --server http://$
        ↪ {cdc_host}:${cdc_port} --sink-uri="mysql://${username}:${
        ↪ password}@${tidb_endpoint}:${port}" --config config.toml --
        ↪ start-ts ${tso}

    tiup ctl:${cluster_version} cdc changefeed list --server http://${
        ↪ cdc_host}:${cdc_port}
    ```

8. Redirect business traffic to the new cluster.

9. Monitor the load and operational status of the new cluster using the following Grafana panels:

    - **TiDB Dashboard > Query Summary**: check the Duration, QPS, and Failed Query OPM metrics.
    - **TiDB Dashboard > Server**: monitor the **Connection Count** metric to ensure even distribution of connections across nodes.

At this point, business traffic has successfully switched to the new cluster, and the TiCDC reverse replication channel is established.

8.2.4.4.3 3. Execute emergency rollback

The rollback plan is as follows:

- Check data consistency between the new and old clusters regularly to ensure the reverse replication link is operating properly.
- Monitor the system for a specified period, such as one week. If issues occur, switch back to the old cluster.
- After the observation period, remove the reverse replication link and delete the old cluster.

The following introduces the usage scenario and steps for an emergency rollback, which redirects traffic back to the old cluster:

- Usage scenario: execute the rollback plan if critical issues cannot be resolved.
- Steps:

    1. Stop business access to the new cluster.
    2. Reauthorize business accounts and restore read-write access to the old cluster.
    3. Check the reverse replication link, confirm TiCDC has caught up, and verify data consistency between the new and old clusters.
    4. Redirect business traffic back to the old cluster.

8.2.4.5 Step 5: Clean up

After monitoring the new cluster for a period and confirming stable business operations, you can remove the TiCDC reverse replication and delete the old cluster.

- Remove the TiCDC reverse replication:

```
tiup ctl:${cluster_version} cdc changefeed remove --server http://${cdc
    ↪ _host}:${cdc_port} -c <changefeedid>
```

- Delete the old cluster. If you choose to retain it, restore `tidb_gc_life_time` to its original value:

```
-- Restore to the original value before modification.
SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_life_time=10m;
```

8.2.5 TiFlash Upgrade Guide

This document describes the function changes and recommended actions that you need to learn when you upgrade TiFlash.

To learn the standard upgrade process, see the following documents:

- Upgrade TiDB Using TiUP
- Upgrade TiDB on Kubernetes

> **Note:**
>
> - FastScan is introduced in v6.2.0 as an experimental feature and becomes generally available (GA) in v7.0.0. It provides more efficient query performance at the cost of strong data consistency.
> - It is not recommended that you upgrade TiDB that includes TiFlash across major versions, for example, from v4.x to v6.x. Instead, you need to upgrade from v4.x to v5.x first, and then to v6.x.
> - v4.x is near the end of its life cycle. It is recommended that you upgrade to v5.x or later as soon as possible. For more information, see TiDB Release Support Policy.
> - PingCAP does not provide bug fixes for non-LTS versions, such as v6.0. It is recommended that you upgrade to v6.1 and later LTS versions whenever possible.

8.2.5.1 Upgrade TiFlash using TiUP

To upgrade TiFlash from versions earlier than v5.3.0 to v5.3.0 or later, you must stop TiFlash and then upgrade it. When you upgrade TiFlash using TiUP, note the following:

- If the TiUP cluster version is v1.12.0 or later, you cannot stop TiFlash and then upgrade it. If the target version requires a TiUP cluster version of v1.12.0 or later, it is recommended that you first use `tiup cluster:v1.11.3 <subcommand>` to upgrade TiFlash to an intermediate version, perform an online upgrade of the TiDB cluster, upgrade the TiUP version, and then upgrade the TiDB cluster to the target version directly without stopping it.
- If the TiUP cluster version is earlier than v1.12.0, perform the following steps to upgrade TiFlash.

The following steps help you use TiUP to upgrade TiFlash without interrupting other components:

1. Stop the TiFlash instance:

```
tiup cluster stop <cluster-name> -R tiflash
```

2. Upgrade the TiDB cluster without restarting it (only updating the files):

```
tiup cluster upgrade <cluster-name> <version> --offline
```

For example:

```
tiup cluster upgrade <cluster-name> v5.3.0 --offline
```

3. Reload the TiDB cluster. After the reload, the TiFlash instance is started and you do not need to manually start it.

```
tiup cluster reload <cluster-name>
```

8.2.5.2 From 5.x or v6.0 to v6.1

When you upgrade TiFlash from v5.x or v6.0 to v6.1, pay attention to the functional changes in TiFlash Proxy and dynamic pruning.

8.2.5.2.1 TiFlash Proxy

TiFlash Proxy is upgraded in v6.1.0 (aligned with TiKV v6.0.0). The new version has upgraded the RocksDB version. After you upgrade TiFlash to v6.1, the data format is converted to the new version automatically.

In regular upgrades, the data conversion does not involve any risks. However, if you need to downgrade TiFlash from v6.1 to any earlier version in special scenarios (for example, testing or verification scenarios), the earlier version might fail to parse the new RocksDB configuration. As result, TiFlash will fail to restart. It is recommended that you fully test and verify the upgrade process and prepare an emergency plan.

Workaround for downgrading TiFlash in testing or other special scenarios

You can forcibly scale in the target TiFlash node and then replicate data from TiKV again. For detailed steps, see Scale in a TiFlash cluster.

8.2.5.2.2 Dynamic pruning

If you do not enable dynamic pruning mode and will not use it in the future, you can skip this section.

- Newly installed TiDB v6.1.0: Dynamic pruning is enabled by default.

- TiDB v6.0 and earlier: Dynamic pruning is disabled by default. The setting of dynamic pruning after an upgrade inherits that of the previous version. That is, dynamic pruning will not be enabled (or disabled) automatically after an upgrade.

  After an upgrade, to enable dynamic pruning, set `tidb_partition_prune_mode` to `dynamic` and manually update global statistics of partitioned tables. For details, see Dynamic pruning mode.

8.2.5.3 From v5.x or v6.0 to v6.2

In TiDB v6.2, TiFlash upgrades its data storage format to the V3 version. Therefore, when you upgrade TiFlash from v5.x or v6.0 to v6.2, besides functional changes in TiFlash Proxy and Dynamic pruning, you also need to pay attention to the functional change in PageStorage.

8.2.5.3.1 PageStorage

By default, TiFlash v6.2.0 uses PageStorage V3 version `format_version = 4`. This new data format significantly reduces the peak write I/O traffic. In scenarios with high update traffic and high concurrency or heavy queries, it effectively relieves excessive CPU usage caused by TiFlash data GC. Meanwhile, compared with the earlier storage format, the V3 version significantly reduces space amplification and resource consumption.

- After an upgrade to v6.2.0, as new data is written to the existing TiFlash nodes, earlier data will be gradually converted to the new format.
- However, earlier data cannot be completely converted to the new format during the upgrade, because the conversion consumes a certain amount of system overhead (services are not affected, but you still need to pay attention). After the upgrade, it is recommended that you run the `Compact` command to convert the data to the new format. The steps are as follows:

  1. Run the following command for each table containing TiFlash replicas:

     ```
     ALTER TABLE <table_name> COMPACT tiflash replica;
     ```

  2. Restart the TiFlash node.

You can check whether tables still use the old data format on Grafana: **TiFlash-Summary** > **Storage Pool** > **Storage Pool Run Mode**.

- Only V2: Number of tables using PageStorage V2 (including partitions)
- Only V3: Number of tables using PageStorage V3 (including partitions)
- Mix Mode: Number of tables with data format converted from PageStorage V2 to PageStorage V3 (including partitions)

Workaround for downgrading TiFlash in testing or other special scenarios

You can forcibly scale in the target TiFlash node and then replicate data from TiKV again. For detailed steps, see Scale in a TiFlash cluster.

8.2.5.4 From v6.1 to v6.2

When you upgrade TiFlash from v6.1 to v6.2, pay attention to the change in data storage format. For details, see PageStorage.

8.2.5.5 From v6.x or v7.x to v7.3 with `storage.format_version = 5` configured

Starting from v7.3, TiFlash introduces a new DTFile version: DTFile V3 (experimental). This new DTFile version can merge multiple small files into a single larger file to reduce the total number of files. In v7.3, the default DTFile version is still V2. To use V3, you can set the TiFlash configuration parameter `storage.format_version = 5`. After the setting, TiFlash can still read V2 DTFiles and will gradually rewrite existing V2 DTFiles to V3 DTFiles during subsequent data compaction.

After upgrading TiFlash to v7.3 and configuring TiFlash to use V3 DTFiles, if you need to revert TiFlash to an earlier version, you can use the DTTool offline to rewrite V3 DTFiles back to V2 DTFiles. For more information, see DTTool Migration Tool.

8.2.5.6 From v6.x or v7.x to v7.4 or a later version

Starting from v7.4, to reduce the read and write amplification generated during data compaction, TiFlash optimizes the data compaction logic of PageStorage V3, which leads to changes to some of the underlying storage file names. Therefore, after TiFlash is upgraded to v7.4 or a later version, in-place downgrading to the original version is not supported.

8.2.5.7 From v7.x to v8.4 or a later version

Starting from v8.4, the underlying storage format of TiFlash is updated to support vector search. Therefore, after TiFlash is upgraded to v8.4 or a later version, in-place downgrading to the original version is not supported.

Workaround for downgrading TiFlash in testing or other special scenarios

To downgrade TiFlash in testing or other special scenarios, you can forcibly scale in the target TiFlash node and then replicate data from TiKV again. For detailed steps, see Scale in a TiFlash cluster.

8.3 Scale

8.3.1 Scale a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP

The capacity of a TiDB cluster can be increased or decreased without interrupting the online services.

This document describes how to scale the TiDB, TiKV, PD, TiCDC, or TiFlash cluster using TiUP. If you have not installed TiUP, refer to the steps in Step 2. Deploy TiUP on the control machine.

To view the current cluster name list, run `tiup cluster list`.

For example, if the original topology of the cluster is as follows:

Host IP	Service
10.0.1.3	TiDB + TiFlash
10.0.1.4	TiDB + PD
10.0.1.5	TiKV + Monitor
10.0.1.1	TiKV
10.0.1.2	TiKV

8.3.1.1 Scale out a TiDB/PD/TiKV cluster

This section exemplifies how to add a TiDB node to the `10.0.1.5` host.

> **Note:**
>
> You can take similar steps to add a PD node. Before you add a TiKV node, it is recommended that you adjust the PD scheduling parameters in advance according to the cluster load.

1. Configure the scale-out topology:

> **Note:**
>
> - The port and directory information is not required by default.
> - If multiple instances are deployed on a single machine, you need to allocate different ports and directories for them. If the ports or directories have conflicts, you will receive a notification during deployment or scaling.
> - Since TiUP v1.0.0, the scale-out configuration inherits the global configuration of the original cluster.

Add the scale-out topology configuration in the `scale-out.yml` file:

```
vi scale-out.yml
```

```
tidb_servers:
- host: 10.0.1.5
  ssh_port: 22
  port: 4000
```

```
  status_port: 10080
  deploy_dir: /tidb-deploy/tidb-4000
  log_dir: /tidb-deploy/tidb-4000/log
```

Here is a TiKV configuration file template:

```
tikv_servers:
- host: 10.0.1.5
  ssh_port: 22
  port: 20160
  status_port: 20180
  deploy_dir: /tidb-deploy/tikv-20160
  data_dir: /tidb-data/tikv-20160
  log_dir: /tidb-deploy/tikv-20160/log
```

Here is a PD configuration file template:

```
pd_servers:
- host: 10.0.1.5
  ssh_port: 22
  name: pd-1
  client_port: 2379
  peer_port: 2380
  deploy_dir: /tidb-deploy/pd-2379
  data_dir: /tidb-data/pd-2379
  log_dir: /tidb-deploy/pd-2379/log
```

To view the configuration of the current cluster, run `tiup cluster edit-config <cluster-name>`. Because the parameter configuration of `global` and `server_configs` is inherited by `scale-out.yml` and thus also takes effect in `scale-out.yml`.

2. Run the scale-out command:

   Before you run the `scale-out` command, use the `check` and `check --apply` commands to detect and automatically repair potential risks in the cluster:

   1. Check for potential risks:

      ```
      tiup cluster check <cluster-name> scale-out.yml --cluster --user root [-p] [-i /home/root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
      ```

   2. Enable automatic repair:

      ```
      tiup cluster check <cluster-name> scale-out.yml --cluster --apply --user root [-p] [-i /home/root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
      ```

   3. Run the `scale-out` command:

```
tiup cluster scale-out <cluster-name> scale-out.yml [-p] [-i /home/
    ↪ root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
```

In the preceding commands:

- `scale-out.yml` is the scale-out configuration file.
- `--user root` indicates logging in to the target machine as the `root` user to complete the cluster scale out. The `root` user is expected to have `ssh` and `sudo` privileges to the target machine. Alternatively, you can use other users with `ssh` and `sudo` privileges to complete the deployment.
- `[-i]` and `[-p]` are optional. If you have configured login to the target machine without password, these parameters are not required. If not, choose one of the two parameters. `[-i]` is the private key of the root user (or other users specified by `--user`) that has access to the target machine. `[-p]` is used to input the user password interactively.

If you see `Scaled cluster <cluster-name> out successfully`, the scale-out operation succeeds.

3. Refresh the cluster configuration.

Note:

- Refreshing cluster configuration is only required after you add PD nodes. If you only add TiDB or TiKV nodes, skip this step.
- If you are using TiUP v1.15.0 or a later version, skip this step because TiUP does it. If you are using a TiUP version earlier than v1.15.0, perform the following sub-steps.

1. Refresh the cluster configuration:

```
tiup cluster reload <cluster-name> --skip-restart
```

2. Refresh the Prometheus configuration and restart Prometheus:

```
tiup cluster reload <cluster-name> -R prometheus
```

4. Check the cluster status:

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

Access the monitoring platform at http://10.0.1.5:3000 using your browser to monitor the status of the cluster and the new node.

After the scale-out, the cluster topology is as follows:

Host IP	Service
10.0.1.3	TiDB + TiFlash
10.0.1.4	TiDB + PD
10.0.1.5	**TiDB** + TiKV + Monitor
10.0.1.1	TiKV
10.0.1.2	TiKV

8.3.1.2 Scale out a TiFlash cluster

This section exemplifies how to add a TiFlash node to the `10.0.1.4` host.

> **Note:**
>
> When adding a TiFlash node to an existing TiDB cluster, note the following:
>
> - Confirm that the current TiDB version supports using TiFlash. Otherwise, upgrade your TiDB cluster to v5.0 or later versions.
> - Run the `tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://<pd_ip>:<pd_port> config set enable-placement-rules true` command to enable the Placement Rules feature. Or run the corresponding command in pd-ctl.

1. Add the node information to the `scale-out.yml` file:

   Create the `scale-out.yml` file to add the TiFlash node information.

   ```
   tiflash_servers:
   - host: 10.0.1.4
   ```

   Currently, you can only add IP addresses but not domain names.

2. Run the scale-out command:

   ```
   tiup cluster scale-out <cluster-name> scale-out.yml
   ```

> **Note:**
>
> The preceding command is based on the assumption that the mutual trust has been configured for the user to run the command and the new machine. If the mutual trust cannot be configured, use the `-p` option to enter the password of the new machine, or use the `-i` option to specify the private key file.

3. View the cluster status:

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

Access the monitoring platform at http://10.0.1.5:3000 using your browser, and view the status of the cluster and the new node.

After the scale-out, the cluster topology is as follows:

Host IP	Service
10.0.1.3	TiDB + TiFlash
10.0.1.4	TiDB + PD + **TiFlash**
10.0.1.5	TiDB+ TiKV + Monitor
10.0.1.1	TiKV
10.0.1.2	TiKV

8.3.1.3 Scale out a TiCDC cluster

This section exemplifies how to add two TiCDC nodes to the `10.0.1.3` and `10.0.1.4` hosts.

1. Add the node information to the `scale-out.yml` file:

   Create the `scale-out.yml` file to add the TiCDC node information.

```
cdc_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.3
    gc-ttl: 86400
    data_dir: /tidb-data/cdc-8300
  - host: 10.0.1.4
    gc-ttl: 86400
    data_dir: /tidb-data/cdc-8300
```

2. Run the scale-out command:

```
tiup cluster scale-out <cluster-name> scale-out.yml
```

> **Note:**
> The preceding command is based on the assumption that the mutual trust has been configured for the user to run the command and the new machine. If the mutual trust cannot be configured, use the `-p` option to enter the password of the new machine, or use the `-i` option to specify the private key file.

3. View the cluster status:

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

Access the monitoring platform at http://10.0.1.5:3000 using your browser, and view the status of the cluster and the new nodes.

After the scale-out, the cluster topology is as follows:

Host IP	Service
10.0.1.3	TiDB + TiFlash + **TiCDC**
10.0.1.4	TiDB + PD + TiFlash + **TiCDC**
10.0.1.5	TiDB+ TiKV + Monitor
10.0.1.1	TiKV
10.0.1.2	TiKV

8.3.1.4 Scale in a TiDB/PD/TiKV cluster

This section exemplifies how to remove a TiKV node from the `10.0.1.5` host.

Note:

- You can take similar steps to remove a TiDB or PD node.
- Because the TiKV and TiFlash components are taken offline asynchronously and the stopping process takes a long time, TiUP takes them offline in different methods. For details, see Particular handling of components' offline process.
- The PD Client in TiKV caches the list of PD nodes. The current version of TiKV has a mechanism to automatically and regularly update PD nodes, which can help mitigate the issue of an expired list of PD nodes cached by TiKV. However, after scaling out PD, you should try to avoid directly removing all PD nodes at once that exist before the scaling. If necessary, before making all the previously existing PD nodes offline, make sure to switch the PD leader to a newly added PD node.

1. View the node ID information:

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

```
Starting /root/.tiup/components/cluster/v1.12.3/cluster display <
    ↪ cluster-name>
```

```
TiDB Cluster: <cluster-name>
TiDB Version: v8.5.1
ID            Role        Host       Ports                            Status
   ↪  Data Dir             Deploy Dir
--            ----        ----       -----                            ------
   ↪  --------             ----------
10.0.1.3:8300 cdc         10.0.1.3   8300                             Up
   ↪      data/cdc-8300         deploy/cdc-8300
10.0.1.4:8300 cdc         10.0.1.4   8300                             Up
   ↪      data/cdc-8300         deploy/cdc-8300
10.0.1.4:2379 pd          10.0.1.4   2379/2380
   ↪ Healthy data/pd-2379         deploy/pd-2379
10.0.1.1:20160 tikv       10.0.1.1   20160/20180                      Up
   ↪      data/tikv-20160       deploy/tikv-20160
10.0.1.2:20160 tikv       10.0.1.2   20160/20180                      Up
   ↪      data/tikv-20160       deploy/tikv-20160
10.0.1.5:20160 tikv       10.0.1.5   20160/20180                      Up
   ↪      data/tikv-20160       deploy/tikv-20160
10.0.1.3:4000 tidb        10.0.1.3   4000/10080                       Up
   ↪      -                     deploy/tidb-4000
10.0.1.4:4000 tidb        10.0.1.4   4000/10080                       Up
   ↪      -                     deploy/tidb-4000
10.0.1.5:4000 tidb        10.0.1.5   4000/10080                       Up
   ↪      -                     deploy/tidb-4000
10.0.1.3:9000 tiflash     10.0.1.3   9000/8123/3930/20170/20292/8234 Up
   ↪  data/tiflash-9000    deploy/tiflash-9000
10.0.1.4:9000 tiflash     10.0.1.4   9000/8123/3930/20170/20292/8234 Up
   ↪  data/tiflash-9000    deploy/tiflash-9000
10.0.1.5:9090 prometheus  10.0.1.5   9090                             Up
   ↪      data/prometheus-9090 deploy/prometheus-9090
10.0.1.5:3000 grafana     10.0.1.5   3000                             Up
   ↪      -                     deploy/grafana-3000
10.0.1.5:9093 alertmanager 10.0.1.5 9093/9294                        Up
   ↪      data/alertmanager-9093 deploy/alertmanager-9093
```

2. Run the scale-in command:

```
tiup cluster scale-in <cluster-name> --node 10.0.1.5:20160
```

   The `--node` parameter is the ID of the node to be taken offline.

   If you see `Scaled cluster <cluster-name> in successfully`, the scale-in operation succeeds.

3. Refresh the cluster configuration.

Note:

- Refreshing cluster configuration is only required after you remove PD nodes. If you only remove TiDB or TiKV nodes, skip this step.
- If you are using TiUP v1.15.0 or a later version, skip this step because TiUP does it. If you are using a TiUP version earlier than v1.15.0, perform the following sub-steps.

1. Refresh the cluster configuration:

```
tiup cluster reload <cluster-name> --skip-restart
```

2. Refresh the Prometheus configuration and restart Prometheus:

```
tiup cluster reload <cluster-name> -R prometheus
```

4. Check the cluster status:

   The scale-in process takes some time. You can run the following command to check the scale-in status:

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

   If the node to be scaled in becomes `Tombstone`, the scale-in operation succeeds.

   Access the monitoring platform at http://10.0.1.5:3000 using your browser, and view the status of the cluster.

The current topology is as follows:

Host IP	Service
10.0.1.3	TiDB + TiFlash + TiCDC
10.0.1.4	TiDB + PD + TiFlash + TiCDC
10.0.1.5	TiDB + Monitor **(TiKV is deleted)**
10.0.1.1	TiKV
10.0.1.2	TiKV

8.3.1.5 Scale in a TiFlash cluster

This section exemplifies how to remove a TiFlash node from the `10.0.1.4` host.

8.3.1.5.1 1. Adjust the number of replicas of the tables according to the number of remaining TiFlash nodes

1. Query whether any table has TiFlash replicas more than the number of TiFlash nodes

after scale-in. `tobe_left_nodes` means the number of TiFlash nodes after scale-in. If the query result is empty, you can start scaling in TiFlash. If the query result is not empty, you need to modify the number of TiFlash replicas of the related table(s).

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tiflash_replica WHERE REPLICA_COUNT >
    ↪ 'tobe_left_nodes';
```

2. Execute the following statement for all tables with TiFlash replicas more than the number of TiFlash nodes after scale-in. `new_replica_num` must be less than or equal to `tobe_left_nodes`:

```
ALTER TABLE <db-name>.<table-name> SET tiflash replica 'new_replica_
    ↪ num';
```

After executing this statement, TiDB modifies or deletes PD placement rules accordingly. Then, PD schedules data based on the updated placement rules.

3. Perform step 1 again and make sure that there is no table with TiFlash replicas more than the number of TiFlash nodes after scale-in.

8.3.1.5.2 2. Perform the scale-in operation

Perform the scale-in operation with one of the following solutions.

Solution 1. Use TiUP to remove a TiFlash node

1. Confirm the name of the node to be taken down:

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

2. Remove the TiFlash node (assume that the node name is `10.0.1.4:9000` from Step 1):

```
tiup cluster scale-in <cluster-name> --node 10.0.1.4:9000
```

3. View the status of the removed TiFlash node:

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

4. After the status of the removed TiFlash node becomes `Tombstone`, delete the information of the removed node from the TiUP topology (TiUP will automatically clean up the related data files of the `Tombstone` node):

```
tiup cluster prune <cluster-name>
```

Solution 2. Manually remove a TiFlash node

In special cases (such as when a node needs to be forcibly taken down), or if the TiUP scale-in operation fails, you can manually remove a TiFlash node with the following steps.

1. Use the store command of pd-ctl to view the store ID corresponding to this TiFlash node.

    - Enter the store command in pd-ctl (the binary file is under `resources/bin` in the tidb-ansible directory).
    - If you use TiUP deployment, replace `pd-ctl` with `tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION > pd`:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://<pd_ip>:<pd_port> store
```

> **Note:**
> If multiple PD instances exist in the cluster, you only need to specify the IP address:port of an active PD instance in the above command.

2. Remove the TiFlash node in pd-ctl:

    - Enter `store delete <store_id>` in pd-ctl (`<store_id>` is the store ID of the TiFlash node found in the previous step.
    - If you use TiUP deployment, replace `pd-ctl` with `tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION > pd`:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://<pd_ip>:<pd_port> store
    ↪ delete <store_id>
```

> **Note:**
> If multiple PD instances exist in the cluster, you only need to specify the IP address:port of an active PD instance in the above command.

3. Wait for the store of the TiFlash node to disappear or for the `state_name` to become `Tombstone` before you stop the TiFlash process.

4. Delete the information of the removed node from the TiUP topology (TiUP will automatically clean up the related data files of the `Tombstone` node):

```
tiup cluster prune <cluster-name>
```

8.3.1.5.3 3. View the cluster status

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

Access the monitoring platform at http://10.0.1.5:3000 using your browser, and view the status of the cluster and the new nodes.

After the scaling, the cluster topology is as follows:

Host IP	Service
10.0.1.3	TiDB + TiFlash + TiCDC
10.0.1.4	TiDB + PD + TiCDC **(TiFlash is deleted)**
10.0.1.5	TiDB+ Monitor
10.0.1.1	TiKV
10.0.1.2	TiKV

8.3.1.6 Scale in a TiCDC cluster

This section exemplifies how to remove the TiCDC node from the `10.0.1.4` host.

1. Take the node offline:

```
tiup cluster scale-in <cluster-name> --node 10.0.1.4:8300
```

2. View the cluster status:

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

   Access the monitoring platform at http://10.0.1.5:3000 using your browser, and view the status of the cluster.

The current topology is as follows:

Host IP	Service
10.0.1.3	TiDB + TiFlash + TiCDC
10.0.1.4	TiDB + PD + **(TiCDC is deleted)**
10.0.1.5	TiDB + Monitor
10.0.1.1	TiKV
10.0.1.2	TiKV

8.3.2 Use TiDB Operator

8.4 Backup and Restore

8.4.1 TiDB Backup & Restore Overview

Based on the Raft protocol and a reasonable deployment topology, TiDB realizes high availability of clusters. When a few nodes in the cluster fail, the cluster can still be available. On this basis, to further ensure data safety, TiDB provides the Backup & Restore (BR) feature as the last resort to recover data from natural disasters and misoperations.

BR satisfies the following requirements:

- Back up cluster data to a disaster recovery (DR) system with an RPO as short as 5 minutes, reducing data loss in disaster scenarios.
- Handle the cases of misoperations from applications by rolling back data to a time point before the error event.
- Perform history data auditing to meet the requirements of judicial supervision.
- Clone the production environment, which is convenient for troubleshooting, performance tuning, and simulation testing.

8.4.1.1 Before you use

This section describes the prerequisites for using TiDB backup and restore, including restrictions, usage tips and compatibility issues. For more information about the compatibility of the BR tool with other features or versions, see Compatibility.

8.4.1.1.1 Restrictions

- PITR only supports restoring data to **an empty cluster**.
- PITR only supports cluster-level restore and does not support database-level or table-level restore.
- PITR does not support restoring the data of user tables or privilege tables from system tables.
- BR does not support running multiple backup tasks on a cluster **at the same time**.
- It is not recommended to back up tables that are being restored, because the backed-up data might be problematic.
- When restoring a cluster using PITR, you cannot run a log backup task or use TiCDC to replicate data to a downstream cluster.

8.4.1.1.2 Some tips

Snapshot backup:

- It is recommended that you perform the backup operation during off-peak hours to minimize the impact on applications.
- It is recommended that you execute multiple backup or restore tasks one by one. Running multiple backup tasks in parallel leads to low performance. Worse still, a lack of collaboration between multiple tasks might result in task failures and affect cluster performance.

Snapshot restore:

- BR uses resources of the target cluster as much as possible. Therefore, it is recommended that you restore data to a new cluster or an offline cluster. Avoid restoring data to a production cluster. Otherwise, your application will be affected inevitably.

Backup storage and network configuration:

- It is recommended that you store backup data to a storage system that is compatible with Amazon S3, GCS, or Azure Blob Storage.
- You need to ensure that BR, TiKV, and the backup storage system have enough network bandwidth, and that the backup storage system can provide sufficient read and write performance (IOPS). Otherwise, they might become a performance bottleneck during backup and restore.

8.4.1.2 Use backup and restore

The way to use BR varies with the deployment method of TiDB. This document introduces how to use the br command-line tool to back up and restore TiDB cluster data in an on-premise deployment.

For information about how to use this feature in other deployment scenarios, see the following documents:

- Back Up and Restore TiDB Deployed on TiDB Cloud: It is recommended that you create TiDB clusters on TiDB Cloud. TiDB Cloud offers fully managed databases to let you focus on your applications.
- Back Up and Restore Data Using TiDB Operator: If you deploy a TiDB cluster using TiDB Operator on Kubernetes, it is recommended to back up and restore data using Kubernetes CustomResourceDefinition (CRD).

8.4.1.3 BR features

TiDB BR provides the following features:

- Back up cluster data: You can back up full data (**full backup**) of the cluster at a certain time point, or back up the data changes in TiDB (**log backup**, in which log means KV changes in TiKV).
- Restore backup data:
  - You can **restore a full backup** or **specific databases or tables** in a full backup.
  - Based on backup data (full backup and log backup), you can restore the target cluster to any time point of the backup cluster. This type of restore is called point-in-time recovery, or PITR for short.

8.4.1.3.1 Back up cluster data

Full backup backs up all data of a cluster at a specific time point. TiDB supports the following way of full backup:

- Back up cluster snapshots: A snapshot of a TiDB cluster contains transactionally consistent data at a specific time. For details, see Snapshot backup.

Full backup occupies much storage space and contains only cluster data at a specific time point. If you want to choose the restore point as required, that is, to perform point-in-time recovery (PITR), you can use the following two ways of backup at the same time:

- Start log backup. After log backup is started, the task keeps running on all TiKV nodes and backs up TiDB incremental data in small batches to the specified storage periodically.
- Perform snapshot backup regularly. Back up the full cluster data to the backup storage, for example, perform cluster snapshot backup at 0:00 AM every day.

Backup performance and impact on TiDB clusters

- When CPU and I/O resources are sufficient in the cluster, the snapshot backup has a limited impact on the TiDB cluster, generally staying below 20%. With appropriate configuration of the TiDB cluster, this impact can be further minimized to 10% or even less. When CPU and I/O resources are insufficient, you can adjust the TiKV configuration item `backup.num-threads` to change the number of worker threads used by the backup task to reduce the impact of the backup task on the TiDB cluster. The backup speed of a TiKV node is scalable and ranges from 50 MB/s to 100 MB/s. For more information, see Backup performance and impact.
- When there are only log backup tasks, the impact on the cluster is about 5%. Log backup flushes all the changes generated after the last refresh every 3-5 minutes to the backup storage, which can **achieve a Recovery Point Objective (RPO) as short as five minutes**.

8.4.1.3.2 Restore backup data

Corresponding to the backup features, you can perform two types of restore: full restore and PITR.

- Restore a full backup
    - Restore cluster snapshot backup: You can restore snapshot backup data to an empty cluster or a cluster that does not have data conflicts (with the same schema or tables). For details, see Restore snapshot backup. In addition, you can restore specific databases or tables from the backup data and filter out unwanted data. For details, see Restore specific databases or tables from backup data.
- Restore data to any point in time (PITR)

- By running the `br restore point` command, you can restore the latest snapshot backup data before recovery time point and log backup data to a specified time. BR automatically determines the restore scope, accesses backup data, and restores data to the target cluster in turn.

Restore performance and impact on TiDB clusters

- Data restore is performed at a scalable speed. Generally, the speed is 1 GiB/s per TiKV node. For more details, see Restore performance and impact.
- On each TiKV node, PITR can restore log data at 30 GiB/h. For more details, see PITR performance and impact.

8.4.1.4 Backup storage

TiDB supports backing up data to Amazon S3, Google Cloud Storage (GCS), Azure Blob Storage, NFS, and other S3-compatible file storage services. For details, see the following documents:

- Specify backup storage in URI
- Configure access privileges to backup storages

8.4.1.5 Compatibility

8.4.1.5.1 Compatibility with other features

Backup and restore might go wrong when some TiDB features are enabled or disabled. If these features are not consistently enabled or disabled during backup and restore, compatibility issues might occur.

Feature	Issue	Solution
GBK charset		BR of versions earlier than v5.4.0 does not support restoring `charset = GBK` tables. No version of BR supports recovering `charset = GBK` tables to TiDB clusters earlier than v5.4.0.

Feature	Issue	Solution
Clustered index	#565	Make sure that the value of the `tidb_enable_clustered_index` global variable during restore is consistent with that during backup. Otherwise, data inconsistency might occur, such as `default not found` error and inconsis-

Feature	Issue	Solution
New collation	#352	Make sure that the value of the `new_collation_enabled` variable in the `mysql.tidb` table during restore is consistent with that during backup. Otherwise, inconsistent data index might occur and checksum might fail to pass. For more

Feature	Issue	Solution
Global temporary tables		Make sure that you are using v5.3.0 or a later version of BR to back up and restore data. Otherwise, an error occurs in the definition of the backed global temporary tables.

Feature	Issue	Solution
TiDB Lightning Physical Import		If the upstream database uses the physical import mode of TiDB Lightning, data cannot be backed up in log backup. It is recommended to perform a full backup after the data import. For more information, see When the upstream database imports data

Feature	Issue	Solution
TiCDC		BR v8.2.0 and later: if the target cluster to be restored has a changefeed and the changefeed CheckpointTS is earlier than the BackupTS, BR does not perform the restoration. BR versions before v8.2.0: if the target cluster to be restored has any active TiCDC

Feature	Issue	Solution
Vector search		Make sure that you are using v8.4.0 or a later version of BR to back up and restore data. Restoring tables with vector data types to TiDB clusters earlier than v8.4.0 is not supported.

8.4.1.5.2 Version compatibility

Note:

> It is recommended to use the BR of the same major version as your TiDB cluster for backup and restoration.

Before performing backup and restore, BR compares the TiDB cluster version with its own and checks their compatibility. If the versions are incompatible, BR reports an error and exits. To forcibly skip the version check, you can set `--check-requirements=false`. Note that skipping the version check might introduce incompatibility in data.

Starting from v7.0.0, TiDB gradually supports performing backup and restore operations through SQL statements. Therefore, it is strongly recommended to use the BR tool of the same major version as the TiDB cluster when backing up and restoring cluster data, and avoid performing data backup and restore operations across major versions. This helps ensure smooth execution of restore operations and data consistency. Starting from v7.6.0, BR restores data in some `mysql` system tables by default, that is, the `--with-sys-table` option is set to `true` by default. When restoring data to a TiDB cluster with a different version, if you encounter an error similar to `[BR:Restore:ErrRestoreIncompatibleSys] ↪ incompatible system table` due to different schemas of system tables, you can set `--with-sys-table=false` to skip restoring the system tables and avoid this error.

BR version compatibility matrix before TiDB v6.6.0

The compatibility information for BR before TiDB v6.6.0 is as follows:

Backup version (vertical) / Restore version (horizontal)	Restore to TiDB v6.0	Restore to TiDB v6.1	Restore to TiDB v6.2	Restore to TiDB v6.3, v6.4, or v6.5	Restore to TiDB v6.6
TiDB v6.0, v6.1, v6.2, v6.3, v6.4, or v6.5 snapshot backup	Compatible (known issue #36379: if backup data contains an empty schema, BR might report an error.)	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible (BR must be v6.6)
TiDB v6.3, v6.4, v6.5, or v6.6 log backup	Incompatible	Incompatible	Incompatible	Compatible	Compatible

BR version compatibility matrix between TiDB v6.5.0 and v8.5.0

This section introduces the BR compatibility information for all Long-Term Support (LTS) versions between TiDB v6.5.0 and v8.5.0 (including v6.5.0, v7.1.0, v7.5.0, v8.1.0, and v8.5.0):

> **Note:**
>
> Known issue: Starting from version v7.2.0, some system table fields in newly created clusters are case-insensitive. However, for clusters that are **upgraded online** from versions earlier than v7.2.0 to v7.2.0 or later, the corresponding system table fields remain case-sensitive. Backup and restore operations involving system tables between these two types of clusters might fail. For more details, see Issue #43717.

The following table lists the compatibility matrix for full backups. Note that all information in the table applies to newly created clusters. For clusters upgraded from a version earlier than v7.2.0 to v7.2.0 or later, their behavior is consistent with that of backups from v7.1.0.

Backup version	Compatible restore versions	Incompatible restore versions
v6.5.0	v7.1.0	v7.5.0 and later
v7.1.0	-	v7.5.0 and later
v7.5.0	v7.5.0 and later	-
v8.1.0	v8.1.0 and later	-
v8.5.0	v8.5.0 and later	-

The following table lists the compatibility matrix for log backups. Note that all information in the table applies to newly created clusters. For clusters upgraded from a version earlier than v7.2.0 to v7.2.0 or later, their behavior is consistent with that of backups from v7.1.0.

Backup version	Compatible restore versions	Incompatible restore versions
v6.5.0	v7.1.0	v7.5.0 and later
v7.1.0	-	v7.5.0 and later
v7.5.0	v7.5.0 and later	-
v8.1.0	v8.1.0 and later	-
v8.5.0	v8.5.0 and later	-

> **Note:**

- When only data of non-system tables is backed up (full backup or log backup), all versions are compatible with each other.
- In scenarios where restoring the `mysql` system table is incompatible, you can resolve the problem by setting `--with-sys-table=false` to skip restoring all system tables, or use a more fine-grained filter to just skip incompatible system tables, for example: `--filter '*.*' --filter "__TiDB_BR_Temporary_*.*" --filter '!mysql.*' --filter 'mysql.bind_info' --filter 'mysql.user' --filter 'mysql.global_priv' --filter 'mysql.global_grants' --filter 'mysql.default_roles' --filter 'mysql.role_edges' --filter '!sys.*' --filter '!INFORMATION_SCHEMA.*' --filter '!PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA.*' --filter '!METRICS_SCHEMA.*' --filter '!INSPECTION_SCHEMA.*'`.
- `-` means that there are no compatibility restrictions for the corresponding scenario.

8.4.1.6 See also

- TiDB Snapshot Backup and Restore Guide
- TiDB Log Backup and PITR Guide
- Backup Storages

8.4.2 Architecture

8.4.2.1 Overview of TiDB Backup & Restore Architecture

As described in TiDB Backup & Restore Overview, TiDB supports backing up and restoring multiple types of cluster data. You can use Backup & Restore (BR) and TiDB Operator to access these features, and create tasks to back up data from TiKV nodes or restore data to TiKV nodes.

For details about the architecture of each backup and restore feature, see the following documents:

- Full data backup and restore
  - Back up snapshot data
  - Restore snapshot backup data
- Data change log backup
  - Log backup: backup of KV data change
- Point-in-time recovery (PITR)
  - PITR

8.4.2.2 TiDB Snapshot Backup and Restore Architecture

This document introduces the architecture and process of TiDB snapshot backup and restore using a Backup & Restore (BR) tool as an example.

8.4.2.2.1 Architecture

The TiDB snapshot backup and restore architecture is as follows:

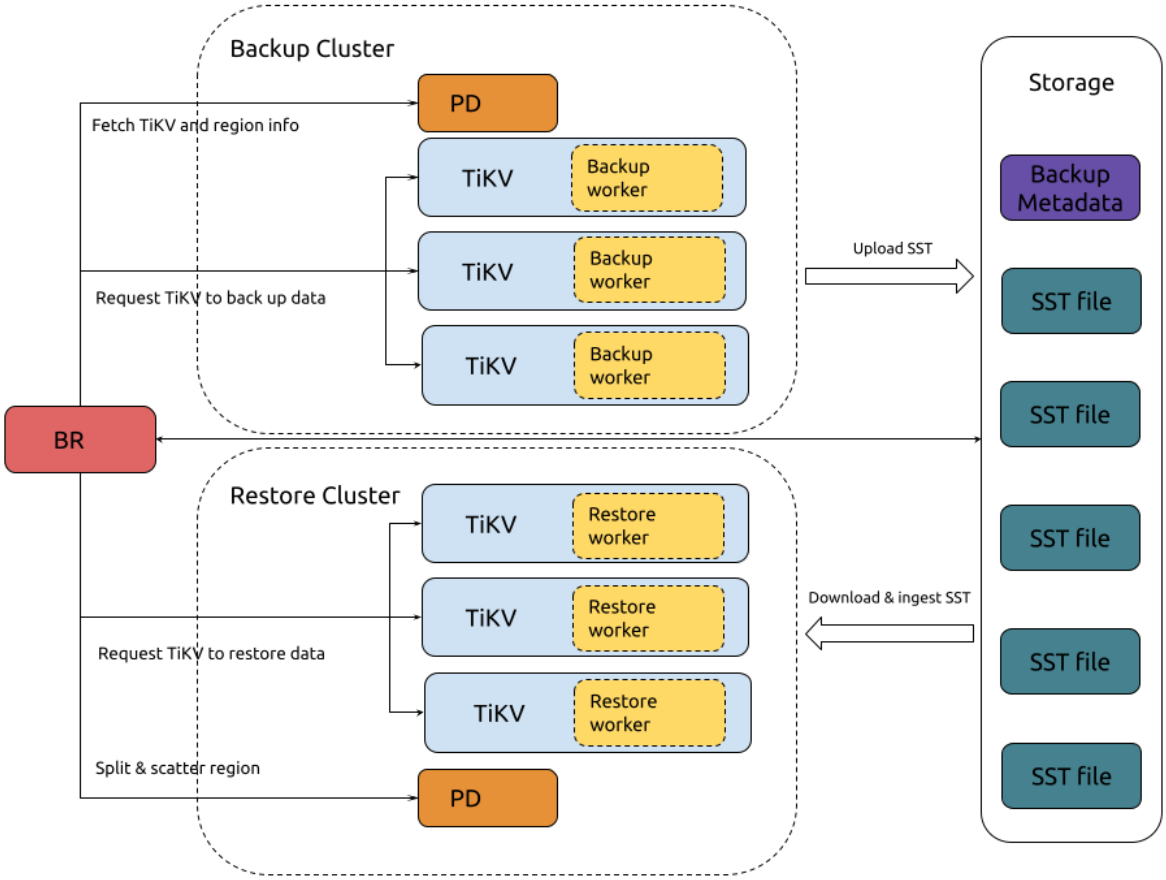


Figure 138: BR snapshot backup and restore architecture

8.4.2.2.2 Process of backup

The process of a cluster snapshot backup is as follows:

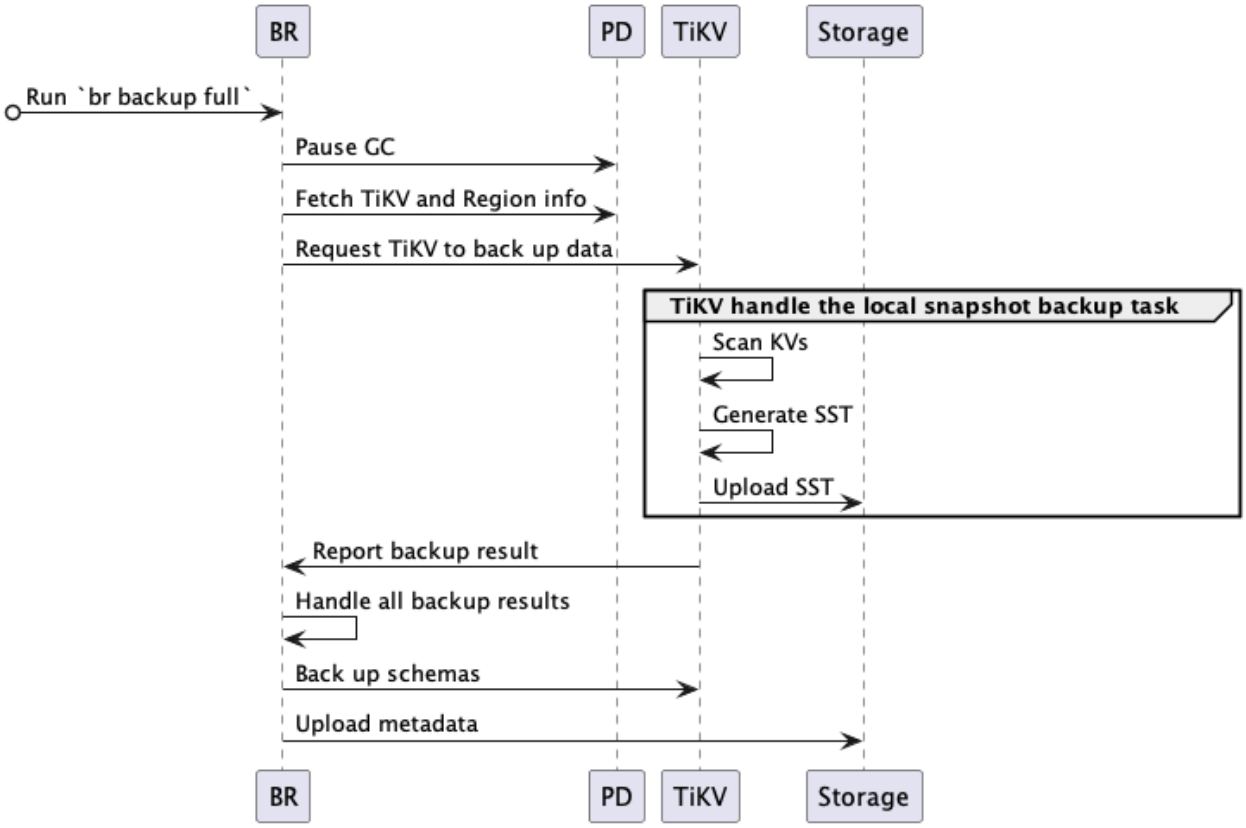


Figure 139: snapshot backup process design

The complete backup process is as follows:

1. BR receives the `br backup full` command.

    - Gets the backup time point and storage path.

2. BR schedules the backup data.

    - **Pause GC**: BR configures the TiDB GC time to prevent the backup data from being cleaned up by TiDB GC mechanism.
    - **Fetch TiKV and Region info**: BR accesses PD to get all TiKV nodes addresses and Region distribution of data.
    - **Request TiKV to back up data**: BR creates a backup request and sends it to all TiKV nodes. The backup request includes the backup time point, Regions to be backed up, and the storage path.

3. TiKV accepts the backup request and initiates a backup worker.

4. TiKV backs up the data.

- **Scan KVs**: the backup worker reads data corresponding to the backup time point from the Region where the leader locates.
- **Generate SST**: the backup worker saves the data to SST files, which are stored in the memory.
- **Upload SST**: the backup worker uploads the SST files to the storage path.

5. BR receives the backup result from each TiKV node.

    - If some data fails to be backed up due to Region changes, for example, a TiKV node is down, BR will retry the backup.
    - If there is any data fails to be backed up and cannot be retried, the backup task fails.
    - After all data is backed up, BR will then back up the metadata.

6. BR backs up the metadata.

    - **Back up schemas**: BR backs up the table schemas and calculates the checksum of the table data.
    - **Upload metadata**: BR generates the backup metadata and uploads it to the storage path. The backup metadata includes the backup timestamp, the table and corresponding backup files, data checksum, and file checksum.

8.4.2.2.3 Process of restore

The process of a cluster snapshot restore is as follows:

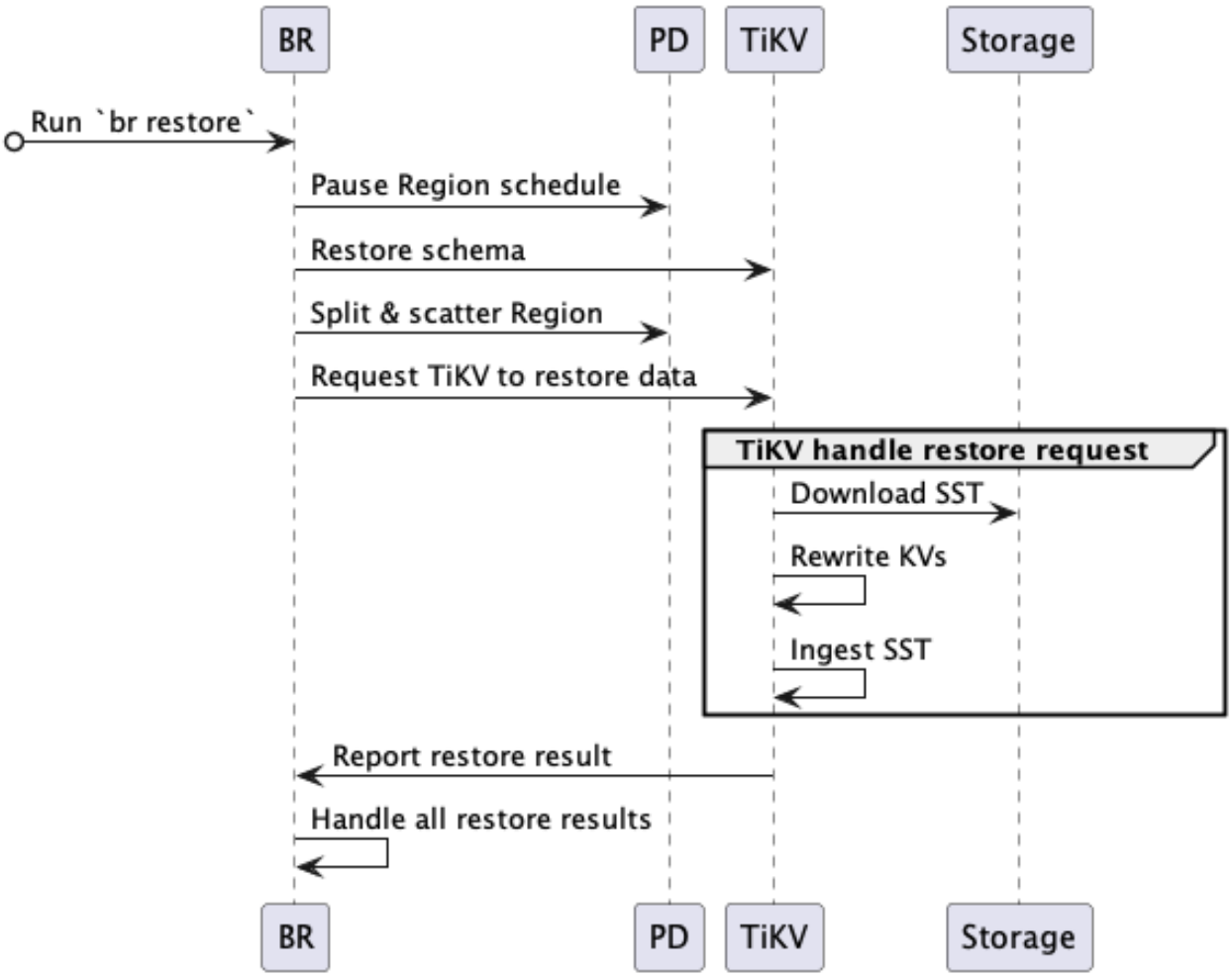


Figure 140: snapshot restore process design

The complete restore process is as follows:

1. BR receives the `br restore` command.

    - Gets the data storage path and the database or table to be restored.
    - Checks whether the table to be restored exists and whether it meets the requirements for restore.

2. BR schedules the restore data.

    - **Pause Region schedule**: BR requests PD to pause the automatic Region scheduling during restore.
    - **Restore schema**: BR gets the schema of the backup data and the database and table to be restored. Note that the ID of a newly created table might be different from that of the backup data.

- **Split & scatter Region**: BR requests PD to allocate Regions (split Region) based on backup data, and schedules Regions to be evenly distributed to storage nodes (scatter Region). Each Region has a specified data range `[start key, end key)`.
- **Request TiKV to restore data**: BR creates a restore request and sends it to the corresponding TiKV nodes according to the result of Region split. The restore request includes the data to be restored and rewrite rules.

3. TiKV accepts the restore request and initiates a restore worker.

    - The restore worker calculates the backup data that needs to be read to restore.

4. TiKV restores the data.

    - **Download SST**: the restore worker downloads corresponding SST files from the storage path to a local directory.
    - **Rewrite KVs**: the restore worker rewrites the KV data according to the new table ID, that is, replace the original table ID in the Key-Value with the new table ID. The restore worker also rewrites the index ID in the same way.
    - **Ingest SST**: the restore worker ingests the processed SST files into RocksDB.
    - **Report restore result**: the restore worker reports the restore result to BR.

5. BR receives the restore result from each TiKV node.

    - If some data fails to be restored due to `RegionNotFound` or `EpochNotMatch`, for example, a TiKV node is down, BR will retry the restore.
    - If there is any data fails to be restored and cannot be retried, the restore task fails.
    - After all data is restored, the restore task succeeds.

8.4.2.2.4 Backup files

Types of backup files

Snapshot backup generates the following types of files:

- `SST` file: stores the data that the TiKV node backs up. The size of an `SST` file equals to that of a Region.
- `backupmeta` file: stores the metadata of a backup task, including the number of all backup files, and the key range, the size, and the Hash (sha256) value of each backup file.
- `backup.lock` file: prevents multiple backup tasks from storing data at the same directory.

Naming format of SST files

When data is backed up to Google Cloud Storage (GCS) or Azure Blob Storage, SST files are named in the format of `storeID_regionID_regionEpoch_keyHash_timestamp_cf`. The fields in the name are explained as follows:

- `storeID` is the TiKV node ID.
- `regionID` is the Region ID.
- `regionEpoch` is the version number of Region.
- `keyHash` is the Hash (sha256) value of the startKey of a range, which ensures the uniqueness of a file.
- `timestamp` is the Unix timestamp of an SST file when it is generated by TiKV.
- `cf` indicates the Column Family of RocksDB (only restores data whose `cf` is `default` or `write`).

When data is backed up to Amazon S3 or a network disk, the SST files are named in the format of `regionID_regionEpoch_keyHash_timestamp_cf`. The fields in the name are explained as follows:

- `regionID` is the Region ID.
- `regionEpoch` is the version number of Region.
- `keyHash` is the Hash (sha256) value of the startKey of a range, which ensures the uniqueness of a file.
- `timestamp` is the Unix timestamp of an SST file when it is generated by TiKV.
- `cf` indicates the Column Family of RocksDB (only restores data whose `cf` is `default` or `write`).

Storage format of SST files

- For details about the storage format of SST files, see RocksDB BlockBasedTable format.
- For details about the encoding format of backup data in SST files, see mapping of table data to Key-Value.

Structure of backup files

When you back up data to GCS or Azure Blob Storage, the SST files, `backupmeta` files, and `backup.lock` files are stored in the same directory as the following structure:

```
.
└── 20220621
    ├── backupmeta
    |── backup.lock
    ├── {storeID}-{regionID}-{regionEpoch}-{keyHash}-{timestamp}-{cf}.sst
    ├── {storeID}-{regionID}-{regionEpoch}-{keyHash}-{timestamp}-{cf}.sst
    ├── {storeID}-{regionID}-{regionEpoch}-{keyHash}-{timestamp}-{cf}.sst
```

When you back up data to Amazon S3 or a network disk, the SST files are stored in sub-directories based on the `storeID`. The structure is as follows:

```
.
├── 20220621
│   ├── backupmeta
│   ├── backup.lock
│   ├── store1
│   │   └── {regionID}-{regionEpoch}-{keyHash}-{timestamp}-{cf}.sst
│   ├── store100
│   │   └── {regionID}-{regionEpoch}-{keyHash}-{timestamp}-{cf}.sst
│   ├── store2
│   │   └── {regionID}-{regionEpoch}-{keyHash}-{timestamp}-{cf}.sst
│   ├── store3
│   ├── store4
│   └── store5
```

8.4.2.2.5 See also

- TiDB snapshot backup and restore guide

8.4.2.3 TiDB Log Backup and PITR Architecture

This document introduces the architecture and process of TiDB log backup and point-in-time recovery (PITR) using a Backup & Restore (BR) tool as an example.

8.4.2.3.1 Architecture

The log backup and PITR architecture is as follows:

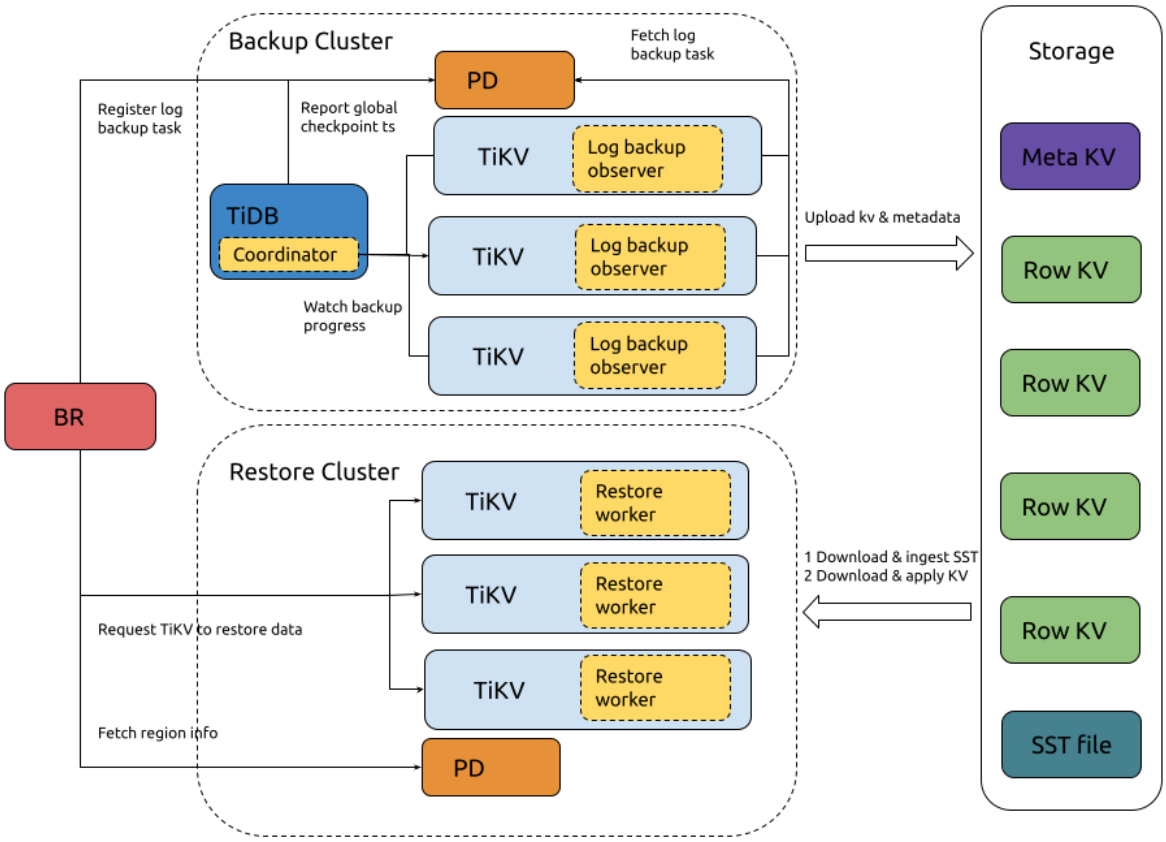


Figure 141: BR log backup and PITR architecture

8.4.2.3.2 Process of log backup

The process of a cluster log backup is as follows:

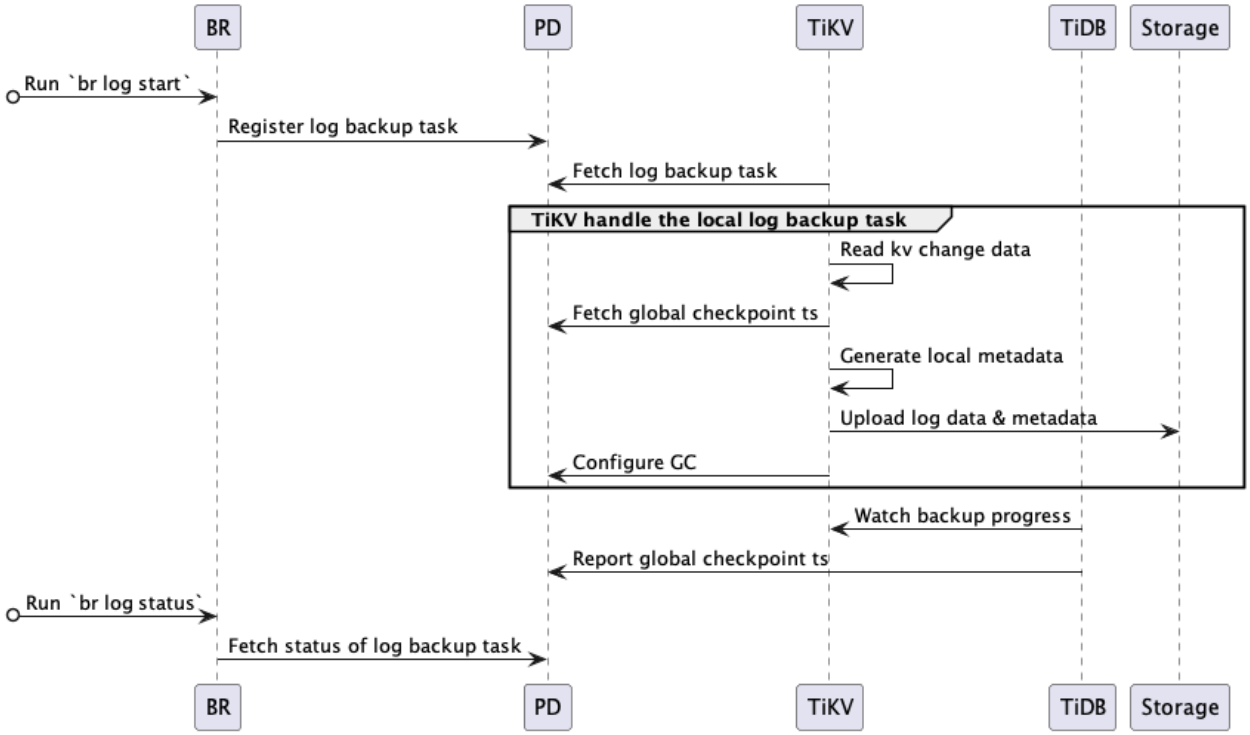


Figure 142: BR log backup process design

System components and key concepts involved in the log backup process:

- **local metadata**: indicates the metadata backed up by a single TiKV node, including local checkpoint ts, global checkpoint ts, and backup file information.
- **local checkpoint ts** (in local metadata): indicates that all logs generated before local checkpoint ts in this TiKV node have been backed up to the target storage.
- **global checkpoint ts**: indicates that all logs generated before global checkpoint ts in all TiKV nodes have been backed up to the target storage. TiDB Coordinator calculates this timestamp by collecting local checkpoint ts of all TiKV node and then reports it to PD.
- **TiDB Coordinator**: a TiDB node is elected as the coordinator, which is responsible for collecting and calculating the progress of the entire log backup task (global checkpoint ts). This component is stateless in design, and after its failure, a new Coordinator is elected from the surviving TiDB nodes.
- **TiKV log backup observer**: runs on each TiKV node in the TiDB cluster, which is responsible for backing up log data. If a TiKV node fails, backing up the data range on it will be taken by other TiKV nodes after region re-election, and these nodes will back up data of the failure range starting from global checkpoint ts.

The complete backup process is as follows:

1. BR receives the `br log start` command.

- BR parses the checkpoint ts (the start time of log backup) and storage path of the backup task.
- **Register log backup task**: BR registers a log backup task in PD.

2. TiKV monitors the creation and update of the log backup task.

- **Fetch log backup task**: The log backup observer of each TiKV node fetches the log backup task from PD and then backs up the log data in the specified range.

3. The log backup observer backs up the KV change logs continuously.

- **Read kv change data**: reads KV change data and then saves the change log to backup files in custom format.
- **Fetch global checkpoint ts**: fetches the global checkpoint ts from PD.
- **Generate local metadata**: generates the local metadata of the backup task, including local checkpoint ts, global checkpoint ts, and backup file information.
- **Upload log data & metadata**: uploads the backup files and local metadata to the target storage periodically.
- **Configure GC**: requests PD to prevent data that have not been backed up (greater than local checkpoint ts) from being recycled by the TiDB GC mechanism.

4. The TiDB Coordinator monitors the progress of the log backup task.

- **Watch backup progress**: gets the backup progress of each Region (Region checkpoint ts) by polling all TiKV nodes.
- **Report global checkpoint ts**: calculates the progress of the entire log backup task (global checkpoint ts) based on the Region checkpoint ts and then reports the global checkpoint ts to PD.

5. PD persists the status of the log backup task, and you can view it using `br log status`.

8.4.2.3.3 Process of PITR

The process of PITR is as follows:

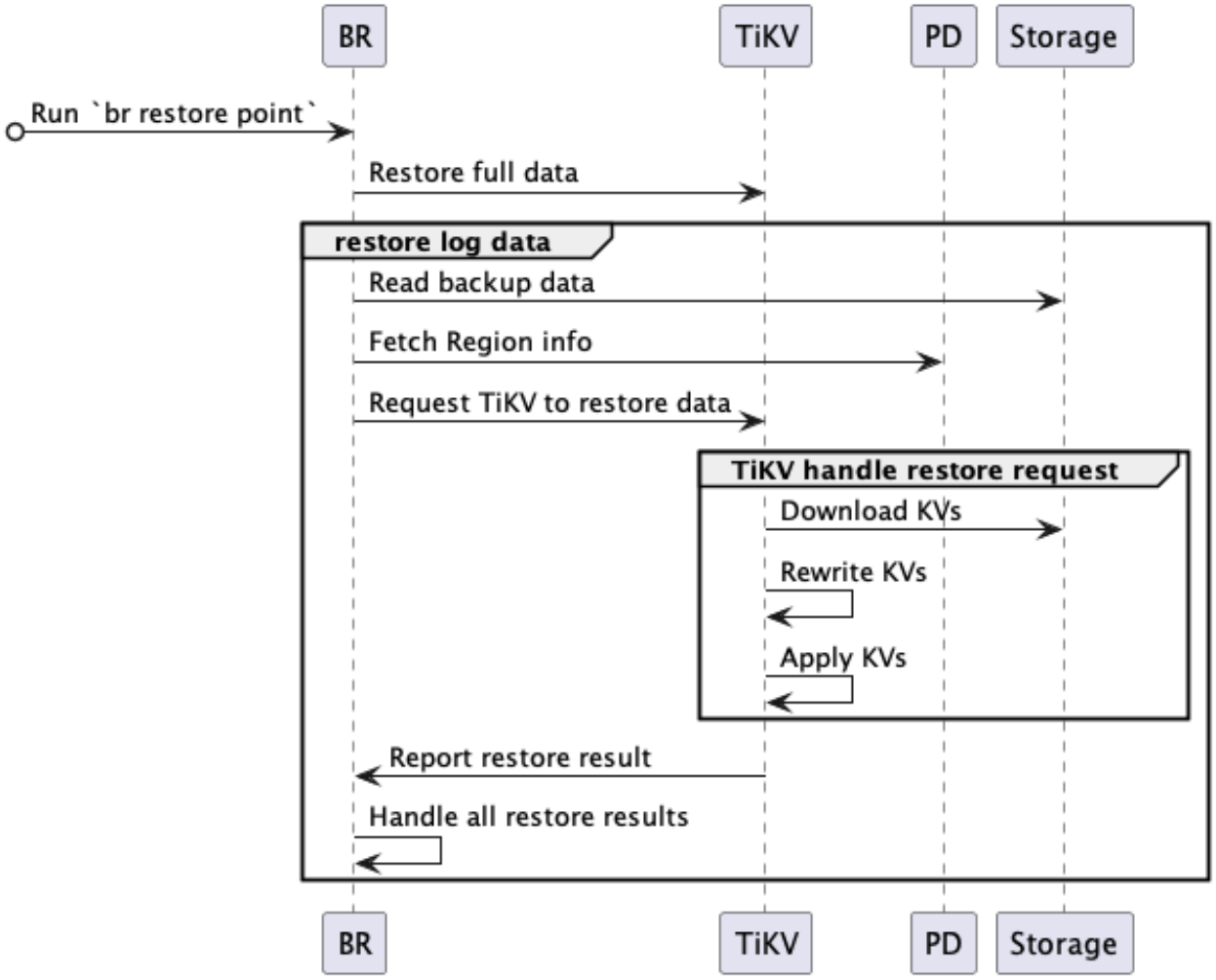


Figure 143: Point-in-time recovery process design

The complete PITR process is as follows:

1. BR receives the `br restore point` command.

- BR parses the full backup data address, log backup data address, and the point-in-time recovery time.
- Queries the restore object (database or table) in the backup data and checks whether the table to be restored exists and meets the restore requirements.

2. BR restores the full backup data.

- Restores full backup data. For more details about the process of snapshot backup data restore, refer to Restore snapshot backup data.

3. BR restores the log backup data.

- **Read backup data**: reads the log backup data and calculates the log backup data that needs to be restored.
- **Fetch Region info**: fetches all Regions distributions by accessing PD.
- **Request TiKV to restore data**: creates a log restore request and sends it to the corresponding TiKV node. The log restore request contains the log backup data information to be restored.

4. TiKV accepts the restore request from BR and initiates a log restore worker.

- The log restore worker gets the log backup data that needs to be restored.

5. TiKV restores the log backup data.

- **Download KVs**: the log restore worker downloads the corresponding backup data from the backup storage to a local directory according to the log restore request.
- **Rewrite KVs**: the log restore worker rewrites the KV data of the backup data according to the table ID of the restore cluster table, that is, replace the original table ID in the Key-Value with the new table ID. The restore worker also rewrites the index ID in the same way.
- **Apply KVs**: the log restore worker writes the processed KV data to the store (RocksDB) through the raft interface.
- **Report restore result**: the log restore worker returns the restore result to BR.

6. BR receives the restore result from each TiKV node.

- If some data fails to be restored due to `RegionNotFound` or `EpochNotMatch`, for example, a TiKV node is down, BR will retry the restore.
- If there is any data fails to be restored and cannot be retried, the restore task fails.
- After all data is restored, the restore task succeeds.

8.4.2.3.4 Log backup files

Log backup generates the following types of files:

- `{resolved_ts}-{uuid}.meta` file: is generated every time each TiKV node uploads the log backup data and stores metadata of all log backup data files uploaded this time. The `{resolved_ts}` is the resolved timestamp of the TiKV node. The latest `resolved_ts` of the log backup task is the minimum resolved timestamp among all TiKV nodes. The `{uuid}` is generated randomly when the file is created.
- `{store_id}.ts` file: is updated with global checkpoint ts every time each TiKV node uploads the log backup data. The `{store_id}` is the store ID of the TiKV node.

- `{min_ts}-{uuid}.log` file: stores the KV change log data of the backup task. The `{min_ts}` is the minimum TSO timestamp of the KV change log data in the file, and the `{uuid}` is generated randomly when the file is created.
- `v1_stream_truncate_safepoint.txt` file: stores the timestamp corresponding to the latest backup data in storage that deleted by `br log truncate`.

Structure of backup files

```
.
├── v1
│   ├── backupmeta
│   │   ├── ...
│   │   └── {resolved_ts}-{uuid}.meta
│   ├── global_checkpoint
│   │   └── {store_id}.ts
│   └── {date}
│       └── {hour}
│           └── {store_id}
│               ├── ...
│               └── {min_ts}-{uuid}.log
└── v1_stream_truncate_safepoint.txt
```

Explanation of the backup file directory structure:

- `backupmeta`: stores backup metadata. The `resolved_ts` in the filename indicates the backup progress, meaning that data before this TSO has been fully backed up. However, note that this TSO only reflects the progress of certain shards.
- `global_checkpoint`: represents the global backup progress. It records the latest point in time to which data can be restored using `br restore point`.
- `{date}/{hour}`: stores backup data for the corresponding date and hour. When cleaning up storage, always use `br log truncate` instead of manually deleting data. This is because the metadata references the data in this directory, and manual deletion might lead to restore failures or data inconsistencies after restore.

The following is an example:

```
.
├── v1
│   ├── backupmeta
│   │   ├── ...
│   │   ├── 435213818858112001-e2569bda-a75a-4411-88de-f469b49d6256.meta
│   │   ├── 435214043785779202-1780f291-3b8a-455e-a31d-8a1302c43ead.meta
│   │   └── 435214443785779202-224f1408-fff5-445f-8e41-ca4fcfbd2a67.meta
│   └── global_checkpoint
│       └── 1.ts
```

```
        ├── 2.ts
        ├── 3.ts
    ├── 20220811
        ├── 03
            ├── 1
                ├── ...
                ├── 435213866703257604-60fcbdb6-8f55-4098-b3e7-2ce604dafe54.
↪ log
                ├── 435214023989657606-72ce65ff-1fa8-4705-9fd9-cb4a1e803a56.
↪ log
            ├── 2
                ├── ...
                ├── 435214102632857605-11deba64-beff-4414-bc9c-7a161b6fb22c.
↪ log
                ├── 435214417205657604-e6980303-cbaa-4629-a863-1e745d7b8aed.
↪ log
            ├── 3
                ├── ...
                ├── 435214495848857605-7bf65e92-8c43-427e-b81e-f0050bd40be0.
↪ log
                ├── 435214574492057604-80d3b15e-3d9f-4b0c-b133-87ed3f6b2697.
↪ log
├── v1_stream_truncate_safepoint.txt
```

8.4.3 Use BR

8.4.3.1 Usage Overview of TiDB Backup and Restore

This document describes best practices of using TiDB backup and restore features, including how to choose a backup method, how to manage backup data, and how to install and deploy the backup and restore tool.

8.4.3.1.1 Recommended practices

Before using TiDB backup and restore features, it is recommended that you understand the recommended backup and restore solutions.

How to back up data?

TiDB provides two types of backup. Which one should I use? Full backup contains the full data of a cluster at a certain point in time. Log backup contains the data changes written to TiDB. It is recommended to use both types of backup at the same time:

- Start log backup: Run the `tiup br log start` command to start the log backup task. After that, the task keeps running on all TiKV nodes and backs up TiDB data changes to the specified storage in small batches regularly.

- **Perform snapshot (full) backup regularly**: Run the `tiup br backup full` command to back up the snapshot of the cluster to the specified storage. For example, back up the cluster snapshot at 0:00 AM every day.

How to manage backup data?

BR provides only basic backup and restore features, and does not support backup management. Therefore, you need to decide how to manage backup data on your own, which might involve the following questions?

- Which backup storage system should I choose?
- In which directory should I place the backup data during a backup task?
- In what way should I organize the directory of the full backup data and log backup data?
- How to handle the historical backup data in the storage system?

The following sections will answer these questions one by one.

Choose a backup storage system

It is recommended that you store backup data to Amazon S3, Google Cloud Storage (GCS), or Azure Blob Storage. Using these systems, you do not need to worry about the backup capacity and bandwidth allocation.

If the TiDB cluster is deployed in a self-built data center, the following practices are recommended:

- Build MinIO as the backup storage system, and use the S3 protocol to back up data to MinIO.
- Mount Network File System (NFS, such as NAS) disks to br command-line tool and all TiKV instances, and use the POSIX file system interface to write backup data to the corresponding NFS directory.

> **Note:**
>
> If you do not choose NFS or a storage system that supports Amazon S3, GCS, or Azure Blob Storage protocols, the data backed up is generated at each TiKV node. **Note that this is not the recommended way to use BR**, because collecting the backup data might result in data redundancy and operation and maintenance problems.

Organize the backup data directory

- Store the snapshot backup and log backup in the same directory for unified management, for example, `backup-${cluster-id}`.
- Store each snapshot backup in a directory with the backup date included, for example, `backup-${cluster-id}/fullbackup-202209081330`.
- Store the log backup in a fixed directory, for example, `backup-${cluster-id}/` ↪ `logbackup`. The log backup program creates subdirectories under the `logbackup` directory every day to distinguish the data backed up each day.

Handle historical backup data

Assume that you need to set the life cycle for each backup data, for example, 7 days. Such a life cycle is called **backup retention period**, which will also be mentioned in backup tutorials.

- To perform PITR, you need to restore the full backup before the restore point, and the log backup between the full backup and the restore point. Therefore, **It is recommended to only delete the log backup before the full snapshot**. For log backups that exceed the backup retention period, you can use `tiup br log truncate` command to delete the backup before the specified time point.
- For backup data that exceeds the retention period, you can delete or archive the backup directory.

How to restore data?

- To restore only full backup data, you can use `tiup br restore` to perform a full restore of the specified backup.
- If you have started log backup and regularly performed a full backup, you can run the `tiup br restore point` command to restore data to any time point within the backup retention period.

8.4.3.1.2 Deploy and use BR

To deploy BR, ensure that the following requirements are met:

- BR, TiKV nodes, and the backup storage system provide network bandwidth that is greater than the backup speed. If the target cluster is particularly large, the threshold of backup and restore speed is limited by the bandwidth of the backup network.
- The backup storage system provides sufficient read and write performance (IOPS). Otherwise, they might become a performance bottleneck during backup or restore.
- TiKV nodes have at least two additional CPU cores and high performance disks for backups. Otherwise, the backup might have an impact on the services running on the cluster.
- BR runs on a node with more than 8 cores and 16 GiB memory.

You can use backup and restore features in several ways, such as via the command-line tool, by running SQL commands, and using TiDB Operator. The following sections describe these three methods in detail.

Use br command-line tool (recommended)

TiDB supports backup and restore using br command-line tool.

- You can run the `tiup install br` command to install br command-line tool using TiUP online.
- For details about how to use `br` commands to back up and restore data, refer to the following documents:
    - TiDB Snapshot Backup and Restore Guide
    - TiDB Log Backup and PITR Guide
    - TiDB Backup and Restore Use Cases

Use SQL statements

TiDB supports full backup and restore using SQL statements:

- `BACKUP`: backs up full snapshot data.
- `RESTORE`: restores snapshot backup data.
- `SHOW BACKUPS|RESTORES`: views the backup and restore progress.

Use TiDB Operator on Kubernetes

On Kubernetes, you can use TiDB Operator to back up TiDB cluster data to Amazon S3, GCS, or Azure Blob Storage, and restore data from the backup data in such systems. For details, see Back Up and Restore Data Using TiDB Operator.

8.4.3.1.3 See also

- TiDB Backup and Restore Overview
- TiDB Backup and Restore Architecture

8.4.3.2 Snapshot Backup and Restore Guide

This document describes how to back up and restore TiDB snapshots using the br command-line tool (hereinafter referred to as `br`). Before backing up and restoring data, you need to install the br command-line tool first.

Snapshot backup is an implementation to back up the entire cluster. It is based on multi-version concurrency control (MVCC) and backs up all data in the specified snapshot to a target storage. The size of the backup data is approximately the size of the compressed single replica in the cluster. After the backup is completed, you can restore the backup data

to an empty cluster or a cluster that does not contain conflict data (with the same schema or same tables), restore the cluster to the time point of the snapshot backup, and restore multiple replicas according to the cluster replica settings.

Besides basic backup and restore, snapshot backup and restore also provides the following features:

- Backup data of a specified time point
- Restore data of a specified database or table

8.4.3.2.1 Back up cluster snapshots

> **Note:**
>
> - The following examples assume that Amazon S3 access keys and secret keys are used to authorize permissions. If IAM roles are used to authorize permissions, you need to set `--send-credentials-to-tikv` to `false`.
> - If other storage systems or authorization methods are used to authorize permissions, adjust the parameter settings according to Backup Storages.

You can back up a TiDB cluster snapshot by running the `tiup br backup full` command. Run `tiup br backup full --help` to see the help information:

```
tiup br backup full --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
    --backupts '2022-09-08 13:30:00 +08:00' \
    --storage "s3://backup-101/snapshot-202209081330?access-key=${access-key
        ↪ }&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}"
```

In the preceding command:

- `--backupts`: The time point of the snapshot. The format can be TSO or timestamp, such as `400036290571534337` or `2018-05-11 01:42:23 +08:00`. If the data of this snapshot is garbage collected, the `tiup br backup` command returns an error and `br` exits. When backing up using a timestamp, it is recommended to specify the time zone as well. Otherwise, `br` uses the local time zone to construct the timestamp by default, which might lead to an incorrect backup time point. If you leave this parameter unspecified, `br` picks the snapshot corresponding to the backup start time.
- `--storage`: The storage address of the backup data. Snapshot backup supports Amazon S3, Google Cloud Storage, and Azure Blob Storage as backup storage. The preceding command uses Amazon S3 as an example. For more details, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

During backup, a progress bar is displayed in the terminal as shown below. When the progress bar advances to 100%, the backup task is completed and statistics such as total backup time, average backup speed, and backup data size are displayed.

```
Full Backup
    ↪ <-------------------------------------------------------------------------->
    ↪  100.00%
Checksum
    ↪ <-------------------------------------------------------------------------->
    ↪  100.00%
*** ["Full Backup success summary"] *** [backup-checksum=3.597416ms] [backup
    ↪ -fast-checksum=2.36975ms] *** [total-take=4.715509333s] [BackupTS
    ↪ =435844546560000000] [total-kv=1131] [total-kv-size=250kB] [average-
    ↪ speed=53.02kB/s] [backup-data-size(after-compressed)=71.33kB] [Size
    ↪ =71330]
```

8.4.3.2.2 Get the backup time point of a snapshot backup

To manage a lot of backups, if you need to get the physical time of a snapshot backup, you can run the following command:

```
tiup br validate decode --field="end-version" \
--storage "s3://backup-101/snapshot-202209081330?access-key=${access-key}&
    ↪ secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" | tail -n1
```

The output is as follows, corresponding to the physical time `2022-09-08 13:30:00 ↪ +0800 CST`:

```
435844546560000000
```

8.4.3.2.3 Restore cluster snapshots

Note:

- For BR v7.5.0 and earlier versions, the snapshot restore speed per TiKV node is approximately 100 MiB/s.
- Starting from BR v7.6.0, to address potential restore bottlenecks in scenarios with large-scale Regions, BR supports accelerating restore through the coarse-grained Region scattering algorithm (experimental). You can enable this feature by specifying the command-line parameter `--granularity="coarse-grained"`.

- Starting from BR v8.0.0, the snapshot restore through the coarse-grained Region scattering algorithm is generally available (GA) and enabled by default. BR improves the snapshot restore speed significantly by implementing various optimizations such as adopting the coarse-grained Region scattering algorithm, creating databases and tables in batches, reducing the mutual impact between SST file downloads and ingest operations, and accelerating the restore of table statistics. According to test results from real-world cases, the SST file download speed for snapshot restore is improved by approximately up to 10 times, the data restore speed per TiKV node stabilizes at 1.2 GiB/s, the end-to-end restore speed is improved by approximately 1.5 to 3 times, and 100 TiB of data can be restored within one hour.
- Starting from BR v8.2.0, the command line parameter `--granularity` is deprecated, and the coarse-grained Region scattering algorithm is enabled by default.
- Starting from BR v8.3.0, the snapshot restore task introduces available disk space checks for TiKV and TiFlash: at the beginning of the task, BR verifies whether TiKV and TiFlash have sufficient disk space based on the size of SST files to be restored; for TiKV v8.3.0 or later version, TiKV verifies whether it has sufficient disk space before downloading each SST file. If the space is insufficient according to any of these checks, the restore task fails with an error. You can skip the check at the beginning of the restore task by setting `--check-requirements=false`, but the disk space check before TiKV downloads each SST file cannot be skipped.

You can restore a snapshot backup by running the `tiup br restore full` command. Run `tiup br restore full --help` to see the help information:

The following example restores the preceding backup snapshot to a target cluster:

```
tiup br restore full --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "s3://backup-101/snapshot-202209081330?access-key=${access-key}&
    ↪ secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}"
```

During restore, a progress bar is displayed in the terminal as shown below. When the progress bar advances to 100%, the restore task is completed and statistics such as total restore time, average restore speed, and total data size are displayed.

```
Full Restore
    ↪ <-----------------------
```

Restore a database or a table

BR supports restoring partial data of a specified database or table from backup data. This feature allows you to filter out unwanted data and back up only a specific database or table.

Restore a database

To restore a database to a cluster, run the `tiup br restore db` command. The following example restores the `test` database from the backup data to the target cluster:

```
tiup br restore db \
--pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--db "test" \
--storage "s3://backup-101/snapshot-202209081330?access-key=${access-key}&
    ↪ secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}"
```

In the preceding command, `--db` specifies the name of the database to be restored.

Restore a table

To restore a single table to a cluster, run the `tiup br restore table` command. The following example restores the `test.usertable` table from the backup data to the target cluster:

```
tiup br restore table --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--db "test" \
--table "usertable" \
--storage "s3://backup-101/snapshot-202209081330?access-key=${access-key}&
    ↪ secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}"
```

In the preceding command, `--db` specifies the name of the database to be restored, and `--table` specifies the name of the table to be restored.

Restore multiple tables with table filter

To restore multiple tables with more complex filter rules, run the `tiup br restore ↪ full` command and specify the table filters with `--filter` or `-f`. The following example restores tables that match the `db*.tbl*` filter rule from the backup data to the target cluster:

```
tiup br restore full \
--pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--filter 'db*.tbl*' \
--storage "s3://backup-101/snapshot-202209081330?access-key=${access-key}&
    ↪ secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}"
```

Restore tables in the `mysql` schema

- Starting from BR v5.1.0, when you back up snapshots, BR automatically backs up the **system tables** in the `mysql` schema, but does not restore these system tables by default.

- Starting from v6.2.0, BR lets you specify `--with-sys-table` to restore **data in some system tables**.
- Starting from v7.6.0, BR enables `--with-sys-table` by default, which means that BR restores **data in some system tables** by default.

BR can restore data in the following system tables:

```
+---------------------------------+
| mysql.columns_priv              |
| mysql.db                        |
| mysql.default_roles             |
| mysql.global_grants             |
| mysql.global_priv               |
| mysql.role_edges                |
| mysql.tables_priv               |
| mysql.user                      |
| mysql.bind_info                 |
+---------------------------------+
```

BR does not restore the following system tables:

- Statistics tables (`mysql.stat_*`). But statistics can be restored. See Back up statistics.
- System variable tables (`mysql.tidb` and `mysql.global_variables`)
- Other system tables

```
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| capture_plan_baselines_blacklist                    |
| column_stats_usage                                  |
| gc_delete_range                                     |
| gc_delete_range_done                                |
| global_variables                                    |
| stats_buckets                                       |
| stats_extended                                      |
| stats_feedback                                      |
| stats_fm_sketch                                     |
| stats_histograms                                    |
| stats_history                                       |
| stats_meta                                          |
| stats_meta_history                                  |
| stats_table_locked                                  |
| stats_top_n                                         |
| tidb                                                |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
```

When you restore data related to system privilege, note that before restoring data, BR checks whether the system tables in the target cluster are compatible with those in the backup data. "Compatible" means that all the following conditions are met:

- The target cluster has the same system tables as the backup data.
- The **number of columns** in the system privilege table of the target cluster is the same as that in the backup data. The column order is not important.
- The columns in the system privilege table of the target cluster are compatible with that in the backup data. If the data type of the column is a type with a length (such as integer and string), the length in the target cluster must be >= the length in the backup data. If the data type of the column is an `ENUM` type, the number of `ENUM` values in the target cluster must be a superset of that in the backup data.

8.4.3.2.4 Performance and impact

Performance and impact of snapshot backup

The backup feature has some impact on cluster performance (transaction latency and QPS). However, you can mitigate the impact by adjusting the number of backup threads `backup.num-threads` or by adding more clusters.

To illustrate the impact of backup, this document lists the test conclusions of several snapshot backup tests:

- (5.3.0 and earlier) When the backup threads of BR on a TiKV node take up 75% of the total CPU of the node, the QPS is reduced by 35% of the original QPS.
- (5.4.0 and later) When there are no more than `8` threads of BR on a TiKV node and the cluster's total CPU utilization does not exceed 80%, the impact of BR tasks on the cluster (write and read) is 20% at most.
- (5.4.0 and later) When there are no more than `8` threads of BR on a TiKV node and the cluster's total CPU utilization does not exceed 75%, the impact of BR tasks on the cluster (write and read) is 10% at most.
- (5.4.0 and later) When there are no more than `8` threads of BR on a TiKV node and the cluster's total CPU utilization does not exceed 60%, BR tasks have little impact on the cluster (write and read).

You can use the following methods to manually control the impact of backup tasks on cluster performance. However, these two methods also reduce the speed of backup tasks while reducing the impact of backup tasks on the cluster.

- Recommended method: Adjust the TiKV configuration parameter `backup.num-threads`, which controls the number of worker threads used by backup tasks. Because backup is a CPU-intensive operation, tuning this parameter allows you to control TiKV's CPU usage more precisely, enabling better resource isolation and predictability. In most scenarios, simply adjusting `num-threads` is sufficient to limit

the impact of backup on the cluster. Internal testing shows that when the number of threads is set to `8` or fewer, and overall cluster CPU usage remains below 60%, the impact of backup on foreground workloads is negligible.

- Alternative method: If you have already set `backup.num-threads` to a small value (for example, `1`), but still want to further reduce the impact of backup on the cluster, consider using the `--ratelimit` parameter. This option limits the bandwidth used to write backup files to external storage, specified in MiB/s. Note that the actual rate limiting effect depends on the size of the compressed data. You can refer to the `backup data size (after compressed)` field in the logs for more insight. When `--ratelimit` is enabled, BR automatically sets `--concurrency` to `1` to reduce the number of concurrent requests.

Note:

Enabling `--ratelimit` will further reduce backup throughput. In most cases, if you are already performing backups during off-peak hours and have reduced `backup.num-threads` to 1 but still observe backup impact on foreground workloads, it typically indicates that the cluster is approaching its resource limits.

In such situations, you can consider the following alternatives:

- Scale out a cluster to increase available resources.
- Enable `Log Backup` to offload backup pressure and minimize disruption to online workloads.

The impact of backup on cluster performance can be reduced by limiting the backup threads number, but this affects the backup performance. The preceding tests show that the backup speed is proportional to the number of backup threads. When the number of threads is small, the backup speed is about 20 MiB/thread. For example, 5 backup threads on a single TiKV node can reach a backup speed of 100 MiB/s.

Performance and impact of snapshot restore

- During data restore, TiDB tries to fully utilize the TiKV CPU, disk IO, and network bandwidth resources. Therefore, it is recommended to restore the backup data on an empty cluster to avoid affecting the running applications.
- The speed of restoring backup data is much related with the cluster configuration, deployment, and running applications. In internal tests, the restore speed of a single TiKV node can reach 100 MiB/s. The performance and impact of snapshot restore are varied in different user scenarios and should be tested in actual environments.

- BR provides a coarse-grained Region scattering algorithm to accelerate Region restore in large-scale Region scenarios. This algorithm ensures that each TiKV node receives stable and evenly distributed download tasks, thus fully utilizing the resources of each TiKV node and achieving a rapid parallel recovery. In several real-world cases, the snapshot restore speed of the cluster is improved by about 3 times in large-scale Region scenarios.

- Starting from v8.0.0, the `br` command-line tool introduces the `--tikv-max-restore-concurrency` parameter to control the maximum number of files that BR downloads and ingests per TiKV node. By configuring this parameter, you can also control the maximum length of the job queue (the maximum length of the job queue = 32 * the number of TiKV nodes * `--tikv-max-restore-concurrency`), thereby controlling the memory consumption of the BR node.

  In normal cases, `--tikv-max-restore-concurrency` is automatically adjusted based on the cluster configuration, so manual configuration is unnecessary. If the **TiKV-Details** > **Backup & Import** > **Import RPC count** monitoring metric in Grafana shows that the number of files BR downloads remains close to 0 for a long time while the number of files that BR ingests consistently reaches the upper limit, it indicates that ingesting file tasks pile up and the job queue has reached its maximum length. In this case, you can take the following measures to alleviate the task pilling-up issue:

  - Set the `--ratelimit` parameter to limit the download speed, ensuring sufficient resources for ingesting file tasks. For example, if the disk throughput of any TiKV node is `x MiB/s` and the network bandwidth for downloading backup files exceeds `x/2 MiB/s`, you can set the parameter as `--ratelimit x/2`. If the disk throughput of any TiKV node is `x MiB/s` and the network bandwidth for downloading backup files is less than or equal to `x/2 MiB/s`, you can leave the parameter `--ratelimit` unset.
  - Increase the `--tikv-max-restore-concurrency` to increase the maximum length of the job queue.

8.4.3.2.5 See also

- TiDB Backup and Restore Use Cases
- br Command-line Manual
- TiDB Snapshot Backup and Restore Architecture

8.4.3.3 TiDB Log Backup and PITR Guide

A full backup (snapshot backup) contains the full cluster data at a certain point, while TiDB log backup can back up data written by applications to a specified storage in a timely manner. If you want to choose the restore point as required, that is, to perform point-in-time recovery (PITR), you can start log backup and run full backup regularly.

Before you back up or restore data using the br command-line tool (hereinafter referred to as `br`), you need to install `br` first.

8.4.3.3.1 Back up TiDB cluster

Start log backup

> **Note:**
>
> - The following examples assume that Amazon S3 access keys and secret keys are used to authorize permissions. If IAM roles are used to authorize permissions, you need to set `--send-credentials-to-tikv` to `false`.
> - If other storage systems or authorization methods are used to authorize permissions, adjust the parameter settings according to Backup Storages.

To start a log backup, run `tiup br log start`. A cluster can only run one log backup task each time.

```
tiup br log start --task-name=pitr --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage 's3://backup-101/logbackup?access-key=${access-key}&secret-access-
    ↪ key=${secret-access-key}'
```

Query the status of the log backup

After the log backup task starts, it runs in the background of the TiDB cluster until you stop it manually. During this process, the TiDB change logs are regularly backed up to the specified storage in small batches. To query the status of the log backup task, run the following command:

```
tiup br log status --task-name=pitr --pd "${PD_IP}:2379"
```

Expected output:

```
  Total 1 Tasks.
> #1 <
            name: pitr
          status:  NORMAL
           start: 2022-05-13 11:09:40.7 +0800
             end: 2035-01-01 00:00:00 +0800
         storage: s3://backup-101/log-backup
    speed(est.): 0.00 ops/s
checkpoint[global]: 2022-05-13 11:31:47.2 +0800; gap=4m53s
```

The fields are explained as follows:

- `name`: the name of the log backup task.

- `status`: the status of the log backup task, including `NORMAL`, `PAUSED`, and `ERROR`.
- `start`: the start timestamp of the log backup task.
- `end`: the end timestamp of the log backup task. Currently, this field does not take effect.
- `storage`: the URI of the external storage for the log backup.
- `speed(est.)`: the current data transfer rate of the log backup. This value is estimated based on traffic samples taken in the past few seconds. For more accurate traffic statistics, you can check the `Log Backup` row in the **TiKV-Details** dashboard at Grafana.
- `checkpoint[global]`: the current progress of the log backup. You can use PITR to restore to a point in time before this timestamp.

If the log backup task is paused, the `log status` command outputs additional fields to display the details of the pause. They are:

- `pause-time`: the time when the pause operation is executed.
- `pause-operator`: the hostname of the machine that executes the pause operation.
- `pause-operator-pid`: the PID of the process that executes the pause operation.
- `pause-payload`: additional information attached when the task is paused.

If the pause is due to an error in TiKV, you might also see additional error reports from TiKV:

- `error[store=*]`: the error code on TiKV.
- `error-happen-at[store=*]`: the time when the error occurs on TiKV.
- `error-message[store=*]`: the error message on TiKV.

Run full backup regularly

The snapshot backup can be used as a method of full backup. You can run `tiup br backup full` to back up the cluster snapshot to the backup storage according to a fixed schedule (for example, every 2 days).

```
tiup br backup full --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage 's3://backup-101/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}'
```

8.4.3.3.2 Run PITR

To restore the cluster to any point in time within the backup retention period, you can use `tiup br restore point`. When you run this command, you need to specify the **time point you want to restore**, **the latest snapshot backup data before the time point**, and the **log backup data**. BR will automatically determine and read data needed for the restore, and then restore these data to the specified cluster in order.

```
tiup br restore point --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage='s3://backup-101/logbackup?access-key=${access-key}&secret-access-
    ↪ key=${secret-access-key}' \
--full-backup-storage='s3://backup-101/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${access-
    ↪ key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}' \
--restored-ts '2022-05-15 18:00:00+0800'
```

During data restore, you can view the progress through the progress bar in the terminal. The restore is divided into two phases, full restore and log restore (restore meta files and restore KV files). After each phase is completed, `br` outputs information such as restore time and data size.

```
Full Restore
    ↪ <-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪  100.00%
*** ["Full Restore success summary"] ****** [total-take=xxx.xxxs] [restore-
    ↪ data-size(after-compressed)=xxx.xxx] [Size=xxxx] [BackupTS={TS}] [
    ↪ total-kv=xxx] [total-kv-size=xxx] [average-speed=xxx]
Restore Meta Files
    ↪ <-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪  100.00%
Restore KV Files
    ↪ <-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪  100.00%
*** ["restore log success summary"] [total-take=xxx.xx] [restore-from={TS}]
    ↪ [restore-to={TS}] [total-kv-count=xxx] [total-size=xxx]
```

8.4.3.3.3 Clean up outdated data

As described in the Usage Overview of TiDB Backup and Restore:

To perform PITR, you need to restore the full backup before the restore point, and the log backup between the full backup point and the restore point. Therefore, for log backups that exceed the backup retention period, you can use `tiup br log truncate` to delete the backup before the specified time point. **It is recommended to only delete the log backup before the full snapshot**.

The following steps describe how to clean up backup data that exceeds the backup retention period:

1. Get the **last full backup** outside the backup retention period.
2. Use the `validate` command to get the time point corresponding to the backup. Assume that the backup data before 2022/09/01 needs to be cleaned, you should look for the last full backup before this time point and ensure that it will not be cleaned.

```
FULL_BACKUP_TS=`tiup br validate decode --field="end-version" --storage
    ↪  "s3://backup-101/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${access-key}&
    ↪ secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}"| tail -n1`
```

3. Delete log backup data earlier than the snapshot backup `FULL_BACKUP_TS`:

```
tiup br log truncate --until=${FULL_BACKUP_TS} --storage='s3://backup
    ↪ -101/logbackup?access-key=${access-key}&secret-access-key=${
    ↪ secret-access-key}'
```

4. Delete snapshot data earlier than the snapshot backup `FULL_BACKUP_TS`:

```
aws s3 rm --recursive s3://backup-101/snapshot-${date}
```

8.4.3.3.4 Performance capabilities of PITR

- On each TiKV node, PITR can restore snapshot data (full restore) at a speed of 2 TiB/h and log data (including meta files and KV files) at a speed of 30 GiB/h.
- BR deletes outdated log backup data (`tiup br log truncate`) at a speed of 600 GB/h.

Note:

The preceding specifications are based on test results from the following two testing scenarios. The actual data might be different.

- Snapshot data restore speed = Total size of restored snapshot data on all TiKV nodes in the cluster / (duration * the number of TiKV nodes)
- Log data restore speed = Total size of restored log data on all TiKV nodes in the cluster / (duration * the number of TiKV nodes)

External storage only contains KV data of a single replica. Therefore, the data size in external storage does not represent the actual data size restored in the cluster. BR restores all replicas according to the number of replicas configured for the cluster. The more replicas there are, the more data can be actually restored. The default replica number for all clusters in the test is 3. To improve the overall restore performance, you can modify the `import.num-threads` item in the TiKV configuration file and the `pitr-concurrency` option in the BR command.

Testing scenario 1 (on TiDB Cloud) is as follows:

- The number of TiKV nodes (8 core, 16 GB memory): 21
- TiKV configuration item `import.num-threads`: 8
- BR command option `pitr-concurrency`: 128
- The number of Regions: 183,000
- New log data created in the cluster: 10 GB/h
- Write (INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE) QPS: 10,000

Testing scenario 2 (on TiDB Self-Managed) is as follows:

- The number of TiKV nodes (8 core, 64 GB memory): 6
- TiKV configuration item `import.num-threads`: 8
- BR command option `pitr-concurrency`: 128
- The number of Regions: 50,000
- New log data created in the cluster: 10 GB/h
- Write (INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE) QPS: 10,000

8.4.3.3.5 Monitoring and alert

After log backup tasks are distributed, each TiKV node continuously writes data to external storage. You can view the monitoring data for this process in the **TiKV-Details > Backup Log** dashboard.

To receive notifications metrics deviate from normal ranges, see Log backup alerts to configure alert rules.

8.4.3.3.6 See also

- TiDB Backup and Restore Use Cases
- br Command-line Manual
- Log Backup and PITR Architecture
- Monitoring and Alert for Backup and Restore

8.4.3.4 TiDB Backup and Restore Use Cases

TiDB Snapshot Backup and Restore Guide and TiDB Log Backup and PITR Guide introduce the backup and restore solutions provided by TiDB, namely, snapshot (full) backup and restore, log backup and point-in-time recovery (PITR). This document helps you to quickly get started with the backup and restore solutions of TiDB in specific use cases.

Assume that you have deployed a TiDB production cluster on AWS and the business team requests the following requirements:

- Back up the data changes in a timely manner. When the database encounters a disaster, you can quickly recover the application with minimal data loss (only a few minutes of data loss is tolerable).

- Perform business audits every month at no specific time. When an audit request is received, you must provide a database to query the data at a certain time point of the past month as requested.

With PITR, you can satisfy the preceding requirements.

8.4.3.4.1 Deploy the TiDB cluster and BR

To use PITR, you need to deploy a TiDB cluster >= v6.2.0 and update BR to the same version as the TiDB cluster. This document uses v8.5.1 as an example.

The following table shows the recommended hardware resources for using PITR in a TiDB cluster.

Component	CPU	Memory	Disk	AWS instance	Number of instances
TiDB	8 core+	16 GB+	SAS	c5.2xlarge	2
PD	8 core+	16 GB+	SSD	c5.2xlarge	3
TiKV	8 core+	32 GB+	SSD	m5.2xlarge	3
BR	8 core+	16 GB+	SAS	c5.2xlarge	1
Monitor	8 core+	16 GB+	SAS	c5.2xlarge	1

Note:

- When BR runs backup and restore tasks, it needs to access PD and TiKV. Make sure that BR can connect to all PD and TiKV nodes.
- BR and PD servers must use the same time zone.

Deploy or upgrade a TiDB cluster using TiUP:

- To deploy a new TiDB cluster, refer to Deploy a TiDB cluster.
- If the TiDB cluster is earlier than v6.2.0, upgrade it by referring to Upgrade a TiDB cluster.

Install or upgrade BR using TiUP:

- Install:

```
tiup install br:v8.5.1
```

- Upgrade:

```
tiup update br:v8.5.1
```

8.4.3.4.2 Configure backup storage (Amazon S3)

Before you start a backup task, prepare the backup storage, including the following aspects:

1. Prepare the S3 bucket and directory that stores the backup data.
2. Configure the permissions to access the S3 bucket.
3. Plan the subdirectory that stores each backup data.

The detailed steps are as follows:

1. Create a directory in S3 to store the backup data. The directory in this example is `s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data`.

    1. Create a bucket. You can choose an existing S3 to store the backup data. If there is none, refer to AWS documentation: Creating a bucket and create an S3 bucket. In this example, the bucket name is `tidb-pitr-bucket`.
    2. Create a directory for your backup data. In the bucket (`tidb-pitr-bucket`), create a directory named `backup-data`. For detailed steps, refer to AWS documentation: Organizing objects in the Amazon S3 console using folders.

2. Configure permissions for BR and TiKV to access the S3 directory. It is recommended to grant permissions using the IAM method, which is the most secure way to access the S3 bucket. For detailed steps, refer to AWS documentation: Controlling access to a bucket with user policies. The required permissions are as follows:

    - TiKV and BR in the backup cluster need `s3:ListBucket`, `s3:GetObject`, `s3:DeleteObject`, `s3:PutObject`, and `s3:AbortMultipartUpload` permissions of the `s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data` directory.
    - TiKV and BR in the restore cluster need `s3:ListBucket` and `s3:GetObject` permissions of the `s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data` directory.

3. Plan the directory structure that stores the backup data, including the snapshot (full) backup and the log backup.

    - All snapshot backup data are stored in the `s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data/snapshot-${date}` directory. `${date}` is the start time of the snapshot backup. For example, a snapshot backup starting at 2022/05/12 00:01:30 is stored in `s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data/snapshot-20220512000130`.
    - Log backup data are stored in the `s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data/log-backup/` directory.

8.4.3.4.3 Determine the backup policy

To meet the requirements of minimum data loss, quick recovery, and business audits within a month, you can set the backup policy as follows:

- Run the log backup to continuously back up the data change in the database.
- Run a snapshot backup at 00:00 AM every two days.
- Retain the snapshot backup data and log backup data within 30 days and clean up backup data older than 30 days.

8.4.3.4.4 Run log backup

After the log backup task is started, the log backup process runs in the TiKV cluster to continuously send the data change in the database to the S3 storage. To start a log backup task, run the following command:

```
tiup br log start --task-name=pitr --pd="${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage='s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data/log-backup'
```

When the log backup task is running, you can query the backup status:

```
tiup br log status --task-name=pitr --pd="${PD_IP}:2379"

  Total 1 Tasks.
> #1 <
    name: pitr
    status:  NORMAL
    start: 2022-05-13 11:09:40.7 +0800
      end: 2035-01-01 00:00:00 +0800
    storage: s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data/log-backup
    speed(est.): 0.00 ops/s
checkpoint[global]: 2022-05-13 11:31:47.2 +0800; gap=4m53s
```

8.4.3.4.5 Run snapshot backup

You can run snapshot backup tasks on a regular basis using an automatic tool such as crontab. For example, run a snapshot backup at 00:00 every two days.

The following are two snapshot backup examples:

- Run a snapshot backup at 2022/05/14 00:00:00

  ```
  tiup br backup full --pd="${PD_IP}:2379" \
  --storage='s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data/snapshot-20220514000000' \
  --backupts='2022/05/14 00:00:00 +08:00'
  ```

- Run a snapshot backup at 2022/05/16 00:00:00

```
tiup br backup full --pd="${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage='s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data/snapshot-20220516000000' \
--backupts='2022/05/16 00:00:00 +08:00'
```

8.4.3.4.6 Run PITR

Assume that you need to query the data at 2022/05/15 18:00:00. You can use PITR to restore a cluster to that time point by restoring a snapshot backup taken at 2022/05/14 and the log backup data between the snapshot and 2022/05/15 18:00:00.

The command is as follows:

```
tiup br restore point --pd="${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage='s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data/log-backup' \
--full-backup-storage='s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data/snapshot
   ↪ -20220514000000' \
--restored-ts '2022-05-15 18:00:00+0800'

Full Restore
   ↪ <-------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪  100.00%
[2022/05/29 18:15:39.132 +08:00] [INFO] [collector.go:69] ["Full Restore
   ↪ success summary"] [total-ranges=12] [ranges-succeed=xxx] [ranges-
   ↪ failed=0] [split-region=xxx.xxxµs] [restore-ranges=xxx] [total-take=
   ↪ xxx.xxxs] [restore-data-size(after-compressed)=xxx.xxx] [Size=xxxx] [
   ↪ BackupTS={TS}] [total-kv=xxx] [total-kv-size=xxx] [average-speed=xxx]
Restore Meta Files
   ↪ <-------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪  100.00%
Restore KV Files
   ↪ <-------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪  100.00%
[2022/05/29 18:15:39.325 +08:00] [INFO] [collector.go:69] ["restore log
   ↪ success summary"] [total-take=xxx.xx] [restore-from={TS}] [restore-to
   ↪ ={TS}] [total-kv-count=xxx] [total-size=xxx]
```

8.4.3.4.7 Clean up outdated data

You can clean up outdated data every two days using an automatic tool such as crontab.

For example, you can run the following commands to clean up outdated data:

- Delete snapshot data earlier than 2022/05/14 00:00:00

```
shell  rm s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data/snapshot-20220514000000
```

- Delete log backup data earlier than 2022/05/14 00:00:00

```
shell  tiup br log truncate --until='2022-05-14 00:00:00 +0800' --storage
↪ ='s3://tidb-pitr-bucket/backup-data/log-backup'
```

8.4.3.4.8 See also

- Backup Storages
- Snapshot Backup and Restore Command Manual
- Log Backup and PITR Command Manual

8.4.3.5 Backup Storages

TiDB supports storing backup data to Amazon S3, Google Cloud Storage (GCS), Azure Blob Storage, and NFS. Specifically, you can specify the URI of backup storage in the `--storage` or `-s` parameter of `br` commands. This document introduces the URI format and authentication of different external storage services, and server-side encryption.

8.4.3.5.1 Send credentials to TiKV

CLI parameter	Description	Default value
`--send-credentials-to-tikv`	Controls whether to send credentials obtained by BR to TiKV.	`true`

By default, BR sends a credential to each TiKV node when using Amazon S3, GCS, or Azure Blob Storage as the storage system. This behavior simplifies the configuration and is controlled by the parameter `--send-credentials-to-tikv`(or `-c` in short).

Note that this operation is not applicable to cloud environments. If you use IAM Role authorization, each node has its own role and permissions. In this case, you need to configure `--send-credentials-to-tikv=false` (or `-c=0` in short) to disable sending credentials:

```
tiup br backup full -c=0 -u pd-service:2379 --storage 's3://bucket-name/
    ↪ prefix'
```

If you back up or restore data using the `BACKUP` and `RESTORE` statements, you can add the `SEND_CREDENTIALS_TO_TIKV = FALSE` option:

```
BACKUP DATABASE * TO 's3://bucket-name/prefix' SEND_CREDENTIALS_TO_TIKV =
    ↪ FALSE;
```

8.4.3.5.2 URI format

URI format description

The URI format of the external storage service is as follows:

```
[scheme]://[host]/[path]?[parameters]
```

For more information about the URI format, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

URI examples

This section provides some URI examples by using `external` as the `host` parameter (`bucket name` or `container name` in the preceding sections).

Back up snapshot data to Amazon S3

```
tiup br backup full -u "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "s3://external/backup-20220915?access-key=${access-key}&secret-
    ↪ access-key=${secret-access-key}"
```

Restore snapshot data from Amazon S3

```
tiup br restore full -u "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "s3://external/backup-20220915?access-key=${access-key}&secret-
    ↪ access-key=${secret-access-key}"
```

Back up snapshot data to GCS

```
tiup br backup full --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "gcs://external/backup-20220915?credentials-file=${credentials-
    ↪ file-path}"
```

Restore snapshot data from GCS

```
tiup br restore full --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "gcs://external/backup-20220915?credentials-file=${credentials-
    ↪ file-path}"
```

Back up snapshot data to Azure Blob Storage

```
tiup br backup full -u "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "azure://external/backup-20220915?account-name=${account-name}&
    ↪ account-key=${account-key}"
```

Restore the `test` database from snapshot backup data in Azure Blob Storage

```
tiup br restore db --db test -u "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "azure://external/backup-20220915account-name=${account-name}&
    ↪ account-key=${account-key}"
```

8.4.3.5.3 Authentication

When storing backup data in a cloud storage system, you need to configure authentication parameters depending on the specific cloud service provider. This section describes the authentication methods used by Amazon S3, GCS, and Azure Blob Storage, and how to configure the accounts used to access the corresponding storage service.

Before backup, configure the following privileges to access the backup directory on S3.

- Minimum privileges for TiKV and Backup & Restore (BR) to access the backup directories during backup: `s3:ListBucket`, `s3:GetObject`, `s3:DeleteObject`, `s3:PutObject` ↪ , and `s3:AbortMultipartUpload`
- Minimum privileges for TiKV and BR to access the backup directories during restore: `s3:ListBucket` and `s3:GetObject`.

If you have not yet created a backup directory, refer to Create a bucket to create an S3 bucket in the specified region. If necessary, you can also create a folder in the bucket by referring to Create a folder.

> **Note:**
>
> In 2024, AWS changed the default behavior, and newly created instances now only support IMDSv2 by default. For more details, see Set IMDSv2 as default for all new instance launches in your account. Therefore, starting from v8.4.0, BR supports obtaining IAM role permissions on Amazon EC2 instances with only IMDSv2 enabled. When using BR of an earlier version before v8.4.0, you need to configure the instance to support both IMDSv1 and IMDSv2.

It is recommended that you configure access to S3 using either of the following ways:

- Method 1: Specify the access key

  If you specify an access key and a secret access key in the URI, authentication is performed using the specified access key and secret access key. Besides specifying the key in the URI, the following methods are also supported:

  - BR reads the environment variables `$AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID` and `$AWS_SECRET_` ↪ `ACCESS_KEY`.
  - BR reads the environment variables `$AWS_ACCESS_KEY` and `$AWS_SECRET_KEY`.
  - BR reads the shared credentials file in the path specified by the environment variable `$AWS_SHARED_CREDENTIALS_FILE`.
  - BR reads the shared credentials file in the `~/.aws/credentials` path.

- Method 2: Access based on the IAM role

  Associate an IAM role that can access S3 with EC2 instances where the TiKV and BR nodes run. After the association, BR can directly access the backup directories in S3 without additional settings.

```
tiup br backup full --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "s3://${host}/${path}"
```

You can configure the account used to access GCS by specifying the access key. If you specify the `credentials-file` parameter, the authentication is performed using the specified `credentials-file`. Besides specifying the key in the URI, the following methods are also supported:

- BR reads the file in the path specified by the environment variable `$GOOGLE_APPLICATION_CREDENTIALS`
- BR reads the file `~/.config/gcloud/application_default_credentials.json`.
- BR obtains the credentials from the metadata server when the cluster is running in GCE or GAE.

- Method 1: Specify the shared access signature

  If you specify `account-name` and `sas-token` in the URI, the authentication is performed using the specified account name and shared access signature (SAS) token. Note that the SAS token contains the `&` character. You need to encode it as `%26` before appending it to the URI. You can also directly encode the entire `sas-token` using percent-encoding.

- Method 2: Specify the access key

  If you specify `account-name` and `account-key` in the URI, the authentication is performed using the specified account name and account key. Besides the method of specifying the key in the URI, BR can also read the key from the environment variable `$AZURE_STORAGE_KEY`.

- Method 3: Use Azure AD for backup and restore

  Configure the environment variables `$AZURE_CLIENT_ID`, `$AZURE_TENANT_ID`, and `$AZURE_CLIENT_SECRET` on the node where BR is running.

  - When the cluster is started using TiUP, TiKV uses the systemd service. The following example shows how to configure the preceding three environment variables for TiKV:

> **Note:**
> If this method is used, you need to restart TiKV in step 3. If your cluster cannot be restarted, use **Method 1: Specify the access key** for backup and restore.

1. Suppose that the TiKV port on this node is 24000, that is, the name of the systemd service is tikv-24000:

```
systemctl edit tikv-24000
```

2. Edit the TiKV configuration file to configure the three environment variables:

```
[Service]
Environment="AZURE_CLIENT_ID=aaaaaaaa-aaaa-aaaa-aaaa-
    ↪ aaaaaaaaaaaa"
Environment="AZURE_TENANT_ID=aaaaaaaa-aaaa-aaaa-aaaa-
    ↪ aaaaaaaaaaaa"
Environment="AZURE_CLIENT_SECRET=
    ↪ aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa"
```

3. Reload the configuration and restart TiKV:

```
systemctl daemon-reload
systemctl restart tikv-24000
```

- To configure the Azure AD information for TiKV and BR started with command lines, you only need to check whether the environment variables $AZURE_CLIENT ↪ _ID, $AZURE_TENANT_ID, and $AZURE_CLIENT_SECRET are configured in the operating environment by running the following commands:

```
echo $AZURE_CLIENT_ID
echo $AZURE_TENANT_ID
echo $AZURE_CLIENT_SECRET
```

- Use BR to back up data to Azure Blob Storage:

```
tiup br backup full -u "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "azure://external/backup-20220915?account-name=${account-
    ↪ name}"
```

8.4.3.5.4 Server-side encryption

Amazon S3 server-side encryption

BR supports server-side encryption when backing up data to Amazon S3. You can also use an AWS KMS key you create for S3 server-side encryption using BR. For details, see BR S3 server-side encryption.

Azure Blob Storage server-side encryption

BR supports specifying the Azure server-side encryption scope or providing the encryption key when backing up data to Azure Blob Storage. This feature lets you establish a security boundary for different backup data of the same storage account. For details, see BR Azure Blob Storage server-side encryption.

8.4.3.5.5 Other features supported by the storage service

Amazon S3 Object Lock can help prevent backup data from accidental or intentional deletion during a specified retention period, enhancing the security and integrity of data. Starting from v6.3.0, BR supports Amazon S3 Object Lock for snapshot backups, adding an additional layer of security for full backups. Starting from v8.0.0, PITR also supports Amazon S3 Object Lock. Whether for full backups or log data backups, the Object Lock feature ensures more reliable data protection, further strengthening the security of data backup and recovery and meeting regulatory requirements.

BR and PITR automatically detect whether the Amazon S3 Object Lock feature is enabled or disabled. You do not need to perform any additional operations.

> **Warning:**
>
> If the Object Lock feature is enabled during the snapshot backup or PITR log backup process, the snapshot backup or log backup might fail. You need to restart the snapshot backup or PITR log backup task to continue the backup.

8.4.4 BR CLI Manuals

8.4.4.1 br Command-line Manual

This document describes the definition, components, and common options of `br` commands, and how to perform snapshot backup and restore, and log backup and point-in-time recovery (PITR) using `br` commands.

8.4.4.1.1 `br` command-line description

A `br` command consists of sub-commands, options, and parameters. A sub-command is the characters without `-` or `--`. An option is the characters that start with `-` or `--` ↪ . A parameter is the characters that immediately follow behind and are passed to the sub-command or the option.

The following is a complete `br` command:

```
tiup br backup full --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "s3://backup-data/snapshot-202209081330/"
```

Explanations for the preceding command are as follows:

- `backup`: the sub-command of `tiup br`.
- `full`: the sub-command of `tiup br backup`.
- `-s` (or `--storage`): the option that specifies the path where the backup files are stored. `"s3://backup-data/snapshot-202209081330/"` is the parameter of `-s`.

- `--pd`: the option that specifies the PD service address. `"${PD_IP}:2379"` is the parameter of `--pd`.

Commands and sub-commands

A `tiup br` command consists of multiple layers of sub-commands. Currently, br command-line tool has the following sub-commands:

- `tiup br backup`: used to back up the data of the TiDB cluster.
- `tiup br log`: used to start and manage log backup tasks.
- `tiup br restore`: used to restore backup data of the TiDB cluster.
- `tiup br debug`: used to parse backup metadata, check backup data, and so on.

`tiup br backup` and `tiup br restore` include the following sub-commands:

- `full`: used to back up or restore all the cluster data.
- `db`: used to back up or restore a specified database of the cluster.
- `table`: used to back up or restore a single table in the specified database of the cluster.

`tiup br debug` includes the following sub-commands:

- `checksum`: (hidden parameter) used to offline check the integrity of backup data to ensure that all backup files match the CRC64 checksum results calculated by `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE`.
- `backupmeta`: used to check whether an intersection exists among backup data files. In normal cases, backup data files do not intersect.
- `decode`: used to parse the `backupmeta` metadata file of a full backup into JSON format. In addition, you can parse specific fields using the `--field` parameter.
- `encode`: used to encode the `backupmeta.json` metadata file of a full backup into the protobuf format that is used during data restore.
- `reset-pd-config-as-default`: (deprecated) used to restore the PD configurations that were changed during the data recovery process to default configurations.
- `search-log-backup`: used to search for specific key information in log backup data.

Common options

- `--pd`: specifies the PD service address. For example, `"${PD_IP}:2379"`.
- `-s` (or `--storage`): specifies the path where the backup files are stored. Amazon S3, Google Cloud Storage (GCS), Azure Blob Storage, and NFS are supported to store backup data. For more details, refer to URI Formats of External Storage Services.
- `--ca`: specifies the path to the trusted CA certificate in the PEM format.
- `--cert`: specifies the path to the SSL certificate in the PEM format.
- `--key`: specifies the path to the SSL certificate key in the PEM format.

- `--status-addr`: specifies the listening address through which `br` provides statistics to Prometheus.
- `--concurrency`: controls how backup tasks are split into multiple requests and sent concurrently to the same TiKV node. This parameter primarily affects the granularity of request splitting from BR to TiKV, and no longer directly determines overall backup throughput. In most cases, you do not need to change this value. To improve backup performance, you should tune `tikv.backup.num-threads` instead.
- `--pitr-concurrency`: the number of concurrent tasks during log restore.
- `--tikv-max-restore-concurrency`: the maximum number of concurrent tasks per TiKV node during snapshot restore.
- `--compression`: determines the compression algorithm used for generating backup files. It supports `lz4`, `snappy`, and `zstd`, with the default being `zstd` (usually no need to modify). For guidance on choosing different compression algorithms, refer to this document.
- `--compression-level`: sets the compression level corresponding to the chosen compression algorithm for backup. The default compression level for `zstd` is 3. In most cases there is no need to set this option.

8.4.4.1.2 Commands of full backup

To back up cluster data, run the `tiup br backup` command. You can add the `full` or `table` sub-command to specify the scope of your backup operation: the whole cluster (`full`) or a single table (`table`).

- Back up TiDB cluster snapshots
- Back up a database
- Back up a table
- Back up multiple tables with table filter
- Encrypt snapshots

8.4.4.1.3 Commands of log backup

To start log backup and manage log backup tasks, run the `tiup br log` command.

- Start a log backup task
- Query the log backup status
- Pause and resume a log backup task
- Stop and restart a log backup task
- Clean up the backup data
- View the backup metadata

8.4.4.1.4 Commands of restoring backup data

To restore cluster data, run the `tiup br restore` command. You can add the `full`, `db`, or `table` sub-command to specify the scope of your restore: the whole cluster (`full`), a single database (`db`), or a single table (`table`).

- Point-in-time recovery
- Restore cluster snapshots
- Restore a database
- Restore a table
- Restore multiple tables with table filter
- Restore encrypted snapshots

8.4.4.2 TiDB Snapshot Backup and Restore Command Manual

This document describes the commands of TiDB snapshot backup and restore according to the application scenarios, including:

- Back up cluster snapshots
- Back up a database or a table
    - Back up a database
    - Back up a table
    - Back up multiple tables with table filter
- Back up statistics
- Encrypt the backup data
- Restore cluster snapshots
- Restore a database or a table
    - Restore a database
    - Restore a table
    - Restore multiple tables with table filter
    - Restore execution plan bindings from the `mysql` schema
- Restore encrypted snapshots

For more information about snapshot backup and restore, refer to:

- Snapshot Backup and Restore Guide
- Backup and Restore Use Cases

8.4.4.2.1 Back up cluster snapshots

You can back up the latest or specified snapshot of the TiDB cluster using the `tiup br backup full` command. For more information about the command, run the `tiup br backup full --help` command.

```
tiup br backup full \
    --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
    --backupts '2024-06-28 13:30:00 +08:00' \
    --storage "s3://${backup_collection_addr}/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --log-file backupfull.log
```

In the preceding command:

- `--backupts`: The time point of the snapshot. The format can be TSO or timestamp, such as `400036290571534337` or `2024-06-28 13:30:00 +08:00`. If the data of this snapshot is garbage collected, the `tiup br backup` command returns an error and 'br' exits. If you leave this parameter unspecified, `br` picks the snapshot corresponding to the backup start time.
- `--log-file`: The target file where `br` log is written.

> **Note:**
>
> - Starting from v8.5.0, the BR tool disables the table-level checksum calculation during full backups by default (`--checksum=false`) to improve backup performance.
> - The BR tool already supports self-adapting to GC. It automatically registers `backupTS` (the latest PD timestamp by default) to PD's `safePoint` to ensure that TiDB's GC Safe Point does not move forward during the backup, thus avoiding manually setting GC configurations.

During backup, a progress bar is displayed in the terminal, as shown below. When the progress bar advances to 100%, the backup is complete.

```
Full Backup <---------/.....................................................>
    ↪ 17.12%.
```

8.4.4.2.2 Back up a database or a table

Backup & Restore (BR) supports backing up partial data of a specified database or table from a cluster snapshot or incremental data backup. This feature allows you to filter out unwanted data from snapshot backup and incremental data backup, and back up only business-critical data.

Back up a database

To back up a database in a cluster, run the `tiup br backup db` command.

The following example backs up the `test` database to Amazon S3:

```
tiup br backup db \
    --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
    --db test \
    --storage "s3://${backup_collection_addr}/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --log-file backuptable.log
```

In the preceding command, `--db` specifies the database name, and other parameters are the same as those in Back up TiDB cluster snapshots.

Back up a table

To back up a table in a cluster, run the `tiup br backup table` command.

The following example backs up the `test.usertable` table to Amazon S3:

```
tiup br backup table \
    --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
    --db test \
    --table usertable \
    --storage "s3://${backup_collection_addr}/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --log-file backuptable.log
```

In the preceding command, `--db` and `--table` specify the database name and table name respectively, and other parameters are the same as those in Back up TiDB cluster snapshots.

Back up multiple tables with table filter

To back up multiple tables with more criteria, run the `tiup br backup full` command and specify the table filters with `--filter` or `-f`.

The following example backs up tables that match the `db*.tbl*` filter rule to Amazon S3:

```
tiup br backup full \
    --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
    --filter 'db*.tbl*' \
    --storage "s3://${backup_collection_addr}/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --log-file backupfull.log
```

8.4.4.2.3 Back up statistics

Starting from TiDB v7.5.0, the `br` command-line tool introduces the `--ignore-stats` ↪ parameter. When you set this parameter to `false`, the `br` command-line tool supports backing up statistics of columns, indexes, and tables. In this case, you do not need to manually run the statistics collection task for the TiDB database restored from the backup, or wait for the completion of the automatic collection task. This feature simplifies the database maintenance work and improves the query performance.

If you do not set this parameter to `false`, the `br` command-line tool uses the default setting `--ignore-stats=true`, which means statistics are not backed up during data backup.

The following is an example of backing up cluster snapshot data and backing up table statistics with `--ignore-stats=false`:

```
tiup br backup full \
--storage local:///br_data/ --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" --log-file restore.log \
--ignore-stats=false
```

After backing up data with the preceding configuration, when you restore data, the `br` command-line tool automatically restores table statistics if table statistics are included in the backup (Starting from v8.0.0, the `br` command-line tool introduces the `--load-stats` parameter, which controls whether to restore backup statistics. The default behavior is to restore backup statistics. There is no need to set it to `false` in most cases):

```
tiup br restore full \
--storage local:///br_data/ --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" --log-file restore.log
```

When the backup and restore feature backs up data, it stores statistics in JSON format within the `backupmeta` file. When restoring data, it loads statistics in JSON format into the cluster. For more information, see LOAD STATS.

8.4.4.2.4 Encrypt the backup data

BR supports encrypting backup data at the backup side and at the storage side when backing up to Amazon S3. You can choose either encryption method as required.

Since TiDB v5.3.0, you can encrypt backup data by configuring the following parameters:

- `--crypter.method`: Encryption algorithm, which can be `aes128-ctr`, `aes192-ctr`, or `aes256-ctr`. The default value is `plaintext`, indicating that data is not encrypted.
- `--crypter.key`: Encryption key in hexadecimal string format. It is a 128-bit (16 bytes) key for the algorithm `aes128-ctr`, a 24-byte key for the algorithm `aes192-ctr`, and a 32-byte key for the algorithm `aes256-ctr`.
- `--crypter.key-file`: The key file. You can directly pass in the file path where the key is stored as a parameter without passing in the `crypter.key`.

The following is an example:

```
tiup br backup full\
    --pd ${PD_IP}:2379 \
    --storage "s3://${backup_collection_addr}/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --crypter.method aes128-ctr \
    --crypter.key 0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef
```

Note:

- If the key is lost, the backup data cannot be restored to the cluster.
- The encryption feature needs to be used on `br` and TiDB clusters v5.3.0 or later versions. The encrypted backup data cannot be restored on clusters earlier than v5.3.0.

8.4.4.2.5 Restore cluster snapshots

You can restore a TiDB cluster snapshot by running the `tiup br restore full` command.

```
tiup br restore full \
    --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
    --with-sys-table \
    --storage "s3://${backup_collection_addr}/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --ratelimit 128 \
    --log-file restorefull.log
```

In the preceding command:

- `--with-sys-table`: BR restores **data in some system tables**, including account permission data and SQL bindings, and statistics (see Back up statistics). However, it does not restore statistics tables (`mysql.stat_*`) and system variable tables (`mysql.
  ↪ tidb` and `mysql.global_variables`). For more information, see Restore tables in the `mysql` schema.
- `--ratelimit`: The maximum speed **per TiKV** performing restore tasks. The unit is in MiB/s.
- `--log-file`: The target file where the `br` log is written.

During restore, a progress bar is displayed in the terminal as shown below. When the progress bar advances to 100%, the restore task is completed. Then `br` will verify the restored data to ensure data security.

```
Full Restore <---------/.....................................................>
    ↪ 17.12%.
```

8.4.4.2.6 Restore a database or a table

You can use `br` to restore partial data of a specified database or table from backup data. This feature allows you to filter out data that you do not need during the restore.

Restore a database

To restore a database to a cluster, run the `tiup br restore db` command.

The following example restores the `test` database from the backup data to the target cluster:

```
tiup br restore db \
    --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
    --db "test" \
    --ratelimit 128 \
    --storage "s3://${backup_collection_addr}/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --log-file restore_db.log
```

In the preceding command, `--db` specifies the name of the database to be restored and other parameters are the same as those in Restore TiDB cluster snapshots.

> **Note:**
>
> When you restore the backup data, the database name specified by `--db` must be the same as the one specified by `-- db` in the backup command. Otherwise, the restore fails. This is because the metafile of the backup data (`backupmeta` file) records the database name, and you can only restore data to the database with the same name. The recommended method is to restore the backup data to the database with the same name in another cluster.

Restore a table

To restore a single table to a cluster, run the `tiup br restore table` command.

The following example restores the `test.usertable` table from Amazon S3 to the target cluster:

```
tiup br restore table \
    --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
    --db "test" \
    --table "usertable" \
    --ratelimit 128 \
    --storage "s3://${backup_collection_addr}/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --log-file restore_table.log
```

In the preceding command, `--table` specifies the name of the table to be restored, and other parameters are the same as those in Restore a database.

Restore multiple tables with table filter

To restore multiple tables with more complex filter rules, run the `tiup br restore ↪ full` command and specify the table filters with `--filter` or `-f`.

The following example restores tables that match the `db*.tbl*` filter rule from Amazon S3 to the target cluster:

```
tiup br restore full \
    --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
    --filter 'db*.tbl*' \
    --storage "s3://${backup_collection_addr}/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --log-file restorefull.log
```

Restore execution plan bindings from the `mysql` schema

To restore execution plan bindings of a cluster, you can run the `tiup br restore full` command, including the `--with-sys-table` option and also the `--filter` or `-f` option to specify the `mysql` schema to be restored.

The following is an example of restoring the `mysql.bind_info` table:

```
tiup br restore full \
    --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
    --filter 'mysql.bind_info' \
    --with-sys-table \
    --ratelimit 128 \
    --storage "s3://${backup_collection_addr}/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --log-file restore_system_table.log
```

After the restore is completed, you can confirm the execution plan binding information with `SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS`:

```
SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
```

The dynamic loading of execution plan bindings after the restore is still undergoing optimization (related issues are #46527 and #46528). You need to manually reload the execution plan bindings after the restore.

```
-- Ensure that the mysql.bind_info table has only one record for builtin_
    ↪ pseudo_sql_for_bind_lock. If there are more records, you need to
    ↪ manually delete them.
SELECT count(*) FROM mysql.bind_info WHERE original_sql = 'builtin_pseudo_
    ↪ sql_for_bind_lock';
DELETE FROM bind_info WHERE original_sql = 'builtin_pseudo_sql_for_bind_
    ↪ lock' LIMIT 1;

-- Force to reload the binding information.
ADMIN RELOAD BINDINGS;
```

8.4.4.2.7 Restore encrypted snapshots

After encrypting the backup data, you need to pass in the corresponding decryption parameters to restore the data. Ensure that the decryption algorithm and key are correct. If the decryption algorithm or key is incorrect, the data cannot be restored. The following is an example:

```
tiup br restore full\
    --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
    --storage "s3://${backup_collection_addr}/snapshot-${date}?access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --crypter.method aes128-ctr \
    --crypter.key 0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef
```

8.4.4.3 TiDB Log Backup and PITR Command Manual

This document describes the commands used in TiDB log backup and point-in-time recovery (PITR).

For more information about log backup and PITR, refer to:

- Log Backup and PITR Guide
- Back up and Restore Use Cases

8.4.4.3.1 Perform log backup

You can start and manage log backup using the `tiup br log` command.

```
tiup br log --help

backup stream log from TiDB/TiKV cluster

Usage:
  br log [command]

Available Commands:
  metadata  get the metadata of log dir
  pause     pause a log backup task
  resume    resume a log backup task
  start     start a log backup task
  status    get status for the log backup task
  stop      stop a log backup task
  truncate  truncate the log data until sometime
```

Each subcommand is described as follows:

- `tiup br log start`: start a log backup task.

- `tiup br log status`: query the status of the log backup task.
- `tiup br log pause`: pause a log backup task.
- `tiup br log resume`: resume a paused log backup task.
- `tiup br log stop`: stop a log backup task and delete the task metadata.
- `tiup br log truncate`: clean up the log backup data from the backup storage.
- `tiup br log metadata`: query the metadata of the log backup data.

Start a log backup task

You can run the `tiup br log start` command to start a log backup task. This task runs in the background of your TiDB cluster and automatically backs up the change log of KV storage to the backup storage.

Run `tiup br log start --help` to see the help information:

```
tiup br log start --help
start a log backup task

Usage:
  br log start [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help            help for start
  --start-ts string     usually equals last full backupTS, used for backup
     ↪ log. Default value is current ts. support TSO or datetime, e.g.
     ↪ '400036290571534337' or '2018-05-11 01:42:23+0800'.
  --task-name string    The task name for the backup log task.

Global Flags:
 --ca string              CA certificate path for TLS connection
 --cert string            Certificate path for TLS connection
 --key string             Private key path for TLS connection
 -u, --pd strings         PD address (default [127.0.0.1:2379])
 -s, --storage string     specify the url where backup storage, eg, "s3://
    ↪ bucket/path/prefix"
```

The example output only shows the common parameters. These parameters are described as follows:

- `--start-ts`: specifies the start timestamp for the log backup. If this parameter is not specified, the backup program uses the current time as `start-ts`.
- `task-name`: specifies the task name for the log backup. This name is also used to query, pause, and resume the backup task.
- `--ca`, `--cert`, `--key`: specifies the mTLS encryption method to communicate with TiKV and PD.
- `--pd`: specifies the PD address for the backup cluster. BR needs to access PD to start the log backup task.

- `--storage`: specifies the backup storage address. Currently, BR supports Amazon S3, Google Cloud Storage (GCS), or Azure Blob Storage as the storage for log backup. The preceding command uses Amazon S3 as an example. For details, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

Usage example:

```
tiup br log start \
  --task-name=pitr \
  --pd="${PD_IP}:2379" \
  --storage='s3://backup-101/logbackup?access-key=${access-key}&secret-
    ↪ access-key=${secret-access-key}'
```

Encrypt the log backup data

BR enables you to encrypt log backup data before uploading it to your backup storage.

Starting from TiDB v8.4.0, you can encrypt log backup data by passing the following parameters in the log backup command, which is similar to snapshot backup encryption:

- `--log.crypter.method`: Encryption algorithm, which can be `aes128-ctr`, `aes192-ctr`, or `aes256-ctr`. The default value is `plaintext`, indicating that data is not encrypted.
- `--log.crypter.key`: Encryption key in hexadecimal string format. It is a 128-bit (16 bytes) key for the algorithm `aes128-ctr`, a 24-byte key for the algorithm `aes192-ctr`, and a 32-byte key for the algorithm `aes256-ctr`.
- `--log.crypter.key-file`: The key file. You can directly pass in the file path where the key is stored as a parameter without passing in the `crypter.key`.

The following is an example:

```
tiup br log start \
    --task-name=pitr-with-encryption
    --pd ${PD_IP}:2379 \
    --storage "s3://${BACKUP_COLLECTION_ADDR}/snapshot-${DATE}?access-key=${
      ↪ AWS_ACCESS_KEY}&secret-access-key=${AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY}" \
    --log.crypter.method aes128-ctr \
    --log.crypter.key 0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef
```

However, in scenarios with higher security requirements, you might not want to pass a fixed encryption key directly in the command line. To further enhance security, you can use a master key based encryption system to manage encryption keys. This system generates different data keys to encrypt different log backup files and supports master key rotation. You can configure it using the following parameters:

- `--master-key-crypter-method`: Encryption algorithm based on the master key, which can be `aes128-ctr`, `aes192-ctr`, or `aes256-ctr`. The default value is `plaintext`, indicating that data is not encrypted.

- `--master-key`: Master key configuration. It can be a master key stored on a local disk or a master key managed by a cloud Key Management Service (KMS).

Encrypt using a master key stored on a local disk:

```
tiup br log start \
    --task-name=pitr-with-encryption \
    --pd ${PD_IP}:2379 \
    --storage "s3://${BACKUP_COLLECTION_ADDR}/snapshot-${DATE}?access-key=${
        ↪ AWS_ACCESS_KEY}&secret-access-key=${AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY}" \
    --master-key-crypter-method aes128-ctr \
    --master-key "local:///path/to/master.key"
```

Encrypt using a master key managed by AWS KMS:

```
tiup br log start \
    --task-name=pitr-with-encryption \
    --pd ${PD_IP}:2379 \
    --storage "s3://${BACKUP_COLLECTION_ADDR}/snapshot-${DATE}?access-key=${
        ↪ AWS_ACCESS_KEY}&secret-access-key=${AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY}" \
    --master-key-crypter-method aes128-ctr \
    --master-key "aws-kms:///${AWS_KMS_KEY_ID}?AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=${AWS_
        ↪ ACCESS_KEY}&AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=${AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY}&REGION=
        ↪ ${AWS_REGION}"
```

Encrypt using a master key managed by Google Cloud KMS:

```
tiup br log start \
    --task-name=pitr-with-encryption \
    --pd ${PD_IP}:2379 \
    --storage "s3://${BACKUP_COLLECTION_ADDR}/snapshot-${DATE}?access-key=${
        ↪ AWS_ACCESS_KEY}&secret-access-key=${AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY}" \
    --master-key-crypter-method aes128-ctr \
    --master-key "gcp-kms:///projects/$GCP_PROJECT_ID/locations/$GCP_
        ↪ LOCATION/keyRings/$GCP_KEY_RING/cryptoKeys/$GCP_KEY_NAME?AUTH=
        ↪ specified&CREDENTIALS=$GCP_CREDENTIALS_PATH"
```

Note:

- If the key is lost, the log backup data cannot be restored to the cluster.
- The encryption feature needs to be used on `br` and TiDB clusters v8.4.0 or later versions. The encrypted log backup data cannot be restored on clusters earlier than v8.4.0.

Query the log backup status

You can run the `tiup br log status` command to query the log backup status.

Run `tiup br log status --help` to see the help information:

```
tiup br log status --help
get status for the log backup task

Usage:
  br log status [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help         help for status
  --json             Print JSON as the output.
  --task-name string The task name for backup stream log. If default, get
     ↪ status of all of tasks (default "*")

Global Flags:
 --ca string               CA certificate path for TLS connection
 --cert string             Certificate path for TLS connection
 --key string              Private key path for TLS connection
 -u, --pd strings          PD address (default [127.0.0.1:2379])
```

In the example output, `task-name` is used to specify the name of the backup task. The default value is `*`, which means querying the status of all tasks.

Usage example:

```
tiup br log status --task-name=pitr --pd="${PD_IP}:2379"
```

Expected output:

```
  Total 1 Tasks.
> #1 <
             name: pitr
           status:  NORMAL
            start: 2022-07-14 20:08:03.268 +0800
              end: 2090-11-18 22:07:45.624 +0800
          storage: s3://backup-101/logbackup
      speed(est.): 0.82 ops/s
checkpoint[global]: 2022-07-25 22:52:15.518 +0800; gap=2m52s
```

The output fields are described as follows:

- `status`: the status of the backup task, which can be `NORMAL`, `ERROR`, or `PAUSE`.
- `start`: the start time of the backup task. It is the `start-ts` value specified when the backup task is started.

- `storage`: the backup storage address.
- `speed`: the total QPS of the backup task. QPS means the number of logs backed per second.
- `checkpoint [global]`: all data before this checkpoint is backed up to the backup storage. This is the latest timestamp available for restoring the backup data.
- `error [store]`: the error the log backup program encounters on the storage node.

Pause and resume a log backup task

You can run the `tiup br log pause` command to pause a running log backup task.

Run `tiup br log pause --help` to see the help information:

```
tiup br log pause --help
pause a log backup task

Usage:
  br log pause [flags]

Flags:
  --gc-ttl int       the TTL (in seconds) that PD holds for BR's GC
     ↪ safepoint (default 86400)
  -h, --help         help for status
  --task-name string The task name for backup stream log.

Global Flags:
 --ca string               CA certificate path for TLS connection
 --cert string             Certificate path for TLS connection
 --key string              Private key path for TLS connection
 -u, --pd strings          PD address (default [127.0.0.1:2379])
```

Note:

- After the log backup task is paused, to prevent the MVCC data that generates the change log from being deleted, the backup program automatically sets the current backup checkpoint as the service safepoint, which retains MVCC data within the latest 24 hours. If the backup task is paused for more than 24 hours, the corresponding data is garbage collected and is not backed up.
- Retaining too much MVCC data has a negative impact on the storage capacity and performance of the TiDB cluster. Therefore, it is recommended to resume the backup task in time.

Usage example:

```
tiup br log pause --task-name=pitr --pd="${PD_IP}:2379"
```

You can run the `tiup br log resume` command to resume a paused backup task.

Run `tiup br log resume --help` to see the help information:

```
tiup br log resume --help
resume a log backup task

Usage:
  br log resume [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help         help for status
  --task-name string The task name for backup stream log.

Global Flags:
 --ca string               CA certificate path for TLS connection
 --cert string             Certificate path for TLS connection
 --key string              Private key path for TLS connection
 -u, --pd strings          PD address (default [127.0.0.1:2379])
```

After the backup task is paused for more than 24 hours, running `tiup br log resume` reports an error, and BR prompts that backup data is lost. To handle this error, refer to Backup & Restore FAQs.

Usage example:

```
tiup br log resume --task-name=pitr --pd="${PD_IP}:2379"
```

Stop and restart a log backup task

You can stop a log backup task by running the `tiup br log stop` command and restart a log backup task that is stopped by using the original `--storage` directory.

Stop a log backup task

You can run the `tiup br log stop` command to stop a log backup task. This command cleans up the task metadata in the backup cluster.

Run `tiup br log stop --help` to see the help information:

```
tiup br log stop --help
stop a log backup task

Usage:
  br log stop [flags]
```

```
Flags:
  -h, --help         help for status
  --task-name string The task name for the backup log task.

Global Flags:
 --ca string               CA certificate path for TLS connection
 --cert string             Certificate path for TLS connection
 --key string              Private key path for TLS connection
 -u, --pd strings          PD address (default [127.0.0.1:2379])
```

> **Note:**
>
> Use this command with caution. If you need to pause a log backup task, use `tiup br log pause` and `tiup br log resume` instead.

Usage example:

```
tiup br log stop --task-name=pitr --pd="${PD_IP}:2379"
```

Restart a log backup task

After running the `tiup br log stop` command to stop a log backup task, you can create a new log backup task in another `--storage` directory or restart the log backup task in the original `--storage` directory by running the `tiup br log start` command. If you restart the task in the original `--storage` directory, pay attention to the following points:

- Parameters of the `--storage` directory for restarting a task must be the same as the task that is stopped.
- The `--start-ts` does not need to be specified. BR automatically starts the backup from the last backup checkpoint.
- If the task is stopped for a long time and multiple versions of the data have been garbage collected, the error `BR:Backup:ErrBackupGCSafepointExceeded` is reported when you attempt to restart the task. In this case, you have to create a new log backup task in another `--storage` directory.

Clean up log backup data

You can run the `tiup br log truncate` command to clean up the outdated or no longer needed log backup data.

Run `tiup br log truncate --help` to see the help information:

```
tiup br log truncate --help
truncate the incremental log until sometime.

Usage:
  br log truncate [flags]

Flags:
  --dry-run      Run the command but don't really delete the files.
  -h, --help     help for truncate
  --until string Remove all backup data until this TS.(support TSO or
     ↪ datetime, e.g. '400036290571534337' or '2018-05-11 01:42:23+0800'.)
  -y, --yes      Skip all prompts and always execute the command.


Global Flags:
  -s, --storage string     specify the url where backup storage, eg, "s3://
     ↪ bucket/path/prefix"
```

This command only accesses the backup storage and does not access the TiDB cluster. Some parameters are described as follows:

- `--dry-run`: run the command but do not really delete the files.
- `--until`: delete all log backup data before the specified timestamp.
- `--storage`: the backup storage address. Currently, BR supports Amazon S3, GCS, or Azure Blob Storage as the storage for log backup. For details, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

Usage example:

```
tiup br log truncate --until='2022-07-26 21:20:00+0800' \
--storage='s3://backup-101/logbackup?access-key=${access-key}&secret-access-
   ↪ key=${secret-access-key}'
```

Expected output:

```
Reading Metadata... DONE; take = 277.911599ms
We are going to remove 9 files, until 2022-07-26 21:20:00.0000.
Sure? (y/N) y
Clearing data files... DONE; take = 43.504161ms, kv-count = 53, kv-size =
   ↪ 4573(4.573kB)
Removing metadata... DONE; take = 24.038962ms
```

View the log backup metadata

You can run the `tiup br log metadata` command to view the log backup metadata in the storage system, such as the earliest and latest timestamp that can be restored.

Run `tiup br log metadata --help` to see the help information:

```
tiup br log metadata --help
get the metadata of log backup storage

Usage:
  br log metadata [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help     help for metadata

Global Flags:
  -s, --storage string     specify the url where backup storage, eg, "s3://
     ↪ bucket/path/prefix"
```

This command only accesses the backup storage and does not access the TiDB cluster.

The `--storage` parameter is used to specify the backup storage address. Currently, BR supports Amazon S3, GCS, or Azure Blob Storage as the storage for log backup. For details, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

Usage example:

```
tiup br log metadata --storage='s3://backup-101/logbackup?access-key=${
   ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}'
```

Expected output:

```
[2022/07/25 23:02:57.236 +08:00] [INFO] [collector.go:69] ["log metadata"] [
   ↪ log-min-ts=434582449885806593] [log-min-date="2022-07-14 20:08:03.268
   ↪  +0800"] [log-max-ts=434834300106964993] [log-max-date="2022-07-25
   ↪ 23:00:15.618 +0800"]
```

8.4.4.3.2 Restore to a specified point in time (PITR)

> **Note:**
>
> If you specify `--full-backup-storage` as the incremental backup address for `restore point`, for restores of this backup and any previous incremental backups, you need to set the parameter `--allow-pitr-from-incremental` to `true` to make the incremental backups compatible with the subsequent log backups.

You can run the `tiup br restore point` command to perform a PITR on a new cluster or just restore the log backup data.

Run `tiup br restore point --help` to see the help information:

```
tiup br restore point --help
restore data from log until specify commit timestamp

Usage:
  br restore point [flags]

Flags:
  --full-backup-storage string specify the backup full storage. fill it if
     ↪ want restore full backup before restore log.
  -h, --help                help for point
  --restored-ts string      the point of restore, used for log restore.
     ↪ support TSO or datetime, e.g. '400036290571534337' or '2018-05-11
     ↪ 01:42:23+0800'
  --start-ts string         the start timestamp which log restore from.
     ↪ support TSO or datetime, e.g. '400036290571534337' or '2018-05-11
     ↪ 01:42:23+0800'


Global Flags:
 --ca string               CA certificate path for TLS connection
 --cert string             Certificate path for TLS connection
 --key string              Private key path for TLS connection
 -u, --pd strings          PD address (default [127.0.0.1:2379])
 -s, --storage string      specify the url where backup storage, eg, "s3://
    ↪ bucket/path/prefix"
```

The example output only shows the common parameters. These parameters are described as follows:

- `--full-backup-storage`: the storage address for the snapshot (full) backup. To use PITR, specify this parameter and choose the latest snapshot backup before the restore timestamp. To restore only log backup data, you can omit this parameter. Note that when initializing the recovery cluster for the first time, you must specify a snapshot backup. Currently, BR supports Amazon S3, GCS, and Azure Blob Storage as the storage for log backup. For details, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.
- `--restored-ts`: the timestamp that you want to restore data to. If this parameter is not specified, BR restores data to the latest timestamp available in the log backup, that is, the checkpoint of the backup data.
- `--start-ts`: the start timestamp that you want to restore log backup data from. If you only need to restore log backup data, you must specify this parameter.
- `--pd`: the PD address of the restore cluster.
- `--ca`, `--cert`, `--key`: specify the mTLS encryption method to communicate with TiKV and PD.

- `--storage`: the storage address for the log backup. Currently, BR supports Amazon S3, GCS, or Azure Blob Storage as the storage for log backup. For details, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

Usage example:

```
tiup br restore point --pd="${PD_IP}:2379"
--storage='s3://backup-101/logbackup?access-key=${access-key}&secret-access-
    ↪ key=${secret-access-key}'
--full-backup-storage='s3://backup-101/snapshot-202205120000?access-key=${
    ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}'

Full Restore
    ↪ <-----------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪  100.00%
*** ***["Full Restore success summary"] ****** [total-take=3.112928252s] [
    ↪ restore-data-size(after-compressed)=5.056kB] [Size=5056] [BackupTS
    ↪ =434693927394607136] [total-kv=4] [total-kv-size=290B] [average-speed
    ↪ =93.16B/s]
Restore Meta Files
    ↪ <-----------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪  100.00%
Restore KV Files
    ↪ <-----------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪  100.00%
"restore log success summary"] [total-take=192.955533ms] [restore-from
    ↪ =434693681289625602] [restore-to=434693753549881345] [total-kv-count
    ↪ =33] [total-size=21551]
```

Note:

- When you restore the cluster for the first time, you must specify the full snapshot data. Otherwise, some data in the newly created table might be incorrect due to rewriting Table ID rules. For more information, see GitHub issue #54418.
- You cannot restore the log backup data of a certain time period repeatedly. If you restore the log backup data of a range `[t1=10, t2=20)` repeatedly, the restored data might be inconsistent.
- When you restore log data of different time periods in multiple batches, ensure that the log data is restored in consecutive order. If you restore the log backup data of `[t1, t2)`, `[t2, t3)`, and `[t3, t4)` in consecutive order, the restored data is consistent. However, if you restore

> `[t1, t2)` and then skip `[t2, t3)` to restore `[t3, t4)`, the restored data might be inconsistent.

Restore encrypted log backup data

To restore encrypted log backup data, you need to pass the corresponding decryption parameters in the restore command. Make sure that the decryption parameters are the same as those used for encryption. If the decryption algorithm or key is incorrect, the data cannot be restored.

The following is an example:

```
tiup br restore point --pd="${PD_IP}:2379"
--storage='s3://backup-101/logbackup?access-key=${ACCESS-KEY}&secret-access-
    ↪ key=${SECRET-ACCESS-KEY}'
--full-backup-storage='s3://backup-101/snapshot-202205120000?access-key=${
    ↪ ACCESS-KEY}&secret-access-key=${SECRET-ACCESS-KEY}'
--crypter.method aes128-ctr
--crypter.key 0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef
--log.crypter.method aes128-ctr
--log.crypter.key 0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef
```

If a log backup is encrypted using a master key, you can decrypt and restore the backup data using the following command:

```
tiup br restore point --pd="${PD_IP}:2379"
--storage='s3://backup-101/logbackup?access-key=${ACCESS-KEY}&secret-access-
    ↪ key=${SECRET-ACCESS-KEY}'
--full-backup-storage='s3://backup-101/snapshot-202205120000?access-key=${
    ↪ ACCESS-KEY}&secret-access-key=${SECRET-ACCESS-KEY}'
--crypter.method aes128-ctr
--crypter.key 0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef
--master-key-crypter-method aes128-ctr
--master-key "local:///path/to/master.key"
```

8.4.5 References

8.4.5.1 BR Features

8.4.5.1.1 Backup Auto-Tune New in v5.4.0

Before TiDB v5.4.0, when you back up data using Backup & Restore (BR), the number of threads used for backup makes up 75% of the logical CPU cores. Without a speed limit, the backup process can consume a lot of cluster resources, which has a considerable impact

on the performance of the online cluster. Although you can reduce the impact of backup by adjusting the size of the thread pool, it is a tedious task to observe the CPU load and manually adjust the thread pool size.

To reduce the impact of backup tasks on the cluster, TiDB v5.4.0 introduces the auto-tune feature, which is enabled by default. When the cluster resource utilization is high, BR automatically limits the resources used by backup tasks and thereby reduces their impact on the cluster. The auto-tune feature is enabled by default.

Usage scenario

If you want to reduce the impact of backup tasks on the cluster, you can enable the auto-tune feature. With this feature enabled, TiDB performs backup tasks as fast as possible without excessively affecting the cluster.

Alternatively, you can limit the backup speed by using the TiKV configuration item `backup.num-threads` or using the parameter `--ratelimit`. When `--ratelimit` is set, to avoid too many tasks causing the speed limit to fail, the `concurrency` parameter of br is automatically adjusted to `1`.

Use auto-tune

The auto-tune feature is enabled by default, without additional configuration.

> **Note:**
>
> For clusters that upgrade from v5.3.x to v5.4.0 or later versions, the auto-tune feature is disabled by default. You need to manually enable it.

To manually enable the auto-tune feature, you need to set the TiKV configuration item `backup.enable-auto-tune` to `true`.

TiKV supports dynamically configuring the auto-tune feature. You can enable or disable the feature without restarting your cluster. To dynamically enable or disable the auto-tune feature, run the following command:

```
tikv-ctl modify-tikv-config -n backup.enable-auto-tune -v <true|false>
```

When you perform backup tasks on an offline cluster, to speed up the backup, you can modify the value of `backup.num-threads` to a larger number using `tikv-ctl`.

Limitations

Auto-tune is a coarse-grained solution for limiting backup speed. It reduces the need for manual tuning. However, because of the lack of fine-grained control, auto-tune might not be able to completely remove the impact of backup on the cluster.

The auto-tune feature has the following issues and corresponding solutions:

- Issue 1: For **write-heavy clusters**, auto-tune might put the workload and backup tasks into a "positive feedback loop": the backup tasks take up too many resources, which causes the cluster to use fewer resources; at this point, auto-tune might mistakenly assume that the cluster is not under heavy workload and thus allowing backup to run faster. In such cases, auto-tune is ineffective.

    - Solution: Manually adjust `backup.num-threads` to a smaller number to limit the number of threads used by backup tasks. The working principle is as follows:

      The backup process includes lots of SST decoding, encoding, compression, and decompression, which consume CPU resources. In addition, previous test cases have shown that during the backup process, the CPU utilization of the thread pool used for backup is close to 100%. This means that the backup tasks take up a lot of CPU resources. By adjusting the number of threads used by the backup tasks, TiKV can limit the CPU cores used by backup tasks, thus reducing the impact of backup tasks on the cluster performance.

- Issue 2: For **clusters with hotspots**, backup tasks on the TiKV node that has hotspots might be excessively limited, which slows down the overall backup process.

    - Solution: Eliminate the hotspot node, or disable auto-tune on the hotspot node (this might reduce the cluster performance).

- Issue 3: For scenarios with **high traffic jitter**, because auto-tune adjusts the speed limit on a fixed interval (1 minute by default), it might not be able to handle high traffic jitter. For details, see `auto-tune-refresh-interval`.

    - Solution: Disable auto-tune.

Implementation

Auto-tune adjusts the size of the thread pool used by backup tasks to ensure that the overall CPU utilization of the cluster does not exceed a specific threshold.

This feature has two related configuration items not listed in the TiKV configuration file. These two configuration items are only for internal tuning. You do **not** need to configure these two configuration items when you perform backup tasks.

- `backup.auto-tune-remain-threads`:

    - Auto-tune controls the resources used by the backup tasks and ensures that at least `backup.auto-tune-remain-threads` cores are available for other tasks on the same node.
    - Default value: `round(0.2 * vCPU)`

- `backup.auto-tune-refresh-interval`:

- Every `backup.auto-tune-refresh-interval` minute(s), auto-tune refreshes the statistics and recalculates the maximum number of CPU cores that backup tasks can use.
- Default value: `1m`

The following is an example of how auto-tune works. `*` denotes a CPU core used by backup tasks. `^` denotes a CPU core used by other tasks. `-` denotes an idle CPU core.

```
|--------| The server has 8 logical CPU cores.
|*******-| By default, `backup.num-threads` is `4`. Note that auto-tune
   ↪ makes sure that the thread pool size is never larger than `backup.num
   ↪ -threads`.
|^^****--| By default, `auto-tune-remain-threads` = round(8 * 0.2) = 2. Auto
   ↪ -tune adjusts the size of the thread pool to `4`.
|^^^^**--| Because the cluster workload gets higher, auto-tune adjusts the
   ↪ size of the thread pool to `2`. After that, the cluster still has 2
   ↪ idle CPU cores.
```

In the **Backup CPU Utilization** panel, you can see the size of the thread pool adjusted by auto-tune:

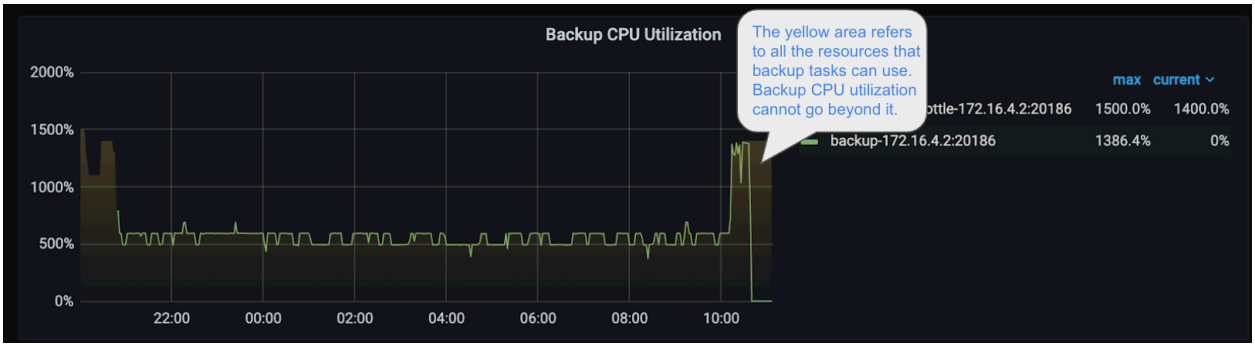


Figure 144: Grafana dashboard example of backup auto-tune metrics

In the image above, the yellow semi-transparent area represents the threads available for backup tasks. You can see the CPU utilization of backup tasks does not go beyond the yellow area.

8.4.5.1.2 Batch Create Table

When restoring data, Backup & Restore (BR) creates databases and tables in the target TiDB cluster and then restores the backup data to the tables. In versions earlier than TiDB v6.0.0, BR uses the serial execution implementation to create tables in the restore process. However, when BR restores data with a large number of tables (nearly 50000), this implementation takes much time on creating tables.

To speed up the table creation process and reduce the time for restoring data, the Batch Create Table feature is introduced in TiDB v6.0.0. This feature is enabled by default.

Note:

- To use the Batch Create Table feature, both TiDB and BR are expected to be of v6.0.0 or later. If either TiDB or BR is earlier than v6.0.0, BR uses the serial execution implementation.
- Suppose that you use a cluster management tool (for example, TiUP), and your TiDB and BR are of v6.0.0 or later versions, or your TiDB and BR are upgraded from a version earlier than v6.0.0 to v6.0.0 or later.

Usage scenario

If you need to restore data with a massive amount of tables, for example, 50000 tables, you can use the Batch Create Table feature to speed up the restore process.

For the detailed effect, see Test for the Batch Create Table Feature.

Use Batch Create Table

BR enables the Batch Create Table feature by default, with the default configuration of `--ddl-batch-size=128` in v6.0.0 or later to speed up the restore process. Therefore, you do not need to configure this parameter. `--ddl-batch-size=128` means creating tables in batches, each batch with 128 tables.

To disable this feature, you can set `--ddl-batch-size` to `1`. See the following example command:

```
tiup br restore full \
--storage local:///br_data/ --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" --log-file restore.log \
--ddl-batch-size=1
```

After this feature is disabled, BR uses the serial execution implementation instead.

Implementation

- Serial execution implementation before v6.0.0:

  When restoring data, BR creates databases and tables in the target TiDB cluster and then restores the backup data to the tables. To create tables, BR calls TiDB internal API first, and then processes table creation tasks, which works similarly to executing the `Create Table` statement. The TiDB DDL owner creates tables sequentially. Once the DDL owner creates a table, the DDL schema version changes correspondingly and each version change is synchronized to other TiDB DDL workers (including BR). Therefore, when restoring a large number of tables, the serial execution implementation is time-consuming.

- Batch create table implementation since v6.0.0:

  By default, BR creates tables in multiple batches, and each batch has 128 tables. Using this implementation, when BR creates one batch of tables, the TiDB schema version only changes once. This implementation significantly increases the speed of table creation.

Feature test

This section describes the test information about the Batch Create Table feature. The test environment is as follows:

- Cluster configurations:
  - 15 TiKV instances. Each TiKV instance is equipped with 16 CPU cores, 80 GB memory, and 16 threads to process RPC requests (`import.num-threads` = 16).
  - 3 TiDB instances. Each TiDB instance is equipped with 16 CPU cores, 32 GB memory.
  - 3 PD instances. Each PD instance is equipped with 16 CPU cores, 32 GB memory.
- The size of data to be restored: 16.16 TB

The test result is as follows:

```
'[2022/03/12 22:37:49.060 +08:00] [INFO] [collector.go:67] ["Full restore
    ↪ success summary"] [total-ranges=751760] [ranges-succeed=751760] [
    ↪ ranges-failed=0] [split-region=1h33m18.078448449s] [restore-ranges
    ↪ =542693] [total-take=1h41m35.471476438s] [restore-data-size(after-
    ↪ compressed)=8.337TB] [Size=8336694965072] [BackupTS
    ↪ =431773933856882690] [total-kv=148015861383] [total-kv-size=16.16TB]
    ↪ [average-speed=2.661GB/s]'
```

From the test result, you can see that the average speed of restoring one TiKV instance is as high as 181.65 MB/s (which equals to `average-speed/tikv_count`).

8.4.5.1.3 Checkpoint Backup

Snapshot backup might be interrupted due to recoverable errors, such as disk exhaustion and node crash. Before TiDB v6.5.0, data that is backed up before the interruption would be invalidated even after the error is addressed, and you need to start the backup from scratch. For large clusters, this incurs considerable extra cost.

In TiDB v6.5.0, Backup & Restore (BR) introduces the checkpoint backup feature to allow continuing an interrupted backup. This feature can retain most data of the interrupted backup.

Application scenarios

If your TiDB cluster is large and cannot afford to back up again after a failure, you can use the checkpoint backup feature. The br command-line tool (hereinafter referred to as `br`) periodically records the shards that have been backed up. In this way, the next backup retry can use the backup progress close to the abnormal exit.

Implementation details

During a snapshot backup, `br` encodes the tables into the corresponding key space, and generates backup RPC requests before sending them to TiKV nodes. After receiving the backup request, TiKV nodes back up the data within the requested range. Every time a TiKV node finishes backing up data of a Region, it returns the backup information of this range to `br`.

`br` records the information returned by TiKV nodes, which helps `br` get the key ranges that have been backed up. The checkpoint backup feature periodically uploads the new backup information to external storage so that the key ranges that have been backed up can be persisted.

When `br` retries the backup, it reads the key ranges that have been backed up from external storage, and compares them with the key ranges of the backup task. The differential data helps `br` to determine the key range that still needs to be backed up in checkpoint backup.

Usage limitations

Checkpoint backup relies on the GC mechanism and cannot recover all data that has been backed up. The following sections provide the details.

Backup retry must be prior to GC

During the backup, `br` periodically updates the `gc-safepoint` of the backup snapshot in PD to avoid data being garbage collected. When `br` exits, the `gc-safepoint` cannot be updated in time. As a result, before the next backup retry, the data might have been garbage collected.

To avoid this situation, `br` keeps the `gc-safepoint` for about one hour by default when `gcttl` is not specified. You can set the `gcttl` parameter to extend the retention period if needed .

The following example sets `gcttl` to 15 hours (54000 seconds) to extend the retention period of `gc-safepoint`:

```
tiup br backup full \
--storage local:///br_data/ --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--gcttl 54000
```

> **Note:**
>
> The `gc-safepoint` created before backup is deleted after the snapshot backup is completed. You do not need to delete it manually.

Some data needs to be backed up again

When `br` retries backup, some data that has been backed up might need to be backed up again, including the data being backed up and the data not recorded by the checkpoint.

- If the interruption is caused by an error, `br` will persist the meta information of the data backed up before exit. In this case, only the data being backed up needs to be backed up again in the next retry.
- If the `br` process is interrupted by the system, `br` cannot persist the meta information of the data backed up to the external storage. Since `br` persists the meta information every 30 seconds, data backed up in the last 30 seconds before interruption cannot be persisted and needs to be backed up again in the next retry.

8.4.5.1.4 Checkpoint Restore

Snapshot restore or log restore might be interrupted due to recoverable errors, such as disk exhaustion and node crash. Before TiDB v7.1.0, the recovery progress before the interruption would be invalidated even after the error is addressed, and you need to start the restore from scratch. For large clusters, this incurs considerable extra cost.

Starting from TiDB v7.1.0, Backup & Restore (BR) introduces the checkpoint restore feature, which enables you to continue an interrupted restore. This feature can retain most recovery progress of the interrupted restore.

Application scenarios

If your TiDB cluster is large and cannot afford to restore again after a failure, you can use the checkpoint restore feature. The br command-line tool (hereinafter referred to as `br`) periodically records the shards that have been restored. In this way, the next restore retry can use a recovery progress point close to the abnormal exit.

Implementation principles

The implementation of checkpoint restore is divided into two parts: snapshot restore and log restore. For more information, see Implementation details.

Snapshot restore

The implementation of snapshot restore is similar to snapshot backup. `br` restores all SST files within a key range (Region) in batches. After completing a restore, `br` records this range and the table ID of the restored cluster table. The checkpoint restore feature periodically uploads the new restore information to external storage so that the key ranges that have been restored can be persisted.

When `br` retries a restore, it reads the key ranges that have been restored from external storage, and matches them with the corresponding table ID. During the restore, `br` skips any key ranges that overlap with those recorded in the checkpoint restore, and that have the same table ID.

If you delete tables before `br` retries the restore, the table ID of the newly created table during the retry will be different from the previously recorded table ID in the checkpoint

restore. In this case, `br` bypasses the previous checkpoint restore information and restores the table again. This means that the same table with a new ID disregards the old ID's checkpoint restore information and records the new checkpoint restore information corresponding to the new ID.

Due to the use of the MVCC (Multi-Version Concurrency Control) mechanism, data with specified timestamps can be written unordered and repeatedly.

When restoring database or table DDLs using snapshot restore, the `ifExists` parameter is added. For existing databases or tables that are already considered created, `br` automatically skips the restore.

Log restore

Log restore is the process of restoring data metadata backed up by TiKV nodes (meta-kv) in the order of timestamps. The checkpoint restore first establishes a one-to-one ID mapping relationship between the backup cluster and the restored cluster based on the meta-kv data. This ensures that the ID of meta-kv remains consistent across different restore retries, enabling meta-kv to be restored again.

Unlike snapshot backup files, the range of log backup files might overlap. Thus, the key range cannot be used directly as recovery progress metadata. Additionally, there might be a large number of log backup files. However, each log backup file has a fixed position in the log backup metadata. This means that a unique position in the log backup metadata can be assigned to each log backup file as recovery progress metadata.

The log backup metadata contains an array of file metadata. Each file metadata in the array represents a file composed of multiple log backup files. The file metadata records the offset and size of a log backup file in the concatenated file. Therefore, `br` can use the triple `(log backup metadata name, file metadata array offset, log backup file array offset)` to uniquely identify a log backup file.

Usage limitations

Checkpoint restore relies on the GC mechanism and cannot record all data that has been restored. The following sections provide the details.

GC will be paused

During a log restore, the order of the restored data is unordered, which means that the deletion record of a key might be restored before its write record. If GC is triggered at this time, all data of the key will be deleted and then GC cannot process subsequent write records of the key. To avoid this situation, `br` pauses GC during log restore. If `br` exits halfway, GC remains paused.

After the log restore is completed, GC is restarted automatically without manual startup. However, if you decide not to continue the restore, you can manually enable GC as follows:

The principle of `br` pausing GC is to execute `SET config tikv gc.ratio-threshold = -1.0` to set `gc.ratio-threshold` to a negative number, thus pausing GC. You can manually enable GC by modifying the value of `gc.ratio-threshold`. For example, to reset to its default value, you can execute `SET config tikv gc.ratio-threshold = 1.1`.

Some data needs to be restored again

When `br` retries a restore, some data that has been restored might need to be restored again, including the data being restored and the data not recorded by the checkpoint.

- If the interruption is caused by an error, `br` persists the meta information of the data restored before exit. In this case, only the data being restored needs to be restored again in the next retry.
- If the `br` process is interrupted by the system, `br` cannot persist the meta information of the data restored to the external storage. Since `br` persists the meta information every 30 seconds, data restored in the last 30 seconds before interruption cannot be persisted and needs to be restored again in the next retry.

Avoid modifying cluster data during the restore

After a restore failure, avoid writing, deleting, or creating tables in the cluster. This is because the backup data might contain DDL operations for renaming tables. If you modify the cluster data, the checkpoint restore cannot decide whether the deleted or existing table are resulted from external operations, which affects the accuracy of the next restore retry.

Cross-major-version checkpoint recovery is not recommended

Cross-major-version checkpoint recovery is not recommended. For clusters where `br` recovery fails using the Long-Term Support (LTS) versions prior to v8.5.0, recovery cannot be continued with v8.5.0 or later LTS versions, and vice versa.

Implementation details

Checkpoint restore operations are divided into two parts: snapshot restore and PITR restore.

Snapshot restore

During the initial restore, `br` creates a `__TiDB_BR_Temporary_Snapshot_Restore_Checkpoint` database in the target cluster. This database records checkpoint data, the upstream cluster ID, and the BackupTS of the backup data.

If the restore fails, you can retry it using the same command, and `br` will automatically read the checkpoint information from the `__TiDB_BR_Temporary_Snapshot_Restore_Checkpoint` database and resume from the last restore point.

If the restore fails and you try to restore backup data with different checkpoint information to the same cluster, `br` reports an error. It indicates that the current upstream cluster ID or BackupTS is different from the checkpoint record. If the restore cluster has been cleaned, you can manually delete the `__TiDB_BR_Temporary_Snapshot_Restore_Checkpoint` database and retry with a different backup.

PITR restore

PITR (Point-in-time recovery) consists of snapshot restore and log restore phases.

During the initial restore, `br` first enters the snapshot restore phase. This phase follows the same process as the preceding snapshot restore: BR records the checkpoint data, the upstream cluster ID, and BackupTS of the backup data (that is, the start time point `start-ts` of log restore) in the `__TiDB_BR_Temporary_Snapshot_Restore_Checkpoint` database. If restore fails during this phase, you cannot adjust the `start-ts` of log restore when resuming checkpoint restore.

When entering the log restore phase during the initial restore, `br` creates a `__TiDB_BR_Temporary_Log_Restore_Checkpoint` database in the target cluster. This database records checkpoint data, the upstream cluster ID, and the restore time range (`start-ts` and `restored-ts`). If restore fails during this phase, you need to specify the same `start-ts` and `restored-ts` as recorded in the checkpoint database when retrying. Otherwise, `br` will report an error and prompt that the current specified restore time range or upstream cluster ID is different from the checkpoint record. If the restore cluster has been cleaned, you can manually delete the `__TiDB_BR_Temporary_Log_Restore_Checkpoint` database and retry with a different backup.

Before entering the log restore phase during the initial restore, `br` constructs a mapping of upstream and downstream cluster database and table IDs at the `restored-ts` time point. This mapping is persisted in the system table `mysql.tidb_pitr_id_map` to prevent duplicate allocation of database and table IDs. Deleting data from `mysql.tidb_pitr_id_map` might lead to inconsistent PITR restore data.

8.4.5.2 Back up and Restore Data Using Dumpling and TiDB Lightning

This document introduces how to use Dumpling and TiDB Lightning to back up and restore full data of TiDB.

If you need to back up a small amount of data (for example, less than 50 GiB) and do not require high backup speed, you can use Dumpling to export data from the TiDB database and then use TiDB Lightning to restore the data into another TiDB database.

If you need to back up larger databases, the recommended method is to use BR. Note that Dumpling can be used to export large databases, but BR is a better tool for that.

8.4.5.2.1 Requirements

- Install Dumpling:

```
tiup install dumpling
```

- Install TiDB Lightning:

```
tiup install tidb-lightning
```

- Grant the source database privileges required for Dumpling
- Grant the target database privileges required for TiDB Lightning

8.4.5.2.2 Resource requirements

Operating system: The example in this document uses fresh CentOS 7 instances. You can deploy a virtual machine either on your local host or in the cloud. Because TiDB Lightning consumes as much CPU resources as needed by default, it is recommended that you deploy it on a dedicated server. If this is not possible, you can deploy it on a single server together with other TiDB components (for example, `tikv-server`) and then configure `region-concurrency` to limit the CPU usage from TiDB Lightning. Usually, you can configure the size to 75% of the logical CPU.

Memory and CPU: Because TiDB Lightning consumes high resources, it is recommended to allocate more than 64 GiB of memory and more than 32 CPU cores. To get the best performance, make sure that the CPU core to memory (GiB) ratio is greater than 1:2.

Disk space:

It is recommended to use Amazon S3, Google Cloud Storage (GCS), or Azure Blob Storage as the external storage. With such a cloud storage, you can store backup files quickly without being limited by the disk space.

If you need to save data of one backup task to the local disk, note the following limitations:

- Dumpling requires a disk space that can store the whole data source (or to store all upstream tables to be exported). To calculate the required space, see Downstream storage space requirements.
- During the import, TiDB Lightning needs temporary space to store the sorted key-value pairs. The disk space should be enough to hold the largest single table from the data source.

Note: It is difficult to calculate the exact data volume exported by Dumpling from MySQL, but you can estimate the data volume by using the following SQL statement to summarize the `DATA_LENGTH` field in the `information_schema.tables` table:

```
-- Calculate the size of all schemas
SELECT
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(DATA_LENGTH)) AS 'Data Size',
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(INDEX_LENGTH)) 'Index Size'
FROM
  information_schema.tables
GROUP BY
  TABLE_SCHEMA;

-- Calculate the 5 largest tables
SELECT
  TABLE_NAME,
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
```

```
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(data_length)) AS 'Data Size',
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(index_length)) AS 'Index Size',
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(data_length+index_length)) AS 'Total Size'
FROM
  information_schema.tables
GROUP BY
  TABLE_NAME,
  TABLE_SCHEMA
ORDER BY
  SUM(DATA_LENGTH+INDEX_LENGTH) DESC
LIMIT
  5;
```

Disk space for the target TiKV cluster

The target TiKV cluster must have enough disk space to store the imported data. In addition to the standard hardware requirements, the storage space of the target TiKV cluster must be larger than **the size of the data source x the number of replicas x 2**. For example, if the cluster uses 3 replicas by default, the target TiKV cluster must have a storage space larger than 6 times the size of the data source. The formula has x 2 because:

- Index might take extra space.
- RocksDB has a space amplification effect.

8.4.5.2.3 Use Dumpling to back up full data

1. Run the following command to export full data from TiDB to `s3://my-bucket/sql-backup` in Amazon S3:

   ```
   tiup dumpling -h ${ip} -P 3306 -u root -t 16 -r 200000 -F 256MiB -B my_db1 -f 'my_db1.table[12]' -o 's3://my-bucket/sql-backup'
   ```

   Dumpling exports data in SQL files by default. You can specify a different file format by adding the `--filetype` option.

   For more configurations of Dumpling, see Option list of Dumpling.

2. After the export is completed, you can view the backup files in the directory `s3://my-bucket/sql-backup`.

8.4.5.2.4 Use TiDB Lightning to restore full data

1. Edit the `tidb-lightning.toml` file to import full data backed up using Dumpling from `s3://my-bucket/sql-backup` to the target TiDB cluster:

```
[lightning]
# log
level = "info"
file = "tidb-lightning.log"

[tikv-importer]
# "local": Default backend. The local backend is recommended to import
    ↪ large volumes of data (1 TiB or more). During the import, the
    ↪ target TiDB cluster cannot provide any service.
# "tidb": The "tidb" backend is recommended to import data less than 1
    ↪ TiB. During the import, the target TiDB cluster can provide
    ↪ service normally. For more information on the backends, refer to
    ↪ https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-backends.
backend = "local"
# Sets the temporary storage directory for the sorted Key-Value files.
    ↪ The directory must be empty, and the storage space must be
    ↪ greater than the size of the dataset to be imported. For better
    ↪ import performance, it is recommended to use a directory
    ↪ different from `data-source-dir` and use flash storage, which can
    ↪  use I/O exclusively.
sorted-kv-dir = "${sorted-kv-dir}"

[mydumper]
# The data source directory. The same directory where Dumpling exports
    ↪ data in "Use Dumpling to back up full data".
data-source-dir = "${data-path}" # A local path or S3 path. For example
    ↪ , 's3://my-bucket/sql-backup'

[tidb]
# The target TiDB cluster information.
host = ${host}             # e.g.: 172.16.32.1
port = ${port}             # e.g.: 4000
user = "${user_name}"      # e.g.: "root"
password = "${password}"   # e.g.: "rootroot"
status-port = ${status-port} # During the import, TiDB Lightning needs
    ↪ to obtain the table schema information from the TiDB status port.
    ↪  e.g.: 10080
pd-addr = "${ip}:${port}" # The address of the PD cluster, e.g.:
    ↪ 172.16.31.3:2379. TiDB Lightning obtains some information from PD
    ↪ . When backend = "local", you must specify status-port and pd-
    ↪ addr correctly. Otherwise, the import will be abnormal.
```

For more information on TiDB Lightning configuration, refer to TiDB Lightning Configuration.

2. Start the import by running `tidb-lightning`. If you launch the program directly in the command line, the process might exit unexpectedly after receiving a `SIGHUP` signal. In this case, it is recommended to run the program using a `nohup` or `screen` tool. For example:

   If you import data from S3, pass the SecretKey and AccessKey that have access to the S3 storage path as environment variables to the TiDB Lightning node. You can also read the credentials from `~/.aws/credentials`.

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=${access_key}
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=${secret_key}
nohup tiup tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning.toml > nohup.out 2>&1
    ↪ &
```

3. After the import starts, you can `grep` the keyword `progress` in the log to check the progress of the import. The progress is updated every 5 minutes by default.

4. After TiDB Lightning completes the import, it exits automatically. Check whether `tidb-lightning.log` contains `the whole procedure completed` in the last lines. If yes, the import is successful. If no, the import encounters an error. Address the error as instructed in the error message.

> **Note:**
>
> Whether the import is successful or not, the last line of the log shows `tidb ↪ lightning exit`. It means that TiDB Lightning exits normally, but does not necessarily mean that the import is successful.

If the import fails, refer to TiDB Lightning FAQ for troubleshooting.

8.4.5.3 Back Up and Restore RawKV

TiKV and PD can constitute a KV database when used without TiDB, which is called RawKV. TiKV-BR supports data backup and restore for products that use RawKV.

For more details, see TiKV-BR User Docs.

8.4.5.4 TiDB Incremental Backup and Restore Guide

Incremental data of a TiDB cluster is differentiated data between the starting snapshot and the end snapshot of time period, and the DDLs generated during this period. Compared with full (snapshot) backup data, incremental data is smaller and therefore it is a supplementary to snapshot backup, which reduces the volume of backup data. To perform incremental backup, ensure that MVCC data generated within the specified period is not

garbage collected by the TiDB GC mechanism. For example, to perform incremental backup hourly, you must set `tidb_gc_life_time` to a value greater than 1 hour.

> **Warning:**
>
> Development for this feature has stopped. It is recommended that you use log backup and PITR as an alternative.

8.4.5.4.1 Limitations

Because restoring the incremental backup relies on the snapshot of the database table at the backup time point to filter incremental DDL statements, the tables deleted during the incremental backup process might still exist after the data restore and need to be manually deleted.

The incremental backup does not support batch renaming of tables. If batch renaming of tables occurs during the incremental backup process, the data restore might fail. It is recommended to perform a full backup after batch renaming tables, and use the latest full backup to replace the incremental data during restore.

Starting from v8.3.0, the `--allow-pitr-from-incremental` configuration parameter is introduced to control whether incremental backups and subsequent log backups are compatible. The default value is `true`, which means that incremental backups are compatible with subsequent log backups.

- When you keep the default value `true`, the DDLs that need to be replayed are strictly checked before the incremental restore begins. This mode does not yet support `ADD INDEX`, `MODIFY COLUMN`, or `REORG PARTITION`. If you want to use incremental backups together with log backups, make sure that none of the preceding DDLs exist during the incremental backup process. Otherwise, these three DDLs cannot be replayed correctly.
- If you want to use incremental restores without log backups during the whole recovery process, you can set `--allow-pitr-from-incremental` to `false` to skip the checks in the incremental recovery phase.

8.4.5.4.2 Back up incremental data

To back up incremental data, run the `tiup br backup` command with **the last backup timestamp** `--lastbackupts` specified. In this way, br command-line tool automatically backs up incremental data generated between `lastbackupts` and the current time. To get `--lastbackupts`, run the `validate` command. The following is an example:

```
LAST_BACKUP_TS=`tiup br validate decode --field="end-version" --storage "s3
    ↪ ://backup-101/snapshot-202209081330?access-key=${access-key}&secret-
    ↪ access-key=${secret-access-key}"| tail -n1`
```

The following command backs up the incremental data between (`LAST_BACKUP_TS`, `current PD timestamp`] and the DDLs generated during this time period:

```
tiup br backup full --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "s3://backup-101/snapshot-202209081330/incr?access-key=${access-
    ↪ key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
--lastbackupts ${LAST_BACKUP_TS} \
--ratelimit 128
```

- `--lastbackupts`: The last backup timestamp.
- `--ratelimit`: The maximum speed **per TiKV** performing backup tasks (in MiB/s).
- `storage`: The storage path of backup data. You need to save the incremental backup data under a different path from the previous snapshot backup. In the preceding example, incremental backup data is saved in the `incr` directory under the full backup data. For details, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

8.4.5.4.3 Restore incremental data

When restoring incremental data, make sure that all the data backed up before `LAST_BACKUP_TS` has been restored to the target cluster. Also, because incremental restore updates data, you need to ensure that there are no other writes during the restore. Otherwise, conflicts might occur.

The following command restores the full backup data stored in the `backup-101/snapshot-202209081330` directory:

```
tiup br restore full --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "s3://backup-101/snapshot-202209081330?access-key=${access-key}&
    ↪ secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}"
```

The following command restores the incremental backup data stored in the `backup-101/snapshot-202209081330/incr` directory:

```
tiup br restore full --pd "${PD_IP}:2379" \
--storage "s3://backup-101/snapshot-202209081330/incr?access-key=${access-
    ↪ key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}"
```

8.5 Cluster Disaster Recovery (DR)

8.5.1 Overview of TiDB Disaster Recovery Solutions

This document introduces the disaster recovery (DR) solutions provided by TiDB. The organization of this document is as follows:

- Describes the basic concepts in DR.
- Introduces the architecture of TiDB, TiCDC, and Backup & Restore (BR).
- Describes the DR solutions provided by TiDB.
- Compares these DR solutions.

8.5.1.1 Basic concepts

- RTO (Recovery Time Objective): The time required for the system to recover from a disaster.
- RPO (Recovery Point Objective): The maximum amount of data loss that the business can tolerate in a disaster.

The following figure illustrates these two concepts:

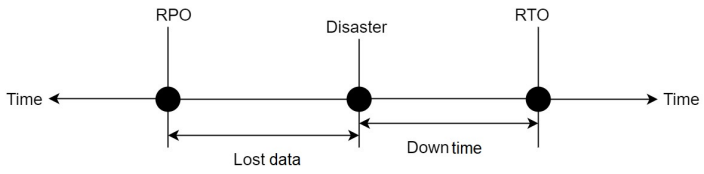


Figure 145: RTO and RPO

- Error tolerance objective: Because a disaster can affect different regions. In this document, the term error tolerance objective is used to describe the maximum range of a disaster that the system can tolerate.
- Region: This document focuses on regional DR and "region" mentioned here refers to a geographical area or city.

8.5.1.2 Component architecture

Before introducing specific DR solutions, this section introduces the architecture of TiDB components from the perspective of DR, including TiDB, TiCDC, and BR.

8.5.1.2.1 TiDB

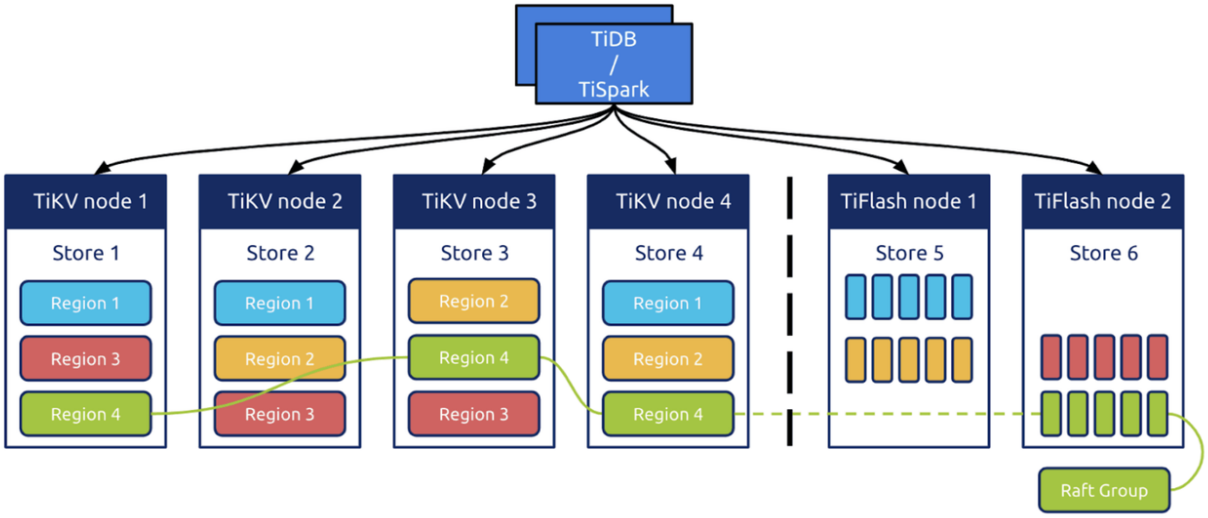


Figure 146: TiDB architecture

TiDB is designed with an architecture of separated computing and storage:

- TiDB is the SQL computing layer of the system.
- TiKV is the storage layer of the system, and is a row-based storage engine. Region is the basic unit for scheduling data in TiKV. A Region is a collection of sorted rows of data. The data in a Region is saved in at least three replicas, and data changes are replicated in the log layer through the Raft protocol.
- An optional component, TiFlash is a columnar storage engine that can be used to speed up analytical queries. Data is replicated from TiKV to TiFlash through the learner role in a Raft group.

TiDB stores three complete data replicas. Therefore, it is naturally capable of DR based on multiple replicas. At the same time, because TiDB uses Raft logs to replicate transaction logs, it can also provide DR based on transaction log replication.

8.5.1.2.2 TiCDC

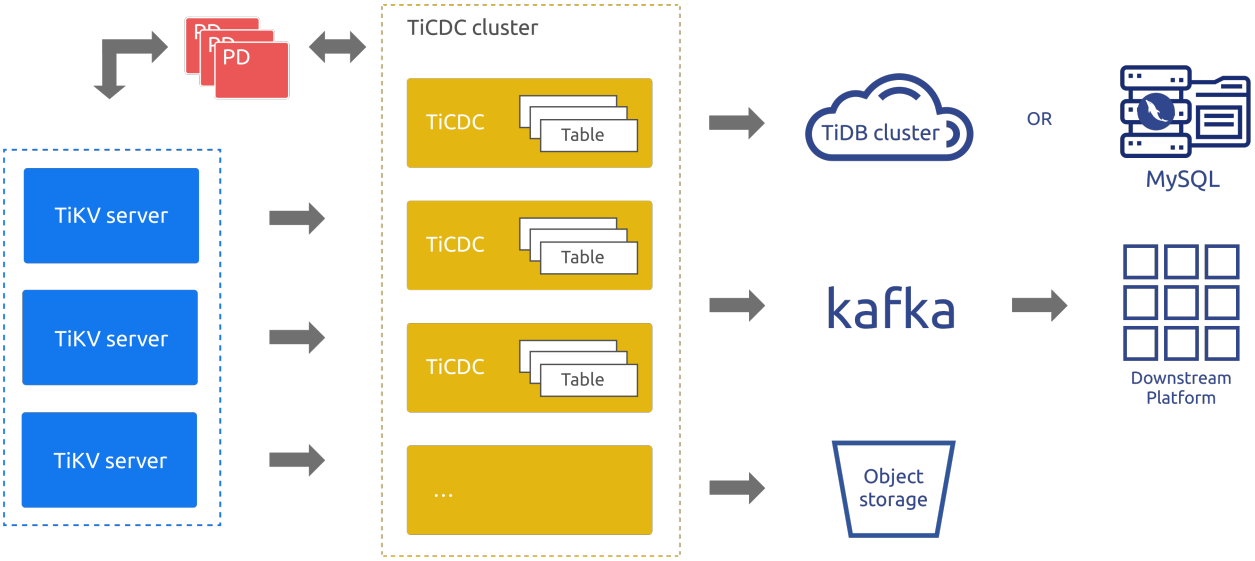


Figure 147: TiCDC architecture

As an incremental data replication tool for TiDB, TiCDC is highly available through PD's etcd. TiCDC pulls data changes from TiKV nodes through multiple Capture processes, and then sorts and merges data changes internally. After that, TiCDC replicates data to multiple downstream systems by using multiple replication tasks. In the preceding architecture diagram:

- TiKV server: sends data changes in the upstream to TiCDC nodes. When TiCDC nodes find the change logs not continuous, they will actively request the TiKV server to provide change logs.
- TiCDC: runs multiple Capture processes. Each Capture process pulls part of the KV change logs, and sorts the pulled data before replicating the changes to different downstream systems.

It can be seen from the preceding architecture diagram that, the architecture of TiCDC is similar to that of a transactional log replication system, but with better scalability and merits of logical data replication. Therefore, TiCDC is a good supplementation for TiDB in the DR scenario.

8.5.1.2.3 BR

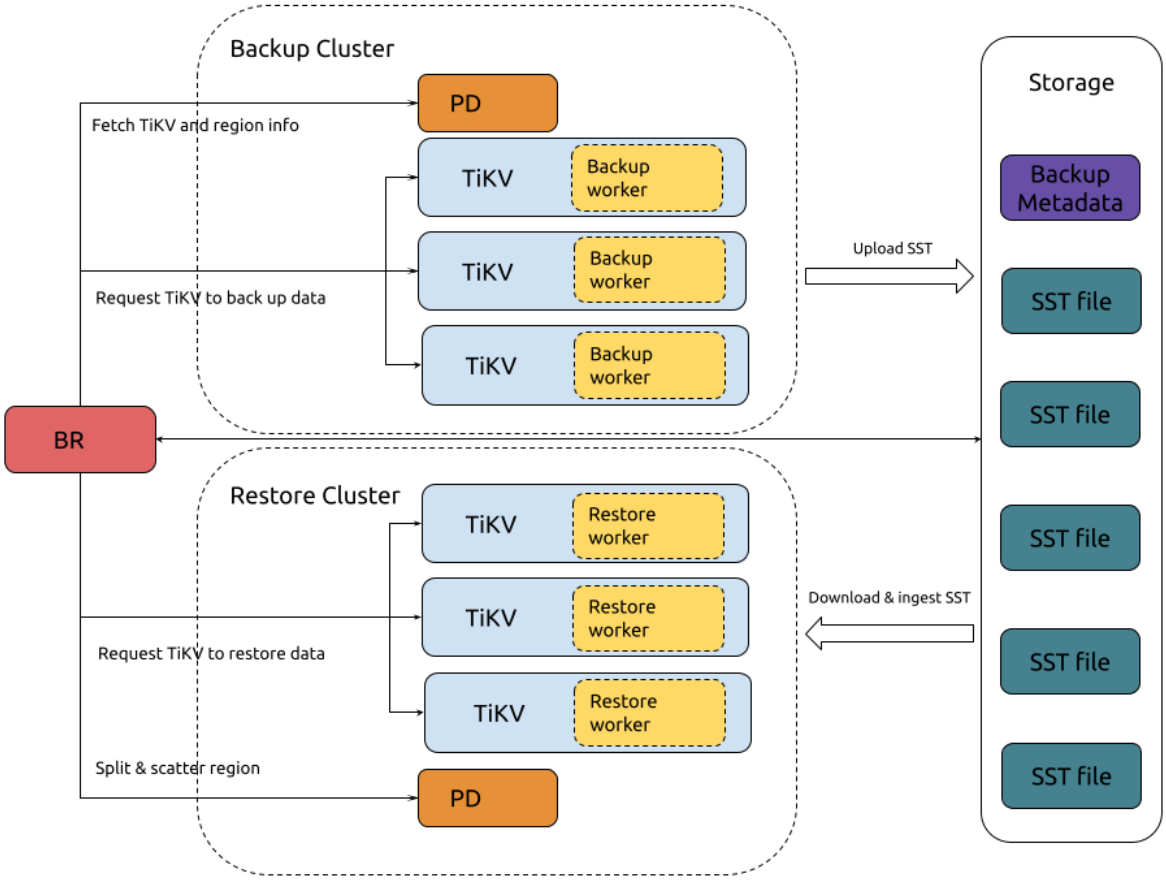


Figure 148: BR architecture

As a backup and restore tool for TiDB, BR can perform full snapshot backup based on a specific time point and continuous log backup of a TiDB cluster. When the TiDB cluster is completely unavailable, you can restore the backup files in a new cluster. BR is usually considered the last resort for data security.

8.5.1.3 Solutions introduction

8.5.1.3.1 DR solution based on primary and secondary clusters

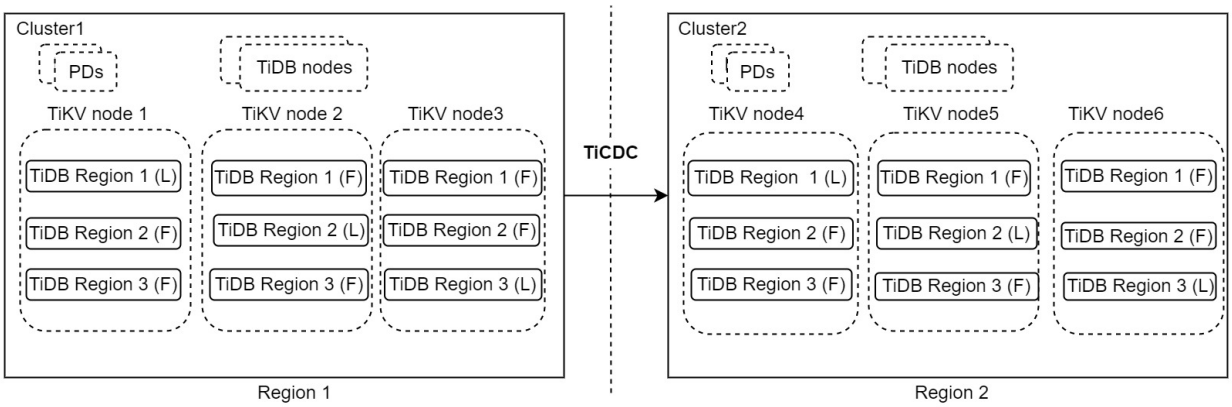


Figure 149: Primary-secondary cluster DR

The preceding architecture contains two TiDB clusters, cluster 1 runs in region 1 and handles read and write requests. Cluster 2 runs in region 2 and works as the secondary cluster. When cluster 1 encounters a disaster, cluster 2 takes over services. Data changes are replicated between the two clusters using TiCDC. This architecture is also called the "1:1" DR solution.

This architecture is simple and highly available with region-level error tolerance objective, scalable write capability, second-level RPO, and minute-level RTO or even lower. If a production system does not require the RPO to be zero, this DR solution is recommended. For more information about this solution, see DR solution based on primary and secondary clusters.

8.5.1.3.2 DR solution based on multiple replicas in a single cluster

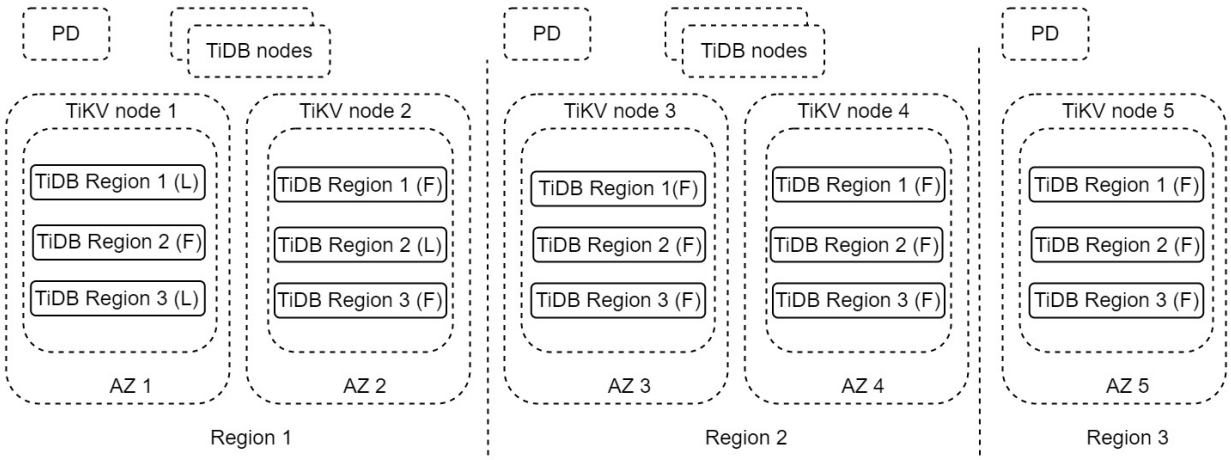


Figure 150: Multi-replica cluster DR

In the preceding architecture, each region has two complete data replicas located in different available zones (AZs). The entire cluster is across three regions. Region 1 is the primary region that handles read and write requests. When region 1 is completely unavailable due to a disaster, region 2 can be used as a DR region. Region 3 is a replica used to meet the majority protocol. This architecture is also called the "2-2-1" solution.

This solution provides region-level error tolerance, scalable write capability, zero RPO, and minute-level RTO or even lower. If a production system requires zero RPO, it is recommended to use this DR solution. For more information about this solution, see DR solution based on multiple replicas in a single cluster.

8.5.1.3.3 DR solution based on TiCDC and multiple replicas

The preceding two solutions provide regional DR. However, they fail to work if multiple regions are unavailable at the same time. If your system is very important and requires error tolerance objective to cover multiple regions, you need to combine these two solutions.

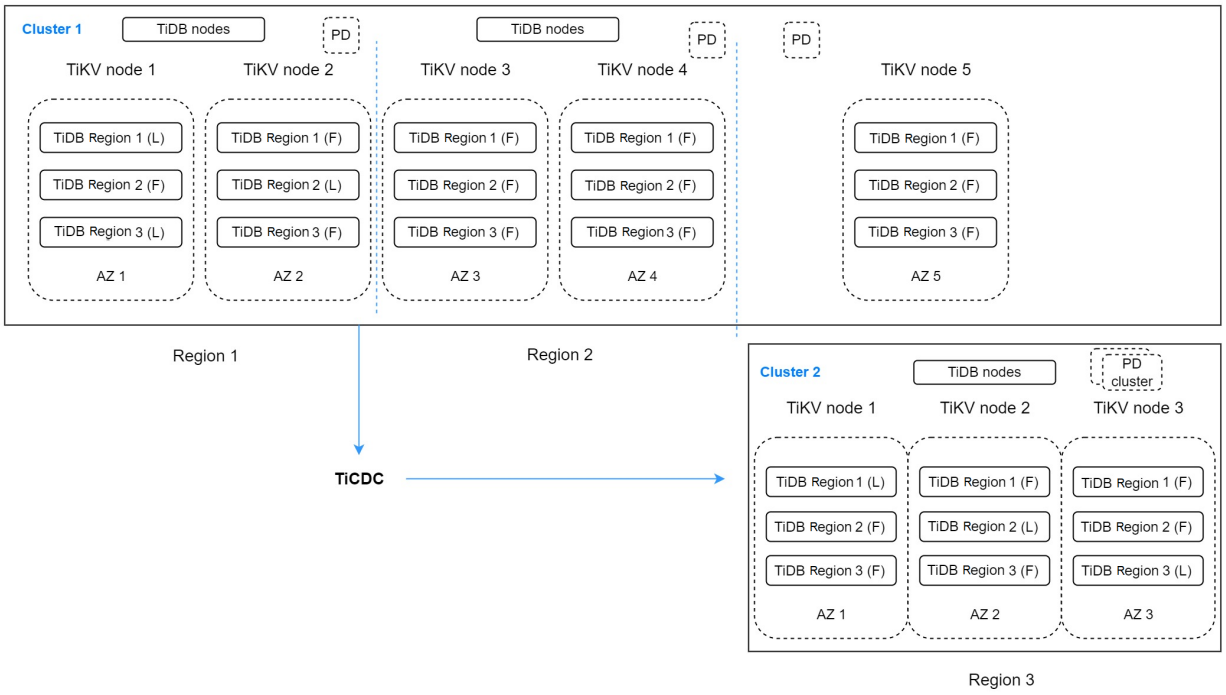


Figure 151: TiCDC-based multi-replica cluster DR

In the preceding architecture, there are two TiDB clusters. Cluster 1 has five replicas that span three regions. Region 1 contains two replicas that work as the primary region and handle write requests. Region 2 has two replicas that work as the DR region for region 1. This region provides read services that are not sensitive to latency. Located in Region 3, the last replica is used for voting.

As the DR cluster for region 1 and region 2, cluster 2 runs in region 3 and contains three replicas. TiCDC replicates data from cluster 1. This architecture looks complicated but it can increase the error tolerance objective to multiple regions. If the RPO is not required to be zero when multiple regions are unavailable at the same time, this architecture is a good choice. This architecture is also called the "2-2-1:1" solution.

Of course, if the error tolerance objective is multiple regions and RPO must be zero, you can also consider creating a cluster with at least nine replicas spanning five regions. This architecture is also called the "2-2-2-2-1" solution.

8.5.1.3.4 DR solution based on BR

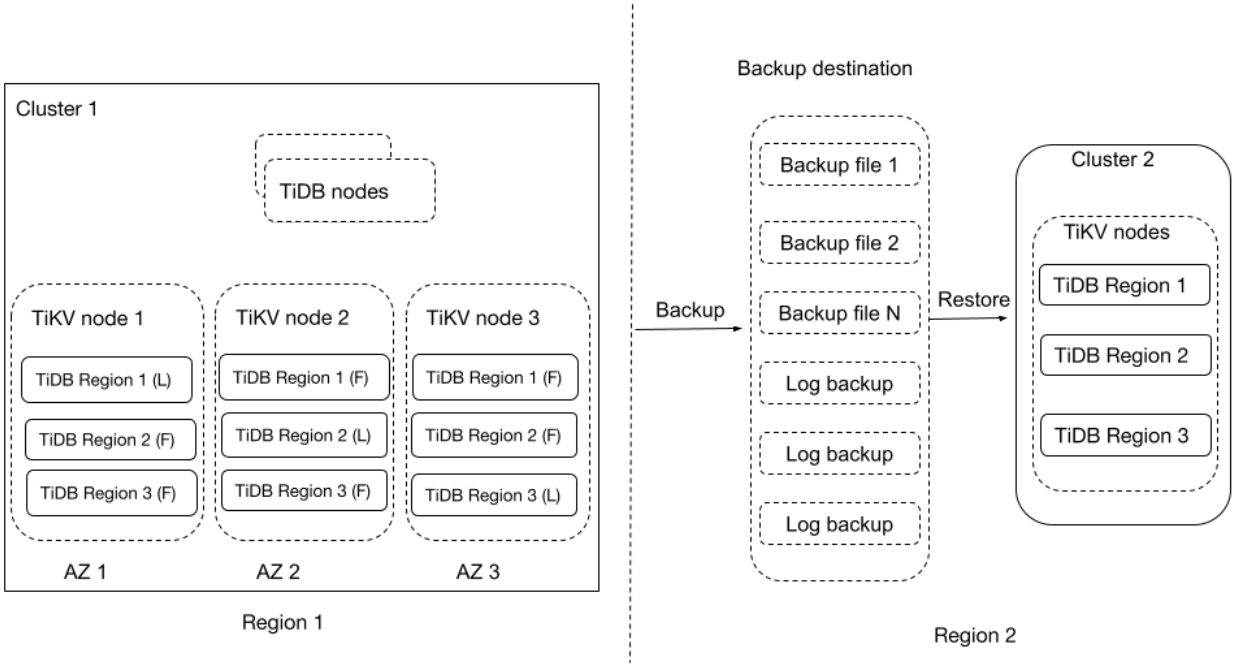


Figure 152: BR-based cluster DR

In this architecture, TiDB cluster 1 is deployed in region 1. BR regularly backs up the data of cluster 1 to region 2, and continuously backs up the data change logs of this cluster to region 2 as well. When region 1 encounters a disaster and cluster 1 cannot be recovered, you can use the backup data and data change logs to restore a new cluster (cluster 2) in region 2 to provide services.

The DR solution based on BR provides an RPO lower than 5 minutes and an RTO that varies with the size of the data to be restored. For BR v6.5.0, you can refer to Performance and impact of snapshot restore and Performance and impact of PITR to learn about the restore speed. Usually, the feature of backup across regions is considered the last resort of data security and also a must-have solution for most systems. For more information about this solution, see DR solution based on BR.

Meanwhile, starting from v6.5.0, BR supports restoring a TiDB cluster from EBS volume snapshots. If your cluster is running on Kubernetes and you want to restore the cluster as fast as possible without affecting the cluster, you can use this feature to reduce the RTO of your system.

8.5.1.3.5 Other DR solutions

Besides the preceding DR solutions, if zero RPO is a must in the same-city dual-center scenario, you can also use the DR-AUTO sync solution. For more information, see Two Data Centers in One City Deployment.

8.5.1.4 Solution comparison

This section compares the DR solutions mentioned in this document, based on which you can select an appropriate DR solution to satisfy your business needs.

DR solution	TCO	Error tolerance objective	RPO	RTO	Network latency requirement	Target system
DR solution based on multiple replicas in a single cluster (2-2-1)	High	Single region	0	Minute level	Less than 30 ms between regions	Production systems that have specific requirements on DR and response (RPO = 0)

DR solution	TCO	Error tolerance objective	RPO	RTO	Network latency requirement	Target system
DR solution based on primary and secondary clusters (1:1)	Medium	Single region	Less than 10 seconds	Less than 5 minutes	Less than 100 ms between regions	Production systems that have specific requirements on DR and response (RPO > 0)

DR solution	TCO	Error tolerance objective	RPO	RTO	Network latency requirement	Target system
DR solution based on TiCDC and multiple replicas (2-2-1:1)	High	Multiple regions	Less than 10 seconds	Less than 5 minutes	Less than 30 ms for regions that use multiple replicas for DR. Less than 100 ms for the third region and other regions	Production systems that have strict requirements on DR and response

DR solution	TCO	Error tolerance objective	RPO	RTO	Network latency requirement	Target system
DR solution based on BR	Low	Single region	Less than 5 minutes	Hour level	No special requirement	Production systems that accept an RPO of less than 5 minutes and an RTO of up to an hour

8.5.2 DR Solution Based on Primary and Secondary Clusters

Disaster recovery (DR) based on primary and secondary databases is a common solution. In this solution, the DR system has a primary cluster and a secondary cluster. The primary cluster handles user requests, while the secondary cluster backs up data from the primary cluster. When the primary cluster fails, the secondary cluster takes over services and continues to provide services using the backup data. This ensures that the business system continues to run normally without any interruptions caused by a failure.

The primary-secondary DR solution has the following benefits:

- High availability: The primary-secondary architecture enhances system availability, ensuring fast recovery from any failure.

- Fast switchover: When the primary cluster fails, the system can quickly switch to the secondary cluster and continue to provide services.
- Data consistency: The secondary cluster backs up the data from the primary cluster in almost real time. In this way, the data is basically up-to-date when the system switches to the secondary cluster due to a failure.

This document includes the following contents:

- Set up a primary cluster and a secondary cluster.
- Replicate data from the primary cluster to the secondary cluster.
- Monitor the clusters.
- Perform a DR switchover.

Meanwhile, this document also describes how to query business data on the secondary cluster and how to perform bidirectional replication between the primary and secondary clusters.

8.5.2.1 Set up primary and secondary clusters based on TiCDC

8.5.2.1.1 Architecture

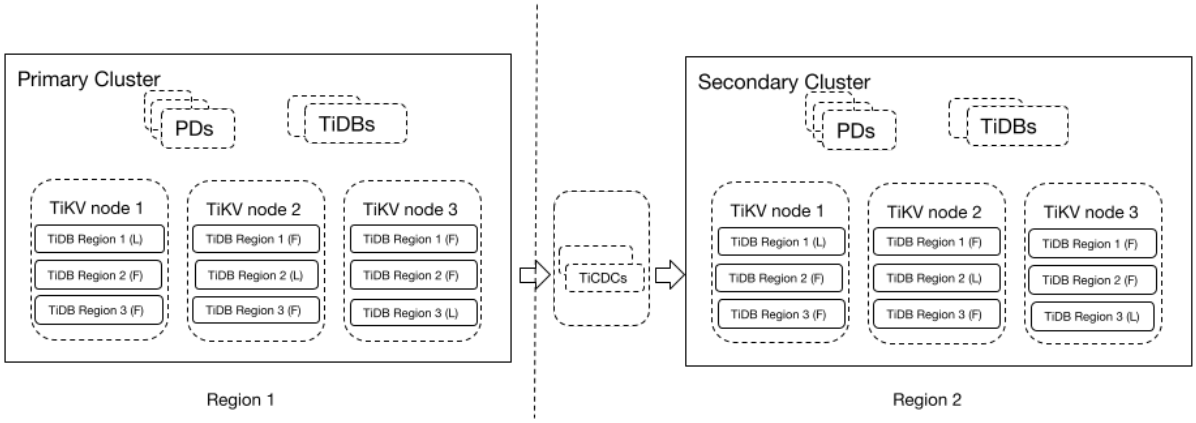


Figure 153: TiCDC secondary cluster architecture

The preceding architecture includes two TiDB clusters: a primary cluster and a secondary cluster.

- Primary cluster: The active cluster that runs in region 1 and has three replicas. This cluster handles read and write requests.
- Secondary cluster: The standby cluster that runs in region 2 and replicates data from the primary cluster through TiCDC.

This DR architecture is simple and easy to use. Being capable of tolerating regional failures, the DR system guarantees that the write performance of the primary cluster does not deteriorate, and the secondary cluster can handle some read-only business that is not latency-sensitive. The Recovery Point Objective (RPO) of this solution is in seconds, and the Recovery Time Objective (RTO) can be minutes or even lower. This is a solution recommended by many database vendors for important production systems.

Note:

- "Region" in TiKV means a range of data while the term "region" means a physical location. The two terms are not interchangeable.
- Do not run multiple changefeeds to replicate data to the secondary cluster, or run another secondary cluster with the presence of a secondary cluster already. Otherwise, the integrity of data transactions of the secondary cluster cannot be guaranteed.

8.5.2.1.2 Set up primary and secondary clusters

In this document, the TiDB primary and secondary clusters are deployed in two different regions (region 1 and region 2). TiCDC is deployed together with the secondary cluster, because there is a certain network latency between the primary and secondary clusters. Deploying TiCDC with the secondary cluster can avoid the impact of network latency, which helps achieve optimal replication performance. The deployment topology of the example provided in this document is as follows (one component node is deployed on one server):

Region	Host	Cluster	Component
Region 1	10.0.1.9	Primary	Monitor, Grafana, or AlterManager
Region 2	10.0.1.11	Secondary	Monitor, Grafana, or AlterManager
Region 1	10.0.1.1/10.0.1.2/10.0.1.3	Primary	PD
Region 2	10.1.1.1/10.1.1.2/10.1.1.3	Secondary	PD
Region 2	10.1.1.9/10.1.1.10	Primary	TiCDC
Region 1	10.0.1.4/10.0.1.5	Primary	TiDB
Region 2	10.1.1.4/10.1.1.5	Secondary	TiDB
Region 1	10.0.1.6/10.0.1.7/10.0.1.8	Primary	TiKV
Region 2	10.1.1.6/10.1.1.7/10.1.1.8	Secondary	TiKV

For server configurations, see the following documents:

- Software and hardware recommendations for TiDB
- Software and hardware recommendations for TiCDC

For details about how to deploy TiDB primary and secondary clusters, see Deploy a TiDB cluster.

When deploying TiCDC, note that the secondary cluster and TiCDC must be deployed and managed together, and the network between them must be connected.

- To deploy TiCDC on an existing primary cluster, see Deploy TiCDC.
- To deploy a new primary cluster and TiCDC, use the following deployment template and modify the configuration parameters as needed:

```
global:
user: "tidb"
ssh_port: 22
deploy_dir: "/tidb-deploy"
data_dir: "/tidb-data"
server_configs: {}
pd_servers:
- host: 10.0.1.1
- host: 10.0.1.2
- host: 10.0.1.3
tidb_servers:
- host: 10.0.1.4
- host: 10.0.1.5
tikv_servers:
- host: 10.0.1.6
- host: 10.0.1.7
- host: 10.0.1.8
monitoring_servers:
- host: 10.0.1.9
grafana_servers:
- host: 10.0.1.9
alertmanager_servers:
- host: 10.0.1.9
cdc_servers:
- host: 10.1.1.9
    gc-ttl: 86400
    data_dir: "/cdc-data"
    ticdc_cluster_id: "DR_TiCDC"
- host: 10.1.1.10
    gc-ttl: 86400
```

```
    data_dir: "/cdc-data"
    ticdc_cluster_id: "DR_TiCDC"
```

8.5.2.1.3 Replicate data from the primary cluster to the secondary cluster

After setting up the TiDB primary and secondary clusters, first migrate the data from the primary cluster to the secondary cluster, and then create a replication task to replicate real-time change data from the primary cluster to the secondary cluster.

Select an external storage

An external storage is used when migrating data and replicating real-time change data. Amazon S3 is a recommended choice. If the TiDB cluster is deployed in a self-built data center, the following methods are recommended:

- Build MinIO as the backup storage system, and use the S3 protocol to back up data to MinIO.
- Mount Network File System (NFS, such as NAS) disks to br command-line tool, TiKV, and TiCDC instances, and use the POSIX file system interface to write backup data to the corresponding NFS directory.

The following example uses MinIO as the storage system and is for reference only. Note that you need to prepare a separate server to deploy MinIO in region 1 or region 2.

```
wget https://dl.min.io/server/minio/release/linux-amd64/minio
chmod +x minio
### Configure access-key and access-secret-id to access MinIO
export HOST_IP='10.0.1.10' # Replace it with the IP address of MinIO
export MINIO_ROOT_USER='minio'
export MINIO_ROOT_PASSWORD='miniostorage'
### Create the redo and backup directories. `backup` and `redo` are bucket
    ↪ names.
mkdir -p data/redo
mkdir -p data/backup
### Start minio at port 6060
nohup ./minio server ./data --address :6060 &
```

The preceding command starts a MinIO server on one node to simulate Amazon S3 services. Parameters in the command are configured as follows:

- `endpoint`: `http://10.0.1.10:6060/`
- `access-key`: `minio`
- `secret-access-key`: `miniostorage`
- `bucket`: `redo/backup`

The link is as follows:

```
s3://backup?access-key=minio&secret-access-key=miniostorage&endpoint=http
    ↪ ://10.0.1.10:6060&force-path-style=true
```

Migrate data

Use the backup and restore feature to migrate data from the primary cluster to the secondary cluster.

1. Disable GC. To ensure that newly written data is not deleted during incremental migration, you should disable GC for the upstream cluster before backup. In this way, history data is not deleted.

   Execute the following statement to disable GC:

   ```
   SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_enable=FALSE;
   ```

   To verify that the change takes effect, query the value of `tidb_gc_enable`:

   ```
   SELECT @@global.tidb_gc_enable;
   ```

   If the value is `0`, it means that GC is disabled:

   ```
   +--------------------------+
   | @@global.tidb_gc_enable |
   +--------------------------+
   |                        0 |
   +--------------------------+
   1 row in set (0.00 sec)
   ```

   Note:

   In production clusters, performing a backup with GC disabled might affect cluster performance. It is recommended that you back up data during off-peak hours, and set `RATE_LIMIT` to a proper value to avoid performance degradation.

2. Back up data. Execute the `BACKUP` statement in the upstream cluster to back up data:

   ```
   BACKUP DATABASE * TO '`s3://backup?access-key=minio&secret-access-key=
       ↪ miniostorage&endpoint=http://10.0.1.10:6060&force-path-style=true
       ↪ `';
   ```

   ```
   +---------------------+----------+--------------------+-------------------------+-----
       ↪
   | Destination         | Size     | BackupTS           | Queue Time              |
       ↪ Execution Time    |
   ```

```
+---------------------+---------+-------------------+-----------------------+-----
    ↪
| s3://backup         | 10315858 | 431434047157698561 | 2022-02-25
    ↪ 19:57:59 | 2022-02-25 19:57:59 |
+---------------------+---------+-------------------+-----------------------+-----
    ↪
1 row in set (2.11 sec)
```

After the `BACKUP` statement is executed, TiDB returns metadata about the backup data. Pay attention to `BackupTS`, because data generated before it is backed up. In this document, `BackupTS` is used as **the start of incremental migration**.

3. Restore data. Execute the `RESTORE` statement in the secondary cluster to restore data:

```
RESTORE DATABASE * FROM '`s3://backup?access-key=minio&secret-access-
    ↪ key=miniostorage&endpoint=http://10.0.1.10:6060&force-path-style=
    ↪ true`';
```

```
+---------------------+---------+---------+---------------------+--------------
    ↪
| Destination         | Size    | BackupTS | Queue Time         | Execution
    ↪ Time    |
+---------------------+---------+---------+---------------------+--------------
    ↪
| s3://backup         | 10315858 | 0       | 2022-02-25 20:03:59 |
    ↪ 2022-02-25 20:03:59 |
+---------------------+---------+---------+---------------------+--------------
    ↪
1 row in set (41.85 sec)
```

Replicate incremental data

After migrating data as described in the preceding section, you can replicate incremental data from the primary cluster to the secondary cluster starting from the **BackupTS**.

1. Create a changefeed.

   Create a changefeed configuration file `changefeed.toml`.

```
[consistent]
# eventual consistency: redo logs are used to ensure eventual
    ↪ consistency in disaster scenarios.
level = "eventual"
# The size of a single redo log, in MiB. The default value is 64, and
    ↪ the recommended value is less than 128.
max-log-size = 64
```

```
# The interval for refreshing or uploading redo logs to Amazon S3, in
    ↪ milliseconds. The default value is 1000, and the recommended
    ↪ value range is 500-2000.
flush-interval = 2000
# The path where redo logs are saved.
storage = "s3://redo?access-key=minio&secret-access-key=miniostorage&
    ↪ endpoint=http://10.0.1.10:6060&force-path-style=true"
```

In the primary cluster, run the following command to create a changefeed from the primary to the secondary cluster:

```
tiup cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://10.1.1.9:8300 \
--sink-uri="mysql://{username}:{password}@10.1.1.4:4000" \
--changefeed-id="dr-primary-to-secondary" --start-ts
    ↪ ="431434047157698561"
```

For more information about the changefeed configurations, see TiCDC Changefeed Configurations.

2. To check whether a changefeed task runs properly, run the `changefeed query` command. The query result includes the task information and the task state. You can specify the `--simple` or `-s` argument to display only the basic replication state and the checkpoint information. If you do not specify this argument, the output includes detailed task configuration, replication state, and replication table information.

```
tiup cdc cli changefeed query -s --server=http://10.1.1.9:8300 --
    ↪ changefeed-id="dr-primary-to-secondary"
```

```
{
"state": "normal",
"tso": 431434047157998561, # The TSO to which the changefeed has been
    ↪ replicated
"checkpoint": "2020-08-27 10:12:19.579", # The physical time
    ↪ corresponding to the TSO
"error": null
}
```

3. Enable GC.

   TiCDC ensures that history data is not garbage collected before it is replicated. Therefore, after creating a changefeed from the primary cluster to the secondary cluster, you can execute the following statement to enable GC again.

Execute the following statement to enable GC:

```
```sql
SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_enable=TRUE;
```
```

```
```

To verify that the change takes effect, query the value of `tidb_gc_enable`:

```sql
SELECT @@global.tidb_gc_enable;
```

If the value is `1`, it means that GC is enabled:

```
+--------------------------+
| @@global.tidb_gc_enable |
+--------------------------+
|                        1 |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```
```

#### 8.5.2.1.4 Monitor the primary and secondary clusters

Currently, no DR dashboard is available in TiDB. You can check the status of TiDB primary and secondary clusters using the following dashboards and decide whether to perform a DR switchover:

- TiDB Key Metrics
- Changefeed Metrics

#### 8.5.2.1.5 Perform DR switchover

This section describes how to perform a planned DR switchover, a DR switchover upon disasters, and the steps to rebuild a secondary cluster.

Planned primary and secondary switchover

It is important to conduct regular DR drills for critical business systems to test their reliability. The following are the recommended steps for DR drills. Note that simulated business writes and usage of proxy services to access databases are not considered, and therefore the steps might differ from actual application scenarios. You can modify the configurations as required.

1. Stop business writes on the primary cluster.
2. After there are no more writes, query the latest TSO (`Position`) of the TiDB cluster:

```
BEGIN; SELECT TIDB_CURRENT_TSO(); ROLLBACK;
```
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

+--------------------+
| TIDB_CURRENT_TSO() |
+--------------------+
| 452654700157468673 |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

3. Poll the changefeed `dr-primary-to-secondary` until it meets the condition `TSO >= Position`.

```
tiup cdc cli changefeed query -s --server=http://10.1.1.9:8300 --
    ↪ changefeed-id="dr-primary-to-secondary"

{
    "state": "normal",
    "tso": 438224029039198209, # The TSO to which the changefeed has
        ↪ been replicated
    "checkpoint": "2022-12-22 14:53:25.307", # The physical time
        ↪ corresponding to the TSO
    "error": null
}
```

4. Stop the changefeed `dr-primary-to-secondary`. You can pause the changefeed by removing it:

```
tiup cdc cli changefeed remove --server=http://10.1.1.9:8300 --
    ↪ changefeed-id="dr-primary-to-secondary"
```

5. Create a changefeed `dr-secondary-to-primary` without specifying the `start-ts` parameter. The changefeed starts replicating data from the current time.

6. Modify the database access configurations of business applications. Restart the business applications so that they can access the secondary cluster.

7. Check whether the business applications are running normally.

You can restore the previous primary and secondary cluster configurations by repeating the preceding steps.

Primary and secondary switchover upon disasters

When a disaster occurs, for example, power outage in the region where the primary cluster locates, the replication between the primary and secondary clusters might be interrupted suddenly. As a result, the data in the secondary cluster is inconsistent with the primary cluster.

1. Restore the secondary cluster to a transaction-consistent state. Specifically, run the following command on any TiCDC node in region 2 to apply the redo log to the secondary cluster:

```
tiup cdc redo apply --storage "s3://redo?access-key=minio&secret-access
    ↪ -key=miniostorage&endpoint=http://10.0.1.10:6060&force-path-style
    ↪ =true" --tmp-dir /tmp/redo --sink-uri "mysql://{username}:{
    ↪ password}@10.1.1.4:4000"
```

   The descriptions of parameters in this command are as follows:

   - `--storage`: The path where redo logs are stored in Amazon S3
   - `--tmp-dir`: The cache directory for downloading redo logs from Amazon S3
   - `--sink-uri`: The address of the secondary cluster

2. Modify the database access configurations of business applications. Restart the business applications so that they can access the secondary cluster.

3. Check whether the business applications are running normally.

Rebuild the primary and secondary clusters

After the disaster encountered by the primary cluster is resolved or the primary cluster cannot be recovered temporarily, the TiDB cluster is fragile because only the secondary cluster is in service as the primary cluster. To maintain the reliability of the system, you need to rebuild the DR cluster.

To rebuild the TiDB primary and secondary clusters, you can deploy a new cluster to form a new DR system. For details, see the following documents:

- Set up primary and secondary clusters
- Replicate data from the primary cluster to the secondary cluster
- After the preceding steps are completed, to make the new primary cluster, see Primary and secondary switchover.

> **Note:**
>
> If data inconsistency between the primary and secondary clusters can be resolved, you can use the repaired cluster to rebuild the DR system instead of deploying a new cluster.

8.5.2.1.6 Query business data on the secondary cluster

In a primary-secondary DR scenario, it is common that the secondary cluster is used as a read-only cluster to run some latency-insensitive queries. TiDB also provides this feature by its primary-secondary DR solution.

When creating the changefeed, enable the Syncpoint feature in the configuration file. Then the changefeed periodically (at `sync-point-interval`) sets the consistent snapshot point that has been replicated to the secondary cluster by executing `SET GLOBAL tidb_external_ts = @@tidb_current_ts` on the secondary cluster.

To query data from the secondary cluster, configure `SET GLOBAL|SESSION tidb_enable_external_ts_read = ON;` in the business application. Then you can get the data that is transactionally consistent with the primary cluster.

```
### Starting from v6.4.0, only the changefeed with the SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN or SUPER privilege can use the TiCDC Syncpoint feature.
enable-sync-point = true

### Specifies the interval at which Syncpoint aligns the primary and secondary snapshots. It also indicates the maximum latency at which you can read the complete transaction, for example, read the transaction data generated on the primary cluster two minutes ago from the secondary cluster.
### The format is in h m s. For example, "1h30m30s". The default value is "10m" and the minimum value is "30s".
sync-point-interval = "10m"

### Specifies how long the data is retained by Syncpoint in the downstream table. When this duration is exceeded, the data is cleaned up.
### The format is in h m s. For example, "24h30m30s". The default value is "24h".
sync-point-retention = "1h"

[consistent]
### eventual consistency: redo logs are used to ensure eventual consistency in disaster scenarios.
level = "eventual"
### The size of a single redo log, in MiB. The default value is 64, and the recommended value is less than 128.
max-log-size = 64
### Interval for refreshing or uploading redo logs to Amazon S3, in milliseconds. The default value is 1000, and the recommended value range is 500-2000.
flush-interval = 2000
### The path where redo logs are saved.
storage = "s3://redo?access-key=minio&secret-access-key=miniostorage&
```

```
    ↪ endpoint=http://10.0.1.10:6060&force-path-style=true"
```

Note:

In a primary-secondary DR architecture, a secondary cluster can only replicate data from one changefeed. Otherwise, the data transaction integrity of the secondary cluster cannot be guaranteed.

8.5.2.1.7 Perform bidirectional replication between the primary and secondary clusters

In this DR scenario, the TiDB clusters in two regions can act as each other's disaster recovery clusters: the business traffic is written to the corresponding TiDB cluster based on the region configuration, and the two TiDB clusters back up each other's data.

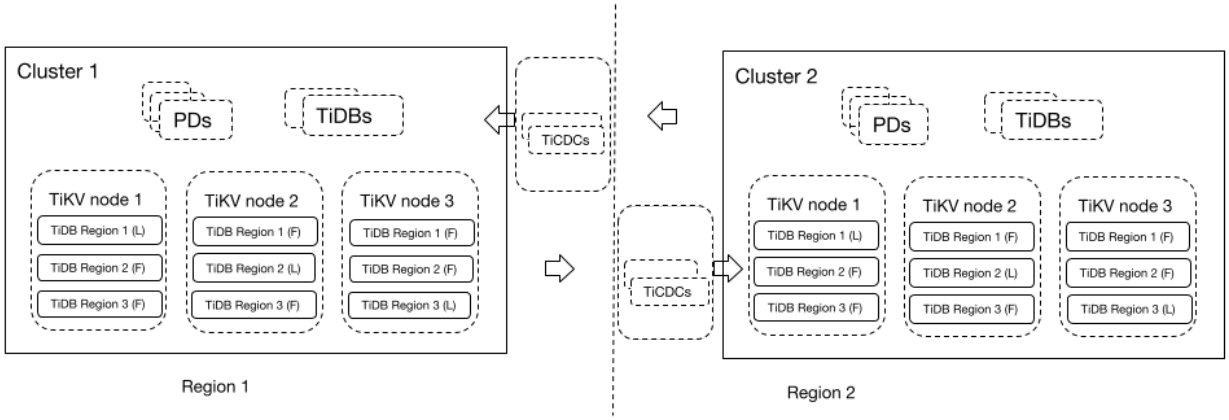


Figure 154: TiCDC bidirectional replication

With the bidirectional replication feature, the TiDB clusters in two regions can replicate each other's data. This DR solution guarantees data security and reliability, and also ensures the write performance of the database. In a planned DR switchover, you do not need to stop the running changefeeds before starting a new changefeed, which simplifies the operation and maintenance.

To build a bidirectional DR cluster, see TiCDC bidirectional replication.

8.5.2.2 Troubleshooting

If you encounter any problem in the preceding steps, you can first find the solution to the problem in TiDB FAQs. If the problem is not resolved, you can report a bug.

8.5.3 DR Solution Based on Multiple Replicas in a Single Cluster

This document describes the disaster recovery (DR) solution based on multiple replicas in a single cluster. The document is organized as follows:

- Solution introduction
- How to set up a cluster and configure replicas
- How to monitor the cluster
- How to perform a DR switchover

8.5.3.1 Introduction

Important production systems usually require regional DR with zero RPO and minute-level RTO. A Raft-based distributed database, TiDB provides multiple replicas, which allows it to support regional DR with data consistency and high availability guaranteed. Considering the small network latency between available zones (AZs) in the same region, we can dispatch business traffic to two AZs on the same region simultaneously, and achieve load balance among AZs on the same region by properly locating the Region leader and the PD leader.

> **Note:**
>
> "Region" in TiKV means a range of data while the term "region" means a physical location. The two terms are not interchangeable.

8.5.3.2 Set up a cluster and configure replicas

This section illustrates how to create a TiDB cluster across three regions with five replicas using TiUP, and how to achieve DR by properly distributing data and PD nodes.

In this example, TiDB contains five replicas and three regions. Region 1 is the primary region, region 2 is the secondary region, and region 3 is used for voting. Similarly, the PD cluster also contains 5 replicas, which function basically the same as the TiDB cluster.

1. Create a topology file similar to the following:

```
global:
  user: "root"
```

```
  ssh_port: 22
  deploy_dir: "/data/tidb_cluster/tidb-deploy"
  data_dir: "/data/tidb_cluster/tidb-data"

server_configs:
  tikv:
    server.grpc-compression-type: gzip
  pd:
    replication.location-labels: ["Region","AZ"] # PD schedules
       ↪ replicas according to the Region and AZ configuration of TiKV
       ↪  nodes.

pd_servers:
  - host: tidb-dr-test1
    name: "pd-1"
  - host: tidb-dr-test2
    name: "pd-2"
  - host: tidb-dr-test3
    name: "pd-3"
  - host: tidb-dr-test4
    name: "pd-4"
  - host: tidb-dr-test5
    name: "pd-5"

tidb_servers:
  - host: tidb-dr-test1
  - host: tidb-dr-test3

tikv_servers: # Label the Regions and AZs of each TiKV node through the
   ↪  labels option.
  - host: tidb-dr-test1
    config:
      server.labels: { Region: "Region1", AZ: "AZ1" }
  - host: tidb-dr-test2
    config:
      server.labels: { Region: "Region1", AZ: "AZ2" }
  - host: tidb-dr-test3
    config:
      server.labels: { Region: "Region2", AZ: "AZ3" }
  - host: tidb-dr-test4
    config:
      server.labels: { Region: "Region2", AZ: "AZ4" }
  - host: tidb-dr-test5
    config:
      server.labels: { Region: "Region3", AZ: "AZ5" }
```

```
    raftstore.raft-min-election-timeout-ticks: 50
    raftstore.raft-max-election-timeout-ticks: 60

monitoring_servers:
  - host: tidb-dr-test2

grafana_servers:
  - host: tidb-dr-test2

alertmanager_servers:
  - host: tidb-dr-test2
```

The preceding configurations use the following options to optimize toward cross-region DR:

- `server.grpc-compression-type: gzip` to enable gRPC message compression in TiKV, thus reducing network traffic.
- `raftstore.raft-min-election-timeout-ticks` and `raftstore.raft-max-election-timeout-ticks` to extend the time before region 3 participates in the election, thus preventing any replica in this region from being voted as the leader.

2. Create a cluster using the preceding configuration file:

```
tiup cluster deploy drtest v6.4.0 ./topo.yaml
tiup cluster start drtest --init
tiup cluster display drtest
```

Configure the number of replicas and the leader limit for the cluster:

```
tiup ctl:v6.4.0 pd config set max-replicas 5
tiup ctl:v6.4.0 pd config set label-property reject-leader Region
    ↪ Region3

# The following step adds some test data to the cluster, which is
    ↪ optional.
tiup bench tpcc prepare -H 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -D tpcc --warehouses 1
```

Specify the priority of PD leader:

```
tiup ctl:v6.4.0 pd member leader_priority pd-1 4
tiup ctl:v6.4.0 pd member leader_priority pd-2 3
tiup ctl:v6.4.0 pd member leader_priority pd-3 2
tiup ctl:v6.4.0 pd member leader_priority pd-4 1
tiup ctl:v6.4.0 pd member leader_priority pd-5 0
```

> **Note:**
> In all available PD nodes, the node with the highest priority number becomes the leader.

3. Create placement rules and fix the primary replica of the test table to region 1:

```
-- Create two placement rules: the first rule specifies that region 1
   ↪  works as the primary region, and region 2 as the secondary
   ↪ region.
-- The second placement rule specifies that when region 1 is down,
   ↪ region 2 will become the primary region.
MySQL [(none)]> CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY primary_rule_for_region1
   ↪ PRIMARY_REGION="Region1" REGIONS="Region1, Region2,Region3";
MySQL [(none)]> CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY secondary_rule_for_region2
   ↪ PRIMARY_REGION="Region2" REGIONS="Region1,Region2,Region3";

-- Apply the rule primary_rule_for_region1 to the corresponding user
   ↪ tables.
ALTER TABLE tpcc.warehouse PLACEMENT POLICY=primary_rule_for_region1;
ALTER TABLE tpcc.district PLACEMENT POLICY=primary_rule_for_region1;

-- Note: You can modify the database name, table name, and placement
   ↪ rule name as needed.

-- Confirm whether the leaders have been transferred by executing the
   ↪  following query to check the number of leaders in each region.
SELECT STORE_ID, address, leader_count, label FROM TIKV_STORE_STATUS
   ↪ ORDER BY store_id;
```

The following SQL statement can generate a SQL script to configure the leader of all non-system schema tables to a specific region:

```
SET @region_name=primary_rule_for_region1;
SELECT CONCAT('ALTER TABLE ', table_schema, '.', table_name, '
   ↪ PLACEMENT POLICY=', @region_name, ';') FROM information_schema.
   ↪ tables WHERE table_schema NOT IN ('METRICS_SCHEMA', 'PERFORMANCE
   ↪ _SCHEMA', 'INFORMATION_SCHEMA','mysql');
```

8.5.3.3 Monitor the cluster

You can monitor the performance metrics of TiKV, TiDB, PD, and other components in the cluster by accessing Grafana or TiDB Dashboard. Based on the status of the components, you can determine whether to perform a DR switchover. For details, see the following documents:

- Key Monitoring Metrics of TiDB
- Key Monitoring Metrics of TiKV
- Key Monitoring Metrics of PD
- TiDB Dashboard Monitoring Page

8.5.3.4 Perform a DR switchover

This section describes how to perform a DR switchover, including planned switchover and unplanned switchover.

8.5.3.4.1 Planned switchover

A planned switchover is a scheduled switchover between the primary and secondary regions based on the maintenance needs. It can be used to verify whether the DR system works properly. This section describes how to perform a planned switchover.

1. Run the following command to switch all user tables and PD leaders to region 2:

```
-- Apply the rule secondary_rule_for_region2 to the corresponding
   ↪ user tables.
ALTER TABLE tpcc.warehouse PLACEMENT POLICY=secondary_rule_for_region2;
ALTER TABLE tpcc.district PLACEMENT POLICY=secondary_rule_for_region2;
```

   Note: You can modify the database name, table name, and placement rule name as needed.

   Run the following commands to lower the priority of PD nodes in region 1 and increase that of PD nodes in region 2.

```
tiup ctl:v6.4.0 pd member leader_priority pd-1 2
tiup ctl:v6.4.0 pd member leader_priority pd-2 1
tiup ctl:v6.4.0 pd member leader_priority pd-3 4
tiup ctl:v6.4.0 pd member leader_priority pd-4 3
```

2. Observe the PD and TiKV nodes in Grafana and ensure that leaders of the PD and user tables have been transferred to the target region. The steps for switching back to the original region are the same as the preceding steps and are therefore not covered in this document.

8.5.3.4.2 Unplanned switchover

An unplanned switchover means a switchover between primary and secondary regions when a disaster occurs. It can also be a primary-secondary region switchover initiated to simulate disaster scenarios so as to verify the effectiveness of DR systems.

1. Run the following command to stop all TiKV, TiDB, and PD nodes in region 1:

```
tiup cluster stop drtest -N tidb-dr-test1:20160,tidb-dr-test2:20160,
    ↪ tidb-dr-test1:2379,tidb-dr-test2:2379
```

2. Run the following commands to switch the leaders of all user tables to region 2:

```
-- Apply the rule secondary_rule_for_region2 to the corresponding
    ↪ user tables.
ALTER TABLE tpcc.warehouse PLACEMENT POLICY=secondary_rule_for_region2;
ALTER TABLE tpcc.district PLACEMENT POLICY=secondary_rule_for_region2;

--- Confirm whether the leaders have been transferred by executing
    ↪ the following query to check the number of leaders in each
    ↪ region.
SELECT STORE_ID, address, leader_count, label FROM TIKV_STORE_STATUS
    ↪ ORDER BY store_id;
```

After region 1 recovers, you can use commands similar to the preceding ones to switch the leaders of user tables back to region 1.

8.5.4 DR Solution Based on BR

A TiDB cluster has multiple replicas, which allows it to tolerate the failure of a single data center or region and continue to provide services. In the case of a natural disaster, software vulnerability, hardware failure, virus attack, or misoperations, which impacts an area larger than a single data center or region, TiDB's Backup & Restore (BR) feature can back up data to an independent disaster recovery (DR) storage device to protect user data from damage. Compared with other DR solutions, the BR feature is more flexible, reliable, recoverable, and cost-effective:

- Flexibility: You can back up data any time with any frequency. This makes backup and restore flexible and better adapts to different business scenarios.
- Reliability: Backup data is usually stored on an independent storage device and this means enhanced data security.
- Recoverability: Any loss or damage to the original data caused by any unexpected situation can be recovered by restoring the backup data. This makes the BR feature highly recoverable and ensures the normal use of your database.
- Cost effectiveness: You can get your database protected using BR without spending too much.

Generally speaking, BR is the last resort for data safety. It improves the safety and reliability of the databases without requiring too much cost. BR protects data in various unexpected situations so that you can use the database safely without worrying about the risk of data loss or damage.

8.5.4.1 Perform backup and restore

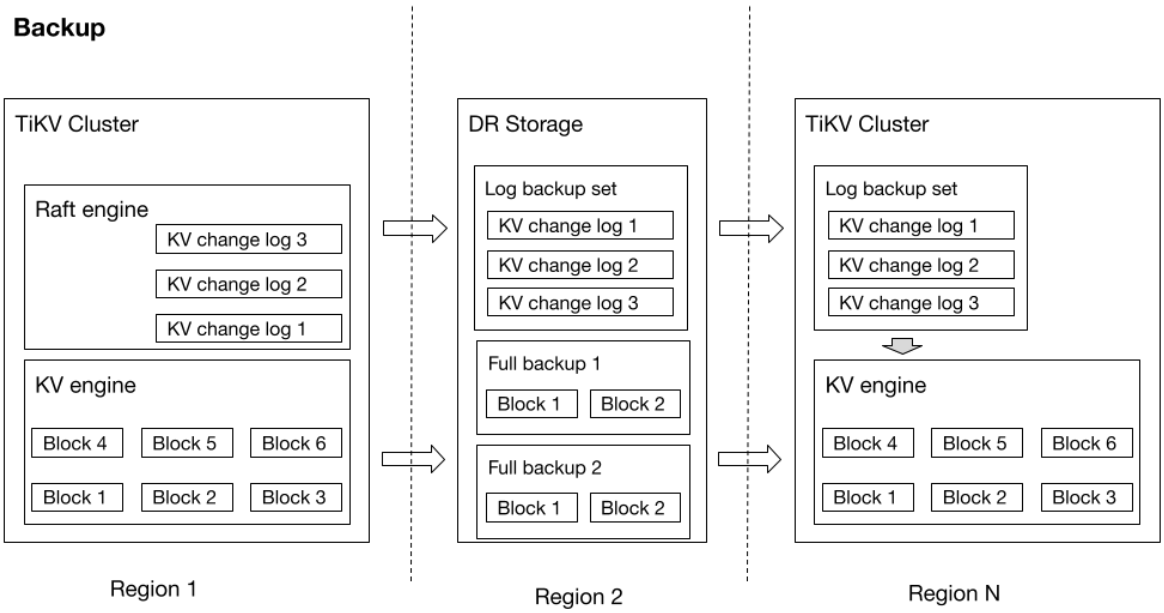


Figure 155: BR log backup and PITR architecture

As shown in the preceding architecture, you can back up data to a DR storage device located in other regions, and recover data from the backup data as needed. This means that the cluster can tolerate the failure of a single region with a Recovery Point Objective (RPO) of up to 5 minutes and a Recovery Time Objective (RTO) between tens of minutes and a few hours. However, if the database size is large, the RTO might be longer.

> **Note:**
>
> The term “region” in this document means a physical location.

Meanwhile, TiDB provides backup and restore based on block storage snapshots. This feature reduces the recovery time to hours or even less than one hour. TiDB is continuously improving and optimizing the backup and restore capabilities so as to provide you better services.

TiDB also provides detailed documentation to help you understand how to use the backup and restore feature in DR scenarios. Among them,

- Usage Overview of TiDB Backup and Restore is an overview of the BR feature, including the backup strategy and the organization of backup data.
- Backup & Restore FAQs lists the frequently asked questions (FAQs) and the solutions of TiDB Backup & Restore (BR).
- Overview of TiDB Backup & Restore Architecture describes the design architecture of the BR feature, including the backup and restore processes and the design of backup files.

8.6 Resource Manager

8.6.1 Use Resource Control to Achieve Resource Group Limitation and Flow Control

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

As a cluster administrator, you can use the resource control feature to create resource groups, set quotas for resource groups, and bind users to those groups.

The TiDB resource control feature provides two layers of resource management capabilities: the flow control capability at the TiDB layer and the priority scheduling capability at the TiKV layer. The two capabilities can be enabled separately or simultaneously. See the Parameters for resource control for details. This allows the TiDB layer to control the flow of user read and write requests based on the quotas set for the resource groups, and allows the TiKV layer to schedule the requests based on the priority mapped to the read and write quota. By doing this, you can ensure resource isolation for your applications and meet quality of service (QoS) requirements.

- TiDB flow control: TiDB flow control uses the token bucket algorithm. If there are not enough tokens in a bucket, and the resource group does not specify the `BURSTABLE` option, the requests to the resource group will wait for the token bucket to backfill the tokens and retry. The retry might fail due to timeout.
- TiKV scheduling: You can set the absolute priority (`PRIORITY`) as needed. Different resources are scheduled according to the `PRIORITY` setting. Tasks with high `PRIORITY` are scheduled first. If you do not set the absolute priority, TiKV uses the value of `RU_PER_SEC` of each resource group to determine the priority of the read and write requests for each resource group. Based on the priorities, the storage layer uses the priority queue to schedule and process requests.

Starting from v7.4.0, the resource control feature supports controlling TiFlash resources. Its principle is similar to that of TiDB flow control and TiKV scheduling:

- TiFlash flow control: With the TiFlash pipeline execution model, TiFlash can more accurately obtain the CPU consumption of different queries and convert it into Request Units (RU) for deduction. Traffic control is implemented using a token bucket algorithm.
- TiFlash scheduling: When system resources are insufficient, TiFlash schedules pipeline tasks among multiple resource groups based on their priorities. The specific logic is: First, TiFlash assesses the `PRIORITY` of the resource group, then considers the CPU usage and `RU_PER_SEC`. As a result, if `rg1` and `rg2` have the same `PRIORITY` but the `RU_PER_SEC` of `rg2` is twice that of `rg1`, the CPU usage of `rg2` is twice that of `rg1`.

For information on how to manage background tasks and handle resource-intensive queries (Runaway Queries), see the following documents:

- Use Resource Control to Managing Background Tasks
- Manage Queries That Consume More Resources Than Expected (Runaway Queries)

8.6.1.1 Scenarios for resource control

The introduction of the resource control feature is a milestone for TiDB. It can divide a distributed database cluster into multiple logical units. Even if an individual unit overuses resources, it does not crowd out the resources needed by other units.

With this feature, you can:

- Combine multiple small and medium-sized applications from different systems into a single TiDB cluster. When the workload of an application grows larger, it does not affect the normal operation of other applications. When the system workload is low, busy applications can still be allocated the required system resources even if they exceed the set quotas, so as to achieve the maximum utilization of resources.
- Choose to combine all test environments into a single TiDB cluster, or group the batch tasks that consume more resources into a single resource group. It can improve hardware utilization and reduce operating costs while ensuring that critical applications can always get the necessary resources.
- When there are mixed workloads in a system, you can put different workloads into separate resource groups. By using the resource control feature, you can ensure that the response time of transactional applications is not affected by data analysis or batch applications.
- When the cluster encounters an unexpected SQL performance issue, you can use SQL bindings along with resource groups to temporarily limit the resource consumption of a SQL statement.

In addition, the rational use of the resource control feature can reduce the number of clusters, ease the difficulty of operation and maintenance, and save management costs.

Note:

- To assess the effectiveness of resource management, it is recommended to deploy the cluster on independent computing and storage nodes. Scheduling and other cluster resource-sensitive features are hardly working properly on the deployment created by `tiup playground`, where the resources are shared across instances.

8.6.1.2 Limitations

Resource control incurs additional scheduling overhead. Therefore, there might be a slight performance degradation (less than 5%) when this feature is enabled.

8.6.1.3 What is Request Unit (RU)

Request Unit (RU) is a unified abstraction unit in TiDB for system resources, which currently includes CPU, IOPS, and IO bandwidth metrics. It is used to indicate the amount of resources consumed by a single request to the database. The number of RUs consumed by a request depends on a variety of factors, such as the type of operations, and the amount of data being queried or modified. Currently, the RU contains consumption statistics for the resources in the following table:

```
<thead>
    <tr>
        <th>Resource type</th>
        <th>RU consumption</th>
    </tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
    <tr>
        <td rowspan="3">Read</td>
        <td>2 storage read batches consume 1 RU</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
        <td>8 storage read requests consume 1 RU</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
        <td>64 KiB read request payload consumes 1 RU</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
        <td rowspan="3">Write</td>
        <td>1 storage write batch consumes 1 RU</td>
```

```
    </tr>
    <tr>
        <td>1 storage write request consumes 1 RU</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
        <td>1 KiB write request payload consumes 1 RU</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
        <td>CPU</td>
        <td> 3 ms consumes 1 RU</td>
    </tr>
</tbody>
```

Note:

- Each write operation is eventually replicated to all replicas (by default, TiKV has 3 replicas). Each replication operation is considered a different write operation.
- The preceding table lists only the resources involved in RU calculation for TiDB Self-Managed clusters, excluding the network and storage consumption. For TiDB Cloud Serverless RUs, see TiDB Cloud Serverless Pricing Details.
- Currently, TiFlash resource control only considers SQL CPU, which is the CPU time consumed by the execution of pipeline tasks for queries, and read request payload.

8.6.1.4 Parameters for resource control

The resource control feature introduces the following system variables or parameters:

- TiDB: you can use the `tidb_enable_resource_control` system variable to control whether to enable flow control for resource groups.
- TiKV: you can use the `resource-control.enabled` parameter to control whether to use request scheduling based on resource groups.
- TiFlash: you can use the `tidb_enable_resource_control` system variable and the `enable_resource_control` configuration item (introduced in v7.4.0) to control whether to enable TiFlash resource control.

Starting from TiDB v7.0.0, `tidb_enable_resource_control` and `resource-control.enabled` are enabled by default. The results of the combinations of these two parameters are shown in the following table.

resource-control.enabled	tidb_enable_resource_control=ON	tidb_enable_resource_control=OFF
resource-control.enabled=true	Flow control and scheduling (recommended)	Invalid combination
resource-control.enabled=false	Only flow control (not recommended)	The feature is disabled.

Starting from v7.4.0, the TiFlash configuration item `enable_resource_control` is enabled by default. It works together with `tidb_enable_resource_control` to control the TiFlash resource control feature. TiFlash resource control only performs flow control and priority scheduling when both `enable_resource_control` and `tidb_enable_resource_control` are enabled. Additionally, when `enable_resource_control` is enabled, TiFlash uses the Pipeline execution model.

For more information about the resource control mechanism and parameters, see RFC: Global Resource Control in TiDB and TiFlash Resource Control.

8.6.1.5 How to use resource control

This section describes how to use the resource control feature to manage resource groups and control the resource allocation of each resource group.

8.6.1.5.1 Estimate cluster capacity

Before resource planning, you need to know the overall capacity of the cluster. TiDB provides the statement `CALIBRATE RESOURCE` to estimate the cluster capacity. You can use one of the following methods:

- Estimate capacity based on actual workload
- Estimate capacity based on hardware deployment

You can view the Resource Manager page in TiDB Dashboard. For more information, see `CALIBRATE RESOURCE`.

8.6.1.5.2 Manage resource groups

To create, modify, or delete a resource group, you need to have the `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` privilege.

You can create a resource group for a cluster by using `CREATE RESOURCE GROUP`.

For an existing resource group, you can modify the `RU_PER_SEC` option (the rate of RU backfilling per second) of the resource group by using `ALTER RESOURCE GROUP`. The changes to the resource group take effect immediately.

You can delete a resource group by using `DROP RESOURCE GROUP`.

8.6.1.5.3 Create a resource group

The following is an example of how to create a resource group.

1. Create a resource group `rg1`. The resource limit is 500 RUs per second and allows applications in this resource group to overrun resources.

```
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP IF NOT EXISTS rg1 RU_PER_SEC = 500 BURSTABLE;
```

2. Create a resource group `rg2`. The RU backfill rate is 600 RUs per second and does not allow applications in this resource group to overrun resources.

```
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP IF NOT EXISTS rg2 RU_PER_SEC = 600;
```

3. Create a resource group `rg3` with the absolute priority set to `HIGH`. The absolute priority currently supports `LOW|MEDIUM|HIGH`. The default value is `MEDIUM`.

```
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP IF NOT EXISTS rg3 RU_PER_SEC = 100 PRIORITY =
    ↪ HIGH;
```

8.6.1.5.4 Bind resource groups

TiDB supports three levels of resource group settings as follows.

- User level. Bind a user to a specific resource group via the `CREATE USER` or `ALTER USER` statement. After a user is bound to a resource group, sessions created by the user are automatically bound to the corresponding resource group.
- Session level. Set the resource group for the current session via `SET RESOURCE GROUP`.
- Statement level. Set the resource group for the current statement via `RESOURCE_GROUP ↪ ()` Optimizer Hint.

Bind users to a resource group

The following example creates a user `usr1` and binds the user to the resource group `rg1`. `rg1` is the resource group created in the example in Create Resource Group.

```
CREATE USER 'usr1'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY '123' RESOURCE GROUP rg1;
```

The following example uses `ALTER USER` to bind the user `usr2` to the resource group `rg2`. `rg2` is the resource group created in the example in Create Resource Group.

```
ALTER USER usr2 RESOURCE GROUP rg2;
```

After you bind users, the resource consumption of newly created sessions will be controlled by the specified quota (Request Unit, RU). If the system workload is relatively high and there is no spare capacity, the resource consumption rate of `usr2` will be strictly controlled not to exceed the quota. Because `usr1` is bound by `rg1` with `BURSTABLE` configured, the consumption rate of `usr1` is allowed to exceed the quota.

If there are too many requests that result in insufficient resources for the resource group, the client's requests will wait. If the wait time is too long, the requests will report an error.

Note:

- When you bind a user to a resource group by using `CREATE USER` or `ALTER USER`, it will not take effect for the user's existing sessions, but only for the user's new sessions.
- TiDB automatically creates a `default` resource group during cluster initialization. For this resource group, the default value of `RU_PER_SEC` ↪ is `UNLIMITED` (equivalent to the maximum value of the `INT` type, that is, `2147483647`) and it is in `BURSTABLE` mode. Statements that are not bound to a resource group are automatically bound to this resource group. This resource group does not support deletion, but you can modify the configuration of its RU.

To unbind users from a resource group, you can simply bind them to the `default` group again as follows:

```
ALTER USER 'usr3'@'%' RESOURCE GROUP `default`;
```

For more details, see `ALTER USER ... RESOURCE GROUP`.

Bind the current session to a resource group

You can use the `SET RESOURCE GROUP` statement to change the bound resource group of the current session. By binding a session to a resource group, the resource usage of the corresponding session is limited by the specified usage (RU).

When the system variable `tidb_resource_control_strict_mode` is set to `ON`, you need to have the `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_USER` privilege to execute this statement.

The following example binds the current session to the resource group `rg1`.

```
SET RESOURCE GROUP rg1;
```

Bind the current statement to a resource group

By adding the `RESOURCE_GROUP(resource_group_name)` hint to a SQL statement, you can specify the resource group to which the statement is bound. This hint supports `SELECT`, `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE` statements.

When the system variable `tidb_resource_control_strict_mode` is set to `ON`, you need to have the `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_USER` privilege to use this hint.

The following example binds the current statement to the resource group `rg1`.

```
SELECT /*+ RESOURCE_GROUP(rg1) */ * FROM t limit 10;
```

8.6.1.6 Disable resource control

1. Execute the following statement to disable the resource control feature.

   ```
   SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_resource_control = 'OFF';
   ```

2. Set the TiKV parameter `resource-control.enabled` to `false` to disable scheduling based on the RU of the resource group.

3. Set the TiFlash configuration item `enable_resource_control` to `false` to disable TiFlash resource control.

8.6.1.7 View RU consumption

You can view information about RU consumption.

8.6.1.7.1 View the RU consumption by SQL

You can view the RU consumption of SQL statements in the following ways:

- The system variable `tidb_last_query_info`
- `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`
- Slow queries and corresponding system table
- `statements_summary`

View the RUs consumed by the last SQL execution by querying the system variable `tidb_last_query_info`

TiDB provides the system variable `tidb_last_query_info`. This system variable records the information of the last DML statement executed, including the RUs consumed by the SQL execution.

Example:

1. Run the `UPDATE` statement:

```
UPDATE sbtest.sbtest1 SET k = k + 1 WHERE id = 1;
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
Rows matched: 1 Changed: 1 Warnings: 0
```

2. Query the system variable `tidb_last_query_info` to view the information of the last executed statement:

```
SELECT @@tidb_last_query_info;
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| @@tidb_last_query_info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| {"txn_scope":"global","start_ts":446809472210829315,"for_update_ts
    ↪ ":446809472210829315,"ru_consumption":4.34885578125} |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

In the result, `ru_consumption` is the RUs consumed by the execution of this SQL statement.

View RUs consumed during SQL execution by `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`

You can use the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement to get the amount of RUs consumed during SQL execution. Note that the amount of RUs is affected by the cache (for example, coprocessor cache). When the same SQL is executed multiple times, the amount of RUs consumed by each execution might be different. The RU value does not represent the exact value for each execution, but can be used as a reference for estimation.

Slow queries and the corresponding system table

When you enable resource control, the slow query log of TiDB and the corresponding system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SLOW_QUERY` contain the resource group, RU consumption of the corresponding SQL, and the time spent waiting for available RUs.

View RU statistics by `statements_summary`

The system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.statements_summary` in TiDB stores the normalized and aggregated statistics of SQL statements. You can use the system table to view and analyze the execution performance of SQL statements. It also contains statistics about resource control, including the resource group name, RU consumption, and the time spent waiting for available RUs. For more details, see `statements_summary` fields description.

8.6.1.7.2 View the RU consumption of resource groups

Starting from v7.6.0, TiDB provides the system table `mysql.request_unit_by_group` to store the historical records of the RU consumption of each resource group.

Example:

```
SELECT * FROM request_unit_by_group LIMIT 5;
```

```
+----------------------------+----------------------------+----------------+----------+
    ↪
| start_time                 | end_time                   | resource_group | total_
    ↪ ru |
+----------------------------+----------------------------+----------------+----------+
    ↪
| 2024-01-01 00:00:00.000000 | 2024-01-02 00:00:00.000000 | default | 334147
    ↪  |
| 2024-01-01 00:00:00.000000 | 2024-01-02 00:00:00.000000 | rg1   |    4172
    ↪ |
| 2024-01-01 00:00:00.000000 | 2024-01-02 00:00:00.000000 | rg2   |   34028
    ↪ |
| 2024-01-02 00:00:00.000000 | 2024-01-03 00:00:00.000000 | default | 334088
    ↪  |
| 2024-01-02 00:00:00.000000 | 2024-01-03 00:00:00.000000 | rg1   |    3850
    ↪ |
+----------------------------+----------------------------+----------------+----------+
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

> **Note:**
>
> The data of `mysql.request_unit_by_group` is automatically imported by a TiDB scheduled task at the end of each day. If the RU consumption of a resource group is 0 on a certain day, no record is generated. By default, this table stores data for the last three months (up to 92 days). Data that exceeds this period is automatically cleared.

8.6.1.8 Monitoring metrics and charts

TiDB regularly collects runtime information about resource control and provides visual charts of the metrics in Grafana's **TiDB** > **Resource Control** dashboard. The metrics are detailed in the **Resource Control** section of TiDB Important Monitoring Metrics.

TiKV also records the request QPS from different resource groups. For more details, see TiKV Monitoring Metrics Detail.

You can view the data of resource groups in the current `RESOURCE_GROUPS` table in TiDB Dashboard. For more details, see Resource Manager page.

8.6.1.9 Tool compatibility

The resource control feature does not impact the regular usage of data import, export, and other replication tools. BR, TiDB Lightning, and TiCDC do not currently support processing DDL operations related to resource control, and their resource consumption is not limited by resource control.

8.6.1.10 FAQ

1. Do I have to disable resource control if I don't want to use resource groups?

   No. Users who do not specify any resource groups will be bound to the `default` resource group that has unlimited resources. When all users belong to the `default` ↪ resource group, the resource allocation method is the same as when the resource control is disabled.

2. Can a database user be bound to several resource groups?

   No. A database user can only be bound to one resource group. However, during the session runtime, you can use `SET RESOURCE GROUP` to set the resource group used by the current session. You can also use the optimizer hint `RESOURCE_GROUP()` to set the resource group for the running statement.

3. What happens when the total resource allocation (`RU_PER_SEC`) of all resource groups exceeds the system capacity?

   TiDB does not verify the capacity when you create a resource group. As long as the system has enough available resources, TiDB can meet the resource requirements of each resource group. When the system resources exceed the limit, TiDB prioritizes satisfying requests from resource groups with higher priority. If requests with the same priority cannot all be met, TiDB allocates resources proportionally according to the resource allocation (`RU_PER_SEC`).

8.6.1.11 See also

- CREATE RESOURCE GROUP
- ALTER RESOURCE GROUP
- DROP RESOURCE GROUP
- RESOURCE GROUP RFC

8.6.2 Manage Queries That Consume More Resources Than Expected (Runaway Queries)

A runaway query is a query that consumes more time or resources than expected. The term **runaway queries** is used in the following to describe the feature of managing the runaway query.

- Starting from v7.2.0, the resource control feature introduces the management of runaway queries. You can set criteria for a resource group to identify runaway queries and automatically take actions to prevent them from exhausting resources and affecting other queries. You can manage runaway queries for a resource group by including the `QUERY_LIMIT` field in `CREATE RESOURCE GROUP` or `ALTER RESOURCE GROUP`.
- Starting from v7.3.0, the resource control feature introduces manual management of runaway watches, enabling quick identification of runaway queries for a given SQL statement or Digest. You can execute the statement `QUERY WATCH` to manually manage the runaway queries watch list in the resource group.

For more information about the resource control feature, see Use Resource Control to Achieve Resource Group Limitation and Flow Control.

8.6.2.1 `QUERY_LIMIT` parameters

If a query exceeds any of the following limits, it is identified as a runaway query:

- `EXEC_ELAPSED`: checks whether the query execution time exceeds the limit. This rule applies to read and write DML statements.
- `PROCESSED_KEYS`: checks whether the number of keys processed by the Coprocessor exceeds the limit. This rule only applies to read statements.
- `RU`: checks whether the total number of read and write RUs consumed by the statement exceeds the limit. This rule only applies to read statements.

Supported operations (`ACTION`):

- `DRYRUN`: no action is taken. The records are appended for the runaway queries. This is mainly used to observe whether the condition setting is reasonable.
- `COOLDOWN`: the execution priority of the query is lowered to the lowest level. The query continues to execute with the lowest priority and does not occupy resources of other operations.
- `KILL`: the identified query is automatically terminated and reports an error `Query execution was interrupted, identified as runaway query`.
- `SWITCH_GROUP`: introduced in v8.4.0, this parameter switches the identified query to the specified resource group for continued execution. After this query completes, subsequent SQL statements are executed in the original resource group. If the specified resource group does not exist, the query remains in the original resource group.

To avoid too many concurrent runaway queries that exhaust system resources, the resource control feature introduces a quick identification mechanism, which can quickly identify and isolate runaway queries. You can use this feature through the `WATCH` clause. When a query is identified as a runaway query, this mechanism extracts the matching feature (defined by the parameter after `WATCH`) of the query. In the next period of time (defined by `DURATION` ↪), the matching feature of the runaway query is added to the watch list, and the TiDB instance matches queries with the watch list. The matching queries are directly marked as runaway queries and isolated according to the corresponding action, instead of waiting for them to be identified by conditions. The `KILL` operation terminates the query and reports an error `Quarantined and interrupted because of being in runaway watch list`.

There are three methods for `WATCH` to match for quick identification:

- `EXACT` indicates that only SQL statements with exactly the same SQL text are quickly identified.
- `SIMILAR` indicates all SQL statements with the same pattern are matched by SQL Digest, and the literal values are ignored.
- `PLAN` indicates all SQL statements with the same pattern are matched by Plan Digest.

The `DURATION` option in `WATCH` indicates the duration of the identification item, which is infinite by default.

After a watch item is added, neither the matching feature nor the `ACTION` is changed or deleted whenever the `QUERY_LIMIT` configuration is changed or deleted. You can use `QUERY WATCH REMOVE` to remove a watch item.

The parameters of `QUERY_LIMIT` are as follows:

Parameter	Description	Note
`EXEC_ELAPSED`	When the query execution time exceeds this value, it is identified as a runaway query	EXEC_ELAPSED =`60s` means the query is identified as a runaway query if it takes more than 60 seconds to execute.
`PROCESSED_` ↪ `KEYS`	When the number of keys processed by the Coprocessor exceeds this value, the query is identified as a runaway query	`PROCESSED_KEYS = 1000` means the query is identified as a runaway query if the number of keys processed by the Coprocessor exceeds 1000.

Parameter	Description	Note
`RU`	When the total number of read and write RUs consumed by the query exceeds this value, this query is identified as a runaway query	`RU = 1000` means the query is identified as a runaway query if the total number of read and write RUs consumed by the query exceeds 1000.
`ACTION`	Action taken when a runaway query is identified	The optional values are `DRYRUN`, `COOLDOWN`, `KILL`, and `SWITCH_GROUP`.
`WATCH`	Quickly match the identified runaway query. If the same or similar query is encountered again within a certain period of time, the corresponding action is performed immediately.	Optional. For example, `WATCH=SIMILAR DURATION '60s'`, `WATCH=EXACT DURATION '1m'`, and `WATCH=PLAN`.

Note:

If you want to strictly limit runaway queries to a specific resource group, it is recommended to use `SWITCH_GROUP` together with the `QUERY WATCH` statement. Because `QUERY_LIMIT` only triggers the corresponding `ACTION` operation when the query meets the criteria, `SWITCH_GROUP` might not be able to switch the query to the target resource group in a timely manner in such scenarios.

8.6.2.2 Examples

1. Create a resource group `rg1` with a quota of 500 RUs per second, and define a runaway

query as one that exceeds 60 seconds, and lower the priority of the runaway query.

```
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP IF NOT EXISTS rg1 RU_PER_SEC = 500 QUERY_LIMIT=(
    ↪ EXEC_ELAPSED='60s', ACTION=COOLDOWN);
```

2. Change the `rg1` resource group to terminate the runaway queries, and mark the queries with the same pattern as runaway queries immediately in the next 10 minutes.

```
ALTER RESOURCE GROUP rg1 QUERY_LIMIT=(EXEC_ELAPSED='60s', ACTION=KILL,
    ↪  WATCH=SIMILAR DURATION='10m');
```

3. Change the `rg1` resource group to cancel the runaway query check.

```
ALTER RESOURCE GROUP rg1 QUERY_LIMIT=NULL;
```

8.6.2.3 `QUERY WATCH` parameters

For more information about the synopsis of `QUERY WATCH`, see QUERY WATCH.

The parameters are as follows:

- The `RESOURCE GROUP` specifies a resource group. The matching features of runaway queries added by this statement are added to the watch list of the resource group. This parameter can be omitted. If omitted, it applies to the `default` resource group.
- The meaning of `ACTION` is the same as `QUERY LIMIT`. This parameter can be omitted. If omitted, the corresponding action after identification adopts the `ACTION` configured by `QUERY LIMIT` in the resource group, and the action does not change with the `QUERY LIMIT` configuration. If there is no `ACTION` configured in the resource group, an error is reported.
- The `QueryWatchTextOption` parameter has three options: `SQL DIGEST`, `PLAN DIGEST`, and `SQL TEXT`.
    - `SQL DIGEST` is the same as that of `SIMILAR`. The following parameters accept strings, user-defined variables, or other expressions that yield string result. The string length must be 64, which is the same as the Digest definition in TiDB.
    - `PLAN DIGEST` is the same as `PLAN`. The following parameter is a Digest string.
    - `SQL TEXT` matches the input SQL as a raw string (`EXACT`), or parses and compiles it into `SQL DIGEST` (`SIMILAR`) or `PLAN DIGEST` (`PLAN`), depending on the following parameter.
- Add a matching feature to the runaway query watch list for the default resource group (you need to set `QUERY LIMIT` for the default resource group in advance).

```
QUERY WATCH ADD ACTION KILL SQL TEXT EXACT TO 'select * from test.t2';
```

- Add a matching feature to the runaway query watch list for the `rg1` resource group by parsing the SQL into SQL Digest. When `ACTION` is not specified, the `ACTION` option already configured for the `rg1` resource group is used.

```
QUERY WATCH ADD RESOURCE GROUP rg1 SQL TEXT SIMILAR TO 'select * from
    ↪ test.t2';
```

- Add a matching feature to the runaway query watch list for the `rg1` resource group by parsing the SQL into SQL Digest, and specify `ACTION` as `SWITCH_GROUP(rg2)`.

```
QUERY WATCH ADD RESOURCE GROUP rg1 ACTION SWITCH_GROUP(rg2) SQL TEXT
    ↪ SIMILAR TO 'select * from test.t2';
```

- Add a matching feature to the runaway query watch list for the `rg1` resource group using `PLAN DIGEST`, and specify `ACTION` as `KILL`.

```
QUERY WATCH ADD RESOURCE GROUP rg1 ACTION KILL PLAN DIGEST '
    ↪ d08bc323a934c39dc41948b0a073725be3398479b6fa4f6dd1db2a9b115f7f57'
    ↪ ;
```

- Get the watch item ID by querying `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.RUNAWAY_WATCHES` and delete the watch item.

```
SELECT * from information_schema.runaway_watches ORDER BY id\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
                ID: 1
RESOURCE_GROUP_NAME: default
        START_TIME: 2024-09-09 03:35:31
          END_TIME: 2024-09-09 03:45:31
             WATCH: Exact
       WATCH_TEXT: SELECT variable_name, variable_value FROM mysql.
           ↪ global_variables
            SOURCE: 127.0.0.1:4000
            ACTION: Kill
            RULE: ProcessedKeys = 666(10)
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
QUERY WATCH REMOVE 1;
```

8.6.2.4 Observability

You can get more information about runaway queries from the following system tables and `INFORMATION_SCHEMA`:

- The `mysql.tidb_runaway_queries` table contains the history records of all runaway queries identified in the past 7 days. Take one of the rows as an example:

```
MySQL [(none)]> SELECT * FROM mysql.tidb_runaway_queries LIMIT 1\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
resource_group_name: default
     start_time: 2024-09-09 17:43:42
        repeats: 2
     match_type: watch
         action: kill
     sample_sql: select sleep(2) from t
     sql_digest: 4
        ↪ adbc838b86c573265d4b39a3979d0a362b5f0336c91c26930c83ab187701a55
        ↪
    plan_digest: 5
        ↪ d094f78efbce44b2923733b74e1d09233cb446318293492901c5e5d92e27dbc
        ↪
    tidb_server: 127.0.0.1:4000
```

  Field description:

  - `start_time` indicates the time when the runaway query is identified.
  - `repeats` indicates the number of times the runaway query has been identified since `start_time`.
  - `match_type` indicates how the runaway query is identified. The value can be one of the following:
    - `identify` means that it matches the condition of the runaway query.
    - `watch` means that it matches the quick identification rule in the watch list.

- The `information_schema.runaway_watches` table contains records of quick identification rules for runaway queries. For more information, see RUNAWAY_WATCHES.

8.6.3 Use Resource Control to Manage Background Tasks

> **Warning:**
>
> This feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.
>
> The background task management in resource control is based on TiKV's dynamic adjustment of resource quotas for CPU/IO utilization. Therefore, it relies on the available resource quota of each instance. If multiple components or instances are deployed on a single server, it is mandatory to set the

appropriate resource quota for each instance through `cgroup`. It is difficult to achieve the expected effect in deployment with shared resources such as TiUP Playground.

Background tasks, such as data backup and automatic statistics collection, are low-priority but consume many resources. These tasks are usually triggered periodically or irregularly. During execution, they consume a lot of resources, thus affecting the performance of online high-priority tasks.

Starting from v7.4.0, the TiDB resource control feature supports managing background tasks. When a task is marked as a background task, TiKV dynamically limits the resources used by this type of task to avoid the impact on the performance of other foreground tasks. TiKV monitors the CPU and IO resources consumed by all foreground tasks in real time, and calculates the resource threshold that can be used by background tasks based on the total resource limit of the instance. All background tasks are restricted by this threshold during execution.

8.6.3.1 `BACKGROUND` parameters

- `TASK_TYPES`: specifies the task types that need to be managed as background tasks. Use commas (`,`) to separate multiple task types.
- `UTILIZATION_LIMIT`: limits the maximum percentage (0-100) of resources that background tasks can consume on each TiKV node. By default, TiKV calculates the available resources for background tasks based on the total resources of the node and the resources currently occupied by the foreground tasks. If `UTILIZATION_LIMIT` is configured, the resource allocated to background tasks will not exceed this limit.

TiDB supports the following types of background tasks:

- `lightning`: perform import tasks using TiDB Lightning. Both physical and logical import modes of TiDB Lightning are supported.
- `br`: perform backup and restore tasks using BR. PITR is not supported.
- `ddl`: control the resource usage during the batch data write back phase of Reorg DDLs.
- `stats`: the collect statistics tasks that are manually executed or automatically triggered by TiDB.
- `background`: a reserved task type. You can use the `tidb_request_source_type` system variable to specify the task type of the current session as `background`.

By default, the task types that are marked as background tasks are `""`, and the management of background tasks is disabled. To enable background task management, you need to manually modify the background task type of the `default` resource group. After a background task is identified and matched, Resource Control is automatically performed. This

means that when system resources are insufficient, the background tasks are automatically reduced to the lowest priority to ensure the execution of foreground tasks.

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, background tasks for all resource groups are bound to the `default` resource group. You can manage background task types globally through `default`. Binding background tasks to other resource groups is currently not supported.

8.6.3.2 Examples

1. Modify the `default` resource group by marking `br` and `ddl` as background tasks and setting the resource limit of background tasks to 30%.

```
ALTER RESOURCE GROUP `default` BACKGROUND=(TASK_TYPES='br,ddl',
    ↪ UTILIZATION_LIMIT=30);
```

2. Change the `default` resource group to revert the background task type to its default value.

```
ALTER RESOURCE GROUP `default` BACKGROUND=NULL;
```

3. Change the `default` resource group to set the background task type to empty. In this case, all tasks of this resource group are not treated as background tasks.

```
ALTER RESOURCE GROUP `default` BACKGROUND=(TASK_TYPES="");
```

4. View the background task type of the `default` resource group.

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.resource_groups WHERE NAME="default";
```

The output is as follows:

```
+---------+------------+----------+-----------+-------------+----------------------
    ↪
| NAME    | RU_PER_SEC | PRIORITY | BURSTABLE | QUERY_LIMIT | BACKGROUND
    ↪                       |
+---------+------------+----------+-----------+-------------+----------------------
    ↪
| default | UNLIMITED  | MEDIUM   | YES       | NULL        | TASK_TYPES='br,
    ↪ ddl', UTILIZATION_LIMIT=30 |
+---------+------------+----------+-----------+-------------+----------------------
    ↪
```

5. To explicitly mark tasks in the current session as the background type, you can use `tidb_request_source_type` to explicitly specify the task type. The following is an example:

```
SET @@tidb_request_source_type="background";
/* Add background task type */
ALTER RESOURCE GROUP `default` BACKGROUND=(TASK_TYPES="background");
/* Execute LOAD DATA in the current session */
LOAD DATA INFILE "s3://resource-control/Lightning/test.customer.aaaa.
    ↪ csv"
```

8.7 Time Zone Support

The time zone in TiDB is decided by the `time_zone` system variable. You can set it at the session or global level. The default value of `time_zone` is `SYSTEM`. The actual time zone corresponding to `SYSTEM` is configured when the TiDB cluster bootstrap is initialized. The detailed logic is as follows:

1. TiDB prioritizes the use of the `TZ` environment variable.
2. If the `TZ` environment variable fails, TiDB reads the time zone from the soft link at `/etc/localtime`.
3. If both of the preceding methods fail, TiDB uses `UTC` as the system time zone.

8.7.1 View time zone settings

To view the current values of the global, client-specific, and system time zones, execute the following statement:

```
SELECT @@global.time_zone, @@session.time_zone, @@global.system_time_zone;
```

8.7.2 Set the time zone

In TiDB, the value of the `time_zone` system variable can be set in one of the following formats:

- `SYSTEM` (default value), which indicates that the time zone should be the same as the system time zone.
- A UTC offset, such as `'+10:00'` or `'-6:00'`.
- A named time zone, such as `'Europe/Helsinki'`, `'US/Eastern'`, or `'MET'`.

Depending on your needs, you can set the time zone in TiDB at the global or session level as follows:

- Set the time zone in TiDB at the global level:

```
SET GLOBAL time_zone = ${time-zone-value};
```

For example, set the global time zone to UTC:

```
SET GLOBAL time_zone = 'UTC';
```

- Set the time zone in TiDB at the session level:

```
SET time_zone = ${time-zone-value};
```

For example, set the time zone of the current session to US/Pacific:

```
SET time_zone = 'US/Pacific';
```

8.7.3 Functions and data types affected by time zone settings

The current session time zone setting affects the display and interpretation of time values that are zone-sensitive, such as the values returned by `NOW()` and `CURTIME()` functions. To convert between time zones, use the `CONVERT_TZ()` function. To get a timestamp based on UTC, use the `UTC_TIMESTAMP()` function, which helps avoid time zone-related issues.

In TiDB, the displayed values of the `TIMESTAMP` data type are affected by time zone settings. This is because the `TIMESTAMP` data type uses the literal value and time zone information. Other data types, such as `DATETIME`, `DATE`, and `TIME`, do not have time zone information, thus their values are not affected by the changes of time zone.

For example:

```
create table t (ts timestamp, dt datetime);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

```
set @@time_zone = 'UTC';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
insert into t values ('2017-09-30 11:11:11', '2017-09-30 11:11:11');
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
set @@time_zone = '+8:00';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
select * from t;
```

```
+---------------------|---------------------+
| ts                  | dt                  |
+---------------------|---------------------+
| 2017-09-30 19:11:11 | 2017-09-30 11:11:11 |
+---------------------|---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this example, no matter how you adjust the time zone value, the value of the `DATETIME` data type is not affected. However, the displayed value of the `TIMESTAMP` data type reflects changes in the time zone. In fact, the `TIMESTAMP` value stored in the database remains unchanged, but it is displayed differently according to different time zone settings.

8.7.4 Important considerations for time zone settings

- Time zone is involved during the conversion of the values of `TIMESTAMP` and `DATETIME`, which is handled based on the `time_zone` of the current session.
- For data migration, you need to pay special attention to whether the time zone settings of the primary database and the secondary database are consistent.
- To get accurate timestamps, it is strongly recommended that you configure a reliable clock using Network Time Protocol (NTP) or Precision Time Protocol (PTP) services. For information about how to check NTP services, see Check and install the NTP service.
- Be aware that using time zones that observe daylight saving time can result in ambiguous or nonexistent timestamps, especially when performing calculations with those timestamps.
- MySQL uses `mysql_tzinfo_to_sql` to convert the time zone database of the operating system into tables in the `mysql` database. In contrast, TiDB directly reads the time zone data files from the time zone database of the operating system, which leverages the built-in time zone handling capabilities of the Go programming language.

8.7.5 See also

- Date and time data-type
- Data and time functions

8.8 Daily Check

As a distributed database, TiDB is more complicated than the stand-alone database in terms of the mechanism, and monitoring items. To help operate and maintain TiDB in a more convenient way, this document introduces some key performance indicators.

8.8.1 Key indicators of TiDB Dashboard

Starting from v4.0, TiDB provides a new operation and maintenance management tool, TiDB Dashboard. This tool is integrated into the PD component. You can access TiDB Dashboard at the default address `http://${pd-ip}:${pd_port}/dashboard`.

TiDB Dashboard simplifies the operation and maintenance of the TiDB database. You can view the running status of the entire TiDB cluster through one interface. The following are descriptions of some performance indicators.

8.8.1.1 Instance panel

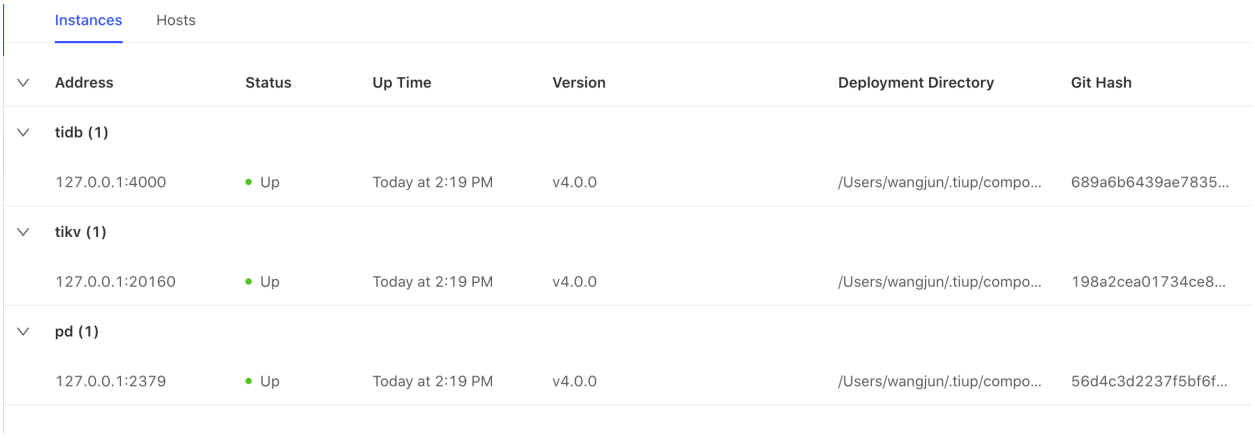


Figure 156: Instance panel

- **Status**: This indicator is used to check whether the status is normal. For an online node, this can be ignored.
- **Up Time**: The key indicator. If you find that the `Up Time` is changed, you need to locate the reason why the component is restarted.
- **Version**, **Deployment Directory**, **Git Hash**: These indicators need to be checked to avoid inconsistent or even incorrect version/deployment directory.

8.8.1.2 Host panel

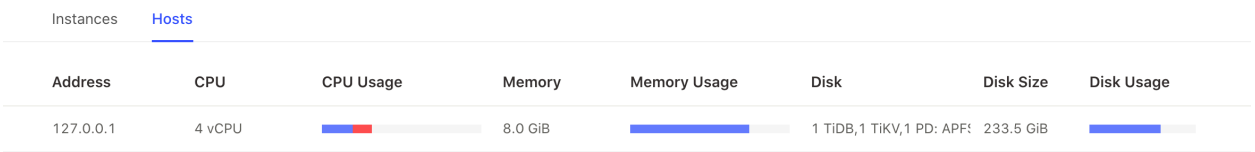


Figure 157: Host panel

You can view the usage of CPU, memory, and disk. When the usage of any resource exceeds 80%, it is recommended to scale out the capacity accordingly.

8.8.1.3 SQL analysis panel

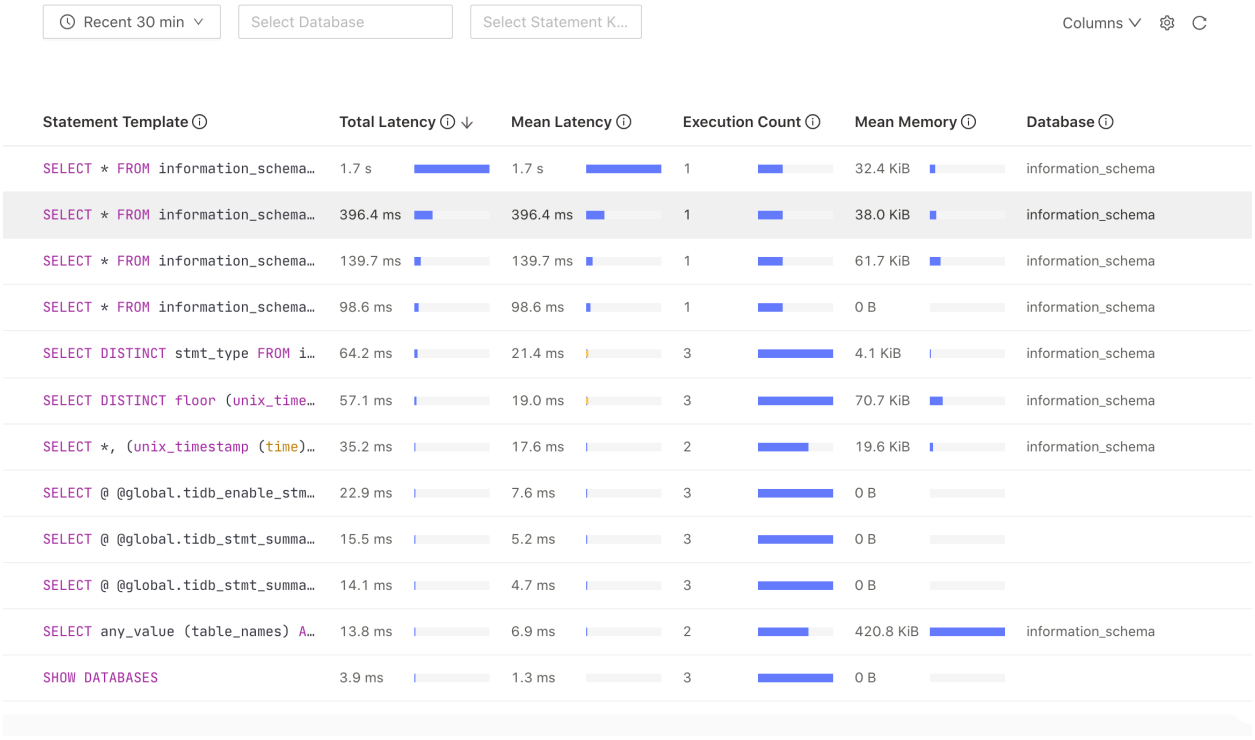


Figure 158: SQL analysis panel

You can locate the slow SQL statement executed in the cluster. Then you can optimize the specific SQL statement.

8.8.1.4 Region panel

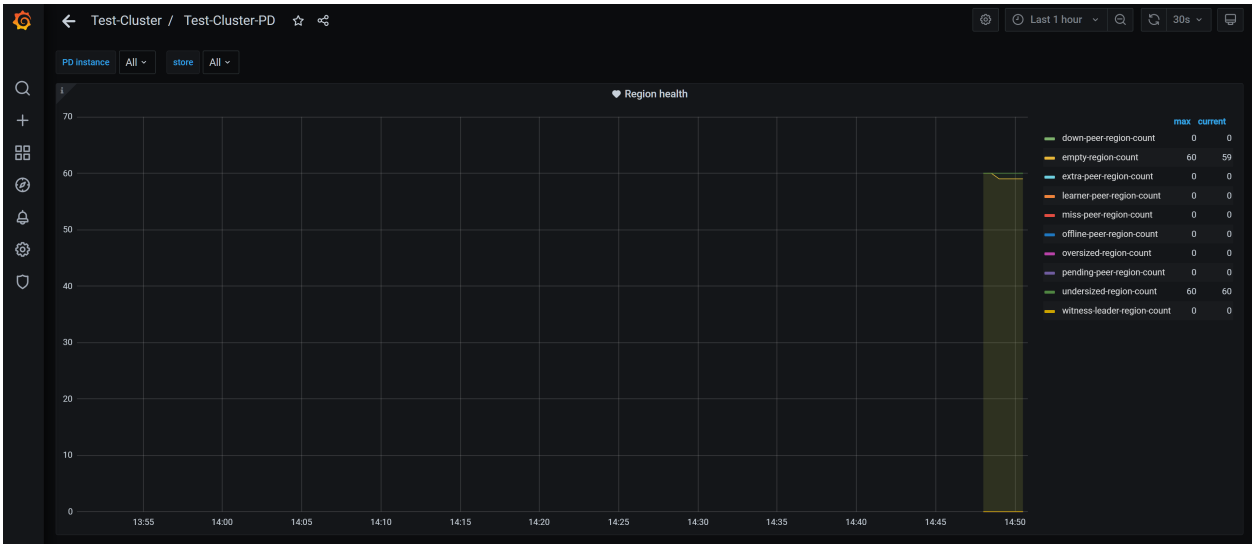


Figure 159: Region panel

- `down-peer-region-count`: The number of Regions with an unresponsive peer reported by the Raft leader.
- `empty-region-count`: The number of empty Regions, with a size of smaller than 1 MiB. These Regions are generated by executing the `TRUNCATE TABLE/DROP TABLE` statement. If this number is large, you can consider enabling `Region Merge` to merge Regions across tables.
- `extra-peer-region-count`: The number of Regions with extra replicas. These Regions are generated during the scheduling process.
- `learner-peer-region-count`: The number of Regions with the learner peer. The sources of learner peers can be various, for example, the learner peers in TiFlash, and the learner peers included in the configured Placement Rules.
- `miss-peer-region-count`: The number of Regions without enough replicas. This value is not always greater than `0`.
- `offline-peer-region-count`: The number of Regions during the peer offline process.
- `oversized-region-count`: The number of Regions with a size larger than `region-max-size` or `region-max-keys`.
- `pending-peer-region-count`: The number of Regions with outdated Raft logs. It is normal that a few pending peers are generated in the scheduling process. However, it is not normal if this value is large for a period of time (longer than 30 minutes).
- `undersized-region-count`: The number of Regions with a size smaller than `max-merge-region-size` or `max-merge-region-keys`.

Generally, it is normal that these values are not `0`. However, it is not normal that they are not `0` for quite a long time.

8.8.1.5 KV Request Duration

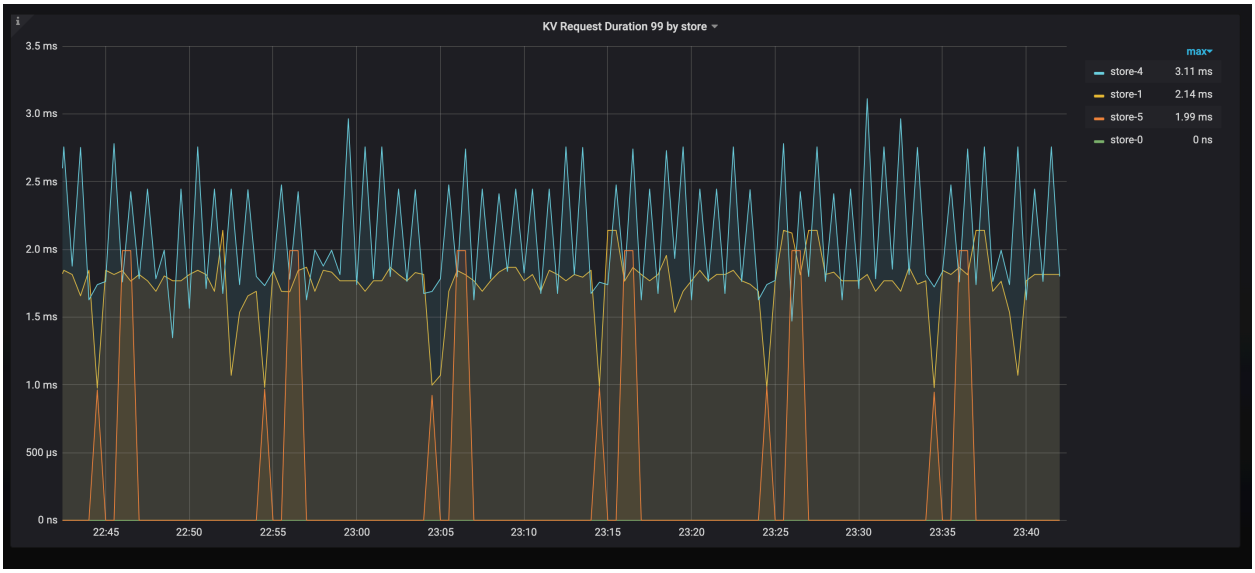


Figure 160: TiKV request duration

The KV request duration 99 in TiKV. If you find nodes with a long duration, check whether there are hot spots, or whether there are nodes with poor performance.

8.8.1.6 PD TSO Wait Duration

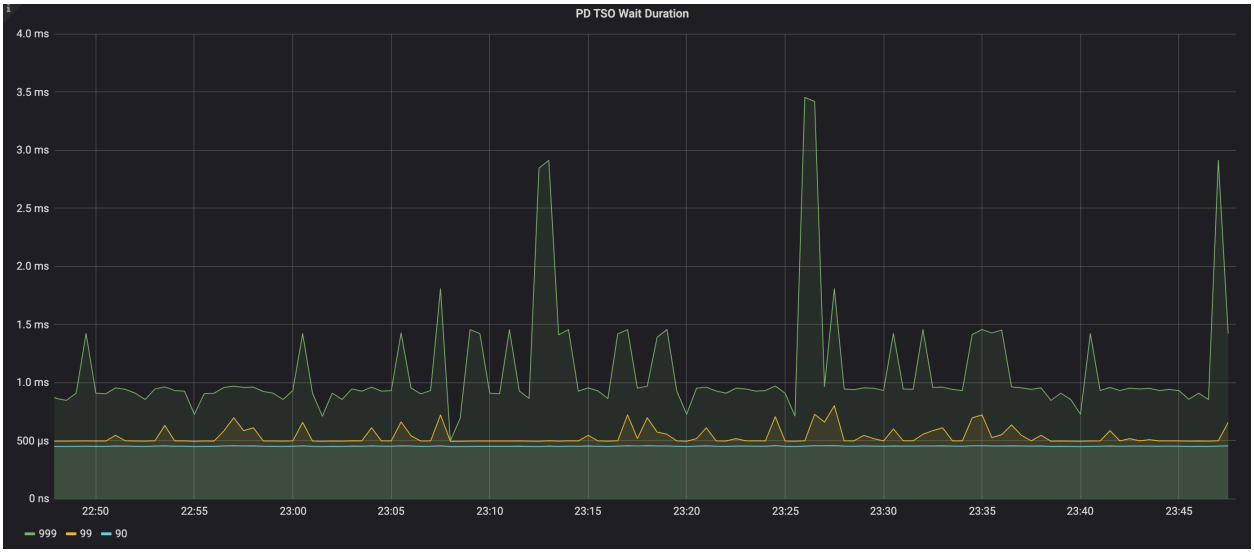


Figure 161: TiDB TSO Wait Duration

The time it takes for TiDB to obtain TSO from PD. The following are reasons for the long wait duration:

- High network latency from TiDB to PD. You can manually execute the ping command to test the network latency.
- High load for the TiDB server.
- High load for the PD server.

8.8.1.7 Overview panel

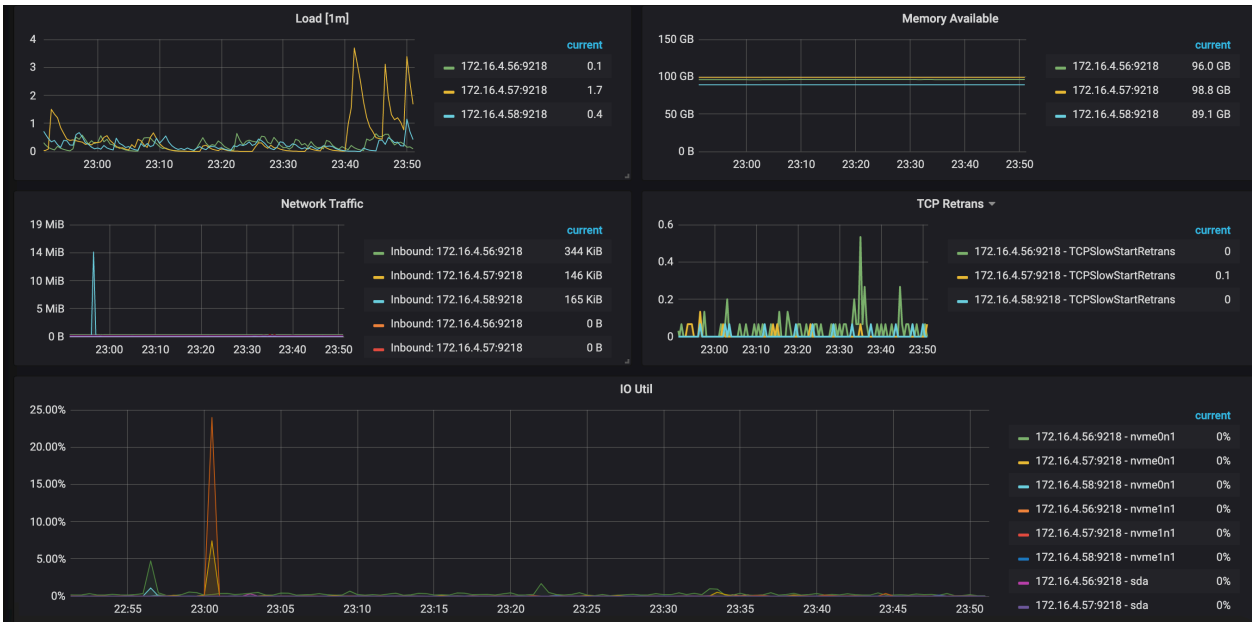


Figure 162: Overview panel

You can view the load, memory available, network traffic, and I/O utilities. When a bottleneck is found, it is recommended to scale out the capacity, or to optimize the cluster topology, SQL, and cluster parameters.

8.8.1.8 Exceptions

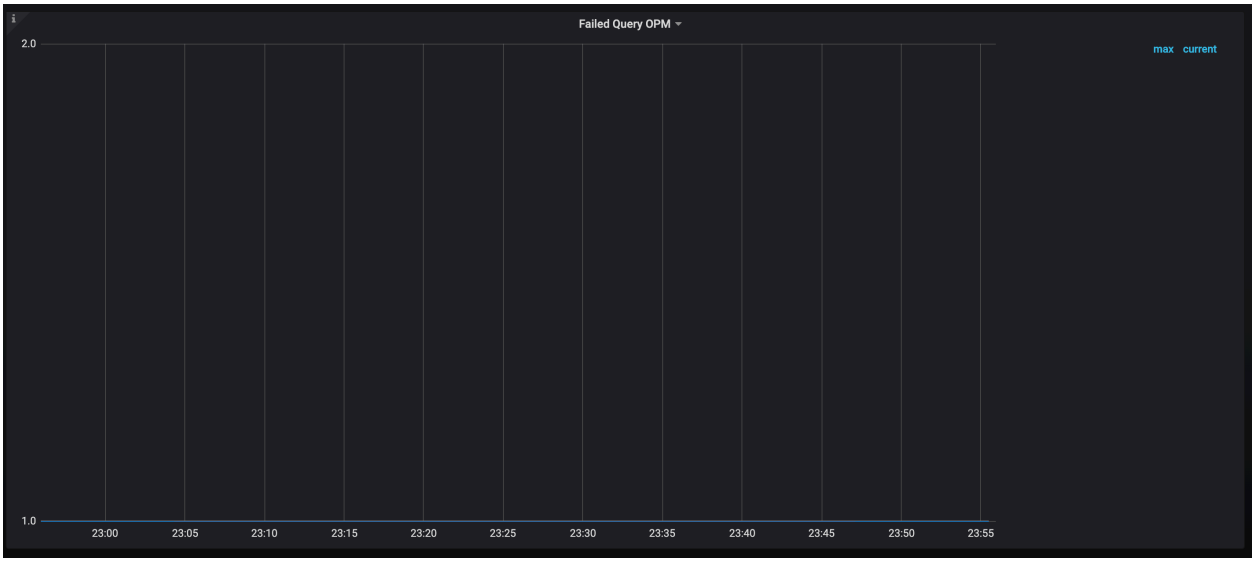


Figure 163: Exceptions

You can view the errors triggered by the execution of SQL statements on each TiDB instance. These include syntax error and primary key conflicts.

8.8.1.9 GC status

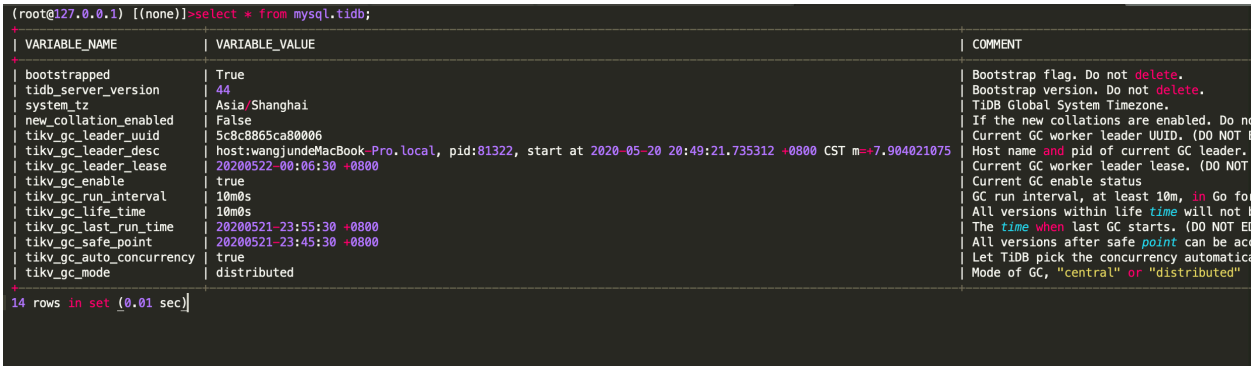


Figure 164: GC status

You can check whether the GC (Garbage Collection) status is normal by viewing the time when the last GC happens. If the GC is abnormal, it might lead to excessive historical data, thereby decreasing the access efficiency.

8.9 Maintain a TiFlash Cluster

This document describes how to perform common operations when you maintain a TiFlash cluster, including checking the TiFlash version. This document also introduces critical logs and a system table of TiFlash.

8.9.1 Check the TiFlash version

There are two ways to check the TiFlash version:

- If the binary file name of TiFlash is `tiflash`, you can check the version by executing the `./tiflash version` command.

  However, to execute the above command, you need to add the directory path which includes the `libtiflash_proxy.so` dynamic library to the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable. This is because the running of TiFlash relies on the `libtiflash_proxy.so` dynamic library.

  For example, when `tiflash` and `libtiflash_proxy.so` are in the same directory, you can first switch to this directory, and then use the following command to check the TiFlash version:

```
LD_LIBRARY_PATH=./ ./tiflash version
```

- Check the TiFlash version by referring to the TiFlash log. For the log path, see the `[logger]` part in the `tiflash.toml` file. For example:

```
<information>: TiFlash version: TiFlash 0.2.0 master-375035282451103999
    ↪ f3863c691e2fc2
```

8.9.2 TiFlash critical logs

Log Information	Log Description
`[INFO] [<` `↪ unknown>]` `↪ ["KVStore:` `↪ Start to` `↪ persist [` `↪ region 47,` `↪ applied:` `↪ term 6` `↪ index 10]"]` `↪ [thread_id` `↪ =23]`	Data starts to be replicated (the number in the square brackets at the start of the log refers to the thread ID

Log Information	Log Description
`[DEBUG] [< unknown>] ["  CoprocessorHandler : grpc:: Status DB:: CoprocessorHandler ::execute() : Handling DAG request "] [thread_ id=30]`	Handling DAG request, that is, TiFlash starts to handle a Coprocessor request
`[DEBUG] [< unknown>] ["  CoprocessorHandler : grpc:: Status DB:: CoprocessorHandler ::execute() : Handle DAG request  done"] [ thread_id =30]`	Handling DAG request done, that is, TiFlash finishes handling a Coprocessor request

You can find the beginning or the end of a Coprocessor request, and then locate the related logs of the Coprocessor request through the thread ID printed at the start of the log.

8.9.3 TiFlash system table

The column names and their descriptions of the `information_schema.tiflash_replica` system table are as follows:

Column Name	Description
TABLE_SCHEMA	Database name
TABLE_NAME	Table name
TABLE_ID	Table ID
REPLICA_COUNT	Number of TiFlash replicas

Column Name	Description
LOCATION_LABELS	The hint for PD, based on which multiple replicas in a Region are scattered
AVAILABLE	Available or not (0/1)
PROGRESS	Replication progress [0.0~1.0]

8.10 TiUP Common Operations

This document describes the common operations when you operate and maintain a TiDB cluster using TiUP.

8.10.1 View the cluster list

You can manage multiple TiDB clusters using the TiUP cluster component. When a TiDB cluster is deployed, the cluster appears in the TiUP cluster list.

To view the list, run the following command:

```
tiup cluster list
```

8.10.2 Start the cluster

The components in the TiDB cluster are started in the following order:

PD > TiKV > TiDB > TiFlash > TiCDC > Prometheus > Grafana > Alertmanager

To start the cluster, run the following command:

```
tiup cluster start ${cluster-name}
```

> **Note:**
>
> Replace `${cluster-name}` with the name of your cluster. If you forget the cluster name, check it by running `tiup cluster list`.

You can start only some of the components by adding the `-R` or `-N` parameters in the command. For example:

- This command starts only the PD component:

```
tiup cluster start ${cluster-name} -R pd
```

- This command starts only the PD components on the `1.2.3.4` and `1.2.3.5` hosts:

```
tiup cluster start ${cluster-name} -N 1.2.3.4:2379,1.2.3.5:2379
```

> **Note:**
>
> If you start the specified component by using the `-R` or `-N` parameters, make sure the starting order is correct. For example, start the PD component before the TiKV component. Otherwise, the start might fail.

8.10.3 View the cluster status

After starting the cluster, check the status of each component to ensure that they work normally. TiUP provides the `display` command, so you do not have to log in to every machine to view the component status.

```
tiup cluster display ${cluster-name}
```

8.10.4 Modify the configuration

When the cluster is in operation, if you need to modify the parameters of a component, run the `edit-config` command. The detailed steps are as follows:

1. Open the configuration file of the cluster in the editing mode:

```
tiup cluster edit-config ${cluster-name}
```

2. Configure the parameters:

    - If the configuration is globally effective for a component, edit `server_configs`:

```
server_configs:
  tidb:
    log.slow-threshold: 300
```

- If the configuration takes effect on a specific node, edit the configuration in `config` of the node:

```
tidb_servers:
- host: 10.0.1.11
  port: 4000
  config:
      log.slow-threshold: 300
```

For the parameter format, see the TiUP parameter template.

Use `.` to represent the hierarchy of the configuration items.

For more information on the configuration parameters of components, refer to TiDB `config.toml.example`, TiKV `config.toml.example`, and PD `config.toml.example` ↪ .

3. Rolling update the configuration and restart the corresponding components by running the `reload` command:

```
tiup cluster reload ${cluster-name} [-N <nodes>] [-R <roles>]
```

8.10.4.1 Example

If you want to set the transaction size limit parameter (`txn-total-size-limit` in the performance module) to `1G` in tidb-server, edit the configuration as follows:

```
server_configs:
  tidb:
    performance.txn-total-size-limit: 1073741824
```

Then, run the `tiup cluster reload ${cluster-name} -R tidb` command to rolling restart the TiDB component.

8.10.5 Replace with a hotfix package

For normal upgrade, see Upgrade TiDB Using TiUP. But in some scenarios, such as debugging, you might need to replace the currently running component with a temporary package. To achieve this, use the `patch` command:

```
tiup cluster patch --help
```

```
Replace the remote package with a specified package and restart the service

Usage:
  cluster patch <cluster-name> <package-path> [flags]
```

```
Flags:
  -h, --help                help for patch
  -N, --node strings        Specify the nodes
      --overwrite           Use this package in the future scale-out
          ↪ operations
  -R, --role strings        Specify the role
      --transfer-timeout int Timeout in seconds when transferring PD and
          ↪ TiKV store leaders (default 600)

Global Flags:

      --native-ssh      Use the system's native SSH client
      --wait-timeout int Timeout of waiting the operation
      --ssh-timeout int Timeout in seconds to connect host via SSH, ignored
          ↪ for operations that don't need an SSH connection. (default 5)
  -y, --yes             Skip all confirmations and assumes 'yes'
```

If a TiDB hotfix package is in `/tmp/tidb-hotfix.tar.gz` and you want to replace all the TiDB packages in the cluster, run the following command:

```
tiup cluster patch test-cluster /tmp/tidb-hotfix.tar.gz -R tidb
```

You can also replace only one TiDB package in the cluster:

```
tiup cluster patch test-cluster /tmp/tidb-hotfix.tar.gz -N 172.16.4.5:4000
```

8.10.6 Rename the cluster

After deploying and starting the cluster, you can rename the cluster using the `tiup cluster rename` command:

```
tiup cluster rename ${cluster-name} ${new-name}
```

Note:

- The operation of renaming a cluster restarts the monitoring system (Prometheus and Grafana).
- After a cluster is renamed, some panels with the old cluster name might remain on Grafana. You need to delete them manually.

8.10.7 Stop the cluster

The components in the TiDB cluster are stopped in the following order (The monitoring component is also stopped):

Alertmanager > Grafana > Prometheus > TiCDC > TiFlash > TiDB > TiKV > PD

To stop the cluster, run the following command:

```
tiup cluster stop ${cluster-name}
```

Similar to the `start` command, the `stop` command supports stopping some of the components by adding the `-R` or `-N` parameters. For example:

- This command stops only the TiDB component:

  ```
  tiup cluster stop ${cluster-name} -R tidb
  ```

- This command stops only the TiDB components on the `1.2.3.4` and `1.2.3.5` hosts:

  ```
  tiup cluster stop ${cluster-name} -N 1.2.3.4:4000,1.2.3.5:4000
  ```

8.10.8 Clean up cluster data

The operation of cleaning up cluster data stops all the services and cleans up the data directory or/and log directory. The operation cannot be reverted, so proceed **with caution**.

- Clean up the data of all services in the cluster, but keep the logs:

  ```
  tiup cluster clean ${cluster-name} --data
  ```

- Clean up the logs of all services in the cluster, but keep the data:

  ```
  tiup cluster clean ${cluster-name} --log
  ```

- Clean up the data and logs of all services in the cluster:

  ```
  tiup cluster clean ${cluster-name} --all
  ```

- Clean up the logs and data of all services except Prometheus:

  ```
  tiup cluster clean ${cluster-name} --all --ignore-role prometheus
  ```

- Clean up the logs and data of all services except the `172.16.13.11:9000` instance:

  ```
  tiup cluster clean ${cluster-name} --all --ignore-node
  ↪ 172.16.13.11:9000
  ```

- Clean up the logs and data of all services except the `172.16.13.12` node:

```
tiup cluster clean ${cluster-name} --all --ignore-node 172.16.13.12
```

8.10.9 Destroy the cluster

The destroy operation stops the services and clears the data directory and deployment directory. The operation cannot be reverted, so proceed **with caution**.

```
tiup cluster destroy ${cluster-name}
```

8.10.10 Switch from Prometheus to VictoriaMetrics

In large-scale clusters, Prometheus might encounter performance bottlenecks when handling a large number of instances. Starting from TiUP v1.16.3, TiUP supports switching the monitoring component from Prometheus to VictoriaMetrics (VM) to provide better scalability, higher performance, and lower resource consumption.

8.10.10.1 Set up VictoriaMetrics for a new deployment

By default, TiUP uses Prometheus as the metrics monitoring component. To use VictoriaMetrics instead of Prometheus in a new deployment, configure the topology file as follows:

```
## Monitoring server configuration
monitoring_servers:
  # IP address of the monitoring server
  - host: ip_address
    ...
    prom_remote_write_to_vm: true
    enable_prom_agent_mode: true

## Grafana server configuration
grafana_servers:
  # IP address of the Grafana server
  - host: ip_address
    ...
    use_vm_as_datasource: true
```

8.10.10.2 Migrate an existing deployment to VictoriaMetrics

You can perform the migration without affecting running instances. Existing metrics will remain in Prometheus, while TiUP will write new metrics to VictoriaMetrics.

8.10.10.2.1 Enable VictoriaMetrics remote write

1. Edit the cluster configuration:

```
tiup cluster edit-config ${cluster-name}
```

2. Under `monitoring_servers`, set `prom_remote_write_to_vm` to `true`:

```
monitoring_servers:
  - host: ip_address
    ...
    prom_remote_write_to_vm: true
```

3. Reload the configuration to apply the changes:

```
tiup cluster reload ${cluster-name} -R prometheus
```

8.10.10.2.2 Switch the default data source to VictoriaMetrics

1. Edit the cluster configuration:

```
tiup cluster edit-config ${cluster-name}
```

2. Under `grafana_servers`, set `use_vm_as_datasource` to `true`:

```
grafana_servers:
  - host: ip_address
    ...
    use_vm_as_datasource: true
```

3. Reload the configuration to apply the changes:

```
tiup cluster reload ${cluster-name} -R grafana
```

8.10.10.2.3 View historical metrics generated before the switch (optional)

If you need to view historical metrics generated before the switch, switch the data source of Grafana as follows:

1. Edit the cluster configuration:

```
tiup cluster edit-config ${cluster-name}
```

2. Under `grafana_servers`, comment out `use_vm_as_datasource`:

```
grafana_servers:
  - host: ip_address
    ...
    # use_vm_as_datasource: true
```

3. Reload the configuration to apply the changes:

```
tiup cluster reload ${cluster-name} -R grafana
```

4. To switch back to VictoriaMetrics, repeat the steps in Switch the default data source to VictoriaMetrics.

8.10.10.3 Clean up old metrics and services

After confirming that the old metrics have expired, you can perform the following steps to remove redundant services and files. This does not affect the running cluster.

8.10.10.3.1 Set Prometheus to agent mode

1. Edit the cluster configuration:

```
tiup cluster edit-config ${cluster-name}
```

2. Under `monitoring_servers`, set `enable_prom_agent_mode` to `true`, and ensure you also set `prom_remote_write_to_vm` and `use_vm_as_datasource` correctly:

```
monitoring_servers:
  - host: ip_address
    ...
    prom_remote_write_to_vm: true
    enable_prom_agent_mode: true
grafana_servers:
  - host: ip_address
    ...
    use_vm_as_datasource: true
```

3. Reload the configuration to apply the changes:

```
tiup cluster reload ${cluster-name} -R prometheus
```

8.10.10.3.2 Remove expired data directories

1. In the configuration file, locate the `data_dir` path of the monitoring server:

```
monitoring_servers:
  - host: ip_address
    ...
    data_dir: "/tidb-data/prometheus-8249"
```

2. Remove the data directory:

```
rm -rf /tidb-data/prometheus-8249
```

8.11 Modify Configuration Dynamically

This document describes how to dynamically modify the cluster configuration.

You can dynamically update the configuration of components (including TiDB, TiKV, and PD) using SQL statements, without restarting the cluster components. Currently, the method of changing TiDB instance configuration is different from that of changing configuration of other components (such as TiKV and PD).

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud. For TiDB Cloud, you need to contact TiDB Cloud Support to modify the configurations.

8.11.1 Common Operations

This section describes the common operations of dynamically modifying configuration.

8.11.1.1 View instance configuration

To view the configuration of all instances in the cluster, use the `show config` statement. The result is as follows:

```
show config;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----+-----------------+-------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

```
| Type | Instance     | Name                                                          |
   ↪  Value
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ----+----------------+---------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4001 | advertise-address                                          |
   ↪  127.0.0.1
   ↪
   ↪ |
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4001 | binlog.binlog-socket                                       |
   ↪
   ↪
   ↪ |
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4001 | binlog.enable                                              |
   ↪  false
   ↪
   ↪ |
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4001 | binlog.ignore-error                                        |
   ↪  false
   ↪
   ↪ |
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4001 | binlog.strategy                                            |
   ↪  range
   ↪
   ↪ |
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4001 | binlog.write-timeout                                       |
   ↪  15s
   ↪
   ↪ |
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4001 | check-mb4-value-in-utf8                                    |
   ↪  true
   ↪
   ↪ |

...
```

You can filter the result by fields. For example:

```
show config where type='tidb'
show config where instance in (...)
show config where name like '%log%'
show config where type='tikv' and name='log.level'
```

8.11.1.2 Modify TiKV configuration dynamically

> **Note:**
>
> - After dynamically changing TiKV configuration items, the TiKV configuration file is automatically updated. However, you also need to modify the corresponding configuration items by executing `tiup edit-config`; otherwise, operations such as `upgrade` and `reload` will overwrite your changes. For details of modifying configuration items, refer to Modify configuration using TiUP.
> - After executing `tiup edit-config`, you do not need to execute `tiup reload`.

When using the `set config` statement, you can modify the configuration of a single instance or of all instances according to the instance address or the component type.

- Modify the configuration of all TiKV instances:

> **Note:**
>
> It is recommended to wrap variable names in backticks.

```
set config tikv `split.qps-threshold`=1000;
```

- Modify the configuration of a single TiKV instance:

```
set config "127.0.0.1:20180" `split.qps-threshold`=1000;
```

If the modification is successful, `Query OK` is returned:

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

If an error occurs during the batch modification, a warning is returned:

```
set config tikv `log-level`='warn';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.04 sec)
```

```
show warnings;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1105 | bad request to http://127.0.0.1:20180/config: fail to
    ↪ update, error: "config log-level can not be changed" |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The batch modification does not guarantee atomicity. The modification might succeed on some instances, while failing on others. If you modify the configuration of the entire TiKV cluster using `set tikv key=val`, your modification might fail on some instances. You can use `show warnings` to check the result.

If some modifications fail, you need to re-execute the corresponding statement or modify each failed instance. If some TiKV instances cannot be accessed due to network issues or machine failure, modify these instances after they are recovered.

If a configuration item is successfully modified, the result is persisted in the configuration file, which will prevail in the subsequent operations. The names of some configuration items might conflict with TiDB reserved words, such as `limit` and `key`. For these configuration items, use backtick ` to enclose them. For example, `` `raftstore.raft-log-gc-size-limit` ``.

The following TiKV configuration items can be modified dynamically:

Configuration item	Description
log.level	The log level.

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `raft` ↪ `-` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `inflight` ↪ `-` ↪ `msgs` ↪	The number of Raft logs to be confirmed. If this number is exceeded, the Raft state machine slows down log sending.
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `raft` ↪ `-` ↪ `log` ↪ `-` ↪ `gc` ↪ `-` ↪ `tick` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	The time interval at which the polling task of deleting Raft logs is scheduled

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `raft` ↪ `-` ↪ `log` ↪ `-` ↪ `gc` ↪ `-` ↪ `threshold` ↪	The soft limit on the maximum allowable number of residual Raft logs
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `raft` ↪ `-` ↪ `log` ↪ `-` ↪ `gc` ↪ `-` ↪ `count` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	The hard limit on the allowable number of residual Raft logs

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore ↪ . ↪ raft ↪ - ↪ log ↪ - ↪ gc ↪ - ↪ size ↪ - ↪ limit ↪`	The hard limit on the allowable size of residual Raft logs
`raftstore ↪ . ↪ raft ↪ - ↪ max ↪ - ↪ size ↪ - ↪ per ↪ - ↪ msg ↪`	The soft limit on the size of a single message packet that is allowed to be generated

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore ↪ . ↪ raft ↪ - ↪ entry ↪ - ↪ max ↪ - ↪ size ↪`	The hard limit on the maximum size of a single Raft log
`raftstore ↪ . ↪ raft ↪ - ↪ entry ↪ - ↪ cache ↪ - ↪ life ↪ - ↪ time ↪`	The maximum remaining time allowed for the log cache in memory

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore ↪ . ↪ max ↪ - ↪ apply ↪ - ↪ unpersisted ↪ - ↪ log ↪ - ↪ limit ↪`	The maximum number of committed but not persisted Raft logs that can be applied
`raftstore ↪ . ↪ split ↪ - ↪ region ↪ - ↪ check ↪ - ↪ tick ↪ - ↪ interval ↪`	The time interval at which to check whether the Region split is needed

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `split` ↪ `-` ↪ `check` ↪ `-` ↪ `diff` ↪	The maximum value by which the Region data is allowed to exceed before Region split
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `compact` ↪ `-` ↪ `check` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	The time interval at which to check whether it is necessary to manually trigger RocksDB compaction

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `compact` ↪ `-` ↪ `check` ↪ `-` ↪ `step` ↪	The number of Regions checked at one time for each round of manual compaction
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `compact` ↪ `-` ↪ `min` ↪ `-` ↪ `tombstones` ↪	The number of tombstones required to trigger RocksDB compaction

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `compact` ↪ `-` ↪ `tombstones` ↪ `-` ↪ `percent` ↪	The proportion of tombstone required to trigger RocksDB compaction
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `pd` ↪ `-` ↪ `heartbeat` ↪ `-` ↪ `tick` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	The time interval at which a Region's heartbeat to PD is triggered

Configuration item	Description
raftstore ↪ . ↪ pd ↪ - ↪ store ↪ - ↪ heartbeat ↪ - ↪ tick ↪ - ↪ interval ↪	The time interval at which a store's heartbeat to PD is triggered
raftstore ↪ . ↪ snap ↪ - ↪ mgr ↪ - ↪ gc ↪ - ↪ tick ↪ - ↪ interval ↪	The time interval at which the recycle of expired snapshot files is triggered
raftstore ↪ . ↪ snap ↪ - ↪ gc ↪ - ↪ timeout ↪	The longest time for which a snapshot file is saved

Configuration item	Description
raftstore ↪ . ↪ lock ↪ - ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ compact ↪ - ↪ interval ↪	The time interval at which TiKV triggers a manual compaction for the Lock Column Family
raftstore ↪ . ↪ lock ↪ - ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ compact ↪ - ↪ bytes ↪ - ↪ threshold ↪	The size at which TiKV triggers a manual compaction for the Lock Column Family

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore ↪ . ↪ messages ↪ - ↪ per ↪ - ↪ tick ↪`	The maximum number of messages processed per batch
`raftstore ↪ . ↪ max ↪ - ↪ peer ↪ - ↪ down ↪ - ↪ duration ↪`	The longest inactive duration allowed for a peer

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `leader` ↪ `-` ↪ `missing` ↪ `-` ↪ `duration` ↪	The longest duration allowed for a peer to be without a leader. If this value is exceeded, the peer verifies with PD whether it has been deleted.

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `abnormal` ↪ `-` ↪ `leader` ↪ `-` ↪ `missing` ↪ `-` ↪ `duration` ↪	The normal duration allowed for a peer to be without a leader. If this value is exceeded, the peer is seen as abnormal and marked in metrics and logs.

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `peer` ↪ `-` ↪ `stale` ↪ `-` ↪ `state` ↪ `-` ↪ `check` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	The time interval to check whether a peer is without a leader
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `consistency` ↪ `-` ↪ `check` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	The time interval to check consistency (**NOT** recommended because it is not compatible with the garbage collection in TiDB)

Configuration item	Description
raftstore ↪ . ↪ raft ↪ - ↪ store ↪ - ↪ max ↪ - ↪ leader ↪ - ↪ lease ↪	The longest trusted period of a Raft leader
raftstore ↪ . ↪ merge ↪ - ↪ check ↪ - ↪ tick ↪ - ↪ interval ↪	The time interval for merge check
raftstore ↪ . ↪ cleanup ↪ - ↪ import ↪ - ↪ sst ↪ - ↪ interval ↪	The time interval to check expired SST files

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore ↪ . ↪ local ↪ - ↪ read ↪ - ↪ batch ↪ - ↪ size ↪`	The maximum number of read requests processed in one batch
`raftstore ↪ . ↪ apply ↪ - ↪ yield ↪ - ↪ write ↪ - ↪ size ↪`	The maximum number of bytes that the Apply thread can write for one FSM (Finite-state Machine) in each round

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `hibernate` ↪ `-` ↪ `timeout` ↪	The shortest wait duration before entering hibernation upon start. Within this duration, TiKV does not hibernate (not released).

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `apply` ↪ `-` ↪ `pool` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	The number of threads in the pool that flushes data to the disk, which is the size of the Apply thread pool

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `store` ↪ `-` ↪ `pool` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	The number of threads in the pool that processes Raft, which is the size of the Raftstore thread pool

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `apply` ↪ `-` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `batch` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	Raft state machines process data write requests in batches by the BatchSystem. This configuration item specifies the maximum number of Raft state machines that can execute the requests in one batch.

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `store` ↪ `-` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `batch` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	Raft state machines process requests for flushing logs into the disk in batches by the BatchSystem. This configuration item specifies the maximum number of Raft state machines that can process the requests

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `store` ↪ `-` ↪ `io` ↪ `-` ↪ `pool` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	The number of threads that process Raft I/O tasks, which is also the size of the StoreWriter thread pool (**DO NOT** modify this value from a non-zero value to 0 or from 0 to a non-zero value)

Configuration item	Description
`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `periodic` ↪ `-` ↪ `full` ↪ `-` ↪ `compact` ↪ `-` ↪ `start` ↪ `-` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `cpu` ↪	The CPU usage threshold at which TiKV performs periodic full compaction if full compaction is enabled

Configuration item	Description
`readpool` ↪ `.` ↪ `unified` ↪ `.` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `thread` ↪ `-` ↪ `count` ↪	The maximum number of threads in the thread pool that uniformly processes read requests, which is the size of the UnifyReadPool thread pool

Configuration item	Description
`readpool` ↪ `.` ↪ `unified` ↪ `.` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `tasks` ↪ `-` ↪ `per` ↪ `-` ↪ `worker` ↪	The maximum number of tasks allowed for a single thread in the unified read pool. `Server` ↪ ↪ `Is` ↪ ↪ `Busy` ↪ error is returned when the value is exceeded.

Configuration item	Description
`readpool` ↪ `.` ↪ `unified` ↪ `.` ↪ `auto` ↪ `-` ↪ `adjust` ↪ `-` ↪ `pool` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	Determines whether to auto-matically ad-just the Uni-fyRead-Pool thread pool size
`resource` ↪ `-` ↪ `control` ↪ `.` ↪ `priority` ↪ `-` ↪ `ctl` ↪ `-` ↪ `strategy` ↪	Configures the flow con-trol strat-egy of low-priority tasks.
`coprocessor` ↪ `.` ↪ `split` ↪ `-` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `on` ↪ `-` ↪ `table` ↪	Enables to split Re-gion by table

Configuration item	Description
`coprocessor ↪ . ↪ batch ↪ - ↪ split ↪ - ↪ limit ↪`	The threshold of Region split in batches
`coprocessor ↪ . ↪ region ↪ - ↪ max ↪ - ↪ size ↪`	The maximum size of a Region
`coprocessor ↪ . ↪ region ↪ - ↪ split ↪ - ↪ size ↪`	The size of the newly split Region
`coprocessor ↪ . ↪ region ↪ - ↪ max ↪ - ↪ keys ↪`	The maximum number of keys allowed in a Region

Configuration item	Description
`coprocessor` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `split` ↪ `-` ↪ `keys` ↪	The number of keys in the newly split Region
`pessimistic` ↪ `-` ↪ `txn` ↪ `.` ↪ `wait` ↪ `-` ↪ `for` ↪ `-` ↪ `lock` ↪ `-` ↪ `timeout` ↪	The longest duration that a pessimistic transaction waits for the lock
`pessimistic` ↪ `-` ↪ `txn` ↪ `.` ↪ `wake` ↪ `-` ↪ `up` ↪ `-` ↪ `delay` ↪ `-` ↪ `duration` ↪	The duration after which a pessimistic transaction is woken up

Configuration item	Description
`pessimistic-txn.pipelined`	Determines whether to enable the pipelined pessimistic locking process
`pessimistic-txn.in-memory`	Determines whether to enable the in-memory pessimistic lock
`pessimistic-txn.in-memory.memory-limit-for-in-memory-peer`	Controls the memory usage limit for in-memory pessimistic locks in a Region

Configuration item	Description
`pessimistic-txn.in-memory.instance.size-limit`	Controls the memory usage limit for in-memory pessimistic locks in a TiKV instance
`quota.foreground-cpu-time`	The soft limit on the CPU resources used by TiKV foreground to process read and write requests

Configuration item	Description
`quota` ↪ `.` ↪ `foreground` ↪ `-` ↪ `write` ↪ `-` ↪ `bandwidth` ↪	The soft limit on the bandwidth with which foreground transactions write data
`quota` ↪ `.` ↪ `foreground` ↪ `-` ↪ `read` ↪ `-` ↪ `bandwidth` ↪	The soft limit on the bandwidth with which foreground transactions and the Coprocessor read data

Configuration item	Description
`quota` ↪ `.` ↪ `background` ↪ `-` ↪ `cpu` ↪ `-` ↪ `time` ↪	The soft limit on the CPU resources used by TiKV background to process read and write requests
`quota` ↪ `.` ↪ `background` ↪ `-` ↪ `write` ↪ `-` ↪ `bandwidth` ↪	The soft limit on the bandwidth with which background transactions write data

Configuration item	Description
`quota` ↪ `.` ↪ `background` ↪ `-` ↪ `read` ↪ `-` ↪ `bandwidth` ↪	The soft limit on the bandwidth with which background transactions and the Coprocessor read data

Configuration item	Description
`quota` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `auto` ↪ `-` ↪ `tune` ↪	Whether to enable the auto-tuning of quota. If this configuration item is enabled, TiKV dynamically adjusts the quota for the background requests based on the load of TiKV instances.

Configuration item	Description
`quota` ↪ `.` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `delay` ↪ `-` ↪ `duration` ↪	The maximum time that a single read or write request is forced to wait before it is processed in the foreground

Configuration item	Description
`gc.ratio-threshold`	The threshold at which Region GC is skipped (the number of GC versions/the number of keys)
`gc.batch-keys`	The number of keys processed in one batch

Configuration item	Description
gc. ↪ max ↪ - ↪ write ↪ - ↪ bytes ↪ - ↪ per ↪ - ↪ sec ↪	The maximum bytes that can be written into RocksDB per second
gc. ↪ enable ↪ - ↪ compaction ↪ - ↪ filter ↪	Whether to enable compaction filter
gc. ↪ compaction ↪ - ↪ filter ↪ - ↪ skip ↪ - ↪ version ↪ - ↪ check ↪	Whether to skip the cluster version check of compaction filter (not released)

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ max ↪ - ↪ total ↪ - ↪ wal ↪ - ↪ size ↪	The maximum size of total WAL
{db- ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ max ↪ - ↪ background ↪ - ↪ jobs ↪	The number of background threads in RocksDB
{db- ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ max ↪ - ↪ background ↪ - ↪ flushes ↪	The maximum number of flush threads in RocksDB
{db- ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ max ↪ - ↪ open ↪ - ↪ files ↪	The total number of files that RocksDB can open

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ compaction ↪ - ↪ readahead ↪ - ↪ size ↪	The size of readahead during compaction
{db- ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ bytes ↪ - ↪ per ↪ - ↪ sync ↪	The rate at which OS incremental synchronizes files to disk while these files are being written asynchronously

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ wal ↪ - ↪ bytes ↪ - ↪ per ↪ - ↪ sync ↪	The rate at which OS incre-men-tally syn-chro-nizes WAL files to disk while the WAL files are being writ-ten
{db- ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ writable ↪ - ↪ file ↪ - ↪ max ↪ - ↪ buffer ↪ - ↪ size ↪	The maxi-mum buffer size used in Writable-FileWrite

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ block ↪ - ↪ cache ↪ - ↪ size ↪	The cache size of a block
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ write ↪ - ↪ buffer ↪ - ↪ size ↪	The size of a memtable
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ max ↪ - ↪ write ↪ - ↪ buffer ↪ - ↪ number ↪	The maximum number of memtables

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ max ↪ - ↪ bytes ↪ - ↪ for ↪ - ↪ level ↪ - ↪ base ↪	The maximum number of bytes at base level (L1)
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ target ↪ - ↪ file ↪ - ↪ size ↪ - ↪ base ↪	The size of the target file at base level

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ level0 ↪ - ↪ file ↪ - ↪ num ↪ - ↪ compaction ↪ - ↪ trigger ↪	The maximum number of files at L0 that trigger compaction
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ level0 ↪ - ↪ slowdown ↪ - ↪ writes ↪ - ↪ trigger ↪	The maximum number of files at L0 that trigger write stall

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ level0 ↪ - ↪ stop ↪ - ↪ writes ↪ - ↪ trigger ↪	The maximum number of files at L0 that completely block write
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ max ↪ - ↪ compaction ↪ - ↪ bytes ↪	The maximum number of bytes written into disk per compaction

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ max ↪ - ↪ bytes ↪ - ↪ for ↪ - ↪ level ↪ - ↪ multiplier ↪	The default amplification multiple for each layer
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ disable ↪ - ↪ auto ↪ - ↪ compactions ↪	Enables or disables automatic compaction

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ soft ↪ - ↪ pending ↪ - ↪ compaction ↪ - ↪ bytes ↪ - ↪ limit ↪	The soft limit on the pending compaction bytes
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ hard ↪ - ↪ pending ↪ - ↪ compaction ↪ - ↪ bytes ↪ - ↪ limit ↪	The hard limit on the pending compaction bytes

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ titan ↪ . ↪ blob ↪ - ↪ run ↪ - ↪ mode ↪	The mode of processing blob files
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ titan ↪ . ↪ min ↪ - ↪ blob ↪ - ↪ size ↪	The threshold at which data is stored in Titan. Data is stored in a Titan blob file when its value reaches this threshold.

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ titan ↪ . ↪ blob ↪ - ↪ file ↪ - ↪ compression ↪	The compression algorithm used by Titan blob files

Configuration item	Description
{db- ↪ name ↪ }.{ ↪ cf ↪ - ↪ name ↪ }. ↪ titan ↪ . ↪ discardable ↪ - ↪ ratio ↪	The threshold of garbage data ratio in Titan data files for GC. When the ratio of useless data in a blob file exceeds the threshold, Titan GC is triggered.

Configuration item	Description
`server` ↪ `.` ↪ `grpc` ↪ `-` ↪ `memory` ↪ `-` ↪ `pool` ↪ `-` ↪ `quota` ↪	Limits the memory size that can be used by gRPC
`server` ↪ `.` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `grpc` ↪ `-` ↪ `send` ↪ `-` ↪ `msg` ↪ `-` ↪ `len` ↪	Sets the maximum length of a gRPC message that can be sent
`server` ↪ `.` ↪ `snap` ↪ `-` ↪ `io` ↪ `-` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `bytes` ↪ `-` ↪ `per` ↪ `-` ↪ `sec` ↪	Sets the maximum allowable disk bandwidth when processing snapshots

Configuration item	Description
`server` ↪ `.` ↪ `concurrent` ↪ `-` ↪ `send` ↪ `-` ↪ `snap` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	Sets the maximum number of snapshots sent at the same time
`server` ↪ `.` ↪ `concurrent` ↪ `-` ↪ `recv` ↪ `-` ↪ `snap` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	Sets the maximum number of snapshots received at the same time

Configuration item	Description
`server` ↪ `.` ↪ `raft` ↪ `-` ↪ `msg` ↪ `-` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `batch` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	Sets the maximum number of Raft messages that are contained in a single gRPC message
`server` ↪ `.` ↪ `simplify` ↪ `-` ↪ `metrics` ↪	Controls whether to simplify the sampling monitoring metrics

Configuration item	Description
`storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `block` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `.` ↪ `capacity` ↪	The size of shared block cache (supported since v4.0.3)
storage.flow-control.enable	Determines whether to enable the flow control mechanism
storage.flow-control.memtables-threshold	The maximum number of kvDB memtables that trigger flow control

Configuration item	Description
storage.flow-control.l0-files-threshold	The maximum number of kvDB L0 files that trigger flow control
storage.flow-control.soft-pending-compaction-bytes-limit	The threshold of kvDB pending compaction bytes that triggers flow control mechanism to reject some write requests

Configuration item	Description
storage.flow-control.hard-pending-compaction-bytes-limit	The threshold of kvDB pending compaction bytes that triggers flow control mechanism to reject all write requests
`storage.scheduler-worker-pool-size`	The number of threads in the Scheduler thread pool

Configuration item	Description
`import` ↪ `.` ↪ `num` ↪ `-` ↪ `threads` ↪	The number of threads to process restore or import RPC requests (dynamic modification is supported starting from v8.1.2)
`backup` ↪ `.` ↪ `num` ↪ `-` ↪ `threads` ↪	The number of backup threads (supported since v4.0.3)

Configuration item	Description
`split.qps-threshold`	The threshold to execute `load-base-split` on a Region. If the QPS of read requests for a Region exceeds `qps-threshold` for 10 consecutive seconds, this Region should be split.

Configuration item	Description
`split_byte_threshold`	The threshold to execute `load_base_split` on a Region. If the traffic of read requests for a Region exceeds the `byte_threshold` for 10 consecutive seconds, this Region should be split.

Configuration item	Description
`split` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `cpu` ↪ `-` ↪ `overload` ↪ `-` ↪ `threshold` ↪ `-` ↪ `ratio` ↪	The threshold to execute `load` ↪ `-` ↪ `base` ↪ `-` ↪ `split` ↪ on a Region. If the CPU usage in the Unified Read Pool for a Region exceeds the `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `cpu` ↪ `-` ↪ `overload` ↪ `-` ↪ `threshold` ↪ `-` ↪ `ratio` ↪ for 10 consecutive seconds, this

Configuration item	Description
`split` ↪ `.` ↪ `split` ↪ `-` ↪ `balance` ↪ `-` ↪ `score` ↪	The parameter of `load` ↪ `-` ↪ `base` ↪ `-` ↪ `split` ↪ , which ensures the load of the two split Regions is as balanced as possible. The smaller the value is, the more balanced the load is. But setting it too small might cause split

Configuration item	Description
`split` ↪ `.` ↪ `split` ↪ `-` ↪ `contained` ↪ `-` ↪ `score` ↪	The parameter of `load` ↪ `-` ↪ `base` ↪ `-` ↪ `split` ↪ `.` The smaller the value, the fewer cross-Region visits after Region split.
`cdc.` ↪ `min` ↪ `-` ↪ `ts` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	The time interval at which Resolved TS is forwarded

Configuration item	Description
`cdc.` ↪ `old` ↪ `-` ↪ `value` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `-` ↪ `memory` ↪ `-` ↪ `quota` ↪	The upper limit of memory occupied by the TiCDC Old Value entries
`cdc.` ↪ `sink` ↪ `-` ↪ `memory` ↪ `-` ↪ `quota` ↪	The upper limit of memory occupied by TiCDC data change events

Configuration item	Description
`cdc.incremental-scan-speed-limit`	The upper limit on the speed of incremental scanning for historical data
`cdc.incremental-scan-concurrency`	The maximum number of concurrent incremental scanning tasks for historical data

In the table above, parameters with the `{db-name}` or `{db-name}.{cf-name}` prefix are configurations related to RocksDB. The optional values of `db-name` are `rocksdb` and `raftdb`.

- When `db-name` is `rocksdb`, the optional values of `cf-name` are `defaultcf`, `writecf`, `lockcf`, and `raftcf`.
- When `db-name` is `raftdb`, the value of `cf-name` can be `defaultcf`.

For detailed parameter description, refer to TiKV Configuration File.

8.11.1.3 Modify PD configuration dynamically

Currently, PD does not support the separate configuration for each instance. All PD instances share the same configuration.

You can modify the PD configurations using the following statement:

```
set config pd `log.level`='info';
```

If the modification is successful, `Query OK` is returned:

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

If a configuration item is successfully modified, the result is persisted in etcd instead of in the configuration file; the configuration in etcd will prevail in the subsequent operations. The names of some configuration items might conflict with TiDB reserved words. For these configuration items, use backtick ` to enclose them. For example, `` `schedule.leader-schedule-limit` ``.

The following PD configuration items can be modified dynamically:

Configuration item	Description
`log.level`	The log level
`cluster-version`	The cluster version
`schedule.max-merge-region-size`	Controls the size limit of `Region` `Merge` (in MiB)

Configuration item	Description
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `merge` ↪ `-` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `keys` ↪	Specifies the maximum numbers of the `Region` ↪ ↪ `Merge` ↪ keys
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `patrol` ↪ `-` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	Determines the frequency at which the checker inspects the health state of a Region

Configuration item	Description
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `split` ↪ `-` ↪ `merge` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	Determines the time interval of performing split and merge operations on the same Region
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `snapshot` ↪ `-` ↪ `count` ↪	Determines the maximum number of snapshots that a single store can send or receive at the same time

Configuration item	Description
`schedule.max-pending-peer-count`	Determines the maximum number of pending peers in a single store
`schedule.max-store-down-time`	The downtime after which PD judges that the disconnected store cannot be recovered

Configuration item	Description
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `store` ↪ `-` ↪ `preparing` ↪ `-` ↪ `time` ↪	Controls the maximum waiting time for the store to go online
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `leader` ↪ `-` ↪ `schedule` ↪ `-` ↪ `policy` ↪	Determines the policy of Leader scheduling
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `leader` ↪ `-` ↪ `schedule` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	The number of Leader scheduling tasks performed at the same time

Configuration item	Description
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `schedule` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	The number of Region scheduling tasks performed at the same time
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `replica` ↪ `-` ↪ `schedule` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	The number of Replica scheduling tasks performed at the same time

Configuration item	Description
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `merge` ↪ `-` ↪ `schedule` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	The number of the `Region` ↪ ↪ `Merge` ↪ scheduling tasks performed at the same time
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `hot` ↪ `-` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `schedule` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	The number of hot Region scheduling tasks performed at the same time

Configuration item	Description
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `hot` ↪ `-` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `-` ↪ `hits` ↪ `-` ↪ `threshold` ↪	Determines the threshold at which a Region is considered a hot spot
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `high` ↪ `-` ↪ `space` ↪ `-` ↪ `ratio` ↪	The threshold ratio below which the capacity of the store is sufficient

Configuration item	Description
`schedule.low-space-ratio`	The threshold ratio above which the capacity of the store is insufficient
`schedule.tolerant-size-ratio`	Controls the `balance` buffer size
`schedule.enable-remove-down-replica`	Determines whether to enable the feature that automatically removes `DownReplica`

Configuration item	Description
`schedule.enable-replace-offline-replica`	Determines whether to enable the feature that migrates `OfflineReplica`
`schedule.enable-make-up-replica`	Determines whether to enable the feature that automatically supplements replicas
`schedule.enable-remove-extra-replica`	Determines whether to enable the feature that removes extra replicas

Configuration item	Description
`schedule ↪ . ↪ enable ↪ - ↪ location ↪ - ↪ replacement ↪`	Determines whether to enable isolation level check
`schedule ↪ . ↪ enable ↪ - ↪ cross ↪ - ↪ table ↪ - ↪ merge ↪`	Determines whether to enable cross-table merge
`schedule ↪ . ↪ enable ↪ - ↪ one ↪ - ↪ way ↪ - ↪ merge ↪`	Enables one-way merge, which only allows merging with the next adjacent Region

Configuration item	Description
`schedule ↪ . ↪ region ↪ - ↪ score ↪ - ↪ formula ↪ - ↪ version ↪`	Controls the version of the Region score formula
`schedule ↪ . ↪ scheduler ↪ - ↪ max ↪ - ↪ waiting ↪ - ↪ operator ↪`	Controls the number of waiting operators in each scheduler
`schedule ↪ . ↪ enable ↪ - ↪ debug ↪ - ↪ metrics ↪`	Enables the metrics for debugging

Configuration item	Description
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `heartbeat` ↪ `-` ↪ `concurrent` ↪ `-` ↪ `runner` ↪	Enables asynchronous concurrent processing for Region heartbeats
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `heartbeat` ↪ `-` ↪ `breakdown` ↪ `-` ↪ `metrics` ↪	Enables breakdown metrics for Region heartbeats to measure the time consumed in each stage of Region heartbeat processing

Configuration item	Description
`schedule . enable - joint - consensus`	Controls whether to use Joint Consensus for replica scheduling
`schedule . hot - regions - write - interval`	The time interval at which PD stores hot Region information
`schedule . hot - regions - reserved - days`	Specifies how many days the hot Region information is retained

Configuration item	Description
`schedule.max-movable-hot-peer-size`	Controls the maximum Region size that can be scheduled for hot Region scheduling.
`schedule.store-limit-version`	Controls the version of store limit

Configuration item	Description
`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `patrol` ↪ `-` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `worker` ↪ `-` ↪ `count` ↪	Controls the number of concurrent operators created by the checker when inspecting the health state of a Region
`replication` ↪ `.` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `replicas` ↪	Sets the maximum number of replicas

Configuration item	Description
`replication` ↪ `.` ↪ `location` ↪ `-` ↪ `labels` ↪	The topology information of a TiKV cluster
`replication` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `placement` ↪ `-` ↪ `rules` ↪	Enables Placement Rules
`replication` ↪ `.` ↪ `strictly` ↪ `-` ↪ `match` ↪ `-` ↪ `label` ↪	Enables the label check
`replication` ↪ `.` ↪ `isolation` ↪ `-` ↪ `level` ↪	The minimum topological isolation level of a TiKV cluster

Configuration item	Description
pd-server.independent-region-storage	Enables independent Region storage
pd-server.max-gap-reset-ts	Sets the maximum interval of resetting timestamp (BR)
pd-server.key-type	Sets the cluster key type
pd-server.metric-storage	Sets the storage address of the cluster metrics

Configuration item	Description
`pd-server.dashboard-address`	Sets the dashboard address
`pd-server.flow-round-by-digit`	Specifies the number of lowest digits to round for the Region flow information

Configuration item	Description
pd-server.min-resolved-ts-persistence-interval	Determines the interval at which the minimum resolved ts is persistent to the PD
pd-server.server-memory-limit	The memory limit ratio for a PD instance
pd-server.server-memory-limit-gc-trigger	The threshold ratio at which PD tries to trigger GC

Configuration item	Description
pd-server.enable-gogc-tuner	Controls whether to enable the GOGC Tuner
pd-server.gc-tuner-threshold	The maximum memory threshold ratio for tuning GOGC
replication.-mode	Sets the backup mode
replication.replication-mode	

Configuration item	Description
`replication` ↪ `-` ↪ `mode` ↪ `.` ↪ `dr` ↪ `-` ↪ `auto` ↪ `-` ↪ `sync` ↪ `.` ↪ `label` ↪ `-` ↪ `key` ↪	Distinguishes different AZs and needs to match Placement Rules
`replication` ↪ `-` ↪ `mode` ↪ `.` ↪ `dr` ↪ `-` ↪ `auto` ↪ `-` ↪ `sync` ↪ `.` ↪ `primary` ↪	The primary AZ
`replication` ↪ `-` ↪ `mode` ↪ `.` ↪ `dr` ↪ `-` ↪ `auto` ↪ `-` ↪ `sync` ↪ `.` ↪ `dr` ↪	The disaster recovery (DR) AZ

Configuration item	Description
`replication` ↪ `-` ↪ `mode` ↪ `.` ↪ `dr` ↪ `-` ↪ `auto` ↪ `-` ↪ `sync` ↪ `.` ↪ `primary` ↪ `-` ↪ `replicas` ↪	The number of Voter replicas in the primary AZ
`replication` ↪ `-` ↪ `mode` ↪ `.` ↪ `dr` ↪ `-` ↪ `auto` ↪ `-` ↪ `sync` ↪ `.` ↪ `dr` ↪ `-` ↪ `replicas` ↪	The number of Voter replicas in the disaster recovery (DR) AZ

Configuration item	Description
`replication` ↪ `-` ↪ `mode` ↪ `.` ↪ `dr` ↪ `-` ↪ `auto` ↪ `-` ↪ `sync` ↪ `.` ↪ `wait` ↪ `-` ↪ `store` ↪ `-` ↪ `timeout` ↪	The waiting time for switching to asynchronous replication mode when network isolation or failure occurs

Configuration item	Description
`replication` ↪ `-` ↪ `mode` ↪ `.` ↪ `dr` ↪ `-` ↪ `auto` ↪ `-` ↪ `sync` ↪ `.` ↪ `wait` ↪ `-` ↪ `recover` ↪ `-` ↪ `timeout` ↪	The waiting time for switching back to the `sync` ↪ `-` ↪ `recover` ↪ status after the network recovers

Configuration item	Description
`replication-mode.dr-auto-sync.pause-region-split`	Controls whether to pause Region split operations in the `async_wait` and `async` statuses

For detailed parameter description, refer to PD Configuration File.

8.11.1.4 Modify TiDB configuration dynamically

Currently, the method of changing TiDB configuration is different from that of changing TiKV and PD configurations. You can modify TiDB configuration by using system variables.

The following example shows how to dynamically modify `slow-threshold` by using the `tidb_slow_log_threshold` variable.

The default value of `slow-threshold` is 300 ms. You can set it to 200 ms by using `tidb_slow_log_threshold`.

```
set tidb_slow_log_threshold = 200;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
select @@tidb_slow_log_threshold;
```

```
+-----------------------------+
| @@tidb_slow_log_threshold |
```

```
+--------------------------+
| 200                      |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following TiDB configuration items can be modified dynamically:

Configuration item	SQL variable	Description
instance.tidb_enable_slow_log	tidb_enable_slow_log	Controls whether to enable slow log
instance.tidb_slow_log_threshold	tidb_slow_log_threshold	Specifies the threshold of slow log
instance.tidb_expensive_query_time_threshold	tidb_expensive_query_time_threshold	Specifies the threshold of an expensive query

Configuration item	SQL variable	Description
instance ↪ . ↪ tidb ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ collect ↪ _ ↪ execution ↪ _ ↪ info ↪	tidb ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ collect ↪ _ ↪ execution ↪ _ ↪ info ↪	Controls whether to record the execution information of operators
instance ↪ . ↪ tidb ↪ _ ↪ record ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ in ↪ _ ↪ slow ↪ _ ↪ log ↪	tidb ↪ _ ↪ record ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ in ↪ _ ↪ slow ↪ _ ↪ log ↪	Controls whether to record execution plans in the slow log

Configuration item	SQL variable	Description
`instance` ↪ `.` ↪ `tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `force` ↪ `_` ↪ `priority` ↪	`tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `force` ↪ `_` ↪ `priority` ↪	Specifies the priority of statements that are submitted from this TiDB instance
`instance` ↪ `.` ↪ `max` ↪ `_` ↪ `connections` ↪	`max` ↪ `_` ↪ `connections` ↪	Specifies the maximum number of concurrent connections permitted for this TiDB instance

Configuration item	SQL variable	Description
`instance` ↪ `.` ↪ `tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `enable` ↪ `_` ↪ `ddl` ↪	`tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `enable` ↪ `_` ↪ `ddl` ↪	Controls whether this TiDB instance can become a DDL owner

Configuration item	SQL variable	Description
`pessimistic` ↪ `-` ↪ `txn` ↪ `.` ↪ `constraint` ↪ `-` ↪ `check` ↪ `-` ↪ `in` ↪ `-` ↪ `place` ↪ `-` ↪ `pessimistic` ↪	`tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `constraint` ↪ `_` ↪ `check` ↪ `_` ↪ `in` ↪ `_` ↪ `place` ↪ `_` ↪ `pessimistic` ↪	Controls whether to defer the unique constraint check of a unique index to the next time when this index requires a lock or to the time when the transaction is committed

8.11.1.5 Modify TiFlash configuration dynamically

Currently, you can modify the TiFlash configuration `max_threads` by using the system variable `tidb_max_tiflash_threads`, which specifies the maximum concurrency for TiFlash to execute a request.

The default value of `tidb_max_tiflash_threads` is `-1`, indicating that this system variable is invalid and depends on the setting of the TiFlash configuration file. You can set `max_threads` to 10 by using `tidb_max_tiflash_threads`:

```
set tidb_max_tiflash_threads = 10;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
select @@tidb_max_tiflash_threads;
```

```
+----------------------------+
| @@tidb_max_tiflash_threads |
+----------------------------+
| 10                         |
+----------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

8.12 Online Unsafe Recovery

> **Warning:**
>
> Online Unsafe Recovery is a type of lossy recovery. If you use this feature, the integrity of data and data indexes cannot be guaranteed.

When permanently damaged replicas cause part of data on TiKV to be unreadable and unwritable, you can use the Online Unsafe Recovery feature to perform a lossy recovery operation.

8.12.1 Feature description

In TiDB, the same data might be stored in multiple stores at the same time according to the replica rules defined by users. This guarantees that data is still readable and writable even if a single or a few stores are temporarily offline or damaged. However, when most or all replicas of a Region go offline during a short period of time, the Region becomes temporarily unavailable and cannot be read or written.

Suppose that multiple replicas of a data range encounter issues like permanent damage (such as disk damage), and these issues cause the stores to stay offline. In this case, this data range is temporarily unavailable. If you want the cluster back in use and also accept data rewind or data loss, in theory, you can re-form the majority of replicas by manually removing the failed replicas from the group. This allows application-layer services to read and write this data range (might be stale or empty) again.

In this case, if some stores with loss-tolerant data are permanently damaged, you can perform a lossy recovery operation by using Online Unsafe Recovery. When you use this feature, PD automatically pauses Region scheduling (including split and merge), collects the metadata of data shards from all stores, and then, under its global perspective, generates a real-time and complete recovery plan. Then, PD distributes the plan to all surviving stores to make them perform data recovery tasks. In addition, once the data recovery plan is distributed, PD periodically monitors the recovery progress and re-send the plan when necessary.

8.12.2 User scenarios

The Online Unsafe Recovery feature is suitable for the following scenarios:

- The data for application services is unreadable and unwritable, because permanently damaged stores cause the stores to fail to restart.
- You can accept data loss and want the affected data to be readable and writable.
- You want to perform a one-stop online data recovery operation.

8.12.3 Usage

8.12.3.1 Prerequisites

Before using Online Unsafe Recovery, make sure that the following requirements are met:

- The offline stores indeed cause some pieces of data to be unavailable.
- The offline stores cannot be automatically recovered or restarted.

8.12.3.2 Step 1. Specify the stores that cannot be recovered

To trigger automatic recovery, use PD Control to execute `unsafe remove-failed-stores <store_id>[,<store_id>,...]` and specify **all** the TiKV and TiFlash nodes that cannot be recovered, separated by commas.

```
pd-ctl -u <pd_addr> unsafe remove-failed-stores <store_id1,store_id2,...>
```

Note:

- Make sure that **all** unrecoverable TiKV and TiFlash nodes are specified in the preceding command at once. Omitting any unrecoverable nodes might cause the recovery process to be blocked.
- If you have already performed Online Unsafe Recovery within a short period (such as within a day), make sure that the subsequent executions of this command still include the previously processed TiKV and TiFlash nodes.

To specify the longest allowable duration of a recovery task, use the `--timeout <seconds >` option. If this option is not specified, the longest duration is 5 minutes by default. When the timeout occurs, the recovery is interrupted and returns an error.

If the command returns `Success`, PD Control has successfully registered the task to PD. This only means that the request has been accepted, not that the recovery has been successfully performed. The recovery task is performed in the background. To see the recovery progress, use `show`.

If the command returns `Failed`, PD Control has failed to register the task to PD. The possible errors are as follows:

- `unsafe recovery is running`: There is already an ongoing recovery task.
- `invalid input store x doesn't exist`: The specified store ID does not exist.
- `invalid input store x is up and connected`: The specified store with the ID is still healthy and should not be recovered.

If PD loses store information for unrecoverable TiKV nodes after disaster recovery operations such as `pd-recover`, making the specific store IDs unknown, you can use the `--auto-detect` mode. This mode enables PD to automatically remove replicas from TiKV nodes that are either unregistered or previously registered but forcibly deleted.

```
pd-ctl -u <pd_addr> unsafe remove-failed-stores --auto-detect
```

Note:

- Because unsafe recovery needs to collect information from all peers, it might cause an increase in memory usage (100,000 peers are estimated to use 500 MiB of memory).
- If PD restarts when the command is running, the recovery is interrupted and you need to trigger the task again.
- Once the command is running, the specified stores will be set to the Tombstone status, and you cannot restart these stores.

- When the command is running, all scheduling tasks and split/merge are paused and will be resumed automatically after the recovery is successful or fails.

8.12.3.3 Step 2. Check the recovery progress and wait for the completion

When the above store removal command runs successfully, you can use PD Control to check the removal progress by running `unsafe remove-failed-stores show`.

```
pd-ctl -u <pd_addr> unsafe remove-failed-stores show
```

The recovery process has multiple possible stages:

- `collect report`: The initial stage in which PD collects reports from TiKV and gets global information.
- `tombstone tiflash learner`: Among the unhealthy Regions, delete the TiFlash learners that are newer than other healthy peers, to prevent such an extreme situation and the possible panic.
- `force leader for commit merge`: A special stage. When there is an uncompleted commit merge, `force leader` is first performed on the Regions with commit merge, in case of extreme situations.
- `force leader`: Forces unhealthy Regions to assign a Raft leader among the remaining healthy peers.
- `demote failed voter`: Demotes the Region's failed voters to learners, and then the Regions can select a Raft leader as normal.
- `create empty region`: Creates an empty Region to fill in the space in the key range. This is to resolve the case that the stores with all replicas of some Regions have been damaged.

Each of the above stages is output in the JSON format, including information, time, and a detailed recovery plan. For example:

```
[
    {
        "info": "Unsafe recovery enters collect report stage: failed stores
            ↪ 4, 5, 6",
        "time": "......"
    },
    {
        "info": "Unsafe recovery enters force leader stage",
        "time": "......",
        "actions": {
            "store 1": [
```

```
                "force leader on regions: 1001, 1002"
            ],
            "store 2": [
                "force leader on regions: 1003"
            ]
        }
    },
    {
        "info": "Unsafe recovery enters demote failed voter stage",
        "time": "......",
        "actions": {
            "store 1": [
                "region 1001 demotes peers { id:101 store_id:4 }, { id:102
                    ↪ store_id:5 }",
                "region 1002 demotes peers { id:103 store_id:5 }, { id:104
                    ↪ store_id:6 }",
            ],
            "store 2": [
                "region 1003 demotes peers { id:105 store_id:4 }, { id:106
                    ↪ store_id:6 }",
            ]
        }
    },
    {
        "info": "Collecting reports from alive stores(1/3)",
        "time": "......",
        "details": [
            "Stores that have not dispatched plan: ",
            "Stores that have reported to PD: 4",
            "Stores that have not reported to PD: 5, 6",
        ]
    }
]
```

After PD has successfully dispatched the recovery plan, it waits for TiKV to report the execution results. As you can see in `Collecting reports from alive stores`, the last stage of the above output, this part of the output shows the detailed statuses of PD dispatching recovery plan and receiving reports from TiKV.

The whole recovery process takes multiple stages and one stage might be retried multiple times. Usually, the estimated duration is 3 to 10 periods of store heartbeat (one period of store heartbeat is 10 seconds by default). After the recovery is completed, the last stage in the command output shows `"Unsafe recovery finished"`, the table IDs to which the affected Regions belong (if there is none or RawKV is used, the output does not show the table IDs), and the affected SQL meta Regions. For example:

```
{
    "info": "Unsafe recovery finished",
    "time": "......",
    "details": [
        "Affected table ids: 64, 27",
        "Affected meta regions: 1001",
    ]
}
```

After you get the affected table IDs, you can query `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES` to view the affected table names.

```
SELECT TABLE_SCHEMA, TABLE_NAME, TIDB_TABLE_ID FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.
    ↪ TABLES WHERE TIDB_TABLE_ID IN (64, 27);
```

Note:

- The recovery operation has turned some failed voters to failed learners. Then PD scheduling needs some time to remove these failed learners.
- It is recommended to add new stores in time.

If an error occurs during the task, the last stage in the output shows `"Unsafe recovery failed"` and the error message. For example:

```
{
    "info": "Unsafe recovery failed: <error>",
    "time": "......"
}
```

8.12.3.4 Step 3. Check the consistency of data and index (not required for RawKV)

Note:

Although the data can be read and written, it does not mean that there is no data loss.

After the recovery is completed, the data and index might be inconsistent. Use the SQL command `ADMIN CHECK` to check the data and index consistency of the affected tables

```
ADMIN CHECK TABLE table_name;
```

If there are inconsistent indexes, you can fix the index inconsistency by renaming the old index, creating a new index, and then dropping the old index.

1. Rename the old index:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name RENAME INDEX index_name TO index_name_lame_duck
    ↪ ;
```

2. Create a new index:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name ADD INDEX index_name (column_name);
```

3. Drop the old index:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name DROP INDEX index_name_lame_duck;
```

8.12.3.5 Step 4: Remove unrecoverable stores (optional)

1. Remove the unrecoverable nodes:

```
tiup cluster scale-in <cluster-name> -N <host> --force
```

2. Clean up Tombstone nodes:

```
tiup cluster prune <cluster-name>
```

1. Delete the `PersistentVolumeClaim`.

```
kubectl delete -n ${namespace} pvc ${pvc_name} --wait=false
```

2. Delete the TiKV Pod and wait for newly created TiKV Pods to join the cluster.

```
kubectl delete -n ${namespace} pod ${pod_name}
```

8.13 Replicate Data Between Primary and Secondary Clusters

This document describes how to configure a TiDB primary (upstream) cluster and a TiDB or MySQL secondary (downstream) cluster, and replicate incremental data from the primary cluster to the secondary cluster. The process includes the following steps:

1. Configure a TiDB primary cluster and a TiDB or MySQL secondary cluster.
2. Replicate incremental data from the primary cluster to the secondary cluster.
3. Recover data consistently by using Redo log when the primary cluster is down.

To replicate incremental data from a running TiDB cluster to its secondary cluster, you can use Backup & Restore BR and TiCDC.

8.13.1 Step 1. Set up the environment

1. Deploy TiDB clusters.

   Deploy two TiDB clusters, one upstream and the other downstream by using TiUP Playground. For production environments, deploy the clusters by referring to Deploy and Maintain an Online TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.

   In this document, we deploy the two clusters on two machines:

   - Node A: 172.16.6.123, for deploying the upstream TiDB cluster
   - Node B: 172.16.6.124, for deploying the downstream TiDB cluster

```
# Create an upstream cluster on Node A
tiup --tag upstream playground --host 0.0.0.0 --db 1 --pd 1 --kv 1 --
    ↪ tiflash 0 --ticdc 1
# Create a downstream cluster on Node B
tiup --tag downstream playground --host 0.0.0.0 --db 1 --pd 1 --kv 1 --
    ↪ tiflash 0 --ticdc 0
# View cluster status
tiup status
```

2. Initialize data.

   By default, test databases are created in the newly deployed clusters. Therefore, you can use sysbench to generate test data and simulate data in real scenarios.

```
sysbench oltp_write_only --config-file=./tidb-config --tables=10 --
    ↪ table-size=10000 prepare
```

   In this document, we use sysbench to run the `oltp_write_only` script. This script generates 10 tables in the upstream database, each with 10,000 rows. The tidb-config is as follows:

```
mysql-host=172.16.6.122 # Replace it with the IP address of your
    ↪ upstream cluster
mysql-port=4000
mysql-user=root
mysql-password=
db-driver=mysql      # Set database driver to MySQL
mysql-db=test        # Set the database as a test database
report-interval=10   # Set data collection period to 10s
threads=10           # Set the number of worker threads to 10
time=0               # Set the time required for executing the script.
    ↪ 0 indicates time unlimited
rate=100             # Set average TPS to 100
```

3. Simulate service workload.

   In real scenarios, service data is continuously written to the upstream cluster. In this document, we use sysbench to simulate this workload. Specifically, run the following command to enable 10 workers to continuously write data to three tables, sbtest1, sbtest2, and sbtest3, with a total TPS not exceeding 100.

```
sysbench oltp_write_only --config-file=./tidb-config --tables=3 run
```

4. Prepare external storage.

   In full data backup, both the upstream and downstream clusters need to access backup files. It is recommended that you use External storage to store backup files. In this example, Minio is used to simulate an S3-compatible storage service.

```
wget https://dl.min.io/server/minio/release/linux-amd64/minio
chmod +x minio
# Configure access-key access-screct-id to access minio
export HOST_IP='172.16.6.123' # Replace it with the IP address of your
    ↪ upstream cluster
export MINIO_ROOT_USER='minio'
export MINIO_ROOT_PASSWORD='miniostorage'
# Create the redo and backup directories. `backup` and `redo` are
    ↪ bucket names.
mkdir -p data/redo
mkdir -p data/backup
# Start minio at port 6060
nohup ./minio server ./data --address :6060 &
```

   The preceding command starts a minio server on one node to simulate S3 services. Parameters in the command are configured as follows:

   - Endpoint: `http://${HOST_IP}:6060/`
   - Access-key: `minio`
   - Secret-access-key: `miniostorage`
   - Bucket: `redo`

   The link is as follows:

```
s3://backup?access-key=minio&secret-access-key=miniostorage&endpoint=
    ↪ http://${HOST_IP}:6060&force-path-style=true
```

8.13.2 Step 2. Migrate full data

After setting up the environment, you can use the backup and restore functions of BR to migrate full data. BR can be started in three ways. In this document, we use the SQL statements, `BACKUP` and `RESTORE`.

Note:

- `BACKUP` and `RESTORE` SQL statements are experimental. It is not recommended that you use them in the production environment. They might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.
- In production clusters, performing a backup with GC disabled might affect cluster performance. It is recommended that you back up data in off-peak hours, and set RATE_LIMIT to a proper value to avoid performance degradation.
- If the versions of the upstream and downstream clusters are different, you should check BR compatibility. In this document, we assume that the upstream and downstream clusters are the same version.

1. Disable GC.

   To ensure that newly written data is not deleted during incremental migration, you should disable GC for the upstream cluster before backup. In this way, history data is not deleted.

   Run the following command to disable GC:

```
MySQL [test]> SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_enable=FALSE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

   To verify that the change takes effect, query the value of `tidb_gc_enable`:

```
MySQL [test]> SELECT @@global.tidb_gc_enable;
```

```
+--------------------------+
| @@global.tidb_gc_enable |
+--------------------------+
|                        0 |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

2. Back up data.

   Run the `BACKUP` statement in the upstream cluster to back up data:

```
MySQL [(none)]> BACKUP DATABASE * TO 's3://backup?access-key=minio&
    ↪ secret-access-key=miniostorage&endpoint=http://${HOST_IP}:6060&
    ↪ force-path-style=true' RATE_LIMIT = 120 MB/SECOND;
```

```
+---------------------+---------+-------------------+---------------------+-----
    ↪
| Destination         | Size    | BackupTS          | Queue Time          |
    ↪ Execution Time    |
+---------------------+---------+-------------------+---------------------+-----
    ↪
| local:///tmp/backup/ | 10315858 | 431434047157698561 | 2022-02-25
    ↪ 19:57:59 | 2022-02-25 19:57:59 |
+---------------------+---------+-------------------+---------------------+-----
    ↪
1 row in set (2.11 sec)
```

After the `BACKUP` command is executed, TiDB returns metadata about the backup data. Pay attention to `BackupTS`, because data generated before it is backed up. In this document, we use `BackupTS` as **the end of data check** and **the start of incremental migration scanning by TiCDC**.

3. Restore data.

   Run the `RESTORE` command in the downstream cluster to restore data:

```
mysql> RESTORE DATABASE * FROM 's3://backup?access-key=minio&secret-
    ↪ access-key=miniostorage&endpoint=http://${HOST_IP}:6060&force-
    ↪ path-style=true';
```

```
+---------------------+---------+-------------------+---------------------+-----
    ↪
| Destination         | Size    | BackupTS          | Queue Time          |
    ↪ Execution Time    |
+---------------------+---------+-------------------+---------------------+-----
    ↪
| local:///tmp/backup/ | 10315858 | 431434141450371074 | 2022-02-25
    ↪ 20:03:59 | 2022-02-25 20:03:59 |
+---------------------+---------+-------------------+---------------------+-----
    ↪
1 row in set (41.85 sec)
```

4. (Optional) Validate data.

   Use sync-diff-inspector to check data consistency between upstream and downstream at a certain time. The preceding `BACKUP` output shows that the upstream cluster finishes backup at 431434047157698561. The preceding `RESTORE` output shows that the downstream finishes restoration at 431434141450371074.

```
sync_diff_inspector -C ./config.yaml
```

For details about how to configure the sync-diff-inspector, see Configuration file description. In this document, the configuration is as follows:

```
# Diff Configuration.
######################### Global config #########################
check-thread-count = 4
export-fix-sql = true
check-struct-only = false

######################### Datasource config #########################
[data-sources]
[data-sources.upstream]
       host = "172.16.6.123" # Replace it with the IP address of your
          ↪ upstream cluster
       port = 4000
       user = "root"
       password = ""
       snapshot = "431434047157698561" # Set snapshot to the actual
          ↪ backup time
[data-sources.downstream]
       host = "172.16.6.124" # Replace the value with the IP address of
          ↪  your downstream cluster
       port = 4000
       user = "root"
       password = ""
       snapshot = "431434141450371074" # Set snapshot to the actual
          ↪ restore time

######################### Task config #########################
[task]
       output-dir = "./output"
       source-instances = ["upstream"]
       target-instance = "downstream"
       target-check-tables = ["*.*"]
```

8.13.3 Step 3. Migrate incremental data

1. Deploy TiCDC.

   After finishing full data migration, deploy and configure a TiCDC to replicate incremental data. In production environments, deploy TiCDC as instructed in Deploy TiCDC. In this document, a TiCDC node has been started upon the creation of the test clusters. Therefore, we skip the step of deploying TiCDC and proceed with changefeed configuration.

2. Create a changefeed.

Create a changefeed configuration file `changefeed.toml`.

```
[consistent]
# Consistency level, eventual means enabling consistent replication
level = "eventual"
# Use S3 to store redo logs. Other options are local and nfs.
storage = "s3://redo?access-key=minio&secret-access-key=miniostorage&
    ↪ endpoint=http://172.16.6.125:6060&force-path-style=true"
```

In the upstream cluster, run the following command to create a changefeed from the upstream to the downstream clusters:

```
tiup cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://172.16.6.122:8300 --sink
    ↪ -uri="mysql://root:@172.16.6.125:4000" --changefeed-id="primary-
    ↪ to-secondary" --start-ts="431434047157698561"
```

In this command, the parameters are as follows:

- `--server`: IP address of any node in the TiCDC cluster
- `--sink-uri`: URI of the downstream cluster
- `--start-ts`: start timestamp of the changefeed, must be the backup time (or BackupTS mentioned in Step 2. Migrate full data)

For more information about the changefeed configurations, see TiCDC Changefeed Configurations.

3. Enable GC.

   In incremental migration using TiCDC, GC only removes history data that is replicated. Therefore, after creating a changefeed, you need to run the following command to enable GC. For details, see What is the complete behavior of TiCDC garbage collection (GC) safepoint?.

   To enable GC, run the following command:

```
MySQL [test]> SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_enable=TRUE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

   To verify that the change takes effect, query the value of `tidb_gc_enable`:

```
MySQL [test]> SELECT @@global.tidb_gc_enable;
```

```
+-------------------------+
| @@global.tidb_gc_enable |
+-------------------------+
|                       1 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

8.13.4 Step 4. Simulate a disaster in the upstream cluster

Create a disastrous event in the upstream cluster while it is running. For example, you can terminate the tiup playground process by pressing Ctrl+C.

8.13.5 Step 5. Use redo log to ensure data consistency

Normally, TiCDC concurrently writes transactions to downstream to increase throughout. When a changefeed is interrupted unexpectedly, the downstream may not have the latest data as it is in the upstream. To address inconsistency, run the following command to ensure that the downstream data is consistent with the upstream data.

```
tiup cdc redo apply --storage "s3://redo?access-key=minio&secret-access-key=
    ↪ miniostorage&endpoint=http://172.16.6.123:6060&force-path-style=true"
    ↪  --tmp-dir /tmp/redo --sink-uri "mysql://root:@172.16.6.124:4000"
```

- `--storage`: Location and credential of the redo log in S3
- `--tmp-dir`: Cache directory of the redo log downloaded from S3
- `--sink-uri`: URI of the downstream cluster

8.13.6 Step 6. Recover the primary cluster and its services

After the previous step, the downstream (secondary) cluster has data that is consistent with the upstream (primary) cluster at a specific time. You need to set up new primary and secondary clusters to ensure data reliability.

1. Deploy a new TiDB cluster on Node A as the new primary cluster.

   ```
   tiup --tag upstream playground v5.4.0 --host 0.0.0.0 --db 1 --pd 1 --kv
       ↪  1 --tiflash 0 --ticdc 1
   ```

2. Use BR to back up and restore data fully from the secondary cluster to the primary cluster.

   ```
   # Back up full data of the secondary cluster
   tiup br --pd http://172.16.6.124:2379 backup full --storage ./backup
   # Restore full data of the secondary cluster
   tiup br --pd http://172.16.6.123:2379 restore full --storage ./backup
   ```

3. Create a new changefeed to back up data from the primary cluster to the secondary cluster.

   ```
   # Create a changefeed
   tiup cdc cli changefeed create --server=http://172.16.6.122:8300 --sink
       ↪ -uri="mysql://root:@172.16.6.125:4000" --changefeed-id="primary-
       ↪ to-secondary"
   ```

9 Monitor and Alert

9.1 TiDB Monitoring Framework Overview

The TiDB monitoring framework adopts two open source projects: Prometheus and Grafana. TiDB uses Prometheus to store the monitoring and performance metrics and Grafana to visualize these metrics. TiDB also provides a built-in TiDB Dashboard for monitoring and diagnosing TiDB clusters.

9.1.1 About Prometheus in TiDB

As a time series database, Prometheus has a multi-dimensional data model and flexible query language. As one of the most popular open source projects, Prometheus has been adopted by many companies and organizations and has a very active community. PingCAP is one of the active developers and adopters of Prometheus for monitoring and alerting in TiDB, TiKV and PD.

Prometheus consists of multiple components. Currently, TiDB uses the following of them:

- The Prometheus Server to scrape and store time series data
- The client libraries to customize necessary metrics in the application
- An Alertmanager for the alerting mechanism

The diagram is as follows:

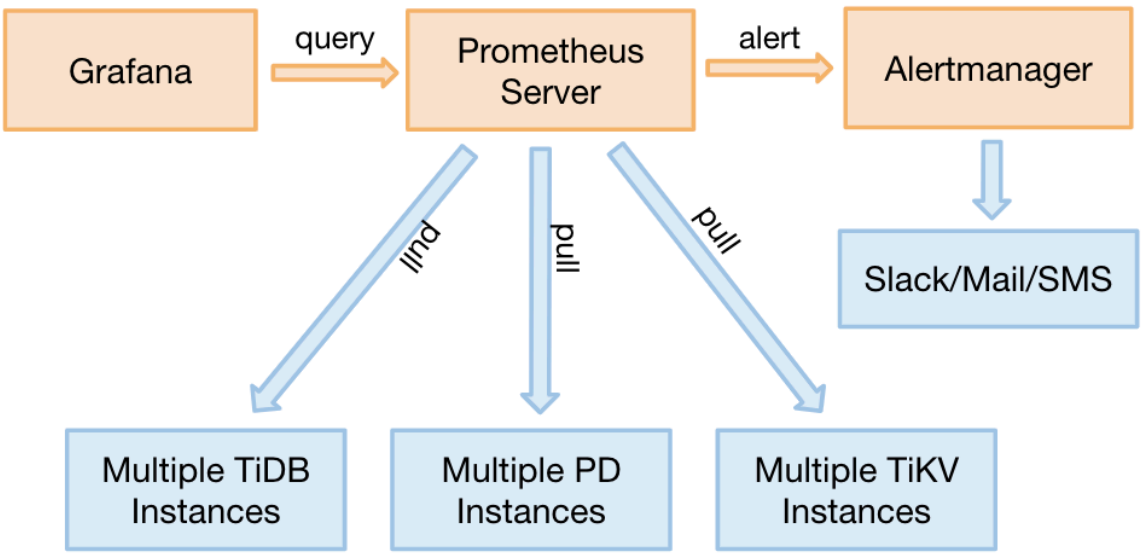


Figure 165: diagram

9.1.2 About Grafana in TiDB

Grafana is an open source project for analyzing and visualizing metrics. TiDB uses Grafana to display the performance metrics as follows:

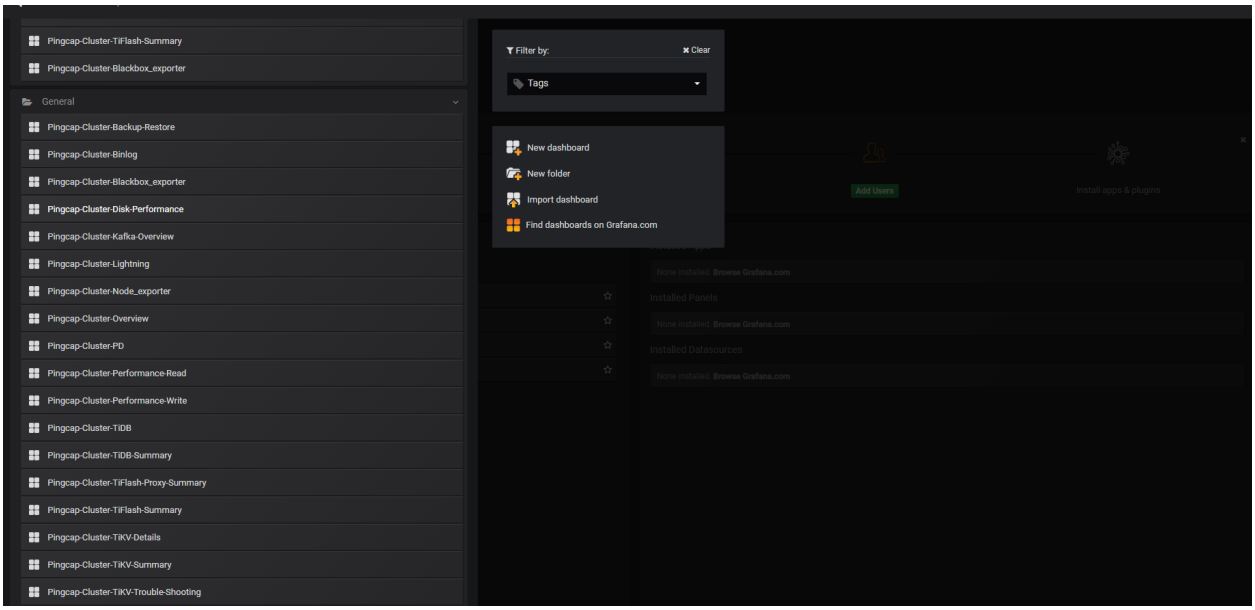


Figure 166: Grafana monitored_groups

- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-Backup-Restore: Monitoring metrics related to backup and restore.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-Blackbox_exporter: Monitoring metrics related to network probe.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-Disk-Performance: Monitoring metrics related to disk performance.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-Kafka-Overview: Monitoring metrics related to Kafka.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-Lightning: Monitoring metrics related to TiDB Lightning.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-Node_exporter: Monitoring metrics related to the operating system.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-Overview: Monitoring overview related to important components.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-PD: Monitoring metrics related to the PD server.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-Performance-Read: Monitoring metrics related to read performance.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-Performance-Write: Monitoring metrics related to write performance.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-TiDB: Detailed monitoring metrics related to the TiDB server.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-TiDB-Summary: Monitoring overview related to TiDB.

- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-TiFlash-Proxy-Summary: Monitoring overview of the proxy server that is used to replicate data to TiFlash.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-TiFlash-Summary: Monitoring overview related to TiFlash.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-TiKV-Details: Detailed monitoring metrics related to the TiKV server.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-TiKV-Summary: Monitoring overview related to the TiKV server.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-TiKV-Trouble-Shooting: Monitoring metrics related to the TiKV error diagnostics.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-TiCDC: Detailed monitoring metrics related to TiCDC.
- {TiDB_Cluster_name}-TiProxy-Summary: Monitoring overview related to TiProxy.

Each group has multiple panel labels of monitoring metrics, and each panel contains detailed information of multiple monitoring metrics. For example, the **Overview** monitoring group has five panel labels, and each labels corresponds to a monitoring panel. See the following UI:



Figure 167: Grafana Overview

9.1.3 TiDB Dashboard

TiDB Dashboard is a web UI for monitoring, diagnosing, and managing the TiDB cluster, which is introduced in v4.0. It is built into the PD component and does not require an independent deployment. For more information, see TiDB Dashboard introduction.

9.2 TiDB Monitoring API

You can use the following types of interfaces to monitor the TiDB cluster status:

- The status interface: this interface uses the HTTP interface to get the component information. Using this interface, you can get the running status of the current TiDB server and the storage information of a table.
- The metrics interface: this interface uses Prometheus to record the detailed information of the various operations in components and views these metrics using Grafana.

9.2.1 Use the status interface

The status interface monitors the basic information of a specific component in the TiDB cluster. It can also act as the monitor interface for Keepalive messages. In addition, the status interface for the Placement Driver (PD) can get the details of the entire TiKV cluster.

9.2.1.1 TiDB server

- TiDB API address: `http://${host}:${port}`
- Default port: `10080`

9.2.1.2 Running status

The following example uses `http://${host}:${port}/status` to get the current status of the TiDB server and to determine whether the server is alive. The result is returned in **JSON** format.

```
curl http://127.0.0.1:10080/status
{
    connections: 0, # The current number of clients connected to the TiDB
        ↪ server.
    version: "8.0.11-TiDB-v8.5.1", # The TiDB version number.
    git_hash: "778c3f4a5a716880bcd1d71b257c8165685f0d70" # The Git Hash of
        ↪ the current TiDB code.
}
```

9.2.1.2.1 Storage information

The following example uses `http://${host}:${port}/schema_storage/${db}/${table}` to get the storage information of the specific data table. The result is returned in **JSON** format.

```
curl http://127.0.0.1:10080/schema_storage/mysql/stats_histograms
```

```
{
    "table_schema": "mysql",
    "table_name": "stats_histograms",
    "table_rows": 0,
    "avg_row_length": 0,
    "data_length": 0,
    "max_data_length": 0,
    "index_length": 0,
    "data_free": 0
}
```

```
curl http://127.0.0.1:10080/schema_storage/test
```

```
[
    {
        "table_schema": "test",
        "table_name": "test",
        "table_rows": 0,
        "avg_row_length": 0,
        "data_length": 0,
        "max_data_length": 0,
        "index_length": 0,
        "data_free": 0
    }
]
```

9.2.1.3 PD server

- PD API address: `http://${host}:${port}/pd/api/v1/${api_name}`
- Default port: 2379
- Details about API names: see PD API doc

The PD interface provides the status of all the TiKV servers and the information about load balancing. See the following example for the information about a single-node TiKV cluster:

```
curl http://127.0.0.1:2379/pd/api/v1/stores
{
  "count": 1, # The number of TiKV nodes.
  "stores": [ # The list of TiKV nodes.
    # The details about the single TiKV node.
    {
      "store": {
        "id": 1,
        "address": "127.0.0.1:20160",
        "version": "3.0.0-beta",
        "state_name": "Up"
      },
      "status": {
        "capacity": "20 GiB", # The total capacity.
        "available": "16 GiB", # The available capacity.
        "leader_count": 17,
        "leader_weight": 1,
        "leader_score": 17,
        "leader_size": 17,
        "region_count": 17,
        "region_weight": 1,
        "region_score": 17,
        "region_size": 17,
        "start_ts": "2019-03-21T14:09:32+08:00", # The starting timestamp.
        "last_heartbeat_ts": "2019-03-21T14:14:22.961171958+08:00", # The
            ↪ timestamp of the last heartbeat.
        "uptime": "4m50.961171958s"
      }
    }
  ]
```

9.2.2 Use the metrics interface

The metrics interface monitors the status and performance of the entire TiDB cluster.

- If you use other deployment ways, deploy Prometheus and Grafana before using this interface.

After Prometheus and Grafana are successfully deployed, configure Grafana.

9.3 Deploy Monitoring Services for the TiDB Cluster

This document is intended for users who want to manually deploy TiDB monitoring and alert services. If you deploy the TiDB cluster using TiUP, the monitoring and alert services

are automatically deployed, and no manual deployment is needed. TiDB Dashboard is built into the PD component and does not require an independent deployment.

9.3.1 Deploy Prometheus and Grafana

Assume that the TiDB cluster topology is as follows:

Name	Host IP	Services
Node1	192.168.199.113	PD1, TiDB, node_export, Prometheus, Grafana
Node2	192.168.199.114	PD2, node_export
Node3	192.168.199.115	PD3, node_export
Node4	192.168.199.116	TiKV1, node_export
Node5	192.168.199.117	TiKV2, node_export
Node6	192.168.199.118	TiKV3, node_export

9.3.1.1 Step 1: Download the binary package

```
## Downloads the package.
wget https://github.com/prometheus/prometheus/releases/download/v2.49.1/
    ↪ prometheus-2.49.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz
wget https://download.pingcap.org/node_exporter-v1.3.1-linux-amd64.tar.gz
wget https://download.pingcap.org/grafana-7.5.17.linux-amd64.tar.gz
```

```
## Extracts the package.
tar -xzf prometheus-2.49.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz
tar -xzf node_exporter-v1.3.1-linux-amd64.tar.gz
tar -xzf grafana-7.5.17.linux-amd64.tar.gz
```

9.3.1.2 Step 2: Start `node_exporter` on Node1, Node2, Node3, and Node4

```
cd node_exporter-v1.3.1-linux-amd64

## Starts the node_exporter service.
$ ./node_exporter --web.listen-address=":9100" \
    --log.level="info" &
```

9.3.1.3 Step 3: Start Prometheus on Node1

Edit the Prometheus configuration file:

```
cd prometheus-2.49.1.linux-amd64 &&
vi prometheus.yml
```

```
...

global:
  scrape_interval:  15s # By default, scrape targets every 15 seconds.
  evaluation_interval: 15s # By default, scrape targets every 15 seconds.
  # scrape_timeout is set to the global default value (10s).
  external_labels:
    cluster: 'test-cluster'
    monitor: "prometheus"

scrape_configs:
  - job_name: 'overwritten-nodes'
    honor_labels: true # Do not overwrite job & instance labels.
    static_configs:
    - targets:
      - '192.168.199.113:9100'
      - '192.168.199.114:9100'
      - '192.168.199.115:9100'
      - '192.168.199.116:9100'
      - '192.168.199.117:9100'
      - '192.168.199.118:9100'

  - job_name: 'tidb'
    honor_labels: true # Do not overwrite job & instance labels.
    static_configs:
    - targets:
      - '192.168.199.113:10080'

  - job_name: 'pd'
    honor_labels: true # Do not overwrite job & instance labels.
    static_configs:
    - targets:
      - '192.168.199.113:2379'
      - '192.168.199.114:2379'
      - '192.168.199.115:2379'

  - job_name: 'tikv'
    honor_labels: true # Do not overwrite job & instance labels.
    static_configs:
    - targets:
      - '192.168.199.116:20180'
      - '192.168.199.117:20180'
      - '192.168.199.118:20180'
```

```
...
```

To enable alarm rules for components such as TiDB, PD, and TiKV, download the alarm rule files of the corresponding components separately, and then add the configurations of alarm rule files to the Prometheus configuration file.

- TiDB: tidb.rules.yml
- PD: pd.rules.yml
- TiKV: tikv.rules.yml
- TiFlash: tiflash.rules.yml
- TiCDC: ticdc.rules.yml
- TiDB Lightning: lightning.rules.yml

```
rule_files:
  - 'tidb.rules.yml'
  - 'pd.rules.yml'
  - 'tikv.rules.yml'
  - 'tiflash.rules.yml'
  - 'ticdc.rules.yml'
  - 'lightning.rules.yml'
```

Start the Prometheus service:

```
$ ./prometheus \
    --config.file="./prometheus.yml" \
    --web.listen-address=":9090" \
    --web.external-url="http://192.168.199.113:9090/" \
    --web.enable-admin-api \
    --log.level="info" \
    --storage.tsdb.path="./data.metrics" \
    --storage.tsdb.retention="15d" &
```

9.3.1.4 Step 4: Start Grafana on Node1

Edit the Grafana configuration file:

```
cd grafana-7.5.17 &&
vi conf/grafana.ini

...

[paths]
data = ./data
logs = ./data/log
plugins = ./data/plugins
```

```
[server]
http_port = 3000
domain = 192.168.199.113
[database]
[session]
[analytics]
check_for_updates = true
[security]
admin_user = admin
admin_password = admin
[snapshots]
[users]
[auth.anonymous]
[auth.basic]
[auth.ldap]
[smtp]
[emails]
[log]
mode = file
[log.console]
[log.file]
level = info
format = text
[log.syslog]
[event_publisher]
[dashboards.json]
enabled = false
path = ./data/dashboards
[metrics]
[grafana_net]
url = https://grafana.net

...
```

Start the Grafana service:

```
./bin/grafana-server \
    --config="./conf/grafana.ini" &
```

9.3.2 Configure Grafana

This section describes how to configure Grafana.

9.3.2.1 Step 1: Add a Prometheus data source

1. Log in to the Grafana Web interface.

    - Default address: http://localhost:3000
    - Default account: admin
    - Default password: admin

> **Note:**
> For the **Change Password** step, you can choose **Skip**.

2. In the Grafana sidebar menu, click **Data Source** within the **Configuration**.
3. Click **Add data source**.
4. Specify the data source information.

    - Specify a **Name** for the data source.
    - For **Type**, select **Prometheus**.
    - For **URL**, specify the Prometheus address.
    - Specify other fields as needed.

5. Click **Add** to save the new data source.

9.3.2.2 Step 2: Import a Grafana dashboard

To import a Grafana dashboard for the PD server, the TiKV server, and the TiDB server, take the following steps respectively:

1. Click the Grafana logo to open the sidebar menu.
2. In the sidebar menu, click **Dashboards** -> **Import** to open the **Import Dashboard** window.
3. Click **Upload .json File** to upload a JSON file (Download TiDB Grafana configuration files from pingcap/tidb, tikv/tikv, and tikv/pd).

> **Note:**
> For the TiKV, PD, and TiDB dashboards, the corresponding JSON files are `tikv_summary.json`, `tikv_details.json`, `tikv_trouble_shooting.json`, `pd.json`, `tidb.json`, and `tidb_summary.json`.

4. Click **Load**.
5. Select a Prometheus data source.
6. Click **Import**. A Prometheus dashboard is imported.

9.3.3 View component metrics

Click **New dashboard** in the top menu and choose the dashboard you want to view.

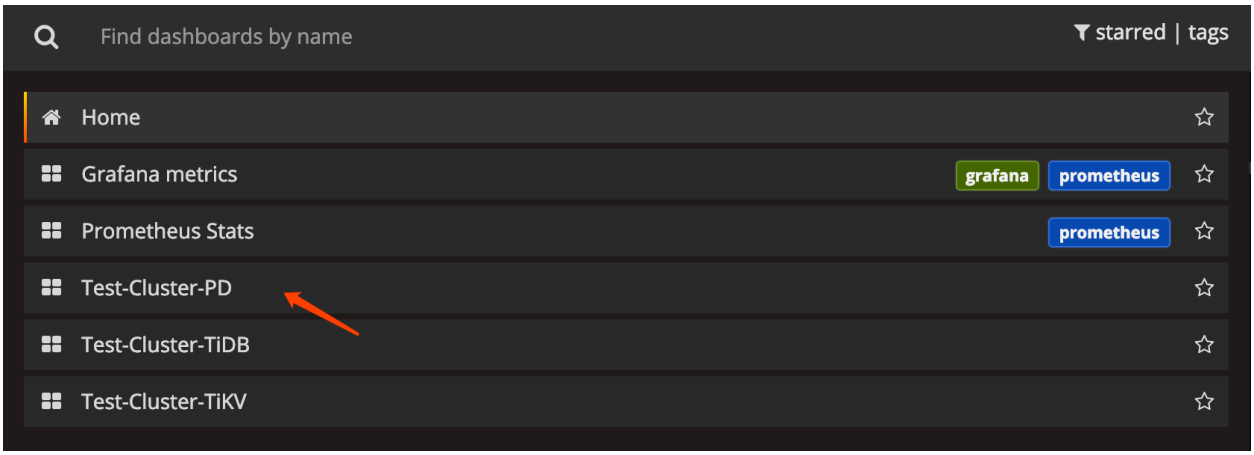


Figure 168: view dashboard

You can get the following metrics for cluster components:

- **TiDB server:**
    - Query processing time to monitor the latency and throughput
    - The DDL process monitoring
    - TiKV client related monitoring
    - PD client related monitoring
- **PD server:**
    - The total number of times that the command executes
    - The total number of times that a certain command fails
    - The duration that a command succeeds
    - The duration that a command fails
    - The duration that a command finishes and returns result
- **TiKV server:**
    - Garbage Collection (GC) monitoring
    - The total number of times that the TiKV command executes
    - The duration that Scheduler executes commands
    - The total number of times of the Raft propose command
    - The duration that Raft executes commands
    - The total number of times that Raft commands fail
    - The total number of times that Raft processes the ready state

9.4 Upgrade TiDB Cluster Monitoring Services

When deploying a TiDB cluster, TiUP automatically deploys monitoring services (such as Prometheus, Grafana, and Alertmanager) for the cluster. If you scale out this cluster, TiUP also automatically adds monitoring configurations for newly added nodes during the scaling. The monitoring services automatically deployed by TiUP are usually not the latest versions of these third-party monitoring services. To use the latest versions, you can follow this document to upgrade the monitoring services.

When managing a cluster, TiUP uses its own configurations to override the configurations of the monitoring services. If you directly upgrade the monitoring services by replacing their configuration files, any subsequent TiUP operations such as `deploy`, `scale-out`, `scale-in`, and `reload` on the cluster might overwrite your upgrade, leading to errors. To upgrade Prometheus, Grafana, and Alertmanager, follow the steps in this document rather than directly replacing configuration files.

Note:

- If your monitoring services are deployed manually instead of using TiUP, you can directly upgrade them without referring to this document.
- The TiDB compatibility with newer versions of monitoring services has not been tested, so some features might not work as expected after the upgrade. For any issues, create an issue on GitHub.
- The upgrade steps in this document are applicable for TiUP version 1.9.0 and later. Therefore, check your TiUP version before the upgrade.
- When you use TiUP to upgrade the TiDB cluster, TiUP will redeploy the monitoring services to the default version. You need to redo the upgrade for monitoring services after the TiDB upgrade.

9.4.1 Upgrade Prometheus

For better compatibility with TiDB, it is recommended to use the Prometheus installation package provided in the TiDB installation package. The version of Prometheus in the TiDB installation package is fixed. If you want to use a newer Prometheus version, refer to Prometheus Release Notes for new features of each version and choose a suitable version for your production environment. You can also consult with PingCAP technical staff for a recommended version.

In the following upgrade steps, you need to download the Prometheus installation package of your desired version from the Prometheus website, and then use it to create a Prometheus package that TiUP can use.

9.4.1.1 Step 1. Download a new Prometheus installation package from the Prometheus website

Download a new installation package from the Prometheus download page and extract it.

9.4.1.2 Step 2. Download the Prometheus installation package provided by TiDB

1. Download the TiDB server package and extract it. Note that your downloading means you agree to the Privacy Policy.

```
https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-server-{version}-linux-{
    ↪ arch}.tar.gz
```

> **Tip:**
>
> `{version}` in the link indicates the version number of TiDB and `{arch ↪ }` indicates the architecture of the system, which can be `amd64` or `arm64`. For example, the download link for `v8.5.1` in the `amd64` architecture is `https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-toolkit-v8 ↪ .5.1-linux-amd64.tar.gz`.

2. In the extracted files, locate `prometheus-v{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz` and extract it.

```
tar -xzf prometheus-v{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz
```

9.4.1.3 Step 3. Create a new Prometheus package that TiUP can use

1. Copy the files extracted in Step 1, and then use the copied files to replace the files in the `./prometheus-v{version}-linux-amd64/prometheus` directory extracted in Step 2.

2. Recompress the `./prometheus-v{version}-linux-amd64` directory and name the new compressed package as `prometheus-v{new-version}.tar.gz`, where `{new-version}` can be specified according to your need.

```
cd prometheus-v{version}-linux-amd64
tar -zcvf ../prometheus-v{new-version}.tar.gz ./
```

9.4.1.4 Step 4. Upgrade Prometheus using the newly created Prometheus package

Execute the following command to upgrade Prometheus:

```
tiup cluster patch <cluster-name> prometheus-v{new-version}.tar.gz -R
    ↪ prometheus --overwrite
```

After the upgrade, you can go to the home page of the Prometheus server (usually at `http://<Prometheus-server-host-name>:9090`), click **Status** in the top navigation menu, and then open the **Runtime & Build Information** page to check the Prometheus version and confirm whether the upgrade is successful.

9.4.2 Upgrade Grafana

For better compatibility with TiDB, it is recommended to use the Grafana installation package provided in the TiDB installation package. The version of Grafana in the TiDB installation package is fixed. If you want to use a newer Grafana version, refer to Grafana Release Notes for new features of each version and choose a suitable version for your production environment. You can also consult with PingCAP technical staff for a recommended version.

In the following upgrade steps, you need to download the Grafana installation package of your desired version from the Grafana website, and then use it to create a Grafana package that TiUP can use.

9.4.2.1 Step 1. Download a new Grafana installation package from the Grafana website

1. Download a new installation package from the Grafana download page. You can choose either the `OSS` or `Enterprise` edition according to your needs.
2. Extract the downloaded package.

9.4.2.2 Step 2. Download the Grafana installation package provided by TiDB

1. Download the TiDB server package and extract it. Note that your downloading means you agree to the Privacy Policy.

```
https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-server-{version}-linux-{
    ↪ arch}.tar.gz
```

> **Tip:**
> `{version}` in the link indicates the version number of TiDB and `{arch}` indicates the architecture of the system, which can be `amd64` or `arm64`. For example, the download link for `v8.5.1` in the `amd64` architecture is `https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-toolkit-v8.5.1-linux-amd64.tar.gz`.

2. In the extracted files, locate `grafana-v{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz` and extract it.

```
tar -xzf grafana-v{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz
```

9.4.2.3 Step 3. Create a new Grafana package that TiUP can use

1. Copy the files extracted in Step 1, and then use the copied files to replace the files in the `./grafana-v{version}-linux-amd64/` directory extracted in Step 2.
2. Recompress the `./grafana-v{version}-linux-amd64` directory and name the new compressed package as `grafana-v{new-version}.tar.gz`, where `{new-version}` can be specified according to your need.

```
cd grafana-v{version}-linux-amd64
tar -zcvf ../grafana-v{new-version}.tar.gz ./
```

9.4.2.4 Step 4. Upgrade Grafana using the newly created Grafana package

Execute the following command to upgrade Grafana:

```
tiup cluster patch <cluster-name> grafana-v{new-version}.tar.gz -R grafana
    ↪ --overwrite
```

After the upgrade, you can go to the home page of the Grafana server (usually at `http://<Grafana-server-host-name>:3000`), and then check the Grafana version on the page to confirm whether the upgrade is successful.

9.4.3 Upgrade Alertmanager

The Alertmanager package in the TiDB installation package is directly from the Prometheus website. Therefore, when upgrading Alertmanager, you only need to download and install a new version of Alertmanager from the Prometheus website.

9.4.3.1 Step 1. Download a new Alertmanager installation package from the Prometheus website

Download the `alertmanager` installation package from the Prometheus download page.

9.4.3.2 Step 2. Upgrade Alertmanager using the downloaded installation package

Execute the following command to upgrade Alertmanager:

```
tiup cluster patch <cluster-name> alertmanager-v{new-version}-linux-amd64.
    ↪ tar.gz -R alertmanager --overwrite
```

After the upgrade, you can go to the home page of the Alertmanager server (usually at `http://<Alertmanager-server-host-name>:9093`), click **Status** in the top navigation menu, and then check the Alertmanager version to confirm whether the upgrade is successful.

9.5 TiDB Dashboard

9.5.1 TiDB Dashboard Introduction

TiDB Dashboard is a Web UI for monitoring, diagnosing, and managing the TiDB cluster, which is available since v4.0. It is built into the PD component and does not require an independent deployment.

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB v6.5.0 (and later) and TiDB Operator v1.4.0 (and later) support deploying TiDB Dashboard as an independent Pod on Kubernetes. For details, see Deploy TiDB Dashboard independently in TiDB Operator.

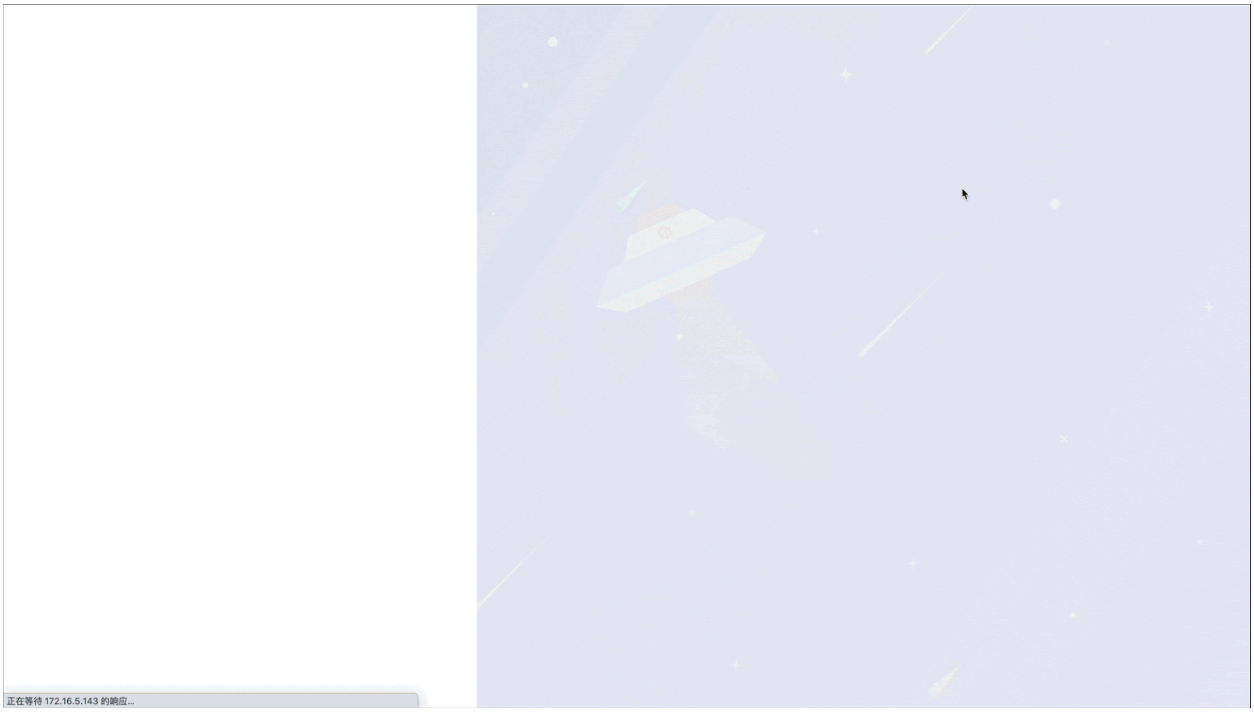


Figure 169: TiDB Dashboard interface

TiDB Dashboard is open-sourced on GitHub.

This document introduces the main features of TiDB Dashboard. You can click links in the following sections to learn more details.

9.5.1.1 Show the overall running status of the TiDB cluster

You can use TiDB Dashboard to learn the TiDB cluster's queries per second (QPS), execution time, the types of SQL statements that consume the most resources, and other overview information.

See TiDB Dashboard Overview for details.

9.5.1.2 Show the running status of components and hosts

You can use TiDB Dashboard to view the running status of TiDB, TiKV, PD, TiFlash components in the entire cluster and the running status of the host on which these components are located.

See TiDB Dashboard Cluster Information Page for details.

9.5.1.3 Show distribution and trends of read and write traffic

The Key Visualizer feature of TiDB Dashboard visually shows the change of read and write traffic over time in the entire cluster in the form of heatmap. You can use this feature to timely discover changes of application modes or locate hotspot issues with uneven performance.

See Key Visualizer Page for details.

9.5.1.4 Show a list of execution information of all SQL statements

The execution information of all SQL statements is listed on the SQL Statements page. You can use this page to learn the execution time and total executions at all stages, which helps you analyze and locate the SQL queries that consume the most resources and improve the overall cluster performance.

See SQL Statements Page of TiDB Dashboard for details.

9.5.1.5 Learn the detailed execution information of slow queries

The Slow Queries page of TiDB Dashboard shows a list of all SQL statements that take a long time to execute, including the SQL texts and execution information. This page helps you locate the cause of slow queries or performance jitter.

See Slow Queries Page for details.

9.5.1.6 Diagnose common cluster problems and generate reports

The diagnostic feature of TiDB Dashboard automatically determines whether some common risks (such as inconsistent configurations) or problems exist in the cluster, generates reports, and gives operation suggestions, or compares the status of each cluster metric in different time ranges for you to analyze possible problems.

See TiDB Dashboard Cluster Diagnostics Page for details.

9.5.1.7 Query logs of all components

On the Search Logs page of TiDB Dashboard, you can quickly search logs of all running instances in the cluster by keywords, time range, and other conditions, package these logs, and download them to your local machine.

See Search Logs Page for details.

9.5.1.8 Estimate cluster capacity for resource control

To implement resource isolation using the Resource Control feature, cluster administrators can create resource groups and set quotas for each group.

Before resource planning, you need to know the overall capacity of the cluster. For more details, see Resource Manager page.

9.5.1.9 Collect profiling data for each instance

This is an advanced debugging feature that lets you profile each instance online and analyze various internal operations an instance performed during the profiling data collection period and the proportion of the operation execution time in this period without third-party tools.

See Profile Instances Page for details.

9.5.2 Maintain

9.5.2.1 Deploy TiDB Dashboard

The TiDB Dashboard UI is built into the PD component for v4.0 or higher versions, and no additional deployment is required. Simply deploy a standard TiDB cluster, and TiDB Dashboard will be there.

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB v6.5.0 (and later) and TiDB Operator v1.4.0 (and later) support deploying TiDB Dashboard as an independent Pod on Kubernetes. For details, see Deploy TiDB Dashboard independently in TiDB Operator.

See the following documents to learn how to deploy a standard TiDB cluster:

- Quick Start with TiDB Self-Managed
- Deploy TiDB in Production Environment
- Kubernetes environment deployment

> **Note:**
>
> You cannot deploy TiDB Dashboard in a TiDB cluster earlier than v4.0.

9.5.2.1.1 Deployment with multiple PD instances

When multiple PD instances are deployed in the cluster, only one of these instances serves the TiDB Dashboard.

When PD instances are running for the first time, they automatically negotiate with each other to choose one instance to serve the TiDB Dashboard. TiDB Dashboard will not run on other PD instances. The TiDB Dashboard service will always be provided by the chosen

PD instance no matter PD instances are restarted or new PD instances are joined. However, there will be a re-negotiation when the PD instance that serves TiDB Dashboard is removed from the cluster (scaled-in). The negotiation process does not need user intervention.

When you access a PD instance that does not serve TiDB Dashboard, the browser will be redirected automatically to guide you to access the PD instance that serves the TiDB Dashboard, so that you can access the service normally. This process is illustrated in the image below.

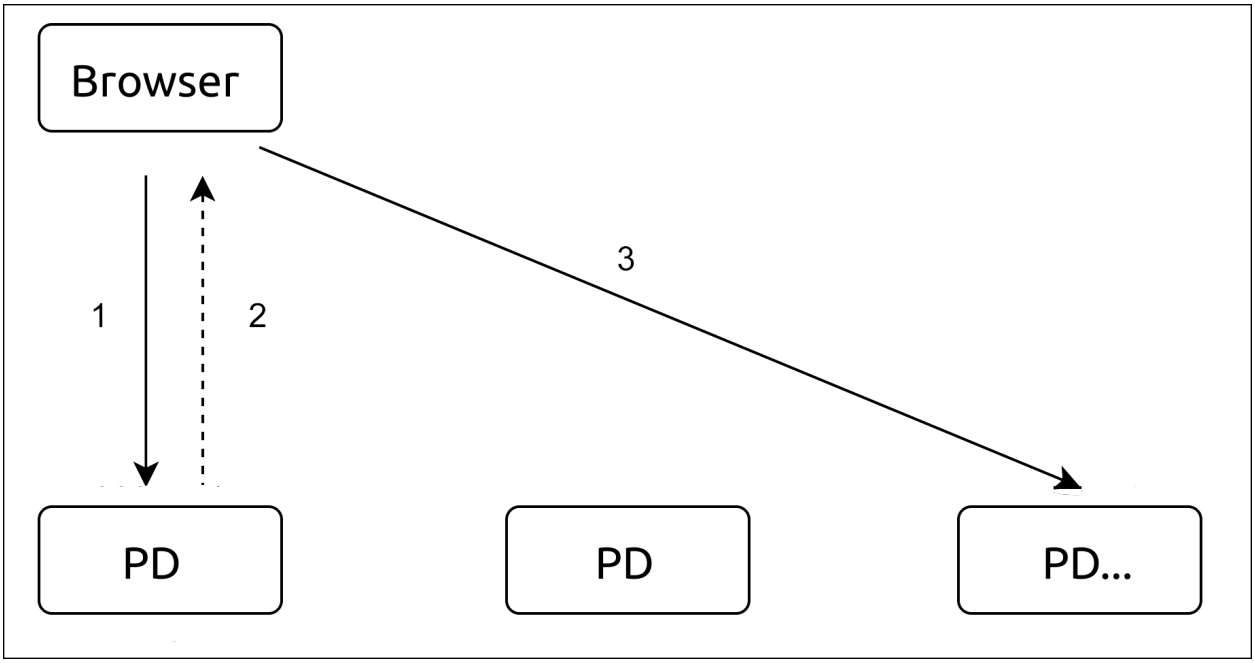


Figure 170: Process Schematic

Note:

The PD instance that serves TiDB Dashboard might not be a PD leader.

Check the PD instance that actually serves TiDB Dashboard

For a running cluster deployed using TiUP, you can use the `tiup cluster display` command to see which PD instance serves TiDB Dashboard. Replace `CLUSTER_NAME` with the cluster name.

```
tiup cluster display CLUSTER_NAME --dashboard
```

A sample output is as follows:

```
http://192.168.0.123:2379/dashboard/
```

Note:

This feature is available only in the later version of the `tiup cluster` deployment tool (v1.0.3 or later).

Upgrade TiUP Cluster

```
tiup update --self
tiup update cluster --force
```

Switch to another PD instance to serve TiDB Dashboard

For a running cluster deployed using TiUP, you can use the `tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd` command to change the PD instance that serves TiDB Dashboard, or re-specify a PD instance to serve TiDB Dashboard when it is disabled:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://127.0.0.1:2379 config set
    ↪ dashboard-address http://9.9.9.9:2379
```

In the command above:

- Replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the IP and port of any PD instance.
- Replace `9.9.9.9:2379` with the IP and port of the new PD instance that you desire to run the TiDB Dashboard service.

You can use the `tiup cluster display` command to see whether the modification is taking effect (replace `CLUSTER_NAME` with the cluster name):

```
tiup cluster display CLUSTER_NAME --dashboard
```

Warning:

If you change the instance to run TiDB Dashboard, the local data stored in the previous TiDB Dashboard instance will be lost, including the Key Visualize history and search history.

9.5.2.1.2 Disable TiDB Dashboard

For a running cluster deployed using TiUP, use the `tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd` command to disable TiDB Dashboard on all PD instances (replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the IP and port of any PD instance):

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://127.0.0.1:2379 config set
    ↪ dashboard-address none
```

After disabling TiDB Dashboard, checking which PD instance provides the TiDB Dashboard service will fail:

```
Error: TiDB Dashboard is disabled
```

Visiting the TiDB Dashboard address of any PD instance via the browser will also fail:

```
Dashboard is not started.
```

9.5.2.1.3 Re-enable TiDB Dashboard

For a running cluster deployed using TiUP, use the `tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd` ↪ command to request PD to renegotiate an instance to run TiDB Dashboard (replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the IP and port of any PD instance):

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://127.0.0.1:2379 config set
    ↪ dashboard-address auto
```

After executing the command above, you can use the `tiup cluster display` command to view the TiDB Dashboard instance address automatically negotiated by PD (replace `CLUSTER_NAME` with the cluster name):

```
tiup cluster display CLUSTER_NAME --dashboard
```

You can also re-enable TiDB Dashboard by manually specifying the PD instance that serves TiDB Dashboard. See Switch to another PD instance to serve TiDB Dashboard.

> **Warning:**
>
> If the newly enabled TiDB Dashboard instance is different with the previous instance that served the TiDB Dashboard, the local data stored in the previous TiDB Dashboard instance will be lost, including Key Visualize history and search history.

9.5.2.1.4 What's next

- To learn how to access and log into the TiDB Dashboard UI, see Access TiDB Dashboard.
- To learn how to enhance the security of TiDB Dashboard, such as configuring a firewall, see Secure TiDB Dashboard.

9.5.2.2 Use TiDB Dashboard behind a Reverse Proxy

You can use a reverse proxy to safely expose the TiDB Dashboard service from the internal network to the external.

9.5.2.2.1 Procedures

Step 1: Get the actual TiDB Dashboard address

When multiple PD instances are deployed in the cluster, only one of the PD instances actually runs TiDB Dashboard. Therefore, you need to ensure that the upstream of the reverse proxy points to the correct address. For details of this mechanism, see Deployment with multiple PD instances.

When you use the TiUP tool for deployment, execute the following command to get the actual TiDB Dashboard address (replace `CLUSTER_NAME` with your cluster name):

```
tiup cluster display CLUSTER_NAME --dashboard
```

The output is the actual TiDB Dashboard address. A sample is as follows:

```
http://192.168.0.123:2379/dashboard/
```

Note:

This feature is available only in the later version of the `tiup cluster` deployment tool (v1.0.3 or later).

Upgrade TiUP Cluster

```
tiup update --self
tiup update cluster --force
```

Step 2: Configure the reverse proxy

Use HAProxy

When you use HAProxy as the reverse proxy, take the following steps:

1. Use reverse proxy for TiDB Dashboard on the `8033` port (for example). In the HAProxy configuration file, add the following configuration:

```
frontend tidb_dashboard_front
  bind *:8033
  use_backend tidb_dashboard_back if { path /dashboard } or { path_beg
     ↪ /dashboard/ }

backend tidb_dashboard_back
  mode http
  server tidb_dashboard 192.168.0.123:2379
```

   Replace `192.168.0.123:2379` with IP and port of the actual address of the TiDB Dashboard obtained in Step 1.

> **Warning:**
>
> You must retain the `if` part in the `use_backend` directive to ensure that services **only in this path** are behind reverse proxy; otherwise, security risks might be introduced. See Secure TiDB Dashboard.

2. Restart HAProxy for the configuration to take effect.

3. Test whether the reverse proxy is effective: access the `/dashboard/` address on the `8033` port of the machine where HAProxy is located (such as `http://example.com` ↪ `:8033/dashboard/`) to access TiDB Dashboard.

Use NGINX

When you use NGINX as the reverse proxy, take the following steps:

1. Use reverse proxy for TiDB Dashboard on the `8033` port (for example). In the NGINX configuration file, add the following configuration:

```
server {
    listen 8033;
    location /dashboard/ {
    proxy_pass http://192.168.0.123:2379/dashboard/;
    }
}
```

   Replace `http://192.168.0.123:2379/dashboard/` with the actual address of the TiDB Dashboard obtained in Step 1.

> **Warning:**
>
> You must keep the `/dashboard/` path in the `proxy_pass` directive to ensure that only the services under this path are reverse proxied. Otherwise, security risks will be introduced. See Secure TiDB Dashboard.

2. Reload NGINX for the configuration to take effect.

```
sudo nginx -s reload
```

3. Test whether the reverse proxy is effective: access the `/dashboard/` address on the `8033` port of the machine where NGINX is located (such as `http://example.com:8033/dashboard/`) to access TiDB Dashboard.

9.5.2.2.2 Customize path prefix

TiDB Dashboard provides services by default in the `/dashboard/` path, such as `http://example.com:8033/dashboard/`, which is the case even for reverse proxies. To configure the reverse proxy to provide the TiDB Dashboard service with a non-default path, such as `http://example.com:8033/foo/` or `http://example.com:8033/`, take the following steps.

Step 1: Modify PD configuration to specify the path prefix of TiDB Dashboard service

Modify the `public-path-prefix` configuration item in the `[dashboard]` category of the PD configuration to specify the path prefix of the TiDB Dashboard service. After this item is modified, restart the PD instance for the modification to take effect.

For example, if the cluster is deployed using TiUP and you want the service to run on `http://example.com:8033/foo/`, you can specify the following configuration:

```
server_configs:
  pd:
    dashboard.public-path-prefix: /foo
```

Modify configuration when deploying a new cluster using TiUP

If you are deploying a new cluster, you can add the configuration above to the `topology.yaml` TiUP topology file and deploy the cluster. For specific instruction, see TiUP deployment document.

Modify configuration of a deployed cluster using TiUP

For a deployed cluster:

1. Open the configuration file of the cluster in the edit mode (replace `CLUSTER_NAME` with the cluster name).

```
tiup cluster edit-config CLUSTER_NAME
```

2. Modify or add configuration items under the `pd` configuration of `server_configs`. If no `server_configs` exists, add it at the top level:

```
monitored:
  ...
server_configs:
  tidb: ...
  tikv: ...
  pd:
    dashboard.public-path-prefix: /foo
  ...
```

The configuration file after the modification is similar to the following file:

```
server_configs:
  pd:
    dashboard.public-path-prefix: /foo
  global:
    user: tidb
    ...
```

Or

```
monitored:
  ...
server_configs:
  tidb: ...
  tikv: ...
  pd:
    dashboard.public-path-prefix: /foo
```

3. Perform a rolling restart to all PD instances for the modified configuration to take effect (replace `CLUSTER_NAME` with your cluster name):

```
tiup cluster reload CLUSTER_NAME -R pd
```

See Common TiUP Operations - Modify the configuration for details.

If you want that the TiDB Dashboard service is run in the root path (such as `http://example.com:8033/`), use the following configuration:

```
server_configs:
  pd:
    dashboard.public-path-prefix: /
```

> **Warning:**
>
> After the modified and customized path prefix takes effect, you cannot directly access TiDB Dashboard. You can only access TiDB Dashboard through a reverse proxy that matches the path prefix.

Step 2: Modify the reverse proxy configuration

Use HAProxy

Taking `http://example.com:8033/foo/` as an example, the corresponding HAProxy configuration is as follows:

```
frontend tidb_dashboard_front
  bind *:8033
  use_backend tidb_dashboard_back if { path /foo } or { path_beg /foo/ }

backend tidb_dashboard_back
  mode http
  http-request set-path %[path,regsub(^/foo/?,/dashboard/)]
  server tidb_dashboard 192.168.0.123:2379
```

Replace `192.168.0.123:2379` with IP and port of the actual address of the TiDB Dashboard obtained in Step 1.

> **Warning:**
>
> You must retain the `if` part in the `use_backend` directive to ensure that services **only in this path** are behind reverse proxy; otherwise, security risks might be introduced. See Secure TiDB Dashboard.

If you want that the TiDB Dashboard service is run in the root path (such as `http://example.com:8033/`), use the following configuration:

```
frontend tidb_dashboard_front
  bind *:8033
  use_backend tidb_dashboard_back
backend tidb_dashboard_back
  mode http
  http-request set-path /dashboard%[path]
  server tidb_dashboard 192.168.0.123:2379
```

Modify the configuration and restart HAProxy for the modified configuration to take effect.

Use NGINX

Taking `http://example.com:8033/foo/` as an example, the corresponding NGINX configuration is as follows:

```
server {
  listen 8033;
  location /foo/ {
    proxy_pass http://192.168.0.123:2379/dashboard/;
  }
}
```

Replace `http://192.168.0.123:2379/dashboard/` with the actual address of the TiDB Dashboard obtained in Step 1.

> **Warning:**
>
> You must retain the `/dashboard/` path in the `proxy_pass` directive to ensure that services **only in this path** are behind reverse proxy; otherwise, security risks might be introduced. See Secure TiDB Dashboard.

If you want that the TiDB Dashboard service is run in the root path (such as `http://example.com:8033/`), use the following configuration:

```
server {
  listen 8033;
  location / {
    proxy_pass http://192.168.0.123:2379/dashboard/;
  }
}
```

Modify the configuration and restart NGINX for the modified configuration to take effect.

```
sudo nginx -s reload
```

9.5.2.2.3 What's next

To learn how to enhance the security of TiDB Dashboard, such as configuring a firewall, see Secure TiDB Dashboard.

9.5.2.3 TiDB Dashboard User Management

TiDB Dashboard uses the same user privilege system and sign-in authentication as TiDB. You can control and manage TiDB SQL users to limit their access to TiDB Dashboard. This document describes the least privileges required for TiDB SQL users to access TiDB Dashboard and exemplifies how to create a least-privileged SQL user and how to authorize via RBAC.

For details about how to control and manage TiDB SQL users, see TiDB User Account Management.

9.5.2.3.1 Required privileges

- To access TiDB Dashboard when Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) is not enabled on the connected TiDB server, the SQL user should have **all** the following privileges:
    - PROCESS
    - SHOW DATABASES
    - CONFIG
    - DASHBOARD_CLIENT
- To access TiDB Dashboard when Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) is enabled on the connected TiDB server, the SQL user should have **all** the following privileges:
    - PROCESS
    - SHOW DATABASES
    - CONFIG
    - DASHBOARD_CLIENT
    - RESTRICTED_TABLES_ADMIN
    - RESTRICTED_STATUS_ADMIN
    - RESTRICTED_VARIABLES_ADMIN
- To modify the configurations on the interface after signing in to TiDB Dashboard, the SQL user must also have the following privilege:
    - SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN
- To use the Fast Bind Executions Plan feature on the interface after signing in to TiDB Dashboard, the SQL user must also have the following privileges:
    - SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN
    - SUPER

Note:

Users with high privileges such as `ALL PRIVILEGES` or `SUPER` can sign in to TiDB Dashboard as well. Therefore, to comply with the least privilege principle, it is highly recommended that you create users with the required privileges only to prevent unintended operations. See Privilege Management for more information on these privileges.

If an SQL user does not meet the preceding privilege requirements, the user fails to sign in to TiDB Dashboard, as shown below.

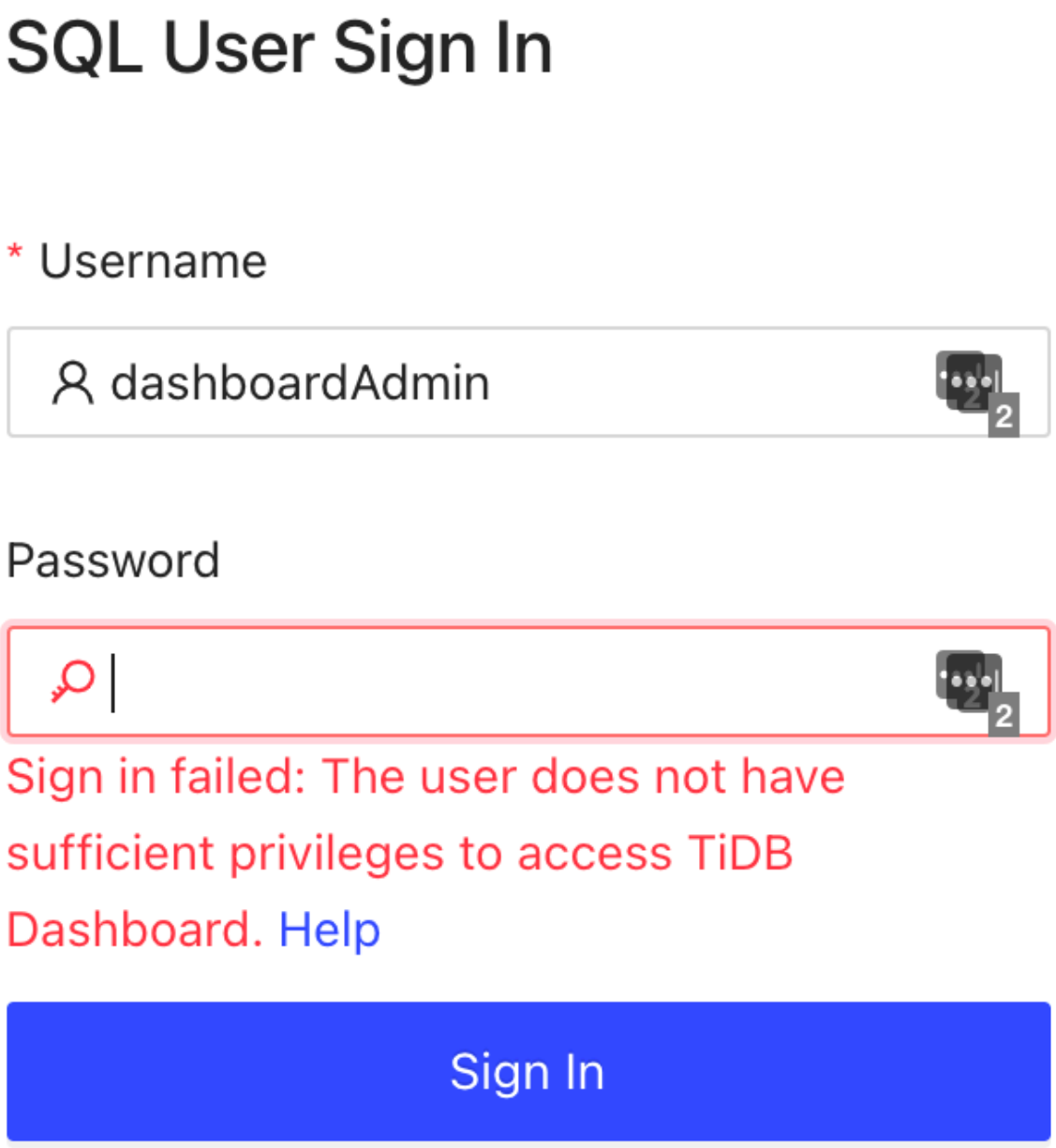


Figure 171: insufficient-privileges

9.5.2.3.2 Example: Create a least-privileged SQL user to access TiDB Dashboard

- When Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) is not enabled on the connected TiDB server, to create an SQL user `dashboardAdmin` that can sign in to TiDB Dashboard, execute the following SQL statements:

```
CREATE USER 'dashboardAdmin'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY '<YOUR_PASSWORD>';
GRANT PROCESS, CONFIG ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
GRANT SHOW DATABASES ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
GRANT DASHBOARD_CLIENT ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';

-- To modify the configuration items on the interface after signing
   ↪ in to TiDB Dashboard, the user-defined SQL user must be granted
   ↪  with the following privilege.
GRANT SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';

-- To use the Fast Bind Executions Plan feature (https://docs.pingcap
   ↪ .com/tidb/dev/dashboard-statement-details#fast-plan-binding) on
   ↪  the interface after signing in to TiDB Dashboard, the user-
   ↪ defined SQL user must be granted with the following privileges.
GRANT SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
GRANT SUPER ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
```

- When Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) is enabled on the connected TiDB server, disable SEM first and execute the following SQL statements to create an SQL user `dashboardAdmin` that can sign in to TiDB Dashboard. After creating the user, enable SEM again:

```
CREATE USER 'dashboardAdmin'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY '<YOUR_PASSWORD>';
GRANT PROCESS, CONFIG ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
GRANT SHOW DATABASES ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
GRANT DASHBOARD_CLIENT ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
GRANT RESTRICTED_STATUS_ADMIN ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
GRANT RESTRICTED_TABLES_ADMIN ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
GRANT RESTRICTED_VARIABLES_ADMIN ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';

-- To modify the configuration items on the interface after signing
   ↪ in to TiDB Dashboard, the user-defined SQL user must be granted
   ↪  with the following privilege.
GRANT SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';

-- To use the Fast Bind Executions Plan feature (https://docs.pingcap
   ↪ .com/tidb/dev/dashboard-statement-details#fast-plan-binding) on
   ↪  the interface after signing in to TiDB Dashboard, the user-
   ↪ defined SQL user must be granted with the following privileges.
GRANT SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
GRANT SUPER ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
```

9.5.2.3.3 Example: Authorize SQL user to access TiDB Dashboard via RBAC

The following example demonstrates how to create a role and a user to access TiDB Dashboard through the role-based access control (RBAC) mechanism.

1. Create a `dashboard_access` role that meets all privilege requirements of TiDB Dashboard:

```
CREATE ROLE 'dashboard_access';
GRANT PROCESS, CONFIG ON *.* TO 'dashboard_access'@'%';
GRANT SHOW DATABASES ON *.* TO 'dashboard_access'@'%';
GRANT DASHBOARD_CLIENT ON *.* TO 'dashboard_access'@'%';
GRANT SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN ON *.* TO 'dashboard_access'@'%';
GRANT SUPER ON *.* TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
```

2. Grant the `dashboard_access` role to other users and set `dashboard_access` as the default role:

```
CREATE USER 'dashboardAdmin'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY '<YOUR_PASSWORD>';
GRANT 'dashboard_access' TO 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
-- You need to set dashboard_access as the default role to the user
SET DEFAULT ROLE dashboard_access to 'dashboardAdmin'@'%';
```

After the above steps, you can use the `dashboardAdmin` user to sign in to TiDB Dashboard.

9.5.2.3.4 Sign in to TiDB Dashboard

After creating an SQL user that meets the privilege requirements of TiDB Dashboard, you can use this user to Sign in to TiDB Dashboard.

9.5.2.4 Secure TiDB Dashboard

Although you need to sign into TiDB Dashboard before accessing it, TiDB Dashboard is designed to be accessed by trusted user entities by default. When you want to provide TiDB Dashboard to external network users or untrusted users for access, take the following measures to avoid security vulnerabilities.

9.5.2.4.1 Enhance security of TiDB users

Set a strong password for the TiDB `root` user

The account system of TiDB Dashboard is consistent with that of TiDB SQL users. By default, TiDB's `root` user has no password, so accessing TiDB Dashboard does not require password authentication, which will give the malicious visitor high privileges, including executing privileged SQL statements.

It is recommended that you set a strong password for the TiDB `root` user. See TiDB User Account Management for details. Alternatively, you can disable the TiDB `root` user.

Create a least-privileged user for TiDB Dashboard

The account system of TiDB Dashboard is consistent with that of TiDB SQL. Users accessing TiDB Dashboard are authenticated and authorized based on TiDB SQL user's privileges. Therefore, TiDB Dashboard requires limited privileges, or merely the read-only privilege. You can configure users to access TiDB Dashboard based on the principle of least privilege, thus avoiding access of high-privileged users.

It is recommended that you create a least-privileged SQL user to access and sign in to TiDB Dashboard. This avoids access of high-privileged users and improves security. See TiDB Dashboard User Management for details.

9.5.2.4.2 Use a firewall to block untrusted access

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB v6.5.0 (and later) and TiDB Operator v1.4.0 (and later) support deploying TiDB Dashboard as an independent Pod on Kubernetes. Using TiDB Operator, you can access the IP address of this Pod to start TiDB Dashboard. This port does not communicate with other privileged interfaces of PD and no extra firewall is required if provided externally. For details, see Deploy TiDB Dashboard independently in TiDB Operator.

TiDB Dashboard provides services through the PD client port, which defaults to http://IP:2379/dashboard/. Although TiDB Dashboard requires identity authentication, other privileged interfaces (such as http://IP:2379/pd/api/v1/members) in PD carried on the PD client port do not require identity authentication and can perform privileged operations. Therefore, exposing the PD client port directly to the external network is extremely risky.

It is recommended that you take the following measures:

- Use a firewall to prohibit a component from accessing **any** client port of the PD component via the external network or untrusted network.

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB, TiKV, and other components need to communicate with the PD component through the PD client port, so do not block access to the internal network between components. Otherwise, the cluster will become unavailable.

- See Use TiDB Dashboard behind a Reverse Proxy to learn how to configure the reverse proxy to safely provide the TiDB Dashboard service on another port to the external network.

How to open access to TiDB Dashboard port when deploying multiple PD instances

> **Warning:**
>
> This section describes an unsafe access solution, which is for the test environment only. **DO NOT** use this solution in the production environment.

In the test environment, you might need to configure the firewall to open the TiDB Dashboard port for external access.

When multiple PD instances are deployed, only one of the PD instances actually runs TiDB Dashboard, and browser redirection occurs when you access other PD instances. Therefore, you need to ensure that the firewall is configured with the correct IP address. For details of this mechanism, see Deployment with multiple PD instances.

When using the TiUP deployment tool, you can view the address of the PD instance that actually runs TiDB Dashboard by running the following command (replace `CLUSTER_NAME` with the cluster name):

```
tiup cluster display CLUSTER_NAME --dashboard
```

The output is the actual TiDB Dashboard address.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is available only in the later version of the `tiup cluster` deployment tool (v1.0.3 or later).
>
> Upgrade TiUP Cluster
>
> ```
> tiup update --self
> tiup update cluster --force
> ```

The following is a sample output:

```
http://192.168.0.123:2379/dashboard/
```

In this example, the firewall needs to be configured with inbound access for the `2379` port of the `192.168.0.123` open IP, and the TiDB Dashboard is accessed via http://192.168.0.123:2379/dashboard/.

9.5.2.4.3 Reverse proxy only for TiDB Dashboard

As mentioned in Use a firewall to block untrusted access, the services provided under the PD client port include not only TiDB Dashboard (located at http://IP:2379/dashboard/), but also other privileged interfaces in PD (such as http://IP:2379/pd/api/v1/members). Therefore, when using a reverse proxy to provide TiDB Dashboard to the external network, ensure that the services **ONLY** with the `/dashboard` prefix are provided (**NOT** all services under the port) to avoid that the external network can access the privileged interface in PD through the reverse proxy.

It is recommended that you see Use TiDB Dashboard behind a Reverse Proxy to learn a safe and recommended reverse proxy configuration.

9.5.2.4.4 Enable TLS for reverse proxy

To further enhance the security of the transport layer, you can enable TLS for reverse proxy, and even introduce mTLS to authenticate user certificates.

See Configuring HTTPS servers and HAProxy SSL Termination for more details.

9.5.2.4.5 Other recommended safety measures

- Enable TLS Authentication and Encrypt the Stored Data
- Enable TLS Between TiDB Clients and Servers

9.5.3 Access TiDB Dashboard

To access TiDB Dashboard, visit http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard via your browser. Replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the actual PD instance address and port.

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB v6.5.0 (and later) and TiDB Operator v1.4.0 (and later) support deploying TiDB Dashboard as an independent Pod on Kubernetes. Using TiDB Operator, you can access the IP address of this Pod to start TiDB Dashboard. For details, see Deploy TiDB Dashboard independently in TiDB Operator.

9.5.3.1 Access TiDB Dashboard when multiple PD instances are deployed

When multiple PD instances are deployed in your cluster and you can directly access **every** PD instance and port, you can simply replace `127.0.0.1:2379` in the http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/ address with **any** PD instance address and port.

> **Note:**
>
> If a firewall or reverse proxy is configured and you cannot directly access every PD instance, you might not be able to access TiDB Dashboard. Usually, this is because the firewall or reverse proxy is not correctly configured. See Use TiDB Dashboard behind Reverse Proxy and Secure TiDB Dashboard to learn how to correctly configure the firewall or reverse proxy when multiple PD instances are deployed.

9.5.3.2 Browser compatibility

You can use TiDB Dashboard in the following common desktop browsers of a relatively newer version:

- Chrome >= 77
- Firefox >= 68
- Edge >= 17

> **Note:**
>
> If you use the browsers above of earlier versions or other browsers to access TiDB Dashboard, some functions might not work properly.

9.5.3.3 Sign in

After accessing TiDB Dashboard, you will be directed to the user login interface.

- You can sign in to TiDB Dashboard using the TiDB `root` account.
- You can also sign in to TiDB Dashboard via Single Sign-On (SSO). For more information, see Configure SSO for TiDB Dashboard.
- If you have created a User-defined SQL User, you can sign in using this account and the corresponding password.

If one of the following situations exists, the login might fail:

- TiDB `root` user does not exist.
- PD is not started or cannot be accessed.
- TiDB is not started or cannot be accessed.

- Wrong `root` password.

Once you have signed in, the session remains valid within the next 24 hours. To learn how to sign out, refer to the Logout section.

9.5.3.4 Switch language

The following languages are supported in TiDB Dashboard:

- English
- Chinese (simplified)

In the **SQL User Sign In** page, you can click the **Switch Language** drop-down list to switch the interface language.

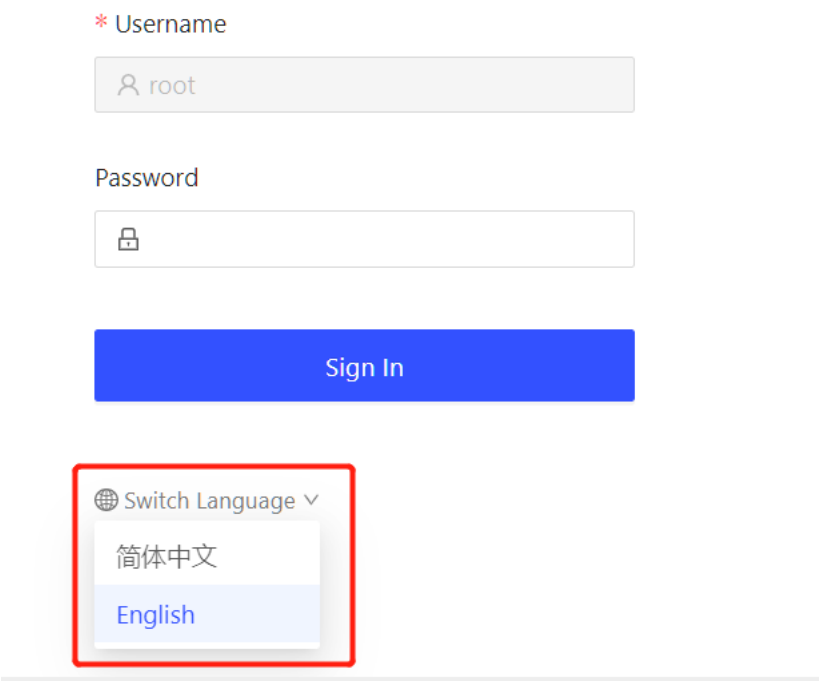


Figure 172: Switch language

9.5.3.5 Logout

Once you have logged in, click the login user name in the left navigation bar to switch to the user page. Click the **Logout** button on the user page to log out the current user. After logging out, you need to re-enter your username and password.

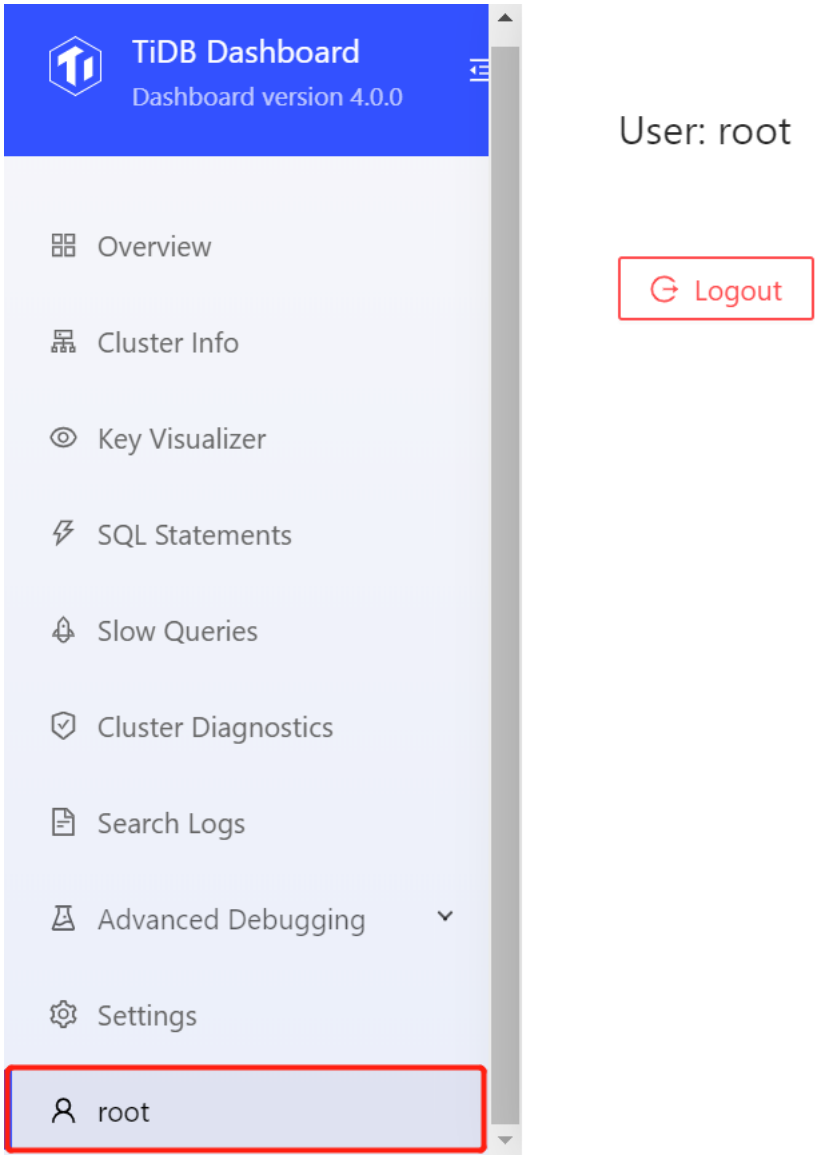


Figure 173: Logout

9.5.4 Overview Page

This page shows the overview of the entire TiDB cluster, including the following information:

- Queries per second (QPS) of the entire cluster.
- The query latency of the entire cluster.
- The SQL statements that have accumulated the longest execution time over the recent period.
- The slow queries whose execution time over the recent period exceeds the threshold.
- The node count and status of each instance.
- Monitor and alert messages.

9.5.4.1 Access the page

After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, the overview page is entered by default, or you can click **Overview** in the left navigation menu to enter this page:

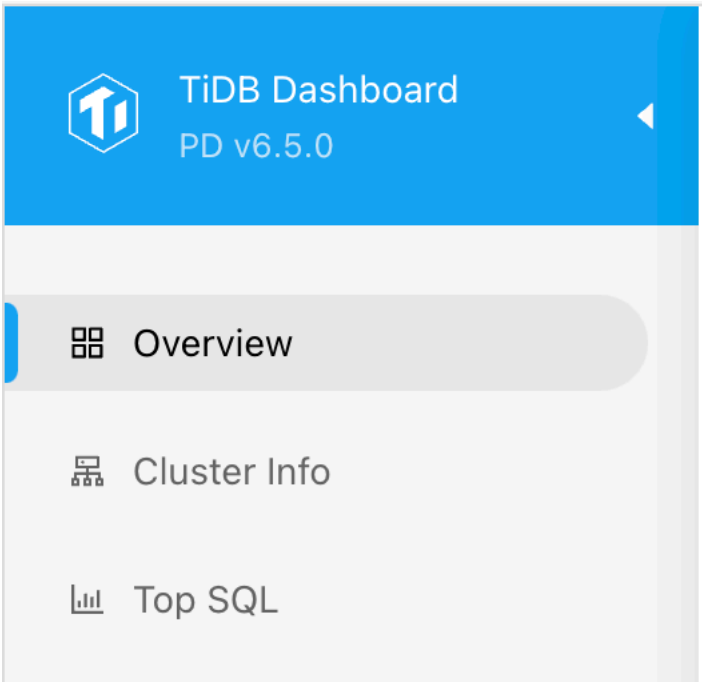


Figure 174: Enter overview page

9.5.4.2 QPS

This area shows the number of successful and failed queries per second for the entire cluster over the recent hour:

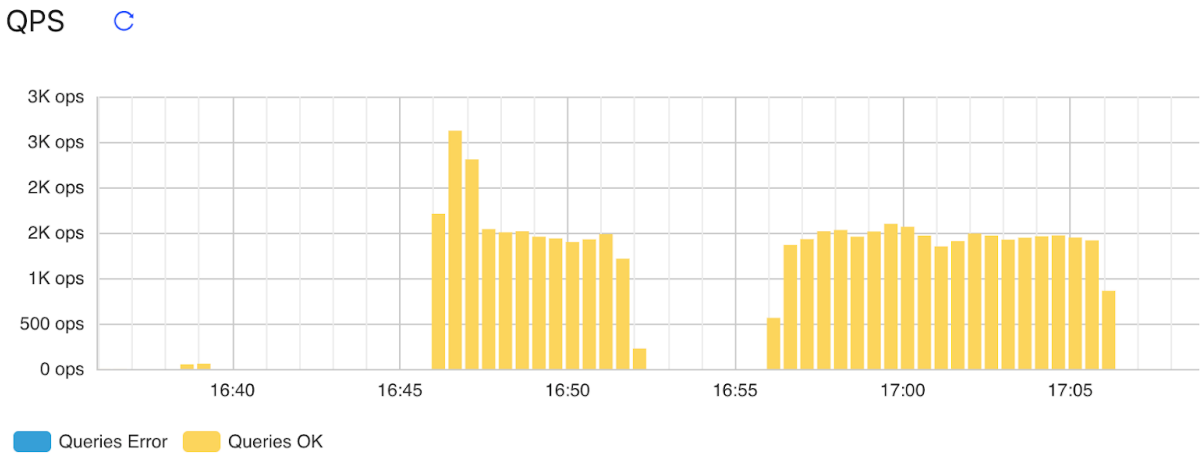


Figure 175: QPS

Note:

This feature is available only in the cluster where the Prometheus monitoring component is deployed. If Prometheus is not deployed, an error will be displayed.

9.5.4.3 Latency

This area shows the latency of 99.9%, 99%, and 90% of queries in the entire cluster over the recent one hour:

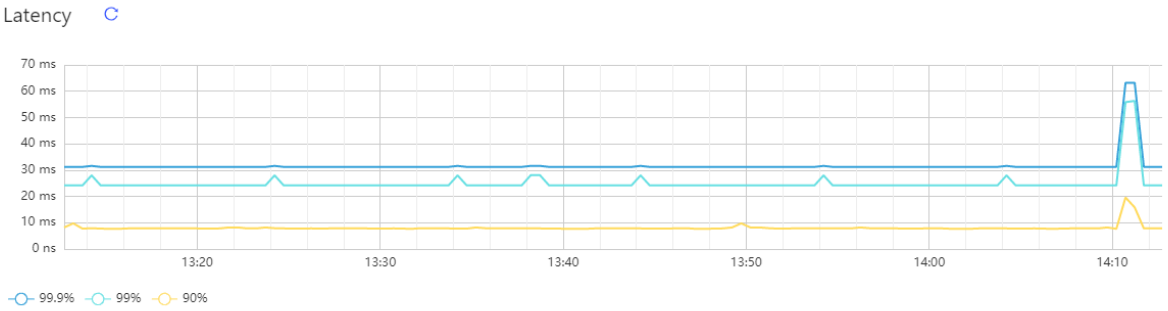


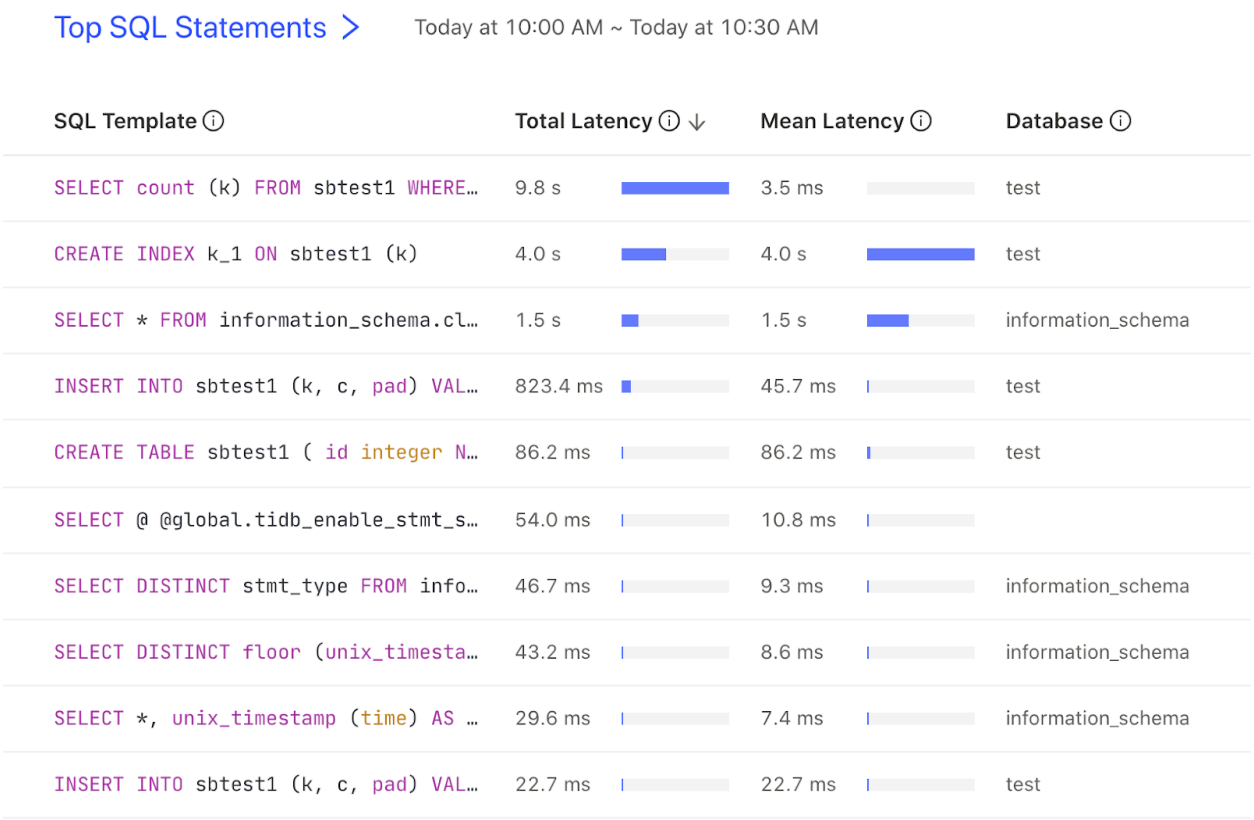
Figure 176: Latency

Note:

This feature is available only on the cluster where the Prometheus monitoring component is deployed. If Prometheus is not deployed, an error will be displayed.

9.5.4.4 Top SQL statements

This area shows the ten types of SQL statements that have accumulated the longest execution time in the entire cluster over the recent period. SQL statements with different query parameters but of the same structure are classified into the same SQL type and displayed in the same row:



Top SQL Statements > Today at 10:00 AM ~ Today at 10:30 AM

SQL Template	Total Latency ↓	Mean Latency	Database
SELECT count (k) FROM sbtest1 WHERE…	9.8 s	3.5 ms	test
CREATE INDEX k_1 ON sbtest1 (k)	4.0 s	4.0 s	test
SELECT * FROM information_schema.cl…	1.5 s	1.5 s	information_schema
INSERT INTO sbtest1 (k, c, pad) VAL…	823.4 ms	45.7 ms	test
CREATE TABLE sbtest1 (id integer N…	86.2 ms	86.2 ms	test
SELECT @ @global.tidb_enable_stmt_s…	54.0 ms	10.8 ms	
SELECT DISTINCT stmt_type FROM info…	46.7 ms	9.3 ms	information_schema
SELECT DISTINCT floor (unix_timesta…	43.2 ms	8.6 ms	information_schema
SELECT *, unix_timestamp (time) AS …	29.6 ms	7.4 ms	information_schema
INSERT INTO sbtest1 (k, c, pad) VAL…	22.7 ms	22.7 ms	test

Figure 177: Top SQL

The information shown in this area is consistent with the more detailed SQL Statements Page. You can click the **Top SQL Statements** heading to view the complete list. For details of the columns in this table, see SQL Statements Page.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is available only on the cluster where SQL Statements feature is enabled.

9.5.4.5 Recent slow queries

By default, this area shows the latest 10 slow queries in the entire cluster over the recent 30 minutes:



Figure 178: Recent slow queries

By default, the SQL query that is executed longer than 300 milliseconds is counted as a slow query and displayed on the table. You can change this threshold by modifying the tidb_slow_log_threshold variable or the instance.tidb_slow_log_threshold TiDB parameter.

The content displayed in this area is consistent with the more detailed Slow Queries Page. You can click the **Recent Slow Queries** title to view the complete list. For details of the columns in this table, see this Slow Queries Page.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is available only in the cluster with slow query logs enabled. By default, slow query logs are enabled in the cluster deployed using TiUP.

9.5.4.6 Instances

This area summarizes the total number of instances and abnormal instances of TiDB, TiKV, PD, and TiFlash in the entire cluster:

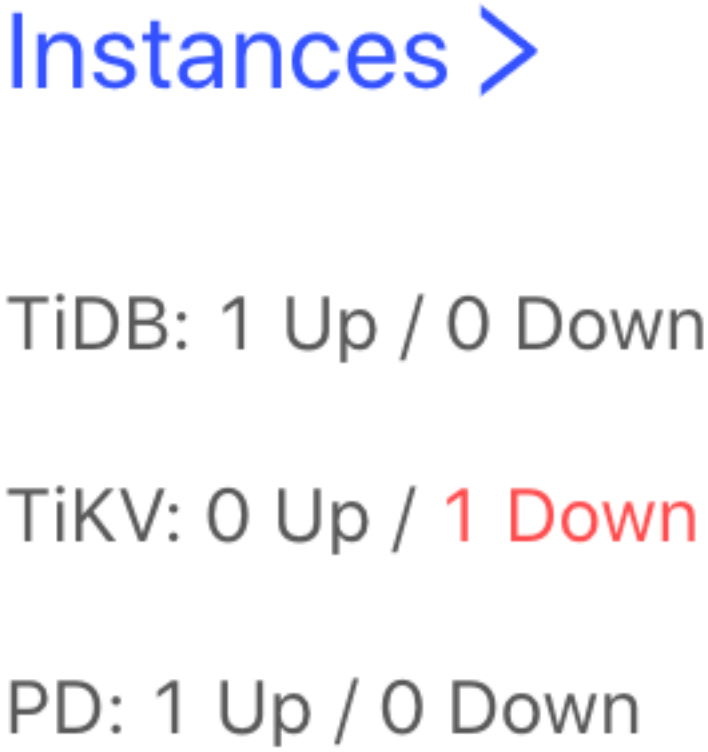


Figure 179: Instances

The statuses in the preceding image are described as follows:

- Up: The instance is running properly (including the offline storage instance).
- Down: The instance is running abnormally, such as network disconnection and process crash.

Click the **Instance** title to enter the Cluster Info Page that shows the detailed running status of each instance.

9.5.4.7 Monitor and alert

This area provides links for you to view detailed monitor and alert:

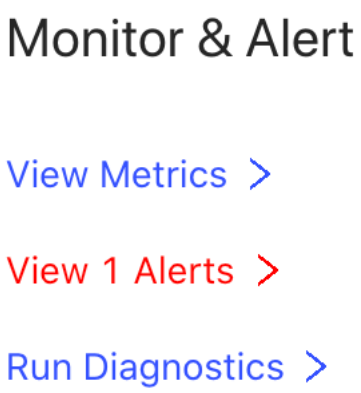


Figure 180: Monitor and alert

- **View Metrics**: Click this link to jump to the Grafana dashboard where you can view detailed monitoring information of the cluster. For details of each monitoring metric in the Grafana dashboard, see monitoring metrics.
- **View Alerts**: Click this link to jump to the AlertManager page where you can view detailed alert information of the cluster. If alerts exist in the cluster, the number of alerts is directly shown in the link text.
- **Run Diagnostics**: Click this link to jump to the more detailed cluster diagnostics page.

> **Note:**
>
> The **View Metrics** link is available only in the cluster where the Grafana node is deployed. The **View Alerts** link is available only in the cluster where the AlertManager node is deployed.

9.5.5 TiDB Dashboard Cluster Information Page

On the cluster information page, you can view the running status of TiDB, TiKV, PD, TiFlash components in the entire cluster and the running status of the host on which these components are located.

9.5.5.1 Access the page

You can use one of the following two methods to access the cluster information page:

- After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, click **Cluster Info** in the left navigation menu.
- Visit http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/#/cluster_info/instance in your browser. Replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the actual PD instance address and port.

9.5.5.2 Instance list

Click **Instances** to view the list of instances:

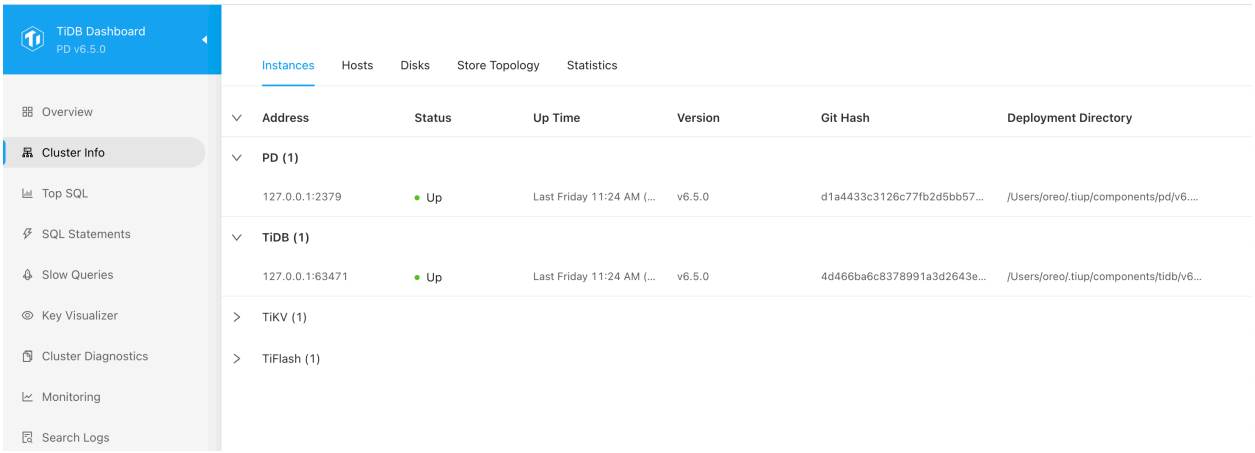


Figure 181: Instance list

This instance list shows the overview information of all instances of TiDB, TiKV, PD, and TiFlash components in the cluster.

The list includes the following information:

- Address: The instance address.
- Status: The running status of the instance.
- Up Time: The start time of the instance.
- Version: The instance version number.
- Git Hash: The Git Hash value corresponding to the instance binary file.
- Deployment directory: The directory in which the instance binary file is located.

9.5.5.2.1 Instance status

An instance can run in one of the following statuses:

- Up: The instance is running normally.
- Down or Unreachable: The instance is not running or a network problem exists on the corresponding host.
- Tombstone: The data on the instance has been completely migrated out and the scaling-in is complete. This status exists only on TiKV or TiFlash instances.

- Leaving: The data on the instance is being migrated out and the scaling-in is in process. This status exists only on TiKV or TiFlash instances.
- Unknown: The running state of the instance is unknown.

> **Note:**
>
> - `Leaving` in TiDB Dashboard, `Offline` returned by PD API, and `Pending Offline` in TiUP indicate the same status.
> - Some columns in the table can be displayed only when the instance is up.

Instance status derives from the PD scheduling information. For more details, see Information collection.

9.5.5.3 Host list

Click **Hosts** to view the list of hosts:

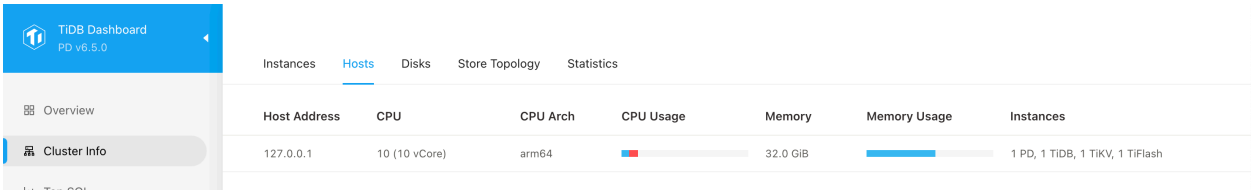


Figure 182: Host list

This host list shows the running status of hosts that correspond to all instances of TiDB, TiKV, PD, and TiFlash components in the cluster.

The list includes the following information:

- Host Address: The Host IP address.
- CPU: The number of logical cores of the host CPU.
- CPU Usage: The user-mode and kernel-mode CPU usage in the current 1 second.
- Memory: The total physical memory size of the host.
- Memory Usage: The current memory usage of the host.

> **Note:**
>
> The host list information is provided by each instance process, so when all instances on the host are down, the host information is not displayed.

9.5.5.4 Disk list

Click **Disks** to view the list of disks:

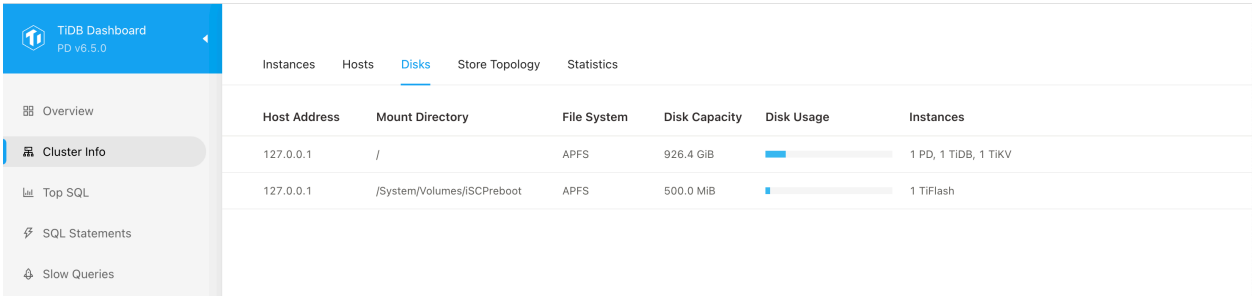


Figure 183: Disk list

This disk list shows the status of disks on which the TiDB, TiKV, PD, and TiFlash instances run.

The list includes the following information:

- Host Address: The Host IP address.
- Mount Directory: The mount path of this disk on the host on which the instance is running.
- File System: The file system type of this disk on the host on which the instance is running.
- Disk Capacity: The total space of the disk on the host on which the instance is running.
- Disk Usage: The space usage of the disk on the host on which the instance is running.
- Instance: The instance running on this host.

9.5.6 TiDB Dashboard Top SQL Page

With Top SQL, you can monitor and visually explore the CPU overhead of each SQL statement in your database in real-time, which helps you optimize and resolve database performance issues. Top SQL continuously collects and stores CPU load data summarized by SQL statements at any seconds from all TiDB and TiKV instances. The collected data can be stored for up to 30 days. Top SQL presents you with visual charts and tables to quickly pinpoint which SQL statements are contributing the high CPU load of a TiDB or TiKV instance over a certain period of time.

Top SQL provides the following features:

- Visualize the top 5 types of SQL statements with the highest CPU overhead through charts and tables.
- Display detailed execution information such as queries per second, average latency, and query plan.
- Collect all SQL statements that are executed, including those that are still running.
- Allow viewing data of a specific TiDB and TiKV instance.

9.5.6.1 Recommended scenarios

Top SQL is suitable for analyzing performance issues. The following are some typical Top SQL scenarios:

- You discovered that an individual TiKV instance in the cluster has a very high CPU usage through the Grafana charts. You want to know which SQL statements cause the CPU hotspots so that you can optimize them and better leverage all of your distributed resources.
- You discovered that the cluster has a very high CPU usage overall and queries are slow. You want to quickly figure out which SQL statements are currently consuming the most CPU resources so that you can optimize them.
- The CPU usage of the cluster has drastically changed and you want to know the major cause.
- Analyze the most resource-intensive SQL statements in the cluster and optimize them to reduce hardware costs.

Top SQL cannot be used in the following scenarios:

- Top SQL cannot be used to pinpoint non-performance issues, such as incorrect data or abnormal crashes.
- Top SQL does not support analyzing database performance issues that are not caused by high CPU load, such as transaction lock conflicts.

9.5.6.2 Access the page

You can access the Top SQL page using either of the following methods:

- After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, click **Top SQL** in the left navigation menu.

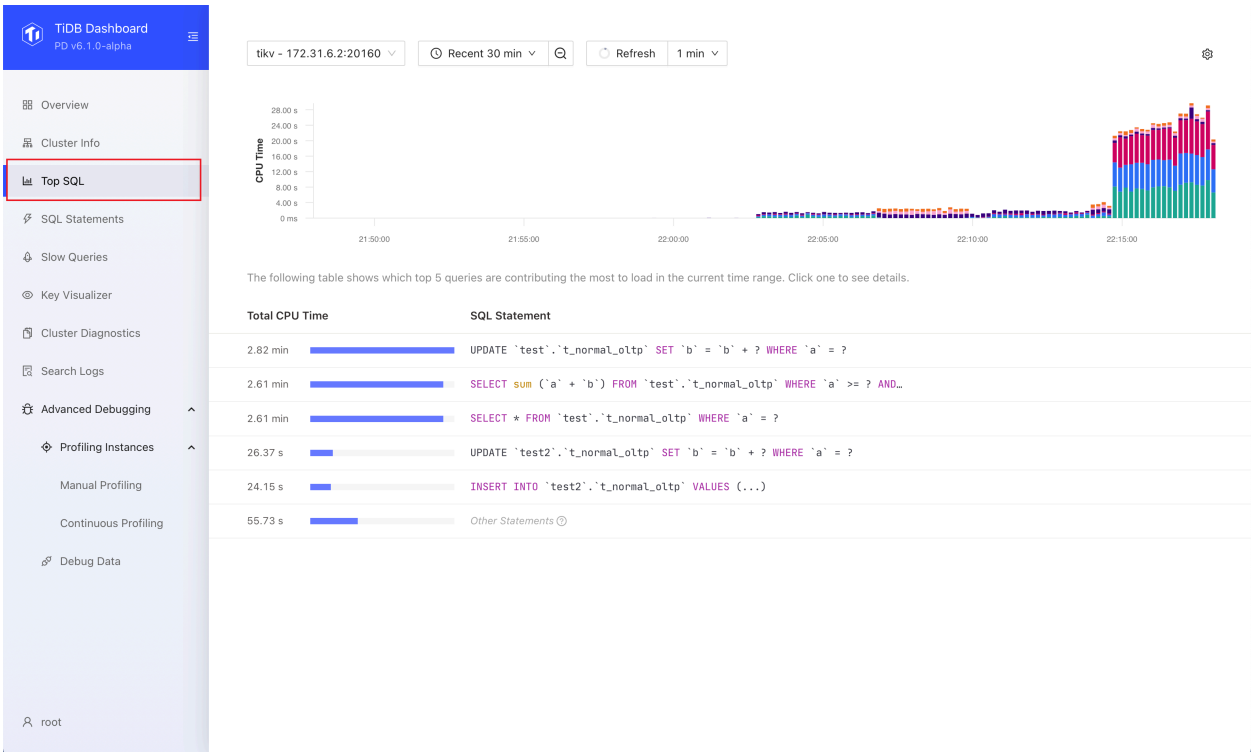


Figure 184: Top SQL

- Visit http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/#/topsql in your browser. Replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the actual PD instance address and port.

9.5.6.3 Enable Top SQL

> **Note:**
>
> To use Top SQL, your cluster should be deployed or upgraded with a recent version of TiUP (v1.9.0 or above) or TiDB Operator (v1.3.0 or above). If your cluster was upgraded using an earlier version of TiUP or TiDB Operator, see FAQ for instructions.

Top SQL is not enabled by default as it has a slight impact on cluster performance (within 3% on average) when enabled. You can enable Top SQL by the following steps:

1. Visit the Top SQL page.
2. Click **Open Settings**. On the right side of the **Settings** area, switch on **Enable Feature**.

3. Click **Save**.

After enabling the feature, wait up to 1 minute for Top SQL to load the data. Then you can see the CPU load details.

In addition to the UI, you can also enable the Top SQL feature by setting the TiDB system variable `tidb_enable_top_sql`:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_top_sql = 1;
```

9.5.6.4 Use Top SQL

The following are the common steps to use Top SQL.

1. Visit the Top SQL page.
2. Select a particular TiDB or TiKV instance that you want to observe the load.

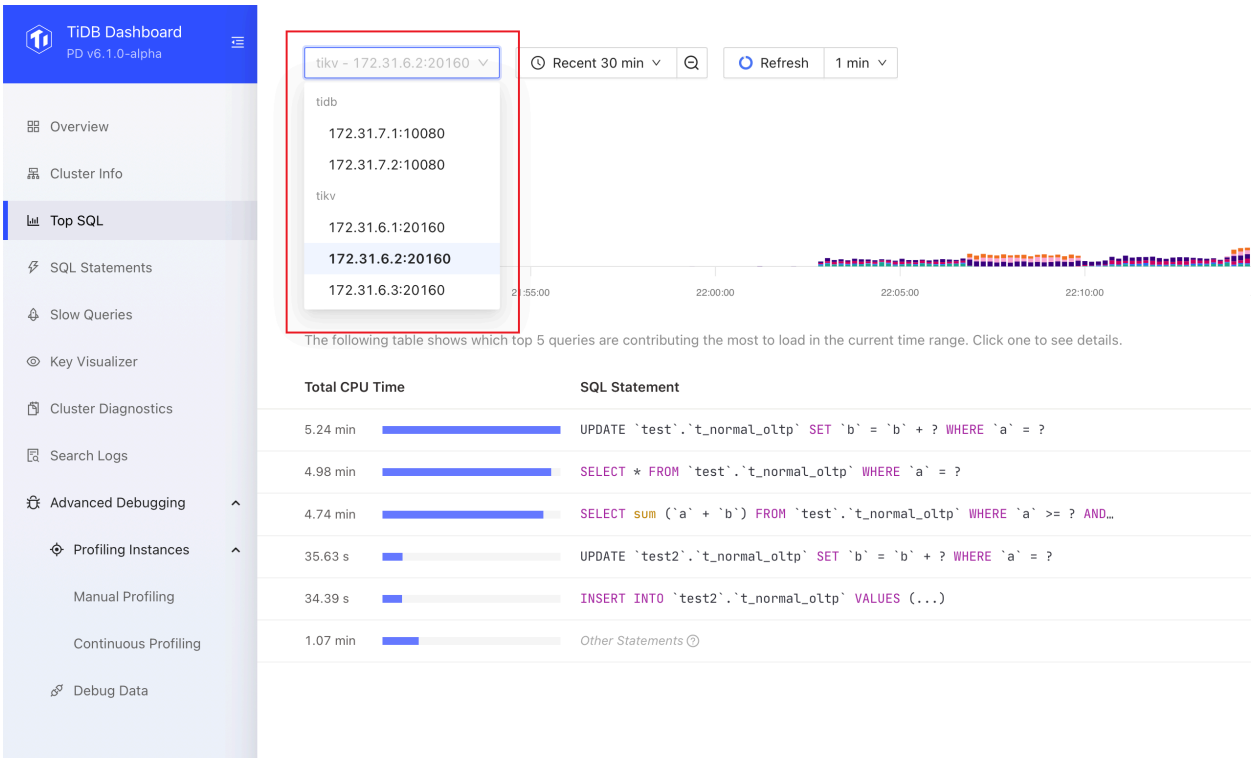


Figure 185: Select Instance

If you are unsure of which TiDB or TiKV instance to observe, you can select an arbitrary instance. Also, when the cluster CPU load is extremely unbalanced, you can first use Grafana charts to determine the specific instance you want to observe.

3. Observe the charts and tables presented by Top SQL.

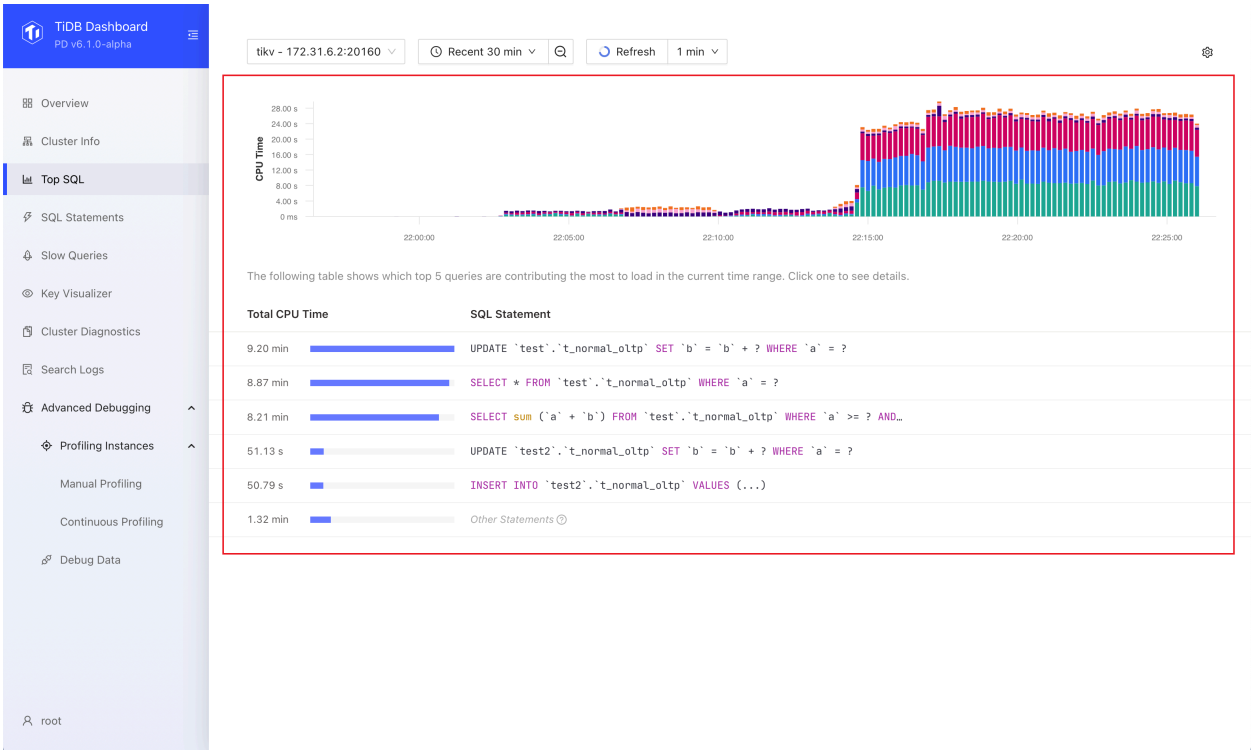


Figure 186: Chart and Table

The size of the bars in the bar chart represents the size of CPU resources consumed by the SQL statement at that moment. Different colors distinguish different types of SQL statements. In most cases, you only need to focus on the SQL statements that have a higher CPU resource overhead in the corresponding time range in the chart.

4. Click a SQL statement in the table to show more information. You can see detailed execution metrics of different plans of that statement, such as Call/sec (average queries per second) and Scan Indexes/sec (average number of index rows scanned per second).

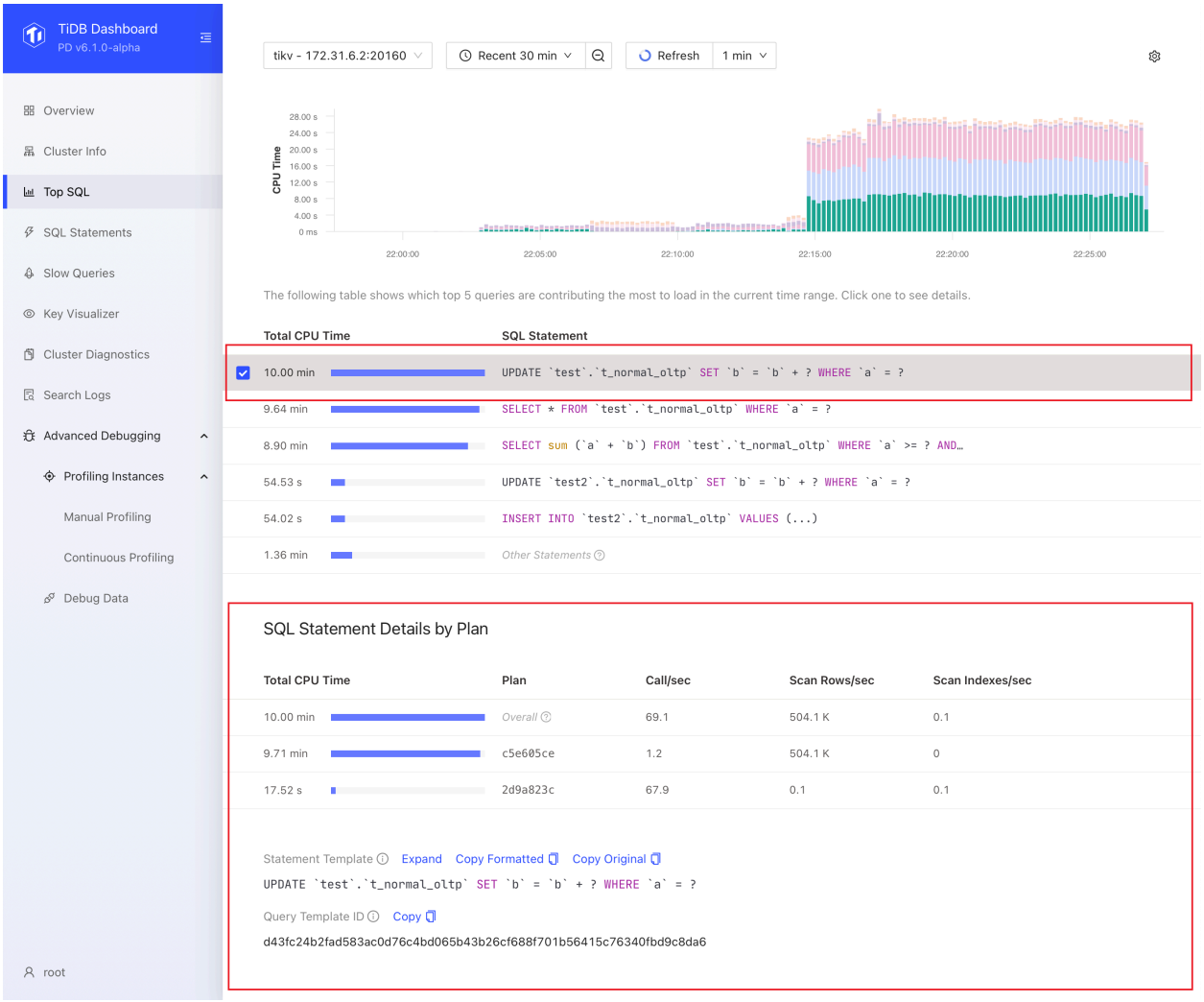


Figure 187: Details

5. Based on these initial clues, you can further explore the SQL Statement or Slow Queries page to find the root cause of high CPU consumption or large data scans of the SQL statement.

   You can adjust the time range in the time picker or select a time range in the chart to get a more precise and detailed look at the problem. A smaller time range can provide more detailed data, with precision of up to 1 second.



Figure 188: Change time range

If the chart is out of date, you can click the **Refresh** button or select Auto Refresh options from the **Refresh** drop-down list.

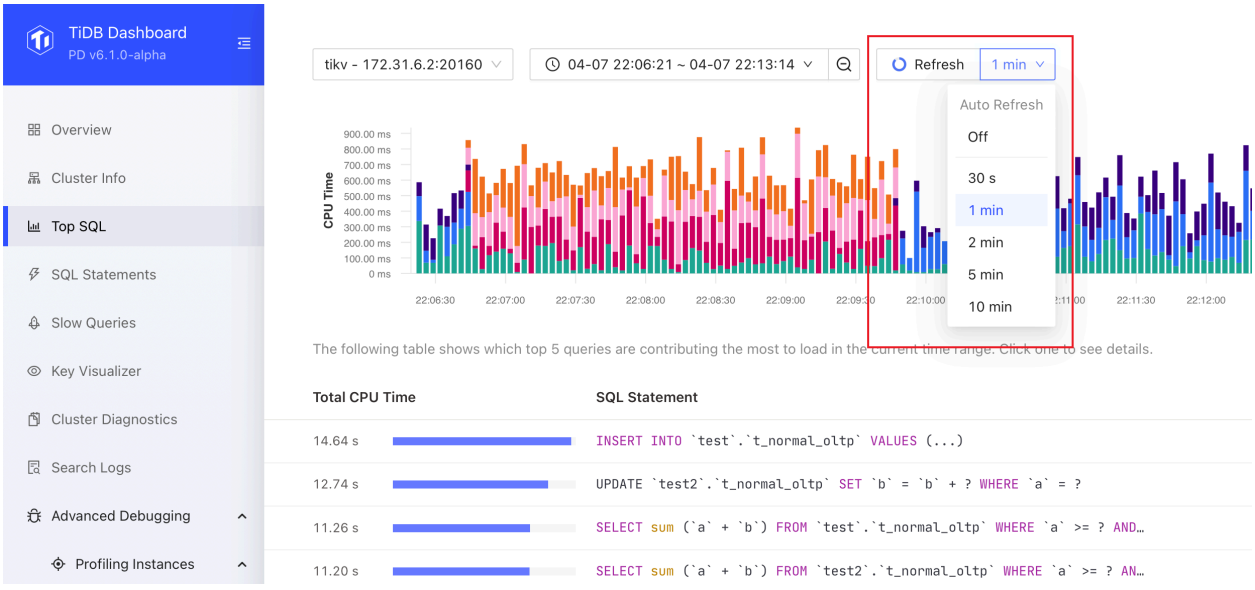


Figure 189: Refresh

6. View the CPU resource usage by table or database level to quickly identify resource

usage at a higher level. Currently, only TiKV instances are supported. Select a TiKV instance, and then select **By TABLE** or **By DB**:

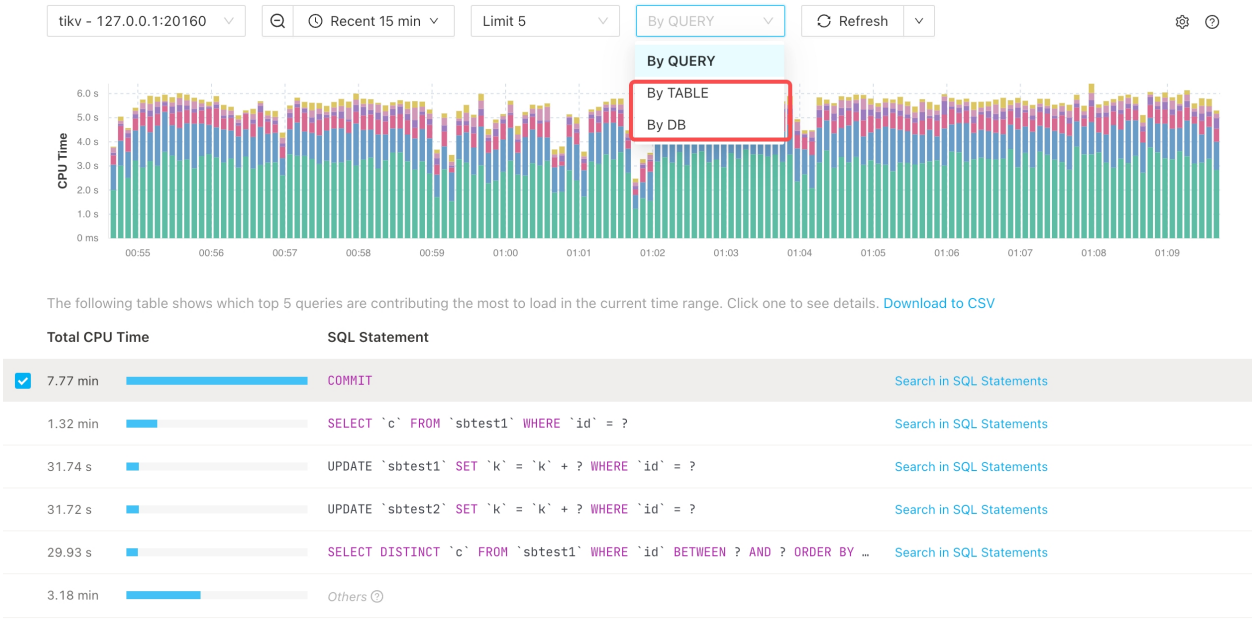


Figure 190: Select aggregation dimension

View the aggregated results at a higher level:

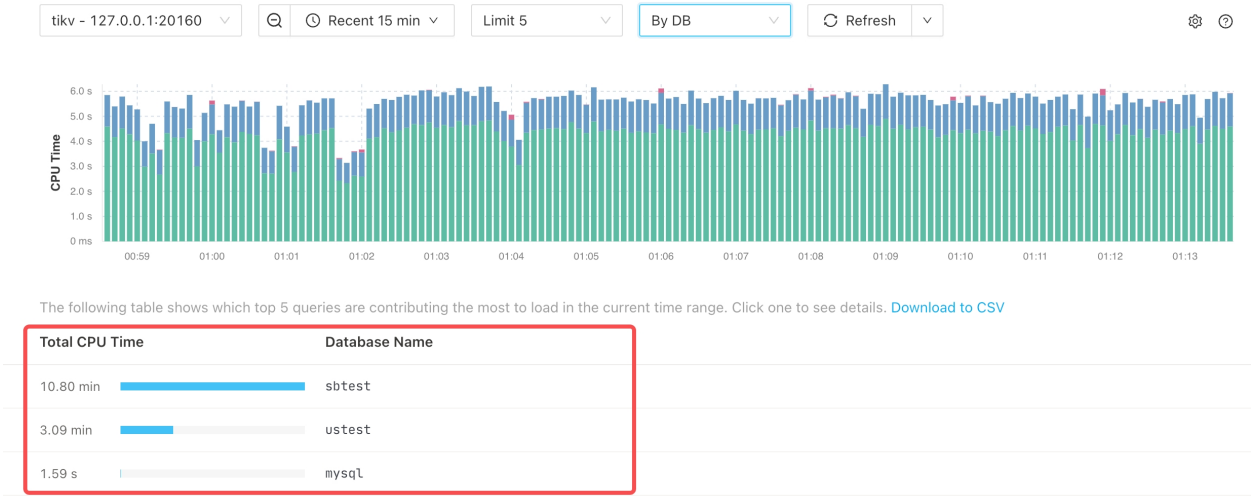


Figure 191: Aggregated results at DB level

9.5.6.5 Disable Top SQL

You can disable this feature by following these steps:

1. Visit Top SQL page.
2. Click the gear icon in the upper right corner to open the settings screen and switch off **Enable Feature**.
3. Click **Save**.
4. In the popped-up dialog box, click **Disable**.

In addition to the UI, you can also disable the Top SQL feature by setting the TiDB system variable `tidb_enable_top_sql`:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_top_sql = 0;
```

9.5.6.6 Frequently asked questions

1. Top SQL cannot be enabled and the UI displays "required component NgMonitoring is not started".

See TiDB Dashboard FAQ.

2. Will performance be affected after enabling Top SQL?

This feature has a slight impact on cluster performance. According to our benchmark, the average performance impact is usually less than 3% when the feature is enabled.

3. What is the status of this feature?

It is now a generally available (GA) feature and can be used in production environments.

4. What is the meaning of "Other Statements"?

"Other Statement" counts the total CPU overhead of all non-Top 5 statements. With this information, you can learn the CPU overhead contributed by the Top 5 statements compared with the overall.

5. What is the relationship between the CPU overhead displayed by Top SQL and the actual CPU usage of the process?

Their correlation is strong but they are not exactly the same thing. For example, the cost of writing multiple replicas is not counted in the TiKV CPU overhead displayed by Top SQL. In general, SQL statements with higher CPU usage result in higher CPU overhead displayed in Top SQL.

6. What is the meaning of the Y-axis of the Top SQL chart?

It represents the size of CPU resources consumed. The more resources consumed by a SQL statement, the higher the value is. In most cases, you do not need to care about the meaning or unit of the specific value.

7. Does Top SQL collect running (unfinished) SQL statements?

Yes. The bars displayed in the Top SQL chart at each moment indicate the CPU overhead of all running SQL statements at that moment.

9.5.7 Key Visualizer Page

The Key Visualizer page of TiDB Dashboard is used to analyze the usage of TiDB and troubleshoot traffic hotspots. This page visually shows the traffic of the TiDB cluster over a period of time.

9.5.7.1 Access Key Visualizer page

You can use one of the following two methods to access the Key Visualizer page:

- After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, click **Key Visualizer** in the left navigation menu.

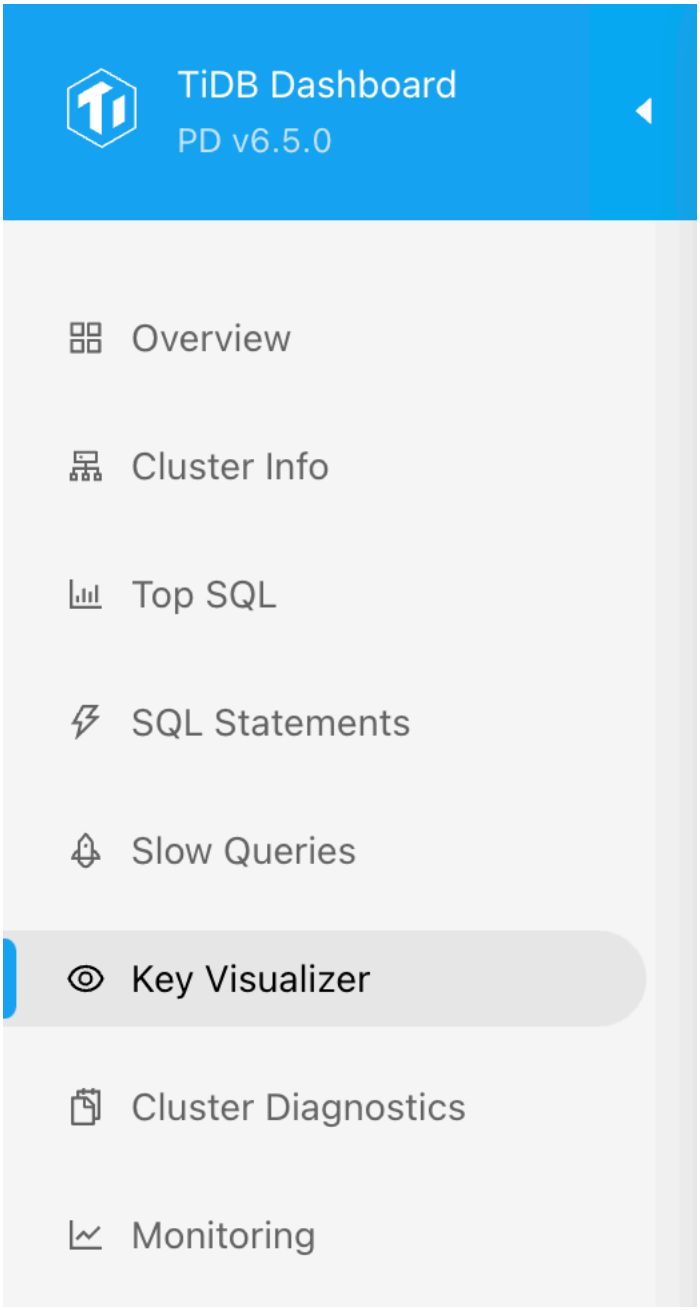


Figure 192: Access Key Visualizer

- Visit http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/#/keyviz in your browser. Replace `127.0.0.1:2379` ↪ with the actual PD instance address and port.

9.5.7.2 Interface demonstration

The following image is a demonstration of the Key Visualizer page:

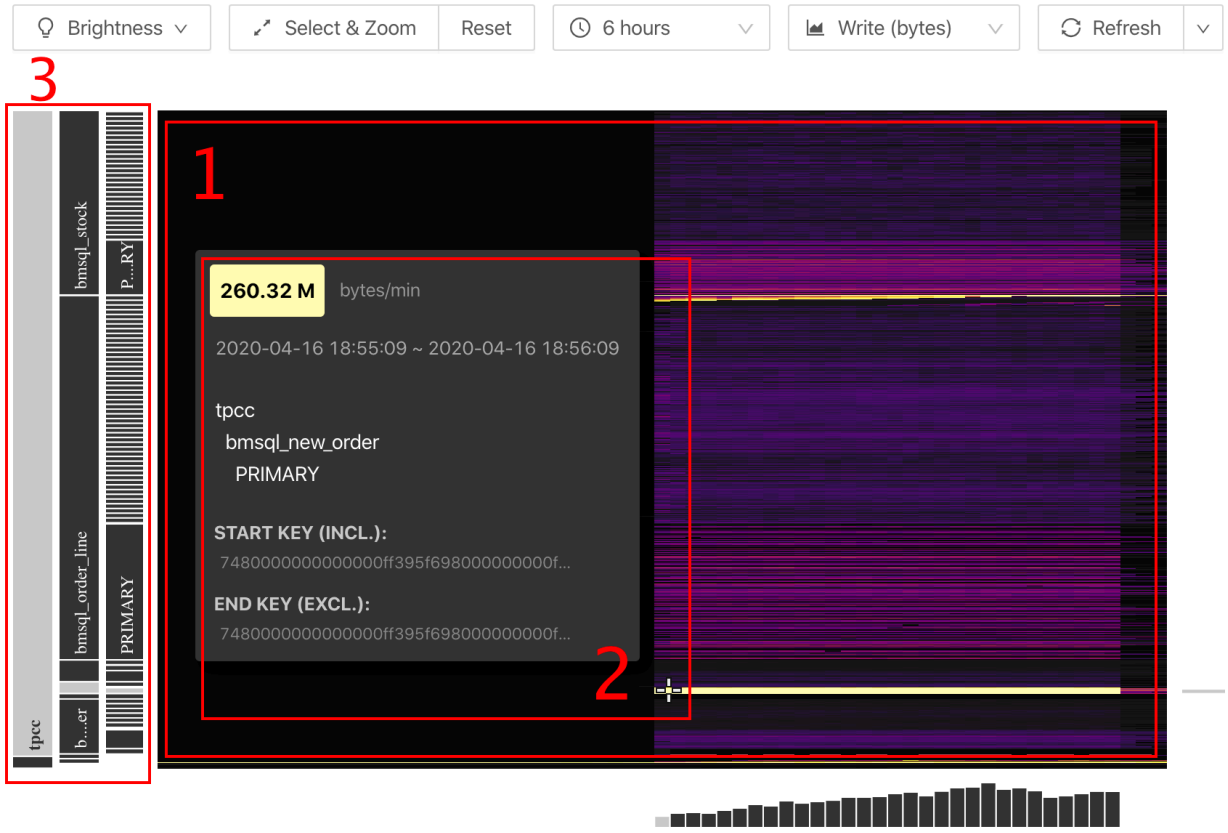


Figure 193: Key Visualizer page

From the preceding interface, you can see the following objects:

- A large heatmap that shows changes of the overall traffic over time.
- The detailed information of a certain coordinate point.
- Information of tables, and indexes (on the left side of the heatmap).

9.5.7.3 Basic concepts

This section introduces the basic concepts that relate to Key Visualizer.

9.5.7.3.1 Region

In a TiDB cluster, the stored data is distributed among TiKV instances. Logically, TiKV is a huge and orderly key-value map. The whole key-value space is divided into many segments and each segment consists of a series of adjacent keys. Such segment is called a `Region`.

For detailed introduction of Region, refer to TiDB Internal (I) - Data Storage.

9.5.7.3.2 Hotspot

When you use the TiDB database, the hotspot issue is typical, where high traffic is concentrated on a small range of data. Because consecutive data ranges are often processed on the same TiKV instance, the TiKV instance on which the hotspot occurs becomes the performance bottleneck of the whole application. The hotspot issue often occurs in the following scenarios:

- Write adjacent data into a table with the `AUTO_INCREMENT` primary key, which causes a hotspot issue on this table.
- Write adjacent time data into the time index of a table, which causes a hotspot issue on the table index.

For more details about hotspot, refer to Highly Concurrent Write Best Practices

9.5.7.3.3 Heatmap

The heatmap is the core part of Key Visualizer, which shows the change of a metric over time. The X-axis of the heatmap indicates the time. The Y-axis of the heatmap indicates the consecutive Regions based on key ranges that cover all schemas and tables of the TiDB cluster.

Colder colors in the heatmap indicate lower read and write traffic of Regions in that period of time. Hotter (brighter) colors indicate higher traffic.

9.5.7.3.4 Region compression

A TiDB cluster might have up to hundreds of thousands of Regions. It is difficult to display so many Regions on screen. Therefore, on each heatmap, these Regions are compressed into 1,500 consecutive ranges, each range called a Bucket. In the heatmap, because hotter instances need more attention, Key Visualizer tends to compress a large number of Regions with lower traffic into one Bucket, and displays the Region with higher traffic also in one Bucket.

9.5.7.4 Use Key Visualizer

This section introduces how to use Key Visualizer.

9.5.7.4.1 Settings

To use the Key Visualizer page for the first time, you need to manually enable this feature on the **Settings** page. Follow the page guide and click **Open Settings** to open the settings page:

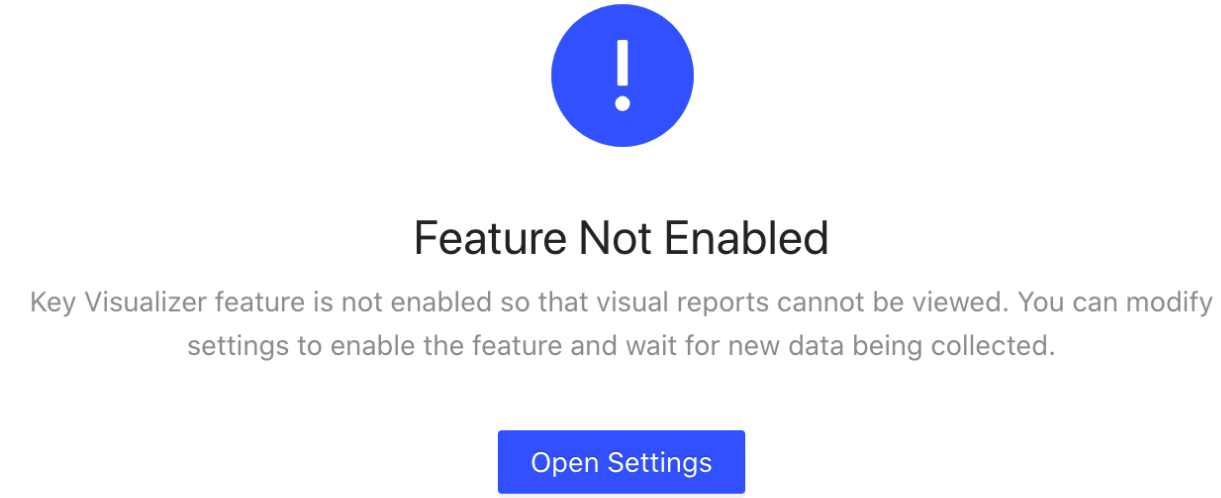


Figure 194: Feature disabled

After this feature is enabled, you can open the settings page by clicking the **Settings** icon in the upper right corner:

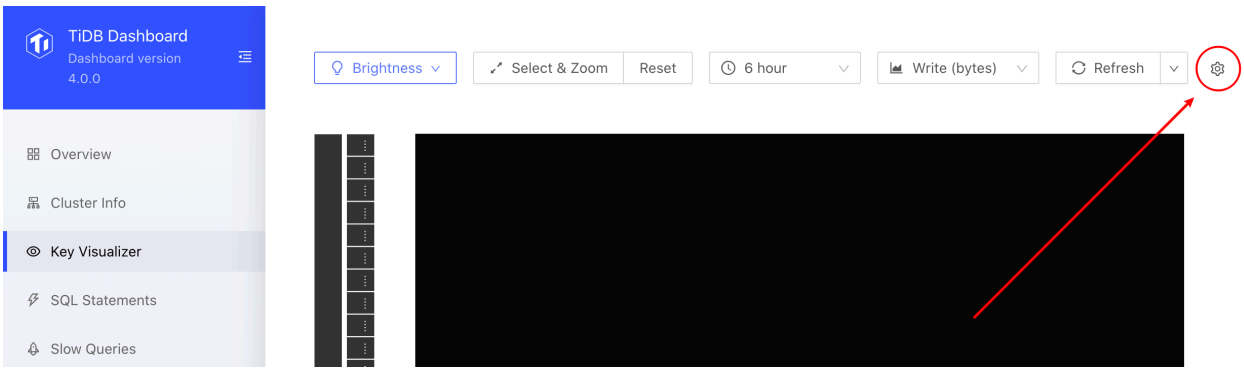


Figure 195: Settings icon

The settings page is shown as follows:

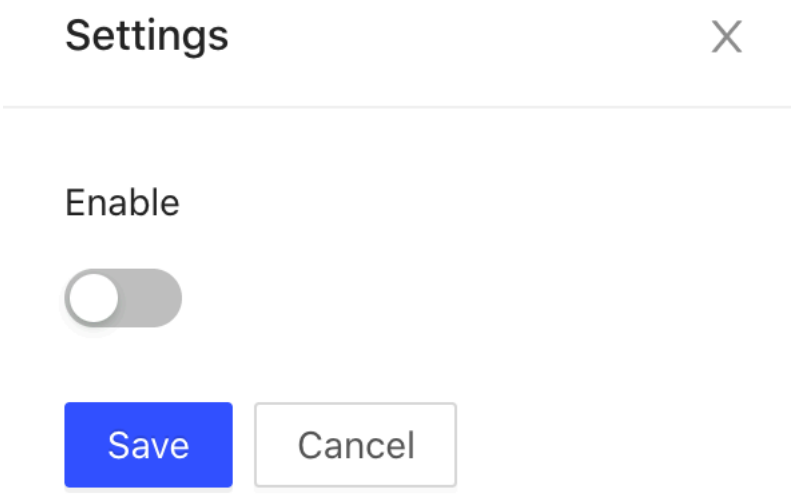


Figure 196: Settings page

Set whether to start data collection through the switch, and click **Save** to take effect. After enabling the feature, you can see that the toolbar is available:

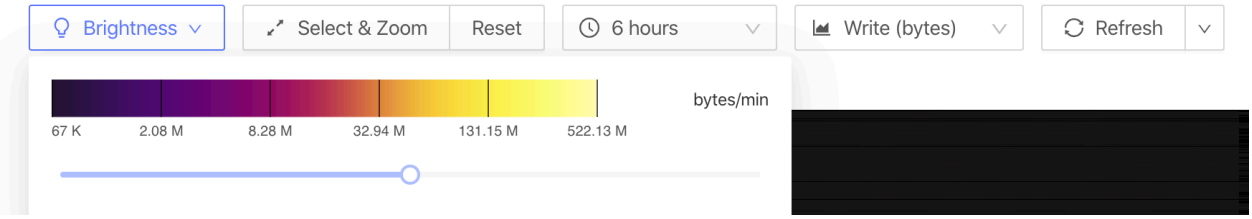


Figure 197: Toolbar

After this feature is enabled, data collection is going on at the backend. You can see the heatmap shortly.

9.5.7.4.2 Observe a certain period of time or Region range

When you open Key Visualizer, the heatmap of the entire database over the recent six hours is displayed by default. In this heatmap, the closer to the right side (current time), the shorter the time interval corresponding to each column of Buckets. If you want to observe a specific time period or a specific Region range, you can zoom in to get more details. The specific instructions are as follows:

1. Scroll up or down in the heatmap.

2. Click and drag one of the following buttons to select the range.

    - Click the **Select & Zoom** button. Then click and drag this button to select the area to zoom in.

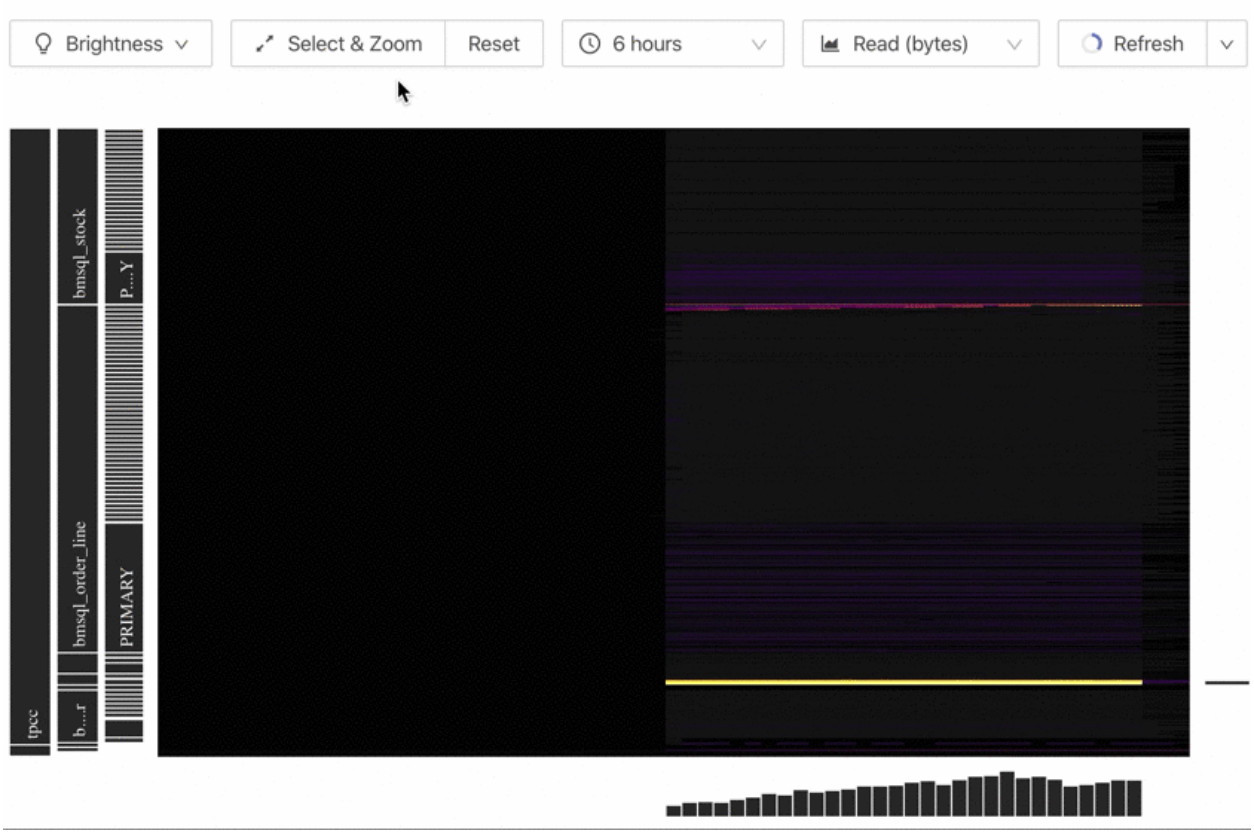


Figure 198: Selection box

- Click the **Reset** button to reset the Region range to the entire database.
- Click the **time selection box** (at the position of `6 hour` on the preceding interface) and select the observation time period again.

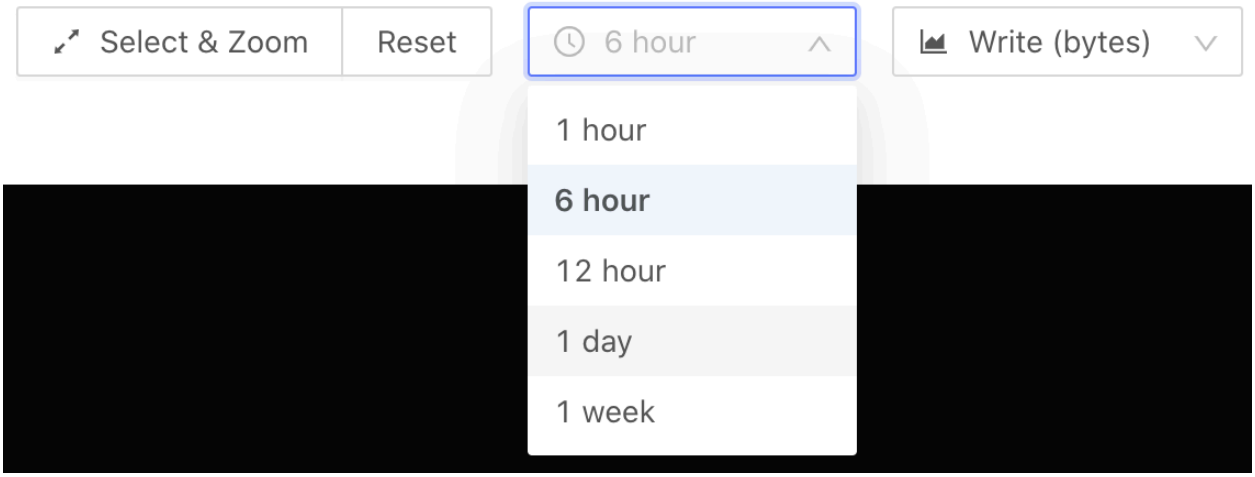


Figure 199: Select time

Note:

If you follow step 2 in the instruction above, the heatmap is redrawn, which might be very different from the original heatmap. This difference is normal because if you observe in more detail, the granularity of the Region compression has changed, or the basis of `hot` in a specific range has changed.

9.5.7.4.3 Adjust brightness

The heatmap uses colors of different brightnesses to indicate the Bucket traffic. Colder colors in the heatmap indicate lower read and write traffic of the Region in that period of time. Hotter (brighter) colors indicate higher traffic. If the color is too cold or too hot, it is difficult to observe in details. In this situation, you can click the **Brightness** button and then use the slider to adjust the brightness of the page.

Note:

When Key Visualizer displays the heatmap of an area, it defines the basis of being cold and hot according to the traffic of this area. When the traffic in the entire area is relatively even, even if the overall traffic is low in value, you might still see a large bright-colored area. Remember to include the value into your analysis.

9.5.7.4.4 Select metrics

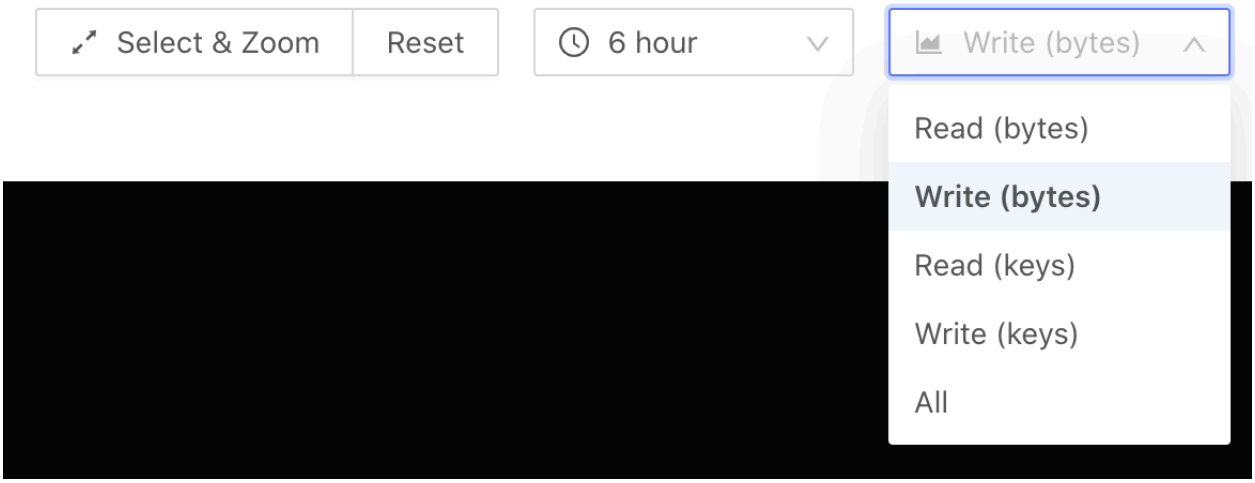


Figure 200: Select metrics

You can view a metric you are interested in by selecting this metric in the **metrics selection box** (at the `Write (bytes)` position in the interface above):

- `Read (bytes)`: Read traffic.
- `Write (bytes)`: Write traffic.
- `Read (keys)`: The number of read rows.
- `Write (keys)`: The number of written rows.
- `All`: The sum of read and write traffic.

9.5.7.4.5 Refresh and automatic refresh

To regain a heatmap based on the current time, click the **Refresh** button. If you need to observe the traffic distribution of the database in real time, click the down arrow on the right side of the **Refresh** button and select a fixed time interval for the heatmap to automatically refresh at this interval.

> **Note:**
>
> If you adjust the time range or Region range, the automatic refresh is disabled.

9.5.7.4.6 See Bucket details

You can hover your mouse over the Bucket you are interested in to view the detailed information of this Region range. The image below is an example of this information:

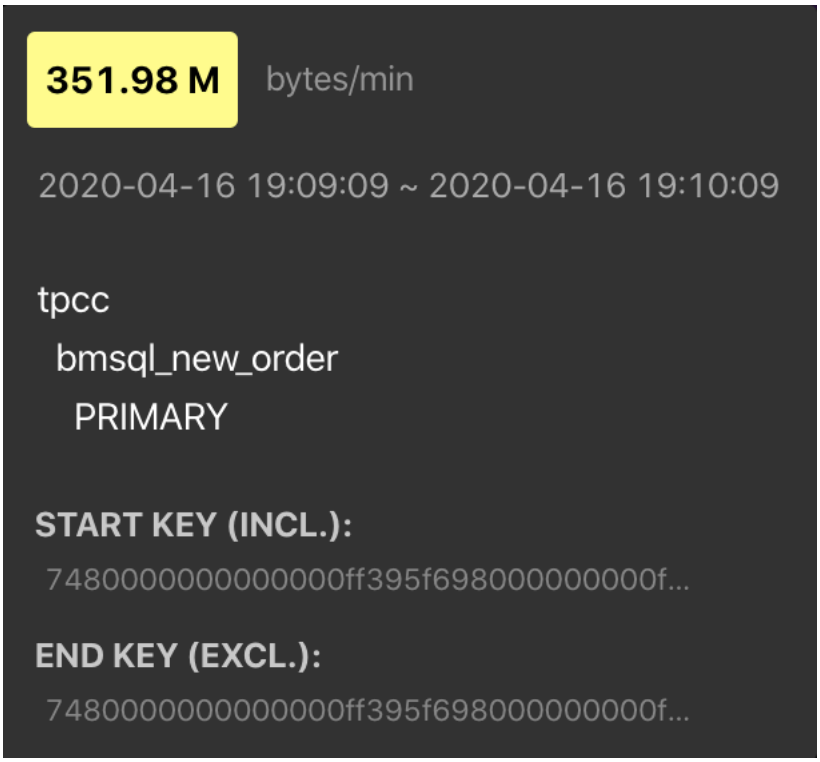


Figure 201: Bucket details

If you want to copy this information, click a Bucket. Then, the page with relevant details is temporarily pinned. Click on the information, and you have copied it to the clipboard.

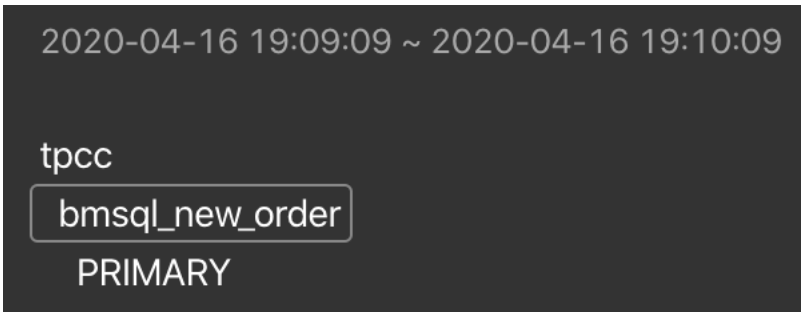


Figure 202: Copy Bucket details

9.5.7.5 Common heatmap types

This section shows and interprets four common types of heatmap in Key Visualizer.

9.5.7.5.1 Evenly distributed workload

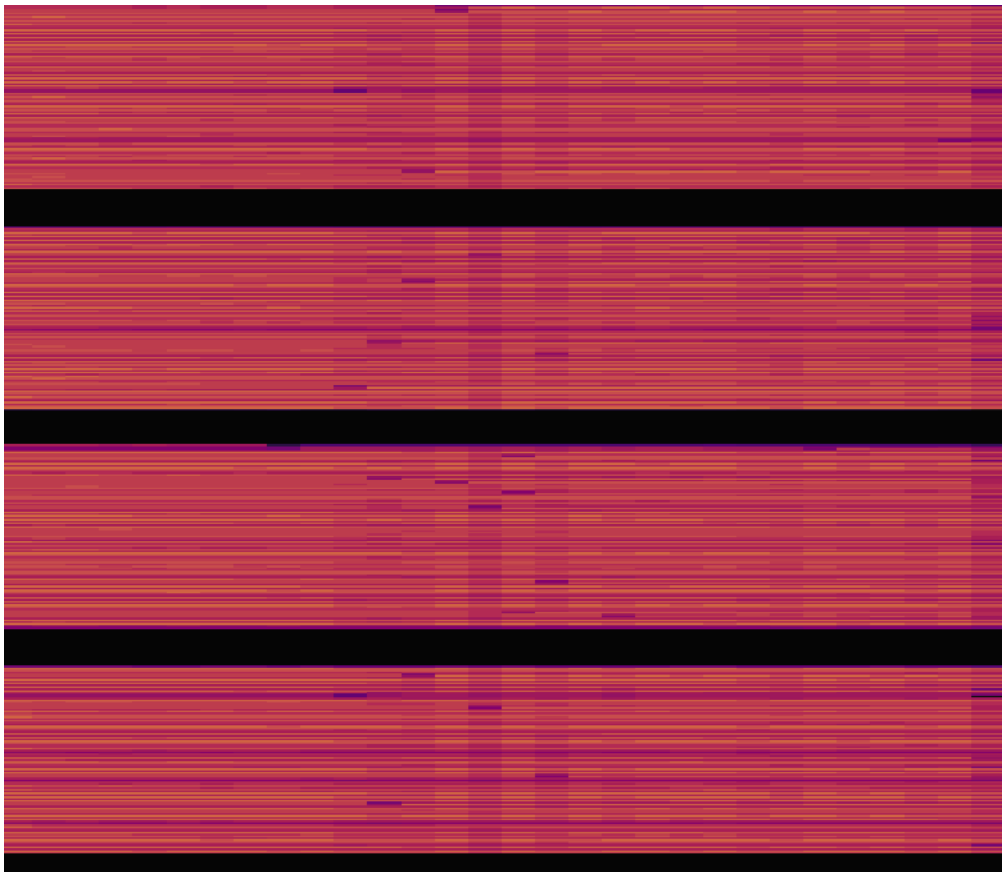


Figure 203: Balanced

In the heatmap above, bright and dark colors are a fine-grained mix. This indicates that reads or writes are evenly distributed over time and among key ranges. The workload is evenly distributed to all nodes, which is ideal for a distributed database.

9.5.7.5.2 Periodically reads and writes

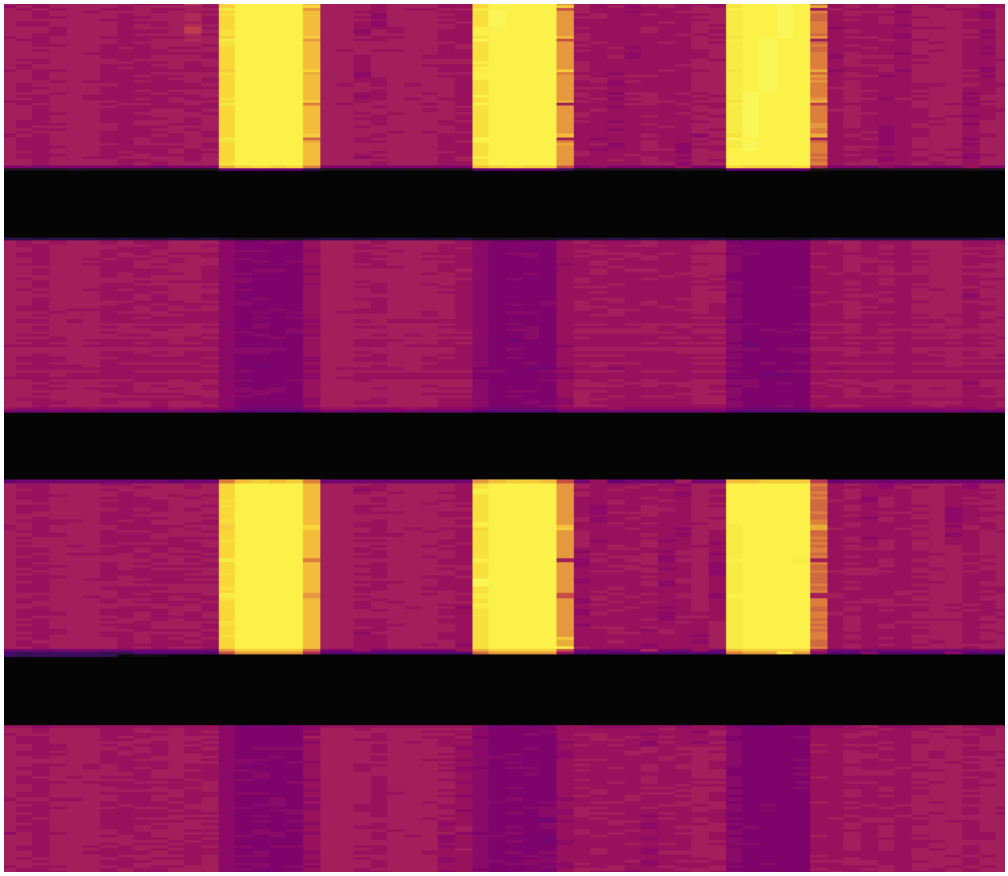


Figure 204: Periodically

In the heatmap above, there is an alternating brightness and darkness along the X-axis (time) but the brightness is relatively even along the Y-axis (Region). This indicates that the reads and writes change periodically, which might occur in scenarios of periodically scheduled tasks. For example, the big data platform periodically extracts data from TiDB every day. In this kind of scenarios, pay attention to whether the resources are sufficient during peak usage.

9.5.7.5.3 Concentrated reads or writes

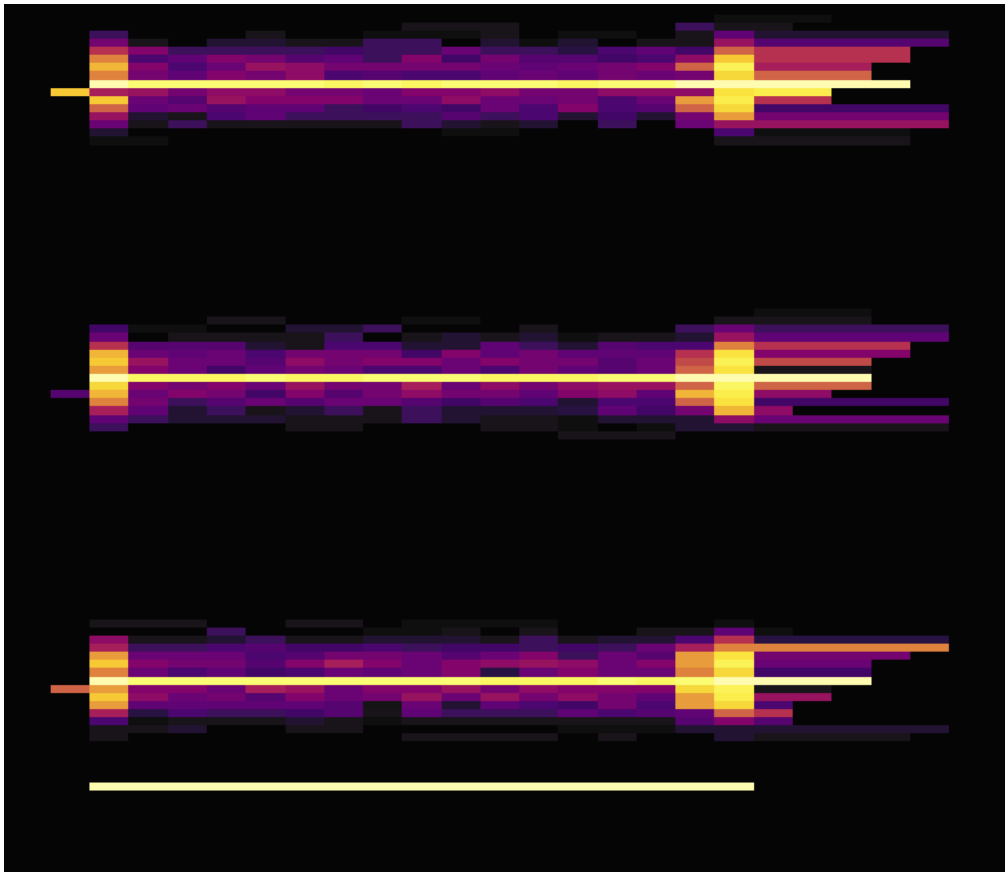


Figure 205: Concentrated

In the heatmap above, you can see several bright lines. Along the Y-axis, the fringes around the bright lines are dark, which indicates that the Regions corresponding to bright lines have high read and write traffic. You can observe whether the traffic distribution is expected by your application. For example, when all services are associated with the user table, the overall traffic of the user table can be high, so it is reasonable to show bright lines in the heatmap.

In addition, the height of the bright lines (the thickness along the Y-axis) is important. Because TiKV has its own Region-based hotspot balancing mechanism, the more Regions involved in the hotspot, the better it is for balancing traffic across all TiKV instances. The thicker and more bright lines indicate that hotspots are more scattered, and TiKV is better used. The thinner and fewer bright lines indicate that hotspots are more concentrated, and the hotspot issue is more obvious in TiKV, which might requires manual intervention.

9.5.7.5.4 Sequential reads or writes

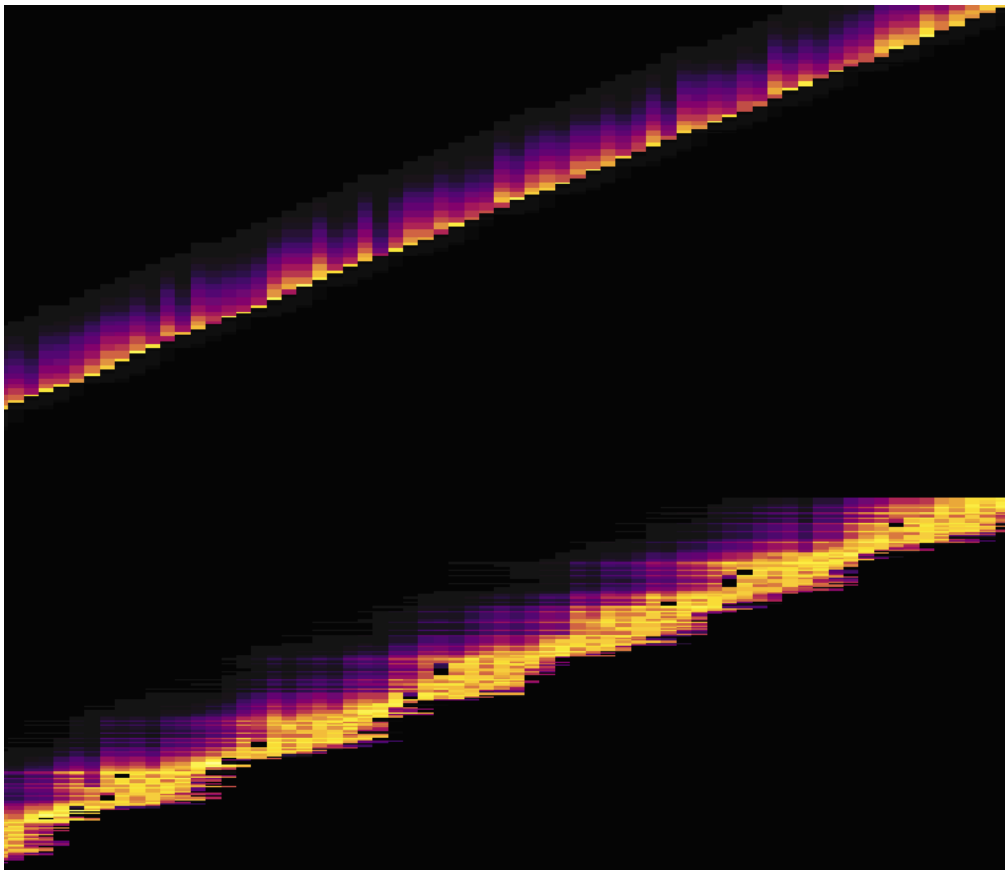


Figure 206: Sequential

In the heatmap above, you can see a bright line. This means that the data reads or writes are sequential. Typical scenarios of sequential data reads or writes are importing data or scanning tables and indexes. For example, you continuously write data to tables with auto-increment IDs.

Regions in the bright areas are the hotspots of read and write traffic, which often become the performance bottleneck of the entire cluster. In this situation, you might need to readjust the primary key for the application. By doing this, you scatter Regions much as possible to spread the pressure across multiple Regions. You can also schedule application tasks during the low-peak period.

Note:

In this section, only the common types of heatmap are shown. Key Visualizer actually displays the heatmap of all schemas and tables in the entire cluster, so you might see different types of heatmap in different areas, or mixed results of multiple heatmap types. Use the heatmap based on the actual situation.

9.5.7.6 Address hotspot issues

TiDB has some built-in features to mitigate the common hotspot issue. Refer to Highly Concurrent Write Best Practices for details.

9.5.8 TiDB Dashboard Metrics Relation Graph

TiDB Dashboard metrics relation graph is a feature introduced in v4.0.7. This feature presents a relation graph of the monitoring data of each internal process's duration in a TiDB cluster. The aim is to help you quickly understand the duration of each process and their relations.

9.5.8.1 Access graph

After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, click **Cluster Diagnostics** in the left navigation menu, and you can see the page of generating the metrics relation graph.

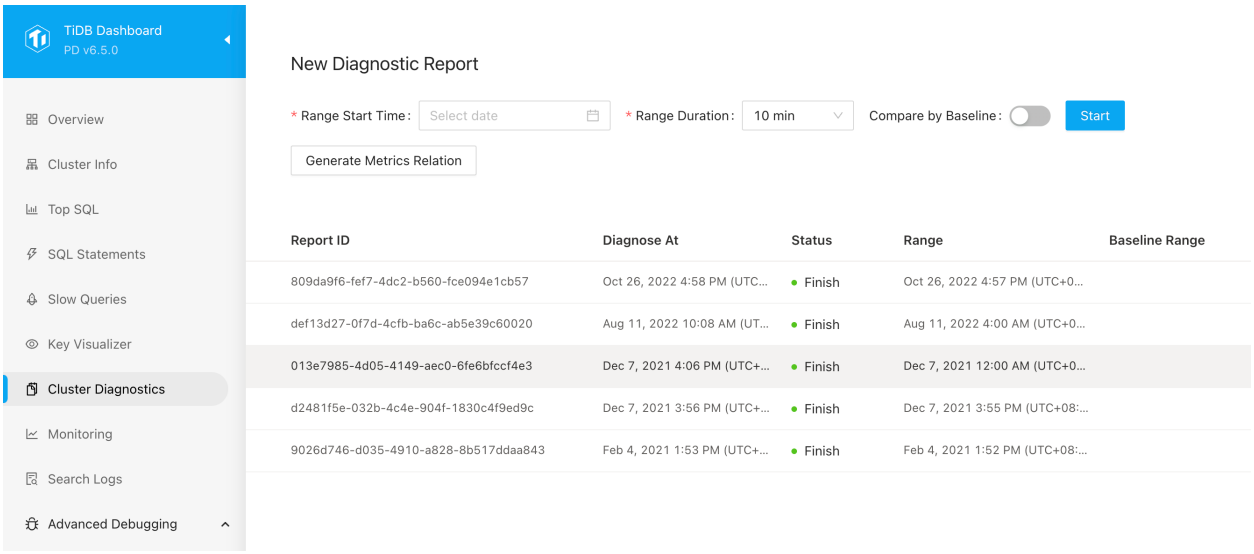


Figure 207: Metrics relation graph homepage

After setting **Range Start Time** and **Range Duration**, click **Generate Metrics Relation** and you will enter the page of metrics relation graph.

9.5.8.2 Understand graph

The following image is an example of the metrics relation graph. This graph illustrates the proportion of each monitoring metric's duration to the total query duration in a TiDB cluster within 5 minutes after 2020-07-29 16:36:00. The graph also illustrates the relations of each monitoring metric.

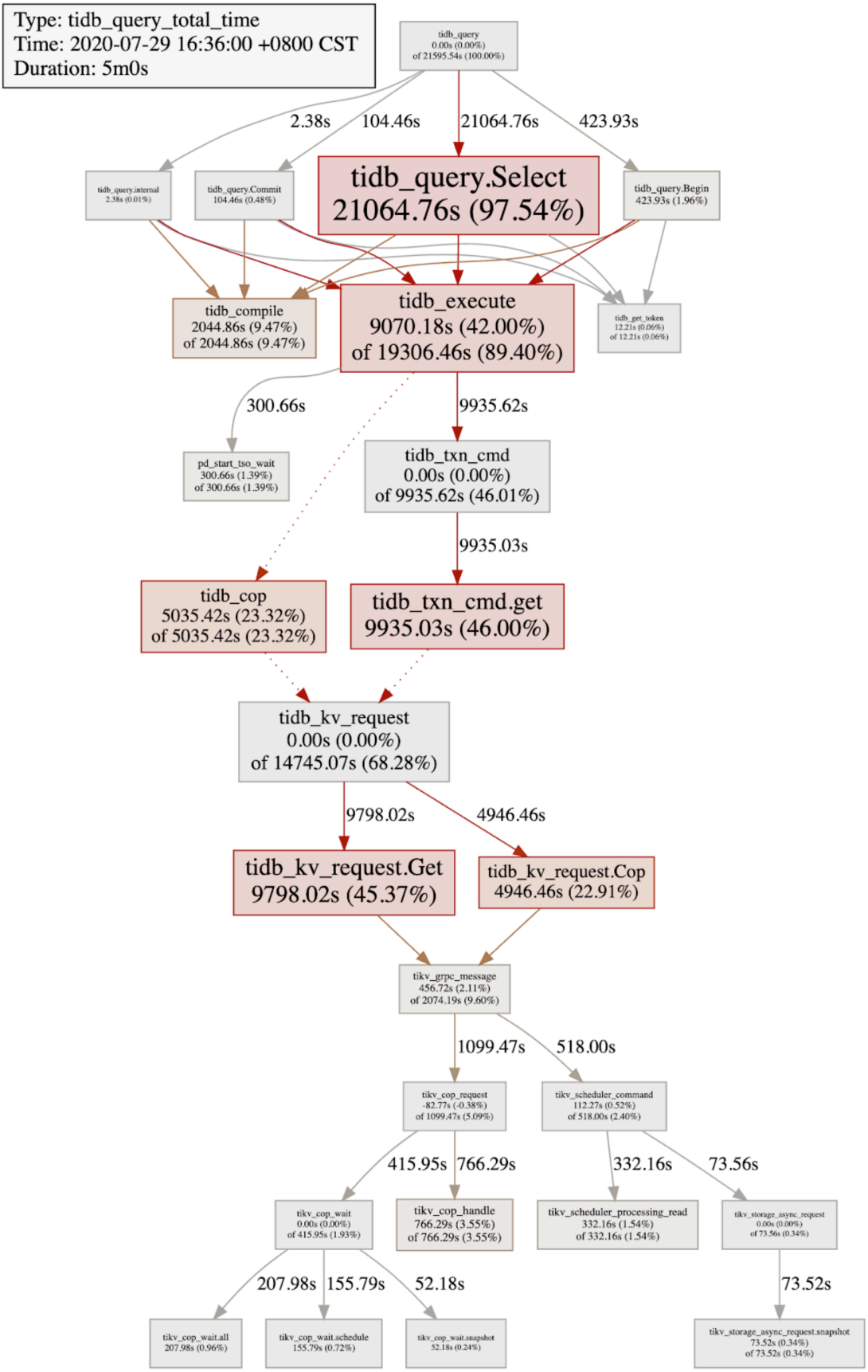


Figure 208: Metrics relation graph example

For example, the node meaning of the `tidb_execute` monitoring metric is as follows:

- The total duration of the `tidb_execute` monitoring metric is 19306.46 seconds, which accounts for 89.4% of the total query duration.
- The duration of the `tidb_execute` node itself is 9070.18 seconds, which accounts for 42% of the total query duration.
- Hover your mouse over the box area, and you can see the detailed information of the metric, including the total duration, the average duration, and the average P99 (99th percentile) duration.

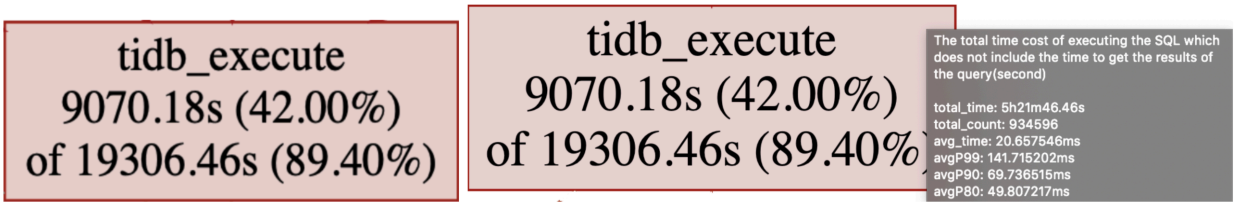


Figure 209: tidb_execute node example

9.5.8.2.1 Node information

Each box area represents a monitoring metric and provides the following information:

- The name of the monitoring metric
- The total duration of the monitoring metric
- The proportion of the metric's total duration to the total query duration

The total duration of the metric node = the duration of the metric node itself + the duration of its child nodes. Therefore, the metric graph of some nodes displays the proportion of the node itself's duration to the total duration, such as the graph of `tidb_execute`.

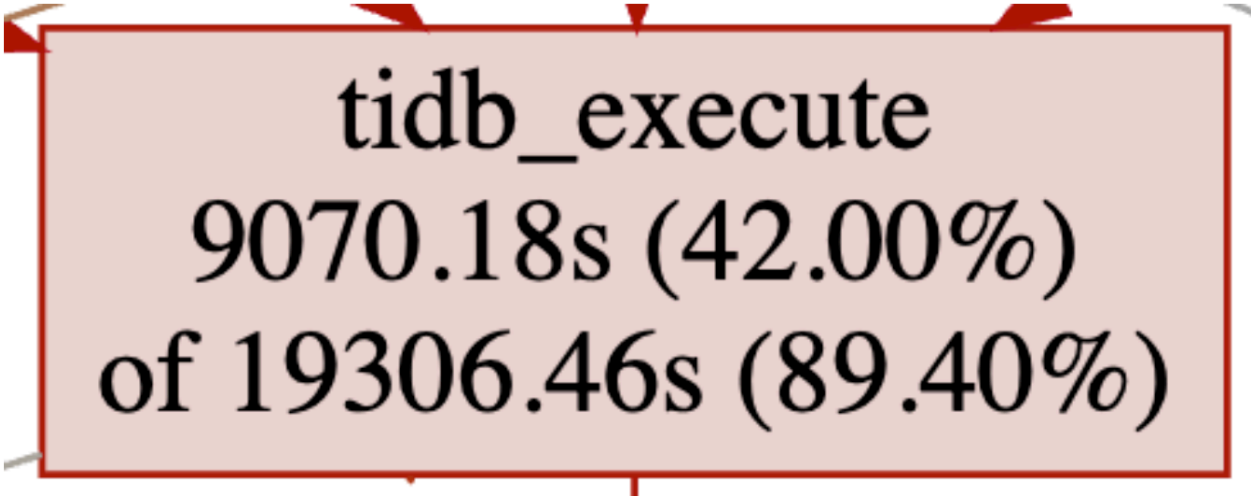


Figure 210: tidb_execute node example1

- `tidb_execute` is the name of the monitoring metric, which represents the execution duration of a SQL query in the TiDB execution engine.
- `19306.46s` represents that total duration of the `tidb_execute` metric is 19306.46 seconds. `89.40%` represents that 19306.46 seconds account for 89.40% of the total time consumed for all SQL queries (including user SQL queries and TiDB's internal SQL queries). The total query duration is the total duration of `tidb_query`.
- `9070.18s` represents that the total execution duration of the `tidb_execute` node itself is 9070.18 seconds, and the rest is the time consumed by its child nodes. `42.00%` represents that 9070.18 seconds account for 42.00% of the total query duration of all queries.

Hover your mouse over the box area and you can see more details of the `tidb_execute` metric node:

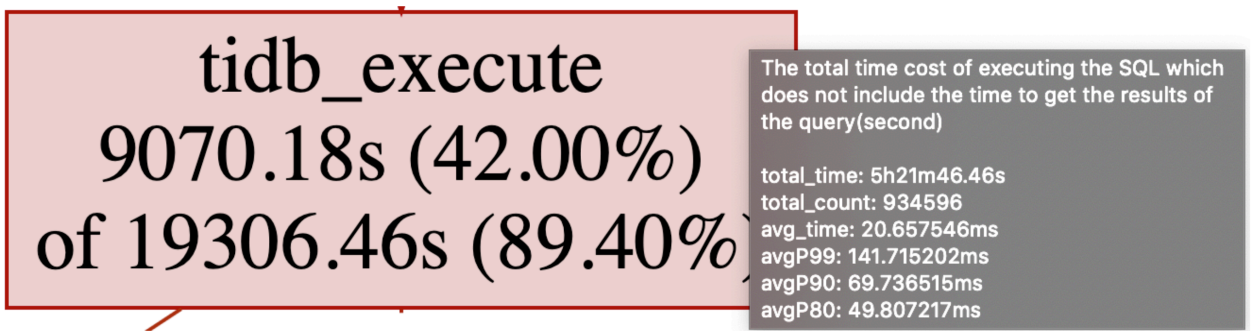


Figure 211: tidb_execute node example2

The text information displayed in the image above is the description of the metric node, including the total duration, the total times, the average duration, and the average duration

P99, P90, and P80.

9.5.8.2.2 The parent-child relations between nodes

Taking the `tidb_execute` metric node as an example, this section introduces a metric's child nodes.

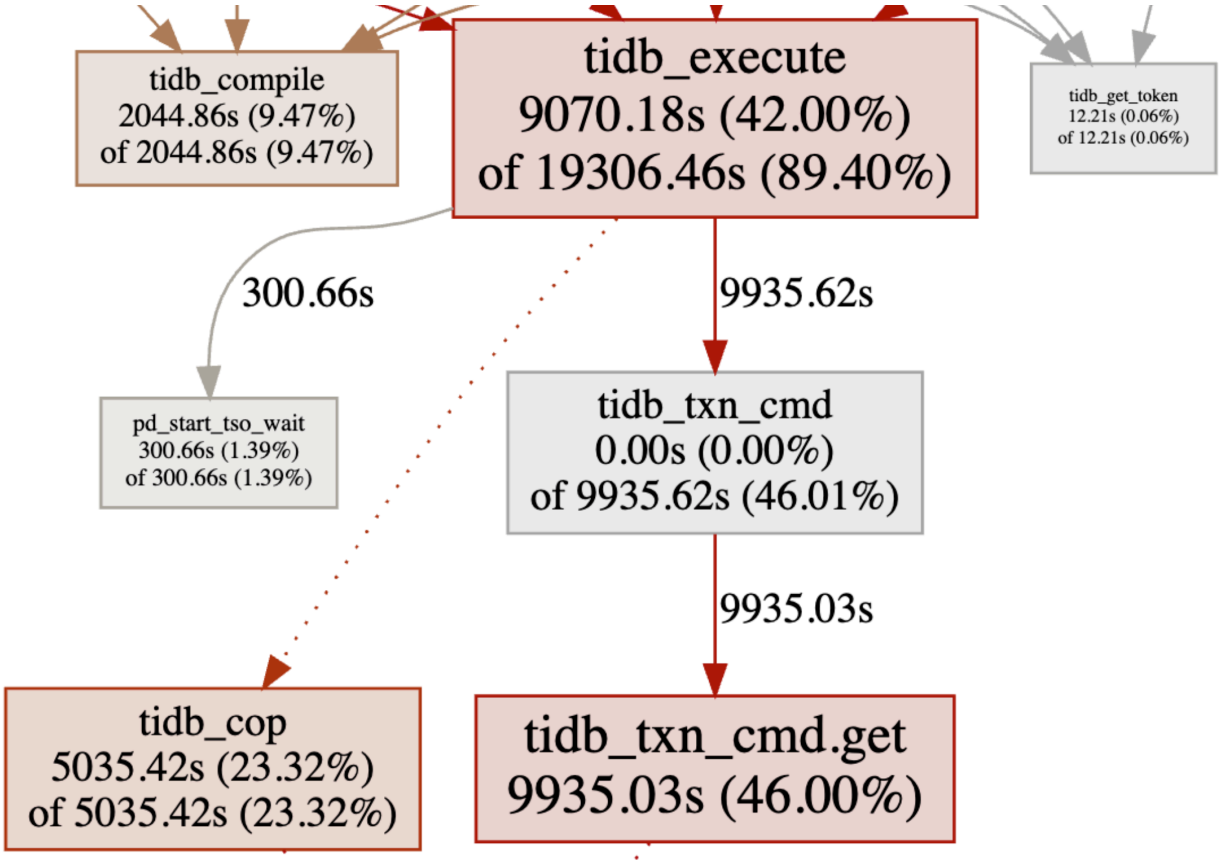


Figure 212: tidb_execute node relation example1

From the graph above, you can see the two child nodes of `tidb_execute`:

- `pd_start_tso_wait`: The total duration of waiting for the transaction's `start_tso`, which is 300.66 seconds.
- `tidb_txn_cmd`: The total duration of TiDB executing the relevant transaction commands, which is 9935.62 seconds.

In addition, `tidb_execute` also has a dotted arrow pointing to the `tidb_cop` box area, which indicates as follows:

`tidb_execute` includes the duration of the `tidb_cop` metric, but `cop` requests might be executed concurrently. For example, the `execute` duration of performing `join` queries

on two tables is 60 seconds, during which table scan requests are concurrently executed on the joined two tables. If the execution durations of `cop` requests are respectively 40 seconds and 30 seconds, the total duration of `cop` requests are 70 seconds. However, the `execute` duration is only 60 seconds. Therefore, if the duration of a parent node does not completely include the duration of a child node, the dotted arrow is used to point to the child node.

Note:

When a node have a dotted arrow pointing to its child node, the duration of this node itself is inaccurate. For example, in the `tidb_execute` node, the duration of the node itself is 9070.18 seconds (`9070.18 = 19306.46 - 300.66 - 9935.62`). In this equation, the duration of the `tidb_cop` child node is not calculated into the duration of `tidb_execute`'s child nodes. But in fact, this is not true. 9070.18 seconds, the duration of `tidb_execute` itself, includes a part of the `tidb_cop` duration, and the duration of this part cannot be determined.

9.5.8.2.3 `tidb_kv_request` and its parent nodes

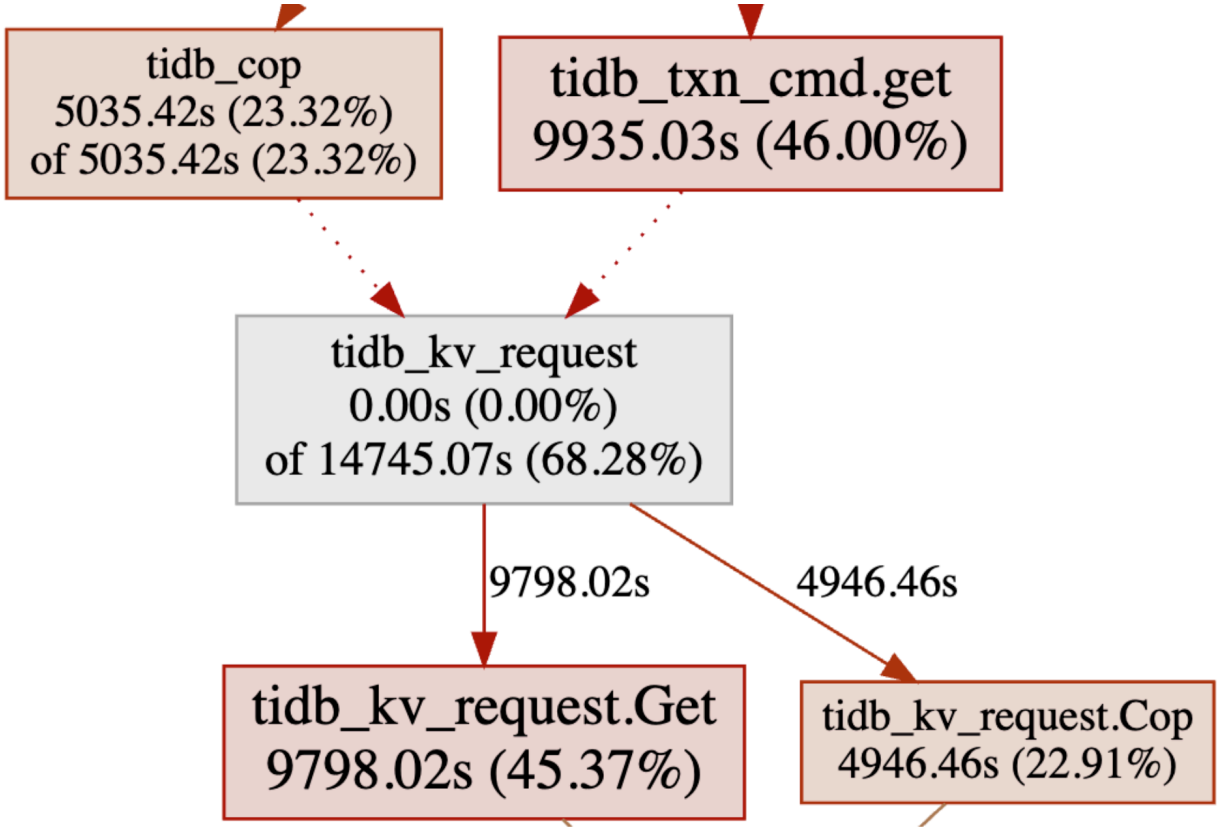


Figure 213: tidb_execute node relation example2

`tidb_cop` and `tidb_txn_cmd.get`, the parent nodes of `tidb_kv_request`, both have dotted arrows pointing to `tidb_kv_request`, which indicates as follows:

- The duration of `tidb_cop` includes a part of `tidb_kv_request`'s duration.
- The duration of `tidb_txn_cmd.get` also includes a part of `tidb_kv_request`'s duration.

However, it is hard to determine how much duration of `tidb_kv_request` is included in `tidb_cop`.

- `tidb_kv_request.Get`: The duration of TiDB sending the `Get` type key-value requests.
- `tidb_kv_request.Cop`: The duration of TiDB sending the `Cop` type key-value requests.

`tidb_kv_request` does not include `tidb_kv_request.Get` and `tidb_kv_request.Cop` nodes as its child nodes, but consists of the latter two nodes. The name prefix of the child node is the name of the parent node plus `.xxx`, which means that the child node is the sub-class of the parent node. You can understand this case in the following way:

The total duration of TiDB sending key-value requests is 14745.07 seconds, during which the key-value requests for the `Get` and `Cop` types respectively consume 9798.02 seconds and 4946.46 seconds.

9.5.9 SQL Statements Analysis

9.5.9.1 SQL Statements Page of TiDB Dashboard

The SQL statements page shows the execution status of all SQL statements in the cluster. This page is often used to analyze the SQL statement whose total or single execution time is long.

On this page, SQL queries with a consistent structure (even if the query parameters are inconsistent) are classified as the same SQL statement. For example, both `SELECT * FROM employee WHERE id IN (1, 2, 3)` and `select * from EMPLOYEE where ID in (4, 5)` are classified as the same `select * from employee where id in (...)` SQL statement.

9.5.9.1.1 Access the page

You can use one of the following two methods to access the SQL statement summary page:

- After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, click **SQL Statements** in the left navigation menu.
- Visit http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/#/statement in your browser. Replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the actual PD instance address and port.

All the data shown on the SQL statement summary page are from the TiDB statement summary tables. For more details about the tables, see TiDB Statement Summary Tables.

> **Note:**
>
> In the **Mean Latency** column of the SQL statement summary page, the blue bar indicates the average execution time. If there is a yellow line on the blue bar for an SQL statement, the left and right sides of the yellow line respectively represent the minimum and maximum execution time of the SQL statement during the recent data collection cycle.

Change Filters

On the top of the SQL statement summary page, you can modify the time range of SQL executions to be displayed. You can also filter the list by database in which SQL statements are executed, or by SQL types. The following image shows all SQL executions over the recent data collection cycle (recent 30 minutes by default).

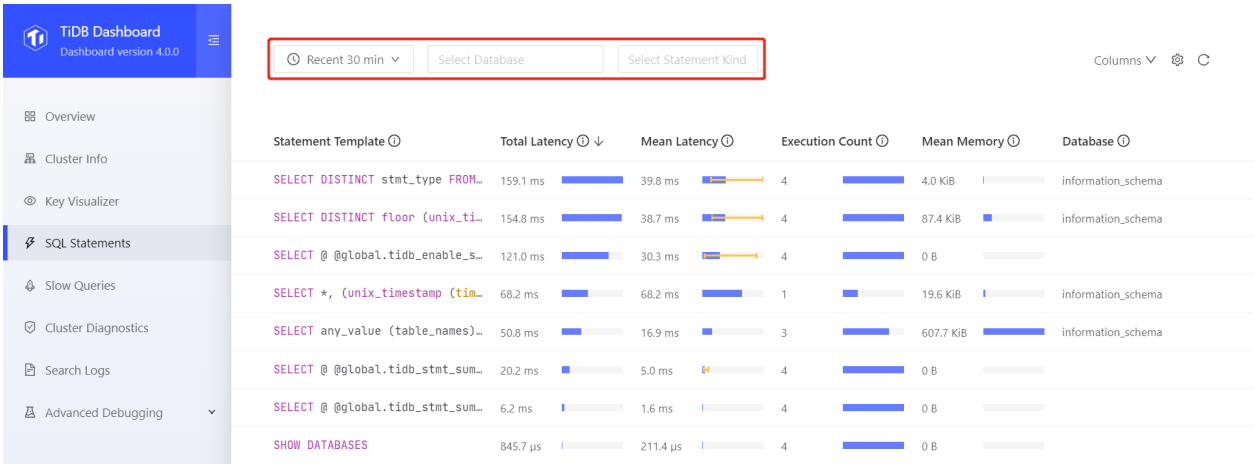


Figure 214: Modify filters

Display More Columns

Click **Columns** on the page and you can choose to see more columns. You can move your mouse to the **(i)** icon at the right side of a column name to view the description of this column:

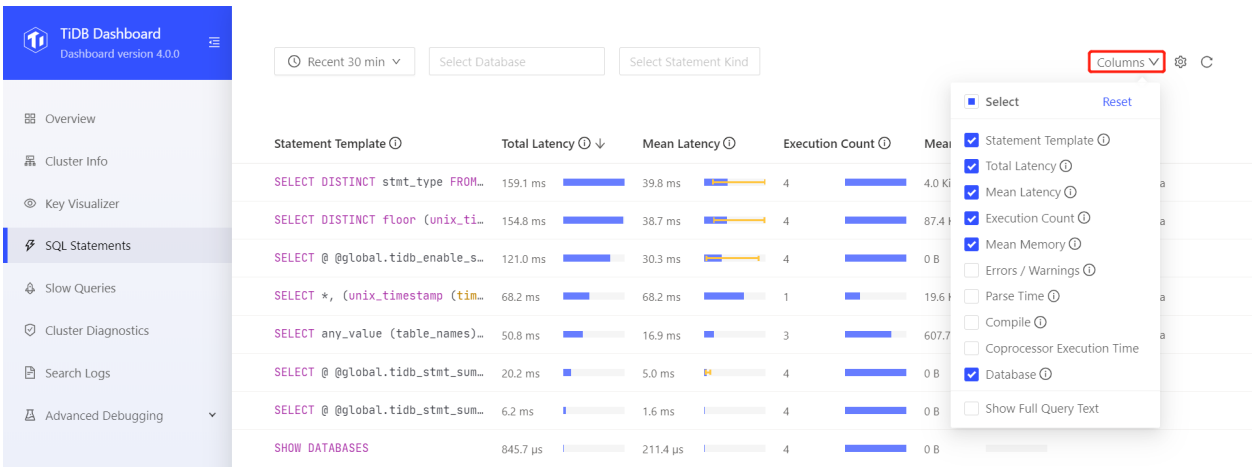


Figure 215: Choose columns

Sort by Column

By default, the list is sorted by **Total Latency** from high to low. Click on different column headings to modify the sorting basis or switch the sorting order:

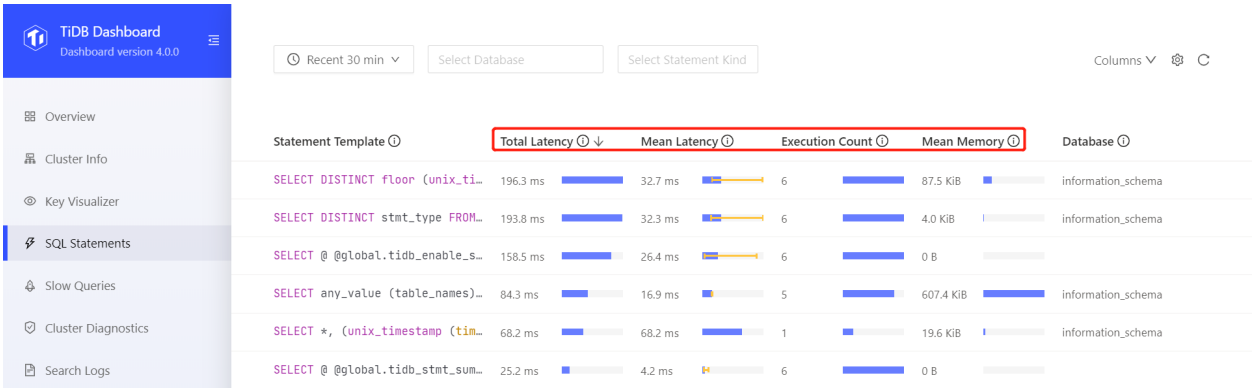


Figure 216: Modify list sorting

Change Settings

On the list page, click the **Settings** button on the top right to change the settings of the SQL statements feature:

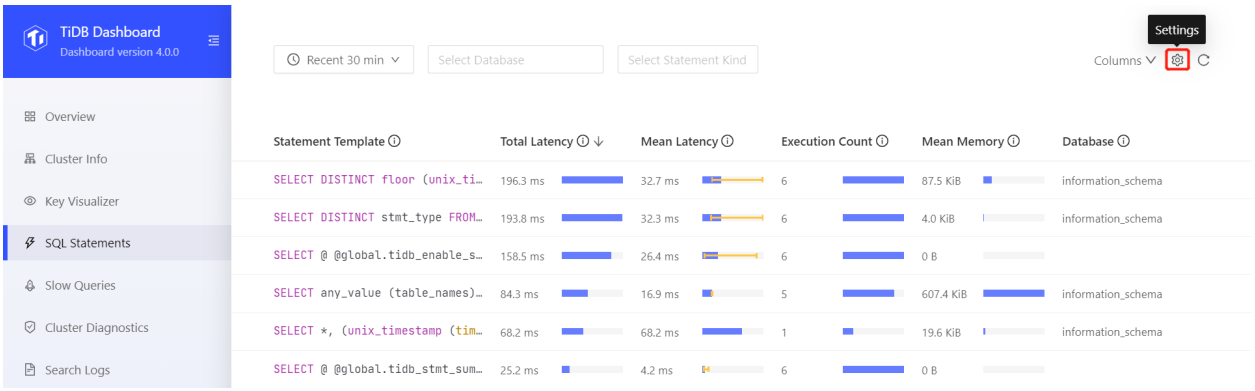


Figure 217: Settings entry

After clicking the **Settings** button, you can see the following setting dialog box:

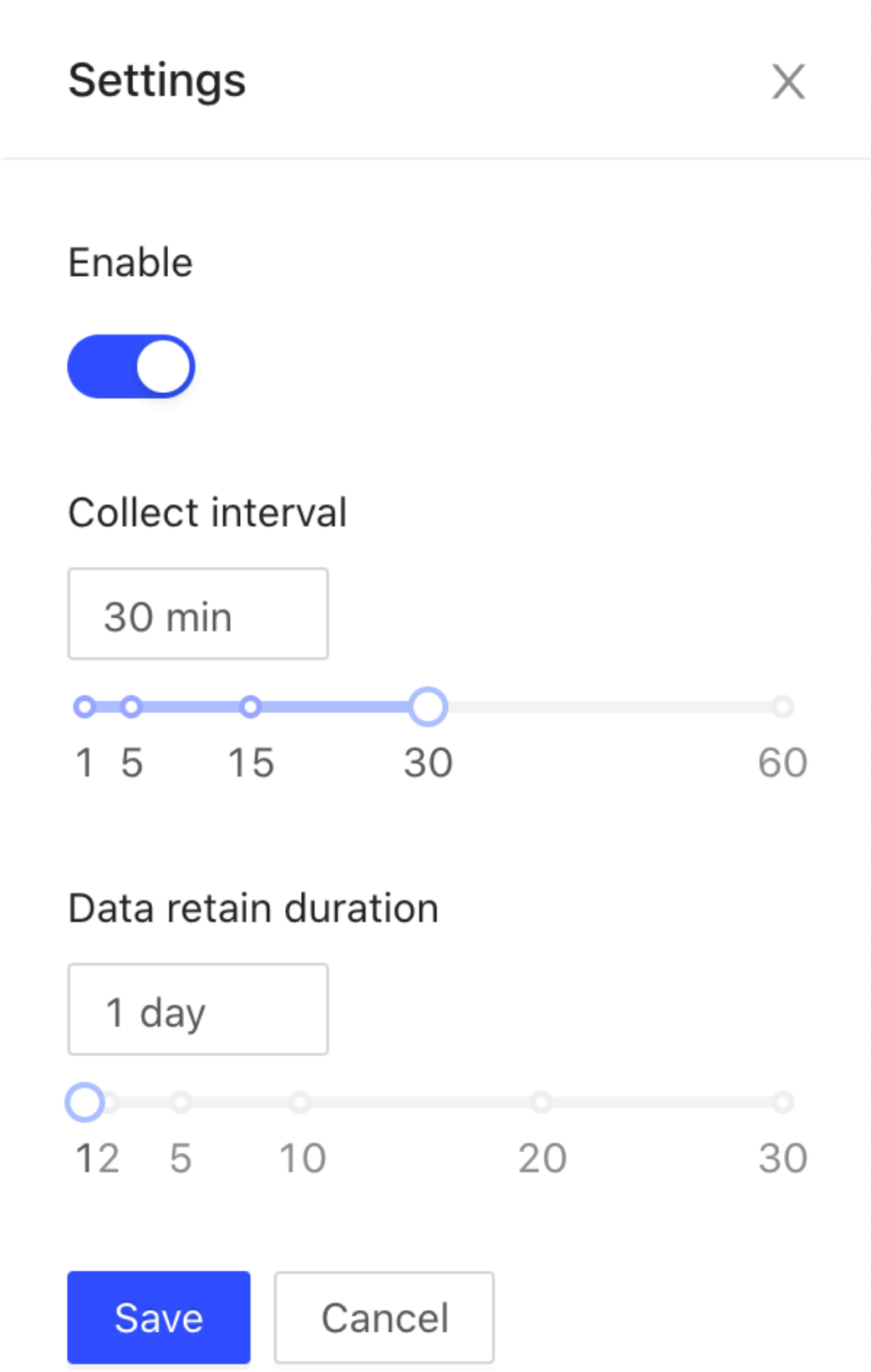


Figure 218: Settings

On the setting page, you can disable or enable the SQL statements feature. When the SQL statements feature is enabled, you can modify the following settings:

- Collect interval: The length of period for each SQL statement analysis, which is 30 minutes by default. The SQL statements feature summarizes and counts all SQL statements within a period of time. If the period is too long, the granularity of the summary is coarse, which is not good for locating problems; if the period is too short, the granularity of the statistics is fine, which is good for locating problems, but this will result in more records and more memory usage within the same data retention duration. Therefore, you need to adjust this value based on the actual situation, and properly lower this value when locating problems.
- Data retain duration: The retention duration of summary information, which is 1 day by default. Data retained longer than this duration will be deleted from system tables.

See Configurations of Statement Summary Tables for details.

Note:

- Because the statement system table is only stored in memory, after the SQL Statements feature is disabled, the data in the system table will be cleared.
- The values of `Collect interval` and `retain duration` affect the memory usage, so it is recommended to adjust these values according to the actual situation. The value of `retain duration` should not be set too large.

Others

`tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` limits the number of SQL digests that the statements_summary and statements_summary_history tables can store in memory totally. If the limit is exceeded, TiDB clears the SQL statements that recently remain unused. These cleared SQL statements are represented as rows with `DIGEST` set to `NULL`. On the SQL statement page of TiDB Dashboard, the information of these rows is displayed as `Others`.

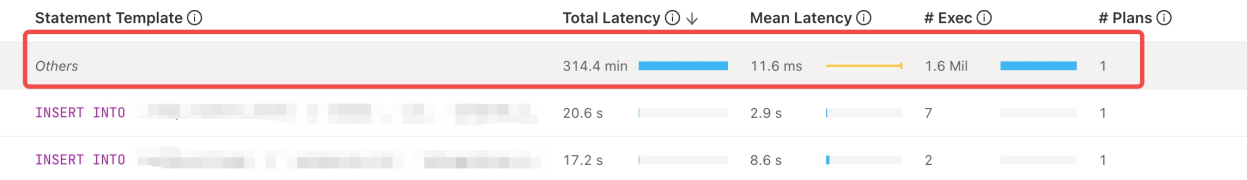


Figure 219: Others

9.5.9.1.2 Next step

For more information about how to view the execution details of SQL statements, see Statement execution details of TiDB Dashboard.

9.5.9.2 Statement Execution Details of TiDB Dashboard

Click any item in the list to enter the detail page of the SQL statement to view more detailed information. This information includes the following parts:

- The overview of SQL statements, which includes the SQL template, the SQL template ID, the current time range of displayed SQL executions, the number of execution plans, the database in which the SQL statement is executed, and the fast plan binding feature (area 1 in the following figure).
- The execution plan list: If a SQL statement has multiple execution plans, this list is displayed. Besides text information of execution plans, TiDB v6.2.0 introduces visual execution plans, through which you can learn each operator of a statement and detailed information more intuitively. You can select different execution plans, and the details of the selected plans are displayed below the list (area 2 in the following figure).
- Execution detail of plans, which displays the detailed information of the selected execution plans. See Execution plan in details (area 3 in the following figure).

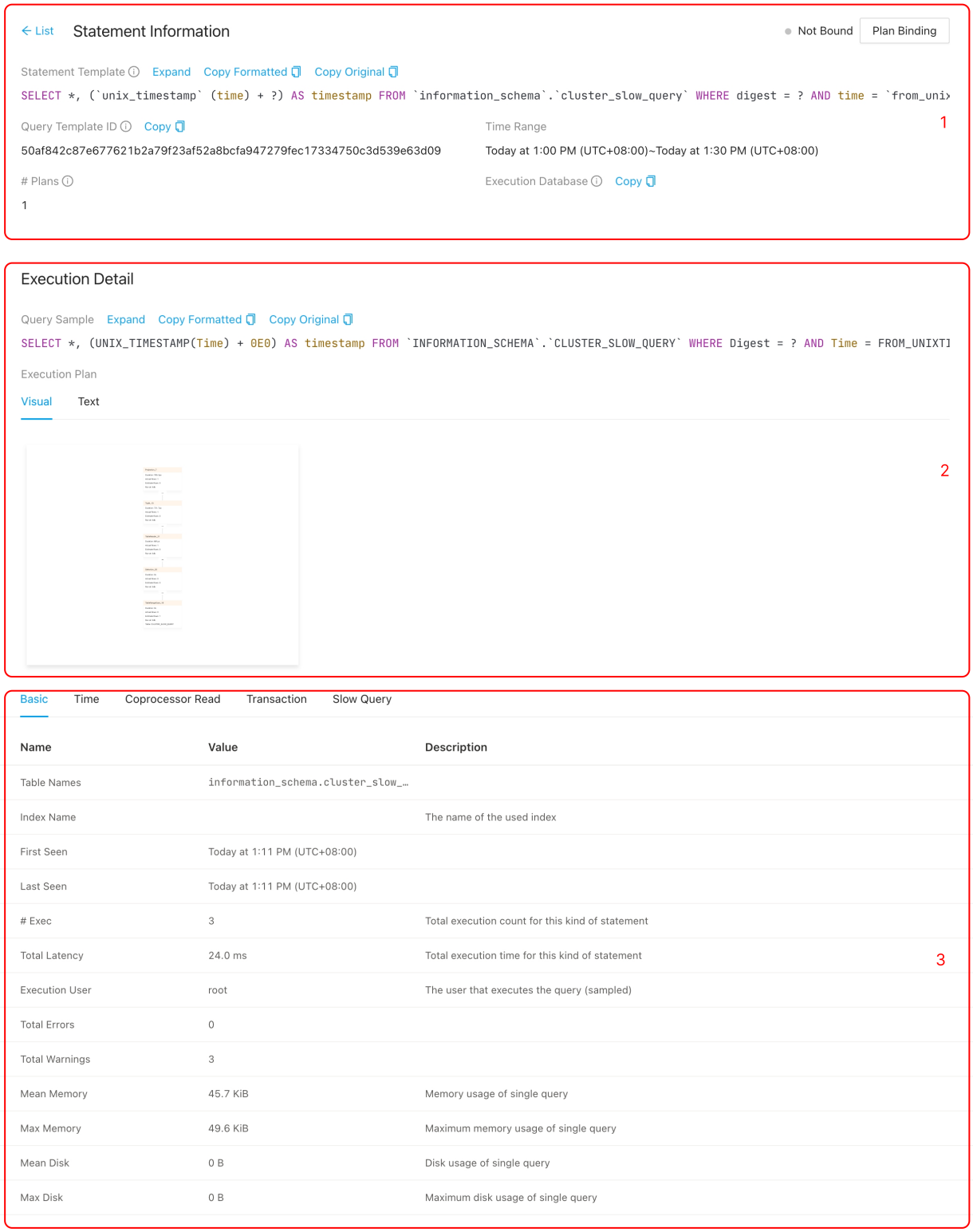


Figure 220: Details

9.5.9.2.1 Fast plan binding

Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB introduces the fast plan binding feature. You can quickly bind a SQL statement to a specific execution plan in TiDB Dashboard.

Usage

Bind an execution plan

1. Click **Plan Binding**. The **Plan Binding** dialog box is displayed.

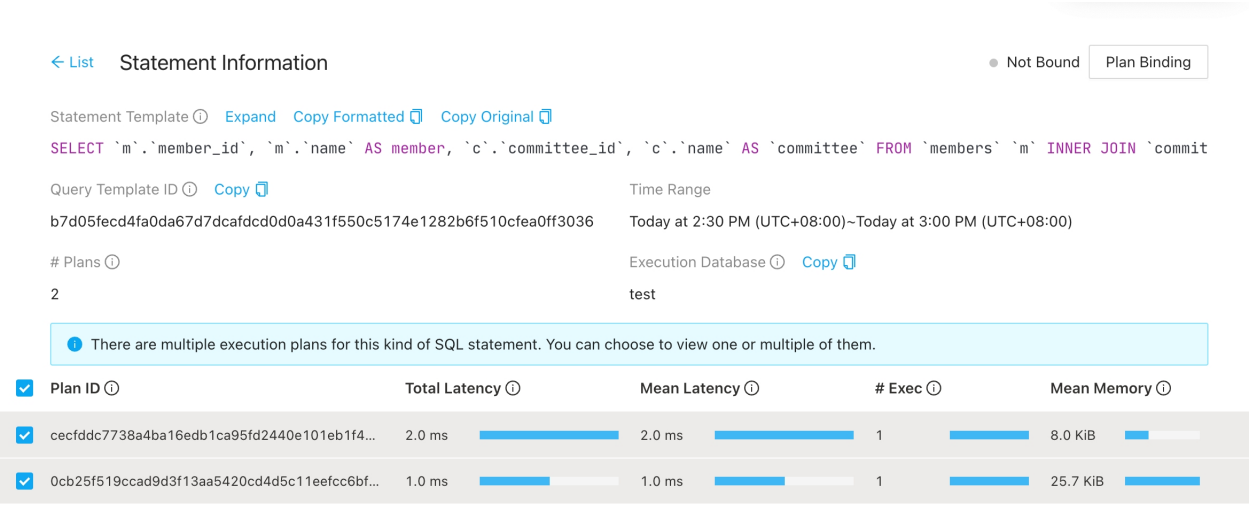


Figure 221: Fast plan binding - not bound - entry

2. Select a plan that you want to bind and click **Bind**.

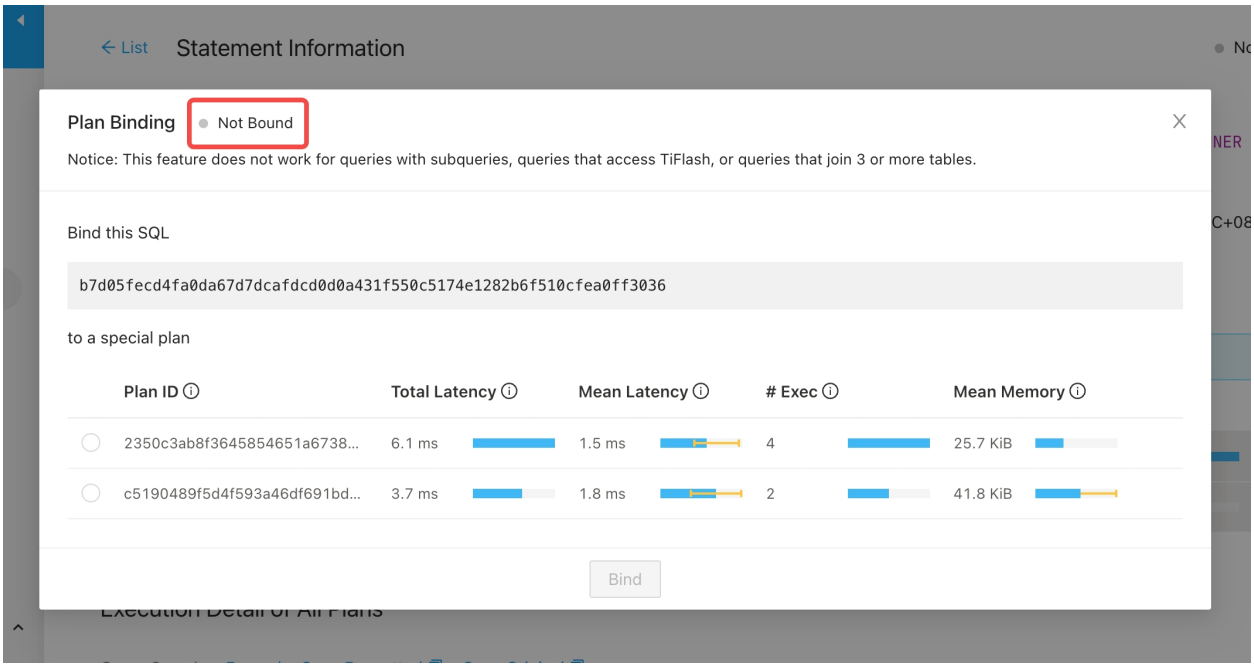


Figure 222: Fast plan binding - popup

3. After the binding is completed, you can see the **Bound** label.

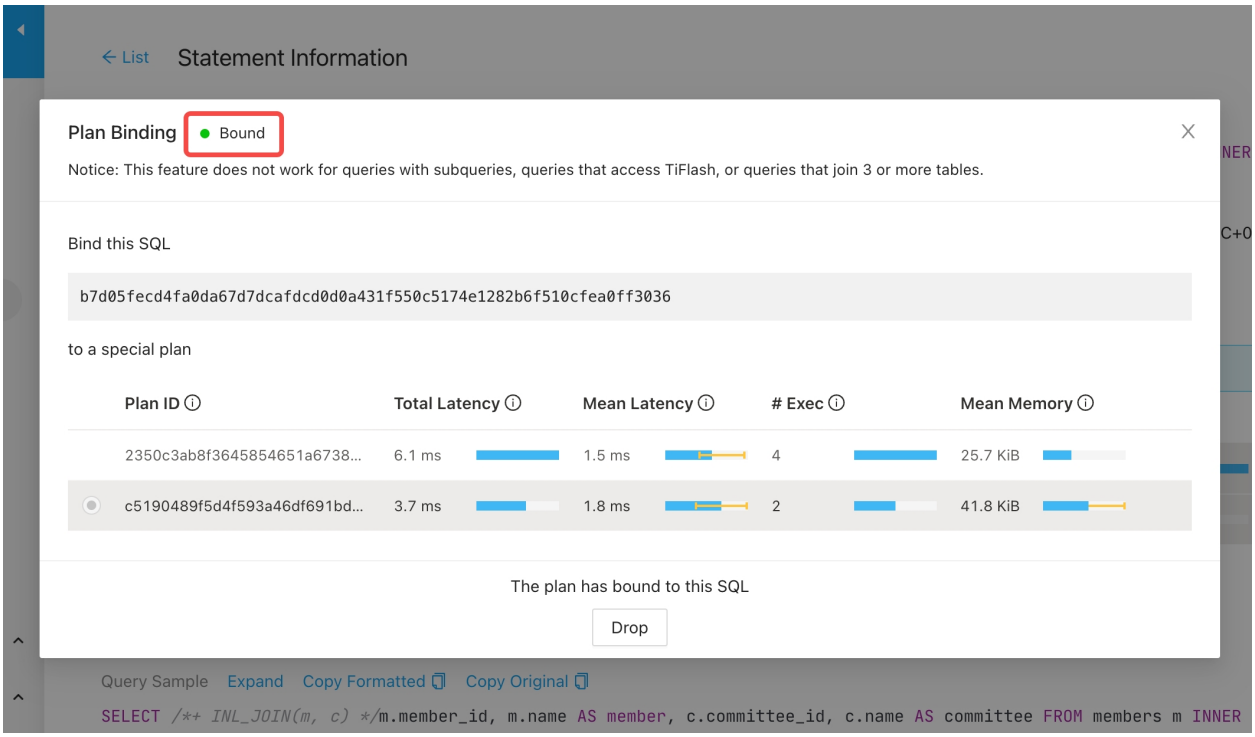


Figure 223: Fast plan binding - popup - binding completed

Drop an existing binding

1. On the page of a SQL statement that has an existing binding, click **Plan Binding**. The **Plan Binding** dialog box is displayed.

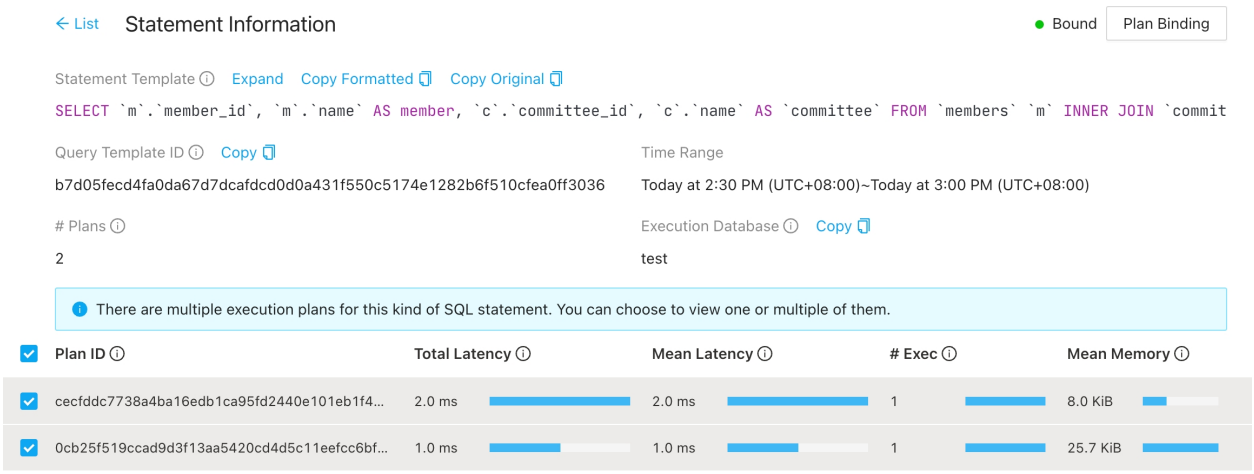


Figure 224: Fast plan binding - bound - entry

2. Click **Drop**.

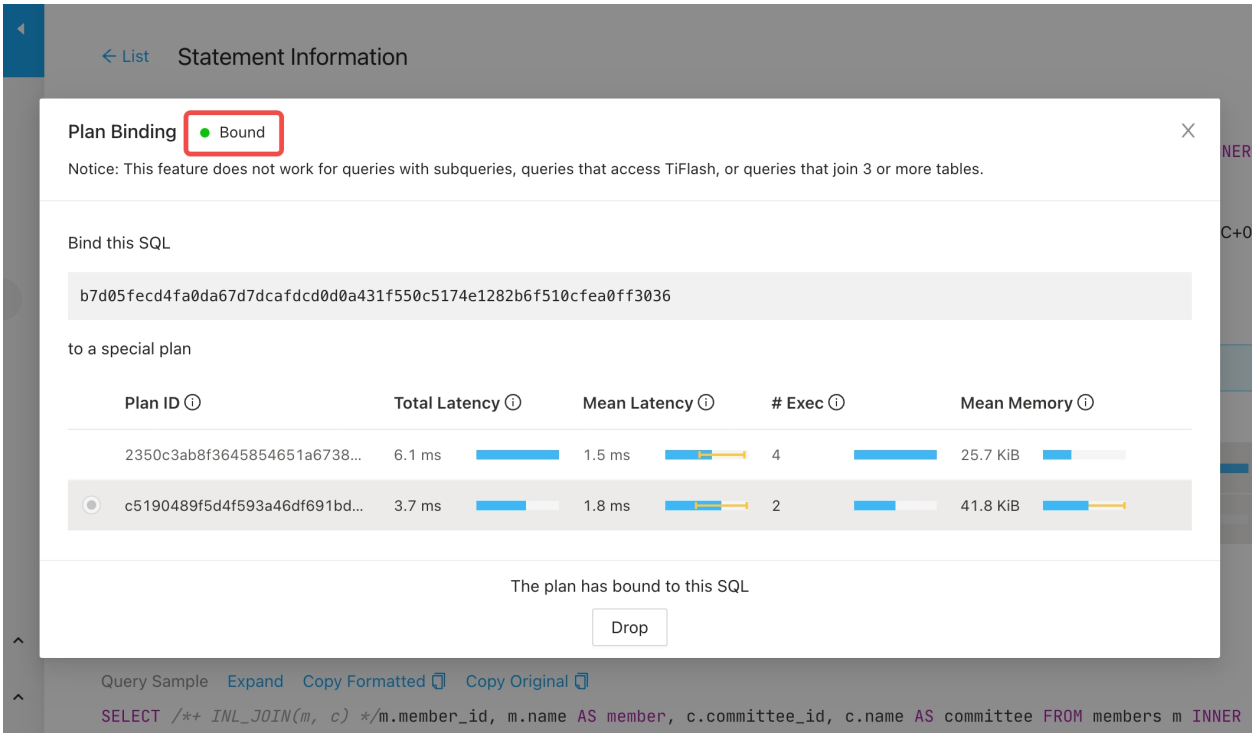


Figure 225: Fast plan binding - popup - bound

3. After the binding is dropped, you can see the **Not bound** label.

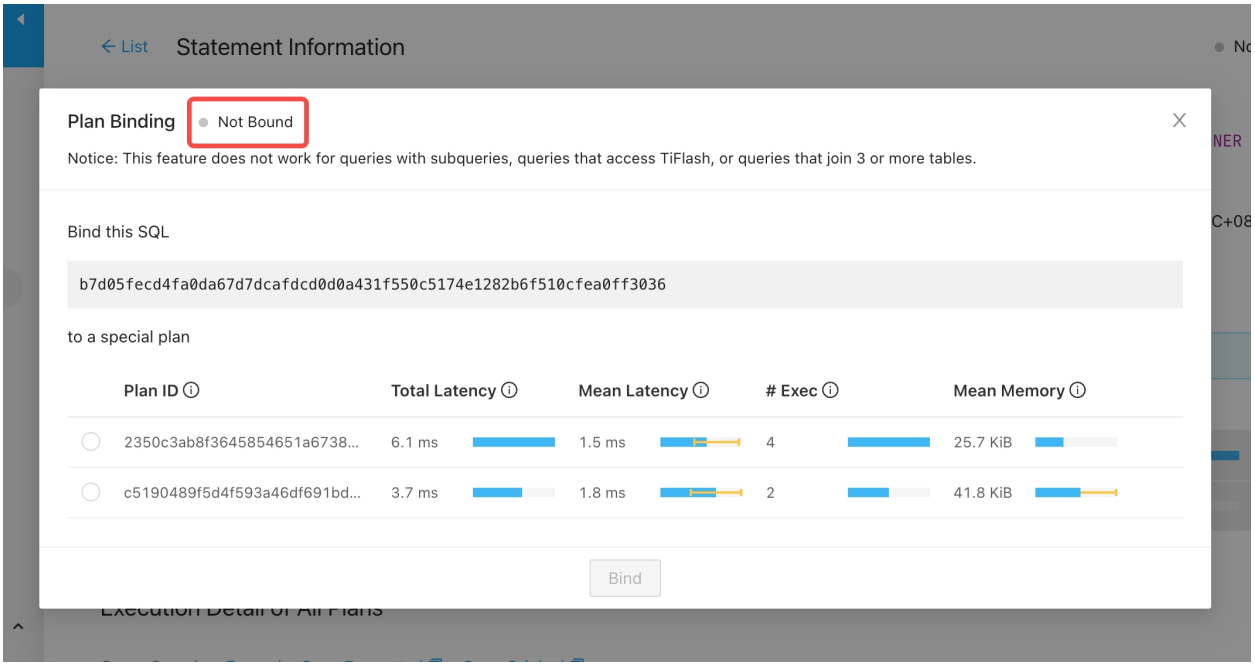


Figure 226: Fast plan binding - popup

Limitation

Currently, the fast plan binding feature does not support the following types of SQL statements:

- Statements that are not `SELECT`, `DELETE`, `UPDATE`, `INSERT`, or `REPLACE`
- Queries with subqueries
- Queries that access TiFlash
- Queries that join three or more tables

To use this feature, you must have the SUPER privilege. If you encounter permission issues while using it, refer to TiDB Dashboard User Management to add the necessary privileges.

9.5.9.2.2 Execution details of plans

The execution detail of plans includes the following information:

- SQL sample: The text of a certain SQL statement that is actually executed corresponding to the plan. Any SQL statement that has been executed within the time range might be used as a SQL sample.
- Execution plan: Complete information about execution plans, displayed in table, graph, and text. For details of the execution plan, see Understand the Query Execution Plan. If multiple execution plans are selected, only (any) one of them is displayed.
- For basic information, execution time, Coprocessor read, transaction, and slow query of the SQL statement, you can click the corresponding tab titles to switch among different information.

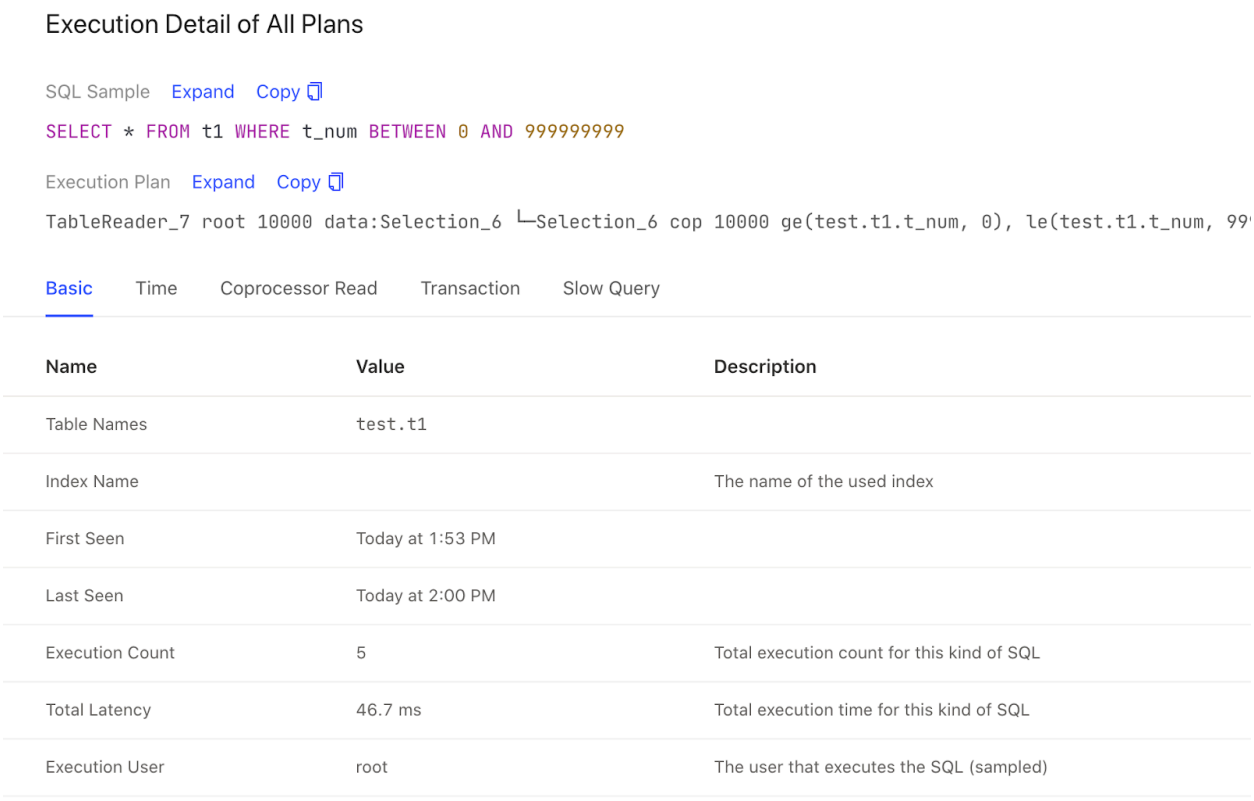


Figure 227: Execution details of plans

SQL sample

To view the detailed information of an item, you can click **Expand**. To copy the detailed information to the clipboard, click **Copy**.

Execution plans

On TiDB Dashboard, you can view execution plans in three ways: table, text, and graph. To learn how to read an execution plan, see Understand the query execution plan.

Execution plan in table format

The table format provides detailed information about the execution plan, which helps you quickly identify abnormal operator metrics and compare the status of different operators. The following figure shows an execution plan in table format:

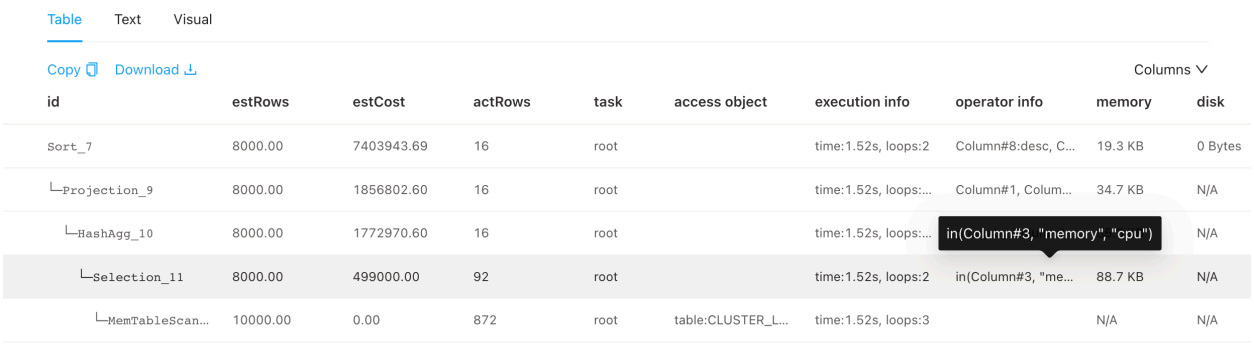


Figure 228: Execution plan in table format

The table format displays similar information to the text format but provides more user-friendly interactions:

- You can adjust the column width freely.
- When content exceeds the column width, it is automatically truncated and a tooltip is shown for the full information.
- If the execution plan is large, you can download it as a text file for local analysis.
- You can hide and manage columns using the column picker.

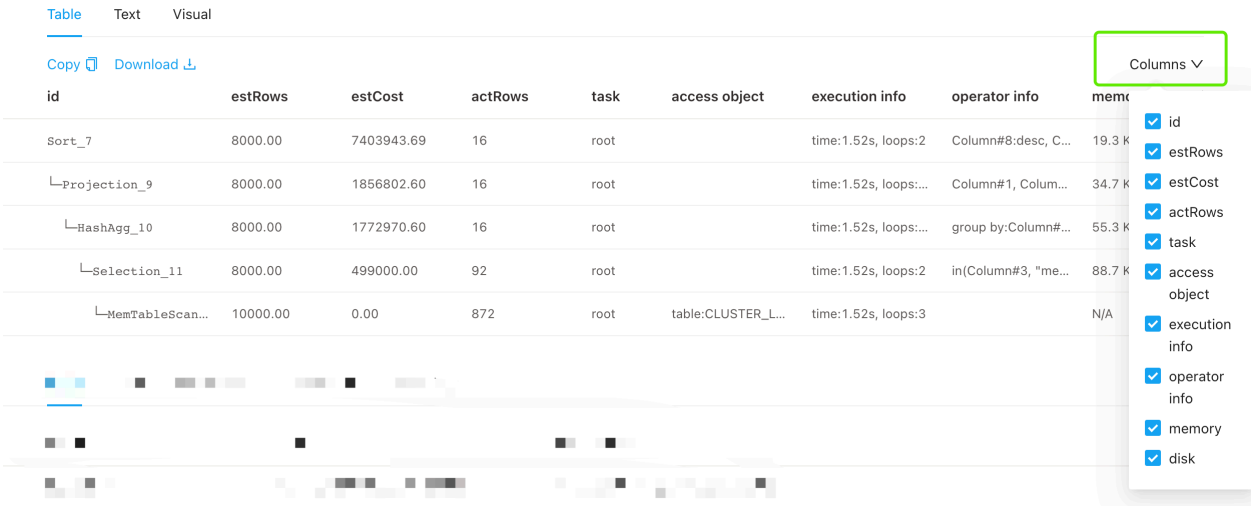


Figure 229: Execution plan in table format - column picker

Execution plan in graph format

The graph format is more suitable for viewing the execution plan tree of a complex SQL statement and understanding each operator and its corresponding content in detail. The following figure shows an execution plan in graph format:

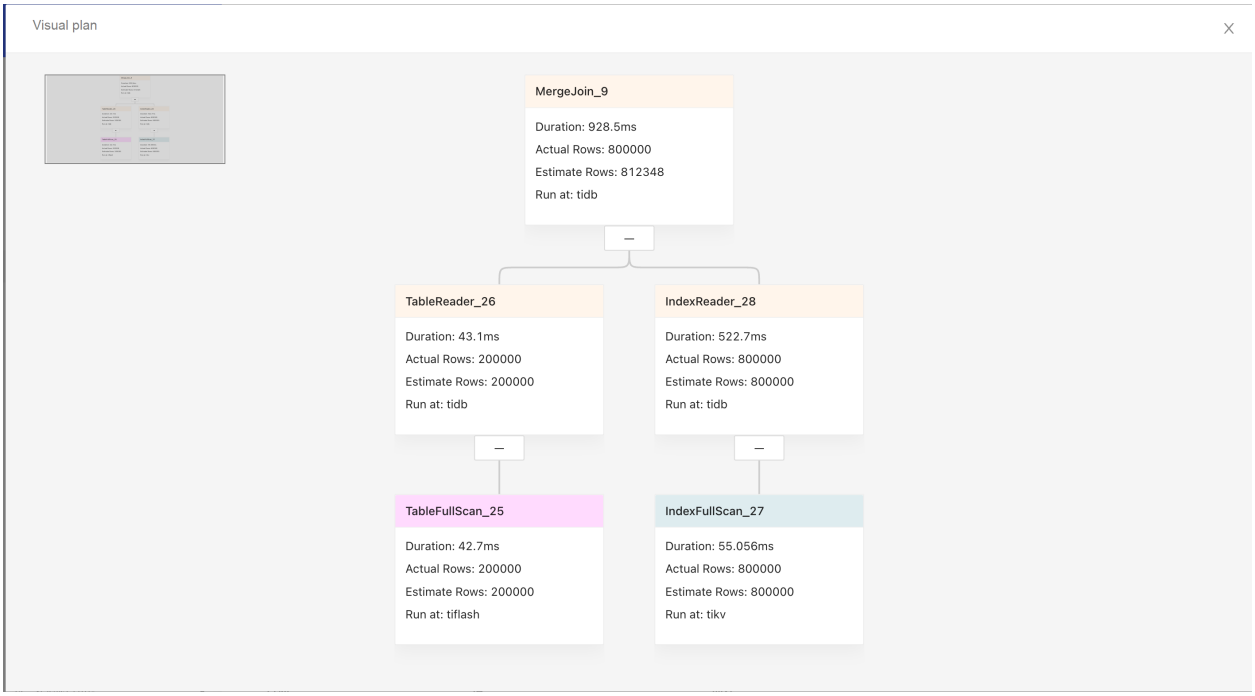


Figure 230: Execution plan in graph format

- The graph shows the execution from left to right, and from top to bottom.
- Upper nodes are parent operators and lower nodes are child operators.
- The color of the title bar indicates the component where the operator is executed: yellow stands for TiDB, blue stands for TiKV, and pink stands for TiFlash.
- The title bar shows the operator name and the text shown below is the basic information of the operator.

Click the node area, and the detailed operator information is displayed on the right sidebar.

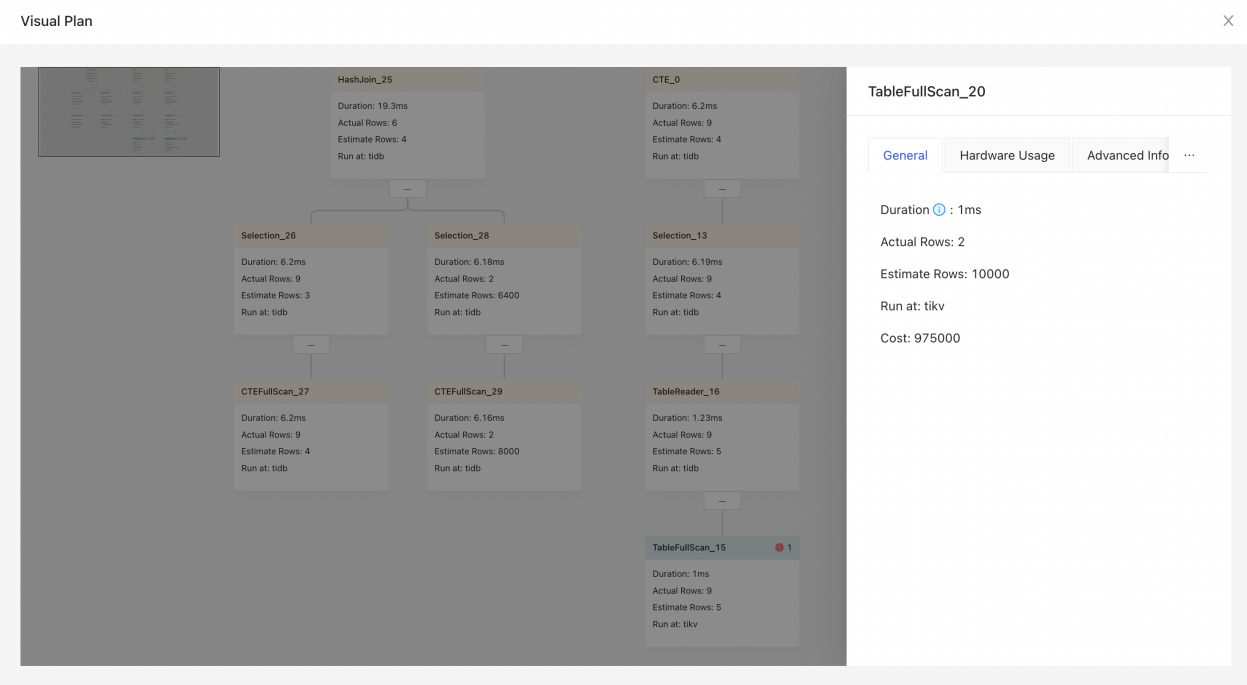


Figure 231: Execution plan in graph format - sidebar

SQL execution details

For basic information, execution time, Coprocessor read, transaction, and slow query of the SQL statement, you can click the corresponding tab titles to switch among different information.

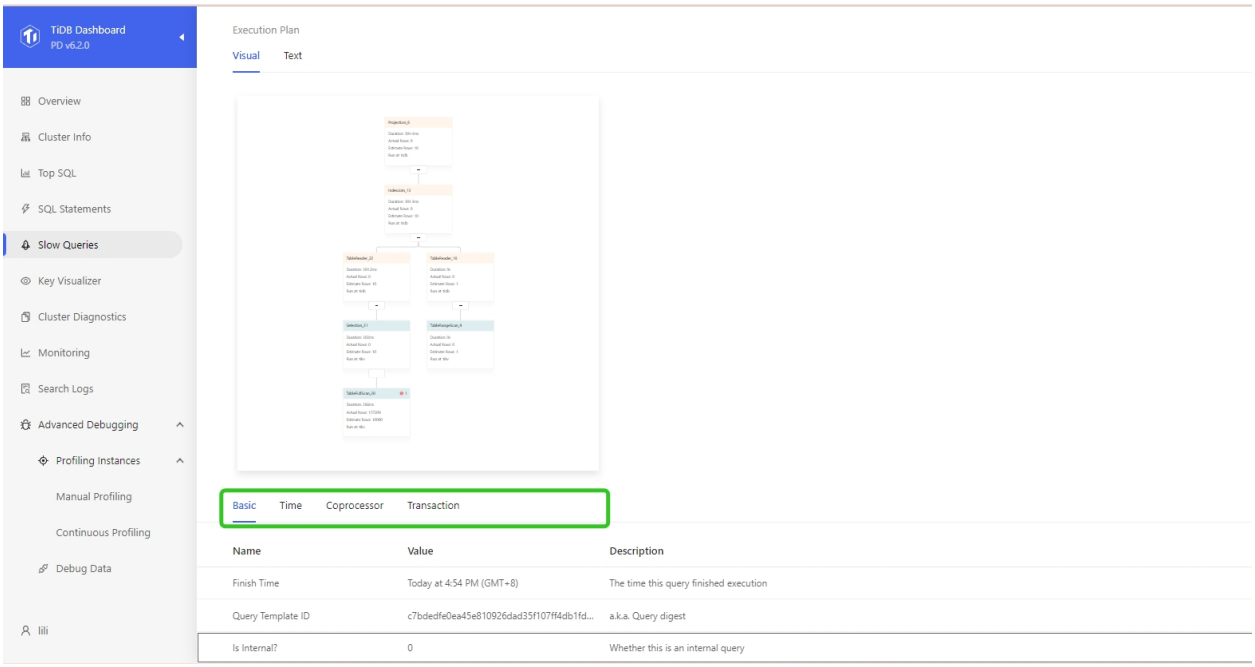


Figure 232: Show different execution information

Basic tab

The basic information of a SQL execution includes the table names, index name, execution count, and total latency. The **Description** column provides detailed description of each field.

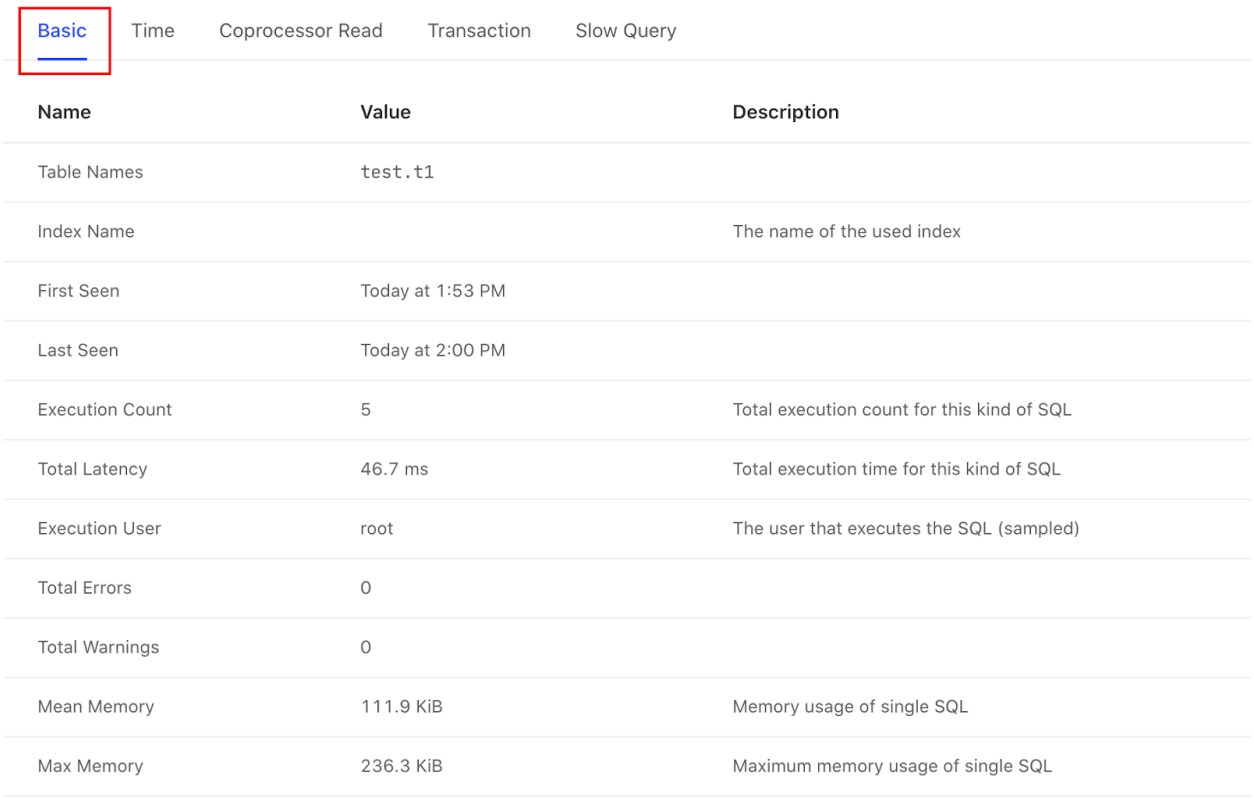


Figure 233: Basic information

Time tab

Click the **Time** tab, and you can see how long each stage of the execution plan lasts.

> **Note:**
>
> Because some operations might be performed in parallel within a single SQL statement, the cumulative duration of each stage might exceed the actual execution time of the SQL statement.

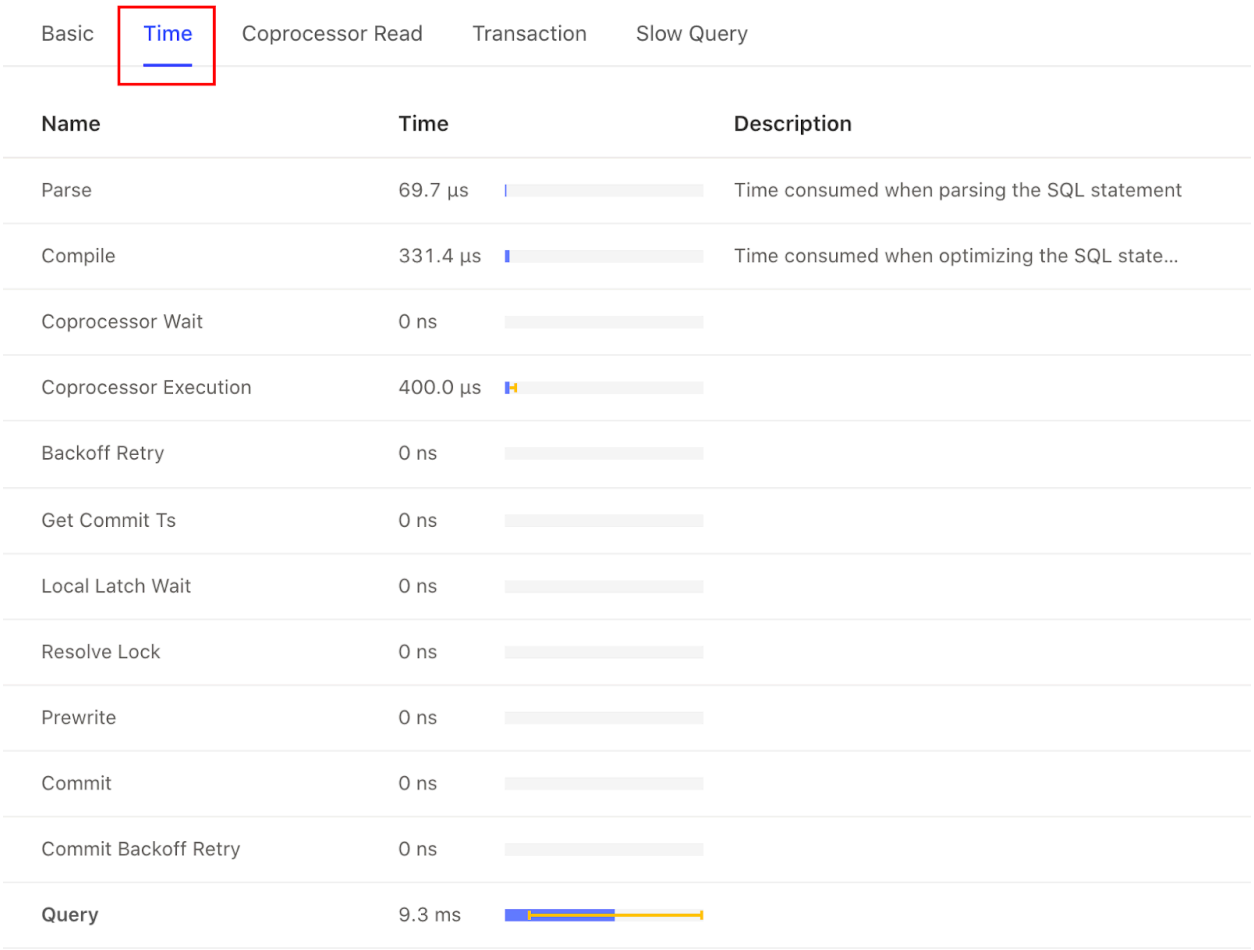


Figure 234: Execution time

Coprocessor Read tab

Click the **Coprocessor Read** tab, and you can see information related to Coprocessor read.

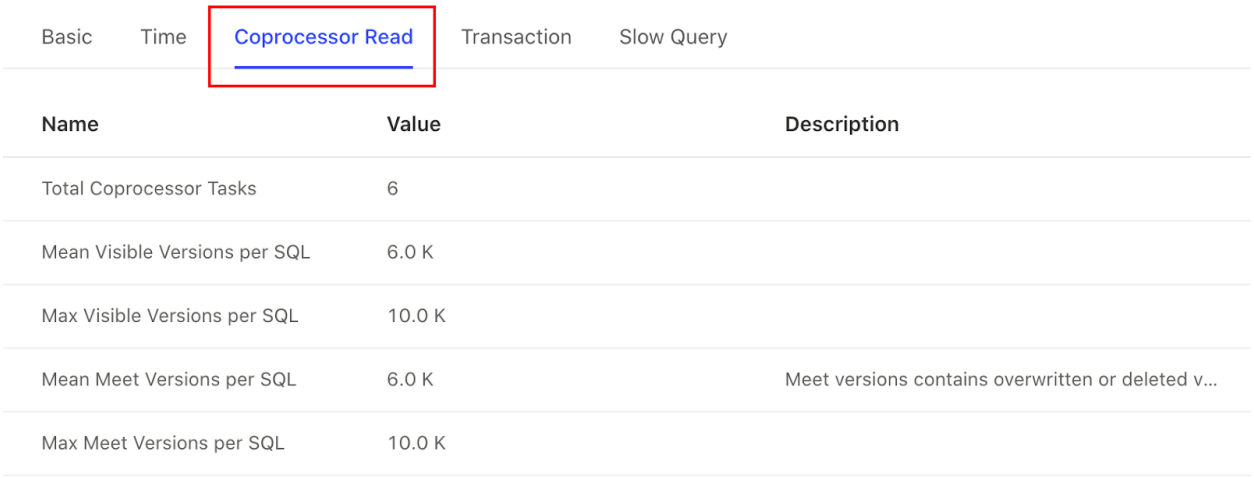


Figure 235: Coprocessor read

Transaction tab

Click the **Transaction** tab, and you can see information related to execution plans and transactions, such as the average number of written keys or the maximum number of written keys.

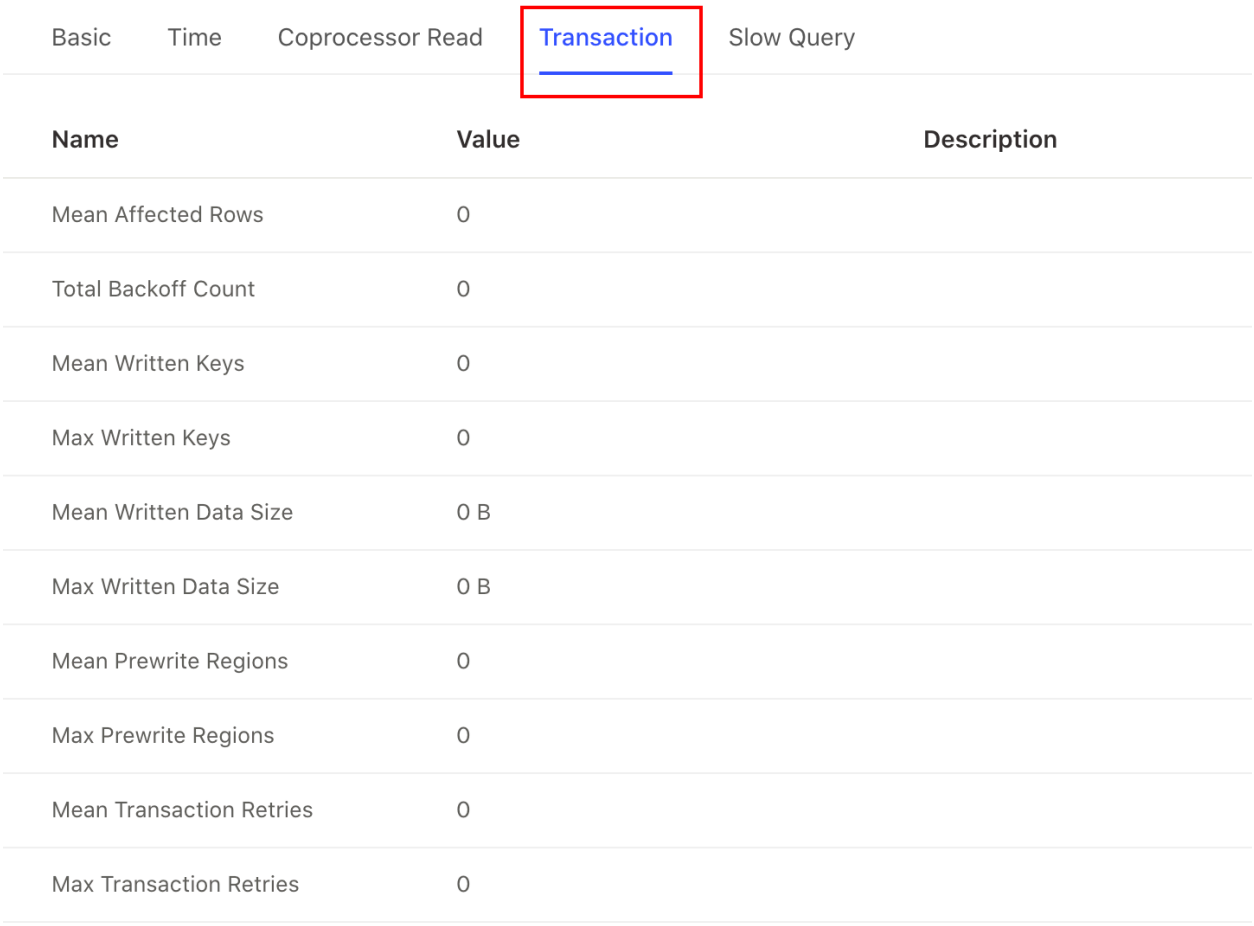


Figure 236: Transaction

Slow Query tab

If an execution plan is executed too slowly, you can see its associated slow query records under the **Slow Query** tab.

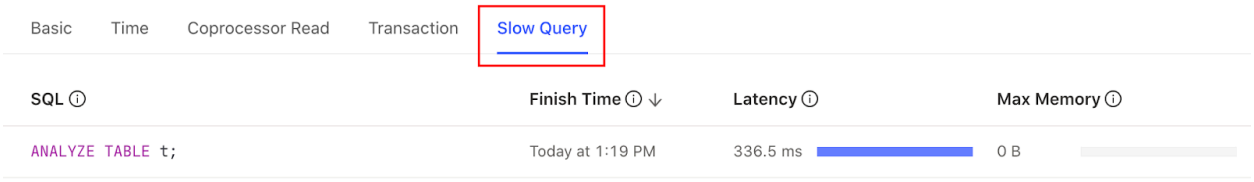


Figure 237: Slow Query

The information displayed in this area has the same structure with the slow query page. See TiDB Dashboard Slow Query Page for details.

9.5.10 Slow Queries Page of TiDB Dashboard

On the Slow Queries page of TiDB Dashboard, you can search and view all slow queries in the cluster.

By default, SQL queries with an execution time of more than 300 milliseconds are considered as slow queries. These queries are recorded in the slow query logs and can be searched via TiDB Dashboard. You can adjust the threshold of slow queries through the `tidb_slow_log_threshold` session variable or the `instance.tidb_slow_log_threshold` TiDB parameter.

> **Note:**
>
> If the slow query log is disabled, this feature will be unavailable. The slow query log is enabled by default, and you can enable or disable it through the system variable `tidb_enable_slow_log`.

9.5.10.1 Access the page

You can use one of the following two methods to access the slow query page:

- After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, click **Slow Queries** in the left navigation menu.
- Visit http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/#/slow_query in your browser. Replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the actual PD address and port.

All data displayed on the slow query page comes from TiDB slow query system tables and slow query logs. See slow query logs for details.

9.5.10.1.1 Change filters

You can filter slow queries based on the time range, the related database, SQL keywords, SQL types, the number of slow queries to be displayed. In the image below, 100 slow queries over the recent 30 minutes are displayed by default.

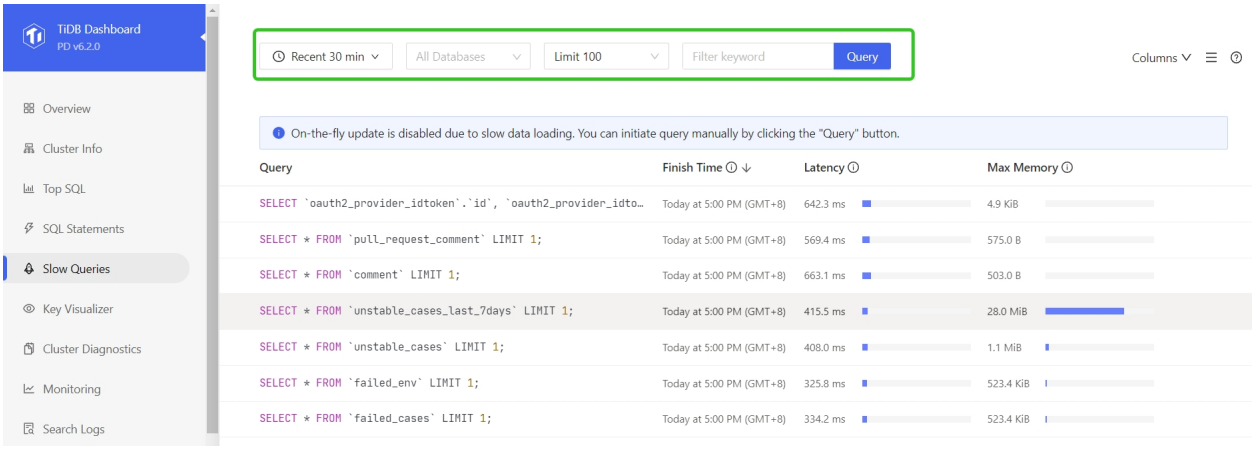


Figure 238: Modify list filters

9.5.10.1.2 Display more columns

Click **Columns** on the page and you can choose to see more columns. You can move your mouse to the **(i)** icon at the right side of a column name to view the description of this column:

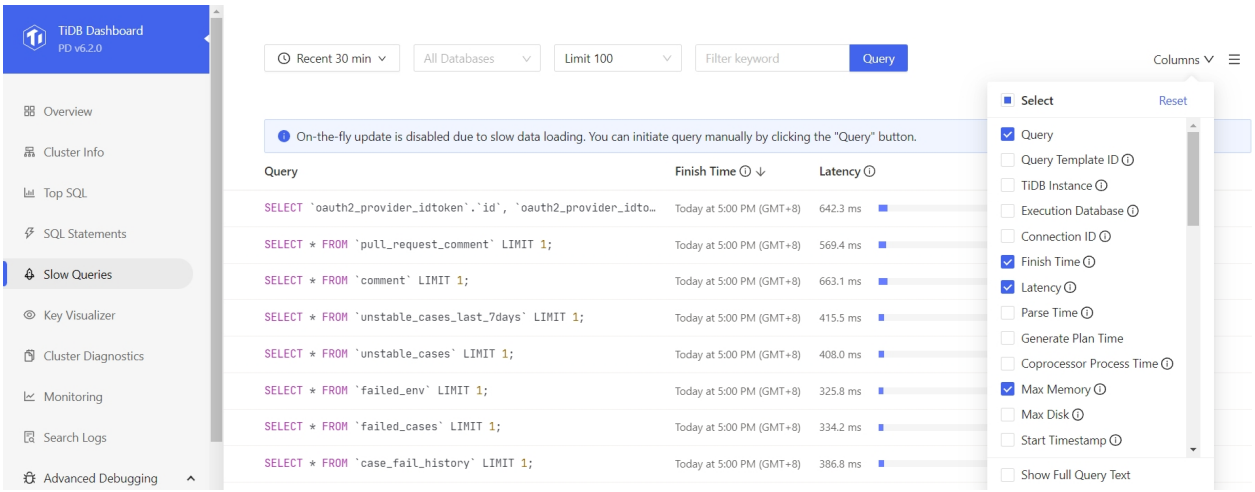


Figure 239: Show more columns

9.5.10.1.3 Export slow queries locally

Click (**More**) in the upper-right corner of the page to display the **Export** option. After you click **Export**, TiDB Dashboard exports slow queries in the current list as a CSV file.

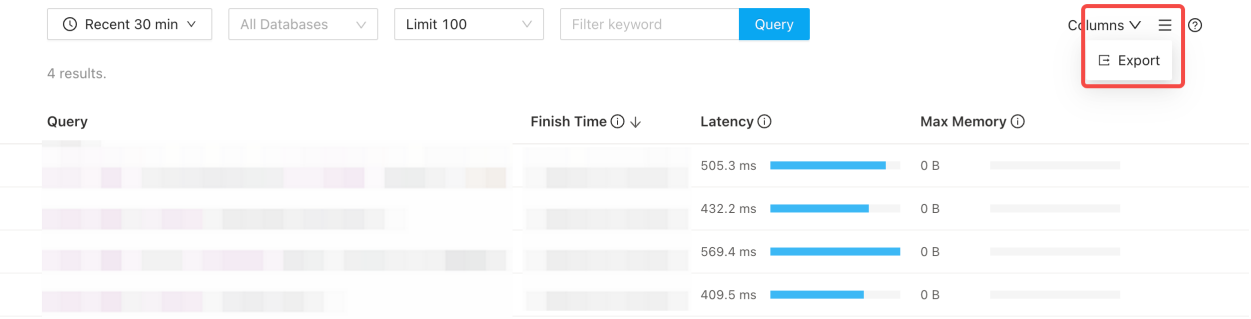


Figure 240: Export slow queries locally

9.5.10.1.4 Sort by column

By default, the list is sorted by **Finish Time** in the descending order. Click column headings to sort by the column or switch the sorting order:

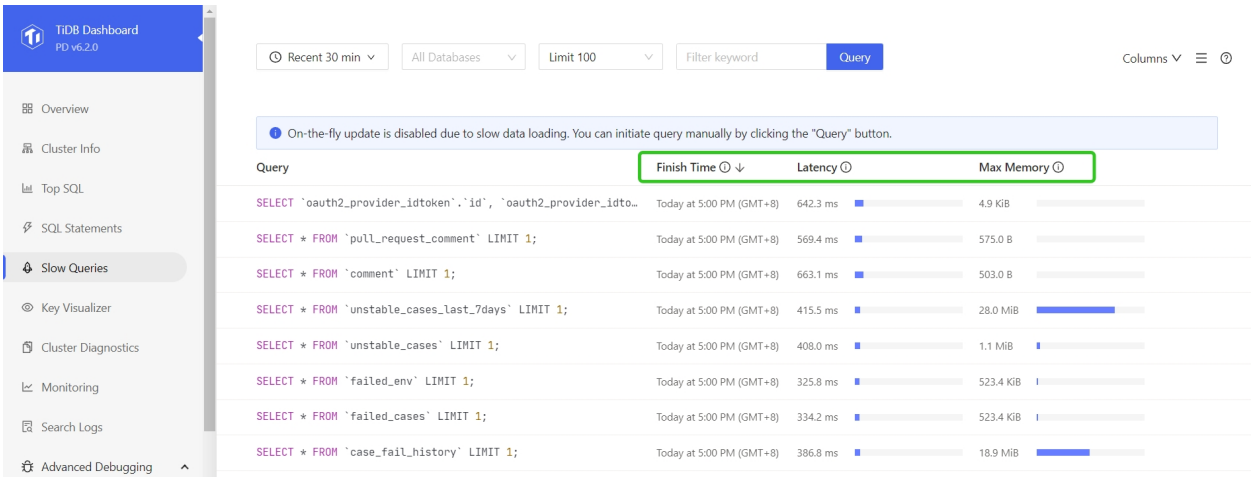


Figure 241: Modify sorting basis

9.5.10.2 View execution details

Click any item in the list to display detailed execution information of the slow query, including:

- Query: The text of the SQL statement (area 1 in the following figure)

- Plan: The execution plan of the slow query (area 2 in the following figure)
- Other sorted SQL execution information (area 3 in the following figure)

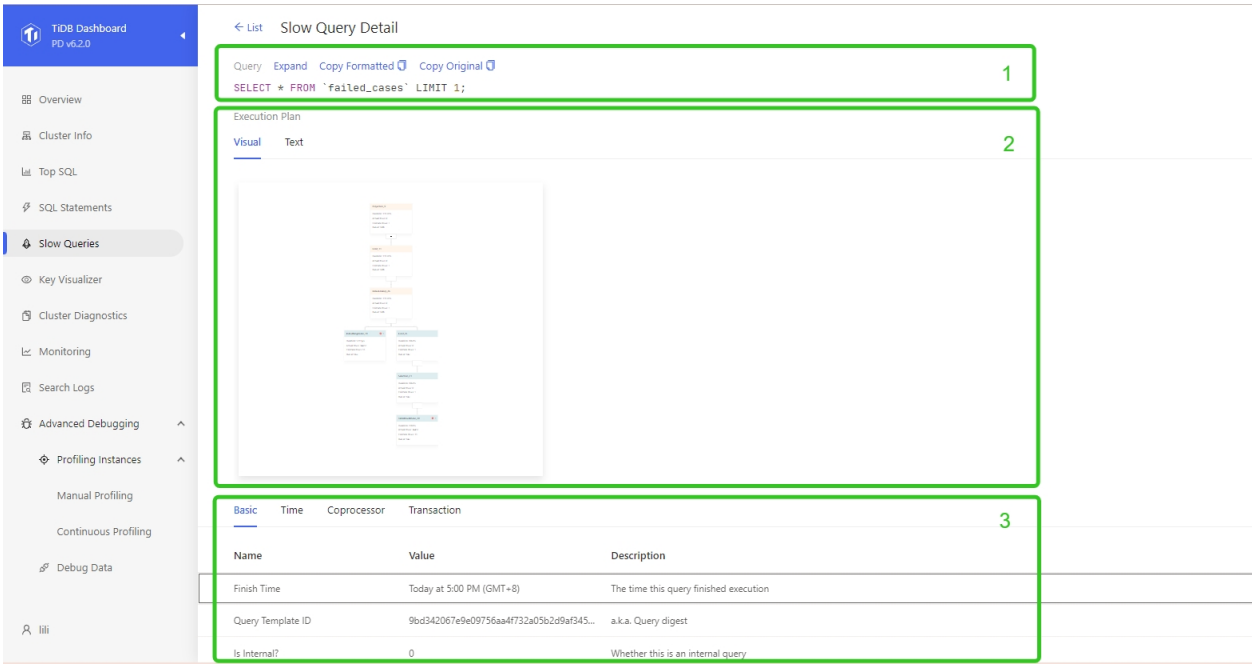


Figure 242: View execution details

9.5.10.2.1 SQL

> **Note:**
>
> The maximum length of the query recorded in the `Query` column is limited by the `tidb_stmt_summary_max_sql_length` system variable.

Click the **Expand** button to view the detailed information of an item. Click the **Copy** button to copy the detailed information to the clipboard.

9.5.10.2.2 Execution plans

On TiDB Dashboard, you can view execution plans in three ways: table, text, and graph. To learn how to read an execution plan, see Understand the query execution plan.

Execution plan in table format

The table format provides detailed information about the execution plan, which helps you quickly identify abnormal operator metrics and compare the status of different operators. The following figure shows an execution plan in table format:

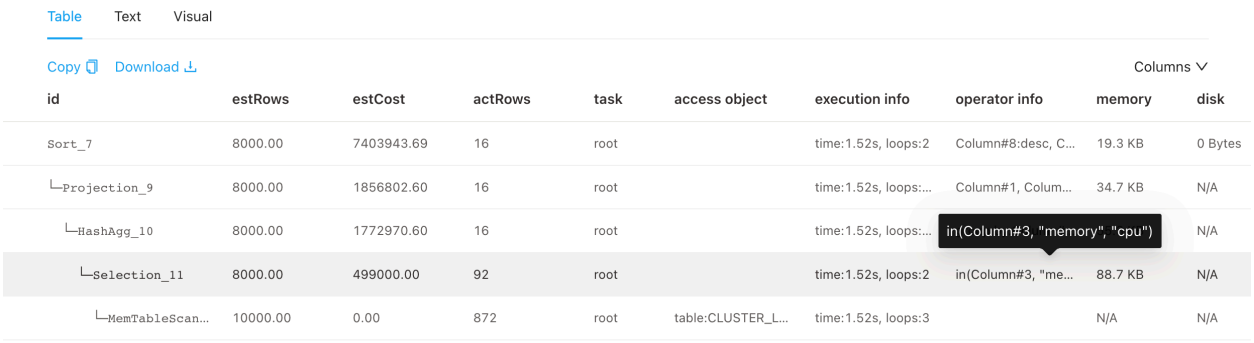


Figure 243: Execution plan in table format

The table format displays similar information to the text format but provides more user-friendly interactions:

- You can adjust the column width freely.
- When content exceeds the column width, it is automatically truncated and a tooltip is shown for the full information.
- If the execution plan is large, you can download it as a text file for local analysis.
- You can hide and manage columns using the column picker.

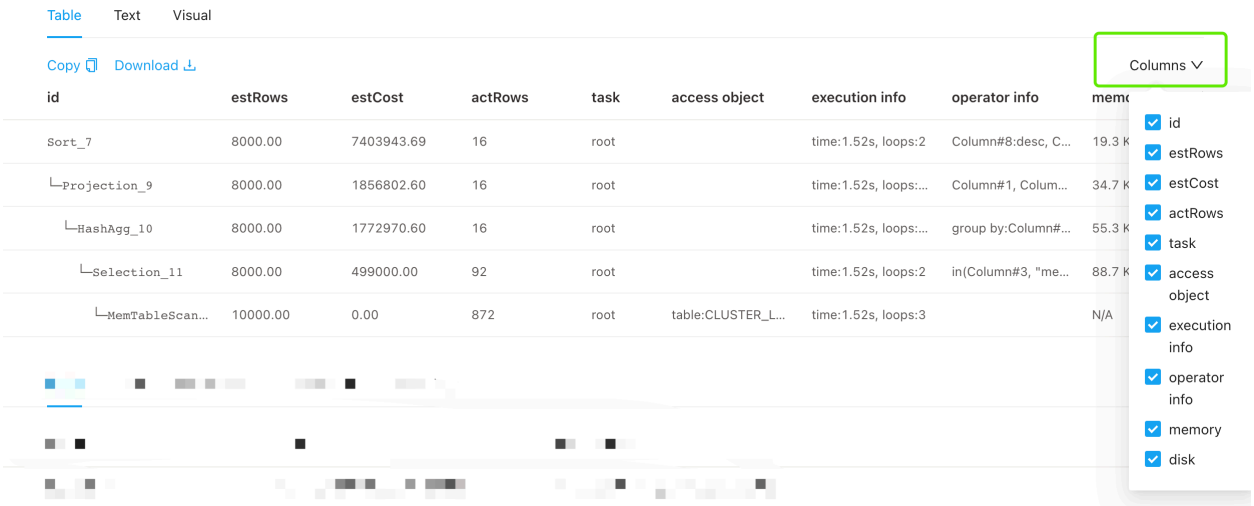


Figure 244: Execution plan in table format - column picker

Execution plan in graph format

The graph format is more suitable for viewing the execution plan tree of a complex SQL statement and understanding each operator and its corresponding content in detail. The following figure shows an execution plan in graph format:

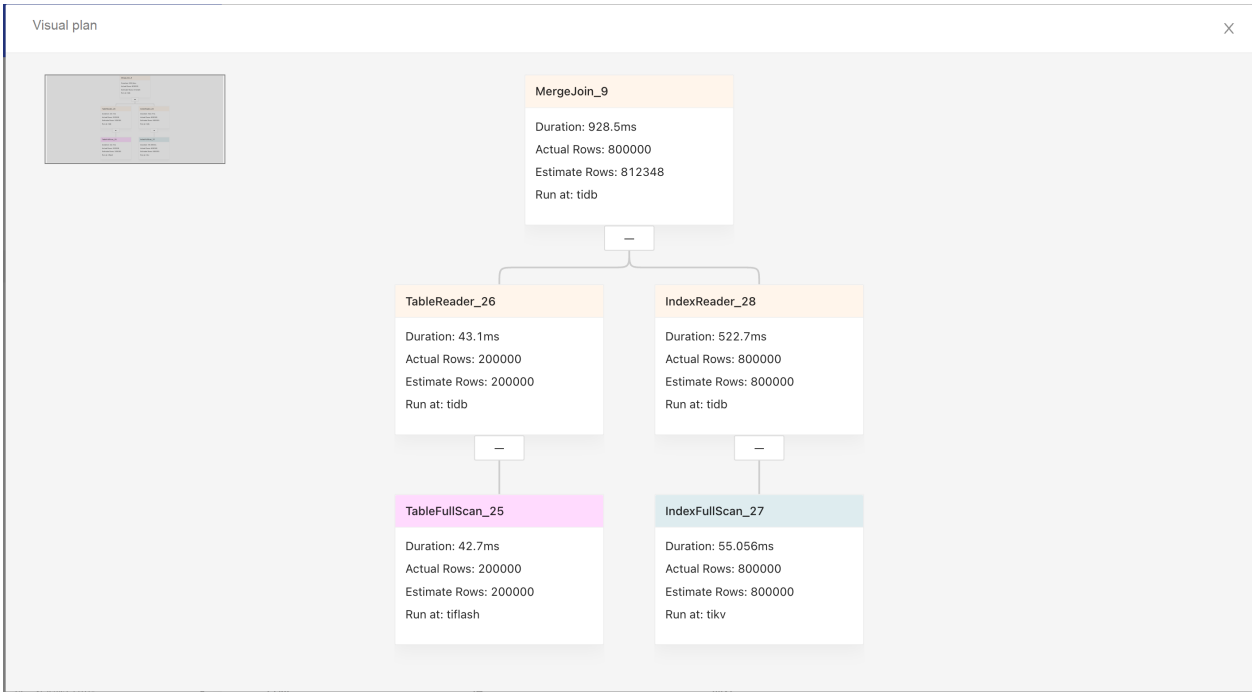


Figure 245: Execution plan in graph format

- The graph shows the execution from left to right, and from top to bottom.
- Upper nodes are parent operators and lower nodes are child operators.
- The color of the title bar indicates the component where the operator is executed: yellow stands for TiDB, blue stands for TiKV, and pink stands for TiFlash.
- The title bar shows the operator name and the text shown below is the basic information of the operator.

Click the node area, and the detailed operator information is displayed on the right sidebar.

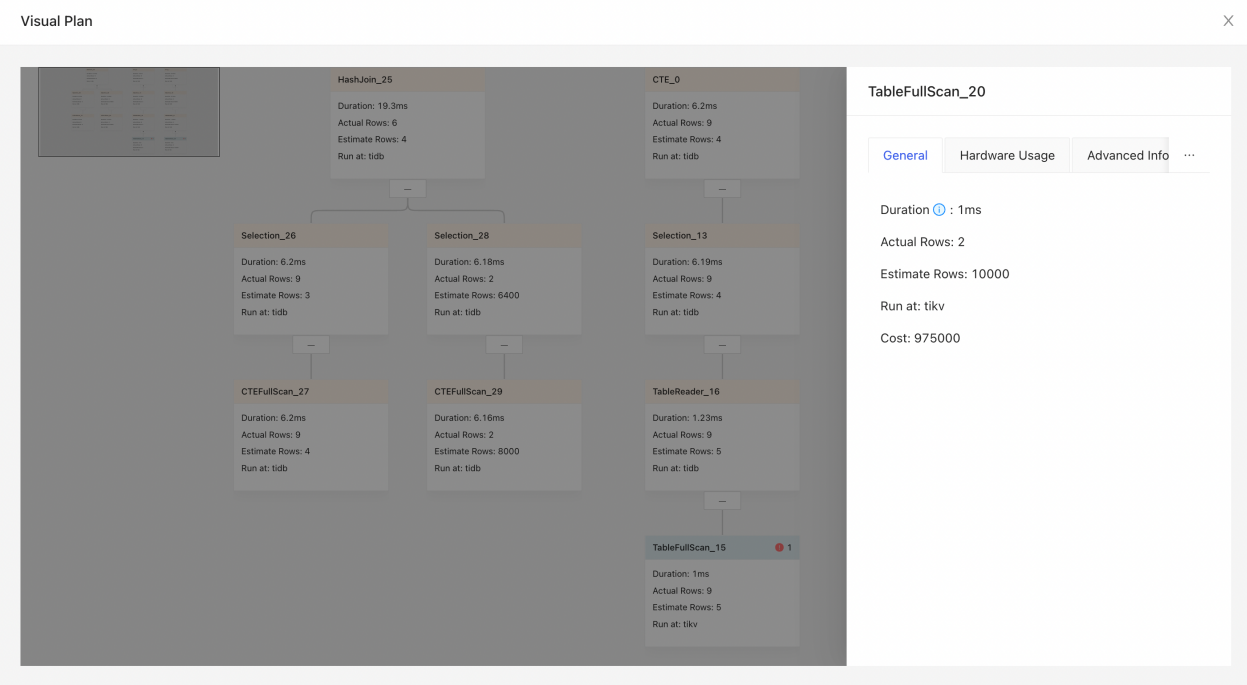


Figure 246: Execution plan in graph format - sidebar

9.5.10.2.3 SQL execution details

For basic information, execution time, Coprocessor read, transaction, and slow query of the SQL statement, you can click the corresponding tab titles to switch among different information.

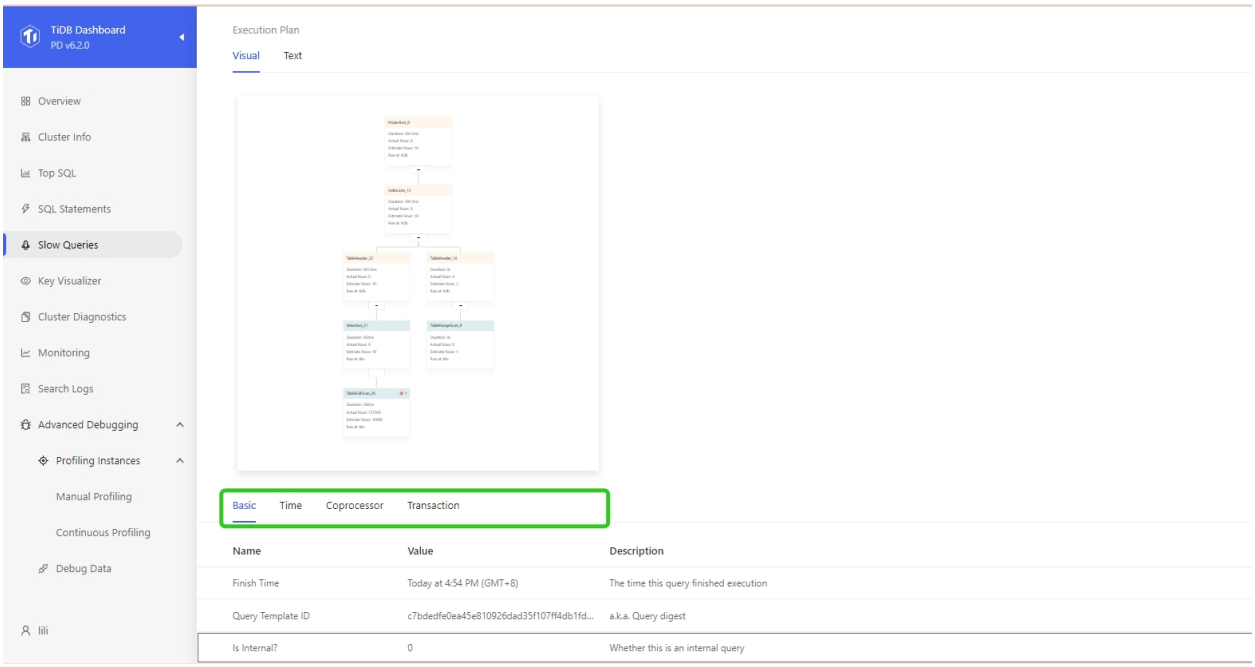


Figure 247: Show different execution information

Basic tab

The basic information of a SQL execution includes the table names, index name, execution count, and total latency. The **Description** column provides detailed description of each field.

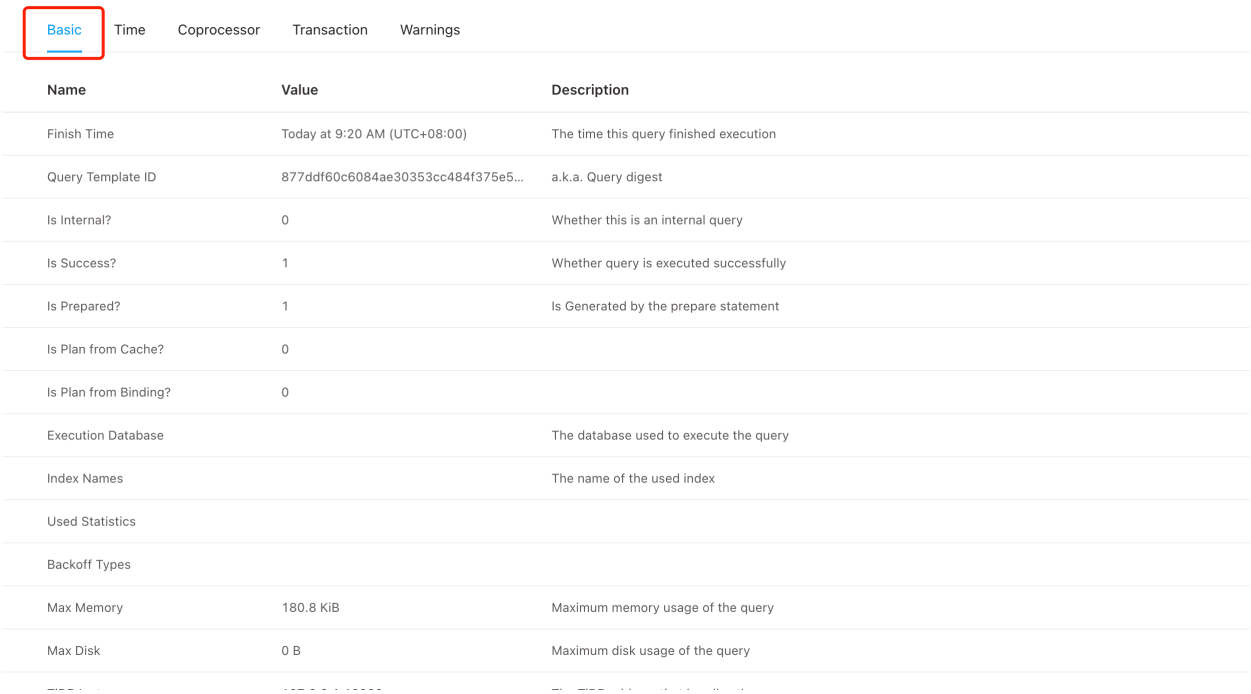
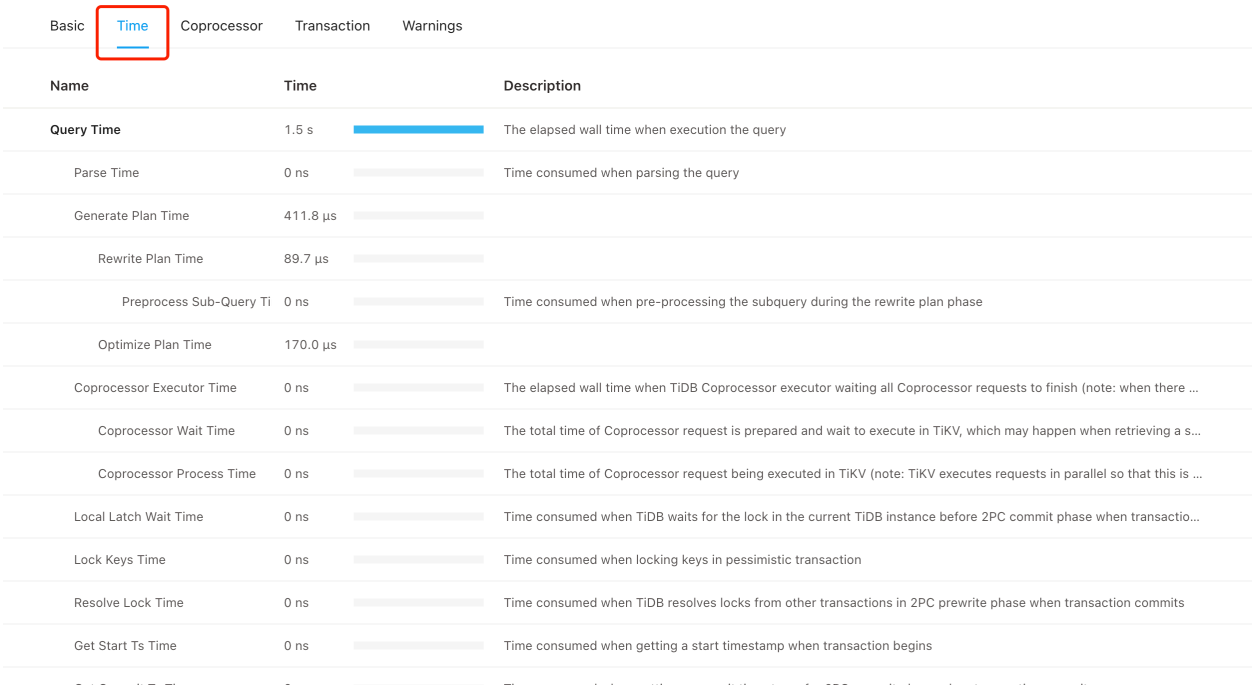


Figure 248: Basic information

Time tab

Click the **Time** tab, and you can see how long each stage of the execution plan lasts.

> **Note:**
>
> Because some operations might be performed in parallel within a single SQL statement, the cumulative duration of each stage might exceed the actual execution time of the SQL statement.



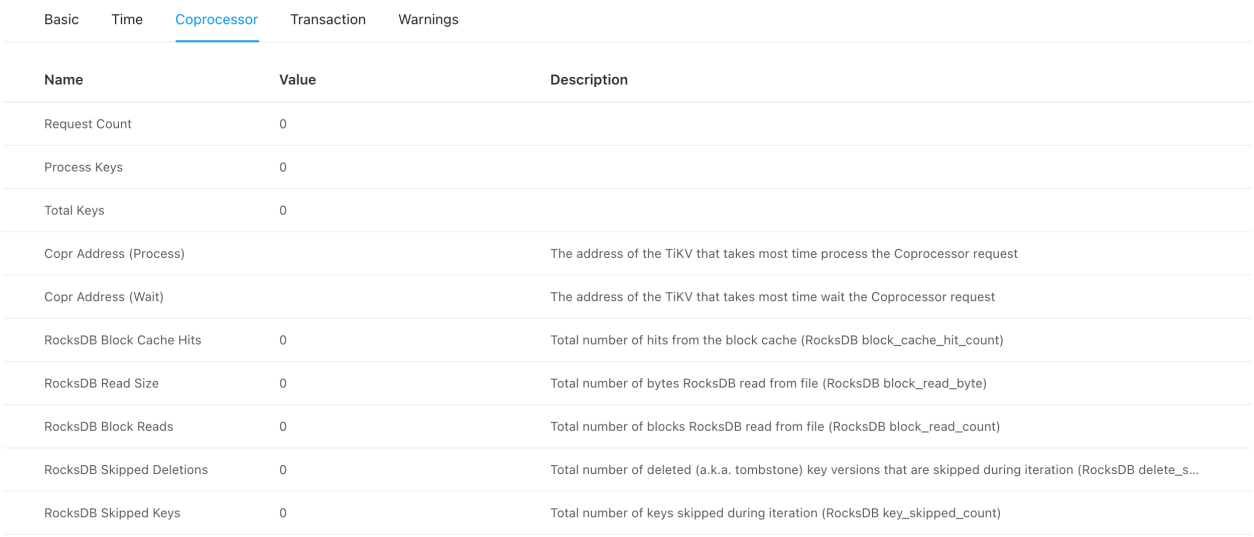
Basic | Time | Coprocessor | Transaction | Warnings

Name	Time	Description
Query Time	1.5 s	The elapsed wall time when execution the query
Parse Time	0 ns	Time consumed when parsing the query
Generate Plan Time	411.8 µs	
Rewrite Plan Time	89.7 µs	
Preprocess Sub-Query Ti	0 ns	Time consumed when pre-processing the subquery during the rewrite plan phase
Optimize Plan Time	170.0 µs	
Coprocessor Executor Time	0 ns	The elapsed wall time when TiDB Coprocessor executor waiting all Coprocessor requests to finish (note: when there ...
Coprocessor Wait Time	0 ns	The total time of Coprocessor request is prepared and wait to execute in TiKV, which may happen when retrieving a s...
Coprocessor Process Time	0 ns	The total time of Coprocessor request being executed in TiKV (note: TiKV executes requests in parallel so that this is ...
Local Latch Wait Time	0 ns	Time consumed when TiDB waits for the lock in the current TiDB instance before 2PC commit phase when transactio...
Lock Keys Time	0 ns	Time consumed when locking keys in pessimistic transaction
Resolve Lock Time	0 ns	Time consumed when TiDB resolves locks from other transactions in 2PC prewrite phase when transaction commits
Get Start Ts Time	0 ns	Time consumed when getting a start timestamp when transaction begins

Figure 249: Execution time

Coprocessor tab

Click the **Coprocessor** tab, and you can see information related to Coprocessor read.



Basic | Time | Coprocessor | Transaction | Warnings

Name	Value	Description
Request Count	0	
Process Keys	0	
Total Keys	0	
Copr Address (Process)		The address of the TiKV that takes most time process the Coprocessor request
Copr Address (Wait)		The address of the TiKV that takes most time wait the Coprocessor request
RocksDB Block Cache Hits	0	Total number of hits from the block cache (RocksDB block_cache_hit_count)
RocksDB Read Size	0	Total number of bytes RocksDB read from file (RocksDB block_read_byte)
RocksDB Block Reads	0	Total number of blocks RocksDB read from file (RocksDB block_read_count)
RocksDB Skipped Deletions	0	Total number of deleted (a.k.a. tombstone) key versions that are skipped during iteration (RocksDB delete_s...
RocksDB Skipped Keys	0	Total number of keys skipped during iteration (RocksDB key_skipped_count)

Figure 250: Coprocessor read

Transaction tab

Click the **Transaction** tab, and you can see information related to execution plans and transactions, such as the average number of written keys or the maximum number of written keys.

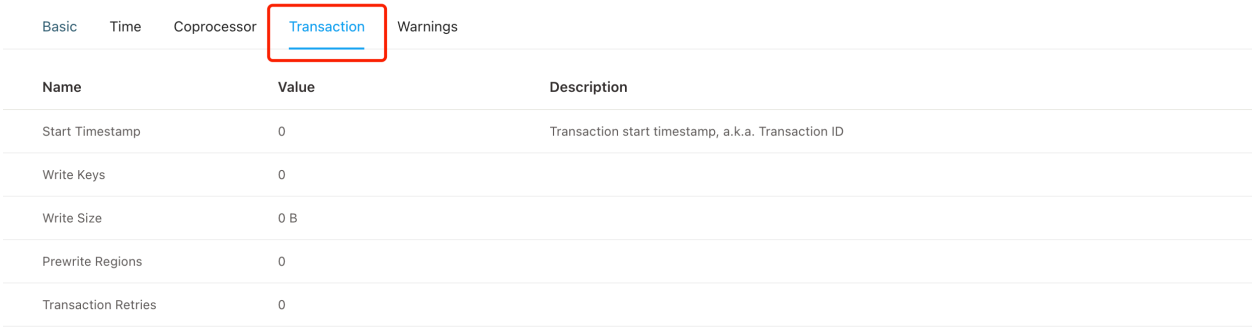


Figure 251: Transaction

9.5.11 Cluster Diagnostics

9.5.11.1 TiDB Dashboard Cluster Diagnostics Page

The cluster diagnostics feature in TiDB Dashboard diagnoses the problems that might exist in a cluster within a specified time range, and summarizes the diagnostic results and the cluster-related load monitoring information into a diagnostic report. This diagnostic report is in the form of a web page. You can browse the page offline and circulate this page link after saving the page from a browser.

> **Note:**
>
> The cluster diagnostics feature depends on Prometheus deployed in the cluster. For details about how to deploy this monitoring component, see the TiUP deployment document. If no monitoring component is deployed in the cluster, the generated diagnostic report will indicate a failure.

9.5.11.1.1 Access the page

You can use one of the following methods to access the cluster diagnostics page:

- After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, click **Cluster Diagnostics** in the left navigation menu.

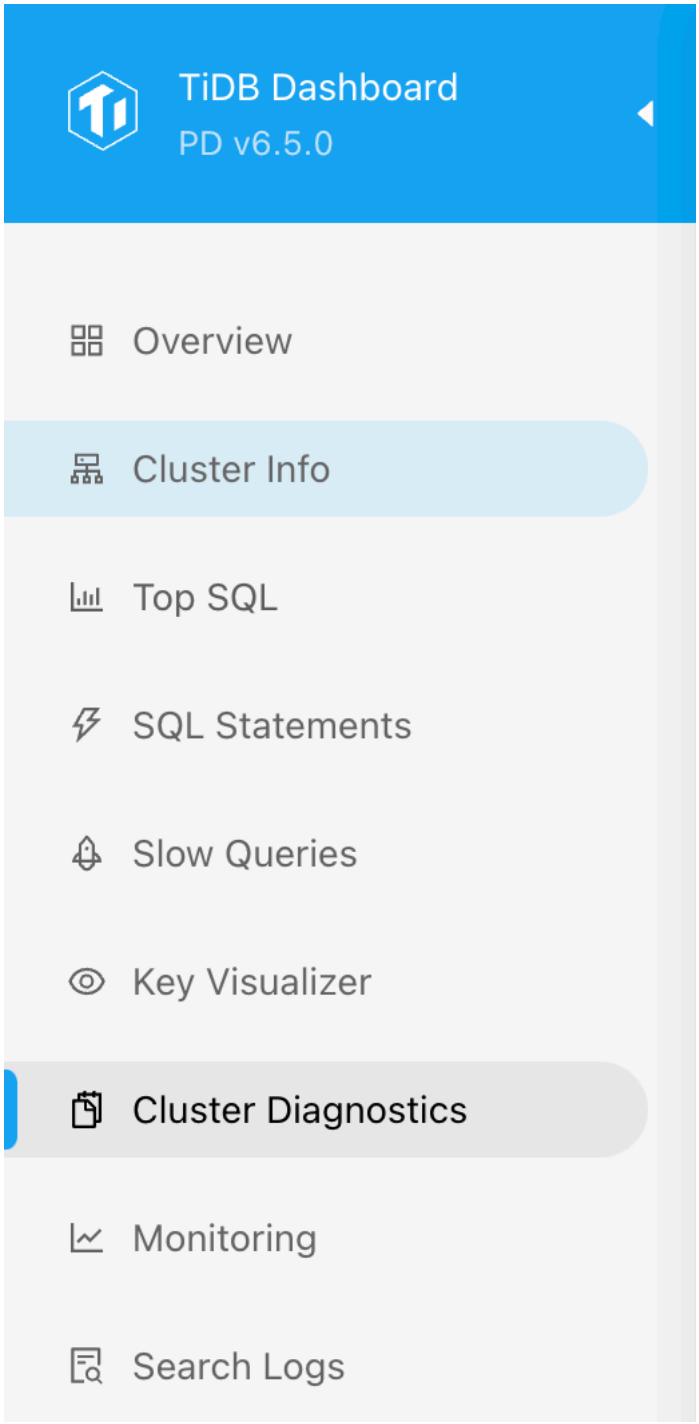


Figure 252: Access Cluster Diagnostics page

- Visit `http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/#/diagnose` in your browser. Replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the actual PD address and port number.

9.5.11.1.2 Generate diagnostic report

To diagnose a cluster within a specified time range and check the cluster load, you can take the following steps to generate a diagnostic report:

1. Set the **Range Start Time**, such as `2022-05-21 14:40:00`.
2. Set the **Range Duration**, such as `10 min`.
3. Click **Start**.

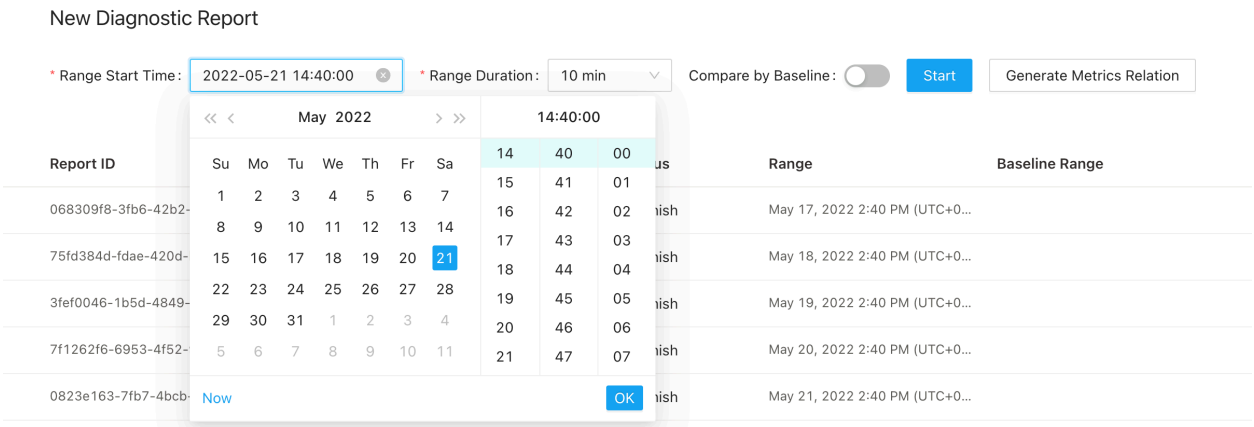


Figure 253: Generate diagnostic report

> **Note:**
>
> It is recommended that the **Range Duration** of the report is between 1 minute and 60 minutes. This **Range Duration** cannot exceed 60 minutes.

The preceding steps generate a diagnostic report for the time range from `2022-05-21 14:40:00` to `2022-05-21 14:50:00`. After clicking **Start**, you can see the interface below. **Progress** is the progress bar of the diagnostic report. After the report is generated, click **View Full Report**.

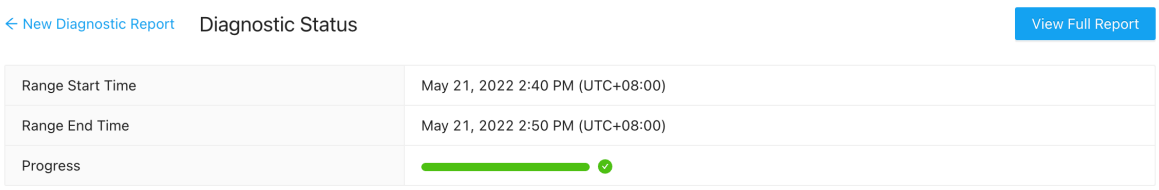


Figure 254: Report progress

9.5.11.1.3 Generate comparison report

If a system exception occurs at a certain point, for example, QPS jitter or higher latency, a diagnostic report can be generated. Particularly, this report compares the system in the abnormal time range with the system in the normal time range. For example:

- Abnormal time range: `2022-05-21 14:40:00-2022-05-21 14:45:00`. Within this time range, the system is abnormal.
- Normal time range: `2022-05-21 14:30:00 - 2022-05-21 14:35:00`. Within this time range, the system is normal.

You can take the following steps to generate a comparison report for the preceding two time ranges:

1. Set the **Range Start Time**, which is the start time of the range in which the system becomes abnormal, such as `2022-05-21 14:40:00`.
2. Set the **Range Duration**. Generally, this duration is the duration of system anomalies, such as 5 minutes.
3. Enable **Compare by Baseline**.
4. Set the **Baseline Range Start Time**, which is the start time of the range (to be compared with) in which the system is normal, such as `2022-05-21 14:30:00`.
5. Click **Start**.

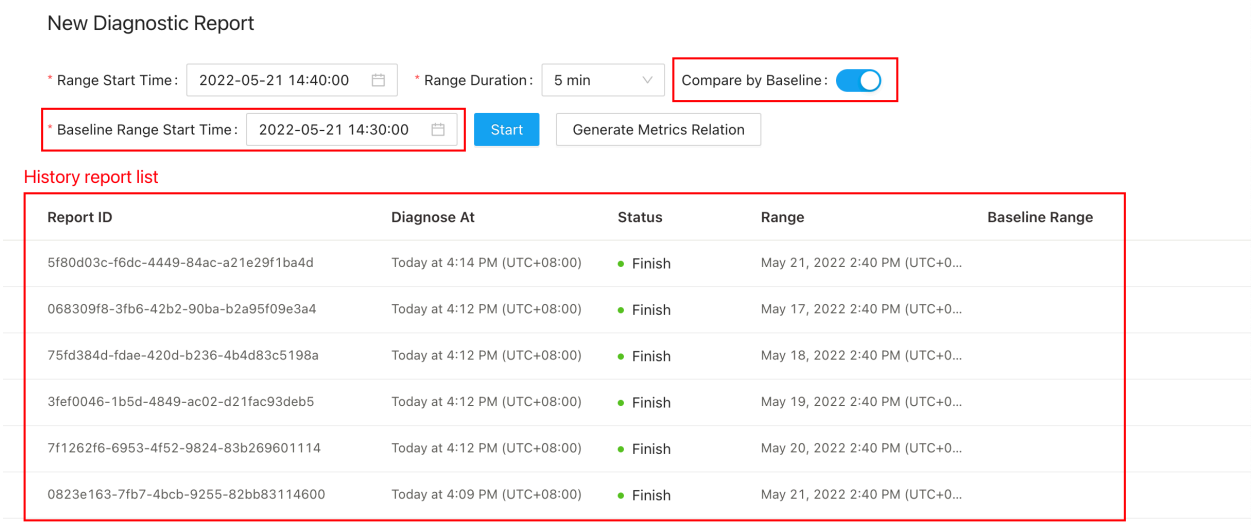


Figure 255: Generate comparison report

Then wait for the report to be generated and click **View Full Report**.

In addition, the historical diagnostic report is displayed in the list on the main page of the diagnostic report. You can click to view these historical reports directly.

9.5.11.2 TiDB Dashboard Diagnostic Report

This document introduces the content of the diagnostic report and viewing tips. To access the cluster diagnostic page and generate reports, see TiDB Dashboard Cluster Diagnostics Page.

9.5.11.2.1 View report

The diagnostic report consists of the following parts:

- Basic information: Includes the time range of the diagnostic report, hardware information of the cluster, the version information of cluster topology.
- Diagnostic information: Shows the results of automatic diagnostics.
- Load information: Includes CPU, memory and other load information of the server, TiDB, PD, or TiKV.
- Overview information: Includes the consumed time and error information of each TiDB, PD, or TiKV module.
- TiDB/PD/TiKV monitoring information: Includes monitoring information of each component.
- Configuration information: Includes configuration information of each component.

An example of the diagnostic report is as follows:

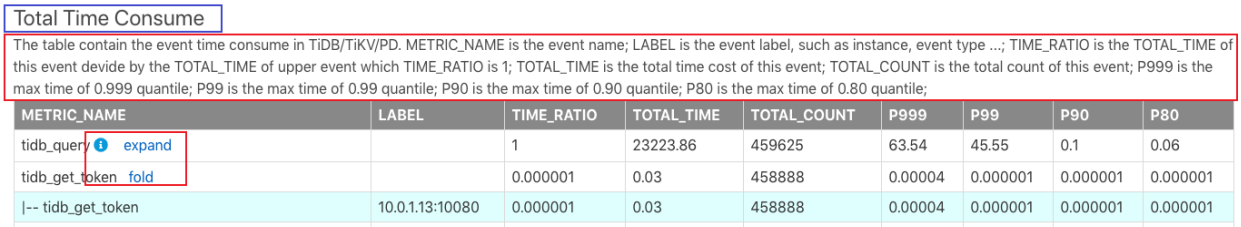


Figure 256: Sample report

In the image above, **Total Time Consume** in the top blue box is the report name. The information in the red box below explains the content of this report and the meaning of each field in the report.

In this report, some small buttons are described as follows:

- **i** icon: You can move your mouse to the **i** icon to see the explanatory note of the row.
- **expand**: Click **expand** to see details about this monitoring metric. For example, the detailed information of `tidb_get_token` in the image above includes the monitoring information of each TiDB instance's latency.
- **collapse**: Contrary to **expand**, the button is used to fold detailed monitoring information.

All monitoring metrics basically correspond to those on the TiDB Grafana monitoring dashboard. After a module is found to be abnormal, you can view more monitoring information on the TiDB Grafana.

In addition, the `TOTAL_TIME` and `TOTAL_COUNT` metrics in this report are monitoring data read from Prometheus, so calculation inaccuracy might exist in their statistics.

Each part of this report is introduced as follows.

Basic information

Diagnostics Time Range

The time range for generating the diagnostics report includes the start time and end time.

Report Time Range

START_TIME	END_TIME
2020-05-21 06:40:00	2020-05-21 06:50:00

Figure 257: Report time range

Cluster Hardware Info

Cluster Hardware Info includes information such as CPU, memory, and disk of each server in the cluster.

Cluster Hardware

HOST	INSTANCE	CPU_CORES	MEMORY (GB)	DISK (GB)	UPTIME (DAY)
10.0.1.14	tiflash*1	20/40	125.64	nvme01: 498.638	2.9132028513567314
10.0.1.11	pd*1	20/40	125.64	sda1: 965.834	2.921851028772416
10.0.1.12	tikv*1	20/40	125.64	nvme0n1: 122.78 sda1: 965.834	2.9197623066052247
10.0.1.13	tidb*1	20/40	125.64	sda1: 498.638	2.917983893669314

Figure 258: Cluster hardware report

The fields in the table above are described as follows:

- `HOST`: The IP address of the server.
- `INSTANCE`: The number of instances deployed on the server. For example, `pd * 1` means that this server has 1 PD instance deployed; `tidb * 2 pd * 1` means that this server has 2 TiDB instances and 1 PD instance deployed.
- `CPU_CORES`: Indicates the number of CPU cores (physical cores or logical cores) of the server.
- `MEMORY`: Indicates the memory size of the server. The unit is GB.
- `DISK`: Indicates the server disk size. The unit is GB.
- `UPTIME`: The uptime of the server. The unit is day.

Cluster Topology Info

The `Cluster Info` table shows the cluster topology information. The information in this table are from TiDB information_schema.cluster_info system table.

Cluster Info

TYPE	INSTANCE	STATUS_ADDRESS	VERSION	GIT_HASH	START_TIME	UPTIME
pd	10.0.1.11:2379	10.0.1.11:2379	4.1.0-alpha	a80b99ef0d70807d106bdc1b7c6e97a118679c7e	2020-05-18T13:47:01Z	65h40m54.520385474s
tidb	10.0.1.13:4000	10.0.1.13:10080	4.0.0-beta.2	ac30f5322e253125002663ad7c789807acfc9305	2020-05-18T13:47:10Z	65h40m45.520383242s
tiflash	10.0.1.14:3930	10.0.1.14:20292	v4.1.0-alpha-37-gacf3f673d	acf3f673dfbc3e6ffff0dda575760670993fefa6	2020-05-18T13:47:18Z	65h40m37.520390633s
tikv	10.0.1.12:20160	10.0.1.12:20180	4.1.0-alpha	6b09cadbf55311ac07fc51e1b43e3b57b54e71f2	2020-05-18T13:47:04Z	65h40m51.520389948s

Figure 259: Cluster info

The fields in the table above are described as follows:

- `TYPE`: The node type.
- `INSTANCE`: The instance address(es), which is a string in the `IP:PORT` format.
- `STATUS_ADDRESS`: The HTTP API service address.
- `VERSION`: The semantic version number of the corresponding node.
- `GIT_HASH`: Git Commit Hash when compiling the node version, which is used to identify whether the two nodes are absolutely the consistent version.
- `START_TIME`: The start time of the corresponding node.
- `UPTIME`: The uptime of the corresponding node.

Diagnostic information

TiDB has built-in automatic diagnostic results. For the description of each field, see information_schema.inspection-result system table.

Load Info

Node Load Info

The `Node Load Info` table shows the load information of the server node, including the average value (AVG), maximum value (MAX), minimum value (MIN) of the following metrics of the server within the time range:

- CPU usage (the maximum value is `100%`)
- Memory usage
- Disk I/O usage
- Disk write latency
- Disk read latency
- Disk read bytes per second
- Disk write bytes per second

- The number of bytes received by the node network per minute
- The number of bytes sent from the node network per minute
- The number of TCP connections in use by the node
- The number of all TCP connections of the node

Node Load Info

METRIC_NAME	instance	AVG	MAX	MIN
node_cpu_usage expand		40.42%	99.6%	6.98%
node_mem_usage expand		66.9%	96.28%	33.65%
node_disk_io_utilization expand		16%	97%	0%
Disk write latency expand		4000 us	50 ms	0 us
Disk read latency expand		2000 us	6000 us	0 us
tikv_disk_read_bytes expand		605.980 KB	15.842 MB	0.000 KB
tikv_disk_write_bytes expand		1.129 MB	12.235 MB	0.000 KB
node_network_in_traffic expand		225.706 KB	1.427 MB	0.000 KB
node_network_out_traffic expand		165.807 KB	1.659 MB	0.000 KB
node_tcp_in_use expand		19	47	5
node_tcp_connections expand		30	61	6

Figure 260: Server Load Info report

Instance CPU Usage

The `Instance CPU Usage` table shows the average value (AVG), maximum value (MAX), and minimum value (MIN) of the CPU usage of each TiDB/PD/TiKV process. The maximum CPU usage of the process is `100% * the number of CPU logical cores`.

INSTANCE	JOB	AVG	MAX	MIN
172.16.5.40:10089	tidb	1891%	1906%	1878%
172.16.5.40:22151	tikv	517%	571%	459%
172.16.5.40:20151	tikv	498%	562%	444%
172.16.5.40:23151	tikv	352%	399%	311%
172.16.5.40:24799	pd	39%	45%	36%

Figure 261: Instance CPU Usage report

Instance Memory Usage

The `Instance Memory Usage` table shows the average value (AVG), maximum value (MAX), and minimum value (MIN) of memory bytes occupied by each TiDB/PD/TiKV process.

INSTANCE	JOB	AVG	MAX	MIN
172.16.5.40:20151	tikv	9.562 GB	9.605 GB	9.523 GB
172.16.5.40:23151	tikv	9.528 GB	9.574 GB	9.496 GB
172.16.5.40:22151	tikv	9.433 GB	9.498 GB	9.345 GB
172.16.5.40:10089	tidb	904.500 MB	911.660 MB	894.336 MB
172.16.5.40:24799	pd	61.089 MB	61.270 MB	60.980 MB

Figure 262: Instance memory usage report

TiKV Thread CPU Usage

The `TiKV Thread CPU Usage` table shows the average value (AVG), maximum value (MAX) and minimum value (MIN) of CPU usage of each module thread in TiKV. The maximum CPU usage of the process is `100% * the thread count of the corresponding configuration`.

TiKV Thread CPU Usage

METRIC_NAME	INSTANCE	AVG	MAX	MIN	CONFIG_KEY	CURRENT_CONFIG_VALUE
grpc expand		14.83%	16%	12.96%		
schedule worker fold		8.76%	9.47%	7.56%		
|-- sched_worker	10.0.1.12:20180	8.76%	9.47%	7.56%	storage.scheduler-worker-pool-size	4
storage read pool expand		3.24%	3.64%	2.67%		
storage read pool normal expand		3.22%	3.64%	2.67%		
Async apply fold		3.14%	3.4%	2.71%		
|-- Async apply	10.0.1.12:20180	3.14%	3.4%	2.71%	raftstore.apply-pool-size	2
raftstore expand		2.7%	2.93%	2.38%		
rocksdb expand		0.54%	2.13%	0%		
unified read pool expand		0.45%	4.24%	0%		
split_check expand		0.26%	0.84%	0%		
gc expand		0.04%	0.4%	0%		
storage read pool high expand		0.02%	0.04%	0%		
snapshot expand		0.004%	0.02%	0%		
cop normal						
cop high						
cop low						
storage read pool low expand		0%	0%	0%		
cop						

Figure 263: TiKV Thread CPU Usage report

In the table above,

- `CONFIG_KEY`: The relevant thread configuration of the corresponding module.
- `CURRENT_CONFIG_VALUE`: The current value of the configuration when the report is generated.

Note:

`CURRENT_CONFIG_VALUE` is the value when the report is generated, not the value within the time range of this report. Currently, some configuration values of historical time cannot be obtained.

`TiDB/PD Goroutines Count`

The `TiDB/PD Goroutines Count` table shows the average value (AVG), maximum value (MAX), and minimum value (MIN) of the number of TiDB or PD goroutines. If the number of goroutines exceeds 2,000, the concurrency of the process is too high, which affects the overall request latency.

INSTANCE	JOB	AVG	MAX	MIN
172.16.5.40:10089	tidb	1434.33	1473	1394
172.16.5.40:24799	pd	157	157	157

Figure 264: TiDB/PD goroutines count report

Overview information

Time Consumed by Each Component

The `Time Consumed by Each Component` table shows the monitored consumed time and the time ratio of TiDB, PD, TiKV modules in the cluster. The default time unit is seconds. You can use this table to quickly locate which modules consume more time.

METRIC_NAME	LABEL	TIME_RATIO	TOTAL_TIME	TOTAL_COUNT	P999	P99	P90	P80
tidb_query expand		1	23223.86	459625	63.54	45.55	0.1	0.06
tidb_get_token expand		0.000001	0.03	458888	0.00004	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001
tidb_parse expand		0.00001	0.29	4603	0.0006	0.0004	0.0002	0.0001
tidb_compile expand		0.0008	17.82	463488	0.001	0.0009	0.0003	0.0002
tidb_execute expand		1	23237.39	463491	90.81	0.35	0.1	0.08
tidb_distsql_execution expand		0.0002	4.53	1064	0.13	0.1	0.02	0.01
tidb_cop expand		0.0005	12.39	1075	2.03	1.84	0.02	0.01
Transaction expand		1	23158.73	460023	8.16	7.91	5.38	0.06
tidb_transaction_local_latch_wait		0	0	0				
tidb_kv_backoff expand		0.00003	0.58	291	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002
KV request expand		1.65	38325.58	2300949	2.03	1.84	0.04	0.03
Slow query expand		0.01	323.65	280	65.5	65.21	62.26	58.98
tidb_slow_query_cop_process		0	0	280	0.001	0.001	0.0009	0.0008
tidb_slow_query_cop_wait		0	0	280	0.001	0.001	0.0009	0.0008
DDL job		0	0	0				
tidb_ddl_worker		0	0	0				
tidb_ddl_update_self_version		0	0	0				
tidb_owner_handle_syncer		0	0	0				
Batch add index								
tidb_ddl_deploy_syncer		0	0	0				
Schema load expand		0.000008	0.19	27	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05
TiDB meta operation expand		0.0001	3.21	1200	0.13	0.1	0.01	0.005
TiDB auto id request		0	0	0				
TiDB auto analyze expand		0.003	78.35	1	81.88	81.51	77.82	73.73
TiDB GC expand		0.000000001	0.00002	3	1	0.99	0.9	0.8
tidb_gc_push_task		0	0	0				
tidb_batch_client_unavailable		0	0	0				
tidb_batch_client_wait		0	0	0				
pd_tso_rpc expand		0.005	123.45	108540	0.02	0.008	0.003	0.002
pd_tso_wait expand		0.07	1662.29	920545	0.03	0.01	0.004	0.003
PD client cmd expand		0.15	3370.87	2761712	0.03	0.01	0.004	0.003
pd_client_request_rpc expand		0.005	123.45	108540	0.02	0.008	0.003	0.002
pd_grpc_completed_commands expand		0.00005	1.24	5255	0.01	0.01	0.006	0.005
pd_operator_finish								
pd_operator_step_finish								
Etcd transactions expand		0.000008	0.17	207	0.008	0.008	0.006	0.002
pd_region_heartbeat expand		0.00006	1.33	195	0	0	0	0
etcd_wal_fsync expand		0.00001	0.33	288	0.02	0.01	0.006	0.004
pd_peer_round_trip								

Figure 265: Time Consume report

The fields in columns of the table above are described as follows:

- `METRIC_NAME`: The name of the monitoring metric.
- `Label`: The label information for the monitoring metric. Click **expand** to view more detailed monitoring information of each label for a metric.
- `TIME_RATIO`: The ratio of the total time consumed by this monitoring metric to the total time of the monitoring row where `TIME_RATIO` is `1`. For example, the total

consumed time by `kv_request` is `1.65` (namely, `38325.58/23223.86`) times that of `tidb_query`. Because KV requests are executed concurrently, the total time of all KV requests might exceed the total query (`tidb_query`) execution time.

- `TOTAL_TIME`: The total time consumed by this monitoring metric.
- `TOTAL_COUNT`: The total number of times this monitoring metric is executed.
- `P999`: The maximum P999 time of this monitoring metric.
- `P99`: The maximum P99 time of this monitoring metric.
- `P90`: The maximum P90 time of this monitoring metric.
- `P80`: The maximum P80 time of this monitoring metric.

The following image shows the relationship of time consumption of the related modules in the monitoring metrics above.

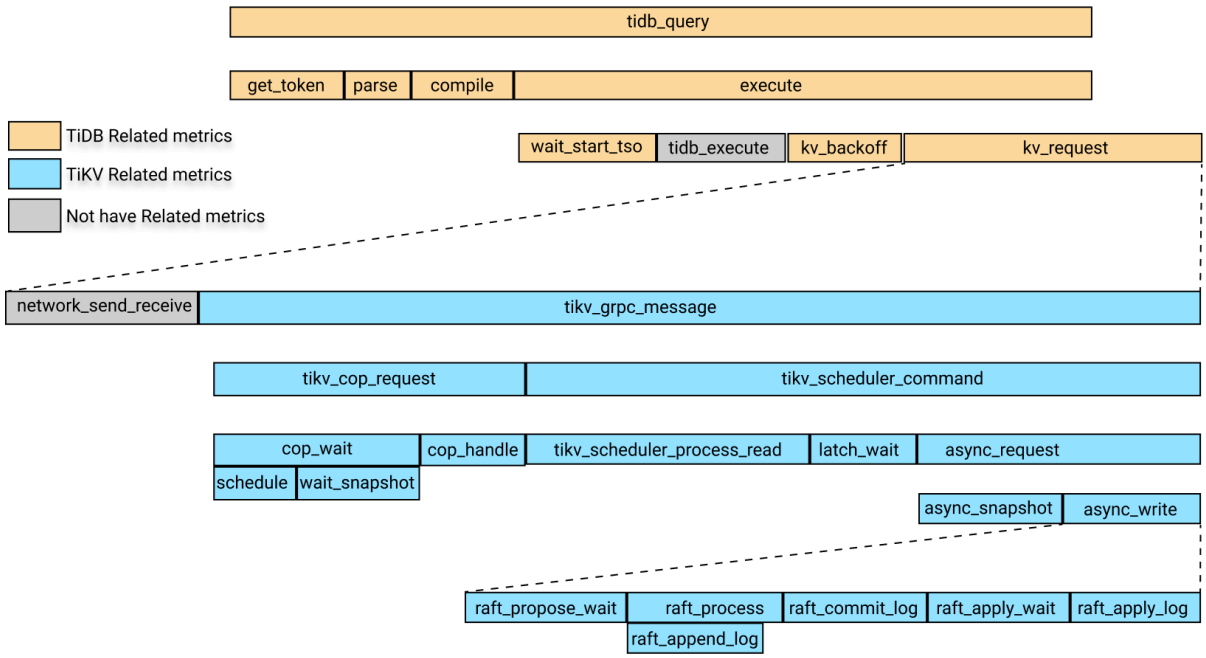


Figure 266: Time-consumption relationship of each module

In the image above, yellow boxes are the TiDB-related monitoring metrics.Blue boxes are TiKV-related monitoring metrics, and gray boxes temporarily do not correspond to specific monitoring metrics.

In the image above, the time consumption of `tidb_query` includes the following four parts:

- `get_token`
- `parse`
- `compile`

- `execute`

The `execute` time includes the following parts:

- `wait_start_tso`
- The execution time at the TiDB layer, which is currently not monitored
- KV request time
- `KV_backoff` time, which is the time for backoff after the KV request fails

Among the parts above, the KV request time includes the following parts:

- The time consumed by the network sending and receiving of requests. Currently, there is no monitoring metric for this item. You can subtract the time of `tikv_grpc_message` from the KV request time to roughly estimate this item.
- `tikv_grpc_message` time consumption.

Among the parts above, `tikv_grpc_message` time consumption includes the following parts:

- Coprocessor request time consumption, which refers to processing the COP type requests. This time consumption includes the following parts:
  - `tikv_cop_wait`: The time consumed by request queue.
  - `Coprocessor handle`: The time consumed to process Coprocessor requests.
- `tikv_scheduler_command` time consumption, which includes the following parts:
  - `tikv_scheduler_processing_read`: The time consumed to process read requests.
  - The time consumed to get snapshot in `tikv_storage_async_request` (snapshot is the label for this monitoring metric).
  - Time consumed to process write requests. This time consumption includes the following parts:
    - `tikv_scheduler_latch_wait`: The time consumed to wait for latch.
    - The time consumption of writes in `tikv_storage_async_request` (write is the label for this monitoring metric).

Among the above metrics, The time consumption of writes in `tikv_storage_async_request` refers to the time consumption of writing Raft KVs, including the following parts:

- `tikv_raft_propose_wait`
- `tikv_raft_process`, which mainly includes `tikv_raft_append_log`
- `tikv_raft_commit_log`

- `tikv_raft_apply_wait`
- `tikv_raft_apply_log`

You can use `TOTAL_TIME`, the P999 time, and the P99 time to determine which modules consume longer time according to the relationship between the time consumptions described above, and then look at the related monitoring metrics.

> **Note:**
>
> Because the Raft KVs writes might be processed in one batch, using `TOTAL_TIME` to measure the time consumed by each module is inapplicable to monitoring metrics related to Raft KV writes, specifically, `tikv_raft_process`, `tikv_raft_append_log`, `tikv_raft_commit_log`, `tikv_raft_apply_wait`, and `tikv_raft_apply_log`. In this situation, it is more reasonable to compare the time consumption of each module with the time of P999 and P99.
>
> The reason is that if there are 10 asynchronous write requests, Raft KVs internally pack 10 requests into a batch execution, and the execution time is 1 second. Therefore, the execution time of each request is 1 second, and the total time of 10 requests is 10 seconds, but the total time for Raft KV processing is 1 second. If you use `TOTAL_TIME` to measure the consumed time, you might not understand where the remaining 9 seconds are spent. You can also see the difference between the monitoring metric of Raft KV and other previous monitoring metrics from the total number of requests (`TOTAL_COUNT`).

Errors Occurred in Each Component

The `Errors Occurred in Each Component` table shows the total number of errors in TiDB and TiKV, such as the failure to write binlog, `tikv server is busy`, `TiKV channel full`, `tikv write stall`. You can see the row comments for the specific meaning of each error.

METRIC_NAME	LABEL	TOTAL_COUNT
tidb_binlog_error_total_count		0
tidb_handshake_error_total_count		0
tidb_transaction_retry_error_total_count		
tidb_kv_region_error_total_count expand		903
tidb_schema_lease_error_total_count		0
tikv_grpc_error_total_count		0
tikv_critical_error_total_count		
tikv_scheduler_is_busy_total_count		
tikv_channel_full_total_count		
tikv_coprocessor_request_error_total_count expand		1
tikv_engine_write_stall		0
tikv_server_report_failures_total_count expand		1396
tikv_storage_async_request_error expand		1176
tikv_lock_manager_detect_error_total_count		
tikv_backup_errors_total_count		
node_network_in_errors_total_count		0
node_network_out_errors_total_count		0

Figure 267: Errors Occurred in Each Component report

Specific TiDB/PD/TiKV monitoring information

This part includes more specific monitoring information of TiDB, PD, or TiKV.

TiDB-related monitoring information

Time Consumed by TiDB Component

This table shows the time consumed by each TiDB module and the ratio of each time consumption, which is similar to the `time consume` table in the overview, but the label information of this table are more detailed.

TiDB Server Connections

This table shows the number of client connections for each TiDB instance.

TiDB Transaction

This table shows transaction-related monitoring metrics.

METRIC_NAME	LABEL	TOTAL_VALUE	TOTAL_COUNT	P999	P99	P90	P80
tidb_transaction_retry_num		0	0	0	0	0	0
tidb_transaction_statement_num expand		6854588	6852371	4	4	3	2
tidb_txn_region_num expand		1070770	706887	3	2	2	2
tidb_txn_kv_write_num expand		513386	181312	234	2	2	2
tidb_txn_kv_write_size expand		266.772 MB	181296	116.913 KB	1.996 KB	1.905 KB	1.805 KB
tidb_load_safepoint_total_num expand		16					
tidb_lock_resolver_total_num expand		420514					

Figure 268: Transaction report

- `TOTAL_VALUE`: The sum of all values (SUM) during the report time range.
- `TOTAL_COUNT`: The total number of occurrences of this monitoring metric.
- `P999`: The maximum P999 value of this monitoring metric.
- `P99`: The maximum P99 value of this monitoring metric.
- `P90`: The maximum P90 value of this monitoring metric.
- `P80`: The maximum P80 value of this monitoring metric.

Example:

In the table above, within the report time range, `tidb_txn_kv_write_size`: a total of about 181,296 transactions of KV writes, and the total KV write size is 266.772 MB, of which the maximum P999, P99, P90, P80 values for a single transaction of KV writes are 116.913 KB, 1.996 KB, 1.905 KB, and 1.805 KB.

DDL Owner

MIN_TIME	DDL OWNER
2020-05-21 14:40:00	10.0.1.13:10080

Figure 269: TiDB DDL Owner Report

The table above shows that from `2020-05-21 14:40:00`, the cluster's `DDL OWNER` is at the `10.0.1.13:10080` node. If the owner changes, multiple rows of data exist in the table above, where the `Min_Time` column indicates the minimum time of the corresponding known owner.

> **Note:**
>
> If the owner information is empty, it does not mean that no owner exists in this period of time. Because in this situation, the DDL owner is determined based on the monitoring information of `ddl_worker`, it might be that `ddl_worker` has not done any DDL job in this period of time, causing the owner information to be empty.

Other monitoring tables in TiDB are as follows:

- Statistics Info: Shows related monitoring metrics of TiDB statistical information.
- Top 10 Slow Query: Shows the Top 10 slow query information in the report time range.
- Top 10 Slow Query Group By Digest: Shows the Top 10 slow query information in the report time range, which is aggregated according to the SQL fingerprint.

- Slow Query With Diff Plan: The SQL statement whose execution plan changes within the report time range.

PD related monitoring information

The tables related to the monitoring information of PD modules are as follows:

- `Time Consumed by PD Component`: The time consumed by the monitoring metrics of related modules in PD.
- `Blance Leader/Region`: The monitoring information of `balance-region` and `balance leader` occurred in the cluster within the report time range, such as the number of leaders that are scheduled out from `tikv_note_1` or the number of leaders that are scheduled in.
- `Cluster Status`: The cluster status information, including total number of TiKV nodes, total cluster storage capacity, the number of Regions, and the number of offline TiKV nodes.
- `Store Status`: Record the status information of each TiKV node, including Region score, leader score, and the number of Regions/leaders.
- `Etcd Status`: etcd related information in PD.

TiKV related monitoring information

The tables related to the monitoring information of TiKV modules are as follows:

- `Time Consumed by TiKV Component`: The time consumed by related modules in TiKV.
- `Time Consumed by RocksDB`: The time consumed by RocksDB in TiKV.
- `TiKV Error`: The error information related to each module in TiKV.
- `TiKV Engine Size`: The size of stored data of column families on each node in TiKV.
- `Coprocessor Info`: Monitoring information related to the Coprocessor module in TiKV.
- `Raft Info`: Monitoring information of the Raft module in TiKV.
- `Snapshot Info`: Snapshot related monitoring information in TiKV.
- `GC Info`: Garbage Collection (GC) related monitoring information in TiKV.
- `Cache Hit`: The hit rate information of each cache of RocksDB in TiKV.

Configuration information

In the configuration information, the configuration values of some modules are shown within the report time range. But the historical values of some other configurations of these modules cannot be obtained, so the shown values of these configurations are the current (when the report is generated) values .

Within the report time range, the following tables include items whose values are configured at the start time of the report time range:

- `Scheduler Initial Config`: The initial value of PD scheduling-related configuration at the report's start time.
- `TiDB GC Initial Config`: The initial value of TiDB GC related-configuration at the report's start time
- `TiKV RocksDB Initial Config`: The initial value of TiKV RocksDB-related configuration at the report's start time
- `TiKV RaftStore Initial Config`: The initial value of TiKV RaftStore-related configuration at the report's start time

Within the report time range, if some configurations have been modified, the following tables include records of some configurations that have been modified:

- `Scheduler Config Change History`
- `TiDB GC Config Change History`
- `TiKV RocksDB Config Change History`
- `TiKV RaftStore Config Change History`

Example:

APPROXIMATE_CHANGE_TIME	CONFIG_ITEM	VALUE
2020-05-22T20:00:00+08:00	leader-schedule-limit	4
2020-05-22T20:07:00+08:00	leader-schedule-limit	8

Figure 270: Scheduler Config Change History report

The table above shows that the `leader-schedule-limit` configuration parameter has been modified within the report time range:

- `2020-05-22T20:00:00+08:00`: At the start time of the report, the configuration value of `leader-schedule-limit` is `4`, which does not mean that the configuration has been modified, but that at the start time in the report time range, its configuration value is `4`.
- `2020-05-22T20:07:00+08:00`: The `leader-schedule-limit` configuration value is `8` ↪ , which indicates that the value of this configuration has been modified around `2020-05-22T20:07:00+08:00`.

The following tables show the current configuration of TiDB, PD, and TiKV at the time when the report is generated:

- `TiDB's Current Config`
- `PD's Current Config`
- `TiKV's Current Config`

9.5.11.2.2 Comparison report

You can generate a comparison report for two time ranges. The report content is the same as the report for a single time range, except that a comparison column is added to show the difference between the two time ranges. The following sections introduce some unique tables in the comparison report and how to view the comparison report.

First, the `Compare Report Time Range` report in the basic information shows the two time ranges for comparison:

Compare Report Time Range

T1.START_TIME	T1.END_TIME	T2.START_TIME	T2.END_TIME
2020-05-21 06:30:00	2020-05-21 06:35:00	2020-05-21 06:40:00	2020-05-21 06:45:00

Figure 271: Compare Report Time Range report

In the table above, `t1` is the normal time range, or the reference time range. `t2` is the abnormal time range.

Tables related to slow queries are shown as follows:

- `Slow Queries In Time Range t2`: Shows slow queries that only appear in `t2` but not during `t1`.
- `Top 10 slow query in time range t1`: The Top 10 slow queries during `t1`.
- `Top 10 slow query in time range t2`: The Top 10 slow queries during `t2`.

DIFF_RATIO introduction

This section introduces `DIFF_RATIO` using the `Instance CPU Usage` table as an example.

Instance CPU Usage

INSTANCE	JOB	t1.AVG	t1.MAX	t1.MIN	t2.AVG	t2.MAX	t2.MIN	AVG_DIFF_RATIO	MAX_DIFF_RATIO	MIN_DIFF_RATIO
172.16.5.40:10089	tidb	410%	410%	410%	1240%	1240%	1240%	2.02	2.02	2.02
172.16.5.40:20151	tikv	221%	221%	221%	617%	617%	617%	1.79	1.79	1.79
172.16.5.40:20379	pd	82%	82%	82%	78%	78%	78%	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05

Figure 272: Compare Instance CPU Usage report

- `t1.AVG`, `t1.MAX`, `t1.Min` are the average value, maximum value, and minimum value of CPU usage in the `t1`.
- `t2.AVG`, `t2.MAX`, and `t2.Min` are the average value, maximum value, and minimum value of CPU usage during `t2`.
- `AVG_DIFF_RATIO` is `DIFF_RATIO` of the average values during `t1` and `t2`.
- `MAX_DIFF_RATIO` is `DIFF_RATIO` of the maximum values during `t1` and `t2`.
- `MIN_DIFF_RATIO` is `DIFF_RATIO` of the minimum values during `t1` and `t2`.

`DIFF_RATIO`: Indicates the difference value between the two time ranges. It has the following values:

- If the monitoring metric has a value only within `t2` and has no value within `t1`, the value of `DIFF_RATIO` is `1`.
- If the monitoring metric has a value only within `t1`, and has no value within `t2` time range, the value of `DIFF_RATIO` is `-1`.
- If the value of `t2` is greater than that of `t1`, then `DIFF_RATIO = (t2.value / t1.value)-1`
- If the value of `t2` is smaller than that of `t1`, then `DIFF_RATIO = 1-(t1.value / t2.value)`

For example, in the table above, the average CPU usage of the `tidb` node in `t2` is 2.02 times higher than that in `t1`, which is `2.02 = 1240/410-1`.

Maximum Different Item table

The `Maximum Different Item` table compares the monitoring metrics of two time ranges, and sorts them according to the difference of the monitoring metrics. Using this table, you can quickly find out which monitoring metric has the biggest difference in the two time ranges. See the following example:

Maximum Different Item

The maximum different metrics between two time ranges.

TABLE	METRIC_NAME	LABEL	MAX_DIFF	t1.VALUE	t2.VALUE	VALUE_TYPE
TiKV, coprocessor_info Expand	TiKV Coprocessor scan	172.16.5.40:20151,select,get,lock	28916.85	61.33	1773532	TOTAL_VALUE
TiDB, statistics_info	store_query_feedback_total_count	172.16.5.40:10089,ok	7219.00		7219	TOTAL_COUNT
overview, total_time_consume	tidb_parse	general	1201.00		1201	TOTAL_COUNT
TiDB, tidb_time_consume	tidb_slow_query_cop_wait	172.16.5.40:10089	800.00		800	TOTAL_COUNT
overview, total_time_consume	tidb_slow_query_cop_process	172.16.5.40:10089	800.00		800	TOTAL_COUNT
overview, total_time_consume	Slow query	172.16.5.40:10089	799.00	1	800	TOTAL_COUNT
TiKV, coprocessor_info	TiKV Coprocessor response	172.16.5.40:20151	534.43	15.822 MB	8.273 GB	TOTAL_VALUE
overview, total_time_consume	tidb_distsql_execution	dag	470.06	0.68	320.32	TOTAL_TIME
load, tikv_thread_cpu_usage	unified read pool	172.16.5.40:20151	412.29	0.07%	28.93%	MIN
TiKV, coprocessor_info Expand	TiKV Coprocessor scan keys	172.16.5.40:20151,select	198.39	1067055.38	212755381.33	TOTAL_VALUE
overview, total_time_consume Expand	tidb_ddl_worker	drop view	139.00		139	TOTAL_COUNT
overview, total_error Expand	tikv_storage_async_request_error	snapshot	89.00		89	TOTAL_COUNT
overview, total_time_consume Expand	Coprocessor handling request	index	78.99	0.67	53.59	TOTAL_TIME
overview, total_time_consume	tidb_cop	172.16.5.40:10089	75.11	5.93	451.31	TOTAL_TIME
overview, total_time_consume	KV request	Cop	75.10	5.93	451.26	TOTAL_TIME
overview, total_time_consume Expand	Coprocessor request	select	73.12	4.73	350.6	TOTAL_TIME
PD, pd_time_consume Expand	pd_region_heartbeat	172.16.5.40:20150,1	-73.00	73		TOTAL_COUNT
overview, total_time_consume Expand	tikv_grpc_messge	coprocessor	71.75	5.56	404.49	TOTAL_TIME
TiDB, tidb_time_consume	tidb_ddl_update_self_version	172.16.5.40:10089,ok	71.00		71	TOTAL_COUNT
overview, total_time_consume Expand	TiDB meta operation	update_ddl_job	71.00		71	TOTAL_COUNT
overview, total_time_consume Expand	tidb_owner_handle_syncer	update_global_version	71.00		71	TOTAL_COUNT
TiDB, tidb_time_consume Expand	tidb_query	172.16.5.40:10089,internal	-62.84	15.96	0.25	P999
TiKV, scheduler_info Expand	Scheduler stage	172.16.5.40:20151,scan_lock,snapshot_ok	55.45		55.45	TOTAL_VALUE
overview, total_time_consume Expand	tikv_grpc_messge	kv_scan_lock	55.00		55	TOTAL_COUNT
TiKV, tikv_time_consume Expand	tikv_scheduler_command	172.16.5.40:20151,scan_lock	55.00		55	TOTAL_COUNT
overview, total_time_consume Expand	PD client cmd	get_region	44.00		44	TOTAL_COUNT
overview, total_time_consume Expand	tikv_cop_wait	select	39.40	171	6908	TOTAL_COUNT
TiDB, tidb_time_consume	Schema load	172.16.5.40:10089	37.50	0.02	0.77	TOTAL_TIME
overview, total_time_consume	Schema load	172.16.5.40:10089	30.25	0.008	0.25	P999

Figure 273: Maximum Different Item table

- `Table`: Indicates this monitoring metric comes from which table in the comparison report. For example, `TiKV, coprocessor_info` indicates the `coprocessor_info` table in the TiKV component.
- `METRIC_NAME`: The monitoring metric name. Click `expand` to view the comparison of different labels of metrics.
- `LABEL`: The label corresponding to the monitoring metric. For example, the monitoring metric of `TiKV Coprocessor scan` has 2 labels, namely `instance`, `req`, `tag`, `sql_type` ↪ , which are the TiKV address, request type, operation type and operation column family.
- `MAX_DIFF`: Difference value, which is the `DIFF_RATIO` calculation of `t1.VALUE` and

`t2.VALUE`.

From the table above, you can see the `t2` time range has much more Coprocessor requests than the `t1` time range, and the SQL parsing time of TiDB in `t2` is much longer.

9.5.11.3 Locate Problems Using Diagnostic Report of TiDB Dashboard

This document introduces how to locate problems using diagnostic report of TiDB Dashboard.

9.5.11.3.1 Comparison diagnostics

This section demonstrates how to use the comparison diagnostic feature to diagnose QPS jitter or latency increase caused by large queries or writes.

Example 1

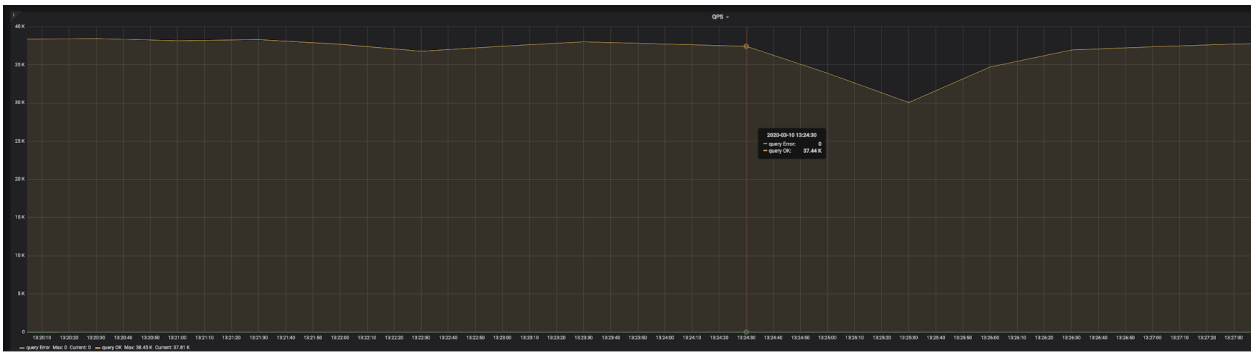


Figure 274: QPS example

The result of a `go-ycsb` pressure test is shown in the image above. You can see that at `2020-03-10 13:24:30`, QPS suddenly began to decrease. After 3 minutes, QPS began to return to normal. You can use diagnostic report of TiDB Dashboard to find out the cause.

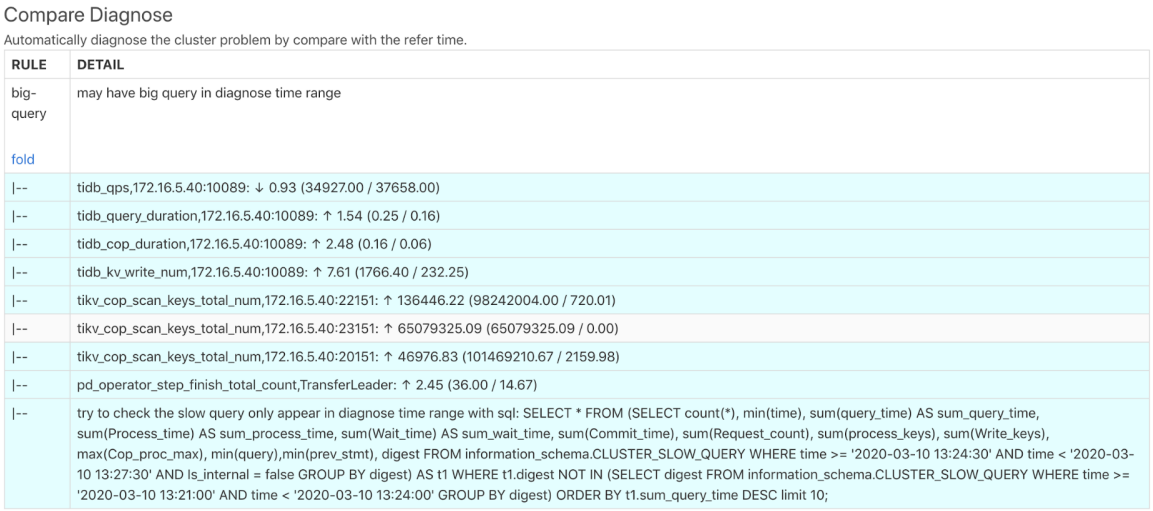
Generate a report that compares the system in the following two time ranges:

T1: `2020-03-10 13:21:00` to `2020-03-10 13:23:00`. In this range, the system is normal, which is called a reference range.

T2: `2020-03-10 13:24:30` to `2020-03-10 13:27:30`. In this range, QPS began to decrease.

Because the impact range of jitter is 3 minutes, the two time ranges above are both 3 minutes. Because some monitored average values are used for comparison during diagnostics, too long a range will cause the difference of average values to be insignificant, and then the problem cannot be accurately located.

After the report is generated, you can view this report on the **Compare Diagnose** page.



Compare Diagnose

Automatically diagnose the cluster problem by compare with the refer time.

RULE	DETAIL
big-query fold	may have big query in diagnose time range
|--	tidb_qps,172.16.5.40:10089: ↓ 0.93 (34927.00 / 37658.00)
|--	tidb_query_duration,172.16.5.40:10089: ↑ 1.54 (0.25 / 0.16)
|--	tidb_cop_duration,172.16.5.40:10089: ↑ 2.48 (0.16 / 0.06)
|--	tidb_kv_write_num,172.16.5.40:10089: ↑ 7.61 (1766.40 / 232.25)
|--	tikv_cop_scan_keys_total_num,172.16.5.40:22151: ↑ 136446.22 (98242004.00 / 720.01)
|--	tikv_cop_scan_keys_total_num,172.16.5.40:23151: ↑ 65079325.09 (65079325.09 / 0.00)
|--	tikv_cop_scan_keys_total_num,172.16.5.40:20151: ↑ 46976.83 (101469210.67 / 2159.98)
|--	pd_operator_step_finish_total_count,TransferLeader: ↑ 2.45 (36.00 / 14.67)
|--	try to check the slow query only appear in diagnose time range with sql: SELECT * FROM (SELECT count(*), min(time), sum(query_time) AS sum_query_time, sum(Process_time) AS sum_process_time, sum(Wait_time) AS sum_wait_time, sum(Commit_time), sum(Request_count), sum(process_keys), sum(Write_keys), max(Cop_proc_max), min(query),min(prev_stmt), digest FROM information_schema.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY WHERE time >= '2020-03-10 13:24:30' AND time < '2020-03-10 13:27:30' AND Is_internal = false GROUP BY digest) AS t1 WHERE t1.digest NOT IN (SELECT digest FROM information_schema.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY WHERE time >= '2020-03-10 13:21:00' AND time < '2020-03-10 13:24:00' GROUP BY digest) ORDER BY t1.sum_query_time DESC limit 10;

Figure 275: Comparison diagnostics

The diagnostic results above show that big queries might exist during the diagnostic time. Each **DETAIL** in the report above is described as follows:

- `tidb_qps`: QPS decreased by 0.93 times.
- `tidb_query_duration`: P999 query latency increased by 1.54 times.
- `tidb_cop_duration`: The processing latency of P999 coprocessor requests increased by 2.48 times.
- `tidb_kv_write_num`: The number written KVs in the P999 TiDB transaction increased by 7.61 times.
- `tikv_cop_scan_keys_total_nun`: The number of keys/values scanned by the TiKV Coprocessor has greatly improved on 3 TiKV instances.
- In `pd_operator_step_finish_total_count`, the number of transferred leaders increases by 2.45 times, which means that the scheduling in the abnormal time range is higher than that in the normal time range.
- The report indicates that there might be slow queries and indicates that you can use SQL statements to query slow queries. The execution result of the SQL statements are as follows:

```
SELECT * FROM (SELECT count(*), min(time), sum(query_time) AS sum_query_
    ↪ time, sum(Process_time) AS sum_process_time, sum(Wait_time) AS sum_
    ↪ wait_time, sum(Commit_time), sum(Request_count), sum(process_keys),
    ↪ sum(Write_keys), max(Cop_proc_max), min(query),min(prev_stmt), digest
    ↪  FROM information_schema.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY WHERE time >= '2020-03-10
    ↪  13:24:30' AND time < '2020-03-10 13:27:30' AND Is_internal = false
    ↪ GROUP BY digest) AS t1 WHERE t1.digest NOT IN (SELECT digest FROM
    ↪ information_schema.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY WHERE time >= '2020-03-10
```

```
    ↪ 13:21:00' AND time < '2020-03-10 13:24:00' GROUP BY digest) ORDER BY
    ↪ t1.sum_query_time DESC limit 10\G
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
count(*)          | 196
min(time)         | 2020-03-10 13:24:30.204326
sum_query_time    | 46.878509117
sum_process_time | 265.924
sum_wait_time     | 8.308
sum(Commit_time) | 0.926820886
sum(Request_count) | 6035
sum(process_keys) | 201453000
sum(Write_keys)  | 274500
max(Cop_proc_max) | 0.263
min(query)        | delete from test.tcs2 limit 5000;
min(prev_stmt)    |
digest            | 24
    ↪ bd6d8a9b238086c9b8c3d240ad4ef32f79ce94cf5a468c0b8fe1eb5f8d03df
```

From the result above, you can see that from `13:24:30`, there is a large write of batch deletion, which has been executed 196 times in total, each time deleting 5,000 rows of data, in a total duration of 46.8 seconds.

Example 2

If a large query has not been executed, the query is not recorded in the slow log. In this situation, this large query can still be diagnosed. See the following example:



Figure 276: QPS results

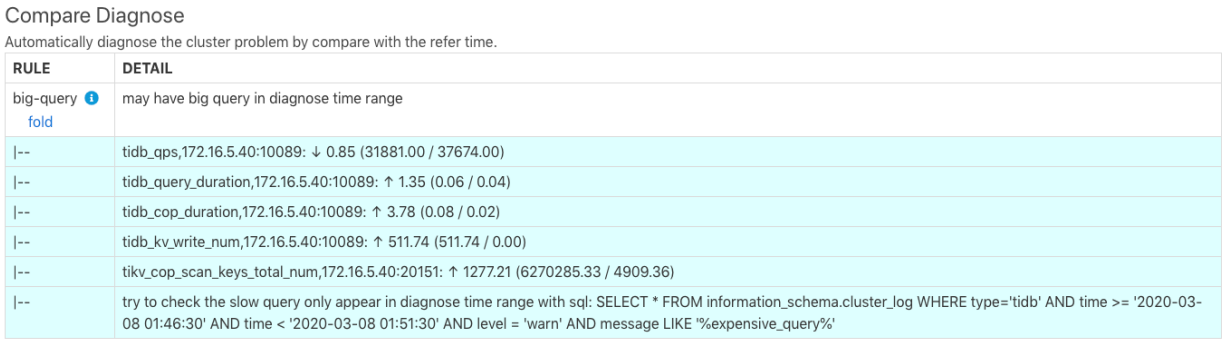
The result of another `go-ycsb` pressure test is shown in the image above. You can see that at `2020-03-08 01:46:30`, QPS suddenly began to drop and did not recover.

Generate a report that compares the system in the following two time ranges:

T1: `2020-03-08 01:36:00` to `2020-03-08 01:41:00`. In this range, the system is normal, which is called a reference range.

T2: `2020-03-08 01:46:30` to `2020-03-08 01:51:30`. In this range, QPS began to decrease.

After the report is generated, you can view this report on the **Compare Diagnose** page.



Compare Diagnose

Automatically diagnose the cluster problem by compare with the refer time.

RULE	DETAIL
big-query fold	may have big query in diagnose time range
|--	tidb_qps,172.16.5.40:10089: ↓ 0.85 (31881.00 / 37674.00)
|--	tidb_query_duration,172.16.5.40:10089: ↑ 1.35 (0.06 / 0.04)
|--	tidb_cop_duration,172.16.5.40:10089: ↑ 3.78 (0.08 / 0.02)
|--	tidb_kv_write_num,172.16.5.40:10089: ↑ 511.74 (511.74 / 0.00)
|--	tikv_cop_scan_keys_total_num,172.16.5.40:20151: ↑ 1277.21 (6270285.33 / 4909.36)
|--	try to check the slow query only appear in diagnose time range with sql: SELECT * FROM information_schema.cluster_log WHERE type='tidb' AND time >= '2020-03-08 01:46:30' AND time < '2020-03-08 01:51:30' AND level = 'warn' AND message LIKE '%expensive_query%'

Figure 277: Comparison diagnostics

The diagnostic result is similar to that of example 1. The last row of the image above indicates that there might be slow queries and indicate that you can use SQL statements to query the expensive queries in the TiDB log. The execution result of the SQL statements are as follows.

```
> SELECT * FROM information_schema.cluster_log WHERE type='tidb' AND time
    ↪ >= '2020-03-08 01:46:30' AND time < '2020-03-08 01:51:30' AND level =
    ↪  'warn' AND message LIKE '%expensive_query%'\G
TIME    | 2020/03/08 01:47:35.846
TYPE    | tidb
INSTANCE | 172.16.5.40:4009
LEVEL   | WARN
MESSAGE | [expensivequery.go:167] [expensive_query] [cost_time=60.085949605
    ↪ s] [process_time=2.52s] [wait_time=2.52s] [request_count=9] [total_
    ↪ keys=996009] [process_keys=996000] [num_cop_tasks=9] [process_avg_
    ↪ time=0.28s] [process_p90_time=0.344s] [process_max_time=0.344s] [
    ↪ process_max_addr=172.16.5.40:20150] [wait_avg_time=0.000777777s] [
    ↪ wait_p90_time=0.003s] [wait_max_time=0.003s] [wait_max_addr
    ↪ =172.16.5.40:20150] [stats=t_wide:pseudo] [conn_id=19717] [user=root]
    ↪  [database=test] [table_ids="[80,80]"] [txn_start_ts
    ↪ =415132076148785201] [mem_max="23583169 Bytes (22.490662574768066 MB)
    ↪ "] [sql="select count(*) from t_wide as t1 join t_wide as t2 where t1
    ↪ .c0>t2.c1 and t1.c2>0"]
```

The query result above shows that on this `172.16.5.40:4009` TiDB instance, at `2020/03/08 01:47:35.846` there is an expensive query that has been executed for 60

seconds, but the execution has not yet been finished. This query is a join of Cartesian products.

9.5.11.3.2 Locate problems using comparison diagnostic report

Because the diagnostics might be wrong, using a comparison report might help DBAs locate problems more quickly. See the following example.

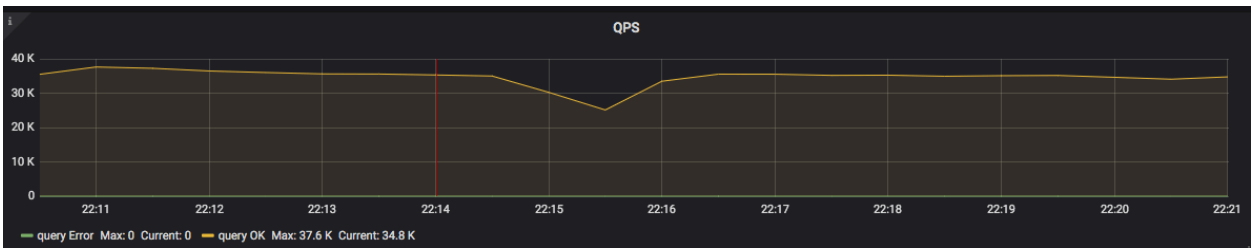


Figure 278: QPS results

The result of a `go-ycsb` pressure test is shown in the image above. You can see that at `2020-05-22 22:14:00`, QPS suddenly began to decrease. After 3 minutes, QPS began to return to normal. You can use the comparison diagnostic report of TiDB Dashboard to find out the cause.

Generate a report that compares the system in the following two time ranges:

T1: `2020-05-22 22:11:00` to `2020-05-22 22:14:00`. In this range, the system is normal, which is called a reference range.

T2: `2020-05-22 22:14:00 2020-05-22 22:17:00`. In this range, QPS began to decrease.

After generating the comparison report, check the **Max diff item** report. This report compares the monitoring items of the two time ranges above and sorts them according to the difference of the monitoring items. The result of this table is as follows:

Maximum Different Item

The maximum different metrics between two time ranges.

TABLE	METRIC_NAME	LABEL	MAX_DIFF	t1.VALUE	t2.VALUE	VALUE_TYPE
TiDB, transaction	Transaction KV write count	172.16.5.40:10089	-21616.00	43234	2	P999
TiKV, coprocessor_info Expand	TiKV Coprocessor scan	172.16.5.40:20151,select,get,lock	10499.24	64	672015.48	TOTAL_VALUE
TiKV, coprocessor_info Expand	TiKV Coprocessor scan keys	172.16.5.40:20151,select	4264.45	15431.85	65823838.67	TOTAL_VALUE
TiDB, transaction	Transaction KV write size	172.16.5.40:10089	-2702.69	5.278 MB	1.999 KB	P999
overview, total_time_consume	Coprocessor handling request	select	2132.50	0.06	128.01	TOTAL_TIME
TiKV, coprocessor_info	TiKV Coprocessor response	172.16.5.40:20151	1535.00	1.792 MB	2.688 GB	TOTAL_VALUE
TiDB, statistics_info	store_query_feedback_total_count	172.16.5.40:10089,ok	1447.00		1447	TOTAL_COUNT
TiKV, scheduler_info Expand	tikv_scheduler_keys_written	172.16.5.40:20151,commit	-860.00	861	1	P99
TiKV, tikv_time_consume	Coprocessor request	172.16.5.40:20151,select	853.87	0.15	128.23	TOTAL_TIME
load, tikv_thread_cpu_usage	unified read pool	172.16.5.40:20151	667.27	0.11%	73.51%	AVG
TiKV, tikv_time_consume	Coprocessor handling request	172.16.5.40:20151,index	444.00	0.002	0.89	P999
TiKV, tikv_time_consume Expand	tikv_grpc_messge	172.16.5.40:20151,coprocessor	419.97	0.33	138.92	TOTAL_TIME
load, node_load_info	tikv_disk_read_bytes	172.16.5.40:19110,sda	-273.41	0.267 KB	0.000 KB	MAX
overview, total_time_consume Expand	KV request	Cop	244.29	0.66	161.89	TOTAL_TIME

Figure 279: Comparison results

From the result above, you can see that the Coprocessor requests in T2 are much more than those in T1. It might be that some large queries appear in T2 that bring more load.

In fact, during the entire time range from T1 to T2, the `go-ycsb` pressure test is running. Then 20 `tpch` queries are running during T2. So it is the `tpch` queries that cause many Coprocessor requests.

If such a large query whose execution time exceeds the threshold of slow log is recorded in the slow log. You can check the `Slow Queries In Time Range t2` report to see whether there is any slow query. However, some queries in T1 might become slow queries in T2, because in T2, other loads cause their executions to slow down.

9.5.12 TiDB Dashboard Monitoring Page

On the monitoring page, you can view the Performance Overview dashboard, a performance analysis and tuning tool introduced in TiDB v6.1.0. With the Performance Overview dashboard, you can analyze performance efficiently, and confirm whether the bottleneck of user response time is in the database. If the bottleneck is in the database, you can identify the bottleneck inside the database, with database time overview, workload profile and SQL latency breakdown. For details, see Performance Analysis and Tuning.

9.5.12.1 Access the page

Log in to TiDB dashboard and click **Monitoring** from the left navigation bar. The Performance Overview dashboard is displayed.

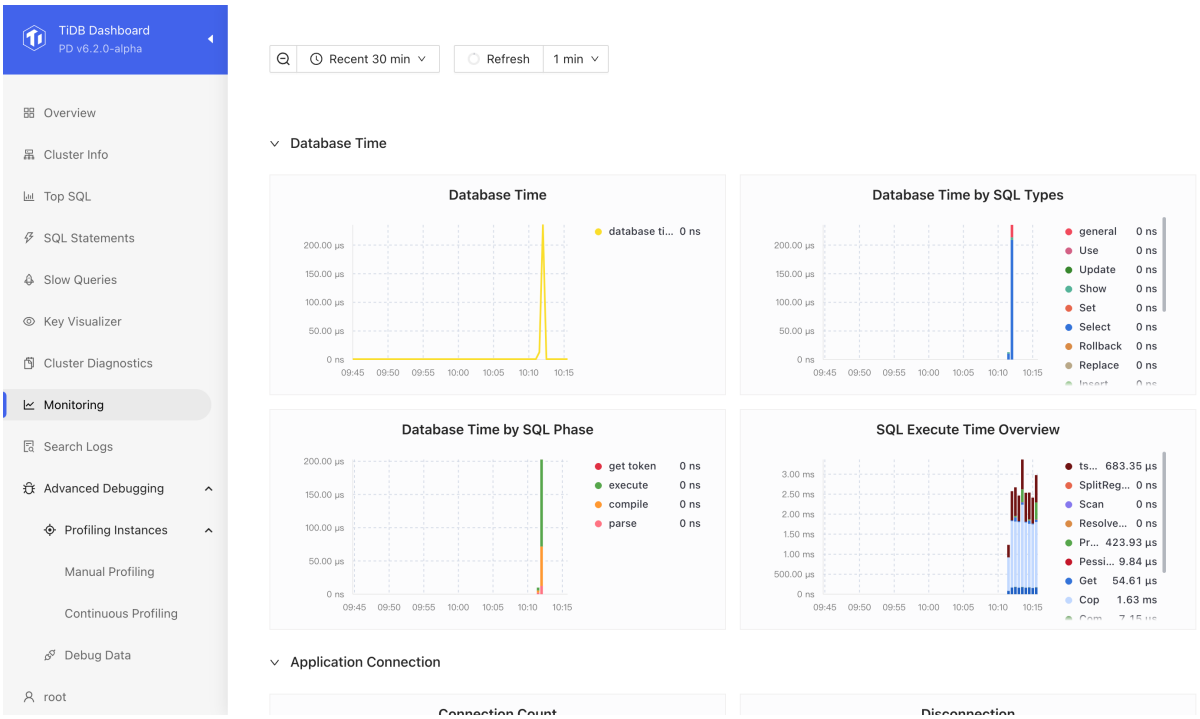


Figure 280: Monitoring page

If the TiDB cluster is deployed using TiUP, you can also view the Performance Overview dashboard on Grafana. In this deployment mode, the monitoring system (Prometheus & Grafana) is deployed at the same time. For more information, see TiDB Monitoring Framework Overview.



Figure 281: performance overview

9.5.12.2 Key Metrics on Performance Overview

The Performance Overview dashboard orchestrates the metrics of TiDB, PD, and TiKV, and presents each of them in the following sections:

- **Overview**: Database time and SQL execution time summary. By checking different colors in the overview, you can quickly identify the database workload profile and the performance bottleneck.
- **Load profile**: Key metrics and resource usage, including database QPS, connection information, the MySQL command types the application interacts with TiDB, database internal TSO and KV request OPS, and resource usage of the TiKV and TiDB.
- **Top-down latency breakdown**: Query latency versus connection idle time ratio, query latency breakdown, TSO/KV request latency during execution, breakdown of write latency within TiKV.

The following sections illustrate the metrics on the Performance Overview dashboard.

9.5.12.2.1 Database Time by SQL Type

- `database time`: Total database time per second
- `sql_type`: Database time consumed by each type of SQL statements per second

9.5.12.2.2 Database Time by SQL Phase

- `database time`: Total database time per second
- `get token/parse/compile/execute`: Database time consumed in four SQL processing phases

The SQL execution phase is in green and other phases are in red on general. If non-green areas are large, it means much database time is consumed in other phases than the execution phase and further cause analysis is required.

9.5.12.2.3 SQL Execute Time Overview

- `execute time`: Database time consumed during SQL execution per second
- `tso_wait`: Concurrent TSO waiting time per second during SQL execution
- `kv request type`: Time waiting for each KV request type per second during SQL execution. The total KV request wait time might exceed SQL execution time, because KV requests are concurrent.

Green metrics stand for common KV write requests (such as prewrite and commit), blue metrics stand for common read requests, and metrics in other colors stand for unexpected situations which you need to pay attention to. For example, pessimistic lock KV requests are marked red and TSO waiting is marked dark brown.

If non-blue or non-green areas are large, it means there is a bottleneck during SQL execution. For example:

- If serious lock conflicts occur, the red area will take a large proportion.
- If excessive time is consumed in waiting TSO, the dark brown area will take a large proportion.

9.5.12.2.4 QPS

Number of SQL statements executed per second in all TiDB instances, collected by type: such as `SELECT`, `INSERT`, and `UPDATE`

9.5.12.2.5 CPS By Type

Number of commands processed by all TiDB instances per second based on type

9.5.12.2.6 Queries Using Plan Cache OPS

Number of queries using plan cache per second in all TiDB instances

9.5.12.2.7 KV/TSO Request OPS

- kv request total: Total number of KV requests per second in all TiDB instances
- kv request by type: Number of KV requests per second in all TiDB instances based on such types as `Get`, `Prewrite`, and `Commit`
- tso - cmd: Number of gRPC requests per second that TiDB sends to PD in all TiDB instances; each gRPC request contains a batch of TSO requests
- tso - request: Number of TSO requests per second in all TiDB instances

Generally, `tso - request` divided by `tso - cmd` is the average size of TSO request batches per second.

9.5.12.2.8 Connection Count

- `total`: Number of connections to all TiDB instances
- `active connections`: Number of active connections to all TiDB instances
- Number of connections to each TiDB instance

9.5.12.2.9 TiDB CPU/Memory

- `CPU-Avg`: Average CPU utilization across all TiDB instances
- `CPU-Delta`: Maximum CPU utilization of all TiDB instances minus minimum CPU utilization of all TiDB instances
- `CPU-Max`: Maximum CPU utilization across all TiDB instances
- `CPU-Quota`: Number of CPU cores that can be used by TiDB
- `Mem-Max`: Maximum memory utilization across all TiDB instances

9.5.12.2.10 TiKV CPU/Memory

- `CPU-Avg`: Average CPU utilization across all TiKV instances
- `CPU-Delta`: Maximum CPU utilization of all TiKV instances minus minimum CPU utilization of all TiKV instances
- `CPU-Max`: Maximum CPU utilization across all TiKV instances
- `CPU-Quota`: Number of CPU cores that can be used by TiKV
- `Mem-Max`: Maximum memory utilization across all TiKV instances

9.5.12.2.11 PD CPU/Memory

- `CPU-Max`: Maximum CPU utilization across all PD instances
- `CPU-Quota`: Number of CPU cores that can be used by PD
- `Mem-Max`: Maximum memory utilization across all PD instances

9.5.12.2.12 Read Traffic

- `TiDB -> Client`: The outbound traffic statistics from TiDB to the client
- `Rocksdb -> TiKV`: The data flow that TiKV retrieves from RocksDB during read operations within the storage layer

9.5.12.2.13 Write Traffic

- `Client -> TiDB`: The inbound traffic statistics from the client to TiDB
- `TiDB -> TiKV: general`: The rate at which foreground transactions are written from TiDB to TiKV
- `TiDB -> TiKV: internal`: The rate at which internal transactions are written from TiDB to TiKV
- `TiKV -> Rocksdb`: The flow of write operations from TiKV to RocksDB
- `RocksDB Compaction`: The total read and write I/O flow generated by RocksDB compaction operations

9.5.12.2.14 Duration

- `Duration`: Execution time
    - The duration from receiving a request from the client to TiDB till TiDB executing the request and returning the result to the client. In general, client requests are sent in the form of SQL statements; however, this duration can include the execution time of commands such as `COM_PING`, `COM_SLEEP`, `COM_STMT_FETCH`, and `COM_SEND_LONG_DATA`.
    - TiDB supports Multi-Query, which means the client can send multiple SQL statements at one time, such as `select 1; select 1; select 1;`. In this case, the total execution time of this query includes the execution time of all SQL statements.
- `avg`: Average time to execute all requests
- `99`: P99 duration to execute all requests
- `avg by type`: Average time to execute all requests in all TiDB instances, collected by type: `SELECT`, `INSERT`, and `UPDATE`

9.5.12.2.15 Connection Idle Duration

Connection Idle Duration indicates the duration of a connection being idle.

- `avg-in-txn`: Average connection idle duration when the connection is within a transaction
- `avg-not-in-txn`: Average connection idle duration when the connection is not within a transaction
- `99-in-txn`: P99 connection idle duration when the connection is within a transaction
- `99-not-in-txn`: P99 connection idle duration when the connection is not within a transaction

9.5.12.2.16 Parse Duration, Compile Duration, and Execute Duration

- `Parse Duration`: Time consumed in parsing SQL statements
- `Compile Duration`: Time consumed in compiling the parsed SQL AST to execution plans
- `Execution Duration`: Time consumed in executing execution plans of SQL statements

All these three metrics include the average duration and the 99th percentile duration in all TiDB instances.

9.5.12.2.17 Avg TiDB KV Request Duration

Average time consumed in executing KV requests in all TiDB instances based on the type, including `Get`, `Prewrite`, and `Commit`.

9.5.12.2.18 Avg TiKV GRPC Duration

Average time consumed in executing gRPC requests in all TiKV instances based on the type, including `kv_get`, `kv_prewrite`, and `kv_commit`.

9.5.12.2.19 PD TSO Wait/RPC Duration

- `wait - avg`: Average time in waiting for PD to return TSO in all TiDB instances
- `rpc - avg`: Average time from sending TSO requests to PD to receiving TSO in all TiDB instances
- `wait - 99`: P99 time in waiting for PD to return TSO in all TiDB instances
- `rpc - 99`: P99 time from sending TSO requests to PD to receiving TSO in all TiDB instances

9.5.12.2.20 Storage Async Write Duration, Store Duration, and Apply Duration

- `Storage Async Write Duration`: Time consumed in asynchronous write
- `Store Duration`: Time consumed in store loop during asynchronously write
- `Apply Duration`: Time consumed in apply loop during asynchronously write

All these three metrics include the average duration and P99 duration in all TiKV instances.

Average storage async write duration = Average store duration + Average apply duration

9.5.12.2.21 Append Log Duration, Commit Log Duration, and Apply Log Duration

- `Append Log Duration`: Time consumed by Raft to append logs
- `Commit Log Duration`: Time consumed by Raft to commit logs
- `Apply Log Duration`: Time consumed by Raft to apply logs

All these three metrics include the average duration and P99 duration in all TiKV instances.

9.5.13 TiDB Dashboard Log Search Page

On the log search page of TiDB Dashboard, you can search logs of all nodes, preview the search result and download logs.

9.5.13.1 Access the page

After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, you can click **Search Logs** to enter this log search homepage.

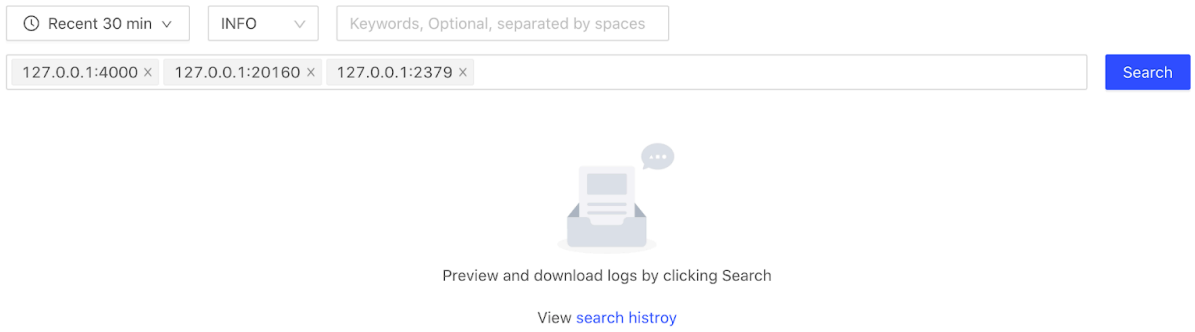


Figure 282: Log Search Page

This page provides the following search parameters:

- Time range: Specifies the time range of logs to search. The default value is the recent 30 minutes.
- Log level: Specifies the minimum log level. All logs above this log level are searched. The default value is the `INFO`.
- Keywords: The parameter is optional and its value can be any legal string. Multiple keywords are separated by a space. Regular expressions are supported (case-insensitive).
- Components: Selects the cluster components to search, which are multi-select and non-empty. By default, all components are selected.

After clicking the **Search** button, you enter the detail page of the search results.

9.5.13.2 Page of search result

The following image shows the page of the search results.



Figure 283: Search result

This page consists of the following three areas:

- Parameter options (area 1 in the image above): These options are the same as the parameter options on the search homepage. You can re-select the parameters in the boxes and start a new search.
- Progress (area 2 in the image above): The current search progress is shown on the right side of this page, including the log search status and statistics of each node.
- Search results (area 3 in the image above):
    - Time: The time at which the log is generated. The time zone is the same as the time zone of the front-end user.
    - Level: log level.
    - Component: Shows the component name and its address.
    - Log: The body part of each log record, excluding the log time and log level. Logs that are too long are automatically truncated. Click a row to expand the full content. The full log can show up to 512 characters.

Note:

At most 500 search results can be previewed on this page. You can get the complete search results by downloading them.

9.5.13.2.1 Search progress

In the search progress area, a search on a node is called a search task. A search task might have the following statuses:

- Running: After starting the search, all tasks enter the **Running** status.
- Success: After the task is completed, it automatically enters the **Success** status. At this time, the logs have been cached in the local disk where the Dashboard backend is located, and can be provided to the frontend to download.
- Failed: When you cancel the search task, or the task exits with an error, the task enters the **Failed** status. When the task fails, the local temporary files are automatically cleaned.

The search progress area has the following three control buttons:

- **Download Selected**: Click this button to download logs of the selected components (only the completed ones can be selected), and you will get a tar file. Unzip this tar file to get one or more zip files (each component corresponds to a zip file). Unzip the zip file(s) to get the log text file.
- **Cancel**: Click this button to cancel all running tasks. You can click this button only when there are running tasks.
- **Retry**: Click this button to retry all failed tasks. You can click this button only when there are failed tasks and no running tasks.

9.5.13.3 Search history list

Click the **View search history** link on the log search homepage to enter page of search history list:

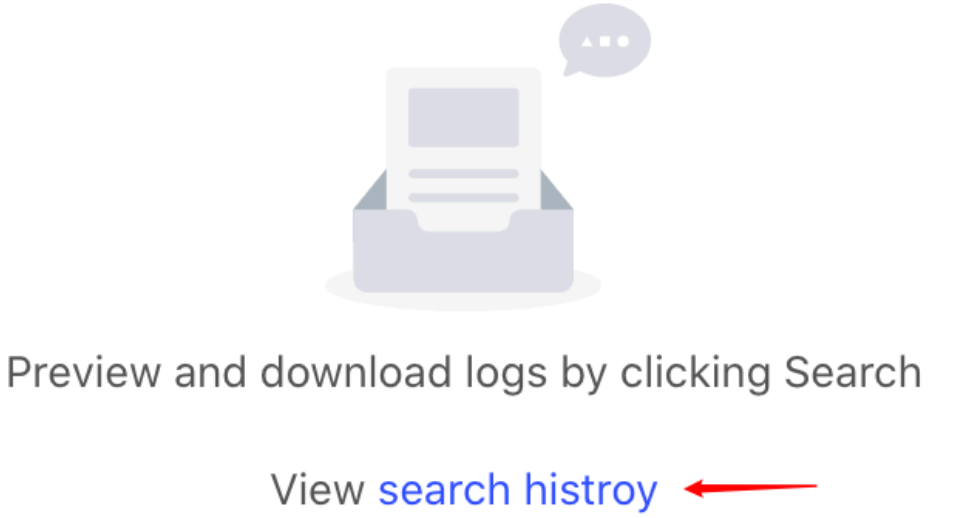


Figure 284: Search history entry

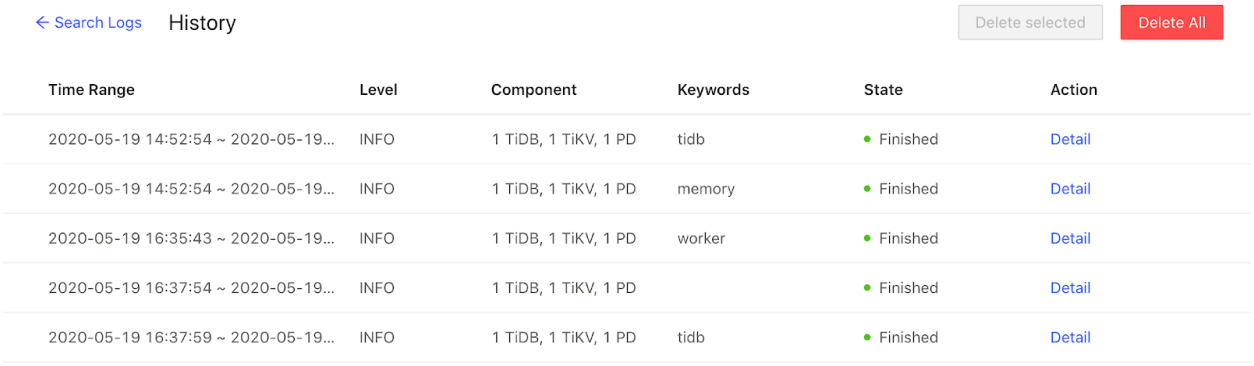


Figure 285: Search history list

The history list shows the time range, log level, components, keywords, and search status of each search log. Click the **Detail** link in the **Action** column to see the search result details:

You can delete the search history that you no longer need. Click **Delete All** in the upper right corner, or select the rows to be deleted and then click **Delete selected** to delete the history:

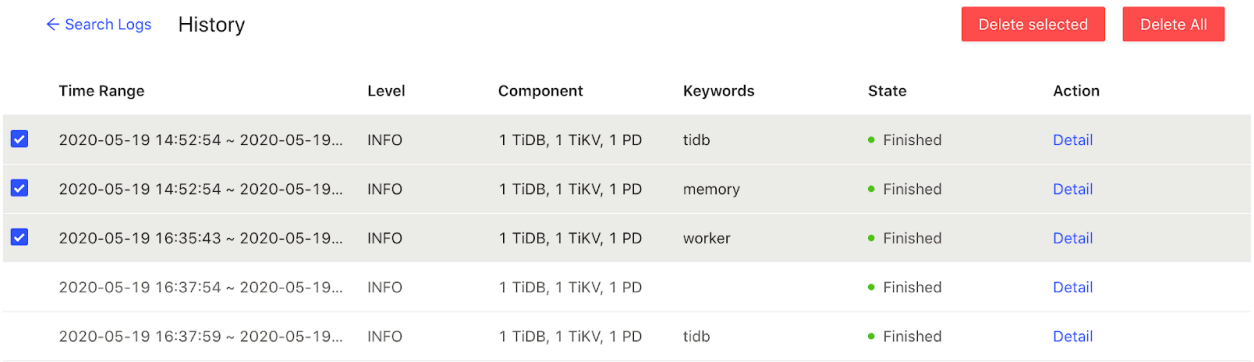


Figure 286: Delete search history

9.5.14 TiDB Dashboard Resource Manager Page

To implement resource isolation using the Resource Control feature, cluster administrators can create resource groups and set quotas for each group. Before resource planning, you need to know the overall capacity of the cluster. This document helps you view the information about resource control, so you can estimate the cluster capacity before resource planning and allocate resources more effectively.

9.5.14.1 Access the page

You can use one of the following two methods to access the Resource Manager page:

- After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, click **Resource Manager** in the left navigation menu.
- Visit http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/#/resource_manager in your browser. Replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the actual PD instance address and port.

9.5.14.2 Resource Manager page

The following figure shows the Resource Manager details page:

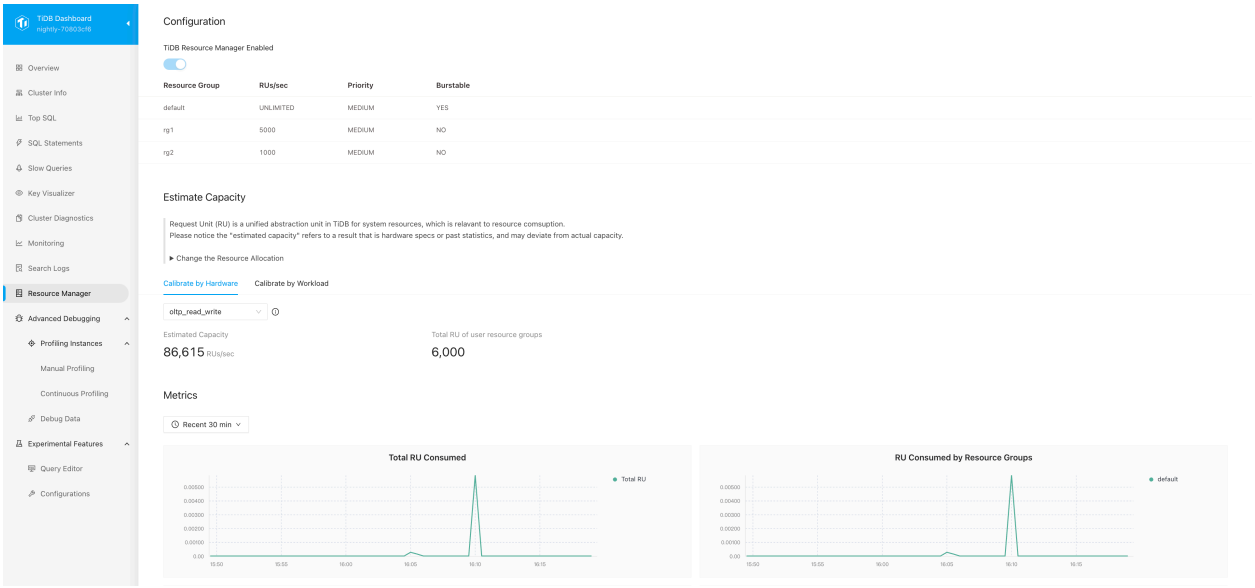


Figure 287: TiDB Dashboard: Resource Manager

The Resource Manager page contains the following three sections:

- Configuration: This section displays the data obtained from the `RESOURCE_GROUPS` ↪ table of TiDB. It contains the information about all resource groups. For more information, see `RESOURCE_GROUPS`.
- Estimate Capacity: Before resource planning, you need to know the overall capacity of the cluster. You can use one of the following methods:
  - Estimate capacity based on actual workload
  - Estimate capacity based on hardware deployment
- Metrics: By observing the metrics on the panels, you can understand the current overall resource consumption status of the cluster.

9.5.14.3 Estimate Capacity

Before resource planning, you need to know the overall capacity of the cluster. TiDB provides two methods to estimate the capacity of Request Unit (RU) in the current cluster:

- Estimate capacity based on hardware deployment

  TiDB accepts the following workload types:

  - `tpcc`: applies to workloads with heavy data write. It is estimated based on a workload model similar to `TPC-C`.

- `oltp_write_only`: applies to workloads with heavy data write. It is estimated based on a workload model similar to `sysbench oltp_write_only`.
- `oltp_read_write`: applies to workloads with even data read and write. It is estimated based on a workload model similar to `sysbench oltp_read_write`.
- `oltp_read_only`: applies to workloads with heavy data read. It is estimated based on a workload model similar to `sysbench oltp_read_only`.

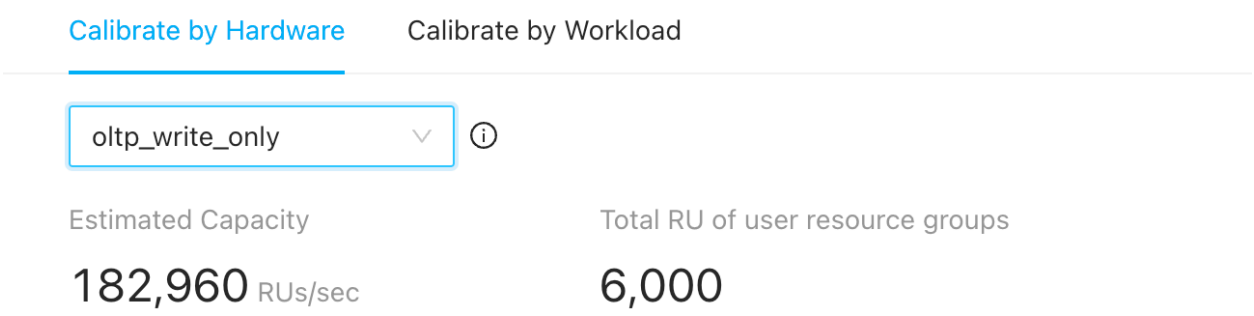


Figure 288: Calibrate by Hardware

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The **Total RU of user resource groups** represents the total amount of RU
    ↪ for all user resource groups, excluding the `default` resource group.
    ↪  If this value is more than the estimated capacity, the system
    ↪ triggers an alert. By default, the system allocates unlimited usage
    ↪ to the predefined `default` resource group. When all users belong to
    ↪ the `default` resource group, resources are allocated in the same way
    ↪  as when resource control is disabled.
```

- Estimate capacity based on actual workload

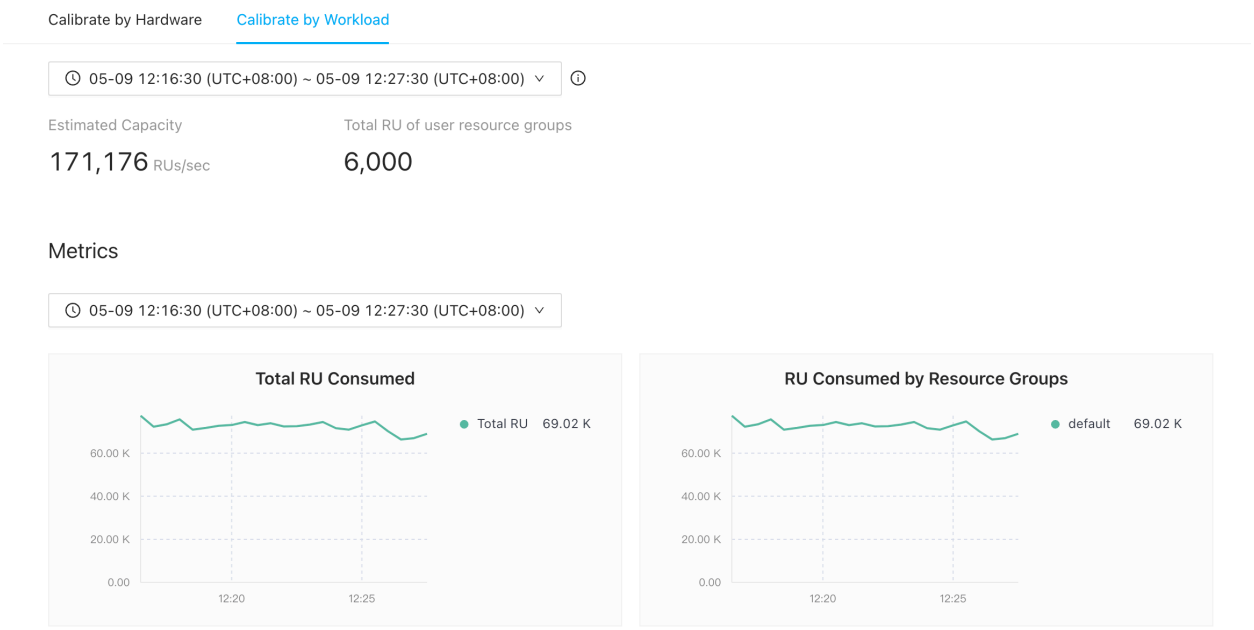


Figure 289: Calibrate by Workload

You can select a time range for estimation within the range of 10 minutes to 24 hours. The time zone used is the same as that of the front-end user.

- When the time window range does not fall between 10 minutes and 24 hours, the following error is displayed `ERROR 1105 (HY000): the duration of calibration is too short, which could lead to inaccurate output. Please make the duration between 10m0s and 24h0m0s`.
- The monitoring metrics for the capacity estimation based on the actual workload feature include `tikv_cpu_quota`, `tidb_server_maxprocs`, `resource_manager_resource_unit`, and `process_cpu_usage`. If the CPU quota monitoring data is empty, there will be an error with the corresponding monitoring metric name, for example, `Error 1105 (HY000): There is no CPU quota metrics, metrics 'tikv_cpu_quota' is empty`.
- If the workload in the time window is too low, or the `resource_manager_resource_unit` and `process_cpu_usage` monitoring data is missing, an error will be reported `Error 1105 (HY000): The workload in selected time window is too low, with which TiDB is unable to reach a capacity estimation; please select another time window with higher workload, or calibrate resource by hardware instead`. In addition, because TiKV does not monitor CPU utilization on macOS, it does not support capacity estimation based on the actual workload, and will also report this error.

You can select an appropriate time range using **CPU Usage** in the Metrics section.

> **Note:**
>
> To use the capacity estimation feature, the current login user must have the `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` privilege and the `SELECT` privilege for some system tables. Before using this feature, ensure the current user has these privileges. Otherwise, some features might not work properly. For more information, see `CALIBRATE RESOURCE`.

9.5.14.4 Metrics

By observing the metrics on the panels, you can understand the current overall resource consumption status of the cluster. The monitoring metrics and their meanings are as follows:

- Total RU Consumed: The total consumption of Request Units counted in real time.
- RU Consumed by Resource Groups: The number of Request Units consumed by resource groups in real time.
- TiDB
  - CPU Quota: The maximum CPU usage of TiDB.
  - CPU Usage: The total CPU usage of all TiDB instances.
- TiKV
  - CPU Quota: The maximum CPU usage of TiKV.
  - CPU Usage: The total CPU usage of all TiKV instances.
  - IO MBps: The total I/O throughput of all TiKV instances.

9.5.15 Instance Profiling

9.5.15.1 TiDB Dashboard Instance Profiling - Manual Profiling

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is designed for database experts. For non-expert users, it is recommended to use this feature under the guidance of PingCAP technical supports.

Manual Profiling allows users to collect current performance data **on demand** for each TiDB, TiKV, PD and TiFlash instances with a single click. The collected performance data can be visualized as FlameGraph or DAG.

With these performance data, experts can analyze current resource consumption details like instance's CPU and memory, to help pinpoint sophisticated ongoing performance problems, such as high CPU overhead, high memory usage, and process stalls.

After initiates the profiling, TiDB Dashboard collects current performance data for a period of time (30 seconds by default). Therefore this feature can only be used to analyze ongoing problems that the cluster is facing now and has no significant effect on historical problems. If you want to collect and analyze performance data **at any time**, see Continuous Profiling.

9.5.15.1.1 Supported performance data

The following performance data are currently supported:

- CPU: The CPU overhead of each internal function on TiDB, TiKV, PD and TiFlash instances

> The CPU overhead of TiKV and TiFlash instances is currently not supported in ARM architecture.

- Heap: The memory consumption of each internal function on TiDB, TiKV, and PD instances

> Starting from v7.5, TiDB supports the TiKV Heap Profile. The Perl dependency is required in the running environment of TiDB Dashboard. Otherwise an error will occur.

- Mutex: The mutex contention states on TiDB and PD instances
- Goroutine: The running state and call stack of all goroutines on TiDB and PD instances

9.5.15.1.2 Access the page

You can access the instance profiling page using either of the following methods:

- After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, click **Advanced Debugging** > **Profiling Instances** > **Manual Profiling** in the left navigation menu.

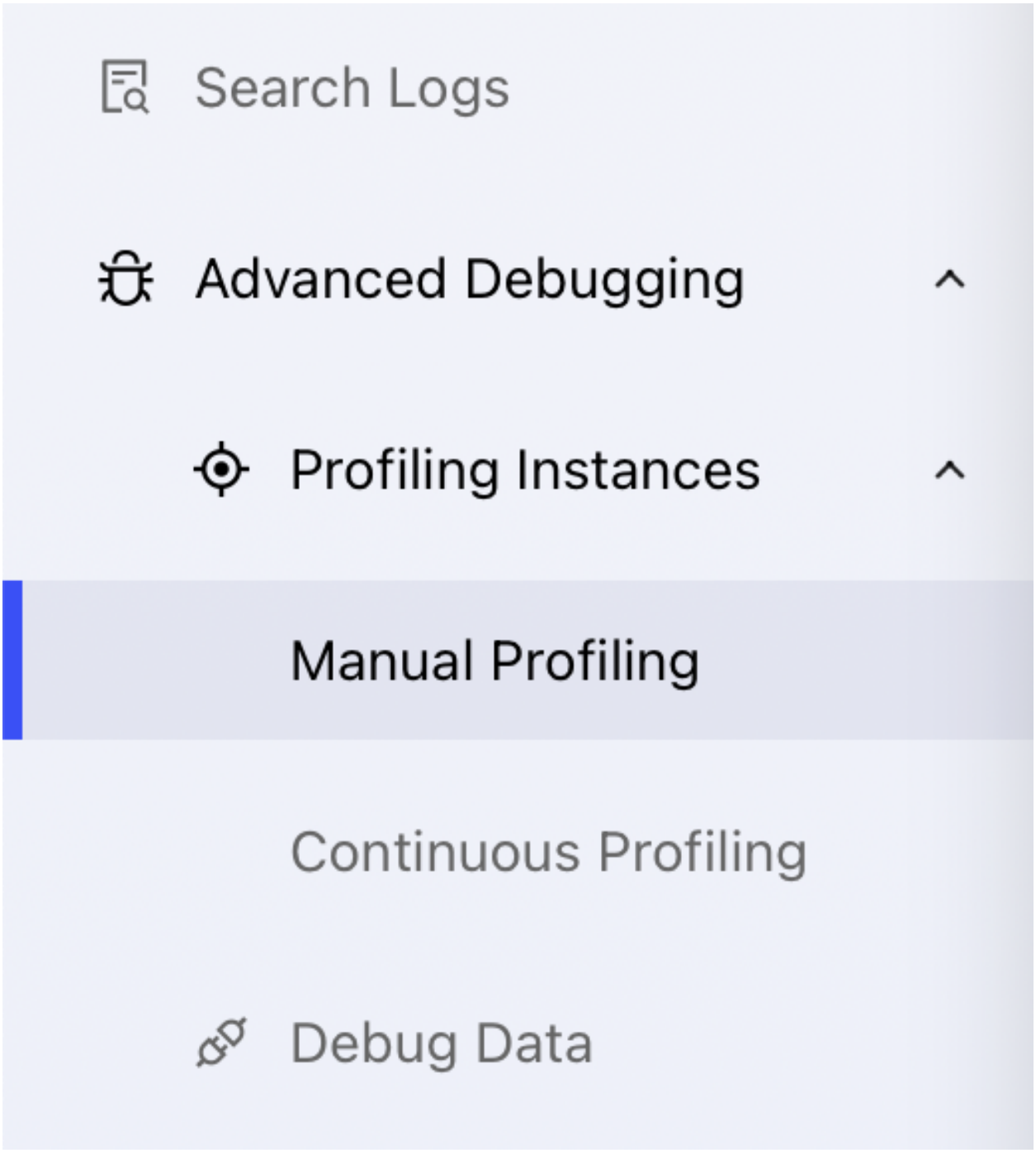


Figure 290: Access instance profiling page

- Visit http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/#/instance_profiling in your browser. Replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the actual PD instance address and port.

9.5.15.1.3 Start Profiling

In the instance profiling page, choose at least one target instance and click **Start Profiling** to start the instance profiling.

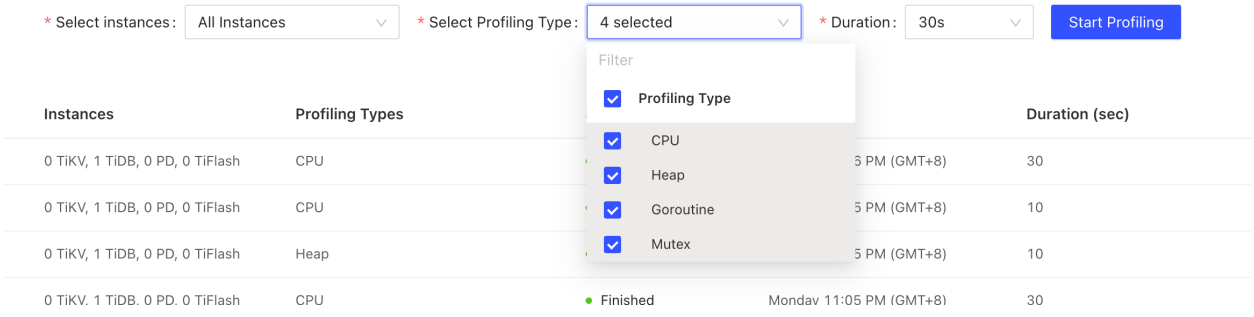


Figure 291: Start instance profiling

You can modify the profiling duration before starting the profiling. This duration is determined by the time needed for the profiling, which is 30 seconds by default. The 30-second duration takes 30 seconds to complete.

Manual Profiling cannot be initiated on clusters that have Continuous Profiling enabled. To view the performance data at the current moment, click on the most recent profiling result in the Continuous Profiling page.

9.5.15.1.4 View profiling status

After a profiling is started, you can view the profiling status and progress in real time.

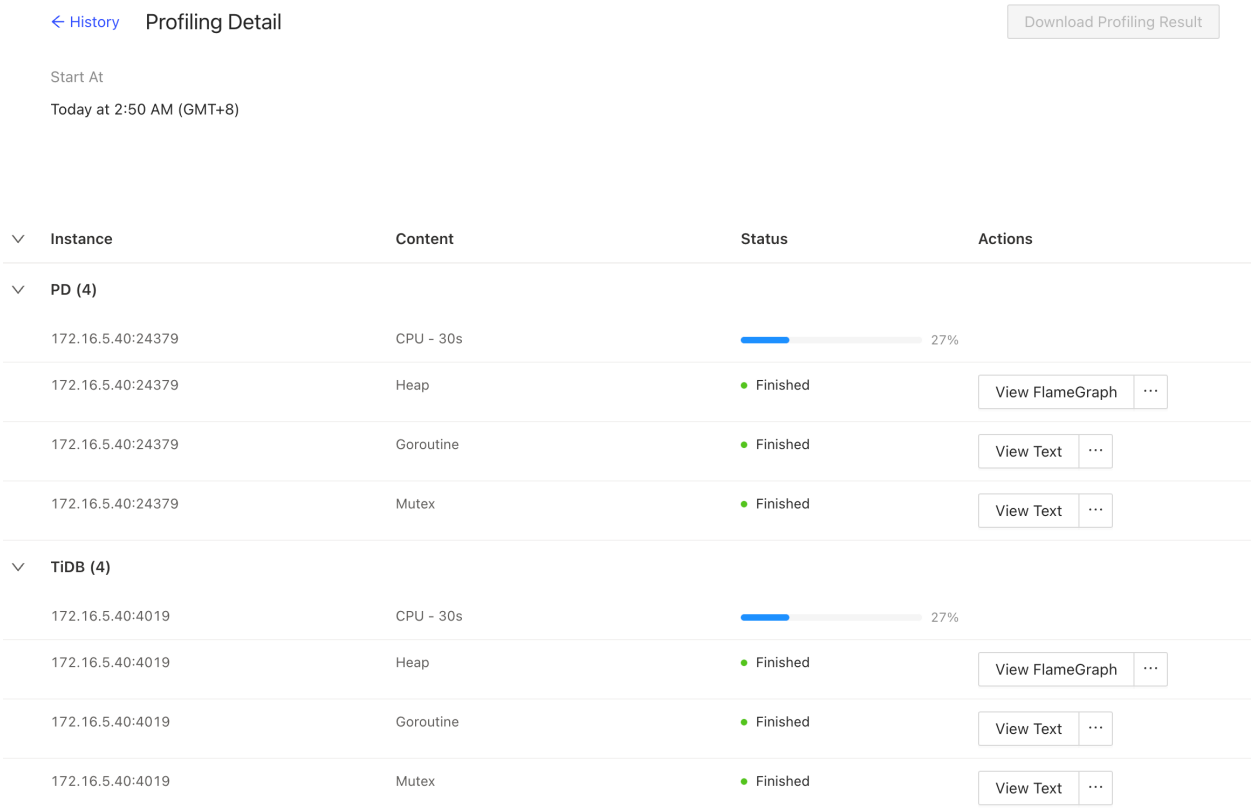


Figure 292: Profiling detail

The profiling runs in the background. Refreshing or exiting the current page does not stop the profiling task that is running.

9.5.15.1.5 Download performance data

After the profiling of all instances is completed, you can click **Download Profiling Result** in the upper right corner to download all performance data.

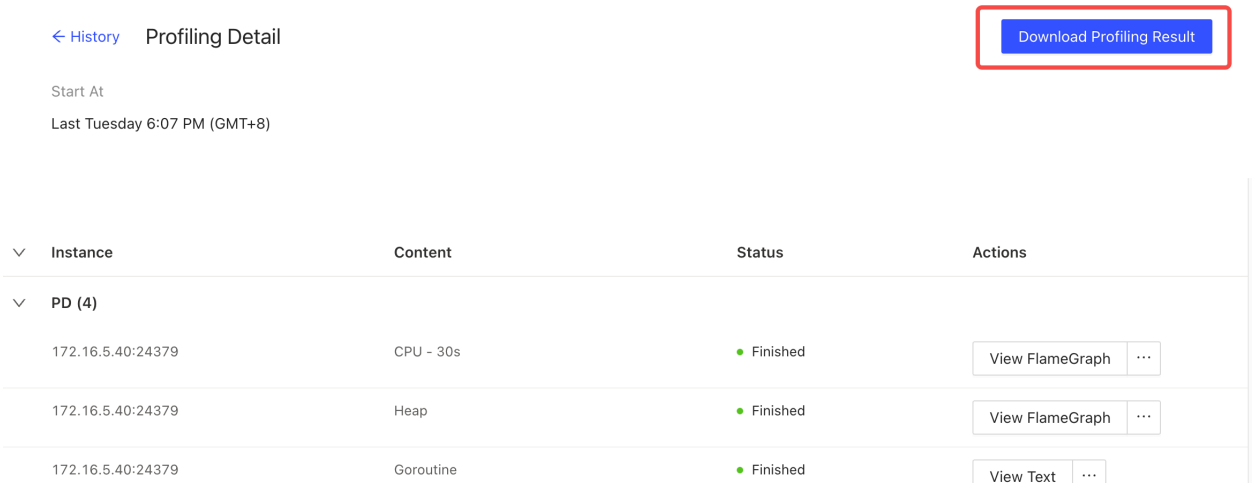


Figure 293: Download profiling result

You can also click an individual instance in the table to view its profiling result. Alternatively, you can hover on … to download raw data.

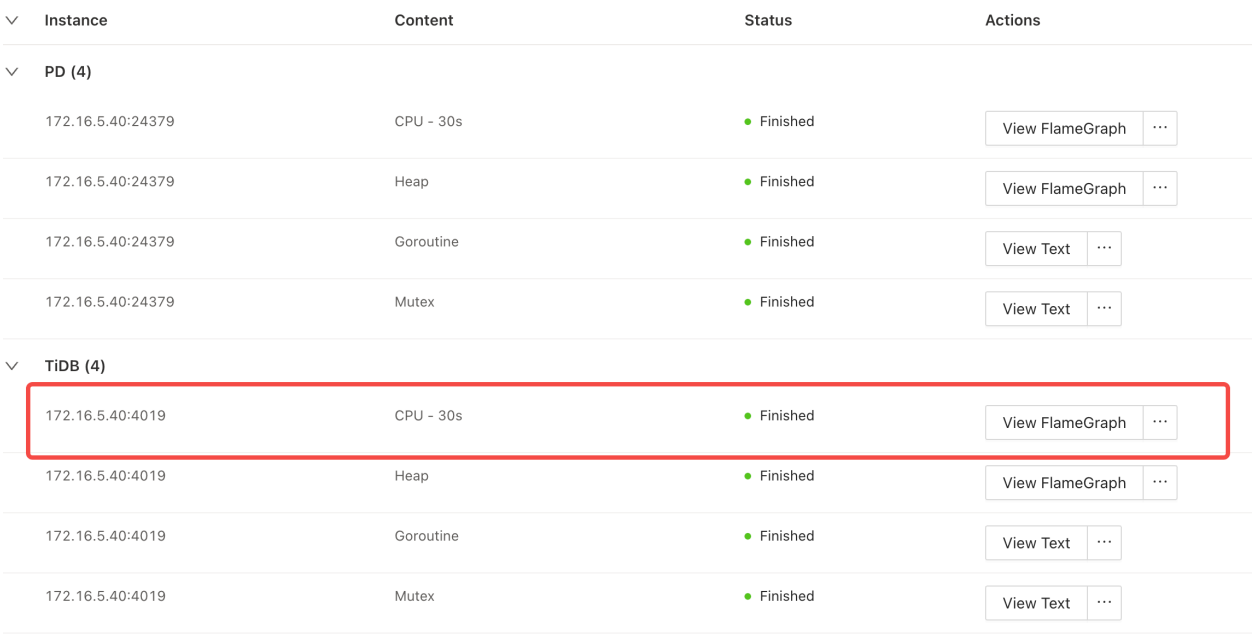
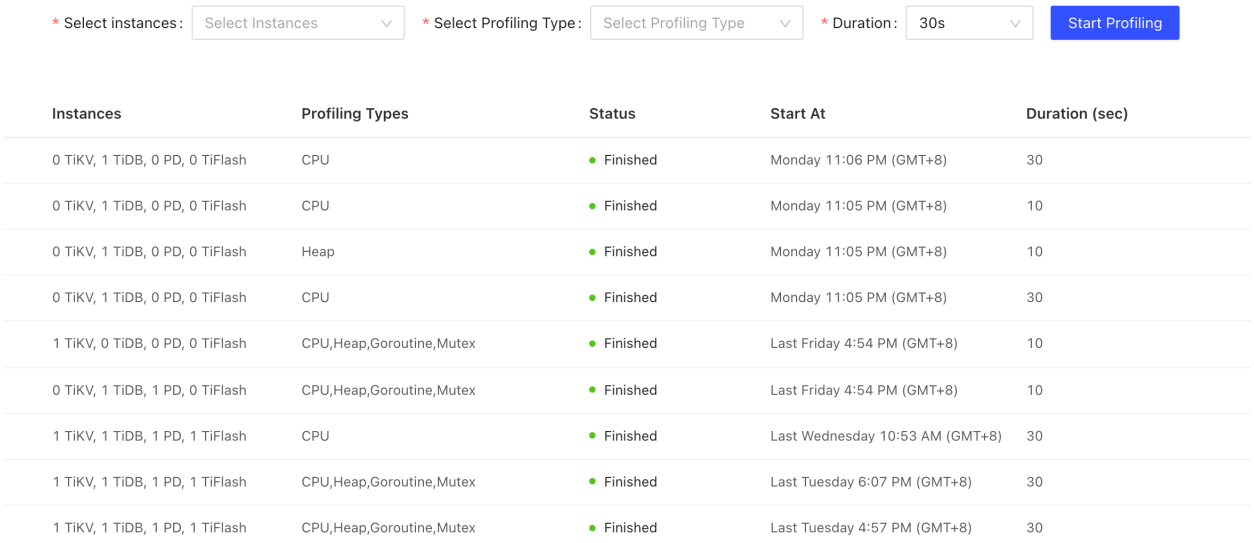


Figure 294: Single instance result

9.5.15.1.6 View profiling history

The on-demand profiling history is listed on the page. Click a row to view details.



Instances	Profiling Types	Status	Start At	Duration (sec)
0 TiKV, 1 TiDB, 0 PD, 0 TiFlash	CPU	Finished	Monday 11:06 PM (GMT+8)	30
0 TiKV, 1 TiDB, 0 PD, 0 TiFlash	CPU	Finished	Monday 11:05 PM (GMT+8)	10
0 TiKV, 1 TiDB, 0 PD, 0 TiFlash	Heap	Finished	Monday 11:05 PM (GMT+8)	10
0 TiKV, 1 TiDB, 0 PD, 0 TiFlash	CPU	Finished	Monday 11:05 PM (GMT+8)	30
1 TiKV, 0 TiDB, 0 PD, 0 TiFlash	CPU,Heap,Goroutine,Mutex	Finished	Last Friday 4:54 PM (GMT+8)	10
0 TiKV, 1 TiDB, 1 PD, 0 TiFlash	CPU,Heap,Goroutine,Mutex	Finished	Last Friday 4:54 PM (GMT+8)	10
1 TiKV, 1 TiDB, 1 PD, 1 TiFlash	CPU	Finished	Last Wednesday 10:53 AM (GMT+8)	30
1 TiKV, 1 TiDB, 1 PD, 1 TiFlash	CPU,Heap,Goroutine,Mutex	Finished	Last Tuesday 6:07 PM (GMT+8)	30
1 TiKV, 1 TiDB, 1 PD, 1 TiFlash	CPU,Heap,Goroutine,Mutex	Finished	Last Tuesday 4:57 PM (GMT+8)	30

Figure 295: View profiling history

For detailed operations on the profiling status page, see View Profiling Status.

9.5.15.2 TiDB Dashboard Instance Profiling - Continuous Profiling

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is designed for database experts. For non-expert users, it is recommended to use this feature under the guidance of PingCAP technical supports.

Continuous Profiling allows collecting performance data **continuously** from each TiDB, TiKV and PD instance. The collected performance data can be visualized as FlameGraph or DAG.

With these performance data, experts can analyze resource consumption details like instance's CPU and memory, to help pinpoint sophisticated performance problems at any time, such as high CPU overhead, high memory usage, process stalls, and so on. Even for problems cannot be reproduced, experts can dig deep into the problem by viewing the historical performance data collected at that moment. In this way, MTTR can be reduced effectively.

9.5.15.2.1 Compare with Manual Profiling

Continuous Profiling is an enhanced feature of Manual Profiling. They can be both used to collect and analyze different kinds of performance data for each instance. Differences between them are as follows:

- Manual Profiling only collects performance data for a short period of time (for example, 30 seconds) at the moment you initiate the profiling, while Continuous Profiling collects data continuously when it is enabled.
- Manual Profiling can only be used to analyze current occurring problems, while Continuous Profiling can be used to analyze both the current and historical problems.
- Manual Profiling allows to collect specific performance data for specific instances, while Continuous Profiling collects all performance data for all instances.
- Continuous Profiling stores more performance data, therefore it takes up more disk space.

9.5.15.2.2 Supported performance data

All performance data in Manual Profiling is collected.

- CPU: The CPU overhead of each internal function on TiDB, TiKV, TiFlash, and PD instances
- Heap: The memory consumption of each internal function on TiDB, TiKV, and PD instances
- Mutex: The mutex contention states on TiDB and PD instances
- Goroutine: The running state and call stack of all goroutines on TiDB and PD instances

9.5.15.2.3 Access the page

You can access the Continuous Profiling page using either of the following methods:

- After logging in to TiDB Dashboard, click **Advanced Debugging** > **Profiling Instances** > **Continuous Profiling** in the left navigation menu.

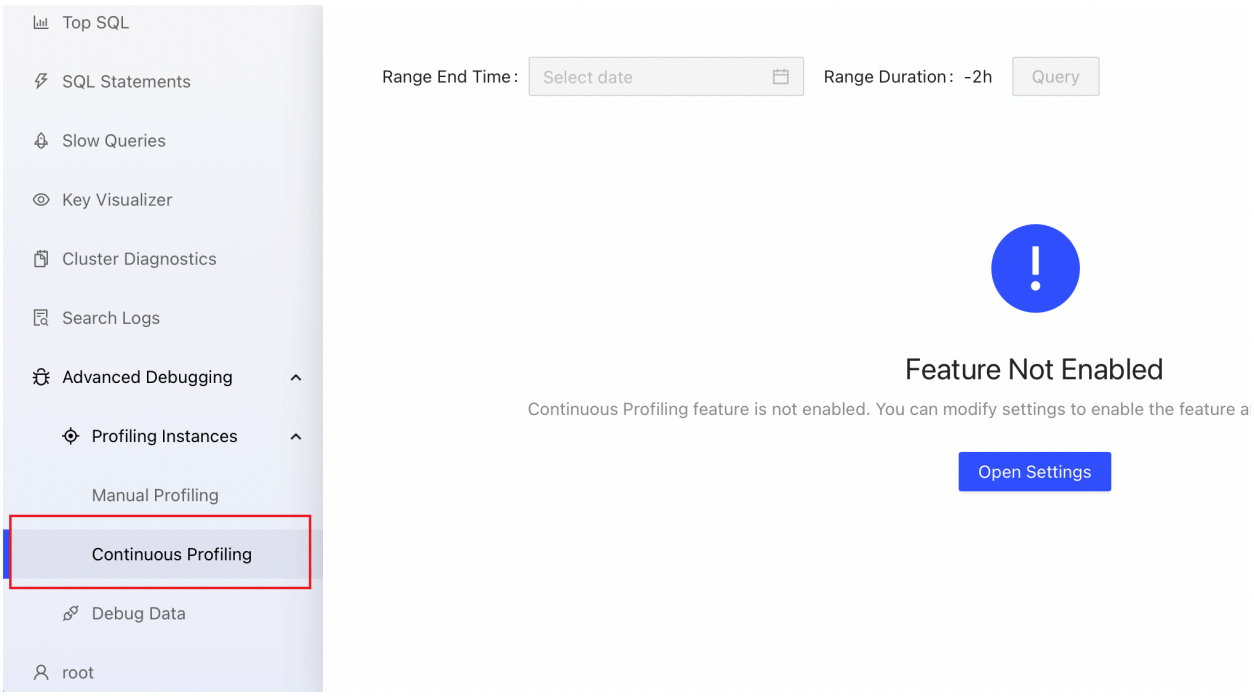


Figure 296: Access page

- Visit http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/#/continuous_profiling in your browser. Replace `127.0.0.1:2379` with the actual PD instance address and port.

9.5.15.2.4 Enable Continuous Profiling

> **Note:**
>
> To use Continuous Profiling, your cluster should be deployed or upgraded with a recent version of TiUP (v1.9.0 or above) or TiDB Operator (v1.3.0 or above). If your cluster was upgraded using an earlier version of TiUP or TiDB Operator, see FAQ for instructions.

After enabling Continuous Profiling, you can have performance data continuously collected in the background without keeping the web pages always active. Data collected can be kept for a certain period of time and expired data is automatically cleared.

To enable this feature:

1. Visit the Continuous Profiling page.

2. Click **Open Settings**. In the **Settings** area on the right, switch **Enable Feature** on, and modify the default value of **Retention Duration** if necessary.
3. Click **Save**.

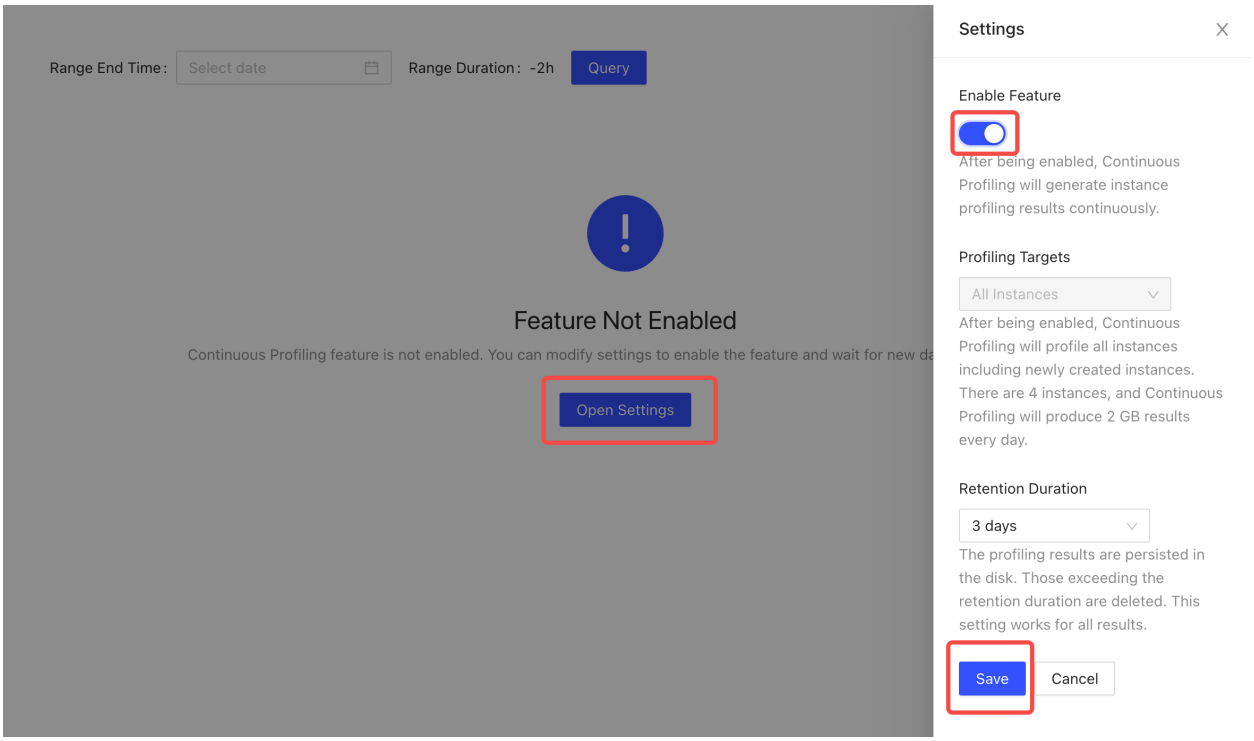


Figure 297: Enable feature

9.5.15.2.5 View current performance data

Manual Profiling cannot be initiated on clusters that have Continuous Profiling enabled. To view the performance data at the current moment, just click on the most recent profiling result.

9.5.15.2.6 View historical performance data

On the list page, you can see all performance data collected since the enabling of this feature.

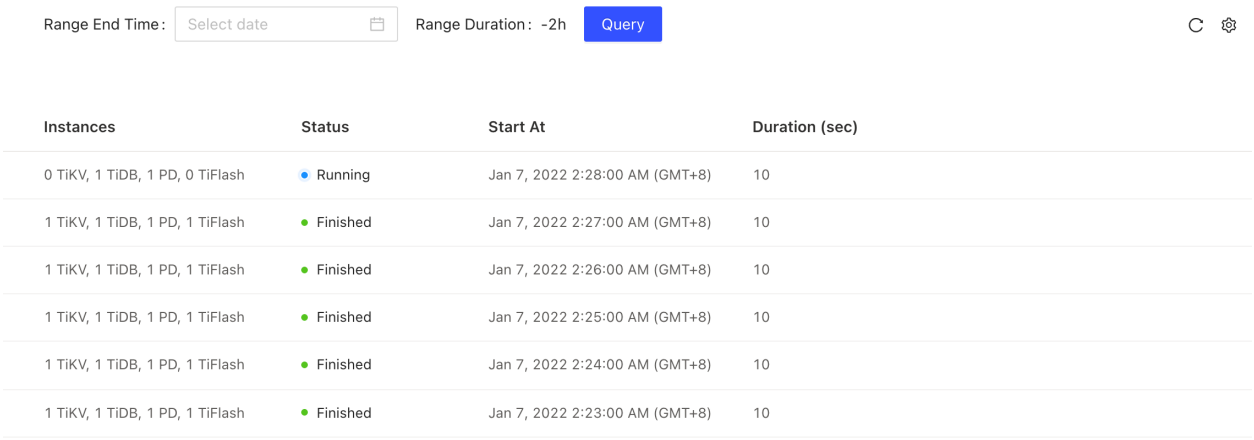


Figure 298: History results

9.5.15.2.7 Download performance data

On the profiling result page, you can click **Download Profiling Result** in the upper-right corner to download all profiling results.

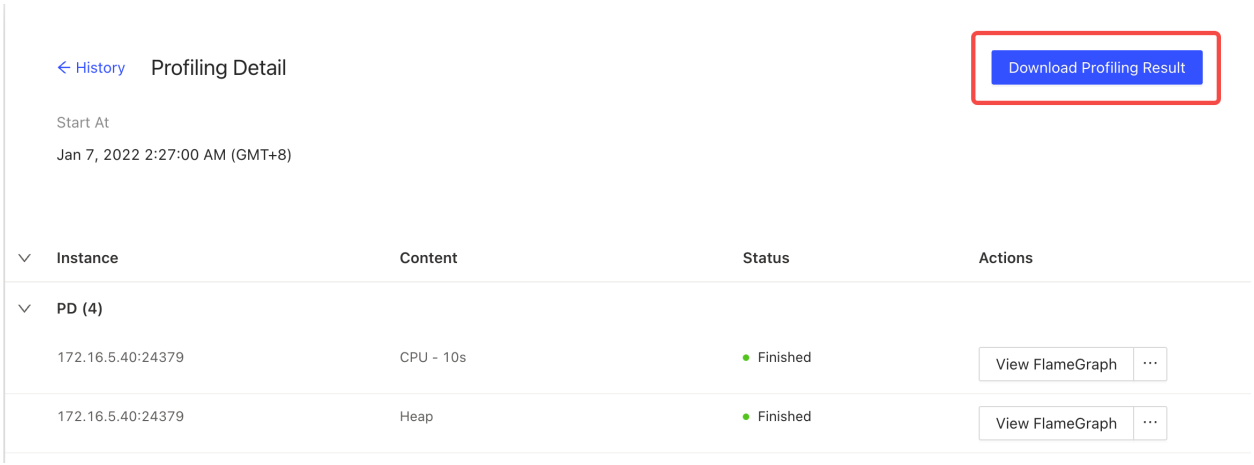


Figure 299: Download profiling result

You can also click an individual instance in the table to view its profiling result. Alternatively, you can hover on … to download raw data.

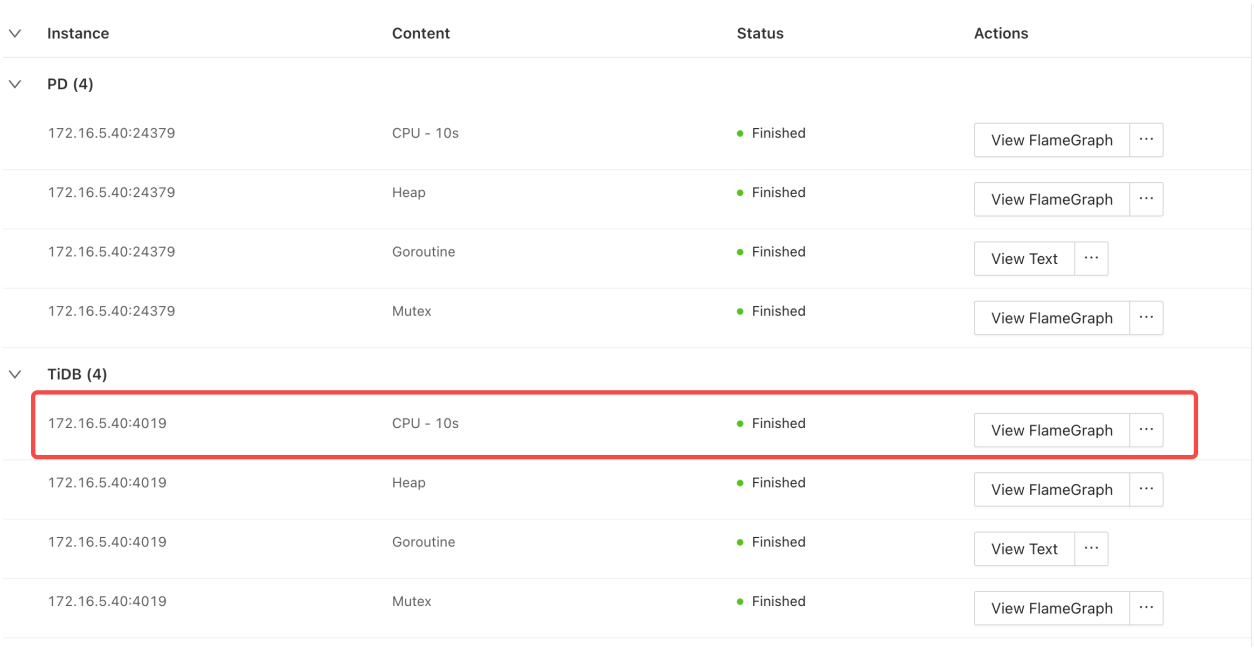


Figure 300: View profiling result

9.5.15.2.8 Disable Continuous Profiling

1. Visit the Continuous Profiling page.
2. Click the gear icon in the upper right corner to open the settings page. Switch **Enable Feature** off.
3. Click **Save**.
4. In the popped-up dialog box, click **Disable**.

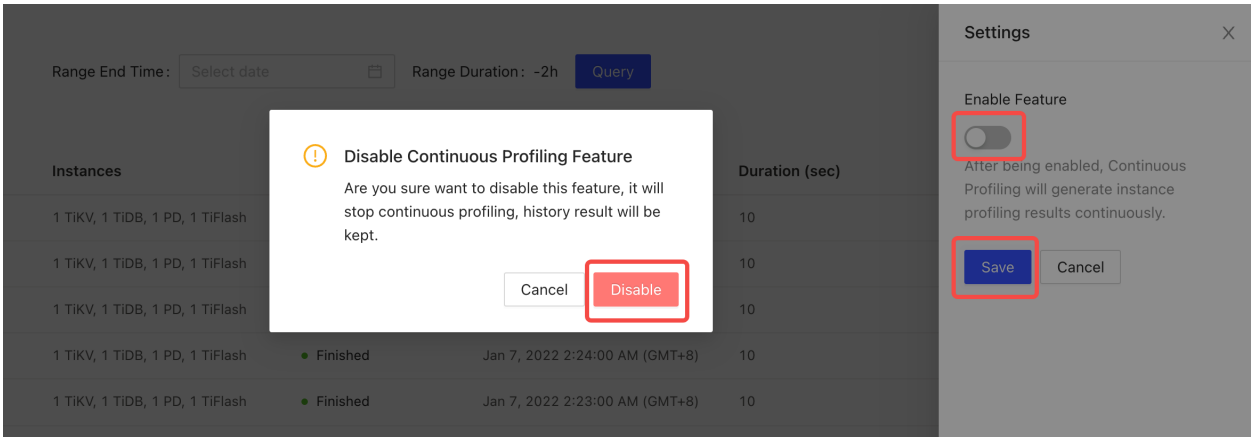


Figure 301: Disable feature

9.5.15.2.9 Frequently asked questions

1. Continuous Profiling cannot be enabled and the UI displays "required component NgMonitoring is not started".

See TiDB Dashboard FAQ.

2. Will performance be affected after enabling Continuous Profiling?

According to our benchmark, the average performance impact is less than 1% when the feature is enabled.

3. What is the status of this feature?

It is now a generally available (GA) feature and can be used in production environments.

9.5.16 Session Management and Configuration

9.5.16.1 Share TiDB Dashboard Sessions

You can share the current session of the TiDB Dashboard to other users so that they can access and operate the TiDB Dashboard without entering the user password.

9.5.16.1.1 Steps for the inviter

1. Sign into TiDB Dashboard.
2. Click the username in the left sidebar to access the configuration page.
3. Click **Share Current Session**.

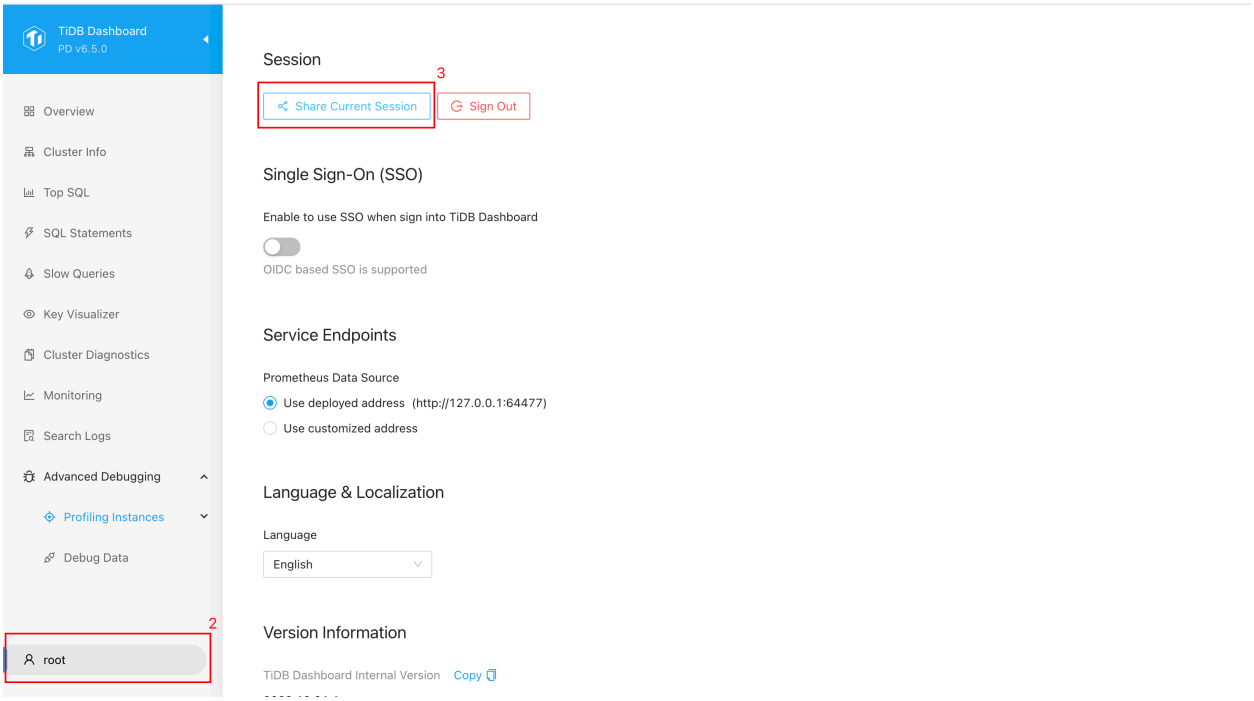


Figure 302: Sample Step

> **Note:**
>
> For security reasons, the shared session cannot be shared again.

4. Adjust sharing settings in the popup dialog:

- Expire in: How long the shared session will be effective. Signing out of the current session does not affect the effective time of the shared session.
- Share as read-only privilege: The shared session only permits read operations but not write operations (such as modifying configurations).

5. Click **Generate Authorization Code**.

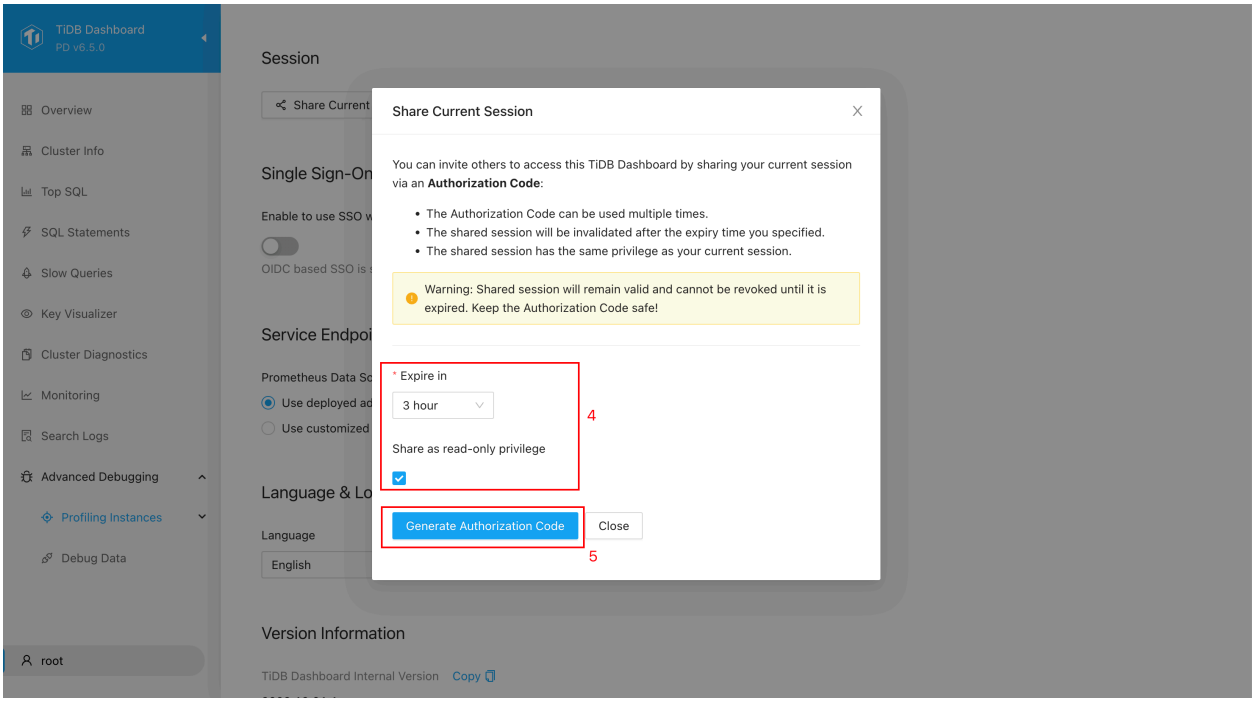


Figure 303: Sample Step

6. Provide the generated **Authorization Code** to the user to whom you want to share the session.

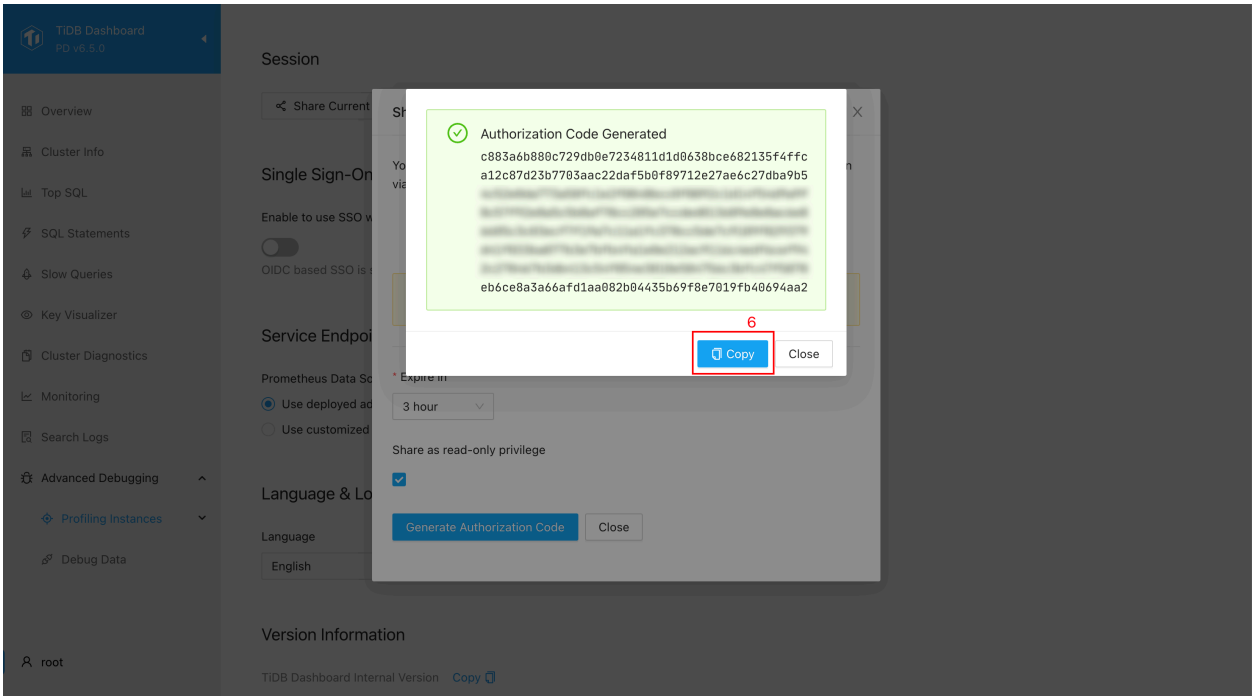


Figure 304: Sample Step

Warning:

Keep your authorization code secure and do not send it to anyone who is untrusted. Otherwise, they will be able to access and operate TiDB Dashboard without your authorization.

9.5.16.1.2 Steps for the invitee

1. On the sign-in page of TiDB Dashboard, click **Use Alternative Authentication**.

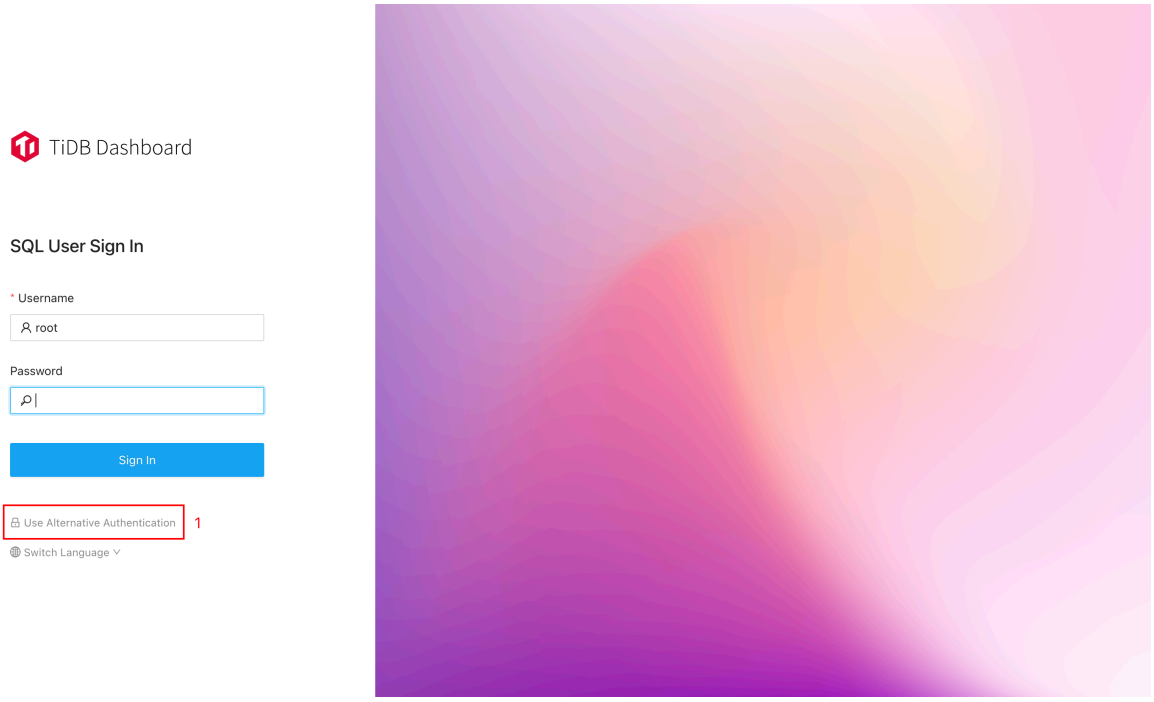


Figure 305: Sample Step

2. Click **Authorization Code** to use it to sign in.

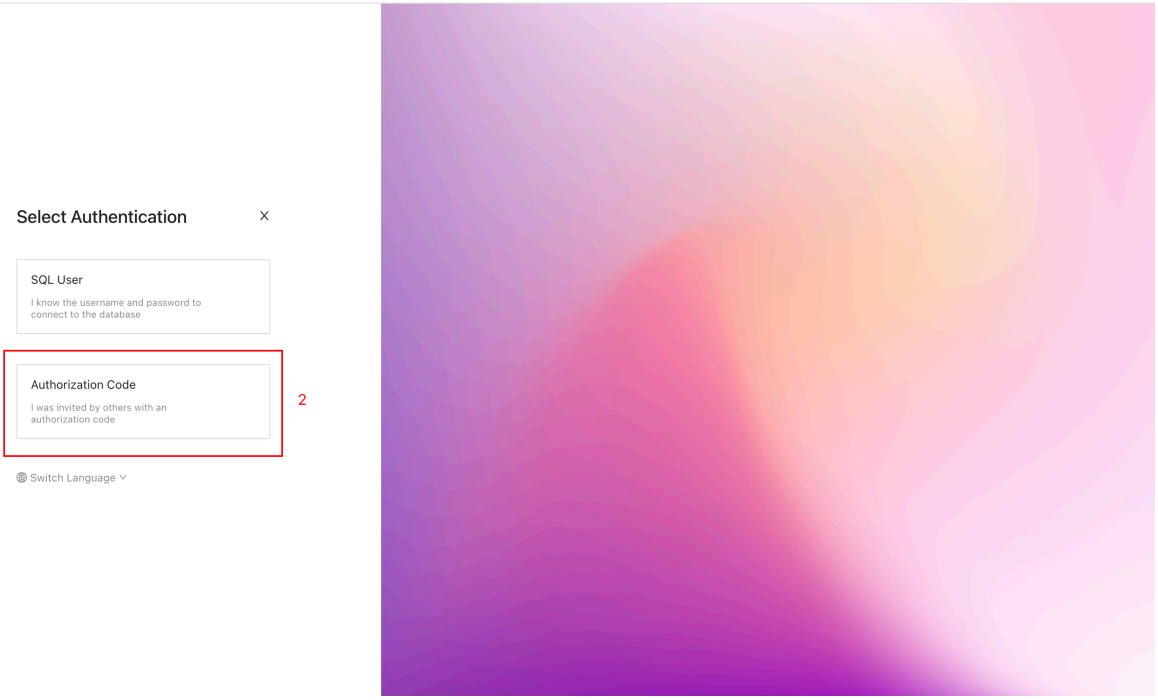


Figure 306: Sample Step

3. Enter the authorization code you have received from the inviter.
4. Click **Sign In**.

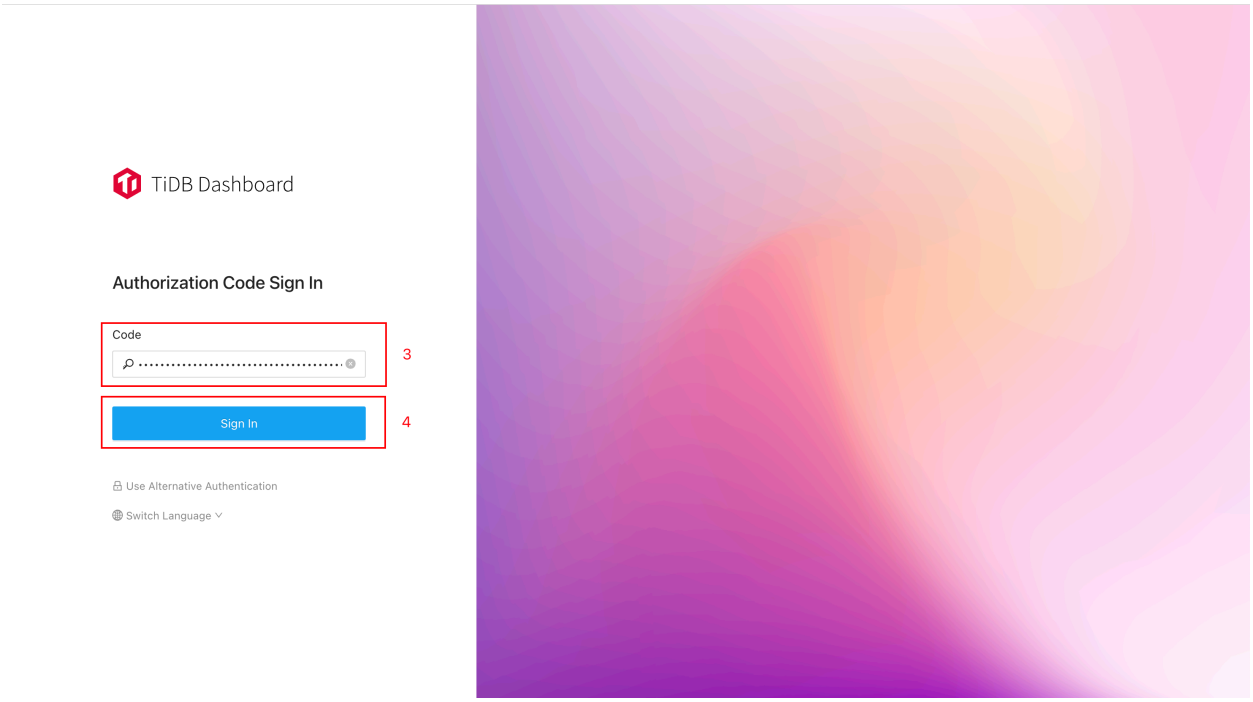


Figure 307: Sample Step

9.5.16.2 Configure SSO for TiDB Dashboard

TiDB Dashboard supports OIDC-based Single Sign-On (SSO). After enabling the SSO feature of TiDB Dashboard, the configured SSO service is used for your sign-in authentication and then you can access TiDB Dashboard without entering the SQL user password.

9.5.16.2.1 Configure OIDC SSO

Enable SSO

1. Sign into TiDB Dashboard.
2. Click the username in the left sidebar to access the configuration page.
3. In the **Single Sign-On** section, select **Enable to use SSO when sign into TiDB Dashboard**.
4. Fill the **OIDC Client ID** and the **OIDC Discovery URL** fields in the form.

   Generally, you can obtain the two fields from the SSO service provider:

- OIDC Client ID is also called OIDC Token Issuer.
- OIDC Discovery URL is also called OIDC Token Audience.

5. Click **Authorize Impersonation** and input the SQL password.

   TiDB Dashboard will store this SQL password and use it to impersonate a normal SQL sign-in after an SSO sign-in is finished.

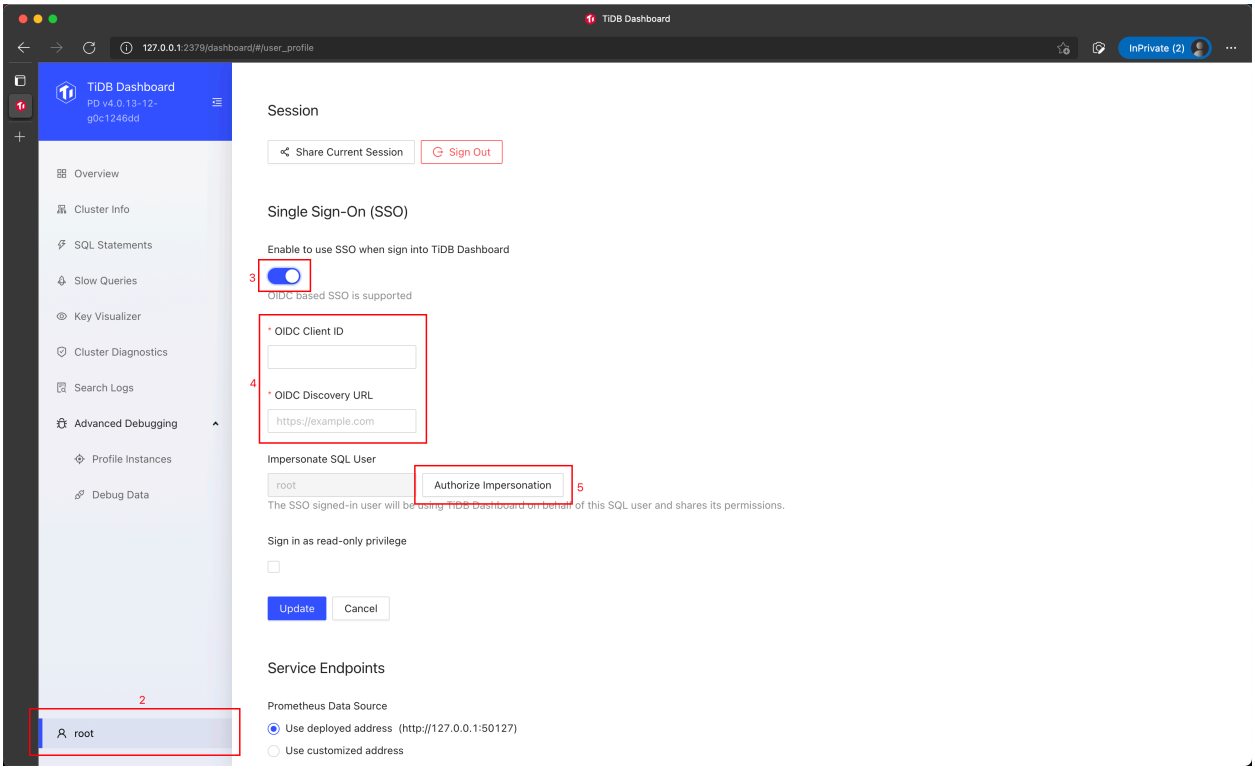


Figure 308: Sample Step

> **Note:**
>
> The password you have entered will be encrypted and stored. The SSO sign-in will fail after the password of the SQL user is changed. In this case, you can re-enter the password to bring SSO back.

6. Click **Authorize and Save**.

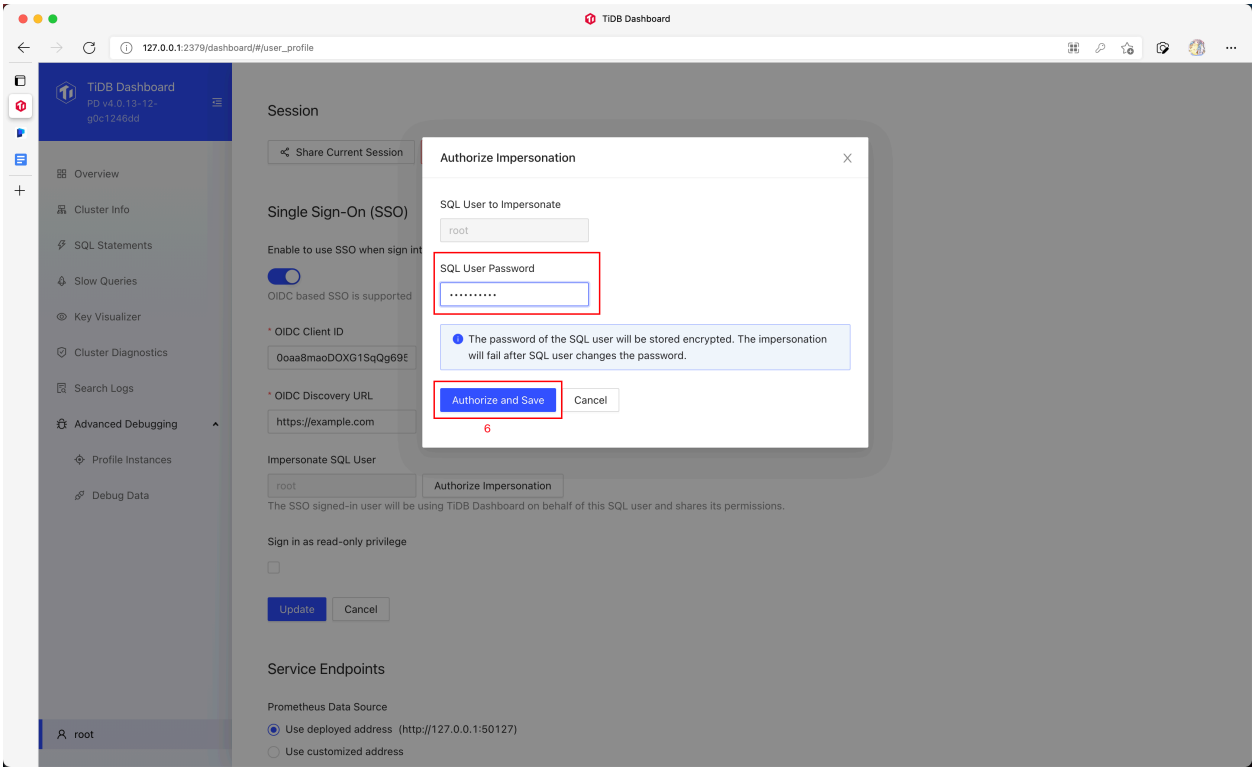


Figure 309: Sample Step

7. Click **Update** (Update) to save the configuration.

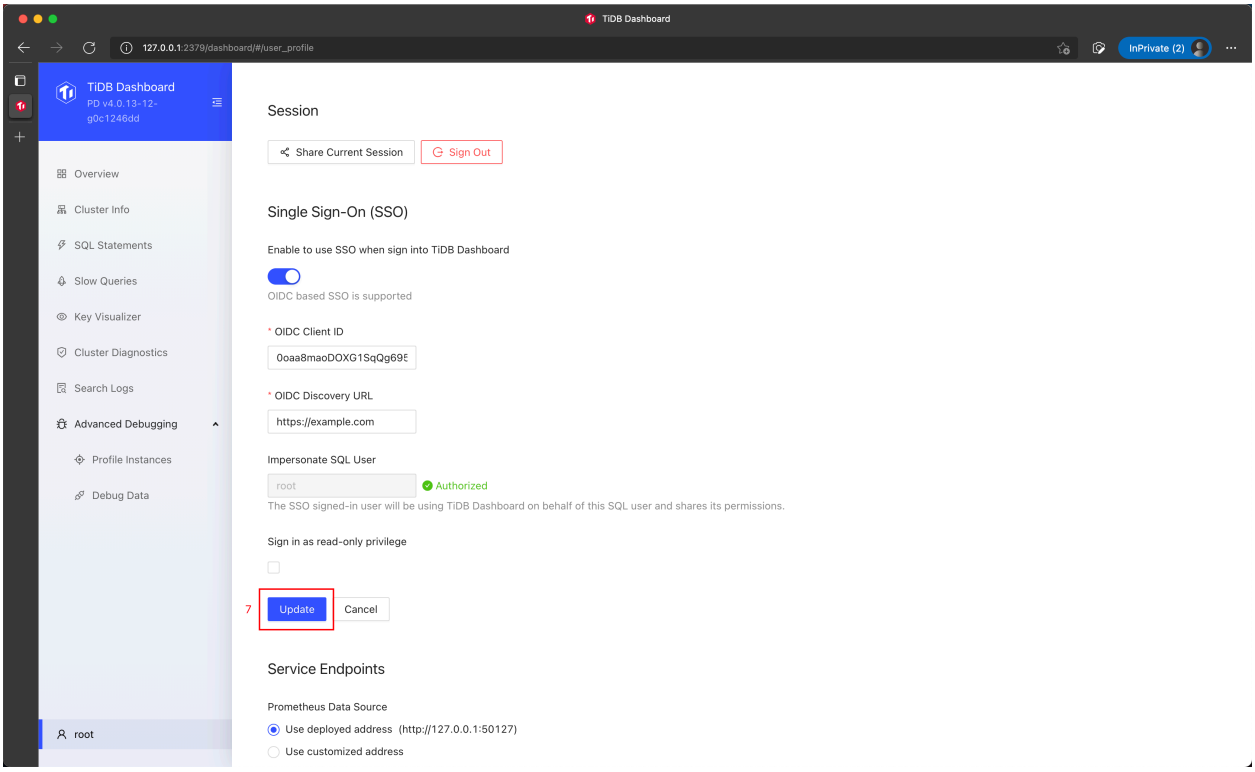


Figure 310: Sample Step

Now SSO sign-in has been enabled for TiDB Dashboard.

> **Note:**
>
> For security reasons, some SSO services require additional configuration for the SSO service, such as the trusted sign-in and sign-out URIs. Refer to the documentation of the SSO service for further information.

Disable SSO

You can disable the SSO, which will completely erase the stored SQL password:

1. Sign into TiDB Dashboard.
2. Click the username in the left sidebar to access the configuration page.
3. In the **Single Sign-On** section, deselect **Enable to use SSO when sign into TiDB Dashboard**.

4. Click **Update** (Update) to save the configuration.

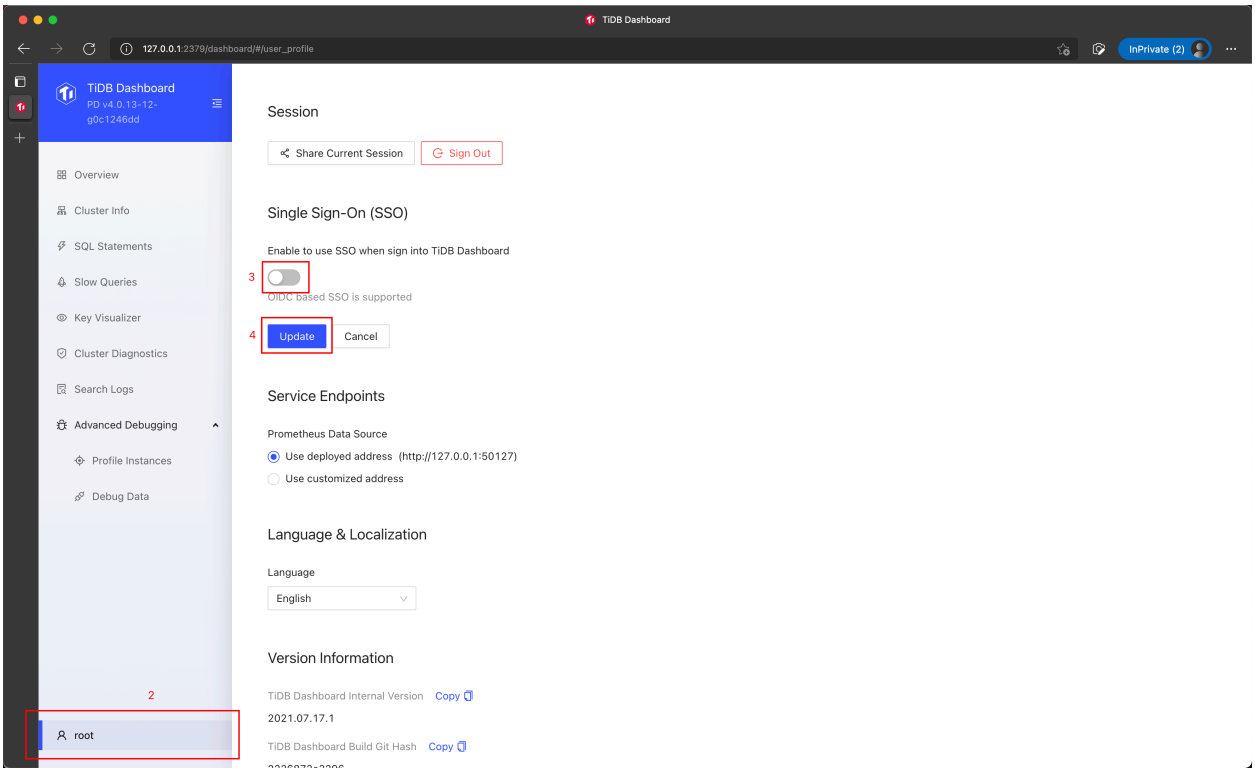


Figure 311: Sample Step

Re-enter the password after a password change

The SSO sign-in will fail once the password of the SQL user is changed. In this case, you can bring back the SSO sign-in by re-entering the SQL password:

1. Sign into TiDB Dashboard.
2. Click the username in the left sidebar to access the configuration page.
3. In the **Single Sign-On** section, Click **Authorize Impersonation** and input the updated SQL password.

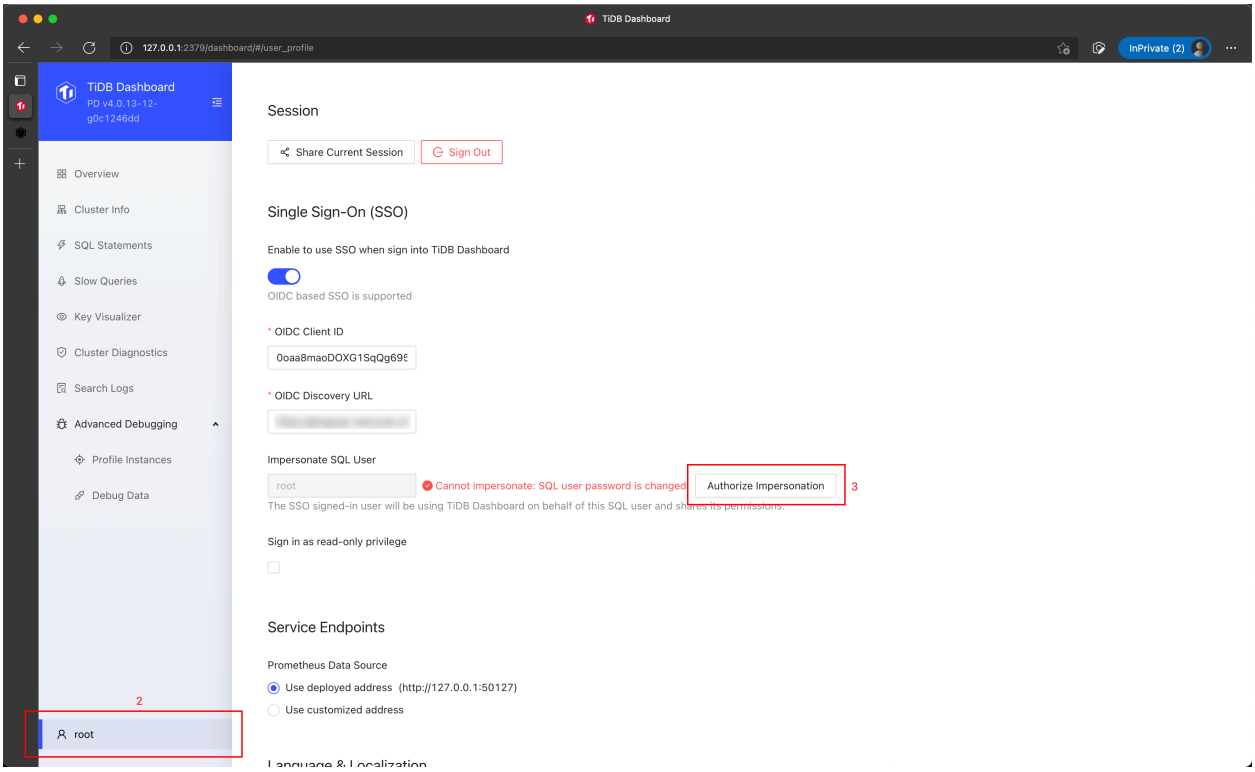


Figure 312: Sample Step

4. Click **Authorize and Save**.

9.5.16.2.2 Sign in via SSO

Once SSO is configured for TiDB Dashboard, you can sign in via SSO by taking following steps:

1. In the sign-in page of TiDB Dashboard, click **Sign in via Company Account**.

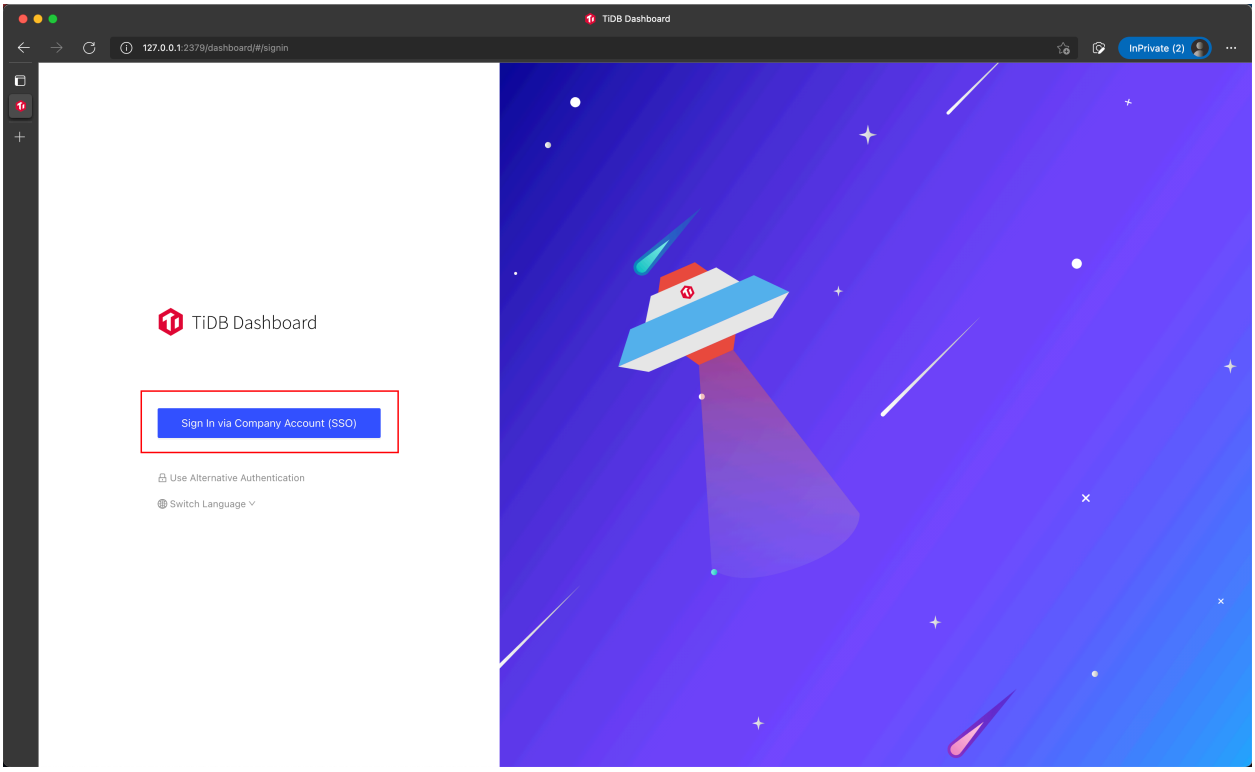


Figure 313: Sample Step

2. Sign into the system with SSO service configured.
3. You are redirected back to TiDB Dashboard to finish the sign-in.

9.5.16.2.3 Example 1: Use Okta for TiDB Dashboard SSO sign-in

Okta is an OIDC SSO identity service, which is compatible with the SSO feature of TiDB Dashboard. The steps below demonstrate how to configure Okta and TiDB Dashboard so that Okta can be used as the TiDB Dashboard SSO provider.

Step 1: Configure Okta

First, create an Okta Application Integration to integrate SSO.

1. Access the Okta administration site.
2. Navigate from the left sidebar **Applications** > **Applications**.
3. Click **Create App Integration**.

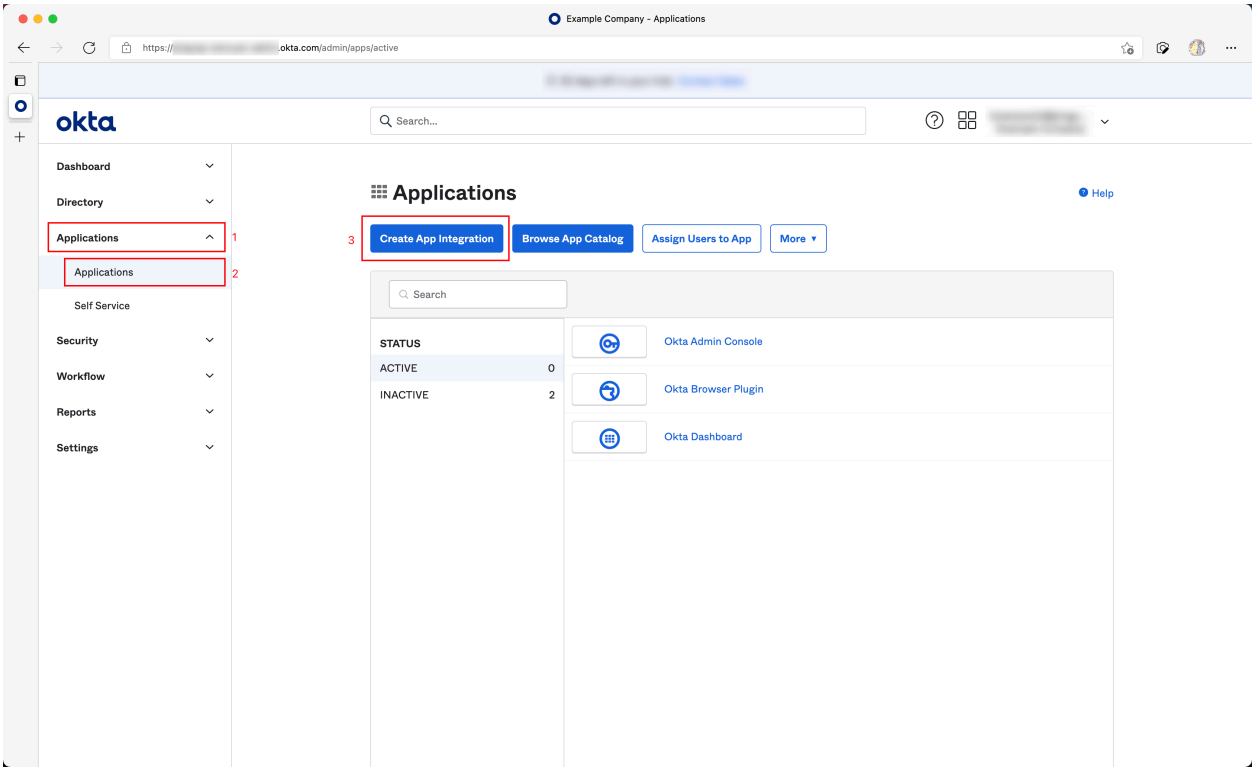


Figure 314: Sample Step

4. In the popped up dialog, choose **OIDC - OpenID Connect** in **Sign-in method**.
5. Choose **Single-Page Application** in **Application Type**.
6. Click the **Next** button.

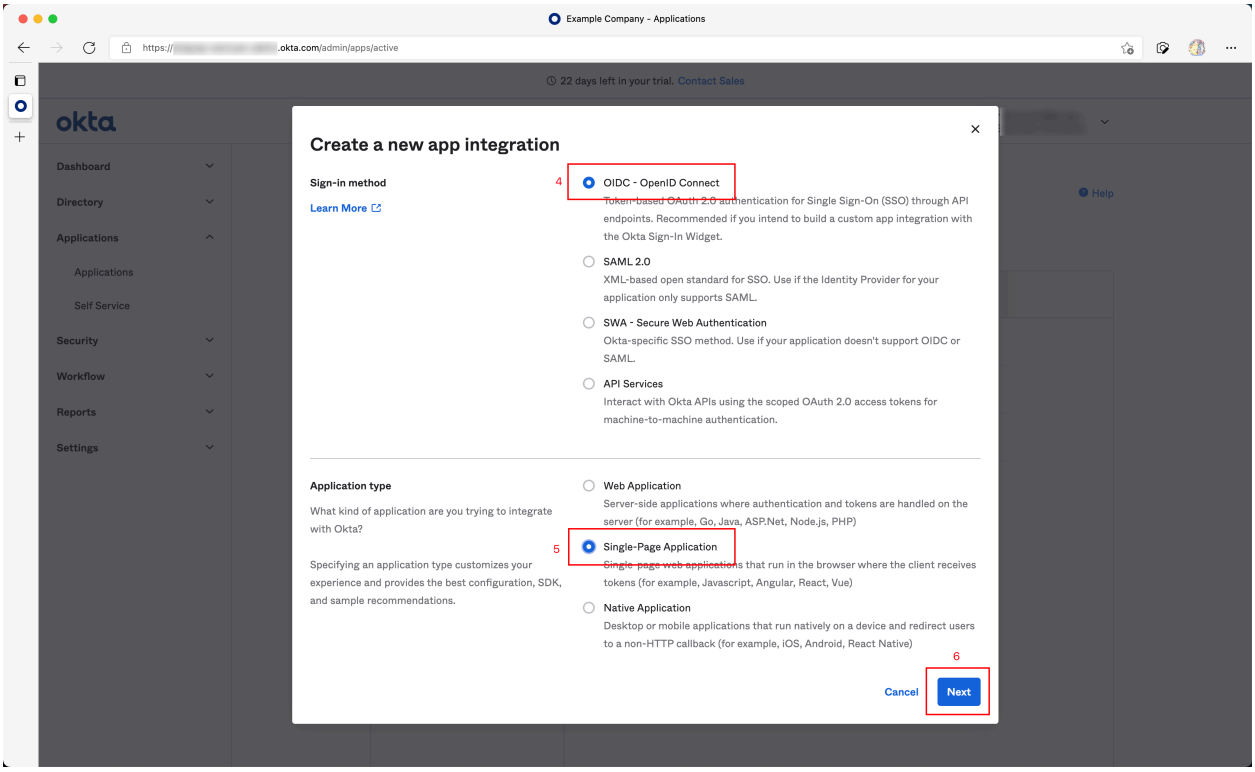


Figure 315: Sample Step

7. Fill **Sign-in redirect URIs** as follows:

```
http://DASHBOARD_IP:PORT/dashboard/?sso_callback=1
```

Substitute `DASHBOARD_IP:PORT` with the actual domain (or IP address) and port that you use to access the TiDB Dashboard in the browser.

8. Fill **Sign-out redirect URIs** as follows:

```
http://DASHBOARD_IP:PORT/dashboard/
```

Similarly, substitute `DASHBOARD_IP:PORT` with the actual domain (or IP address) and port.

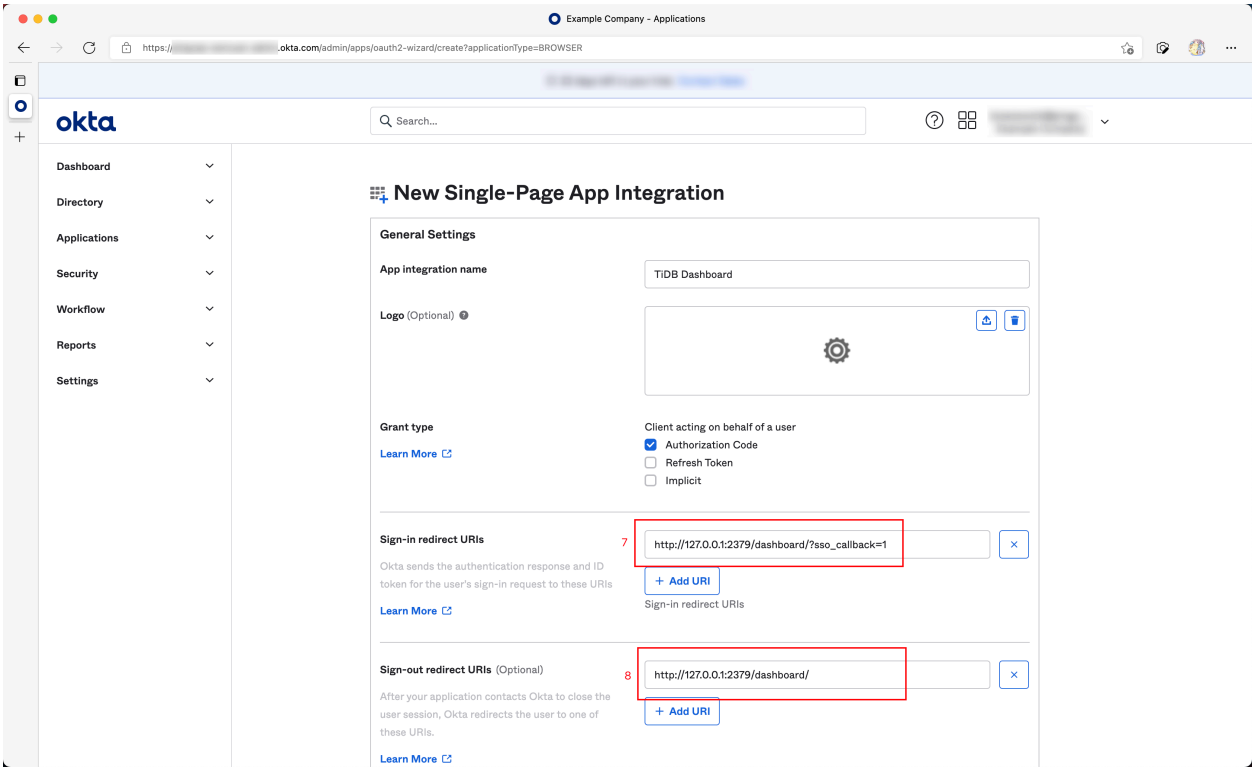


Figure 316: Sample Step

9. Configure what type of users in your organization is allowed for SSO sign-in in the **Assignments** field, and then click **Save** to save the configuration.

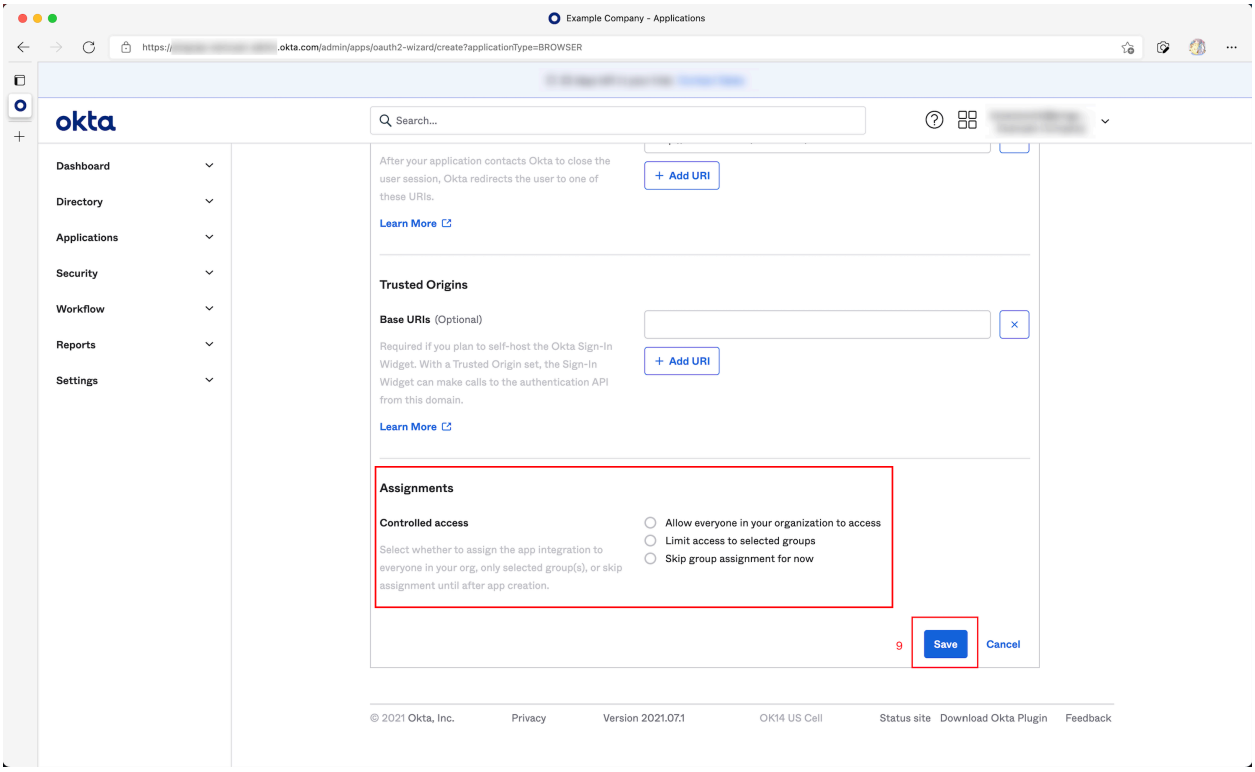


Figure 317: Sample Step

Step 2: Obtain OIDC information and fill in TiDB Dashboard

1. In the Application Integration just created in Okta, click **Sign On**.

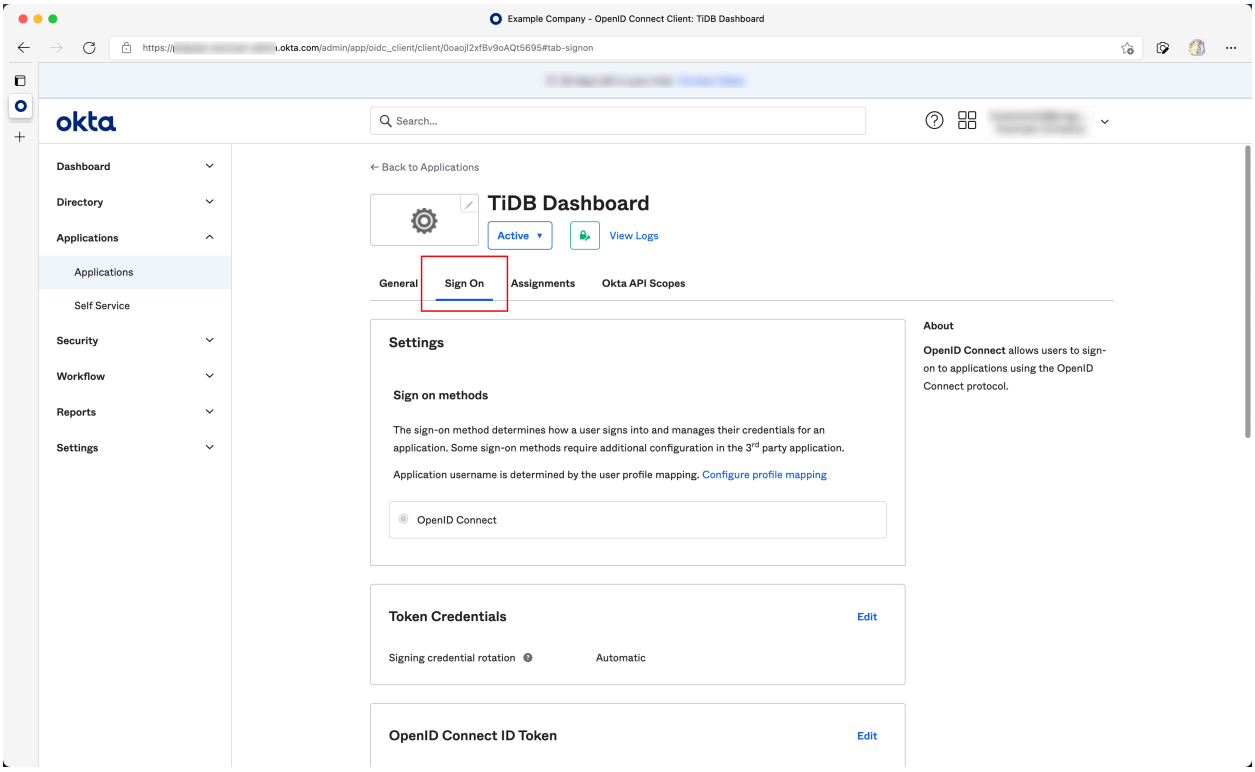


Figure 318: Sample Step 1

2. Copy values of the **Issuer** and **Audience** fields from the **OpenID Connect ID Token** section.

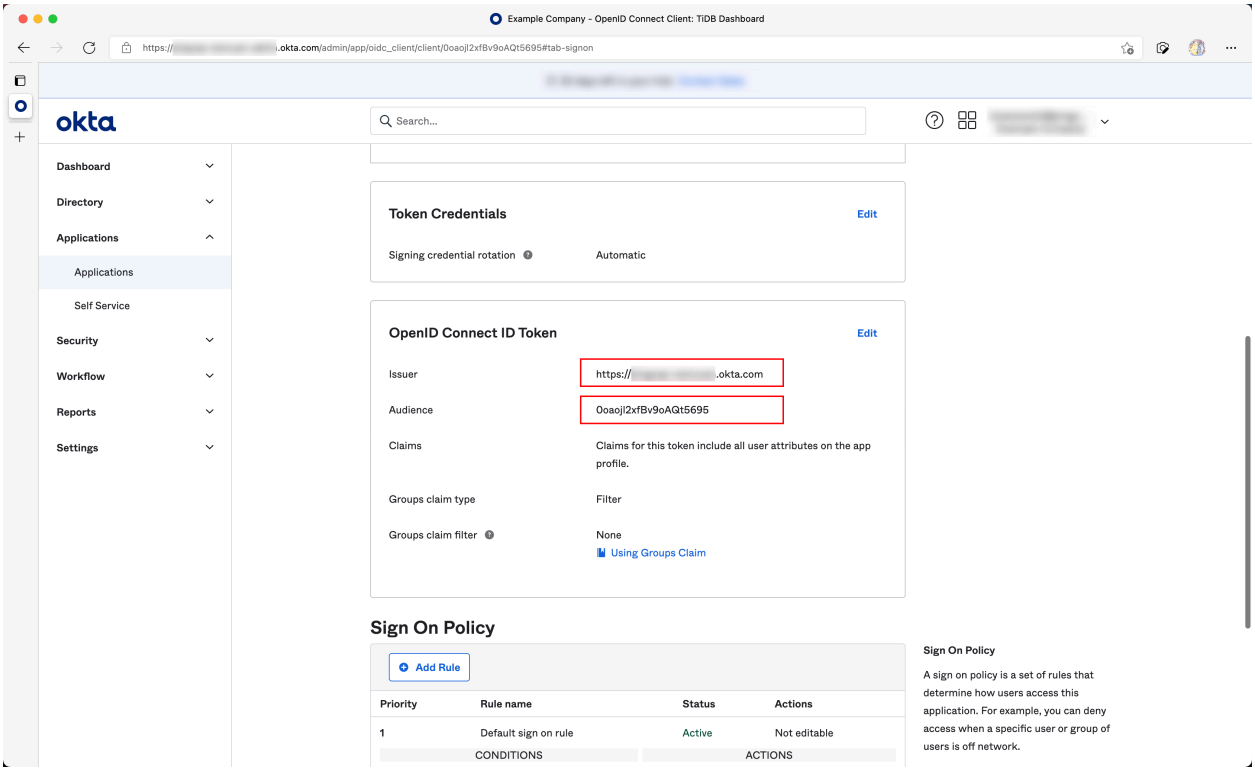


Figure 319: Sample Step 2

3. Open the TiDB Dashboard configuration page, fill **OIDC Client ID** with **Issuer** obtained from the last step and fill **OIDC Discovery URL** with **Audience**. Then finish the authorization and save the configuration. For example:

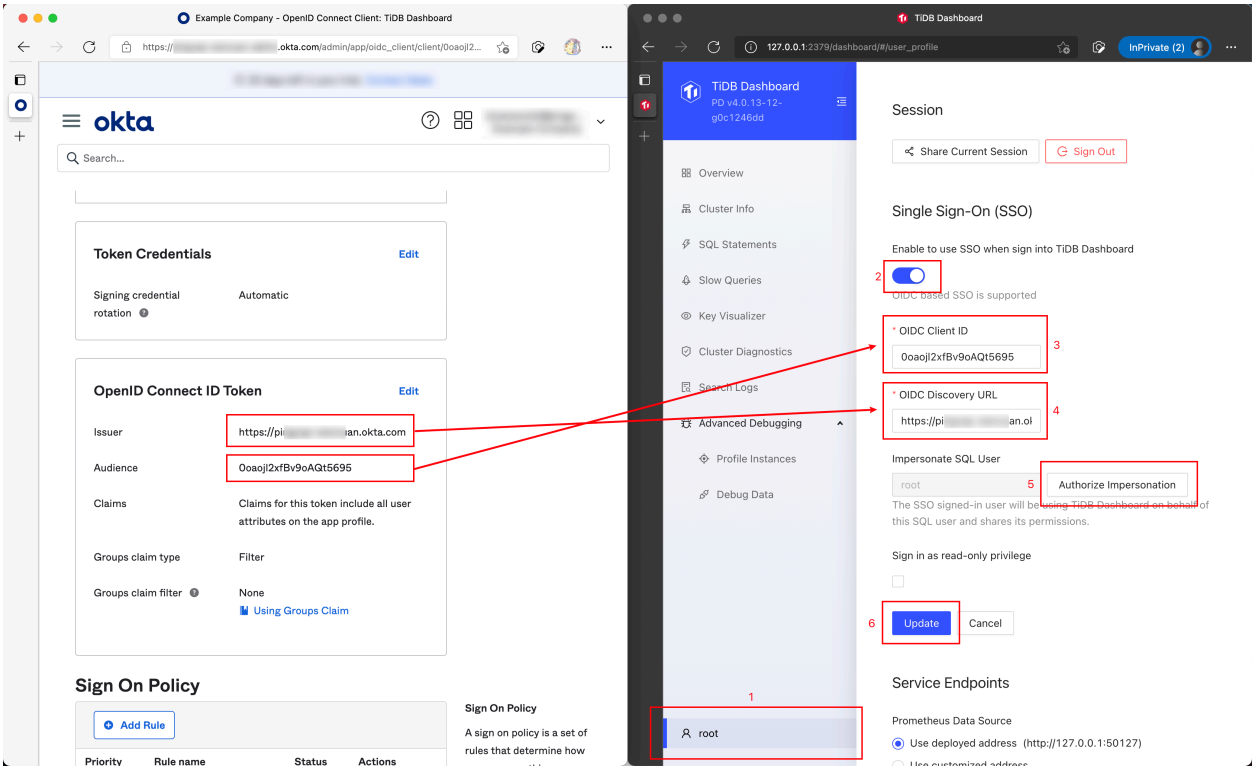


Figure 320: Sample Step 3

Now TiDB Dashboard has been configured to use Okta SSO for sign-in.

9.5.16.2.4 Example 2: Use Auth0 for TiDB Dashboard SSO sign-in

Similar to Okta, Auth0 also provides OIDC SSO identity service. The following steps describe how to configure Auth0 and TiDB Dashboard so that Auth0 can be used as the TiDB Dashboard SSO provider.

Step 1: Configure Auth0

1. Access the Auth0 administration site.
2. Navigate on the left sidebar **Applications** > **Applications**.
3. Click **Create App Integration**.

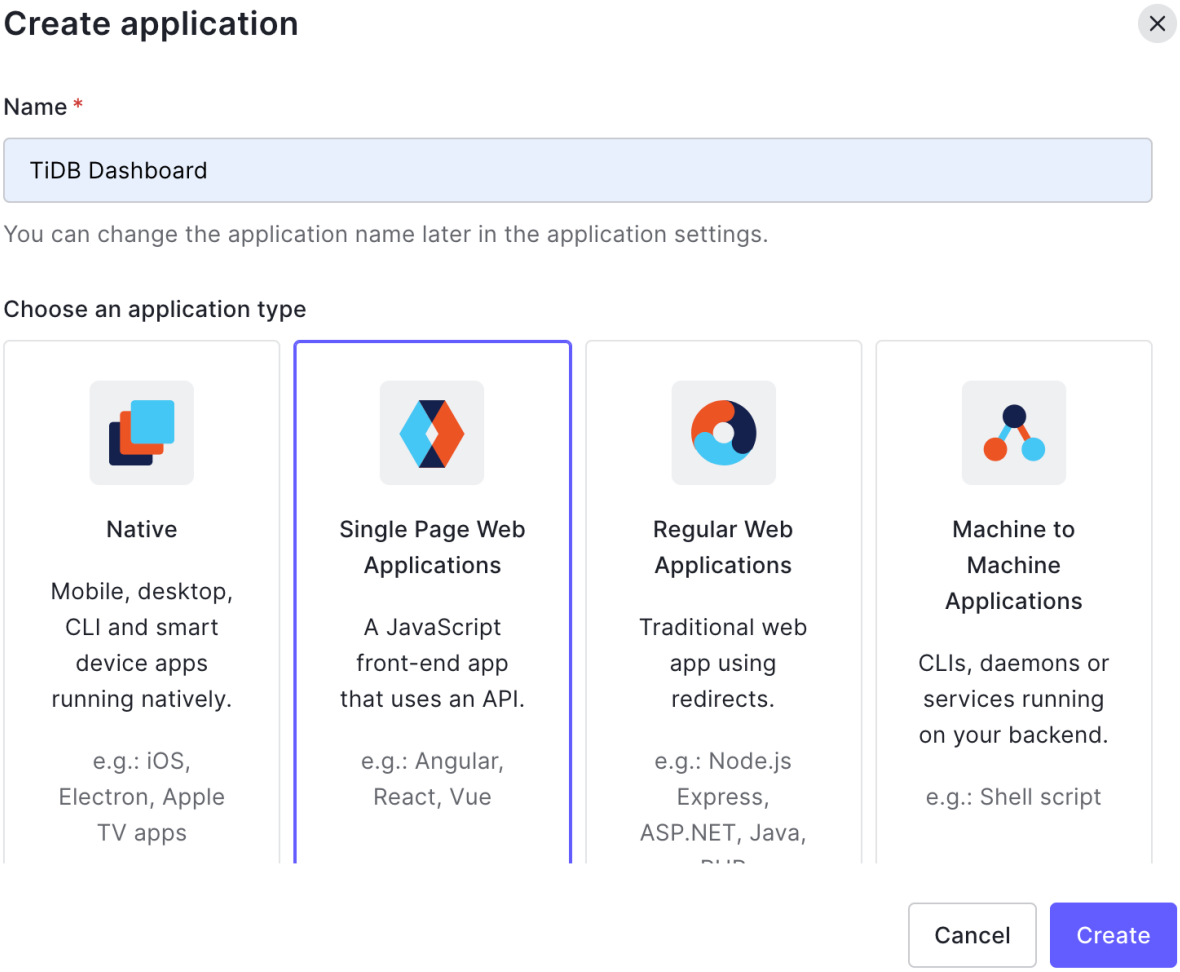


Figure 321: Create Application

In the popped-up dialog, fill **Name**, for example, "TiDB Dashboard". Choose **Single Page Web Applications** in **Choose an application type**. Click **Create**.

4. Click **Settings**.

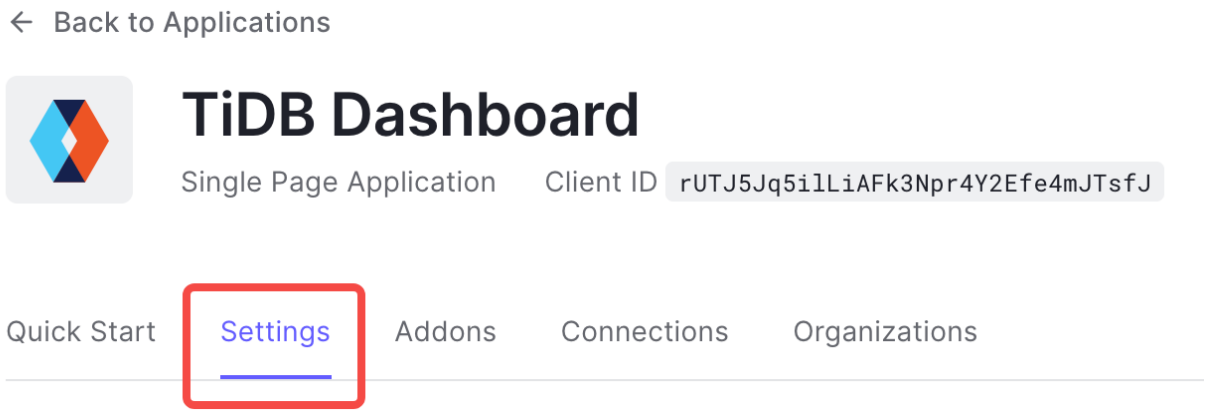


Figure 322: Settings

5. Fill **Allowed Callback URLs** as follows:

```
http://DASHBOARD_IP:PORT/dashboard/?sso_callback=1
```

   Replace `DASHBOARD_IP:PORT` with the actual domain (or IP address) and port that you use to access the TiDB Dashboard in your browser.

6. Fill **Allowed Logout URLs** as follows:

```
http://DASHBOARD_IP:PORT/dashboard/
```

   Similarly, replace `DASHBOARD_IP:PORT` with the actual domain (or IP address) and port.

Allowed Callback URLs

http://localhost:3001/dashboard/?sso_callback=1,
http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/?sso_callback

After the user authenticates we will only call back to any of these URLs. You can specify multiple valid URLs by comma-separating them (typically to handle different environments like QA or testing). Make sure to specify the protocol (`https://`) otherwise the callback may fail in some cases. With the exception of custom URI schemes for native clients, all callbacks should use protocol `https://`. You can use Organization URL parameters in these URLs.

Allowed Logout URLs

http://localhost:3001/dashboard/,
http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard/

A set of URLs that are valid to redirect to after logout from Auth0. After a user logs out from Auth0 you can redirect them with the `returnTo` query parameter. The URL that you use in `returnTo` must be listed here. You can specify multiple valid URLs by comma-separating them. You can use the star symbol as a wildcard for subdomains (`*.google.com`). Query strings and hash information are not taken into account when validating these URLs. Read more about this at https://auth0.com/docs/login/logout

Figure 323: Settings

7. Keep the default values for other settings and click **Save Changes**.

Step 2: Obtain OIDC information and fill in TiDB Dashboard

1. Fill **OIDC Client ID** of TiDB Dashboard with **Client ID** in **Basic Information** under the **Settings** tab of Auth0.
2. Fill **OIDC Discovery URL** with the **Domain** field value prefixed with `https://` and suffixed with `/`, for example, `https://example.us.auth0.com/`. Complete

authorization and save the configuration.

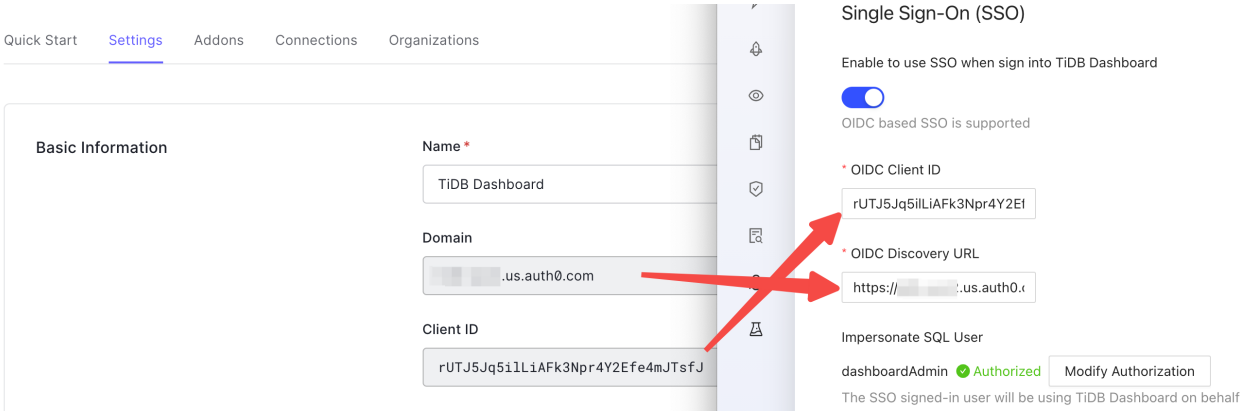


Figure 324: Settings

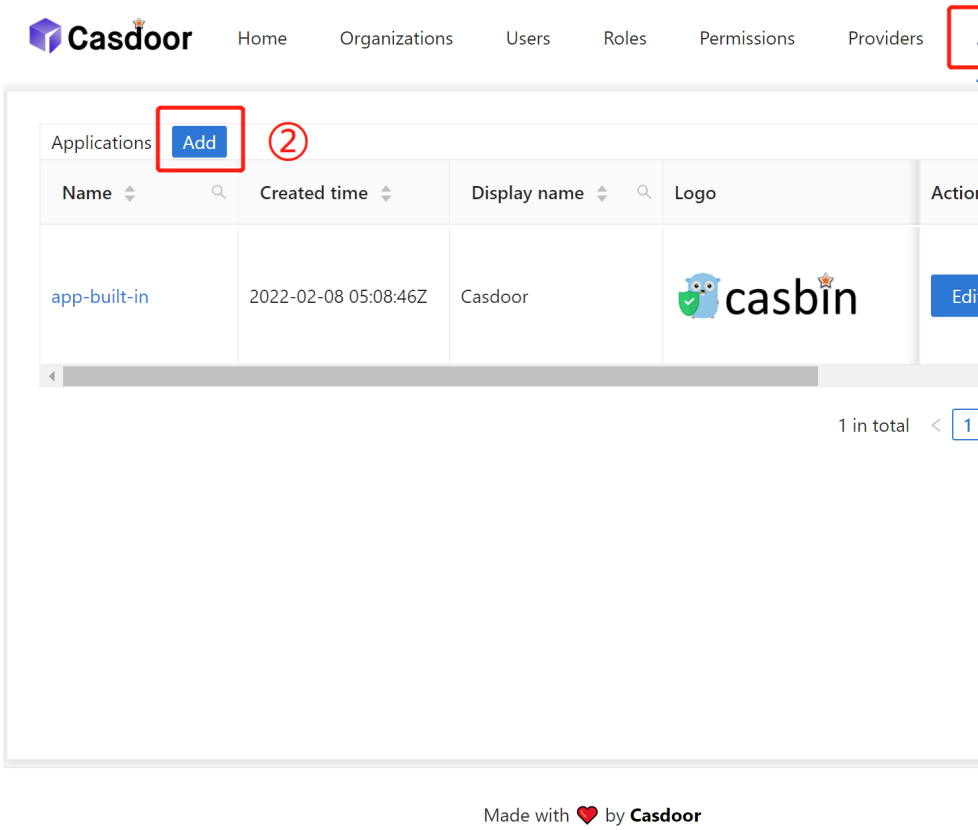
Now TiDB Dashboard has been configured to use Auth0 SSO for sign-in.

9.5.16.2.5 Example 3: Use Casdoor for TiDB Dashboard SSO sign-in

Casdoor is an open-source SSO platform that can be deployed in your own hosts. It is compatible with the SSO feature of TiDB Dashboard. The following steps describe how to configure Casdoor and TiDB Dashboard so that Casdoor can be used as the TiDB Dashboard SSO provider.

Step 1: Configure Casdoor

1. Deploy and access the Casdoor administration site.
2. Navigate from the top sidebar **Applications**.



3. Click **Applications - Add**.
4. Fill **Name** and **Display name**, for example, **TiDB Dashboard**.
5. Add **Redirect URLs** as follows:

```
http://DASHBOARD_IP:PORT/dashboard/?sso_callback=1
```

Replace `DASHBOARD_IP:PORT` with the actual domain (or IP address) and port that you use to access the TiDB Dashboard in your browser.

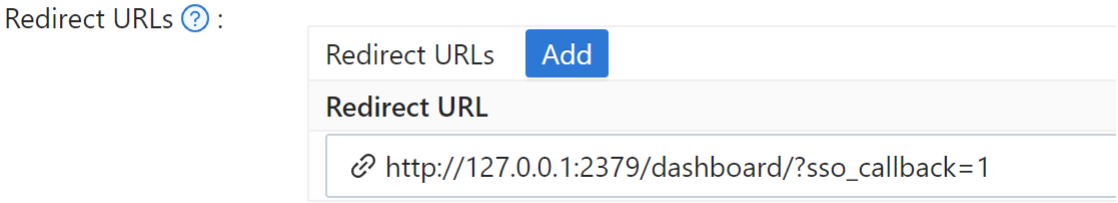


Figure 325: Settings

6. Keep the default values for other settings and click **Save & Exit**.
7. Save the **Client ID** seen on the page.

Step 2: Obtain OIDC information and fill in TiDB Dashboard

1. Fill **OIDC Client ID** of TiDB dashboard with **Client ID** saved in the previous step.
2. Fill **OIDC Discovery URL** with the **Domain** field value prefixed with `https://` ↪ and suffixed with `/`, for example, `https://casdoor.example.com/`. Complete authorization and save the configuration.

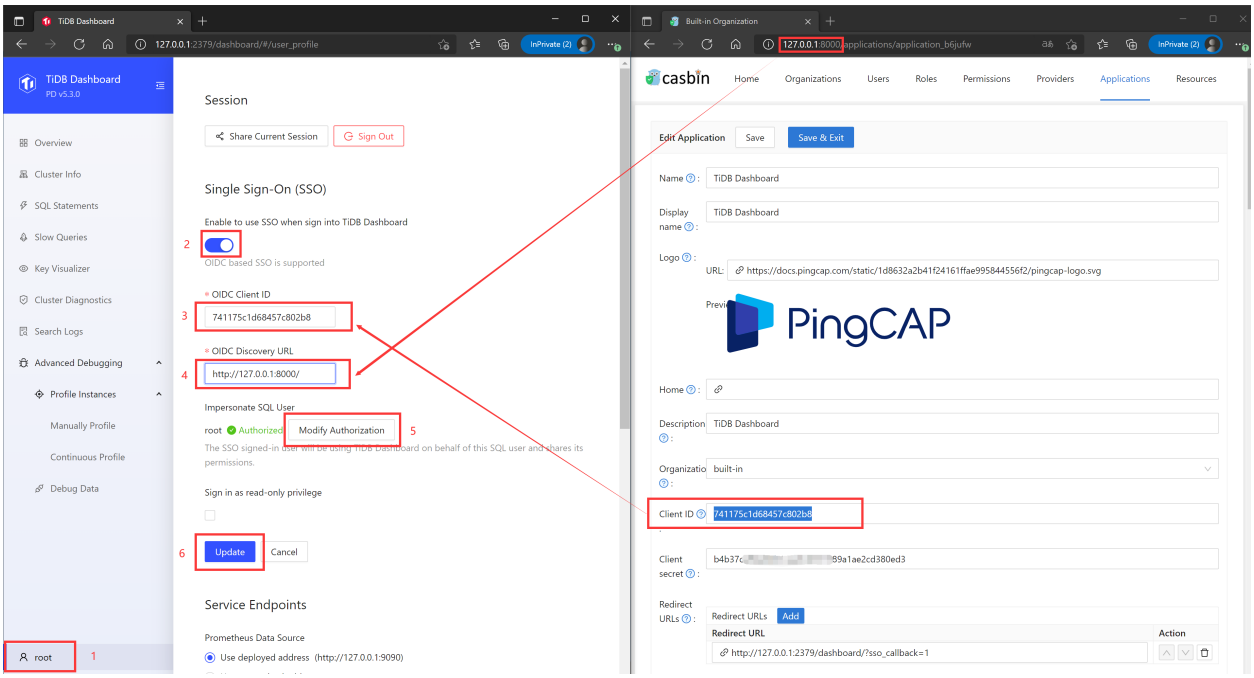


Figure 326: Settings

Now TiDB Dashboard has been configured to use Casdoor SSO for sign-in.

9.5.17 TiDB Dashboard FAQs

This document summarizes the frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers about TiDB Dashboard. If a problem cannot be located or persists after you perform as instructed, get support from PingCAP or the community.

9.5.17.1 Access-related FAQ

9.5.17.1.1 When the firewall or reverse proxy is configured, I am redirected to an internal address other than TiDB Dashboard

When multiple Placement Driver (PD) instances are deployed in a cluster, only one of the PD instances actually runs the TiDB Dashboard service. If you access other PD

instances instead of this one, your browser redirects you to another address. If the firewall or reverse proxy is not properly configured for accessing TiDB Dashboard, when you visit the Dashboard, you might be redirected to an internal address that is protected by the firewall or reverse proxy.

- See TiDB Dashboard Multi-PD Instance Deployment to learn the working principle of TiDB Dashboard with multiple PD instances.
- See Use TiDB Dashboard through a Reverse Proxy to learn how to correctly configure a reverse proxy.
- See Secure TiDB Dashboard to learn how to correctly configure the firewall.

9.5.17.1.2 When TiDB Dashboard is deployed with dual network interface cards (NICs), TiDB Dashboard cannot be accessed using another NIC

For security reasons, TiDB Dashboard on PD only monitors the IP addresses specified during deployment (that is, it only listens on one NIC), not on `0.0.0.0`. Therefore, when multiple NICs are installed on the host, you cannot access TiDB Dashboard using another NIC.

If you have deployed TiDB using the `tiup cluster` or `tiup playground` command, currently this problem cannot be solved. It is recommended that you use a reverse proxy to safely expose TiDB Dashboard to another NIC. For details, see Use TiDB Dashboard behind a Reverse Proxy.

9.5.17.2 UI-related FAQ

9.5.17.2.1 A `prometheus_not_found` error is shown in QPS and Latency sections on the Overview page

The **QPS** and **Latency** sections on the **Overview** page require a cluster with Prometheus deployed. Otherwise, the error is shown. You can solve this problem by deploying a Prometheus instance in the cluster.

If you still encounter this problem when the Prometheus instance has been deployed, the possible reason is that your deployment tool is out of date (TiUP or TiDB Operator), and your tool does not automatically report metrics addresses, which makes TiDB Dashboard unable to query metrics. You can upgrade your deployment tool to the latest version and try again.

If your deployment tool is TiUP, take the following steps to solve this problem. For other deployment tools, refer to the corresponding documents of those tools.

1. Upgrade TiUP and TiUP Cluster:

```
tiup update --self
tiup update cluster --force
```

2. After the upgrade, when a new cluster is deployed with Prometheus instances, the metrics can be displayed normally.

3. After the upgrade, for an existing cluster, you can restart this cluster to report the metrics addresses. Replace `CLUSTER_NAME` with the actual cluster name:

```
tiup cluster start CLUSTER_NAME
```

Even if the cluster has been started, still execute this command. This command does not affect the normal application in the cluster, but refreshes and reports the metrics addresses, so that the monitoring metrics can be displayed normally in TiDB Dashboard.

9.5.17.2.2 An `invalid connection` error is shown on the Slow Queries page

The possible reason is that you have enabled the Prepared Plan Cache feature of TiDB. As an experimental feature, when enabled, Prepared Plan Cache might not function properly in specific TiDB versions, which could cause this problem in TiDB Dashboard (and other applications). You can disable Prepared Plan Cache by setting the system variable `tidb_enable_prepared_plan_cache = OFF`.

9.5.17.2.3 A `required component NgMonitoring is not started` error is shown

NgMonitoring is an advanced monitoring component built in TiDB clusters of v5.4.0 and later versions to support TiDB Dashboard features such as **Continuous Profiling** and **Top SQL**. NgMonitoring is automatically deployed when you deploy or upgrade a cluster with a newer version of TiUP. For clusters deployed using TiDB Operator, you can deploy NgMonitoring manually by referring to Enable Continuous Profiling.

If the web page shows `required component NgMonitoring is not started`, you can troubleshoot the deployment issue as follows:

Clusters Deployed using TiUP

Step 1. Check versions

1. Check the TiUP cluster version. NgMonitoring is deployed only when TiUP is v1.9.0 or later.

```
tiup cluster --version
```

The command output shows the TiUP version. For example:

```
tiup version 1.9.0 tiup
Go Version: go1.17.2
Git Ref: v1.9.0
```

2. If the TiUP cluster version is earlier than v1.9.0, upgrade TiUP and TiUP cluster to the latest version:

```
tiup update --all
```

Step 2. Add the ng_port configuration item on the control machine by using TiUP. Then reload Prometheus.

1. Open the cluster configuration file in editing mode:

```
tiup cluster edit-config ${cluster-name}
```

2. Under `monitoring_servers`, add the `ng_port:12020` parameter:

```
monitoring_servers:
- host: 172.16.6.6
  ng_port: 12020
```

3. Reload Prometheus:

```
tiup cluster reload ${cluster-name} --role prometheus
```

If the error message is still prompted after performing steps above, get support from PingCAP or the community.

Clusters Deployed using TiDB Operator

Deploy the NgMonitoring component by following instructions in the Enable Continuous Profiling section in TiDB Operator documentation.

Clusters Started using TiUP Playground

When starting the cluster, TiUP Playground (>= v1.8.0) automatically starts the NgMonitoring component. To update TiUP Playground to the latest version, run the following command:

```
tiup update --self
tiup update playground
```

9.5.17.2.4 An `unknown field` error is shown on the Slow Queries page

If the `unknown field` error appears on the **Slow Queries** page after the cluster upgrade, the error is related to a compatibility issue caused by the difference between TiDB Dashboard server fields (which might be updated) and user preferences fields (which are in the browser cache). This issue has been fixed. If your cluster is earlier than v5.0.3 or v4.0.14, perform the following steps to clear your browser cache:

1. Open TiDB Dashboard page.

2. Open Developer Tools. Different browsers have different ways of opening Developer Tools. After clicking the **Menu Bar**:

    - Firefox: **Menu** > **Web Developer** > **Toggle Tools**, or **Tools** > **Web Developer** > **Toggle Tools**.
    - Chrome: **More tools** > **Developer tools**.
    - Safari: **Develop** > **Show Web Inspector**. If you can't see the **Develop** menu, go to **Safari** > **Preferences** > **Advanced**, and check the **Show Develop** menu in menu bar checkbox.

    In the following example, Chrome is used.

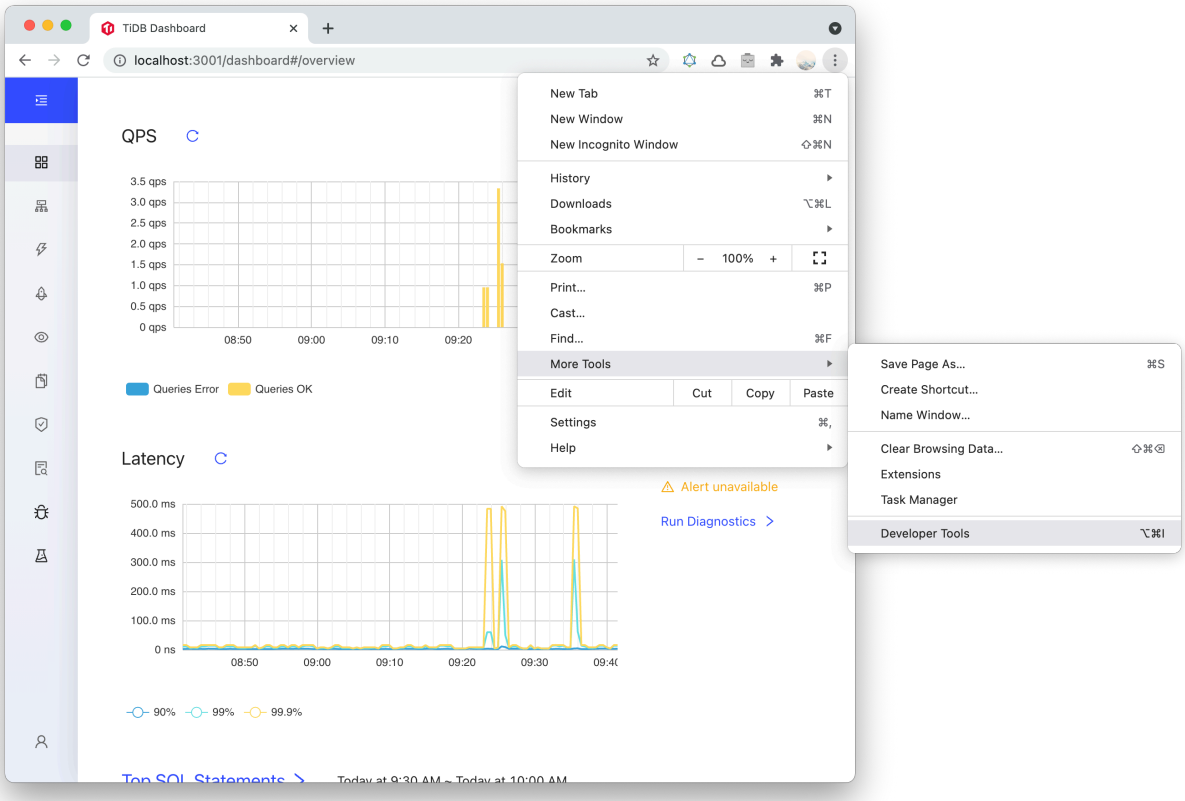


Figure 327: Opening DevTools from Chrome's main menu

3. Select the **Application** panel, expand the **Local Storage** menu and select the **TiDB Dashboard page domain**. Click the **Clear All** button.

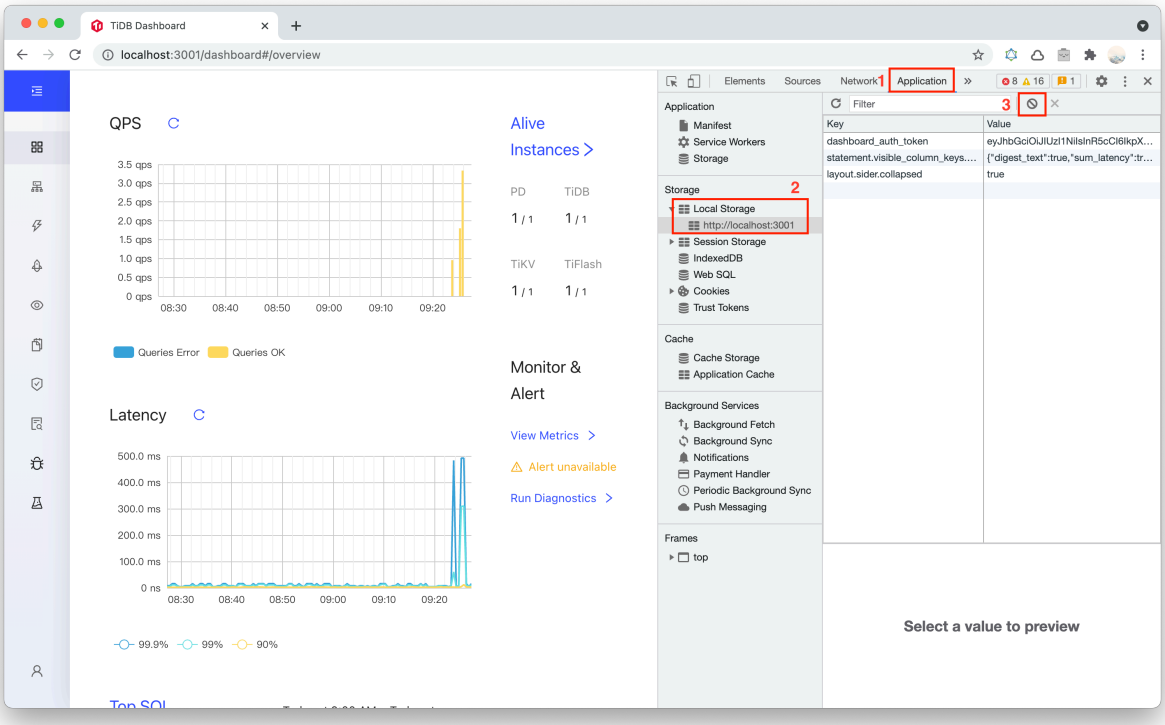


Figure 328: Clear the Local Storage

Warning:

- Since TiDB v6.0.0, PingCAP no longer maintains MetricsTool. Since v6.1.0, PingCAP no longer maintains the MetricsTool document.
- To export monitoring metrics data, use the PingCAP Clinic diagnostic service to get the information required for diagnosing a TiDB cluster, including the monitoring metrics, logs, cluster topology, configuration, and parameters.

9.6 Export Grafana Snapshots

Note:

Currently, MetricsTool can only be used with Grafana v6.x.x.

Metrics data is important in troubleshooting. When you request remote assistance, sometimes the support staff need to view the Grafana dashboards to diagnose problems. MetricsTool can help export snapshots of Grafana dashboards as local files and visualize these snapshots. You can share these snapshots with outsiders and allow them to accurately read out the graphs, without giving out access to other sensitive information on the Grafana server.

9.6.1 Usage

MetricsTool can be accessed from https://metricstool.pingcap.net/. It consists of three sets of tools:

- **Export**: A user script running on the browser's Developer Tool, allowing you to download a snapshot of all visible panels in the current dashboard on any Grafana v6.x.x server.

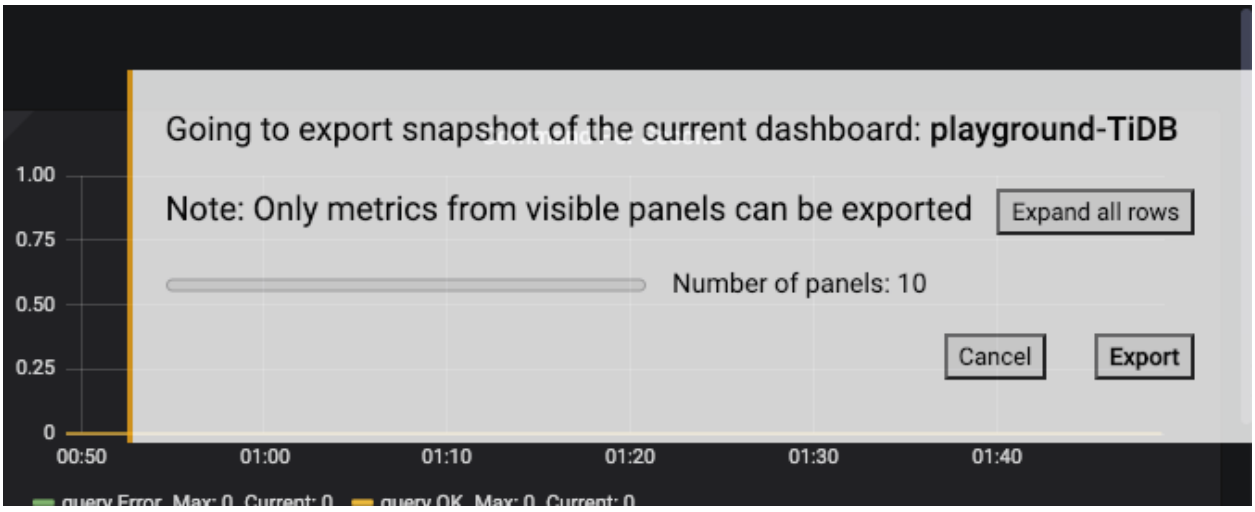


Figure 329: Screenshot of MetricsTool Exporter after running the user script

- **Visualize**: A web page visualizing the exported snapshot files. The visualized snapshots can be operated in the same way as live Grafana dashboards.

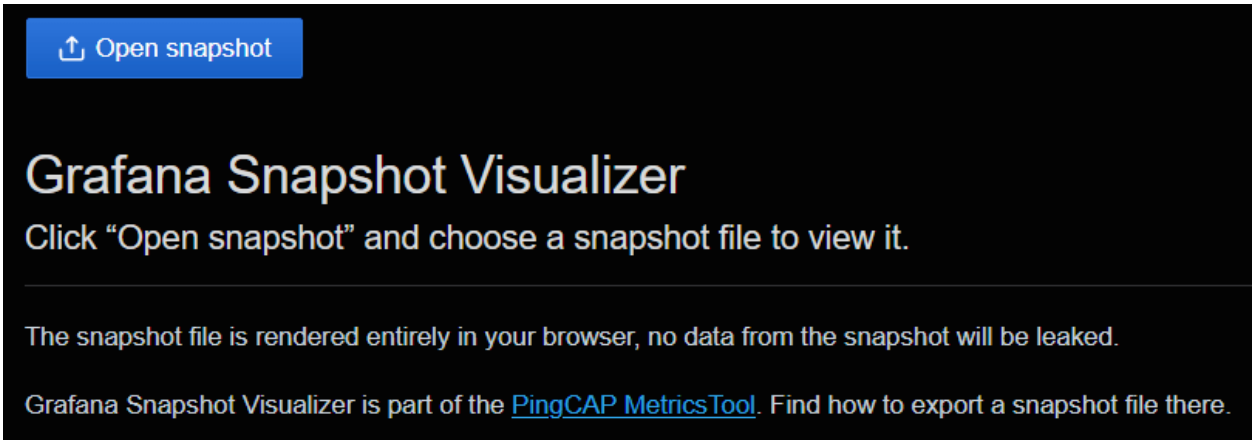


Figure 330: Screenshot of MetricsTool Visualizer

- **Import**: Instructions to import the exported snapshot back into an actual Grafana instance.

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9.6.2.1 What is the advantage of this tool compared with screenshot or PDF printing?

The snapshot files exported by MetricsTool contain the actual values when they are taken. And the Visualizer allows you to interact with the rendered graphs as if it is a live Grafana dashboard, supporting operations like toggling series, zooming into a smaller time range, and checking the precise value at a given time. This makes MetricsTool much more powerful than images or PDFs.

9.6.2.2 What are included in the snapshot file?

The snapshot file contains the values of all graphs and panels in the selected time range. It does not save the original metrics from the data sources (and thus you cannot edit the query expression in the Visualizer).

9.6.2.3 Will the Visualizer save the uploaded snapshot files in PingCAP's servers?

No, the Visualizer parses the snapshot files entirely inside your browser. Nothing will be sent to PingCAP. You are free to view snapshot files received from sensitive sources, and no need to worry about these leaking to third parties through the Visualizer.

9.6.2.4 Will there be problems to execute the script before all metrics are loaded?

No, the script UI will notify you to wait for all metrics to be loaded. However, you can manually skip waiting and export the snapshot in case of some metrics loading for too long.

9.6.2.5 Can we share a link to a visualized snapshot?

No, but you can share the snapshot file, with instruction on how to use the Visualizer to view it. If you truly need a world-readable URL, you may also try the public `snapshot.raintank.io` service built into Grafana, but make sure all privacy concerns are cleared before doing so.

9.7 TiDB Cluster Alert Rules

This document describes the alert rules for different components in a TiDB cluster, including the rule descriptions and solutions of the alert items in TiDB, TiKV, PD, TiFlash, TiCDC, Node_exporter and Blackbox_exporter.

According to the severity level, alert rules are divided into three categories (from high to low): emergency-level, critical-level, and warning-level. This division of severity levels applies to all alert items of each component below.

Severity level	Description
Emergency-level	The highest severity level at which the service is unavailable. Emergency-level alerts are often caused by a service or node failure. **Manual intervention is required immediately**.

Severity level	Description
Critical-level	Decreased service availability. For the critical-level alerts, a close watch on the abnormal metrics is required.
Warning-level	Warning-level alerts are a reminder for an issue or error.

9.7.1 TiDB alert rules

This section gives the alert rules for the TiDB component.

9.7.1.1 Emergency-level alerts

9.7.1.1.1 `TiDB_schema_error`

- Alert rule:

```
increase(tidb_session_schema_lease_error_total{type="outdated"}[15m])>
↪ 0
```

- Description:

The latest schema information is not reloaded in TiDB within one lease. When TiDB fails to continue providing services, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  It is often caused by an unavailable Region or a TiKV timeout. You need to locate the issue by checking the TiKV monitoring items.

9.7.1.1.2 `TiDB_tikvclient_region_err_total`

- Alert rule:

  `increase(tidb_tikvclient_region_err_total[10m])> 6000`

- Description:

  TiDB server accesses the Region leader of TiKV according to its own cache information. If the Region leader has changed or the current TiKV Region information is inconsistent with that in the TiDB cache, a Region cache error occurs. When the error is reported over 6000 times in 10 minutes, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  View **TiKV-Details > Cluster** dashboard to see if the leader is balanced.

9.7.1.1.3 `TiDB_domain_load_schema_total`

- Alert rule:

  `increase(tidb_domain_load_schema_total{type="failed"}[10m])> 10`

- Description:

  The total number of failures to reload the latest schema information in TiDB. If the reloading failure occurs over 10 times in 10 minutes, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Same as `TiDB_schema_error`.

9.7.1.2 Critical-level alerts

9.7.1.2.1 `TiDB_server_panic_total`

- Alert rule:

  `increase(tidb_server_panic_total[10m])> 0`

- Description:

  The number of panicked TiDB threads. When a panic occurs, an alert is triggered. The thread is often recovered, otherwise, TiDB will frequently restart.

- Solution:

  Collect the panic logs to locate the issue.

9.7.1.3 Warning-level alerts

9.7.1.3.1 TiDB_memory_abnormal

- Alert rule:

  `go_memstats_heap_inuse_bytes{job="tidb"} > 1e+10`

- Description:

  The monitoring on the TiDB memory usage. If the usage exceeds 10 G, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Use the HTTP API to troubleshoot the goroutine leak issue.

9.7.1.3.2 TiDB_query_duration

- Alert rule:

  ```
  histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tidb_server_handle_query_duration_
  ↪ seconds_bucket[1m]))BY (le, instance))> 1
  ```

- Description:

  The latency of handling a request in TiDB. The response time for 99% of requests should be within 1 second; otherwise, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  View TiDB logs and search for the `SLOW_QUERY` and `TIME_COP_PROCESS` keywords to locate the slow SQL queries.

9.7.1.3.3 TiDB_server_event_error

- Alert rule:

  ```
  increase(tidb_server_event_total{type=~"server_start|server_hang"}[15m
  ↪ ])> 0
  ```

- Description:

  The number of events that happen in the TiDB service. An alert is triggered when the following events happen:

  1. start: The TiDB service starts.
  2. hang: When a critical-level event happens, TiDB enters the `hang` mode and waits to be killed manually.

- Solution:

  Restart TiDB to recover the service.

9.7.1.3.4 `TiDB_tikvclient_backoff_seconds_count`

- Alert rule:

  `increase(tidb_tikvclient_backoff_seconds_count[10m])> 10`

- Description:

  The number of retries when TiDB fails to access TiKV. When the retry times is over 10 in 10 minutes, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  View the monitoring status of TiKV.

9.7.1.3.5 `TiDB_monitor_time_jump_back_error`

- Alert rule:

  `increase(tidb_monitor_time_jump_back_total[10m])> 0`

- Description:

  When the time of the machine that holds TiDB rewinds, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Troubleshoot the NTP configurations.

9.7.1.3.6 `TiDB_ddl_waiting_jobs`

- Alert rule:

  `sum(tidb_ddl_waiting_jobs)> 5`

- Description:

  When the number of DDL tasks pending for execution in TiDB exceeds 5, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Check whether there is any time-consuming `add index` operation that is being executed by running `admin show ddl`.

9.7.2 PD alert rules

This section gives the alert rules for the PD component.

9.7.2.1 Emergency-level alerts

9.7.2.1.1 PD_cluster_down_store_nums

- Alert rule:

```
(sum(pd_cluster_status{type="store_down_count"})by (instance)> 0)and (
↪ sum(etcd_server_is_leader)by (instance)> 0)
```

- Description:

  PD has not received a TiKV/TiFlash heartbeat for a long time (the default configuration is 30 minutes).

- Solution:

  - Check whether the TiKV/TiFlash process is normal, the network is isolated or the load is too high, and recover the service as much as possible.
  - If the TiKV/TiFlash instance cannot be recovered, you can make it offline.

9.7.2.2 Critical-level alerts

9.7.2.2.1 PD_etcd_write_disk_latency

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(etcd_disk_wal_fsync_duration_seconds_
↪ bucket[1m]))by (instance, job, le))> 1
```

- Description:

  If the latency of the fsync operation exceeds 1 second, it indicates that etcd writes data to disk at a lower speed than normal. It might lead to PD leader timeout or failure to store TSO on disk in time, which will shut down the service of the entire cluster.

- Solution:

  - Find the cause of slow writes. It might be other services that overload the system. You can check whether PD itself occupies a large amount of CPU or I/O resources.

- Try to restart PD or manually transfer leader to another PD to recover the service.
- If the problematic PD instance cannot be recovered due to environmental factors, make it offline and replace it.

9.7.2.2.2 PD_miss_peer_region_count

- Alert rule:

```
(sum(pd_regions_status{type="miss-peer-region-count"})by (instance)>
↪ 100)and (sum(etcd_server_is_leader)by (instance)> 0)
```

- Description:

  The number of Region replicas is smaller than the value of `max-replicas`.

- Solution:

  - Find the cause of the issue by checking whether there is any TiKV machine that is down or being made offline.
  - Watch the Region health panel and see whether `miss-peer-region-count` is continuously decreasing.

9.7.2.3 Warning-level alerts

9.7.2.3.1 PD_cluster_lost_connect_store_nums

- Alert rule:

```
(sum(pd_cluster_status{type="store_disconnected_count"})by (instance)>
↪ 0)and (sum(etcd_server_is_leader)by (instance)> 0)
```

- Description:

  PD does not receive a TiKV/TiFlash heartbeat within 20 seconds. Normally a TiKV/TiFlash heartbeat comes in every 10 seconds.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the TiKV/TiFlash instance is being restarted.
  - Check whether the TiKV/TiFlash process is normal, the network is isolated, and the load is too high, and recover the service as much as possible.
  - If you confirm that the TiKV/TiFlash instance cannot be recovered, you can make it offline.
  - If you confirm that the TiKV/TiFlash instance can be recovered, but not in the short term, you can consider increasing the value of `max-down-time`. It will prevent the TiKV/TiFlash instance from being considered as irrecoverable and the data from being removed from the TiKV/TiFlash.

9.7.2.3.2 PD_cluster_unhealthy_tikv_nums

- Alert rule:

```
(sum(pd_cluster_status{type="store_unhealth_count"})by (instance)> 0)
↪ and (sum(etcd_server_is_leader)by (instance)> 0)
```

- Description:

  Indicates that there are unhealthy stores. If the situation persists for some time (configured by max-store-down-time, defaults to 30m), the store is likely to change to Offline state, which triggers the PD_cluster_down_store_nums alert.

- Solution:

  Check the state of the TiKV stores.

9.7.2.3.3 PD_cluster_low_space

- Alert rule:

```
(sum(pd_cluster_status{type="store_low_space_count"})by (instance)> 0)
↪ and (sum(etcd_server_is_leader)by (instance)> 0)
```

- Description:

  Indicates that there is no sufficient space on the TiKV/TiFlash node.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the space in the cluster is generally insufficient. If so, increase its capacity.
  - Check whether there is any issue with Region balance scheduling. If so, it will lead to uneven data distribution.
  - Check whether there is any file that occupies a large amount of disk space, such as the log, snapshot, and core dump.
  - Lower the Region weight of the node to reduce the data volume.
  - When it is not possible to release the space, consider proactively making the node offline. This prevents insufficient disk space that leads to downtime.

9.7.2.3.4 PD_etcd_network_peer_latency

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(etcd_network_peer_round_trip_time_
↪ seconds_bucket[1m]))by (To, instance, job, le))> 1
```

- Description:

  The network latency between PD nodes is high. It might lead to the leader timeout and TSO disk storage timeout, which impacts the service of the cluster.

- Solution:

    - Check the network and system load status.
    - If the problematic PD instance cannot be recovered due to environmental factors, make it offline and replace it.

9.7.2.3.5 PD_tidb_handle_requests_duration

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(pd_client_request_handle_requests_
↪ duration_seconds_bucket{type="tso"}[1m]))by (instance, job, le))>
↪ 0.1
```

- Description:

    It takes a longer time for PD to handle the TSO request. It is often caused by a high load.

- Solution:

    - Check the load status of the server.
    - Use pprof to analyze the CPU profile of PD.
    - Manually switch the PD leader.
    - If the problematic PD instance cannot be recovered due to environmental factors, make it offline and replace it.

9.7.2.3.6 PD_down_peer_region_nums

- Alert rule:

```
(sum(pd_regions_status{type="down-peer-region-count"})by (instance)> 0)
↪ and (sum(etcd_server_is_leader)by (instance)> 0)
```

- Description:

    The number of Regions with an unresponsive peer reported by the Raft leader.

- Solution:

    - Check whether there is any TiKV that is down, or that was just restarted, or that is busy.
    - Watch the Region health panel and see whether `down_peer_region_count` is continuously decreasing.
    - Check the network between TiKV servers.

9.7.2.3.7 PD_pending_peer_region_count

- Alert rule:

```
(sum(pd_regions_status{type="pending-peer-region-count"})by (instance)>
↪  100)and (sum(etcd_server_is_leader)by (instance)> 0)
```

- Description:

  There are too many Regions that have lagged Raft logs. It is normal that scheduling leads to a small number of pending peers, but if the number remains high, there might be an issue.

- Solution:

  - Watch the Region health panel and see whether `pending_peer_region_count` is continuously decreasing.
  - Check the network between TiKV servers, especially whether there is enough bandwidth.

9.7.2.3.8 PD_leader_change

- Alert rule:

```
count(changes(pd_tso_events{type="save"}[10m])> 0)>= 2
```

- Description:

  The PD leader is recently switched.

- Solution:

  - Exclude the human factors, such as restarting PD, manually transferring leader, and adjusting leader priority.
  - Check the network and system load status.
  - If the problematic PD instance cannot be recovered due to environmental factors, make it offline and replace it.

9.7.2.3.9 TiKV_space_used_more_than_80%

- Alert rule:

```
sum(pd_cluster_status{type="storage_size"})/ sum(pd_cluster_status{type
↪ ="storage_capacity"})* 100 > 80
```

- Description:

  Over 80% of the cluster space is occupied.

- Solution:

- Check whether it is needed to increase capacity.
- Check whether there is any file that occupies a large amount of disk space, such as the log, snapshot, and core dump.

9.7.2.3.10 PD_system_time_slow

- Alert rule:

```
changes(pd_tso_events{type="system_time_slow"}[10m])>= 1
```

- Description:

  The system time rewind might happen.

- Solution:

  Check whether the system time is configured correctly.

9.7.2.3.11 PD_no_store_for_making_replica

- Alert rule:

```
increase(pd_checker_event_count{type="replica_checker", name="no_target
↪ _store"}[1m])> 0
```

- Description:

  There is no appropriate store for additional replicas.

- Solution:

  - Check whether there is enough space in the store.
  - Check whether there is any store for additional replicas according to the label configuration if it is configured.

9.7.2.3.12 PD_cluster_slow_tikv_nums

- Alert rule:

```
sum(pd_cluster_status{type="store_slow_count"})by (instance)> 0)and (
↪ sum(etcd_server_is_leader)by (instance)> 0
```

- Description:

  There is a slow TiKV node. `raftstore.inspect-interval` controls the detection of TiKV slow nodes. For more information, see `raftstore.inspect-interval`.

- Solution:

- Watch the **TiKV-Details > PD** dashboard and view the Store Slow Score metric. Identify the node with a metric value exceeding 80, which is detected as a slow node.
- Watch the **TiKV-Details > Raft IO** dashboard and see whether the latency increases. If the latency is high, it means a bottleneck might exist in the disk.
- Set the `raftstore.inspect-interval` configuration item to a larger value to increase the timeout limit of latency.
- For further analysis of performance issues of the alerted TiKV node and tuning methods, see Performance analysis and tuning.

9.7.3 TiKV alert rules

This section gives the alert rules for the TiKV component.

9.7.3.1 Emergency-level alerts

9.7.3.1.1 `TiKV_memory_used_too_fast`

- Alert rule:

```
process_resident_memory_bytes{job=~"tikv",instance=~".*"} - (process
↪ _resident_memory_bytes{job=~"tikv",instance=~".*"} offset 5m)>
↪ 5*1024*1024*1024
```

- Description:

  Currently, there are no TiKV monitoring items about memory. You can monitor the memory usage of the machines in the cluster by Node_exporter. The above rule indicates that when the memory usage exceeds 5 GB within 5 minutes (the memory is occupied too fast in TiKV), an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Adjust the `block-cache-size` value of both `rocksdb.defaultcf` and `rocksdb.
  ↪ writecf`.

9.7.3.1.2 `TiKV_GC_can_not_work`

- Alert rule:

```
sum(increase(tikv_gcworker_gc_tasks_vec{task="gc"}[1d]))< 1 and (sum(
↪ increase(tikv_gc_compaction_filter_perform[1d]))< 1 and sum(increase
↪ (tikv_engine_event_total{db="kv", cf="write", type="compaction"}[1d
↪ ]))>= 1)
```

- Description:

  GC is not performed successfully on a TiKV instance within 24 hours, which indicates that GC is not working properly. If GC does not run in a short term, it will not cause much trouble; but if GC keeps down, more and more versions are retained, which slows down the query.

- Solution:

  1. Perform `SELECT VARIABLE_VALUE FROM mysql.tidb WHERE VARIABLE_NAME = "tikv_gc_leader_desc"` to locate the `tidb-server` corresponding to the GC leader;
  2. View the log of the `tidb-server`, and grep gc_worker tidb.log;
  3. If you find that the GC worker has been resolving locks (the last log is "start resolve locks") or deleting ranges (the last log is "start delete {number} ranges") during this time, it means the GC process is running normally. Otherwise, get support from PingCAP or the community.

9.7.3.2 Critical-level alerts

9.7.3.2.1 `TiKV_server_report_failure_msg_total`

- Alert rule:

```
sum(rate(tikv_server_report_failure_msg_total{type="unreachable"}[10m]) )BY (store_id)> 10
```

- Description:

  Indicates that the remote TiKV cannot be connected.

- Solution:

  1. Check whether the network is clear.
  2. Check whether the remote TiKV is down.
  3. If the remote TiKV is not down, check whether the pressure is too high. Refer to the solution in `TiKV_channel_full_total`.

9.7.3.2.2 `TiKV_channel_full_total`

- Alert rule:

```
sum(rate(tikv_channel_full_total[10m]))BY (type, instance)> 0
```

- Description:

  This issue is often caused by the stuck Raftstore thread and high pressure on TiKV.

- Solution:

1. Watch the **TiKV-Details > Raft Propose** dashboard, and see whether the alerted TiKV node has a much higher Raft propose than other TiKV nodes. If so, it means that there are one or more hot spots on this TiKV. You need to check whether the hot spot scheduling can work properly.
2. Watch the **TiKV-Details > Raft IO** dashboard, and see whether the latency increases. If the latency is high, it means a bottleneck might exist in the disk.
3. Watch the **TiKV-Details > Raft process** dashboard, and see whether the `tick duration` is high. If so, you need to set `raftstore.raft-base-tick-interval` to `"2s"`.

9.7.3.2.3 TiKV_write_stall

- Alert rule:

  ```
  delta(tikv_engine_write_stall[10m])> 0
  ```

- Description:

  The write pressure on RocksDB is too high, and a stall occurs.

- Solution:

  1. View the disk monitor, and troubleshoot the disk issues;
  2. Check whether there is any write hot spot on the TiKV;
  3. Set `max-sub-compactions` to a larger value under the `[rocksdb]` and `[raftdb]` configurations.

9.7.3.2.4 TiKV_raft_log_lag

- Alert rule:

  ```
  histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tikv_raftstore_log_lag_bucket[1m]))by
  ↪  (le, instance))> 5000
  ```

- Description:

  If this value is relatively large, it means Follower has lagged far behind Leader, and Raft cannot be replicated normally. It is possibly because the TiKV machine where Follower is located is stuck or down.

9.7.3.2.5 TiKV_async_request_snapshot_duration_seconds

- Alert rule:

  ```
  histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tikv_storage_engine_async_request_
  ↪ duration_seconds_bucket{type="snapshot"}[1m]))by (le, instance, type
  ↪ ))> 1
  ```

- Description:

  If this value is relatively large, it means the load pressure on Raftstore is too high, and it might be stuck already.

- Solution:

  Refer to the solution in TiKV_channel_full_total.

9.7.3.2.6 TiKV_async_request_write_duration_seconds

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tikv_storage_engine_async_request_
↪ duration_seconds_bucket{type="write"}[1m]))by (le, instance, type))>
↪  1
```

- Description:

  If this value is relatively large, it means the Raft write takes a long time.

- Solution:

  1. Watch the **TiKV-Details > Raft propose** dashboard and see whether the **99% Propose wait duration per server** metric of the alerted TiKV node is significantly higher than that of other TiKV nodes. If so, it indicates that hotspots exist on this TiKV node, and you need to check whether the hotspot scheduling works properly.
  2. Watch the **TiKV-Details > Raft IO** dashboard and see whether the latency increases. If the latency is high, it means a bottleneck might exist in the disk.
  3. For further analysis of performance issues of the alerted TiKV node and tuning methods, see Performance analysis and tuning.

9.7.3.2.7 TiKV_coprocessor_request_wait_seconds

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.9999, sum(rate(tikv_coprocessor_request_wait_
↪ seconds_bucket[1m]))by (le, instance, req))> 10
```

- Description:

  If this value is relatively large, it means the pressure on the Coprocessor worker is high. There might be a slow task that makes the Coprocessor thread stuck.

- Solution:

  1. View the slow query log from the TiDB log to see whether the index or full table scan is used in a query, or see whether it is needed to analyze;

2. Check whether there is a hot spot;
3. View the Coprocessor monitor and see whether `total` and `process` in `coprocessor table/index scan` match. If they differ a lot, it indicates too many invalid queries are performed. You can see whether there is `over seek bound`. If so, there are too many versions that GC does not handle in time. Then you need to increase the number of parallel GC threads.

9.7.3.2.8 TiKV_raftstore_thread_cpu_seconds_total

- Alert rule:

```
sum(rate(tikv_thread_cpu_seconds_total{name=~"raftstore_.*"}[1m]))by (
↪ instance)> 1.6
```

- Description:

  This rule monitors CPU usage by Raftstore. If the value is high, it indicates pressure on Raftstore threads is heavy.

  The alert threshold is 80% of the `raftstore.store-pool-size` value. `raftstore.store-pool-size` is 2 by default, so the alert threshold is 1.6.

- Solution:

  Refer to the solution in TiKV_channel_full_total.

9.7.3.2.9 TiKV_raft_append_log_duration_secs

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tikv_raftstore_append_log_duration_
↪ seconds_bucket[1m]))by (le, instance))> 1
```

- Description:

  Indicates the time cost of appending Raft log. If it is high, it usually means I/O is too busy.

9.7.3.2.10 TiKV_raft_apply_log_duration_secs

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tikv_raftstore_apply_log_duration_
↪ seconds_bucket[1m]))by (le, instance))> 1
```

- Description:

  Indicates the time cost of applying Raft log. If it is high, it usually means I/O is too busy.

9.7.3.2.11 TiKV_scheduler_latch_wait_duration_seconds

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tikv_scheduler_latch_wait_duration_
↪ seconds_bucket[1m]))by (le, instance, type))> 1
```

- Description:

  The waiting time for the write operations to obtain the memory lock in Scheduler. If it is high, there might be many write conflicts, or that some operations that lead to conflicts take a long time to finish and block other operations that wait for the same lock.

- Solution:

  1. Identify the most time-consuming command by viewing the scheduler command duration in the `Scheduler` and `Scheduler-${cmd}` (`${cmd}` is the write command to query) monitors;
  2. Check the `total` and `process` values in the scheduler scan details of the `Scheduler` and `Scheduler-${cmd}` monitors and see whether `total` and `process` match.
  3. View the storage async snapshot/write duration in the Storage monitor and see whether the Raft operation is performed in time.

9.7.3.2.12 TiKV_thread_apply_worker_cpu_seconds

- Alert rule:

```
max(rate(tikv_thread_cpu_seconds_total{name=~"apply_.*"}[1m]))by (
↪ instance)> 0.9
```

- Description:

  The apply Raft log thread is under great pressure and is approaching or has exceeded its limit. This is often caused by a burst of writes.

9.7.3.3 Warning-level alerts

9.7.3.3.1 TiKV_leader_drops

- Alert rule:

```
delta(tikv_pd_heartbeat_tick_total{type="leader"}[30s])< -10
```

- Description:

  It is often caused by a stuck Raftstore thread.

- Solution:

    1. Refer to TiKV_channel_full_total.
    2. It there is low pressure on TiKV, consider whether the PD scheduling is too frequent. You can view the Operator Create panel on the PD page, and check the types and number of the PD scheduling.

9.7.3.3.2 TiKV_raft_process_ready_duration_secs

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.999, sum(rate(tikv_raftstore_raft_process_duration
↪ _secs_bucket{type='ready'}[1m]))by (le, instance, type))> 2
```

- Description:

    Indicates the time cost of handling Raft ready. If this value is large, it is often caused by the stuck appending log task.

9.7.3.3.3 TiKV_raft_process_tick_duration_secs

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.999, sum(rate(tikv_raftstore_raft_process_duration
↪ _secs_bucket{type='tick'}[1m]))by (le, instance, type))> 2
```

- Description:

    Indicates the time cost of handling Raft tick. If this value is large, it is often caused by too many Regions.

- Solution:

    1. Consider using a higher-level log such as `warn` or `error`.
    2. Add `raft-base-tick-interval = "2s"` under the `[raftstore]` configuration.

9.7.3.3.4 TiKV_scheduler_context_total

- Alert rule:

```
abs(delta( tikv_scheduler_context_total[5m]))> 1000
```

- Description:

    The number of write commands that are being executed by Scheduler. If this value is large, it means the task is not finished timely.

- Solution:

    Refer to TiKV_scheduler_latch_wait_duration_seconds.

9.7.3.3.5 TiKV_scheduler_command_duration_seconds

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tikv_scheduler_command_duration_
↪ seconds_bucket[1m]))by (le, instance, type))> 1
```

- Description:

  Indicates the time cost of executing the Scheduler command.

- Solution:

  Refer to TiKV_scheduler_latch_wait_duration_seconds.

9.7.3.3.6 TiKV_coprocessor_outdated_request_wait_seconds

- Alert rule:

```
delta(tikv_coprocessor_outdated_request_wait_seconds_count[10m])> 0
```

- Description:

  The waiting time of the expired requests by Coprocessor. If this value is large, it means there is high pressure on Coprocessor.

- Solution:

  Refer to TiKV_coprocessor_request_wait_seconds.

9.7.3.3.7 TiKV_coprocessor_pending_request

- Alert rule:

```
delta(tikv_coprocessor_pending_request[10m])> 5000
```

- Description:

  The queuing requests of Coprocessor.

- Solution:

  Refer to TiKV_coprocessor_request_wait_seconds.

9.7.3.3.8 TiKV_batch_request_snapshot_nums

- Alert rule:

```
sum(rate(tikv_thread_cpu_seconds_total{name=~"cop_.*"}[1m]))by (instance
↪ )/ (count(tikv_thread_cpu_seconds_total{name=~"cop_.*"})* 0.9)/
↪ count(count(tikv_thread_cpu_seconds_total)by (instance))> 0
```

- Description:

  The Coprocessor CPU usage of a TiKV machine exceeds 90%.

9.7.3.3.9 TiKV_pending_task

- Alert rule:

  ```
  sum(tikv_worker_pending_task_total)BY (instance,name)> 1000
  ```

- Description:

  The number of pending tasks of TiKV.

- Solution:

  Check which kind of tasks has a higher value from the `Worker pending tasks` metric in the **TiKV-Details > Task** dashboard.

9.7.3.3.10 TiKV_low_space

- Alert rule:

  ```
  sum(tikv_store_size_bytes{type="available"})by (instance)/ sum(tikv_
  ↪ store_size_bytes{type="capacity"})by (instance)< 0.2
  ```

- Description:

  The data volume of TiKV exceeds 80% of the configured node capacity or the disk capacity of the machine.

- Solution:

  - Check the balance condition of node space.
  - Make a plan to increase the disk capacity or delete some data or increase cluster node depending on different situations.

9.7.3.3.11 TiKV_approximate_region_size

- Alert rule:

  ```
  histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tikv_raftstore_region_size_bucket[1m
  ↪ ]))by (le))> 1073741824
  ```

- Description:

  The maximum Region approximate size that is scanned by the TiKV split checker is continually larger than 1 GB within one minute.

- Solution:

  The speed of splitting Regions is slower than the write speed. To alleviate this issue, you'd better update TiDB to a version that supports batch-split (>= 2.1.0-rc1). If it is not possible to update temporarily, you can use `pd-ctl operator add split-region <region_id> --policy=approximate` to manually split Regions.

9.7.4 TiFlash alert rules

For the detailed descriptions of TiFlash alert rules, see TiFlash Alert Rules.

9.7.5 TiCDC Alert rules

For the detailed descriptions of TiCDC alert rules, see TiCDC Alert Rules.

9.7.6 Node_exporter host alert rules

This section gives the alert rules for the Node_exporter host.

9.7.6.1 Emergency-level alerts

9.7.6.1.1 `NODE_disk_used_more_than_80%`

- Alert rule:

```
node_filesystem_avail_bytes{fstype=~"(ext.|xfs)", mountpoint!~"/boot"}
↪  / node_filesystem_size_bytes{fstype=~"(ext.|xfs)", mountpoint!~"/
↪ boot"} * 100 <= 20
```

- Description:

  The disk space usage of the machine exceeds 80%.

- Solution:

  - Log in to the machine, run the `df -h` command to check the disk space usage.
  - Make a plan to increase the disk capacity or delete some data or increase cluster node depending on different situations.

9.7.6.1.2 `NODE_disk_inode_more_than_80%`

- Alert rule:

```
node_filesystem_files_free{fstype=~"(ext.|xfs)"} / node_filesystem_
↪ files{fstype=~"(ext.|xfs)"} * 100 < 20
```

- Description:

  The inode usage of the filesystem on the machine exceeds 80%.

- Solution:

  - Log in to the machine and run the `df -i` command to view the node usage of the filesystem.
  - Make a plan to increase the disk capacity or delete some data or increase cluster node depending on different situations.

9.7.6.1.3 NODE_disk_readonly

- Alert rule:

  ```
  node_filesystem_readonly{fstype=~"(ext.|xfs)"} == 1
  ```

- Description:

  The filesystem is read-only and data cannot be written in it. It is often caused by disk failure or filesystem corruption.

- Solution:

  - Log in to the machine and create a file to test whether it is normal.
  - Check whether the disk LED is normal. If not, replace the disk and repair the filesystem of the machine.

9.7.6.2 Critical-level alerts

9.7.6.2.1 NODE_memory_used_more_than_80%

- Alert rule:

  ```
  (((node_memory_MemTotal_bytes-node_memory_MemFree_bytes-node_memory_
  ↪ Cached_bytes)/(node_memory_MemTotal_bytes)*100))>= 80
  ```

- Description:

  The memory usage of the machine exceeds 80%.

- Solution:

  - View the Memory panel of the host in the Grafana Node Exporter dashboard, and see whether Used memory is too high and Available memory is too low.
  - Log in to the machine and run the `free -m` command to view the memory usage. You can run `top` to check whether there is any abnormal process that has an overly high memory usage.

9.7.6.3 Warning-level alerts

9.7.6.3.1 NODE_node_overload

- Alert rule:

  ```
  (node_load5 / count without (cpu, mode)(node_cpu_seconds_total{mode="
  ↪ system"}))> 1
  ```

- Description:

  The CPU load on the machine is relatively high.

- Solution:

  - View the CPU Usage and Load Average of the host in the Grafana Node Exporter dashboard to check whether they are too high.
  - Log in to the machine and run `top` to check the load average and the CPU usage, and see whether there is any abnormal process that has an overly high CPU usage.

9.7.6.3.2 `NODE_cpu_used_more_than_80%`

- Alert rule:

```
avg(irate(node_cpu_seconds_total{mode="idle"}[5m]))by(instance)* 100 <=
↪ 20
```

- Description:

  The CPU usage of the machine exceeds 80%.

- Solution:

  - View the CPU Usage and Load Average of the host on the Grafana Node Exporter dashboard to check whether they are too high.
  - Log in to the machine and run `top` to check the Load Average and the CPU Usage, and see whether there is any abnormal process that has an overly high CPU usage.

9.7.6.3.3 `NODE_tcp_estab_num_more_than_50000`

- Alert rule:

```
node_netstat_Tcp_CurrEstab > 50000
```

- Description:

  There are more than 50,000 TCP links in the "establish" status on the machine.

- Solution:

  - Log in to the machine and run `ss -s` to check the number of TCP links in the "estab" status in the current system.
  - Run `netstat` to check whether there is any abnormal link.

9.7.6.3.4 NODE_disk_read_latency_more_than_32ms

- Alert rule:

```
((rate(node_disk_read_time_seconds_total{device=~".+"}[5m])/ rate(node
↪ _disk_reads_completed_total{device=~".+"}[5m]))or (irate(node_disk_
↪ read_time_seconds_total{device=~".+"}[5m])/ irate(node_disk_reads_
↪ completed_total{device=~".+"}[5m])))* 1000 > 32
```

- Description:

  The read latency of the disk exceeds 32 ms.

- Solution:

  - Check the disk status by viewing the Grafana Disk Performance dashboard.
  - Check the read latency of the disk by viewing the Disk Latency panel.
  - Check the I/O usage by viewing the Disk I/O Utilization panel.

9.7.6.3.5 NODE_disk_write_latency_more_than_16ms

- Alert rule:

```
((rate(node_disk_write_time_seconds_total{device=~".+"}[5m])/ rate(node
↪ _disk_writes_completed_total{device=~".+"}[5m]))or (irate(node_disk_
↪ write_time_seconds_total{device=~".+"}[5m])/ irate(node_disk_writes_
↪ completed_total{device=~".+"}[5m])))> 16
```

- Description:

  The write latency of the disk exceeds 16ms.

- Solution:

  - Check the disk status by viewing the Grafana Disk Performance dashboard.
  - Check the write latency of the disk by viewing the Disk Latency panel.
  - Check the I/O usage by viewing the Disk I/O Utilization panel.

9.7.7 Blackbox_exporter TCP, ICMP, and HTTP alert rules

This section gives the alert rules for the Blackbox_exporter TCP, ICMP, and HTTP.

9.7.7.1 Emergency-level alerts

9.7.7.1.1 TiDB_server_is_down

- Alert rule:

  ```
  probe_success{group="tidb"} == 0
  ```

- Description:

  Failure to probe the TiDB service port.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the machine that provides the TiDB service is down.
  - Check whether the TiDB process exists.
  - Check whether the network between the monitoring machine and the TiDB machine is normal.

9.7.7.1.2 TiFlash_server_is_down

- Alert rule:

  ```
  probe_success{group="tiflash"} == 0
  ```

- Description:

  Failure to probe the TiFlash service port.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the machine that provides the TiFlash service is down.
  - Check whether the TiFlash process exists.
  - Check whether the network between the monitoring machine and the TiFlash machine is normal.

9.7.7.1.3 TiKV_server_is_down

- Alert rule:

  ```
  probe_success{group="tikv"} == 0
  ```

- Description:

  Failure to probe the TiKV service port.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the machine that provides the TiKV service is down.
  - Check whether the TiKV process exists.
  - Check whether the network between the monitoring machine and the TiKV machine is normal.

9.7.7.1.4 PD_server_is_down

- Alert rule:

  ```
  probe_success{group="pd"} == 0
  ```

- Description:

  Failure to probe the PD service port.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the machine that provides the PD service is down.
  - Check whether the PD process exists.
  - Check whether the network between the monitoring machine and the PD machine is normal.

9.7.7.1.5 Node_exporter_server_is_down

- Alert rule:

  ```
  probe_success{group="node_exporter"} == 0
  ```

- Description:

  Failure to probe the Node_exporter service port.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the machine that provides the Node_exporter service is down.
  - Check whether the Node_exporter process exists.
  - Check whether the network between the monitoring machine and the Node_exporter machine is normal.

9.7.7.1.6 Blackbox_exporter_server_is_down

- Alert rule:

  ```
  probe_success{group="blackbox_exporter"} == 0
  ```

- Description:

  Failure to probe the Blackbox_Exporter service port.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the machine that provides the Blackbox_Exporter service is down.
  - Check whether the Blackbox_Exporter process exists.
  - Check whether the network between the monitoring machine and the Blackbox_Exporter machine is normal.

9.7.7.1.7 Grafana_server_is_down

- Alert rule:

  ```
  probe_success{group="grafana"} == 0
  ```

- Description:

  Failure to probe the Grafana service port.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the machine that provides the Grafana service is down.
  - Check whether the Grafana process exists.
  - Check whether the network between the monitoring machine and the Grafana machine is normal.

9.7.7.1.8 Pushgateway_server_is_down

- Alert rule:

  ```
  probe_success{group="pushgateway"} == 0
  ```

- Description:

  Failure to probe the Pushgateway service port.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the machine that provides the Pushgateway service is down.
  - Check whether the Pushgateway process exists.
  - Check whether the network between the monitoring machine and the Pushgateway machine is normal.

9.7.7.1.9 Kafka_exporter_is_down

- Alert rule:

  ```
  probe_success{group="kafka_exporter"} == 0
  ```

- Description:

  Failure to probe the Kafka_Exporter service port.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the machine that provides the Kafka_Exporter service is down.
  - Check whether the Kafka_Exporter process exists.
  - Check whether the network between the monitoring machine and the Kafka_Exporter machine is normal.

9.7.7.1.10 Pushgateway_metrics_interface

- Alert rule:

  ```
  probe_success{job="blackbox_exporter_http"} == 0
  ```

- Description:

  Failure to probe the Pushgateway service http interface.

- Solution:

  - Check whether the machine that provides the Pushgateway service is down.
  - Check whether the Pushgateway process exists.
  - Check whether the network between the monitoring machine and the Pushgateway machine is normal.

9.7.7.2 Warning-level alerts

9.7.7.2.1 BLACKER_ping_latency_more_than_1s

- Alert rule:

  ```
  max_over_time(probe_duration_seconds{job=~"blackbox_exporter.*_icmp"}[1
  ↪ m])> 1
  ```

- Description:

  The ping latency exceeds 1 second.

- Solution:

  - View the ping latency between the two nodes on the Grafana Blackbox Exporter page to check whether it is too high.
  - Check the TCP panel on the Grafana Node Exporter page to check whether there is any packet loss.

9.8 TiFlash Alert Rules

This document introduces the alert rules of the TiFlash cluster.

9.8.1 TiFlash_schema_error

- Alert rule:

  ```
  increase(tiflash_schema_apply_count{type="failed"}[15m])> 0
  ```

- Description:

  When the schema apply error occurs, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  The error might be caused by some wrong logic. Get support from PingCAP or the community.

9.8.2 TiFlash_schema_apply_duration

- Alert rule:

  ```
  histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tiflash_schema_apply_duration_seconds
  ↪ _bucket[1m]))BY (le, instance))> 20
  ```

- Description:

  When the probability that the apply duration exceeds 20 seconds is over 99%, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  It might be caused by the internal problems of the TiFlash storage engine. Get support from PingCAP or the community.

9.8.3 TiFlash_raft_read_index_duration

- Alert rule:

  ```
  histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tiflash_raft_read_index_duration_
  ↪ seconds_bucket[1m]))BY (le, instance))> 3
  ```

- Description:

  When the probability that the read index duration exceeds 3 seconds is over 99%, an alert is triggered.

> **Note:**
>
> `read index` is the kvproto request sent to the TiKV leader. TiKV region retries, busy store, or network problems might lead to long request time of `read index`.

- Solution:

  The frequent retries might be caused by frequent splitting or migration of the TiKV cluster. You can check the TiKV cluster status to identify the retry reason.

9.8.4 `TiFlash_raft_wait_index_duration`

- Alert rule:

```
histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tiflash_raft_wait_index_duration_
↪ seconds_bucket[1m]))BY (le, instance))> 2
```

- Description:

  When the probability that the waiting time for Region Raft Index in TiFlash exceeds 2 seconds is over 99%, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  It might be caused by a communication error between TiKV and the proxy. Get support from PingCAP or the community.

9.9 Customize Configurations of Monitoring Servers

When you deploy a TiDB cluster using TiUP, TiUP also deploys monitoring servers, such as Prometheus, Grafana, and Alertmanager. In the meantime, if you scale out this cluster, TiUP also adds the new nodes into monitoring scope.

To customize the configurations of the monitoring servers mentioned above, you can follow the instructions below to add related configuration items in the topology.yaml of the TiDB cluster.

Note:

- Do not modify the configurations files of the monitoring server directly. Because these modifications will be overwritten by later TiUP operations such as deployment, scaling out, scaling in, and reloading.
- If your monitoring servers are not deployed and managed by TiUP, you can directly modify the configuration files of the monitoring servers instead of referring to this document.
- This feature is supported in TiUP v1.9.0 and above. Therefore, check the TiUP version before using this feature.

9.9.1 Customize Prometheus configurations

Currently, TiUP supports customizing Prometheus rule and scrape configuration files.

9.9.1.1 Customize Prometheus rule configuration

1. Customize the rule configuration file and place it under a directory of the machine where TiUP locates.
2. In the topology.yaml file, set `rule_dir` to the directory of the customized rule configuration file.

   The following is a configuration example of monitoring_servers in the topology.yaml file:

```
# # Server configs are used to specify the configuration of Prometheus
   ↪ Server.
monitoring_servers:
  # # The ip address of the Monitoring Server.
- host: 127.0.0.1
  rule_dir: /home/tidb/prometheus_rule # prometheus rule dir on TiUP
     ↪ machine
```

After the preceding configuration is done, when you deploy, scale out, scale in, or reload a TiDB cluster, TiUP loads the customized rule configurations from `rule_dir` (for example, `/home/tidb/prometheus_rule`) and sends them to the Prometheus Server to replace the default rule configuration.

9.9.1.2 Customize Prometheus scrape configuration

1. Open the topology.yaml file of the TiDB cluster.
2. In the `monitoring_servers` configuration, add the `additional_scrape_conf` field.

   The following is a configuration example of monitoring_servers in the topology.yaml file:

```
monitoring_servers:
- host: xxxxxxx
ssh_port: 22
port: 9090
deploy_dir: /tidb-deploy/prometheus-9090
data_dir: /tidb-data/prometheus-9090
log_dir: /tidb-deploy/prometheus-9090/log
external_alertmanagers: []
arch: amd64
```

```
os: linux
additional_scrape_conf:
  metric_relabel_configs:
    - source_labels: [__name__]
        separator: ;
        regex: tikv_thread_nonvoluntary_context_switches|tikv_thread_
            ↪ voluntary_context_switches|tikv_threads_io_bytes_total
        action: drop
    - source_labels: [__name__,name]
        separator: ;
        regex: tikv_thread_cpu_seconds_total;(tokio|rocksdb).+
        action: drop
```

After the preceding configuration is done, when you deploy, scale out, scale in, or reload a TiDB cluster, TiUP adds the content of the `additional_scrape_conf` field to the corresponding parameters of the Prometheus configuration file.

9.9.2 Customize Grafana configurations

Currently, TiUP supports customizing Grafana Dashboard and other configurations.

9.9.2.1 Customize Grafana Dashboard

1. Customize the configuration file of the Grafana Dashboard and place it under a directory of the machine where TiUP locates.
2. In the topology.yaml file, set `dashboard_dir` to the directory of the customized Dashboard configuration file.

   The following is a configuration example of grafana_servers in the topology.yaml file:

```
# # Server configs are used to specify the configuration of Grafana
   ↪ Servers.
grafana_servers:
  # # The ip address of the Grafana Server.
 - host: 127.0.0.1
 dashboard_dir: /home/tidb/dashboards # grafana dashboard dir on TiUP
    ↪ machine
```

After the preceding configuration is done, when you deploy, scale out, scale in, or reload a TiDB cluster, TiUP loads the customized Dashboard configurations from `dashboard_dir` (for example, `/home/tidb/dashboards`) and sends the configurations to the Grafana Server to replace the default Dashboard configuration.

9.9.2.2 Customize other Grafana configurations

1. Open the topology.yaml file of the TiDB cluster.
2. Add other configuration items in the `grafana_servers` configuration.

   The following is a configuration example of the `[log.file] level` and `smtp` fields in the topology.yaml file:

```
# # Server configs are used to specify the configuration of Grafana
   ↪ Servers.
grafana_servers:
# # The ip address of the Grafana Server.
- host: 127.0.0.1
    config:
    log.file.level: warning
    smtp.enabled: true
    smtp.host: {IP}:{port}
    smtp.user: example@pingcap.com
    smtp.password: {password}
    smtp.skip_verify: true
```

After the preceding configuration is done, when you deploy, scale out, scale in, or reload a TiDB cluster, TiUP adds the content of the `config` field to the Grafana configuration file `grafana.ini`.

9.9.3 Customize Alertmanager configurations

Currently, TiUP supports customizing the listening address of Alertmanager.

Alertmanager deployed by TiUP listens to `alertmanager_servers.host` by default. You cannot access Alertmanager if you use a proxy. To address this issue, you can specify the listening address by adding `listen_host` to the cluster configuration file topology.yaml. The recommended value is 0.0.0.0.

The following example sets the `listen_host` field to 0.0.0.0.

```
alertmanager_servers:
  # # The ip address of the Alertmanager Server.
  - host: 172.16.7.147
    listen_host: 0.0.0.0
    # # SSH port of the server.
    ssh_port: 22
```

After the preceding configuration is done, when you deploy, scale out, scale in, or reload a TiDB cluster, TiUP adds the content of the `listen_host` field to `--web.listen-address` in Alertmanager startup parameters.

9.10 Monitoring and Alert for Backup and Restore

This document describes the monitoring and alert of the backup and restore feature, including how to deploy monitoring components, monitoring metrics, and common alerts.

9.10.1 Snapshot backup and restore monitoring

To view the snapshot backup and restore metrics, go to the **TiKV-Details > Backup & Import** dashboard in Grafana.

9.10.2 Log backup monitoring

Log backup supports using Prometheus to collect monitoring metrics. Currently all monitoring metrics are built into TiKV.

9.10.2.1 Monitoring configuration

- For clusters deployed using TiUP, Prometheus automatically collects monitoring metrics.
- For clusters deployed manually, follow the instructions in TiDB Cluster Monitoring Deployment to add TiKV-related jobs to the `scrape_configs` section of the Prometheus configuration file.

9.10.2.2 Grafana configuration

- For clusters deployed using TiUP, the Grafana dashboard contains the point-in-time recovery (PITR) panel. The **Backup Log** panel in the TiKV-Details dashboard is the PITR panel.
- For clusters deployed manually, refer to Import a Grafana dashboard and upload the tikv_details JSON file to Grafana. Then find the **Backup Log** panel in the TiKV-Details dashboard.

9.10.2.3 Monitoring metrics

Metrics	Type	Description
tikv_log_backup_interval_actor_acting_duration	Histogram	The duration of handling all internal messages and events. `message :: TaskType`
tikv_log_backup_initial_scan_reason	Counter	Statistics of the reasons why initial scan is triggered. The main reason is leader transfer or Region version change. `reason :: {"leader-changed", "region-changed", "retry"}`

Metrics	Type	Description
tikv_log_backup_event_handle_duration_sec	Histogram	The duration of handling KV events. Compared with tikv_log_backup_on_event_duration_seconds, this metric also includes the duration of internal conversion. stage :: {"to_stream_event", "save_to_temp_file ↪ "}
tikv_log_backup_handle_kv_batch	Histogram	Record log-level statistics of the sizes of KV pair batches sent by Raftstore.
tikv_log_backup_initial_scan_disk_read	Counter	The disk IO of data read from the disk during initial scan. In Linux, this information is from procfs, which is the size of data actually read from the block device. The configuration item initial-scan-rate-limit applies to this metric.
tikv_log_backup_incremental_scan_bytes	Histogram	The size of KV pairs actually generated during initial scan. Because of compression and read amplification, this value might be different from that of tikv_log_backup_initial_scan_disk_read.
tikv_log_backup_skip_kv_count	Counter	The number of Raft events being skipped during the log backup because they are not helpful to the backup.
tikv_log_backup_errors	Counter	The errors that can be retried or ignored during the log backup. type :: ErrorType
tikv_log_backup_fatal_errors	Counter	The errors that cannot be retried or ignored during the log backup. When an error of this type occurs, the log backup is paused. type :: ErrorType
tikv_log_backup_heap_memory	Gauge	The memory occupied by events that are unconsumed and found by initial scan during log backup.
tikv_log_backup_on_event_duration_seconds	Histogram	The duration of writing KV events to temporary files. stage :: {"write_to_tempfile", "syscall_write"}
tikv_log_backup_store_checkpoint_ts	Gauge	The store-level checkpoint TS, which is deprecated. It is close to the GC safepoint registered by the current store. task :: string
tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint	Gauge	The global checkpoint TS. It is a time point till which log data has been backed up. task :: string
tikv_log_backup_flush_duration_sec	Histogram	The duration of moving local temporary files to the external storage. stage :: {"generate_metadata", " ↪ save_files", "clear_temp_files"}
tikv_log_backup_flush_file_size	Histogram	Statistics of the sizes of files generated during the backup.
tikv_log_backup_initial_scan_duration_sec	Histogram	The duration of the overall duration of initial scan.
tikv_log_backup_skip_retry_observe	Counter	Statistics of the errors that can be ignored during log backup, or the reasons why retry is skipped. reason :: {"region-absent", "not-leader", " ↪ stale-command"}

Metrics	Type	Description
tikv_log_backup_initial_scan_operations	Counter	Statistics of RocksDB-related operations during initial scan. `cf :: {"default", "write", "lock"}, op :: RocksDBOP`
tikv_log_backup_enabled	Counter	Whether to enable log backup. If the value is greater than `0`, log backup is enabled.
tikv_log_backup_observed_region	Gauge	The number of Regions being listened to.
tikv_log_backup_task_status	Gauge	The status of the log backup task. `0` means running. `1` means paused. `2` means error. `task :: string`
tikv_log_backup_pending_initial_scan	Gauge	Statistics of pending initial scans. `stage :: {"queuing", "executing"}`

9.10.2.4 Log backup alerts

9.10.2.4.1 Alert configuration

Currently, PITR does not have built-in alert items. This section introduces how to configure alert items in PITR and recommends some items.

To configure alert items in PITR, follow these steps:

1. Create a configuration file (for example, `pitr.rules.yml`) for the alert rules on the node where Prometheus is located. In the file, fill in the alert rules according to the Prometheus documentation, the following recommended alert items, and the configuration sample.
2. In the `rule_files` field of the Prometheus configuration file, add the path of the alert rule file.
3. Send `SIGHUP` signal to the Prometheus process (`kill -HUP pid`) or send an HTTP `POST` request to `http://prometheus-addr/-/reload` (before you send the HTTP request, add the `--web.enable-lifecycle` parameter when starting Prometheus).

The recommended alert items are as follows:

9.10.2.4.2 LogBackupRunningRPOMoreThan10m

- Alert item: `max(time()- tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint / 262144000)by (task)/ 60 > 10 and max(tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint)by (task)> 0 and max(tikv_log_backup_task_status)by (task)== 0`
- Alert level: warning
- Description: The log data is not persisted to the storage for more than 10 minutes. This alert item is a reminder. In most cases, it does not affect log backup.

A configuration sample of this alert item is as follows:

```
groups:
- name: PiTR
  rules:
  - alert: LogBackupRunningRPOMoreThan10m
    expr: max(time() - tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint / 262144000) by (task
       ↪ ) / 60 > 10 and max(tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint) by (task) > 0
       ↪  and max(tikv_log_backup_task_status) by (task) == 0
    labels:
      severity: warning
    annotations:
      summary: RPO of log backup is high
      message: RPO of the log backup task {{ $labels.task }} is more than 10
         ↪ m
```

9.10.2.4.3 LogBackupRunningRPOMoreThan30m

- Alert item: `max(time()- tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint / 262144000)by (` ↪ `task)/ 60 > 30 and max(tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint)by (task)> 0` ↪ `and max(tikv_log_backup_task_status)by (task)== 0`
- Alert level: critical
- Description: The log data is not persisted to the storage for more than 30 minutes. This alert often indicates anomalies. You can check the TiKV logs to find the cause.

9.10.2.4.4 LogBackupPausingMoreThan2h

- Alert item: `max(time()- tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint / 262144000)by (` ↪ `task)/ 3600 > 2 and max(tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint)by (task)> 0` ↪ `and max(tikv_log_backup_task_status)by (task)== 1`
- Alert level: warning
- Description: The log backup task is paused for more than 2 hours. This alert item is a reminder and you are expected to run `br log resume` as soon as possible.

9.10.2.4.5 LogBackupPausingMoreThan12h

- Alert item: `max(time()- tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint / 262144000)by (` ↪ `task)/ 3600 > 12 and max(tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint)by (task)>` ↪ `0 and max(tikv_log_backup_task_status)by (task)== 1`
- Alert level: critical
- Description: The log backup task is paused for more than 12 hours. You are expected to run `br log resume` as soon as possible to resume the task. Log tasks paused for too long have the risk of data loss.

9.10.2.4.6 LogBackupFailed

- Alert item: `max(tikv_log_backup_task_status)by (task)== 2 and max(tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint)by (task)> 0`
- Alert level: critical
- Description: The log backup task fails. You need to run `br log status` to see the failure reason. If necessary, you need to further check the TiKV logs.

9.10.2.4.7 LogBackupGCSafePointExceedsCheckpoint

- Alert item: `min(tidb_log_backup_last_checkpoint)by (instance)- max(tikv_gcworker_autogc_safe_point)by (instance)< 0`
- Alert level: critical
- Description: Some data has been garbage-collected before the backup. This means that some data has been lost and is very likely to affect your services.

10 Troubleshoot

10.1 Issue Summary

10.1.1 TiDB Troubleshooting Map

This document summarizes common issues in TiDB and other components. You can use this map to diagnose and solve issues when you encounter related problems.

10.1.1.1 1. Service Unavailable

10.1.1.1.1 1.1 The client reports `Region is Unavailable` error

- 1.1.1 The `Region is Unavailable` error is usually because a Region is not available for a period of time. You might encounter `TiKV server is busy`, or the request to TiKV fails due to `not leader` or `epoch not match`, or the request to TiKV time out. In such cases, TiDB performs a `backoff` retry mechanism. When the `backoff` exceeds a threshold (20s by default), the error will be sent to the client. Within the `backoff` threshold, this error is not visible to the client.
- 1.1.2 Multiple TiKV instances are OOM at the same time, which causes no Leader during the OOM period. See case-991 in Chinese.
- 1.1.3 TiKV reports `TiKV server is busy`, and exceeds the `backoff` time. For more details, refer to 4.3. `TiKV server is busy` is a result of the internal flow control mechanism and should not be counted in the `backoff` time. This issue will be fixed.

- 1.1.4 Multiple TiKV instances failed to start, which causes no Leader in a Region. When multiple TiKV instances are deployed in a physical machine, the failure of the physical machine can cause no Leader in a Region if the label is not properly configured. See case-228 in Chinese.
- 1.1.5 When a Follower apply is lagged in a previous epoch, after the Follower becomes a Leader, it rejects the request with `epoch not match`. See case-958 in Chinese (TiKV needs to optimize its mechanism).

10.1.1.1.2 1.2 PD errors cause service unavailable

Refer to 5 PD issues.

10.1.1.2 2. Latency increases significantly

10.1.1.2.1 2.1 Transient increase

- 2.1.1 Wrong TiDB execution plan causes latency increase. Refer to 3.3.
- 2.1.2 PD Leader election issue or OOM. Refer to 5.2 and 5.3.
- 2.1.3 A significant number of Leader drops in some TiKV instances. Refer to 4.4.
- 2.1.4 For other causes, see Troubleshoot Increased Read and Write Latency.

10.1.1.2.2 2.2 Persistent and significant increase

- 2.2.1 TiKV single thread bottleneck
  - Too many Regions in a TiKV instance causes a single gRPC thread to be the bottleneck (Check the **Grafana** -> **TiKV-details** -> **Thread CPU/gRPC CPU Per Thread** metric). In v3.x or later versions, you can enable `Hibernate Region` to resolve the issue. See case-612 in Chinese.
  - For versions earlier than v3.0, when the raftstore thread or the apply thread becomes the bottleneck (**Grafana** -> **TiKV-details** -> **Thread CPU/raft store CPU** and **Async apply CPU** metrics exceed `80%`), you can scale out TiKV (v2.x) instances or upgrade to v3.x with multi-threading.
- 2.2.2 CPU load increases.
- 2.2.3 TiKV slow write. Refer to 4.5.
- 2.2.4 TiDB wrong execution plan. Refer to 3.3.
- 2.2.5 For other causes, see Troubleshoot Increased Read and Write Latency.

10.1.1.3 3. TiDB issues

10.1.1.3.1 3.1 DDL

- 3.1.1 An error `ERROR 1105 (HY000): unsupported modify decimal column precision` is reported when you modify the length of the `decimal` field. TiDB does not support changing the length of the `decimal` field.
- 3.1.2 TiDB DDL job hangs or executes slowly (use `admin show ddl jobs` to check DDL progress)
  - Cause 1: TiDB introduces the metadata lock in v6.3.0, and enables it by default in v6.5.0 and later versions. If the table involved in the DDL operation has intersections with the table involved in the uncommitted transaction, the DDL operation is blocked until the transaction is committed or rolled back.
  - Cause 2: Network issue with other components (PD/TiKV).
  - Cause 3: Early versions of TiDB (earlier than v3.0.8) have heavy internal load because of a lot of goroutine at high concurrency.
  - Cause 4: In early versions (v2.1.15 & versions < v3.0.0-rc1), PD instances fail to delete TiDB keys, which causes every DDL change to wait for two leases.
  - For other unknown causes, report a bug.
  - Solution:
    - For cause 1, check the network connection between TiDB and TiKV/PD.
    - For cause 2 and 3, the issues are already fixed in later versions. You can upgrade TiDB to a later version.
    - For other causes, you can use the following solution of migrating the DDL owner.
  - DDL owner migration:
    - If you can connect to the TiDB server, execute the owner election command again: `curl -X POST http://{TiDBIP}:10080/ddl/owner/resign`
    - If you cannot connect to the TiDB server, use `tidb-ctl` to delete the DDL owner from the etcd of the PD cluster to trigger re-election: `tidb-ctl etcd delowner [LeaseID] [flags] + ownerKey`
- 3.1.3 TiDB reports `information schema is changed` error in log
  - For the detailed causes and solution, see Why the `Information schema is changed` error is reported.
  - Background: The increased number of `schema version` is consistent with the number of `schema state` of each DDL change operation. For example, the `create table` operation has 1 version change, and the `add column` operation has 4 version changes. Therefore, too many column change operations might cause `schema version` to increase fast. For details, refer to online schema change.
- 3.1.4 TiDB reports `information schema is out of date` in log

- Cause 1: The TiDB server that is executing the DML statement is stopped by `graceful kill` and prepares to exit. The execution time of the transaction that contains the DML statement exceeds one DDL lease. An error is reported when the transaction is committed.
- Cause 2: The TiDB server cannot connect to PD or TiKV when it is executing the DML statement. As a result, the TiDB server did not load the new schema within one DDL lease (`45s` by default), or the TiDB server disconnects from PD with the `keep alive` setting.
- Cause 3: TiKV has high load or network timed out. Check the node loads in **Grafana** -> **TiDB** and **TiKV**.
- Solution:
  - For cause 1, retry the DML operation when TiDB is started.
  - For cause 2, check the network between the TiDB server and PD/TiKV.
  - For cause 3, investigate why TiKV is busy. Refer to 4 TiKV issues.

10.1.1.3.2 3.2 OOM issues

- 3.2.1 Symptom
  - Client: The client reports the error `ERROR 2013 (HY000): Lost connection to MySQL server during query`.
  - Check the log
    - Execute `dmesg -T | grep tidb-server`. The result shows the OOM-killer log around the time point when the error occurs.
    - Grep the "Welcome to TiDB" log in `tidb.log` around the time point after the error occurs (namely, the time when tidb-server restarts).
    - Grep `fatal error: runtime: out of memory` or `cannot allocate memory` in `tidb_stderr.log`.
    - In v2.1.8 or earlier versions, you can grep `fatal error: stack overflow` in the `tidb_stderr.log`.
  - Monitor: The memory usage of tidb-server instances increases sharply in a short period of time.
- 3.2.2 Locate the SQL statement that causes OOM. (Currently all versions of TiDB cannot locate SQL accurately. You still need to analyze whether OOM is caused by the SQL statement after you locate one.)
  - For versions >= v3.0.0, grep "expensive_query" in `tidb.log`. That log message records SQL queries that timed out or exceed memory quota.
  - For versions < v3.0.0, grep "memory exceeds quota" in `tidb.log` to locate SQL queries that exceed memory quota.

Note:

The default threshold for a single SQL memory usage is `1GB`. You can set this parameter by configuring the system variable `tidb_mem_quota_query`.

- 3.2.3 Mitigate OOM issues
    - By enabling `SWAP`, you can mitigate the OOM issue caused by overuse of memory by large queries. When the memory is insufficient, this method can have impact on the performance of large queries due to the I/O overhead. The degree to which the performance is affected depends on the remaining memory space and the disk I/O speed.
- 3.2.4 Typical reasons for OOM
    - The SQL query has `join`. If you view the SQL statement by using `explain`, you can find that the `join` operation selects the `HashJoin` algorithm and the `inner` table is large.
    - The data volume of a single `UPDATE/DELETE` query is too large. See case-882 in Chinese.
    - The SQL contains multiple sub-queries connected by `Union`. See case-1828 in Chinese.

For more information about troubleshooting OOM, see Troubleshoot TiDB OOM Issues.

10.1.1.3.3 3.3 Wrong execution plan

- 3.3.1 Symptom
    - SQL query execution time is much longer compared with that of previous executions, or the execution plan suddenly changes. If the execution plan is logged in the slow log, you can directly compare the execution plans.
    - SQL query execution time is much longer compared with that of other databases such as MySQL. Compare the execution plan with other databases to see the differences, such as `Join Order`.
    - In slow log, the number of SQL execution time `Scan Keys` is large.
- 3.3.2 Investigate the execution plan

- `explain analyze {SQL}`. When the execution time is acceptable, compare `count` in the result of `explain analyze` and the number of `row` in `execution info`. If a large difference is found in the `TableScan/IndexScan` row, it is likely that the statistics is incorrect. If a large difference is found in other rows, the problem might not be in the statistics.
- `select count(*)`. When the execution plan contains a `join` operation, `explain analyze` might take a long time. You can check whether the problem is in the statistics by executing `select count(*)` for the conditions on `TableScan/IndexScan` and comparing the `row count` information in the `explain` result.

- 3.3.3 Mitigation
  - For v3.0 and later versions, use the `SQL Bind` feature to bind the execution plan.
  - Update the statistics. If you are roughly sure that the problem is caused by the statistics, dump the statistics. If the cause is outdated statistics, such as the `modify count/row count` in `show stats_meta` is greater than a certain value (for example, 0.3), or the table has an index of time column, you can try recovering by using `analyze table`. If `auto analyze` is configured, check whether the `tidb_auto_analyze_ratio` system variable is too large (for example, greater than 0.3), and whether the current time is between `tidb_auto_analyze_start_time` and `tidb_auto_analyze_end_time`.
  - For other situations, report a bug.

10.1.1.3.4 3.4 SQL execution error

- 3.4.1 The client reports the `ERROR 1265(01000)Data Truncated` error. This is because the way TiDB internally calculates the precision of `Decimal` type is incompatible with that of MySQL. This issue has been fixed in v3.0.10 (#14438).
  - Cause:

    In MySQL, if two large-precision `Decimal` are divided and the result exceeds the maximum decimal precision (`30`), only `30` digits are reserved and no error is reported;

    In TiDB, the calculation result is the same as in MySQL, but inside the data structure that represents `Decimal`, a field for decimal precision still retains the actual precision.

    Take `(0.1^30)/ 10` as an example. The results in TiDB and MySQL are both `0`, because the precision is `30` at most. However, in TiDB, the field for decimal precision is still `31`.

    After multiple `Decimal` divisions, even though the result is correct, this precision field could grow larger and larger, and eventually exceeds the threshold in TiDB (`72`), and the `Data Truncated` error is reported.

    The multiplication of `Decimal` does not have this issue, because the out-of-bounds is bypassed, and the precision is set to the maximum precision limit.

- Solution: You can bypass this issue by manually adding `Cast(xx as decimal(a , b))`, in which `a` and `b` are the target precisions.

10.1.1.3.5 3.5 Slow query issues

To identify slow queries, see Identify slow queries. To analyze and handle slow queries, see Analyze slow queries.

10.1.1.3.6 3.6 Hotspot issues

As a distributed database, TiDB has a load balancing mechanism to distribute the application loads as evenly as possible to different computing or storage nodes, to make better use of server resources. However, in certain scenarios, some application loads cannot be well distributed, which can affect the performance and form a single point of high load, also known as a hotspot.

TiDB provides a complete solution to troubleshooting, resolving or avoiding hotspots. By balancing load hotspots, overall performance can be improved, including improving QPS and reducing latency. For detailed solutions, see Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues.

10.1.1.3.7 3.7 High disk I/O usage

If TiDB's response slows down after you have troubleshot the CPU bottleneck and the bottleneck caused by transaction conflicts, you need to check I/O metrics to help determine the current system bottleneck. For how to locate and handle the issue of high I/O usage in TiDB, see Troubleshoot High Disk I/O Usage.

10.1.1.3.8 3.8 Lock conflicts

TiDB supports complete distributed transactions. Starting from v3.0, TiDB provides optimistic transaction mode and pessimistic transaction mode. To learn how to troubleshoot lock-related issues and how to handle optimistic and pessimistic lock conflicts, see Troubleshoot Lock Conflicts.

10.1.1.3.9 3.9 Inconsistency between data and indexes

TiDB checks consistency between data and indexes when it executes transactions or the `ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]` statement. If the check finds that a record key-value and the corresponding index key-value are inconsistent, that is, a key-value pair storing row data and the corresponding key-value pair storing its index are inconsistent (for example, more indexes or missing indexes), TiDB reports a data inconsistency error and prints the related errors in error logs.

To learn more about the inconsistency error and how to bypass the check, see Troubleshoot Inconsistency Between Data and Indexes.

10.1.1.4 4. TiKV issues

10.1.1.4.1 4.1 TiKV panics and fails to start

- 4.1.1 If TiKV is deployed on a virtual machine, when the virtual machine is killed or the physical machine is powered off, the `entries[X, Y] is unavailable from storage` error is reported.

  This issue is expected. The `fsync` of virtual machines is not reliable, so you need to restore the Region using `tikv-ctl`.

- 4.1.2 For other unexpected causes, report a bug.

10.1.1.4.2 4.2 TiKV OOM

- 4.2.1 If the `block-cache` configuration is too large, it might cause OOM.

  To verify the cause of the problem, check the `block cache size` of RocksDB by selecting the corresponding instance in the monitor **Grafana** -> **TiKV-details**.

  Meanwhile, check whether the `[storage.block-cache] capacity = # "1GB"` ↪ parameter is set properly. By default, TiKV's `block-cache` is set to `45%` of the total memory of the machine. You need to explicitly specify this parameter when you deploy TiKV in the container, because TiKV obtains the memory of the physical machine, which might exceed the memory limit of the container.

- 4.2.2 Coprocessor receives many large queries and returns a large volume of data. gRPC fails to send data as quickly as the coprocessor returns data, which results in OOM.

  To verify the cause, you can check whether `response size` exceeds the `network` ↪ `outbound` traffic by viewing the monitor **Grafana** -> **TiKV-details** -> **coprocessor overview**.

- 4.2.3 Other components occupy too much memory.

  This issue is unexpected. You can report a bug.

10.1.1.4.3 4.3 The client reports the `server is busy` error

Check the specific cause for busy by viewing the monitor **Grafana** -> **TiKV** -> **errors**. `server is busy` is caused by the flow control mechanism of TiKV, which informs `tidb/ti` ↪ `-client` that TiKV is currently under too much pressure and will retry later.

- 4.3.1 TiKV RocksDB encounters `write stall`.

  A TiKV instance has two RocksDB instances, one in `data/raft` to store the Raft log, and the other in `data/db` to store the real data. You can check the specific cause for the stall by running `grep "Stalling" RocksDB` in the log. The RocksDB log is a file starting with `LOG`, and `LOG` is the current log. `write stall` is a performance degradation mechanism natively built in RocksDB. When `write stall` occurs in RocksDB, the

system performance drops significantly. In versions before v5.2.0, TiDB tries to block all write requests by returning a `ServerIsBusy` error directly to the client when encountering `write stall`, but this could lead to a sharp decrease in QPS performance. Starting from v5.2.0, TiKV introduces a new flow control mechanism that suppresses writes by delaying write requests dynamically in the scheduling layer, which replaces the previous mechanism of returning `server is busy` to clients when `write stall` occurs. The new flow control mechanism is enabled by default, and TiKV automatically disables the `write stall` mechanism for `KvDB` and `RaftDB` (except for memtables). However, when the number of pending requests exceeds a certain threshold, the flow control mechanism still takes effect, beginning to reject some or all write requests and returning a `server is busy` error to clients. For detailed explanations and thresholds, see Flow control configuration.

- If the `server is busy` error is triggered by too many pending compaction bytes, you can alleviate this issue by increasing the values of the `soft-pending-compaction-bytes-limit` and `hard-pending-compaction-bytes-limit` parameters.
    - When pending compaction bytes reach the value of the `soft-pending-compaction-bytes-limit` parameter (`192GiB` by default), the flow control mechanism begins to reject some write requests (by returning `ServerIsBusy` to clients). In this case, you can increase the value of this parameter, for example, `[storage.flow-control] soft-pending-compaction-bytes-limit = "384GiB"`.
    - When pending compaction bytes reach the value of the `hard-pending-compaction-bytes-limit` parameter (`1024GiB` by default), the flow control mechanism begins to reject all write requests (by returning `ServerIsBusy` to clients). This scenario is less likely to occur because the flow control mechanism intervenes to slow down write speed after reaching the threshold of `soft-pending-compaction-bytes-limit`. If it occurs, you can increase the value of this parameter, for example, `[storage.flow-control] hard-pending-compaction-bytes-limit = "2048GiB"`.
    - If the disk I/O capacity fails to keep up with the write for a long time, it is recommended to scale up your disk. If the disk throughput reaches the upper limit and causes write stall (for example, the SATA SSD is much lower than NVME SSD), while the CPU resources is sufficient, you may apply a compression algorithm of higher compression ratio. This way, the CPU resources is traded for disk resources, and the pressure on the disk is eased.
    - If the default CF compaction sees a high pressure, change the `[rocksdb.defaultcf] compression-per-level` parameter from `["no", "no", "lz4", "lz4", "lz4", "zstd", "zstd"]` to `["no", "no", "zstd", "zstd", "zstd", "zstd", "zstd"]`.
- Too many memtables causes stall. This usually occurs when the amount of instant writes is large and the memtables flush to the disk slowly. If the disk write speed cannot be improved, and this issue only occurs during business peaks, you can

mitigate it by increasing the `max-write-buffer-number` of the corresponding CF.

- For example, set `[rocksdb.defaultcf] max-write-buffer-number` to `8` (`5` by default). Note that this might cause more memory usage in the peak, because more memtables might be in the memory.

- 4.3.2 `scheduler too busy`

  - Serious write conflict. `latch wait duration` is high. You can view `latch wait duration` in the monitor **Grafana -> TiKV-details -> scheduler prewrite/scheduler commit**. When the write tasks pile up in the scheduler, the pending write tasks exceed the threshold set in `[storage] scheduler-pending-write-threshold` (100MB). You can verify the cause by viewing the metric corresponding to `MVCC_CONFLICT_COUNTER`.
  - Slow write causes write tasks to pile up. The data being written to TiKV exceeds the threshold set by `[storage] scheduler-pending-write-threshold` (100MB). Refer to 4.5.

- 4.3.3 `raftstore is busy`. The processing of messages is slower than the receiving of messages. The short-term `channel full` status does not affect the service, but if the error persists for a long time, it might cause Leader switch.

  - `append log` encounters stall. Refer to 4.3.1.
  - `append log duration` is high, which causes slow processing of messages. You can refer to 4.5 to analyze why `append log duration` is high.
  - raftstore receives a large batch of messages in an instant (check in the TiKV Raft messages dashboard), and fails to process them. Usually the short-term `channel full` status does not affect the service.

- 4.3.4 TiKV coprocessor is in a queue. The number of piled up tasks exceeds `coprocessor threads * readpool.coprocessor.max-tasks-per-worker-[normal|low|high]`. Too many large queries leads to the tasks piling up in coprocessor. You need to check whether an execution plan change causes a large number of table scan operations. Refer to 3.3.

10.1.1.4.4 4.4 Some TiKV nodes drop Leader frequently

- 4.4.1 Re-election because TiKV is restarted

  - After TiKV panics, it is pulled up by systemd and runs normally. You can check whether panic has occurred by viewing the TiKV log. Because this issue is unexpected, report a bug if it happens.
  - TiKV is stopped or killed by a third party and then pulled up by systemd. Check the cause by viewing `dmesg` and the TiKV log.
  - TiKV is OOM, which causes restart. Refer to 4.2.

  - TiKV is hung because of dynamically adjusting `THP` (Transparent Hugepage). See case case-500 in Chinese.

- 4.4.2 TiKV RocksDB encounters write stall and thus results in re-election. You can check if the monitor **Grafana** -> **TiKV-details** -> **errors** shows `server is busy`. Refer to 4.3.1.

- 4.4.3 Re-election because of network isolation.

10.1.1.4.5 4.5 TiKV write is slow

- 4.5.1 Check whether the TiKV write is slow by viewing the `prewrite/commit/raw-put` duration of TiKV gRPC (only for RawKV clusters). Generally, you can locate the slow phase according to the performance-map. Some common situations are listed as follows.

- 4.5.2 The scheduler CPU is busy (only for transaction kv).

  The `scheduler command duration` of prewrite/commit is longer than the sum of `scheduler latch wait duration` and `storage async write duration`. The scheduler worker has a high CPU demand, such as over 80% of `scheduler-worker-pool-size` * 100%, or the CPU resources of the entire machine are relatively limited. If the write workload is large, check if `[storage] scheduler-worker-pool-size` is set too small.

  For other situations, report a bug.

- 4.5.3 Append log is slow.

  The **Raft IO**/`append log duration` in TiKV Grafana is high, usually because the disk write operation is slow. You can verify the cause by checking the `WAL Sync Duration max` value of RocksDB - raft.

  For other situations, report a bug.

- 4.5.4 The raftstore thread is busy.

  The **Raft Propose**/`propose wait duration` is significantly larger than the append log duration in TiKV Grafana. Take the following methods:

  - Check whether the `[raftstore] store-pool-size` configuration value is too small. It is recommended to set the value between `1` and `5` and not too large.
  - Check whether the CPU resources on the machine are insufficient.

- 4.5.5 Apply is slow.

  The **Raft IO**/`apply log duration` in TiKV Grafana is high, which usually comes with a high **Raft Propose**/`apply wait duration`. The possible causes are as follows:

- `[raftstore] apply-pool-size` is too small (it is recommended to set the value between `1` and `5` and not too large), and the **Thread CPU**/`apply CPU` is large.
- The CPU resources on the machine are insufficient.
- Region write hot spot. A single apply thread has high CPU usage. Currently, we cannot properly address the hot spot problem on a single Region, which is being improved. To view the CPU usage of each thread, modify the Grafana expression and add `by (instance, name)`.
- RocksDB write is slow. **RocksDB kv**/`max write duration` is high. A single Raft log might contain multiple KVs. When writing into RocksDB, 128 KVs are written into RocksDB in a write batch. Therefore, an apply log might be associated with multiple writes in RocksDB.
- For other situations, report a bug.

- 4.5.6 Raft commit log is slow.

  The **Raft IO**/`commit log duration` in TiKV Grafana is high (this metric is only supported in Grafana after v4.x). Every Region corresponds to an independent Raft group. Raft has a flow control mechanism, similar to the sliding window mechanism of TCP. You can control the size of the sliding window by configuring the `[raftstore] raft-max-inflight-msgs = 256` parameter. If there is a write hot spot and the `commit log duration` is high, you can adjust the parameter, such as increasing it to `1024`.

- 4.5.7 For other situations, refer to the write path on performance-map and analyze the cause.

10.1.1.5 5. PD issues

10.1.1.5.1 5.1 PD scheduling

- 5.1.1 Merge

  - Empty Regions across tables cannot be merged. You need to modify the `[coprocessor] split-region-on-table` parameter in TiKV, which is set to `false` in v4.x by default. See case-896 in Chinese.
  - Region merge is slow. You can check whether the merged operator is generated by accessing the monitor dashboard in **Grafana** -> **PD** -> **operator**. To accelerate the merge, increase the value of `merge-schedule-limit`.

- 5.1.2 Add replicas or take replicas online/offline

  - The TiKV disk uses 80% of the capacity, and PD does not add replicas. In this situation, the number of miss peers increases, so TiKV needs to be scaled out. See case-801 in Chinese.

- When a TiKV node is taken offline, some Region cannot be migrated to other nodes. This issue has been fixed in v3.0.4 (#5526). See case-870 in Chinese.

- 5.1.3 Balance

  - The Leader/Region count is not evenly distributed. See case-394 and case-759 in Chinese. The major cause is that the balance performs scheduling based on the size of Region/Leader, so this might result in the uneven distribution of the count. In TiDB 4.0, the `[leader-schedule-policy]` parameter is introduced, which enables you to set the scheduling policy of Leader to be `count`-based or `size`-based.

10.1.1.5.2 5.2 PD election

- 5.2.1 PD switches Leader.

  - Cause 1: Disk. The disk where the PD node is located has full I/O load. Investigate whether PD is deployed with other components with high I/O demand and the health of the disk. You can verify the cause by viewing the monitor metrics in **Grafana -> disk performance -> latency/load**. You can also use the FIO tool to run a check on the disk if necessary. See case-292 in Chinese.
  - Cause 2: Network. The PD log shows `lost the TCP streaming connection`. You need to check whether there is a problem with the network between PD nodes and verify the cause by viewing `round trip` in the monitor **Grafana -> PD -> etcd**. See case-177 in Chinese.
  - Cause 3: High system load. The log shows `server is likely overloaded`. See case-214 in Chinese.

- 5.2.2 PD cannot elect a Leader or the election is slow.

  - PD cannot elect a Leader: The PD log shows `lease is not expired`. This issue has been fixed in v3.0.x and v2.1.19. See case-875 in Chinese.
  - The election is slow: The Region loading duration is long. You can check this issue by running `grep "regions cost"` in the PD log. If the result is in seconds, such as `load 460927 regions cost 11.77099s`, it means the Region loading is slow. You can enable the `region storage` feature in v3.0 by setting `use-region -storage` to `true`, which significantly reduce the Region loading duration. See case-429 in Chinese.

- 5.2.3 PD timed out when TiDB executes SQL statements.

  - PD doesn't have a Leader or switches Leader. Refer to 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.
  - Network issue. Check whether the network from TiDB to PD Leader is running normally by accessing the monitor **Grafana -> blackbox_exporter -> ping latency**.

- PD panics. Report a bug.
- PD is OOM. Refer to 5.3.
- If the issue has other causes, get goroutine by running `curl http://127.0.0.1:2379/debug/pprof/goroutine?debug=2` and report a bug.

- 5.2.4 Other issues
  - PD reports the `FATAL` error, and the log shows `range failed to find revision pair`. This issue has been fixed in v3.0.8 (#2040). For details, see case-947 in Chinese.
  - For other situations, report a bug.

10.1.1.5.3 5.3 PD OOM

- 5.3.1 When the `/api/v1/regions` interface is used, too many Regions might cause PD OOM. This issue has been fixed in v3.0.8 (#1986).
- 5.3.2 PD OOM during the rolling upgrade. The size of gRPC messages is not limited, and the monitor shows that TCP InSegs is relatively large. This issue has been fixed in v3.0.6 (#1952).

10.1.1.5.4 5.4 Grafana display

- 5.4.1 The monitor in **Grafana** -> **PD** -> **cluster** -> **role** displays follower. The Grafana expression issue has been fixed in v3.0.8.

10.1.1.6 6. Ecosystem tools

10.1.1.6.1 6.1 Data Migration

- 6.1.1 TiDB Data Migration (DM) is a migration tool that supports data migration from MySQL/MariaDB into TiDB. For details, see DM overview.
- 6.1.2 `Access denied for user 'root'@'172.31.43.27' (using password: YES)` shows when you run `query status` or check the log.
  - The database related passwords in all the DM configuration files should be encrypted by `dmctl`. If a database password is empty, it is unnecessary to encrypt the password. Cleartext passwords can be used since v1.0.6.
  - During DM operation, the user of the upstream and downstream databases must have the corresponding read and write privileges. Data Migration also prechecks the corresponding privileges automatically while starting the data replication task.

    - To deploy different versions of DM-worker/DM-master/dmctl in a DM cluster, see the case study on AskTUG in Chinese.

- 6.1.3 A replication task is interrupted with the `driver: bad connection` error returned.

    - The `driver: bad connection` error indicates that an anomaly has occurred in the connection between DM and the downstream TiDB database (such as network failure and TiDB restart), and that the data of the current request has not yet been sent to TiDB.
        - For versions earlier than DM 1.0.0 GA, stop the task by running `stop-task` and then restart the task by running `start-task`.
        - For DM 1.0.0 GA or later versions, an automatic retry mechanism for this type of error is added. See #265.

- 6.1.4 A replication task is interrupted with the `invalid connection` error.

    - The `invalid connection` error indicates that an anomaly has occurred in the connection between DM and the downstream TiDB database (such as network failure, TiDB restart, and TiKV busy), and that a part of the data for the current request has been sent to TiDB. Because DM has the feature of concurrently replicating data to the downstream in replication tasks, several errors might occur when a task is interrupted. You can check these errors by running `query-status` or `query-error`.
        - If only the `invalid connection` error occurs during the incremental replication process, DM retries the task automatically.
        - If DM does not retry or fails to retry automatically because of version problems (automatic retry is introduced in v1.0.0-rc.1), use `stop-task` to stop the task and then use `start-task` to restart the task.

- 6.1.5 The relay unit reports the error `event from * in * diff from passed-in` ↪ `event *`, or a replication task is interrupted with an error that fails to get or parse binlog, such as `get binlog error ERROR 1236 (HY000)and binlog checksum` ↪ `mismatch, data may be corrupted returned`

    - During the process that DM pulls relay log or the incremental replication, this two errors might occur if the size of the upstream binlog file exceeds 4 GB.
    - Cause: When writing relay logs, DM needs to perform event verification based on binlog positions and the binlog file size, and store the replicated binlog positions as checkpoints. However, the official MySQL uses uint32 to store binlog positions, which means the binlog position for a binlog file over 4 GB overflows, and then the errors above occur.
    - Solution:
        - For relay processing units, manually recover replication.

    - For binlog replication processing units, manually recover replication.

- 6.1.6 The DM replication is interrupted, and the log returns `ERROR 1236 (HY000) ↪ The slave is connecting using CHANGE MASTER TO MASTER_AUTO_POSITION ↪ = 1, but the master has purged binary logs containing GTIDs that the ↪ slave requires.`

    - Check whether the master binlog is purged.
    - Check the position information recorded in `relay.meta`.
        - `relay.meta` has recorded the empty GTID information. DM-worker saves the GTID information in memory to `relay.meta` when it exits or in every 30s. When DM-worker does not obtain the upstream GTID information, it saves the empty GTID information to `relay.meta`. See case-772 in Chinese.
        - The binlog event recorded in `relay.meta` triggers the incomplete recover process and records the wrong GTID information. This issue is fixed in v1.0.2, and might occur in earlier versions.

- 6.1.7 The DM replication process returns an error `Error 1366: incorrect utf8 ↪ value eda0bdedb29d(\ufffd\ufffd\ufffd\ufffd\ufffd\ufffd)`.

    - This value cannot be successfully written into MySQL 8.0 or TiDB, but can be written into MySQL 5.7. You can skip the data format check by enabling the `tidb_skip_utf8_check` parameter.

10.1.1.6.2 6.2 TiDB Lightning

- 6.2.1 TiDB Lightning is a tool for fast full import of large amounts of data into a TiDB cluster. See TiDB Lightning on GitHub.

- 6.2.2 Import speed is too slow.

    - `region-concurrency` is set too high, which causes thread contention and reduces performance. Three ways to troubleshoot:
        - The setting can be found from the start of the log by searching `region- ↪ concurrency`.
        - If TiDB Lightning shares a server with other services (for example, Importer), you must manually set `region-concurrency` to 75% of the total number of CPU cores on that server.
        - If there is a quota on CPU (for example, limited by Kubernetes settings), TiDB Lightning might not be able to read this out. In this case, `region- ↪ concurrency` must also be manually reduced.

- Every additional index introduces a new KV pair for each row. If there are N indices, the actual size to be imported would be approximately (N+1) times the size of the Dumpling output. If the indices are negligible, you may first remove them from the schema, and add them back via `CREATE INDEX` after the import is complete.
- The version of TiDB Lightning is old. Try the latest version, which might improve the import speed.

- 6.2.3 `checksum failed: checksum mismatched remote vs local`.
  - Cause 1: The table might already have data. These old data can affect the final checksum.
  - Cause 2: If the checksum of the target database is 0, which means nothing is imported, it is possible that the cluster is too hot and fails to take in any data.
  - Cause 3: If the data source is generated by the machine and not backed up by Dumpling, ensure it respects the constrains of the table. For example:
    - `AUTO_INCREMENT` columns need to be positive, and do not contain the value "0".
    - UNIQUE and PRIMARY KEYs must not have duplicate entries.
  - Solution: See Troubleshooting Solution.

- 6.2.4 `Checkpoint for ··· has invalid status:(error code)`
  - Cause: Checkpoint is enabled, and Lightning/Importer has previously abnormally exited. To prevent accidental data corruption, TiDB Lightning will not start until the error is addressed. The error code is an integer less than 25, with possible values as `0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 21`. The integer indicates the step where the unexpected exit occurs in the import process. The larger the integer is, the later the exit occurs.
  - Solution: See Troubleshooting Solution.

- 6.2.5 `cannot guess encoding for input file, please convert to UTF-8 manually`
  - Cause: TiDB Lightning only supports the UTF-8 and GB-18030 encodings. This error means the file is not in any of these encodings. It is also possible that the file has mixed encoding, such as containing a string in UTF-8 and another string in GB-18030, due to historical ALTER TABLE executions.
  - Solution: See Troubleshooting Solution.

- 6.2.6 `[sql2kv] sql encode error = [types:1292]invalid time format: '{1970 1 1 0 45 0 0}'`

- Cause: A timestamp type entry has a time value that does not exist. This is either because of DST changes or because the time value has exceeded the supported range (from Jan 1, 1970 to Jan 19, 2038).
- Solution: See Troubleshooting Solution.

10.1.1.7 7. Common log analysis

10.1.1.7.1 7.1 TiDB

- 7.1.1 `GC life time is shorter than transaction duration`.

  The transaction duration exceeds the GC lifetime (10 minutes by default).

  You can increase the GC lifetime by modifying the `tidb_gc_life_time` system variable. Generally, it is not recommended to modify this parameter, because changing it might cause many old versions to pile up if this transaction has a large number of `UPDATE` and `DELETE` statements.

- 7.1.2 `txn takes too much time`.

  This error is returned when you commit a transaction that has not been committed for a long time (over 590 seconds).

  If your application needs to execute a transaction of such a long time, you can increase the `[tikv-client] max-txn-time-use = 590` parameter and the GC lifetime to avoid this issue. It is recommended to check whether your application needs such a long transaction time.

- 7.1.3 `coprocessor.go` reports `request outdated`.

  This error is returned when the coprocessor request sent to TiKV waits in a queue at TiKV for over 60 seconds.

  You need to investigate why the TiKV coprocessor is in a long queue.

- 7.1.4 `region_cache.go` reports a large number of `switch region peer to next due to send request fail`, and the error message is `context deadline exceeded`.

  The request for TiKV timed out and triggers the region cache to switch the request to other nodes. You can continue to run the `grep "<addr> cancelled` command on the `addr` field in the log and take the following steps according to the `grep` results:

  - `send request is cancelled`: The request timed out during the sending phase. You can investigate the monitoring **Grafana** -> **TiDB** -> **Batch Client**/`Pending Request Count by TiKV` and see whether the Pending Request Count is greater than 128:
    - If the value is greater than 128, the sending goes beyond the processing capacity of KV, so the sending piles up.

    - If the value is not greater than 128, check the log to see if the report is caused by the operation and maintenance changes of the corresponding KV; otherwise, this error is unexpected, and you need to report a bug.
  - `wait response is cancelled`: The request timed out after it is sent to TiKV. You need to check the response time of the corresponding TiKV address and the Region logs in PD and KV at that time.

- 7.1.5 `distsql.go` reports `inconsistent index`.

  The data index seems to be inconsistent. Run the `admin check table <TableName>` command on the table where the reported index is. If the check fails, disable garbage collection by running the following command, and report a bug:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_enable = 0;
```

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- 7.2.1 `key is locked`.

  The read and write have conflict. The read request encounters data that has not been committed and needs to wait until the data is committed.

  A small number of this error has no impact on the business, but a large number of this error indicates that the read-write conflict is severe in your business.

- 7.2.2 `write conflict`.

  This is the write-write conflict in optimistic transactions. If multiple transactions modify the same key, only one transaction succeed and other transactions automatically obtain the timestamp again and retry the operation, with no impact on the business.

  If the conflict is severe, it might cause transaction failure after multiple retries. In this case, it is recommended to use the pessimistic lock. For more details about the error and the solution, see Troubleshoot Write Conflicts in Optimistic Transactions.

- 7.2.3 `TxnLockNotFound`.

  This transaction commit is too slow, causing it to be rolled back by other transactions after Time To Live (TTL). This transaction will automatically retry, so the business is usually not affected. For a transaction with a size of 0.25 MB or smaller, the default TTL is 3 seconds. For more details, see the `LockNotFound` error.

- 7.2.4 `PessimisticLockNotFound`.

  Similar to `TxnLockNotFound`. The pessimistic transaction commit is too slow and thus rolled back by other transactions.

- 7.2.5 `stale_epoch`.

  The request epoch is outdated, so TiDB re-sends the request after updating the routing. The business is not affected. Epoch changes when Region has a split/merge operation or a replica is migrated.

- 7.2.6 `peer is not leader`.

  The request is sent to a replica that is not Leader. If the error response indicates which replica is the latest Leader, TiDB updates the local routing according the error and sends a new request to the latest Leader. Usually, the business is not affected.

  In v3.0 and later versions, TiDB tries other peers if the request to the previous Leader fails, which might lead to frequent `peer is not leader` in TiKV log. You can check the `switch region peer to next due to send request fail` log of the corresponding Region in TiDB to determine the root cause of the sending failure. For details, refer to 7.1.4.

  This error might also be returned if a Region has no Leader due to other reasons. For details, see 4.4.

10.1.2 TiDB Cluster Troubleshooting Guide

You can use this guide to help you diagnose and solve basic problems while using TiDB. If your problem is not resolved, please collect the following information and you can report a bug:

- The exact error message and the operations while the error occurs
- The state of all the components
- The `error/fatal/panic` information in the log of the component that reports the error
- The configuration and deployment topology
- The TiDB component related issue in `dmesg`

For other information, see Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

10.1.2.1 Cannot connect to the database

1. Make sure all the services are started, including `tidb-server`, `pd-server`, and `tikv-server`.
2. Use the `ps` command to check if all the processes are running.
   - If a certain process is not running, see the following corresponding sections to diagnose and solve the issue.
   - If all the processes are running, check the `tidb-server` log to see if the following messages are displayed:
     - InformationSchema is out of date: This message is displayed if the `tikv-server` cannot be connected. Check the state and log of `pd-server` and `tikv-server`.
     - panic: This message is displayed if there is an issue with the program. Please provide the detailed panic log and you can report a bug.

3. If the data is cleared and the services are re-deployed, make sure that:

    - All the data in `tikv-server` and `pd-server` are cleared. The specific data is stored in `tikv-server` and the metadata is stored in `pd-server`. If only one of the two servers is cleared, the data will be inconsistent.
    - After the data in `pd-server` and `tikv-server` are cleared and the `pd-server` and `tikv-server` are restarted, the `tidb-server` must be restarted too. The cluster ID is randomly allocated when the `pd-server` is initialized. So when the cluster is re-deployed, the cluster ID changes and you need to restart the `tidb-server` to get the new cluster ID.

10.1.2.2 Cannot start `tidb-server`

See the following for the situations when the `tidb-server` cannot be started:

- Error in the startup parameters.

  See the TiDB configuration and options.

- The port is occupied.

  Use the `lsof -i:port` command to show all the networking related to a given port and make sure the port to start the `tidb-server` is not occupied.

- Cannot connect to `pd-server`.

    - Check if the network between TiDB and PD is running smoothly, including whether the network can be pinged or if there is any issue with the Firewall configuration.
    - If there is no issue with the network, check the state and log of the `pd-server` process.

10.1.2.3 Cannot start `tikv-server`

See the following for the situations when the `tikv-server` cannot be started:

- Error in the startup parameters: See the TiKV configuration and options.
- The port is occupied: Use the `lsof -i:port` command to show all the networking related to a given port and make sure the port to start the `tikv-server` is not occupied.
- Cannot connect to `pd-server`.

    - Check if the network between TiDB and PD is running smoothly, including whether the network can be pinged or if there is any issue with the Firewall configuration.
    - If there is no issue with the network, check the state and log of the `pd-server` process.

- The file is occupied.

  Do not open two TiKV files on one database file directory.

10.1.2.4 Cannot start `pd-server`

See the following for the situations when the `pd-server` cannot be started:

- Error in the startup parameters.

  See the PD configuration and options.

- The port is occupied.

  Use the `lsof -i:port` command to show all the networking related to a given port and make sure the port to start the `pd-server` is not occupied.

10.1.2.5 The TiDB/TiKV/PD process aborts unexpectedly

- Is the process started on the foreground? The process might exit because the client aborts.
- Is `nohup+&` run in the command line? This might cause the process to abort because it receives the hup signal. It is recommended to write and run the startup command in a script.

10.1.2.6 TiDB panic

Please provide the panic log and you can report a bug.

10.1.2.7 The connection is rejected

Make sure the network parameters of the operating system are correct, including but not limited to:

- The port in the connection string is consistent with the `tidb-server` starting port.
- The firewall is configured correctly.

10.1.2.8 Open too many files

Before starting the process, make sure the result of `ulimit -n` is large enough. It is recommended to set the value to `unlimited` or larger than `1000000`.

10.1.2.9 Database access times out and the system load is too high

First, check the slow query log and see if it is because of some inappropriate SQL statement.

If you failed to solve the problem, provide the following information:

- The deployment topology
    - How many `tidb-server`/`pd-server`/`tikv-server` instances are deployed?
    - How are these instances distributed in the machines?
- The hardware configuration of the machines where these instances are deployed:
    - The number of CPU cores
    - The size of the memory
    - The type of the disk (SSD or Hard Drive Disk)
    - Are they physical machines or virtual machines?
- Are there other services besides the TiDB cluster?
- Are the `pd-server`s and `tikv-server`s deployed separately?
- What is the current operation?
- Check the CPU thread name using the `top -H` command.
- Are there any exceptions in the network or IO monitoring data recently?

10.1.3 Troubleshoot a TiFlash Cluster

This section describes some commonly encountered issues when using TiFlash, the reasons, and the solutions.

10.1.3.1 TiFlash fails to start

The issue might occur due to different reasons. It is recommended that you troubleshoot it following the steps below:

1. Check whether your system is RedHat Enterprise Linux 8.

   RedHat Enterprise Linux 8 does not have the `libnsl.so` system library. You can manually install it via the following command:

   ```
   dnf install libnsl
   ```

2. Check your system's `ulimit` parameter setting.

   ```
   ulimit -n 1000000
   ```

3. Use the PD Control tool to check whether there is any TiFlash instance that failed to go offline on the node (same IP and Port) and force the instance(s) to go offline. For detailed steps, refer to Scale in a TiFlash cluster.

If the above methods cannot resolve your issue, save the TiFlash log files and get support from PingCAP or the community.

10.1.3.2 TiFlash replica is always unavailable

This is because TiFlash is in an abnormal state caused by configuration errors or environment issues. Take the following steps to identify the faulty component:

1. Check whether PD enables the `Placement Rules` feature:

```
echo 'config show replication' | /path/to/pd-ctl -u http://${pd-ip}:${
    ↪ pd-port}
```

   - If `true` is returned, go to the next step.
   - If `false` is returned, enable the Placement Rules feature and go to the next step.

2. Check whether the TiFlash process is working correctly by viewing `UpTime` on the TiFlash-Summary monitoring panel.

3. Check whether the TiFlash proxy status is normal through `pd-ctl`.

```
tiup ctl:nightly pd -u http://${pd-ip}:${pd-port} store
```

   The TiFlash proxy's `store.labels` includes information such as `{"key": "engine ↪ ", "value": "tiflash"}`. You can check this information to confirm a TiFlash proxy.

4. Check whether the number of configured replicas is less than or equal to the number of TiKV nodes in the cluster. If not, PD cannot replicate data to TiFlash.

```
tiup ctl:nightly pd -u http://${pd-ip}:${pd-port} config placement-
    ↪ rules show | grep -C 10 default
```

   Reconfirm the value of `default: count`.

> **Note:**
>
> - When Placement Rules are enabled and multiple rules exist, the previously configured `max-replicas`, `location-labels`, and `isolation-level` no longer take effect. To adjust the replica policy, use the interface related to Placement Rules.

- When Placement Rules are enabled and only one default rule exists, TiDB will automatically update this default rule when `max-replicas`, `location-labels`, or `isolation-level` configurations are changed.

5. Check whether the remaining disk space of the machine (where `store` of the TiFlash node is) is sufficient. By default, when the remaining disk space is less than 20% of the `store` capacity (which is controlled by the `low-space-ratio` parameter), PD cannot schedule data to this TiFlash node.

10.1.3.3 Some queries return the `Region Unavailable` error

If the load pressure on TiFlash is too heavy and it causes that TiFlash data replication falls behind, some queries might return the `Region Unavailable` error.

In this case, you can balance the load pressure by adding more TiFlash nodes.

10.1.3.4 Data file corruption

Take the following steps to handle the data file corruption:

1. Refer to Take a TiFlash node down to take the corresponding TiFlash node down.
2. Delete the related data of the TiFlash node.
3. Redeploy the TiFlash node in the cluster.

10.1.3.5 Removing TiFlash nodes is slow

Take the following steps to handle this issue:

1. Check whether any table has more TiFlash replicas than the number of TiFlash nodes available after the cluster scale-in:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tiflash_replica WHERE REPLICA_COUNT >
    ↪  'tobe_left_nodes';
```

`tobe_left_nodes` is the number of TiFlash nodes after the scale-in.

If the query result is not empty, you need to modify the number of TiFlash replicas for the corresponding tables. This is because, when the number of TiFlash replicas exceeds the number of TiFlash nodes after the scale-in, PD will not move Region peers away from the TiFlash nodes to be removed, causing the removal of these TiFlash nodes to fail.

2. In scenarios where all TiFlash nodes need to be removed from a cluster, if the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_REPLICA` table shows that there are no TiFlash replicas in the cluster but removing TiFlash nodes still fails, check whether you have recently executed `DROP TABLE <db-name>.<table-name>` or `DROP DATABASE <db-name>` operations.

   For tables or databases with TiFlash replicas, after executing `DROP TABLE <db-name>.<table-name>` or `DROP DATABASE <db-name>`, TiDB does not immediately delete the TiFlash replication rules for the corresponding tables in PD. Instead, it waits until the corresponding tables meet the garbage collection (GC) conditions before deleting these replication rules. After GC is complete, the corresponding TiFlash nodes can be successfully removed.

   To remove data replication rules of TiFlash manually before the GC conditions are met, you can do the following:

> **Note:**
>
> After manually removing TiFlash replication rules for a table, if you perform `RECOVER TABLE`, `FLASHBACK TABLE`, or `FLASHBACK DATABASE` operations on this table, the TiFlash replicas of this table will not be restored.

1. View all data replication rules related to TiFlash in the current PD instance:

```
curl http://<pd_ip>:<pd_port>/pd/api/v1/config/rules/group/tiflash
```

```
[
  {
    "group_id": "tiflash",
    "id": "table-45-r",
    "override": true,
    "start_key": "7480000000000000FF2D5F720000000000FA",
    "end_key": "7480000000000000FF2E00000000000000F8",
    "role": "learner",
    "count": 1,
    "label_constraints": [
      {
        "key": "engine",
        "op": "in",
        "values": [
          "tiflash"
        ]
      }
    ]
  }
]
```

2. Remove all data replication rules related to TiFlash. Take the rule whose `id` is `table-45-r` as an example. Delete it by the following command:

```
curl -v -X DELETE http://<pd_ip>:<pd_port>/pd/api/v1/config/rule/
    ↪ tiflash/table-45-r
```

10.1.3.6 TiFlash analysis is slow

If a statement contains operators or functions not supported in the MPP mode, TiDB does not select the MPP mode. Therefore, the analysis of the statement is slow. In this case, you can execute the `EXPLAIN` statement to check for operators or functions not supported in the MPP mode.

```
create table t(a datetime);
alter table t set tiflash replica 1;
insert into t values('2022-01-13');
set @@session.tidb_enforce_mpp=1;
explain select count(*) from t where subtime(a, '12:00:00') > '2022-01-01'
    ↪ group by a;
show warnings;
```

In this example, the warning message shows that TiDB does not select the MPP mode because TiDB 5.4 and earlier versions do not support the `subtime` function.

```
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
> | Level   | Code | Message
    ↪                                                                  |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1105 | Scalar function 'subtime'(signature: SubDatetimeAndString
    ↪ , return type: datetime) is not supported to push down to tiflash now
    ↪ . |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

10.1.3.7 Data is not replicated to TiFlash

After deploying a TiFlash node and starting replication (by performing the ALTER operation), no data is replicated to it. In this case, you can identify and address the problem by following the steps below:

1. Check whether the replication is successful by running the `ALTER table <tbl_name>
    ↪ set tiflash replica <num>` command and check the output.

    - If there is output, go to the next step.

- If there is no output, run the `SELECT * FROM information_schema.tiflash_replica` command to check whether TiFlash replicas have been created. If not, run the `ALTER table ${tbl_name} set tiflash replica ${num}` command again, check whether other statements (for example, `add index`) have been executed, or check whether DDL executions are successful.

2. Check whether TiFlash Region replication runs correctly.

Check whether there is any change in `progress`:

- If yes, TiFlash replication runs correctly.
- If no, TiFlash replication is abnormal. In `tidb.log`, search the log saying `Tiflash replica is not available`. Check whether `progress` of the corresponding table is updated. If not, check the `tiflash log` for further information. For example, search `lag_region_info` in `tiflash log` to find out which Region lags behind.

3. Check whether the Placement Rules function has been enabled by using pd-ctl:

```
echo 'config show replication' | /path/to/pd-ctl -u http://<pd-ip>:<pd-port>
```

- If `true` is returned, go to the next step.
- If `false` is returned, enable the Placement Rules feature and go to the next step.

4. Check whether the `max-replicas` configuration is correct:

- If the value of `max-replicas` does not exceed the number of TiKV nodes in the cluster, go to the next step.
- If the value of `max-replicas` is greater than the number of TiKV nodes in the cluster, the PD does not replicate data to the TiFlash node. To address this issue, change `max-replicas` to an integer fewer than or equal to the number of TiKV nodes in the cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> `max-replicas` is defaulted to 3. In production environments, the value is usually fewer than the number of TiKV nodes. In test environments, the value can be 1.

```
curl -X POST -d '{
    "group_id": "pd",
    "id": "default",
    "start_key": "",
    "end_key": "",
```

```
    "role": "voter",
    "count": 3,
    "location_labels": [
    "host"
    ]
}' <http://172.16.x.xxx:2379/pd/api/v1/config/rule>
```

5. Check whether TiDB has created any placement rule for tables.

   Search the logs of TiDB DDL Owner and check whether TiDB has notified PD to add placement rules. For non-partitioned tables, search `ConfigureTiFlashPDForTable`. For partitioned tables, search `ConfigureTiFlashPDForPartitions`.

   - If the keyword is found, go to the next step.
   - If not, collect logs of the corresponding component for troubleshooting.

6. Check whether PD has configured any placement rule for tables.

   Run the `curl http://<pd-ip>:<pd-port>/pd/api/v1/config/rules/group/tiflash` command to view all TiFlash placement rules on the current PD. If a rule with the ID being `table-<table_id>-r` is found, the PD has configured a placement rule successfully.

7. Check whether the PD schedules properly.

   Search the `pd.log` file for the `table-<table_id>-r` keyword and scheduling behaviors like `add operator`.

   - If the keyword is found, the PD schedules properly.
   - If not, the PD does not schedule properly.

10.1.3.8 Data replication gets stuck

If data replication on TiFlash starts normally but then all or some data fails to be replicated after a period of time, you can confirm or resolve the issue by performing the following steps:

1. Check the disk space.

   Check whether the disk space ratio is higher than the value of `low-space-ratio` (defaulted to 0.8. When the space usage of a node exceeds 80%, the PD stops migrating data to this node to avoid exhaustion of disk space).

   - If the disk usage ratio is greater than or equal to the value of `low-space-ratio`, the disk space is insufficient. To relieve the disk space, remove unnecessary files, such as `space_placeholder_file` (if necessary, set `reserve-space` to 0MB after removing the file) under the `${data}/flash/` folder.

- If the disk usage ratio is less than the value of `low-space-ratio`, the disk space is sufficient. Go to the next step.

2. Check whether there is any `down peer` (a `down peer` might cause the replication to get stuck).

   Run the `pd-ctl region check-down-peer` command to check whether there is any `down peer`. If any, run the `pd-ctl operator add remove-peer <region-id> <tiflash-store-id>` command to remove it.

10.1.3.9 Data replication is slow

The causes may vary. You can address the problem by performing the following steps.

1. Increase `store limit` to accelerate replication.

2. Adjust the load on TiFlash.

   Excessively high load on TiFlash can also result in slow replication. You can check the load of TiFlash indicators on the **TiFlash-Summary** panel on Grafana:

   - `Applying snapshots Count`: `TiFlash-summary` > `raft` > `Applying snapshots Count`
   - `Snapshot Predecode Duration`: `TiFlash-summary` > `raft` > `Snapshot Predecode Duration`
   - `Snapshot Flush Duration`: `TiFlash-summary` > `raft` > `Snapshot Flush Duration`
   - `Write Stall Duration`: `TiFlash-summary` > `Storage Write Stall` > `Write Stall Duration`
   - `generate snapshot CPU`: `TiFlash-Proxy-Details` > `Thread CPU` > `Region task worker pre-handle/generate snapshot CPU`

   Based on your service priorities, adjust the load accordingly to achieve optimal performance.

10.2 Issue Scenarios

10.2.1 Slow Queries

10.2.1.1 Identify Slow Queries

To help users identify slow queries, analyze and improve the performance of SQL execution, TiDB outputs the statements whose execution time exceeds `tidb_slow_log_threshold` (The default value is 300 milliseconds) to slow-query-file (The default value is "tidb-slow.log").

TiDB enables the slow query log by default. You can enable or disable the feature by modifying the system variable `tidb_enable_slow_log`.

10.2.1.1.1 Usage example

```
#### Time: 2019-08-14T09:26:59.487776265+08:00
#### Txn_start_ts: 410450924122144769
#### User@Host: root[root] @ localhost [127.0.0.1]
#### Conn_ID: 3086
#### Exec_retry_time: 5.1 Exec_retry_count: 3
#### Query_time: 1.527627037
#### Parse_time: 0.000054933
#### Compile_time: 0.000129729
#### Rewrite_time: 0.000000003 Preproc_subqueries: 2 Preproc_subqueries_
   ↪ time: 0.000000002
#### Optimize_time: 0.00000001
#### Wait_TS: 0.00001078
#### Process_time: 0.07 Request_count: 1 Total_keys: 131073 Process_keys:
   ↪ 131072 Prewrite_time: 0.335415029 Commit_time: 0.032175429 Get_commit
   ↪ _ts_time: 0.000177098 Local_latch_wait_time: 0.106869448 Write_keys:
   ↪ 131072 Write_size: 3538944 Prewrite_region: 1
#### DB: test
#### Is_internal: false
#### Digest: 50
   ↪ a2e32d2abbd6c1764b1b7f2058d428ef2712b029282b776beb9506a365c0f1
#### Stats: t:pseudo
#### Num_cop_tasks: 1
#### Cop_proc_avg: 0.07 Cop_proc_p90: 0.07 Cop_proc_max: 0.07 Cop_proc_addr
   ↪ : 172.16.5.87:20171
#### Cop_wait_avg: 0 Cop_wait_p90: 0 Cop_wait_max: 0 Cop_wait_addr:
   ↪ 172.16.5.87:20171
#### Cop_backoff_regionMiss_total_times: 200 Cop_backoff_regionMiss_total_
   ↪ time: 0.2 Cop_backoff_regionMiss_max_time: 0.2 Cop_backoff_regionMiss
   ↪ _max_addr: 127.0.0.1 Cop_backoff_regionMiss_avg_time: 0.2 Cop_backoff
   ↪ _regionMiss_p90_time: 0.2
#### Cop_backoff_rpcPD_total_times: 200 Cop_backoff_rpcPD_total_time: 0.2
   ↪ Cop_backoff_rpcPD_max_time: 0.2 Cop_backoff_rpcPD_max_addr: 127.0.0.1
   ↪  Cop_backoff_rpcPD_avg_time: 0.2 Cop_backoff_rpcPD_p90_time: 0.2
#### Cop_backoff_rpcTiKV_total_times: 200 Cop_backoff_rpcTiKV_total_time:
   ↪ 0.2 Cop_backoff_rpcTiKV_max_time: 0.2 Cop_backoff_rpcTiKV_max_addr:
   ↪ 127.0.0.1 Cop_backoff_rpcTiKV_avg_time: 0.2 Cop_backoff_rpcTiKV_p90_
   ↪ time: 0.2
#### Mem_max: 525211
#### Disk_max: 65536
#### Prepared: false
#### Plan_from_cache: false
#### Succ: true
#### Plan: tidb_decode_plan('
```

```
    ↪ ZJAwCTMyXzcJMAkyMAlkYXRhOlRhYmxlU2Nhbl82CjEJMTBfNgkxAR0AdAEY1Dp0LCByYW5nZTpbLWluZi
    ↪ ==')
use test;
insert into t select * from t;
```

10.2.1.1.2 Fields description

> **Note:**
>
> The unit of all the following time fields in the slow query log is **"second"**.

Slow query basics:

- `Time`: The print time of log.
- `Query_time`: The execution time of a statement.
- `Parse_time`: The parsing time for the statement.
- `Compile_time`: The duration of the query optimization.
- `Optimize_time`: The time consumed for optimizing the execution plan.
- `Wait_TS`: The waiting time of the statement to get transaction timestamps.
- `Query`: A SQL statement. `Query` is not printed in the slow log, but the corresponding field is called `Query` after the slow log is mapped to the memory table.
- `Digest`: The fingerprint of the SQL statement.
- `Txn_start_ts`: The start timestamp and the unique ID of a transaction. You can use this value to search for the transaction-related logs.
- `Is_internal`: Whether a SQL statement is TiDB internal. `true` indicates that a SQL statement is executed internally in TiDB and `false` indicates that a SQL statement is executed by the user.
- `Index_names`: The index names used by the statement.
- `Stats`: The health state, internal version, total row count, modified row count, and load state of statistics that are used during this query. `pseudo` indicates that the statistics information is unhealthy. If the optimizer attempts to use some statistics that are not fully loaded, the internal state is also printed. For example, the meaning of `t1:439478225786634241[105000;5000][col1:allEvicted][idx1:allEvicted]` can be understood as follows:
  - `t1`: statistics on table `t1` are used during query optimization.
  - `439478225786634241`: the internal version.
  - `105000`: the total row count in the statistics.
  - `5000`: the number of rows modified since the last statistics collection.
  - `col1:allEvicted`: statistics on the column `col1` are not fully loaded.
  - `idx1:allEvicted`: statistics on the index `idx1` are not fully loaded.

- `Succ`: Whether a statement is executed successfully.
- `Backoff_time`: The waiting time before retry when a statement encounters errors that require a retry. The common errors as such include: `lock occurs`, `Region split`, and `tikv server is busy`.
- `Plan`: The execution plan of a statement. Execute the `SELECT tidb_decode_plan('xxx...')` statement to parse the specific execution plan.
- `Binary_plan`: The execution plan of a binary-encoded statement. Execute the `SELECT tidb_decode_binary_plan('xxx...')` statement to parse the specific execution plan. The `Plan` and `Binary_plan` fields carry the same information. However, the format of execution plans parsed from the two fields are different.
- `Prepared`: Whether this statement is a `Prepare` or `Execute` request or not.
- `Plan_from_cache`: Whether this statement hits the execution plan cache.
- `Plan_from_binding`: Whether this statement uses the bound execution plans.
- `Has_more_results`: Whether this statement has more results to be fetched by users.
- `Rewrite_time`: The time consumed for rewriting the query of this statement.
- `Preproc_subqueries`: The number of subqueries (in the statement) that are executed in advance. For example, the `where id in (select if from t)` subquery might be executed in advance.
- `Preproc_subqueries_time`: The time consumed for executing the subquery of this statement in advance.
- `Exec_retry_count`: The retry times of this statement. This field is usually for pessimistic transactions in which the statement is retried when the lock is failed.
- `Exec_retry_time`: The execution retry duration of this statement. For example, if a statement has been executed three times in total (failed for the first two times), `Exec_retry_time` means the total duration of the first two executions. The duration of the last execution is `Query_time` minus `Exec_retry_time`.
- `KV_total`: The time spent on all the RPC requests on TiKV or TiFlash by this statement.
- `PD_total`: The time spent on all the RPC requests on PD by this statement.
- `Backoff_total`: The time spent on all the backoff during the execution of this statement.
- `Write_sql_response_total`: The time consumed for sending the results back to the client by this statement.
- `Result_rows`: The row count of the query results.
- `IsExplicitTxn`: Whether this statement is in an explicit transaction. If the value is `false`, the transaction is `autocommit=1` and the statement is automatically committed after execution.
- `Warnings`: The JSON-formatted warnings that are generated during the execution of this statement. These warnings are generally consistent with the output of the `SHOW WARNINGS` statement, but might include extra warnings that provide more diagnostic information. These extra warnings are marked as `IsExtra: true`.

The following fields are related to transaction execution:

- `Prewrite_time`: The duration of the first phase (prewrite) of the two-phase transaction

commit.
- `Commit_time`: The duration of the second phase (commit) of the two-phase transaction commit.
- `Get_commit_ts_time`: The time spent on getting `commit_ts` during the second phase (commit) of the two-phase transaction commit.
- `Local_latch_wait_time`: The time that TiDB spends on waiting for the lock before the second phase (commit) of the two-phase transaction commit.
- `Write_keys`: The count of keys that the transaction writes to the Write CF in TiKV.
- `Write_size`: The total size of the keys or values to be written when the transaction commits.
- `Prewrite_region`: The number of TiKV Regions involved in the first phase (prewrite) of the two-phase transaction commit. Each Region triggers a remote procedure call.
- `Wait_prewrite_binlog_time`: The time used to write binlogs when a transaction is committed. Starting from v8.4.0, TiDB Binlog is removed, and this field has no value.
- `Resolve_lock_time`: The time to resolve or wait for the lock to be expired after a lock is encountered during a transaction commit.

Memory usage fields:

- `Mem_max`: The maximum memory space used during the execution period of a SQL statement (the unit is byte).

Hard disk fields:

- `Disk_max`: The maximum disk space used during the execution period of a SQL statement (the unit is byte).

User fields:

- `User`: The name of the user who executes this statement.
- `Host`: The host name of this statement.
- `Conn_ID`: The Connection ID (session ID). For example, you can use the keyword `con:3` to search for the log whose session ID is `3`.
- `DB`: The current database.

TiKV Coprocessor Task fields:

- `Request_count`: The number of Coprocessor requests that a statement sends.
- `Total_keys`: The number of keys that Coprocessor has scanned.
- `Process_time`: The total processing time of a SQL statement in TiKV. Because data is sent to TiKV concurrently, this value might exceed `Query_time`.

- `Wait_time`: The total waiting time of a statement in TiKV. Because the Coprocessor of TiKV runs a limited number of threads, requests might queue up when all threads of Coprocessor are working. When a request in the queue takes a long time to process, the waiting time of the subsequent requests increases.
- `Process_keys`: The number of keys that Coprocessor has processed. Compared with `total_keys`, `processed_keys` does not include the old versions of MVCC. A great difference between `processed_keys` and `total_keys` indicates that many old versions exist.
- `Num_cop_tasks`: The number of Coprocessor tasks sent by this statement.
- `Cop_proc_avg`: The average execution time of cop-tasks, including some waiting time that cannot be counted, such as the mutex in RocksDB.
- `Cop_proc_p90`: The P90 execution time of cop-tasks.
- `Cop_proc_max`: The maximum execution time of cop-tasks.
- `Cop_proc_addr`: The address of the cop-task with the longest execution time.
- `Cop_wait_avg`: The average waiting time of cop-tasks, including the time of request queueing and getting snapshots.
- `Cop_wait_p90`: The P90 waiting time of cop-tasks.
- `Cop_wait_max`: The maximum waiting time of cop-tasks.
- `Cop_wait_addr`: The address of the cop-task whose waiting time is the longest.
- `Rocksdb_delete_skipped_count`: The number of deleted (tombstone) keys that RocksDB encounters when scanning data.
- `Rocksdb_key_skipped_count`: The number of all keys that RocksDB encounters when scanning data.
- `Rocksdb_block_cache_hit_count`: The number of times RocksDB reads data from the block cache.
- `Rocksdb_block_read_count`: The number of times RocksDB reads data from the file system.
- `Rocksdb_block_read_byte`: The amount of data RocksDB reads from the file system.
- `Rocksdb_block_read_time`: The time RocksDB takes to read data from the file system.
- `Cop_backoff_{backoff-type}_total_times`: The total times of backoff caused by an error.
- `Cop_backoff_{backoff-type}_total_time`: The total time of backoff caused by an error.
- `Cop_backoff_{backoff-type}_max_time`: The longest time of backoff caused by an error.
- `Cop_backoff_{backoff-type}_max_addr`: The address of the cop-task that has the longest backoff time caused by an error.
- `Cop_backoff_{backoff-type}_avg_time`: The average time of backoff caused by an error.
- `Cop_backoff_{backoff-type}_p90_time`: The P90 percentile backoff time caused by an error.

`backoff-type` generally includes the following types:

- `tikvRPC`: The backoff caused by failing to send RPC requests to TiKV.
- `tiflashRPC`: The backoff caused by failing to send RPC requests to TiFlash.
- `pdRPC`: The backoff caused by failing to send RPC requests to PD.
- `txnLock`: The backoff caused by lock conflicts.
- `regionMiss`: The backoff caused by that processing requests fails when the TiDB Region cache information is outdated after Regions are split or merged.
- `regionScheduling`: The backoff caused by that TiDB cannot process requests when Regions are being scheduled and the Leader is not selected.
- `tikvServerBusy`: The backoff caused by that the TiKV load is too high to handle new requests.
- `tiflashServerBusy`: The backoff caused by that the TiFlash load is too high to handle new requests.
- `tikvDiskFull`: The backoff caused by that the TiKV disk is full.
- `txnLockFast`: The backoff caused by that locks are encountered during data reads.

Fields related to Resource Control:

- `Resource_group`: the resource group that the statement is bound to.
- `Request_unit_read`: the total read RUs consumed by the statement.
- `Request_unit_write`: the total write RUs consumed by the statement.
- `Time_queued_by_rc`: the total time that the statement waits for available resources.

10.2.1.1.3 Related system variables

- `tidb_slow_log_threshold`: Sets the threshold for the slow log. The SQL statement whose execution time exceeds this threshold is recorded in the slow log. The default value is 300 (ms).

- `tidb_query_log_max_len`: Sets the maximum length of the SQL statement recorded in the slow log. The default value is 4096 (byte).

- tidb_redact_log: Determines whether to desensitize user data using `?` in the SQL statement recorded in the slow log. The default value is `0`, which means to disable the feature.

- `tidb_enable_collect_execution_info`: Determines whether to record the physical execution information of each operator in the execution plan. The default value is `1`. This feature impacts the performance by approximately 3%. After enabling this feature, you can view the `Plan` information as follows:

```
> select tidb_decode_plan('
    ↪ jAOIMAk1XzE3CTAJMQlmdW5jczpjb3VudChDb2x1bW4jNyktPkMJC/
    ↪ BMNQkxCXRpbWU6MTAuOTMxNTA1bXMsIGxvb3BzOjIJMzcyIEJ5dGVzCU4vQQoxCTMyXzE4CTAJMQl
    ↪ ');
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| tidb_decode_plan('
    ↪ jAOIMAk1XzE3CTAJMQlmdW5jczpjb3VudChDb2x1bW4jNyktPkMJC/
    ↪ BMNQkxCXRpbWU6MTAuOTMxNTA1bXMsIGxvb3BzOjIJMzcyIEJ5dGVzCU4vQQoxCTMyXzE4CTAJMQl
    ↪  |
+------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
|    id                  task    estRows             operator info
    ↪                                            actRows   execution info
    ↪                                                      memory
    ↪     disk                              |
|    StreamAgg_17        root    1                   funcs:count(Column
    ↪ #7)->Column#5                          1         time:10.931505ms,
    ↪ loops:2                                          372 Bytes   N
    ↪ /A                               |
|      ─IndexReader_18   root    1                   index:StreamAgg_9
    ↪                                        1         time:10.927685ms,
    ↪ loops:2, rpc num: 1, rpc time:10.884355ms, proc keys:25007 206
    ↪ Bytes N/A                        |
|        ─StreamAgg_9    cop     1                   funcs:count(1)->
    ↪ Column#7                                 1         time:11ms, loops
    ↪ :25                                                   N/A
    ↪         N/A                              |
|          ─IndexScan_16  cop     31281.857819905217 table:t, index:idx(
    ↪ a), range:[-inf,50000), keep order:false 25007 time:11ms, loops
    ↪ :25                                                  N/A         N
    ↪ /A                               |
+------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

If you are conducting a performance test, you can disable the feature of automatically collecting the execution information of operators:

```
set @@tidb_enable_collect_execution_info=0;
```

The returned result of the `Plan` field has roughly the same format with that of `EXPLAIN` or `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`. For more details of the execution plan, see `EXPLAIN` or `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`.

For more information, see TiDB specific variables and syntax.

10.2.1.1.4 Memory mapping in slow log

You can query the content of the slow query log by querying the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.` ↪ `SLOW_QUERY` table. Each column name in the table corresponds to one field name in the

slow log. For table structure, see the introduction to the `SLOW_QUERY` table in Information Schema.

> **Note:**
>
> Every time you query the `SLOW_QUERY` table, TiDB reads and parses the current slow query log.

For TiDB 4.0, `SLOW_QUERY` supports querying the slow log of any period of time, including the rotated slow log file. You need to specify the `TIME` range to locate the slow log files that need to be parsed. If you don't specify the `TIME` range, TiDB only parses the current slow log file. For example:

- If you don't specify the time range, TiDB only parses the slow query data that TiDB is writing to the slow log file:

```
select count(*),
     min(time),
     max(time)
from slow_query;
```

```
+----------+----------------------------+----------------------------+
| count(*) | min(time)                  | max(time)                  |
+----------+----------------------------+----------------------------+
| 122492   | 2020-03-11 23:35:20.908574 | 2020-03-25 19:16:38.229035 |
+----------+----------------------------+----------------------------+
```

- If you specify the time range, for example, from `2020-03-10 00:00:00` to `2020-03-11 00:00:00`, TiDB first locates the slow log files of the specified time range, and then parses the slow query information:

```
select count(*),
     min(time),
     max(time)
from slow_query
where time > '2020-03-10 00:00:00'
  and time < '2020-03-11 00:00:00';
```

```
+----------+----------------------------+----------------------------+
| count(*) | min(time)                  | max(time)                  |
+----------+----------------------------+----------------------------+
| 2618049  | 2020-03-10 00:00:00.427138 | 2020-03-10 23:00:22.716728 |
+----------+----------------------------+----------------------------+
```

> **Note:**
>
> If the slow log files of the specified time range are removed, or there is no slow query, the query returns NULL.

TiDB 4.0 adds the CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY system table to query the slow query information of all TiDB nodes. The table schema of the CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY table differs from that of the SLOW_QUERY table in that an INSTANCE column is added to CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY. The INSTANCE column represents the TiDB node address of the row information on the slow query. You can use CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY the way you do with SLOW_QUERY.

When you query the CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY table, TiDB pushes the computation and the judgment down to other nodes, instead of retrieving all slow query information from other nodes and executing the operations on one TiDB node.

10.2.1.1.5 SLOW_QUERY / CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY usage examples

Top-N slow queries

Query the Top 2 slow queries of users. Is_internal=false means excluding slow queries inside TiDB and only querying slow queries of users.

```
select query_time, query
from information_schema.slow_query
where is_internal = false
order by query_time desc
limit 2;
```

Output example:

```
+-------------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| query_time | query                                                            |
+-------------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| 12.77583857 | select * from t_slim, t_wide where t_slim.c0=t_wide.c0; |
|  0.734982725 | select t0.c0, t1.c1 from t_slim t0, t_wide t1 where t0.c0=
   ↪ t1.c0; |
+-------------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
```

Query the Top-N slow queries of the test user

In the following example, the slow queries executed by the test user are queried, and the first two results are displayed in reverse order of execution time.

```
select query_time, query, user
from information_schema.slow_query
where is_internal = false
  and user = "test"
order by query_time desc
limit 2;
```

Output example:

```
+------------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+------
   ↪
| Query_time | query                                                                   |
   ↪ user         |
+------------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+------
   ↪
| 0.676408014 | select t0.c0, t1.c1 from t_slim t0, t_wide t1 where t0.c0=t1
   ↪ .c1; | test |
+------------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+------
   ↪
```

Query similar slow queries with the same SQL fingerprints

After querying the Top-N SQL statements, continue to query similar slow queries using the same fingerprints.

1. Acquire Top-N slow queries and the corresponding SQL fingerprints.

```
select query_time, query, digest
from information_schema.slow_query
where is_internal = false
order by query_time desc
limit 1;
```

Output example:

```
+-------------+-----------------------------+-----------------------------------
   ↪
| query_time | query                       | digest
   ↪                                                    |
+-------------+-----------------------------+-----------------------------------
   ↪
| 0.302558006 | select * from t1 where a=1; | 4751
   ↪ cb6008fda383e22dacb601fde85425dc8f8cf669338d55d944bafb46a6fa |
+-------------+-----------------------------+-----------------------------------
   ↪
```

2. Query similar slow queries with the fingerprints.

```
select query, query_time
from information_schema.slow_query
where digest = "4751
    ↪ cb6008fda383e22dacb601fde85425dc8f8cf669338d55d944bafb46a6fa";
```

Output example:

```
+-----------------------------+-------------+
| query                       | query_time |
+-----------------------------+-------------+
| select * from t1 where a=1; | 0.302558006 |
| select * from t1 where a=2; | 0.401313532 |
+-----------------------------+-------------+
```

10.2.1.1.6 Query slow queries with pseudo stats

```
select query, query_time, stats
from information_schema.slow_query
where is_internal = false
  and stats like '%pseudo%';
```

Output example:

```
+-----------------------------+-------------+---------------------------------+
    ↪
| query                       | query_time | stats                           |
+-----------------------------+-------------+---------------------------------+
    ↪
| select * from t1 where a=1; | 0.302558006 | t1:pseudo                       |
| select * from t1 where a=2; | 0.401313532 | t1:pseudo                       |
| select * from t1 where a>2; | 0.602011247 | t1:pseudo                       |
| select * from t1 where a>3; | 0.50077719 | t1:pseudo                        |
| select * from t1 join t2; | 0.931260518 | t1:407872303825682445,t2:pseudo
    ↪ |
+-----------------------------+-------------+---------------------------------+
    ↪
```

Query slow queries whose execution plan is changed

When the execution plan of SQL statements of the same category is changed, the execution slows down, because the statistics is outdated, or the statistics is not accurate enough to reflect the real data distribution. You can use the following SQL statement to query SQL statements with different execution plans.

```
select count(distinct plan_digest) as count,
      digest,
      min(query)
from cluster_slow_query
group by digest
having count > 1
limit 3\G
```

Output example:

```
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
count     | 2
digest    | 17b4518fde82e32021877878bec2bb309619d384fca944106fcaf9c93b536e94
min(query) | SELECT DISTINCT c FROM sbtest25 WHERE id BETWEEN ? AND ? ORDER
   ↪ BY c [arguments: (291638, 291737)];
***************************[ 2. row ]***************************
count     | 2
digest    | 9337865f3e2ee71c1c2e740e773b6dd85f23ad00f8fa1f11a795e62e15fc9b23
min(query) | SELECT DISTINCT c FROM sbtest22 WHERE id BETWEEN ? AND ? ORDER
   ↪ BY c [arguments: (215420, 215519)];
***************************[ 3. row ]***************************
count     | 2
digest    | db705c89ca2dfc1d39d10e0f30f285cbbadec7e24da4f15af461b148d8ffb020
min(query) | SELECT DISTINCT c FROM sbtest11 WHERE id BETWEEN ? AND ? ORDER
   ↪ BY c [arguments: (303359, 303458)];
```

Then you can query the different plans using the SQL fingerprint in the query result above:

```
select min(plan),
      plan_digest
from cluster_slow_query
where digest='17
   ↪ b4518fde82e32021877878bec2bb309619d384fca944106fcaf9c93b536e94'
group by plan_digest\G
```

Output example:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
 min(plan):  Sort_6               root   100.00131380758702   sbtest.
    ↪ sbtest25.c:asc
      └─HashAgg_10          root   100.00131380758702   group by:sbtest.
        ↪ sbtest25.c, funcs:firstrow(sbtest.sbtest25.c)->sbtest.sbtest25
        ↪ .c
        └─TableReader_15    root   100.00131380758702   data:TableRangeScan
          ↪ _14
```

```
            └─TableScan_14    cop    100.00131380758702   table:sbtest25,
              ↪ range:[502791,502890], keep order:false
plan_digest: 6
   ↪ afbbd21f60ca6c6fdf3d3cd94f7c7a49dd93c00fcf8774646da492e50e204ee
*************************** 2. row ***************************
  min(plan):  Sort_6                root   1                    sbtest.
     ↪ sbtest25.c:asc
        └─HashAgg_12          root   1                    group by:sbtest.
          ↪ sbtest25.c, funcs:firstrow(sbtest.sbtest25.c)->sbtest.sbtest25
          ↪ .c
          └─TableReader_13    root   1                    data:HashAgg_8
            └─HashAgg_8       cop    1                    group by:sbtest.
              ↪ sbtest25.c,
              └─TableScan_11  cop    1.2440069558121831   table:sbtest25,
                ↪ range:[472745,472844], keep order:false
```

Query the number of slow queries for each TiDB node in a cluster

```
select instance, count(*) from information_schema.cluster_slow_query where
   ↪ time >= "2020-03-06 00:00:00" and time < now() group by instance;
```

Output example:

```
+---------------+----------+
| instance      | count(*) |
+---------------+----------+
| 0.0.0.0:10081 | 124      |
| 0.0.0.0:10080 | 119771   |
+---------------+----------+
```

Query slow logs occurring only in abnormal time period

If you find problems such as decreased QPS or increased latency for the time period from `2020-03-10 13:24:00` to `2020-03-10 13:27:00`, the reason might be that a large query crops up. Run the following SQL statement to query slow logs that occur only in abnormal time period. The time range from `2020-03-10 13:20:00` to `2020-03-10 13:23:00` refers to the normal time period.

```
SELECT * FROM
    (SELECT /*+ AGG_TO_COP(), HASH_AGG() */ count(*),
        min(time),
        sum(query_time) AS sum_query_time,
        sum(Process_time) AS sum_process_time,
        sum(Wait_time) AS sum_wait_time,
        sum(Commit_time),
        sum(Request_count),
        sum(process_keys),
```

```
        sum(Write_keys),
        max(Cop_proc_max),
        min(query),min(prev_stmt),
        digest
    FROM information_schema.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY
    WHERE time >= '2020-03-10 13:24:00'
           AND time < '2020-03-10 13:27:00'
           AND Is_internal = false
    GROUP BY digest) AS t1
WHERE t1.digest NOT IN
    (SELECT /*+ AGG_TO_COP(), HASH_AGG() */ digest
    FROM information_schema.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY
    WHERE time >= '2020-03-10 13:20:00'
           AND time < '2020-03-10 13:23:00'
    GROUP BY digest)
ORDER BY t1.sum_query_time DESC limit 10\G
```

Output example:

```
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
count(*)          | 200
min(time)         | 2020-03-10 13:24:27.216186
sum_query_time    | 50.114126194
sum_process_time | 268.351
sum_wait_time     | 8.476
sum(Commit_time) | 1.044304306
sum(Request_count) | 6077
sum(process_keys) | 202871950
sum(Write_keys)  | 319500
max(Cop_proc_max) | 0.263
min(query)        | delete from test.tcs2 limit 5000;
min(prev_stmt)    |
digest            | 24
    ↪ bd6d8a9b238086c9b8c3d240ad4ef32f79ce94cf5a468c0b8fe1eb5f8d03df
```

Parse other TiDB slow log files

TiDB uses the session variable `tidb_slow_query_file` to control the files to be read and parsed when querying `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SLOW_QUERY`. You can query the content of other slow query log files by modifying the value of the session variable.

```
set tidb_slow_query_file = "/path-to-log/tidb-slow.log"
```

Parse TiDB slow logs with `pt-query-digest`

Use `pt-query-digest` to parse TiDB slow logs.

Note:

It is recommended to use `pt-query-digest` 3.0.13 or later versions.

For example:

```
pt-query-digest --report tidb-slow.log
```

Output example:

```
#### 320ms user time, 20ms system time, 27.00M rss, 221.32M vsz
#### Current date: Mon Mar 18 13:18:51 2019
#### Hostname: localhost.localdomain
#### Files: tidb-slow.log
#### Overall: 1.02k total, 21 unique, 0 QPS, 0x concurrency _________________
   ↪ _
#### Time range: 2019-03-18-12:22:16 to 2019-03-18-13:08:52
#### Attribute       total    min    max    avg    95%  stddev median
#### ============  ======= ======= ======= ======= ======= ======= =======
#### Exec time        218s   10ms    13s   213ms   30ms     1s    19ms
#### Query size    175.37k      9   2.01k 175.89 158.58 122.36 158.58
#### Commit time      46ms    2ms    7ms    3ms    7ms    1ms    3ms
#### Conn ID           71      1     16   8.88  15.25   4.06   9.83
#### Process keys  581.87k      2 103.15k 596.43 400.73  3.91k 400.73
#### Process time     31s    1ms    10s   32ms   19ms  334ms   16ms
#### Request coun   1.97k      1     10   2.02   1.96   0.33   1.96
#### Total keys    636.43k      2 103.16k 652.35 793.42  3.97k 400.73
#### Txn start ts  374.38E      0  16.00E 375.48P 1.25P 89.05T  1.25P
#### Wait time       943ms    1ms   19ms    1ms    2ms    1ms  972us
.
.
.
```

10.2.1.1.7 Identify problematic SQL statements

Not all of the `SLOW_QUERY` statements are problematic. Only those whose `process_time` is very large increase the pressure on the entire cluster.

The statements whose `wait_time` is very large and `process_time` is very small are usually not problematic. This is because the statement is blocked by real problematic statements and it has to wait in the execution queue, which leads to a much longer response time.

`ADMIN SHOW SLOW` command

In addition to the TiDB log file, you can identify slow queries by running the `ADMIN SHOW SLOW` command:

```
ADMIN SHOW SLOW recent N
ADMIN SHOW SLOW TOP [internal | all] N
```

`recent N` shows the recent N slow query records, for example:

```
ADMIN SHOW SLOW recent 10
```

`top N` shows the slowest N query records recently (within a few days). If the `internal` option is provided, the returned results would be the inner SQL executed by the system; If the `all` option is provided, the returned results would be the user's SQL combined with inner SQL; Otherwise, this command would only return the slow query records from the user's SQL.

```
ADMIN SHOW SLOW top 3
ADMIN SHOW SLOW top internal 3
ADMIN SHOW SLOW top all 5
```

TiDB stores only a limited number of slow query records because of the limited memory. If the value of `N` in the query command is greater than the records count, the number of returned records is smaller than `N`.

The following table shows output details:

Column name	Description
start	The starting time of the SQL execution
duration	The duration of the SQL execution

Column name	Description
details	The details of the SQL execution
succ	Whether the SQL statement is executed successfully. `1` means success and `0` means failure.
conn_id	The connection ID for the session
transaction_ts	The `start_ts` of the transaction

Column name	Description
user	The user name for the execution of the statement
db	The database involved when the statement is executed
table_ids	The ID of the table involved when the SQL statement is executed

Column name	Description
index_ids	The ID of the index involved when the SQL statement is executed
internal	This is a TiDB internal SQL statement
digest	The fingerprint of the SQL statement
sql	The SQL statement that is being executed or has been executed

10.2.1.2 Analyze Slow Queries

To address the issue of slow queries, you need to take the following two steps:

1. Among many queries, identify which type of queries are slow.
2. Analyze why this type of queries are slow.

You can easily perform step 1 using the slow query log and the statement summary table features. It is recommended to use TiDB Dashboard, which integrates the two features and directly displays the slow queries in your browser.

This document focuses on how to perform step 2 - analyze why this type of queries are slow.

Generally, slow queries have the following major causes:

- Optimizer issues, such as wrong index selected, wrong join type or sequence selected.
- System issues. All issues not caused by the optimizer are system issues. For example, a busy TiKV instance processes requests slowly; outdated Region information causes slow queries.

In actual situations, optimizer issues might cause system issues. For example, for a certain type of queries, the optimizer uses a full table scan instead of the index. As a result, the SQL queries consume many resources, which causes the CPU usage of some TiKV instances to soar. This seems like a system issue, but in essence, it is an optimizer issue.

To identify system issues is relatively simple. To analyze optimizer issues, you need to determine whether the execution plan is reasonable or not. Therefore, it is recommended to analyze slow queries by following these procedures:

1. Identify the performance bottleneck of the query, that is, the time-consuming part of the query process.
2. Analyze the system issues: analyze the possible causes according to the query bottleneck and the monitoring/log information of that time.
3. Analyze the optimizer issues: analyze whether there is a better execution plan.

The procedures above are explained in the following sections.

10.2.1.2.1 Identify the performance bottleneck of the query

First, you need to have a general understanding of the query process. The key stages of the query execution process in TiDB are illustrated in TiDB performance map.

You can get the duration information using the following methods:

- Slow log. It is recommended to view the slow log in TiDB Dashboard.

- `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement.

The methods above are different in the following aspects:

- The slow log records the duration of almost all stages of a SQL execution, from parsing to returning results, and is relatively comprehensive (you can query and analyze the slow log in TiDB Dashboard in an intuitive way).
- By executing `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`, you can learn the time consumption of each operator in an actual SQL execution. The results have more detailed statistics of the execution duration.

In summary, the slow log and `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statements help you determine the SQL query is slow in which component (TiDB or TiKV) at which stage of the execution. Therefore, you can accurately identify the performance bottleneck of the query.

In addition, since v4.0.3, the `Plan` field in the slow log also includes the SQL execution information, which is the result of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`. So you can find all information of SQL duration in the slow log.

10.2.1.2.2 Analyze system issues

System issues can be divided into the following types according to different execution stages of a SQL statement:

1. TiKV is slow in data processing. For example, the TiKV coprocessor processes data slowly.
2. TiDB is slow in execution. For example, a `Join` operator processes data slowly.
3. Other key stages are slow. For example, getting the timestamp takes a long time.

For each slow query, first determine to which type the query belongs, and then analyze it in detail.

TiKV is slow in data processing

If TiKV is slow in data processing, you can easily identify it in the result of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`. In the following example, `StreamAgg_8` and `TableFullScan_15`, two `tikv-tasks` (as indicated by `cop[tikv]` in the `task` column), take `170ms` to execute. After subtracting `170ms`, the execution time of TiDB operators account for a very small proportion of the total execution time. This indicates that the bottleneck is in TiKV.

```
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+---------------+-----
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | actRows | task  | access object |
   ↪ execution info                                                          |
   ↪ operator info                | memory   | disk |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+---------------+-----
   ↪
| StreamAgg_16            | 1.00    | 1       | root      |               | time
   ↪ :170.08572ms, loops:2                                                    |
   ↪ funcs:count(Column#5)->Column#3 | 372 Bytes | N/A |
|  ─TableReader_17        | 1.00    | 1       | root      |               | time
   ↪ :170.080369ms, loops:2, rpc num: 1, rpc time:17.023347ms, proc keys
   ↪ :28672 | data:StreamAgg_8  | 202 Bytes | N/A |
|    ─StreamAgg_8         | 1.00    | 1       | cop[tikv] |               | time
   ↪ :170ms, loops:29                                                         |
   ↪ funcs:count(1)->Column#5    | N/A       | N/A |
|      ─TableFullScan_15  | 7.00    | 28672   | cop[tikv] | table:t       | time
   ↪ :170ms, loops:29                                                         |
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo | N/A    | N/A |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+---------------+-----
   ↪
```

In addition, the `Cop_process` and `Cop_wait` fields in the slow log can also help your analysis. In the following example, the total duration of the query is around `180.85ms`, and the largest `coptask` takes `171ms`. This indicates that the bottleneck of this query is on the TiKV side.

For the description of each field in the slow log, see fields description.

```
#### Query_time: 0.18085
...
#### Num_cop_tasks: 1
#### Cop_process: Avg_time: 170ms P90_time: 170ms Max_time: 170ms Max_addr:
   ↪ 10.6.131.78
#### Cop_wait: Avg_time: 1ms P90_time: 1ms Max_time: 1ms Max_Addr:
   ↪ 10.6.131.78
```

After identifying that TiKV is the bottleneck, you can find out the cause as described in the following sections.

TiKV instance is busy

During the execution of a SQL statement, TiDB might fetch data from multiple TiKV instances. If one TiKV instance responds slowly, the overall SQL execution speed is slowed down.

The `Cop_wait` field in the slow log can help you determine this cause.

```
#### Cop_wait: Avg_time: 1ms P90_time: 2ms Max_time: 110ms Max_Addr:
   ↪ 10.6.131.78
```

The log above shows that a `cop-task` sent to the `10.6.131.78` instance waits `110ms` ↪ before being executed. It indicates that this instance is busy. You can check the CPU monitoring of that time to confirm the cause.

Obsolete MVCC versions and excessive keys

If too many obsolete MVCC versions exist on TiKV, or if the retention time of historical MVCC data for GC is long, excessive MVCC versions can accumulate. Handling these unnecessary MVCC versions can affect scan performance.

Check `Total_keys` and `Processed_keys`. If they are greatly different, the TiKV instance has too many keys of the older versions.

```
...
#### Total_keys: 2215187529 Processed_keys: 1108056368
...
```

TiDB v8.5.0 introduces the TiKV MVCC in-memory engine (IME) feature, which can accelerate such slow queries. For more information, see TiKV MVCC In-Memory Engine.

Other key stages are slow

Slow in getting timestamps

You can compare `Wait_TS` and `Query_time` in the slow log. The timestamps are prefetched, so generally `Wait_TS` should be low.

```
#### Query_time: 0.0300000
...
#### Wait_TS: 0.02500000
```

Outdated Region information

Region information on the TiDB side might be outdated. In this situation, TiKV might return the `regionMiss` error. Then TiDB gets the Region information from PD again, which is reflected in the `Cop_backoff` information. Both the failed times and the total duration are recorded.

```
#### Cop_backoff_regionMiss_total_times: 200 Cop_backoff_regionMiss_total_
    ↪ time: 0.2 Cop_backoff_regionMiss_max_time: 0.2 Cop_backoff_regionMiss
    ↪ _max_addr: 127.0.0.1 Cop_backoff_regionMiss_avg_time: 0.2 Cop_backoff
    ↪ _regionMiss_p90_time: 0.2
#### Cop_backoff_rpcPD_total_times: 200 Cop_backoff_rpcPD_total_time: 0.2
    ↪ Cop_backoff_rpcPD_max_time: 0.2 Cop_backoff_rpcPD_max_addr: 127.0.0.1
    ↪  Cop_backoff_rpcPD_avg_time: 0.2 Cop_backoff_rpcPD_p90_time: 0.2
```

Subqueries are executed in advance

For statements with non-correlated subqueries, the subquery part might be executed in advance. For example, in `select * from t1 where a = (select max(a)from t2)`, the `select max(a)from t2` part might be executed in advance in the optimization stage. The result of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` does not show the duration of this type of subqueries.

```
mysql> explain analyze select count(*) from t where a=(select max(t1.a)
    ↪ from t t1, t t2 where t1.a=t2.a);
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+---------+----------+---------------+--
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | actRows | task    | access object |
    ↪ execution info      | operator info                 | memory   | disk |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+---------+----------+---------------+--
    ↪
| StreamAgg_59                | 1.00    | 1       | root     |               | time
    ↪ :4.69267ms, loops:2 | funcs:count(Column#10)->Column#8 | 372 Bytes |
    ↪ N/A |
| └─TableReader_60            | 1.00    | 1       | root     |               |
    ↪ time:4.690428ms, loops:2 | data:StreamAgg_48          | 141 Bytes | N/A
    ↪  |
|   └─StreamAgg_48            | 1.00    |         | cop[tikv] |               |
    ↪ time:0ns, loops:0     | funcs:count(1)->Column#10    | N/A      | N/A
    ↪ |
|     └─Selection_58          | 16384.00 |        | cop[tikv] |               |
    ↪ time:0ns, loops:0     | eq(test.t.a, 1)              | N/A      | N/A
    ↪ |
|       └─TableFullScan_57    | 16384.00 | -1     | cop[tikv] | table:t     |
    ↪ time:0s, loops:0      | keep order:false             | N/A      | N/A
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+---------+----------+---------------+--
    ↪
5 rows in set (7.77 sec)
```

But you can identify this type of subquery execution in the slow log:

```
#### Query_time: 7.770634843
...
#### Rewrite_time: 7.765673663 Preproc_subqueries: 1 Preproc_subqueries_time
    ↪ : 7.765231874
```

From log record above, you can see that a subquery is executed in advance and takes `7.76s`.

TiDB is slow in execution

Assume that the execution plan in TiDB is correct but the execution is slow. To solve this type of issue, you can adjust parameters or use the hint according to the result of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` for the SQL statement.

If the execution plan is incorrect, see the Analyze optimizer issues section.

Low concurrency

If the bottleneck is in the operator with concurrency, speed up the execution by adjusting the concurrency. For example:

```
mysql> explain analyze select sum(t1.a) from t t1, t t2 where t1.a=t2.a;
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------+-------
   ↪
| id                            | estRows     | actRows  | task      | access
   ↪ object | execution info
   ↪                                                                  | operator
   ↪ info                                | memory         | disk   |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------+-------
   ↪
| HashAgg_11                    | 1.00        | 1        | root      |
   ↪             | time:9.666832189s, loops:2, PartialConcurrency:4,
   ↪ FinalConcurrency:4      | funcs:sum(Column#6)->Column#5            |
   ↪ 322.125 KB     | N/A    |
|  ─Projection_24               | 268435456.00 | 268435456 | root |
   ↪             | time:9.098644711s, loops:262145, Concurrency:4
   ↪                               | cast(test.t.a, decimal(65,0) BINARY)->
   ↪ Column#6 | 199 KB   | N/A    |
|    ─HashJoin_14               | 268435456.00 | 268435456 | root |
   ↪             | time:6.616773501s, loops:262145, Concurrency:5, probe
   ↪ collision:0, build:881.404µs | inner join, equal:[eq(test.t.a, test.t
   ↪ .a)] | 131.75 KB | 0 Bytes |
|      ─TableReader_21(Build)   | 16384.00    | 16384    | root      |
   ↪             | time:6.553717ms, loops:17
   ↪                                                  | data:Selection_20
   ↪                         | 33.6318359375 KB | N/A  |
|        ─Selection_20          | 16384.00    |          | cop[tikv] |
   ↪           | time:0ns, loops:0
   ↪                                                               | not(isnull(
   ↪ test.t.a))                      | N/A            | N/A    |
|          ─TableFullScan_19    | 16384.00    | -1       | cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ t2   | time:0s, loops:0
   ↪                                                                | keep order:
   ↪ false                           | N/A            | N/A    |
|      ─TableReader_18(Probe)   | 16384.00    | 16384    | root      |
   ↪             | time:6.880923ms, loops:17
   ↪                                                  | data:Selection_17
   ↪                         | 33.6318359375 KB | N/A  |
|        ─Selection_17          | 16384.00    |          | cop[tikv] |
   ↪           | time:0ns, loops:0
```

```
    ↪                                                                  | not(isnull(
    ↪ test.t.a))                        | N/A            | N/A    |
|         ─TableFullScan_16     | 16384.00    | -1       | cop[tikv] | table:
    ↪ t1   | time:0s, loops:0
    ↪                                                                  | keep order:
    ↪ false                             | N/A            | N/A    |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------+--------------+-----------+-----------+--------
    ↪
9 rows in set (9.67 sec)
```

As shown above, `HashJoin_14` and `Projection_24` consume much of the execution time. Consider increasing their concurrency using SQL variables to speed up execution.

All system variables are documented in system-variables. To increase the concurrency of `HashJoin_14`, you can modify the `tidb_hash_join_concurrency` system variable.

Data is spilled to disk

Another cause of slow execution is disk spill that occurs during execution if the memory limit is reached. You can find out this cause in the execution plan and the slow log:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+-----------+---------+-----------+---------------+------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows  | actRows | task    | access object |
    ↪ execution info          | operator info      | memory              |
    ↪ disk          |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+-----------+---------+-----------+---------------+------
    ↪
| Sort_4                | 462144.00 | 462144 | root    |              | time
    ↪ :2.02848898s, loops:453 | test.t.a        | 149.68795776367188 MB |
    ↪ 219.3203125 MB |
|  ─TableReader_8       | 462144.00 | 462144 | root    |              | time
    ↪ :616.211272ms, loops:453 | data:TableFullScan_7 | 197.49601364135742
    ↪ MB | N/A |
|    ─TableFullScan_7   | 462144.00 | -1     | cop[tikv] | table:t    | time:0
    ↪ s, loops:0          | keep order:false  | N/A                 | N/A
    ↪           |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+-----------+---------+-----------+---------------+------
    ↪
```

```
...
#### Disk_max: 229974016
...
```

Join operations with Cartesian product

Join operations with Cartesian product generate data volume as large as `left child row count * right child row count`. This is inefficient and should be avoided.

This type of join operations is marked `CARTESIAN` in the execution plan. For example:

```
mysql> explain select * from t t1, t t2 where t1.a>t2.a;
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+------------+----------+--------------+---------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows    | task     | access object | operator
   ↪  info                                  |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+------------+----------+--------------+---------
   ↪
| HashJoin_8                  | 99800100.00 | root   |              | CARTESIAN
   ↪ inner join, other cond:gt(test.t.a, test.t.a) |
|  ─TableReader_15(Build)   | 9990.00    | root     |              | data:
   ↪ Selection_14                                 |
|    ─Selection_14          | 9990.00    | cop[tikv] |             | not(
   ↪ isnull(test.t.a))                             |
|      ─TableFullScan_13    | 10000.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t2    | keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo                     |
|  ─TableReader_12(Probe)   | 9990.00    | root     |              | data:
   ↪ Selection_11                                 |
|    ─Selection_11          | 9990.00    | cop[tikv] |             | not(
   ↪ isnull(test.t.a))                             |
|      ─TableFullScan_10    | 10000.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1    | keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo                     |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+------------+----------+--------------+---------
   ↪
```

10.2.1.2.3 Analyze optimizer issues

To analyze optimizer issues, you need to determine whether the execution plan is reasonable or not. You need to have some understanding of the optimization process and each operator.

For the following examples, assume that the table schema is `create table t (id int , a int, b int, c int, primary key(id), key(a), key(b, c))`.

1. `select * from t`: There is no filter condition and a full table scan is performed. So the `TableFullScan` operator is used to read data.
2. `select a from t where a=2`: There is a filter condition and only the index columns are read, so the `IndexReader` operator is used to read data.

3. `select * from t where a=2`: There is a filter condition for `a` but the `a` index cannot fully cover the data to be read, so the `IndexLookup` operator is used.
4. `select b from t where c=3`: Without the prefix condition, the multi-column index cannot be used. So the `IndexFullScan` is used.
5. …

The examples above are operators used for data reads. For more operators, see Understand TiDB Execution Plan.

In addition, reading SQL Tuning Overview helps you better understand the TiDB optimizer and determine whether the execution plan is reasonable or not.

Most optimizer issues are explained in SQL Tuning Overview. For the solutions, see the following documents:

1. Wrong Index Solution
2. Wrong join order
3. Expressions are not pushed down

10.2.2 Troubleshoot TiDB OOM Issues

This document describes how to troubleshoot TiDB OOM (Out of Memory) issues, including phenomena, causes, solutions, and diagnostic information.

10.2.2.1 Typical OOM phenomena

The following are some typical OOM phenomena:

- The client side reports the following error: `SQL error, errno = 2013, state = '
  ↪ HY000': Lost connection to MySQL server during query`.
- The Grafana dashboard shows:
  - **TiDB** > **Server** > **Memory Usage** shows that the `process/heapInUse` metric keeps rising, and suddenly drops to zero after reaching the threshold.
  - **TiDB** > **Server** > **Uptime** suddenly drops to zero.
  - **TiDB-Runtime** > **Memory Usage** shows that the `estimate-inuse` metric keeps rising.
- Check `tidb.log`, and you can find the following log entries:
  - An alarm about OOM: `[WARN] [memory_usage_alarm.go:139] ["tidb-
    ↪ server has the risk of OOM because of memory usage exceeds alarm
    ↪ ratio. Running SQLs and heap profile will be recorded in record
    ↪ path"]`. For more information, see `memory-usage-alarm-ratio`.
  - A log entry about restart: `[INFO] [printer.go:33] ["Welcome to TiDB."]`.

10.2.2.2 Overall troubleshooting process

When you troubleshoot OOM issues, follow this process:

1. Confirm whether it is an OOM issue.

   Execute the following command to check the operating system logs. If there is an `oom-killer` log near the time when the problem occurs, you can confirm that it is an OOM issue.

   ```
   dmesg -T | grep tidb-server
   ```

   The following is an example of the log that contains `oom-killer`:

   ```
   ......
   Mar 14 16:55:03 localhost kernel: tidb-server invoked oom-killer: gfp_
       ↪ mask=0x201da, order=0, oom_score_adj=0
   Mar 14 16:55:03 localhost kernel: tidb-server cpuset=/ mems_allowed=0
   Mar 14 16:55:03 localhost kernel: CPU: 14 PID: 21966 Comm: tidb-server
       ↪ Kdump: loaded Not tainted 3.10.0-1160.el7.x86_64 #1
   Mar 14 16:55:03 localhost kernel: Hardware name: QEMU Standard PC (
       ↪ i440FX + PIIX, 1996), BIOS rel-1.14.0-0-g155821a1990b-prebuilt.
       ↪ qemu.org 04/01/2014
   ......
   Mar 14 16:55:03 localhost kernel: Out of memory: Kill process 21945 (
       ↪ tidb-server) score 956 or sacrifice child
   Mar 14 16:55:03 localhost kernel: Killed process 21945 (tidb-server),
       ↪ UID 1000, total-vm:33027492kB, anon-rss:31303276kB, file-rss:0kB,
       ↪  shmem-rss:0kB
   Mar 14 16:55:07 localhost systemd: tidb-4000.service: main process
       ↪ exited, code=killed, status=9/KILL
   ......
   ```

2. After confirming that it is an OOM issue, you can further investigate whether the OOM is caused by deployment or the database.

   - If the OOM is caused by a deployment issue, you need to investigate the resource configuration and impact of hybrid deployment.
   - If the OOM is caused by a database issue, the following are some possible causes:
     - TiDB handles large data traffic, such as large queries, large writes, and data import.
     - TiDB is in a high concurrency scenario, where multiple SQL statements consume resources concurrently or operator concurrency is high.
     - TiDB has a memory leak and resources are not released.

   Refer to the following sections for specific troubleshooting methods.

10.2.2.3 Typical causes and solutions

OOM issues are usually caused by the following:

- Deployment issues
- Database issues
- Client side issues

10.2.2.3.1 Deployment issues

The following are some causes of OOM due to improper deployment:

- The memory capacity of the operating system is too small.
- The TiUP configuration `resource_control` is not appropriate.
- In the case of hybrid deployments (meaning that TiDB and other applications are deployed on the same server), TiDB is killed accidentally by `oom-killer` due to lack of resources.

10.2.2.3.2 Database issues

This section describes the causes and solutions for OOM caused by database issues.

> **Note:**
>
> If you have configured `tidb_mem_quota_query`, an error occurs: `ERROR 1105 (HY000): Out Of Memory Quota![conn_id=54]`. It is caused by the memory usage control behavior of the database. It is a normal behavior.

Executing SQL statements consumes too much memory

You can take the following measures to reduce the memory usage of SQL statements, depending on the different causes of OOM issues.

- If the execution plan of SQL is not optimal, for example, due to lack of proper indexes, outdated statistics, or optimizer bugs, a wrong execution plan of SQL might be selected. A huge intermediate result set will then be accumulated in the memory. In this case, consider the following measures:
  - Add appropriate indexes.
  - Use the disk spill feature for execution operators.
  - Adjust the JOIN order between tables.
  - Use hints to optimize SQL statements.

- Some operators and functions are not supported to be pushed down to the storage level, resulting in a huge accumulation of intermediate result sets. In this case, you need to refine the SQL statements or use hints to optimize, and use the functions or operators that support pushing down.
- The execution plan contains the operator HashAgg. HashAgg is executed concurrently by multiple threads, which is faster but consumes more memory. Instead, you can use `STREAM_AGG()`.
- Reduce the number of Regions to be read simultaneously or reduce the concurrency of operators to avoid memory problems caused by high concurrency. The corresponding system variables include:
    - `tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency`
    - `tidb_index_serial_scan_concurrency`
    - `tidb_executor_concurrency`
- The concurrency of sessions is too high near the time point when the problem occurs. In this case, consider scaling out the TiDB cluster by adding more TiDB nodes.

Large transactions or large writes consume too much memory

You need to plan for memory capacity. When a transaction is executed, the memory usage of the TiDB process is scaled up comparing with the transaction size, up to two to three times or more of the transaction size.

You can split a single large transaction to multiple smaller transactions.

The process of collecting and loading statistical information consumes too much memory

A TiDB node needs to load statistics into memory after it starts. TiDB consumes memory when collecting statistical information. You can control memory usage in the following ways:

- Specify a sampling rate, only collect statistics for specific columns, and reduce `ANALYZE` concurrency.
- Since TiDB v6.1.0, you can use the system variable `tidb_stats_cache_mem_quota` to control the memory usage for statistical information.
- Since TiDB v6.1.0, you can use the system variable `tidb_mem_quota_analyze` to control the maximum memory usage when TiDB updates statistics.

For more information, see Introduction to Statistics.

Prepared statements are overused

The client side keeps creating prepared statements but does not execute `deallocate prepare stmt`, which causes memory consumption to continue to rise and eventually triggers TiDB OOM. The reason is that the memory occupied by a prepared statement is

not released until the session is closed. This is especially important for long-time connection sessions.

To solve the problem, consider the following measures:

- Adjust the session lifecycle.
- Adjust the `wait_timeout` and `max_execution_time` of the connection pool.
- Use the system variable `max_prepared_stmt_count` to control the maximum number of prepared statements in a session.

`tidb_enable_rate_limit_action` is not configured properly

The system variable `tidb_enable_rate_limit_action` controls memory usage effectively when an SQL statement only reads data. When this variable is enabled and computing operations (such as join or aggregation operations) are required, memory usage might not be under the control of `tidb_mem_quota_query`, which increases the risk of OOM.

It is recommended that you disable this system variable. Since TiDB v6.3.0, this system variable is disabled by default.

10.2.2.3.3 Client side issues

If OOM occurs on the client side, investigate the following:

- Check the trend and speed on **Grafana TiDB Details** > **Server** > **Client Data Traffic** to see if there is a network blockage.
- Check whether there is an application OOM caused by wrong JDBC configuration parameters. For example, if the `defaultFetchSize` parameter for streaming read is incorrectly configured, it can cause data to be heavily accumulated on the client side.

10.2.2.4 Diagnostic information to be collected to troubleshoot OOM issues

To locate the root cause of an OOM issue, you need to collect the following information:

- Collect the memory-related configurations of the operating system:
  - TiUP configuration: `resource_control.memory_limit`
  - Operating system configurations:
    - Memory information: `cat /proc/meminfo`
    - Kernel parameters: `vm.overcommit_memory`
  - NUMA information:
    - `numactl --hardware`
    - `numactl --show`
- Collect the version information and the memory-related configurations of the database:

    - TiDB version
    - `tidb_mem_quota_query`
    - `memory-usage-alarm-ratio`
    - `mem-quota-query`
    - `oom-action`
    - `tidb_enable_rate_limit_action`
    - `tidb_server_memory_limit`
    - `oom-use-tmp-storage`
    - `tmp-storage-path`
    - `tmp-storage-quota`
    - `tidb_analyze_version`

- Check the daily usage of TiDB memory on the Grafana dashboard: **TiDB** > **Server** > **Memory Usage**.

- Check the SQL statements that consume more memory.

    - View SQL statement analysis, slow queries, and memory usage on the TiDB Dashboard.
    - Check `SLOW_QUERY` and `CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY` in `INFORMATION_SCHEMA`.
    - Check `tidb_slow_query.log` on each TiDB node.
    - Run `grep "expensive_query" tidb.log` to check the corresponding log entries.
    - Run `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` to check the memory usage of operators.
    - Run `SELECT * FROM information_schema.processlist;` to check the value of the `MEM` column.

- Run the following command to collect the TiDB Profile information when memory usage is high:

```
curl -G "http://{TiDBIP}:10080/debug/zip?seconds=10" > profile.zip
```

- Run `grep "tidb-server has the risk of OOM" tidb.log` to check the path of the alert file collected by TiDB Server. The following is an example output:

```
["tidb-server has the risk of OOM because of memory usage exceeds alarm
    ↪  ratio. Running SQLs and heap profile will be recorded in record
    ↪ path"] ["is tidb_server_memory_limit set"=false] ["system memory
    ↪ total"=14388137984] ["system memory usage"=11897434112] ["tidb-
    ↪ server memory usage"=11223572312] [memory-usage-alarm-ratio=0.8]
    ↪ ["record path"="/tmp/0_tidb/MC4wLjAuMDo0MDAwLzAuMC4wLjA6MTAwODA=/
    ↪ tmp-storage/record"]
```

10.2.2.5 See also

- TiDB Memory Control
- Tune TiKV Memory Parameter Performance

10.2.3 Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues

This document describes how to locate and resolve the problem of read and write hotspots.

As a distributed database, TiDB has a load balancing mechanism to distribute the application loads as evenly as possible to different computing or storage nodes, to make better use of server resources. However, in certain scenarios, some application loads cannot be well distributed, which can affect the performance and form a single point of high load, also known as a hotspot.

TiDB provides a complete solution to troubleshooting, resolving or avoiding hotspots. By balancing load hotspots, overall performance can be improved, including improving QPS and reducing latency.

10.2.3.1 Common hotspots

This section describes TiDB encoding rules, table hotspots, and index hotspots.

10.2.3.1.1 TiDB encoding rules

TiDB assigns a TableID to each table, an IndexID to each index, and a RowID to each row. By default, if the table uses an integer primary key, the value of the primary key is treated as the RowID. Among these IDs, TableID is unique in the entire cluster, while IndexID and RowID are unique in the table. The type of all these IDs is int64.

Each row of data is encoded as a key-value pair according to the following rule:

```
Key: tablePrefix{tableID}_recordPrefixSep{rowID}
Value: [col1, col2, col3, col4]
```

The `tablePrefix` and `recordPrefixSep` of the key are specific string constants, used to distinguish from other data in the KV space.

For Index data, the key-value pair is encoded according to the following rule:

```
Key: tablePrefix{tableID}_indexPrefixSep{indexID}_indexedColumnsValue
Value: rowID
```

Index data has two types: the unique index and the non-unique index.

- For unique indexes, you can follow the coding rules above.
- For non-unique indexes, a unique key cannot be constructed through this encoding, because the `tablePrefix{tableID}_indexPrefixSep{indexID}` of the same index is the same and the `ColumnsValue` of multiple rows might be the same. The encoding rule for non-unique indexes is as follows:

```
Key: tablePrefix{tableID}_indexPrefixSep{indexID}_indexedColumnsValue_
    ↪ rowID
Value: null
```

10.2.3.1.2 Table hotspots

According to TiDB coding rules, the data of the same table is in a range prefixed by the beginning of the TableID, and the data is arranged in the order of RowID values. When RowID values are incremented during table inserting, the inserted line can only be appended to the end. The Region will split after it reaches a certain size, and then it still can only be appended to the end of the range. The `INSERT` operation can only be executed on one Region, forming a hotspot.

The common auto-increment primary key is sequentially increasing. When the primary key is of the integer type, the value of the primary key is used as the RowID by default. At this time, the RowID is sequentially increasing, and a write hotspot of the table forms when a large number of `INSERT` operations exist.

Meanwhile, the RowID in TiDB is also sequentially auto-incremental by default. When the primary key is not an integer type, you might also encounter the problem of write hotspots.

In addition, when hotspots occur during the process of data writes (on a newly created table or partition) or data reads (periodic read hotspots in read-only scenarios), you can control the Region merge behavior using table attributes. For details, see Control the Region merge behavior using table attributes.

10.2.3.1.3 Index hotspots

Index hotspots are similar to table hotspots. Common index hotspots appear in fields that are monotonously increasing in time order, or `INSERT` scenarios with a large number of repeated values.

10.2.3.2 Identify hotspot issues

Performance problems are not necessarily caused by hotspots and might be caused by multiple factors. Before troubleshooting issues, confirm whether it is related to hotspots.

- To judge write hotspots, open **Hot Write** in the **TiKV-Trouble-Shooting** monitoring panel to check whether the Raftstore CPU metric value of any TiKV node is significantly higher than that of other nodes.
- To judge read hotspots, open **Thread_CPU** in the **TiKV-Details** monitoring panel to check whether the coprocessor CPU metric value of any TiKV node is particularly high.

10.2.3.2.1 Use TiDB Dashboard to locate hotspot tables

The **Key Visualizer** feature in TiDB Dashboard helps users narrow down hotspot troubleshooting scope to the table level. The following is an example of the thermal diagram shown by **Key Visualizer**. The horizontal axis of the graph is time, and the vertical axis are various tables and indexes. The brighter the color, the greater the load. You can switch the read or write flow in the toolbar.

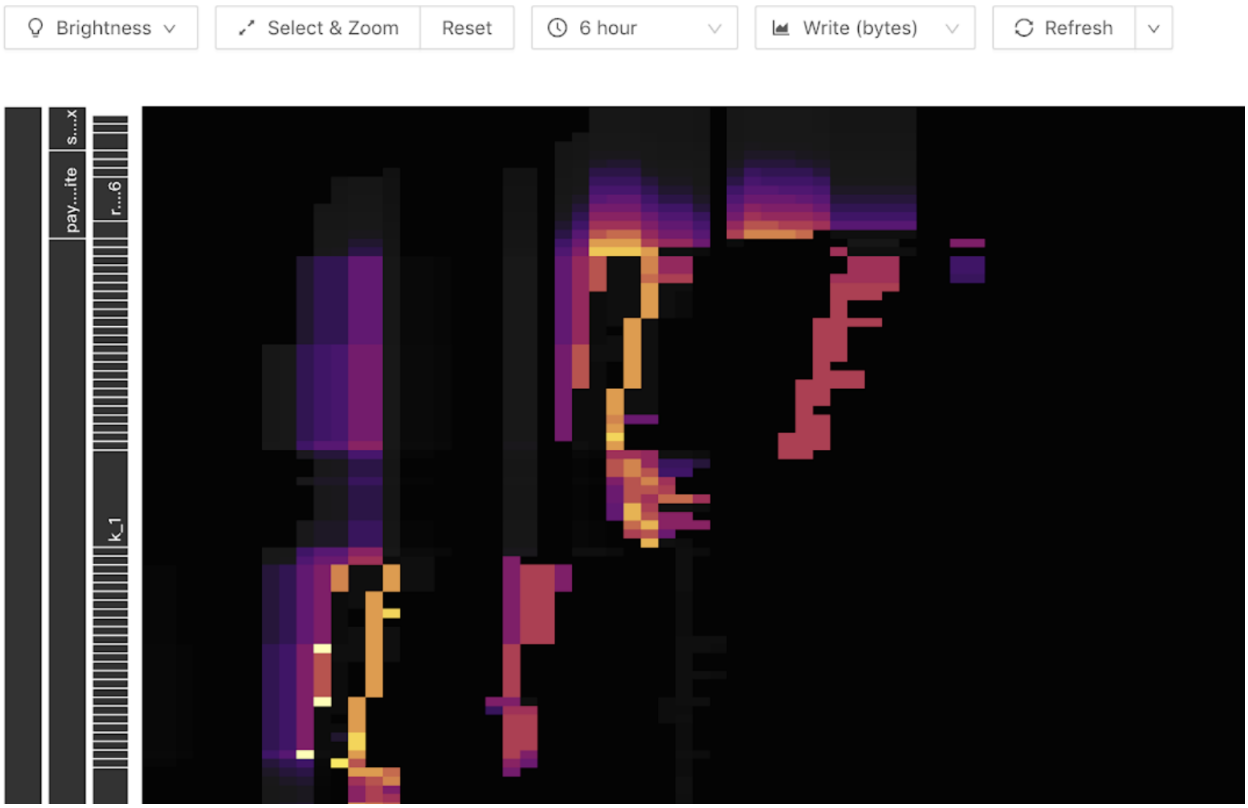


Figure 331: Dashboard Example 1

The following bright diagonal lines (oblique upward or downward) can appear in the write flow graph. Because the write only appears at the end, as the number of table Regions becomes larger, it appears as a ladder. This indicates that a write hotspot shows in this table:

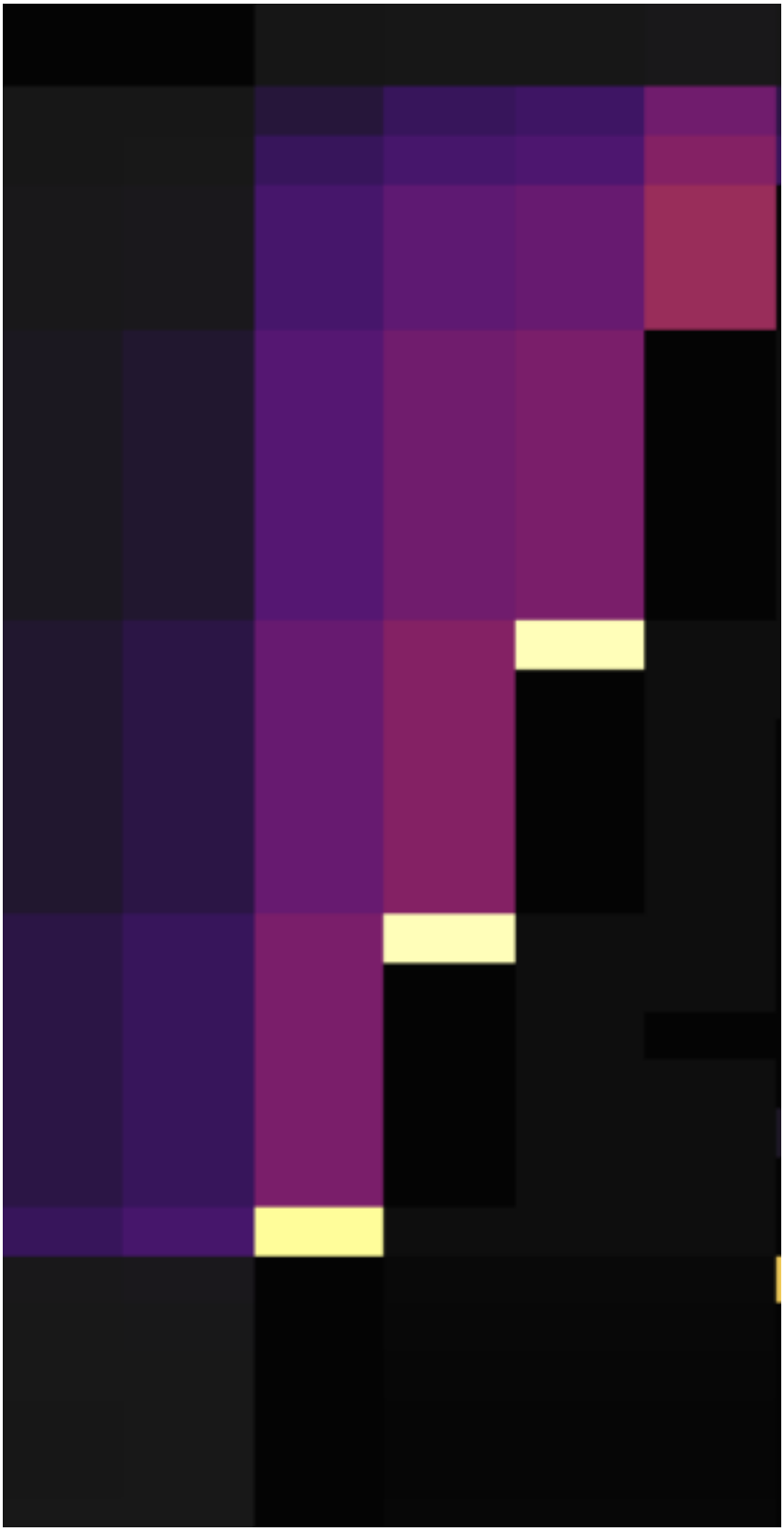


Figure 332: Dashboard Example 2

For read hotspots, a bright horizontal line is generally shown in the thermal diagram. Usually these are caused by small tables with a large number of accesses, shown as follows:

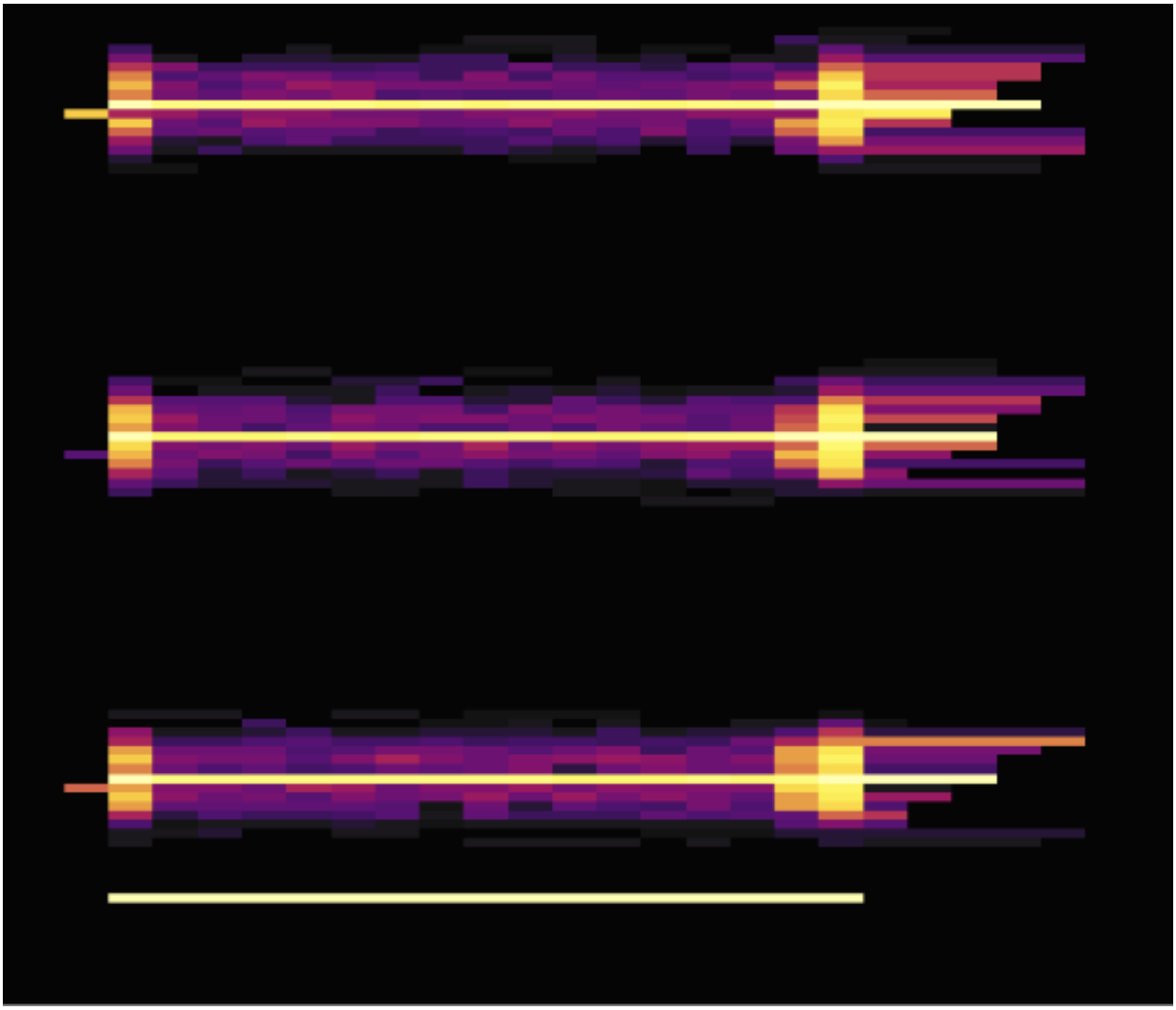


Figure 333: Dashboard Example 3

Hover over the bright block, you can see what table or index has a heavy load. For example:

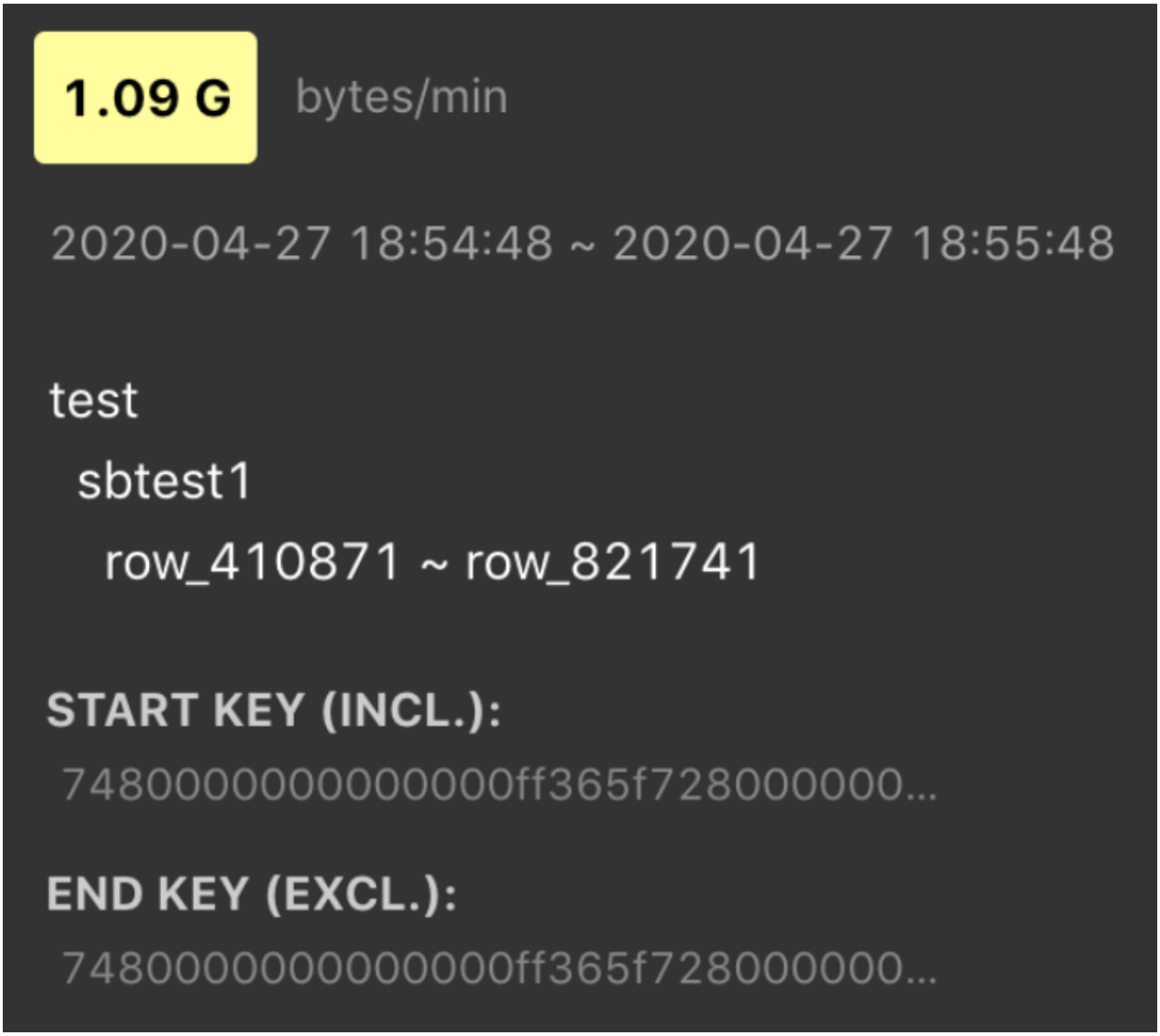


Figure 334: Dashboard Example 4

10.2.3.3 Use `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` to process hotspots

For a non-clustered primary key or a table without a primary key, TiDB uses an implicit auto-increment RowID. When a large number of `INSERT` operations exist, the data is written into a single Region, resulting in a write hotspot.

By setting `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS`, row IDs are scattered and written into multiple Regions, which can alleviate the write hotspot issue.

```
SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 4 # Represents 16 shards.
SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 6 # Represents 64 shards.
SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 0 # Represents the default 1 shard.
```

Statement example:

```
CREATE TABLE: CREATE TABLE t (c int) SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 4;
ALTER TABLE: ALTER TABLE t SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 4;
```

The value of `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` can be dynamically modified. The modified value only takes effect for newly written data.

For the table with a primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type, TiDB uses the primary key of the table as the RowID. At this time, the `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` option cannot be used because it changes the RowID generation rules. For the table with the primary key of the `NONCLUSTERED` type, TiDB uses an automatically allocated 64-bit integer as the RowID. In this case, you can use the `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` feature. For more details about the primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type, refer to clustered index.

The following two load diagrams shows the case where two tables without primary keys use `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` to scatter hotspots. The first diagram shows the situation before scattering hotspots, while the second one shows the situation after scattering hotspots.

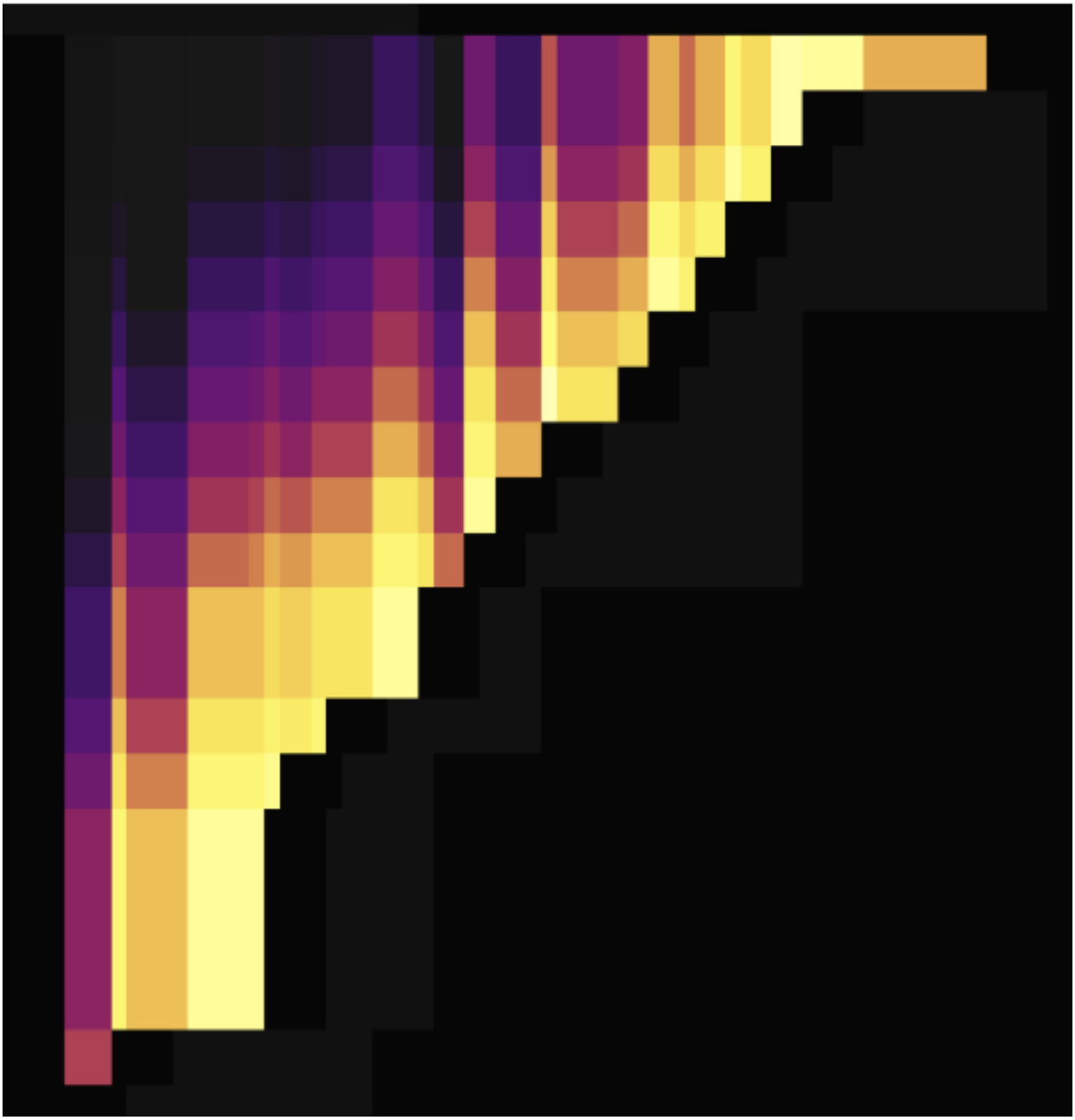


Figure 335: Dashboard Example 5

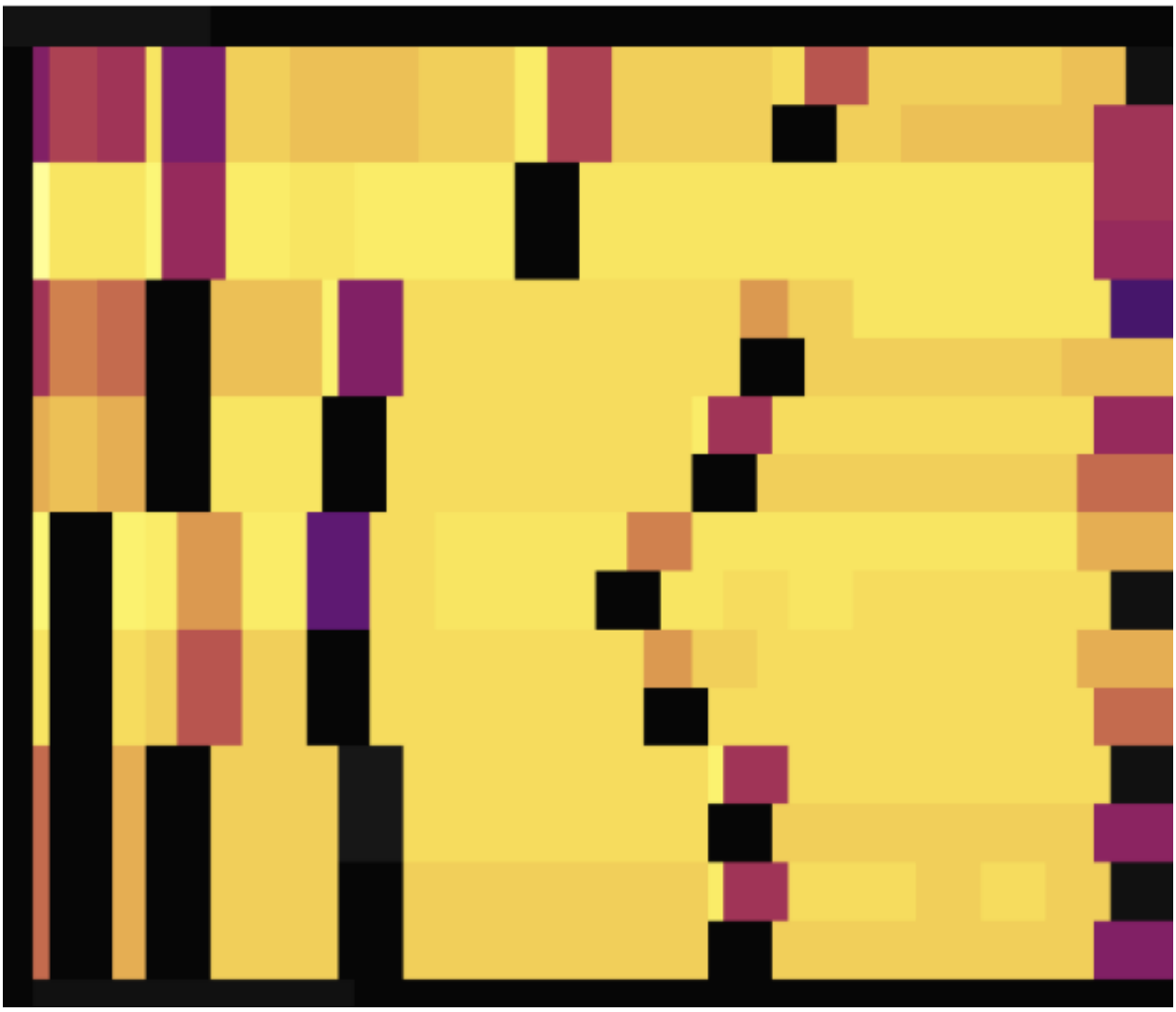


Figure 336: Dashboard Example 6

As shown in the load diagrams above, before setting `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS`, load hotspots are concentrated on a single Region. After setting `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS`, load hotspots become scattered.

10.2.3.4 Handle auto-increment primary key hotspot tables using `AUTO_RANDOM`

To resolve the write hotspots brought by auto-increment primary keys, use `AUTO_RANDOM` to handle hotspot tables that have auto-increment primary keys.

If this feature is enabled, TiDB generates randomly distributed and non-repeated (before the space is used up) primary keys to achieve the purpose of scattering write hotspots.

Note that the primary keys generated by TiDB are no longer auto-increment primary

keys and you can use `LAST_INSERT_ID()` to obtain the primary key value assigned last time.

To use this feature, modify `AUTO_INCREMENT` to `AUTO_RANDOM` in the `CREATE TABLE` statement. This feature is suitable for non-application scenarios where the primary keys only need to guarantee uniqueness.

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_RANDOM, b varchar(255));
INSERT INTO t (b) VALUES ("foo");
SELECT * FROM t;
```

```
+------------+---+
| a          | b |
+------------+---+
| 1073741825 | b |
+------------+---+
```

```
SELECT LAST_INSERT_ID();
```

```
+------------------+
| LAST_INSERT_ID() |
+------------------+
| 1073741825       |
+------------------+
```

The following two load diagrams shows the situations both before and after modifying `AUTO_INCREMENT` to `AUTO_RANDOM` to scatter hotspots. The first one uses `AUTO_INCREMENT`, while the second one uses `AUTO_RANDOM`.

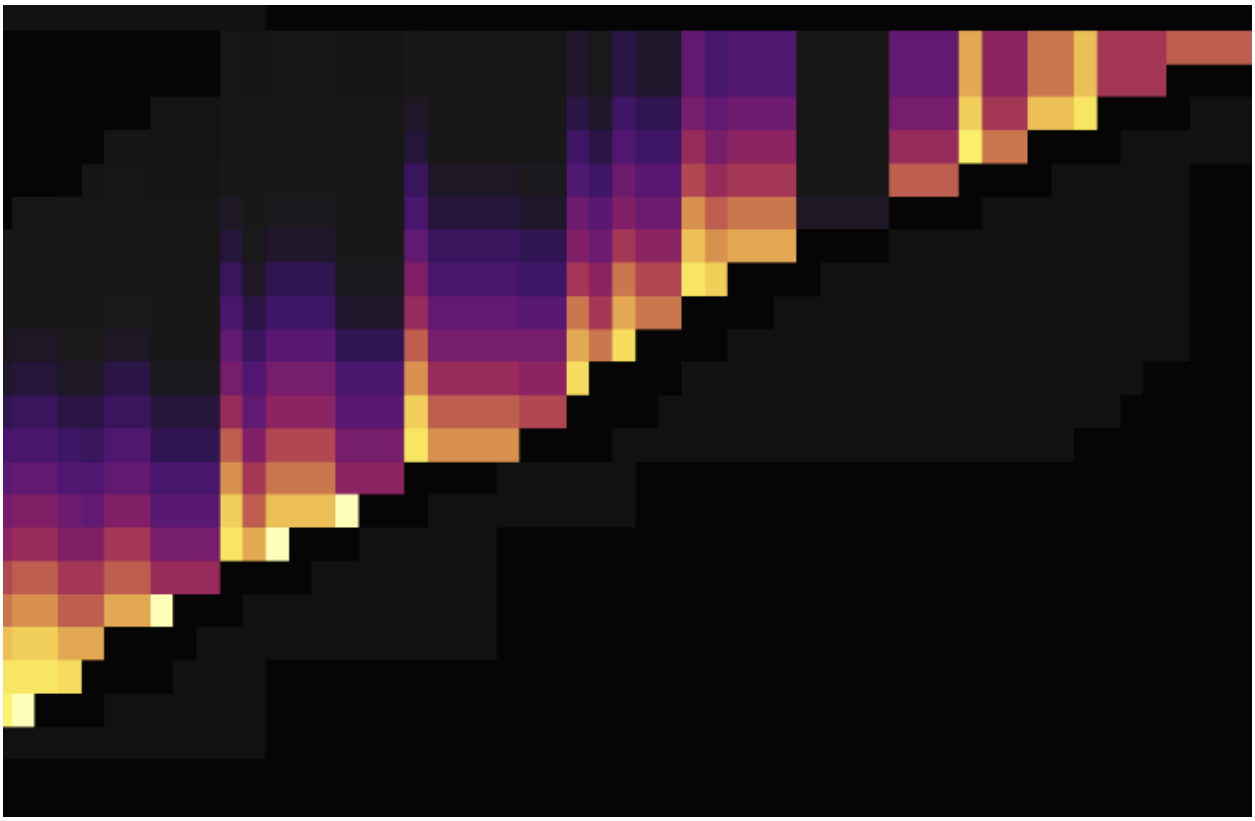


Figure 337: Dashboard Example 7

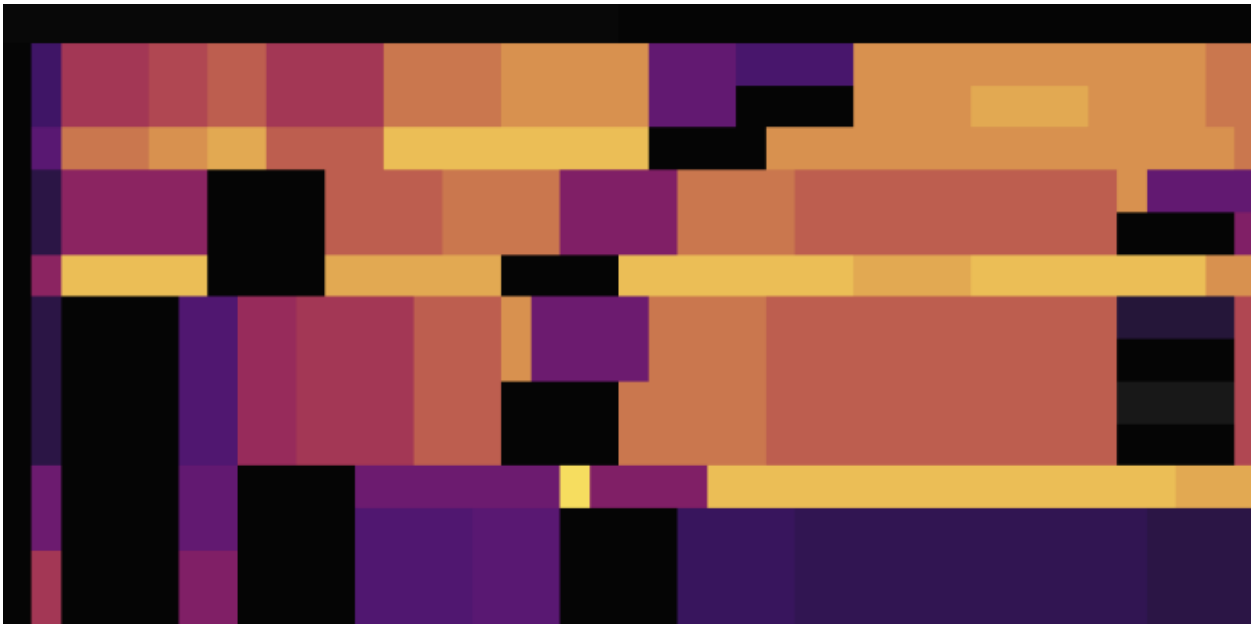


Figure 338: Dashboard Example 8

As shown in the load diagrams above, using `AUTO_RANDOM` to replace `AUTO_INCREMENT` can well scatter hotspots.

For more details, see AUTO_RANDOM.

10.2.3.5 Optimization of small table hotspots

The Coprocessor Cache feature of TiDB supports pushing down computing result caches. After this feature is enabled, TiDB caches the computing results that will be pushed down to TiKV. This feature works well for read hotspots of small tables.

For more details, see Coprocessor Cache.

See also:

- Highly Concurrent Write Best Practices
- Split Region

10.2.3.6 Scatter read hotspots

In a read hotspot scenario, the hotspot TiKV node cannot process read requests in time, resulting in the read requests queuing. However, not all TiKV resources are exhausted at this time. To reduce latency, TiDB v7.1.0 introduces the load-based replica read feature, which allows TiDB to read data from other TiKV nodes without queuing on the hotspot TiKV node. You can control the queue length of read requests using the `tidb_load_based_replica_read_threshold` system variable. When the estimated queue time of the leader node exceeds this threshold, TiDB prioritizes reading data from follower nodes. This feature can improve read throughput by 70% to 200% in a read hotspot scenario compared to not scattering read hotspots.

10.2.3.7 Use TiKV MVCC in-memory engine to mitigate read hotspots caused by high MVCC read amplification

When the retention time of historical MVCC data for GC is too long, or when the records are frequently updated or deleted, read hotspots might occur due to scanning a large number of MVCC versions. To alleviate this type of hotspot, you can enable the TiKV MVCC In-Memory Engine feature.

10.2.4 Troubleshoot Increased Read and Write Latency

This document introduces the possible causes of read and write latency and jitters, and how to troubleshoot these issues.

10.2.4.1 Common causes

10.2.4.1.1 Incorrect TiDB execution plan

The execution plan of queries is unstable and might select the incorrect index, which causes higher latency.

Phenomenon

- If the query execution plan is output in the slow log, you can directly view the plan. Execute the `select tidb_decode_plan('xxx...')` statement to parse the detailed execution plan.
- The number of scanned keys in the monitor abnormally increases; in the slow log, the number of `Scan Keys` are large.
- The SQL execution duration in TiDB is greatly different than that in other databases such as MySQL. You can compare the execution plan of other databases (for example, whether `Join Order` is different).

Possible reason

The statistics is inaccurate.

Troubleshooting methods

- Update the statistical information
  - Execute `analyze table` manually and execute `analyze` periodically with the `crontab` command to keep the statistics accurate.
  - Execute `auto analyze` automatically. Lower the threshold value of `analyze ratio`, increase the frequency of information collection, and set the start and end time of the execution. See the following examples:
    - `set global tidb_auto_analyze_ratio=0.2;`
    - `set global tidb_auto_analyze_start_time='00:00 +0800';`
    - `set global tidb_auto_analyze_end_time='06:00 +0800';`
- Bind the execution plan
  - Modify the application SQL statements and execute `use index` to consistently use the index of the column.
  - In 3.0 versions, you do not need to modify the application SQL statements. Use `create global binding` to create the binding SQL statement of `force index`.
  - In 4.0 versions, SQL Plan Management is supported, which avoids the performance decrease caused by unstable execution plans.

10.2.4.1.2 PD anomalies

Phenomenon

There is an abnormal increase of the `wait duration` metric for the PD TSO. This metric represents the duration of waiting for PD to return requests.

Possible reasons

- Disk issue. The disk where the PD node is located has full I/O load. Investigate whether PD is deployed with other components with high I/O demand and the health of the disk. You can verify the cause by viewing the monitor metrics in **Grafana** -> **disk performance** -> **latency/load**. You can also use the FIO tool to run a check on the disk if necessary.
- Network issues between PD peers. The PD log shows `lost the TCP streaming connection`. You need to check whether there is a problem with the network between PD nodes and verify the cause by viewing `round trip` in the monitor **Grafana** -> **PD** -> **etcd**.
- High server load. The log shows `server is likely overloaded`.
- PD cannot elect a Leader: The PD log shows `lease is not expired`. This issue has been fixed in v3.0.x and v2.1.19.
- The leader election is slow. The Region loading duration is long. You can check this issue by running `grep "regions cost"` in the PD log. If the result is in seconds, such as `load 460927 regions cost 11.77099s`, it means the Region loading is slow. You can enable the `region storage` feature in v3.0 by setting `use-region-storage` to `true`, which significantly reduce the Region loading duration.
- The network issue between TiDB and PD. Check whether the network from TiDB to PD Leader is running normally by accessing the monitor **Grafana** -> **black-box_exporter** -> **ping latency**.
- PD reports the `FATAL` error, and the log shows `range failed to find revision pair`. This issue has been fixed in v3.0.8 (#2040).
- When the `/api/v1/regions` interface is used, too many Regions might cause PD OOM. This issue has been fixed in v3.0.8 (#1986).
- PD OOM during the rolling upgrade. The size of gRPC messages is not limited, and the monitor shows that `TCP InSegs` is relatively large. This issue has been fixed in v3.0.6 (#1952).
- PD panics. Report a bug.
- Other causes. Get goroutine by running `curl http://127.0.0.1:2379/debug/pprof/goroutine?debug=2` and report a bug.

10.2.4.1.3 TiKV anomalies

Phenomenon

The `KV Cmd Duration` metric in the monitor increases abnormally. This metric represents the duration between the time that TiDB sends a request to TiKV and the time that TiDB receives the response.

Possible reasons

- Check the `gRPC duration` metric. This metric represents the total duration of a gRPC request in TiKV. You can find out the potential network issue by comparing `gRPC duration` of TiKV and `KV duration` of TiDB. For example, the gRPC duration is short but the KV duration of TiDB is long, which indicates that the network latency between TiDB and TiKV might be high, or that the NIC bandwidth between TiDB and TiKV is fully occupied.

- Re-election because TiKV is restarted.

    - After TiKV panics, it is pulled up by `systemd` and runs normally. You can check whether panic has occurred by viewing the TiKV log. Because this issue is unexpected, report a bug if it happens.
    - TiKV is stopped or killed by a third party and then pulled up by `systemd`. Check the cause by viewing `dmesg` and the TiKV log.
    - TiKV is OOM, which causes restart.
    - TiKV is hung because of dynamically adjusting `THP` (Transparent Hugepage).

- Check monitor: TiKV RocksDB encounters write stall and thus results in re-election. You can check if the monitor **Grafana** -> **TiKV-details** -> **errors** shows `server is busy`.

- Re-election because of network isolation.

- If the `block-cache` configuration is too large, it might cause TiKV OOM. To verify the cause of the problem, check the `block cache size` of RocksDB by selecting the corresponding instance in the monitor **Grafana** -> **TiKV-details**. Meanwhile, check whether the `[storage.block-cache] capacity = # "1GB"`parameter is set properly. By default, TiKV's `block-cache` is set to `45%` of the total memory of the machine. You need to explicitly specify this parameter when you deploy TiKV in the container, because TiKV obtains the memory of the physical machine, which might exceed the memory limit of the container.

- Coprocessor receives many large queries and returns a large volume of data. gRPC fails to send data as quickly as the coprocessor returns data, which results in OOM. To verify the cause, you can check whether `response size` exceeds the `network outbound` traffic by viewing the monitor **Grafana** -> **TiKV-details** -> **coprocessor overview**.

10.2.4.1.4 Bottleneck of a single TiKV thread

There are some single threads in TiKV that might become the bottleneck.

- Too many Regions in a TiKV instance causes a single gRPC thread to be the bottleneck (Check the **Grafana** -> **TiKV-details** -> **Thread CPU/gRPC CPU Per Thread** metric). In v3.x or later versions, you can enable `Hibernate Region` to resolve the issue.

- For versions earlier than v3.0, when the raftstore thread or the apply thread becomes the bottleneck (**Grafana** -> **TiKV-details** -> **Thread CPU/raft store CPU** and **Async apply CPU** metrics exceed `80%`), you can scale out TiKV (v2.x) instances or upgrade to v3.x with multi-threading.

10.2.4.1.5 CPU load increases

Phenomenon

The usage of CPU resources becomes the bottleneck.

Possible reasons

- Hotspot issue
- High overall load. Check the slow queries and expensive queries of TiDB. Optimize the executing queries by adding indexes or executing queries in batches. Another solution is to scale out the cluster.

10.2.4.2 Other causes

10.2.4.2.1 Cluster maintenance

Most of each online cluster has three or five nodes. If the machine to be maintained has the PD component, you need to determine whether the node is the leader or the follower. Disabling a follower has no impact on the cluster operation. Before disabling a leader, you need to switch the leadership. During the leadership change, performance jitter of about 3 seconds will occur.

10.2.4.2.2 Minority of replicas are offline

By default, each TiDB cluster has three replicas, so each Region has three replicas in the cluster. These Regions elect the leader and replicate data through the Raft protocol. The Raft protocol ensures that TiDB can still provide services without data loss even when the nodes (that are fewer than half of replicas) fail or are isolated. For the cluster with three replicas, the failure of one node might cause performance jitter but the usability and correctness in theory are not affected.

10.2.4.2.3 New indexes

Creating indexes consumes a huge amount of resources when TiDB scans tables and backfills indexes. Index creation might even conflict with the frequently updated fields, which affects the application. Creating indexes on a large table often takes a long time, so you must try to balance the index creation time and the cluster performance (for example, creating indexes at the off-peak time).

Parameter adjustment:

Currently, you can use `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` and `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size` ↪ to dynamically adjust the speed of index creation. Usually, the smaller the values, the smaller the impact on the system, with longer execution time though.

In general cases, you can first keep their default values (`4` and `256`), observe the resource usage and response speed of the cluster, and then increase the value of `tidb_ddl_reorg_` ↪ `worker_cnt` to increase the concurrency. If no obvious jitter is observed in the monitor, increase the value of `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size`. If the columns involved in the index creation are frequently updated, the many resulting conflicts will cause the index creation to fail and be retried.

In addition, you can also set the value of `tidb_ddl_reorg_priority` to `PRIORITY_HIGH` to prioritize the index creation and speed up the process. But in the general OLTP system, it is recommended to keep its default value.

10.2.4.2.4 High GC pressure

The transaction of TiDB adopts the Multi-Version Concurrency Control (MVCC) mechanism. When the newly written data overwrites the old data, the old data is not replaced, and both versions of data are stored. Timestamps are used to mark different versions. The task of GC is to clear the obsolete data.

- In the phase of Resolve Locks, a large amount of `scan_lock` requests are created in TiKV, which can be observed in the gRPC-related metrics. These `scan_lock` requests call all Regions.
- In the phase of Delete Ranges, a few (or no) `unsafe_destroy_range` requests are sent to TiKV, which can be observed in the gRPC-related metrics and the **GC tasks** panel.
- In the phase of Do GC, each TiKV by default scans the leader Regions on the machine and performs GC to each leader, which can be observed in the **GC tasks** panel.

10.2.5 Troubleshoot Write Conflicts in Optimistic Transactions

This document introduces the reason of and solutions to write conflicts in optimistic transactions.

Before TiDB v3.0.8, TiDB uses the optimistic transaction model by default. In this model, TiDB does not check conflicts during transaction execution. Instead, while the transaction is finally committed, the two-phase commit (2PC) is triggered and TiDB checks write conflicts. If a write conflict exists and the auto-retry mechanism is enabled, then TiDB retries the transaction within limited times. If the retry succeeds or has reached the upper limit on retry times, TiDB returns the result of transaction execution to the client. Therefore, if a lot of write conflicts exist in the TiDB cluster, the duration can be longer.

10.2.5.1 The reason of write conflicts

TiDB implements its transactions by using the Percolator transaction model. `percolator` is generally an implementation of 2PC. For the detailed 2PC process, see TiDB Optimistic Transaction Model.

After the client sends a `COMMIT` request to TiDB, TiDB starts the 2PC process:

1. TiDB chooses one key from all keys in the transaction as the primary key of the transaction.
2. TiDB sends the `prewrite` request to all the TiKV Regions involved in this commit. TiKV judges whether all keys can preview successfully.
3. TiDB receives the result that all `prewrite` requests are successful.
4. TiDB gets the `commit_ts` from PD.
5. TiDB sends the `commit` request to the TiKV Region that contains the primary key of the transaction. After TiKV receives the `commit` request, it checks the validity of the data and clears the locks left in the `prewrite` stage.
6. After the `commit` request returns successfully, TiDB returns success to the client.

The write conflict occurs in the `prewrite` stage. When the transaction finds that another transaction is writing the current key (`data.commit_ts` > `txn.start_ts`), a write conflict occurs.

10.2.5.2 Detect write conflicts

In the TiDB Grafana panel, check the following monitoring metrics under **KV Errors**:

- **KV Backoff OPS** indicates the count of error messages per second returned by TiKV.

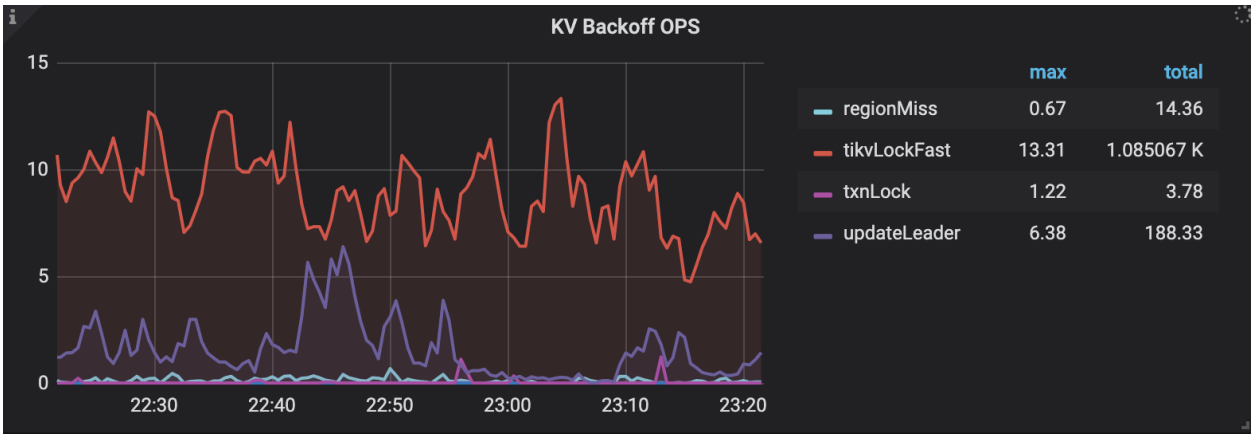


Figure 339: kv-backoff-ops

The `txnlock` metric indicates the write-write conflict. The `txnLockFast` metric indicates the read-write conflict.

- **Lock Resolve OPS** indicates the count of items related to transaction conflicts per second:

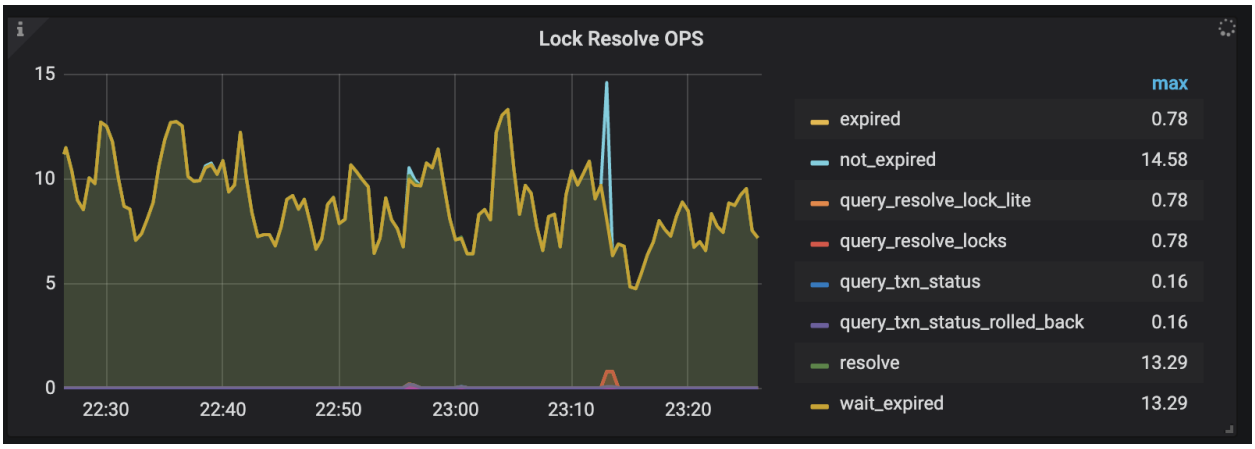


Figure 340: lock-resolve-ops

  - `not_expired` indicates the TTL of the lock was not expired. The conflict transaction cannot resolve locks until the TTL is expired.
  - `wait_expired` indicates that the transaction needs to wait the lock to expire.
  - `expired` indicates the TTL of the lock was expired. Then the conflict transaction can resolve this lock.

- **KV Retry Duration** indicates the duration of re-sends the KV request:

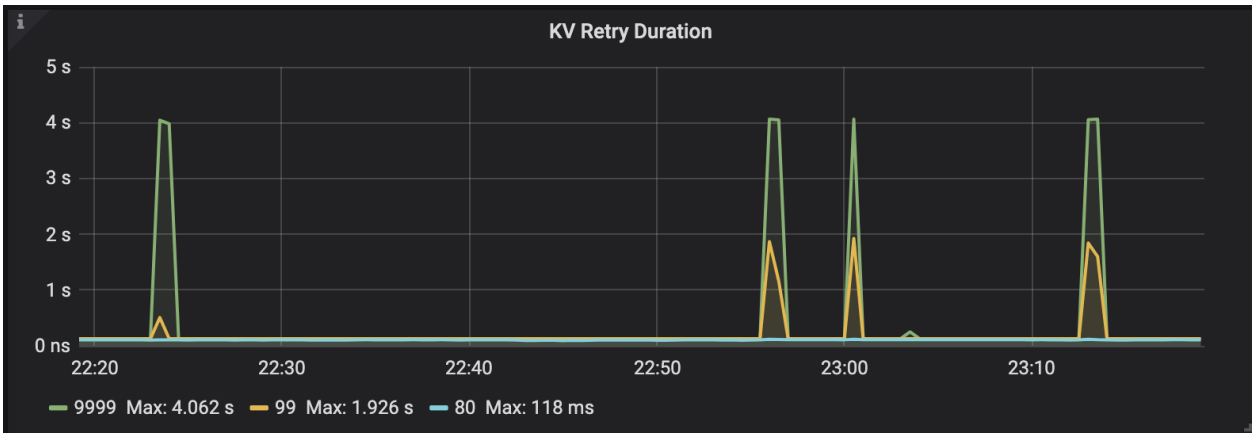


Figure 341: kv-retry-duration

You can also use `[kv:9007]Write conflict` as the keywords to search in the TiDB log. The keywords also indicate the write conflict exists in the cluster.

10.2.5.3 Resolve write conflicts

If many write conflicts exist in the cluster, it is recommended to find out the write conflict key and the reason, and then try to change the application logic to avoid write conflicts. When the write conflict exists in the cluster, you can see the log similar to the following one in the TiDB log file:

```
[2020/05/12 15:17:01.568 +08:00] [WARN] [session.go:446] ["commit failed"] [
    ↪ conn=3] ["finished txn"="Txn{state=invalid}"] [error="[kv:9007]Write
    ↪ conflict, txnStartTS=416617006551793665, conflictStartTS
    ↪ =416617018650001409, conflictCommitTS=416617023093080065, key={
    ↪ tableID=47, indexID=1, indexValues={string, }} primary={tableID=47,
    ↪ indexID=1, indexValues={string, }} [try again later]"]
```

The explanation of the log above is as follows:

- `[kv:9007]Write conflict`: indicates the write-write conflict.
- `txnStartTS=416617006551793665`: indicates the `start_ts` of the current transaction. You can use the `pd-ctl` tool to convert `start_ts` to physical time.
- `conflictStartTS=416617018650001409`: indicates the `start_ts` of the write conflict transaction.
- `conflictCommitTS=416617023093080065`: indicates the `commit_ts` of the write conflict transaction.
- `key={tableID=47, indexID=1, indexValues={string, }}`: indicates the write conflict key. `tableID` indicates the ID of the write conflict table. `indexID` indicates the ID of write conflict index. If the write conflict key is a record key, the log prints `handle=x`, indicating which record(row) has a conflict. `indexValues` indicates the value of the index that has a conflict.
- `primary={tableID=47, indexID=1, indexValues={string, }}`: indicates the primary key information of the current transaction.

You can use the `pd-ctl` tool to convert the timestamp to readable time:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u https://127.0.0.1:2379 tso {TIMESTAMP}
```

You can use `tableID` to find the name of the related table:

```
curl http://{TiDBIP}:10080/db-table/{tableID}
```

You can use `indexID` and the table name to find the name of the related index:

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_INDEXES WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA='{db_name}
    ↪ ' AND TABLE_NAME='{table_name}' AND INDEX_ID={indexID};
```

In addition, in TiDB v3.0.8 and later versions, the pessimistic transaction becomes the default mode. The pessimistic transaction mode can avoid write conflicts during the transaction prewrite stage, so you do not need to modify the application any more. In the pessimistic

transaction mode, each DML statement writes a pessimistic lock to the related keys during execution. This pessimistic lock can prevent other transactions from modifying the same keys, thus ensuring no write conflicts exist in the `prewrite` stage of the transaction 2PC.

10.2.6 Troubleshoot High Disk I/O Usage in TiDB

This document introduces how to locate and address the issue of high disk I/O usage in TiDB.

10.2.6.1 Check the current I/O metrics

If TiDB's response slows down after you have troubleshot the CPU bottleneck and the bottleneck caused by transaction conflicts, you need to check I/O metrics to help determine the current system bottleneck.

10.2.6.1.1 Locate I/O issues from monitor

The quickest way to locate I/O issues is to view the overall I/O status from the monitor, such as the Grafana dashboard which is deployed by default by TiUP. The dashboard panels related to I/O include **Overview**, **Node_exporter**, and **Disk-Performance**.

The first type of monitoring panels

In **Overview> System Info> IO Util**, you can see the I/O status of each machine in the cluster. This metric is similar to `util` in the Linux `iostat` monitor. The higher percentage represents higher disk I/O usage:

- If there is only one machine with high I/O usage in the monitor, currently there might be read and write hotspots on this machine.
- If the I/O usage of most machines in the monitor is high, the cluster now has high I/O loads.

For the first situation above (only one machine with high I/O usage), you can further observe I/O metrics from the **Disk-Performance Dashboard** such as `Disk Latency` and `Disk Load` to determine whether any anomaly exists. If necessary, use the fio tool to check the disk.

The second type of monitoring panels

The main storage component of the TiDB cluster is TiKV. One TiKV instance contains two RocksDB instances: one for storing Raft logs, located in `data/raft`, and the other for storing real data, located in `data/db`.

In **TiKV-Details** > **Raft IO**, you can see the metrics related to disk writes of these two instances:

- `Append log duration`: This metric indicates the response time of writes into RockDB that stores Raft logs. The `.99` response time should be within 50 ms.

- `Apply log duration`: This metric indicates the response time of writes into RockDB that stores real data. The `.99` response should be within 100 ms.

These two metrics also have the **.. per server** monitoring panel to help you view the write hotspots.

The third type of monitoring panels

In **TiKV-Details** > **Storage**, there are monitoring metrics related to storage:

- `Storage command total`: Indicates the number of different commands received.
- `Storage async write duration`: Includes monitoring metrics such as `disk sync duration`, which might be related to Raft I/O. If you encounter an abnormal situation, check the working statuses of related components by checking logs.

Other panels

In addition, some other panel metrics might help you determine whether the bottleneck is I/O, and you can try to set some parameters. By checking the prewrite/commit/raw-put (for raw key-value clusters only) of TiKV gRPC duration, you can determine that the bottleneck is indeed the slow TiKV write. The common situations of slow TiKV writes are as follows:

- `append log` is slow. TiKV Grafana's `Raft I/O` and `append log duration` metrics are relatively high, which is often due to slow disk writes. You can check the value of `WAL Sync Duration max` in **RocksDB-raft** to determine the cause of slow `append log`. Otherwise, you might need to report a bug.
- The `raftstore` thread is busy. In TiKV Grafana, `Raft Propose/propose wait duration` is significantly higher than `append log duration`. Check the following aspects for troubleshooting:
  - Whether the value of `store-pool-size` of `[raftstore]` is too small. It is recommended to set this value between `[1,5]` and not too large.
  - Whether the CPU resource of the machine is insufficient.
- `apply log` is slow. TiKV Grafana's `Raft I/O` and `apply log duration` metrics are relatively high, which might usually occur along with relatively high `Raft Propose /apply wait duration`. The possible causes are as follows:
  - The value of `apply-pool-size` of `[raftstore]` is too small. It is recommended to set this value between `[1, 5]` and not too large. The value of `Thread CPU /apply cpu` is also relatively high.
  - Insufficient CPU resources on the machine.
  - Write hotspot issue of a single Region (Currently, the solution to this issue is still on the way). The CPU usage of a single `apply` thread is high (which can be viewed by modifying the Grafana expression, appended with `by (instance, name)`).

- Slow write into RocksDB, and `RocksDB kv/max write duration` is high. A single Raft log might contain multiple key-value pairs (kv). 128 kvs are written to RocksDB in a batch, so one `apply` log might involve multiple RocksDB writes.
- For other causes, report them as bugs.

- `raft commit log` is slow. In TiKV Grafana, `Raft I/O` and `commit log duration` (only available in Grafana 4.x) metrics are relatively high. Each Region corresponds to an independent Raft group. Raft has a flow control mechanism similar to the sliding window mechanism of TCP. To control the size of a sliding window, adjust the `[raftstore] raft-max-inflight-msgs` parameter. If there is a write hotspot and `commit log duration` is high, you can properly set this parameter to a larger value, such as `1024`.

10.2.6.1.2 Locate I/O issues from log

- If the client reports errors such as `server is busy` or especially `raftstore is busy`, the errors might be related to I/O issues.

  You can check the monitoring panel (**Grafana** -> **TiKV** -> **errors**) to confirm the specific cause of the `busy` error. `server is busy` is TiKV's flow control mechanism. In this way, TiKV informs `tidb/ti-client` that the current pressure of TiKV is too high, and the client should try later.

- `Write stall` appears in TiKV RocksDB logs.

  It might be that too many level-0 SST files cause the write stall. To address the issue, you can add the `[rocksdb] max-sub-compactions = 2 (or 3)` parameter to speed up the compaction of level-0 SST files. This parameter means that the compaction tasks of level-0 to level-1 can be divided into `max-sub-compactions` subtasks for multi-threaded concurrent execution.

  If the disk's I/O capability fails to keep up with the write, it is recommended to scale up the disk. If the throughput of the disk reaches the upper limit (for example, the throughput of SATA SSD is much lower than that of NVMe SSD), which results in write stall, but the CPU resource is relatively sufficient, you can try to use a compression algorithm of higher compression ratio to relieve the pressure on the disk, that is, use CPU resources to make up for disk resources.

  For example, when the pressure of `default cf compaction` is relatively high, you can change the parameter `[rocksdb.defaultcf] compression-per-level = ["no", "no", "lz4", "lz4", "lz4", "zstd", "zstd"]` to `compression-per-level = ["no", "no", "zstd", "zstd", "zstd", "zstd", "zstd"]`.

10.2.6.1.3 I/O issues found in alerts

The cluster deployment tool (TiUP) deploys the cluster with alert components by default that have built-in alert items and thresholds. The following alert items are related to I/O:

- TiKV_write_stall
- TiKV_raft_log_lag
- TiKV_async_request_snapshot_duration_seconds
- TiKV_async_request_write_duration_seconds
- TiKV_raft_append_log_duration_secs
- TiKV_raft_apply_log_duration_secs

10.2.6.2 Handle I/O issues

- When an I/O hotspot issue is confirmed to occur, you need to refer to Handle TiDB Hotspot Issues to eliminate the I/O hotspots.
- When it is confirmed that the overall I/O performance has become the bottleneck, and you can determine that the I/O performance will keep falling behind in the application side, then you can take advantage of the distributed database's capability of scaling and increase the number of TiKV nodes to have greater overall I/O throughput.
- Adjust some of the parameters as described above, and use computing/memory resources to make up for disk storage resources.

10.2.7 Troubleshoot Lock Conflicts

TiDB supports complete distributed transactions. Starting from v3.0, TiDB provides optimistic transaction mode and pessimistic transaction mode. This document describes how to use Lock View to troubleshoot lock issues and how to deal with common lock conflict issues in optimistic and pessimistic transactions.

10.2.7.1 Use Lock View to troubleshoot lock issues

Since v5.1, TiDB supports the Lock View feature. This feature has several system tables built in `information_schema` that provide more information about the lock conflicts and lock waitings.

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, the Lock View feature provides conflict and waiting information for pessimistic locks only.

For the detailed introduction of these tables, see the following documents:

- `TIDB_TRX` and `CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX`: Provides information of all running transactions on the current TiDB node or in the entire cluster, including whether the transaction is in the lock-waiting state, the lock-waiting time, and the digests of statements that have been executed in the transaction.

- DATA_LOCK_WAITS: Provides the pessimistic lock-waiting information in TiKV, including the `start_ts` of the blocking and blocked transaction, the digest of the blocked SQL statement, and the key on which the waiting occurs.
- DEADLOCKS and CLUSTER_DEADLOCKS: Provides the information of several deadlock events that have recently occurred on the current TiDB node or in the entire cluster, including the waiting relationship among transactions in the deadlock loops, the digest of the statement currently being executed in the transaction, and the key on which the waiting occurs.

> **Note:**
>
> The SQL statements shown in the Lock View-related system tables are normalized SQL statements (that is, SQL statements without formats and arguments), which are obtained by internal queries according to SQL digests, so the tables cannot obtain the complete statements that include the format and arguments. For the detailed description of SQL digests and normalized SQL statement, see Statement Summary Tables.

The following sections show the examples of troubleshooting some issues using these tables.

10.2.7.1.1 Deadlock errors

To get the information of the recent deadlock errors, you can query the `DEADLOCKS` or `CLUSTER_DEADLOCKS` table.

For example, to query the `DEADLOCKS` table, you can execute the following SQL statement:

```
select * from information_schema.deadlocks;
```

The following is an example output:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------+----------------------------+----------+-------------------+------
    ↪
| DEADLOCK_ID | OCCUR_TIME                 | RETRYABLE | TRY_LOCK_TRX_ID |
    ↪ CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST                                  | CURRENT_SQL_
    ↪ DIGEST_TEXT            | KEY                           | KEY_INFO
    ↪
    ↪ | TRX_HOLDING_LOCK |
+--
    ↪ ----------+----------------------------+----------+-------------------+------
    ↪
```

```
|          1 | 2021-08-05 11:09:03.230341 |    0 | 426812829645406216 |
   ↪ 22230766411edb40f27a68dadefc63c6c6970d5827f1e5e22fc97be2c4d8350d |
   ↪ update `t` set `v` = ? where `id` = ? ; | 7480000000000000355
   ↪ F728000000000000002 | {"db_id":1,"db_name":"test","table_id":53,"
   ↪ table_name":"t","handle_type":"int","handle_value":"2"} |
   ↪ 426812829645406217 |
|          1 | 2021-08-05 11:09:03.230341 |    0 | 426812829645406217 |
   ↪ 22230766411edb40f27a68dadefc63c6c6970d5827f1e5e22fc97be2c4d8350d |
   ↪ update `t` set `v` = ? where `id` = ? ; | 7480000000000000355
   ↪ F728000000000000001 | {"db_id":1,"db_name":"test","table_id":53,"
   ↪ table_name":"t","handle_type":"int","handle_value":"1"} |
   ↪ 426812829645406216 |
+--
   ↪ ----------+--------------------------+----------+------------------+------
   ↪
```

The query result above shows the waiting relationship among multiple transactions in the deadlock error, the normalized form of the SQL statements currently being executed in each transaction (statements without formats and arguments), the key on which the conflict occurs, and the information of the key.

For example, in the above example, the first row means that the transaction with the ID of `426812829645406216` is executing a statement like `update `t` set `v` =? Where `id ↪ ` =? ;` but is blocked by another transaction with the ID of `426812829645406217`. The transaction with the ID of `426812829645406217` is also executing a statement that is in the form of `update `t` set `v` =? Where `id` =? ;` but is blocked by the transaction with the ID of `426812829645406216`. The two transactions thus form a deadlock.

10.2.7.1.2 A few hot keys cause queueing locks

The `DATA_LOCK_WAITS` system table provides the lock-waiting status on the TiKV nodes. When you query this table, TiDB automatically obtains the real-time lock-waiting information from all TiKV nodes. If a few hot keys are frequently locked and block many transactions, you can query the `DATA_LOCK_WAITS` table and aggregate the results by key to try to find the keys on which issues frequently occur:

```
select `key`, count(*) as `count` from information_schema.data_lock_waits
   ↪ group by `key` order by `count` desc;
```

The following is an example output:

```
+----------------------------------------+-------+
| key                                    | count |
+----------------------------------------+-------+
| 748000000000000415F728000000000000001 | 2 |
| 748000000000000415F728000000000000002 | 1 |
+----------------------------------------+-------+
```

To avoid contingency, you might need to make multiple queries.

If you know the key that frequently has issues occurred, you can try to get the information of the transaction that tries to lock the key from the `TIDB_TRX` or `CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX` table.

Note that the information displayed in the `TIDB_TRX` and `CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX` tables is also the information of the transactions that are running at the time the query is performed. These tables do not display the information of the completed transactions. If there is a large number of concurrent transactions, the result set of the query might also be large. You can use the `limit` clause or the `where` clause to filter transactions with a long lock-waiting time. Note that when you join multiple tables in Lock View, the data in different tables might not be obtained at the same time, so the information in different tables might not be consistent.

For example, to filter transactions with a long lock-waiting time using the `where` clause, you can execute the following SQL statement:

```
select trx.* from information_schema.data_lock_waits as l left join
    ↪ information_schema.cluster_tidb_trx as trx on l.trx_id = trx.id where
    ↪  l.key = "74800000000000000415F72800000000000000001"\G
```

The following is an example output:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
              INSTANCE: 127.0.0.1:10080
                    ID: 426831815660273668
            START_TIME: 2021-08-06 07:16:00.081000
    CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST: 06
        ↪ da614b93e62713bd282d4685fc5b88d688337f36e88fe55871726ce0eb80d7
CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT: update `t` set `v` = `v` + ? where `id` = ? ;
                  STATE: LockWaiting
    WAITING_START_TIME: 2021-08-06 07:16:00.087720
       MEM_BUFFER_KEYS: 0
      MEM_BUFFER_BYTES: 0
            SESSION_ID: 77
                  USER: root
                    DB: test
       ALL_SQL_DIGESTS: ["0
          ↪ fdc781f19da1c6078c9de7eadef8a307889c001e05f107847bee4cfc8f3cdf3
          ↪ ","06
          ↪ da614b93e62713bd282d4685fc5b88d688337f36e88fe55871726ce0eb80d7
          ↪ "]
*************************** 2. row ***************************
              INSTANCE: 127.0.0.1:10080
                    ID: 426831818019569665
            START_TIME: 2021-08-06 07:16:09.081000
    CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST: 06
        ↪ da614b93e62713bd282d4685fc5b88d688337f36e88fe55871726ce0eb80d7
CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT: update `t` set `v` = `v` + ? where `id` = ? ;
```

```
                STATE: LockWaiting
    WAITING_START_TIME: 2021-08-06 07:16:09.290271
       MEM_BUFFER_KEYS: 0
      MEM_BUFFER_BYTES: 0
           SESSION_ID: 75
                USER: root
                  DB: test
       ALL_SQL_DIGESTS: ["0
          ↪ fdc781f19da1c6078c9de7eadef8a307889c001e05f107847bee4cfc8f3cdf3
          ↪ ","06
          ↪ da614b93e62713bd282d4685fc5b88d688337f36e88fe55871726ce0eb80d7
          ↪ "]
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

10.2.7.1.3 A transaction is blocked for a long time

If a transaction is known to be blocked by another transaction (or multiple transactions) and the `start_ts` (transaction ID) of the current transaction is known, you can use the following method to obtain the information of the blocking transaction. Note that when you join multiple tables in Lock View, the data in different tables might not be obtained at the same time, so the information in different tables might not be consistent.

```
select l.key, trx.*, tidb_decode_sql_digests(trx.all_sql_digests) as sqls
   ↪ from information_schema.data_lock_waits as l join information_schema.
   ↪ cluster_tidb_trx as trx on l.current_holding_trx_id = trx.id where l.
   ↪ trx_id = 426831965449355272\G
```

The following is an example output:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
                  key: 74800000000000004D5F728000000000000001
             INSTANCE: 127.0.0.1:10080
                   ID: 426832040186609668
           START_TIME: 2021-08-06 07:30:16.581000
    CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST: 06
       ↪ da614b93e62713bd282d4685fc5b88d688337f36e88fe55871726ce0eb80d7
CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT: update `t` set `v` = `v` + ? where `id` = ? ;
                STATE: LockWaiting
    WAITING_START_TIME: 2021-08-06 07:30:16.592763
       MEM_BUFFER_KEYS: 1
      MEM_BUFFER_BYTES: 19
           SESSION_ID: 113
                USER: root
                  DB: test
       ALL_SQL_DIGESTS: ["0
          ↪ fdc781f19da1c6078c9de7eadef8a307889c001e05f107847bee4cfc8f3cdf3
```

```
            ↪ ","
            ↪ a4e28cc182bdd18288e2a34180499b9404cd0ba07e3cc34b6b3be7b7c2de7fe9
            ↪ ","06
            ↪ da614b93e62713bd282d4685fc5b88d688337f36e88fe55871726ce0eb80d7
            ↪ "]
                  sqls: ["begin ;","select * from `t` where `id` = ? for
                     ↪ update ;","update `t` set `v` = `v` + ? where `id` =
                     ↪ ? ;"]
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

In the above query, the TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS function is used on the ALL_SQL ↪ _DIGESTS column of the CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX table. This function tries to convert this column (the value is a set of SQL digests) to the normalized SQL statements, which improves readability.

If the start_ts of the current transaction is unknown, you can try to find it out from the information in the TIDB_TRX / CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX table or in the PROCESSLIST / CLUSTER_ ↪ PROCESSLIST table.

10.2.7.1.4 Metadata locks

If a session is waiting on a schema change, this can be because of a metadata lock.

See Metadata Lock for more information.

10.2.7.2 Troubleshoot optimistic lock conflicts

This section provides the solutions of common lock conflict issues in the optimistic transaction mode.

10.2.7.2.1 Read-write conflicts

As the TiDB server receives a read request from a client, it gets a globally unique and increasing timestamp at the physical time as the start_ts of the current transaction. The transaction needs to read the latest data before start_ts, that is, the target key of the latest commit_ts that is smaller than start_ts. When the transaction finds that the target key is locked by another transaction, and it cannot know which phase the other transaction is in, a read-write conflict happens. The diagram is as follows:

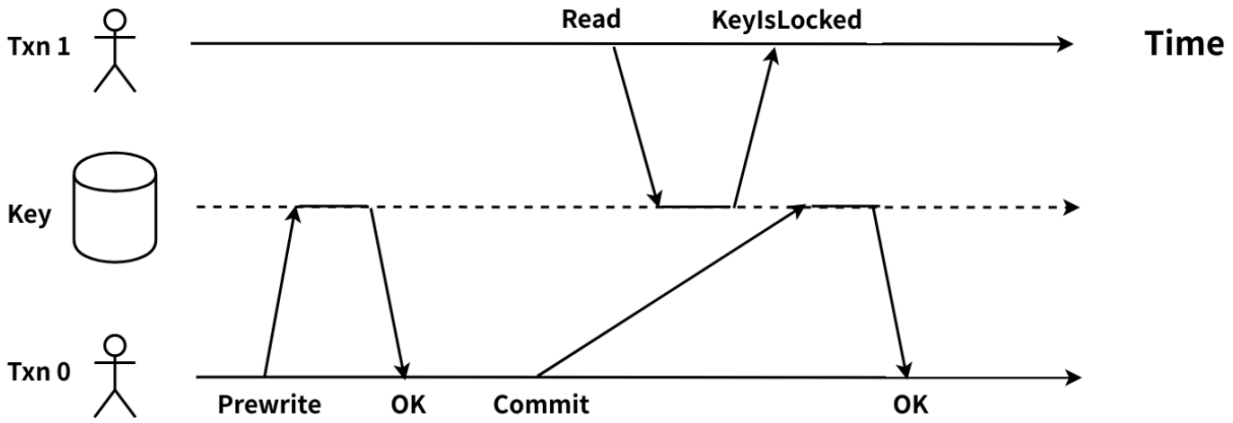


Figure 342: read-write conflict

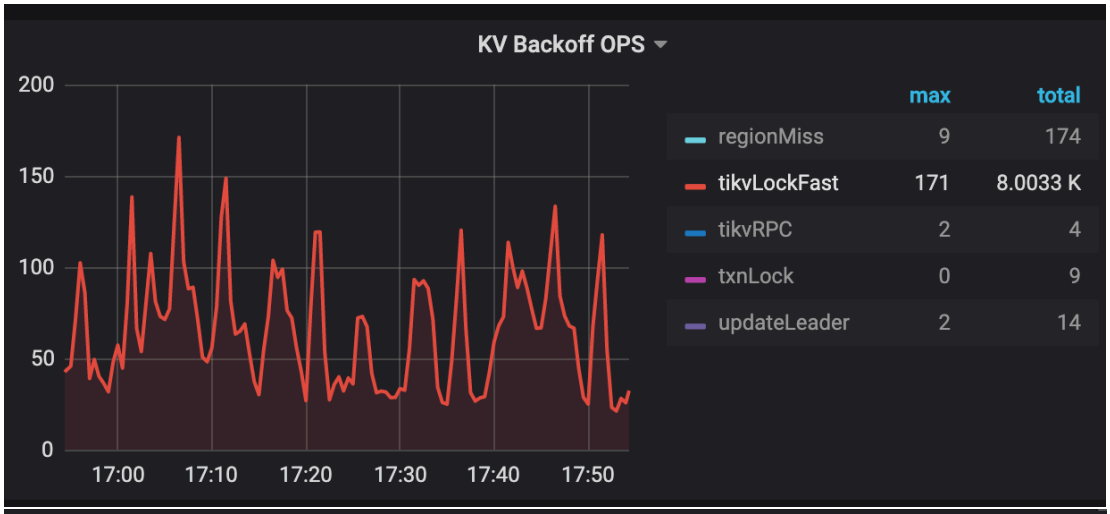
Txn0 completes the Prewrite phase and enters the Commit phase. At this time, Txn1 requests to read the same target key. Txn1 needs to read the target key of the latest commit_ts that is smaller than its start_ts. Because Txn1's start_ts is larger than Txn0's lock_ts, Txn1 must wait for the target key's lock to be cleared, but it hasn't been done. As a result, Txn1 cannot confirm whether Txn0 has been committed or not. Thus, a read-write conflict between Txn1 and Txn0 happens.

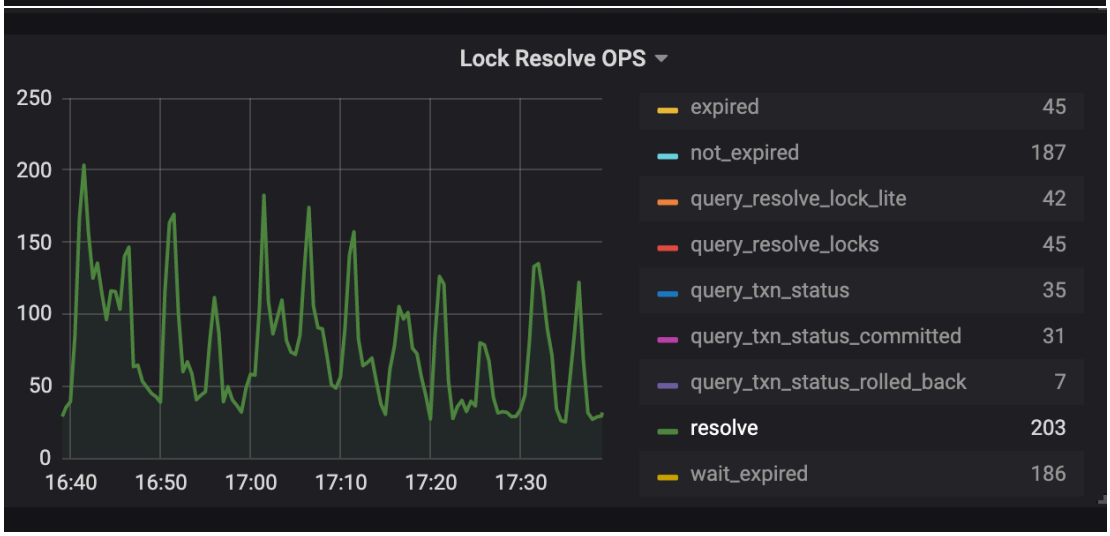
You can detect the read-write conflict in your TiDB cluster by the following ways:

1. Monitoring metrics and logs of the TiDB server

    - Monitoring data through Grafana

      In the `KV Errors` panel in the TiDB dashboard, `not_expired/resolve` in `Lock Resolve OPS` and `tikvLockFast` in `KV Backoff OPS` are monitoring metrics that can be used to check read-write conflicts in transactions. If the values of all the metrics increase, there might be many read-write conflicts. The `not_expired` item means that the transaction's lock has not timed out. The `resolve` item means that the other transaction tries to clean up the locks. The `tikvLockFast` item means that read-write conflicts occur.





- Logs of the TiDB server

  If there is any read-write conflict, you can see the following message in the TiDB log:

```
[INFO] [coprocessor.go:743] ["[TIME_COP_PROCESS] resp_time
    ↪ :406.038899ms txnStartTS:416643508703592451 region_id:8297
    ↪ store_addr:10.8.1.208:20160 backoff_ms:255 backoff_types:[
    ↪ txnLockFast,txnLockFast] kv_process_ms:333 scan_total_write
    ↪ :0 scan_processed_write:0 scan_total_data:0 scan_processed_
    ↪ data:0 scan_total_lock:0 scan_processed_lock:0"]
```

  - txnStartTS: The start_ts of the transaction that is sending the read request. In the above log, `416643508703592451` is the start_ts.
  - backoff_types: If a read-write conflict happens, and the read request performs backoff and retry, the type of retry is `TxnLockFast`.
  - backoff_ms: The time that the read request spends in the backoff and retry, and the unit is milliseconds. In the above log, the read request spends 255 milliseconds in the backoff and retry.

- region_id: Region ID corresponding to the target key of the read request.

2. Logs of the TiKV server

   If there is any read-write conflict, you can see the following message in the TiKV log:

```
[ERROR] [endpoint.rs:454] [error-response] [err=""locked primary_lock
    ↪ :7480000000000004
    ↪ D35F6980000000000000010380000000004C788E0380000000004C0748 lock_
    ↪ version: 411402933858205712 key: 7480000000000004
    ↪ D35F7280000000004C0748 lock_ttl: 3008 txn_size: 1""]
```

   This message indicates that a read-write conflict occurs in TiDB. The target key of the read request has been locked by another transaction. The locks are from the uncommitted optimistic transaction and the uncommitted pessimistic transaction after the prewrite phase.

   - primary_lock: Indicates that the target key is locked by the primary lock.
   - lock_version: The start_ts of the transaction that owns the lock.
   - key: The target key that is locked.
   - lock_ttl: The lock's TTL (Time To Live)
   - txn_size: The number of keys that are in the Region of the transaction that owns the lock.

Solutions:

- A read-write conflict triggers an automatic backoff and retry. As in the above example, Txn1 has a backoff and retry. The first time of the retry is 10 ms, the longest retry is 3000 ms, and the total time is 20000 ms at maximum.
- You can use the sub-command `decoder` of TiDB Control to view the table id and rowid of the row corresponding to the specified key:

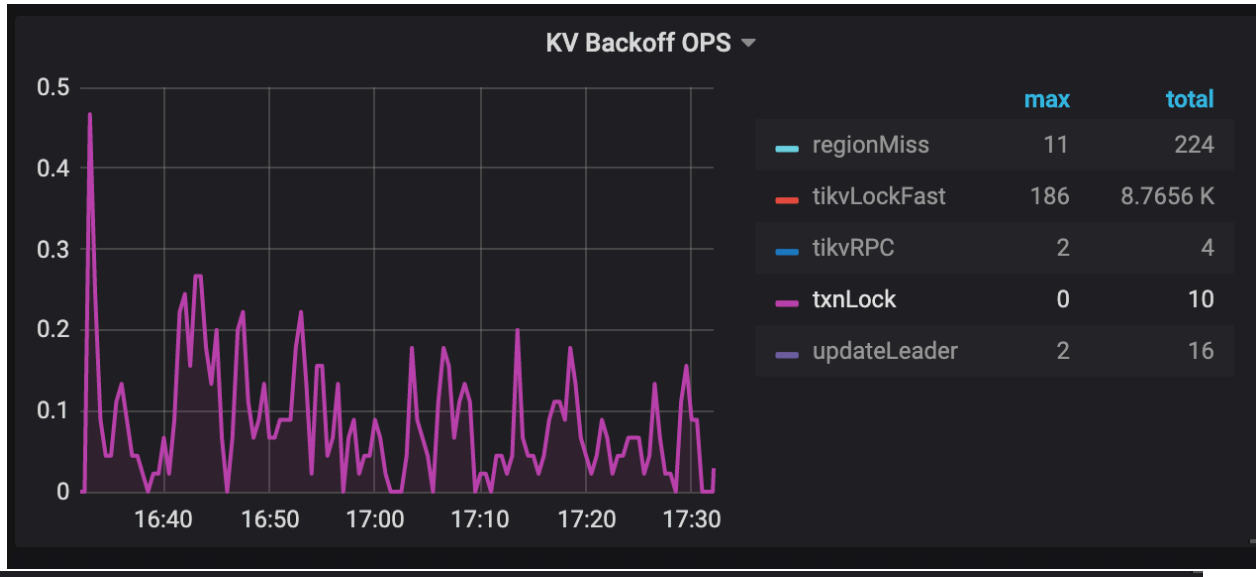
```
./tidb-ctl decoder "t\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x1c_r\x00\x00\x00\x00
    ↪ \x00\x00\x00\xfa"
format: table_row
table_id: -9223372036854775780
row_id: -9223372036854775558
```

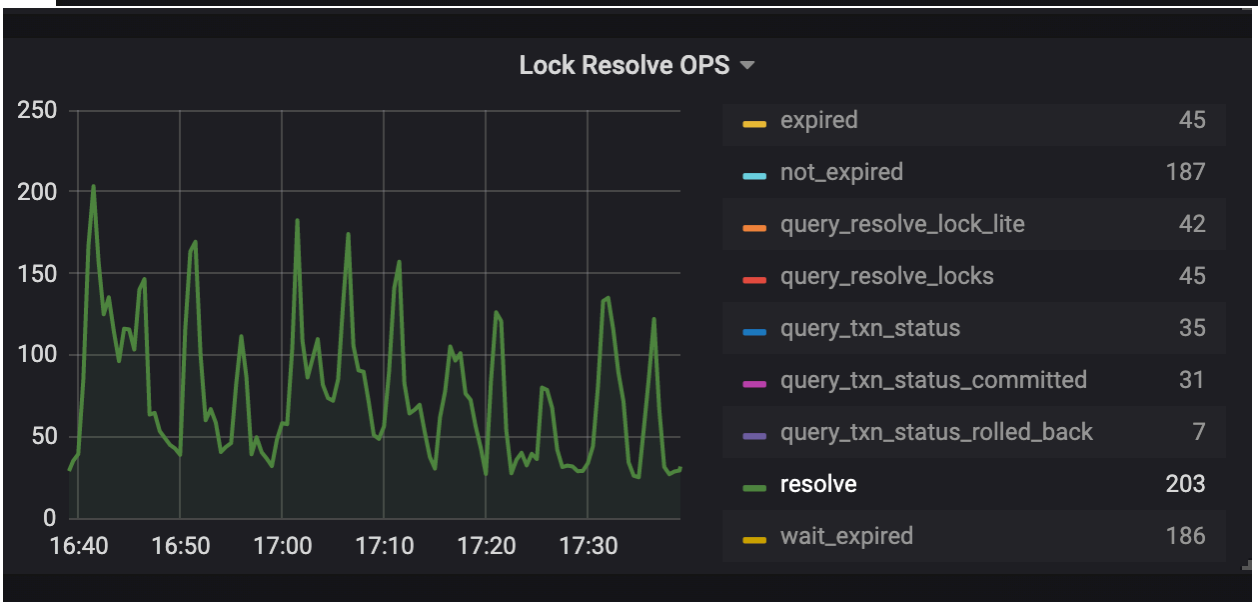
10.2.7.2.2 KeyIsLocked error

In the Prewrite phase of a transaction, TiDB checks whether there is any write-write conflict, and then checks whether the target key has been locked by another transaction. If the key is locked, the TiKV server outputs a "KeyIsLocked" error. At present, the error message is not printed in the logs of TiDB and TiKV. Same as read-write conflicts, when "KeyIsLocked" occurs, TiDB automatically performs backoff and retry for the transaction.

You can check whether there's any "KeyIsLocked" error in the TiDB monitoring on Grafana:

The `KV Errors` panel in the TiDB dashboard has two monitoring metrics `Lock Resolve OPS` and `KV Backoff OPS` which can be used to check write-write conflicts caused by a transaction. If the `resolve` item under `Lock Resolve OPS` and the `txnLock` item under `KV Backoff OPS` have a clear upward trend, a "KeyIsLocked" error occurs. `resolve` refers to the operation that attempts to clear the lock, and `txnLock` represents a write conflict.





Solutions:

- If there is a small amount of txnLock in the monitoring, no need to pay too much attention. The backoff and retry is automatically performed in the background. The first time of the retry is 100 ms and the maximum time is 3000 ms for a single retry.

- If there are too many "txnLock" operations in the `KV Backoff OPS`, it is recommended that you analyze the reasons to the write conflicts from the application side.
- If your application is a write-write conflict scenario, it is strongly recommended to use the pessimistic transaction mode.

10.2.7.2.3 LockNotFound error

The error log of "TxnLockNotFound" means that transaction commit time is longer than the TTL time, and when the transaction is going to commit, its lock has been rolled back by other transactions. If the TiDB server enables transaction commit retry, this transaction is re-executed according to tidb_retry_limit. (Note about the difference between explicit and implicit transactions.)

You can check whether there is any "LockNotFound" error in the following ways:

1. View the logs of the TiDB server

   If a "TxnLockNotFound" error occurs, the TiDB log message is like this:

```
[WARN] [session.go:446] ["commit failed"] [conn=149370] ["finished txn
    ↪ "="Txn{state=invalid}"] [error="[kv:6]Error: KV error safe to
    ↪ retry tikv restarts txn: Txn(Mvcc(TxnLockNotFound{ start_ts:
    ↪ 412720515987275779, commit_ts: 412720519984971777, key: [116,
    ↪ 128, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 111, 16, 95, 114, 128, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2]
    ↪ })) [try again later]"]
```

   - start_ts: The start_ts of the transaction that outputs the `TxnLockNotFound` error because its lock has been rolled back by other transactions. In the above log, `412720515987275779` is the start_ts.
   - commit_ts: The commit_ts of the transaction that outputs the `TxnLockNotFound` ↪ error. In the above log, `412720519984971777` is the commit_ts.

2. View the logs of the TiKV server

   If a "TxnLockNotFound" error occurs, the TiKV log message is like this:

```
Error: KV error safe to retry restarts txn: Txn(Mvcc(TxnLockNotFound))
    ↪ [ERROR [Kv.rs:708] ["KvService::batch_raft send response fail"] [
    ↪ err=RemoteStoped]
```

   Solutions:

- By checking the time interval between start_ts and commit_ts, you can confirm whether the commit time exceeds the TTL time.

  Checking the time interval using the PD control tool:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd tso [start_ts]
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd tso [commit_ts]
```

- It is recommended to check whether the write performance is slow, which might cause that the efficiency of transaction commit is poor, and thus the lock is cleared.
- In the case of disabling the TiDB transaction retry, you need to catch the exception on the application side and try again.

10.2.7.3 Troubleshoot pessimistic lock conflicts

This section provides the solutions of common lock conflict issues in the pessimistic transaction mode.

> **Note:**
>
> Even if the pessimistic transaction mode is set, autocommit transactions still try to commit using the optimistic mode first. If a conflict occurs, the transactions will switch to the pessimistic transaction mode during automatic retry.

10.2.7.3.1 Read-write conflicts

The error messages and solutions are the same as Read-write conflict for optimistic lock conflict.

10.2.7.3.2 Pessimistic lock retry limit reached

When the transaction conflict is very serious or a write conflict occurs, the optimistic transaction will be terminated directly, and the pessimistic transaction will retry the statement with the latest data from storage until there is no write conflict.

Because TiDB's locking operation is a write operation, and the process of the operation is to read first and then write, there are two RPC requests. If a write conflict occurs in the middle of a transaction, TiDB will try again to lock the target keys, and each retry will be printed to the TiDB log. The number of retries is determined by pessimistic-txn.max-retry-count.

In the pessimistic transaction mode, if a write conflict occurs and the number of retries reaches the upper limit, an error message containing the following keywords appears in the TiDB log:

```
err="pessimistic lock retry limit reached"
```

Solutions:

- If the above error occurs frequently, it is recommended to adjust from the application side.
- If your business contains high concurrent locking on the same row (the same key) and encounters frequent conflicts, you can try to enable the system variable `tidb_pessimistic_txn_fair_locking`. Note that enabling this variable might bring some cost of throughput reduction (average latency increase) for transactions with lock conflicts. For newly deployed clusters, this variable is enabled (`ON`) by default.

10.2.7.3.3 Lock wait timeout exceeded

In the pessimistic transaction mode, transactions wait for locks of each other. The timeout for waiting a lock is defined by the innodb_lock_wait_timeout parameter of TiDB. This is the maximum wait lock time at the SQL statement level, which is the expectation of a SQL statement Locking, but the lock has never been acquired. After this time, TiDB will not try to lock again and will return the corresponding error message to the client.

When a wait lock timeout occurs, the following error message will be returned to the client:

```
ERROR 1205 (HY000): Lock wait timeout exceeded; try restarting transaction
```

Solutions:

- If the above error occurs frequently, it is recommended to adjust the application logic.

10.2.7.3.4 TTL manager has timed out

The transaction execution time cannot exceed the GC time limit. In addition, the TTL time of pessimistic transactions has an upper limit, whose default value is 1 hour. Therefore, a pessimistic transaction executed for more than 1 hour will fail to commit. This timeout threshold is controlled by the TiDB parameter `performance.max-txn-ttl`.

When the execution time of a pessimistic transaction exceeds the TTL time, the following error message occurs in the TiDB log:

```
TTL manager has timed out, pessimistic locks may expire, please commit or
    ↪ rollback this transaction
```

Solutions:

- First, confirm whether the application logic can be optimized. For example, large transactions may trigger TiDB's transaction size limit, which can be split into multiple small transactions.
- Also, you can adjust the related parameters properly to meet the application transaction logic.

10.2.7.3.5 Deadlock found when trying to get lock

Due to resource competition between two or more transactions, a deadlock occurs. If you do not handle it manually, transactions that block each other cannot be executed successfully and will wait for each other forever. To resolve dead locks, you need to manually terminate one of the transactions to resume other transaction requests.

When a pessimistic transaction has a deadlock, one of the transactions must be terminated to unlock the deadlock. The client will return the same `Error 1213` error as in MySQL, for example:

```
[err="[executor:1213]Deadlock found when trying to get lock; try restarting
    ↪ transaction"]
```

Solutions:

- If it is difficult to confirm the cause of the deadlock, for v5.1 and later versions, you are recommended to try to query the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.DEADLOCKS` or `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_DEADLOCKS` system table to get the information of deadlock waiting chain. For details, see the Deadlock errors section and the `DEADLOCKS` table document.
- If the deadlock occurs frequently, you need to adjust the transaction query logic in your application to reduce such occurrences.

10.2.8 Troubleshoot Inconsistency Between Data and Indexes

TiDB checks consistency between data and indexes when it executes transactions or the `ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]` statement. If the check finds that a record key-value and the corresponding index key-value are inconsistent, that is, a key-value pair storing row data and the corresponding key-value pair storing its index are inconsistent (for example, more indexes or missing indexes), TiDB reports a data inconsistency error and prints the related errors in error logs.

This document describes the meanings of data inconsistency errors and provides some methods to bypass the consistency check. If a data consistency error occurs, you can get support from PingCAP or the community.

10.2.8.1 Error explanation

When inconsistency between data and indexes occurs, you can check TiDB error messages to know which item is inconsistent between row data and index data, or check the related error logs for further investigation.

10.2.8.1.1 Errors reported during transaction execution

This section lists the data inconsistency errors reported when TiDB executes transactions and explains the meanings of these errors with examples.

Error 8133

```
ERROR 8133 (HY000): data inconsistency in table: t, index: k2, index-
↪ count:1 != record-count:0
```

This error indicates that for the `k2` index in table `t`, the number of indexes in the table is 1 and the number of row records is 0. The number is inconsistent.

Error 8138

```
ERROR 8138 (HY000): writing inconsistent data in table: t, expected-
↪ values:{KindString green} != record-values:{KindString GREEN}
```

This error indicates that the transaction was attempting to write an incorrect row value. For the data to be written, the encoded row data does not match the original data before encoding.

Error 8139

```
ERROR 8139 (HY000): writing inconsistent data in table: t, index: i1,
↪ index-handle:4 != record-handle:3, index: tables.mutation{key:kv.Key{0
↪ x74, 0x80, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x49, 0x5f, 0x69, 0x80, 0x0, 0
↪ x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x1, 0x1, 0x68, 0x65, 0x6c, 0x6c, 0x6f, 0x0, 0x0,
↪  0x0, 0xfc, 0x1, 0x68, 0x65, 0x6c, 0x6c, 0x6f, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0xfc, 0x3,
↪  0x80, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x4}, flags:0x0, value:[]uint8{0x30
↪ }, indexID:1}, record: tables.mutation{key:kv.Key{0x74, 0x80, 0x0, 0x0,
↪ 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x49, 0x5f, 0x72, 0x80, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0
↪ , 0x3}, flags:0xd, value:[]uint8{0x80, 0x0, 0x2, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x1, 0x2
↪ , 0x5, 0x0, 0xa, 0x0, 0x68, 0x65, 0x6c, 0x6c, 0x6f, 0x68, 0x65, 0x6c, 0
↪ x6c, 0x6f}, indexID:0}
```

This error indicates that the handle (that is, the key of the row data) of the data to be written is inconsistent. For index `i1` in table `t`, the row to be written by the transaction has a handle of 4 in the index key-value pair and a handle of 3 in the row record key-value pair. The data of this row will not be written.

Error 8140

```
ERROR 8140 (HY000): writing inconsistent data in table: t, index: i2,
↪ col: c1, indexed-value:{KindString hellp} != record-value:{KindString
↪ hello}
```

This error indicates that the data in a row to be written by the transaction does not match the data in the index. For index `i2` in table `t`, a row to be written by the transaction has data `hellp` in the index key-value pair and data `hello` in the record key-value pair. The data of this row will not be written.

Error 8141

```
ERROR 8141 (HY000): assertion failed: key: 748000000000000405f7201330000000000000f8
↪ , assertion: NotExist, start_ts: 430590532931813377, existing start ts:
↪ 430590532931551233, existing commit ts: 430590532931551234
```

This error indicates that the assertion failed when a transaction was being committed. Assuming that data and indexes are consistent, TiDB asserted that the key `748000000000000405f7201330000000000000000f8` did not exist. When the transaction was being committed, TiDB found the key did exist, written by the transaction with the `start ts` `430590532931551233`. TiDB will print the Multi-Version Concurrency Control (MVCC) history of this key to logs.

10.2.8.1.2 Errors reported in admin check

This section lists the data inconsistency errors that might occur in TiDB when you execute the `ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]` statement, and explains the meanings of these errors with examples.

Error 8003

```
ERROR 8003 (HY000): table count 3 != index(idx)count 2
```

This error indicates that the table on which the `ADMIN CHECK` statement is executed has 3 row key-value pairs but only 2 index key-value pairs.

Error 8134

```
ERROR 8134 (HY000): data inconsistency in table: t, index: c2, col: c2
↪ , handle: "2", index-values:"KindInt64 13" != record-values:"KindInt64
↪ 12", compare err:<nil>
```

This error indicates that for index `c2` in table `t`, the value of column `c2` has the following inconsistency:

- In the index key-value pair of the row whose handle is `2`, the value of column `c2` is `13`.
- In the row record key-value pair, the value of column `c2` is `12`.

Error 8223

```
ERROR 8223 (HY000): data inconsistency in table: t2, index: i1, handle:
↪  {hello, hello}, index-values:"" != record-values:"handle: {hello, hello
↪ }, values: [KindString hello KindString hello]"
```

This error indicates that `index-values` are null and `record-values` are not null, meaning that there is no corresponding index for the row.

10.2.8.2 Solutions

If you encounter a data inconsistency error, get support from PingCAP for troubleshooting immediately instead of dealing with the error by yourself. If your application needs to skip such errors urgently, you can use the following methods to bypass the check.

10.2.8.2.1 Rewrite SQL

If the data inconsistency error occurs in a particular SQL statement only, you can bypass this error by rewriting the SQL statement to another equivalent form using different execution operators.

10.2.8.2.2 Disable error checks

For the following errors reported in transaction execution, you can bypass the corresponding checks:

- To bypass the checks of errors 8138, 8139, and 8140, configure `set @@tidb_enable_mutation_checker=0`.
- To bypass the checks of error 8141, configure `set @@tidb_txn_assertion_level=OFF`.

> **Note:**
>
> Disabling `tidb_enable_mutation_checker` and `tidb_txn_assertion_level` will bypass the corresponding checks of all SQL statements.

For other errors reported in transaction execution and all errors reported during the execution of the `ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]` statement, you cannot bypass the corresponding check, because the data is already inconsistent.

10.3 Diagnostic Methods

10.3.1 SQL Diagnostics

SQL diagnostics is a feature introduced in TiDB v4.0. You can use this feature to locate problems in TiDB with higher efficiency. Before TiDB v4.0, you need to use different tools to obtain different information.

The SQL diagnostic system has the following advantages:

- It integrates information from all components of the system as a whole.
- It provides a consistent interface to the upper layer through system tables.
- It provides monitoring summaries and automatic diagnostics.
- You will find it easier to query cluster information.

10.3.1.1 Overview

The SQL diagnostic system consists of three major parts:

- **Cluster information table**: The SQL diagnostics system introduces cluster information tables that provide a unified way to get the discrete information of each instance. This system fully integrates the cluster topology, hardware information, software information, kernel parameters, monitoring, system information, slow queries, statements, and logs of the entire cluster into the table. So you can query this information using SQL statements.

- **Cluster monitoring table**: The SQL diagnostic system introduces cluster monitoring tables. All of these tables are in `metrics_schema`, and you can query monitoring information using SQL statements. Compared to the visualized monitoring before v4.0, you can use this SQL-based method to perform correlated queries on all the monitoring information of the entire cluster, and compare the results of different time periods to quickly identify performance bottlenecks. Because the TiDB cluster has many monitoring metrics, the SQL diagnostic system also provides monitoring summary tables, so you can find abnormal monitoring items more easily.

Automatic diagnostics: Although you can manually execute SQL statements to query cluster information tables, cluster monitoring tables, and summary tables to locate issues, the automatic diagnostics allows you to quickly locate common issues. The SQL diagnostic system performs automatic diagnostics based on the existing cluster information tables and monitoring tables, and provides relevant diagnostic result tables and diagnostic summary tables.

10.3.1.2 Cluster information tables

The cluster information tables bring together the information of all instances and instances in a cluster. With these tables, you can query all cluster information using only one SQL statement. The following is a list of cluster information tables:

- From the cluster topology table `information_schema.cluster_info`, you can get the current topology information of the cluster, the version of each instance, the Git Hash corresponding to the version, the starting time of each instance, and the running time of each instance.
- From the cluster configuration table `information_schema.cluster_config`, you can get the configuration of all instances in the cluster. For versions earlier than 4.0, you need to access the HTTP API of each instance one by one to get these configuration information.
- On the cluster hardware table `information_schema.cluster_hardware`, you can quickly query the cluster hardware information.
- On the cluster load table `information_schema.cluster_load`, you can query the load information of different instances and hardware types of the cluster.
- On the kernel parameter table `information_schema.cluster_systeminfo`, you can query the kernel configuration information of different instances in the cluster. Currently, TiDB supports querying the sysctl information.
- On the cluster log table `information_schema.cluster_log`, you can query cluster logs. By pushing down query conditions to each instance, the impact of the query on cluster performance is less than that of the `grep` command.

On the system tables earlier than TiDB v4.0, you can only view the current instance. TiDB v4.0 introduces the corresponding cluster tables and you can have a global view of the entire cluster on a single TiDB instance. These tables are currently in `information_schema`, and the query method is the same as other `information_schema` system tables.

10.3.1.3 Cluster monitoring tables

To dynamically observe and compare cluster conditions in different time periods, the SQL diagnostic system introduces cluster monitoring system tables. All monitoring tables are in `metrics_schema`, and you can query the monitoring information using SQL statements. Using this method, you can perform correlated queries on all monitoring information of the entire cluster and compare the results of different time periods to quickly identify performance bottlenecks.

- `information_schema.metrics_tables`: Because many system tables exist now, you can query meta-information of these monitoring tables on the `information_schema.metrics_tables` table.

Because the TiDB cluster has many monitoring metrics, TiDB provides the following monitoring summary tables in v4.0:

- The monitoring summary table `information_schema.metrics_summary` summarizes all monitoring data to for you to check each monitoring metric with higher efficiency.
- `information_schema.metrics_summary_by_label` also summarizes all monitoring data. Particularly, this table aggregates statistics using different labels of each monitoring metric.

10.3.1.4 Automatic diagnostics

On the cluster information tables and cluster monitoring tables above, you need to manually execute SQL statements to troubleshoot the cluster. TiDB v4.0 supports the automatic diagnostics. You can use diagnostic-related system tables based on the existing basic information tables, so that the diagnostics is automatically executed. The following are the system tables related to the automatic diagnostics:

- The diagnostic result table `information_schema.inspection_result` displays the diagnostic result of the system. The diagnostics is passively triggered. Executing `select * from inspection_result` triggers all diagnostic rules to diagnose the system, and the faults or risks in the system are displayed in the results.
- The diagnostic summary table `information_schema.inspection_summary` summarizes the monitoring information of a specific link or module. You can troubleshoot and locate problems based on the context of the entire module or link.

10.3.2 Statement Summary Tables

To better handle SQL performance issues, MySQL has provided statement summary tables in `performance_schema` to monitor SQL with statistics. Among these tables, `events_statements_summary_by_digest` is very useful in locating SQL problems with its abundant fields such as latency, execution times, rows scanned, and full table scans.

Therefore, starting from v4.0.0-rc.1, TiDB provides system tables in `information_schema` (*not* `performance_schema`) that are similar to `events_statements_summary_by_digest` in terms of features.

- statements_summary
- statements_summary_history
- cluster_statements_summary
- cluster_statements_summary_history
- statements_summary_evicted

> **Note:**
>
> The preceding tables are not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

This document details these tables and introduces how to use them to troubleshoot SQL performance issues.

10.3.2.1 `statements_summary`

`statements_summary` is a system table in `information_schema`. `statements_summary` groups the SQL statements by the resource group, the SQL digest and the plan digest, and provides statistics for each SQL category.

The "SQL digest" here means the same as used in slow logs, which is a unique identifier calculated through normalized SQL statements. The normalization process ignores constant, blank characters, and is case insensitive. Therefore, statements with consistent syntaxes have the same digest. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM employee WHERE id IN (1, 2, 3) AND salary BETWEEN 1000 AND
    ↪ 2000;
select * from EMPLOYEE where ID in (4, 5) and SALARY between 3000 and 4000;
```

After normalization, they are both of the following category:

```
select * from employee where id in (...) and salary between ? and ?;
```

The "plan digest" here refers to the unique identifier calculated through normalized execution plan. The normalization process ignores constants. The same SQL statements might be grouped into different categories because the same statements might have different execution plans. SQL statements of the same category have the same execution plan.

`statements_summary` stores the aggregated results of SQL monitoring metrics. In general, each of the monitoring metrics includes the maximum value and average value. For

example, the execution latency metric corresponds to two fields: `AVG_LATENCY` (average latency) and `MAX_LATENCY` (maximum latency).

To make sure that the monitoring metrics are up to date, data in the `statements_summary` table is periodically cleared, and only recent aggregated results are retained and displayed. The periodical data clearing is controlled by the `tidb_stmt_summary_refresh_interval` system variable. If you happen to make a query right after the clearing, the data displayed might be very little.

The following is a sample output of querying `statements_summary`:

```
  SUMMARY_BEGIN_TIME: 2020-01-02 11:00:00
    SUMMARY_END_TIME: 2020-01-02 11:30:00
          STMT_TYPE: Select
        SCHEMA_NAME: test
             DIGEST: 0611
                 ↪ cc2fe792f8c146cc97d39b31d9562014cf15f8d41f23a4938ca341f54182
                 ↪
        DIGEST_TEXT: select * from employee where id = ?
        TABLE_NAMES: test.employee
        INDEX_NAMES: NULL
        SAMPLE_USER: root
         EXEC_COUNT: 3
        SUM_LATENCY: 1035161
        MAX_LATENCY: 399594
        MIN_LATENCY: 301353
        AVG_LATENCY: 345053
    AVG_PARSE_LATENCY: 57000
    MAX_PARSE_LATENCY: 57000
  AVG_COMPILE_LATENCY: 175458
  MAX_COMPILE_LATENCY: 175458
  ............
              AVG_MEM: 103
              MAX_MEM: 103
              AVG_DISK: 65535
              MAX_DISK: 65535
    AVG_AFFECTED_ROWS: 0
          FIRST_SEEN: 2020-01-02 11:12:54
           LAST_SEEN: 2020-01-02 11:25:24
    QUERY_SAMPLE_TEXT: select * from employee where id=3100
     PREV_SAMPLE_TEXT:
          PLAN_DIGEST:
             ↪ f415b8d52640b535b9b12a9c148a8630d2c6d59e419aad29397842e32e8e5de3
             ↪
                PLAN: Point_Get_1   root    1       table:employee, handle:3100
```

Note:

- In TiDB, the time unit of fields in statement summary tables is nanosecond (ns), whereas in MySQL the time unit is picosecond (ps).
- Starting from v7.5.1 and v7.6.0, for clusters with resource control enabled, `statements_summary` will be aggregated by resource group, for example, the same statements executed in different resource groups will be collected as different records.

10.3.2.2 `statements_summary_history`

The table schema of `statements_summary_history` is identical to that of `statements_summary`. `statements_summary_history` saves the history data of a time range. By checking history data, you can troubleshoot anomalies and compare monitoring metrics of different time ranges.

The fields `SUMMARY_BEGIN_TIME` and `SUMMARY_END_TIME` represent the start time and the end time of the historical time range.

10.3.2.3 `statements_summary_evicted`

The `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` system variable limits the number of SQL digests that the `statements_summary` and `statements_summary_history` tables can store in memory totally. Once this limit is exceeded, TiDB evicts the least recently used SQL digests from both `statements_summary` and `statements_summary_history` tables.

Note:

When `tidb_stmt_summary_enable_persistent` is enabled, data in the `statements_summary_history` table is persisted to the disk. In this case, `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` only limits the number of SQL digests that the `statements_summary` table can store in memory, and TiDB evicts the least recently used SQL digests only from the `statements_summary` table when `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` is exceeded.

The `statements_summary_evicted` table records the period during which the eviction occurs and the number of SQL digests evicted during that period. This table helps you evaluate whether `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` is properly configured for your workload. If this table contains records, it indicates that the number of SQL digests exceeded `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` at some time point.

On the SQL statements page of TiDB Dashboard, the information about evicted statements is displayed in the `Others` row.

10.3.2.4 The `cluster` tables for statement summary

The `statements_summary`, `statements_summary_history`, and `statements_summary_evicted` tables only show the statement summary of a single TiDB server. To query the data of the entire cluster, you need to query the `cluster_statements_summary`, `cluster_statements_summary_history`, or `cluster_statements_summary_evicted` tables.

`cluster_statements_summary` displays the `statements_summary` data of each TiDB server. `cluster_statements_summary_history` displays the `statements_summary_history` data of each TiDB server. `cluster_statements_summary_evicted` displays the `statements_summary_evicted` data of each TiDB server. These tables use the `INSTANCE` field to represent the address of the TiDB server. The other fields are the same as those in `statements_summary`, `statements_summary_history`, and `statements_summary_evicted`.

10.3.2.5 Parameter configuration

The following system variables are used to control the statement summary:

- `tidb_enable_stmt_summary`: Determines whether to enable the statement summary feature. `1` represents `enable`, and `0` means `disable`. The feature is enabled by default. The statistics in the system table are cleared if this feature is disabled. The statistics are re-calculated next time this feature is enabled. Tests have shown that enabling this feature has little impact on performance.
- `tidb_stmt_summary_refresh_interval`: The interval at which the `statements_summary` table is refreshed. The time unit is second (s). The default value is `1800`.
- `tidb_stmt_summary_history_size`: The size of each SQL statement category stored in the `statements_summary_history` table, which is also the maximum number of records in the `statements_summary_evicted` table. The default value is `24`.
- `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count`: Limits the number of SQL digests that the `statements_summary` and `statements_summary_history` tables can store in memory totally. The default value is `3000`.

  Once this limit is exceeded, TiDB evicts the least recently used SQL digests from both `statements_summary` and `statements_summary_history` tables. These evicted digests are then counted in the `statements_summary_evicted` table.

Note:

- When a SQL digest is evicted, its related summary data of all time ranges is removed from both the `statements_summary` and `statements_summary_history` tables. As a result, even if the number of SQL digests within a specific time range does not exceed the limit, the number of SQL digests in the `statements_summary_history` table might be less than the actual number of SQL digests. If this situation occurs and affects performance, you are recommended to increase the value of `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count`.
- For TiDB Self-Managed, when `tidb_stmt_summary_enable_persistent` is enabled, data in the `statements_summary_history` table is persisted to the disk. In this case, `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` only limits the number of SQL digests that the `statements_summary` table can store in memory, and TiDB evicts the least recently used SQL digests only from the `statements_summary` table when `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` is exceeded.

- `tidb_stmt_summary_max_sql_length`: Specifies the longest display length of `DIGEST_TEXT` and `QUERY_SAMPLE_TEXT`. The default value is `4096`.
- `tidb_stmt_summary_internal_query`: Determines whether to count the TiDB SQL statements. `1` means to count, and `0` means not to count. The default value is `0`.

An example of the statement summary configuration is shown as follows:

```
set global tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count = 3000;
set global tidb_enable_stmt_summary = true;
set global tidb_stmt_summary_refresh_interval = 1800;
set global tidb_stmt_summary_history_size = 24;
```

After the preceding configuration takes effect, the `statements_summary` table is cleared every 30 minutes and the `statements_summary_history` table stores up to 3000 types of SQL statements. For each type, the `statements_summary_history` table stores data for the recent 24 periods. The `statements_summary_evicted` table records the recent 24 periods during which SQL statements are evicted from the statement summary. The `statements_summary_evicted` table is updated every 30 minutes.

Note:

- If a SQL type appears every minute, the `statements_summary_history` stores data for the most recent 12 hours. If a SQL type only appears from 00:00 to 00:30 every day, the `statements_summary_history` stores data for the most recent 24 periods, with each period being 1 day. Therefore, the `statements_summary_history` stores the most recent 24 days of data for this SQL type.
- The `tidb_stmt_summary_history_size`, `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count`, and `tidb_stmt_summary_max_sql_length` configuration items affect memory usage. It is recommended that you adjust these configurations based on your needs, the SQL size, SQL count, and machine configuration. It is not recommended to set them too large values. You can calculate the memory usage using `tidb_stmt_summary_history_size * tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count * tidb_stmt_summary_max_sql_length * 3`.

10.3.2.5.1 Set a proper size for statement summary

After the system has run for a period of time (depending on the system load), you can check the `statement_summary` table to see whether SQL eviction has occurred. For example:

```
select @@global.tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count;
select count(*) from information_schema.statements_summary;
```

```
+-----------------------------------------+
| @@global.tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count |
+-----------------------------------------+
| 3000                                    |
+-----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.001 sec)

+----------+
| count(*) |
+----------+
|     3001 |
+----------+
1 row in set (0.001 sec)
```

You can see that the `statements_summary` table is full of records. Then check the evicted data from the `statements_summary_evicted` table:

```
select * from information_schema.statements_summary_evicted;
```

```
+--------------------+--------------------+---------------+
```

```
| BEGIN_TIME          | END_TIME            | EVICTED_COUNT |
+---------------------+---------------------+---------------+
| 2020-01-02 16:30:00 | 2020-01-02 17:00:00 |     59 |
+---------------------+---------------------+---------------+
| 2020-01-02 16:00:00 | 2020-01-02 16:30:00 |     45 |
+---------------------+---------------------+---------------+
2 row in set (0.001 sec)
```

From the preceding result, you can see that a maximum of 59 SQL categories are evicted. In this case, it is recommended that you increase the size of the `statement_summary` table by at least 59 records, which means increasing the size to at least 3059 records.

10.3.2.6 Limitation

By default, statements summary tables are saved in memory. When a TiDB server restarts, all data will be lost.

To address this issue, TiDB v6.6.0 experimentally introduces the statement summary persistence feature, which is disabled by default. After this feature is enabled, the history data is no longer saved in memory, but directly written to disks. In this way, the history data is still available if a TiDB server restarts.

10.3.2.7 Persist statements summary

> **Warning:**
>
> Statements summary persistence is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

As described in the Limitation section, statements summary tables are saved in memory by default. Once a TiDB server restarts, all the statements summary will be lost. Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB experimentally provides the configuration item `tidb_stmt_summary_enable_persistent` to allow users to enable or disable statements summary persistence.

To enable statements summary persistence, you can add the following configuration items to the TiDB configuration file:

```
[instance]
tidb_stmt_summary_enable_persistent = true
### The following entries use the default values, which can be modified as
    ↪ needed.
### tidb_stmt_summary_filename = "tidb-statements.log"
```

```
### tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_days = 3
### tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_size = 64 # MiB
### tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_backups = 0
```

After statements summary persistence is enabled, the memory keeps only the current real-time data and no history data. Once the real-time data is refreshed as history data, the history data is written to the disk at an interval of `tidb_stmt_summary_refresh_interval` described in the Parameter configuration section. Queries on the `statements_summary_history` or `cluster_statements_summary_history` table will return results combining both in-memory and on-disk data.

Note:

- When statements summary persistence is enabled, the `tidb_stmt_summary_history_size` configuration described in the Parameter configuration section will no longer take effect because the memory does not keep the history data. Instead, the following three configurations will be used to control the retention period and size of history data for persistence: `tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_days`, `tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_size`, and `tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_backups`.
- The smaller the value of `tidb_stmt_summary_refresh_interval`, the more immediate data is written to the disk. However, this also means more redundant data is written to the disk.

10.3.2.8 Troubleshooting examples

This section provides two examples to show how to use the statement summary feature to troubleshoot SQL performance issues.

10.3.2.8.1 Could high SQL latency be caused by the server end?

In this example, the client shows slow performance with point queries on the `employee` table. You can perform a fuzzy search on SQL texts:

```
SELECT avg_latency, exec_count, query_sample_text
    FROM information_schema.statements_summary
    WHERE digest_text LIKE 'select * from employee%';
```

`1ms` and `0.3ms` are considered within the normal range of `avg_latency`. Therefore, it can be concluded that the server end is not the cause. You can troubleshoot with the client or the network.

```
+-------------+-----------+-----------------------------------------+
| avg_latency | exec_count | query_sample_text                      |
+-------------+-----------+-----------------------------------------+
|     1042040 |         2 | select * from employee where name='eric' |
|      345053 |         3 | select * from employee where id=3100 |
+-------------+-----------+-----------------------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

10.3.2.8.2 Which categories of SQL statements consume the longest total time?

If the QPS decrease significantly from 10:00 to 10:30, you can find out the three categories of SQL statements with the longest time consumption from the history table:

```
SELECT sum_latency, avg_latency, exec_count, query_sample_text
    FROM information_schema.statements_summary_history
    WHERE summary_begin_time='2020-01-02 10:00:00'
    ORDER BY sum_latency DESC LIMIT 3;
```

The result shows that the following three categories of SQL statements consume the longest time in total, which need to be optimized with high priority.

```
+--
    ↪ -----------+-------------+-----------+-----------------------------------
    ↪
| sum_latency | avg_latency | exec_count | query_sample_text
    ↪                                       |
+--
    ↪ -----------+-------------+-----------+-----------------------------------
    ↪
|     7855660 |    1122237 |         7 | select avg(salary) from employee
    ↪ where company_id=2013       |
|     7241960 |    1448392 |         5 | select * from employee join company
    ↪ on employee.company_id=company.id |
|     2084081 |    1042040 |         2 | select * from employee where name='
    ↪ eric'                     |
+--
    ↪ -----------+-------------+-----------+-----------------------------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

10.3.2.9 Fields description

10.3.2.9.1 `statements_summary` fields description

The following are descriptions of fields in the `statements_summary` table.

Basic fields:

- `STMT_TYPE`: SQL statement type.
- `SCHEMA_NAME`: The current schema in which SQL statements of this category are executed.
- `DIGEST`: The digest of SQL statements of this category.
- `DIGEST_TEXT`: The normalized SQL statement.
- `QUERY_SAMPLE_TEXT`: The original SQL statements of the SQL category. Only one original statement is taken.
- `TABLE_NAMES`: All tables involved in SQL statements. If there is more than one table, each is separated by a comma.
- `INDEX_NAMES`: All SQL indexes used in SQL statements. If there is more than one index, each is separated by a comma.
- `SAMPLE_USER`: The users who execute SQL statements of this category. Only one user is taken.
- `PLAN_DIGEST`: The digest of the execution plan.
- `PLAN`: The original execution plan. If there are multiple statements, the plan of only one statement is taken.
- `BINARY_PLAN`: The original execution plan encoded in binary format. If there are multiple statements, the plan of only one statement is taken. Execute the `SELECT tidb_decode_binary_plan('xxx...')` statement to parse the specific execution plan.
- `PLAN_CACHE_HITS`: The total number of times that SQL statements of this category hit the plan cache.
- `PLAN_IN_CACHE`: Indicates whether the previous execution of SQL statements of this category hit the plan cache.
- `PLAN_CACHE_UNQUALIFIED`: The number of times that the SQL statements of this category fail to hit the plan cache.
- `PLAN_CACHE_UNQUALIFIED_LAST_REASON`: The reason why the SQL statements of this category fail to hit the plan cache last time.

Fields related to execution time:

- `SUMMARY_BEGIN_TIME`: The beginning time of the current summary period.
- `SUMMARY_END_TIME`: The ending time of the current summary period.
- `FIRST_SEEN`: The time when SQL statements of this category are seen for the first time.
- `LAST_SEEN`: The time when SQL statements of this category are seen for the last time.

Fields related to TiDB server:

- `EXEC_COUNT`: Total execution times of SQL statements of this category.
- `SUM_ERRORS`: The sum of errors occurred during execution.
- `SUM_WARNINGS`: The sum of warnings occurred during execution.
- `SUM_LATENCY`: The total execution latency of SQL statements of this category.
- `MAX_LATENCY`: The maximum execution latency of SQL statements of this category.
- `MIN_LATENCY`: The minimum execution latency of SQL statements of this category.
- `AVG_LATENCY`: The average execution latency of SQL statements of this category.
- `AVG_PARSE_LATENCY`: The average latency of the parser.
- `MAX_PARSE_LATENCY`: The maximum latency of the parser.
- `AVG_COMPILE_LATENCY`: The average latency of the compiler.
- `MAX_COMPILE_LATENCY`: The maximum latency of the compiler.
- `AVG_MEM`: The average memory (byte) used.
- `MAX_MEM`: The maximum memory (byte) used.
- `AVG_DISK`: The average disk space (byte) used.
- `MAX_DISK`: The maximum disk space (byte) used.
- `AVG_TIDB_CPU_TIME`: The average TiDB server CPU time that SQL statements of this category consume. It shows meaningful values only when the Top SQL feature is enabled. Otherwise the value is always `0`.

Fields related to TiKV Coprocessor task:

- `SUM_COP_TASK_NUM`: The total number of Coprocessor requests sent.
- `MAX_COP_PROCESS_TIME`: The maximum execution time of Coprocessor tasks.
- `MAX_COP_PROCESS_ADDRESS`: The address of the Coprocessor task with the maximum execution time.
- `MAX_COP_WAIT_TIME`: The maximum waiting time of Coprocessor tasks.
- `MAX_COP_WAIT_ADDRESS`: The address of the Coprocessor task with the maximum waiting time.
- `AVG_PROCESS_TIME`: The average processing time of SQL statements in TiKV.
- `MAX_PROCESS_TIME`: The maximum processing time of SQL statements in TiKV.
- `AVG_WAIT_TIME`: The average waiting time of SQL statements in TiKV.
- `MAX_WAIT_TIME`: The maximum waiting time of SQL statements in TiKV.
- `AVG_BACKOFF_TIME`: The average waiting time before retry when a SQL statement encounters an error that requires a retry.
- `MAX_BACKOFF_TIME`: The maximum waiting time before retry when a SQL statement encounters an error that requires a retry.
- `AVG_TOTAL_KEYS`: The average number of keys that Coprocessor has scanned.
- `MAX_TOTAL_KEYS`: The maximum number of keys that Coprocessor has scanned.
- `AVG_PROCESSED_KEYS`: The average number of keys that Coprocessor has processed. Compared with `avg_total_keys`, `avg_processed_keys` does not include the old versions of MVCC. A great difference between `avg_total_keys` and `avg_processed_keys` indicates that many old versions exist.
- `MAX_PROCESSED_KEYS`: The maximum number of keys that Coprocessor has processed.
- `AVG_TIKV_CPU_TIME`: The average TiKV server CPU time that SQL statements of this category consume.

Transaction-related fields:

- `AVG_PREWRITE_TIME`: The average time of the prewrite phase.
- `MAX_PREWRITE_TIME`: The longest time of the prewrite phase.
- `AVG_COMMIT_TIME`: The average time of the commit phase.
- `MAX_COMMIT_TIME`: The longest time of the commit phase.
- `AVG_GET_COMMIT_TS_TIME`: The average time of getting `commit_ts`.
- `MAX_GET_COMMIT_TS_TIME`: The longest time of getting `commit_ts`.
- `AVG_COMMIT_BACKOFF_TIME`: The average waiting time before retry when a SQL statement encounters an error that requires a retry during the commit phase.
- `MAX_COMMIT_BACKOFF_TIME`: The maximum waiting time before retry when a SQL statement encounters an error that requires a retry during the commit phase.
- `AVG_RESOLVE_LOCK_TIME`: The average time for resolving lock conflicts occurred between transactions.
- `MAX_RESOLVE_LOCK_TIME`: The longest time for resolving lock conflicts occurred between transactions.
- `AVG_LOCAL_LATCH_WAIT_TIME`: The average waiting time of the local transaction.
- `MAX_LOCAL_LATCH_WAIT_TIME`: The maximum waiting time of the local transaction.
- `AVG_WRITE_KEYS`: The average count of written keys.
- `MAX_WRITE_KEYS`: The maximum count of written keys.
- `AVG_WRITE_SIZE`: The average amount of written data (in byte).
- `MAX_WRITE_SIZE`: The maximum amount of written data (in byte).
- `AVG_PREWRITE_REGIONS`: The average number of Regions involved in the prewrite phase.
- `MAX_PREWRITE_REGIONS`: The maximum number of Regions during the prewrite phase.
- `AVG_TXN_RETRY`: The average number of transaction retries.
- `MAX_TXN_RETRY`: The maximum number of transaction retries.
- `SUM_BACKOFF_TIMES`: The sum of retries when SQL statements of this category encounter errors that require a retry.
- `BACKOFF_TYPES`: All types of errors that require retries and the number of retries for each type. The format of the field is `type:number`. If there is more than one error type, each is separated by a comma, like `txnLock:2,pdRPC:1`.
- `AVG_AFFECTED_ROWS`: The average number of rows affected.
- `PREV_SAMPLE_TEXT`: When the current SQL statement is `COMMIT`, `PREV_SAMPLE_TEXT` is the previous statement to `COMMIT`. In this case, SQL statements are grouped by the digest and `prev_sample_text`. This means that `COMMIT` statements with different `prev_sample_text` are grouped to different rows. When the current SQL statement is not `COMMIT`, the `PREV_SAMPLE_TEXT` field is an empty string.

Fields related to Resource Control:

- `AVG_REQUEST_UNIT_WRITE`: the average number of write RUs consumed by SQL statements.
- `MAX_REQUEST_UNIT_WRITE`: the maximum number of write RUs consumed by SQL statements.

- `AVG_REQUEST_UNIT_READ`: the average number of read RUs consumed by SQL statements.
- `MAX_REQUEST_UNIT_READ`: the maximum number of read RUs consumed by SQL statements.
- `AVG_QUEUED_RC_TIME`: the average waiting time for available RU when executing SQL statements.
- `MAX_QUEUED_RC_TIME`: the maximum waiting time for available RU when executing SQL statements.
- `RESOURCE_GROUP`: the resource group bound to SQL statements.

10.3.2.9.2 `statements_summary_evicted` fields description

- `BEGIN_TIME`: Records the starting time.
- `END_TIME`: Records the ending time.
- `EVICTED_COUNT`: The number of SQL categories that are evicted during the record period.

10.3.3 Identify Expensive Queries

TiDB allows you to identify expensive queries during SQL execution, so you can diagnose and improve the performance of SQL execution. Specifically, TiDB prints the information about statements whose execution time exceeds `tidb_expensive_query_time_threshold` (60 seconds by default) or memory usage exceeds `tidb_mem_quota_query` (1 GB by default) to the tidb-server log file ("tidb.log" by default).

> **Note:**
>
> The expensive query log differs from the slow query log in this way: TiDB prints statement information to the expensive query log **as soon as** the statement exceeds the threshold of resource usage (execution time or memory usage); while TiDB prints statement information to the slow query log **after** the statement execution.

10.3.3.1 Expensive query log example

```
[expensivequery.go:145] [expensive_query] [cost_time=60.021998785s] [cop_
    ↪ time=0.022540151s] [process_time=28.448316643s] [wait_time
    ↪ =0.045507163s] [request_count=430] [total_keys=3538276] [process_keys
    ↪ =3537846] [num_cop_tasks=430] [process_avg_time=0.066158875s] [
    ↪ process_p90_time=0.140427865s] [process_max_time=0.27903656s] [
    ↪ process_max_addr=tikv-1-peer:20160] [wait_avg_time=0.00010583s] [wait
    ↪ _p90_time=0.000358794s] [wait_max_time=0.001218721s] [wait_max_addr=
```

```
↪ tikv-1-peer:20160] [stats=usertable:451469035823955972] [conn
↪ =1621098504] [user=root] [database=test] [table_ids="[104]"] [txn_
↪ start_ts=451469037501677571] [mem_max="621043469 Bytes (592.3 MB)"] [
↪ sql="insert /*+ SET_VAR(tidb_dml_type=bulk) */ into usertable_2
↪ select * from usertable limit 5000000"] [session_alias=] ["affected
↪ rows"=3505282]]
```

10.3.3.2 Fields description

Basic fields:

- `cost_time`: The execution time of a statement when the log is printed.
- `stats`: The version of statistics used by the tables or indexes involved in a statement. If the value is `pseudo`, it means that there are no available statistics. In this case, you need to analyze the tables or indexes.
- `table_ids`: The IDs of the tables involved in a statement.
- `txn_start_ts`: The start timestamp and the unique ID of a transaction. You can use this value to search for the transaction-related logs.
- `sql`: The sql statement.
- `session_alias`: The alias of the current session.
- `affected rows`: The number of rows currently affected by the statement.

Memory usage related fields:

- `mem_max`: Memory usage of a statement when the log is printed. This field has two kinds of units to measure memory usage: byte and other readable and adaptable units (such as MB and GB).

User related fields:

- `user`: The name of the user who executes the statement.
- `conn_id`: The connection ID (session ID). For example, you can use the keyword `con:60026` to search for the log whose session ID is `60026`.
- `database`: The database where the statement is executed.

TiKV Coprocessor task related fields:

- `wait_time`: The total waiting time of all Coprocessor requests of a statement in TiKV. Because the Coprocessor of TiKV runs a limited number of threads, requests might queue up when all threads of Coprocessor are working. When a request in the queue takes a long time to process, the waiting time of the subsequent requests increases.
- `request_count`: The number of Coprocessor requests that a statement sends.
- `total_keys`: The number of keys that Coprocessor has scanned.

- `processed_keys`: The number of keys that Coprocessor has processed. Compared with `total_keys`, `processed_keys` does not include the old versions of MVCC. A great difference between `processed_keys` and `total_keys` indicates that many old versions exist.
- `num_cop_tasks`: The number of Coprocessor requests that a statement sends.
- `process_avg_time`: The average execution time of Coprocessor tasks.
- `process_p90_time`: The P90 execution time of Coprocessor tasks.
- `process_max_time`: The maximum execution time of Coprocessor tasks.
- `process_max_addr`: The address of the Coprocessor task with the longest execution time.
- `wait_avg_time`: The average waiting time of Coprocessor tasks.
- `wait_p90_time`: The P90 waiting time of Coprocessor tasks.
- `wait_max_time`: The maximum waiting time of Coprocessor tasks.
- `wait_max_addr`: The address of the Coprocessor task with the longest waiting time.

10.3.4 Use PLAN REPLAYER to Save and Restore the On-Site Information of a Cluster

When you locate and troubleshoot the issues of a TiDB cluster, you often need to provide information on the system and the execution plan. To help you get the information and troubleshoot cluster issues in a more convenient and efficient way, the `PLAN REPLAYER` ↪ command is introduced in TiDB v5.3.0. This command enables you to easily save and restore the on-site information of a cluster, improves the efficiency of troubleshooting, and helps you more easily archive the issue for management.

The features of `PLAN REPLAYER` are as follows:

- Exports the information of a TiDB cluster at an on-site troubleshooting to a ZIP-formatted file for storage.
- Imports into a cluster the ZIP-formatted file exported from another TiDB cluster. This file contains the information of the latter TiDB cluster at an on-site troubleshooting.

10.3.4.1 Use `PLAN REPLAYER` to export cluster information

You can use `PLAN REPLAYER` to save the on-site information of a TiDB cluster. The export interface is as follows:

```
PLAN REPLAYER DUMP [WITH STATS AS OF TIMESTAMP expression] EXPLAIN [ANALYZE
    ↪ ] sql-statement;
```

Based on `sql-statement`, TiDB sorts out and exports the following on-site information:

- TiDB version
- TiDB configuration
- TiDB session variables

- TiDB SQL bindings
- The table schema in `sql-statement`
- The statistics of the table in `sql-statement`
- The result of `EXPLAIN [ANALYZE] sql-statement`
- Some internal procedures of query optimization

If historical statistics are enabled, you can specify a time in the `PLAN REPLAYER` statement to get the historical statistics for the corresponding time. You can directly specify a time and date or specify a timestamp. TiDB looks for the historical statistics before the specified time and exports the latest one among them.

If there are no historical statistics before the specified time, TiDB exports the latest statistics, which is consistent with the behavior when no time is specified. In addition, TiDB prints the error messages in the `errors.txt` file within the exported `ZIP` file.

> **Note:**
>
> `PLAN REPLAYER` **DOES NOT** export any table data.

10.3.4.1.1 Examples of exporting cluster information

```
use test;
create table t(a int, b int);
insert into t values(1,1), (2, 2), (3, 3);
analyze table t;

plan replayer dump explain select * from t;
plan replayer dump with stats as of timestamp '2023-07-17 12:00:00' explain
    ↪  select * from t;
plan replayer dump with stats as of timestamp '442012134592479233' explain
    ↪ select * from t;
```

`PLAN REPLAYER DUMP` packages the table information above into a `ZIP` file and returns the file identifier as the execution result.

> **Note:**
>
> The `ZIP` file is stored in a TiDB cluster for at most one hour. After one hour, TiDB will delete it.

```
MySQL [test]> plan replayer dump explain select * from t;
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| Dump_link                                                       |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| replayer_JOGvpu4t7dssySqJfTtS4A==_1635750890568691080.zip |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.015 sec)
```

Alternatively, you can use the session variable `tidb_last_plan_replayer_token` to obtain the result of the last `PLAN REPLAYER DUMP` execution.

```
SELECT @@tidb_last_plan_replayer_token;
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| @@tidb_last_plan_replayer_token                           |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| replayer_Fdamsm3C7ZiPJ-LQqgVjkA==_1663304195885090000.zip |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

When there are multiple SQL statements, you can obtain the result of the `PLAN REPLAYER DUMP` execution using a file. The results of multiple SQL statements are separated by `;` in this file.

```
plan replayer dump explain 'sqls.txt';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)
```

```
SELECT @@tidb_last_plan_replayer_token;
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| @@tidb_last_plan_replayer_token                           |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| replayer_LEDKg8sb-K0u24QesiH8ig==_1663226556509182000.zip |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Because the file cannot be downloaded on MySQL Client, you need to use the TiDB HTTP interface and the file identifier to download the file:

```
http://${tidb-server-ip}:${tidb-server-status-port}/plan_replayer/dump/${
    ↪ file_token}
```

`${tidb-server-ip}:${tidb-server-status-port}` is the address of any TiDB server in the cluster. For example:

```
curl http://127.0.0.1:10080/plan_replayer/dump/replayer_
    ↪ JOGvpu4t7dssySqJfTtS4A==_1635750890568691080.zip > plan_replayer.zip
```

10.3.4.2 Use `PLAN REPLAYER` to import cluster information

> **Warning:**
>
> When you import the on-site information of a TiDB cluster to another cluster, the TiDB session variables, SQL bindings, table schemas and statistics of the latter cluster are modified.

With an existing `ZIP` file exported using `PLAN REPLAYER`, you can use the `PLAN REPLAYER` import interface to restore the on-site information of a cluster to any other TiDB cluster. The syntax is as follows:

```
PLAN REPLAYER LOAD 'file_name';
```

In the statement above, `file_name` is the name of the `ZIP` file to be imported.

For example:

```
PLAN REPLAYER LOAD 'plan_replayer.zip';
```

> **Note:**
>
> You need to disable auto analyze. Otherwise the imported statistics will be overwritten by analyze.

You can disable auto analyze by setting the `tidb_enable_auto_analyze` system variable to `OFF`:

```
set @@global.tidb_enable_auto_analyze = OFF;
```

After the cluster information is imported, the TiDB cluster is loaded with the required table schema, statistics and other information that affects the construction of the execution plan. You can view the execution plan and verify statistics in the following way:

```
mysql> desc t;
+-------+------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
```

```
+-------+------+------+------+---------+-------+
| a     | int  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| b     | int  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
+-------+------+------+------+---------+-------+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> explain select * from t where a = 1 or b =1;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+-------------+-----------------
   ↪
| id                     | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
   ↪                    |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+-------------+-----------------
   ↪
| TableReader_7          | 0.01    | root     |               | data:Selection_6
   ↪                   |
|  ─Selection_6          | 0.01    | cop[tikv] |              | or(eq(test.t.a,
   ↪ 1), eq(test.t.b, 1)) |
|    ─TableFullScan_5    | 6.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t      | keep order:false,
   ↪  stats:pseudo  |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+-------------+-----------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> show stats_meta;
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+--------------------+-------------+-----
   ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Update_time | Modify_count | Row_
   ↪ count |
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+--------------------+-------------+-----
   ↪
| test    | t          |               | 2022-08-26 15:52:07 |           3 |
   ↪        6 |
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+--------------------+-------------+-----
   ↪
1 row in set (0.04 sec)
```

After the scene is loaded and restored, you can diagnose and improve the execution plan for the cluster.

Note:

If you use the `mysql` command-line client and encounter `ERROR 2068 (HY000): LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE file request rejected due to restrictions on access.`, you can add `--local-infile=true` in the connection string.

10.3.4.3 Use `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` to capture target plans

When you locate the execution plan of TiDB in some scenarios, the target SQL statement and the target execution plan might only appear occasionally in the query, so you cannot directly capture the statement and the plan using `PLAN REPLAYER`. In such cases, you can use `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` to help you capture the optimizer information of the target SQL statement and the target plan.

`PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` has the following main features:

- Registers the target SQL statement and the digest of the target execution plan in the TiDB cluster in advance, and starts matching the target query.
- When the target query is matched successfully, directly captures its optimizer-related information and exports it as a ZIP file.
- For each matched SQL and execution plan, the information is only captured once.
- Displays the ongoing matching tasks and generated files through the system table.
- Periodically cleans up historical files.

10.3.4.3.1 Enable `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE`

`PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` is controlled by the system variable `tidb_enable_plan_replayer_capture`. To enable `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE`, set the value of the system variable to `ON`.

10.3.4.3.2 Use `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE`

You can register the digest of the target SQL statement and execution plan in the TiDB cluster using the following statement:

```
PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE 'sql_digest' 'plan_digest';
```

If the target SQL statement has multiple execution plans and you want to capture all execution plans, you can register all the execution plans at once using the following statement:

```
PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE 'sql_digest' '*';
```

10.3.4.3.3 View the capture tasks

You can view the ongoing capture tasks of `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` in the TiDB cluster using the following statement:

```
mysql> PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE 'example_sql' 'example_plan';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM mysql.plan_replayer_task;
+-------------+--------------+---------------------+
| sql_digest | plan_digest | update_time     |
+-------------+--------------+---------------------+
| example_sql | example_plan | 2023-01-28 11:58:22 |
+-------------+--------------+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

10.3.4.3.4 View the capture results

After `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` successfully captures the result, you can view the token used for file download using the following SQL statement:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM mysql.plan_replayer_status;
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------+--------------
   ↪
| sql_digest                                                         | plan_digest
   ↪                                                                  | origin_sql | token
   ↪                                                                 | update_time      | fail_
   ↪ reason | instance    |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------+--------------
   ↪
| 086e3fbd2732f7671c17f299d4320689deeeb87ba031240e1e598a0ca14f808c | 042
   ↪ de2a6652a6d20afc629ff90b8507b7587a1c7e1eb122c3e0b808b1d80cc02 | |
   ↪ replayer_Utah4nkz2sIEzkks7tIRog==_1668746293523179156.zip |
   ↪ 2022-11-18 12:38:13 | NULL | 172.16.4.4:4022 |
| b5b38322b7be560edb04f33f15b15a885e7c6209a22b56b0804622e397199b54 | 1770
   ↪ efeb3f91936e095f0344b629562bf1b204f6e46439b7d8f842319297c3b5 | |
   ↪ replayer_Z2mUXNHDjU_WBmGdWQqifw==_1668746293560115314.zip |
   ↪ 2022-11-18 12:38:13 | NULL | 172.16.4.4:4022 |
| 96d00c0b3f08795fe94e2d712fa1078ab7809faf4e81d198f276c0dede818cf9 | 8892
   ↪ f74ac2a42c2c6b6152352bc491b5c07c73ac3ed66487b2c990909bae83e8 | |
   ↪ replayer_RZcRHJB7BaCccxFfOIAhWg==_1668746293578282450.zip |
   ↪ 2022-11-18 12:38:13 | NULL | 172.16.4.4:4022 |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------+--------------
```

```
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The method of downloading the file of `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` is the same as that of `PLAN REPLAYER`. For details, see Examples of exporting cluster information.

> **Note:**
>
> The result file of `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` is kept in the TiDB cluster for up to one week. After one week, TiDB deletes the file.

10.3.4.3.5 Remove the capture tasks

If a capture task is no longer needed, you can remove it using the `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE REMOVE` statement. For example:

```
mysql> PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE '077
    ↪ a87a576e42360c95530ccdac7a1771c4efba17619e26be50a4cfd967204a0' '4838
    ↪ af52c1e07fc8694761ad193d16a689b2128bc5ced9d13beb31ae27b370ce';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM mysql.plan_replayer_task;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------+--------------
    ↪
| sql_digest                                                       | plan_digest
    ↪                                                  | update_time         |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------+--------------
    ↪
| 077a87a576e42360c95530ccdac7a1771c4efba17619e26be50a4cfd967204a0 | 4838
    ↪ af52c1e07fc8694761ad193d16a689b2128bc5ced9d13beb31ae27b370ce |
    ↪ 2024-05-21 11:26:10 |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------+--------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE REMOVE '077
    ↪ a87a576e42360c95530ccdac7a1771c4efba17619e26be50a4cfd967204a0' '4838
    ↪ af52c1e07fc8694761ad193d16a689b2128bc5ced9d13beb31ae27b370ce';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM mysql.plan_replayer_task;
Empty set (0.01 sec)
```

10.3.4.4 Use PLAN REPLAYER CONTINUOUS CAPTURE

After PLAN REPLAYER CONTINUOUS CAPTURE is enabled, TiDB asynchronously records the applications' SQL statements with the PLAN REPLAYER method according to their SQL DIGEST and PLAN DIGEST. For SQL statements and execution plans that share the same DIGEST, PLAN REPLAYER CONTINUOUS CAPTURE does not record them repeatedly.

10.3.4.4.1 Enable PLAN REPLAYER CONTINUOUS CAPTURE

PLAN REPLAYER CONTINUOUS CAPTURE is controlled by the system variable tidb_enable_plan_replayer_continuous_capture. To enable PLAN REPLAYER CONTINUOUS CAPTURE, set the value of the system variable to ON.

10.3.4.4.2 View the capture results

The method of viewing the capture results of PLAN REPLAYER CONTINUOUS CAPTURE is the same as that of Viewing the capture results of PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE.

10.3.5 Understanding Stale Read and safe-ts in TiKV

In this guide, you can learn about Stale Read and safe-ts in TiKV and how to diagnose common issues related to Stale Read.

10.3.5.1 Overview of Stale Read and safe-ts

Stale Read is a mechanism that TiDB applies to read historical versions of data stored in TiDB. In TiKV, Stale Read relies on safe-ts. If a read request on a Region peer has a timestamp (ts) that is less than or equal to the Region's safe-ts, TiDB can safely read the data from the peer. TiKV implements this safety guarantee by ensuring that safe-ts is always less than or equal to resolved-ts.

10.3.5.2 Understand safe-ts and resolved-ts

This section explains the concepts and maintenance of safe-ts and resolved-ts.

10.3.5.2.1 What is safe-ts?

The safe-ts is a timestamp that each peer in a Region maintains. It ensures that all transactions with a timestamp less than this value have been applied locally, which enables local Stale Read.

10.3.5.2.2 What is resolved-ts?

The resolved-ts is a timestamp that guarantees all transactions with a timestamp less than this value have been applied by the leader. Unlike safe-ts, which is a peer concept, resolved-ts is only maintained by the Region leader. Followers might have a smaller apply index than the leader, so resolved-ts cannot be directly treated as safe-ts in followers.

10.3.5.2.3 The maintenance of safe-ts

The `RegionReadProgress` module maintains safe-ts. The Region leader maintains resolved-ts and periodically sends its resolved-ts, the minimum required apply index (which validates this resolved-ts), and the Region itself to the `RegionReadProgerss` modules of all replicas via the CheckLeader RPC.

When a peer applies data, it updates the apply index and checks if any pending resolved-ts can become the new safe-ts.

10.3.5.2.4 The maintenance of resolved-ts

The Region leader uses a resolver to manage resolved-ts. This resolver tracks locks in the LOCK CF (Column Family) by receiving change logs when Raft applies. When initialized, the resolver scans the entire Region to track locks.

10.3.5.3 Diagnose Stale Read issues

This section introduces how to diagnose Stale Read issues using Grafana, `tikv-ctl`, and logs.

10.3.5.3.1 Identify issues

In the Grafana > TiDB dashboard > **KV Request** dashboard, the following panels show the hit rate, OPS, and traffic of Stale Read:

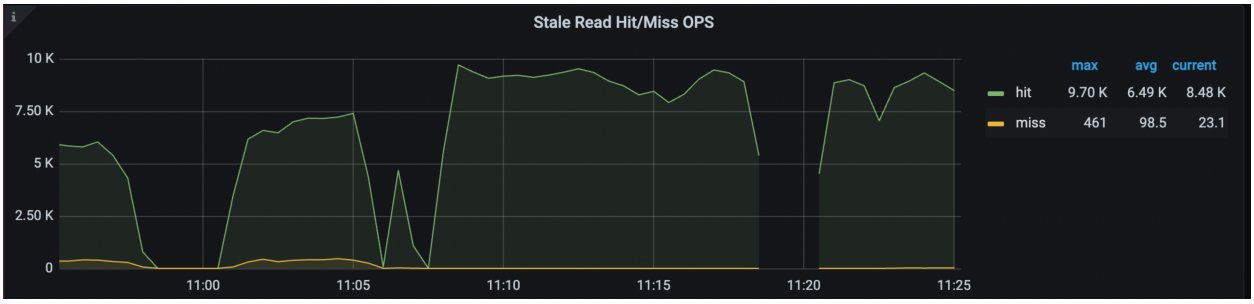


Figure 343: Stale Read Hit/Miss OPS

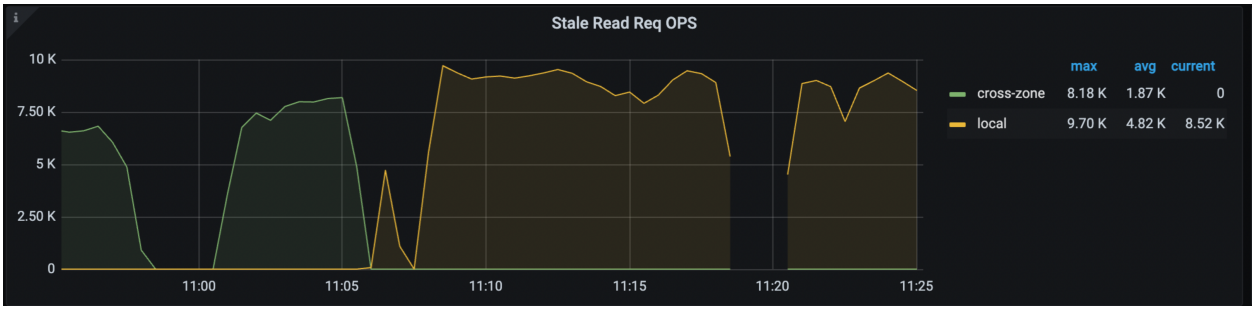


Figure 344: Stale Read Req OPS

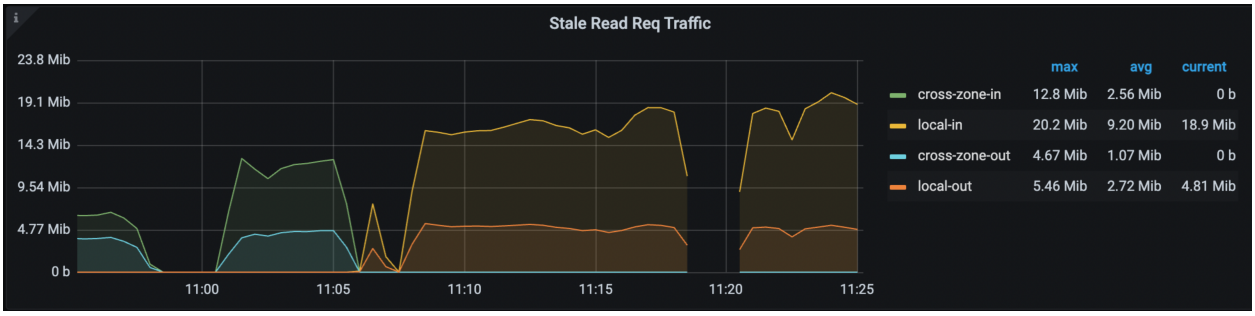


Figure 345: Stale Read Req Traffic

For more information about the preceding metrics, see TiDB monitoring metrics.

When Stale Read issues occur, you might notice changes in the preceding metrics. The most direct indicator is a WARN log from TiDB, which reports `DataIsNotReady` with a Region ID and the `safe-ts` it encounters.

10.3.5.3.2 Common causes

The most common causes that can impact the effectiveness of Stale Read are as follows:

- Transactions that take long time to commit.
- Transactions live too long before they commit.
- Delays in pushing the information of CheckLeader from the leader to the follower.

10.3.5.3.3 Use Grafana to diagnose

In the **TiKV-Details > Resolved-TS** dashboard, you can identify the Region with the smallest resolved-ts and safe-ts for each TiKV. If these timestamps are significantly behind real-time, you need to check the details of these Regions using `tikv-ctl`.

10.3.5.3.4 Use `tikv-ctl` to diagnose

`tikv-ctl` provides up-to-date details of the resolver and `RegionReadProgress`. For more details, see Get the state of a Region's `RegionReadProgress`.

The following is an example:

```
./tikv-ctl --host 127.0.0.1:20160 get-region-read-progress -r 14 --log --
    ↪ min-start-ts 0
```

The output is as follows:

```
Region read progress:
    exist: true,
    safe_ts: 0,
    applied_index: 92,
    pending front item (oldest) ts: 0,
    pending front item (oldest) applied index: 0,
    pending back item (latest) ts: 0,
    pending back item (latest) applied index: 0,
    paused: false,
Resolver:
    exist: true,
    resolved_ts: 0,
    tracked index: 92,
    number of locks: 0,
    number of transactions: 0,
    stopped: false,
```

The preceding output helps you determine:

- Whether locks are blocking resolved-ts.
- Whether the apply index is too small to update safe-ts.
- Whether the leader is sending a sufficiently updated resolved-ts when a follower peer exists.

10.3.5.3.5 Use logs to diagnose

Every 10 seconds, TiKV checks the following metrics:

- The Region leader whose resolved-ts is the minimal
- The Region follower whose safe-ts is the minimal
- The Region follower whose resolved-ts is the minimal

If any of these timestamps is abnormally small, TiKV prints a log.

These logs are especially useful when you want to diagnose a historical problem that is no longer present.

The following shows an example of the logs:

```
[2023/08/29 16:48:18.118 +08:00] [INFO] [endpoint.rs:505] ["the max gap of
    ↪ leader resolved-ts is large"] [last_resolve_attempt="Some(LastAttempt
    ↪  { success: false, ts: TimeStamp(443888082736381953), reason: \"lock
    ↪ \", lock: Some(748000000000000625F728000000002512B5C) })"] [duration
    ↪ _to_last_update_safe_ts=10648ms] [min_memory_lock=None] [txn_num=0] [
    ↪ lock_num=0] [min_lock=None] [safe_ts=443888117326544897] [gap=110705
    ↪ ms] [region_id=291]

[2023/08/29 16:48:18.118 +08:00] [INFO] [endpoint.rs:526] ["the max gap of
    ↪ follower safe-ts is large"] [oldest_candidate=None] [latest_candidate
    ↪ =None] [applied_index=3276] [duration_to_last_consume_leader=11460ms]
    ↪  [resolved_ts=443888117117353985] [safe_ts=443888117117353985] [gap
    ↪ =111503ms] [region_id=273]

[2023/08/29 16:48:18.118 +08:00] [INFO] [endpoint.rs:547] ["the max gap of
    ↪ follower resolved-ts is large; it's the same region that has the min
    ↪ safe-ts"]
```

10.3.5.4 Troubleshooting tips

10.3.5.4.1 Handle slow transaction commit

A transaction that takes a long time to commit is often a large transaction. The prewrite phase of this slow transaction leaves some locks, but it takes too long before the commit phase clean the locks. To troubleshoot this issue, you can try to identify the transaction to which the locks belong and try to pinpoint the reason they exist, such as using logs.

The following list some actions you can take:

- Specify the `--log` option in the `tikv-ctl` command and check TiKV logs to find the specific locks with their start_ts.
- Search the start_ts in both TiDB and TiKV logs to identify issues with the transaction.

  If a query takes over 60 seconds, an `expensive_query` log is printed with the SQL statement. You can use the start_ts value to match the log. The following is an example:

```
[2023/07/17 19:32:09.403 +08:00] [WARN] [expensivequery.go:145] [
    ↪ expensive_query] [cost_time=60.025022732s] [cop_time=0.00346666s]
    ↪  [process_time=8.358409508s] [wait_time=0.013582596s] [request_
    ↪ count=278] [total_keys=9943616] [process_keys=9943360] [num_cop_
    ↪ tasks=278] [process_avg_time=0.030066221s] [process_p90_time
    ↪ =0.045296042s] [process_max_time=0.052828934s] [process_max_addr
    ↪ =192.168.31.244:20160] [wait_avg_time=0.000048858s] [wait_p90_
```

```
    ↪ time=0.00006057s] [wait_max_time=0.00040991s] [wait_max_addr
    ↪ =192.168.31.244:20160] [stats=t:4429166669135872O1] [conn
    ↪ =2826881778407440457] [user=root] [database=test] [table_ids
    ↪ ="[100]"] [**txn_start_ts**=442916790435840001] [mem_max
    ↪ ="2514229289 Bytes (2.34 GB)"] [sql="update t set b = b + 1"]
```

- Use the CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX table to find active transactions if you cannot get enough information about the locks from logs.
- Execute SHOW PROCESSLIST to view the current sessions connected to the same TiDB server and their time spent on the current statement. But it does not show start_ts.

If the locks exist due to ongoing large transactions, consider modifying your application logic as these locks can hinder the progress of resolve-ts.

If the locks do not belong to any ongoing transactions, it might be due to a coordinator (TiDB) crashing after it prewrites the locks. In this case, TiDB will automatically resolve the locks. No action is required unless the problem persists.

10.3.5.4.2 Handle long-lived transactions

Transactions that remain active for a long time could possibly block the advance of resolved-ts, even if they eventually commit quickly. This is because it is the start-ts of these long-lived transactions that are used to calculate the resolved-ts.

To address this issue:

- Identify the Transaction: Begin by pinpointing the transaction associated with the locks. It is crucial to understand the reason behind their existence. Leveraging logs can be particularly helpful.
- Examine Application Logic: If the prolonged transaction duration is a result of your application's logic, consider revising it to prevent such occurrences.
- Address Slow Queries: If the transaction's duration is extended due to slow queries, prioritize resolving these queries to alleviate the issue.

10.3.5.4.3 Address CheckLeader issues

To address CheckLeader issues, you can check the network and the **Check Leader Duration** metric in **TiKV-Details > Resolved-TS** dashboard.

10.3.5.5 Example

If you observe an increasing miss rate of **Stale Read OPS** as follows:

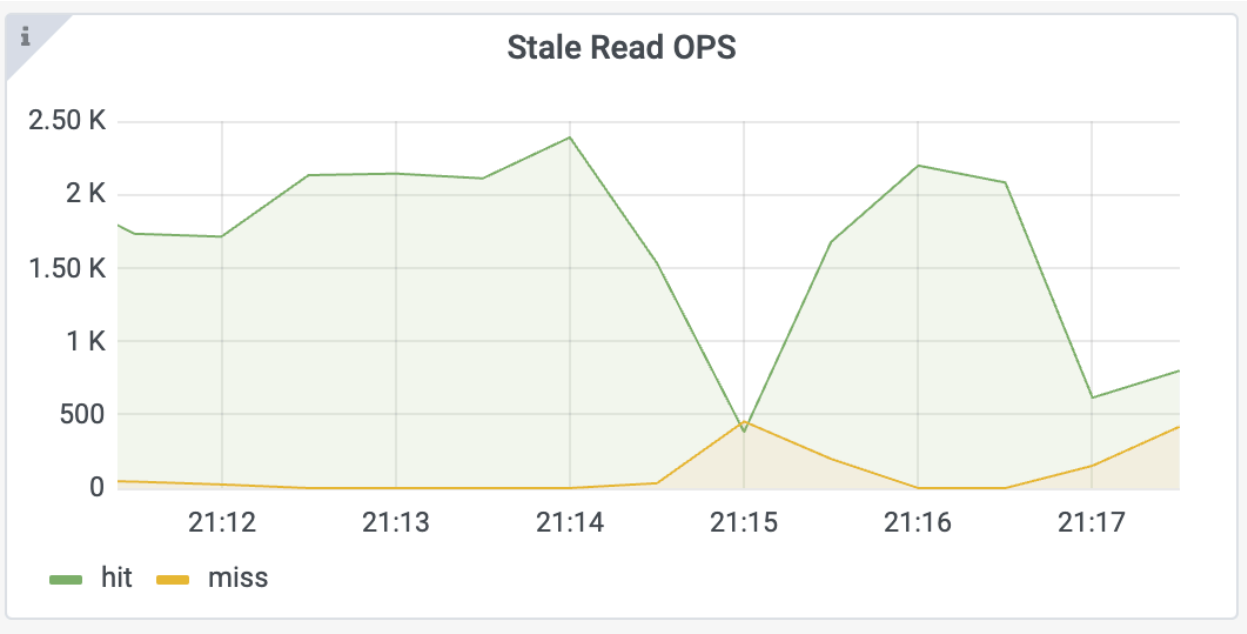


Figure 346: Example: Stale Read OPS

You can first check the **Max Resolved TS gap** and **Min Resolved TS Region** metrics in the **TiKV-Details > Resolved-TS** dashboard:

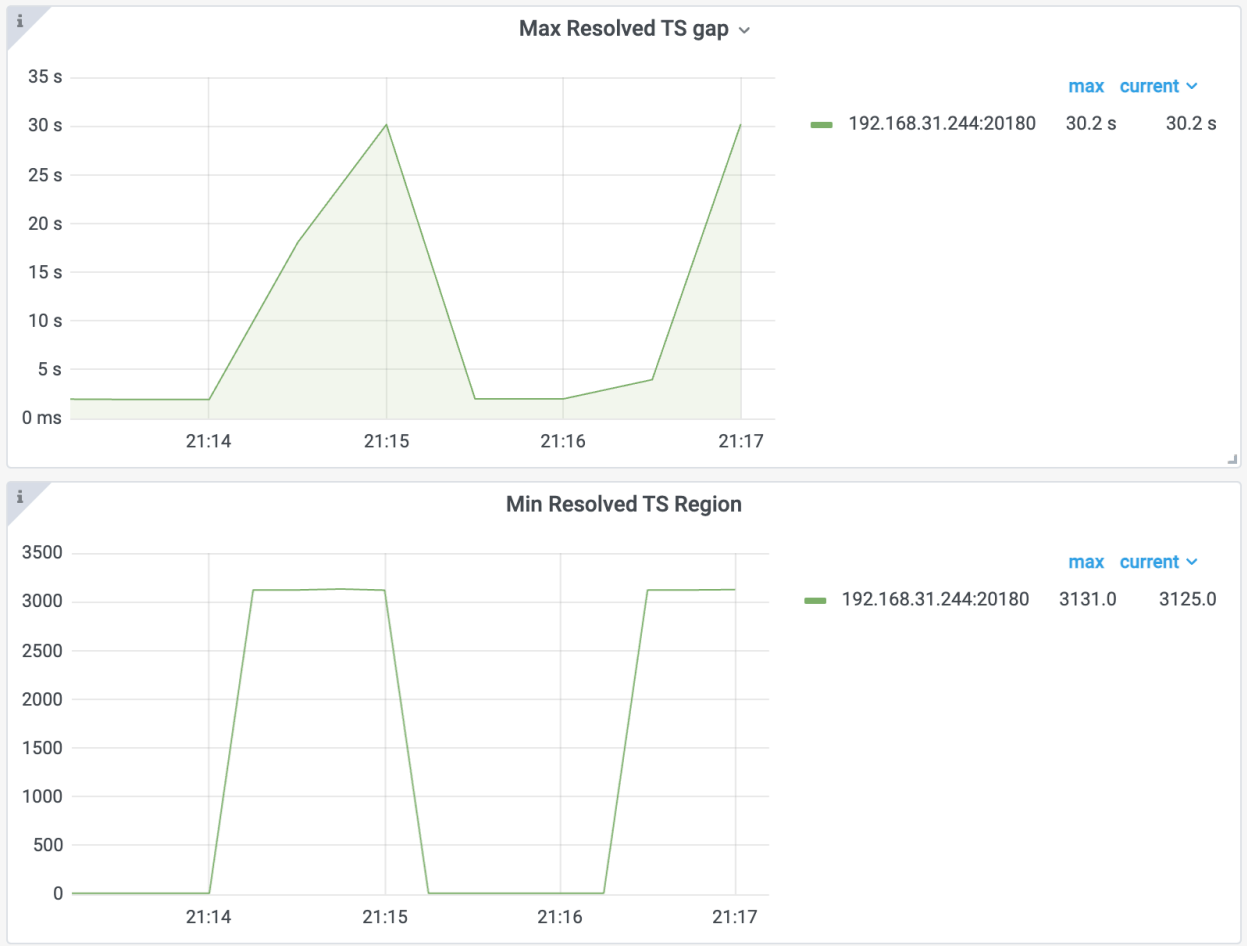


Figure 347: Example: Max Resolved TS gap

From the preceding metrics, you can find that Region `3121` and some other Regions have not updated their resolved-ts in time.

To get more details about the state of Region `3121`, you can run the following command:

```
./tikv-ctl --host 127.0.0.1:20160 get-region-read-progress -r 3121 --log
```

The output is as follows:

```
Region read progress:
    exist: true,
    safe_ts: 442918444145049601,
    applied_index: 2477,
    read_state.ts: 442918444145049601,
    read_state.apply_index: 1532,
    pending front item (oldest) ts: 0,
    pending front item (oldest) applied index: 0,
    pending back item (latest) ts: 0,
```

```
    pending back item (latest) applied index: 0,
    paused: false,
    discarding: false,
Resolver:
    exist: true,
    resolved_ts: 442918444145049601,
    tracked index: 2477,
    number of locks: 480000,
    number of transactions: 1,
    stopped: false,
```

A notable observation here is that the `applied_index` equals to the `tracked index` in resolver. Therefore, the resolver appears to be the root of this issue. You can also see that there is 1 transaction that leaves 480000 locks in this Region, which might be the cause.

To get the exact transaction and the keys of some of the locks, you can check TiKV logs and grep `locks with`. The output is as follows:

```
[2023/07/17 21:16:44.257 +08:00] [INFO] [resolver.rs:213] ["locks with the
    ↪ minimum start_ts in resolver"] [keys="[74800000000000006
    ↪ A5F7280000000000405F6, ... , 748000000000000006A5F72800000000000EFF6,
    ↪ 748000000000000006A5F7280000000000721D9, 74800000000000006
    ↪ A5F72800000000002F691]"] [start_ts=442918429687808001] [region_id
    ↪ =3121]
```

From the TiKV log, you can get the start_ts of the transaction, that is `442918429687808001` ↪ . To get more information about the statement and transaction, you can grep this timestamp in TiDB logs. The output is as follows:

```
[2023/07/17 21:16:18.287 +08:00] [INFO] [2pc.go:685] ["[BIG_TXN]"] [session
    ↪ =2826881778407440457] ["key sample"=74800000000000006
    ↪ a5f728000000000000000] [size=319967171] [keys=10000000] [puts
    ↪ =10000000] [dels=0] [locks=0] [checks=0] [txnStartTS
    ↪ =442918429687808001]

[2023/07/17 21:16:22.703 +08:00] [WARN] [expensivequery.go:145] [expensive_
    ↪ query] [cost_time=60.047172498s] [cop_time=0.004575113s] [process_
    ↪ time=15.356963423s] [wait_time=0.017093811s] [request_count=397] [
    ↪ total_keys=20000398] [process_keys=10000000] [num_cop_tasks=397] [
    ↪ process_avg_time=0.038682527s] [process_p90_time=0.082608262s] [
    ↪ process_max_time=0.116321331s] [process_max_addr
    ↪ =192.168.31.244:20160] [wait_avg_time=0.000043057s] [wait_p90_time
    ↪ =0.00004007s] [wait_max_time=0.00075014s] [wait_max_addr
    ↪ =192.168.31.244:20160] [stats=t:442918428521267201] [conn
    ↪ =2826881778407440457] [user=root] [database=test] [table_ids="[106]"]
    ↪  [txn_start_ts=442918429687808001] [mem_max="2513773983 Bytes (2.34
    ↪ GB)"] [sql="update t set b = b + 1"]
```

Then, you can basically locate the statement that caused the problem. To further check it, you can execute the `SHOW PROCESSLIST` statement. The output is as follows:

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------+------+---------------------+--------+---------+------+-----
   ↪
| Id                 | User | Host                | db     | Command | Time |
   ↪ State   | Info                    |
+--
   ↪ ------------------+------+---------------------+--------+---------+------+-----
   ↪
| 2826881778407440457 | root | 192.168.31.43:58641 | test | Query | 48 |
   ↪ autocommit | update t set b = b + 1 |
| 2826881778407440613 | root | 127.0.0.1:45952 | test | Execute | 0 |
   ↪ autocommit | select * from t where a=? |
| 2826881778407440619 | root | 192.168.31.43:60428 | <null> | Query | 0 |
   ↪ autocommit | show processlist |
+--
   ↪ ------------------+------+---------------------+--------+---------+------+-----
   ↪
```

The output shows that someone is executing an unexpected `UPDATE` statement (`update t set b = b + 1`), which results in a large transaction and hinders Stale Read.

To resolve this issue, you can stop the application that is running this `UPDATE` statement.

10.4 Support Resources

If you encounter a problem when you use TiDB, you can reach out for support from PingCAP or the TiDB community via the following methods:

- Get support from PingCAP for TiDB Enterprise Edition:
  - Submit a request
- Get support from PingCAP for TiDB Cloud:
  - Report an issue directly from the TiDB Cloud console
  - Documentation for TiDB Cloud support
- Seek help from the TiDB community:
  - Discord channels
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11 Performance Tuning

11.1 Tuning Guide

11.1.1 TiDB Performance Tuning Overview

This document introduces the basic concepts of performance tuning, such as user response time, throughput, and database time, and also provides a general process for performance tuning.

11.1.1.1 User response time and database time

11.1.1.1.1 User response time

User response time indicates how long an application takes to return the results of a request to users. As you can see from the following sequential timing diagram, the time of a typical user request contains the following:

- The network latency between the user and the application
- The processing time of the application
- The network latency during the interaction between the application and the database
- The service time of the database

The user response time is affected by various subsystems on the request chain, such as network latency and bandwidth, number and request types of concurrent users, and resource usage of server CPU and I/O. To optimize the entire system effectively, you need to first identify the bottlenecks in user response time.

To get a total user response time within a specified time range (`ΔT`), you can use the following formula:

Total user response time in `ΔT` = Average TPS (Transactions Per Second) x Average user response time x `ΔT`.

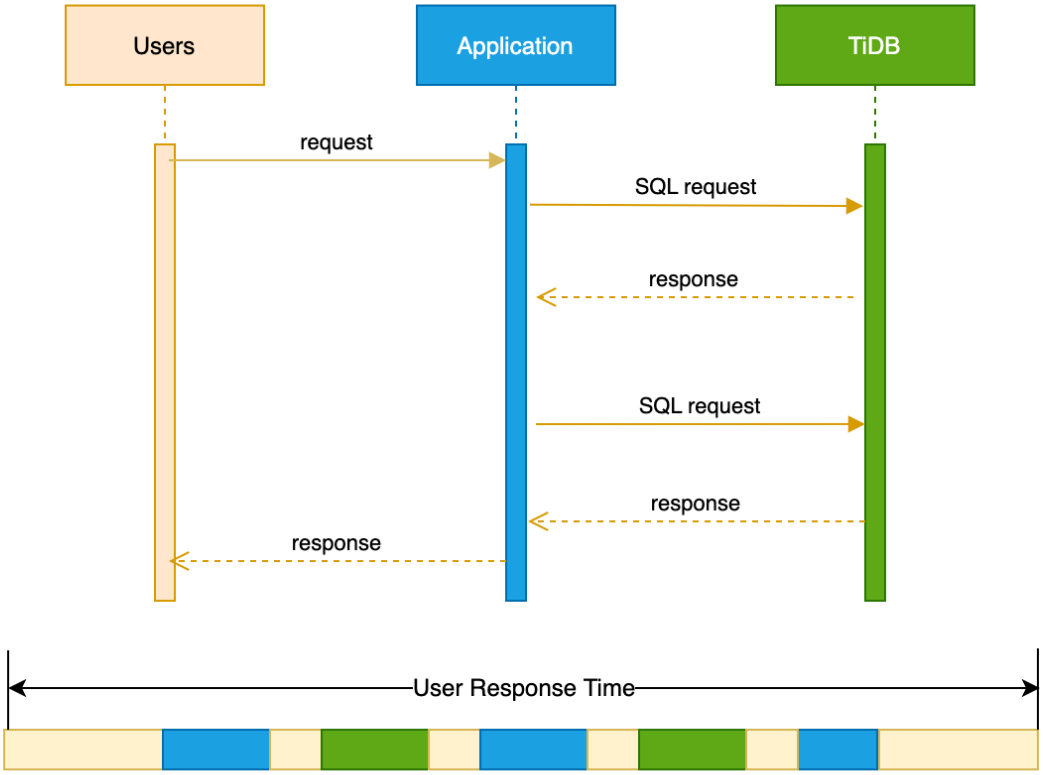


Figure 348: user_response_time

11.1.1.1.2 Database time

Database time indicates the total service time provided by a database. The database time in ΔT is the sum of the time that a database takes to process all application requests concurrently.

To get the database time, you can use any of the following methods:

- Method 1: Multiply the average query latency by QPS and by ΔT, that is, `DB Time in ΔT = QPS × avg latency × ΔT`
- Method 2: Multiply the average number of active sessions by ΔT, that is, `DB Time in ΔT = avg active connections × ΔT`
- Method 3: Calculate the time based on the TiDB internal Prometheus metric `tidb_server_tokens`, that is. `ΔT DB Time = rate(tidb_server_tokens)× ΔT`

11.1.1.2 Relationship between user response time and system throughput

User response time consists of service time, queuing time, and concurrent waiting time to complete a user request.

```
User Response time = Service time + Queuing delay + Coherency delay
```

- Service time: the time a system consumes on certain resources when processing a request, for example, the CPU time that a database consumes to complete a SQL request.
- Queuing delay: the time a system waits in a queue for service of certain resources when processing a request.
- Coherency delay: the time a system communicates and collaborates with other concurrent tasks, so that it can access shared resources when processing a request.

System throughput indicates the number of requests that can be completed by a system per second. User response time and throughput are usually inverse of each other. When the throughput increases, the system resource utilization and the queuing latency for a requested service increase accordingly. Once resource utilization exceeds a certain inflection point, the queuing latency will increase dramatically.

For example, for a database system running OLTP loads, after its CPU utilization exceeds 65%, the CPU queueing scheduling latency increases significantly. This is because concurrent requests of a system are not completely independent, which means that these requests can collaborate and compete for shared resources. For example, requests from different users might perform mutually exclusive locking operations on the same data. When the resource utilization increases, the queuing and scheduling latency increases too, which causes that the shared resources cannot be released in time and in turn prolongs the waiting time for shared resources by other tasks.

11.1.1.3 Performance tuning process

The performance tuning process consists of the following 6 steps:

1. Define a tuning objective.
2. Establish a performance baseline.
3. Identify bottlenecks in user response time.
4. Propose tuning solutions, and evaluate the benefits, risks, and costs of each solution.
5. Implement tuning solutions.
6. Evaluate tuning results.

To achieve the tuning objective of a performance tuning project, you usually need to repeat Step 2 to Step 6 multiple times.

11.1.1.3.1 Step 1. Define a tuning objective

For different types of systems, tuning objectives are different too. For example, for a financial core OLTP system, the tuning objective might be to reduce the long-tail latency of

transactions; for a financial settlement system, the tuning objective might be to make better use of hardware resources and reduce the time of batch settlement tasks.

A good tuning objective should be easily quantifiable. For example:

- Good tuning objective: The p99 latency for transfer transactions needs to be less than 200 ms during peak business hours of 9 am to 10 am.
- Poor tuning objective: The system is too slow to respond so it needs to be optimized.

Defining a clear tuning objective helps guide the subsequent performance tuning steps.

11.1.1.3.2 Step 2. Establish a performance baseline

To tune performance efficiently, you need to capture the current performance data to establish a performance baseline. The performance data to be captured typically includes the following:

- Mean and long-tail values of user response time, and throughput of your application
- Database performance data such as database time, query latency, and QPS

  TiDB measures and stores performance data thoroughly in different dimensions, such as slow query logs, Top SQL, Continuous Performance Profiling, and traffic visualizer. In addition, you can perform historical backtracking and comparison of the timing metrics data stored in Prometheus.
- Resource utilization, including resources such as CPU, IO, and network
- Configuration information, such as application configurations, database configurations, and operating system configurations

11.1.1.3.3 Step 3. Identify bottlenecks in user response time

Identify or speculate on bottlenecks in user response times based on data from the performance baseline.

Applications usually do not measure and record the full chain of user requests, so you cannot effectively break down user response time from top to bottom through the application.

In contrast, databases have a complete record of performance metrics such as query latency and throughput. Based on database time, you can determine if the bottleneck in user response time is in a database.

- If the bottleneck is not in databases, you need to rely on the resource utilization collected outside databases or profile the application to identify the bottleneck outside databases. Common scenarios include insufficient resources of an application or proxy server, and insufficient usage of hardware resources caused by serial points in an application.

- If bottlenecks are in databases, you can analyze and diagnose the database performances using comprehensive tuning tools. Common scenarios include the presence of slow SQL, unreasonable usage of a database by an application, and the presence of read and write hotspots in databases.

For more information about the analysis and diagnostic methods and tools, see Performance Analysis and Tuning.

11.1.1.3.4 Step 4. Propose tuning solutions, and evaluate the benefits, risks, and costs of each solution

After identifying the bottleneck of a system through performance analysis, you can propose a tuning solution that is cost-effective, has low risks, and provides the maximum benefit based on the actual situation.

According to Amdahl's Law, the maximum gain from performance tuning depends on the percentage of the optimized part in the overall system. Therefore, you need to identify the system bottlenecks and the corresponding percentage based on the performance data, and then predict the gains after the bottleneck is resolved or optimized.

Note that even if a solution can bring the greatest potential benefits by tuning the largest bottleneck, you still need to evaluate the risks and costs of this solution. For example:

- The most straightforward tuning objective solution for a resource-overloaded system is to expand its capacity, but in practice, the expansion solution might be too costly to be adopted.
- When a slow query in a business module causes a slow response of the entire module, upgrading to a new version of the database can solve the slow query issue, but it might also affect modules that did not have this issue. Therefore, this solution might have a potentially high risk. A low-risk solution is to skip the database version upgrade and rewrite the existing slow queries for the current database version.

11.1.1.3.5 Step 5. Implement tuning solutions

Considering the benefits, risks, and costs, choose one or more tuning solutions for implementation. In the implementation process, you need to make thorough preparation for changes to the production system and record the changes in detail.

To mitigate risks and validate the benefits of a tuning solution, it is recommended that you perform validation and complete regression of changes in both test and staging environments. For example, if the selected tuning solution of a slow query is to create a new index to optimize the query access path, you need to ensure that the new index does not introduce any obvious write hotspots to the existing data insertion workload and slows down other modules.

11.1.1.3.6 Step 6. Evaluate tuning results

After applying the tuning solution, you need to evaluate the results:

- If the tuning objective is reached, the entire tuning project is completed successfully.
- If the tuning objective is not reached, you need to repeat Step 2 to Step 6 in this document until the tuning objective is reached.

After reaching your tuning objectives, you might need to further plan your system capacity to meet your business growth.

11.1.2 Configure TiDB for Optimal Performance

This guide describes how to optimize the performance of TiDB, including:

- Best practices for common workloads.
- Strategies for handling challenging performance scenarios.

> **Note:**
>
> The optimization techniques in this guide can help achieve optimal performance in TiDB. However, performance tuning often involves balancing multiple factors, and no single solution addresses all performance needs. Some techniques in this guide use experimental features, which are marked accordingly. Although these optimizations can significantly improve performance, they might not be suitable for production environments and require careful evaluation before implementation.

11.1.3 Overview

Optimizing TiDB for peak performance requires careful tuning of various settings. In many cases, achieving optimal performance involves adjusting configurations beyond their default values.

The default settings prioritize stability over performance. To maximize performance, you might need to use more aggressive configurations and, in some cases, experimental features. These recommendations are based on production deployment experience and performance optimization research.

This guide describes the non-default settings, including their benefits and potential trade-offs. Use this information to optimize TiDB settings for your workload requirements.

11.1.4 Key settings for common workloads

The following settings are commonly used to optimize TiDB performance:

- Enhance execution plan cache, such as SQL Prepared Execution Plan Cache, Non-prepared plan cache, and Instance-level execution plan cache.
- Optimize the behavior of the TiDB optimizer by using Optimizer Fix Controls.
- Use the Titan storage engine more aggressively.

These settings can significantly improve performance for many workloads. However, as with any optimization, thoroughly test them in your environment before deploying to production.

11.1.4.1 System variables

Execute the following SQL commands to apply the recommended settings:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_instance_plan_cache=on;
SET GLOBAL tidb_instance_plan_cache_max_size=2GiB;
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache=on;
SET GLOBAL tidb_ignore_prepared_cache_close_stmt=on;
SET GLOBAL tidb_analyze_column_options='ALL';
SET GLOBAL tidb_stats_load_sync_wait=2000;
SET GLOBAL tidb_opt_derive_topn=on;
SET GLOBAL tidb_runtime_filter_mode=LOCAL;
SET GLOBAL tidb_opt_enable_mpp_shared_cte_execution=on;
SET GLOBAL tidb_rc_read_check_ts=on;
SET GLOBAL tidb_guarantee_linearizability=off;
SET GLOBAL pd_enable_follower_handle_region=on;
SET GLOBAL tidb_opt_fix_control = '44262:ON,44389:ON,44823:10000,44830:ON
    ↪ ,44855:ON,52869:ON';
```

The following table outlines the impact of specific system variable configurations:

System variable	Description	Note
tidb_enable_instance_plan_cache and tidb_instance_plan_cache_max_size	Use instance-level plan cache instead of session-level caching. This significantly improves performance for workloads with high connection counts or frequent prepared statement usage.	This is an experimental feature. Test in non-production environments first and monitor memory usage as the plan cache size increases.

System variable	Description	Note
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _non_ ↪ prepared ↪ _plan ↪ _ ↪ cache	Enable the Non-prepared plan cache feature to reduce compile costs for applications that do not use prepared statements.	N/A

System variable	Description	Note
tidb_ ↪ ignore ↪ _ ↪ prepared ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _ ↪ close ↪ _stmt	Cache plans for applications that use prepared statements but close the plan after each execution.	N/A

System variable	Description	Note
tidb_ ↪ analyze ↪ _ ↪ column ↪ _ ↪ options ↪	Collect statistics for all columns to avoid sub-optimal execution plans due to missing column statistics. By default, TiDB only collects statistics for predicate columns.	Setting this variable to 'ALL ↪ ' can cause more resource usage for the ANALYZE ↪ ↪ TABLE ↪ operation compared with the default value ' ↪ PREDICATE ↪ '.

System variable	Description	Note
tidb_ ↪ stats ↪ _load ↪ _sync ↪ _wait	Increase the time-out for syn-chronously load-ing statis-tics from the de-fault 100 mil-lisec-onds to 2 sec-onds. This en-sures TiDB loads the nec-es-sary statis-tics be-fore query com-pila-tion.	Increasing this value leads to a longer syn-chro-niza-tion wait time be-fore query com-pila-tion.

System variable	Description	Note
tidb_opt ↪ _ ↪ derive ↪ _topn	Enable the optimization rule of Deriving TopN or Limit from window functions.	This is limited to the ROW_ ↪ NUMBER ↪ () ↪ window function.
tidb_ ↪ runtime ↪ _ ↪ filter ↪ _mode	Enable Runtime Filter in the local mode to improve hash join efficiency.	The variable is introduced in v7.2.0 and is disabled by default for safety.

System variable	Description	Note
tidb_opt ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _mpp_ ↪ shared ↪ _cte_ ↪ execution ↪	Enable non-recursive Common Table Expressions (CTE) push-down to TiFlash.	This is an experimental feature.

System variable	Description	Note
tidb_rc_ ↪ read_ ↪ check ↪ _ts	For the read-committed isolation level, enabling this variable avoids the latency and cost of getting the global timestamp and optimizes transaction-level read latency.	This feature is incompatible with the Repeatable Read isolation level.

System variable	Description	Note
tidb_guarantee_linearizability	Improve performance by skipping the commit timestamp fetch from the PD server.	This sacrifices linearizability in favor of performance. Only causal consistency is guaranteed. It is not suitable for scenarios requiring strict linearizability.

System variable	Description	Note
pd_enable_follower_handle_region	Activate the PD Follower feature, allowing PD followers to process Region requests. This helps distribute load evenly across all PD servers and reduces CPU pressure on the PD leader.	This is an experimental feature. Test in non-production environments.

System variable	Description	Note
tidb_opt ↪ _fix_ ↪ control ↪	Enable advanced query optimization strategies to improve performance through additional optimization rules and heuristics.	Test thoroughly in your environment, as performance improvements vary by workload.

The following describes the optimizer control configurations that enable additional optimizations:

- 44262:ON: Use Dynamic pruning mode to access the partitioned table when the GlobalStats are missing.
- 44389:ON: For filters such as `c = 10 and (a = 'xx' or (a = 'kk' and b = 1))`, build more comprehensive scan ranges for `IndexRangeScan`.
- 44823:10000: To save memory, plan cache does not cache queries with parameters exceeding the specified number of this variable. Increase plan cache parameter limit from 200 to 10000 to make plan cache available for query with long in-lists.
- 44830:ON: Plan cache is allowed to cache execution plans with the `PointGet` operator generated during physical optimization.
- 44855:ON: The optimizer selects `IndexJoin` when the `Probe` side of an `IndexJoin` operator contains a `Selection` operator.
- 52869:ON: The optimizer chooses index merge automatically if the optimizer can choose the single index scan method (other than full table scan) for a query plan.

11.1.4.2 TiKV configurations

Add the following configuration items to the TiKV configuration file:

```
[server]
concurrent-send-snap-limit = 64
concurrent-recv-snap-limit = 64
snap-io-max-bytes-per-sec = "400MiB"

[pessimistic-txn]
in-memory-peer-size-limit = "32MiB"
in-memory-instance-size-limit = "512MiB"

[rocksdb.titan]
enabled = true
[rocksdb.defaultcf.titan]
min-blob-size = "1KB"
blob-file-compression = "zstd"

[storage.flow-control]
l0-files-threshold = 60
```

Configuration item	Description	Note
concurrent ↪ -send ↪ -snap ↪ - ↪ limit ↪ , concurrent ↪ -recv ↪ -snap ↪ - ↪ limit ↪ , and snap-io- ↪ max- ↪ bytes ↪ -per- ↪ sec	Set limits for concurrent snapshot transfer and I/O bandwidth during TiKV scaling operations. Higher limits reduce scaling time by allowing faster data migration.	Adjusting these limits affects the trade-off between scaling and online transaction performance.

Configuration item	Description	Note
in- ↪ memory ↪ -peer ↪ -size ↪ - ↪ limit and in- ↪ memory ↪ - ↪ instance ↪ -size ↪ - ↪ limit	Control the memory allocation for pessimistic lock caching at the Region and TiKV instance levels. Storing locks in memory reduces disk I/O and improves transaction performance.	Monitor memory usage carefully. Higher limits improve performance but increase memory consumption.

Configuration item	Description	Note
rocksdb.titan, defaultcf., titan, min-blob-size, and blob-file-compression	Enable the Titan storage engine to reduce write amplification and alleviate disk I/O bottlenecks. Particularly useful when RocksDB compaction cannot keep up with write workloads, resulting in accumulated	Enable it when write amplification is the primary bottleneck. Trade-offs include: 1. Potential performance impact on primary key range scans. 2. Increased space amplification (up to 2x in the worst case). 3.

Configuration item	Description	Note
storage. ↪ flow- ↪ control ↪ .l0- ↪ files ↪ - ↪ threshold ↪	Control when write flow control is triggered based on the number of kvDB L0 files. Increasing the threshold reduces write stalls during high write workloads.	Higher thresholds might lead to more aggressive compactions when many L0 files exist.

11.1.4.3 TiFlash configurations

Add the following configuration items to the TiFlash configuration file:

```
[raftstore-proxy.server]
snap-io-max-bytes-per-sec = "300MiB"
```

Configuration item	Description	Note
snap-io-max-bytes-per-sec	Control the maximum allowable disk bandwidth for data replication from TiKV to TiFlash. Higher limits accelerate initial data loading and catch-up replication.	Higher bandwidth consumption might impact online transaction performance. Balance between replication speed and system stability.

11.1.5 Benchmark

This section compares performance between default settings (baseline) and optimized settings based on the preceding key settings for common loads.

11.1.5.1 Sysbench workloads on 1000 tables

11.1.5.1.1 Test environment

The test environment is as follows:

- 3 TiDB servers (16 cores, 64 GiB)
- 3 TiKV servers (16 cores, 64 GiB)
- TiDB version: v8.4.0
- Workload: sysbench oltp_read_only

11.1.5.1.2 Performance comparison

The following table compares throughput, latency, and plan cache hit ratio between baseline and optimized settings.

Metric	Baseline	Optimized	Improvement
QPS	89,100	100,128	+12.38%
Average latency (ms)	35.87	31.92	-11.01%
P95 latency (ms)	58.92	51.02	-13.41%
Plan cache hit ratio (%)	56.89%	87.51%	+53.82%
Plan cache memory usage (MiB)	95.3	70.2	-26.34%

11.1.5.1.3 Key benefits

The instance plan cache demonstrates significant performance improvements over the baseline configuration:

- Higher hit ratio: increases by 53.82% (from 56.89% to 87.51%).
- Lower memory usage: decreases by 26.34% (from 95.3 MiB to 70.2 MiB).
- Better performance:
  - QPS increases by 12.38%.
  - Average latency decreases by 11.01%.
  - P95 latency decreases by 13.41%.

11.1.5.1.4 How it works

Instance plan cache improves performance through these mechanisms:

- Cache execution plans for `SELECT` statements in memory.
- Share cached plans across all connections (up to 200) on the same TiDB instance.
- Can effectively store plans for up to 5,000 `SELECT` statements across 1,000 tables.
- Cache misses primarily occur only for `BEGIN` and `COMMIT` statements.

11.1.5.1.5 Real-world benefits

Although the benchmark using simple sysbench `oltp_read_only` queries (14 KB per plan) shows modest improvements, you can expect greater benefits in real-word applications:

- Complex queries can run up to 20 times faster.
- Memory usage is more efficient compared to session-level plan cache.

Instance plan cache is particularly effective for systems with:

- Large tables with many columns.
- Complex SQL queries.
- High concurrent connections.
- Diverse query patterns.

11.1.5.1.6 Memory efficiency

Instance plan cache provides better memory efficiency than session-level plan cache because:

- Plans are shared across all connections
- No need to duplicate plans for each session
- More efficient memory utilization while maintaining higher hit ratios

In scenarios with multiple connections and complex queries, session-level plan cache would require significantly more memory to achieve similar hit ratios, making instance plan cache the more efficient choice.

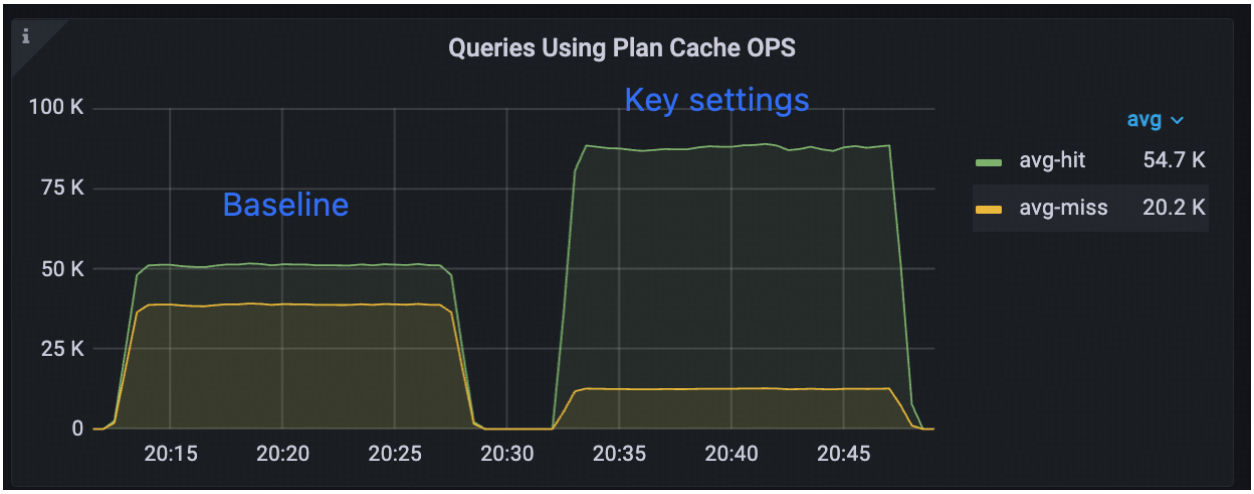


Figure 349: Instance plan cache: Queries Using Plan Cache OPS

11.1.5.1.7 Test workload

The following `sysbench oltp_read_only prepare` command loads data:

```
sysbench oltp_read_only prepare --mysql-host={host} --mysql-port={port} --
    ↪ mysql-user=root --db-driver=mysql --mysql-db=test --threads=100 --
    ↪ time=900 --report-interval=10 --tables=1000 --table-size=10000
```

The following `sysbench oltp_read_only run` command runs workload:

```
sysbench oltp_read_only run --mysql-host={host} --mysql-port={port} --mysql
    ↪ -user=root --db-driver=mysql --mysql-db=test --threads=200 --time=900
    ↪  --report-interval=10 --tables=1000 --table-size=10000
```

For more information, see How to Test TiDB Using Sysbench.

11.1.5.2 YCSB workloads on large record value

11.1.5.2.1 Test environment

The test environment is as follows:

- 3 TiDB servers (16 cores, 64 GiB)
- 3 TiKV servers (16 cores, 64 GiB)
- TiDB version: v8.4.0
- Workload: go-ycsb workloada

11.1.5.2.2 Performance comparison

The following table compares throughput (operations per second) between the baseline and optimized settings.

Item	Baseline (OPS)	Optimized (OPS)	Improvement
load data	2858.5	5074.3	+77.59%
workloada	2243.0	12804.3	+470.86%

11.1.5.2.3 Performance analysis

Titan is enabled by default starting from v7.6.0 and the default `min-blob-size` of Titan in TiDB v8.4.0 is `32KiB`. The baseline configuration uses a record size of `31KiB` to ensure data is stored in RocksDB. In contrast, for the key settings configuration, set `min-blob-size` to `1KiB`, causing data to be stored in Titan.

The performance improvement observed in the key settings is primarily attributed to Titan's ability to reduce RocksDB compactions. As shown in the following figures:

- Baseline: The total throughput of RocksDB compaction exceeds 1 GiB/s, with peaks over 3 GiB/s.
- Key settings: The peak throughput of RocksDB compaction remains below 100 MiB/s.

This significant reduction in compaction overhead contributes to the overall throughput improvement seen in the key settings configuration.

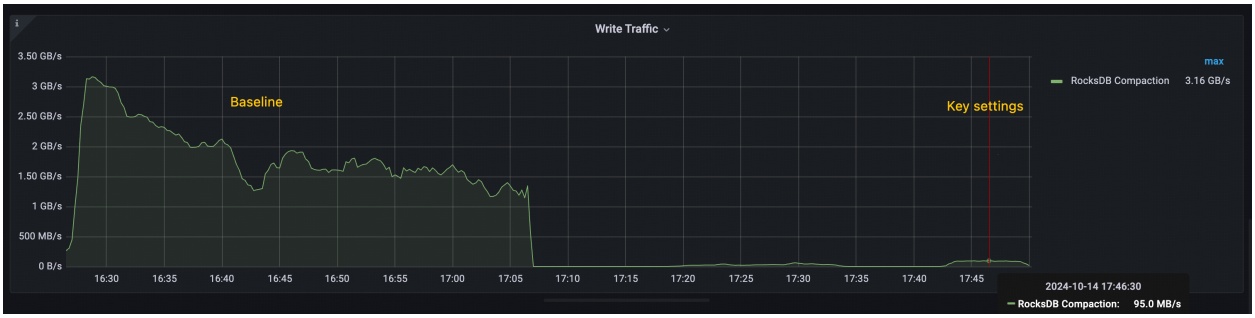


Figure 350: Titan RocksDB compaction:

11.1.5.2.4 Test workload

The following `go-ycsb load` command loads data:

```
go-ycsb load mysql -P /ycsb/workloads/workloada -p {host} -p mysql.port={
    ↪ port} -p threadcount=100 -p recordcount=5000000 -p operationcount
    ↪ =5000000 -p workload=core -p requestdistribution=uniform -pfieldcount
    ↪ =31 -p fieldlength=1024
```

The following `go-ycsb run` command runs workload:

```
go-ycsb run mysql -P /ycsb/workloads/workloada -p {host} -p mysql.port={port
    ↪ } -p mysql.db=test -p threadcount=100 -p recordcount=5000000 -p
    ↪ operationcount=5000000 -p workload=core -prequestdistribution=uniform
    ↪  -p fieldcount=31 -p fieldlength=1024
```

11.1.6 Edge cases and optimizations

This section shows you how to optimize TiDB for specific scenarios that need targeted adjustments beyond basic optimizations. You will learn how to tune TiDB for your particular use cases.

11.1.6.1 Identify edge cases

To identify edge cases, perform the following steps:

1. Analyze query patterns and workload characteristics.
2. Monitor system metrics to identify performance bottlenecks.
3. Gather feedback from application teams about specific issues.

11.1.6.2 Common edge cases

The following lists some common edge cases:

- High TSO wait for high-frequency small queries
- Choose the proper max chunk size for different workloads
- Tune coprocessor cache for read-heavy workloads
- Optimize chunk size for workload characteristics
- Optimize transaction mode and DML type for different workloads
- Optimize `GROUP BY` and `DISTINCT` operations with TiKV pushdown
- Mitigate MVCC version accumulation using in-memory engine
- Optimize statistics collection during batch operations
- Optimize thread pool settings for different instance types

The following sections explain how to handle each of these cases. You need to adjust different parameters or use specific TiDB features for each scenario.

> **Note:**
>
> Apply these optimizations carefully and test thoroughly, as their effectiveness might vary based on your use case and data patterns.

11.1.6.3 High TSO wait for high-frequency small queries

11.1.6.3.1 Troubleshooting

If your workload involves frequent small transactions or queries that frequently request timestamps, TSO (Timestamp Oracle) can become a performance bottleneck. To check if TSO wait time is impacting your system, check the **Performance Overview > SQL Execute Time Overview** panel. If TSO wait time constitutes a large portion of your SQL execution time, consider the following optimizations:

- Use low-precision TSO (enable `tidb_low_resolution_tso`) for read operations that do not need strict consistency. For more information, see Solution 1: use low-precision TSO.
- Combine small transactions into larger ones where possible. For more information, see Solution 2: parallel mode for TSO requests.

11.1.6.3.2 Solution 1: low-precision TSO

You can reduce TSO wait time by enabling the low-precision TSO feature (`tidb_low_resolution_tso`). After this feature is enabled, TiDB uses the cached timestamp to read data, reducing TSO wait time at the expense of potentially stale reads.

This optimization is particularly effective in the following scenarios:

- Read-heavy workloads where slight staleness is acceptable.
- Scenarios where reducing query latency is more important than absolute consistency.
- Applications that can tolerate reads that are a few seconds behind the latest committed state.

Benefits and trade-offs:

- Reduce query latency by enabling stale reads with a cached TSO, eliminating the need to request new timestamps.
- Balance performance against data consistency: this feature is only suitable for scenarios where stale reads are acceptable. It is not recommended to use it when strict data consistency is required.

To enable this optimization:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_low_resolution_tso=ON;
```

11.1.6.3.3 Solution 2: parallel mode for TSO requests

The `tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode` system variable switches the mode in which TiDB sends TSO RPC requests to PD. The default value is `DEFAULT`. When the following conditions are met, you can consider switching this variable to `PARALLEL` or `PARALLEL-FAST` for potential performance improvements:

- TSO waiting time constitutes a significant portion of the total execution time of SQL queries.
- The TSO allocation in PD has not reached its bottleneck.
- PD and TiDB nodes have sufficient CPU resources.
- The network latency between TiDB and PD is significantly higher than the time PD takes to allocate TSO (that is, network latency accounts for the majority of TSO RPC duration).
    - To get the duration of TSO RPC requests, check the **PD TSO RPC Duration** panel in the PD Client section of the Grafana TiDB dashboard.
    - To get the duration of PD TSO allocation, check the **PD server TSO handle duration** panel in the TiDB section of the Grafana PD dashboard.

- The additional network traffic resulting from more TSO RPC requests between TiDB and PD (twice for `PARALLEL` or four times for `PARALLEL-FAST`) is acceptable.

To switch the parallel mode, execute the following command:

```
-- Use the PARALLEL mode
SET GLOBAL tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode=PARALLEL;

-- Use the PARALLEL-FAST mode
SET GLOBAL tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode=PARALLEL-FAST;
```

11.1.6.4 Tune coprocessor cache for read-heavy workloads

You can improve query performance for read-heavy workloads by optimizing the coprocessor cache. This cache stores the results of coprocessor requests, reducing repeated computations of frequently accessed data. To optimize cache performance, perform the following steps:

1. Monitor the cache hit ratio using the metrics described in Coprocessor Cache.
2. Increase the cache size to improve hit rates for larger working sets.
3. Adjust the admission threshold based on query patterns.

The following lists some recommended settings for a read-heavy workload:

```
[tikv-client.copr-cache]
capacity-mb = 4096
admission-max-ranges = 5000
admission-max-result-mb = 10
admission-min-process-ms = 0
```

11.1.6.5 Optimize chunk size for workload characteristics

The `tidb_max_chunk_size` system variable sets the maximum number of rows in a chunk during the execution process. Adjusting this value based on your workload can improve performance.

- For OLTP workloads with large concurrency and small transactions:
  - Set the value between `128` and `256` rows (the default value is `1024`).
  - This reduces memory usage and makes limit queries faster.
  - Use case: point queries, small range scans.

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_max_chunk_size = 128;
```

- For OLAP or analytical workloads with complex queries and large result sets:
    - Set the value between `1024` and `4096` rows.
    - This increases throughput when scanning large amounts of data.
    - Use case: aggregations, large table scans.

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_max_chunk_size = 4096;
```

11.1.6.6 Optimize transaction mode and DML type for different workloads

TiDB provides different transaction modes and DML execution types to optimize performance for various workload patterns.

11.1.6.6.1 Transaction modes

You can set the transaction mode using the `tidb_txn_mode` system variable.

- Pessimistic transaction mode (default):
    - Suitable for general workloads with potential write conflicts.
    - Provides stronger consistency guarantees.

```
sql  SET SESSION tidb_txn_mode = "pessimistic";
```

- Optimistic transaction mode:
    - Suitable for workloads with minimal write conflicts.
    - Better performance for multi-statement transactions.
    - Example: `BEGIN; INSERT...; INSERT...; COMMIT;`.

```
sql  SET SESSION tidb_txn_mode = "optimistic";
```

11.1.6.6.2 DML types

You can control the execution mode of DML statements using the `tidb_dml_type` system variable, which is introduced in v8.0.0.

To use the bulk DML execution mode, set `tidb_dml_type` to `"bulk"`. This mode optimizes bulk data loading without conflicts and reduces memory usage during large write operations. Before using this mode, ensure that:

- Auto-commit is enabled.
- The `pessimistic-auto-commit` configuration item is set to `false`.

```
SET SESSION tidb_dml_type = "bulk";
```

11.1.6.7 Optimize `GROUP BY` and `DISTINCT` operations with TiKV pushdown

TiDB pushes down aggregation operations to TiKV to reduce data transfer and processing overhead. The performance improvement varies based on your data characteristics.

11.1.6.7.1 Usage scenarios

- **Ideal scenarios** (high performance gain):
  - Columns containing few distinct values (low NDV).
  - Data containing frequent duplicate values.
  - Example: status columns, category codes, date parts.
- **Non-ideal scenarios** (potential performance loss):
  - Columns containing mostly unique values (high NDV).
  - Unique identifiers or timestamps.
  - Example: User IDs, transaction IDs.

11.1.6.7.2 Configuration

Enable pushdown optimizations at the session or global level:

```
-- Enable regular aggregation pushdown
SET GLOBAL tidb_opt_agg_push_down = ON;

-- Enable distinct aggregation pushdown
SET GLOBAL tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down = ON;
```

11.1.6.8 Mitigate MVCC version accumulation using in-memory engine

Excessive MVCC versions can cause performance bottlenecks, particularly in high read-/write areas or due to issues with garbage collection and compaction. You can use the in-memory engine introduced in v8.5.0 to mitigate this issue. To enable it, add the following configuration to your TiKV configuration file.

> **Note:**
>
> The in-memory engine helps reduce the impact of excessive MVCC versions but might increase memory usage. Monitor your system after enabling this feature.

```
[in-memory-engine]
enable = true
```

11.1.6.9 Optimize statistics collection during batch operations

You can optimize performance during batch operations while maintaining query optimization by managing statistics collection. This section describes how to manage this process effectively.

11.1.6.9.1 When to disable auto analyze

You can disable auto analyze by setting the `tidb_enable_auto_analyze` system variable to `OFF` in the following scenarios:

- During large data imports.
- During bulk update operations.
- For time-sensitive batch processing.
- When you need full control over the timing of statistics collection.

11.1.6.9.2 Best practices

- Before the batch operation:

```
sql   -- Disable auto analyze SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_auto_analyze = OFF;
```

- After the batch operation:

“‘sql – Manually collect statistics ANALYZE TABLE your_table;

– Re-enable auto analyze SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_auto_analyze = ON; “‘

11.1.6.10 Optimize thread pool settings for different instance types

To improve TiKV performance, configure the thread pools based on your instance's CPU resources. The following guidelines help you optimize these settings:

- For instances with 8 to 16 cores, the default settings are typically sufficient.
- For instances with 32 or more cores, increase the pool sizes for better resource utilization. Adjust the settings as follows:

```
[server]
# Increase gRPC thread pool
grpc-concurrency = 10

[raftstore]
# Optimize for write-intensive workloads
apply-pool-size = 4
store-pool-size = 4
store-io-pool-size = 2
```

11.1.7 A Practical Guide for SQL Tuning

This guide is designed for TiDB SQL tuning beginners. It focuses on the following key principles:

- Low entry barrier: introducing tuning concepts and methods step by step.
- Practice-oriented: providing specific steps and examples for each optimization tip.
- Quick start: prioritizing the most common and effective optimization methods.
- Gentle learning curve: emphasizing practical techniques rather than complex theory.
- Scenario-based: using real-world business cases to demonstrate optimization effects.

11.1.7.1 Introduction to SQL tuning

SQL tuning is crucial for optimizing database performance. It involves systematically improving the efficiency of SQL queries through the following typical steps:

1. Identify high-impact SQL statements:

    - Review the SQL execution history to find statements that consume significant system resources or contribute heavily to the application workload.
    - Use monitoring tools and performance metrics to identify resource-intensive queries.

2. Analyze execution plans:

    - Examine the execution plans generated by the query optimizer for the identified statements.
    - Verify whether these plans are reasonably efficient and use appropriate indexes and join methods.

3. Implement optimizations:

    Implement optimizations to inefficient SQL statements. Optimizations might include rewriting SQL statements, adding or modifying indexes, updating statistics, or adjusting database parameters.

Repeat these steps until:

- The system performance meets target requirements.
- No further improvements can be made to the remaining statements.

SQL tuning is an ongoing process. As your data volume grows and query patterns change, you should:

- Regularly monitor query performance.
- Re-evaluate your optimization strategies.
- Adapt your approach to address new performance challenges.

By consistently applying these practices, you can maintain optimal database performance over time.

11.1.7.2 Goals of SQL tuning

The primary goals of SQL tuning are the following:

- Reduce response time for end users.
- Minimize resource consumption during query execution.

To achieve these goals, you can use the following strategies.

11.1.7.2.1 Optimize query execution

SQL tuning focuses on finding more efficient ways to process the same workload without changing query functionality. You can optimize query execution as follows:

1. Improving execution plans:
    - Analyze and modify query structures for more efficient processing.
    - Use appropriate indexes to reduce data access and processing time.
    - Enable TiFlash for analytical queries on large datasets and leverage the Massively Parallel Processing (MPP) engine for complex aggregations and joins.
2. Enhancing data access methods:
    - Use covering indexes to satisfy queries directly from the index, avoiding full table scans.
    - Implement partitioning strategies to limit data scans to relevant partitions.

Examples:

- Create indexes on frequently queried columns to significantly reduce resource usage, particularly for queries that access small portions of the table.
- Use index-only scans for queries that return a limited number of sorted results to avoid full table scans and sorting operations.

11.1.7.2.2 Balance workload distribution

In a distributed architecture like TiDB, balancing workloads across TiKV nodes is essential for optimal performance. To identify and resolve read and write hotspots, see Troubleshoot hotspot issues.

By implementing these strategies, you can ensure that your TiDB cluster efficiently utilizes all available resources and avoids bottlenecks caused by uneven workload distribution or serialization on individual TiKV nodes.

11.1.7.3 Identify high-load SQL

The most efficient way to identify resource-intensive SQL statements is by using TiDB Dashboard. You can also use other tools, such as views and logs, to identify high-load SQL statements.

11.1.7.3.1 Monitor SQL statements using TiDB Dashboard

SQL Statements page

In TiDB Dashboard, navigate to the **SQL Statements** page to identify the following:

- The SQL statement with the highest total latency, which is the statement that takes the longest time to execute across multiple executions.
- The number of times each SQL statement has been executed, which helps identify statements with the highest execution frequency.
- Execution details of each SQL statement by clicking it to view `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` results.

TiDB normalizes SQL statements into templates by replacing literals and bind variables with `?`. This normalization and sorting process helps you quickly identify the most resource-intensive queries that might require optimization.

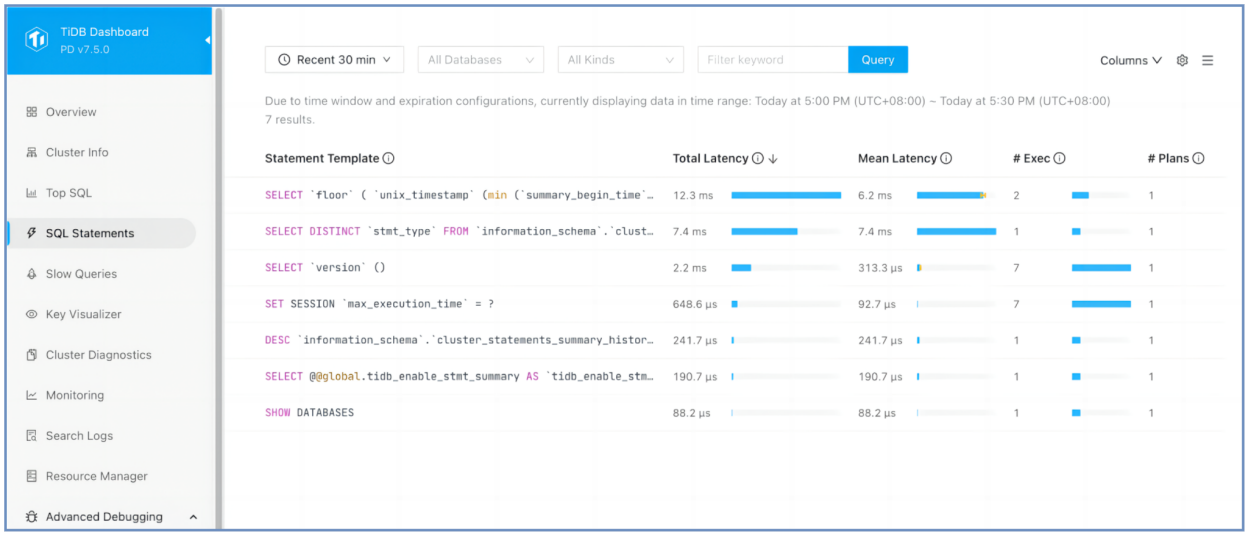


Figure 351: sql-statements-default

Slow Queries page

In TiDB Dashboard, navigate to the **Slow Queries** page to find the following:

- The slowest SQL queries.
- The SQL query that reads the most data from TiKV.
- The `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` output by clicking a query for detailed execution analysis.

The **Slow Queries** page does not display SQL execution frequency. A query appears on this page if its execution time exceeds the `tidb_slow_log_threshold` configuration item for a single instance.

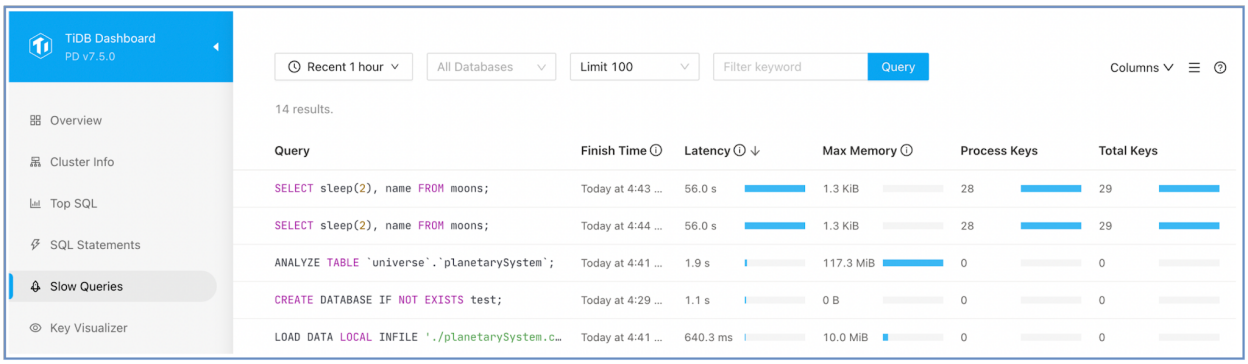


Figure 352: slow-query-default

11.1.7.3.2 Use other tools to identify Top SQL

In addition to TiDB Dashboard, you can use other tools to identify resource-intensive SQL queries. Each tool offers unique insights and can be valuable for different analysis scenarios. Using a combination of these tools helps ensure comprehensive SQL performance monitoring and optimization.

- TiDB Dashboard Top SQL Page
- Logs: slow query log and expensive queries in TiDB log
- Views: `cluster_statements_summary` view and `cluster_processlist` view

11.1.7.3.3 Gather data on identified SQL statements

For the top SQL statements identified, you can use `PLAN REPLAYER` to capture and save SQL execution information from a TiDB cluster. This tool helps recreate the execution environment for further analysis. To export SQL execution information, use the following syntax:

```
PLAN REPLAYER DUMP EXPLAIN [ANALYZE] [WITH STATS AS OF TIMESTAMP expression
    ↪ ] sql-statement;
```

Use `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` whenever possible, as it provides both the execution plan and actual performance metrics for more accurate insights into query performance.

11.1.7.4 SQL tuning guide

This guide provides practical advice for beginners on optimizing SQL queries in TiDB. By following these best practices, you can improve query performance and streamline SQL tuning. This guide covers the following topics:

- Understand query processing
    - Query processing workflow

    - Optimizer fundamentals
    - Statistics management
- Understand execution plans
    - How TiDB builds an execution plan
    - Generate and display execution plans
    - Read execution plans: first child first
    - Identify bottlenecks in execution plans
- Index strategy in TiDB
    - Composite index strategy guidelines
    - The cost of indexing
    - SQL tuning with a covering index
    - SQL tuning with a composite index involving sorting
    - SQL tuning with composite indexes for efficient filtering and sorting
- When to use TiFlash
    - Analytical query
    - SaaS arbitrary filtering workloads

11.1.7.4.1 Understand query processing

This section introduces the query processing workflow, optimizer fundamentals, and statistics management.

Query processing workflow

When a client sends a SQL statement to TiDB, the statement passes through the protocol layer of the TiDB server. This layer manages the connection between the TiDB server and the client, receives SQL statements, and returns data to the client.

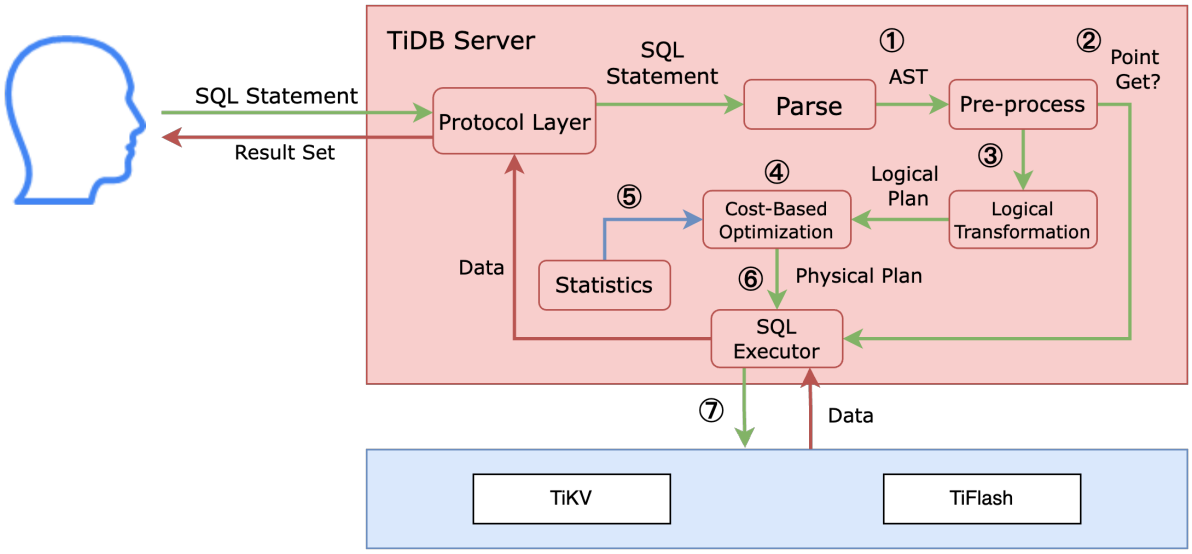


Figure 353: workflow

In the preceding figure, to the right of the protocol layer is the optimizer of the TiDB server, which processes SQL statements as follows:

1. The SQL statement arrives at the SQL optimizer through the protocol layer and is parsed into an abstract syntax tree (AST).
2. TiDB identifies whether it is a Point Get statement, which involves a simple one-table lookup through a primary or unique key, such as `SELECT * FROM t WHERE pk_col = 1` or `SELECT * FROM t WHERE uk_col IN (1,2,3)`. For `Point Get` statements, TiDB skips subsequent optimization steps and proceeds directly to execution in the SQL executor.
3. If the query is not a `Point Get`, the AST undergoes logical transformation, where TiDB rewrites the SQL logically based on specific rules.
4. After logical transformation, TiDB processes the AST through cost-based optimization.
5. During cost-based optimization, the optimizer uses statistics to select appropriate operators and generates a physical execution plan.
6. The generated physical execution plan is sent to the SQL executor of the TiDB node for execution.
7. Unlike traditional single-node databases, TiDB pushes down operators or coprocessors to TiKV and/or TiFlash nodes containing the data. This approach processes parts of the execution plan where the data is stored, efficiently utilizing the distributed architecture, using resources in parallel, and reducing network data transfer. The TiDB node executor then assembles the final result and returns it to the client.

Optimizer fundamentals

TiDB uses a cost-based optimizer (CBO) to determine the most efficient execution plan for a SQL statement. The optimizer evaluates different execution strategies and selects the one with the lowest estimated cost. The cost depends on factors such as:

- The SQL statement
- Schema design
- Statistics, including:
    - Table statistics
    - Index statistics
    - Column statistics

Based on these inputs, the cost model generates an execution plan that details how TiDB will execute the SQL statement, including:

- Access method
- Join method
- Join order

The effectiveness of the optimizer depends on the quality of the information it receives. To achieve optimal performance, ensure that statistics are up to date and indexes are well-designed.

Statistics management

Statistics are essential for the TiDB optimizer. TiDB uses statistics as the input of the optimizer to estimate the number of rows processed in each step of a SQL execution plan.

Statistics are divided into two levels:

- **Table-level statistics**: include the total number of rows in the table and the number of rows modified since the last statistics collection.
- **Index/column-level statistics**: include detailed information such as histograms, Count-Min Sketch, Top-N (values or indexes with the highest occurrences), distribution and quantity of different values, and the number of NULL values.

To check the accuracy and health of your statistics, you can use the following SQL statements:

- `SHOW STATS_META`: shows metadata about table statistics.

```
SHOW STATS_META WHERE table_name='T2'\G;
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
         Db_name: test
      Table_name: T2
   Partition_name:
     Update_time: 2023-05-11 02:16:50
    Modify_count: 10000
       Row_count: 20000
1 row in set (0.03 sec)
```

- SHOW STATS_HEALTHY: shows the health status of table statistics.

```
SHOW STATS_HEALTHY WHERE table_name='T2'\G;
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
      Db_name: test
   Table_name: T2
Partition_name:
      Healthy: 50
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

TiDB provides two methods for collecting statistics: automatic and manual collection. In most cases, automatic collection is sufficient. TiDB triggers automatic collection when certain conditions are met. Some common triggering conditions include:

- tidb_auto_analyze_ratio: the healthiness trigger.
- tidb_auto_analyze_start_time and tidb_auto_analyze_end_time: the time window for automatic statistics collection.

```
SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'tidb\_auto\_analyze%';
```

```
+----------------------------------------+-------------+
| Variable_name                          | Value       |
+----------------------------------------+-------------+
| tidb_auto_analyze_ratio                | 0.5         |
| tidb_auto_analyze_start_time           | 00:00 +0000 |
| tidb_auto_analyze_end_time             | 23:59 +0000 |
+----------------------------------------+-------------+
```

In some cases, automatic collection might not meet your needs. By default, it occurs between 00:00 and 23:59, meaning the analyze job can run at any time. To minimize performance impact on your online business, you can set specific start and end times for statistics collection.

You can manually collect statistics using the `ANALYZE TABLE table_name` statement. This lets you adjust settings such as the sample rate, the number of Top-N values, or collect statistics for specific columns only.

Note that after manual collection, subsequent automatic collection jobs inherit the new settings. This means that any customizations made during manual collection will apply to future automatic analyses.

Locking table statistics is useful in the following scenarios:

- The statistics on the table already represent the data well.
- The table is very large, and statistics collection is time-consuming.
- You want to maintain statistics only during specific time windows.

To lock statistics for a table, you can use the `LOCK STATS table_name` statement.

For more information, see Statistics.

11.1.7.4.2 Understand execution plans

An execution plan details the steps that TiDB will follow to execute a SQL query. This section explains how TiDB builds an execution plan and how to generate, display, and interpret execution plans.

How TiDB builds an execution plan

A SQL statement undergoes three main optimization stages in the TiDB optimizer:

1. Pre-processing
2. Logical transformation
3. Cost-based optimization

1. Pre-processing

During pre-processing, TiDB determines whether the SQL statement can be executed using `Point_Get` or `Batch_Point_Get`. These operations use a primary or unique key to read directly from TiKV through an exact key lookup. If a plan qualifies for `Point_Get` or `Batch_Point_Get`, the optimizer skips the logical transformation and cost-based optimization steps because direct key lookup is the most efficient way to access the row.

The following is an example of a `Point_Get` query:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT id, name FROM emp WHERE id = 901;
```

```
+-------------+---------+------+---------------+---------------+
| id          | estRows | task | access object | operator info |
+-------------+---------+------+---------------+---------------+
| Point_Get_1 | 1.00 | root | table:emp   | handle:901   |
+-------------+---------+------+---------------+---------------+
```

2. Logical transformation

During logical transformation, TiDB optimizes SQL statements based on the `SELECT` list, `WHERE` predicates, and other conditions. It generates a logical execution plan to annotate and rewrite the query. This logical plan is used in the next stage, cost-based optimization. The transformation applies rule-based optimizations such as column pruning, partition pruning, and join reordering. Because this process is rule-based and automatic, manual adjustments are usually unnecessary.

For more information, see SQL Logical Optimization.

3. Cost-based optimization

The TiDB optimizer uses statistics to estimate the number of rows processed in each step of a SQL statement and assigns a cost to each step. During cost-based optimization, the optimizer evaluates all possible plan choices, including index accesses and join methods, and calculates the total cost for each plan. The optimizer then selects the execution plan with the minimal total cost.

The following figure illustrates various data access paths and row set operations considered during cost-based optimization. For data retrieval paths, the optimizer determines the most efficient method between index scans and full table scans, and decides whether to retrieve data from row-based TiKV storage or columnar TiFlash storage.

The optimizer also evaluates operations that manipulate row sets, such as aggregation, join, and sorting. For example, the aggregation operator might use either `HashAgg` or `StreamAgg`, while the join method can select from `HashJoin`, `MergeJoin`, or `IndexJoin`.

Additionally, the physical optimization phase includes pushing down expressions and operators to the physical storage engines. The physical plan is distributed to different components based on the underlying storage engines as follows:

- Root tasks are executed on the TiDB server.
- Cop (Coprocessor) tasks are executed on TiKV.
- MPP tasks are executed on TiFlash.

This distribution enables cross-component collaboration for efficient query processing.

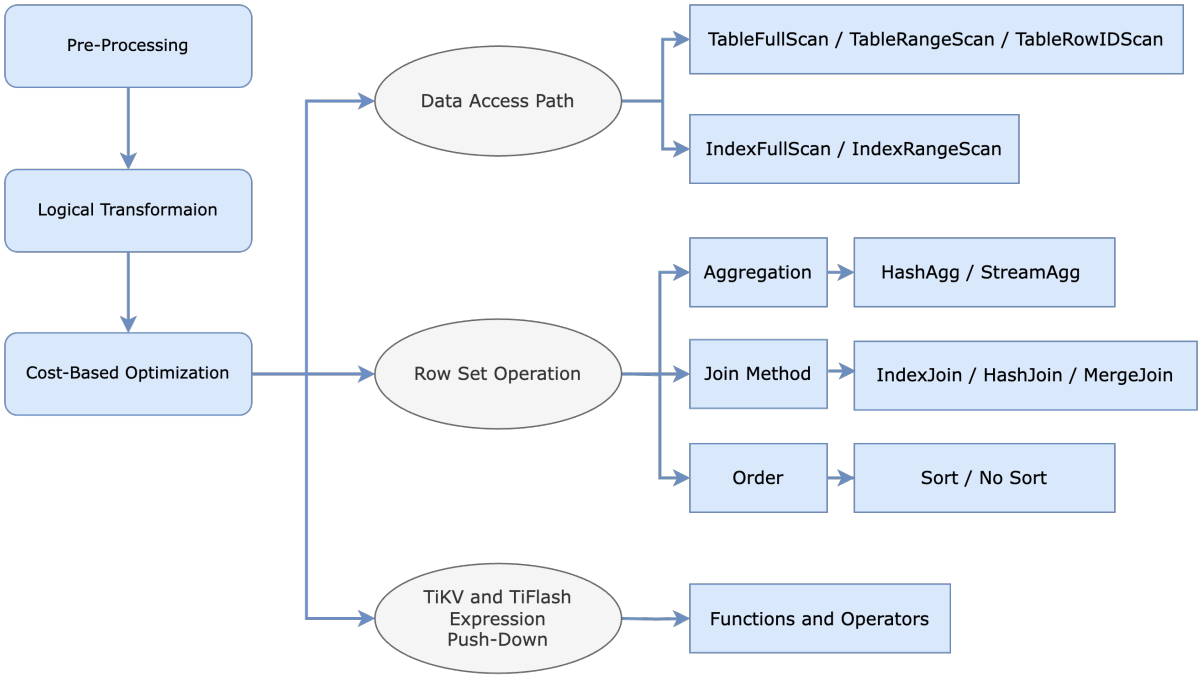


Figure 354: cost-based-optimization

For more information, see SQL Physical Optimization.

Generate and display execution plans

Besides accessing execution plan information through TiDB Dashboard, you can use the `EXPLAIN` statement to display the execution plan for a SQL query. The `EXPLAIN` output includes the following columns:

- `id`: the operator name and a unique identifier of the step.
- `estRows`: the estimated number of rows from the particular step.
- `task`: indicates the layer where the operator is executed. For example, `root` indicates execution on the TiDB server, `cop[tikv]` indicates execution on TiKV, and `mpp[tiflash]` indicates execution on TiFlash.
- `access object`: the object where row sources are located.
- `operator info`: additional details about the operator in the step.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT COUNT(*) FROM trips WHERE start_date BETWEEN '2017-07-01
    ↪ 00:00:00' AND '2017-07-01 23:59:59';
```

```
+-------------------------+------------+-------------+--------------------+-----------
    ↪
```

```
| id                    | estRows    | task         | access object   |
   ↪ operator info
   ↪
   ↪ |
+-------------------------+------------+-------------+-------------------+-----------
   ↪
| StreamAgg_20          | 1.00       | root         |                 | funcs:
   ↪ count(Column#13)->Column#11
   ↪                                                          |
|  ─TableReader_21       | 1.00       | root         |                 | data:
   ↪ StreamAgg_9
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─StreamAgg_9        | 1.00       | cop[tikv]    |                 | funcs:
   ↪ count(1)->Column#13
   ↪                                                                   |
|      ─Selection_19     | 250.00     | cop[tikv]    |                 | ge(
   ↪ trips.start_date, 2017-07-01 00:00:00.000000), le(trips.start_date,
   ↪ 2017-07-01 23:59:59.000000) |
|        ─TableFullScan_18 | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:trips     | keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪                                                                 |
+-------------------------+------------+-------------+-------------------+-----------
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Different from `EXPLAIN`, `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` executes the corresponding SQL statement, records its runtime information, and returns the runtime information together with the execution plan. This runtime information is crucial for debugging query execution. For more information, see `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`.

The `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` output includes:

- `actRows`: the number of rows output by the operator.
- `execution info`: detailed execution information of the operator. `time` represents the total `wall time`, including the total execution time of all sub-operators. If the operator is called many times by the parent operator, then the time refers to the accumulated time.
- `memory`: the memory used by the operator.
- `disk`: the disk space used by the operator.

The following is an example. Some attributes and table columns are omitted to improve formatting.

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE
```

```
SELECT SUM(pm.m_count) / COUNT(*)
FROM (
    SELECT COUNT(m.name) m_count
    FROM universe.moons m
    RIGHT JOIN (
        SELECT p.id, p.name
        FROM universe.planet_categories c
        JOIN universe.planets p
            ON c.id = p.category_id
            AND c.name = 'Jovian'
    ) pc ON m.planet_id = pc.id
    GROUP BY pc.name
) pm;
```

```
+-----------------------------------------+.+---------+----------+---------------------
   ↪
| id                                      |.| actRows | task    | access object
   ↪          | execution info                                          |.|
   ↪ memory   | disk    |
+-----------------------------------------+.+---------+----------+---------------------
   ↪
| Projection_14                           |.| 1       | root     |
   ↪                          | time:1.39ms, loops:2, RU:1.561975,
   ↪ Concurrency:OFF      |.| 9.64 KB | N/A    |
|  ─StreamAgg_16                          |.| 1       | root     |
   ↪                          | time:1.39ms, loops:2
   ↪                                        |.| 1.46 KB | N/A    |
|    ─Projection_40                       |.| 4       | root     |
   ↪                          | time:1.38ms, loops:4, Concurrency:OFF
   ↪                     |.| 8.24 KB | N/A    |
|      ─HashAgg_17                        |.| 4       | root     |
   ↪                          | time:1.36ms, loops:4, partial_worker:{...},
   ↪ final_worker:{...} |.| 82.1 KB | N/A |
|        ─HashJoin_19                     |.| 25      | root     |
   ↪                          | time:1.29ms, loops:2, build_hash_table:{...},
   ↪  probe:{...} |.| 2.25 KB | 0 Bytes |
|          ─HashJoin_35(Build)           |.| 4       | root     |
   ↪                          | time:1.08ms, loops:2, build_hash_table:{...},
   ↪  probe:{...} |.| 25.7 KB | 0 Bytes |
|            ─IndexReader_39(Build)      |.| 1       | root     |
   ↪                          | time:888.5µs, loops:2, cop_task: {...}
   ↪                    |.| 286 Bytes | N/A  |
|              ─IndexRangeScan_38        |.| 1       | cop[tikv] | table:c,
   ↪ index:name(name) | tikv_task:{time:0s, loops:1}, scan_detail: {...}
   ↪ |.| N/A      | N/A    |
```

```
|           └─TableReader_37(Probe)    |.| 10     | root     |
   ↪                          | time:543.7µs, loops:2, cop_task: {...}
   ↪                  |.| 577 Bytes | N/A  |
|             └─TableFullScan_36       |.| 10     | cop[tikv] | table:p
   ↪                | tikv_task:{time:0s, loops:1}, scan_detail: {...}
   ↪ |.| N/A      | N/A    |
|          └─TableReader_22(Probe)     |.| 28     | root     |
   ↪                          | time:671.7µs, loops:2, cop_task: {...}
   ↪                  |.| 876 Bytes | N/A  |
|           └─TableFullScan_21         |.| 28     | cop[tikv] | table:m
   ↪                | tikv_task:{time:0s, loops:1}, scan_detail: {...}
   ↪ |.| N/A      | N/A    |
+----------------------------------------+.+---------+----------+--------------------
   ↪
```

Read execution plans: first child first

To diagnose slow SQL queries, you need to understand how to read execution plans. The key principle is **"first child first – recursive descent"**. Each operator in the plan generates a set of rows, and the execution order determines how these rows flow through the plan tree.

The "first child first" rule means that an operator must retrieve rows from all its child operators before producing output. For example, a join operator requires rows from both its child operators to perform the join. The "recursive descent" rule means you analyze the plan from top to bottom, although actual data flows from bottom to top, as each operator depends on its children's output.

Consider these two important concepts when reading execution plans:

- Parent-child interaction: a parent operator calls its child operators sequentially but might cycle through them multiple times. For example, in an index lookup or nested loop join, the parent fetches a batch of rows from the first child, then retrieves zero or more rows from the second child. This process repeats until the first child's result set is fully processed.
- Blocking vs. non-blocking operators: operators can be either blocking or non-blocking:
  - Blocking operators, such as `TopN` and `HashAgg`, must create their entire result set before passing data to their parent.
  - Non-blocking operators, such as `IndexLookup` and `IndexJoin`, produce and pass rows incrementally as needed.

When reading an execution plan, start from the top and work downward. In the following example, the leaf node of the plan tree is `TableFullScan_18`, which performs a full table scan. The rows from this scan are consumed by the `Selection_19` operator, which filters the

data based on `ge(trips.start_date, 2017-07-01 00:00:00.000000)`, `le(trips.start_date, 2017-07-01 23:59:59.000000)`. Then, the group-by operator `StreamAgg_9` performs the final aggregation `COUNT(*)`.

These three operators (`TableFullScan_18`, `Selection_19`, and `StreamAgg_9`) are pushed down to TiKV (marked as `cop[tikv]`), enabling early filtering and aggregation in TiKV to reduce data transfer between TiKV and TiDB. Finally, `TableReader_21` reads the data from `StreamAgg_9`, and `StreamAgg_20` performs the final aggregation `count(*)`.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT COUNT(*) FROM trips WHERE start_date BETWEEN '2017-07-01
    ↪ 00:00:00' AND '2017-07-01 23:59:59';
```

```
+-------------------------+------------+-------------+--------------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                      | estRows    | task        | access object      |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+-------------------------+------------+-------------+--------------------+-----------
    ↪
| StreamAgg_20            | 1.00       | root        |                    | funcs:
    ↪ count(Column#13)->Column#11
    ↪                                                                    |
| └─TableReader_21        | 1.00       | root        |                    | data:
    ↪ StreamAgg_9
    ↪
    ↪ |
|   └─StreamAgg_9         | 1.00       | cop[tikv]   |                    | funcs:
    ↪ count(1)->Column#13
    ↪                                                                    |
|     └─Selection_19      | 250.00     | cop[tikv]   |                    | ge(
    ↪ trips.start_date, 2017-07-01 00:00:00.000000), le(trips.start_date,
    ↪ 2017-07-01 23:59:59.000000) |
|       └─TableFullScan_18 | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:trips        | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                                      |
+-------------------------+------------+-------------+--------------------+-----------
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, start by examining `IndexRangeScan_47`, the first leaf node of the plan tree. The optimizer selects only the `name` and `id` columns from the `stars` table, which can be retrieved from the `name(name)` index. As a result, the root reader for `stars` is `IndexReader_48`, not `TableReader`.

The join between `stars` and `planets` is a hash join (`HashJoin_44`). The `planets` table is accessed using a full table scan (`TableFullScan_45`). After the join, `TopN_26` and `TopN_19`

apply the `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT` clauses, respectively. The final operator, `Projection_16`, selects the final column `t5.name`.

```
EXPLAIN
SELECT t5.name
FROM (
    SELECT p.name, p.gravity, p.distance_from_sun
    FROM universe.planets p
    JOIN universe.stars s
        ON s.id = p.sun_id
        AND s.name = 'Sun'
    ORDER BY p.distance_from_sun ASC
    LIMIT 5
) t5
ORDER BY t5.gravity DESC
LIMIT 3;
```

```
+-----------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------------------+
   ↪
| id                                | estRows | task      | access object
   ↪          |
+-----------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------------------+
   ↪
| Projection_16                     | 3.00     | root      |
   ↪                          |
|  ─TopN_19                         | 3.00     | root      |
   ↪                          |
|    ─TopN_26                       | 5.00     | root      |
   ↪                          |
|      ─HashJoin_44                 | 5.00     | root      |
   ↪                          |
|        ─IndexReader_48(Build)     | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                          |
|          ─IndexRangeScan_47       | 1.00     | cop[tikv] | table:s, index:name(
   ↪ name) |
|        ─TableReader_46(Probe)     | 10.00    | root      |
   ↪                          |
|          ─TableFullScan_45        | 10.00    | cop[tikv] | table:p
   ↪                |
+-----------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------------------+
   ↪
```

The following figure illustrates the plan tree for the second execution plan:

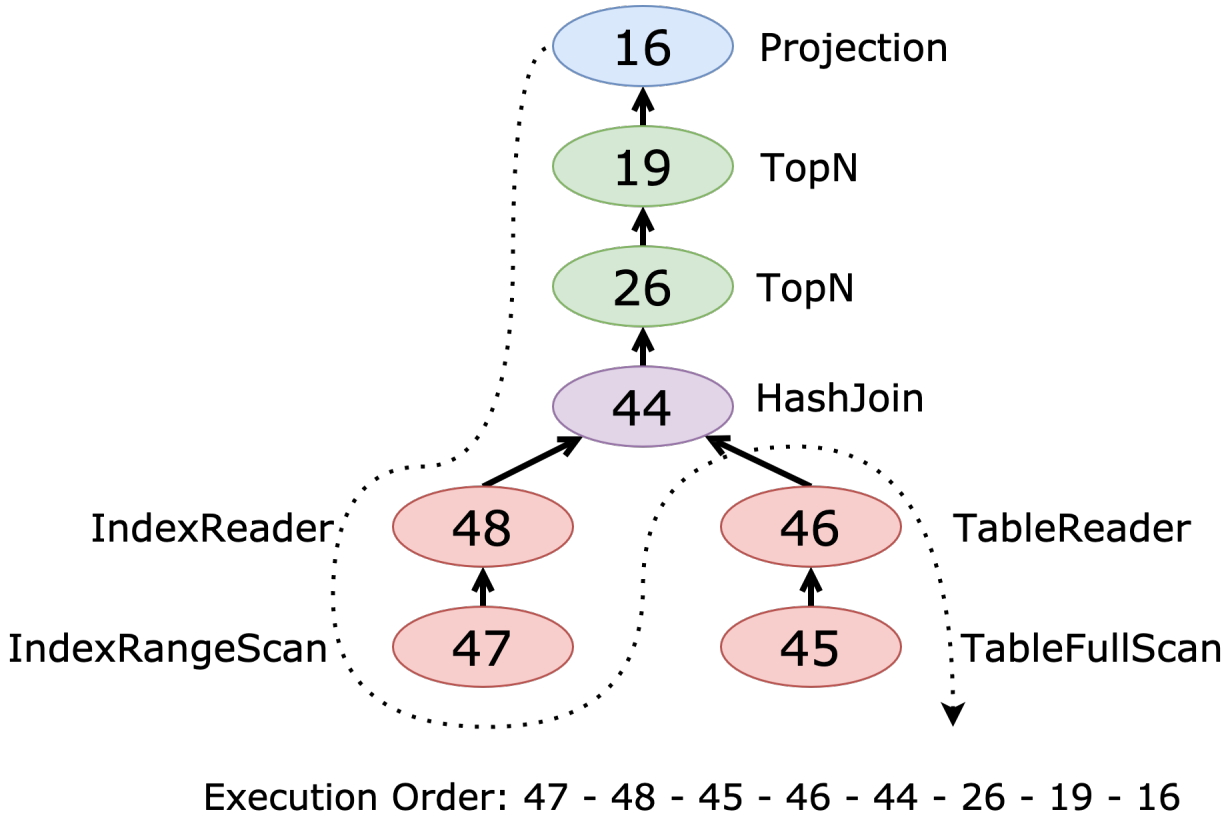


Figure 355: execution-plan-traverse

The execution plan follows a top-to-bottom, first-child-first traversal, corresponding to a postorder traversal (Left, Right, Root) of the plan tree.

You can read this plan in the following order:

1. Start at the top with `Projection_16`.
2. Move to its child, `TopN_19`.
3. Continue to `TopN_26`.
4. Proceed to `HashJoin_44`.
5. For `HashJoin_44`, process its left (Build) child first:
    - `IndexReader_48`
    - `IndexRangeScan_47`
6. For `HashJoin_44`, process its right (Probe) child:
    - `TableReader_46`
    - `TableFullScan_45`

This traversal ensures that each operator's inputs are processed before the operator itself, enabling efficient query execution.

Identify bottlenecks in execution plans

When analyzing execution plans, compare `actRows` (actual rows) with `estRows` (estimated rows) to evaluate the accuracy of the optimizer's estimations. A significant difference between these values might indicate outdated or inaccurate statistics, which can lead to suboptimal query plans.

To identify bottlenecks in a slow query, perform the following steps:

1. Review the `execution info` section from top to bottom, focusing on operators with high execution time.
2. For the first child operator that consumes significant time:
    - Compare `actRows` with `estRows` to assess estimation accuracy.
    - Analyze detailed metrics in `execution info`, such as high execution time or other metrics.
    - Check `memory` and `disk` usage for potential resource constraints.
3. Correlate these factors to determine the root cause of the performance issue. For example, if a `TableFullScan` operation has a high `actRows` count and long execution time in `execution info`, consider creating an index. If a `HashJoin` operation shows high memory usage and execution time, consider optimizing the join order or using an alternative join method.

In the following execution plan, the query runs for 5 minutes and 51 seconds before being canceled. The key issues include:

1. Severe underestimation: The first leaf node `IndexReader_76` reads data from the `index_orders_on_adjustment_id(adjustment_id)` index. The actual number of rows (`actRows`) is 256,811,189, which is significantly higher than the estimated 1 row (`estRows`).
2. Memory overflow: This underestimation causes the hash join operator `HashJoin_69` to build a hash table with far more data than expected, consuming excessive memory (22.6 GB) and disk space (7.65 GB).
3. Query termination: The `actRows` value of `0` for `HashJoin_69` and operators above it indicate either no matching rows or query termination due to resource constraints. In this case, the hash join consumes too much memory, triggering memory control mechanisms to terminate the query.
4. Incorrect join order: The root cause of this inefficient plan is the severe underestimation of `estRows` for `IndexRangeScan_75`, leading the optimizer to choose an incorrect join order.

To address these issues, ensure that table statistics are up to date, particularly for the `orders` table and the `index_orders_on_adjustment_id` index.

```
+-------------------
```

```
   ↪                                                                  | tikv_
   ↪ task:{proc...| N/A  | N/A     |
|   ─TableReader_28(Probe)      | 0.00     | 43.64      | 0        | root
   ↪     |
   ↪
   ↪ |              ...| N/A     | N/A     |
|     ─Selection_27             | 0.00     | 653.96     | 0        | cop[
   ↪ tikv] |
   ↪
   ↪ |              ...| N/A     | N/A     |
|       ─TableRangeScan_26      | 1.01     | 454.36     | 0        | cop[
   ↪ tikv] | table:labels
   ↪                                                                  |
   ↪              ...| N/A     | N/A     |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
```

The following execution plan shows the expected results after fixing the incorrect estimation on the `orders` table. The query now takes 1.96 seconds to run, which is a significant improvement from the previous 5 minutes and 51 seconds:

- Accurate estimation: The `estRows` values now closely match the `actRows`, indicating that the statistics are updated and more accurate.
- Efficient join order: The query now starts with a `TableReader` on the `labels` table, followed by an `IndexJoin` with the `rates` table, and another `IndexJoin` with the `orders` table. This join order works more efficiently with the actual data distribution.
- No memory overflow: Unlike the previous plan, this execution shows no signs of excessive memory or disk usage, indicating that the query runs within expected resource limits.

This optimized plan demonstrates the importance of accurate statistics and proper join order in query performance. The execution time reduction (from 351 seconds to 1.96 seconds) shows the impact of addressing estimation errors.

```
+---------------------------------------+----------+---------+-----------+--------------
   ↪
| id                                | estRows | actRows | task   | access
   ↪ object
   ↪ | execution info...| memory | disk |
+---------------------------------------+----------+---------+-----------+--------------
   ↪
| Limit_24                          | 1000.00 | 1000   | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:1.96s, lo...| N/A   | N/A |
```

```
|  └─IndexJoin_88                     | 1000.00 | 1000   | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:1.96s, lo...| 1.32 MB | N/A |
|    └─IndexJoin_99(Build)            | 1000.00 | 2458   | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:1.96s, lo...| 77.7 MB | N/A |
|      └─TableReader_109(Build)       | 6505.62 | 158728 | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:1.26s, lo...| 297.0 MB | N/A |
|        └─Selection_108              | 6505.62 | 171583 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪
   ↪ | tikv_task:{pro...| N/A   | N/A |
|          └─TableRangeScan_107       | 80396.43 | 179616 | cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ labels                                                              |
   ↪ tikv_task:{pro...| N/A   | N/A |
|      └─Projection_98(Probe)         | 1000.00 | 2458   | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:2.13s, lo...| 59.2 KB | N/A |
|        └─IndexLookUp_97             | 1000.00 | 2458   | root     | partition
   ↪ :all                                                                |
   ↪ time:2.13s, lo...| 1.20 MB | N/A |
|          └─Selection_95(Build)      | 6517.14 | 6481   | cop[tikv] |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:798.6ms, ...| N/A   | N/A |
|            └─IndexRangeScan_93      | 6517.14 | 6481   | cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ rates, index:index_rates_on_label_id(label_id)                      |
   ↪  tikv_task:{pro...| N/A   | N/A |
|          └─Selection_96(Probe)      | 1000.00 | 2458   | cop[tikv] |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:444.4ms, ...| N/A   | N/A |
|            └─TableRowIDScan_94      | 6517.14 | 6481   | cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ rates                                                               |
   ↪  tikv_task:{pro...| N/A   | N/A |
|    └─TableReader_84(Probe)          | 984.56  | 1998   | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:207.6ms, ...| N/A   | N/A |
|      └─Selection_83                 | 984.56  | 1998   | cop[tikv] |
   ↪
   ↪ | tikv_task:{pro...| N/A   | N/A |
|        └─TableRangeScan_82          | 1000.00 | 2048   | cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ orders                                                              |
   ↪  tikv_task:{pro...| N/A   | N/A |
+--------------------------------------+---------+--------+-----------+--------------
   ↪
```

For more information, see TiDB Query Execution Plan Overview and `EXPLAIN` Walk-through.

11.1.7.4.3 Index strategy in TiDB

TiDB is a distributed SQL database that separates the SQL layer (TiDB Server) from the storage layer (TiKV). Unlike traditional databases, TiDB does not use a buffer pool to cache data on compute nodes. As a result, SQL query performance and overall cluster performance depend on the number of key-value (KV) RPC requests that need to be processed. Common KV RPC requests include `Point_Get`, `Batch_Point_Get`, and Coprocessor.

To optimize performance in TiDB, it is essential to use indexes effectively, as they can significantly reduce the number of KV RPC requests. Fewer KV RPC requests improve query performance and system efficiency. The following lists some key strategies that help optimize indexing:

- Avoid full table scans.
- Avoid sorting operations.
- Use covering indexes or exclude unnecessary columns to reduce row lookups.

This section explains general indexing strategies and indexing costs. It also provides three practical examples of effective indexing in TiDB, with a focus on composite and covering indexes for SQL tuning.

Composite index strategy guidelines

To create an efficient composite index, order your columns strategically. The column order directly affects how efficiently the index filters and sorts data.

Follow these recommended column order guidelines for a composite index:

1. Start with index prefix columns for direct access:
    - Columns with equivalent conditions
    - Columns with `IS NULL` conditions
    - Columns with `IN` conditions that contain a single value, such as `IN (1)`
2. Add columns for sorting next:
    - Let the index handle sorting operations
    - Enable sort and limit pushdown to TiKV
    - Preserve the sorted order
3. Include additional filtering columns to reduce row lookups:
    - `IN` conditions with multiple values
    - Time range conditions on datetime columns
    - Other non-equivalent conditions, such as `!=`, `<>`, `NOT IN`, and `IS NOT NULL`

4. Add columns from the `SELECT` list or used in aggregation to fully utilize a covering index.

Special consideration: `IN` conditions

When designing composite indexes, you need to handle `IN` conditions carefully.

- Single value: an `IN` clause with a single value (such as `IN (1)`) works similarly to an equality condition and can be placed at the beginning of the index.
- Multiple values: an `IN` clause with multiple values generates multiple ranges. If you place such a column before columns used for sorting, it can break the sorting order. To maintain the sorting order, make sure to place columns used for sorting before columns with multi-value `IN` conditions in the composite index.

The cost of indexing

While indexes can improve query performance, they also introduce costs you should consider:

- Performance impact on writes:
  - A non-clustered index reduces the chance of single-phase commit optimization.
  - Each additional index slows down write operations (such as `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE`).
  - When data is modified, all affected indexes must be updated.
  - The more indexes a table has, the greater the write performance impact.
- Resource consumption:
  - Indexes require additional disk space.
  - More memory is needed to cache frequently accessed indexes.
  - Backup and recovery operations take longer.
- Write hotspot risk:
  - Secondary indexes can create write hotspots. For example, a monotonically increasing datetime index will cause hotspots on table writes.
  - Hotspots can lead to significant performance degradation.

The following lists some best practices:

- Create indexes only when they provide clear performance benefits.
- Regularly review index usage statistics using `TIDB_INDEX_USAGE`.
- Consider the write/read ratio of your workload when designing indexes.

SQL tuning with a covering index

A covering index includes all columns referenced in the `WHERE` and `SELECT` clauses. Using a covering index can eliminate the need for additional index lookups, significantly improving query performance.

The following query requires an index lookup of 2,597,411 rows and takes 46.4 seconds to execute. TiDB dispatches 67 cop tasks for the index range scan on `logs_idx` (`IndexRangeScan_11`) and 301 cop tasks for table access (`TableRowIDScan_12`).

```
SELECT
  SUM(`logs`.`amount`)
FROM
  `logs`
WHERE
  `logs`.`user_id` = 1111
  AND `logs`.`snapshot_id` IS NULL
  AND `logs`.`status` IN ('complete', 'failure')
  AND `logs`.`source_type` != 'online'
  AND (
    `logs`.`source_type` IN ('user', 'payment')
    OR `logs`.`source_type` IN (
      'bank_account',
    )
    AND `logs`.`target_type` IN ('bank_account')
  );
```

The original execution plan is as follows:

```
+------------------------------+-----------+---------+----------+--------------------
   ↪
| id                           | estRows   | actRows | task     | access object
   ↪                                                    | execution info
   ↪                                          |
+------------------------------+-----------+---------+----------+--------------------
   ↪
| HashAgg_18                   | 1.00      | 2571625.22 | 1     | root     |
   ↪                                                     | time:46.4s,
   ↪ loops:2, partial_worker:{wall_time:46.37, ...|
| └─IndexLookUp_19             | 1.00      | 2570096.68 | 301   | root     |
   ↪                                                     | time:46.4s,
   ↪ loops:2, index_task: {total_time: 45.8s, ...|
|   ├─IndexRangeScan_11(Build) | 1309.50 | 317033.98 | 2597411 | cop[tikv]
   ↪ | table:logs, index:logs_idx(snapshot_id, user_id, status) | time:228
   ↪ ms, loops:2547, cop_task: {num: 67, max: 2.17s, ...|
|   └─HashAgg_7(Probe)         | 1.00      | 588434.48 | 301   | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                                                    | time:3m46.7s,
```

```
   ↪ loops:260, cop_task: {num: 301,    ...|
|     └─Selection_13        | 1271.37   | 561549.27 | 2566562 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                                                          | tikv_task:{proc
   ↪ max:10s, min:0s, avg: 915.3ms,   ...|
|       └─TableRowIDScan_12 | 1309.50   | 430861.31 | 2597411 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪ table:logs                                               | tikv_task:{proc
   ↪ max:10s, min:0s, avg: 908.7ms,   ...|
+-------------------------------+-----------+---------+----------+-------------------
   ↪
```

To improve query performance, you can create a covering index that includes `source_type`, `target_type`, and `amount` columns. This optimization eliminates the need for additional table lookups, reducing execution time to 90 milliseconds, and TiDB only needs to send one cop task to TiKV for data scanning.

After creating the index, execute the `ANALYZE TABLE` statement to collect statistics. In TiDB, index creation does not automatically update statistics, so analyzing the table ensures that the optimizer selects the new index.

```
CREATE INDEX logs_covered ON logs(snapshot_id, user_id, status, source_type
   ↪ , target_type, amount);
ANALYZE TABLE logs INDEX logs_covered;
```

The new execution plan is as follows:

```
+-------------------------------+-----------+---------+----------+-------------------
   ↪
| id                            | estRows   | actRows | task     | access object
   ↪
   ↪ | execution info                          |
+-------------------------------+-----------+---------+----------+-------------------
   ↪
| HashAgg_13                    | 1.00      | 1       | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:90ms, loops:2, RU:158.885311,  ...|
|  └─IndexReader_14             | 1.00      | 1       | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:89.8ms, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 1, ...|
|    └─HashAgg_6                | 1.00      | 1       | cop[tikv] |
   ↪
   ↪ | tikv_task:{time:88ms, loops:52},    ...|
|      └─Selection_12           | 5245632.33 | 52863 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪
   ↪ | tikv_task:{time:80ms, loops:52}     ...|
|        └─IndexRangeScan_11    | 5245632.33 | 52863 | cop[tikv] | table:logs,
   ↪ index:logs_covered(snapshot_id, user_id, status, source_type, target_
   ↪ type, amount)               | tikv_task:{time:60ms, loops:52}     ...|
```

```
+-------------------------------+------------+---------+-----------+--------------------
    ↪
```

SQL tuning with a composite index involving sorting

You can optimize queries with `ORDER BY` clauses by creating composite indexes that include both filtering and sorting columns. This approach helps TiDB access data efficiently while maintaining the desired order.

For example, consider the following query that retrieves data from `test` based on specific conditions:

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT
test.*
FROM
  test
WHERE
  test.snapshot_id = 459840
  AND test.id > 998464
ORDER BY
  test.id ASC
LIMIT
  1000
```

The execution plan shows a duration of 170 ms. TiDB uses the `test_index` to perform an `IndexRangeScan_20` with the filter `snapshot_id = 459840`. It then retrieves all columns from the table, returning 5,715 rows to TiDB after `IndexLookUp_23`. TiDB sorts these rows and returns 1,000 rows.

The `id` column is the primary key, which means it is implicitly included in the `test_idx` index. However, `IndexRangeScan_20` does not guarantee order because `test_idx` includes two additional columns (`user_id` and `status`) after the index prefix column `snapshot_id`. As a result, the ordering of `id` is not preserved.

The original plan is as follows:

```
+-------------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+------------------------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | actRows | task  | access object
    ↪                                     | execution info
    ↪                           | operator info                        |
+-------------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+------------------------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | actRows | task  | access object
    ↪                                     | execution info
    ↪                         ...| test.id, offset:0, count:1000        |
| TopN_10                   | 19.98  | 1000   | root     |
    ↪                                                  | time:170.6ms,
    ↪ loops:2                 ...|                                      |
```

```
|  ─IndexLookUp_23          | 19.98  | 5715   | root     |
   ↪                                                    | time:166.6ms,
   ↪ loops:7                  ...|                                    |
|    ─Selection_22(Build)   | 19.98  | 5715   | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                                                  | time:18.6ms, loops
   ↪ :9, cop_task: {num: 3, ...| gt(test.id, 998464)              |
|      ─IndexRangeScan_20   | 433.47 | 7715   | cop[tikv] | table:test,
   ↪ index:test_idx(snapshot_id, user_id, status) | tikv_task:{proc max:4
   ↪ ms, min:4ms, avg: 4ms ...| range:[459840,459840], keep order:false |
|    ─TableRowIDScan_21(Probe) | 19.98 | 5715 | cop[tikv] | table:test
   ↪                                        | time:301.6ms, loops:10, cop_
   ↪ task: {num: 3, ...| keep order:false               |
+-----------------------------+--------+--------+-----------+-----------------------
   ↪
```

To optimize the query, you can create a new index on `(snapshot_id)`. This ensures that `id` is sorted within each `snapshot_id` group. With this index, execution time drops to 96 ms. The `keep order` property becomes `true` for `IndexRangeScan_33`, and `TopN` is replaced with `Limit`. As a result, `IndexLookUp_35` returns only 1,000 rows to TiDB, eliminating the need for additional sorting operations.

The following is the query statement with the optimized index:

```
CREATE INDEX test_new ON test(snapshot_id);
ANALYZE TABLE test INDEX test_new;
```

The new plan is as follows:

```
+---------------------------------+--------+--------+-----------+--------------------
   ↪
| id                              | estRows | actRows | task   | access object
   ↪                              | execution info                          |
   ↪ operator info                                  |
+---------------------------------+--------+--------+-----------+--------------------
   ↪
| Limit_14                        | 17.59  | 1000   | root     |
   ↪                                              | time:96.1ms, loops:2, RU
   ↪ :92.300155     | offset:0, count:1000                          |
|  ─IndexLookUp_35                | 17.59  | 1000   | root     |
   ↪                                              | time:96.1ms, loops:1, index_
   ↪ task:    ...|                                                 |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_33(Build) | 17.59  | 5715   | cop[tikv] | table:test,
   ↪ index:test_new(snapshot_id) | time:7.25ms, loops:8, cop_task: {num:
   ↪ 3, ...| range:(459840 998464,459840 +inf], keep order:true |
|    ─TableRowIDScan_34(Probe) | 17.59  | 5715   | cop[tikv] | table:test
   ↪                               | time:232.9ms, loops:9, cop_task: {num: 3,
   ↪  ...| keep order:false                          |
```

```
+--------------------------------+--------+--------+----------+--------------------
    ↪
```

SQL tuning with composite indexes for efficient filtering and sorting

The following query takes 11 minutes and 9 seconds to execute, which is excessively long for a query that returns only 101 rows. The slow performance is caused by several factors:

- Inefficient index usage: The optimizer selects the index on `created_at`, resulting in a scan of 25,147,450 rows.
- Large intermediate result set: After applying the date range filter, 12,082,311 rows still require processing.
- Late filtering: The most selective predicates `(mode, user_id, and label_id)` are applied after accessing the table, resulting in 16,604 rows.
- Sorting overhead: The final sort operation on 16,604 rows adds additional processing time.

The following is the query statement:

```
SELECT `orders`.*
FROM `orders`
WHERE
    `orders`.`mode` = 'production'
    AND `orders`.`user_id` = 11111
    AND orders.label_id IS NOT NULL
    AND orders.created_at >= '2024-04-07 18:07:52'
    AND orders.created_at <= '2024-05-11 18:07:52'
    AND orders.id >= 1000000000
    AND orders.id < 1500000000
ORDER BY orders.id DESC
LIMIT 101;
```

The following are the existing indexes on `orders`:

```
PRIMARY KEY (`id`),
UNIQUE KEY `index_orders_on_adjustment_id` (`adjustment_id`),
KEY `index_orders_on_user_id` (`user_id`),
KEY `index_orders_on_label_id` (`label_id`),
KEY `index_orders_on_created_at` (`created_at`)
```

The original execution plan is as follows:

```
+-------------------------------+----------+--------+----------+--------------------
    ↪
```

```
| id                          | estRows  | actRows | task    | access object
   ↪                                                          | execution
   ↪ info                                  | operator info
   ↪                                                                  |
   ↪ memory  | disk |
+-------------------------------+-----------+---------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
| TopN_10                     | 101.00   | 101    | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:11m9.8s, loops:2                          | orders.id:desc,
   ↪ offset:0, count:101                                          | 271 KB
   ↪ | N/A |
|  ─IndexLookUp_39            | 173.83   | 16604  | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | time:11m9.8s, loops:19, index_task: {total_time:...}|
   ↪
   ↪ | 20.4 MB | N/A |
|    ─Selection_37(Build)     | 8296.70  | 12082311| cop[tikv] |
   ↪                                                                    |
   ↪ time:26.4ms, loops:11834, cop_task: {num: 294, m...}| ge(orders.id,
   ↪ 1000000000), lt(orders.id, 1500000000)                  | N/A     | N/A
   ↪  |
|      ─IndexRangeScan_35     | 6934161.90| 25147450| cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ orders, index:index_orders_on_created_at(created_at)       | tikv_task
   ↪ :{proc max:2.15s, min:0s, avg: 58.9ms, ...}| range:[2024-04-07
   ↪ 18:07:52,2024-05-11 18:07:52), keep order:false    | N/A     | N/A |
|    ─Selection_38(Probe)     | 173.83   | 16604  | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                                                                     |
   ↪ time:54m46.2s, loops:651, cop_task: {num: 1076, ...}| eq(orders.mode,
   ↪  "production"), eq(orders.user_id, 11111), not(isnull(orders.label_id
   ↪ )) | N/A | N/A |
|      ─TableRowIDScan_36     | 8296.70  | 12082311| cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ orders                                                       | tikv_
   ↪ task:{proc max:44.8s, min:0s, avg: 3.33s, p...}| keep order:false
   ↪                                                       | N/A     | N/A |
+-------------------------------+-----------+---------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
```

After creating a composite index `idx_composite` on `orders(user_id, mode, id, created_at, label_id)`, the query performance improves significantly. The execution time drops from 11 minutes and 9 seconds to just 5.3 milliseconds, making the query over 126,000 times faster. This massive improvement results from:

- Efficient index usage: the new index enables an index range scan on `user_id`, `mode`, and `id`, which are the most selective predicates. This reduces the number of scanned

rows from millions to just 224.

- Index-only sort: the `keep order:true` in the execution plan indicates that sorting is performed using the index structure, eliminating the need for a separate sort operation.
- Early filtering: the most selective predicates are applied first, reducing the result set to 224 rows before further filtering.
- Limit push-down: the `LIMIT` clause is pushed down to the index scan, allowing early termination of the scan once 101 rows are found.

This case demonstrates the significant impact of a well-designed index on query performance. By aligning the index structure with the query's predicates, sort order, and required columns, the query achieves a performance improvement of over five orders of magnitude.

```
CREATE INDEX idx_composite ON orders(user_id, mode, id, created_at, label_
    ↪ id);
ANALYZE TABLE orders index idx_composite;
```

The new execution plan is as follows:

```
+--------------------------------+----------+---------+----------+--------------------
    ↪
| id                             | estRows  | actRows | task     | access object
    ↪                                                             | execution
    ↪ info                                      | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ | memory  | disk |
+--------------------------------+----------+---------+----------+--------------------
    ↪
| IndexLookUp_32                 | 101.00   | 101     | root     |
    ↪
    ↪ | time:5.3ms, loops:2, RU:3.435006, index_task: {t...}| limit
    ↪ embedded(offset:0, count:101)
    ↪                                                                  | 128.5 KB
    ↪  | N/A |
|  ─Limit_31(Build)              | 101.00   | 101     | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                                                                          |
    ↪ time:1.35ms, loops:1, cop_task: {num: 1, max: 1....}| offset:0, count
    ↪ :101
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A     | N/A |
|    ─Selection_30               | 535.77   | 224     | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                                                                          |
    ↪ tikv_task:{time:0s, loops:3}                    | ge(orders.created_at,
    ↪ 2024-04-07 18:07:52), le(orders.created_at, 2024-05-11 18:07:52), not
    ↪ (isnull(orders.label_id)) | N/A | N/A |
|      ─IndexRangeScan_28        | 503893.42 | 224   | cop[tikv] | table:orders,
    ↪  index:idx_composite(user_id, mode, id, created_at, label_id) | tikv_
```

```
   ↪ task:{time:0s, loops:3}          | range:[11111 "production"
   ↪ 1000000000,11111 "production" 1500000000), keep order:true, desc
   ↪             | N/A     | N/A |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_29(Probe)  | 101.00   | 101    | cop[tikv] | table:orders
   ↪                                                          | time:2.9ms,
   ↪ loops:2, cop_task: {num: 3, max: 2.7...}| keep order:false
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A     | N/A |
+-------------------------------+----------+--------+----------+-------------------
   ↪
```

11.1.7.4.4 When to use TiFlash

This section explains when to use TiFlash in TiDB. TiFlash is optimized for analytical queries that involve complex calculations, aggregations, and large dataset scans. Its columnar storage format and MPP mode significantly improve performance in these scenarios.

Use TiFlash in the following scenarios:

- Large-scale data analysis: TiFlash delivers faster performance for OLAP workloads that require extensive data scans. Its columnar storage and MPP execution mode optimize query efficiency compared to TiKV.
- Complex scans, aggregations, and joins: TiFlash processes queries with heavy aggregations and joins more efficiently by reading only the necessary columns.
- Mixed workloads: in hybrid environments where both transactional (OLTP) and analytical (OLAP) workloads run simultaneously, TiFlash handles analytical queries without affecting TiKV's performance for transactional queries.
- SaaS applications with arbitrary filtering requirements: queries often involve filtering across many columns. Indexing all columns is impractical, especially when queries include a tenant ID as part of the primary key. TiFlash sorts and clusters data by primary key, making it well suited for these workloads. With the late materialization feature, TiFlash enables efficient table range scans, improving query performance without the overhead of maintaining multiple indexes.

Using TiFlash strategically enhances query performance and optimizes resource usage in TiDB for data-intensive analytical queries. The following sections provide examples of TiFlash use cases.

Analytical query

This section compares the execution performance of TPC-H Query 14 on TiKV and TiFlash storage engines.

TPC-H Query 14 involves joining the `order_line` and `item` tables. The query takes **21.1 seconds** on TiKV but only **1.41 seconds** using TiFlash MPP mode, making it 15 times faster.

- TiKV plan: TiDB fetches 3,864,397 rows from the `lineitem` table and 10 million rows from the `part` table. The hash join operation (`HashJoin_21`), along with the subsequent projection (`Projection_38`) and aggregation (`HashAgg_9`) operations, are performed in TiDB.
- TiFlash plan: The optimizer detects TiFlash replicas for both `order_line` and `item` tables. Based on cost estimation, TiDB automatically selects the MPP mode, executing the entire query within the TiFlash columnar storage engine. This includes table scans, hash joins, column projections, and aggregations, significantly improving performance compared to the TiKV plan.

The following is the query:

```
select 100.00 * sum(case when i_data like 'PR%' then ol_amount else 0 end)
    ↪ / (1+sum(ol_amount)) as promo_revenue
from order_line, item
where ol_i_id = i_id and ol_delivery_d >= '2007-01-02 00:00:00.000000' and
    ↪ ol_delivery_d < '2030-01-02 00:00:00.000000';
```

The execution plan on TiKV is as follows:

```
+------------------------------+-------------+----------+----------+----------------
    ↪
| ID                           | ESTROWS     | ACTROWS  | TASK     | ACCESS
    ↪ OBJECT | EXECUTION INFO                          |
+------------------------------+-------------+----------+----------+----------------
    ↪
| Projection_8                 | 1.00        | 1        | root     |
    ↪              | time:21.1s, loops:2, RU:1023225.707561, ... |
|  ─HashAgg_9                  | 1.00        | 1        | root     |
    ↪              | time:21.1s, loops:2, partial_worker:{ ... |
|    ─Projection_38            | 3839984.46 | 3864397  | root     |
    ↪              | time:21.1s, loops:3776, Concurrency:5  |
|      ─HashJoin_21            | 3839984.46 | 3864397  | root     |
    ↪              | time:21.1s, loops:3776, build_hash_table:... |
|        ─TableReader_24(Build) | 3826762.62 | 3864397 | root   |
    ↪              | time:18.4s, loops:3764, cop_task: ...  |
|          ─Selection_23       | 3826762.62 | 3864397  | cop[tikv] |
    ↪             | tikv_task:{proc max:717ms, min:265ms, ... |
|            ─TableFullScan_22 | 300005811.00 | 300005811 | cop[tikv] |
    ↪ table:lineitem | tikv_task:{proc max:685ms, min:252ms, ... |
|        ─TableReader_26(Probe) | 10000000.00 | 10000000 | root |
    ↪              | time:1.29s, loops:9780, cop_task: ...  |
|          ─TableFullScan_25   | 10000000.00 | 10000000 | cop[tikv] | table:
    ↪ part | tikv_task:{proc max:922ms, min:468ms, ... |
+------------------------------+-------------+----------+----------+----------------
    ↪
```

The execution plan on TiFlash is as follows:

```
+-----------------------------------------+------------+---------+--------------+--
   ↪
| ID                                      | ESTROWS    | ACTROWS | TASK       |
   ↪  ACCESS OBJECT | EXECUTION INFO                  |
+-----------------------------------------+------------+---------+--------------+--
   ↪
| Projection_8                            | 1.00       | 1       | root       |
   ↪               | time:1.41s, loops:2, RU:45879.127909 |
|  ─HashAgg_52                            | 1.00       | 1       | root
   ↪ |              | time:1.41s, loops:2, ...         |
|    ─TableReader_54                      | 1.00       | 1       | root
   ↪ |              | time:1.41s, loops:2, ...         |
|      ─ExchangeSender_53                 | 1.00       | 1       | mpp[tiflash
   ↪ ] |            | tiflash_task:{time:1.41s, ...    |
|        ─HashAgg_13                      | 1.00       | 1       | mpp[tiflash
   ↪ ] |            | tiflash_task:{time:1.41s, ...    |
|          ─Projection_74                 | 3813443.11 | 3864397 | mpp[
   ↪ tiflash] |          | tiflash_task:{time:1.4s, ...     |
|            ─Projection_51               | 3813443.11 | 3864397 | mpp[
   ↪ tiflash] |          | tiflash_task:{time:1.39s, ...    |
|              ─HashJoin_50               | 3813443.11 | 3864397 | mpp[
   ↪ tiflash] |          | tiflash_task:{time:1.39s, ...    |
|                ─ExchangeReceiver_31(Build) | 3800312.67 | 3864397 | mpp[
   ↪ tiflash] |       | tiflash_task:{time:1.05s, ...    |
|                  ─ExchangeSender_30     | 3800312.67 | 3864397 | mpp[
   ↪ tiflash] |          | tiflash_task:{time:1.2s, ...     |
|                    ─TableFullScan_28    | 3800312.67 | 3864397 | mpp[
   ↪ tiflash] | table:lineitem | tiflash_task:{time:1.15s, ... |
|                ─ExchangeReceiver_34(Probe) | 10000000.00 | 10000000 | mpp[
   ↪ tiflash] |     | tiflash_task:{time:1.24s, ...    |
|                  ─ExchangeSender_33     | 10000000.00 | 10000000 | mpp[
   ↪ tiflash] |         | tiflash_task:{time:1.4s, ...     |
|                    ─TableFullScan_32    | 10000000.00 | 10000000 | mpp[
   ↪ tiflash] | table:part | tiflash_task:{time:59.2ms, ... |
+-----------------------------------------+------------+---------+--------------+--
   ↪
```

SaaS arbitrary filtering workloads

In SaaS applications, tables often use composite primary keys that include tenant identification. The following example demonstrates how TiFlash can significantly improve query performance in these scenarios.

Case study: multi-tenant data access

Consider a table with a composite primary key: `(tenantId, objectTypeId, objectId)`. A typical query pattern for this table involves:

- Retrieving the first N records for a specific tenant and object type while applying random filters across hundreds or thousands of columns. This makes creating indexes for all possible filter combinations impractical. The query might also include a sort operation after filtering.
- Calculating the total count of records that match the filter criteria.

Performance comparison

When running the same query on different storage engines, you can observe significant performance differences:

- TiKV plan: The query takes 2 minutes 38.6 seconds on TiKV. `TableRangeScan` sends 5,121 cop tasks because the data is distributed across 5,121 Regions.
- TiFlash plan: The same query takes only 3.44 seconds on TiFlash MPP engine—nearly 46 times faster. TiFlash stores data sorted by primary key, so queries filtered by the primary key's prefix use `TableRangeScan` instead of a full table scan. TiFlash requires only 2 MPP tasks compared to TiKV's 5,121 tasks.

The following is the query statement:

```
WITH `results` AS (
  SELECT field1, field2, field3, field4
  FROM usertable
  where tenantId = 1234 and objectTypeId = 6789
),
`limited_results` AS (
  SELECT field1, field2, field3, field4
  FROM `results` LIMIT 100
)
SELECT field1, field2, field3, field4
FROM
  (
    SELECT 100 `__total__`, field1, field2, field3, field4
    FROM `limited_results`
    UNION ALL
    SELECT count(*) `__total__`, field1, field2, field3, field4
    FROM `results`
  ) `result_and_count`;
```

The execution plan on TiKV is as follows:

```
+------------------------------+----------+---------+----------+-------------------
   ↪
| id                           | estRows  | actRows | task     | access object
   ↪      | execution info                                    |
+------------------------------+----------+---------+----------+-------------------
   ↪
| Union_18                     | 101.00   | 101     | root     |
   ↪                     | time:2m38.6s, loops:3, RU:8662189.451027     |
|  ─Limit_20                   | 100.00   | 100     | root     |
   ↪                     | time:23ms, loops:2                           |
|    ─TableReader_25           | 100.00   | 100     | root     |
   ↪                     | time:23ms, loops:1, cop_task: {num: 1, max:
   ↪ 22.8...}|
|      ─Limit_24               | 100.00   | 100     | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                    | tikv_task:{time:21ms, loops:3}, scan_detail: {...}
   ↪  |
|        ─TableRangeScan_22    | 100.00   | 100     | cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ usertable   | tikv_task:{time:21ms, loops:3}                |
|  ─Projection_26              | 1.00     | 1       | root     |
   ↪                     | time:2m38.6s, loops:2, Concurrency:OFF       |
|    ─HashAgg_34               | 1.00     | 1       | root     |
   ↪                     | time:2m38.6s, loops:2, partial_worker:{...}, fin
   ↪ .. .|
|      ─TableReader_35         | 1.00     | 5121    | root     |
   ↪                     | time:2m38.6s, loops:7, cop_task: {num: 5121, max
   ↪ :...|
|        ─HashAgg_27           | 1.00     | 5121    | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                    | tikv_task:{proc max:0s, min:0s, avg: 462.8ms, p
   ↪ ...} |
|          ─TableRangeScan_32  | 10000000 | 10000000| cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ usertable | tikv_task:{proc max:0s, min:0s, avg: 460.5ms, p...} |
+------------------------------+----------+---------+----------+-------------------
   ↪
```

The execution plan on TiFlash is as follows:

```
+------------------------------+----------+---------+--------------+----------------
   ↪
| id                           | estRows  | actRows | task         | access
   ↪ object    | execution info                                  |
+------------------------------+----------+---------+--------------+----------------
   ↪
| Union_18                     | 101.00   | 101     | root         |
   ↪                   | time:3.44s, loops:3, RU:0.000000             |
|  ─Limit_22                   | 100.00   | 100     | root         |
```

```
   ↪                  | time:146.7ms, loops:2                          |
|    ─TableReader_30          | 100.00   | 100    | root       |
   ↪                  | time:146.7ms, loops:1, cop_task: {num: 1, max:
   ↪ 0...}|
|      ─ExchangeSender_29     | 100.00   | 0      | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪                 |                                                |
|        ─Limit_28            | 100.00   | 0      | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪                 |                                                |
|          ─TableRangeScan_27 | 100.00   | 0      | mpp[tiflash] | table:
   ↪ usertable |                                                |
|  ─Projection_31             | 1.00     | 1      | root       |
   ↪                  | time:3.42s, loops:2, Concurrency:OFF          |
|    ─HashAgg_49              | 1.00     | 1      | root       |
   ↪                  | time:3.42s, loops:2, partial_worker:{...}, fin... |
|      ─TableReader_51        | 1.00     | 2      | root       |
   ↪                  | time:3.42s, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 4, max: 0...}
   ↪ |
|        ─ExchangeSender_50   | 1.00     | 2      | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪                 | tiflash_task:{proc max:3.4s, min:3.15s, avg: 3...} |
|          ─HashAgg_36        | 1.00     | 2      | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪                 | tiflash_task:{proc max:3.4s, min:3.15s, avg: 3...} |
|            ─TableRangeScan_48 | 10000000 | 10000000| mpp[tiflash] | table:
   ↪ usertable | tiflash_task:{proc max:3.4s, min:3.15s, avg: 3...} |
+-------------------------------+-----------+---------+--------------+-----------------
   ↪
```

Query routing between TiKV and TiFlash

After enabling TiFlash replicas for tables with large amounts of multi-tenant data, the optimizer routes queries to either TiKV or TiFlash based on the row count:

- Small tenants: TiKV is more suitable for tenants with small data size, as it provides high concurrency for small queries with table range scans.
- Large tenants: For tenants with large datasets (such as 10 million rows in this case), TiFlash is more efficient for the following advantages:
  - TiFlash handles dynamic filtering conditions without requiring specific indexes.
  - TiDB can push down `COUNT`, `SORT`, and `LIMIT` operations to TiFlash.
  - TiFlash scans only the required columns using columnar storage.

11.1.8 Tuning by Metrics

11.1.8.1 Performance Analysis and Tuning

This document describes a tuning approach by database time, and illustrates how to use the TiDB Performance Overview dashboard for performance analysis and tuning.

With the methods described in this document, you can analyze user response time and database time from a global and top-down perspective, to confirm whether the bottleneck in user response time is caused by database issues. If the bottleneck is in the database, you can use the database time overview and SQL latency breakdowns to identify the bottleneck and tune performance.

11.1.8.1.1 Performance tuning based on database time

TiDB is constantly measuring and collecting SQL processing paths and database time. Therefore, it is easy to identify database performance bottlenecks in TiDB. Based on database time metrics, you can achieve the following two goals even without data on user response time:

- Determine whether the bottleneck is in TiDB by comparing the average SQL processing latency with the idle time of a TiDB connection in a transaction.
- If the bottleneck is in TiDB, further identify the exact module in the distributed system based on database time overview, color-based performance data, key metrics, resource utilization, and top-down latency breakdowns.

Is TiDB the bottleneck?

- If the average idle time of TiDB connections in transactions is higher than the average SQL processing latency, the database is not to blame for the transaction latency of applications. The database time takes only a small part of the user response time, indicating that the bottleneck is outside the database.

  In this case, check the external components of the database. For example, determine whether there are sufficient hardware resources in the application server, and whether the network latency from the application to the database is excessively high.

- If the average SQL processing latency is higher than the average idle time of TiDB connections in transactions, the bottleneck in transactions is in TiDB, and the database time takes a large percentage of the user response time.

If the bottleneck is in TiDB, how to identify it?

The following figure shows a typical SQL process. You can see that most SQL processing paths are covered in TiDB performance metrics. The database time is broken down into different dimensions, which are colored accordingly. You can quickly understand the workload characteristics and catch the bottlenecks inside the database if any.

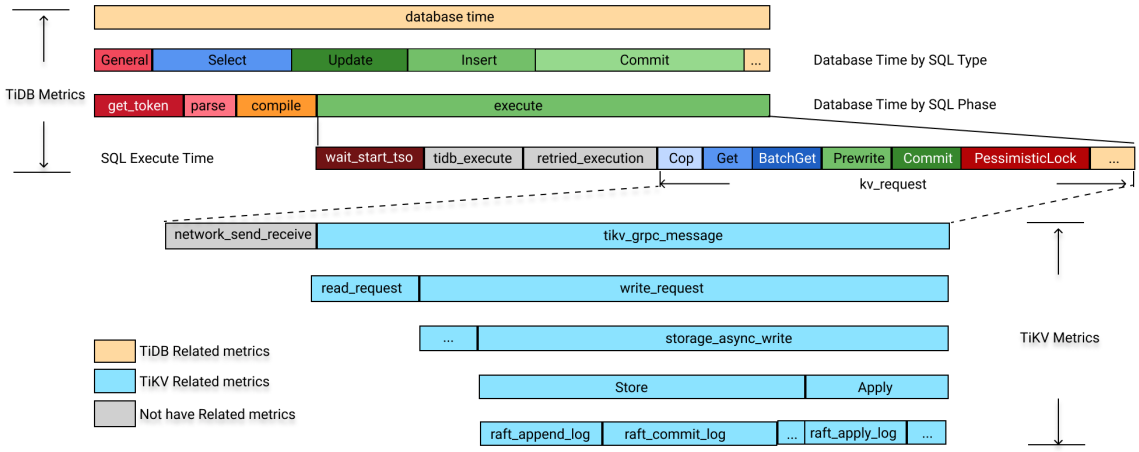


Figure 356: database time decomposition chart

Database time is the sum of all SQL processing time. A breakdown of the database time into the following three dimensions helps you quickly identify bottlenecks in TiDB:

- By SQL processing type: Determine which type of SQL statements consumes the most database time. The formula is:

  ```
  DB Time = Select Time + Insert Time + Update Time + Delete Time +
  ↪ Commit Time + ...
  ```

- By the 4 steps of SQL processing (get_token/parse/compile/execute): Determine which step consumes the most time. The formula is:

  ```
  DB Time = Get Token Time + Parse Time + Compile Time + Execute Time
  ```

- By executor time, TSO wait time, KV request time, and execution retry time: Determine which execution step constitutes the bottleneck. The formula is:

  ```
  Execute Time ~= TiDB Executor Time + KV Request Time + PD TSO Wait Time
  ↪  + Retried execution time
  ```

11.1.8.1.2 Performance analysis and tuning using the Performance Overview dashboard

This section describes how to perform performance analysis and tuning based on database time using the Performance Overview dashboard in Grafana.

The Performance Overview dashboard orchestrates the metrics of TiDB, PD, and TiKV, and presents each of them in the following sections:

- Database time and SQL execution time overview: Color-coded SQL types, database time by SQL execution phase, and database time of different requests help you quickly identify database workload characteristics and performance bottlenecks.
- Key metrics and resource utilization: Contains database QPS, connection information, request command types between the applications and the database, database internal TSO and KV request OPS, and TiDB/TiKV resource usage.
- Top-down latency breakdown: Contains a comparison of query latency and connection idle time, breakdown of query latency, latency of TSO requests and KV requests in SQL execution, and breakdown of TiKV internal write latency.

Database time and SQL execution time overview

The database time metric is the sum of the latency that TiDB processes SQL per second, which is also the total time that TiDB concurrently processes application SQL requests per second (equal to the number of active connections).

The Performance Overview dashboard provides the following three stacked area graphs. They help you understand database workload profile and quickly identify the bottleneck causes in terms of statements, sql phase, and TiKV or PD request type during SQL execution.

- Database Time By SQL Type
- Database Time By SQL Phase
- SQL Execute Time Overview

Tune by color

The diagrams of database time breakdown and execution time overview present both expected and unexpected time consumption intuitively. Therefore, you can quickly identify performance bottleneck and learn the workload profile. Green and blue areas stand for normal time consumption and requests. If non-green or non-blue areas occupy a significant proportion in these two diagrams, the database time distribution is inappropriate.

- Database Time By SQL Type:
  - Blue: `Select` statement
  - Green: `Update`, `Insert`, `Commit` and other DML statements
  - Red: General SQL types, including `StmtPrepare`, `StmtReset`, `StmtFetch`, and `StmtClose`
- Database Time By SQL Phase: The SQL execution phase is in green and other phases are in red on general. If non-green areas are large, it means much database time is consumed in other phases than the execution phase and further cause analysis is required. A common scenario is that the compile phase shown in orange takes a large area due to unavailability of prepared plan cache.

- SQL Execute Time Overview: Green metrics stand for common KV write requests (such as `Prewrite` and `Commit`), blue metrics stand for common KV read requests (such as Cop and Get), purple metrics stand for TiFlash MPP requests, and metrics in other colors stand for unexpected situations which you need to pay attention. For example, pessimistic lock KV requests are marked red and TSO waiting is marked dark brown. If non-blue or non-green areas are large, it means there is bottleneck during SQL execution. For example:
    - If serious lock conflicts occur, the red area will take a large proportion.
    - If excessive time is consumed in waiting TSO, the dark brown area will take a large proportion.

Example 1: TPC-C workload

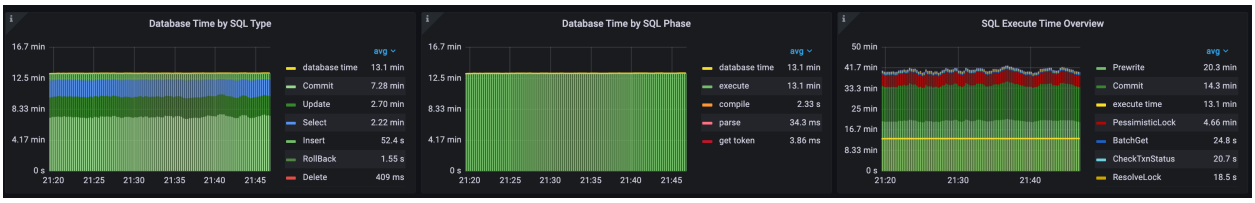


Figure 357: TPC-C

- Database Time by SQL Type: Most time-consuming statements are `commit`, `update`, `select`, and `insert` statements.
- Database Time by SQL Phase: The most time-consuming phase is SQL execution in green.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: The most time-consuming KV requests in SQL execution are `Prewrite` and `Commit` in green.

> **Note:**
> It is normal that the total KV request time is greater than the execute time. Because the TiDB executor may send KV requests to multiple TiKVs concurrently, causing the total KV request wait time to be greater than the execute time. In the preceding TPC-C workload, TiDB sends `Prewrite` and `Commit` requests concurrently to multiple TiKVs when a transaction is committed. Therefore, the total time for `Prewrite`, `Commit` ↪ , and `PessimisticLock` requests in this example is obviously longer than the execute time.
>
> - The `execute` time may also be significantly greater than the total time of the KV request plus the `tso_wait` time. This means that the SQL execution time is spent mostly inside the TiDB executor. Here are two common examples:

```
> - Example 1: After TiDB executor reads a large amount of data from
    ↪ TiKV, it needs to do complex join and aggregation inside TiDB,
    ↪ which consumes a lot of time.
> - Example 2: The application experiences serious write statement lock
    ↪  conflicts. Frequent lock retries result in long `Retried
    ↪ execution time`.
```

Example 2: OLTP read-heavy workload

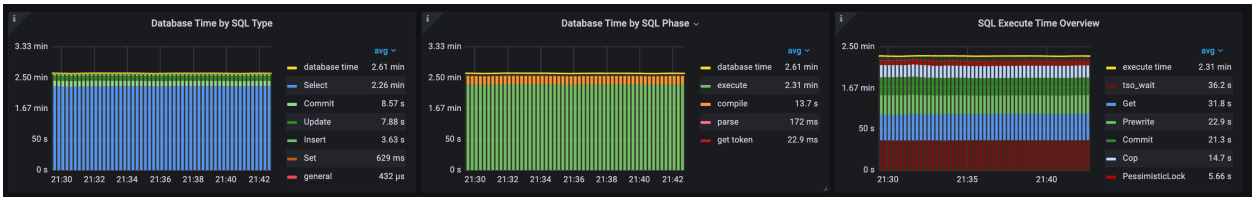


Figure 358: OLTP

- Database Time by SQL Type: Major time-consuming statements are `SELECT`, `COMMIT`, `UPDATE`, and `INSERT`, among which `SELECT` consumes most database time.
- Database Time by SQL Phase: Most time is consumed in the `execute` phase in green.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: In SQL execution phase, `pd tso_wait` in dark brown, `KV Get` in blue, and `Prewrite` and `Commit` in green are time-consuming.

Example 3: Read-only OLTP workload

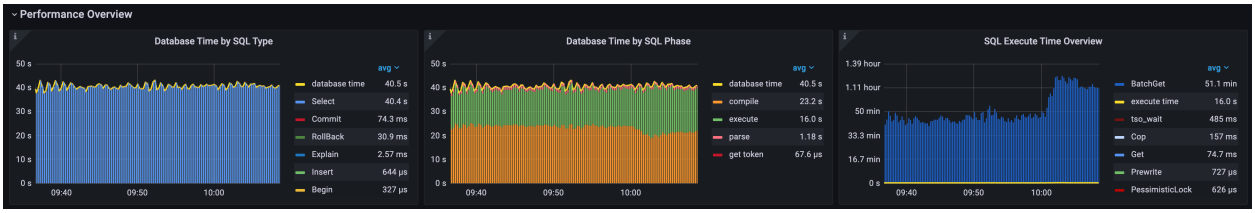


Figure 359: OLTP

- Database Time by SQL Type: Mainly are `SELECT` statements.
- Database Time by SQL Phase: Major time-consuming phases are `compile` in orange and `execute` in green. Latency in the `compile` phase is the highest, indicating that TiDB is taking too long to generate execution plans and the root cause needs to be further determined based on the subsequent performance data.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: The KV BatchGet requests in blue consume the most time during SQL execution.

Note:

In example 3, `SELECT` statements need to read thousands of rows concurrently from multiple TiKVs. Therefore, the total time of the `BatchGet` request is much longer than the execution time.

Example 4: Lock contention workload

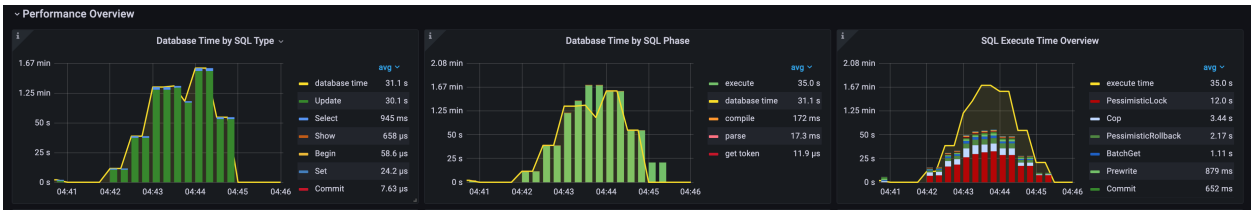


Figure 360: OLTP

- Database Time by SQL Type: Mainly are `UPDATE` statements.
- Database Time by SQL Phase: Most time is consumed in the execute phase in green.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: The KV request PessimisticLock shown in red consumes the most time during SQL execution, and the execution time is obviously longer than the total time of KV requests. This is caused by serious lock conflicts in write statements and frequent lock retries prolong `Retried execution time`. Currently, TiDB does not measure `Retried execution time`.

Example 5: HTAP CH-Benchmark workload

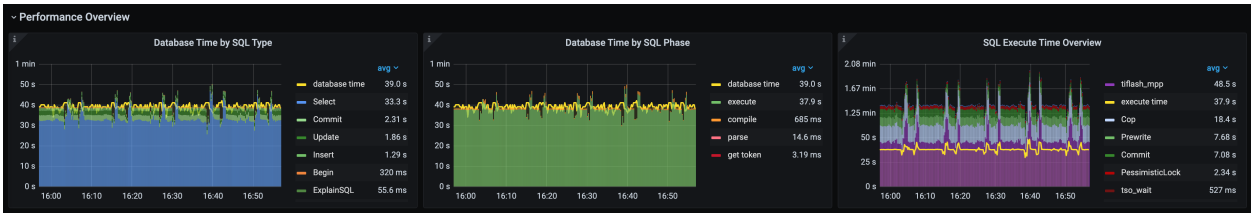


Figure 361: HTAP

- Database Time by SQL Type: Mainly are `SELECT` statements.
- Database Time by SQL Phase: Most time is consumed in the execute phase in green.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: The `tiflash_mpp` requests shown in purple consume the most time during SQL execution, followed by the KV requests, including the `Cop` requests in blue, and the `Prewrite` and `Commit` requests in green.

TiDB key metrics and cluster resource utilization

Query Per Second, Command Per Second, and Prepared-Plan-Cache

By checking the following three panels in Performance Overview, you can learn the application workload type, how the application interacts with TiDB, and whether the application fully utilizes TiDB prepared plan cache.

- QPS: Short for Query Per Second. It shows the count of SQL statements executed by the application.
- CPS By Type: Short for Command Per Second. Command indicates MySQL protocol-specific commands. A query statement can be sent to TiDB either by a query command or a prepared statement.
- Queries Using Plan Cache OPS: `avg-hit` is the number of queries using the execution plan cache per second in a TiDB cluster, and `avg-miss` is the number of queries not using the execution plan cache per second in a TiDB cluster.

  `avg-hit + avg-miss` is equal to `StmtExecute`, which is the number of all queries executed per second. When prepared plan cache is enabled in TiDB, the following three scenarios will occur:

  - No prepared plan cache is hit: `avg-hit` (the number of hits per second) is 0, and `avg-miss` is equal to the number of `StmtExecute` commands per second. The possible reasons include:
    - The application is using the query interface.
    - The cached plans are cleaned up because the application calls the `StmtClose` command after each `StmtExecute` execution.
    - All statements executed by `StmtExecute` do not meet the cache conditions so the execution plan cache cannot be hit.
  - All prepared plan cache is hit: `avg-hit` (the number of hits per second) is equal to the number of `StmtExecute` commands per second, and `avg-miss` (the number without hits per second) is 0.
  - Some prepared plan cache is hit: `avg-hit` (the number of hits per second) is fewer than the number of `StmtExecute` commands per second. Prepared plan cache has known limitations. For example, it does not support subqueries, so SQL statements with subqueries cannot use prepared plan cache.

Example 1: TPC-C workload

The TPC-C workload are mainly `UPDATE`, `SELECT`, and `INSERT` statements. The total QPS is equal to the number of `StmtExecute` commands per second and the latter is almost equal to `avg-hit` on the Queries Using Plan Cache OPS panel. Ideally, the client caches the object of the prepared statement. In this way, the cached statement is called directly when a SQL statement is executed. All SQL executions hit the prepared plan cache, and there is no need to recompile to generate execution plans.

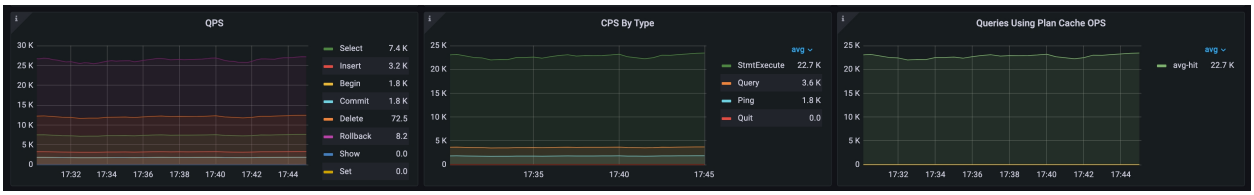


Figure 362: TPC-C

Example 2: Prepared plan cache unavailable for query commands in read-only OLTP workload

In this workload, `Commit QPS` = `Rollback QPS` = `Select QPS`. The application has enabled auto-commit concurrency, and rollback is performed every time a connection is fetched from the connection pool. As a result, these three statements are executed the same number of times.

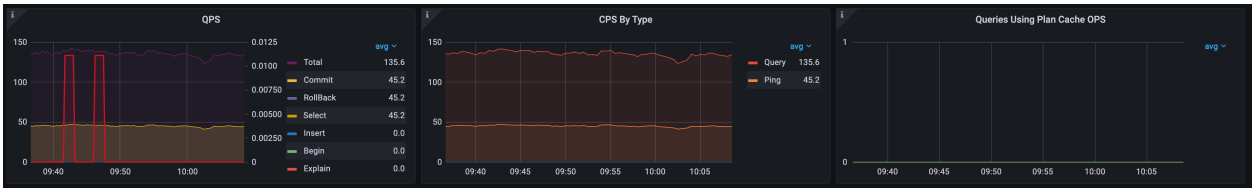


Figure 363: OLTP-Query

- The red bold line in the QPS panel stands for failed queries, and the Y-axis on the right shows the number of failed queries. A value other than 0 means the presence of failed queries.
- The total QPS is equal to the number of queries in the CPS By Type panel, the query command has been used by the application.
- The Queries Using Plan Cache OPS panel has no data, because prepared plan cache is unavailable for query command. This means that TiDB needs to parse and generate an execution plan for every query execution. As a result, the compile time is longer with increasing CPU consumption by TiDB.

Example 3: Prepared plan cache unavailable with prepared statement enabled for OLTP workload

`StmtPrepare` times = `StmtExecute` times = `StmtClose` times ~= `StmtFetch` times. The application uses the prepare > execute > fetch > close loop. To prevent prepared statement object leak, many application frameworks call `close` after the `execute` phase. This creates two problems.

- A SQL execution requires four commands and four network round trips.

- Queries Using Plan Cache OPS is 0, indicating zero hit of prepared plan cache. The `StmtClose` command clears cached execution plans by default and the next `StmtPrepare` command needs to generate the execution plan again.

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from TiDB v6.0.0, you can prevent the `StmtClose` command from clearing cached execution plans via the global variable (`set global tidb ↪ _ignore_prepared_cache_close_stmt=on;`). In this way, subsequent executions can hit the prepared plan cache.

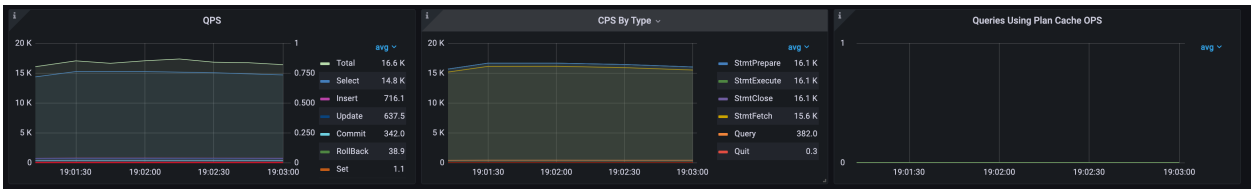


Figure 364: OLTP-Prepared

Example 4: Prepared statements have a resource leak

The number of `StmtPrepare` commands per second is much greater than that of `StmtClose` per second, which indicates that the application has an object leak for prepared statements.

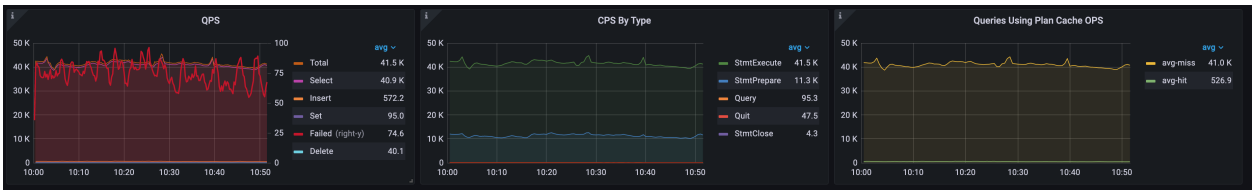


Figure 365: OLTP-Query

- In the QPS panel, the red bold line indicates the number of failed queries, and the Y axis on the right indicates the coordinate value of the number. In this example, the number of failed queries per second is 74.6.
- In the CPS By Type panel, the number of `StmtPrepare` commands per second is much greater than that of `StmtClose` per second, which indicates that an object leak occurs in the application for prepared statements.

- In the Queries Using Plan Cache OPS panel, `avg-miss` is almost equal to `StmtExecute` in the CPS By Type panel, which indicates that almost all SQL executions miss the execution plan cache.

KV/TSO Request OPS and KV Request Time By Source

- In the KV/TSO Request OPS panel, you can view the statistics of KV and TSO requests per second. Among the statistics, `kv request total` represents the sum of all requests from TiDB to TiKV. By observing the types of requests from TiDB to PD and TiKV, you can get an idea of the workload profile within the cluster.
- In the KV Request Time By Source panel, you can view the time ratio of each KV request type and all request sources.
    - kv request total time: The total time of processing KV and TiFlash requests per second.
    - Each KV request and the corresponding request source form a stacked bar chart, in which `external` identifies normal business requests and `internal` identifies internal activity requests (such as DDL and auto analyze requests).

Example 1: Busy workload



Figure 366: TPC-C

In this TPC-C workload:

- The total number of KV requests per second is 79,700. The top request types are `Prewrite`, `Commit`, `PessimisticLock`, and `BatchGet` in order of number of requests.
- Most of the KV processing time is spent on `Commit-external_Commit` and `Prewrite-external_Commit`, which indicates that the most time-consuming KV requests are `Commit` and `Prewrite` from external commit statements.

Example 2: Analyze workload

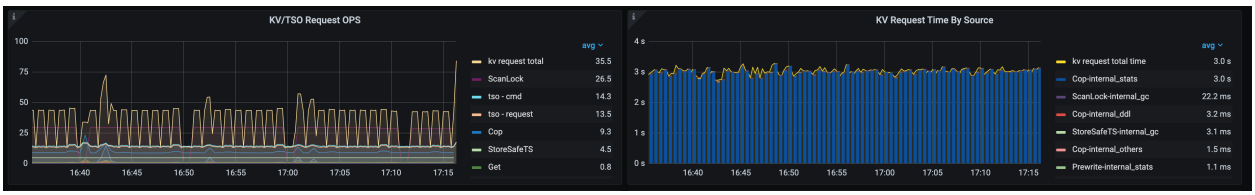


Figure 367: OLTP

In this workload, only `ANALYZE` statements are running in the cluster:

- The total number of KV requests per second is 35.5 and the number of Cop requests per second is 9.3.
- Most of the KV processing time is spent on `Cop-internal_stats`, which indicates that the most time-consuming KV request is `Cop` from internal `ANALYZE` operations.

CPU and memory usage

In the CPU/Memory panels of TiDB, TiKV, and PD, you can monitor their respective logical CPU usage and memory consumption, such as average CPU, maximum CPU, delta CPU (maximum CPU usage minus minimum CPU usage), CPU quota, and maximum memory usage. Based on these metrics, you can determine the overall resource usage of TiDB, TiKV, and PD.

- Based on the `delta` value, you can determine if CPU usage in TiDB or TiKV is unbalanced. For TiDB, a high `delta` usually means unbalanced application connections among the TiDB instances; For TiKV, a high `delta` usually means there are read/write hot spots in the cluster.
- With an overview of TiDB, TiKV, and PD resource usage, you can quickly determine if there are resource bottlenecks in your cluster and whether TiKV, TiDB, or PD needs scale-out or scale-up.

Example 1: High TiKV resource usage

In the following TPC-C workload, each TiDB and TiKV is configured with 16 CPUs. PD is configured with 4 CPUs.

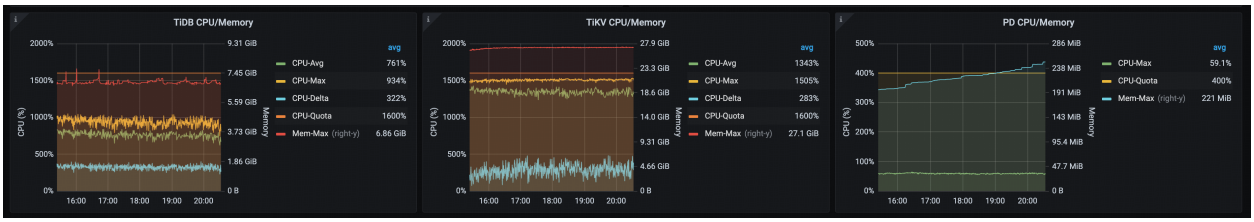


Figure 368: TPC-C

- The average, maximum, and delta CPU usage of TiDB are 761%, 934%, and 322%, respectively. The maximum memory usage is 6.86 GiB.
- The average, maximum, and delta CPU usage of TiKV are 1343%, 1505%, and 283%, respectively. The maximum memory usage is 27.1 GiB.
- The maximum CPU usage of PD is 59.1%. The maximum memory usage is 221 MiB.

Obviously, TiKV consumes more CPU, which is expected because TPC-C is a write-heavy scenario. To improve performance, it is recommended to scale out TiKV.

Data traffic

The read and write traffic panels offer insights into traffic patterns within your TiDB cluster, allowing you to monitor data flow from clients to the database and between internal components comprehensively.

- Read traffic
    - `TiDB -> Client`: the outbound traffic statistics from TiDB to the client
    - `Rocksdb -> TiKV`: the data flow that TiKV retrieves from RocksDB during read operations within the storage layer
- Write traffic
    - `Client -> TiDB`: the inbound traffic statistics from the client to TiDB
    - `TiDB -> TiKV: general`: the rate at which foreground transactions are written from TiDB to TiKV
    - `TiDB -> TiKV: internal`: the rate at which internal transactions are written from TiDB to TiKV
    - `TiKV -> Rocksdb`: the flow of write operations from TiKV to RocksDB
    - `RocksDB Compaction`: the total read and write I/O flow generated by RocksDB compaction operations. If `RocksDB Compaction` is significantly higher than `TiKV -> Rocksdb`, and your average row size is larger than 512 bytes, you can enable Titan to reduce the compaction I/O flow as follows, with min-blob-size set to `"512B"` or `"1KB"` and blob-file-compression set to `"zstd"`.

```
[rocksdb.titan]
enabled = true
[rocksdb.defaultcf.titan]
min-blob-size = "1KB"
blob-file-compression = "zstd"
```

Example 1: Read and write traffic in the TPC-C workload

The following is an example of read and write traffic in the TPC-C workload.

- Read traffic
    - `TiDB -> Client`: 14.2 MB/s
    - `Rocksdb -> TiKV`: 469 MB/s. Note that both read operations (`SELECT` statements) and write operations (`INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE` statements) require reading data from RocksDB into TiKV before committing a transaction.

- Write traffic
    - `Client -> TiDB`: 5.05 MB/s
    - `TiDB -> TiKV: general`: 13.1 MB/s
    - `TiDB -> TiKV`: internal: 5.07 KB/s
    - `TiKV -> Rocksdb`: 109 MB/s
    - `RocksDB Compaction`: 567 MB/s



Figure 369: TPC-C

Example 2: Write traffic before and after Titan is enabled

The following example shows the performance changes before and after Titan is enabled. For an insert workload with 6 KB records, Titan significantly reduces write traffic and compaction I/O, enhancing overall performance and resource utilization of TiKV.

- Write traffic before Titan is enabled
    - `Client -> TiDB`: 510 MB/s
    - `TiDB -> TiKV: general`: 187 MB/s
    - `TiDB -> TiKV: internal`: 3.2 KB/s
    - `TiKV -> Rocksdb`: 753 MB/s
    - `RocksDB Compaction`: 10.6 GB/s

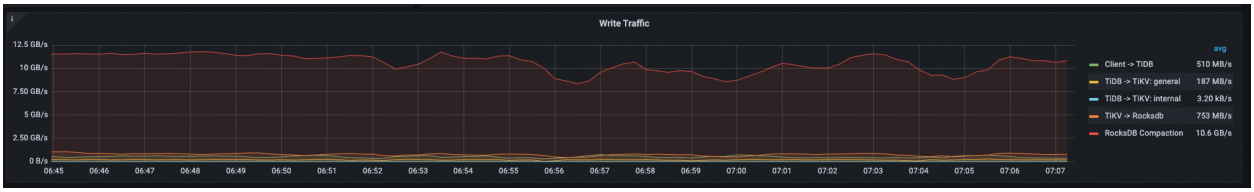


Figure 370: Titan Disable

- Write traffic after Titan is enabled
    - `Client -> TiDB`: 586 MB/s
    - `TiDB -> TiKV: general`: 295 MB/s

- `TiDB -> TiKV: internal`: 3.66 KB/s
- `TiKV -> Rocksdb`: 1.21 GB/s
- `RocksDB Compaction`: 4.68 MB/s

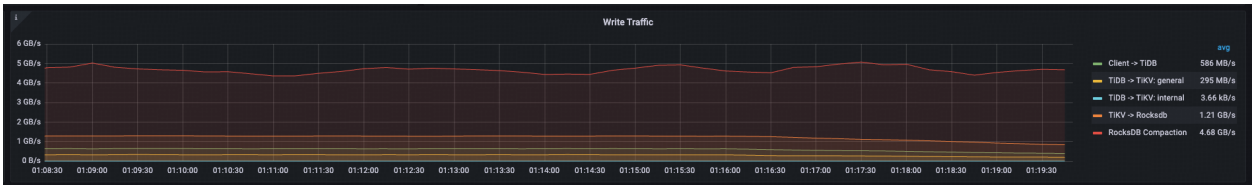


Figure 371: Titan Enable

Query latency breakdown and key latency metrics

The latency panel provides average values and 99th percentile. The average values help identify the overall bottleneck, while the 99th or 999th percentile or 999th helps determine whether there is a significant latency jitter.

Duration, Connection Idle Duration, and Connection Count

The Duration panel contains the average and P99 latency of all statements, and the average latency of each SQL type. The Connection Idle Duration panel contains the average and the P99 connection idle duration. Connection idle duration includes the following two states:

- in-txn: The interval between processing the previous SQL and receiving the next SQL statement when the connection is within a transaction.
- not-in-txn: The interval between processing the previous SQL and receiving the next SQL statement when the connection is not within a transaction.

An applications perform transactions with the same database connection. By comparing the average query latency with the connection idle duration, you can determine if TiDB is the bottleneck for overall system, or if user response time jitter is caused by TiDB.

- If the application workload is not read-only and contains transactions, by comparing the average query latency with `avg-in-txn`, you can determine the proportion in processing transactions inside and outside the database, and identify the bottleneck in user response time.
- If the application workload is read-only or autocommit mode is on, you can compare the average query latency with `avg-not-in-txn`.

In real customer scenarios, it is not rare that the bottleneck is outside the database, for example:

- The client server configuration is too low and the CPU resources are exhausted.
- HAProxy is used as a TiDB cluster proxy, and the HAProxy CPU resource is exhausted.
- HAProxy is used as a TiDB cluster proxy, and the network bandwidth of the HAProxy server is used up under high workload.
- The network latency from the application server to the database is high. For example, the network latency is high because in public-cloud deployments the applications and the TiDB cluster are not in the same region, or the dns workload balancer and the TiDB cluster are not in the same region.
- The bottleneck is in client applications. The application server's CPU cores and Numa resources cannot be fully utilized. For example, only one JVM is used to establish thousands of JDBC connections to TiDB.

In the Connection Count panel, you can check the total number of connections and also the number of connections on each TiDB node, which helps you determine whether the total number of connections is normal and whether the number of connections on each TiDB node is unbalanced. `active connections` indicates the number of active connections, which is equal to the database time per second. The Y axis on the right (`disconnection/s`) indicates the number of disconnections per second in a cluster, which can be used to determine whether the application uses short connections.

Example 1: The number of disconnection/s is too high

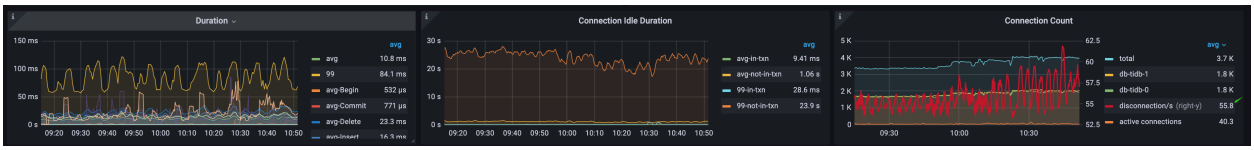


Figure 372: high disconnection/s

In this workload:

- The average latency and P99 latency of all SQL statements are 10.8 ms and 84.1 ms, respectively.
- The average connection idle time in transactions `avg-in-txn` is 9.4 ms.
- The total number of connections to the cluster is 3,700, and the number of connections to each TiDB node is 1,800. The average number of active connections is 40.3, which indicates that most of the connections are idle. The average number of `disconnection /s` is 55.8, which indicates that the application is connecting and disconnecting frequently. The behavior of short connections will have a certain impact on TiDB resources and response time.

Example 2: TiDB is the bottleneck of user response time



Figure 373: TiDB is the Bottleneck

In this TPC-C workload:

- The average latency and P99 latency of all SQL statements are 477 us and 3.13 ms, respectively. The average latencies of the commit statement, insert statement, and query statement are 2.02 ms, 609 us, and 468 us, respectively.
- The average connection idle time in transactions `avg-in-txn` is 171 us.

The average query latency is significantly greater than `avg-in-txn`, which means the main bottleneck in transactions is inside the database.

Example 3: TiDB is not the bottleneck of user response time

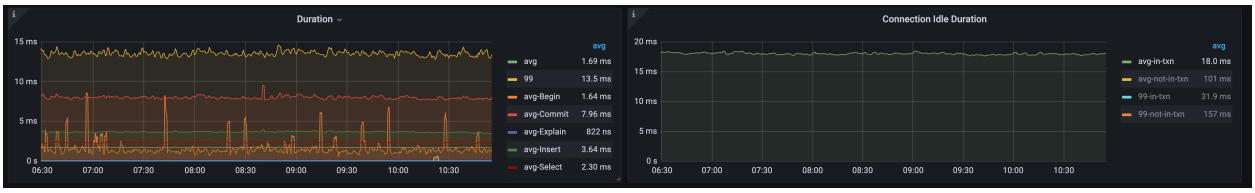


Figure 374: TiDB is not Bottleneck

In this workload, the average query latency is 1.69 ms and `avg-in-txn` is 18 ms, indicating that TiDB spends 1.69 ms on average to process a SQL statement in transactions, and then needs to wait for 18 ms to receive the next statement.

The average query latency is significantly lower than `avg-in-txn`. The bottleneck of user response time is not in TiDB. This example is in a public cloud environment, where high network latency between the application and the database results in extremely high connection idle time, because the application and the database are not in the same region.

Parse, Compile, and Execute Duration

In TiDB, there is a typical processing flow from sending query statements to returning results.

SQL processing in TiDB consists of four phases, `get token`, `parse`, `compile`, and `execute`.

- `get token`: Usually only a few microseconds and can be ignored. The token is limited only when the number of connections to a single TiDB instance reaches the token-limit limit.
- `parse`: The query statements are parsed into abstract syntax tree (AST).
- `compile`: Execution plans are compiled based on the AST from the `parse` phase and statistics. The `compile` phase contains logical optimization and physical optimization. Logical optimization optimizes query plans by rules, such as column pruning based on relational algebra. Physical optimization estimates the cost of the execution plans by statistics by a cost-based optimizer and selects a physical execution plan with the lowest cost.
- `execute`: The time consumption to execute a SQL statement. TiDB first waits for the globally unique timestamp TSO. Then the executor constructs the TiKV API request based on the Key range of the operator in the execution plan and distributes it to TiKV. `execute` time includes the TSO wait time, the KV request time, and the time spent by TiDB executor in processing data.

If an application uses the `query` or `StmtExecute` MySQL command interface only, you can use the following formula to identify the bottleneck in average latency.

```
avg Query Duration = avg Get Token + avg Parse Duration + avg Compile
    ↪ Duration + avg Execute Duration
```

Usually, the `execute` phase accounts for the most of the `query` latency. However, the `parse` and `compile` phases can also take a large part in the following cases:

- Long latency in the `parse` phase: For example, when the `query` statement is long, much CPU will be consumed to parse the SQL text.
- Long latency in the `compile` phase: If the prepared plan cache is not hit, TiDB needs to compile an execution plan for every SQL execution. The latency in the `compile` phase can be several or tens of milliseconds or even higher. If prepared plan cache is not hit, logical and physical optimization are done in the `compile` phase, which consumes a lot of CPU and memory, makes Go Runtime (TiDB is written in Go) under pressure, and affects the performance of other TiDB components. Prepared plan cache is important for efficient processing of OLTP workload in TiDB.

Example 1: Database bottleneck in the `compile` phase

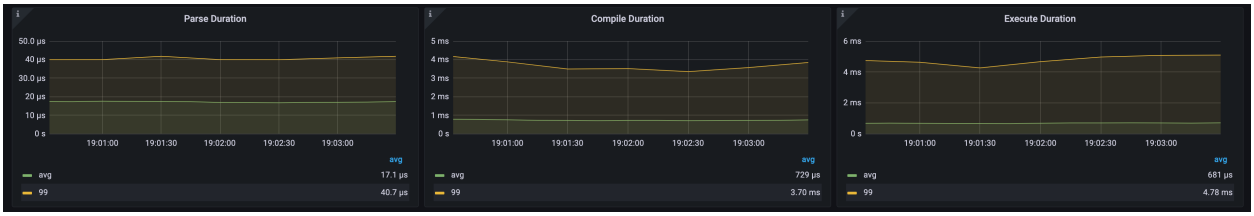


Figure 375: Compile

In the preceding figure, the average time of the `parse`, `compile`, and `execute` phases are 17.1 us, 729 us, and 681 us, respectively. The `compile` latency is high because the application uses the `query` command interface and cannot use prepared plan cache.

Example 2: Database bottleneck in the `execute` phase

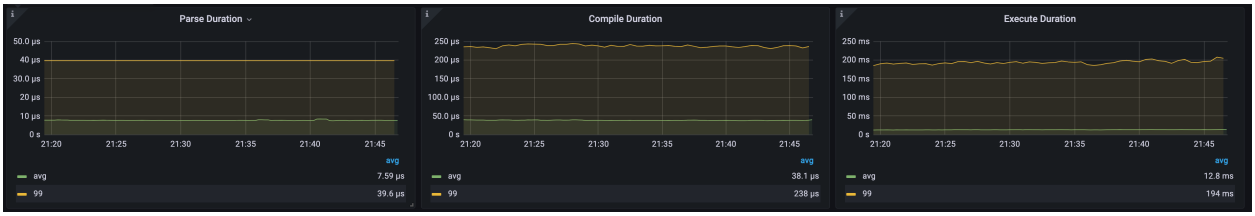


Figure 376: Execute

In this TPC-C workload, the average time of `parse`, `compile` and `execute` phases are 7.39 us, 38.1 us, and 12.8 ms, respectively. The `execute` phase is the bottleneck of the `query` latency.

KV and TSO Request Duration

TiDB interacts with PD and TiKV in the `execute` phase. As shown in the following figure, when processing SQL request, TiDB requests TSOs before entering the `parse` and `compile` phases. The PD Client does not block the caller, but returns a `TSFuture` and asynchronously sends and receives the TSO requests in the background. Once the PD client finishes handling the TSO requests, it returns `TSFuture`. The holder of the `TSFuture` needs to call the Wait method to get the final TSOs. After TiDB finishes the `parse` and `compile` phases, it enters the `execute` phase, where two situations might occur:

- If the TSO request has completed, the Wait method immediately returns an available TSO or an error
- If the TSO request has not yet completed, the Wait method is blocked until a TSO is available or an error appears (the gRPC request has been sent but no result is returned, and the network latency is high)

The TSO wait time is recorded as `TSO WAIT` and the network time of the TSO request is recorded as `TSO RPC`. After the TSO wait is complete, TiDB executor usually sends read or write requests to TiKV.

- Common KV read requests: `Get`, `BatchGet`, and `Cop`
- Common KV write requests: `PessimisticLock`, `Prewrite` and `Commit` for two-phase commits

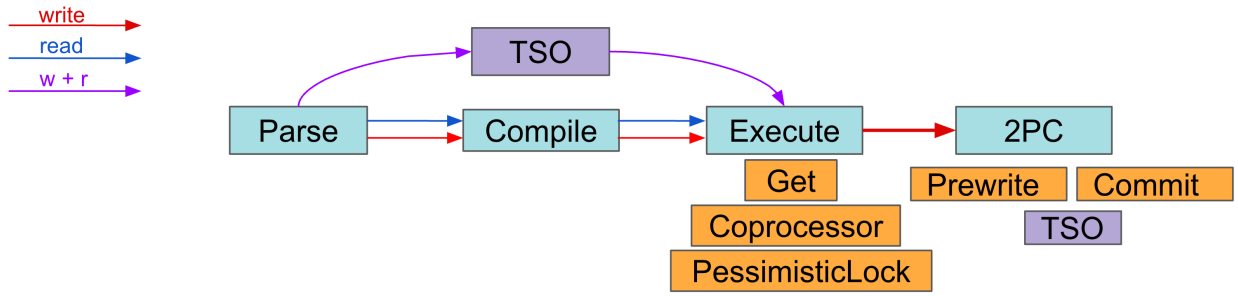


Figure 377: Execute

The indicators in this section correspond to the following three panels.

- Avg TiDB KV Request Duration: The average latency of KV requests measured by TiDB
- Avg TiKV GRPC Duration: The average latency in processing gPRC messages in TiKV
- PD TSO Wait/RPC Duration: TiDB executor TSO wait time and network latency for TSO requests (RPC)

The relationship between `Avg TiDB KV Request Duration` and `Avg TiKV GRPC Duration` is as follows:

```
Avg TiDB KV Request Duration = Avg TiKV GRPC Duration + Network latency between TiDB and TiKV + TiKV gRPC processing time + TiDB gRPC processing time and scheduling latency
```

The difference between `Avg TiDB KV Request Duration` and `Avg TiKV GRPC Duration` is closely related to the network traffic, network latency, and resource usage by TiDB and TiKV.

- In the same data center: The difference is generally less than 2 ms.
- In different availability zones in the same region: The difference is generally less than 5 ms.

Example 1: Low workload of clusters deployed on the same data center

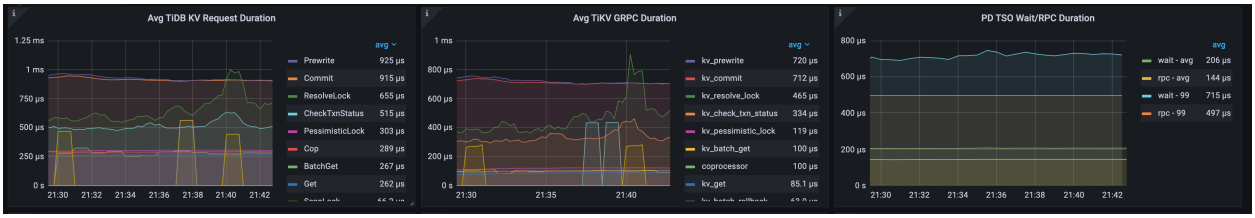


Figure 378: Same Data Center

In this workload, the average `Prewrite` latency on TiDB is 925 us, and the average `kv_prewrite` processing latency inside TiKV is 720 us. The difference is about 200 us, which is normal in the same data center. The average TSO wait latency is 206 us, and the RPC time is 144 us.

Example 2: Normal workload on public cloud clusters

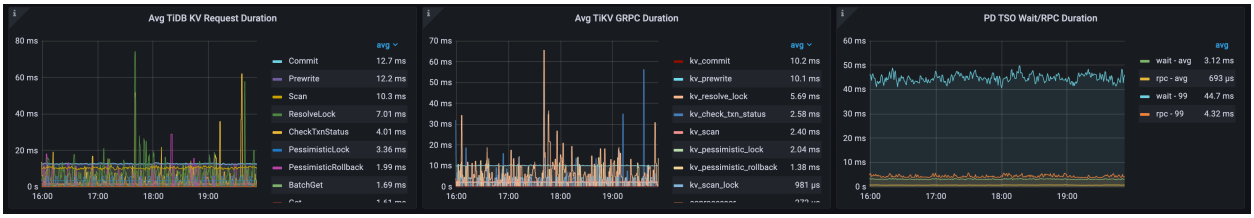


Figure 379: Cloud Env

In this example, TiDB clusters are deployed in different data centers in the same region. The average `commit` latency on TiDB is 12.7 ms, and the average `kv_commit` processing latency inside TiKV is 10.2 ms, a difference of about 2.5 ms. The average TSO wait latency is 3.12 ms, and the RPC time is 693 us.

Example 3: Resource overloaded on public cloud clusters

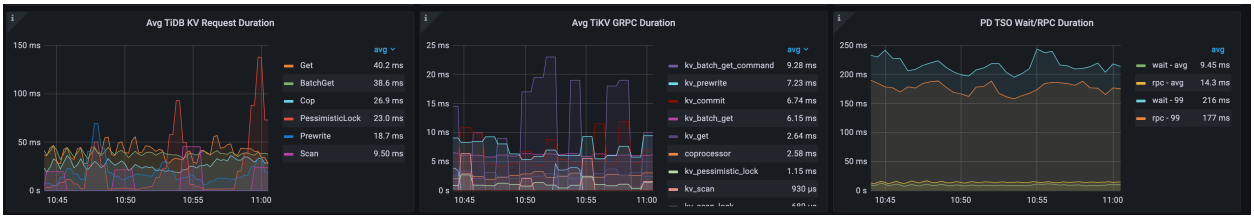


Figure 380: Cloud Env, TiDB Overloaded

In this example, the TiDB clusters are deployed in different data centers in the same region, and TiDB network and CPU resources are severely overloaded. The average `BatchGet` latency on TiDB is 38.6 ms, and the average `kv_batch_get` processing latency inside TiKV is 6.15 ms. The difference is more than 32 ms, which is much higher than the normal value. The average TSO wait latency is 9.45 ms and the RPC time is 14.3 ms.

Storage Async Write Duration, Store Duration, and Apply Duration

TiKV processes a write request in the following procedure:

- `scheduler worker` processes the write request, performs a transaction consistency check, and converts the write request into a key-value pair to be sent to the `raftstore` module.

- The TiKV consensus module `raftstore` applies the Raft consensus algorithm to make the storage layer (composed of multiple TiKVs) fault-tolerant.

  Raftstore consists of a `Store` thread and an `Apply` thread:

  - The `Store` thread processes Raft messages and new `proposals`. When a new `proposals` is received, the `Store` thread of the leader node writes to the local Raft DB and copies the message to multiple follower nodes. When this `proposals` is successfully persisted in most instances, the `proposals` is successfully committed.
  - The `Apply` thread writes the committed `proposals` to the KV DB. When the data is successfully written to the KV DB, the `Apply` thread notifies externally that the write request has completed.

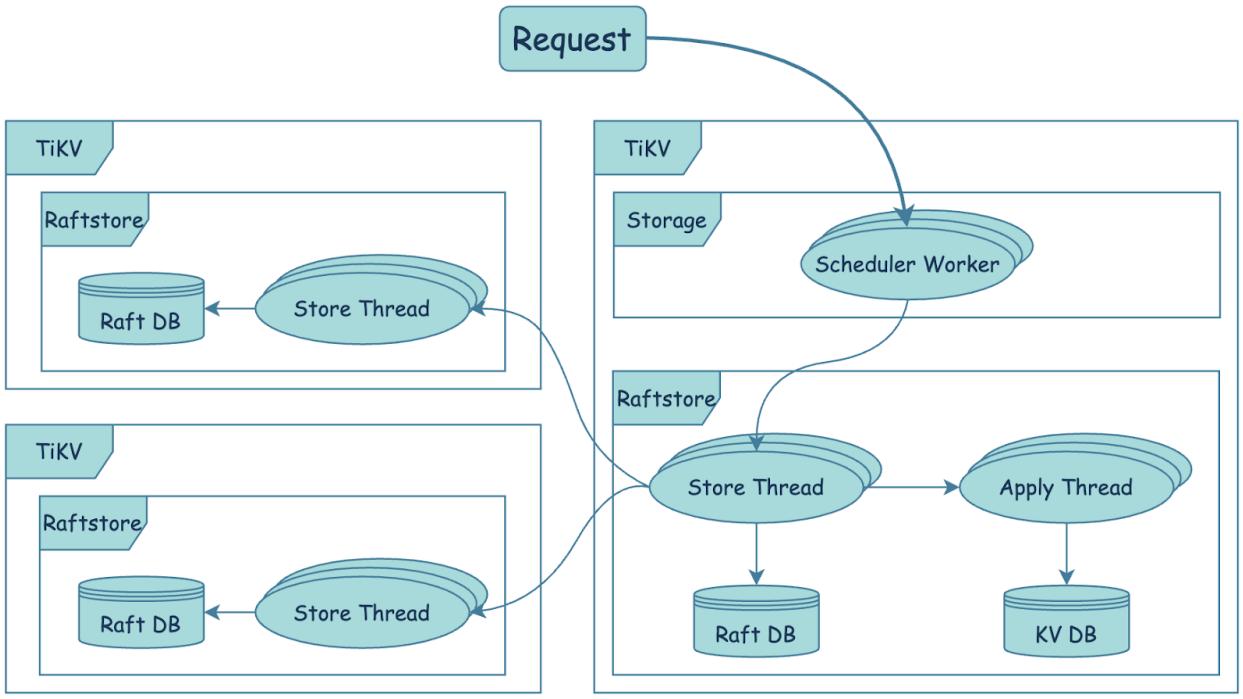


Figure 381: TiKV Write

The `Storage Async Write Duration` metric records the latency after a write request enters raftstore. The data is collected on a basis of per request.

The `Storage Async Write Duration` metric contains two parts, `Store Duration` and `Apply Duration`. You can use the following formula to determine whether the bottleneck for write requests is in the `Store` or `Apply` step.

```
avg Storage Async Write Duration = avg Store Duration + avg Apply Duration
```

> **Note:**
>
> `Store Duration` and `Apply Duration` are supported since v5.3.0.

Example 1: Comparison of the same OLTP workload in v5.3.0 and v5.4.0

According to the preceding formula, the QPS of a write-heavy OLTP workload in v5.4.0 is 14% higher than that in v5.3.0:

- v5.3.0: 24.4 ms ~= 17.7 ms + 6.59 ms
- v5.4.0: 21.4 ms ~= 14.0 ms + 7.33 ms

In v5.4.0, the gPRC module has been optimized to accelerate Raft log replication, which reduces `Store Duration` compared with v5.3.0.

v5.3.0:

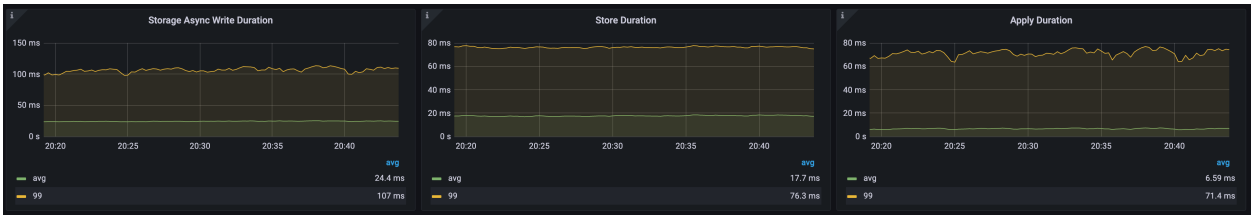


Figure 382: v5.3.0

v5.4.0:



Figure 383: v5.4.0

Example 2: Store Duration is a bottleneck

Apply the preceding formula: 10.1 ms ~= 9.81 ms + 0.304 ms. The result indicates that the latency bottleneck for write requests is in `Store Duration`.



Figure 384: Store

Commit Log Duration, Append Log Duration, and Apply Log Duration

`Commit Log Duration`, `Append Log Duration`, and `Apply Log Duration` are latency metrics for key operations within raftstore. These latencies are captured at the batch operation level, with each operation combining multiple write requests. Therefore, the latencies do not directly correspond to the `Store Duration` and `Apply Duration` mentioned above.

- `Commit Log Duration` and `Append Log Duration` record time of operations performed in the `Store` thread. `Commit Log Duration` includes the time of copying Raft logs to other TiKV nodes (to ensure raft-log persistence). `Commit Log Duration` usually contains two `Append Log Duration` operations, one for the leader and the other for the follower. `Commit Log Duration` is usually significantly higher than `Append Log Duration`, because the former includes the time of copying Raft logs to other TiKV nodes through network.
- `Apply Log Duration` records the latency of `apply` Raft logs by the `Apply` thread.

Common scenarios where `Commit Log Duration` is long:

- There is a bottleneck in TiKV CPU resources and the scheduling latency is high
- `raftstore.store-pool-size` is either excessively small or large (an excessively large value might also cause performance degradation)
- The I/O latency is high, resulting in high `Append Log Duration` latency
- The network latency between TiKV nodes is high
- The number of the gRPC threads are too small, CPU usage is uneven among the GRPC threads.

Common scenarios where `Apply Log Duration` is long:

- There is a bottleneck in TiKV CPU resources and the scheduling latency is high
- `raftstore.apply-pool-size` is either excessively small or large (an excessively large value might also cause performance degradation)
- The I/O latency is high

Example 1: Comparison of the same OLTP workload in v5.3.0 and v5.4.0

The QPS of a write-heavy OLTP workload in v5.4.0 is improved by 14% compared with that in v5.3.0. The following table compares the three key latencies.

Avg Duration	v5.3.0 (ms)	v5.4.0 (ms)
Append Log Duration	0.27	0.303
Commit Log Duration	13	8.68
Apply Log Duration	0.457	0.514

In v5.4.0, the gPRC module has been optimized to accelerate Raft log replication, which reduces `Commit Log Duration` and `Store Duration` compared with v5.3.0.

v5.3.0:

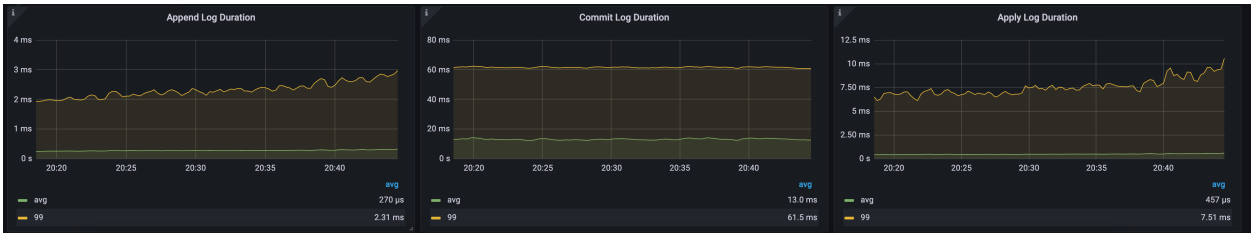


Figure 385: v5.3.0

v5.4.0:

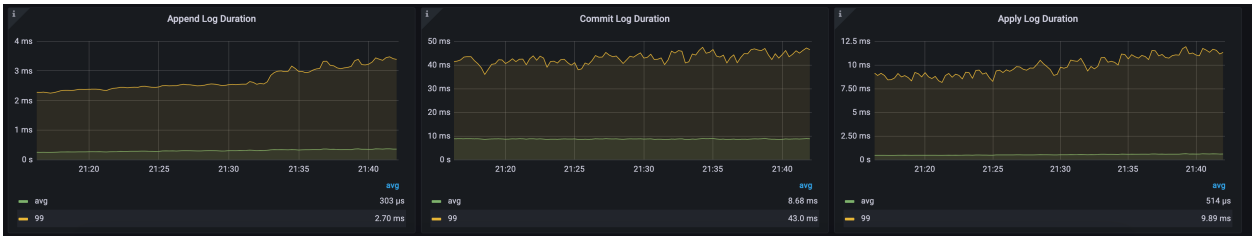


Figure 386: v5.4.0

Example 2: Commit Log Duration is a bottleneck

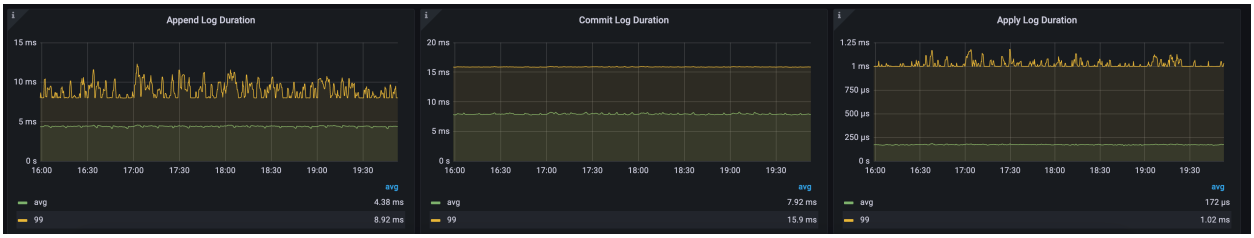


Figure 387: Store

- Average `Append Log Duration` = 4.38 ms
- Average `Commit Log Duration` = 7.92 ms
- Average `Apply Log Duration` = 172 us

For the `Store` thread, `Commit Log Duration` is obviously higher than `Apply Log Duration`. Meanwhile, `Append Log Duration` is significantly higher than `Apply Log Duration`, indicating that the `Store` thread might suffer from bottlenecks in both CPU and I/O. Possible ways to reduce `Commit Log Duration` and `Append Log Duration` are as follows:

- If TiKV CPU resources are sufficient, consider adding `Store` threads by increasing the value of `raftstore.store-pool-size`.
- If TiDB is v5.4.0 or later, consider enabling `Raft Engine` by setting `raft-engine.enable: true`. Raft Engine has a light execution path. This helps reduce I/O writes and long-tail latency of writes in some scenarios.
- If TiKV CPU resources are sufficient and TiDB is v5.3.0 or later, consider enabling `StoreWriter` by setting `raftstore.store-io-pool-size: 1`.

11.1.8.1.3 If my TiDB version is earlier than v6.1.0, what should I do to use the Performance Overview dashboard?

Starting from v6.1.0, Grafana has a built-in Performance Overview dashboard by default. This dashboard is compatible with TiDB v4.x and v5.x versions. If your TiDB is earlier than v6.1.0, you need to manually import `performance_overview.json`, as shown in the following figure:

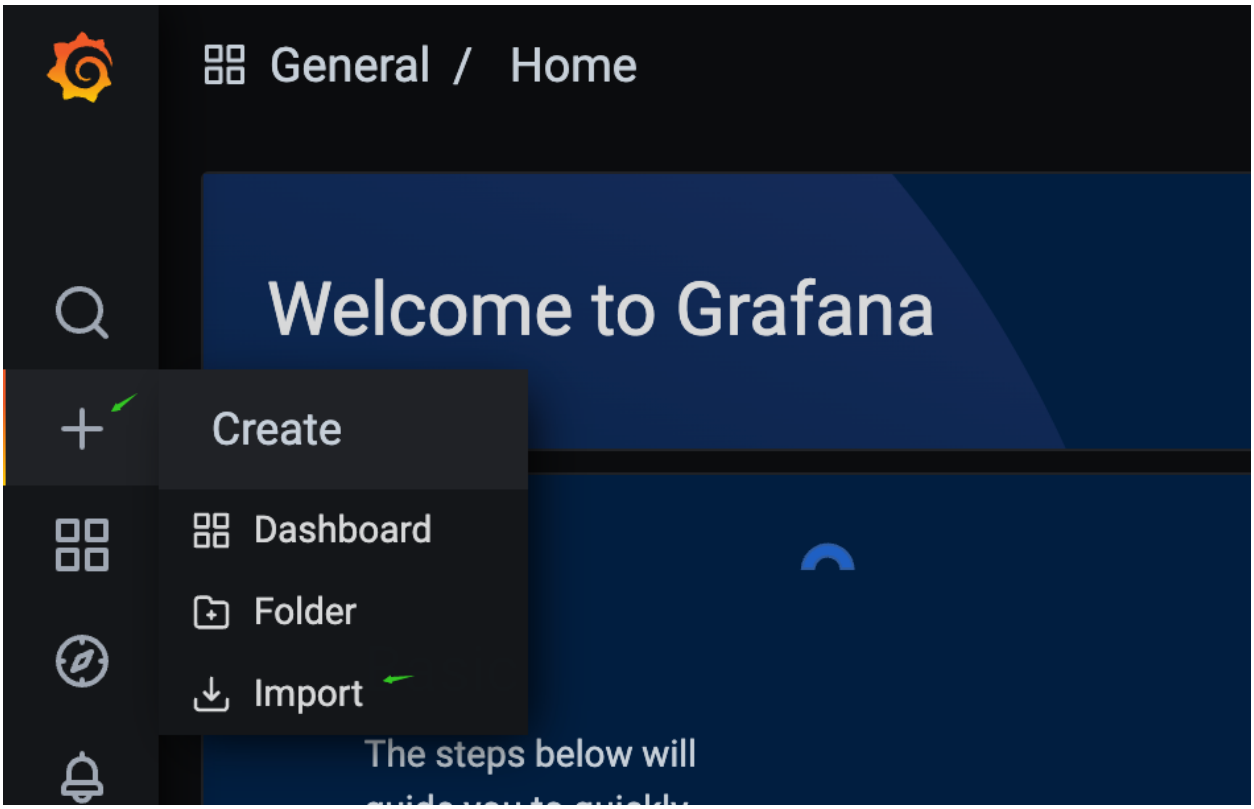


Figure 388: Store

11.1.8.2 Performance Tuning Practices for OLTP Scenarios

TiDB provides comprehensive performance diagnostics and analysis features, such as Top SQL and Continuous Profiling features on the TiDB Dashboard, and TiDB Performance Overview Dashboard.

This document describes how to use these features together to analyze and compare the performance of the same OLTP workload in seven different runtime scenarios, which demonstrates a performance tuning process to help you analyze and tune TiDB performance efficiently.

> **Note:**
>
> Top SQL and Continuous Profiling are not enabled by default. You need to enable them in advance.

By running the same application with different JDBC configurations in these scenarios, this document shows you how the overall system performance is affected by different

interactions between applications and databases, so that you can apply Best Practices for Developing Java Applications with TiDB for better performance.

11.1.8.2.1 Environment description

This document takes a core banking OLTP workload for demonstration. The configurations of the simulation environment are as follows:

- Application development language for the workload: JAVA
- SQL statements used in business: 200 statements in total, 90% of which are SELECT statements. It is a typical read-heavy OLTP workload.
- Tables used in transactions: 60 tables in total. 12 tables involve update operations, and the rest 48 tables are read-only.
- Isolation level used by the application: `read committed`.
- TiDB cluster configuration: 3 TiDB nodes and 3 TiKV nodes, with 16 CPUs allocated to each node.
- Client server configuration: 36 CPUs.

11.1.8.2.2 Scenario 1. Use the Query interface

Application configuration

The application uses the following JDBC configuration to connect to the database through the Query interface.

```
useServerPrepStmts=false
```

Performance analysis

TiDB Dashboard

From the Top SQL page in the TiDB Dashboard below, you can see that the non-business SQL type `SELECT @@session.tx_isolation` consumes the most resources. Although TiDB processes these types of SQL statements quickly, these types of SQL statements have the highest number of executions that result in the highest overall CPU time consumption.

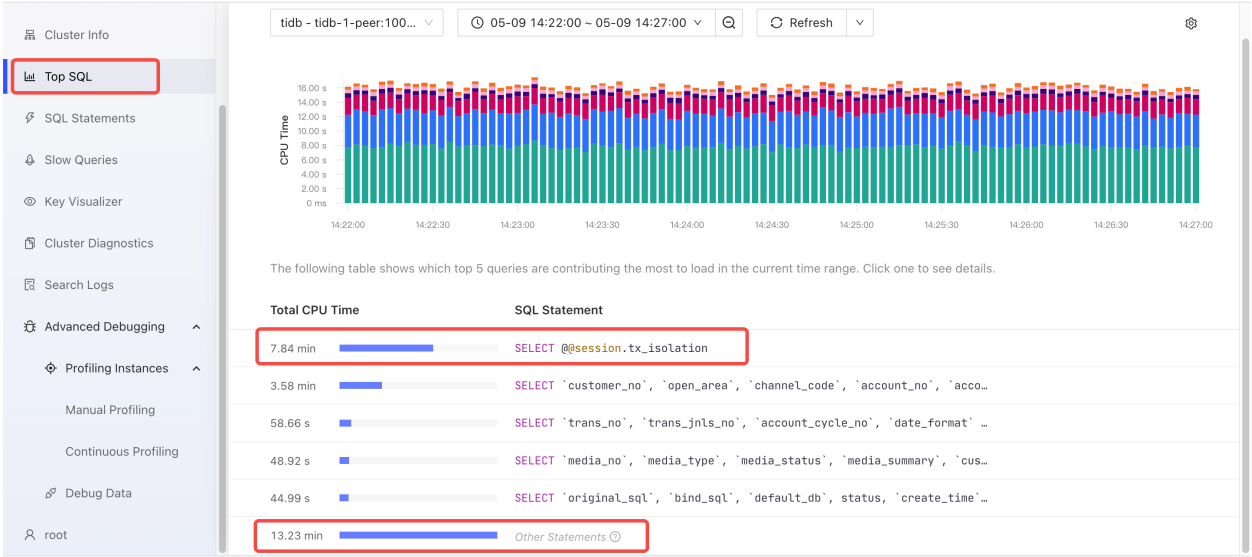


Figure 389: dashboard-for-query-interface

From the following flame chart of TiDB, you can see that the CPU consumption of functions such as `Compile` and `Optimize` is significant during the SQL execution. Because the application uses the Query interface, TiDB cannot use the execution plan cache. TiDB needs to compile and generate an execution plan for each SQL statement.

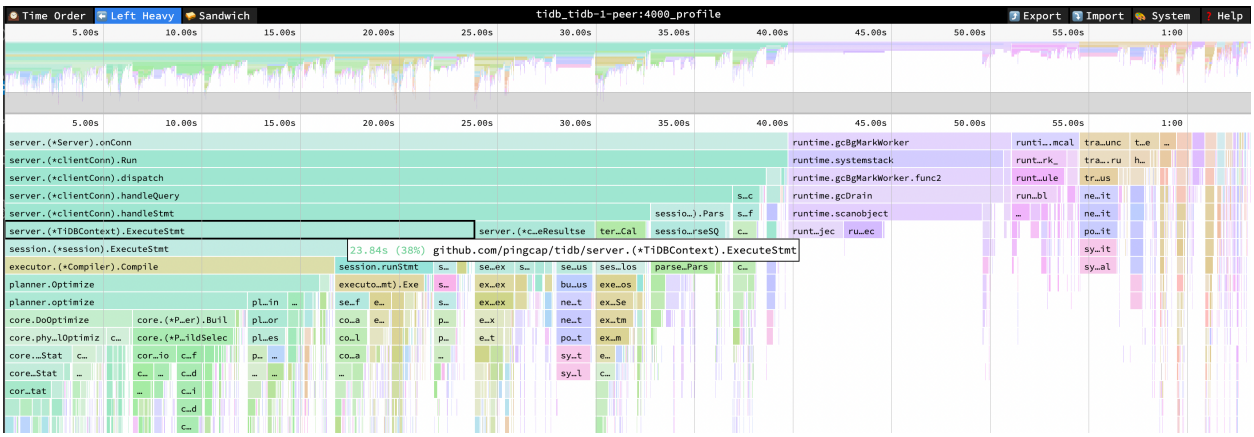


Figure 390: flame-graph-for-query-interface

- ExecuteStmt cpu = 38% cpu time = 23.84s
- Compile cpu = 27% cpu time = 17.17s
- Optimize cpu = 26% cpu time = 16.41s

Performance Overview dashboard

Check the database time overview and QPS in the following Performance Overview dashboard.

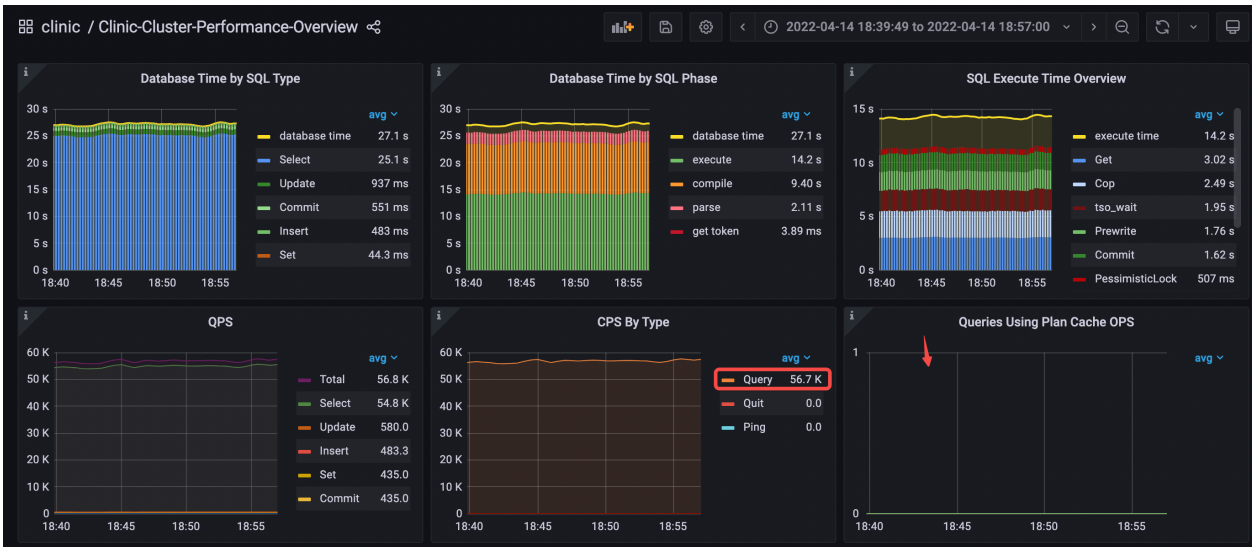


Figure 391: performance-overview-1-for-query-interface

- Database Time by SQL Type: the `Select` statement type takes most of the time.
- Database Time by SQL Phase: the `execute` and `compile` phases take most of the time.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: `Get`, `Cop`, and `tso wait` take most of the time.
- CPS By Type: only the `Query` command is used.
- Queries Using Plan Cache OPS: no data indicates that the execution plan cache is not hit.
- In the query duration, the latency of `execute` and `compile` takes the highest percentage.
- avg QPS = 56.8k

Check the resource consumption of the cluster: the average utilization of TiDB CPU is 925%, the average utilization of TiKV CPU is 201%, and the average throughput of TiKV IO is 18.7 MB/s. The resource consumption of TiDB is significantly higher.

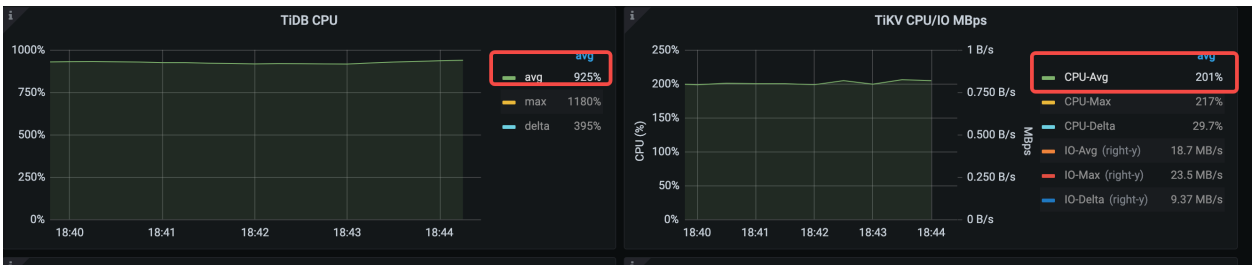


Figure 392: performance-overview-2-for-query-interface

Analysis conclusion

We need to eliminate these useless non-business SQL statements, which have a large number of executions and contribute to the high TiDB CPU usage.

11.1.8.2.3 Scenario 2. Use the maxPerformance configuration

Application configuration

The application adds a new parameter `useConfigs=maxPerformance` to the JDBC connection string in Scenario 1. This parameter can be used to eliminate the SQL statements sent from JDBC to the database (for example, `select @@session.transaction_read_only` ↪). The full configuration is as follows:

```
useServerPrepStmts=false&useConfigs=maxPerformance
```

Performance analysis

TiDB Dashboard

From the Top SQL page in the TiDB Dashboard below, you can see that `SELECT` ↪ `@@session.tx_isolation`, which consumed the most resources, has disappeared.

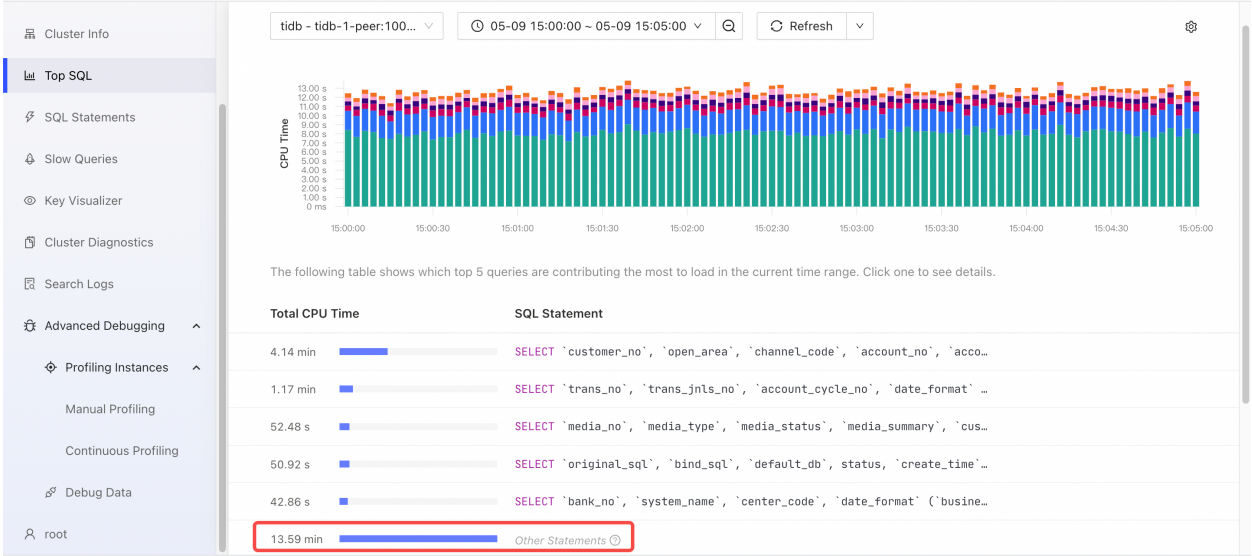


Figure 393: dashboard-for-maxPerformance

From the following flame chart of TiDB, you can see that the CPU consumption of functions such as `Compile` and `Optimize` is still significant during the SQL execution.

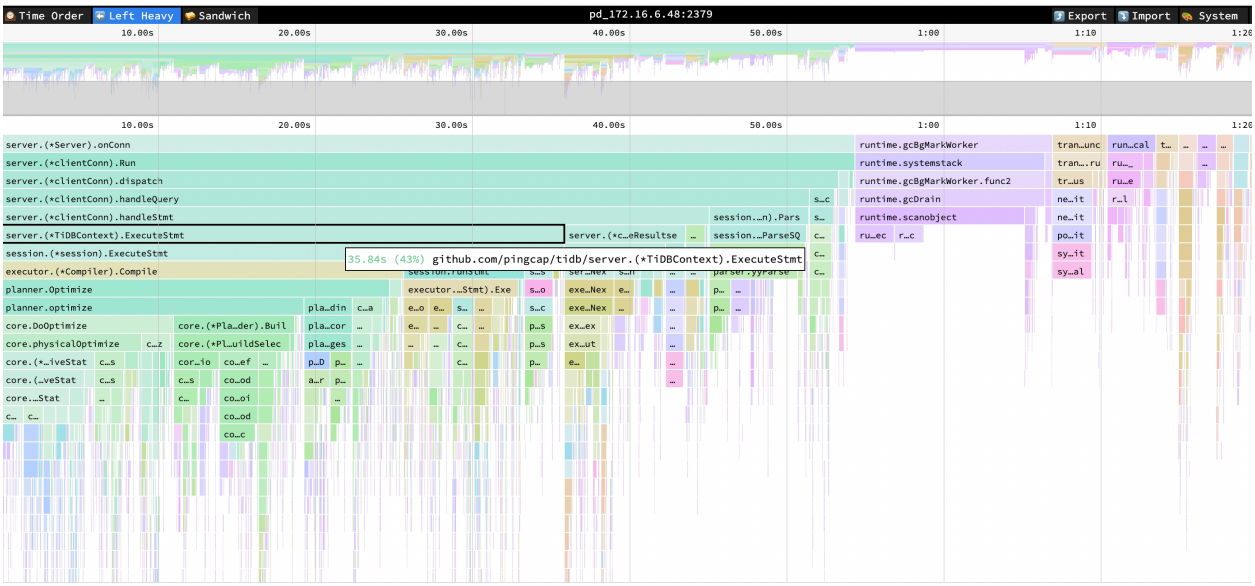


Figure 394: flame-graph-for-maxPerformance

- ExecuteStmt cpu = 43% cpu time =35.84s
- Compile cpu = 31% cpu time =25.61s
- Optimize cpu = 30% cpu time = 24.74s

Performance Overview dashboard

The data of the database time overview and QPS is as follows:

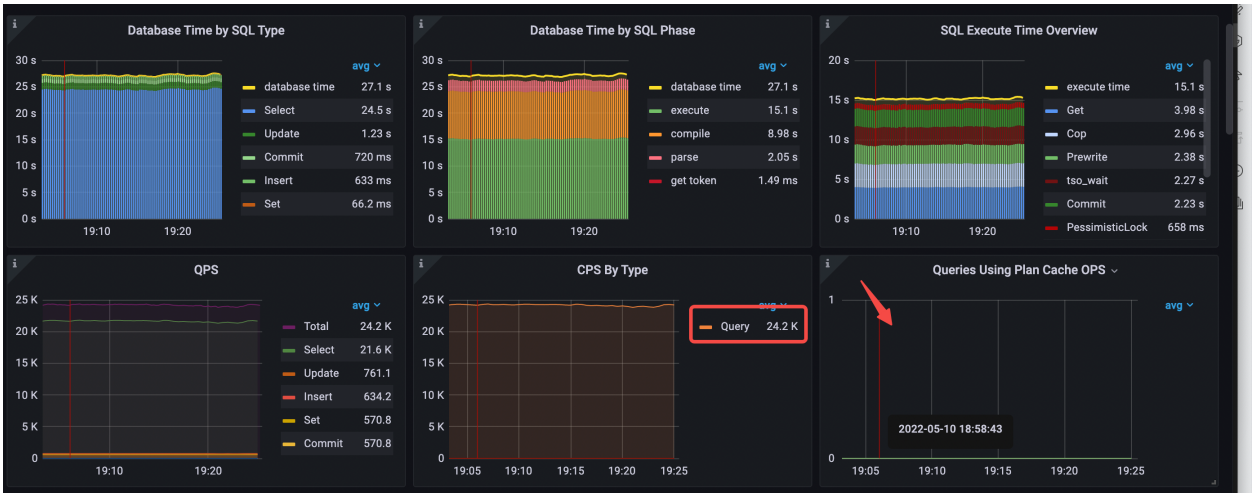


Figure 395: performance-overview-1-for-maxPerformance

- Database Time by SQL Type: the `Select` statement type takes most of the time.

- Database Time by SQL Phase: the `execute` and `compile` phases take most of the time.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: `Get`, `Cop`, `Prewrite`, and `tso wait` take most of the time.
- In the database time, the latency of `execute` and `compile` takes the highest percentage.
- CPS By Type: only the `Query` command is used.
- avg QPS = 24.2k (from 56.3k to 24.2k)
- The execution plan cache is not hit.

From Scenario 1 to Scenario 2, the average TiDB CPU utilization drops from 925% to 874%, and the average TiKV CPU utilization increases from 201% to about 250%.

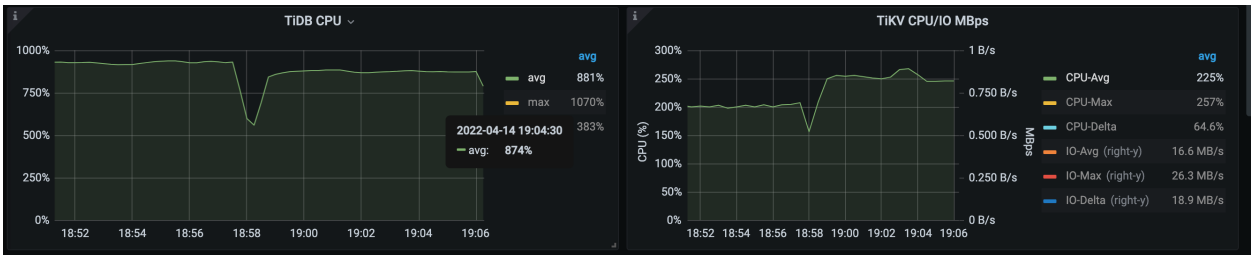


Figure 396: performance-overview-2-for-maxPerformance

The changes in key latency metrics are as follows:



Figure 397: performance-overview-3-for-maxPerformance

- avg query duration = 1.12ms (from 479 s to 1.12ms)
- avg parse duration = 84.7 s (from 37.2 s to 84.7 s)

- avg compile duration = 370 s (from 166 s to 370 s)
- avg execution duration = 626 s (from 251 s to 626 s)

Analysis conclusion

Compared with Scenario 1, the QPS of Scenario 2 has significantly decreased. The average query duration and average `parse`, `compile`, and `execute` durations have significantly increased. This is because SQL statements such as `select @@session.transaction_read_only` in Scenario 1, which are executed many times and have fast processing time, lower the average performance data. After Scenario 2 blocks such statements, only business-related SQL statements remain, so the average duration increases.

When the application uses the Query interface, TiDB cannot use the execution plan cache, which results in TiDB consuming high resources to compile execution plans. In this case, it is recommended that you use the Prepared Statement interface, which uses the execution plan cache of TiDB to reduce the TiDB CPU consumption caused by execution plan compiling and decrease the latency.

11.1.8.2.4 Scenario 3. Use the Prepared Statement interface with execution plan caching not enabled

Application configuration

The application uses the following connection configuration. Compared with Scenario 2, the value of the JDBC parameter `useServerPrepStmts` is modified to `true`, indicating that the Prepared Statement interface is enabled.

```
useServerPrepStmts=true&useConfigs=maxPerformance"
```

Performance analysis

TiDB Dashboard

From the following flame chart of TiDB, you can see that the CPU consumption of `CompileExecutePreparedStmt` and `Optimize` is still significant after the Prepared Statement interface is enabled.

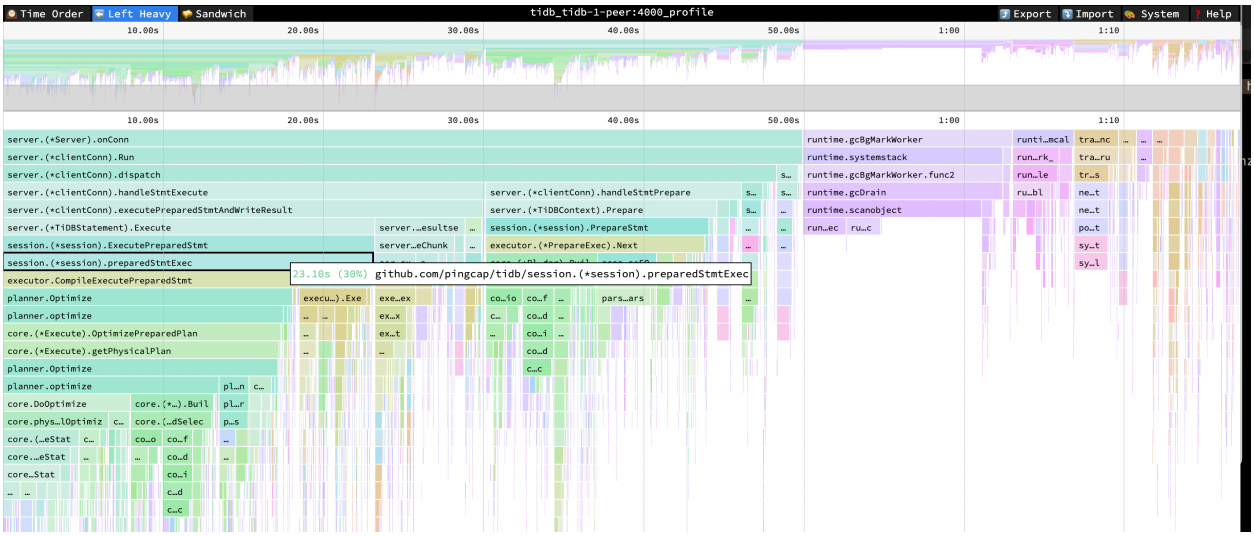


Figure 398: flame-graph-for-PrepStmts

- ExecutePreparedStmt cpu = 31% cpu time = 23.10s
- preparedStmtExec cpu = 30% cpu time = 22.92s
- CompileExecutePreparedStmt cpu = 24% cpu time = 17.83s
- Optimize cpu = 23% cpu time = 17.29s

Performance Overview dashboard

After the Prepared Statement interface is used, the data of database time overview and QPS is as follows:

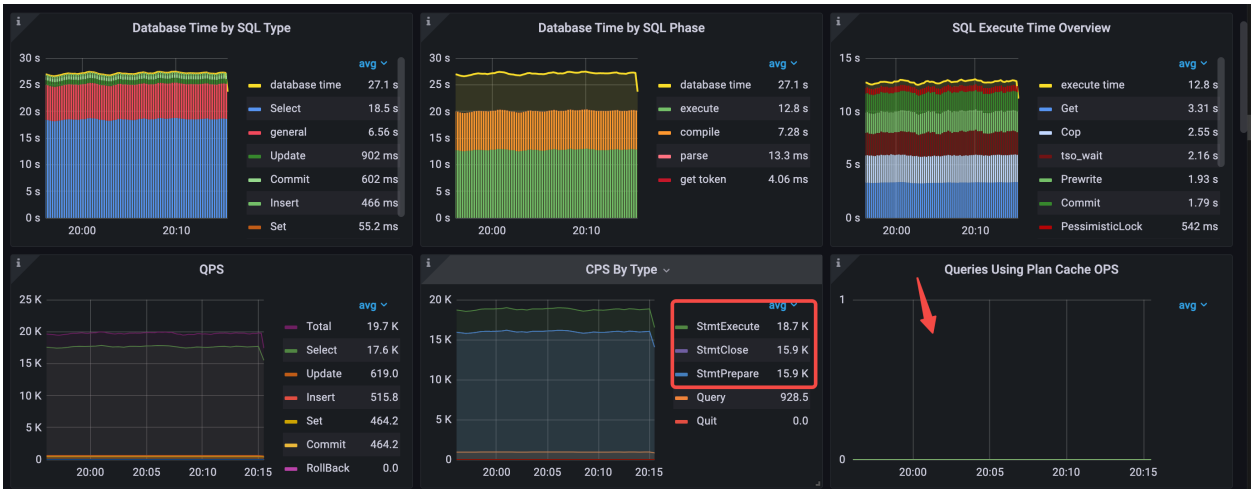


Figure 399: performance-overview-1-for-PrepStmts

The QPS drops from 24.4k to 19.7k. From the Database Time Overview, you can see that the application uses three types of Prepared commands, and the `general` statement

type (which includes the execution time of commands such as `StmtPrepare` and `StmtClose`) takes the second place in Database Time by SQL Type. This indicates that even when the Prepared Statement interface is used, the execution plan cache is not hit. The reason is that, when the `StmtClose` command is executed, TiDB clears the execution plan cache of SQL statements in the internal processing.

- Database Time by SQL Type: the `Select` statement type takes most of the time, followed by `general` statements.
- Database Time by SQL Phase: the `execute` and `compile` phases take most of the time.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: `Get`, `Cop`, `Prewrite`, and `tso wait` take most of the time.
- CPS By Type: 3 types of commands (`StmtPrepare`, `StmtExecute`, `StmtClose`) are used.
- avg QPS = 19.7k (from 24.4k to 19.7k)
- The execution plan cache is not hit.

The TiDB average CPU utilization increases from 874% to 936%.



Figure 400: performance-overview-1-for-PrepStmts

The key latency metrics are as follows:

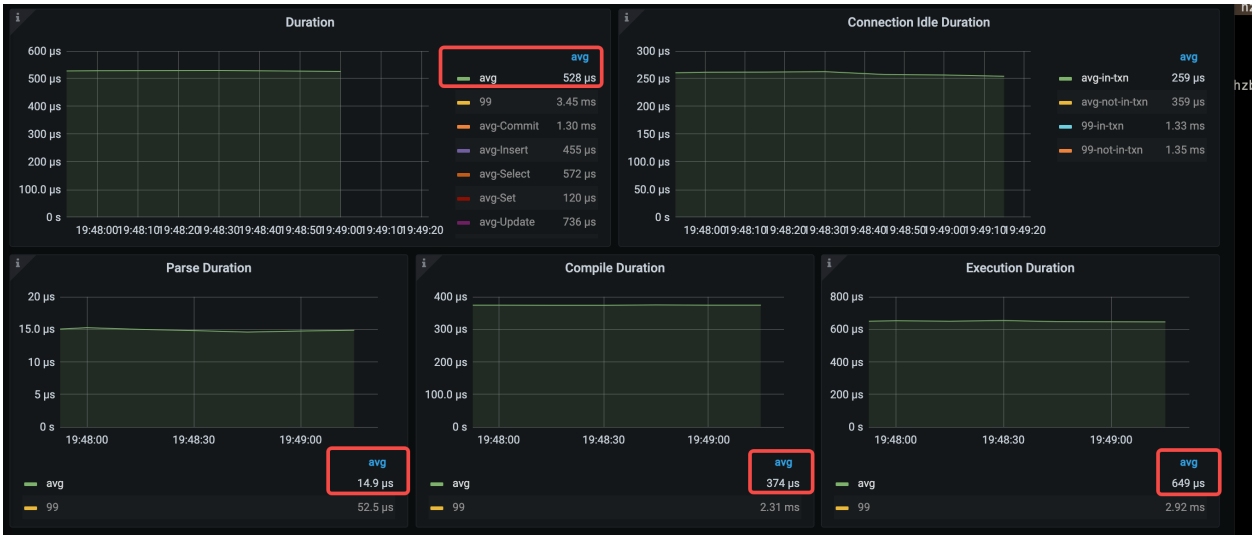


Figure 401: performance-overview-2-for-PrepStmts

- avg query duration = 528 s (from 1.12ms to 528 s)
- avg parse duration = 14.9 s (from 84.7 s to 14.9 s)
- avg compile duration = 374 s (from 370 s to 374 s)
- avg execution duration = 649 s (from 626 s to 649 s)

Analysis conclusion

Unlike Scenario 2, the application in Scenario 3 enables the Prepared Statement interface but still fails to hit the cache. In addition, Scenario 2 has only one CPS By Type command type (`Query`), while Scenario 3 has three more command types (`StmtPrepare`, `StmtExecute`, `StmtClose`). Compared with Scenario 2, Scenario 3 has two more network round-trip delays.

- Analysis for the decrease in QPS: From the **CPS By Type** pane, you can see that Scenario 2 has only one CPS By Type command type (`Query`), while Scenario 3 has three more command types (`StmtPrepare`, `StmtExecute`, `StmtClose`). `StmtPrepare` and `StmtClose` are non-conventional commands that are not counted by QPS, so QPS is reduced. The non-conventional commands `StmtPrepare` and `StmtClose` are counted in the `general` SQL type, so `general` time is displayed in the database overview of Scenario 3, and it accounts for more than a quarter of the database time.
- Analysis for the significant decrease in average query duration: for the `StmtPrepare` and `StmtClose` command types newly added in Scenario 3, their query duration is calculated separately in the TiDB internal processing. TiDB executes these two types of commands very quickly, so the average query duration is significantly reduced.

Although Scenario 3 uses the Prepared Statement interface, the execution plan cache is still not hit, because many application frameworks call the `StmtClose` method after

`StmtExecute` to prevent memory leaks. Starting from v6.0.0, you can set the global variable `tidb_ignore_prepared_cache_close_stmt=on;`. After that, TiDB will not clear the cached execution plans even if the application calls the `StmtClose` method, so the next SQL execution can reuse the existing execution plan and avoid compiling the execution plan repeatedly.

11.1.8.2.5 Scenario 4. Use the Prepared Statement interface and enable execution plan caching

Application configuration

The application configuration remains the same as that of Scenario 3. To resolve the issue of not hitting the cache even if the application triggers `StmtClose`, the following parameters are configured.

- Set the TiDB global variable `set global tidb_ignore_prepared_cache_close_stmt=on;` (introduced since TiDB v6.0.0, `off` by default).
- Set the TiDB configuration item `prepared-plan-cache: {enabled: true}` to enable the plan cache feature.

Performance analysis

TiDB Dashboard

From the flame chart of the TiDB CPU usage, you can see that `CompileExecutePreparedStmt` and `Optimize` have no significant CPU consumption. 25% of the CPU is consumed by the `Prepare` command, which contains parsing-related functions of Prepare such as `PlanBuilder` and `parseSQL`.

PreparseStmt cpu = 25% cpu time = 12.75s



Figure 402: flame-graph-for-3-commands

Performance Overview dashboard

In the Performance Overview dashboard, the most significant change is the average time of the `compile` phase, which is reduced from 8.95 seconds per second in Scenario 3 to 1.18 seconds per second. The number of queries using the execution plan cache is roughly equal to the value of `StmtExecute`. With the increase in QPS, the database time consumed by `Select` statements per second decreases, and the database time consumed by `general` statements per second type increases.

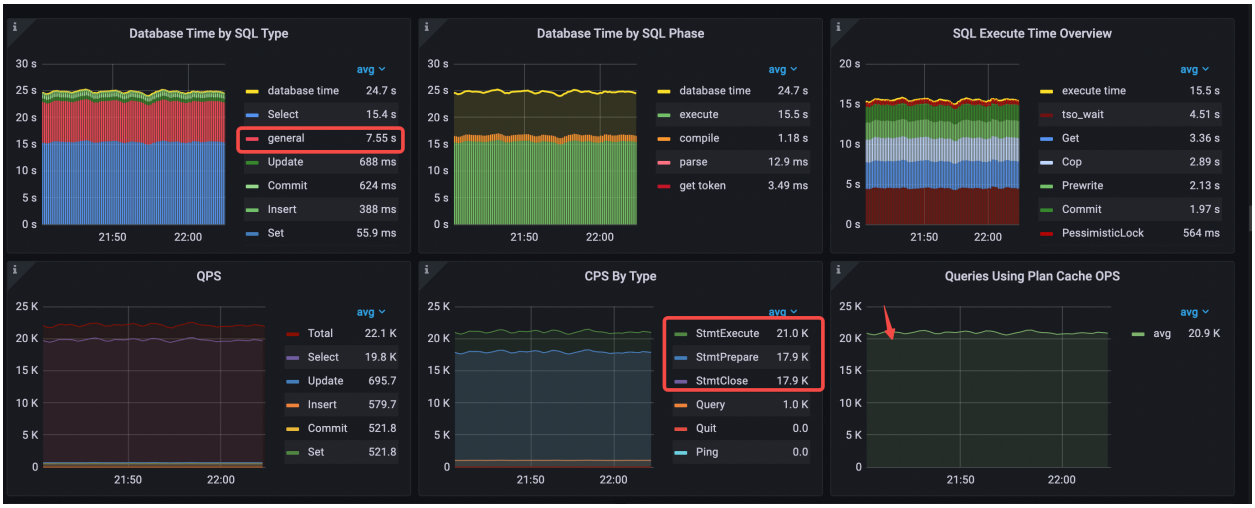


Figure 403: performance-overview-1-for-3-commands

- Database Time by SQL Type: the `Select` statement type takes the most time.
- Database Time by SQL Phase: the `execute` phase takes most of the time.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: `tso wait`, `Get`, and `Cop` take most of the time.
- Execution plan cache is hit. The value of Queries Using Plan Cache OPS roughly equals `StmtExecute` per second.
- CPS By Type: 3 types of commands (same as Scenario 3)
- Compared with scenario 3, the time consumed by `general` statements is longer because the QPS is increased.
- avg QPS = 22.1k (from 19.7k to 22.1k)

The average TiDB CPU utilization drops from 936% to 827%.

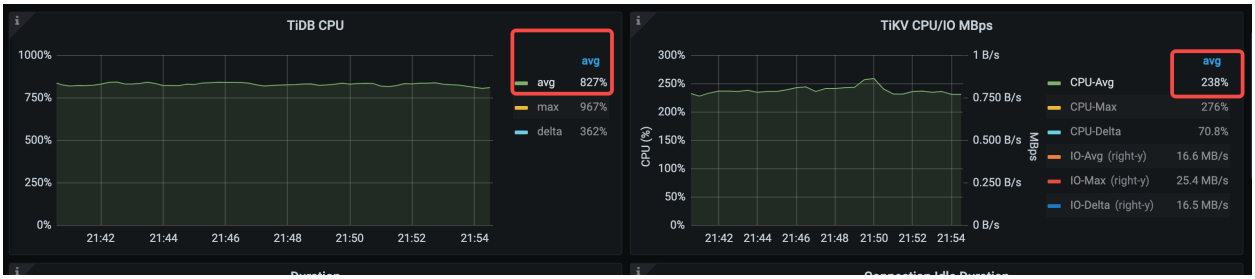


Figure 404: performance-overview-2-for-3-commands

The average `compile` time drops significantly, from 374 us to 53.3 us. Because the QPS increases, the average `execute` time increases too.



Figure 405: performance-overview-3-for-3-commands

- avg query duration = 426 s (from 528 s to 426 s)
- avg parse duration = 12.3 s (from 14.8 s to 12.3 s)
- avg compile duration = 53.3 s (from 374 s to 53.3 s)
- avg execution duration = 699 s (from 649 s to 699us)

Analysis conclusion

Compared with Scenario 3, Scenario 4 also uses 3 command types. The difference is that Scenario 4 hits the execution plan cache, which reduces compile duration greatly, reduces the query duration, and improves QPS.

Because the `StmtPrepare` and `StmtClose` commands consume significant database time and increase the number of interactions between the application and TiDB each time the application executes a SQL statement. The next scenario will further tune the performance by eliminating the calls of these two commands through JDBC configurations.

11.1.8.2.6 Scenario 5. Cache prepared objects on the client side

Application configuration

Compared with Scenario 4, 3 new JDBC parameters `cachePrepStmts=true&prepStmtCacheSize=1000&prepStmtCacheSqlLimit=20480` are configured, as explained below.

- `cachePrepStmts = true`: caches Prepared Statement objects on the client side, which eliminates the calls of StmtPrepare and StmtClose.
- `prepStmtCacheSize`: the value must be greater than 0.
- `prepStmtCacheSqlLimit`: the value must be greater than the length of the SQL text.

In Scenario 5, the complete JDBC configurations are as follows.

```
useServerPrepStmts=true&cachePrepStmts=true&prepStmtCacheSize=1000&
    ↪ prepStmtCacheSqlLimit=20480&useConfigs=maxPerformance
```

Performance analysis

TiDB Dashboard

From the following flame chart of TiDB, you can see that the high CPU consumption of the `Prepare` command is no longer present.

- ExecutePreparedStmt cpu = 22% cpu time = 8.4s



Figure 406: flame-graph-for-1-command

Performance Overview dashboard

In the Performance Overview dashboard, the most notable changes are that the three Stmt command types in the **CPS By Type** pane drop to one type, the `general` statement

type in the **Database Time by SQL Type** pane is disappeared, and the QPS in the **QPS** pane increases to 30.9k.

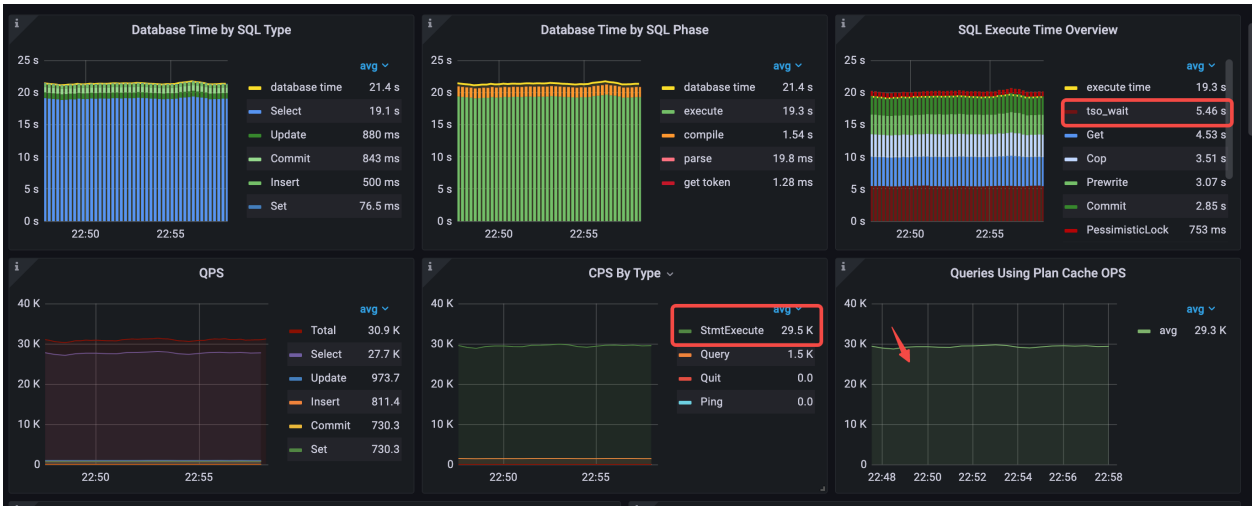


Figure 407: performance-overview-for-1-command

- Database Time by SQL Type: the `Select` statement type takes most of the time and the `general` statement type disappears.
- Database Time by SQL Phase: the `execute` phase takes most of the time.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: `tso wait`, `Get`, and `Cop` take most of the time.
- Execution plan cache is hit. The value of Queries Using Plan Cache OPS roughly equals `StmtExecute` per second.
- CPS By Type: only the `StmtExecute` command is used.
- avg QPS = 30.9k (from 22.1k to 30.9k)

The average TiDB CPU utilization drops from 827% to 577%. As the QPS increases, the average TiKV CPU utilization increases to 313%.

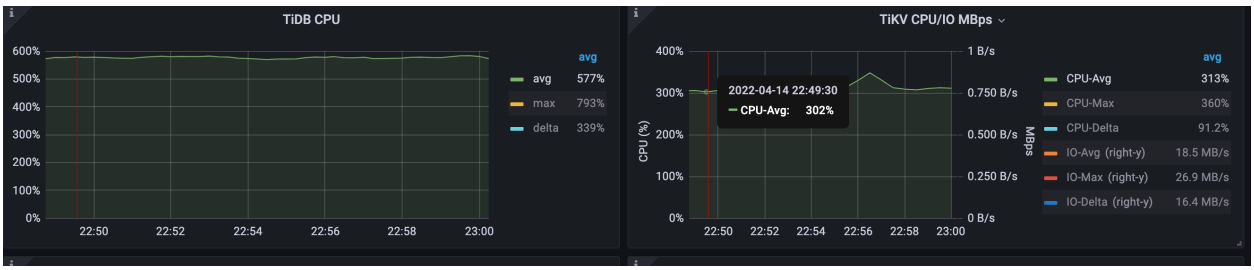


Figure 408: performance-overview-for-2-command

The key latency metrics are as follows:

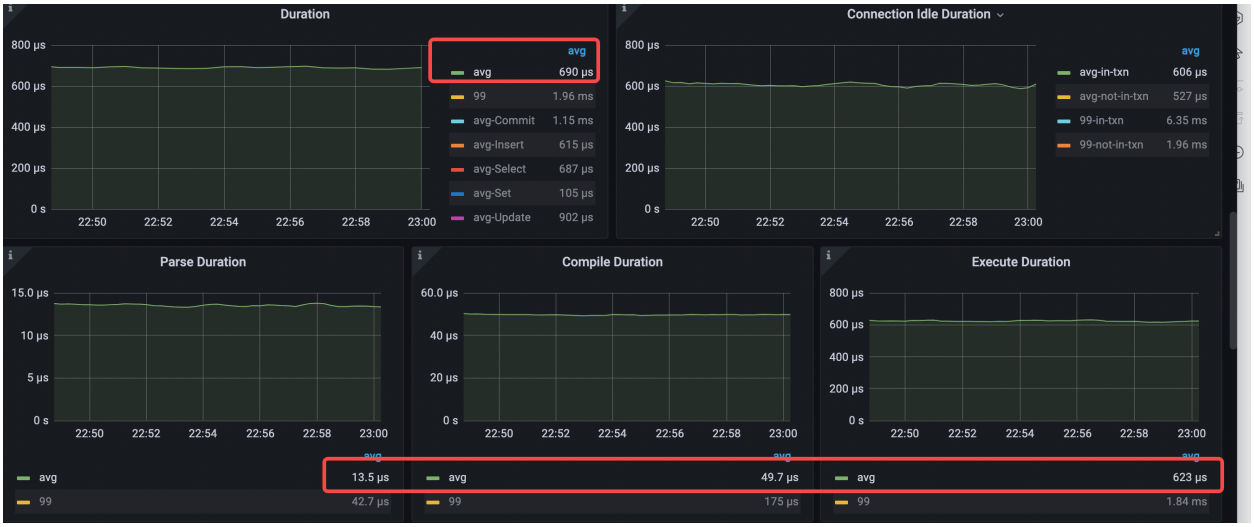


Figure 409: performance-overview-for-3-command

- avg query duration = 690 s (from 426 s to 690 s)
- avg parse duration = 13.5 s (from 12.3 s to 13.5 s)
- avg compile duration = 49.7 s (from 53.3 s to 49.7 s)
- avg execution duration = 623 s (from 699us to 623 s)
- avg pd tso wait duration = 196 s (from 224 s to 196 s)
- connection idle duration avg-in-txn = 608 s (from 250 s to 608 s)

Analysis conclusion

- Compared with Scenario 4, the **CPS By Type** pane in Scenario 5 has the `StmtExecute` command only, which avoids two network round trips and increases the overall system QPS.
- In the case of QPS increase, the latency decreases in terms of parse duration, compile duration, and execution duration, but the query duration increases instead. This is because TiDB processes `StmtPrepare` and `StmtClose` very quickly, and eliminating these two command types increases the average query duration.
- In Database Time by SQL Phase, `execute` takes the most time and is close to the database time. While in SQL Execute Time Overview, `tso wait` takes most of the time, and more than a quarter of `execute` time is taken to wait for TSO.
- The total `tso wait` time per second is 5.46s. The average `tso wait` time is 196 us, and the number of `tso cmd` times per second is 28k, which is very close to the QPS of 30.9k. This is because according to the implementation of the `read committed` isolation level in TiDB, every SQL statement in a transaction needs to request TSO from PD.

TiDB v6.0 provides `rc read`, which optimizes the `read committed` isolation level by reducing `tso cmd`. This feature is controlled by the global variable `set global tidb_rc_read_check_ts=on;`. When this variable is enabled, the default behavior of TiDB acts

the same as the `repeatable-read` isolation level, at which only `start-ts` and `commit-ts` need to be obtained from the PD. The statements in a transaction use the `start-ts` to read data from TiKV first. If the data read from TiKV is earlier than `start-ts`, the data is returned directly. If the data read from TiKV is later than `start-ts`, the data is discarded. TiDB requests TSO from PD, and then retries the read. The `for update ts` of subsequent statements uses the latest PD TSO.

11.1.8.2.7 Scenario 6: Enable the `tidb_rc_read_check_ts` variable to reduce TSO requests

Application configuration

Compared with Scenario 5, the application configuration remains the same. The only difference is that the `set global tidb_rc_read_check_ts=on;` variable is configured to reduce TSO requests.

Performance analysis

Dashboard

The flame chart of the TiDB CPU does not have any significant changes.

- ExecutePreparedStmt cpu = 22% cpu time = 8.4s

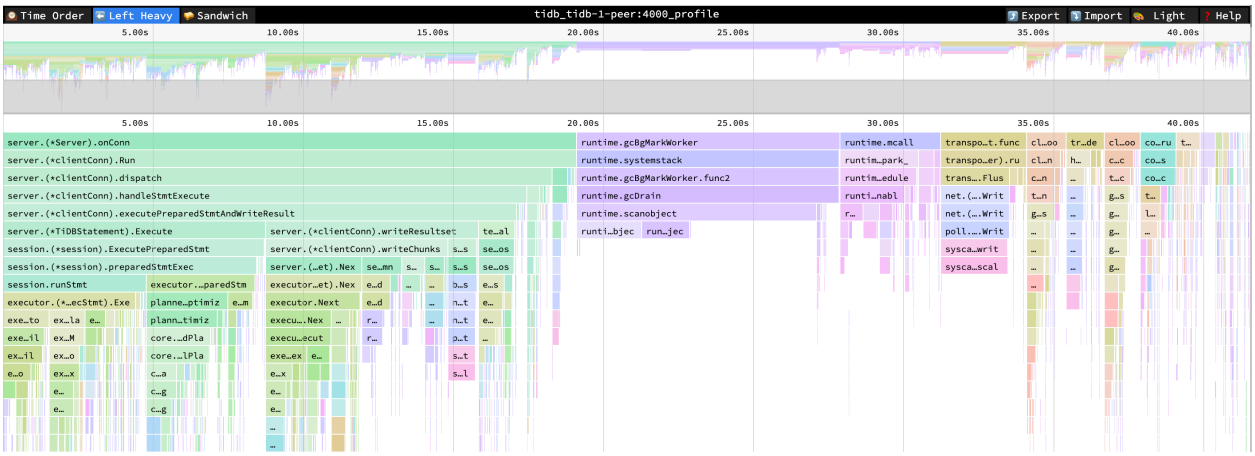


Figure 410: flame-graph-for-rc-read

Performance Overview dashboard

After using RC read, QPS increases from 30.9k to 34.9k, and the `tso wait` time consumed per second decreases from 5.46 s to 456 ms.

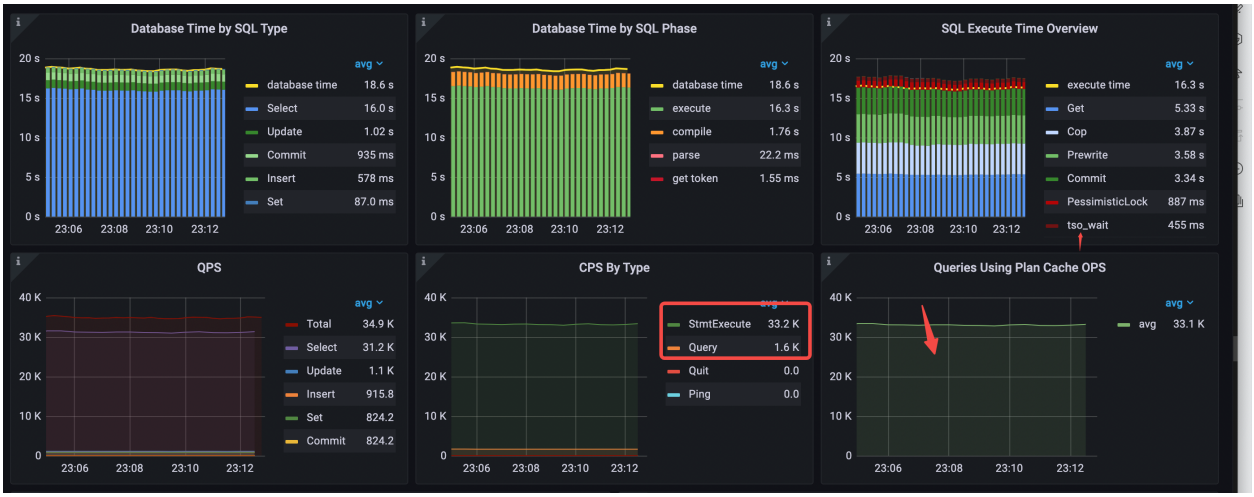


Figure 411: performance-overview-1-for-rc-read

- Database Time by SQL Type: the `Select` statement type takes most of the time.
- Database Time by SQL Phase: the `execute` phase takes most of the time.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: `Get`, `Cop`, and `Prewrite` take most of the time.
- Execution plan cache is hit. The value of Queries Using Plan Cache OPS roughly equals `StmtExecute` per second.
- CPS By Type: only the `StmtExecute` command is used.
- avg QPS = 34.9k (from 30.9k to 34.9k)

The `tso cmd` per second drops from 28.3k to 2.7k.

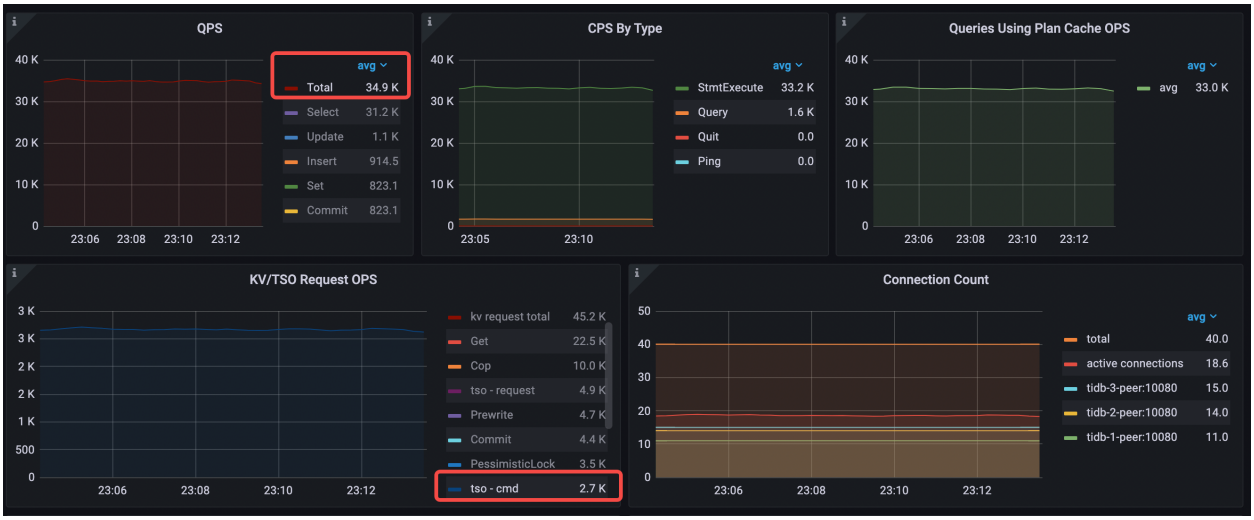


Figure 412: performance-overview-2-for-rc-read

The average TiDB CPU increases to 603% (from 577% to 603%).



Figure 413: performance-overview-3-for-rc-read

The key latency metrics are as follows:

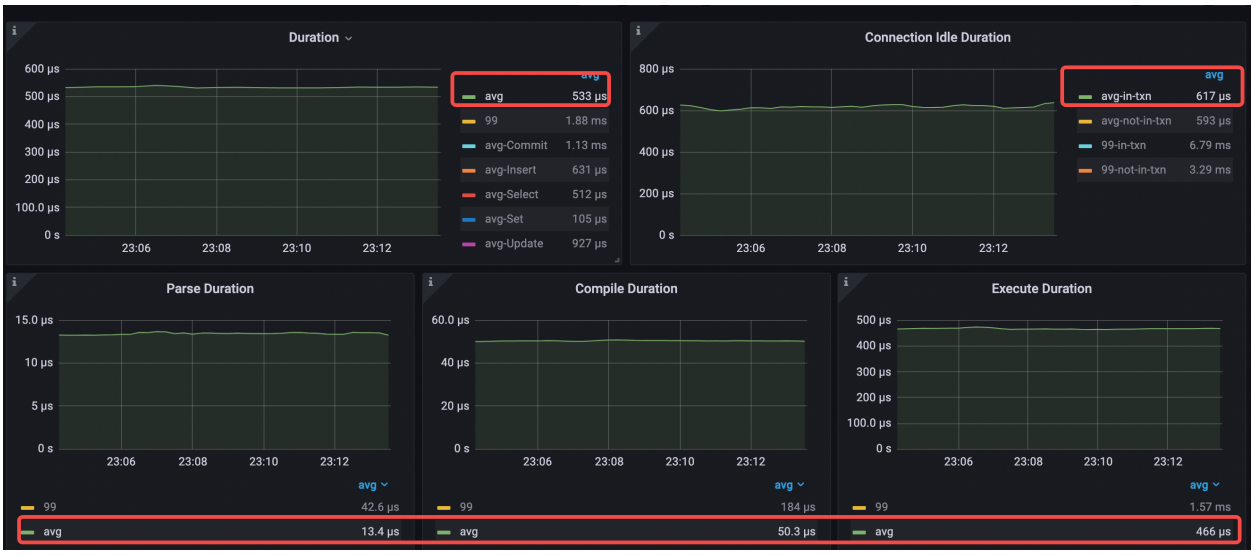


Figure 414: performance-overview-4-for-rc-read

- avg query duration = 533 s (from 690 s to 533 s)
- avg parse duration = 13.4 s (from 13.5 s to 13.4 s)
- avg compile duration = 50.3 s (from 49.7 s to 50.3 s)
- avg execution duration = 466 s (from 623 s to 466 s)
- avg pd tso wait duration = 171 s (from 196 s to 171 s)

Analysis conclusion

After enabling RC Read by `set global tidb_rc_read_check_ts=on;`, RC Read significantly reduces the times of `tso cmd`, thus reducing `tso wait` and average query duration, and improving QPS.

The bottlenecks of both current database time and latency are in the `execute` phase, in which the `Get` and `Cop` read requests take the highest percentage. Most of the tables in this

workload are read-only or rarely modified, so you can use the small table caching feature supported since TiDB v6.0.0 to cache the data of these small tables and reduce the waiting time and resource consumption of KV read requests.

11.1.8.2.8 Scenario 7: Use the small table cache

Application configuration

Compared with Scenario 6, the application configuration remains the same. The only difference is that Scenario 7 uses SQL statements such as `alter table t1 cache;` to cache those read-only tables for the business.

Performance analysis

TiDB Dashboard

The flame chart of the TiDB CPU does not have any significant changes.

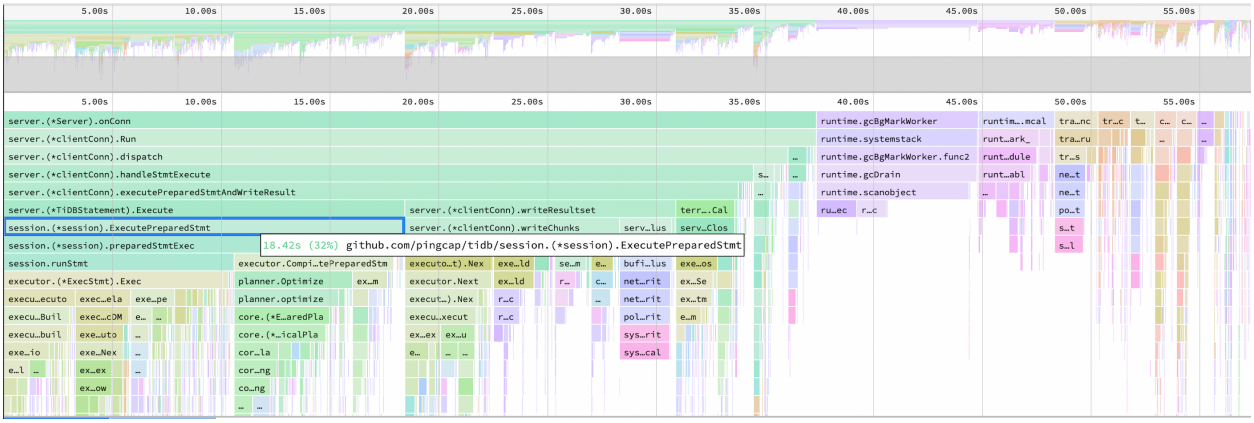


Figure 415: flame-graph-for-table-cache

Performance Overview dashboard

The QPS increases from 34.9k to 40.9k, and the KV request types take the most time in the `execute` phase change to `Prewrite` and `Commit`. The database time consumed by `Get` per second decreases from 5.33 seconds to 1.75 seconds, and the database time consumed by `Cop` per second decreases from 3.87 seconds to 1.09 seconds.

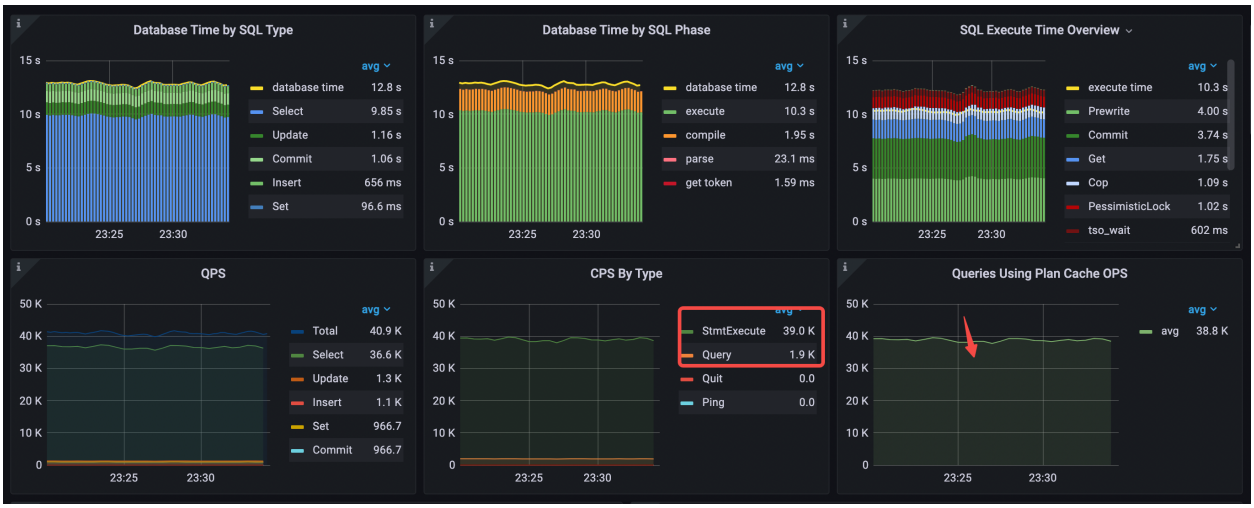


Figure 416: performance-overview-1-for-table-cache

- Database Time by SQL Type: the `Select` statement type takes most of the time.
- Database Time by SQL Phase: the `execute` and `compile` phases take most of the time.
- SQL Execute Time Overview: `Prewrite`, `Commit`, and `Get` take most of the time.
- Execution plan cache is hit. The value of Queries Using Plan Cache OPS roughly equals `StmtExecute` per second.
- CPS By Type: only the `StmtExecute` command is used.
- avg QPS = 40.9k (from 34.9k to 40.9k)

The average TiDB CPU utilization drops from 603% to 478% and the average TiKV CPU utilization drops from 346% to 256%.



Figure 417: performance-overview-2-for-table-cache

The average query latency drops from 533 us to 313 us. The average `execute` latency drops from 466 us to 250 us.

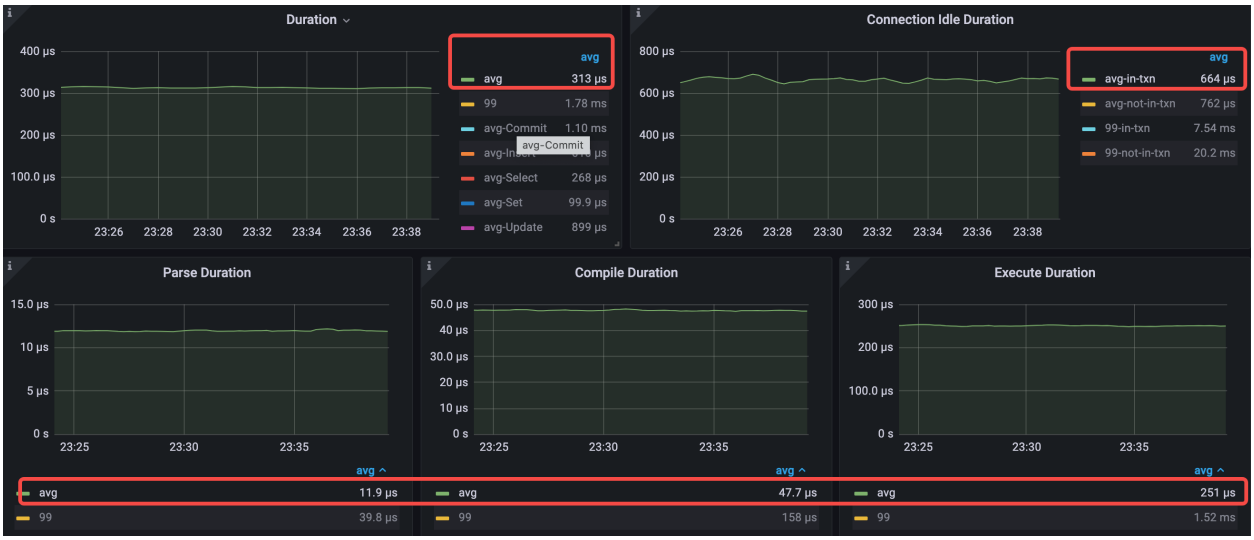


Figure 418: performance-overview-3-for-table-cache

- avg query duration = 313 s (from 533 s to 313 s)
- avg parse duration = 11.9 s (from 13.4 s to 11.9 s)
- avg compile duration = 47.7 s (from 50.3 s to 47.7 s)
- avg execution duration = 251 s (from 466 s to 251 s)

Analysis conclusion

After caching all read-only tables, the `Execute Duration` drops significantly because all read-only tables are cached in TiDB and there is no need to query data in TiKV for those tables, so the query duration drops and the QPS increases.

This is an optimistic result because data of read-only tables in actual business might be too large for TiDB to cache them all. Another limitation is that although the small table caching feature supports write operations, the write operation requires a default wait of 3 seconds to ensure that the cache of all TiDB nodes is invalidated first, which might not be feasible to applications with strict latency requirements.

11.1.8.2.9 Summary

The following table lists the performance of seven different scenarios.

Metrics	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7	Comparing Scenario 5 with Scenario 2 (%)	Comparing Scenario 7 with Scenario 3 (%)
query duration	479 s	1120 s	528 s	426 s	690 s	533 s	313 s	-38%	-41%
QPS	56.3k	24.2k	19.7k	22.1k	30.9k	34.9k	40.9k	+28%	+108%

In these scenarios, Scenario 2 is a common scenario where applications use the Query interface, and Scenario 5 is an ideal scenario where applications use the Prepared Statement interface.

- Comparing Scenario 5 with Scenario 2, you can see that by using best practices for Java application development and caching Prepared Statement objects on the client side, each SQL statement requires only one command and database interaction to hit the execution plan cache, which results in a 38% drop in query latency and a 28% increase in QPS, while the average TiDB CPU utilization drops from 936% to 577%.
- Comparing Scenario 7 with Scenario 3, you can see that with the latest TiDB optimization features such as RC Read and small table cache on top of Scenario 5, latency is reduced by 41% and QPS is increased by 108%, while the average TiDB CPU utilization drops from 936% to 478%.

By comparing the performance of each scenario, we can draw the following conclusions:

- The execution plan cache of TiDB plays a critical role in the OLTP performance tuning. The RC Read and small table cache features introduced from v6.0.0 also play an important role in the further performance tuning of this workload.
- TiDB is compatible with different commands of the MySQL protocol. When using the Prepared Statement interface and setting the following JDBC connection parameters, the application can achieve its best performance:

```
useServerPrepStmts=true&cachePrepStmts=true&prepStmtCacheSize=1000&
    ↪ prepStmtCacheSqlLimit=20480&useConfigs=maxPerformance
```

- It is recommended that you use TiDB Dashboard (for example, the Top SQL feature and Continuous Profiling feature) and Performance Overview dashboard for performance analysis and tuning.

- With the Top SQL feature, you can visually monitor and explore the CPU consumption of each SQL statement in your database during execution to troubleshoot database performance issues.
- With Continuous Profiling, you can continuously collect performance data from each instance of TiDB, TiKV, and PD. When applications use different interfaces to interact with TiDB, the difference in the CPU consumption of TiDB is huge.
- With Performance Overview Dashboard, you can get an overview of database time and SQL execution time breakdown information. You can analyze and diagnose performance based on database time to determine whether the performance bottleneck of the entire system is in TiDB or not. If the bottleneck is in TiDB, you can use the database time and latency breakdowns, along with load profile and resource usage, to identify performance bottlenecks within TiDB and tune the performance accordingly.

With a combination usage of these features, you can analyze and tune performance for real-world applications efficiently.

11.1.8.3 TiFlash Performance Analysis and Tuning Methods

This document introduces TiFlash resource utilization and key performance metrics. You can monitor and evaluate the TiFlash cluster performance through the TiFlash panel on the Performance Overview dashboard.

11.1.8.3.1 Resource utilization of a TiFlash cluster

With the following three metrics, you can quickly get the resource utilization of a TiFlash cluster:

- CPU: the CPU utilization per TiFlash instance.
- Memory: the memory usage per TiFlash instance.
- IO utilization: the IO utilization per TiFlash instance.

Example: Resource utilization during CH-benCHmark workload

This TiFlash cluster consists of two nodes, each node configured with 16 cores and 48 GB of memory. During the CH-benCHmark workload, CPU utilization can reach up to 1500%, memory usage can reach up to 20 GB, and IO utilization can reach up to 91%. These metrics indicate that TiFlash node resources are approaching saturation.

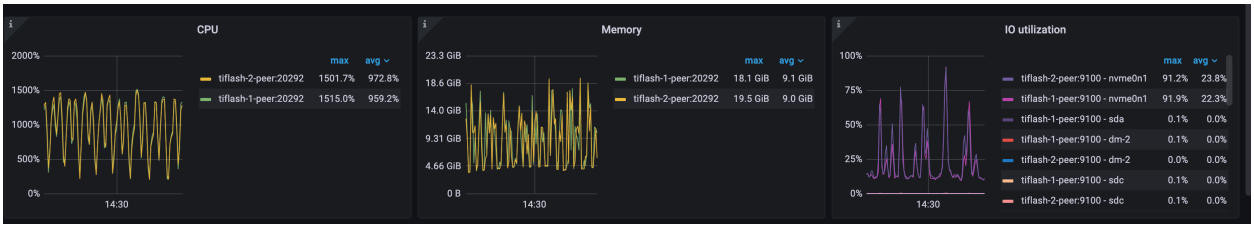


Figure 419: CH-TiFlash-MPP

11.1.8.3.2 Key metrics for TiFlash performance

Throughput metrics

With the following metrics, you can get the throughput of TiFlash:

- MPP Query count: the instant value of MPP query count for each TiFlash instance, reflecting the current number of MPP queries that need to be processed by the TiFlash instance (including those being processed and those awaiting scheduling).
- Request QPS: the number of coprocessor requests received by all TiFlash instances.
  - `run_mpp_task`, `dispatch_mpp_task`, and `mpp_establish_conn` are MPP requests.
  - `batch`: the number of batch requests.
  - `cop`: the number of coprocessor requests that are sent directly via the coprocessor interface.
  - `cop_execution`: the number of coprocessor requests currently being executed.
  - `remote_read`, `remote_read_constructed`, and `remote_read_sent` are remote read-related metrics. An increase in remote reads usually indicates an issue in the system.
- Executor QPS: the number of each type of dag operators in the requests received by all TiFlash instances, where `table_scan` is the table scan operator, `selection` is the selection operator, `aggregation` is the aggregation operator, `top_n` is the TopN operator, `limit` is the limit operator, `join` is a join operator, `exchange_sender` is a data sending operator, and `exchange_receiver` is a data receiving operator.

Latency metrics

With the following metrics, you can get the latency of TiFlash:

- Request Duration Overview: provides a stacked chart of the total processing duration for all request types in all TiFlash instances per second.
  - If the type of a request is `run_mpp_task`, `dispatch_mpp_task`, or `mpp_establish` ↪ `_conn`, it indicates that the SQL statement execution has been partially or fully pushed down to TiFlash, typically involving join and data distribution operations. This is the most common request type in TiFlash.

  - If the type of a request is `cop`, it indicates that the statement related to this request has not been fully pushed down to TiFlash. Typically, TiDB pushes down the table full scan operator to TiFlash for data access and filtering. If `cop` becomes the most common request type in the stacked chart, you need to check if it is reasonable.
    - If the amount of data queried by a SQL statement is large, the optimizer might estimate that TiFlash full table scans are more cost-effective according to the cost model.
    - If the schema of a queried table lacks suitable indexes, the optimizer can only push the query down to TiFlash for a full table scan, even if the amount of data to be queried is small. In this case, it is more efficient to create proper indexes and access the data through TiKV.

- Request Duration: the total processing duration for each MPP and coprocessor request type in all TiFlash instances, which includes the average latency and p99 latency.

- Request Handle Duration: the time from the start of executing the `cop` and `batch cop` ↪ requests to the completion of the execution, excluding waiting time. This metric is only applicable to the `cop` and `batch cop` types of requests, including average and P99 latency.

Example 1: Processing duration overview of TiFlash MPP requests

In the workload of the following diagram, `run_mpp_task` and `mpp_establish_conn` requests constitute the majority of the total processing duration, indicating that most of the requests are MPP tasks that are fully pushed down to TiFlash for execution.

The processing duration of `cop` requests is relatively small, indicating that some of the requests are pushed down to TiFlash for data access and filtering through the coprocessor.

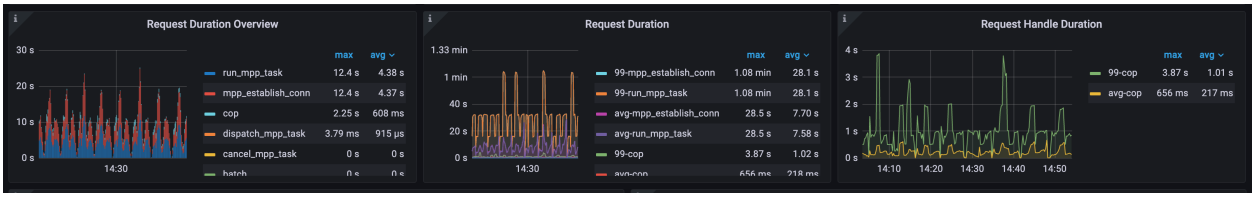


Figure 420: CH-TiFlash-MPP

Example 2: TiFlash `cop` requests constitute the majority of the total processing duration

In the workload of the following diagram, `cop` requests constitute the majority of the total processing duration. In this case, you can check the SQL execution plan to see why these `cop` requests are generated.

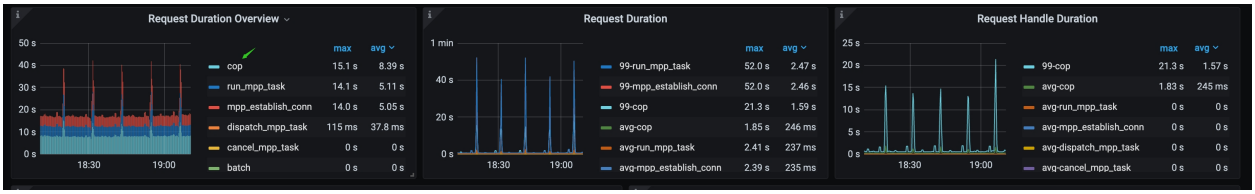


Figure 421: Cop

Raft-related metrics

With the following metrics, you can get the Raft replication status of TiFlash:

- Raft Wait Index Duration: the duration of waiting until the local Region index >= `read_index` for all TiFlash instances, which represents the latency of the `wait_index` operation. If this metric is too high, it indicates that data replication from TiKV to TiFlash has a significant latency. Possible reasons include the following:
    - TiKV resource is overloaded.
    - TiFlash resource is overloaded, especially IO resources.
    - There is a network bottleneck between TiKV and TiFlash.
- Raft Batch Read Index Duration: the latency of `read_index` for all TiFlash instances. If this metric is too high, it indicates that the interaction between TiFlash and TiKV is slow. Possible reasons include the following:
    - TiFlash resource is overloaded.
    - TiKV resource is overloaded.
    - There is a network bottleneck between TiFlash and TiKV.

IO throughput metrics

With the following metrics, you can get the IO throughput of TiFlash:

- Write Throughput By Instance: the throughput of data written by each TiFlash instance. It includes the throughput by applying the Raft data logs and Raft snapshots.
- Write flow: the traffic of disk writes by all TiFlash instances.
    - File Descriptor: the stable layer of the DeltaTree storage engine used by TiFlash.
    - Page: refers to Pagestore, the Delta change layer of the DeltaTree storage engine used by TiFlash.
- Read flow: traffic of disk read operations for all TiFlash instances.
    - File Descriptor: the stable layer of the DeltaTree storage engine used by TiFlash.

- Page: refers to Pagestore, the Delta change layer of the DeltaTree storage engine used by TiFlash.

You can calculate the write amplification factor of the entire TiFlash cluster using the `(Read flow + Write flow)÷ total Write Throughput By Instance` formula.

Example 1: Raft and IO metrics of the CH-benCHmark workload in a self-hosted environment

As shown in the following diagram, the `Raft Wait Index Duration` and the 99th percentile of `Raft Batch Read Index Duration` for this TiFlash cluster are relatively high, at 3.24 seconds and 753 milliseconds respectively. This is because the TiFlash workload in this cluster is high and latency occurs in data replication.

In this cluster, there are two TiFlash nodes. The incremental data replication speed from TiKV to TiFlash is approximately 28 MB per second. The maximum write throughput of the stable layer (File Descriptor) is 939 MB/s, and the maximum read throughput is 1.1 GiB/s. Meanwhile, the maximum write throughput of the Delta layer (Page) is 74 MB/s, and the maximum read throughput is 111 MB/s. In this environment, TiFlash uses dedicated NVME disks, which have strong IO throughput capabilities.

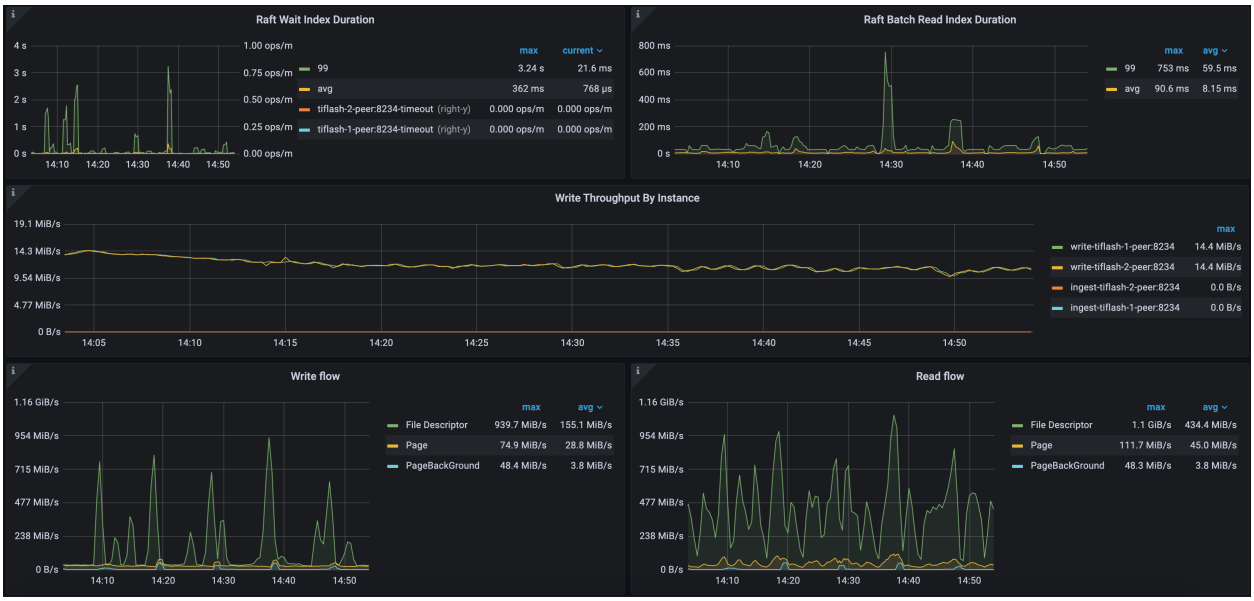


Figure 422: CH-2TiFlash-OP

Example 2: Raft and IO metrics of the CH-benCHmark workload in a public cloud deployment environment

As shown in the following diagram, the 99th percentile of `Raft Wait Index Duration` is up to 438 milliseconds, and 99th percentile of the `Raft Batch Read Index Duration` is up to 125 milliseconds. This cluster has only one TiFlash node. TiKV replicates about 5 MB

of incremental data to TiFlash per second. The maximum write traffic of the stable layer (File Descriptor) is 78 MB/s and the maximum read traffic is 221 MB/s. In the meantime, the maximum write traffic of the Delta layer (Page) is 8 MB/s and the maximum read traffic is 18 MB/s. In this environment, TiFlash uses an AWS EBS cloud disk, which has relatively weak IO throughput.



Figure 423: CH-TiFlash-MPP

11.1.8.4 TiCDC Performance Analysis and Tuning Methods

This document introduces TiCDC resource utilization and key performance metrics. You can monitor and evaluate TiCDC performance on data replication through the CDC panel on the Performance Overview dashboard.

11.1.8.4.1 Resource utilization of a TiCDC cluster

With the following three metrics, you can quickly get the resource utilization of a TiCDC cluster:

- CPU usage: the CPU usage per TiCDC node.
- Memory usage: the memory usage per TiCDC node.
- Goroutine count: the number of goroutines per TiCDC node.

11.1.8.4.2 Key metrics for TiCDC data replication

TiCDC overall metrics

With the following metrics, you can get an overview of TiCDC data replication:

- Changefeed checkpoint lag: the progress lag of data replication between the upstream and the downstream, measured in seconds.

  If the speed at which TiCDC consumes data and writes downstream keeps up with upstream data changes, this metric remains within a small latency range, typically within 10 seconds. Otherwise, this metric will continue to increase.

  When this metric (that is, `Changefeed checkpoint lag`) increases, common reasons are as follows:

  - Insufficient system resources: if the CPU, memory, or disk space of TiCDC is insufficient, it might cause data processing to be too slow, which results in a long checkpoint of the TiCDC changefeed.
  - Network issues: if network interruptions, lags, or insufficient bandwidth occur in TiCDC, it might affect data transfer speed, which results in a long checkpoint of the TiCDC changefeed.
  - High QPS in the upstream: if the data to be processed by TiCDC is excessively large, it might cause data processing timeouts, which results in an increased checkpoint of the TiCDC changefeed. Typically, a single TiCDC node can handle a maximum QPS of around 60K.
  - Database issues:
    - The gap between the `min resolved ts` of the upstream TiKV cluster and the latest PD TSO is significant. This issue usually occurs because TiKV fails to advance the resolved ts in time when the write workload of the upstream is excessively heavy.
    - The write latency in downstream databases is high, blocking TiCDC from replicating data to the downstream timely.

- Changefeed resolved ts lag: the progress lag between the internal replication status of a TiCDC node and the upstream, measured in seconds. If this metric is high, it indicates that the data processing capability of the TiCDC Puller or Sorter module might be insufficient, or there might be network latency or slow disk read/write speed issues. In such cases, to ensure the efficient and stable operation of TiCDC, you need to take appropriate measures, such as increasing the number of TiCDC nodes or optimizing the network configuration.

- The status of changefeeds: for status explanations of changefeeds, see Changefeed state transfer.

Example 1: High checkpoint lag due to high upstream QPS in the case of a single TiCDC node

As shown in the following diagram, because the upstream QPS is excessively high and there is only a single TiCDC node in the cluster, the TiCDC node is overloaded, the CPU usage is high, and both `Changefeed checkpoint lag` and `Changefeed resolved ts lag` keep increasing. The changefeed status intermittently transitions from `0` to `1`, indicating that the changefeed keeps getting errors. You can try resolving this issue by adding more resources as follows:

- Add more TiCDC nodes: scale out the TiCDC cluster to multiple nodes to increase processing capacity.
- Optimize TiCDC node resources: increase CPU and memory configurations of the TiCDC node to improve performance.



Figure 424: TiCDC overview

Data flow throughput metrics and downstream latency

With the following metrics, you can learn the data flow throughput and downstream latency of TiCDC:

- Puller output events/s: the number of rows that the Puller module of TiCDC nodes sends to the Sorter module per second.
- Sorter output events/s: the number of rows that the Sorter module of TiCDC nodes sends to the Mounter module per second.
- Mounter output events/s: the number of rows that the Mounter module of TiCDC nodes sends to the Sink module per second.
- Table sink output events/s: the number of rows that the Table Sorter module of the TiCDC nodes sends to the Sink module per second.
- SinkV2 - Sink flush rows/s: the number of rows that the Sink module in the TiCDC node sends to the downstream per second.
- Transaction Sink Full Flush Duration: the average latency and p999 latency of writing downstream transactions by the MySQL Sink of TiCDC nodes.
- MQ Worker Send Message Duration Percentile: the latency of sending messages by MQ worker when the downstream is Kafka.
- Kafka Outgoing Bytes: the traffic of writing downstream transactions in MQ Workload.

Example 2: Impact of downstream database write speed on TiCDC data replication performance

As shown in the following diagram, both upstream and downstream are TiDB clusters. The TiCDC `Puller output events/s` metric indicates the QPS of the upstream database.

The `Transaction Sink Full Flush Duration` metric indicates the average write latency of the downstream database, which is high during the first workload and low during the second workload.

- During the first workload, because the downstream TiDB cluster writes data slowly, TiCDC consumes data at a speed that falls behind the upstream QPS, leading to a continuous increase in `Changefeed checkpoint lag`. However, `Changefeed resolved ts lag` remains within 300 milliseconds, indicating that replication lag and throughput bottlenecks are not caused by the puller and sorter modules but caused by the downstream sink module.
- During the second workload, because the downstream TiDB cluster writes data faster, TiCDC replicates data at a speed that completely catches up with the upstream, the `Changefeed checkpoint lag` and `Changefeed resolved ts lag` remain within 500 milliseconds, which is a relatively ideal replication speed for TiCDC.



Figure 425: TiCDC overview



Figure 426: data flow and txn latency

11.1.8.5 Latency Breakdown

This document breaks down the latency into metrics and then analyzes it from the user's perspective from the following aspects:

- General SQL layer
- Read queries
- Write queries
- Batch client
- TiKV snapshot
- Async write

These analyses provide you with a deep insight into time cost during TiDB SQL queries. This is a guide to TiDB's critical path diagnosis. Besides, the Diagnosis use cases section introduces how to analyze latency in real use cases.

It's better to read Performance Analysis and Tuning before this document. Note that when breaking down latency into metrics, the average value of duration or latency is calculated instead of some specific slow queries. Many metrics are shown as histogram, which is a distribution of the duration or latency. To calculate the average latency, you need to use the following sum and count counter.

```
avg = ${metric_name}_sum / ${metric_name}_count
```

Metrics described in this document can be read directly from the Prometheus dashboard of TiDB.

11.1.8.5.1 General SQL layer

This general SQL layer latency exists on the top level of TiDB and is shared by all SQL queries. The following is the time cost diagram of general SQL layer operation:

```
Diagram(
    NonTerminal("Token wait duration"),
    Choice(
        0,
        Comment("Prepared statement"),
        NonTerminal("Parse duration"),
    ),
    OneOrMore(
        Sequence(
        Choice(
            0,
            NonTerminal("Optimize prepared plan duration"),
            Sequence(
            Comment("Plan cache miss"),
            NonTerminal("Compile duration"),
            ),
        ),
        NonTerminal("TSO wait duration"),
        NonTerminal("Execution duration"),
        ),
        Comment("Retry"),
    ),
)
```

The general SQL layer latency can be observed as the `e2e duration` metric and is calculated as:

```
e2e duration =
    tidb_server_get_token_duration_seconds +
    tidb_session_parse_duration_seconds +
    tidb_session_compile_duration_seconds +
    tidb_session_execute_duration_seconds{type="general"}
```

- `tidb_server_get_token_duration_seconds` records the duration of Token waiting. This is usually less than 1 millisecond and is small enough to be ignored.
- `tidb_session_parse_duration_seconds` records the duration of parsing SQL queries to an Abstract Syntax Tree (AST), which can be skipped by `PREPARE/EXECUTE` statements.
- `tidb_session_compile_duration_seconds` records the duration of compiling an AST to an execution plan, which can be skipped by SQL prepared execution plan cache.

- `tidb_session_execute_duration_seconds{type="general"}` records the duration of execution, which mixes all types of user queries. This needs to be broken down into fine-grained durations for analyzing performance issues or bottlenecks.

Generally, OLTP (Online Transactional Processing) workload can be divided into read and write queries, which share some critical code. The following sections describe latency in read queries and write queries, which are executed differently.

11.1.8.5.2 Read queries

Read queries have only a single process form.

Point get

The following is the time cost diagram of point get operations:

```
Diagram(
    Choice(
        0,
        NonTerminal("Resolve TSO"),
        Comment("Read by clustered PK in auto-commit-txn mode or snapshot
            ↪ read"),
    ),
    Choice(
        0,
        NonTerminal("Read handle by index key"),
        Comment("Read by clustered PK, encode handle by key"),
    ),
    NonTerminal("Read value by handle"),
)
```

During point get, the `tidb_session_execute_duration_seconds{type="general"}` duration is calculated as:

```
tidb_session_execute_duration_seconds{type="general"} =
    pd_client_cmd_handle_cmds_duration_seconds{type="wait"} +
    read handle duration +
    read value duration
```

`pd_client_cmd_handle_cmds_duration_seconds{type="wait"}` records the duration of fetching TSO (Timestamp Oracle) from PD. When reading in an auto-commit transaction mode with a clustered primary index or from a snapshot, the value will be zero.

The `read handle duration` and `read value duration` are calculated as:

```
read handle duration = read value duration =
    tidb_tikvclient_txn_cmd_duration_seconds{type="get"} =
    send request duration =
```

```
    tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="Get"} =
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration +
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency +
    tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_get"} +
    tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_seconds{store="?"}
```

The `tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="Get"}` records a duration of get requests which are sent directly to TiKV via a batched gRPC wrapper. For more details about the preceding batch client duration, such as `tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration` ↪ , `tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency`, and `tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_` ↪ `seconds{store="?"}`, refer to the Batch client section.

The `tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_get"}` duration is calculated as:

```
tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_get"} =
    tikv_storage_engine_async_request_duration_seconds{type="snapshot"} +
    tikv_engine_seek_micro_seconds{type="seek_average"} +
    read value duration +
    read value duration(non-short value)
```

At this time, requests are in TiKV. TiKV processes get requests by one seek and one or two read actions (short values are encoded in a write column family, and reading it once is enough). TiKV gets a snapshot before processing the read request. For more details about the TiKV snapshot duration, refer to the TiKV snapshot section.

The `read value duration(from disk)` is calculated as:

```
read value duration(from disk) =
    sum(rate(tikv_storage_rocksdb_perf{metric="block_read_time",req="get/
        ↪ batch_get_command"})) / sum(rate(tikv_storage_rocksdb_perf{metric
        ↪ ="block_read_count",req="get/batch_get_command"}))
```

TiKV uses RocksDB as its storage engine. When the required value is missing from the block cache, TiKV needs to load the value from the disk. For `tikv_storage_rocksdb_perf`, the get request can be either `get` or `batch_get_command`.

Batch point get

The following is the time cost diagram of batch point get operations:

```
Diagram(
  NonTerminal("Resolve TSO"),
  Choice(
    0,
    NonTerminal("Read all handles by index keys"),
    Comment("Read by clustered PK, encode handle by keys"),
  ),
  NonTerminal("Read values by handles"),
)
```

During batch point get, the `tidb_session_execute_duration_seconds{type="general"}` is calculated as:

```
tidb_session_execute_duration_seconds{type="general"} =
    pd_client_cmd_handle_cmds_duration_seconds{type="wait"} +
    read handles duration +
    read values duration
```

The process of batch point get is almost the same as Point get except that batch point get reads multiple values at the same time.

The `read handles duration` and `read values duration` are calculated as:

```
read handles duration = read values duration =
    tidb_tikvclient_txn_cmd_duration_seconds{type="batch_get"} =
    send request duration =
    tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="BatchGet"} =
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration(transaction) +
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency(transaction) +
    tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_batch_get"} +
    tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_seconds{store="?"}(transaction)
```

For more details about the preceding batch client duration, such as `tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration(transaction)`, `tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency(transaction)`, and `tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_seconds{store="?"}(transaction)`, refer to the Batch client section.

The `tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_batch_get"}` duration is calculated as:

```
tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_batch_get"} =
    tikv_storage_engine_async_request_duration_seconds{type="snapshot"} +
    n * (
        tikv_engine_seek_micro_seconds{type="seek_max"} +
        read value duration +
        read value duration(non-short value)
    )

read value duration(from disk) =
    sum(rate(tikv_storage_rocksdb_perf{metric="block_read_time",req="batch_
        get"})) / sum(rate(tikv_storage_rocksdb_perf{metric="block_read_
        count",req="batch_get"}))
```

After getting a snapshot, TiKV reads multiple values from the same snapshot. The read duration is the same as Point get. When TiKV loads data from disk, the average duration can be calculated by `tikv_storage_rocksdb_perf` with `req="batch_get"`.

Table scan & Index scan

The following is the time cost diagram of table scan and index scan operations:

```
Diagram(
    Stack(
        NonTerminal("Resolve TSO"),
        NonTerminal("Load region cache for related table/index ranges"),
        OneOrMore(
            NonTerminal("Wait for result"),
            Comment("Next loop: drain the result"),
        ),
    ),
)
```

During table scan and index scan, the `tidb_session_execute_duration_seconds{type="general"}` duration is calculated as:

```
tidb_session_execute_duration_seconds{type="general"} =
    pd_client_cmd_handle_cmds_duration_seconds{type="wait"} +
    req_per_copr * (
        tidb_distsql_handle_query_duration_seconds{sql_type="general"}
    )
    tidb_distsql_handle_query_duration_seconds{sql_type="general"} <= send
        ↪ request duration
```

Table scan and index scan are processed in the same way. `req_per_copr` is the distributed task count. Because coprocessor execution and data responding to client are in different threads, `tidb_distsql_handle_query_duration_seconds{sql_type="general"}` is the wait time and it is less than the `send request duration`.

The `send request duration` and `req_per_copr` are calculated as:

```
send request duration =
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration +
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency +
    tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="coprocessor"} +
    tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_seconds{store="?"}

tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="coprocessor"} =
    tikv_coprocessor_request_wait_seconds{type="snapshot"} +
    tikv_coprocessor_request_wait_seconds{type="schedule"} +
    tikv_coprocessor_request_handler_build_seconds{type="index/select"} +
    tikv_coprocessor_request_handle_seconds{type="index/select"}

req_per_copr = rate(tidb_distsql_handle_query_duration_seconds_count) / rate
    ↪ (tidb_distsql_scan_keys_partial_num_count)
```

In TiKV, the table scan type is `select` and the index scan type is `index`. The details of `select` and `index` type duration are the same.

Index look up

The following is the time cost diagram of index look up operations:

```
Diagram(
    Stack(
        NonTerminal("Resolve TSO"),
        NonTerminal("Load region cache for related index ranges"),
        OneOrMore(
            Sequence(
                NonTerminal("Wait for index scan result"),
                NonTerminal("Wait for table scan result"),
            ),
        Comment("Next loop: drain the result"),
        ),
    ),
)
```

During index look up, the `tidb_session_execute_duration_seconds{type="general"}` duration is calculated as:

```
tidb_session_execute_duration_seconds{type="general"} =
    pd_client_cmd_handle_cmds_duration_seconds{type="wait"} +
    req_per_copr * (
        tidb_distsql_handle_query_duration_seconds{sql_type="general"}
    ) +
    req_per_copr * (
        tidb_distsql_handle_query_duration_seconds{sql_type="general"}
    )

req_per_copr = rate(tidb_distsql_handle_query_duration_seconds_count) / rate
    (tidb_distsql_scan_keys_partial_num_count)
```

An index look up combines index scan and table scan, which are processed in a pipeline.

11.1.8.5.3 Write queries

Write queries are much more complex than read queries. There are some variants of write queries. The following is the time cost diagram of write queries operations:

```
Diagram(
    NonTerminal("Execute write query"),
    Choice(
        0,
        NonTerminal("Pessimistic lock keys"),
        Comment("bypass in optimistic transaction"),
    ),
```

```
    Choice(
        0,
        NonTerminal("Auto Commit Transaction"),
        Comment("bypass in non-auto-commit or explicit transaction"),
    ),
)
```

	Pessimistic transaction	Optimistic transaction
Auto-commit	execute + lock + commit	execute + commit
Non-auto-commit	execute + lock	execute

A write query is divided into the following three phases:

- execute phase: execute and write mutation into the memory of TiDB.
- lock phase: acquire pessimistic locks for the execution result.
- commit phase: commit the transaction via the two-phase commit protocol (2PC).

In the execute phase, TiDB manipulates data in memory and the main latency comes from reading the required data. For update and delete queries, TiDB reads data from TiKV first, and then updates or deletes the row in memory.

The exception is lock-time read operations (`SELECT FOR UPDATE`) with point get and batch point get, which perform read and lock in a single Remote Procedure Call (RPC).

Lock-time point get

The following is the time cost diagram of lock-time point get operations:

```
Diagram(
    Choice(
        0,
        Sequence(
            NonTerminal("Read handle key by index key"),
            NonTerminal("Lock index key"),
        ),
        Comment("Clustered index"),
    ),
    NonTerminal("Lock handle key"),
    NonTerminal("Read value from pessimistic lock cache"),
)
```

During lock-time point get, the `execution(clustered PK)` and `execution(non-clustered PK or UK)` duration are calculated as:

```
execution(clustered PK) =
    tidb_tikvclient_txn_cmd_duration_seconds{type="lock_keys"}
execution(non-clustered PK or UK) =
    2 * tidb_tikvclient_txn_cmd_duration_seconds{type="lock_keys"}
```

Lock-time point get locks the key and returns its value. Compared with the lock phase after execution, this saves 1 round trip. The duration of the lock-time point get can be treated the same as Lock duration.

Lock-time batch point get

The following is the time cost diagram of lock-time batch point get operations:

```
Diagram(
    Choice(
        0,
        NonTerminal("Read handle keys by index keys"),
        Comment("Clustered index"),
    ),
    NonTerminal("Lock index and handle keys"),
    NonTerminal("Read values from pessimistic lock cache"),
)
```

During lock-time batch point get, the `execution(clustered PK)` and `execution(non-clustered PK or UK)` duration are calculated as:

```
execution(clustered PK) =
    tidb_tikvclient_txn_cmd_duration_seconds{type="lock_keys"}
execution(non-clustered PK or UK) =
    tidb_tikvclient_txn_cmd_duration_seconds{type="batch_get"} +
    tidb_tikvclient_txn_cmd_duration_seconds{type="lock_keys"}
```

The execution of the lock-time batch point get is similar to the Lock-time point get except that the lock-time batch point get reads multiple values in a single RPC. For more details about the `tidb_tikvclient_txn_cmd_duration_seconds{type="batch_get"}` duration, refer to the Batch point get section.

Lock

This section describes the lock duration.

```
round = ceil(
    sum(rate(tidb_tikvclient_txn_regions_num_sum{type="2pc_pessimistic_lock
        ↪ "})) /
    sum(rate(tidb_tikvclient_txn_regions_num_count{type="2pc_pessimistic_
        ↪ lock"})) /
    committer-concurrency
)
```

```
lock = tidb_tikvclient_txn_cmd_duration_seconds{type="lock_keys"} =
    round * tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="PessimisticLock"}
```

Locks are acquired through the 2PC structure, which has a flow control mechanism. The flow control limits concurrent on-the-fly requests by `committer-concurrency` (default value is 128). For simplicity, the flow control can be treated as an amplification of request latency (`round`).

The `tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="PessimisticLock"}` is calculated as:

```
tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="PessimisticLock"} =
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration +
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency +
    tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_pessimistic_lock"} +
    tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_seconds{store="?"}
```

For more details about the preceding batch client duration, such as `tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration`, `tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency`, and `tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_seconds{store="?"}`, refer to the Batch client section.

The `tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_pessimistic_lock"}` duration is calculated as:

```
tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_pessimistic_lock"} =
    tikv_scheduler_latch_wait_duration_seconds{type="acquire_pessimistic_
        ↪ lock"} +
    tikv_storage_engine_async_request_duration_seconds{type="snapshot"} +
    (lock in-mem key count + lock on-disk key count) * lock read duration +
    lock on-disk key count / (lock in-mem key count + lock on-disk key count
        ↪ ) *
    lock write duration
```

- Since TiDB v6.0, TiKV uses in-memory pessimistic lock by default. In-memory pessimistic lock bypass the async write process.
- `tikv_storage_engine_async_request_duration_seconds{type="snapshot"}` is a snapshot type duration. For more details, refer to the TiKV Snapshot section.
- The `lock in-mem key count` and `lock on-disk key count` are calculated as:

```
lock in-mem key count =
    sum(rate(tikv_in_memory_pessimistic_locking{result="success"})) /
    sum(rate(tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds_count{type="kv_pessimistic_
        ↪ lock"}))

lock on-disk key count =
```

```
    sum(rate(tikv_in_memory_pessimistic_locking{result="full"})) /
    sum(rate(tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds_count{type="kv_pessimistic_
        ↪ lock"}}))
```

The count of in-memory and on-disk locked keys can be calculated by the in-memory lock counter. TiKV reads the keys' values before acquiring locks, and the read duration can be calculated by RocksDB performance context.

```
lock read duration(from disk) =
    sum(rate(tikv_storage_rocksdb_perf{metric="block_read_time",req="
        ↪ acquire_pessimistic_lock"})) / sum(rate(tikv_storage_rocksdb_
        ↪ perf{metric="block_read_count",req="acquire_pessimistic_lock
        ↪ "}))
```

- `lock write duration` is the duration of writing on-disk lock. For more details, refer to the Async write section.

Commit

This section describes the commit duration. The following is the time cost diagram of commit operations:

```
Diagram(
    Stack(
        Sequence(
            Choice(
                0,
                Comment("use 2pc or causal consistency"),
                NonTerminal("Get min-commit-ts"),
            ),
            Optional("Async prewrite binlog"),
            NonTerminal("Prewrite mutations"),
            Optional("Wait prewrite binlog result"),
        ),
        Sequence(
            Choice(
                1,
                Comment("1pc"),
                Sequence(
                    Comment("2pc"),
                    NonTerminal("Get commit-ts"),
                    NonTerminal("Check schema"),
                    NonTerminal("Commit PK mutation"),
                ),
                Sequence(
                    Comment("async-commit"),
```

```
                NonTerminal("Commit mutations asynchronously"),
            ),
        ),
        Choice(
            0,
            Comment("committed"),
            NonTerminal("Async cleanup"),
        ),
        Optional("Commit binlog"),
    ),
),
)
```

The duration of the commit phase is calculated as:

```
commit =
    Get_latest_ts_time +
    Prewrite_time +
    Get_commit_ts_time +
    Commit_time

Get_latest_ts_time = Get_commit_ts_time =
    pd_client_cmd_handle_cmds_duration_seconds{type="wait"}

prewrite_round = ceil(
    sum(rate(tidb_tikvclient_txn_regions_num_sum{type="2pc_prewrite"})) /
    sum(rate(tidb_tikvclient_txn_regions_num_count{type="2pc_prewrite"})) /
    committer-concurrency
)

commit_round = ceil(
    sum(rate(tidb_tikvclient_txn_regions_num_sum{type="2pc_commit"})) /
    sum(rate(tidb_tikvclient_txn_regions_num_count{type="2pc_commit"})) /
    committer-concurrency
)

Prewrite_time =
    prewrite_round * tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="Prewrite"}

Commit_time =
    commit_round * tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="Commit"}
```

The commit duration can be broken down into four metrics:

- `Get_latest_ts_time` records the duration of getting latest TSO in async-commit or single-phase commit (1PC) transaction.

- `Prewrite_time` records the duration of the prewrite phase.
- `Get_commit_ts_time` records the duration of common 2PC transaction.
- `Commit_time` records the duration of the commit phase. Note that an async-commit or 1PC transaction does not have this phase.

Like pessimistic lock, flow control acts as an amplification of latency (`prewrite_round` and `commit_round` in the preceding formula).

The `tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="Prewrite"}` and `tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="Commit"}` duration are calculated as:

```
tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="Prewrite"} =
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration +
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency +
    tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_prewrite"} +
    tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_seconds{store="?"}

tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="Commit"} =
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration +
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency +
    tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_commit"} +
    tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_seconds{store="?"}
```

For more details about the preceding batch client duration, such as `tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration`, `tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency`, and `tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_seconds{store="?"}`, refer to the Batch client section.

The `tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_prewrite"}` is calculated as:

```
tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_prewrite"} =
    prewrite key count * prewrite read duration +
    prewrite write duration

prewrite key count =
    sum(rate(tikv_scheduler_kv_command_key_write_sum{type="prewrite"})) /
    sum(rate(tikv_scheduler_kv_command_key_write_count{type="prewrite"}))

prewrite read duration(from disk) =
    sum(rate(tikv_storage_rocksdb_perf{metric="block_read_time",req="
        prewrite"})) / sum(rate(tikv_storage_rocksdb_perf{metric="block_
        read_count",req="prewrite"}))
```

Like locks in TiKV, prewrite is processed in read and write phases. The read duration can be calculated from the RocksDB performance context. For more details about the write duration, refer to the Async write section.

The `tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_commit"}` is calculated as:

```
tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_commit"} =
    commit key count * commit read duration +
    commit write duration

commit key count =
    sum(rate(tikv_scheduler_kv_command_key_write_sum{type="commit"})) /
    sum(rate(tikv_scheduler_kv_command_key_write_count{type="commit"}))

commit read duration(from disk) =
    sum(rate(tikv_storage_rocksdb_perf{metric="block_read_time",req="commit
        ↪ "})) / sum(rate(tikv_storage_rocksdb_perf{metric="block_read_count
        ↪ ",req="commit"})) (storage)
```

The duration of `kv_commit` is almost the same as `kv_prewrite`. For more details about the write duration, refer to the Async write section.

11.1.8.5.4 Batch client

The following is the time cost diagram of the batch client:

```
Diagram(
    NonTerminal("Get conn pool to the target store"),
    Choice(
        0,
        Sequence(
            Comment("Batch enabled"),
                NonTerminal("Push request to channel"),
                NonTerminal("Wait response"),
            ),
            Sequence(
            NonTerminal("Get conn from pool"),
            NonTerminal("Call RPC"),
            Choice(
                0,
                Comment("Unary call"),
                NonTerminal("Recv first"),
            ),
        ),
    ),
)
```

- The overall duration of sending a request is observed as `tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds`.

- RPC client maintains connection pools (named ConnArray) to each store, and each pool has a BatchConn with a batch request (send) channel.
- Batch is enabled when the store is TiKV and batch size is positive, which is true in most cases.
- The size of batch request channel is `tikv-client.max-batch-size` (default is `128`), the duration of enqueue is observed as `tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration`.
- There are three kinds of stream requests: `CmdBatchCop`, `CmdCopStream`, and `CmdMPPConn`, which involve an additional `recv()` call to fetch the first response from the stream.

Though there is still some latency missed observed, the `tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds` can be calculated approximately as:

```
tidb_tikvclient_request_seconds{type="?"} =
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration +
    tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency +
    tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_?"} +
    tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_seconds{store="?"}
```

- `tidb_tikvclient_batch_wait_duration` records the waiting duration in the batch system.
- `tidb_tikvclient_batch_send_latency` records the encode duration in the batch system.
- `tikv_grpc_msg_duration_seconds{type="kv_?"}` is the TiKV processing duration.
- `tidb_tikvclient_rpc_net_latency_seconds` records the network latency.

11.1.8.5.5 TiKV snapshot

The following is the time cost diagram of TiKV snapshot operations:

```
Diagram(
    Choice(
        0,
        Comment("Local Read"),
        Sequence(
            NonTerminal("Propose Wait"),
            NonTerminal("Read index Read Wait"),
        ),
    ),
    NonTerminal("Fetch A Snapshot From KV Engine"),
)
```

The overall duration of a TiKV snapshot is observed as `tikv_storage_engine_async_request_duration_seconds{type="snapshot"}` and is calculated as:

```
tikv_storage_engine_async_request_duration_seconds{type="snapshot"} =
    tikv_coprocessor_request_wait_seconds{type="snapshot"} =
    tikv_raftstore_request_wait_time_duration_secs +
    tikv_raftstore_commit_log_duration_seconds +
    get snapshot from rocksdb duration
```

When leader lease is expired, TiKV proposes a read index command before getting a snapshot from RocksDB. `tikv_raftstore_request_wait_time_duration_secs` and `tikv_raftstore_commit_log_duration_seconds` are the duration of committing read index command.

Since getting a snapshot from RocksDB is usually a fast operation, the `get snapshot from rocksdb duration` is ignored.

11.1.8.5.6 Async write

Async write is the process that TiKV writes data into the Raft-based replicated state machine asynchronously with a callback.

- The following is the time cost diagram of async write operations when the asynchronous IO is disabled:

```
Diagram(
    NonTerminal("Propose Wait"),
    NonTerminal("Process Command"),
    Choice(
        0,
        Sequence(
            NonTerminal("Wait Current Batch"),
            NonTerminal("Write to Log Engine"),
        ),
        Sequence(
            NonTerminal("RaftMsg Send Wait"),
            NonTerminal("Commit Log Wait"),
        ),
    ),
    NonTerminal("Apply Wait"),
    NonTerminal("Apply Log"),
)
```

- The following is the time cost diagram of async write operations when the asynchronous IO is enabled:

```
Diagram(
    NonTerminal("Propose Wait"),
```

```
    NonTerminal("Process Command"),
    Choice(
        0,
        NonTerminal("Wait Until Persisted by Write Worker"),
        Sequence(
            NonTerminal("RaftMsg Send Wait"),
            NonTerminal("Commit Log Wait"),
        ),
    ),
    NonTerminal("Apply Wait"),
    NonTerminal("Apply Log"),
)
```

The async write duration is calculated as:

```
async write duration(async io disabled) =
    propose +
    async io disabled commit +
    tikv_raftstore_apply_wait_time_duration_secs +
    tikv_raftstore_apply_log_duration_seconds

async write duration(async io enabled) =
    propose +
    async io enabled commit +
    tikv_raftstore_apply_wait_time_duration_secs +
    tikv_raftstore_apply_log_duration_seconds
```

Async write can be broken down into the following three phases:

- Propose
- Commit
- Apply: `tikv_raftstore_apply_wait_time_duration_secs + tikv_raftstore_apply_log_duration_seconds` in the preceding formula

The duration of the propose phase is calculated as:

```
propose =
    propose wait duration +
    propose duration

propose wait duration =
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_batch_wait_duration_seconds

propose duration =
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_send_to_queue_duration_seconds -
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_batch_wait_duration_seconds
```

The Raft process is recorded in a waterfall manner. So the propose duration is calculated from the difference between the two metrics.

The duration of the commit phase is calculated as:

```
async io disabled commit = max(
    persist log locally duration,
    replicate log duration
)

async io enabled commit = max(
    wait by write worker duration,
    replicate log duration
)
```

Since v5.3.0, TiKV supports Async IO Raft (write Raft log by a StoreWriter thread pool). The Async IO Raft is only enabled when the `store-io-pool-size` is set to a positive value, which changes the process of commit. The `persist log locally duration` and `wait by write worker duration` are calculated as:

```
persist log locally duration =
    batch wait duration +
    write to raft db duration

batch wait duration =
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_before_write_duration_seconds -
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_send_to_queue_duration_seconds

write to raft db duration =
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_write_end_duration_seconds -
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_before_write_duration_seconds

wait by write worker duration =
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_persist_duration_seconds -
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_send_to_queue_duration_seconds
```

The difference between with and without Async IO is the duration of persisting logs locally. With Async IO, the duration of persisting log locally can be calculated from the waterfall metrics directly (skip the batch wait duration).

The replicate log duration records the duration of log persisted in quorum peers, which contains an RPC duration and the duration of log persisting in the majority. The `replicate log duration` is calculated as:

```
replicate log duration =
    raftmsg send wait duration +
    commit log wait duration
```

```
raftmsg send wait duration =
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_send_proposal_duration_seconds -
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_send_to_queue_duration_seconds

commit log wait duration =
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_commit_log_duration -
    tikv_raftstore_store_wf_send_proposal_duration_seconds
```

Raft DB

The following is the time cost diagram of Raft DB operations:

```
Diagram(
    NonTerminal("Wait for Writer Leader"),
    NonTerminal("Write and Sync Log"),
    NonTerminal("Apply Log to Memtable"),
)
```

```
write to raft db duration = raft db write duration
commit log wait duration >= raft db write duration

raft db write duration(raft engine enabled) =
    raft_engine_write_preprocess_duration_seconds +
    raft_engine_write_leader_duration_seconds +
    raft_engine_write_apply_duration_seconds

raft db write duration(raft engine disabled) =
    tikv_raftstore_store_perf_context_time_duration_secs{type="write_thread_
       ↪ wait"} +
    tikv_raftstore_store_perf_context_time_duration_secs{type="write_
       ↪ scheduling_flushes_compactions_time"} +
    tikv_raftstore_store_perf_context_time_duration_secs{type="write_wal_
       ↪ time"} +
    tikv_raftstore_store_perf_context_time_duration_secs{type="write_
       ↪ memtable_time"}
```

Because `commit log wait duration` is the longest duration of quorum peers, it might be larger than `raft db write duration`.

Since v6.1.0, TiKV uses Raft Engine as its default log storage engine, which changes the process of writing log.

KV DB

The following is the time cost diagram of KV DB operations:

```
Diagram(
    NonTerminal("Wait for Writer Leader"),
```

```
    NonTerminal("Preprocess"),
    Choice(
        0,
        Comment("No Need to Switch"),
        NonTerminal("Switch WAL or Memtable"),
    ),
    NonTerminal("Write and Sync WAL"),
    NonTerminal("Apply to Memtable"),
)
```

```
tikv_raftstore_apply_log_duration_seconds =
    tikv_raftstore_apply_perf_context_time_duration_secs{type="write_thread_
        ↪ wait"} +
    tikv_raftstore_apply_perf_context_time_duration_secs{type="write_
        ↪ scheduling_flushes_compactions_time"} +
    tikv_raftstore_apply_perf_context_time_duration_secs{type="write_wal_
        ↪ time"} +
    tikv_raftstore_apply_perf_context_time_duration_secs{type="write_
        ↪ memtable_time"}
```

In the async write process, committed logs need to be applied to the KV DB. The applying duration can be calculated from the RocksDB performance context.

11.1.8.5.7 Diagnosis use cases

The preceding sections explain the details about time cost metrics during querying. This section introduces common procedures of metrics analysis when you encounter slow read or write queries. All metrics can be checked in the Database Time panel of Performance Overview Dashboard.

Slow read queries

If `SELECT` statements account for a significant portion of the database time, you can assume that TiDB is slow at read queries.

The execution plans of slow queries can be found in the Top SQL statements panel of TiDB Dashboard. To investigate the time costs of slow read queries, you can analyze Point get, Batch point get and some simple coprocessor queries according to the preceding descriptions.

Slow write queries

Before investigating slow writes, you need to troubleshoot the cause of the conflicts by checking `tikv_scheduler_latch_wait_duration_seconds_sum{type="acquire_pessimistic_lock"} by (instance)`:

- If this metric is high in some specific TiKV instances, there might be conflicts in hot Regions.

- If this metric is high across all instances, there might be conflicts in the application.

After confirming the cause of conflicts from the application, you can investigate slow write queries by analyzing the duration of Lock and Commit.

11.1.9 TiDB Best Practices on Public Cloud

Public cloud infrastructure has become an increasingly popular choice for deploying and managing TiDB. However, deploying TiDB on public cloud requires careful consideration of several critical factors, including performance tuning, cost optimization, reliability, and scalability.

This document covers various essential best practices for deploying TiDB on public cloud, such as reducing compaction I/O flow in KV RocksDB, using a dedicated disk for Raft Engine, optimizing costs for cross-AZ traffic, mitigating Google Cloud live migration events, and fine-tuning the PD server in large clusters. By following these best practices, you can maximize the performance, cost efficiency, reliability, and scalability of your TiDB deployment on public cloud.

11.1.9.1 Reduce compaction I/O flow in KV RocksDB

As the storage engine of TiKV, RocksDB is used to store user data. Because the provisioned IO throughput on cloud EBS is usually limited due to cost considerations, RocksDB might exhibit high write amplification, and the disk throughput might become the bottleneck for the workload. As a result, the total number of pending compaction bytes grows over time and triggers flow control, which indicates that TiKV lacks sufficient disk bandwidth to keep up with the foreground write flow.

To alleviate the bottleneck caused by limited disk throughput, you can improve performance by enabling Titan. If your average row size is smaller than 512 bytes, Titan is not applicable. In this case, you can improve performance by increasing all the compression levels.

11.1.9.1.1 Enable Titan

Titan is a high-performance RocksDB plugin for key-value separation, which can reduce write amplification in RocksDB when large values are used.

If your average row size is larger than 512 bytes, you can enable Titan to reduce the compaction I/O flow as follows, with `min-blob-size` set to `"512B"` or `"1KB"` and `blob-file-compression` set to `"zstd"`:

```
[rocksdb.titan]
enabled = true
[rocksdb.defaultcf.titan]
min-blob-size = "1KB"
blob-file-compression = "zstd"
```

Note:

When Titan is enabled, there might be a slight performance degradation for range scans on the primary key. For more information, see Impact of `min-blob-size` on performance.

11.1.9.1.2 Increase all the compression levels

If your average row size is smaller than 512 bytes, you can increase all the compression levels of the default column family to `"zstd"` as follows:

```
[rocksdb.defaultcf]
compression-per-level = ["zstd", "zstd", "zstd", "zstd", "zstd", "zstd", "
    ↪ zstd"]
```

11.1.9.2 Use a dedicated disk for Raft Engine

The Raft Engine in TiKV plays a critical role similar to that of a write-ahead log (WAL) in traditional databases. To achieve optimal performance and stability, it is crucial to allocate a dedicated disk for the Raft Engine when you deploy TiDB on public cloud. The following `iostat` shows the I/O characteristics on a TiKV node with a write-heavy workload.

```
Device            r/s     rkB/s       w/s     wkB/s     f/s  aqu-sz %util
sdb          1649.00 209030.67 1293.33 304644.00 13.33   5.09 48.37
sdd          1033.00  4132.00  1141.33 31685.33  571.00   0.94 100.00
```

The device `sdb` is used for KV RocksDB, while `sdd` is used to restore Raft Engine logs. Note that `sdd` has a significantly higher `f/s` value, which represents the number of flush requests completed per second for the device. In Raft Engine, when a write in a batch is marked synchronous, the batch leader will call `fdatasync()` after writing, guaranteeing that buffered data is flushed to the storage. By using a dedicated disk for Raft Engine, TiKV reduces the average queue length of requests, thereby ensuring optimal and stable write latency.

Different cloud providers offer various disk types with different performance characteristics, such as IOPS and MBPS. Therefore, it is important to choose an appropriate cloud provider, disk type, and disk size based on your workload.

11.1.9.2.1 Choose appropriate disks for Raft Engine on public clouds

This section outlines best practices for choosing appropriate disks for Raft Engine on different public clouds. Depending on performance requirements, two types of recommended disks are available.

Middle-range disk

The following are recommended middle-range disks for different public clouds:

- On AWS, gp3 is recommended. The gp3 volume offers a free allocation of 3000 IOPS and 125 MB/s throughput, regardless of the volume size, which is usually sufficient for the Raft Engine.
- On Google Cloud, pd-ssd is recommended. The IOPS and MBPS vary depending on the allocated disk size. To meet performance requirements, it is recommended to allocate 200 GB for Raft Engine. Although Raft Engine does not require such a large space, it ensures optimal performance.
- On Azure, Premium SSD v2 is recommended. Similar to AWS gp3, Premium SSD v2 provides a free allocation of 3000 IOPS and 125 MB/s throughput, regardless of the volume size, which is usually sufficient for Raft Engine.

High-end disk

If you expect an even lower latency for Raft Engine, consider using high-end disks. The following are recommended high-end disks for different public clouds:

- On AWS, io2 is recommended. Disk size and IOPS can be provisioned according to your specific requirements.
- On Google Cloud, pd-extreme is recommended. Disk size, IOPS, and MBPS can be provisioned, but it is only available on instances with more than 64 CPU cores.
- On Azure, ultra disk is recommended. Disk size, IOPS, and MBPS can be provisioned according to your specific requirements.

11.1.9.2.2 Example 1: Run a social network workload on AWS

AWS offers 3000 IOPS and 125 MBPS/s for a 20 GB gp3 volume.

By using a dedicated 20 GB gp3 Raft Engine disk on AWS for a write-intensive social network application workload, the following improvements are observed but the estimated cost only increases by 0.4%:

- a 17.5% increase in QPS (queries per second)
- an 18.7% decrease in average latency for insert statements
- a 45.6% decrease in p99 latency for insert statements.

Metric	Shared Raft Engine disk	Dedicated Raft Engine disk	Difference (%)
QPS (K/s)	8.0	9.4	17.5
AVG Insert Latency (ms)	11.3	9.2	-18.7
P99 Insert Latency (ms)	29.4	16.0	-45.6

11.1.9.2.3 Example 2: Run TPC-C/Sysbench workload on Azure

By using a dedicated 32 GB ultra disk for Raft Engine on Azure, the following improvements are observed:

- Sysbench `oltp_read_write` workload: a 17.8% increase in QPS and a 15.6% decrease in average latency.
- TPC-C workload: a 27.6% increase in QPS and a 23.1% decrease in average latency.

Metric	Workload	Shared Raft Engine disk	Dedicated Raft Engine disk
QPS (K/s)	Sysbench `oltp_read_write`	60.7	71.5
QPS (K/s)	TPC-C	23.9	30.5
AVG Latency (ms)	Sysbench `oltp_read_write`	4.5	3.8
AVG Latency (ms)	TPC-C	3.9	3.0

11.1.9.2.4 Example 3: Attach a dedicated pd-ssd disk on Google Cloud for Raft Engine on TiKV manifest

The following TiKV configuration example shows how to attach an additional 512 GB pd-ssd disk to a cluster on Google Cloud deployed by TiDB Operator, with `raft-engine.dir` configured to store Raft Engine logs to this specific disk.

```
tikv:
    config: |
      [raft-engine]
        dir = "/var/lib/raft-pv-ssd/raft-engine"
        enable = true
        enable-log-recycle = true
    requests:
      storage: 4Ti
    storageClassName: pd-ssd
    storageVolumes:
    - mountPath: /var/lib/raft-pv-ssd
      name: raft-pv-ssd
      storageSize: 512Gi
```

11.1.9.3 Optimize cost for cross-AZ network traffic

Deploying TiDB across multiple availability zones (AZs) can lead to increased costs due to cross-AZ data transfer fees. To optimize costs, it is important to reduce cross-AZ network traffic.

To reduce cross-AZ read traffic, you can enable the Follower Read feature, which allows TiDB to prioritize selecting replicas in the same availability zone. To enable this feature, set the `tidb_replica_read` variable to `closest-replicas` or `closest-adaptive`.

To reduce cross-AZ write traffic in TiKV instances, you can enable the gRPC compression feature, which compresses data before transmitting it over the network. The following configuration example shows how to enable gzip gRPC compression for TiKV.

```
server_configs:
  tikv:
    server.grpc-compression-type: gzip
```

To reduce network traffic caused by the data shuffle of TiFlash MPP tasks, it is recommended to deploy multiple TiFlash instances in the same availability zones (AZs). Starting from v6.6.0, compression exchange is enabled by default, which reduces the network traffic caused by MPP data shuffle.

11.1.9.4 Mitigate live migration maintenance events on Google Cloud

The Live Migration feature of Google Cloud enables VMs to be seamlessly migrated between hosts without causing downtime. However, these migration events, although infrequent, can significantly impact the performance of VMs, including those running in a TiDB cluster. During such events, affected VMs might experience reduced performance, leading to longer query processing times in the TiDB cluster.

To detect live migration events initiated by Google Cloud and mitigate the performance impact of these events, TiDB provides a watching script based on Google's metadata example. You can deploy this script on TiDB, TiKV, and PD nodes to detect maintenance events. When a maintenance event is detected, appropriate actions can be taken automatically as follows to minimize disruption and optimize the cluster behavior:

- TiDB: Takes the TiDB node offline by cordoning it and deleting the TiDB pod. This assumes that the node pool of the TiDB instance is set to auto-scale and dedicated to TiDB. Other pods running on the node might experience interruptions, and the cordoned node is expected to be reclaimed by the auto-scaler.
- TiKV: Evicts leaders on the affected TiKV store during maintenance.
- PD: Resigns a leader if the current PD instance is the PD leader.

It is important to note that this watching script is specifically designed for TiDB clusters deployed using TiDB Operator, which offers enhanced management functionalities for TiDB in Kubernetes environments.

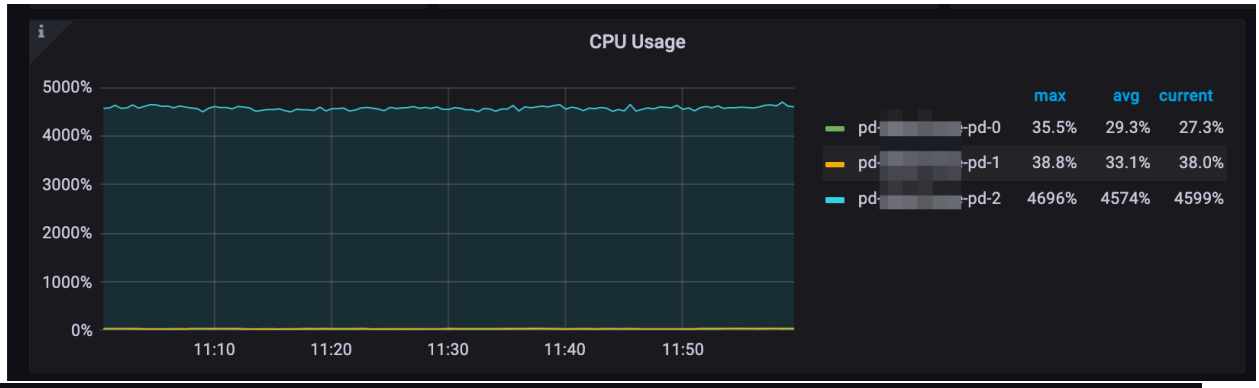
By utilizing the watching script and taking necessary actions during maintenance events, TiDB clusters can better handle live migration events on Google Cloud and ensure smoother operations with minimal impact on query processing and response times.

11.1.9.5 Tune PD for a large-scale TiDB cluster with high QPS

In a TiDB cluster, a single active Placement Driver (PD) server is used to handle crucial tasks such as serving the TSO (Timestamp Oracle) and processing requests. However, relying on a single active PD server can limit the scalability of TiDB clusters.

11.1.9.5.1 Symptoms of PD limitation

The following diagrams show the symptoms of a large-scale TiDB cluster consisting of three PD servers, each equipped with 56 CPUs. From these diagrams, it is observed that when the query per second (QPS) exceeds 1 million and the TSO (Timestamp Oracle) requests per second exceed 162,000, the CPU utilization reaches approximately 4,600%. This high CPU utilization indicates that the PD leader is experiencing a significant load and is running out of available CPU resources.





11.1.9.5.2 Tune PD performance

To address the high CPU utilization issue in the PD server, you can make the following tuning adjustments:

Adjust PD configuration

`tso-update-physical-interval`: This parameter controls the interval at which the PD server updates the physical TSO batch. By reducing the interval, the PD server can allocate TSO batches more frequently, thereby reducing the waiting time for the next allocation.

```
tso-update-physical-interval = "10ms" # default: 50ms
```

Adjust a TiDB global variable

In addition to the PD configuration, enabling the TSO client batch wait feature can further optimize the TSO client's behavior. To enable this feature, you can set the global variable `tidb_tso_client_batch_max_wait_time` to a non-zero value.

```
set global tidb_tso_client_batch_max_wait_time = 2; # default: 0
```

Adjust TiKV configuration

To reduce the number of Regions and alleviate the heartbeat overhead on the system, you can refer to Adjust Region size to moderately increase the size of the Region in TiKV configuration.

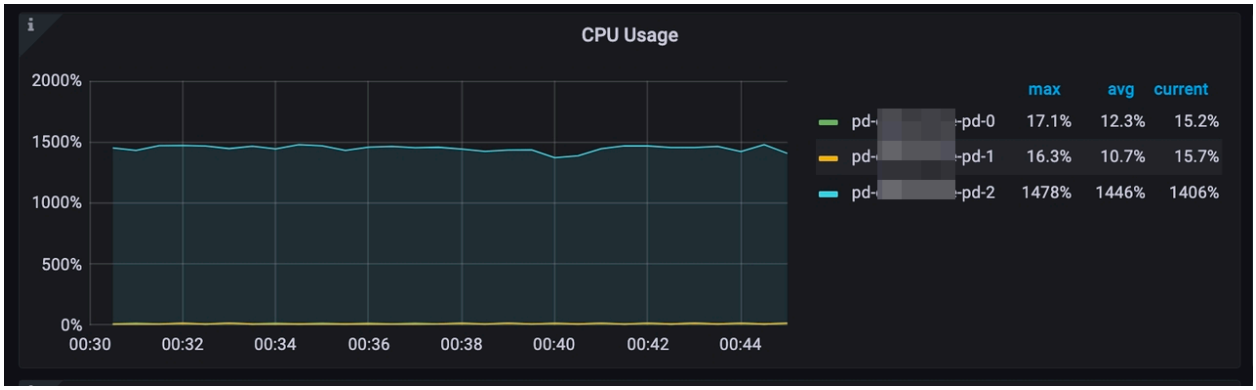
```
[coprocessor]
  region-split-size = "288MiB"
```

11.1.9.5.3 After tuning

After the tuning, the following effects can be observed:

- The TSO requests per second are decreased to 64,800.
- The CPU utilization is significantly reduced from approximately 4,600% to 1,400%.
- The P999 value of `PD server TSO handle time` is decreased from 2ms to 0.5ms.

These improvements indicate that the tuning adjustments have successfully reduced the CPU utilization of the PD server while maintaining stable TSO handling performance.





11.2 Configuration Tuning

11.2.1 Tune Operating System Performance

This document introduces how to tune each subsystem of CentOS 7.

> **Note:**
>
> - The default configuration of the CentOS 7 operating system is suitable for most services running under moderate workloads. Adjusting the performance of a particular subsystem might negatively affect other subsystems. Therefore, before tuning the system, back up all the user data and configuration information.
> - Fully test all the changes in the test environment before applying them to the production environment.

11.2.1.1 Performance analysis methods

System tuning must be based on the results of system performance analysis. This section lists common methods for performance analysis.

11.2.1.1.1 In 60 seconds

Linux Performance Analysis in 60,000 Milliseconds is published by the author Brendan Gregg and the Netflix Performance Engineering team. All tools used can be obtained from the official release of Linux. You can analyze outputs of the following list items to troubleshoot most common performance issues.

- `uptime`
- `dmesg | tail`
- `vmstat 1`
- `mpstat -P ALL 1`
- `pidstat 1`
- `iostat -xz 1`
- `free -m`
- `sar -n DEV 1`
- `sar -n TCP,ETCP 1`
- `top`

For detailed usage, see the corresponding `man` instructions.

11.2.1.1.2 perf

perf is an important performance analysis tool provided by the Linux kernel, which covers hardware level (CPU/PMU, performance monitoring unit) features and software features (software counters, trace points). For detailed usage, see perf Examples.

11.2.1.1.3 BCC/bpftrace

Starting from CentOS 7.6, the Linux kernel has supported Berkeley Packet Filter (BPF). Therefore, you can choose proper tools to conduct an in-depth analysis based on the results in In 60 seconds. Compared with perf/ftrace, BPF provides programmability and smaller performance overhead. Compared with kprobe, BPF provides higher security and is more suitable for the production environments. For detailed usage of the BCC toolkit, see BPF Compiler Collection (BCC).

11.2.1.2 Performance tuning

This section introduces performance tuning based on the classified kernel subsystems.

11.2.1.2.1 CPU—frequency scaling

cpufreq is a module that dynamically adjusts the CPU frequency. It supports five modes. To ensure service performance, select the performance mode and fix the CPU frequency at the highest supported operating frequency without dynamic adjustment. The command for this operation is `cpupower frequency-set --governor performance`.

11.2.1.2.2 CPU—interrupt affinity

- Automatic balance can be implemented through the `irqbalance` service.
- Manual balance:

- Identify the devices that need to balance interrupts. Starting from CentOS 7.5, the system automatically configures the best interrupt affinity for certain devices and their drivers, such as devices that use the `be2iscsi` driver and NVMe settings. You can no longer manually configure interrupt affinity for such devices.
- For other devices, check the chip manual to see whether these devices support distributing interrupts.
    - If they do not, all interrupts of these devices are routed to the same CPU and cannot be modified.
    - If they do, calculate the `smp_affinity` mask and set the corresponding configuration file. For details, see the kernel document.

11.2.1.2.3 NUMA CPU binding

To avoid accessing memory across Non-Uniform Memory Access (NUMA) nodes as much as possible, you can bind a thread/process to certain CPU cores by setting the CPU affinity of the thread. For ordinary programs, you can use the `numactl` command for the CPU binding. For detailed usage, see the Linux manual pages. For network interface card (NIC) interrupts, see tune network.

11.2.1.2.4 Memory—transparent huge page (THP)

It is **NOT** recommended to use THP for database applications, because databases often have sparse rather than continuous memory access patterns. If high-level memory fragmentation is serious, a higher latency will occur when THP pages are allocated. If the direct compaction is enabled for THP, the CPU usage will surge. Therefore, it is recommended to disable THP.

```
echo never > /sys/kernel/mm/transparent_hugepage/enabled
echo never > /sys/kernel/mm/transparent_hugepage/defrag
grubby --update-kernel="$KERNEL" --args='transparent_hugepage=never'
```

11.2.1.2.5 Memory—virtual memory parameters

- `dirty_ratio` percentage ratio. When the total amount of dirty page caches reach this percentage ratio of the total system memory, the system starts to use the `pdflush` operation to write the dirty page caches to disk. The default value of `dirty_ratio` is 20% and usually does not need adjustment. For high-performance SSDs such as NVMe devices, lowering this value helps improve the efficiency of memory reclamation.
- `dirty_background_ratio` percentage ratio. When the total amount of dirty page caches reach this percentage ratio of the total system memory, the system starts to write the dirty page caches to the disk in the background. The default value of `dirty_background_ratio` is 10% and usually does not need adjustment. For high-performance SSDs such as NVMe devices, setting a lower value helps improve the efficiency of memory reclamation.

11.2.1.2.6 Storage and file system

The core I/O stack link is long, including the file system layer, the block device layer, and the driver layer.

I/O scheduler

The I/O scheduler determines when and how long I/O operations run on the storage device. It is also called I/O elevator. For SSD devices, it is recommended to set the I/O scheduling policy to `noop`.

```
echo noop > /sys/block/${SSD_DEV_NAME}/queue/scheduler
```

Formatting parameters—block size

Blocks are the working units of the file system. The block size determines how much data can be stored in a single block, and thus determines the minimum amount of data to be written or read each time.

The default block size is suitable for most scenarios. However, if the block size (or the size of multiple blocks) is the same or slightly larger than the amount of data normally read or written each time, the file system performs better and the data storage efficiency is higher. Small files still use the entire block. Files can be distributed among multiple blocks, but this will increase runtime overhead.

When using the `mkfs` command to format a device, specify the block size as a part of the file system options. The parameters that specify the block size vary with the file system. For details, see the corresponding `mkfs` manual pages, such as using `man mkfs.ext4`.

`mount` parameters

If the `noatime` option is enabled in the `mount` command, the update of metadata is disabled when files are read. If the `nodiratime` behavior is enabled, the update of metadata is disabled when the directory is read.

11.2.1.2.7 Network tuning

The network subsystem consists of many different parts with sensitive connections. The CentOS 7 network subsystem is designed to provide the best performance for most workloads and automatically optimizes the performance of these workloads. Therefore, usually you do not need to manually adjust network performance.

Network issues are usually caused by issues of hardware or related devices. So before tuning the protocol stack, rule out hardware issues.

Although the network stack is largely self-optimizing, the following aspects in the network packet processing might become the bottleneck and affect performance:

- NIC hardware cache: To correctly observe the packet loss at the hardware level, use the `ethtool -S ${NIC_DEV_NAME}` command to observe the `drops` field. When packet loss occurs, it might be that the processing speed of the hard/soft interrupts cannot

catch up with the receiving speed of NIC. If the received buffer size is less than the upper limit, you can also try to increase the RX buffer to avoid packet loss. The query command is: `ethtool -g ${NIC_DEV_NAME}`, and the modification command is `ethtool -G ${NIC_DEV_NAME}`.

- Hardware interrupts: If the NIC supports the Receive-Side Scaling (RSS, also called multi-NIC receiving) feature, observe the `/proc/interrupts` NIC interrupts. If the interrupts are uneven, see CPU—frequency scaling, CPU—interrupt affinity, and NUMA CPU binding. If the NIC does not support RSS or the number of RSS is much smaller than the number of physical CPU cores, configure Receive Packet Steering (RPS, which can be regarded as the software implementation of RSS), and the RPS extension Receive Flow Steering (RFS). For detailed configuration, see the kernel document.

- Software interrupts: Observe the monitoring of `/proc/net/softnet_stat`. If the values of the other columns except the third column are increasing, properly adjust the value of `net.core.netdev_budget` or `net.core.dev_weight` for `softirq` to get more CPU time. In addition, you also need to check the CPU usage to determine which tasks are frequently using the CPU and whether they can be optimized.

- Receive queue of application sockets: Monitor the `Resv-q` column of `ss -nmp`. If the queue is full, consider increasing the size of the application socket cache or use the automatic cache adjustment method. In addition, consider whether you can optimize the architecture of the application layer and reduce the interval between reading sockets.

- Ethernet flow control: If the NIC and switch support the flow control feature, you can use this feature to leave some time for the kernel to process the data in the NIC queue, to avoid the issue of NIC buffer overflow.

- Interrupts coalescing: Too frequent hardware interrupts reduces system performance, and too late hardware interrupts causes packet loss. Newer NICs support the interrupt coalescing feature and allow the driver to automatically adjust the number of hardware interrupts. You can execute `ethtool -c ${NIC_DEV_NAME}` to check and `ethtool -C ${NIC_DEV_NAME}` to enable this feature. The adaptive mode allows the NIC to automatically adjust the interrupt coalescing. In this mode, the driver checks the traffic mode and kernel receiving mode, and evaluates the coalescing settings in real time to prevent packet loss. NICs of different brands have different features and default configurations. For details, see the NIC manuals.

- Adapter queue: Before processing the protocol stack, the kernel uses this queue to buffer the data received by the NIC, and each CPU has its own backlog queue. The maximum number of packets that can be cached in this queue is `netdev_max_backlog`. Observe the second column of `/proc/net/softnet_stat`. When the second column of a row continues to increase, it means that the CPU [row-1] queue is full and the data packet is lost. To resolve this problem, continue to double the `net.core.netdev_max_backlog` value.

- Send queue: The length value of a send queue determines the number of packets that can be queued before sending. The default value is `1000`, which is sufficient for 10 Gbps. But if you have observed the value of TX errors from the output of `ip -s link`, you can try to double it: `ip link set dev ${NIC_DEV_NAME} txqueuelen 2000`.
- Driver: NIC drivers usually provide tuning parameters. See the device hardware manual and its driver documentation.

11.2.2 TiDB Memory Control

Currently, TiDB can track the memory quota of a single SQL query and take actions to prevent OOM (out of memory) or troubleshoot OOM when the memory usage exceeds a specific threshold value. The system variable `tidb_mem_oom_action` specifies the action to take when a query reaches the memory limit:

- A value of `LOG` means that queries will continue to execute when the `tidb_mem_quota_query` limit is reached, but TiDB will print an entry to the log.
- A value of `CANCEL` means TiDB stops executing the SQL query immediately after the `tidb_mem_quota_query` limit is reached, and returns an error to the client. The error information clearly shows the memory usage of each physical execution operator that consumes memory in the SQL execution process.

11.2.2.1 Configure the memory quota of a query

The system variable `tidb_mem_quota_query` sets the limit for a query in bytes. Some usage examples:

```
-- Set the threshold value of memory quota for a single SQL query to 8GB:
SET tidb_mem_quota_query = 8 << 30;
```

```
-- Set the threshold value of memory quota for a single SQL query to 8MB:
SET tidb_mem_quota_query = 8 << 20;
```

```
-- Set the threshold value of memory quota for a single SQL query to 8KB:
SET tidb_mem_quota_query = 8 << 10;
```

11.2.2.2 Configure the memory usage threshold of a tidb-server instance

Since v6.5.0, you can use the system variable `tidb_server_memory_limit` to set the threshold for the memory usage of a tidb-server instance.

For example, set the total memory usage of a tidb-server instance to 32 GB:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_server_memory_limit = "32GB";
```

After you set this variable, when the memory usage of a tidb-server instance reaches 32 GB, TiDB will terminate the SQL operation with the largest memory usage among all running SQL operations in order, until the memory usage of the instance drops below 32 GB. The forcibly terminated SQL operation will return the `Out Of Memory Quota!` error to the client.

Currently, the memory limit set by `tidb_server_memory_limit` **DOES NOT** terminate the following SQL operations:

- DDL operations
- SQL operations that contain window functions and common table expressions

> **Warning:**
>
> - During the startup process, TiDB does not guarantee that the `tidb_server_memory_limit` limit is enforced. If the free memory of the operating system is insufficient, TiDB might still encounter OOM. You need to ensure that the TiDB instance has enough available memory.
> - In the process of memory control, the total memory usage of TiDB might slightly exceed the limit set by `tidb_server_memory_limit`.
> - Since v6.5.0, the configuration item `server-memory-quota` is deprecated. To ensure compatibility, after you upgrade your cluster to v6.5.0 or a later version, `tidb_server_memory_limit` will inherit the value of `server-memory-quota`. If you have not configured `server-memory-quota` before the upgrade, the default value of `tidb_server_memory_limit` is used, which is `80%`.

When the memory usage of a tidb-server instance reaches a certain proportion of the total memory (the proportion is controlled by the system variable `tidb_server_memory_limit_gc_trigger`), tidb-server will try to trigger a Golang GC to relieve memory stress. To avoid frequent GCs that cause performance issues due to the instance memory fluctuating around the threshold, this GC method will trigger GC at most once every minute.

> **Note:**
>
> In a hybrid deployment scenario, `tidb_server_memory_limit` is the memory usage threshold for a single tidb-server instance, instead of the total memory threshold for the whole physical machine.

11.2.2.3 View the memory usage of the current tidb-server instance using the INFORMATION_SCHEMA system table

To view the memory usage of the current instance or cluster, you can query the system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.(CLUSTER_)MEMORY_USAGE`.

To view the memory-related operations and execution basis of the current instance or cluster, you can query the system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.(CLUSTER_)MEMORY_USAGE_OPS_HISTORY`. For each instance, this table retains the latest 50 records.

11.2.2.4 Trigger the alarm of excessive memory usage

When the memory usage of a tidb-server instance exceeds its memory threshold (70% of its total memory by default) and any of the following conditions is met, TiDB records the related status files and prints an alarm log.

- It is the first time the memory usage exceeds the memory threshold.
- The memory usage exceeds the memory threshold and it has been more than 60 seconds since the last alarm.
- The memory usage exceeds the memory threshold and `(Current memory usage - Memory usage at the last alarm)/ Total memory > 10%`.

You can control the memory threshold that triggers the alarm by modifying the memory usage ratio via the system variable `tidb_memory_usage_alarm_ratio`.

When the alarm of excessive memory usage is triggered, TiDB takes the following actions:

- TiDB records the following information in the directory where the TiDB log file `filename` is located.
    - The information about the top 10 SQL statements with the highest memory usage and the top 10 SQL statements with the longest running time among all SQL statements currently being executed
    - The goroutine stack information
    - The usage status of heap memory
- TiDB prints an alarm log containing the keyword `tidb-server has the risk of OOM` and the values of the following memory-related system variables.
    - `tidb_mem_oom_action`
    - `tidb_mem_quota_query`
    - `tidb_server_memory_limit`
    - `tidb_analyze_version`
    - `tidb_enable_rate_limit_action`

To avoid accumulating too many status files for alarms, TiDB only retains the status files generated during the recent five alarms by default. You can adjust this number by configuring the system variable tidb_memory_usage_alarm_keep_record_num.

The following example constructs a memory-intensive SQL statement that triggers the alarm:

1. Set tidb_memory_usage_alarm_ratio to 0.85:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_memory_usage_alarm_ratio = 0.85;
```

2. Execute CREATE TABLE t(a int); and insert 1000 rows of data.

3. Execute select * from t t1 join t t2 join t t3 order by t1.a. This SQL statement outputs one billion records, which consumes a large amount of memory and therefore triggers the alarm.

4. Check the tidb.log file which records the total system memory, current system memory usage, memory usage of the tidb-server instance, and the directory of status files.

```
[2022/10/11 16:39:02.281 +08:00] [WARN] [memoryusagealarm.go:212] ["
    ↪ tidb-server has the risk of OOM because of memory usage exceeds
    ↪ alarm ratio. Running SQLs and heap profile will be recorded in
    ↪ record path"] ["is tidb_server_memory_limit set"=false] ["system
    ↪ memory total"=33682427904] ["system memory usage"=22120655360] ["
    ↪ tidb-server memory usage"=21468556992] [memory-usage-alarm-ratio
    ↪ =0.85] ["record path"=/tiup/deploy/tidb-4000/log/oom_record]
```

   The fields of the example log file above are described as follows:

   - is tidb_server_memory_limit set indicates whether tidb_server_memory_
     ↪ limit is set.
   - system memory total indicates the total memory of the current system.
   - system memory usage indicates the current system memory usage.
   - tidb-server memory usage indicates the memory usage of the tidb-server instance.
   - memory-usage-alarm-ratio indicates the value of the system variable tidb_
     ↪ memory_usage_alarm_ratio.
   - record path indicates the directory of status files.

5. By checking the directory of status files (In the preceding example, the directory is /tiup/deploy/tidb-4000/log/oom_record), you can see a record directory with the corresponding timestamp (for example, record2022-10-09T17:18:38+08:00). The record directory includes three files: goroutinue, heap, and running_sql. These three files are suffixed with the time when status files are logged. They respectively record goroutine stack information, the usage status of heap memory, and the running SQL information when the alarm is triggered. For the content in running_sql, refer to expensive-queries.

11.2.2.5 Reduce the memory usage for write transactions in tidb-server

The transaction model used by TiDB requires that all write operations of transactions are first cached in memory before being committed. When TiDB writes large transactions, memory usage might increase and become a bottleneck. To reduce or avoid high memory usage by large transactions under various constraints, you can adjust the `tidb_dml_type` system variable to `"bulk"` or use Non-transactional DML statements.

11.2.2.6 Other memory control behaviors of tidb-server

11.2.2.6.1 Flow control

- TiDB supports dynamic memory control for the operator that reads data. By default, this operator uses the maximum number of threads that `tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency` allows to read data. When the memory usage of a single SQL execution exceeds `tidb_mem_quota_query` each time, the operator that reads data stops one thread.
- This flow control behavior is controlled by the system variable `tidb_enable_rate_limit_action`.
- When the flow control behavior is triggered, TiDB outputs a log containing the keywords `memory exceeds quota, destroy one token now`.

11.2.2.6.2 Disk spill

TiDB supports disk spill for execution operators. When the memory usage of a SQL execution exceeds the memory quota, tidb-server can spill the intermediate data of execution operators to the disk to relieve memory pressure. Operators supporting disk spill include Sort, MergeJoin, HashJoin, and HashAgg.

- The disk spill behavior is jointly controlled by the following parameters: `tidb_mem_quota_query`, `tidb_enable_tmp_storage_on_oom`, `tmp-storage-path`, and `tmp-storage-quota`.
- When the disk spill is triggered, TiDB outputs a log containing the keywords `memory exceeds quota, spill to disk now` or `memory exceeds quota, set aggregate mode to spill-mode`.
- Disk spill for the Sort, MergeJoin, and HashJoin operators is introduced in v4.0.0. Disk spill for the non-parallel algorithm of the HashAgg operator is introduced in v5.2.0. Disk spill for the parallel algorithm of the HashAgg operator is introduced in v8.0.0 as an experimental feature and becomes generally available (GA) in v8.2.0. Disk spill for the TopN operator is introduced in v8.3.0.
- You can control whether to enable the parallel HashAgg algorithm that supports disk spill using the `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill` system variable. This variable will be deprecated in a future release.

- When the SQL executions containing Sort, MergeJoin, HashJoin, HashAgg, or TopN cause OOM, TiDB triggers disk spill by default.

> **Note:**
>
> The disk spill for HashAgg does not support SQL executions containing the `DISTINCT` aggregate function. When a SQL execution containing a `DISTINCT` aggregate function uses too much memory, the disk spill does not apply.

The following example uses a memory-consuming SQL statement to demonstrate the disk spill feature for HashAgg:

1. Configure the memory quota of a SQL statement to 1GB (1 GB by default):

```
SET tidb_mem_quota_query = 1 << 30;
```

2. Create a single table `CREATE TABLE t(a int);` and insert 256 rows of different data.

3. Execute the following SQL statement:

```
[tidb]> explain analyze select /*+ HASH_AGG() */ count(*) from t t1
    ↪ join t t2 join t t3 group by t1.a, t2.a, t3.a;
```

   Because executing this SQL statement occupies too much memory, the following "Out of Memory Quota" error message is returned:

```
ERROR 1105 (HY000): Out Of Memory Quota![conn_id=3]
```

4. Execute the same SQL statement. You can find that this time, the statement is successfully executed and no error message is returned. From the following detailed execution plan, you can see that HashAgg has used 600 MB of hard disk space.

```
[tidb]> explain analyze select /*+ HASH_AGG() */ count(*) from t t1
    ↪ join t t2 join t t3 group by t1.a, t2.a, t3.a;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------------------------------+-------------+---------+-----------+------
    ↪
| id                            | estRows    | actRows | task      | access
    ↪ object | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info                                          |
    ↪ memory   | disk    |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+------------+---------+-----------+------
   ↪
| HashAgg_11                    | 204.80     | 16777216 | root    |
   ↪              | time:1m37.4s, loops:16385
   ↪
   ↪ | group by:test.t.a, test.t.a, test.t.a, funcs:count(1)->Column
   ↪ #7 | 1.13 GB | 600.0 MB |
|  ─HashJoin_12                 | 16777216.00 | 16777216 | root  |
   ↪              | time:21.5s, loops:16385, build_hash_table:{total
   ↪ :267.2µs, fetch:228.9µs, build:38.2µs}, probe:{concurrency:1,
   ↪ total:35s, max:35s, probe:35s, fetch:962.2µs} | CARTESIAN inner
   ↪ join                          | 8.23 KB  | 4 KB     |
|    ─TableReader_21(Build)     | 256.00     | 256      | root      |
   ↪              | time:87.2µs, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 1, max: 150
   ↪ µs, proc_keys: 0, rpc_num: 1, rpc_time: 145.1µs, copr_cache_hit_
   ↪ ratio: 0.00}                  | data:TableFullScan_20
   ↪                                     | 885 Bytes | N/A    |
|      ─TableFullScan_20        | 256.00     | 256      | cop[tikv] |
   ↪ table:t3   | tikv_task:{time:23.2µs, loops:256}
   ↪
   ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo                            | N/A
   ↪      | N/A      |
|    ─HashJoin_14(Probe)        | 65536.00   | 65536    | root      |
   ↪              | time:728.1µs, loops:65, build_hash_table:{total
   ↪ :307.5µs, fetch:277.6µs, build:29.9µs}, probe:{concurrency:1,
   ↪ total:34.3s, max:34.3s, probe:34.3s, fetch:278µs} | CARTESIAN
   ↪ inner join                    | 8.23 KB  | 4 KB     |
|      ─TableReader_19(Build)   | 256.00     | 256      | root      |
   ↪              | time:126.2µs, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 1, max:
   ↪ 308.4µs, proc_keys: 0, rpc_num: 1, rpc_time: 295.3µs, copr_cache
   ↪ _hit_ratio: 0.00}             | data:TableFullScan_18
   ↪                                     | 885 Bytes | N/A    |
|        ─TableFullScan_18      | 256.00     | 256      | cop[tikv] |
   ↪ table:t2   | tikv_task:{time:79.2µs, loops:256}
   ↪
   ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo                            | N/A
   ↪      | N/A      |
|      ─TableReader_17(Probe)   | 256.00     | 256      | root      |
   ↪              | time:211.1µs, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 1, max:
   ↪ 295.5µs, proc_keys: 0, rpc_num: 1, rpc_time: 279.7µs, copr_cache
   ↪ _hit_ratio: 0.00}             | data:TableFullScan_16
   ↪                                     | 885 Bytes | N/A    |
|        ─TableFullScan_16      | 256.00     | 256      | cop[tikv] |
   ↪ table:t1   | tikv_task:{time:71.4µs, loops:256}
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo                                  | N/A
    ↪      | N/A     |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+-------------+---------+-----------+------
    ↪
9 rows in set (1 min 37.428 sec)
```

11.2.2.7 Others

11.2.2.7.1 Mitigate OOM issues by configuring GOMEMLIMIT

GO 1.19 introduces an environment variable GOMEMLIMIT to set the memory limit that triggers GC.

For v6.1.3 <= TiDB < v6.5.0, you can mitigate a typical category of OOM issues by manually setting GOMEMLIMIT. The typical category of OOM issues is: before OOM occurs, the estimated memory in use on Grafana occupies only half of the entire memory (TiDB-Runtime > Memory Usage > estimate-inuse), as shown in the following figure:

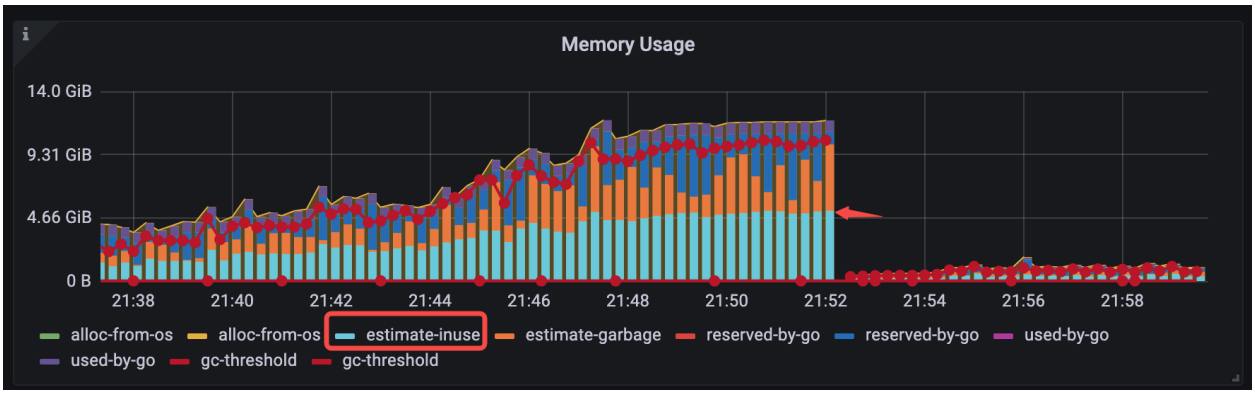


Figure 427: normal OOM case example

To verify the performance of GOMEMLIMIT, a test is performed to compare the specific memory usage with and without GOMEMLIMIT configuration.

- In TiDB v6.1.2, the TiDB server encounters OOM (system memory: about 48 GiB) after the simulated workload runs for several minutes:



Figure 428: v6.1.2 workload oom

- In TiDB v6.1.3, `GOMEMLIMIT` is set to 40000 MiB. It is found that the simulated workload runs stably for a long time, OOM does not occur in the TiDB server, and the maximum memory usage of the process is stable at around 40.8 GiB:

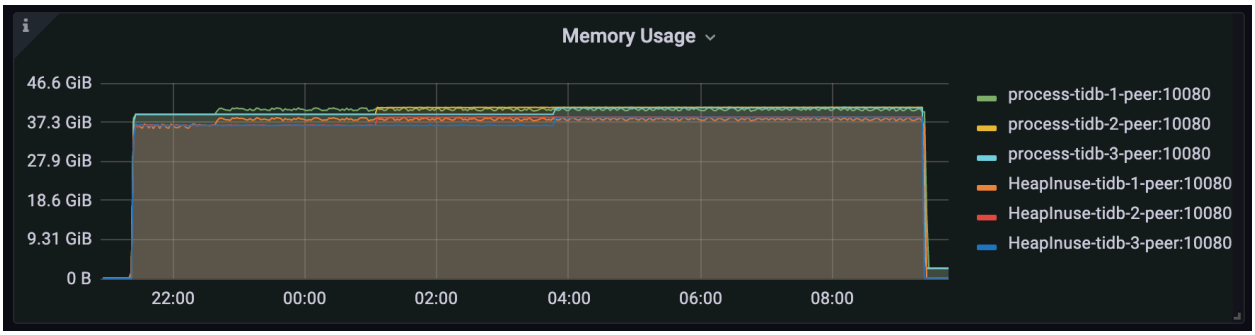


Figure 429: v6.1.3 workload no oom with GOMEMLIMIT

11.2.3 Tune TiKV Thread Pool Performance

This document introduces TiKV internal thread pools and how to tune their performance.

11.2.3.1 Thread pool introduction

The TiKV thread pool is mainly composed of gRPC, Scheduler, UnifyReadPool, Raftstore, StoreWriter, Apply, RocksDB, and some scheduled tasks and detection components that do not consume much CPU. This document mainly introduces a few CPU-intensive thread pools that affect the performance of read and write requests.

- The gRPC thread pool: it handles all network requests and forwards requests of different task types to different thread pools.

- The Scheduler thread pool: it detects write transaction conflicts, converts requests like the two-phase commit, pessimistic locking, and transaction rollbacks into key-value pair arrays, and then sends them to the Raftstore thread for Raft log replication.
- The Raftstore thread pool:
    - It processes all Raft messages and the proposal to add a new log.
    - It writes Raft logs to the disk. If the value of `store-io-pool-size` is `0`, the Raftstore thread writes the logs to the disk; if the value is not `0`, the Raftstore thread sends the logs to the StoreWriter thread.
    - When Raft logs in the majority of replicas are consistent, the Raftstore thread sends the logs to the Apply thread.
- The StoreWriter thread pool: it writes all Raft logs to the disk and returns the result to the Raftstore thread.
- The Apply thread pool: it receives the submitted log sent from the Raftstore thread pool, parses it as a key-value request, then writes it to RocksDB, calls the callback function to notify the gRPC thread pool that the write request is complete, and returns the result to the client.
- The RocksDB thread pool: it is a thread pool for RocksDB to compact and flush tasks. For RocksDB's architecture and `Compact` operation, refer to RocksDB: A Persistent Key-Value Store for Flash and RAM Storage.
- The UnifyReadPool thread pool: it is a combination of the Coprocessor thread pool and Storage Read Pool. All read requests such as kv get, kv batch get, raw kv get, and coprocessor are executed in this thread pool.

11.2.3.2 TiKV read-only requests

TiKV's read requests are divided into the following types:

- Simple queries that specify a certain row or several rows, running in the Storage Read Pool.
- Complex aggregate calculation and range queries, running in the Coprocessor Read Pool.

Starting from TiKV v5.0, all read requests use the unified thread pool for queries by default. If your TiKV cluster is upgraded from TiKV v4.0 and the `use-unified-pool` configuration of `readpool.storage` was set to `false` before the upgrade, all read requests continue using different thread pools after the upgrade. In this scenario, to make all read requests use the unified thread pool for queries, you can set the value of `readpool.storage` ↪ `.use-unified-pool` to `true`.

11.2.3.3 Performance tuning for TiKV thread pools

- The gRPC thread pool.

  The default size (configured by `server.grpc-concurrency`) of the gRPC thread pool is `5`. This thread pool has almost no computing overhead and is mainly responsible for network I/O and deserialization requests, so generally you do not need to adjust the default configuration.

  - If the machine deployed with TiKV has a small number (less than or equal to 8) of CPU cores, consider setting the `server.grpc-concurrency` configuration item to `2`.
  - If the machine deployed with TiKV has very high configuration, TiKV undertakes a large number of read and write requests, and the value of `gRPC poll CPU` that monitors Thread CPU on Grafana exceeds 80% of `server.grpc-concurrency` ↪ , then consider increasing the value of `server.grpc-concurrency` to keep the thread pool usage rate below 80% (that is, the metric on Grafana is lower than `80% * server.grpc-concurrency`).

- The Scheduler thread pool.

  When TiKV detects that the number of machine CPU cores is larger than or equal to 16, the default size (configured by `storage.scheduler-worker-pool-size`) of the Scheduler thread pool is `8`; when TiKV detects that the number of machine CPU cores is smaller than 16, the default size is `4`.

  This thread pool is mainly used to convert complex transaction requests into simple key-value read and write requests. However, **the Scheduler thread pool itself does not perform any write operation**.

  - If it detects a transaction conflict, then this thread pool returns the conflict result to the client in advance.
  - If no conflict is detected, then this thread pool merges the key-value requests that perform write operations into a Raft log and sends it to the Raftstore thread for Raft log replication.

  Generally speaking, to avoid excessive thread switching, it is best to ensure that the utilization rate of the Scheduler thread pool is between 50% and 75%. If the thread pool size is `8`, then it is recommended to keep `TiKV-Details.Thread CPU.scheduler` ↪ `worker CPU` on Grafana between 400% and 600%.

- The Raftstore thread pool.

  The Raftstore thread pool is the most complex thread pool in TiKV. The default size (configured by `raftstore.store-pool-size`) of this thread pool is `2`. For the StoreWriter thread pool, the default size (configured by `raftstore.store-io-pool-` ↪ `size`) is `1`.

- When the size of the StoreWriter thread pool is 0, all write requests are written into RocksDB in the way of `fsync` by the Raftstore thread. In this case, it is recommended to tune the performance as follows:
    - Keep the overall CPU usage of the Raftstore thread below 60%. When the number of Raftstore threads is 2, keep the **TiKV-Details**, **Thread CPU**, **Raft store CPU** on Grafana below 120%. Due to I/O requests, the CPU usage of Raftstore threads in theory is always lower than 100%.
    - Do not increase the size of the Raftstore thread pool to improve write performance without careful consideration, because this might increase the disk burden and degrade performance.
- When the size of the StoreWriter thread pool is not 0, all write requests are written into RocksDB in the way of `fsync` by the StoreWriter thread. In this case, it is recommended to tune the performance as follows:
    - Enable the StoreWriter thread pool ONLY when the overall CPU resources are sufficient. When the StoreWriter thread pool is enabled, keep the CPU usage of the StoreWriter thread and the Raftstore thread below 80%.

  Compared with the case that the write requests are processed by the Raftstore thread, in theory, when the write requests are processed by the StoreWriter thread, write latency and the tail latency of data read are significantly reduced. However, as the write speed grows faster, the number of Raft logs increases accordingly. This can cause the CPU overhead of the Raftstore threads, the Apply threads, and the gRPC threads to increase. In this case, insufficient CPU resources might offset the tuning effect, and as a result, the write speed might become slower than before. Therefore, if the CPU resources are not sufficient, it is not recommended to enable the StoreWriter thread. Because the Raftstore thread sends most of the I/O requests to the StoreWriter thread, you need to keep the CPU usage of the Raftstore thread below 80%.
- In most cases, set the size of the StoreWriter thread pool to 1 or 2. This is because the size of the StoreWriter thread pool affects the number of Raft logs, so the value of the thread pool size should not be too large. If the CPU usage is higher than 80%, consider increasing the thread pool size.
- Pay attention to the impact of increasing Raft logs on the CPU overhead of other thread pools. If necessary, you need to increase the number of Raftstore threads, Apply threads, and gRPC threads accordingly.

- The UnifyReadPool thread pool.

  The UnifyReadPool is responsible for handling all read requests. The default size (configured by `readpool.unified.max-thread-count`) is 80% of the number of the machine's CPU cores. For example, if the machine CPU has 16 cores, the default thread pool size is 12. It is recommended to adjust the CPU usage rate according to the application workloads and keep it between 60% and 90% of the thread pool size.

If the peak value of the `TiKV-Details.Thread CPU.Unified read pool CPU` on Grafana does not exceed 800%, then it is recommended to set `readpool.unified.max-thread-count` to `10`. Too many threads can cause more frequent thread switching, and take up resources of other thread pools.

Since v6.3.0, TiKV supports automatically adjusting the UnifyReadPool thread pool size based on the current CPU usage. To enable this feature, you can set the `readpool.unified.auto-adjust-pool-size = true`. It is recommended to automatically adjust the thread pool size for clusters that are reread and whose maximum CPU usage exceeds 80%.

- The RocksDB thread pool.

  The RocksDB thread pool is a thread pool for RocksDB to compact and flush tasks. Usually, you do not need to configure it.

  - If the machine has a small number of CPU cores, set both `rocksdb.max-background-jobs` and `raftdb.max-background-jobs` to `4`.
  - If you encounter write stall, go to Write Stall Reason in **RocksDB-kv** on Grafana and check on the metrics that are not `0`.
    - If it is caused by reasons related to pending compaction bytes, set `rocksdb.max-sub-compactions` to `2` or `3`. This configuration item indicates the number of sub-threads allowed for a single compaction job. Its default value is `3` in TiKV 4.0 and `1` in TiKV 3.0.
    - If the reason is related to memtable count, it is recommended to increase the `max-write-buffer-number` of all columns (`5` by default).
    - If the reason is related to the level0 file limit, it is recommended to increase values of the following parameters to `64` or a larger number:

```
rocksdb.defaultcf.level0-slowdown-writes-trigger
rocksdb.writecf.level0-slowdown-writes-trigger
rocksdb.lockcf.level0-slowdown-writes-trigger
rocksdb.defaultcf.level0-stop-writes-trigger
rocksdb.writecf.level0-stop-writes-trigger
rocksdb.lockcf.level0-stop-writes-trigger
```

11.2.4 Tune TiKV Memory Parameter Performance

This document describes how to tune the TiKV parameters for optimal performance. You can find the default configuration file in etc/config-template.toml. To modify the configuration, you can use TiUP or modify TiKV dynamically for a limited set of configuration items. For the complete configuration, see TiKV configuration file.

TiKV uses RocksDB for persistent storage at the bottom level of the TiKV architecture. Therefore, many of the performance parameters are related to RocksDB. TiKV uses

two RocksDB instances: the default RocksDB instance stores KV data, the Raft RocksDB instance (RaftDB) stores Raft logs.

TiKV implements `Column Families` (CF) from RocksDB.

- The default RocksDB instance stores KV data in the `default`, `write` and `lock` CFs.
    - The `default` CF stores the actual data. The corresponding parameters are in `[rocksdb.defaultcf]`.
    - The `write` CF stores the version information in Multi-Version Concurrency Control (MVCC) and index-related data. The corresponding parameters are in `[rocksdb.writecf]`.
    - The `lock` CF stores the lock information. The system uses the default parameters.
- The Raft RocksDB (RaftDB) instance stores Raft logs.
    - The `default` CF stores the Raft log. The corresponding parameters are in `[raftdb.defaultcf]`.

After TiKV 3.0, by default, all CFs share one block cache instance. You can configure the size of the cache by setting the `capacity` parameter under `[storage.block-cache]`. The bigger the block cache, the more hot data can be cached, and the easier to read data, in the meantime, the more system memory is occupied.

Before TiKV 3.0, shared block cache is not supported, and you need to configure block cache for each CF individually.

Each CF also has a separate `write buffer`. You can configure the size by setting the `write-buffer-size` parameter.

11.2.4.1 Parameter specification

```
### Log level: trace, debug, warn, error, info, off.
log-level = "info"

[server]
### Set listening address
### addr = "127.0.0.1:20160"

### Size of thread pool for gRPC
### grpc-concurrency = 4
### The number of gRPC connections between each TiKV instance
### grpc-raft-conn-num = 10

### Most read requests from TiDB are sent to the coprocessor of TiKV. This
   ↪ parameter is used to set the number of threads
```

```
### of the coprocessor. If many read requests exist, add the number of
    ↪ threads and keep the number within that of the
### system CPU cores. For example, for a 32-core machine deployed with TiKV,
    ↪  you can even set this parameter to 30 in
### repeatable read scenarios. If this parameter is not set, TiKV
    ↪ automatically sets it to CPU cores * 0.8.
### end-point-concurrency = 8

### Tag the TiKV instances to schedule replicas.
### labels = {zone = "cn-east-1", host = "118", disk = "ssd"}

[storage]
### The data directory
### data-dir = "/tmp/tikv/store"

### In most cases, you can use the default value. When importing data, it is
    ↪  recommended to set the parameter to 1024000.
### scheduler-concurrency = 102400
### This parameter controls the number of write threads. When write
    ↪ operations occur frequently, set this parameter value
### higher. Run `top -H -p tikv-pid` and if the threads named `sched-worker-
    ↪ pool` are busy, set the value of parameter
### `scheduler-worker-pool-size` higher and increase the number of write
    ↪ threads.
### scheduler-worker-pool-size = 4

[storage.block-cache]
#### Whether to create a shared block cache for all RocksDB column families.
#### ## Block cache is used by RocksDB to cache uncompressed blocks. Big
    ↪ block cache can speed up read.
#### It is recommended to turn on shared block cache. Since only the total
    ↪ cache size need to be
#### set, it is easier to configure. In most cases, it should be able to
    ↪ auto-balance cache usage
#### between column families with standard LRU algorithm.
#### ## The rest of config in the storage.block-cache session is effective
    ↪ only when shared block cache
#### is on.
#### Starting from v6.6.0, the `shared` option is always enabled and cannot
    ↪ be disabled.
### shared = true

#### Size of the shared block cache. Normally it should be tuned to 30%-50%
    ↪ of system's total memory.
#### When the config is not set, it is decided by the sum of the following
```

```
   ↪ fields or their default
#### value:
####  * rocksdb.defaultcf.block-cache-size or 25% of system's total memory
####  * rocksdb.writecf.block-cache-size or 15% of system's total memory
####  * rocksdb.lockcf.block-cache-size or 2% of system's total memory
####  * raftdb.defaultcf.block-cache-size or 2% of system's total memory
#### ## To deploy multiple TiKV nodes on a single physical machine,
   ↪ configure this parameter explicitly.
#### Otherwise, the OOM problem might occur in TiKV.
### capacity = "1GiB"

[pd]
### PD address
### endpoints = ["127.0.0.1:2379","127.0.0.2:2379","127.0.0.3:2379"]

[metric]
### The interval of pushing metrics to Prometheus Pushgateway
interval = "15s"
### Prometheus Pushgateway address
address = ""
job = "tikv"

[raftstore]
### Raft RocksDB directory. The default value is Raft subdirectory of [
   ↪ storage.data-dir].
### If there are multiple disks on the machine, store the data of Raft
   ↪ RocksDB on different disks to improve TiKV performance.
### raftdb-path = "/tmp/tikv/store/raft"

### When the data size change in a Region is larger than the threshold value
   ↪ , TiKV checks whether this Region needs split.
### To reduce the costs of scanning data in the checking process, set the
   ↪ value to 32 MiB during the data import process. In the normal
   ↪ operation status, set it to the default value.
region-split-check-diff = "32MiB"

[coprocessor]
#### If the size of a Region with the range of [a,e) is larger than the
   ↪ value of `region_max_size`, TiKV tries to split the Region to several
   ↪  Regions, for example, the Regions with the ranges of [a,b), [b,c), [
   ↪ c,d), and [d,e).
#### After the Region split, the size of the split Regions is equal to the
   ↪ value of `region_split_size` (or slightly larger than the value of `
   ↪ region_split_size`).
### region-max-size = "144MiB"
```

```
### region-split-size = "96MiB"

[rocksdb]
### The maximum number of threads of RocksDB background tasks. The
   ↪ background tasks include compaction and flush.
### For detailed information why RocksDB needs to implement compaction, see
   ↪ RocksDB-related materials. When write
### traffic (like the importing data size) is big, it is recommended to
   ↪ enable more threads. But set the number of the enabled
### threads smaller than that of CPU cores. For example, when importing data
   ↪ , for a machine with a 32-core CPU,
### set the value to 28.
### max-background-jobs = 8

### The maximum number of file handles RocksDB can open
### max-open-files = 40960

### The file size limit of RocksDB MANIFEST. For more details, see https://
   ↪ github.com/facebook/rocksdb/wiki/MANIFEST
max-manifest-file-size = "20MiB"

### The directory of RocksDB write-ahead logs. If there are two disks on the
   ↪  machine, store the RocksDB data and WAL logs
### on different disks to improve TiKV performance.
### wal-dir = "/tmp/tikv/store"

### Use the following two parameters to deal with RocksDB archiving WAL.
### For more details, see https://github.com/facebook/rocksdb/wiki/How-to-
   ↪ persist-in-memory-RocksDB-database%3F
### wal-ttl-seconds = 0
### wal-size-limit = 0

### In most cases, set the maximum total size of RocksDB WAL logs to the
   ↪ default value.
### max-total-wal-size = "4GiB"

### Use this parameter to enable the readahead feature during RocksDB
   ↪ compaction. If you are using mechanical disks, it is recommended to
   ↪ set the value to 2MiB at least.
### compaction-readahead-size = "2MiB"

[rocksdb.defaultcf]
### The data block size. RocksDB compresses data based on the unit of block.
### Similar to page in other databases, block is the smallest unit cached in
   ↪  block-cache.
```

```
block-size = "64KB"

### The compaction mode of each layer of RocksDB data. The optional values
    ↪ include no, snappy, zlib,
### bzip2, lz4, lz4hc, and zstd. Note that the Snappy compressed file must
    ↪ be in the [official Snappy format](https://github.com/google/snappy).
    ↪  Other variants of Snappy compression are not supported.
### "no:no:lz4:lz4:lz4:zstd:zstd" indicates there is no compaction of level0
    ↪  and level1; lz4 compaction algorithm is used
### from level2 to level4; zstd compaction algorithm is used from level5 to
    ↪ level6.
### "no" means no compaction. "lz4" is a compaction algorithm with moderate
    ↪ speed and compaction ratio. The
### compaction ratio of zlib is high. It is friendly to the storage space,
    ↪ but its compaction speed is slow. This
### compaction occupies many CPU resources. Different machines deploy
    ↪ compaction modes according to CPU and I/O resources.
### For example, if you use the compaction mode of "no:no:lz4:lz4:lz4:zstd:
    ↪ zstd" and find much I/O pressure of the
### system (run the iostat command to find %util lasts 100%, or run the top
    ↪ command to find many iowaits) when writing
### (importing) a lot of data while the CPU resources are adequate, you can
    ↪ compress level0 and level1 and exchange CPU
### resources for I/O resources. If you use the compaction mode of "no:no:
    ↪ lz4:lz4:lz4:zstd:zstd" and you find the I/O
### pressure of the system is not big when writing a lot of data, but CPU
    ↪ resources are inadequate. Then run the top
### command and choose the -H option. If you find a lot of bg threads (
    ↪ namely the compaction thread of RocksDB) are
### running, you can exchange I/O resources for CPU resources and change the
    ↪  compaction mode to "no:no:no:lz4:lz4:zstd:zstd".
### In a word, it aims at making full use of the existing resources of the
    ↪ system and improving TiKV performance
### in terms of the current resources.
compression-per-level = ["no", "no", "lz4", "lz4", "lz4", "zstd", "zstd"]

### The RocksDB memtable size
write-buffer-size = "128MiB"

### The maximum number of the memtables. The data written into RocksDB is
    ↪ first recorded in the WAL log, and then inserted
### into memtables. When the memtable reaches the size limit of `write-
    ↪ buffer-size`, it turns into read only and generates
### a new memtable receiving new write operations. The flush threads of
    ↪ RocksDB will flush the read only memtable to the
```

```
### disks to become an sst file of level0. `max-background-flushes` controls
    ↪  the maximum number of flush threads. When the
### flush threads are busy, resulting in the number of the memtables waiting
    ↪  to be flushed to the disks reaching the limit
### of `max-write-buffer-number`, RocksDB stalls the new operation.
### "Stall" is a flow control mechanism of RocksDB. When importing data, you
    ↪  can set the `max-write-buffer-number` value
### higher, like 10.
max-write-buffer-number = 5

### When the number of sst files of level0 reaches the limit of `level0-
    ↪ slowdown-writes-trigger`, RocksDB
### tries to slow down the write operation, because too many sst files of
    ↪ level0 can cause higher read pressure of
### RocksDB. `level0-slowdown-writes-trigger` and `level0-stop-writes-
    ↪ trigger` are for the flow control of RocksDB.
### When the number of sst files of level0 reaches 4 (the default value),
    ↪ the sst files of level0 and the sst files
### of level1 which overlap those of level0 implement compaction to relieve
    ↪ the read pressure.
level0-slowdown-writes-trigger = 20

### When the number of sst files of level0 reaches the limit of `level0-stop
    ↪ -writes-trigger`, RocksDB stalls the new
### write operation.
level0-stop-writes-trigger = 36

### When the level1 data size reaches the limit value of `max-bytes-for-
    ↪ level-base`, the sst files of level1
### and their overlap sst files of level2 implement compaction. The golden
    ↪ rule: the first reference principle
### of setting `max-bytes-for-level-base` is guaranteeing that the `max-
    ↪ bytes-for-level-base` value is roughly equal to the
### data volume of level0. Thus unnecessary compaction is reduced. For
    ↪ example, if the compaction mode is
### "no:no:lz4:lz4:lz4:lz4:lz4", the `max-bytes-for-level-base` value is
    ↪ write-buffer-size * 4, because there is no
### compaction of level0 and level1 and the trigger condition of compaction
    ↪ for level0 is that the number of the
### sst files reaches 4 (the default value). When both level0 and level1
    ↪ adopt compaction, it is necessary to analyze
### RocksDB logs to know the size of an sst file compressed from an mentable
    ↪ . For example, if the file size is 32MB,
### the proposed value of `max-bytes-for-level-base` is 32MiB * 4 = 128MiB.
max-bytes-for-level-base = "512MiB"
```

```
### The sst file size. The sst file size of level0 is influenced by the
    ↪ compaction algorithm of `write-buffer-size`
### and level0. `target-file-size-base` is used to control the size of a
    ↪ single sst file of level1-level6.
target-file-size-base = "32MiB"

[rocksdb.writecf]
### Set it the same as `rocksdb.defaultcf.compression-per-level`.
compression-per-level = ["no", "no", "lz4", "lz4", "lz4", "zstd", "zstd"]

### Set it the same as `rocksdb.defaultcf.write-buffer-size`.
write-buffer-size = "128MiB"
max-write-buffer-number = 5
min-write-buffer-number-to-merge = 1

### Set it the same as `rocksdb.defaultcf.max-bytes-for-level-base`.
max-bytes-for-level-base = "512MiB"
target-file-size-base = "32MiB"

[raftdb]
### The maximum number of the file handles RaftDB can open
### max-open-files = 40960

### Enable the readahead feature in RaftDB compaction. If you are using
    ↪ mechanical disks, it is recommended to set
### this value to 2MB at least.
### compaction-readahead-size = "2MiB"

[raftdb.defaultcf]
### Set it the same as `rocksdb.defaultcf.compression-per-level`.
compression-per-level = ["no", "no", "lz4", "lz4", "lz4", "zstd", "zstd"]

### Set it the same as `rocksdb.defaultcf.write-buffer-size`.
write-buffer-size = "128MiB"
max-write-buffer-number = 5
min-write-buffer-number-to-merge = 1

### Set it the same as `rocksdb.defaultcf.max-bytes-for-level-base`.
max-bytes-for-level-base = "512MiB"
target-file-size-base = "32MiB"
```

11.2.4.2 TiKV memory usage

Besides `block cache` and `write buffer` which occupy the system memory, the system memory is occupied in the following scenarios:

- Some of the memory is reserved as the system's page cache.
- When TiKV processes large queries such as `select * from ...`, it reads data, generates the corresponding data structure in the memory, and returns this structure to TiDB. During this process, TiKV occupies some of the memory.

11.2.4.3 Recommended configuration of TiKV

- In production environments, it is not recommended to deploy TiKV on the machine whose CPU cores are less than 8 or the memory is less than 32GiB.
- If you demand a high write throughput, it is recommended to use a disk with good throughput capacity.
- If you demand a very low read-write latency, it is recommended to use SSD with high IOPS.

11.2.5 Follower Read

When a read hotspot appears in a Region, the Region leader can become a read bottleneck for the entire system. In this situation, enabling the Follower Read feature can significantly reduce the load of the leader, and improve the throughput of the whole system by balancing the load among multiple followers. This document introduces the use and implementation mechanism of Follower Read.

11.2.5.1 Overview

The Follower Read feature refers to using any follower replica of a Region to serve a read request under the premise of strongly consistent reads. This feature improves the throughput of the TiDB cluster and reduces the load of the leader. It contains a series of load balancing mechanisms that offload TiKV read loads from the leader replica to the follower replica in a Region. TiKV's Follower Read implementation provides users with strongly consistent reads.

> **Note:**
>
> To achieve strongly consistent reads, the follower node currently needs to request the current execution progress from the leader node (that is `ReadIndex`), which causes an additional network request overhead. Therefore, the main benefits of Follower Read are to isolate read requests from write requests in the cluster and to increase overall read throughput.

11.2.5.2 Usage

To enable TiDB's Follower Read feature, modify the value of the `tidb_replica_read` variable as follows:

```
set [session | global] tidb_replica_read = '<target value>';
```

Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL

Default: leader

This variable is used to set the expected data read mode.

- When the value of `tidb_replica_read` is set to `leader` or an empty string, TiDB maintains its default behavior and sends all read operations to the leader replica to perform.
- When the value of `tidb_replica_read` is set to `follower`, TiDB selects a follower replica of the Region to perform all read operations.
- When the value of `tidb_replica_read` is set to `leader-and-follower`, TiDB can select any replicas to perform read operations. In this mode, read requests are load balanced between the leader and follower.
- When the value of `tidb_replica_read` is set to `prefer-leader`, TiDB prefers to select the leader replica to perform read operations. If the leader replica is obviously slow in processing read operations (such as caused by disk or network performance jitter), TiDB will select other available follower replicas to perform read operations.
- When the value of `tidb_replica_read` is set to `closest-replicas`, TiDB prefers to select a replica in the same availability zone to perform read operations, which can be a leader or a follower. If there is no replica in the same availability zone, TiDB reads from the leader replica.
- When the value of `tidb_replica_read` is set to `closest-adaptive`:
    - If the estimated result of a read request is greater than or equal to the value of `tidb_adaptive_closest_read_threshold`, TiDB prefers to select a replica in the same availability zone for read operations. To avoid unbalanced distribution of read traffic across availability zones, TiDB dynamically detects the distribution of availability zones for all online TiDB and TiKV nodes. In each availability zone, the number of TiDB nodes whose `closest-adaptive` configuration takes effect is limited, which is always the same as the number of TiDB nodes in the availability zone with the fewest TiDB nodes, and the other TiDB nodes automatically read from the leader replica. For example, if TiDB nodes are distributed across 3 availability zones (A, B, and C), where A and B each contains 3 TiDB nodes and C contains only 2 TiDB nodes, the number of TiDB nodes whose `closest-adaptive` configuration takes effect in each availability zone is 2, and the other TiDB node in each of the A and B availability zones automatically selects the leader replica for read operations.

- If the estimated result of a read request is less than the value of `tidb_adaptive_closest_read_threshold`, TiDB can only select the leader replica for read operations.

- When the value of `tidb_replica_read` is set to `learner`, TiDB reads data from the learner replica. If there is no learner replica in the Region, TiDB returns an error.

> **Note:**
>
> When the value of `tidb_replica_read` is set to `closest-replicas` or `closest-adaptive`, you need to configure the cluster to ensure that replicas are distributed across availability zones according to the specified configuration. To configure `location-labels` for PD and set the correct `labels` for TiDB and TiKV, refer to Schedule replicas by topology labels. TiDB depends on the `zone` label to match TiKV nodes in the same availability zone, so you need to make sure that the `zone` label is included in the `location-labels` of PD and `zone` is included in the configuration of each TiDB and TiKV node. If your cluster is deployed using TiDB Operator, refer to High availability of data.

11.2.5.3 Implementation mechanism

Before the Follower Read feature was introduced, TiDB applied the strong leader principle and submitted all read and write requests to the leader node of a Region to handle. Although TiKV can distribute Regions evenly on multiple physical nodes, for each Region, only the leader can provide external services. The other followers can do nothing to handle read requests but receive the data replicated from the leader at all times and prepare for voting to elect a leader in case of a failover.

To allow data reading in the follower node without violating linearizability or affecting Snapshot Isolation in TiDB, the follower node needs to use `ReadIndex` of the Raft protocol to ensure that the read request can read the latest data that has been committed on the leader. At the TiDB level, the Follower Read feature simply needs to send the read request of a Region to a follower replica based on the load balancing policy.

11.2.5.3.1 Strongly consistent reads

When the follower node processes a read request, it first uses `ReadIndex` of the Raft protocol to interact with the leader of the Region, to obtain the latest commit index of the current Raft group. After the latest commit index of the leader is applied locally to the follower, the processing of a read request starts.

11.2.5.3.2 Follower replica selection strategy

Because the Follower Read feature does not affect TiDB's Snapshot Isolation transaction isolation level, TiDB adopts the round-robin strategy to select the follower replica. Currently, for the coprocessor requests, the granularity of the Follower Read load balancing policy is at the connection level. For a TiDB client connected to a specific Region, the selected follower is fixed, and is switched only when it fails or the scheduling policy is adjusted.

However, for the non-coprocessor requests, such as a point query, the granularity of the Follower Read load balancing policy is at the transaction level. For a TiDB transaction on a specific Region, the selected follower is fixed, and is switched only when it fails or the scheduling policy is adjusted. If a transaction contains both point queries and coprocessor requests, the two types of requests are scheduled for reading separately according to the preceding scheduling policy. In this case, even if a coprocessor request and a point query are for the same Region, TiDB processes them as independent events.

11.2.6 TiKV MVCC In-Memory Engine

TiKV MVCC In-Memory Engine (IME) is primarily used to accelerate queries that need to scan a large number of MVCC historical versions, that is, the total number of versions scanned (`total_keys`) is much greater than the number of versions processed (`processed_keys`).

TiKV MVCC in-memory engine is suitable for the following scenarios:

- The application that requires querying records that are frequently updated or deleted.
- The application that requires adjusting `tidb_gc_life_time` to retain historical versions in TiDB for a longer period (for example, 24 hours).

11.2.6.1 Implementation principles

The TiKV MVCC in-memory engine caches the latest written MVCC versions in memory, and implements an MVCC GC mechanism independent of TiDB. This allows it to quickly perform GC on MVCC versions in memory, reducing the number of versions scanned during queries, thereby lowering request latency and reducing CPU overhead.

The following diagram illustrates how TiKV organizes MVCC versions:

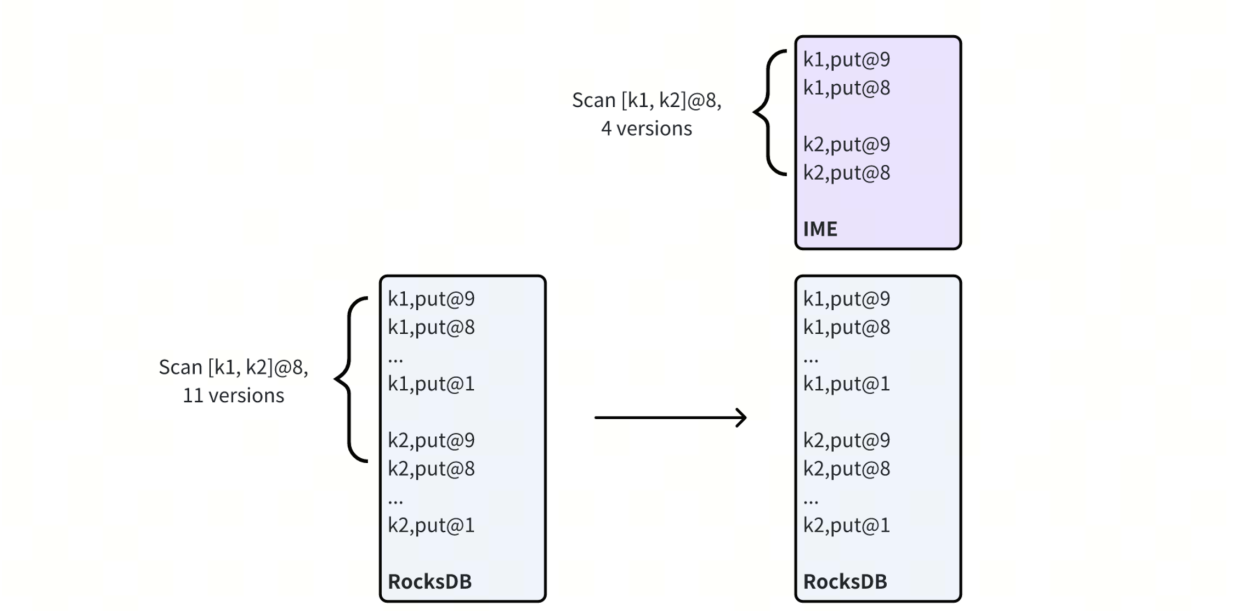


Figure 430: IME caches recent versions to reduce CPU overhead

The preceding diagram shows two rows of records, each with 9 MVCC versions. The behavior comparison between enabling and not enabling the in-memory engine is as follows:

- On the left (in-memory engine disabled): the table records are stored in RocksDB in ascending order by the primary key, with all MVCC versions of the same row adjacent to each other.
- On the right (in-memory engine enabled): the data in RocksDB is the same as that on the left, but the in-memory engine caches the two latest MVCC versions for each of the two rows.
- When TiKV processes a scan request with a range of `[k1, k2]` and a start timestamp of `8`:
  - Without the in-memory engine (left), it needs to process 11 MVCC versions.
  - With the in-memory engine (right), it only processes 4 MVCC versions, reducing request latency and CPU consumption.
- When TiKV processes a scan request with a range of `[k1, k2]` and a start timestamp of `7`:
  - Because the required historical versions are missing in the in-memory engine (right), the cache becomes invalid, and TiKV falls back to reading data from RocksDB.

11.2.6.2 Usage

To enable the TiKV MVCC in-memory engine (IME), you need to adjust the TiKV configuration and restart TiKV. The configuration details are as follows:

```
[in-memory-engine]
### This parameter is the switch for the in-memory engine feature, which is
    ↪ disabled by default. You can set it to true to enable it.
### It is recommended to configure at least 8 GiB of memory for the TiKV
    ↪ node, with 32 GiB or more for optimal performance.
### If the available memory for the TiKV node is insufficient, the in-memory
    ↪  engine will not be enabled even if this configuration item is set to
    ↪  true. In such cases, check the TiKV log file for messages containing
    ↪  "in-memory engine is disabled because" to learn why the in-memory
    ↪ engine is not enabled.
enable = false

### This parameter controls the memory size available to the in-memory
    ↪ engine.
### The default value is 10% of the system memory, and the maximum value is
    ↪ 5 GiB.
### You can manually adjust this configuration to allocate more memory.
### Note: When the in-memory engine is enabled, block-cache.capacity
    ↪ automatically decreases by 10%.
capacity = "5GiB"

### This parameter controls the time interval for the in-memory engine to GC
    ↪  the cached MVCC versions.
### The default value is 3 minutes, representing that GC is performed every
    ↪ 3 minutes on the cached MVCC versions.
### Decreasing the value of this parameter can increase the GC frequency,
    ↪ reduce the number of MVCC versions, but will increase CPU consumption
    ↪  for GC and increase the probability of in-memory engine cache miss.
gc-run-interval = "3m"

### This parameter controls the threshold for the in-memory engine to select
    ↪  and load Regions based on MVCC read amplification.
### The default value is 10, indicating that if reading a single row in a
    ↪ Region requires processing more than 10 MVCC versions, this Region
    ↪ might be loaded into the in-memory engine.
mvcc-amplification-threshold = 10
```

Note:

- The in-memory engine is disabled by default. After you enable it, you need to restart TiKV.

- Except for `enable`, all the other configuration items can be dynamically adjusted.

11.2.6.2.1 Automatic loading

After you enable the in-memory engine, TiKV automatically selects the Regions to load based on the read traffic and MVCC amplification of the Region. The specific process is as follows:

1. Regions are sorted based on the number of recent `next` (RocksDB Iterator next API) and `prev` (RocksDB Iterator prev API) calls.
2. Regions are filtered using the `mvcc-amplification-threshold` configuration parameter. The default value is `10`. MVCC amplification measures read amplification, calculated as (`next` + `prev`) / `processed_keys`.
3. The top N Regions with severe MVCC amplification are loaded, where N is determined based on memory estimation.

The in-memory engine also periodically evicts Regions. The process is as follows:

1. The in-memory engine evicts Regions with low read traffic or low MVCC amplification.
2. If memory usage reaches 90% of `capacity` and new Regions need to be loaded, then the in-memory engine selects and evicts Regions based on read traffic.

11.2.6.3 Compatibility

- BR: the in-memory engine can be used alongside BR. However, during a BR restore, the Regions involved in the restore process are evicted from the in-memory engine. After the BR restore is complete, if the corresponding Regions remain hotspots, they will be automatically loaded by the in-memory engine.
- TiDB Lightning: the in-memory engine can be used alongside TiDB Lightning. However, when TiDB Lightning operates in physical import mode, it evicts the Regions involved in the restore process from the in-memory engine. Once the physical import is complete, if the corresponding Regions remain hotspots, they will be automatically loaded by the in-memory engine.
- Follower Read and Stale Read: the in-memory engine can be used alongside these two features. However, the in-memory engine can only accelerate coprocessor requests on the Leader, and cannot accelerate Follower Read and Stale Read operations.
- `FLASHBACK CLUSTER`: the in-memory engine can be used alongside Flashback. However, Flashback invalidates the in-memory engine cache. After the Flashback process is complete, the in-memory engine will automatically load hotspot Regions.

11.2.6.4 FAQ

11.2.6.4.1 Can the in-memory engine reduce write latency and increase write throughput?

No. The in-memory engine can only accelerate read requests that scan a large number of MVCC versions.

11.2.6.4.2 How to determine if the in-memory engine can improve my scenario?

You can execute the following SQL statement to check if there are slow queries with `Total_keys` much greater than `Process_keys`:

```
SELECT
    Time,
    DB,
    Index_names,
    Process_keys,
    Total_keys,
    CONCAT(
        LEFT(REGEXP_REPLACE(Query, '\\s+', ' '), 20),
        '...',
        RIGHT(REGEXP_REPLACE(Query, '\\s+', ' '), 10)
    ) as Query,
    Query_time,
    Cop_time,
    Process_time
FROM
    INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SLOW_QUERY
WHERE
    Is_internal = 0
    AND Cop_time > 1
    AND Process_keys > 0
    AND Total_keys / Process_keys >= 10
    AND Time >= NOW() - INTERVAL 10 MINUTE
ORDER BY Total_keys DESC
LIMIT 5;
```

Example:

The following result shows that queries with severe MVCC amplification exist on the `db1.tbl1` table. TiKV processes 1358517 MVCC versions and only returns 2 versions.

```
+----------------------------+-----+------------------+-------------+------------+----
    ↪
```

```
| Time                       | DB | Index_names     | Process_keys | Total_keys
   ↪  | Query                        | Query_time       | Cop_time         |
   ↪ Process_time     |
+----------------------------+-----+-----------------+--------------+------------+----
   ↪
| 2024-11-18 11:56:10.303228 | db1 | [tbl1:some_index] |    2 |   1358517 |
   ↪ SELECT * FROM tbl1 ... LIMIT 1 ; | 1.2581352350000001 | 1.25651062 |
   ↪     1.251837479 |
| 2024-11-18 11:56:11.556257 | db1 | [tbl1:some_index] |    2 |   1358231 |
   ↪ SELECT * FROM tbl1 ... LIMIT 1 ; |  1.252694002 |      1.251129038 |
   ↪     1.240532546 |
| 2024-11-18 12:00:10.553331 | db1 | [tbl1:some_index] |    2 |   1342914 |
   ↪ SELECT * FROM tbl1 ... LIMIT 1 ; |  1.473941872 | 1.4720495900000001
   ↪ | 1.3666103170000001 |
| 2024-11-18 12:01:52.122548 | db1 | [tbl1:some_index] |    2 |   1128064 |
   ↪ SELECT * FROM tbl1 ... LIMIT 1 ; |  1.058942591 |      1.056853228 |
   ↪     1.023483875 |
| 2024-11-18 12:01:52.107951 | db1 | [tbl1:some_index] |    2 |   1128064 |
   ↪ SELECT * FROM tbl1 ... LIMIT 1 ; |  1.044847031 |      1.042546122 |
   ↪     0.934768555 |
+----------------------------+-----+-----------------+--------------+------------+----
   ↪
5 rows in set (1.26 sec)
```

11.2.6.4.3 How can I check whether the TiKV MVCC in-memory engine is enabled?

You can check the TiKV configuration using the `SHOW CONFIG` statement. If the value of `in-memory-engine.enable` is `true`, it means that TiKV MVCC in-memory engine is enabled.

```
SHOW CONFIG WHERE Type='tikv' AND Name LIKE 'in-memory-engine\.%';
```

```
+------+----------------+-------------------------------------------------+---------+
   ↪
| Type | Instance     | Name                                            | Value   |
+------+----------------+-------------------------------------------------+---------+
   ↪
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20160 | in-memory-engine.capacity                     | 5GiB    |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20160 | in-memory-engine.cross-check-interval | 0s      |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20160 | in-memory-engine.enable                       | true    |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20160 | in-memory-engine.evict-threshold              | 4920MiB |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20160 | in-memory-engine.gc-run-interval              | 3m      |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20160 | in-memory-engine.load-evict-interval | 5m      |
```

```
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20160 | in-memory-engine.mvcc-amplification-threshold |
    ↪ 10 |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20160 | in-memory-engine.stop-load-threshold | 4208MiB |
+------+-----------------+-----------------------------------------------+---------+
    ↪
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

11.2.6.4.4 How can I monitor the TiKV MVCC in-memory engine?

You can check the **In Memory Engine** section on the **TiKV-Details** dashboard in Grafana.

11.2.7 Tune Region Performance

This document introduces how to tune Region performance by adjusting the Region size and how to use bucket to optimize concurrent queries when the Region size is large. In addition, this document introduces how to enhance the ability of PD to provide Region information to TiDB nodes by enabling the Active PD Follower feature.

11.2.7.1 Overview

TiKV automatically shards bottom-layered data. Data is split into multiple Regions based on the key ranges. When the size of a Region exceeds a threshold, TiKV splits it into two or more Regions.

In scenarios involving large datasets, if the Region size is relatively small, TiKV might have too many Regions, which causes more resource consumption and performance regression.

> **Note:**
>
> - In v6.1.0, TiDB supports customizing Region size as an experimental feature.
> - Starting from v6.5.0, this feature becomes generally available (GA).
> - Starting from v8.4.0, the default size of the Region is resized from 96 MiB to 256 MiB. Increasing the Region size can reduce the number of Regions.

To reduce the performance overhead of many Regions, you can also enable Hibernate Region or `Region Merge`.

11.2.7.2 Use `region-split-size` to adjust Region size

> **Note:**
>
> The recommended range for the Region size is [48 MiB, 256 MiB]. Commonly used sizes include 96 MiB, 128 MiB, and 256 MiB. It is NOT recommended to set the Region size beyond 1 GiB. Avoid setting the size to more than 10 GiB. An excessively large Region size might result in the following side effects:
>
> - Performance jitters
> - Decreased query performance, especially for queries that deal with a large range of data
> - Slower Region scheduling

To adjust the Region size, you can use the `coprocessor.region-split-size` configuration item. When TiFlash or the Dumpling tool is used, the Region size should not exceed 1 GiB. After increasing the Region size, you need to reduce the concurrency if the Dumpling tool is used; otherwise, TiDB might run out of memory.

11.2.7.3 Use bucket to increase concurrency

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, this is an experimental feature introduced in TiDB v6.1.0. It is not recommended that you use it in production environments.

After Regions are set to a larger size, if you want to further improve the query concurrency, you can set `coprocessor.enable-region-bucket` to `true`. When you use this configuration, Regions are divided into buckets. Buckets are smaller ranges within a Region and are used as the unit of concurrent query to improve the scan concurrency. You can control the bucket size using `coprocessor.region-bucket-size`.

11.2.7.4 Use the Active PD Follower feature to enhance the scalability of PD's Region information query service

In a TiDB cluster with a large number of Regions, the PD leader might experience high CPU load due to the increased overhead of handling heartbeats and scheduling tasks. If the cluster has many TiDB instances, and there is a high concurrency of requests for Region information, the CPU pressure on the PD leader increases further and might cause PD services to become unavailable.

To ensure high availability, the PD leader synchronizes Region information with its followers in real time. PD followers maintain and store Region information in memory, enabling them to process Region information requests. You can enable the Active PD Follower feature by setting the system variable `pd_enable_follower_handle_region` to `ON`. After this feature is enabled, TiDB evenly distributes Region information requests to all PD servers, and PD followers can also directly handle Region requests, thereby reducing the CPU pressure on the PD leader.

PD ensures that the Region information in TiDB is always up-to-date by maintaining the status of Region synchronization streams and using the fallback mechanism of TiKV client-go.

- When the network between the PD leader and a follower is unstable or a follower is unavailable, the Region synchronization stream is disconnected, and the PD follower rejects Region information requests. In this case, TiDB automatically retries the request to the PD leader and temporarily marks the follower as unavailable.
- When the network is stable, because there might be a delay in the synchronization between the leader and the follower, some Region information obtained from the follower might be outdated. In this case, if the KV request corresponding to the Region fails, TiDB automatically re-requests the latest Region information from the PD leader and sends the KV request to TiKV again.

11.2.8 Tune TiFlash Performance

This document introduces how to tune the performance of TiFlash by properly planning machine resources and tuning TiDB parameters. By following these methods, your TiFlash cluster can achieve optimal performance.

11.2.8.1 Plan resources

If you want to save machine resources and have no requirement on isolation, you can use the method that combines the deployment of both TiKV and TiFlash. It is recommended that you save enough resources for TiKV and TiFlash respectively, and do not share disks.

11.2.8.2 Tune TiDB parameters

This section describes how to improve TiFlash performance by tuning TiDB parameters, including:

- Forcibly enable the MPP mode
- Push down aggregate functions to a position before `Join` or `Union`
- Enable `Distinct` optimization
- Compact data using the `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` statement
- Replace Shuffled Hash Join with Broadcast Hash Join
- Set a greater execution concurrency
- Configure `tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count`

11.2.8.2.1 Forcibly enable the MPP mode

MPP execution plans can fully utilize distributed computing resources, thereby significantly improving the efficiency of batch data queries. When the optimizer does not generate an MPP execution plan for a query, you can forcibly enable the MPP mode:

The variable `tidb_enforce_mpp` controls whether to ignore the optimizer's cost estimation and to forcibly use TiFlash's MPP mode for query execution. To enable MPP mode forcibly, run the following command:

```
set @@tidb_enforce_mpp = ON;
```

The following example shows the query result before and after `tidb_enforce_mpp` is enabled. Before this variable is enabled, TiDB needs to read data from TiKV and execute `Join` and `Aggregation` in TiDB. After `tidb_enforce_mpp` is enabled, `Join` and `Aggregation` are pushed down to TiFlash. In addition, because the optimizer does not necessarily generate MPP execution plans, by enabling `tidb_enforce_mpp`, you can force the optimizer to generate MPP execution plans.

Before MPP mode is enabled:

```
mysql> explain analyze select o_orderpriority, count(*) as order_count from
    ↪  orders where o_orderdate >= '1995-01-01' and o_orderdate < date_add(
    ↪ '1995-01-01', interval '3' month) and exists (select * from lineitem
    ↪ where l_orderkey = o_orderkey and l_commitdate < l_receiptdate) group
    ↪  by o_orderpriority;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------+----
    ↪
| id                                | estRows     | actRows  | task      |
    ↪ access object                                     | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ | memory    | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------+----
    ↪
| Projection_9                      | 1.00        | 5        | root      |
    ↪                                                   | time:22.8s, loops
    ↪ :5, Concurrency:OFF
    ↪
    ↪ | tpch_100.orders.o_orderpriority, Column#27
    ↪
    ↪ | 1016 Bytes | N/A |
| └─HashAgg_10                      | 1.00        | 5        | root      |
    ↪                                                   | time:22.8s, loops
    ↪ :5, partial_worker:{wall_time:22.817403422s, concurrency:5, task_num
```

```
    ↪ :5027, tot_wait:1m52.560509138s, tot_exec:1.523754659s, tot_time:1m54
    ↪ .086196522s, max:22.817363394s, p95:22.817363394s}, final_worker:{
    ↪ wall_time:22.817416046s, concurrency:5, task_num:20, tot_wait:1m54
    ↪ .086784741s, tot_exec:155.94µs, tot_time:1m54.086948982s, max
    ↪ :22.817396284s, p95:22.817396284s}
    ↪
    ↪ | group by:tpch_100.orders.o_orderpriority, funcs:count(1)->Column
    ↪ #27, funcs:firstrow(tpch_100.orders.o_orderpriority)->tpch_100.orders
    ↪ .o_orderpriority          | 511.7 KB  | N/A |
|   ─IndexHashJoin_18            | 4429262.13 | 5145138  | root     |
    ↪                                                    | time:22.8s, loops
    ↪ :5028, inner:{total:1m52.6s, concurrency:5, task:227, construct:5.17s
    ↪ , fetch:1m40s, build:1.22s, join:7.49s}
    ↪
    ↪ | semi join, inner:IndexLookUp_15, outer key:tpch_100.orders.o_
    ↪ orderkey, inner key:tpch_100.lineitem.l_orderkey, equal cond:eq(tpch_
    ↪ 100.orders.o_orderkey, tpch_100.lineitem.l_orderkey) | 46.8 MB | N/A
    ↪ |
|     ─TableReader_37(Build)      | 5536577.67 | 5610951  | root     |
    ↪                                                    | time:4.89s, loops
    ↪ :5467, cop_task: {num: 2127, max: 408.7ms, min: 277.5µs, avg: 81.6ms,
    ↪  p95: 249.7ms, max_proc_keys: 226272, p95_proc_keys: 220128, tot_proc
    ↪ : 2m50.2s, tot_wait: 40ms, rpc_num: 2127, rpc_time: 2m53.6s, copr_
    ↪ cache_hit_ratio: 0.02, distsql_concurrency: 15}
    ↪
    ↪ | data:Selection_36
    ↪
    ↪ | 3.42 MB   | N/A |
|       ─Selection_36             | 5536577.67 | 5610951  | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                                                      | tikv_task:{proc max
    ↪ :402ms, min:0s, avg: 79.7ms, p80:151ms, p95:245ms, iters:155122,
    ↪ tasks:2127}, scan_detail: {total_process_keys: 149478336, total_
    ↪ process_keys_size: 22705157593, total_keys: 149480413, get_snapshot_
    ↪ time: 187.9ms, rocksdb: {key_skipped_count: 149478336, block: {cache_
    ↪ hit_count: 393690}}}
    ↪
    ↪ | ge(tpch_100.orders.o_orderdate, 1995-01-01 00:00:00.000000), lt(
    ↪ tpch_100.orders.o_orderdate, 1995-04-01 00:00:00.000000)
    ↪                                          | N/A       | N/A |
|         ─TableFullScan_35       | 150000000.00 | 150000000 | cop[tikv] |
    ↪ table:orders                                | tikv_task:{proc max:382
    ↪ ms, min:0s, avg: 74.6ms, p80:141ms, p95:229ms, iters:155122, tasks
    ↪ :2127}
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A       | N/A |
|     ─IndexLookUp_15(Probe)       | 22018496.89 | 14185840 | root    |
    ↪                                                    | time:1m33.4s,
    ↪ loops:14204, index_task: {total_time: 1m10.8s, fetch_handle: 1m10.7s,
    ↪  build: 3.9ms, wait: 13.3ms}, table_task: {total_time: 1m44.4s, num:
    ↪ 1989, concurrency: 5}
    ↪
    ↪ |
    ↪
    ↪ | 17.9 KB   | N/A |
|       ─IndexRangeScan_12(Build) | 27523121.11 | 22441356 | cop[tikv] |
    ↪ table:lineitem, index:PRIMARY(L_ORDERKEY, L_LINENUMBER) | time:1m8.8s
    ↪ , loops:23635, cop_task: {num: 12537, max: 179.3ms, min: 331.4µs, avg
    ↪ : 22.7ms, p95: 66.9ms, max_proc_keys: 13755, p95_proc_keys: 5088, tot
    ↪ _proc: 3m44s, tot_wait: 129ms, rpc_num: 12537, rpc_time: 4m44s, copr_
    ↪ cache_hit_ratio: 0.06, distsql_concurrency: 15}, tikv_task:{proc max
    ↪ :170ms, min:0s, avg: 18.8ms, p80:29ms, p95:62ms, iters:68823, tasks
    ↪ :12537}, scan_detail: {total_process_keys: 21985403, total_process_
    ↪ keys_size: 1165226359, total_keys: 27492546, get_snapshot_time: 563.1
    ↪ ms, rocksdb: {key_skipped_count: 21985403, block: {cache_hit_count:
    ↪ 44004354}}} | range: decided by [eq(tpch_100.lineitem.l_orderkey,
    ↪ tpch_100.orders.o_orderkey)], keep order:false | N/A | N/A |
|       ─Selection_14(Probe)       | 22018496.89 | 14185840 | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                                                    | time:1m34.8s, loops
    ↪ :16882, cop_task: {num: 12057, max: 240.4ms, min: 328.5µs, avg: 20.4
    ↪ ms, p95: 73.1ms, max_proc_keys: 15005, p95_proc_keys: 6118, tot_proc:
    ↪  3m39.8s, tot_wait: 300ms, rpc_num: 12057, rpc_time: 4m5.7s, copr_
    ↪ cache_hit_ratio: 0.28, distsql_concurrency: 15}, tikv_task:{proc max
    ↪ :230ms, min:0s, avg: 27.5ms, p80:45ms, p95:82ms, iters:74165, tasks
    ↪ :12057}, scan_detail: {total_process_keys: 19916937, total_process_
    ↪ keys_size: 3957799619, total_keys: 24053143, get_snapshot_time: 1.07s
    ↪ , rocksdb: {key_skipped_count: 19254567, block: {cache_hit_count:
    ↪ 37816908}}} | lt(tpch_100.lineitem.l_commitdate, tpch_100.lineitem.l_
    ↪ receiptdate)                    | N/A       | N/A |
|         ─TableRowIDScan_13       | 27523121.11 | 22441356 | cop[tikv] |
    ↪ table:lineitem                                     | tikv_task:{proc max
    ↪ :230ms, min:0s, avg: 27.2ms, p80:45ms, p95:81ms, iters:74165, tasks
    ↪ :12057}
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A       | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------+----
```

```
    ↪
10 rows in set (22.82 sec)
```

Enable MPP mode:

```
mysql> set @@tidb_enforce_mpp = ON;

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

After MPP mode is enabled:

```
mysql> explain analyze select o_orderpriority, count(*) as order_count from
    ↪  orders where o_orderdate >= '1995-01-01' and o_orderdate < date_add(
    ↪ '1995-01-01', interval '3' month) and exists (select * from lineitem
    ↪ where l_orderkey = o_orderkey and l_commitdate < l_receiptdate) group
    ↪  by o_orderpriority;
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------+-------------+-----------+----
    ↪
| id                                          | estRows     | actRows  | task
    ↪       | access object | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ | memory | disk |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------+-------------+-----------+----
    ↪
| TableReader_59                              | 1.00        | 5        | root
    ↪       |               | time:5.97s, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 8, max: 0
    ↪ s, min: 0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00}
    ↪
    ↪ | data:ExchangeSender_58
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|  ─ExchangeSender_58                         | 1.00        | 5        | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |             | tiflash_task:{proc max:5.97s, min:5.97s, avg:
    ↪  5.97s, p80:5.97s, p95:5.97s, iters:5, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: PassThrough
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|    ─Projection_10                           | 1.00        | 5        | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |             | tiflash_task:{proc max:5.97s, min:5.96s, avg:
    ↪  5.97s, p80:5.97s, p95:5.97s, iters:5, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
```

```
    ↪ | tpch_100.orders.o_orderpriority, Column#27
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|     └─Projection_54                          | 1.00       | 5        | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |            | tiflash_task:{proc max:5.97s, min:5.96s, avg:
    ↪  5.97s, p80:5.97s, p95:5.97s, iters:5, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | Column#27, tpch_100.orders.o_orderpriority
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|       └─HashAgg_55                           | 1.00       | 5        | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |            | tiflash_task:{proc max:5.97s, min:5.96s, avg:
    ↪  5.97s, p80:5.97s, p95:5.97s, iters:5, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | group by:tpch_100.orders.o_orderpriority, funcs:sum(Column#32)->
    ↪ Column#27, funcs:firstrow(tpch_100.orders.o_orderpriority)->tpch_100.
    ↪ orders.o_orderpriority, stream_count: 20 | N/A | N/A |
|         └─ExchangeReceiver_57                | 1.00       | 15       | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |            | tiflash_task:{proc max:5.97s, min:5.96s, avg:
    ↪  5.97s, p80:5.97s, p95:5.97s, iters:5, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | stream_count: 20
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|           └─ExchangeSender_56                | 1.00       | 15       | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |            | tiflash_task:{proc max:5.96s, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 1.99s, p80:5.96s, p95:5.96s, iters:768, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: tpch_100.orders.o_
    ↪ orderpriority, collate: utf8mb4_bin], stream_count: 20
    ↪                                  | N/A   | N/A |
|             └─HashAgg_52                     | 1.00       | 15       | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |            | tiflash_task:{proc max:5.96s, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 1.99s, p80:5.96s, p95:5.96s, iters:768, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | group by:tpch_100.orders.o_orderpriority, funcs:count(1)->Column#32
    ↪
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|               └─HashJoin_41                  | 4429262.13 | 5145138  | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |            | tiflash_task:{proc max:5.95s, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 1.98s, p80:5.95s, p95:5.95s, iters:118, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | semi join, equal:[eq(tpch_100.orders.o_orderkey, tpch_100.lineitem.
    ↪ l_orderkey)], stream_count: 20
```

```
    ↪                                                                                                  | N/A   | N/A |
|               └─ExchangeReceiver_26(Build) | 480030321.60 | 379356474 |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] |         | tiflash_task:{proc max:3.26s, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 1.09s, p80:3.26s, p95:3.26s, iters:42469, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | stream_count: 20
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|                 └─ExchangeSender_25        | 480030321.60 | 379356474 |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] |         | tiflash_task:{proc max:3.37s, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 1.12s, p80:3.37s, p95:3.37s, iters:9292, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: tpch_100.lineitem.l_
    ↪ orderkey, collate: binary], stream_count: 20
    ↪                                                 | N/A   | N/A |
|                   └─Projection_60          | 480030321.60 | 379356474 |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] |         | tiflash_task:{proc max:819.1ms, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 273ms, p80:819.1ms, p95:819.1ms, iters:9292, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | tpch_100.lineitem.l_orderkey
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|                     └─Selection_24         | 480030321.60 | 379356474 |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] |         | tiflash_task:{proc max:817.1ms, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 272.4ms, p80:817.1ms, p95:817.1ms, iters:9292, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | lt(tpch_100.lineitem.l_commitdate, tpch_100.lineitem.l_receiptdate)
    ↪
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|                       └─TableFullScan_23     | 600037902.00 | 600037902 |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] | table:lineitem | tiflash_task:{proc max:328.1ms, min:0
    ↪ s, avg: 109.4ms, p80:328.1ms, p95:328.1ms, iters:9292, tasks:3,
    ↪ threads:60}, tiflash_scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:73475, total_
    ↪ skipped_packs:13452, total_scanned_rows:600230532, total_skipped_rows
    ↪ :109887612, total_rs_index_load_time: 35ms, total_read_time: 34065ms
    ↪ }, total_create_snapshot_time: 0ms} | keep order:false
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|                 └─ExchangeReceiver_22(Probe) | 5536577.67 | 5610951  | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |             | tiflash_task:{proc max:2.5s, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 833.7ms, p80:2.5s, p95:2.5s, iters:669, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ |
    ↪
```

```
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|                 └─ExchangeSender_21        | 5536577.67 | 5610951  | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |            | tiflash_task:{proc max:5.93s, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 1.98s, p80:5.93s, p95:5.93s, iters:2336, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: tpch_100.orders.o_
    ↪ orderkey, collate: binary]
    ↪                                                                | N/A   |
    ↪ N/A |
|                   └─Selection_20           | 5536577.67 | 5610951  | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |            | tiflash_task:{proc max:325.5ms, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 108.5ms, p80:325.5ms, p95:325.5ms, iters:2336, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ge(tpch_100.orders.o_orderdate, 1995-01-01 00:00:00.000000), lt(
    ↪ tpch_100.orders.o_orderdate, 1995-04-01 00:00:00.000000)
    ↪                                  | N/A   | N/A |
|                     └─TableFullScan_19      | 150000000.00 | 150000000 |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] | table:orders | tiflash_task:{proc max:238.5ms, min:0s,
    ↪  avg: 79.5ms, p80:238.5ms, p95:238.5ms, iters:2336, tasks:3, threads
    ↪ :60}, tiflash_scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:18541, total_skipped_
    ↪ packs:186, total_scanned_rows:150000611, total_skipped_rows:1513328,
    ↪ total_rs_index_load_time: 75ms, total_read_time: 11454ms}, total_
    ↪ create_snapshot_time: 0ms} | keep order:false
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------+--------------+----------+----
    ↪
18 rows in set (6.00 sec)
```

11.2.8.2.2 Push down aggregate functions to a position before Join or Union

By pushing down aggregate operations to the position before `Join` or `Union`, you can reduce the data to be processed in the `Join` or `Union` operation, thereby improving performance.

The variable `tidb_opt_agg_push_down` controls whether the optimizer executes the optimization operation of pushing down the aggregate function to the position before `Join` or `Union`. When the aggregate operations are quite slow in the query, you can set this variable to `ON`.

```
set @@tidb_opt_agg_push_down = ON;
```

The following example shows the query result before and after the `tidb_opt_agg_push_down` variable is enabled. Before this variable is enabled, the `HashAgg_58` operation

is executed following the `HashJoin_41` operation. After this variable is enabled, newly generated `HashAgg_21` and `HashAgg_32` operations are executed before the `HashJoin_76` operation. This significantly reduces the data to be processed by the `Join` operation.

Before `tidb_opt_agg_push_down` is enabled:

```
mysql> explain analyze select count(*) from t1 join t2 where t1.a = t2.b
    ↪ group by t1.a;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------
    ↪
| id                                | estRows     | actRows  | task       |
    ↪  access object | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ | memory | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------
    ↪
| TableReader_66                    | 100450000.00 | 20     | root       |
    ↪              | time:2.13s, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 21, max: 0s, min:
    ↪  0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00}
    ↪
    ↪ | data:ExchangeSender_65
    ↪                                                                  | N/A
    ↪   | N/A |
|  ─ExchangeSender_65               | 100450000.00 | 20     | mpp[tiflash
    ↪ ] |           | tiflash_task:{proc max:2.13s, min:2.08s, avg: 2.11s,
    ↪ p80:2.13s, p95:2.13s, iters:768, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: PassThrough
    ↪                                                              | N/A   |
    ↪  N/A |
|    ─Projection_60                 | 100450000.00 | 20     | mpp[tiflash
    ↪ ] |           | tiflash_task:{proc max:2.13s, min:2.08s, avg: 2.11s,
    ↪ p80:2.13s, p95:2.13s, iters:768, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | Column#43
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|      ─HashAgg_58                  | 100450000.00 | 20     | mpp[tiflash
    ↪ ] |           | tiflash_task:{proc max:2.13s, min:2.08s, avg: 2.11s,
    ↪ p80:2.13s, p95:2.13s, iters:768, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | group by:test.t1.a, funcs:count(1)->Column#43
```

```
↪                                                  | N/A   | N/A |
|       ─HashJoin_41                    | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[
↪ tiflash] |        | tiflash_task:{proc max:1.77s, min:1.67s, avg:
↪ 1.73s, p80:1.77s, p95:1.77s, iters:10955, tasks:3, threads:60}
↪
↪ | inner join, equal:[eq(test.t1.a, test.t2.b)], stream_count: 20
↪                          | N/A   | N/A |
|         ─ExchangeReceiver_22(Build) | 100450000.00 | 99980000 | mpp[
↪ tiflash] |         | tiflash_task:{proc max:171ms, min:127ms, avg:
↪ 154.5ms, p80:171ms, p95:171ms, iters:10440, tasks:3, threads:60}
↪
↪ | stream_count: 20
↪
↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|           ─ExchangeSender_21         | 100450000.00 | 99980000 | mpp[
↪ tiflash] |         | tiflash_task:{proc max:498.7ms, min:0s, avg:
↪ 166.2ms, p80:498.7ms, p95:498.7ms, iters:1653, tasks:3, threads:60}
↪
↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: test.t1.a, collate:
↪ binary], stream_count: 20 | N/A | N/A |
|             ─Selection_20            | 100450000.00 | 99980000 | mpp[
↪ tiflash] |         | tiflash_task:{proc max:83.7ms, min:0s, avg: 27.9
↪ ms, p80:83.7ms, p95:83.7ms, iters:1653, tasks:3, threads:60}
↪
↪ | not(isnull(test.t1.a))
↪                                                                  | N/A
↪   | N/A |
|              ─TableFullScan_19      | 100450000.00 | 99980000 | mpp[
↪ tiflash] | table:t1 | tiflash_task:{proc max:41.7ms, min:0s, avg:
↪ 13.9ms, p80:41.7ms, p95:41.7ms, iters:1653, tasks:3, threads:60},
↪ tiflash_scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:12336, total_skipped_packs
↪ :5759, total_scanned_rows:100083566, total_skipped_rows:46786721,
↪ total_rs_index_load_time: 5ms, total_read_time: 1105ms}, total_create
↪ _snapshot_time: 0ms} | keep order:false                          | N/A
↪    | N/A |
|         ─ExchangeReceiver_26(Probe) | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[
↪ tiflash] |        | tiflash_task:{proc max:373ms, min:71ms, avg:
↪ 253.2ms, p80:373ms, p95:373ms, iters:28135, tasks:3, threads:60}
↪
↪ |
↪
↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|           ─ExchangeSender_25         | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[
↪ tiflash] |        | tiflash_task:{proc max:2.07s, min:0s, avg: 689.6
↪ ms, p80:2.07s, p95:2.07s, iters:9388, tasks:3, threads:60}
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: test.t2.b, collate:
    ↪ binary]            | N/A   | N/A |
|            └─Selection_24           | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |        | tiflash_task:{proc max:146.9ms, min:0s, avg: 49ms
    ↪ , p80:146.9ms, p95:146.9ms, iters:9388, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | not(isnull(test.t2.b))
    ↪                                                                  | N/A
    ↪   | N/A |
|              └─TableFullScan_23      | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] | table:t2 | tiflash_task:{proc max:63.8ms, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 21.3ms, p80:63.8ms, p95:63.8ms, iters:9388, tasks:3, threads:60},
    ↪ tiflash_scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:73834, total_skipped_packs
    ↪ :439, total_scanned_rows:600007458, total_skipped_rows:3553131, total
    ↪ _rs_index_load_time: 12ms, total_read_time: 270ms}, total_create_
    ↪ snapshot_time: 0ms} | keep order:false                           | N/A
    ↪    | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------
    ↪
13 rows in set (2.15 sec)
```

Enable tidb_opt_agg_push_down:

```
mysql> set @@tidb_opt_agg_push_down = ON;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

After tidb_opt_agg_push_down is enabled:

```
mysql> explain analyze select count(*) from t1 join t2 where t1.a = t2.b
    ↪ group by t1.a;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------+-------------+----------+
    ↪
| id                                          | estRows     | actRows  |
    ↪ task       | access object | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ | memory | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------+-------------+----------+
    ↪
| TableReader_85                              | 20.00       | 20       |
    ↪ root       |               | time:432.4ms, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 19,
```

```
    ↪  max: 0s, min: 0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00}
    ↪
    ↪ | data:ExchangeSender_84
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|  └─ExchangeSender_84                          | 20.00       | 20       |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] |           | tiflash_task:{proc max:431.1ms, min:429.3
    ↪ ms, avg: 430.4ms, p80:431.1ms, p95:431.1ms, iters:16, tasks:3,
    ↪ threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: PassThrough
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|    └─Projection_83                            | 20.00       | 20       |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] |           | tiflash_task:{proc max:430.1ms, min:429.3
    ↪ ms, avg: 429.7ms, p80:430.1ms, p95:430.1ms, iters:16, tasks:3,
    ↪ threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | Column#43
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|      └─HashAgg_82                             | 20.00       | 20       |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] |           | tiflash_task:{proc max:430.1ms, min:429.3
    ↪ ms, avg: 429.7ms, p80:430.1ms, p95:430.1ms, iters:16, tasks:3,
    ↪ threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | group by:test.t1.a, funcs:count(Column#44)->Column#43, stream_count
    ↪ : 20                                      | N/A   | N/A |
|        └─ExchangeReceiver_78                  | 20.00       | 20       |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] |           | tiflash_task:{proc max:430.1ms, min:429.3
    ↪ ms, avg: 429.7ms, p80:430.1ms, p95:430.1ms, iters:16, tasks:3,
    ↪ threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | stream_count: 20
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|          └─ExchangeSender_77                  | 20.00       | 20       |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] |           | tiflash_task:{proc max:427ms, min:0s, avg:
    ↪  142.3ms, p80:427ms, p95:427ms, iters:60, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: test.t1.a, collate:
    ↪ binary], stream_count: 20                 | N/A   | N/A |
|            └─HashJoin_76                      | 20.00       | 20       |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] |           | tiflash_task:{proc max:426ms, min:0s, avg:
    ↪  142ms, p80:426ms, p95:426ms, iters:60, tasks:3, threads:60}
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ | inner join, equal:[eq(test.t1.a, test.t2.b)]
    ↪                                                
```

```
    ↪
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: test.t2.b, collate:
    ↪ binary], stream_count: 20                  | N/A   | N/A |
|                      ─HashAgg_21              | 20.00      | 60       |
    ↪ mpp[tiflash] |           | tiflash_task:{proc max:367.3ms, min:0s,
    ↪ avg: 122.4ms, p80:367.3ms, p95:367.3ms, iters:3, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪
    ↪ | group by:test.t2.b, funcs:count(1)->Column#45
    ↪                                                                  | N/A
    ↪   | N/A |
|                        ─Selection_30          | 600000000.00 | 600000000
    ↪ | mpp[tiflash] |        | tiflash_task:{proc max:77.2ms, min:0s, avg:
    ↪  25.7ms, p80:77.2ms, p95:77.2ms, iters:9389, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | not(isnull(test.t2.b))
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|                          ─TableFullScan_29    | 600000000.00 | 600000000
    ↪ | mpp[tiflash] | table:t2 | tiflash_task:{proc max:37.2ms, min:0s,
    ↪ avg: 12.4ms, p80:37.2ms, p95:37.2ms, iters:9389, tasks:3, threads
    ↪ :60}, tiflash_scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:73834, total_skipped_
    ↪ packs:412, total_scanned_rows:600002896, total_skipped_rows:3342145,
    ↪ total_rs_index_load_time: 0ms, total_read_time: 45ms}, total_create_
    ↪ snapshot_time: 0ms} | keep order:false
    ↪                                                  | N/A   | N/A |
|             ─Selection_19(Probe)               | 100450000.00 | 99980000 |
    ↪  mpp[tiflash] |         | tiflash_task:{proc max:30ms, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 10ms, p80:30ms, p95:30ms, iters:1645, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | not(isnull(test.t1.a))
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|              ─TableFullScan_18                 | 100450000.00 | 99980000 |
    ↪  mpp[tiflash] | table:t1 | tiflash_task:{proc max:22ms, min:0s, avg:
    ↪ 7.34ms, p80:22ms, p95:22ms, iters:1645, tasks:3, threads:60}, tiflash
    ↪ _scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:12326, total_skipped_packs:4762,
    ↪ total_scanned_rows:100045535, total_skipped_rows:38651216, total_rs_
    ↪ index_load_time: 4ms, total_read_time: 355ms}, total_create_snapshot_
    ↪ time: 0ms} | keep order:false
    ↪                                                    | N/A   | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------------------------+--------------+-----------+
    ↪
```

```
18 rows in set (0.46 sec)
```

11.2.8.2.3 Enable `Distinct` optimization

TiFlash does not support some aggregate functions that accept the `Distinct` column, such as `Sum`. By default, the entire aggregate function is calculated in TiDB. By enabling the `Distinct` optimization, some operations can be pushed down to TiFlash, thereby improving query performance.

If the aggregate function with the `distinct` operation is slow in a query, you can enable the optimization operation of pushing down the aggregate function with `Distinct` (such as `select sum(distinct a)from t`) to Coprocessor by setting the value of the `tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down` variable to `ON`.

```
set @@tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down = ON;
```

The following example shows the query result before and after the `tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down` variable is enabled. Before this variable is enabled, TiDB needs to read all data from TiFlash and execute `distinct` in TiDB. After this variable is enabled, `distinct a` is pushed down to TiFlash, and a new `group by` column `test.t.a` is added in `HashAgg_6`. The two warnings in the query result indicate that the aggregate function cannot be fully pushed down to TiFlash.

Before `tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down` is enabled:

```
mysql> explain analyze select count(distinct a) from test.t;
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+-------------+----------+-------------+----------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows     | actRows  | task        | access
   ↪ object | execution info
   ↪
   ↪ | operator info                                  | memory  | disk   |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+-------------+----------+-------------+----------
   ↪
| HashAgg_6                 | 1.00        | 1        | root        |
   ↪              | time:2m23.2s, loops:2
   ↪
   ↪ | funcs:sum(distinct Column#23)->Column#22        | 41.3 KB | 0 Bytes
   ↪  |
|  ─Projection_16           | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | root     |
   ↪              | time:2.51s, loops:586548, Concurrency:5
   ↪
   ↪ | cast(test.t.a, decimal(10,0) BINARY)->Column#23 | 243.2 KB | N/A  |
|    ─TableReader_11        | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | root     |
   ↪              | time:1.6s, loops:586548, cop_task: {num: 1173, max:
```

```
    ↪ 256.2ms, min: 25.1ms, avg: 46.9ms, p95: 63.5ms, rpc_num: 1173, rpc_
    ↪ time: 55s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00, distsql_concurrency: 15}
    ↪
    ↪ | data:TableFullScan_10                              | 70.2 MB | N/A    |
|     ─TableFullScan_10   | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | cop[tiflash] | table
    ↪ :t | tiflash_task:{proc max:9ms, min:531µs, avg: 4.49ms, p80:5.55ms,
    ↪ p95:6.74ms, iters:9390, tasks:1173, threads:1173}, tiflash_scan:{
    ↪ dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:73834, total_skipped_packs:1231, total_
    ↪ scanned_rows:600010914, total_skipped_rows:9988978, total_rs_index_
    ↪ load_time: 0ms, total_read_time: 16ms}, total_create_snapshot_time: 0
    ↪ ms} | keep order:false | N/A | N/A |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+-------------+----------+-------------+----------
    ↪
4 rows in set, 2 warnings (2 min 23.21 sec)
```

Enable `tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down`:

```
mysql> set @@tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down = ON;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

After `tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down` is enabled:

```
mysql> explain analyze select count(distinct a) from test.t;
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------------+-----
    ↪
| id                        | estRows     | actRows  | task            | access
    ↪  object | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info                                    | memory   | disk
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------------+-----
    ↪
| HashAgg_10                | 1.00        | 1        | root            |
    ↪              | time:233.8ms, loops:2
    ↪
    ↪ | funcs:sum(distinct Column#23)->Column#22       | 2.42 KB  | 0 Bytes
    ↪  |
|  ─Projection_12           | 1.00        | 3        | root            |
    ↪              | time:233.7ms, loops:2, Concurrency:OFF
    ↪
    ↪ | cast(test.c.a, decimal(10,0) BINARY)->Column#23 | 380 Bytes | N/A
    ↪ |
```

```
|    ─TableReader_11        | 1.00        | 3        | root            |
   ↪              | time:233.7ms, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 6, max: 0s, min:
   ↪  0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00, distsql_
   ↪ concurrency: 15}
   ↪
   ↪ | data:HashAgg_6                                  | 100 Bytes | N/A
   ↪ |
|      ─HashAgg_6           | 1.00        | 3        | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪           | tiflash_task:{proc max:225.8ms, min:210.7ms, avg: 216.9ms,
   ↪  p80:225.8ms, p95:225.8ms, iters:3, tasks:3, threads:60}
   ↪
   ↪ | group by:test.t.a,                              | N/A      | N/A
   ↪ |
|        ─TableFullScan_9   | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪  table:t | tiflash_task:{proc max:50.3ms, min:33.7ms, avg: 44.6ms,
   ↪ p80:50.3ms, p95:50.3ms, iters:9387, tasks:3, threads:60}, tiflash_
   ↪ scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:73833, total_skipped_packs:475,
   ↪ total_scanned_rows:600000000, total_skipped_rows:3852098, total_rs_
   ↪ index_load_time: 0ms, total_read_time: 84ms}, total_create_snapshot_
   ↪ time: 0ms} | keep order:false | N/A | N/A |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+--------------+-----------+-------------------+-----
   ↪
5 rows in set, 2 warnings (0.24 sec)
```

11.2.8.2.4 Compact data using the `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` statement

Executing the `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` statement can initiate compaction for a specific table or partition on a TiFlash node. During the compaction, the physical data on the node is rewritten, including cleaning up deleted rows and merging multiple versions of data caused by updates. This helps enhance access performance and reduce disk usage. The following are examples:

```
ALTER TABLE employees COMPACT TIFLASH REPLICA;
```

```
ALTER TABLE employees COMPACT PARTITION pNorth, pEast TIFLASH REPLICA;
```

11.2.8.2.5 Replace Shuffled Hash Join with Broadcast Hash Join

For `Join` operations with small tables, the Broadcast Hash Join algorithm can avoid transferring large tables, thereby improving the computing performance.

- The `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size` variable controls whether to use the Broadcast Hash Join algorithm. If the table size (unit: byte) is smaller than the value

of this variable, the Broadcast Hash Join algorithm is used. Otherwise, the Shuffled Hash Join algorithm is used.

```
set @@tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size = 2000000;
```

- The tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_count variable also controls whether to use the Broadcast Hash Join algorithm. If the objects of the join operation belong to a subquery, the optimizer cannot estimate the size of the subquery result set. In this situation, the size is determined by the number of rows in the result set. If the estimated number of rows for the subquery is fewer than the value of this variable, the Broadcast Hash Join algorithm is used. Otherwise, the Shuffled Hash Join algorithm is used.

```
set @@tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_count = 100000;
```

The following example shows the query result before and after `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size` is re-configured. Before the re-configuration, the `ExchangeType` of `ExchangeSender_29` is `HashPartition`. After the value of this variable changes to `10000000`, the `ExchangeType` of `ExchangeSender_29` changes to `Broadcast`.

Before `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size` is re-configured:

```
mysql> explain analyze select max(l_shipdate), max(l_commitdate), max(l_
    ↪ receiptdate) from supplier,lineitem where s_suppkey = l_suppkey;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------
    ↪
| id                                    | estRows     | actRows  | task      |
    ↪  access object | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ | memory | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------
    ↪
| HashAgg_45                            | 1.00        | 1        | root      |
    ↪                | time:3.8s, loops:2, partial_worker:{wall_time
    ↪ :3.798284809s, concurrency:5, task_num:1, tot_wait:18.99079929s, tot_
    ↪ exec:8.193µs, tot_time:18.990819019s, max:3.798181723s, p95
    ↪ :3.798181723s}, final_worker:{wall_time:0s, concurrency:5, task_num
    ↪ :1, tot_wait:18.991291379s, tot_exec:197.45µs, tot_time:18.991494363s
    ↪ , max:3.798334972s, p95:3.798334972s} | funcs:max(Column#28)->Column
    ↪ #25, funcs:max(Column#29)->Column#26, funcs:max(Column#30)->Column#27
    ↪  | 17.3 KB | N/A |
```

```
|  ─TableReader_47                    | 1.00        | 3         | root
   ↪ |              | time:3.8s, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 6, max: 0s, min:
   ↪  0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00}
   ↪
   ↪ | data:ExchangeSender_46
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|    ─ExchangeSender_46               | 1.00        | 3         | mpp[tiflash
   ↪ ] |              | tiflash_task:{proc max:3.79s, min:3.78s, avg: 3.78s,
   ↪  p80:3.79s, p95:3.79s, iters:3, tasks:3, threads:60}
   ↪
   ↪ | ExchangeType: PassThrough
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|      ─HashAgg_13                    | 1.00        | 3         | mpp[tiflash
   ↪ ] |              | tiflash_task:{proc max:3.79s, min:3.78s, avg: 3.78s,
   ↪  p80:3.79s, p95:3.79s, iters:3, tasks:3, threads:60}
   ↪
   ↪ | funcs:max(tpch_100.lineitem.l_shipdate)->Column#28, funcs:max(tpch_
   ↪ 100.lineitem.l_commitdate)->Column#29, funcs:max(tpch_100.lineitem.l_
   ↪ receiptdate)->Column#30 | N/A | N/A |
|       ─HashJoin_44                  | 600845438.27 | 600037902 | mpp[
   ↪ tiflash] |          | tiflash_task:{proc max:3.17s, min:3.12s, avg:
   ↪ 3.14s, p80:3.17s, p95:3.17s, iters:11143, tasks:3, threads:60}
   ↪
   ↪ | inner join, equal:[eq(tpch_100.supplier.s_suppkey, tpch_100.
   ↪ lineitem.l_suppkey)], stream_count: 20
   ↪                                                 | N/A    | N/A |
|         ─ExchangeReceiver_30(Build) | 1000000.00 | 1000000  | mpp[tiflash
   ↪ ] |              | tiflash_task:{proc max:23.3ms, min:21ms, avg: 22.5ms
   ↪ , p80:23.3ms, p95:23.3ms, iters:120, tasks:3, threads:60}
   ↪
   ↪ | stream_count: 20
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|           ─ExchangeSender_29        | 1000000.00 | 1000000  | mpp[tiflash
   ↪ ] |              | tiflash_task:{proc max:22.7ms, min:0s, avg: 7.57ms,
   ↪ p80:22.7ms, p95:22.7ms, iters:16, tasks:3, threads:2}
   ↪
   ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: tpch_100.supplier.s_
   ↪ suppkey, collate: binary], stream_count: 20
   ↪                                  | N/A    | N/A |
|             ─TableFullScan_28       | 1000000.00 | 1000000  | mpp[tiflash
   ↪ ] | table:supplier | tiflash_task:{proc max:9.71ms, min:0s, avg: 3.24
   ↪ ms, p80:9.71ms, p95:9.71ms, iters:16, tasks:3, threads:2}, tiflash_
```

```
    ↪ scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:123, total_skipped_packs:0, total_
    ↪ scanned_rows:1000000, total_skipped_rows:0, total_rs_index_load_time:
    ↪  0ms, total_read_time: 2ms}, total_create_snapshot_time: 0ms} | keep
    ↪ order:false
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|         ─ExchangeReceiver_33(Probe) | 600037902.00 | 600037902 | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |          | tiflash_task:{proc max:564.3ms, min:340ms, avg:
    ↪ 438.5ms, p80:564.3ms, p95:564.3ms, iters:27583, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ |
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|           ─ExchangeSender_32         | 600037902.00 | 600037902 | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] |          | tiflash_task:{proc max:3.69s, min:0s, avg: 1.23s,
    ↪  p80:3.69s, p95:3.69s, iters:9298, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: tpch_100.lineitem.l_
    ↪ suppkey, collate: binary]
    ↪                                                  | N/A    | N/A |
|             ─TableFullScan_31        | 600037902.00 | 600037902 | mpp[
    ↪ tiflash] | table:lineitem | tiflash_task:{proc max:62.8ms, min:0s,
    ↪ avg: 20.9ms, p80:62.8ms, p95:62.8ms, iters:9298, tasks:3, threads
    ↪ :60}, tiflash_scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:73465, total_skipped_
    ↪ packs:13060, total_scanned_rows:600168663, total_skipped_rows
    ↪ :106699256, total_rs_index_load_time: 16ms, total_read_time: 27979ms
    ↪ }, total_create_snapshot_time: 0ms} | keep order:false
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------
    ↪
11 rows in set (3.83 sec)
```

Set `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size` to 10000000:

```
mysql> set @@tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size = 10000000;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

After `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size` is set to 10000000:

```
mysql> explain analyze select max(l_shipdate), max(l_commitdate), max(l_
    ↪ receiptdate) from supplier,lineitem where s_suppkey = l_suppkey;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+-------------+----------+-----------
    ↪
```

```
| id                                  | estRows     | actRows  | task       |
   ↪  access object | execution info
   ↪
   ↪ | operator info
   ↪
   ↪ | memory | disk |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------+-------------+----------+------------
   ↪
| HashAgg_43                          | 1.00        | 1        | root       |
   ↪                | time:2.75s, loops:2, partial_worker:{wall_time
   ↪ :2.748445779s, concurrency:5, task_num:1, tot_wait:13.74202679s, tot_
   ↪ exec:8.012µs, tot_time:13.742045721s, max:2.748414915s, p95
   ↪ :2.748414915s}, final_worker:{wall_time:2.74848039s, concurrency:5,
   ↪ task_num:1, tot_wait:13.742157526s, tot_exec:53.191µs, tot_time
   ↪ :13.742214417s, max:2.748462393s, p95:2.748462393s} | funcs:max(
   ↪ Column#28)->Column#25, funcs:max(Column#29)->Column#26, funcs:max(
   ↪ Column#30)->Column#27 | 17.3 KB | N/A |
|  └─TableReader_45                   | 1.00        | 3        | root
   ↪ |               | time:2.75s, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 6, max: 0s, min
   ↪ : 0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00}
   ↪
   ↪ | data:ExchangeSender_44
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|    └─ExchangeSender_44              | 1.00        | 3        | mpp[tiflash
   ↪ ] |             | tiflash_task:{proc max:2.74s, min:2.65s, avg: 2.7s,
   ↪ p80:2.74s, p95:2.74s, iters:3, tasks:3, threads:60}
   ↪
   ↪ | ExchangeType: PassThrough
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|      └─HashAgg_13                   | 1.00        | 3        | mpp[tiflash
   ↪ ] |             | tiflash_task:{proc max:2.74s, min:2.65s, avg: 2.7s,
   ↪ p80:2.74s, p95:2.74s, iters:3, tasks:3, threads:60}
   ↪
   ↪ | funcs:max(tpch_100.lineitem.l_shipdate)->Column#28, funcs:max(tpch_
   ↪ 100.lineitem.l_commitdate)->Column#29, funcs:max(tpch_100.lineitem.l_
   ↪ receiptdate)->Column#30 | N/A | N/A |
|        └─HashJoin_42                | 600845438.27 | 600037902 | mpp[
   ↪ tiflash] |          | tiflash_task:{proc max:2.15s, min:2.06s, avg:
   ↪ 2.11s, p80:2.15s, p95:2.15s, iters:9286, tasks:3, threads:60}
   ↪
   ↪ | inner join, equal:[eq(tpch_100.supplier.s_suppkey, tpch_100.
   ↪ lineitem.l_suppkey)]
```

```
    ↪                                                
```

TiFlash to execute a request. The unit is threads.

```
set @@tidb_max_tiflash_threads = 20;
```

The following example shows the query result before and after `tidb_max_tiflash_threads` is re-configured. Before `tidb_max_tiflash_threads` is set, the concurrency of request execution for a single TiFlash instance is 8 threads. Since the cluster has a total of 3 TiFlash instances, the total number of threads for request execution on all TiFlash instances is 24 (8 × 3). After `tidb_max_tiflash_threads` is set to 20, the total number of threads for request execution on all TiFlash instances is 60 (20 × 3).

Before `tidb_max_tiflash_threads` is re-configured:

```
mysql> explain analyze select a, count(*) from t group by a;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-
   ↪
| id                                 | estRows     | actRows  | task         |
   ↪ access object | execution info
   ↪
   ↪ | operator info
   ↪
   ↪ | memory | disk |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-
   ↪
| TableReader_44                     | 20.00       | 20       | root         |
   ↪              | time:655.9ms, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 14, max: 0s, min
   ↪ : 0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00}
   ↪
   ↪ | data:ExchangeSender_43
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|  ─ExchangeSender_43               | 20.00       | 20       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | tiflash_task:{proc max:654.6ms, min:652.4ms, avg: 653.8ms
   ↪ , p80:654.6ms, p95:654.6ms, iters:11, tasks:3, threads:24}
   ↪
   ↪ | ExchangeType: PassThrough
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|    ─Projection_5                  | 20.00       | 20       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | tiflash_task:{proc max:654.3ms, min:651.4ms, avg: 653.1ms
   ↪ , p80:654.3ms, p95:654.3ms, iters:11, tasks:3, threads:24}
   ↪
   ↪ | test.t.a, Column#22
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
```

```
|     └─Projection_39              | 20.00       | 20       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪           | tiflash_task:{proc max:654.3ms, min:651.4ms, avg: 653.1ms
   ↪ , p80:654.3ms, p95:654.3ms, iters:11, tasks:3, threads:24}
   ↪
   ↪ | Column#22, test.t.a
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|       └─HashAgg_40               | 20.00       | 20       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪           | tiflash_task:{proc max:654.3ms, min:651.4ms, avg: 653.1ms
   ↪ , p80:654.3ms, p95:654.3ms, iters:11, tasks:3, threads:24}
   ↪
   ↪ | group by:test.t.a, funcs:sum(Column#29)->Column#22, funcs:firstrow(
   ↪ test.t.a)->test.t.a, stream_count: 8      | N/A   | N/A |
|         └─ExchangeReceiver_42    | 20.00       | 60       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪           | tiflash_task:{proc max:654.3ms, min:651.4ms, avg: 653.1ms
   ↪ , p80:654.3ms, p95:654.3ms, iters:11, tasks:3, threads:24}
   ↪
   ↪ | stream_count: 8
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|           └─ExchangeSender_41    | 20.00       | 60       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪           | tiflash_task:{proc max:649ms, min:0s, avg: 216.3ms, p80
   ↪ :649ms, p95:649ms, iters:3, tasks:3, threads:24}
   ↪
   ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: test.t.a, collate:
   ↪ binary], stream_count: 8                   | N/A   | N/A |
|             └─HashAgg_37         | 20.00       | 60       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪           | tiflash_task:{proc max:649ms, min:0s, avg: 216.3ms, p80
   ↪ :649ms, p95:649ms, iters:3, tasks:3, threads:24}
   ↪
   ↪ | group by:test.t.a, funcs:count(1)->Column#29
   ↪                                                                | N/A
   ↪   | N/A |
|               └─TableFullScan_26  | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash]
   ↪  | table:t | tiflash_task:{proc max:40ms, min:0s, avg: 13.3ms, p80:40
   ↪ ms, p95:40ms, iters:9386, tasks:3, threads:24}, tiflash_scan:{dtfile
   ↪ :{total_scanned_packs:73833, total_skipped_packs:174, total_scanned_
   ↪ rows:600000000, total_skipped_rows:1402537, total_rs_index_load_time:
   ↪  0ms, total_read_time: 4ms}, total_create_snapshot_time: 0ms} | keep
   ↪ order:false                                                  | N/A   |
   ↪  N/A |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-
   ↪
9 rows in set (0.67 sec)
```

Set tidb_max_tiflash_threads to 20:

```
mysql> set @@tidb_max_tiflash_threads = 20;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

After tidb_max_tiflash_threads is set to 20:

```
mysql> explain analyze select a, count(*) from t group by a;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-
   ↪
| id                                 | estRows     | actRows  | task         |
   ↪ access object | execution info
   ↪
   ↪ | operator info
   ↪
   ↪ | memory | disk |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-
   ↪
| TableReader_44                     | 20.00       | 20       | root         |
   ↪              | time:357.7ms, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 19, max: 0s, min
   ↪ : 0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00}
   ↪
   ↪ | data:ExchangeSender_43
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
| └─ExchangeSender_43              | 20.00       | 20       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | tiflash_task:{proc max:355.3ms, min:354.6ms, avg: 355ms,
   ↪ p80:355.3ms, p95:355.3ms, iters:16, tasks:3, threads:60}
   ↪
   ↪ | ExchangeType: PassThrough
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|   └─Projection_5                 | 20.00       | 20       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | tiflash_task:{proc max:354.3ms, min:353.6ms, avg: 354ms,
   ↪ p80:354.3ms, p95:354.3ms, iters:16, tasks:3, threads:60}
   ↪
   ↪ | test.t.a, Column#22
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|     └─Projection_39              | 20.00       | 20       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | tiflash_task:{proc max:354.3ms, min:353.6ms, avg: 354ms,
   ↪ p80:354.3ms, p95:354.3ms, iters:16, tasks:3, threads:60}
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ | Column#22, test.t.a
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|       ─HashAgg_40                | 20.00       | 20       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪           | tiflash_task:{proc max:354.3ms, min:353.6ms, avg: 354ms,
    ↪ p80:354.3ms, p95:354.3ms, iters:16, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | group by:test.t.a, funcs:sum(Column#29)->Column#22, funcs:firstrow(
    ↪ test.t.a)->test.t.a, stream_count: 20      | N/A   | N/A |
|         ─ExchangeReceiver_42     | 20.00       | 60       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪           | tiflash_task:{proc max:354.3ms, min:353.6ms, avg: 354ms,
    ↪ p80:354.3ms, p95:354.3ms, iters:16, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | stream_count: 20
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|           ─ExchangeSender_41     | 20.00       | 60       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪           | tiflash_task:{proc max:349.6ms, min:0s, avg: 116.5ms, p80
    ↪ :349.6ms, p95:349.6ms, iters:3, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: test.t.a, collate:
    ↪ binary], stream_count: 20                   | N/A   | N/A |
|             ─HashAgg_37          | 20.00       | 60       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪           | tiflash_task:{proc max:347.6ms, min:0s, avg: 115.9ms, p80
    ↪ :347.6ms, p95:347.6ms, iters:3, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | group by:test.t.a, funcs:count(1)->Column#29
    ↪                                                                 | N/A
    ↪    | N/A |
|               ─TableFullScan_26   | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash]
    ↪  | table:t | tiflash_task:{proc max:36.6ms, min:0s, avg: 12.2ms, p80
    ↪ :36.6ms, p95:36.6ms, iters:9389, tasks:3, threads:60}, tiflash_scan:{
    ↪ dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:73833, total_skipped_packs:418, total_
    ↪ scanned_rows:600001386, total_skipped_rows:3381854, total_rs_index_
    ↪ load_time: 10ms, total_read_time: 61ms}, total_create_snapshot_time:
    ↪ 0ms} | keep order:false
    ↪                                                  | N/A   | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------+-------------+----------+---------------+-
    ↪
9 rows in set (0.37 sec)
```

11.2.8.2.7 Configure `tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count`

You can increase the concurrency for executing window functions by configuring `tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count` of the Fine Grained Shuffle feature. In this way, the execution of window functions can occupy more system resources, which improves query performance.

When a window function is pushed down to TiFlash for execution, you can use this variable to control the concurrency level of the window function execution. The unit is threads.

```
set @@tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count = 20;
```

The following example shows the query result before and after the `tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count` variable is re-configured. Before the re-configuration, the `stream_count` of `[ExchangeSender_11, ExchangeReceiver_12, Sort_13, Window_22]` is 8. After the re-configuration, the `stream_count` becomes 20.

Before `tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count` is re-configured:

```
mysql> explain analyze select *, row_number() over (partition by a) from t;
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-----
   ↪
| id                              | estRows     | actRows  | task         | access
   ↪  object | execution info
   ↪
   ↪ | operator info
   ↪
   ↪ | memory | disk |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-----
   ↪
| TableReader_24                  | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | root     |
   ↪              | time:4m30.5s, loops:585941, cop_task: {num: 9163, max:
   ↪ 0s, min: 0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00}
   ↪
   ↪ | data:ExchangeSender_23
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|  ─ExchangeSender_23           | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪         | tiflash_task:{proc max:4m30.5s, min:3m4.8s, avg: 3m36.1s,
   ↪ p80:4m30.5s, p95:4m30.5s, iters:9160, tasks:3, threads:24}
   ↪
   ↪ | ExchangeType: PassThrough
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|    ─Window_22                 | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪         | tiflash_task:{proc max:3m31.6s, min:2m26.2s, avg: 2m50.7s,
```

```
   ↪ p80:3m31.6s, p95:3m31.6s, iters:9160, tasks:3, threads:24}
   ↪
   ↪ | row_number()->Column#23 over(partition by test.t.a rows between
   ↪ current row and current row), stream_count: 8 | N/A | N/A |
|     ─Sort_13                 | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪       | tiflash_task:{proc max:3m28.6s, min:2m24.2s, avg: 2m48.4s,
   ↪ p80:3m28.6s, p95:3m28.6s, iters:9160, tasks:3, threads:24}
   ↪
   ↪ | test.t.a, stream_count: 8
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|       ─ExchangeReceiver_12   | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪       | tiflash_task:{proc max:32.4s, min:32s, avg: 32.1s, p80:32.4s
   ↪ , p95:32.4s, iters:49307, tasks:3, threads:24}
   ↪
   ↪ | stream_count: 8
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|         ─ExchangeSender_11   | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪       | tiflash_task:{proc max:32s, min:0s, avg: 10.7s, p80:32s, p95
   ↪ :32s, iters:9386, tasks:3, threads:60}
   ↪
   ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: test.t.a, collate:
   ↪ binary], stream_count: 8           | N/A   | N/A |
|           ─TableFullScan_10  | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪ table:t | tiflash_task:{proc max:113.9ms, min:0s, avg: 38ms, p80
   ↪ :113.9ms, p95:113.9ms, iters:9386, tasks:3, threads:60}, tiflash_scan
   ↪ :{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:73834, total_skipped_packs:190, total_
   ↪ scanned_rows:600000000, total_skipped_rows:1536382, total_rs_index_
   ↪ load_time: 16ms, total_read_time: 166324ms}, total_create_snapshot_
   ↪ time: 0ms} | keep order:false
   ↪                                        | N/A   | N/A |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-----
   ↪
7 rows in set (4 min 30.59 sec)
```

Set `tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count` to 20:

```
mysql> set @@tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count = 20;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

After `tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count` is set to 20:

```
mysql> explain analyze select *, row_number() over (partition by a) from t;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-----
    ↪
| id                            | estRows     | actRows  | task         | access
    ↪  object | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ | memory | disk |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-----
    ↪
| TableReader_24                | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | root    |
    ↪              | time:2m55s, loops:585941, cop_task: {num: 9163, max: 0s
    ↪ , min: 0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00}
    ↪
    ↪ | data:ExchangeSender_23
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|  └─ExchangeSender_23          | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪        | tiflash_task:{proc max:2m55s, min:1m37s, avg: 2m28.7s, p80:2
    ↪ m55s, p95:2m55s, iters:9160, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: PassThrough
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|    └─Window_22                | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪        | tiflash_task:{proc max:2m12.9s, min:1m17s, avg: 1m54.2s, p80
    ↪ :2m12.9s, p95:2m12.9s, iters:9160, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | row_number()->Column#23 over(partition by test.t.a rows between
    ↪ current row and current row), stream_count: 20 | N/A | N/A |
|      └─Sort_13                | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪        | tiflash_task:{proc max:2m10.9s, min:1m16s, avg: 1m52.5s, p80
    ↪ :2m10.9s, p95:2m10.9s, iters:9160, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | test.t.a, stream_count: 20
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|        └─ExchangeReceiver_12  | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪        | tiflash_task:{proc max:27.2s, min:25.5s, avg: 26.6s, p80
    ↪ :27.2s, p95:27.2s, iters:49602, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | stream_count: 20
    ↪
```

```
    ↪ | N/A   | N/A |
|         └─ExchangeSender_11   | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪        | tiflash_task:{proc max:25.5s, min:0s, avg: 8.51s, p80:25.5s,
    ↪  p95:25.5s, iters:9388, tasks:3, threads:60}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: test.t.a, collate:
    ↪ binary], stream_count: 20            | N/A   | N/A |
|           └─TableFullScan_10   | 600000000.00 | 600000000 | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪ table:t | tiflash_task:{proc max:167.3ms, min:0s, avg: 55.8ms, p80
    ↪ :167.3ms, p95:167.3ms, iters:9388, tasks:3, threads:60}, tiflash_scan
    ↪ :{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:73834, total_skipped_packs:408, total_
    ↪ scanned_rows:600002896, total_skipped_rows:3307316, total_rs_index_
    ↪ load_time: 20ms, total_read_time: 179431ms}, total_create_snapshot_
    ↪ time: 0ms} | keep order:false
    ↪                                          | N/A   | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-----
    ↪
7 rows in set (2 min 55.09 sec)
```

11.2.9 Coprocessor Cache

Starting from v4.0, the TiDB instance supports caching the results of the calculation that is pushed down to TiKV (the Coprocessor Cache feature), which can accelerate the calculation process in some scenarios.

11.2.9.1 Configuration

You can configure Coprocessor Cache via the `tikv-client.copr-cache` configuration items in the TiDB configuration file. For details about how to enable and configure Coprocessor Cache, see TiDB Configuration File.

11.2.9.2 Feature description

- When a SQL statement is executed on a single TiDB instance for the first time, the execution result is not cached.
- Calculation results are cached in the memory of TiDB. If the TiDB instance is restarted, the cache becomes invalid.
- The cache is not shared among TiDB instances.
- Only push-down calculation result is cached. Even if cache is hit, TiDB still need to perform subsequent calculation.
- The cache is in the unit of Region. Writing data to a Region causes the Region cache to be invalid. For this reason, the Coprocessor Cache feature mainly takes effect on the data that rarely changes.

- When push-down calculation requests are the same, the cache is hit. Usually in the following scenarios, the push-down calculation requests are the same or partially the same:
    - The SQL statements are the same. For example, the same SQL statement is executed repeatedly.

      In this scenario, all the push-down calculation requests are consistent, and all requests can use the push-down calculation cache.
    - The SQL statements contain a changing condition, and the other parts are consistent. The changing condition is the primary key of the table or the partition.

      In this scenario, some of the push-down calculation requests are the same with some previous requests, and these calculation requests can use the cached (previous) push-down calculation result.
    - The SQL statements contain multiple changing conditions and the other parts are consistent. The changing conditions exactly match a compound index column.

      In this scenario, some of the push-down calculation requests are the same with some previous requests, and these calculation requests can use the cached (previous) push-down calculation result.
- This feature is transparent to users. Enabling or disabling this feature does not affect the calculation result and only affects the SQL execution time.

11.2.9.3 Check the cache effect

You can check the cache effect of Coprocessor by executing `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` or viewing the Grafana monitoring panel.

11.2.9.3.1 Use `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`

You can view the cache hit rate in Operators for accessing tables by using the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement. See the following example:

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t USE INDEX(a);
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+----------+---------+-----------+---------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows  | actRows | task    | access object
   ↪       | execution info
   ↪
   ↪ | operator info              | memory             | disk |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+----------+---------+-----------+---------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_6               | 262400.00 | 262400 | root    |
   ↪                       | time:620.513742ms, loops:258, cop_task: {num:
   ↪ 4, max: 5.530817ms, min: 1.51829ms, avg: 2.70883ms, p95: 5.530817ms,
```

```
    ↪ max_proc_keys: 2480, p95_proc_keys: 2480, tot_proc: 1ms, tot_wait: 1
    ↪ ms, rpc_num: 4, rpc_time: 10.816328ms, copr_cache_hit_rate: 0.75} | |
    ↪  6.685169219970703 MB | N/A |
|  ─IndexFullScan_4(Build)   | 262400.00 | 262400 | cop[tikv] | table:t,
    ↪ index:a(a, c) | proc max:93ms, min:1ms, p80:93ms, p95:93ms, iters
    ↪ :275, tasks:4
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo | 1.7549400329589844 MB | N/A |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_5(Probe)  | 262400.00 | 0     | cop[tikv] | table:t
    ↪            | time:0ns, loops:0
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo | N/A             | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+----------+---------+----------+----------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.62 sec)
```

The column `execution info` of the execution result gives the `copr_cache_hit_ratio` information, which indicates the hit rate of the Coprocessor Cache. The `0.75` in the above example means that the hit rate is about 75%.

11.2.9.3.2 View the Grafana monitoring panel

In Grafana, you can see the **copr-cache** panel in the `distsql` subsystem under the `tidb` namespace. This panel monitors the number of hits, misses, and cache discards of the Coprocessor Cache in the entire cluster.

11.2.10 Garbage Collection (GC)

11.2.10.1 GC Overview

TiDB uses MVCC to control transaction concurrency. When you update the data, the original data is not deleted immediately but is kept together with the new data, with a timestamp to distinguish the version. The goal of Garbage Collection (GC) is to clear the obsolete data.

11.2.10.1.1 GC process

Each TiDB cluster contains a TiDB instance that is selected as the GC leader, which controls the GC process.

GC runs periodically on TiDB. For each GC, TiDB firstly calculates a timestamp called "safe point". Then, TiDB clears the obsolete data under the premise that all the snapshots after the safe point retain the integrity of the data. Specifically, there are three steps involved in each GC process:

1. Resolve Locks. During this step, TiDB scans locks before the safe point on all Regions and clears these locks.
2. Delete Ranges. During this step, the obsolete data of the entire range generated from the `DROP TABLE/DROP INDEX` operation is quickly cleared.
3. Do GC. During this step, each TiKV node scans data on it and deletes unneeded old versions of each key.

In the default configuration, GC is triggered every 10 minutes. Each GC retains data of the recent 10 minutes, which means that the GC life time is 10 minutes by default (safe point = the current time - GC life time). If one round of GC has been running for too long, before this round of GC is completed, the next round of GC will not start even if it is time to trigger the next GC. In addition, for long-duration transactions to run properly after exceeding the GC life time, the safe point does not exceed the start time (start_ts) of the ongoing transactions.

11.2.10.1.2 Implementation details

Resolve Locks

The TiDB transaction model is implemented based on Google's Percolator. It's mainly a two-phase commit protocol with some practical optimizations. When the first phase is finished, all the related keys are locked. Among these locks, one is the primary lock and the others are secondary locks which contain a pointer to the primary lock; in the second phase, the key with the primary lock gets a write record and its lock is removed. The write record indicates the write or delete operation in the history or the transactional rollback record of this key. The type of write record that replaces the primary lock indicates whether the corresponding transaction is committed successfully. Then all the secondary locks are replaced successively. If, for some reason such as failure, these secondary locks are retained and not replaced, you can still find the primary key based on the information in the secondary locks and determines whether the entire transaction is committed based on whether the primary key is committed. However, if the primary key information is cleared by GC and this transaction has uncommitted secondary locks, you will never learn whether these locks can be committed. As a result, data integrity cannot be guaranteed.

The Resolve Locks step clears the locks before the safe point. This means that if the primary key of a lock is committed, this lock needs to be committed; otherwise, it needs to be rolled back. If the primary key is still locked (not committed or rolled back), this transaction is seen as timing out and rolled back.

The Resolve Locks step is implemented in either of the following two ways, which can be configured using the system variable `tidb_gc_scan_lock_mode`:

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, `PHYSICAL` (Green GC) is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment.

- `LEGACY` (default): The GC leader sends requests to all Regions to scan obsolete locks, checks the primary key statuses of scanned locks, and sends requests to commit or roll back the corresponding transaction.
- `PHYSICAL`: TiDB bypasses the Raft layer and directly scans data on each TiKV node.

Delete Ranges

A great amount of data with consecutive keys is removed during operations such as `DROP TABLE/INDEX`. Removing each key and performing GC later for them can result in low execution efficiency on storage reclaiming. In such scenarios, TiDB actually does not delete each key. Instead, it only records the range to be removed and the timestamp of the deletion. Then the Delete Ranges step performs a fast physical deletion on the ranges whose timestamp is before the safe point.

Do GC

The Do GC step clears the outdated versions for all keys. To guarantee that all timestamps after the safe point have consistent snapshots, this step deletes the data committed before the safe point, but retains the last write for each key before the safe point as long as it is not a deletion.

In this step, TiDB only needs to send the safe point to PD, and then the whole round of GC is completed. TiKV automatically detects the change of safe point and performs GC for all Region leaders on the current node. At the same time, the GC leader can continue to trigger the next round of GC.

> **Note:**
>
> Starting with TiDB 5.0, the Do GC step will always use the `DISTRIBUTED` gc mode. This replaces the earlier `CENTRAL` gc mode, which was implemented by TiDB servers sending GC requests to each Region.

11.2.10.2 Garbage Collection Configuration

You can configure garbage collection (GC) using the following system variables:

- `tidb_gc_enable`: controls whether to enable garbage collection for TiKV.
- `tidb_gc_run_interval`: specifies the GC interval.
- `tidb_gc_life_time`: specifies the time limit during which data is retained for each GC.
- `tidb_gc_concurrency`: specifies the number of threads in the Resolve Locks step of GC.
- `tidb_gc_scan_lock_mode`: specifies the way of scanning locks in the Resolve Locks step of GC.

- `tidb_gc_max_wait_time`: specifies the maximum time that active transactions block the GC safe point.

For more information about how to modify the value of a system variable, see System variables.

11.2.10.2.1 GC I/O limit

TiKV supports the GC I/O limit. You can configure `gc.max-write-bytes-per-sec` to limit writes of a GC worker per second, and thus to reduce the impact on normal requests.

`0` indicates disabling this feature.

You can dynamically modify this configuration using tikv-ctl:

```
tikv-ctl --host=ip:port modify-tikv-config -n gc.max-write-bytes-per-sec -v
    ↪ 10MB
```

11.2.10.2.2 Changes in TiDB 5.0

In previous releases of TiDB, garbage collection was configured via the `mysql.tidb` system table. While changes to this table continue to be supported, it is recommended to use the system variables provided. This helps ensure that any changes to configuration can be validated, and prevent unexpected behavior (#20655).

The `CENTRAL` garbage collection mode is no longer supported. The `DISTRIBUTED` GC mode (which has been the default since TiDB 3.0) will automatically be used in its place. This mode is more efficient, since TiDB no longer needs to send requests to each TiKV region to trigger garbage collection.

For information on changes in previous releases, refer to earlier versions of this document using the *TIDB version selector* in the left hand menu.

11.2.10.2.3 Changes in TiDB 6.1.0

Before TiDB v6.1.0, the transaction in TiDB does not affect the GC safe point. Starting from v6.1.0, TiDB considers the startTS of the transaction when calculating the GC safe point, to resolve the problem that the data to be accessed has been cleared. If the transaction is too long, the safe point will be blocked for a long time, which affects the application performance.

In TiDB v6.1.0, the system variable `tidb_gc_max_wait_time` is introduced to control the maximum time that active transactions block the GC safe point. After the value is exceeded, the GC safe point is forwarded forcefully.

GC in Compaction Filter

Based on the `DISTRIBUTED` GC mode, the mechanism of GC in Compaction Filter uses the compaction process of RocksDB, instead of a separate GC worker thread, to run GC.

This new GC mechanism helps to avoid extra disk read caused by GC. Also, after clearing the obsolete data, it avoids a large number of left tombstone marks which degrade the sequential scan performance.

The following example shows how to enable the mechanism in the TiKV configuration file:

```
[gc]
enable-compaction-filter = true
```

You can also enable this GC mechanism by modifying the configuration dynamically. See the following example:

```
show config where type = 'tikv' and name like '%enable-compaction-filter%';
```

```
+------+------------------+-----------------------------+-------+
| Type | Instance         | Name                        | Value |
+------+------------------+-----------------------------+-------+
| tikv | 172.16.5.37:20163 | gc.enable-compaction-filter | false |
| tikv | 172.16.5.36:20163 | gc.enable-compaction-filter | false |
| tikv | 172.16.5.35:20163 | gc.enable-compaction-filter | false |
+------+------------------+-----------------------------+-------+
```

```
set config tikv gc.enable-compaction-filter = true;
show config where type = 'tikv' and name like '%enable-compaction-filter%';
```

```
+------+------------------+-----------------------------+-------+
| Type | Instance         | Name                        | Value |
+------+------------------+-----------------------------+-------+
| tikv | 172.16.5.37:20163 | gc.enable-compaction-filter | true |
| tikv | 172.16.5.36:20163 | gc.enable-compaction-filter | true |
| tikv | 172.16.5.35:20163 | gc.enable-compaction-filter | true |
+------+------------------+-----------------------------+-------+
```

11.3 SQL Tuning

11.3.1 SQL Tuning Overview

SQL is a declarative language. That is, an SQL statement describes *what the final result should look like* and not a set of steps to execute in sequence. TiDB will optimize the execution, and is semantically permitted to execute parts of the query in any order provided that it correctly returns the final result as described.

A useful comparison to SQL optimization, is to describe what happens when you use GPS navigation. From your provided address, *2955 Campus Drive San Mateo CA 94403*, the GPS software plans the most time-efficient way to route you. It may make use of various

statistics such as previous trips, meta data such as speed limits, and in modern cases, a live feed of traffic information. Several of these analogies translate to TiDB.

This section introduces several concepts about query execution:

- Understanding the Query Execution Plan introduces how to use the `EXPLAIN` statement to understand how TiDB has decided to execute a statement.
- SQL Optimization Process introduces what optimizations TiDB is capable of using to improve query execution performance.
- Control Execution Plans introduces ways to control the generation of the execution plan. This can be useful in cases where the execution plan decided by TiDB is suboptimal.
- Index Advisor introduces how to let TiDB recommend indexes for you automatically based on your workload.

11.3.2 Understanding the Query Execution Plan

11.3.2.1 TiDB Query Execution Plan Overview

> **Note:**
>
> When you use the MySQL client to connect to TiDB, to read the output result in a clearer way without line wrapping, you can use the `pager less -S` command. Then, after the `EXPLAIN` result is output, you can press the right arrow → button on your keyboard to horizontally scroll through the output.

SQL is a declarative language. It describes what the results of a query should look like, **not the methodology** to actually retrieve those results. TiDB considers all the possible ways in which a query could be executed, including using what order to join tables and whether any potential indexes can be used. The process of *considering query execution plans* is known as SQL optimization.

The `EXPLAIN` statement shows the selected execution plan for a given statement. That is, after considering hundreds or thousands of ways in which the query could be executed, TiDB believes that this *plan* will consume the least resources and execute in the shortest amount of time:

```
CREATE TABLE t (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment, a INT NOT NULL,
    ↪ pad1 VARCHAR(255), INDEX(a));
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, 1, 'aaa'),(2,2, 'bbb');
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE a = 1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.96 sec)

Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------+------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object     |
   ↪ operator info                           |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------+------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 10.00   | root      |                    |
   ↪                                         |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:a(a) |
   ↪ range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t          | keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo         |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------+------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

`EXPLAIN` does not execute the actual query. `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` can be used to execute the query and show `EXPLAIN` information. This can be useful in diagnosing cases where the execution plan selected is suboptimal. For additional examples of using `EXPLAIN`, see the following documents:

- Indexes
- Joins
- Subqueries
- Aggregation
- Views
- Partitions

11.3.2.1.1 Understand EXPLAIN output

The following describes the output of the `EXPLAIN` statement above:

- `id` describes the name of an operator, or sub-task that is required to execute the SQL statement. See Operator overview for additional details.
- `estRows` shows an estimate of the number of rows TiDB expects to process. This number might be based on dictionary information, such as when the access method is

based on a primary or unique key, or it could be based on statistics such as a CMSketch or histogram.

- `task` shows where an operator is performing the work. See Task overview for additional details.
- `access object` shows the table, partition and index that is being accessed. The parts of the index are also shown, as in the case above that the column `a` from the index was used. This can be useful in cases where you have composite indexes.
- `operator info` shows additional details about the access. See Operator info overview for additional details.

Note:

In the returned execution plan, for all probe-side child nodes of `IndexJoin` and `Apply` operators, the meaning of `estRows` since v6.4.0 is different from that before v6.4.0.

Before v6.4.0, `estRows` means the number of estimated rows to be processed by the probe side operators for each row from the build side operators. Since v6.4.0, `estRows` means the **total number** of estimated rows to be processed by the probe side operators. The actual number of rows displayed (indicated by the `actRows` column) in the result of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` means the total row count, so since v6.4.0 the meanings of `estRows` and `actRows` for the probe side child nodes of `IndexJoin` and `Apply` operators are consistent.

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t1(a INT, b INT);
CREATE TABLE t2(a INT, b INT, INDEX ia(a));
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ INL_JOIN(t2) */ * FROM t1 JOIN t2 ON t1.a =
    ↪  t2.a;
EXPLAIN SELECT (SELECT a FROM t2 WHERE t2.a = t1.b LIMIT 1)
    ↪ FROM t1;
```

```
-- Before v6.4.0:
+--
    ↪ -------------------------------+----------+-----------+------------------
    ↪
| id                            | estRows | task    | access
    ↪ object      | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------------+----------+-----------+------------------
    ↪
```

```
| IndexJoin_12                  | 12487.50 | root    |
   ↪                     | inner join, inner:IndexLookUp_11,
   ↪ outer key:test.t1.a, inner key:test.t2.a, equal cond:eq(
   ↪ test.t1.a, test.t2.a) |
|  ─TableReader_24(Build)       | 9990.00 | root    |
   ↪                     | data:Selection_23
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─Selection_23              | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                    | not(isnull(test.t1.a))
   ↪
   ↪ |
|      ─TableFullScan_22        | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ t1         | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪
   ↪ |
|  ─IndexLookUp_11(Probe)       | 1.25    | root     |
   ↪                      |
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─Selection_10(Build)       | 1.25    | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                    | not(isnull(test.t2.a))
   ↪
   ↪ |
|      ─IndexRangeScan_8        | 1.25    | cop[tikv] | table:t2,
   ↪  index:ia(a) | range: decided by [eq(test.t2.a, test.t1.a
   ↪ )], keep order:false, stats:pseudo                 |
|    ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)   | 1.25    | cop[tikv] | table:t2
   ↪          | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+----------------
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   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+----------------
   ↪
| id                            | estRows | task     | access
   ↪ object       | operator info
   ↪                                                              |
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   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+----------------
   ↪
```

```
| Projection_12                | 10000.00 | root    |
   ↪                     | test.t2.a
   ↪
   ↪ |
|  └─Apply_14                  | 10000.00 | root    |
   ↪                     | CARTESIAN left outer join
   ↪                                                |
|    ├─TableReader_16(Build)   | 10000.00 | root    |
   ↪                     | data:TableFullScan_15
   ↪                                                 |
|    │ └─TableFullScan_15      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ t1        | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪                                               |
|    └─Limit_17(Probe)         | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                     | offset:0, count:1
   ↪                                                    |
|      └─IndexReader_21        | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                     | index:Limit_20
   ↪                                                      |
|        └─Limit_20            | 1.00     | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                   | offset:0, count:1
   ↪                                                     |
|          └─IndexRangeScan_19 | 1.00     | cop[tikv] | table:t2,
   ↪  index:ia(a) | range: decided by [eq(test.t2.a, test.t1.b
   ↪ )], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+----------+-----------+------------------
   ↪

-- Since v6.4.0:

-- You can find that the `estRows` column values for `
   ↪ IndexLookUp_11`, `Selection_10`, `IndexRangeScan_8`, and
   ↪  `TableRowIDScan_9` since v6.4.0 are different from that
   ↪  before v6.4.0.
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+----------+-----------+------------------
   ↪
| id                           | estRows | task    | access
   ↪ object      | operator info
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
```

```
    ↪ -------------------------------+----------+-----------+-------------------
    ↪

    ↪                      inner join  inner
    ↪ outer key            inner key
    ↪

    ↪
    ↪
    ↪

    ↪                    not
    ↪
    ↪
                                                        table
    ↪                  order false
    ↪
    ↪

    ↪
    ↪
    ↪

    ↪                   not
    ↪
    ↪
                                                        table
    ↪     index                        by
    ↪              order false
                                                        table
    ↪                  order false
    ↪
    ↪
  --
    ↪ -------------------------------+----------+-----------+-------------------
    ↪

 -- You can find that the `estRows` column values for `Limit_
    ↪ 17`, `IndexReader_21`, `Limit_20`, and `IndexRangeScan_
    ↪ 19` since v6.4.0 are different from that before v6.4.0.
  --
    ↪ -------------------------------+----------+-----------+-------------------
    ↪
```

```
| id                          | estRows | task    | access
   ↪ object      | operator info
   ↪                                                        |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+----------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
| Projection_12               | 10000.00 | root   |
   ↪                    | test.t2.a
   ↪
   ↪ |
|  ─Apply_14                  | 10000.00 | root   |
   ↪                    | CARTESIAN left outer join
   ↪                                          |
|   ─TableReader_16(Build)    | 10000.00 | root   |
   ↪                    | data:TableFullScan_15
   ↪                                             |
|     ─TableFullScan_15       | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ t1        | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪                                    |
|   ─Limit_17(Probe)          | 10000.00 | root   |
   ↪                    | offset:0, count:1
   ↪                                                  |
|     ─IndexReader_21         | 10000.00 | root   |
   ↪                    | index:Limit_20
   ↪                                                    |
|       ─Limit_20             | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                 | offset:0, count:1
   ↪                                                  |
|         ─IndexRangeScan_19  | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:
   ↪ t2, index:ia(a) | range: decided by [eq(test.t2.a, test.
   ↪ t1.b)], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+----------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
```

Operator overview

An operator is a particular step that is executed as part of returning query results. The operators that perform table scans (of the disk or the TiKV Block Cache) are listed as follows:

- **TableFullScan**: Full table scan

- **TableRangeScan**: Table scans with the specified range
- **TableRowIDScan**: Scans the table data based on the RowID. Usually follows an index read operation to retrieve the matching data rows.
- **IndexFullScan**: Similar to a "full table scan", except that an index is scanned, rather than the table data.
- **IndexRangeScan**: Index scans with the specified range.

TiDB aggregates the data or calculation results scanned from TiKV/TiFlash. The data aggregation operators can be divided into the following categories:

- **TableReader**: Aggregates the data obtained by the underlying operators like `TableFullScan` or `TableRangeScan` in TiKV.
- **IndexReader**: Aggregates the data obtained by the underlying operators like `IndexFullScan` or `IndexRangeScan` in TiKV.
- **IndexLookUp**: First aggregates the RowID (in TiKV) scanned by the `Build` side. Then at the `Probe` side, accurately reads the data from TiKV based on these RowIDs. At the `Build` side, there are operators like `IndexFullScan` or `IndexRangeScan`; at the `Probe` side, there is the `TableRowIDScan` operator.
- **IndexMerge**: Similar to `IndexLookUp`. `IndexMerge` can be seen as an extension of `IndexLookupReader`. `IndexMerge` supports reading multiple indexes at the same time. There are many `Build`s and one `Probe`. The execution process of `IndexMerge` the same as that of `IndexLookUp`.

While the structure appears as a tree, executing the query does not strictly require the child nodes to be completed before the parent nodes. TiDB supports intra-query parallelism, so a more accurate way to describe the execution is that the child nodes *flow into* their parent nodes. Parent, child and sibling operators *might* potentially be executing parts of the query in parallel.

In the previous example, the `└─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)` operator finds the internal `RowID` for rows that match the `a(a)` index. The `└─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)` operator then retrieves these rows from the table.

Range query

In the `WHERE/HAVING/ON` conditions, the TiDB optimizer analyzes the result returned by the primary key query or the index key query. For example, these conditions might include comparison operators of the numeric and date type, such as `>`, `<`, `=`, `>=`, `<=`, and the character type such as `LIKE`.

Note:

- In order to use an index, the condition must be *sargable*. For example, the condition `YEAR(date_column)< 1992` cannot use an index, but `date_column < '1992-01-01` can.

- It is recommended to compare data of the same type and character set and collation. Mixing types may require additional `cast` operations, or prevent indexes from being used.
- You can also use `AND` (intersection) and `OR` (union) to combine the range query conditions of one column. For a multi-dimensional composite index, you can use conditions in multiple columns. For example, regarding the composite index `(a, b, c)`:
  - When `a` is an equivalent query, continue to figure out the query range of `b`; when `b` is also an equivalent query, continue to figure out the query range of `c`.
  - Otherwise, if `a` is a non-equivalent query, you can only figure out the range of `a`.

Task overview

Currently, calculation tasks of TiDB can be divided into two categories: cop tasks and root tasks. A `cop[tikv]` task indicates that the operator is performed inside the TiKV coprocessor. A `root` task indicates that it will be completed inside of TiDB.

One of the goals of SQL optimization is to push the calculation down to TiKV as much as possible. The Coprocessor in TiKV supports most of the built-in SQL functions (including the aggregate functions and the scalar functions), SQL `LIMIT` operations, index scans, and table scans.

Operator info overview

The `operator info` can show useful information such as which conditions were able to be pushed down:

- `range: [1,1]` shows that the predicate from the where clause of the query (`a = 1`) was pushed right down to TiKV (the task is of `cop[tikv]`).
- `keep order:false` shows that the semantics of this query did not require TiKV to return the results in order. If the query were to be modified to require an order (such as `SELECT * FROM t WHERE a = 1 ORDER BY id`), then this condition would be `keep order:true`.
- `stats:pseudo` shows that the estimates shown in `estRows` might not be accurate. TiDB periodically updates statistics as part of a background operation. A manual update can also be performed by running `ANALYZE TABLE t`.

Different operators output different information after the `EXPLAIN` statement is executed. You can use optimizer hints to control the behavior of the optimizer, and thereby controlling the selection of the physical operators. For example, `/*+ HASH_JOIN(t1, t2)*/` means that the optimizer uses the `Hash Join` algorithm. For more details, see Optimizer Hints.

11.3.2.2 `EXPLAIN` Walkthrough

Because SQL is a declarative language, you cannot automatically tell whether a query is executed efficiently. You must first use the `EXPLAIN` statement to learn the current execution plan.

The following statement from the bikeshare example database counts how many trips were taken on July 1, 2017:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT count(*) FROM trips WHERE start_date BETWEEN '2017-07-01
    ↪ 00:00:00' AND '2017-07-01 23:59:59';
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+----------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object | operator
    ↪ info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+----------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| StreamAgg_20                | 1.00    | root     |               | funcs:count(
    ↪ Column#13)->Column#11
    ↪
    ↪ |
| └─TableReader_21            | 1.00    | root     |               | data:
    ↪ StreamAgg_9
    ↪
    ↪ |
|   └─StreamAgg_9             | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |              | funcs:count
    ↪ (1)->Column#13
    ↪
    ↪ |
|     └─Selection_19          | 250.00  | cop[tikv] |              | ge(
    ↪ bikeshare.trips.start_date, 2017-07-01 00:00:00.000000), le(bikeshare
    ↪ .trips.start_date, 2017-07-01 23:59:59.000000) |
|       └─TableFullScan_18    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:trips | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+----------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

From the child operator `└─TableFullScan_18` back, you can see its execution process as follows, which is currently suboptimal:

1. The coprocessor (TiKV) reads the entire `trips` table as a `TableFullScan` operation. It then passes the rows that it reads to the `Selection_19` operator, which is still within TiKV.
2. The `WHERE start_date BETWEEN ..` predicate is then filtered in the `Selection_19` operator. Approximately `250` rows are estimated to meet this selection. Note that this number is estimated according to the statistics and the operator's logic. The `└─TableFullScan_18` operator shows `stats:pseudo`, which means that the table does not have the actual statistical information. After running `ANALYZE TABLE trips` to collect statistical information, the statistics are expected to be more accurate.
3. The rows that meet the selection criteria then have a `count` function applied to them. This is also completed inside the `StreamAgg_9` operator, which is still inside TiKV (`cop[tikv]`). The TiKV coprocessor can execute a number of MySQL built-in functions, `count` being one of them.
4. The results from `StreamAgg_9` are then sent to the `TableReader_21` operator which is now inside the TiDB server (the task of `root`). The `estRows` column value for this operator is `1`, which means that the operator will receive one row from each of the TiKV Regions to be accessed. For more information about these requests, see `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`.
5. The `StreamAgg_20` operator then applies a `count` function to each of the rows from the `└─TableReader_21` operator, which you can see from `SHOW TABLE REGIONS` and will be about 56 rows. Because this is the root operator, it then returns results to the client.

> **Note:**
>
> For a general view of the Regions that a table contains, execute `SHOW TABLE REGIONS`.

11.3.2.2.1 Assess the current performance

`EXPLAIN` only returns the query execution plan but does not execute the query. To get the actual execution time, you can either execute the query or use `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`:

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT count(*) FROM trips WHERE start_date BETWEEN '
    ↪ 2017-07-01 00:00:00' AND '2017-07-01 23:59:59';
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+----------+-----------+---------------+-
    ↪
```

```
| id                          | estRows | actRows | task     | access object |
    ↪ execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ | memory   | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+----------+---------------+-
    ↪
| StreamAgg_20                | 1.00    | 1       | root     |               |
    ↪ time:1.031417203s, loops:2
    ↪
    ↪ | funcs:count(Column#13)->Column#11
    ↪
    ↪ | 632 Bytes | N/A |
|  ─TableReader_21            | 1.00    | 56      | root     |               |
    ↪ time:1.031408123s, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 56, max: 782.147269ms,
    ↪ min: 5.759953ms, avg: 252.005927ms, p95: 609.294603ms, max_proc_keys:
    ↪  910371, p95_proc_keys: 704775, tot_proc: 11.524s, tot_wait: 580ms,
    ↪ rpc_num: 56, rpc_time: 14.111932641s} | data:StreamAgg_9
    ↪                                                                | 328 Bytes |
    ↪ N/A |
|    ─StreamAgg_9             | 1.00    | 56      | cop[tikv] |               |
    ↪ proc max:640ms, min:8ms, p80:276ms, p95:480ms, iters:18695, tasks:56
    ↪
    ↪ | funcs:count(1)->Column#13
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A      | N/A |
|      ─Selection_19          | 250.00  | 11409   | cop[tikv] |               |
    ↪ proc max:640ms, min:8ms, p80:276ms, p95:476ms, iters:18695, tasks:56
    ↪
    ↪ | ge(bikeshare.trips.start_date, 2017-07-01 00:00:00.000000), le(
    ↪ bikeshare.trips.start_date, 2017-07-01 23:59:59.000000) | N/A | N/A |
|       ─TableFullScan_18     | 10000.00 | 19117643 | cop[tikv] | table:trips
    ↪  | proc max:612ms, min:8ms, p80:248ms, p95:460ms, iters:18695, tasks
    ↪ :56
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A      | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+----------+---------------+-
    ↪
5 rows in set (1.03 sec)
```

The example query above takes `1.03` seconds to execute, which is not ideal performance.

From the result of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` above, `actRows` indicates that some of the estimates (`estRows`) are inaccurate (expecting 10 thousand rows but finding 19 million rows), which is already indicated in the `operator info` (`stats:pseudo`) of `-TableFullScan_18`. If you run `ANALYZE TABLE` first and then `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` again, you can see that the estimates are much closer:

```
ANALYZE TABLE trips;
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT count(*) FROM trips WHERE start_date BETWEEN '
    ↪ 2017-07-01 00:00:00' AND '2017-07-01 23:59:59';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (10.22 sec)

+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+------------+---------+-----------+-------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows    | actRows | task      | access object
    ↪ | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ | memory   | disk |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+------------+---------+-----------+-------------
    ↪
| StreamAgg_20                | 1.00       | 1       | root      |             |
    ↪ time:926.393612ms, loops:2
    ↪
    ↪ | funcs:count(Column#13)->Column#11
    ↪
    ↪ | 632 Bytes | N/A |
|  -TableReader_21            | 1.00       | 56      | root      |             |
    ↪  time:926.384792ms, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 56, max: 850.94424ms,
    ↪ min: 6.042079ms, avg: 234.987725ms, p95: 495.474806ms, max_proc_keys:
    ↪  910371, p95_proc_keys: 704775, tot_proc: 10.656s, tot_wait: 904ms,
    ↪ rpc_num: 56, rpc_time: 13.158911952s} | data:StreamAgg_9
    ↪                                                          | 328 Bytes |
    ↪ N/A |
|    -StreamAgg_9             | 1.00       | 56      | cop[tikv] |             |
    ↪  proc max:592ms, min:4ms, p80:244ms, p95:480ms, iters:18695, tasks:56
    ↪
    ↪
    ↪ | funcs:count(1)->Column#13
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A      | N/A |
```

```
|     └─Selection_19        | 432.89    | 11409   | cop[tikv] |           |
    ↪  proc max:592ms, min:4ms, p80:244ms, p95:480ms, iters:18695, tasks:56
    ↪
    ↪
    ↪ | ge(bikeshare.trips.start_date, 2017-07-01 00:00:00.000000), le(
    ↪ bikeshare.trips.start_date, 2017-07-01 23:59:59.000000) | N/A | N/A |
|       └─TableFullScan_18  | 19117643.00 | 19117643 | cop[tikv] | table:
    ↪ trips | proc max:564ms, min:4ms, p80:228ms, p95:456ms, iters:18695,
    ↪ tasks:56
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A      | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+-------------+---------+-----------+-------------
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.93 sec)
```

After `ANALYZE TABLE` is executed, you can see that the estimated rows for the `└─ ↪ TableFullScan_18` operator is accurate and the estimate for `└─Selection_19` is now also much closer. In the two cases above, although the execution plan (the set of operators TiDB uses to execute this query) has not changed, quite frequently sub-optimal plans are caused by outdated statistics.

In addition to `ANALYZE TABLE`, TiDB automatically regenerates statistics as a background operation after the threshold of `tidb_auto_analyze_ratio` is reached. You can see how close TiDB is to this threshold (how healthy TiDB considers the statistics to be) by executing the `SHOW STATS_HEALTHY` statement:

```
SHOW STATS_HEALTHY;
```

```
+----------+------------+----------------+---------+
| Db_name  | Table_name | Partition_name | Healthy |
+----------+------------+----------------+---------+
| bikeshare | trips   |                |     100 |
+----------+------------+----------------+---------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.2.2.2 Identify optimizations

The current execution plan is efficient in the following aspects:

- Most of the work is handled inside the TiKV coprocessor. Only 56 rows need to be sent across the network back to TiDB for processing. Each of these rows is short and contains only the count that matches the selection.

- Aggregating the count of rows both in TiDB (`StreamAgg_20`) and in TiKV (`StreamAgg_9`) uses the stream aggregation, which is very efficient in its memory usage.

The biggest issue with the current execution plan is that the predicate `start_date BETWEEN '2017-07-01 00:00:00' AND '2017-07-01 23:59:59'` does not apply immediately. All rows are read first with a `TableFullScan` operator, and then a selection is applied afterwards. You can find out the cause from the output of `SHOW CREATE TABLE trips`:

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE trips\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: trips
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `trips` (
  `trip_id` bigint NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  `duration` int NOT NULL,
  `start_date` datetime DEFAULT NULL,
  `end_date` datetime DEFAULT NULL,
  `start_station_number` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `start_station` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  `end_station_number` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `end_station` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  `bike_number` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  `member_type` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`trip_id`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin AUTO_INCREMENT
    ↪ =20477318
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

There is **NO** index on `start_date`. You would need an index in order to push this predicate into an index reader operator. Add an index as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE trips ADD INDEX (start_date);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (2 min 10.23 sec)
```

> **Note:**
>
> You can monitor the progress of DDL jobs using the `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` command. The defaults in TiDB are carefully chosen so that adding an index does not impact production workloads too much. For testing environments, consider increasing the `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size` and `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` values. On a reference system, a batch size of `10240` and worker count of `32` can achieve a 10x performance improvement over the defaults.

After adding an index, you can then repeat the query in `EXPLAIN`. In the following output, you can see that a new execution plan is chosen, and the `TableFullScan` and `Selection` operators have been eliminated:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT count(*) FROM trips WHERE start_date BETWEEN '2017-07-01
    ↪ 00:00:00' AND '2017-07-01 23:59:59';
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                         | operator info
    ↪                                                |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| StreamAgg_17              | 1.00    | root      |
    ↪                                               | funcs:count(Column#13)->Column
    ↪ #11                           |
|  ─IndexReader_18          | 1.00    | root      |
    ↪                                               | index:StreamAgg_9
    ↪                                                 |
|    ─StreamAgg_9           | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                                                   | funcs:count(1)->Column#13
    ↪                                     |
|      ─IndexRangeScan_16   | 8471.88 | cop[tikv] | table:trips, index:start
    ↪ _date(start_date) | range:[2017-07-01 00:00:00,2017-07-01 23:59:59],
    ↪ keep order:false |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

To compare the actual execution time, you can again use `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`:

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT count(*) FROM trips WHERE start_date BETWEEN '
    ↪ 2017-07-01 00:00:00' AND '2017-07-01 23:59:59';
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | actRows | task    | access object
    ↪                         | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info                                                | memory
    ↪   | disk |
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+---------+----------+-------------------
   ↪
| StreamAgg_17              | 1.00    | 1       | root     |
   ↪                                       | time:4.516728ms, loops:2
   ↪
   ↪ | funcs:count(Column#13)->Column#11                          | 372
   ↪ Bytes | N/A |
|  ─IndexReader_18          | 1.00    | 1       | root     |
   ↪                                       | time:4.514278ms, loops:2, cop_
   ↪ task: {num: 1, max:4.462288ms, proc_keys: 11409, rpc_num: 1, rpc_time
   ↪ : 4.457148ms} | index:StreamAgg_9                          | 238 Bytes
   ↪  | N/A |
|    ─StreamAgg_9           | 1.00    | 1       | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                                     | time:4ms, loops:12
   ↪
   ↪ | funcs:count(1)->Column#13                                  | N/A
   ↪      | N/A |
|      ─IndexRangeScan_16   | 8471.88 | 11409 | cop[tikv] | table:trips,
   ↪ index:start_date(start_date) | time:4ms, loops:12
   ↪
   ↪ | range:[2017-07-01 00:00:00,2017-07-01 23:59:59], keep order:false |
   ↪  N/A | N/A |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+---------+----------+-------------------
   ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

From the result above, the query time has reduced from 1.03 seconds to 0.0 seconds.

> **Note:**
>
> Another optimization that applies here is the coprocessor cache. If you are unable to add indexes, consider enabling the coprocessor cache. When it is enabled, as long as the Region has not been modified since the operator is last executed, TiKV will return the value from the cache. This will also help reduce much of the cost of the expensive `TableFullScan` and `Selection` operators.

11.3.2.2.3 Disable the early execution of subqueries

During query optimization, TiDB pre-executes subqueries that can be directly calculated. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t1(a int);
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES(1);
CREATE TABLE t2(a int);
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t2 WHERE a = (SELECT a FROM t1);
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
   ↪            |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
   ↪
| TableReader_14        | 10.00   | root     |               | data:Selection_
   ↪ 13          |
| └─Selection_13         | 10.00   | cop[tikv] |               | eq(test.t2.a,
   ↪ 1)           |
|   └─TableFullScan_12   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2 | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the preceding example, the `a = (SELECT a FROM t1)` subquery is calculated during optimization and rewritten as `t2.a=1`. This allows more optimizations such as constant propagation and folding during optimization. However, it affects the execution time of the `EXPLAIN` statement. When the subquery itself takes a long time to execute, the `EXPLAIN` statement might not be completed, which could affect online troubleshooting.

Starting from v7.3.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_opt_enable_non_eval_scalar_subquery` system variable, which controls whether to disable the pre-execution of such subqueries in `EXPLAIN`. The default value of this variable is `OFF`, which means that the subquery is pre-calculated. You can set this variable to `ON` to disable the pre-execution of subqueries:

```
SET @@tidb_opt_enable_non_eval_scalar_subquery = ON;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t2 WHERE a = (SELECT a FROM t1);
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
   ↪
| id                     | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
   ↪              |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
   ↪
| Selection_13           | 8000.00 | root     |              | eq(test.t2.a,
   ↪ ScalarQueryCol#5) |
| └─TableReader_15       | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_14       |
|   └─TableFullScan_14   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2 | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
| ScalarSubQuery_10      | N/A     | root     |              | Output:
   ↪ ScalarQueryCol#5    |
| └─MaxOneRow_6          | 1.00    | root     |              |
   ↪                              |
|   └─TableReader_9      | 1.00    | root     |              | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_8        |
|     └─TableFullScan_8  | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1   | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
   ↪
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

As you can see, the scalar subquery is not expanded during the execution, which makes it easier to understand the specific execution process of such SQL.

> **Note:**
>
> `tidb_opt_enable_non_eval_scalar_subquery` only affects the behavior of the `EXPLAIN` statement, and the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement still pre-executes the subquery in advance.

11.3.2.3 Explain Statements That Use Indexes

TiDB supports several operators which make use of indexes to speed up query execution:

- `IndexLookup`
- `IndexReader`
- `Point_Get` and `Batch_Point_Get`
- `IndexFullScan`

The examples in this document are based on the following sample data:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment,
 intkey INT NOT NULL,
 pad1 VARBINARY(1024),
 INDEX (intkey)
);

INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM
    ↪ dual;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1
    ↪ a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1
    ↪ a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1
    ↪ a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
```

11.3.2.3.1 IndexLookup

TiDB uses the `IndexLookup` operator when retrieving data from a secondary index. In this case, the following queries will all use the `IndexLookup` operator on the `intkey` index:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE intkey = 123;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE intkey < 10;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE intkey BETWEEN 300 AND 310;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE intkey IN (123,29,98);
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE intkey >= 99 AND intkey <= 103;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪              | operator info                  |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 1.00    | root     |
    ↪                             |                                |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
    ↪ intkey) | range:[123,123], keep order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1
    ↪                   | keep order:false               |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
```

```
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪              | operator info                  |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 3.60    | root     |
   ↪                             |                                  |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 3.60    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
   ↪ intkey) | range:[-inf,10), keep order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 3.60    | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪                  | keep order:false               |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪              | operator info                  |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 5.67    | root     |
   ↪                             |                                  |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 5.67    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
   ↪ intkey) | range:[300,310], keep order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 5.67    | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪                  | keep order:false               |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪              | operator info                                |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10             | 4.00    | root     |
   ↪                              |
   ↪                                                 |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 4.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
   ↪ intkey) | range:[29,29], [98,98], [123,123], keep order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 4.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪                  | keep order:false                            |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| id                         | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪              | operator info                 |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10             | 6.00    | root     |
   ↪                              |                                 |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 6.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
   ↪ intkey) | range:[99,103], keep order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 6.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪                  | keep order:false              |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The `IndexLookup` operator has two child nodes:

- The `─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)` operator performs a range scan on the `intkey` index and retrieves the values of the internal `RowID` (for this table, the primary key).
- The `─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)` operator then retrieves the full row from the table data.

Because an `IndexLookup` task requires two steps, the SQL Optimizer might choose the `TableFullScan` operator based on statistics in scenarios where a large number of rows match. In the following example, a large number of rows match the condition of `intkey > 100`, and a `TableFullScan` is chosen:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE intkey > 100;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
   ↪      |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
   ↪
| TableReader_7         | 898.50 | root     |               | data:Selection_6
   ↪     |
|  ─Selection_6         | 898.50 | cop[tikv] |              | gt(test.t1.intkey
   ↪ , 100) |
|    ─TableFullScan_5   | 1010.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:false
   ↪     |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The IndexLookup operator can also be used to efficiently optimize LIMIT on an indexed column:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 ORDER BY intkey DESC LIMIT 10;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| id                           | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪              | operator info                    |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_21               | 10.00  | root     |
   ↪                              | limit embedded(offset:0, count:10) |
|  ─Limit_20(Build)            | 10.00  | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                              | offset:0, count:10             |
|    ─IndexFullScan_18         | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
   ↪ intkey) | keep order:true, desc    |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_19(Probe)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪                  | keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
```

```
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the above example, the last 10 rows are read from the index `intkey`. These `RowID` values are then retrieved from the table data.

11.3.2.3.2 IndexReader

TiDB supports the *covering index optimization*. If all rows can be retrieved from an index, TiDB will skip the second step that is usually required in an `IndexLookup`. Consider the following two examples:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE intkey = 123;
EXPLAIN SELECT id FROM t1 WHERE intkey = 123;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪              | operator info                  |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 1.00    | root     |
   ↪                               |                                |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
   ↪ intkey) | range:[123,123], keep order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪                  | keep order:false               |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------------+
   ↪
| id                     | estRows | task     | access object               |
   ↪ operator info                  |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------------+
   ↪
| Projection_4           | 1.00    | root     |                             |
   ↪ test.t1.id                     |
|  ─IndexReader_6        | 1.00    | root     |                              |
   ↪ index:IndexRangeScan_5         |
```

```
|   └─IndexRangeScan_5   | 1.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
    ↪ intkey) | range:[123,123], keep order:false |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------------+
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Because `id` is also the internal `RowID`, it is stored in the `intkey` index. After using the `intkey` index as part of `└─IndexRangeScan_5`, the value of the `RowID` can be returned directly.

11.3.2.3.3 Point_Get and Batch_Point_Get

TiDB uses the `Point_Get` or `Batch_Point_Get` operator when retrieving data directly from a primary key or unique key. These operators are more efficient than `IndexLookup`. For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE id = 1234;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE id IN (1234,123);

ALTER TABLE t1 ADD unique_key INT;
UPDATE t1 SET unique_key = id;
ALTER TABLE t1 ADD UNIQUE KEY (unique_key);

EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE unique_key = 1234;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE unique_key IN (1234, 123);
```

```
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+---------------+
| id          | estRows | task | access object | operator info |
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+---------------+
| Point_Get_1 | 1.00 | root | table:t1    | handle:1234 |
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+---------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+------+--------------+-------------------------
    ↪
| id                | estRows | task | access object | operator info
    ↪                           |
+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+------+--------------+-------------------------
    ↪
| Batch_Point_Get_1 | 2.00 | root | table:t1   | handle:[1234 123], keep
    ↪ order:false, desc:false |
+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+------+--------------+-------------------------
```

```
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.27 sec)

Query OK, 1010 rows affected (0.06 sec)
Rows matched: 1010 Changed: 1010 Warnings: 0

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.37 sec)

+--
    ↪ ----------+---------+------+-----------------------------------------+----------
    ↪
| id         | estRows | task | access object                           | operator
    ↪ info |
+--
    ↪ ----------+---------+------+-----------------------------------------+----------
    ↪
| Point_Get_1 | 1.00 | root | table:t1, index:unique_key(unique_key) |
    ↪       |
+--
    ↪ ----------+---------+------+-----------------------------------------+----------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+------+-------------------------------------+----
    ↪
| id               | estRows | task | access object                       |
    ↪ operator info             |
+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+------+-------------------------------------+----
    ↪
| Batch_Point_Get_1 | 2.00 | root | table:t1, index:unique_key(unique_key)
    ↪ | keep order:false, desc:false |
+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+------+-------------------------------------+----
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.2.3.4 IndexFullScan

Because indexes are ordered, the `IndexFullScan` operator can be used to optimize common queries such as the `MIN` or `MAX` values for an indexed value:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT MIN(intkey) FROM t1;
EXPLAIN SELECT MAX(intkey) FROM t1;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪ | operator info                    |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| StreamAgg_12                | 1.00    | root     |
   ↪ | funcs:min(test.t1.intkey)->Column#4 |
|  ─Limit_16                  | 1.00    | root     |
   ↪                               | offset:0, count:1                |
|    ─IndexReader_29          | 1.00    | root     |
   ↪                               | index:Limit_28                   |
|      ─Limit_28              | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                              | offset:0, count:1                |
|        ─IndexFullScan_27    | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
   ↪ intkey) | keep order:true           |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪ | operator info                    |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| StreamAgg_12                | 1.00    | root     |
   ↪ | funcs:max(test.t1.intkey)->Column#4 |
|  ─Limit_16                  | 1.00    | root     |
   ↪                               | offset:0, count:1                |
|    ─IndexReader_29          | 1.00    | root     |
   ↪                               | index:Limit_28                   |
|      ─Limit_28              | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                              | offset:0, count:1                |
|        ─IndexFullScan_27    | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
   ↪ intkey) | keep order:true, desc     |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------------
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the above statements, an `IndexFullScan` task is performed on each TiKV Region. Despite the name `FullScan`, only the first row needs to be read (`-Limit_28`). Each TiKV Region returns its `MIN` or `MAX` value to TiDB, which then performs Stream Aggregation to filter for a single row. Stream Aggregation with the aggregation function `MAX` or `MIN` also ensures that `NULL` is returned if the table is empty.

By contrast, executing the `MIN` function on an unindexed value will result in `TableFullScan`. The query will require all rows to be scanned in TiKV, but a `TopN` calculation is performed to ensure each TiKV Region only returns one row to TiDB. Although `TopN` prevents excessive rows from being transferred between TiKV and TiDB, this statement is still considered far less efficient than the above example where `MIN` is able to make use of an index.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT MIN(pad1) FROM t1;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object | operator
    ↪ info                 |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| StreamAgg_13                | 1.00    | root     |               | funcs:min(
    ↪ test.t1.pad1)->Column#4 |
|  -TopN_14                   | 1.00    | root     |               | test.t1.
    ↪ pad1, offset:0, count:1 |
|    -TableReader_23          | 1.00    | root     |               | data:TopN_
    ↪ 22                   |
|      -TopN_22               | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |              | test.t1.
    ↪ pad1, offset:0, count:1 |
|        -Selection_21        | 1008.99 | cop[tikv] |              | not(isnull(
    ↪ test.t1.pad1))      |
|          -TableFullScan_20  | 1010.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:
    ↪ false                |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following statements will use the `IndexFullScan` operator to scan every row in the index:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT SUM(intkey) FROM t1;
EXPLAIN SELECT AVG(intkey) FROM t1;
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object               |
   ↪ operator info                    |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------------
   ↪
| StreamAgg_20              | 1.00    | root     |                             |
   ↪ funcs:sum(Column#6)->Column#4   |
|  ─IndexReader_21          | 1.00    | root     |                              |
   ↪  index:StreamAgg_8               |
|    ─StreamAgg_8           | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |                             |
   ↪  funcs:sum(test.t1.intkey)->Column#6 |
|      ─IndexFullScan_19    | 1010.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
   ↪ intkey) | keep order:false         |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------------
   ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object               |
   ↪ operator info                                                  |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------------
   ↪
| StreamAgg_20              | 1.00    | root     |                             |
   ↪ funcs:avg(Column#7, Column#8)->Column#4                       |
|  ─IndexReader_21          | 1.00    | root     |                              |
   ↪  index:StreamAgg_8                                            |
|    ─StreamAgg_8           | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |                             |
   ↪  funcs:count(test.t1.intkey)->Column#7, funcs:sum(test.t1.intkey)->
   ↪ Column#8 |
|      ─IndexFullScan_19    | 1010.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:intkey(
   ↪ intkey) | keep order:false                                      |
+--
```

```
    ↪ ------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the above examples, `IndexFullScan` is more efficient than `TableFullScan` because the width of the value in the `(intkey + RowID)` index is less than the width of the full row.

The following statement does not support using an `IndexFullScan` operator because additional columns are required from the table:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT AVG(intkey), ANY_VALUE(pad1) FROM t1;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object | operator
    ↪ info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
| Projection_4                | 1.00    | root     |               | Column#4, any
    ↪ _value(test.t1.pad1)->Column#5
    ↪                                                                 |
|  ─StreamAgg_16              | 1.00    | root     |               | funcs:avg(
    ↪ Column#10, Column#11)->Column#4, funcs:firstrow(Column#12)->test.t1.
    ↪ pad1                        |
|    ─TableReader_17          | 1.00    | root     |               | data:
    ↪ StreamAgg_8
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      ─StreamAgg_8           | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |              | funcs:count(
    ↪ test.t1.intkey)->Column#10, funcs:sum(test.t1.intkey)->Column#11,
    ↪ funcs:firstrow(test.t1.pad1)->Column#12 |
|        ─TableFullScan_15    | 1010.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:
    ↪ false
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.2.4 Explain Statements That Use Joins

In TiDB, the SQL Optimizer needs to decide in which order tables should be joined and what is the most efficient join algorithm for a particular SQL statement. The examples in this document are based on the following sample data:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id BIGINT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment, pad1 BLOB,
    ↪ pad2 BLOB, pad3 BLOB, int_col INT NOT NULL DEFAULT 0);
CREATE TABLE t2 (id BIGINT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment, t1_id
    ↪ BIGINT NOT NULL, pad1 BLOB, pad2 BLOB, pad3 BLOB, INDEX(t1_id));
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM dual;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
```

```
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
UPDATE t1 SET int_col = 1 WHERE pad1 = (SELECT pad1 FROM t1 ORDER BY RAND()
    ↪  LIMIT 1);
SELECT SLEEP(1);
ANALYZE TABLE t1, t2;
```

11.3.2.4.1 Index Join

If the number of estimated rows that need to be joined is small (typically less than 10000 rows), it is preferable to use the index join method. This method of join works similar to the primary method of join used in MySQL. In the following example, the operator `TableReader_29(Build)` first reads the table `t1`. For each row that matches, TiDB will probe the table `t2`:

> **Note:**
>
> In the returned execution plan, for all probe-side child nodes of `IndexJoin` and `Apply` operators, the meaning of `estRows` since v6.4.0 is different from that before v6.4.0. For more details, see TiDB Query Execution Plan Overview.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ INL_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2 ON t1.id =
    ↪ t2.t1_id;
```

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| id                            | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪            | operator info
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    ↪ |
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    ↪ ------------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------------
    ↪
| IndexJoin_11                  | 90000.00 | root    |
    ↪                              | inner join, inner:IndexLookUp_10, outer
    ↪ key:test.t1.id, inner key:test.t2.t1_id, equal cond:eq(test.t1.id,
    ↪ test.t2.t1_id) |
```

```
|  └─TableReader_29(Build)      | 71010.00 | root    |
   ↪                            | data:TableFullScan_28
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    └─TableFullScan_28         | 71010.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪                 | keep order:false
   ↪
   ↪ |
|  └─IndexLookUp_10(Probe)      | 90000.00 | root    |
   ↪                            |
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    └─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 90000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:t1_
   ↪ id(t1_id) | range: decided by [eq(test.t2.t1_id, test.t1.id)], keep
   ↪ order:false                                    |
|    └─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 90000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2
   ↪                 | keep order:false
   ↪
   ↪ |
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```

Index join is efficient in memory usage, but might be slower to execute than other join methods when a large number of probe operations are required. Consider also the following query:

```
SELECT * FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2 ON t1.id=t2.t1_id WHERE t1.pad1 = 'value'
   ↪ and t2.pad1='value';
```

In an inner join operation, TiDB implements join reordering and might access either `t1` or `t2` first. Assume that TiDB selects `t1` as the first table to apply the `build` step, and then TiDB is able to filter on the predicate `t1.pad1 = 'value'` before probing the table `t2`. The filter for the predicate `t2.pad1='value'` will be applied on each probe of table `t2`, which might be less efficient than other join methods.

Index join is effective if the build side is small and the probe side is pre-indexed and large. Consider the following query where an index join performs worse than a hash join and is not chosen by the SQL Optimizer:

```
-- DROP previously added index
ALTER TABLE t2 DROP INDEX t1_id;

EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT /*+ INL_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2 ON
   ↪ t1.id = t2.t1_id WHERE t1.int_col = 1;
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2 ON
   ↪ t1.id = t2.t1_id WHERE t1.int_col = 1;
```

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2 ON t1.id = t2.t1_id WHERE t1
    ↪ .int_col = 1;
```

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| id                        | estRows | actRows | task    | access object |
    ↪ execution info
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    ↪ | operator info
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| IndexJoin_14              | 90000.00 | 0     | root     |               | time
    ↪ :330.2ms, loops:1, inner:{total:72.2ms, concurrency:5, task:12,
    ↪ construct:58.6ms, fetch:13.5ms, build:2.12µs}, probe:26.1ms
    ↪
    ↪ | inner join, inner:TableReader_10, outer key:test.t2.t1_id, inner
    ↪ key:test.t1.id, equal cond:eq(test.t2.t1_id, test.t1.id) | 88.5 MB |
    ↪ N/A |
| ─TableReader_20(Build)  | 90000.00 | 90000 | root    |               | time
    ↪ :307.2ms, loops:96, cop_task: {num: 24, max: 130.6ms, min: 170.9µs,
    ↪ avg: 33.5ms, p95: 105ms, max_proc_keys: 10687, p95_proc_keys: 9184,
    ↪ tot_proc: 472ms, rpc_num: 24, rpc_time: 802.4ms, copr_cache_hit_ratio
    ↪ : 0.62, distsql_concurrency: 15}                                    |
    ↪ data:TableFullScan_19
    ↪
    ↪ | 58.6 MB | N/A |
|   ─TableFullScan_19     | 90000.00 | 90000 | cop[tikv] | table:t2  | tikv
    ↪ _task:{proc max:34ms, min:0s, avg: 15.3ms, p80:24ms, p95:30ms, iters
    ↪ :181, tasks:24}, scan_detail: {total_process_keys: 69744, total_
    ↪ process_keys_size: 217533936, total_keys: 69753, get_snapshot_time:
    ↪ 701.6µs, rocksdb: {delete_skipped_count: 97368, key_skipped_count:
    ↪ 236847, block: {cache_hit_count: 3509}}} | keep order:false
    ↪                                                    | N/A    | N/A |
| ─TableReader_10(Probe)  | 12617.92 | 0     | root     |               | time
    ↪ :11.9ms, loops:12, cop_task: {num: 42, max: 848.8µs, min: 199µs, avg:
    ↪  451.8µs, p95: 846.2µs, max_proc_keys: 7, p95_proc_keys: 5, rpc_num:
    ↪ 42, rpc_time: 18.3ms, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00, distsql_concurrency
    ↪ : 15}                                                          | data:
    ↪ Selection_9
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
```

```
|   └─Selection_9          | 12617.92 | 0    | cop[tikv] |            | tikv
   ↪ _task:{proc max:0s, min:0s, avg: 0s, p80:0s, p95:0s, iters:42, tasks
   ↪ :42}, scan_detail: {total_process_keys: 56, total_process_keys_size:
   ↪ 174608, total_keys: 77, get_snapshot_time: 727.7µs, rocksdb: {block:
   ↪ {cache_hit_count: 154}}}                                          | eq(
   ↪ test.t1.int_col, 1)
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|     └─TableRangeScan_8   | 90000.00 | 56   | cop[tikv] | table:t1   | tikv
   ↪ _task:{proc max:0s, min:0s, avg: 0s, p80:0s, p95:0s, iters:42, tasks
   ↪ :42}
   ↪
   ↪ | range: decided by [test.t2.t1_id], keep order:false
   ↪                                                          | N/A    | N/A
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   ↪ execution info
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   ↪ | operator info                                | memory | disk   |
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| HashJoin_20              | 90000.00 | 0    | root     |              | time
   ↪ :313.6ms, loops:1, build_hash_table:{total:24.6ms, fetch:21.2ms,
   ↪ build:3.32ms}, probe:{concurrency:5, total:1.57s, max:313.5ms, probe
   ↪ :18.9ms, fetch:1.55s}
   ↪
   ↪ | inner join, equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.t1_id)] | 32.0 MB | 0
   ↪ Bytes |
|  ├─TableReader_23(Build)   | 9955.54 | 10000 | root     |              |
   ↪ time:23.6ms, loops:12, cop_task: {num: 11, max: 504.6µs, min: 203.7µs
   ↪ , avg: 377.4µs, p95: 504.6µs, rpc_num: 11, rpc_time: 3.92ms, copr_
   ↪ cache_hit_ratio: 1.00, distsql_concurrency: 15}
   ↪
   ↪ | data:Selection_22                            | 14.9 MB | N/A    |
|    └─Selection_22          | 9955.54 | 10000 | cop[tikv] |              |
   ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:104ms, min:3ms, avg: 24.4ms, p80:33ms, p95:104ms,
   ↪  iters:113, tasks:11}, scan_detail: {get_snapshot_time: 241.4µs,
```

```
    ↪ rocksdb: {block: {}}}
    ↪
    ↪ | eq(test.t1.int_col, 1)                        | N/A    | N/A    |
|     └─TableFullScan_21    | 71010.00 | 71010 | cop[tikv] | table:t1  |
    ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:101ms, min:3ms, avg: 23.8ms, p80:33ms, p95:101ms,
    ↪  iters:113, tasks:11}
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false                               | N/A    | N/A    |
|  └─TableReader_25(Probe)   | 90000.00 | 90000 | root    |             |
    ↪ time:293.7ms, loops:91, cop_task: {num: 24, max: 105.7ms, min: 210.9
    ↪ µs, avg: 31.4ms, p95: 103.8ms, max_proc_keys: 10687, p95_proc_keys:
    ↪ 9184, tot_proc: 407ms, rpc_num: 24, rpc_time: 752.2ms, copr_cache_hit
    ↪ _ratio: 0.62, distsql_concurrency: 15}                              |
    ↪ data:TableFullScan_24                          | 58.6 MB | N/A   |
|    └─TableFullScan_24      | 90000.00 | 90000 | cop[tikv] | table:t2  |
    ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:31ms, min:0s, avg: 13ms, p80:19ms, p95:26ms,
    ↪ iters:181, tasks:24}, scan_detail: {total_process_keys: 69744, total_
    ↪ process_keys_size: 217533936, total_keys: 69753, get_snapshot_time:
    ↪ 637.2µs, rocksdb: {delete_skipped_count: 97368, key_skipped_count:
    ↪ 236847, block: {cache_hit_count: 3509}}} | keep order:false | N/A | N
    ↪ /A |
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    ↪ execution info
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    ↪ | operator info                                  | memory | disk   |
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| HashJoin_21                 | 90000.00 | 0     | root     |               | time
    ↪ :331.7ms, loops:1, build_hash_table:{total:32.7ms, fetch:26ms, build
    ↪ :6.73ms}, probe:{concurrency:5, total:1.66s, max:331.3ms, probe:16ms,
    ↪  fetch:1.64s}
    ↪
    ↪ | inner join, equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.t1_id)] | 32.3 MB | 0
    ↪ Bytes |
|  ├─TableReader_26(Build)   | 9955.54 | 10000 | root     |               |
    ↪ time:30.4ms, loops:13, cop_task: {num: 11, max: 1.87ms, min: 844.7µs,
    ↪  avg: 1.29ms, p95: 1.87ms, rpc_num: 11, rpc_time: 13.5ms, copr_cache_
```

```
    ↪ hit_ratio: 1.00, distsql_concurrency: 15}
    ↪
    ↪ | data:Selection_25                              | 12.2 MB | N/A   |
|    └─Selection_25          | 9955.54 | 10000  | cop[tikv] |              |
    ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:104ms, min:3ms, avg: 24.4ms, p80:33ms, p95:104ms,
    ↪  iters:113, tasks:11}, scan_detail: {get_snapshot_time: 521µs,
    ↪ rocksdb: {block: {}}}
    ↪
    ↪ | eq(test.t1.int_col, 1)                          | N/A    | N/A    |
|      └─TableFullScan_24    | 71010.00 | 71010 | cop[tikv] | table:t1  |
    ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:101ms, min:3ms, avg: 23.8ms, p80:33ms, p95:101ms,
    ↪  iters:113, tasks:11}
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false                                | N/A    | N/A    |
|  └─TableReader_23(Probe)   | 90000.00 | 90000 | root    |              |
    ↪ time:308.6ms, loops:91, cop_task: {num: 24, max: 123.3ms, min: 518.9
    ↪ µs, avg: 32.4ms, p95: 113.4ms, max_proc_keys: 10687, p95_proc_keys:
    ↪ 9184, tot_proc: 499ms, rpc_num: 24, rpc_time: 776ms, copr_cache_hit_
    ↪ ratio: 0.62, distsql_concurrency: 15}
    ↪ | data:TableFullScan_22                          | 58.6 MB | N/A   |
|    └─TableFullScan_22      | 90000.00 | 90000 | cop[tikv] | table:t2  |
    ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:44ms, min:0s, avg: 16.8ms, p80:27ms, p95:40ms,
    ↪ iters:181, tasks:24}, scan_detail: {total_process_keys: 69744, total_
    ↪ process_keys_size: 217533936, total_keys: 69753, get_snapshot_time:
    ↪ 955.4µs, rocksdb: {delete_skipped_count: 97368, key_skipped_count:
    ↪ 236847, block: {cache_hit_count: 3509}}} | keep order:false | N/A | N
    ↪ /A |
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    ↪
```

In the above example, the index join operation is missing an index on `t1.int_col`. Once this index is added, the performance of the operation improves from `0.3 sec` to `0.06 sec`, as the following result shows:

```
-- Re-add index
ALTER TABLE t2 ADD INDEX (t1_id);

EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT /*+ INL_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2 ON
    ↪ t1.id = t2.t1_id WHERE t1.int_col = 1;
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2 ON
    ↪ t1.id = t2.t1_id WHERE t1.int_col = 1;
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1 INNER JOIN t2 ON t1.id = t2.t1_id WHERE t1
    ↪ .int_col = 1;
```

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| IndexJoin_12                  | 90000.00 | 0     | root     |
   ↪                             | time:65.6ms, loops:1, inner:{total:129.7ms
   ↪ , concurrency:5, task:7, construct:7.13ms, fetch:122.5ms, build:16.4
   ↪ µs}, probe:2.54ms
   ↪
   ↪ | inner join, inner:IndexLookUp_11, outer key:test.t1.id, inner key:
   ↪ test.t2.t1_id, equal cond:eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.t1_id) | 28.7 MB | N
   ↪ /A |
|  ─TableReader_33(Build)       | 9955.54 | 10000 | root     |
   ↪                             | time:15.4ms, loops:16, cop_task: {num: 11,
   ↪  max: 1.52ms, min: 211.5µs, avg: 416.8µs, p95: 1.52ms, rpc_num: 11,
   ↪ rpc_time: 4.36ms, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 1.00, distsql_concurrency:
   ↪ 15}
   ↪
   ↪ | data:Selection_32
   ↪
   ↪ | 13.9 MB  | N/A |
|    ─Selection_32              | 9955.54 | 10000 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                            | tikv_task:{proc max:104ms, min:3ms, avg:
   ↪ 24.4ms, p80:33ms, p95:104ms, iters:113, tasks:11}, scan_detail: {get_
   ↪ snapshot_time: 185µs, rocksdb: {block: {}}}
   ↪
   ↪ | eq(test.t1.int_col, 1)
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A      | N/A |
|      ─TableFullScan_31        | 71010.00 | 71010 | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪               | tikv_task:{proc max:101ms, min:3ms, avg: 23.8ms, p80
   ↪ :33ms, p95:101ms, iters:113, tasks:11}
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   ↪ | keep order:false
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A      | N/A |
|  ─IndexLookUp_11(Probe)       | 90000.00 | 0     | root     |
```

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    ↪                           | time:115.6ms, loops:7
    ↪
    ↪ |
    ↪
    ↪ | 555 Bytes | N/A |
|   └─IndexRangeScan_9(Build)   | 90000.00 | 0     | cop[tikv] | table:t2,
    ↪ index:t1_id(t1_id) | time:114.3ms, loops:7, cop_task: {num: 7, max:
    ↪ 42ms, min: 1.3ms, avg: 16.2ms, p95: 42ms, tot_proc: 71ms, rpc_num: 7,
    ↪  rpc_time: 113.2ms, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.29, distsql_concurrency:
    ↪ 15}, tikv_task:{proc max:37ms, min:0s, avg: 11.3ms, p80:20ms, p95:37
    ↪ ms, iters:7, tasks:7}, scan_detail: {total_keys: 9296, get_snapshot_
    ↪ time: 141.9µs, rocksdb: {block: {cache_hit_count: 18592}}} | range:
    ↪ decided by [eq(test.t2.t1_id, test.t1.id)], keep order:false | N/A |
    ↪ N/A |
|   └─TableRowIDScan_10(Probe) | 90000.00 | 0     | cop[tikv] | table:t2
    ↪                 |
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A      | N/A |
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    ↪ | operator info                                | memory | disk   |
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| HashJoin_32                 | 90000.00 | 0     | root      |               | time
    ↪ :320.2ms, loops:1, build_hash_table:{total:19.3ms, fetch:16.8ms,
    ↪ build:2.52ms}, probe:{concurrency:5, total:1.6s, max:320.1ms, probe
    ↪ :16.1ms, fetch:1.58s}
    ↪
    ↪ | inner join, equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.t1_id)] | 32.0 MB | 0
    ↪ Bytes |
|   └─TableReader_35(Build)   | 9955.54 | 10000 | root      |               |
    ↪ time:18.6ms, loops:12, cop_task: {num: 11, max: 713.8µs, min: 197.3µs
    ↪ , avg: 368.5µs, p95: 713.8µs, rpc_num: 11, rpc_time: 3.83ms, copr_
    ↪ cache_hit_ratio: 1.00, distsql_concurrency: 15}
```

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    ↪ | data:Selection_34                              | 14.9 MB | N/A   |
|   └─Selection_34          | 9955.54 | 10000 | cop[tikv] |               |
    ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:104ms, min:3ms, avg: 24.4ms, p80:33ms, p95:104ms,
    ↪  iters:113, tasks:11}, scan_detail: {get_snapshot_time: 178.9µs,
    ↪ rocksdb: {block: {}}}
    ↪
    ↪ | eq(test.t1.int_col, 1)                         | N/A     | N/A     |
|     └─TableFullScan_33    | 71010.00 | 71010 | cop[tikv] | table:t1  |
    ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:101ms, min:3ms, avg: 23.8ms, p80:33ms, p95:101ms,
    ↪  iters:113, tasks:11}
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false                                | N/A     | N/A     |
|  └─TableReader_37(Probe)   | 90000.00 | 90000 | root    |               |
    ↪ time:304.4ms, loops:91, cop_task: {num: 24, max: 114ms, min: 251.1µs,
    ↪  avg: 33.1ms, p95: 110.4ms, max_proc_keys: 10687, p95_proc_keys:
    ↪ 9184, tot_proc: 492ms, rpc_num: 24, rpc_time: 793ms, copr_cache_hit_
    ↪ ratio: 0.62, distsql_concurrency: 15}
    ↪                                      | data:TableFullScan_36
    ↪                        | 58.6 MB | N/A   |
|    └─TableFullScan_36      | 90000.00 | 90000 | cop[tikv] | table:t2  |
    ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:38ms, min:3ms, avg: 14.1ms, p80:23ms, p95:35ms,
    ↪ iters:181, tasks:24}, scan_detail: {total_process_keys: 69744, total_
    ↪ process_keys_size: 217533936, total_keys: 139497, get_snapshot_time:
    ↪ 577.2µs, rocksdb: {delete_skipped_count: 44208, key_skipped_count:
    ↪ 253431, block: {cache_hit_count: 3527}}} | keep order:false | N/A | N
    ↪ /A |
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    ↪ ----------------------------+----------+---------+-----------+---------------+--
    ↪
| HashJoin_33                 | 90000.00 | 0       | root      |               | time
    ↪ :306.3ms, loops:1, build_hash_table:{total:20.5ms, fetch:17.1ms,
    ↪ build:3.45ms}, probe:{concurrency:5, total:1.53s, max:305.9ms, probe
    ↪ :17.1ms, fetch:1.51s}
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ | inner join, equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.t1_id)] | 32.0 MB | 0
    ↪ Bytes |
|  ─TableReader_42(Build)   | 9955.54 | 10000  | root     |              |
    ↪ time:19.6ms, loops:12, cop_task: {num: 11, max: 1.07ms, min: 246.1µs,
    ↪  avg: 600µs, p95: 1.07ms, rpc_num: 11, rpc_time: 6.17ms, copr_cache_
    ↪ hit_ratio: 1.00, distsql_concurrency: 15}
    ↪
    ↪ | data:Selection_41                              | 19.7 MB | N/A   |
|    ─Selection_41          | 9955.54 | 10000  | cop[tikv] |              |
    ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:104ms, min:3ms, avg: 24.4ms, p80:33ms, p95:104ms,
    ↪  iters:113, tasks:11}, scan_detail: {get_snapshot_time: 282.9µs,
    ↪ rocksdb: {block: {}}}
    ↪
    ↪ | eq(test.t1.int_col, 1)                        | N/A    | N/A    |
|      ─TableFullScan_40    | 71010.00 | 71010  | cop[tikv] | table:t1  |
    ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:101ms, min:3ms, avg: 23.8ms, p80:33ms, p95:101ms,
    ↪  iters:113, tasks:11}
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false                               | N/A    | N/A    |
|  ─TableReader_44(Probe)   | 90000.00 | 90000  | root     |              |
    ↪ time:289.2ms, loops:91, cop_task: {num: 24, max: 108.2ms, min: 252.8
    ↪ µs, avg: 31.3ms, p95: 106.1ms, max_proc_keys: 10687, p95_proc_keys:
    ↪ 9184, tot_proc: 445ms, rpc_num: 24, rpc_time: 750.4ms, copr_cache_hit
    ↪ _ratio: 0.62, distsql_concurrency: 15}
    ↪ | data:TableFullScan_43                         | 58.6 MB | N/A   |
|    ─TableFullScan_43      | 90000.00 | 90000  | cop[tikv] | table:t2  |
    ↪ tikv_task:{proc max:31ms, min:3ms, avg: 13.3ms, p80:24ms, p95:30ms,
    ↪ iters:181, tasks:24}, scan_detail: {total_process_keys: 69744, total_
    ↪ process_keys_size: 217533936, total_keys: 139497, get_snapshot_time:
    ↪ 730.2µs, rocksdb: {delete_skipped_count: 44208, key_skipped_count:
    ↪ 253431, block: {cache_hit_count: 3527}}} | keep order:false | N/A | N
    ↪ /A |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+---------+-----------+---------------+--
    ↪
```

Note:

In the above example, the SQL Optimizer selects the hash join plan which performs worse than the index join. Query optimization is an NP-complete problem, and less-than-optimal plans might be chosen. If this is a frequent query, it is recommended to use SQL Plan Management to bind a hint to a

query, which can be easier to manage than inserting hints into queries that your application sends to TiDB.

Variations of Index Join

An index join operation using the hint `INL_JOIN` creates a hash table of the intermediate results before joining on the outer table. TiDB also supports creating a hash table on the outer table using the hint `INL_HASH_JOIN`. Each of these variations of index join is automatically selected by the SQL Optimizer.

Configuration

Index join performance is influenced by the following system variables:

- `tidb_index_join_batch_size` (default value: `25000`) - the batch size of `index lookup join` operations.
- `tidb_index_lookup_join_concurrency` (default value: `4`) - the number of concurrent index lookup tasks.

11.3.2.4.2 Hash Join

In a hash join operation, TiDB reads and caches the data on the `Build` side of the join in a hash table, and then reads the data on the `Probe` side of the join, probing the hash table to access required rows. Hash joins require more memory to execute than index joins but execute much faster when there are a lot of rows that need to be joined. The hash join operator is multi-threaded in TiDB and executes in parallel.

An example of hash join is as follows:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

```
+--
   ↪ --------------------------+----------+----------+---------------+-----------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows  | task     | access object | operator
   ↪ info                             |
+--
   ↪ --------------------------+----------+----------+---------------+-----------
   ↪
| HashJoin_27               | 142020.00 | root    |               | inner join,
   ↪ equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.id)] |
| ─TableReader_29(Build)  | 142020.00 | root    |               | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_28                   |
|   ─TableFullScan_28     | 142020.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:
   ↪ false                            |
```

```
|  └─TableReader_31(Probe)  | 180000.00 | root   |              | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_30                    |
|    └─TableFullScan_30     | 180000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2 | keep order:
   ↪ false                          |
+--
   ↪ --------------------------+----------+----------+--------------+----------
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

For the execution process of `HashJoin_27`, TiDB performs the following operations in order:

1. Cache the data of the `Build` side in memory.
2. Construct a Hash Table on the `Build` side based on the cached data.
3. Read the data at the `Probe` side.
4. Use the data of the `Probe` side to probe the Hash Table.
5. Return qualified data to the user.

The `operator info` column in the `EXPLAIN` result table also records other information about `HashJoin_27`, including whether the query is Inner Join or Outer Join, and what are the conditions of Join. In the above example, the query is an Inner Join, where the Join condition `equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.id)]` partly corresponds with the query condition `WHERE t1.id = t2.id`. The operator info of the other Join operators in the following examples is similar to this one.

Runtime Statistics

If `tidb_mem_quota_query` (default value: 1 GB) is exceeded, and the `tidb_enable_tmp` ↪ `_storage_on_oom` value is `ON` (default), TiDB will attempt to use temporary storage, and might create the `Build` operator (used as part of the hash join) on disk. Runtime statistics such as memory usage are recorded in the `execution info` of the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` result table. The following example shows the output of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` with a 1 GB (default) and a 500 MB quota for `tidb_mem_quota_query`. At 500 MB, disk is used for temporary storage:

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id =
   ↪  t2.id;
SET tidb_mem_quota_query=500 * 1024 * 1024;
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id =
   ↪  t2.id;
```

```
+--
   ↪ --------------------------+----------+---------+----------+----------------+--
   ↪
```

```
| id                        | estRows  | actRows | task    | access object |
    ↪ execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info                                | memory             |
    ↪ disk   |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+----------+---------+----------+---------------+--
    ↪
| HashJoin_27               | 142020.00 | 71010 | root    |               | time
    ↪ :647.508572ms, loops:72, build_hash_table:{total:579.254415ms, fetch
    ↪ :566.91012ms, build:12.344295ms}, probe:{concurrency:5, total
    ↪ :3.23315006s, max:647.520113ms, probe:330.884716ms, fetch:2.902265344
    ↪ s}              | inner join, equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.id)] |
    ↪ 209.61642456054688 MB | 0 Bytes |
|  ─TableReader_29(Build)  | 142020.00 | 71010 | root    |               |
    ↪ time:567.088247ms, loops:72, cop_task: {num: 2, max: 569.809411ms,
    ↪ min: 369.67451ms, avg: 469.74196ms, p95: 569.809411ms, max_proc_keys:
    ↪  39245, p95_proc_keys: 39245, tot_proc: 400ms, rpc_num: 2, rpc_time:
    ↪ 939.447231ms, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00} | data:TableFullScan_28 |
    ↪ 210.2100534439087 MB | N/A |
|    ─TableFullScan_28     | 142020.00 | 71010 | cop[tikv] | table:t1  |
    ↪ proc max:64ms, min:48ms, p80:64ms, p95:64ms, iters:79, tasks:2
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false                             | N/A                | N/A
    ↪     |
|  ─TableReader_31(Probe)  | 180000.00 | 90000 | root    |               |
    ↪ time:337.233636ms, loops:91, cop_task: {num: 3, max: 569.790741ms,
    ↪ min: 332.758911ms, avg: 421.543165ms, p95: 569.790741ms, max_proc_
    ↪ keys: 31719, p95_proc_keys: 31719, tot_proc: 500ms, rpc_num: 3, rpc_
    ↪ time: 1.264570696s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00} | data:TableFullScan_
    ↪ 30 | 267.1126985549927 MB | N/A |
|    ─TableFullScan_30     | 180000.00 | 90000 | cop[tikv] | table:t2  |
    ↪ proc max:84ms, min:72ms, p80:84ms, p95:84ms, iters:102, tasks:3
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false                             | N/A                | N/A
    ↪     |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+----------+---------+----------+---------------+--
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.65 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

+--
    ↪ -------------------------+----------+---------+----------+---------------+--
```

```
    ↪
| id                          | estRows  | actRows | task    | access object |
    ↪ execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info                                | memory             |
    ↪ disk              |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+---------+----------+---------------+--
    ↪
| HashJoin_27                 | 142020.00 | 71010 | root    |               | time
    ↪ :963.983353ms, loops:72, build_hash_table:{total:775.961447ms, fetch
    ↪ :503.789677ms, build:272.17177ms}, probe:{concurrency:5, total
    ↪ :4.805454793s, max:963.973133ms, probe:922.156835ms, fetch
    ↪ :3.883297958s}           | inner join, equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.
    ↪ id)] | 93.53974533081055 MB | 210.7459259033203 MB |
|  ─TableReader_29(Build)  | 142020.00 | 71010 | root    |               |
    ↪ time:504.062018ms, loops:72, cop_task: {num: 2, max: 509.276857ms,
    ↪ min: 402.66386ms, avg: 455.970358ms, p95: 509.276857ms, max_proc_keys
    ↪ : 39245, p95_proc_keys: 39245, tot_proc: 384ms, rpc_num: 2, rpc_time:
    ↪  911.893237ms, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00} | data:TableFullScan_28 |
    ↪ 210.20934200286865 MB | N/A |
|    ─TableFullScan_28     | 142020.00 | 71010 | cop[tikv] | table:t1  |
    ↪ proc max:88ms, min:72ms, p80:88ms, p95:88ms, iters:79, tasks:2
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false                           | N/A                | N/A
    ↪                 |
|  ─TableReader_31(Probe)  | 180000.00 | 90000 | root    |               |
    ↪ time:363.058382ms, loops:91, cop_task: {num: 3, max: 412.659191ms,
    ↪ min: 358.489688ms, avg: 391.463008ms, p95: 412.659191ms, max_proc_
    ↪ keys: 31719, p95_proc_keys: 31719, tot_proc: 484ms, rpc_num: 3, rpc_
    ↪ time: 1.174326746s, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00} | data:TableFullScan_
    ↪ 30 | 267.11340618133545 MB | N/A |
|    ─TableFullScan_30     | 180000.00 | 90000 | cop[tikv] | table:t2  |
    ↪ proc max:92ms, min:64ms, p80:92ms, p95:92ms, iters:102, tasks:3
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false                           | N/A                | N/A
    ↪                 |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+---------+----------+---------------+--
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.98 sec)
```

Configuration

Hash join performance is influenced by the following system variables:

- `tidb_mem_quota_query` (default value: 1GB) - if the memory quota for a query is exceeded, TiDB will attempt to spill the `Build` operator of a hash join to disk to save memory.
- `tidb_hash_join_concurrency` (default value: `5`) - the number of concurrent hash join tasks.

Related optimizations

TiDB provides the Runtime Filter feature, which optimizes the performance of hash join and greatly improves its execution speed. For specific optimization usage, see Runtime Filter.

11.3.2.4.3 Merge Join

Merge join is a special sort of join that applies when both sides of the join are read in sorted order. It can be described as similar to an *efficient zipper merge*: as data is read on both the `Build` and the `Probe` sides of the join, the join operation works like a streaming operation. Merge joins require far less memory than hash join but do not execute in parallel.

The following is an example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ MERGE_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+----------+----------+--------------+-----------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows  | task     | access object | operator
   ↪ info                                  |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+----------+----------+--------------+-----------
   ↪
| MergeJoin_7               | 142020.00 | root    |               | inner join,
   ↪ left key:test.t1.id, right key:test.t2.id |
|  ─TableReader_12(Build)  | 180000.00 | root    |               | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_11                          |
|    ─TableFullScan_11     | 180000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2 | keep order:
   ↪ true                                      |
|  ─TableReader_10(Probe)  | 142020.00 | root    |               | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_9                           |
|    ─TableFullScan_9      | 142020.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:
   ↪ true                                      |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+----------+----------+--------------+-----------
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

For the execution process of the merge join operator, TiDB performs the following operations:

1. Read all the data of a Join Group from the `Build` side into the memory.
2. Read the data of the `Probe` side.
3. Compare whether each row of data on the `Probe` side matches a complete Join Group on the `Build` side. Apart from equivalent conditions, there are non-equivalent conditions. Here "match" mainly refers to checking whether non-equivalent conditions are met. Join Group refers to the data with the same value among all Join Keys.

11.3.2.5 Explain Statements in the MPP Mode

TiDB supports using the MPP mode to execute queries. In the MPP mode, the TiDB optimizer generates execution plans for MPP. Note that the MPP mode is only available for tables that have replicas on TiFlash.

The examples in this document are based on the following sample data:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id int, value int);
INSERT INTO t1 values(1,2),(2,3),(1,3);
ALTER TABLE t1 set tiflash replica 1;
ANALYZE TABLE t1;
SET tidb_allow_mpp = 1;
```

11.3.2.5.1 MPP query fragments and MPP tasks

In the MPP mode, a query is logically sliced into multiple query fragments. Take the following statement as an example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT COUNT(*) FROM t1 GROUP BY id;
```

This query is divided into two fragments in the MPP mode. One for the first-stage aggregation and the other for the second-stage aggregation, also the final aggregation. When this query is executed, each query fragment is instantiated into one or more MPP tasks.

11.3.2.5.2 Exchange operators

`ExchangeReceiver` and `ExchangeSender`are two exchange operators specific for MPP execution plans. The `ExchangeReceiver` operator reads data from downstream query fragments and the `ExchangeSender` operator sends data from downstream query fragments to upstream query fragments. In the MPP mode, the root operator of each MPP query fragment is `ExchangeSender`, meaning that query fragments are delimited by the `ExchangeSender` operator.

The following is a simple MPP execution plan:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT COUNT(*) FROM t1 GROUP BY id;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+------------------+-------------
   ↪
| id                                | estRows | task          | access object |
   ↪  operator info                                |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+------------------+-------------
   ↪
| TableReader_31                    | 2.00    | root          |               |
   ↪ data:ExchangeSender_30                        |
|  ─ExchangeSender_30               | 2.00    | batchCop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ ExchangeType: PassThrough                     |
|    ─Projection_26                 | 2.00    | batchCop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ Column#4                                      |
|      ─HashAgg_27                  | 2.00    | batchCop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ group by:test.t1.id, funcs:sum(Column#7)->Column#4 |
|        ─ExchangeReceiver_29       | 2.00    | batchCop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪                                               |
|          ─ExchangeSender_28       | 2.00    | batchCop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: test.t1.id |
|            ─HashAgg_9            | 2.00    | batchCop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ group by:test.t1.id, funcs:count(1)->Column#7 |
|              ─TableFullScan_25    | 3.00    | batchCop[tiflash] | table:t1  |
   ↪ keep order:false                              |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+------------------+-------------
   ↪
```

The above execution plan contains two query fragments:

- The first is `[TableFullScan_25, HashAgg_9, ExchangeSender_28]`, which is mainly responsible for the first-stage aggregation.
- The second is `[ExchangeReceiver_29, HashAgg_27, Projection_26, ExchangeSender ↪ _30]`, which is mainly responsible for the second-stage aggregation.

The `operator info` column of the `ExchangeSender` operator shows the exchange type information. Currently, there are three exchange types. See the following:

- HashPartition: The `ExchangeSender` operator firstly partitions data according to the Hash values and then distributes data to the `ExchangeReceiver` operator of upstream MPP tasks. This exchange type is often used for Hash Aggregation and Shuffle Hash Join algorithms.
- Broadcast: The `ExchangeSender` operator distributes data to upstream MPP tasks through broadcast. This exchange type is often used for Broadcast Join.

- PassThrough: The `ExchangeSender` operator sends data to the only upstream MPP task, which is different from the Broadcast type. This exchange type is often used when returning data to TiDB.

In the example execution plan, the exchange type of the operator `ExchangeSender_28` is HashPartition, meaning that it performs the Hash Aggregation algorithm. The exchange type of the operator `ExchangeSender_30` is PassThrough, meaning that it is used to return data to TiDB.

MPP is also often applied to join operations. The MPP mode in TiDB supports the following two join algorithms:

- Shuffle Hash Join: Shuffle the data input from the join operation using the HashPartition exchange type. Then, upstream MPP tasks join data within the same partition.
- Broadcast Join: Broadcast data of the small table in the join operation to each node, after which each node joins the data separately.

The following is a typical execution plan for Shuffle Hash Join:

```
SET tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_count=0;
SET tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size=0;
EXPLAIN SELECT COUNT(*) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b ON a.id = b.id;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------+--------+-------------+---------------+
   ↪
| id                                | estRows | task      | access object |
   ↪ operator info                                |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------+--------+-------------+---------------+
   ↪
| StreamAgg_14                      | 1.00   | root        |               |
   ↪ funcs:count(1)->Column#7                     |
|  ─TableReader_48                   | 9.00   | root        |               |
   ↪ data:ExchangeSender_47                       |
|    ─ExchangeSender_47              | 9.00   | cop[tiflash] |               |
   ↪ ExchangeType: PassThrough                    |
|      ─HashJoin_44                  | 9.00   | cop[tiflash] |               |
   ↪ inner join, equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t1.id)] |
|        ─ExchangeReceiver_19(Build) | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] |               |
   ↪                                              |
|          ─ExchangeSender_18        | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] |               |
   ↪ ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: test.t1.id |
|            ─Selection_17           | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] |               |
   ↪ not(isnull(test.t1.id))                      |
```

```
|           └─TableFullScan_16      | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] | table:a   |
   ↪ keep order:false                                        |
|       └─ExchangeReceiver_23(Probe) | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪                                                         |
|         └─ExchangeSender_22        | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: test.t1.id |
|           └─Selection_21           | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ not(isnull(test.t1.id))                                 |
|           └─TableFullScan_20      | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] | table:b   |
   ↪ keep order:false                                        |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------+--------+--------------+---------------+
   ↪
12 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the above execution plan:

- The query fragment `[TableFullScan_20, Selection_21, ExchangeSender_22]` reads data from table b and shuffles data to upstream MPP tasks.
- The query fragment `[TableFullScan_16, Selection_17, ExchangeSender_18]` reads data from table a and shuffles data to upstream MPP tasks.
- The query fragment `[ExchangeReceiver_19, ExchangeReceiver_23, HashJoin_ ↪ 44, ExchangeSender_47]` joins all data and returns it to TiDB.

A typical execution plan for Broadcast Join is as follows:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT COUNT(*) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b ON a.id = b.id;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------+--------+--------------+---------------+
   ↪
| id                                  | estRows | task      | access object |
   ↪ operator info                                |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------+--------+--------------+---------------+
   ↪
| StreamAgg_15                        | 1.00   | root      |               |
   ↪ funcs:count(1)->Column#7                     |
|  └─TableReader_47                    | 9.00   | root      |               |
   ↪ data:ExchangeSender_46                       |
|    └─ExchangeSender_46               | 9.00   | cop[tiflash] |            |
   ↪ ExchangeType: PassThrough                    |
|      └─HashJoin_43                   | 9.00   | cop[tiflash] |            |
   ↪ inner join, equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t1.id)] |
```

```
|       ─ExchangeReceiver_20(Build) | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪                                          |
|         ─ExchangeSender_19        | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ ExchangeType: Broadcast                  |
|           ─Selection_18           | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ not(isnull(test.t1.id))                  |
|             ─TableFullScan_17     | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] | table:a   |
   ↪ keep order:false                         |
|       ─Selection_22(Probe)        | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ not(isnull(test.t1.id))                  |
|         ─TableFullScan_21         | 6.00   | cop[tiflash] | table:b   |
   ↪ keep order:false                         |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------+---------+-------------+--------------+
   ↪
```

In the above execution plan:

- The query fragment `[TableFullScan_17, Selection_18, ExchangeSender_19]` reads data from the small table (table a) and broadcasts the data to each node that contains data from the large table (table b).
- The query fragment `[TableFullScan_21, Selection_22, ExchangeReceiver_20, ↪ HashJoin_43, ExchangeSender_46]` joins all data and returns it to TiDB.

11.3.2.5.3 `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statements in the MPP mode

The `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement is similar to `EXPLAIN`, but it also outputs some runtime information.

The following is the output of a simple `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` example:

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT COUNT(*) FROM t1 GROUP BY id;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+---------+-----------------+-----
   ↪
| id                            | estRows | actRows | task         | access
   ↪  object | execution info
   ↪                                                                        |
   ↪  operator info                                          | memory |
   ↪ disk |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+---------+-----------------+-----
   ↪
```

```
| TableReader_31                  | 4.00   | 2      | root            |
   ↪             | time:44.5ms, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 1, max: 0s, proc_
   ↪ keys: 0, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00} | data:ExchangeSender_30
   ↪                             | N/A    | N/A |
|  ─ExchangeSender_30             | 4.00   | 2      | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪          | tiflash_task:{time:16.5ms, loops:1, threads:1}
   ↪                                          | ExchangeType: PassThrough,
   ↪ tasks: [2, 3, 4]             | N/A    | N/A |
|    ─Projection_26               | 4.00   | 2      | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪          | tiflash_task:{time:16.5ms, loops:1, threads:1}
   ↪                                          | Column#4
   ↪                                                 | N/A    | N/A |
|      ─HashAgg_27                | 4.00   | 2      | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪          | tiflash_task:{time:16.5ms, loops:1, threads:1}
   ↪                                          | group by:test.t1.id, funcs:
   ↪ sum(Column#7)->Column#4      | N/A    | N/A |
|        ─ExchangeReceiver_29     | 4.00   | 2      | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪          | tiflash_task:{time:14.5ms, loops:1, threads:20}
   ↪                                         |
   ↪                                                      | N/A    | N/A
   ↪ |
|          ─ExchangeSender_28     | 4.00   | 0      | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪          | tiflash_task:{time:9.49ms, loops:0, threads:0}
   ↪                                          | ExchangeType: HashPartition,
   ↪ Hash Cols: test.t1.id, tasks: [1] | N/A | N/A |
|            ─HashAgg_9           | 4.00   | 0      | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪          | tiflash_task:{time:9.49ms, loops:0, threads:0}
   ↪                                          | group by:test.t1.id, funcs:
   ↪ count(1)->Column#7           | N/A    | N/A |
|              ─TableFullScan_25  | 6.00   | 0      | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪ table:t1  | tiflash_task:{time:9.49ms, loops:0, threads:0}, tiflash_
   ↪ scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:1,...}} | keep order:false
   ↪                             | N/A    | N/A |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+---------+-----------------+-----
   ↪
```

Compared to the output of `EXPLAIN`, the `operator info` column of the operator `ExchangeSender` also shows `tasks`, which records the id of the MPP task that the query fragment instantiates into. In addition, each MPP operator has a `threads` field in the `execution info` column, which records the concurrency of operations when TiDB executes this operator. If the cluster consists of multiple nodes, this concurrency is the result of adding up the concurrency of all nodes.

11.3.2.5.4 MPP version and exchange data compression

Starting from v6.6.0, the new fields `MPPVersion` and `Compression` are added to the MPP execution plan.

- `MppVersion`: The version number of the MPP execution plan, which can be set through the system variable `mpp_version`.
- `Compression`: The data compression mode of the `Exchange` operator, which can be set through the system variable `mpp_exchange_compression_mode`. If data compression is not enabled, this field is not displayed in the execution plan.

See the following example:

```
mysql > EXPLAIN SELECT COUNT(*) AS count_order FROM lineitem GROUP BY l_
    ↪ returnflag, l_linestatus ORDER BY l_returnflag, l_linestatus;

+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------+-------------+--------------+----------
    ↪
| id                                | estRows     | task         | access
    ↪ object | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------+-------------+--------------+----------
    ↪
| Projection_6                      | 3.00        | root         |
    ↪               | Column#18
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─Sort_8                           | 3.00        | root         |
    ↪               | tpch100.lineitem.l_returnflag, tpch100.lineitem.l_
    ↪ linestatus
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    ─TableReader_36                 | 3.00        | root         |
    ↪               | MppVersion: 1, data:ExchangeSender_35
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      ─ExchangeSender_35            | 3.00        | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪               | ExchangeType: PassThrough
    ↪
    ↪ |
|        ─Projection_31              | 3.00        | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪               | Column#18, tpch100.lineitem.l_returnflag, tpch100.
    ↪ lineitem.l_linestatus
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ |
|         └─HashAgg_32                | 3.00       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪              | group by:tpch100.lineitem.l_linestatus, tpch100.lineitem
    ↪ .l_returnflag, funcs:sum(Column#23)->Column#18, funcs:firstrow(
    ↪ tpch100.lineitem.l_returnflag)->tpch100.lineitem.l_returnflag, funcs:
    ↪ firstrow(tpch100.lineitem.l_linestatus)->tpch100.lineitem.l_
    ↪ linestatus, stream_count: 20 |
|           └─ExchangeReceiver_34     | 3.00       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪              | stream_count: 20
    ↪
    ↪ |
|             └─ExchangeSender_33     | 3.00       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪              | ExchangeType: HashPartition, Compression: FAST, Hash
    ↪ Cols: [name: tpch100.lineitem.l_returnflag, collate: utf8mb4_bin], [
    ↪ name: tpch100.lineitem.l_linestatus, collate: utf8mb4_bin], stream_
    ↪ count: 20                                                    |
|               └─HashAgg_14          | 3.00       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪              | group by:tpch100.lineitem.l_linestatus, tpch100.lineitem
    ↪ .l_returnflag, funcs:count(1)->Column#23
    ↪
    ↪ |
|                 └─TableFullScan_30  | 600037902.00 | mpp[tiflash] | table:
    ↪ lineitem | keep order:false
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------+--------------+--------------+----------
    ↪
```

In the preceding execution plan result, TiDB uses an MPP execution plan of version 1 to build `TableReader`. The `ExchangeSender` operator of the `HashPartition` type uses the `FAST` data compression mode. Data compression is not enabled for the `ExchangeSender` operator of the `PassThrough` type.

11.3.2.6 Explain Statements That Use Subqueries

TiDB performs several optimizations to improve the performance of subqueries. This document describes some of these optimizations for common subqueries and how to interpret the output of `EXPLAIN`.

The examples in this document are based on the following sample data:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id BIGINT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment, pad1 BLOB,
    ↪ pad2 BLOB, pad3 BLOB, int_col INT NOT NULL DEFAULT 0);
```

```
CREATE TABLE t2 (id BIGINT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment, t1_id
    ↪ BIGINT NOT NULL, pad1 BLOB, pad2 BLOB, pad3 BLOB, INDEX(t1_id));
CREATE TABLE t3 (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment,
 t1_id INT NOT NULL,
 UNIQUE (t1_id)
);

INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM dual;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), 0 FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
```

```
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t2 SELECT NULL, a.id, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
    ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
UPDATE t1 SET int_col = 1 WHERE pad1 = (SELECT pad1 FROM t1 ORDER BY RAND()
    ↪  LIMIT 1);
INSERT INTO t3 SELECT NULL, id FROM t1 WHERE id < 1000;

SELECT SLEEP(1);
ANALYZE TABLE t1, t2, t3;
```

11.3.2.6.1 Inner join (non-unique subquery)

In the following example, the `IN` subquery searches for a list of IDs from the table `t2` ↪ . For semantic correctness, TiDB needs to guarantee that the column `t1_id` is unique. Using `EXPLAIN`, you can see the execution plan used to remove duplicates and perform an `INNER JOIN` operation:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE id IN (SELECT t1_id FROM t2);
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------
    ↪
| id                           | estRows | task      | access object
    ↪             | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------
    ↪
| IndexJoin_15                 | 21.11   | root      |
    ↪                             | inner join, inner:TableReader_12, outer
    ↪ key:test.t2.t1_id, inner key:test.t1.id, equal cond:eq(test.t2.t1_id,
    ↪  test.t1.id) |
|  ─StreamAgg_44(Build)        | 21.11   | root      |
    ↪                             | group by:test.t2.t1_id, funcs:firstrow(
    ↪ test.t2.t1_id)->test.t2.t1_id                                          |
|    ─IndexReader_45           | 21.11   | root      |
    ↪                             | index:StreamAgg_34
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      ─StreamAgg_34           | 21.11   | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                             | group by:test.t2.t1_id,
    ↪
    ↪ |
```

```
|       ─IndexFullScan_26     | 90000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:t1_id
   ↪ (t1_id) | keep order:true
   ↪
   ↪ |
|  ─TableReader_12(Probe)     | 21.11   | root     |
   ↪                           | data:TableRangeScan_11
   ↪
   ↪ |
|   ─TableRangeScan_11        | 21.11   | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪                 | range: decided by [test.t2.t1_id], keep order:false
   ↪                                                          |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+----------+-----------+-------------------------
   ↪
```

From the query results above, you can see that TiDB uses the index join operation `IndexJoin_15` to join and transform the subquery. In the execution plan, the execution process is as follows:

1. The index scanning operator `─IndexFullScan_26` at the TiKV side reads the values of the `t2.t1_id` column.
2. Some tasks of the `─StreamAgg_34` operator deduplicate the values of `t1_id` in TiKV.
3. Some tasks of the `─StreamAgg_44(Build)` operator deduplicate the values of `t1_id` in TiDB. The deduplication is performed by the aggregate function `firstrow(test.t2.t1_id)`.
4. The operation results are joined with the primary key of the `t1` table. The join condition is `eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.t1_id)`.

11.3.2.6.2 Inner join (unique subquery)

In the previous example, aggregation is required to ensure that the values of `t1_id` are unique before joining against the table `t1`. But in the following example, `t3.t1_id` is already guaranteed unique because of a `UNIQUE` constraint:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE id IN (SELECT t1_id FROM t3);
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object            |
   ↪ operator info
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
   ↪
```

```
| IndexJoin_18              | 999.00 | root     |                          |
    ↪ inner join, inner:TableReader_15, outer key:test.t3.t1_id, inner key:
    ↪ test.t1.id, equal cond:eq(test.t3.t1_id, test.t1.id) |
|  ─IndexReader_41(Build)  | 999.00 | root     |                          |
    ↪ index:IndexFullScan_40
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    ─IndexFullScan_40     | 999.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t3, index:t1_id(t1_
    ↪ id) | keep order:false
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─TableReader_15(Probe)  | 999.00 | root     |                          |
    ↪ data:TableRangeScan_14
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    ─TableRangeScan_14    | 999.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1                |
    ↪ range: decided by [test.t3.t1_id], keep order:false
    ↪                                                          |
+--
    ↪ --------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------------
    ↪
```

Semantically because `t3.t1_id` is guaranteed unique, it can be executed directly as an `INNER JOIN`.

11.3.2.6.3 Semi join (correlated subquery)

In the previous two examples, TiDB is able to perform an `INNER JOIN` operation after the data inside the subquery is made unique (via `StreamAgg`) or guaranteed unique. Both joins are performed using an Index Join.

In this example, TiDB chooses a different execution plan:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE id IN (SELECT t1_id FROM t2 WHERE t1_id !=
    ↪ t1.int_col);
```

```
+--
    ↪ --------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------------------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object            |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ --------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------------------
    ↪
```

```
| MergeJoin_9              | 45446.40 | root    |                          |
   ↪ semi join, left key:test.t1.id, right key:test.t2.t1_id, other cond:
   ↪ ne(test.t2.t1_id, test.t1.int_col) |
|  ─IndexReader_24(Build)  | 90000.00 | root    |                          |
   ↪  index:IndexFullScan_23
   ↪                                                                      |
|    ─IndexFullScan_23     | 90000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:t1_id(
   ↪ t1_id) | keep order:true
   ↪                                                                      |
|  ─TableReader_22(Probe)  | 56808.00 | root    |                          |
   ↪  data:Selection_21
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─Selection_21         | 56808.00 | cop[tikv] |                        |
   ↪  ne(test.t1.id, test.t1.int_col)
   ↪                                                              |
|      ─TableFullScan_20   | 71010.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1               |
   ↪  keep order:true
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------------------
   ↪
```

From the result above, you can see that TiDB uses a `Semi Join` algorithm. Semi-join differs from inner join: semi-join only permits the first value on the right key (`t2.t1_id`), which means that the duplicates are eliminated as a part of the join operator task. The join algorithm is also Merge Join, which is like an efficient zipper-merge as the operator reads data from both the left and the right side in sorted order.

The original statement is considered a *correlated subquery*, because the subquery refers to a column (`t1.int_col`) that exists outside of the subquery. However, the output of `EXPLAIN` shows the execution plan after the subquery decorrelation optimization has been applied. The condition `t1_id != t1.int_col` is rewritten to `t1.id != t1.int_col`. TiDB can perform this in `─Selection_21` as it is reading data from the table `t1`, so this decorrelation and rewriting make the execution a lot more efficient.

11.3.2.6.4 Anti semi join (`NOT IN` subquery)

In the following example, the query semantically returns all rows from the table `t3` *unless* `t3.t1_id` is in the subquery:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t3 WHERE t1_id NOT IN (SELECT id FROM t1 WHERE int_
   ↪ col < 100);
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object | operator
   ↪ info
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
   ↪
| IndexJoin_16              | 799.20 | root    |               | anti semi join
   ↪ , inner:TableReader_12, outer key:test.t3.t1_id, inner key:test.t1.id
   ↪ , equal cond:eq(test.t3.t1_id, test.t1.id) |
| ─TableReader_28(Build)  | 999.00 | root    |               | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_27
   ↪
   ↪ |
|   ─TableFullScan_27     | 999.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t3  | keep order:
   ↪ false
   ↪
   ↪ |
| ─TableReader_12(Probe)  | 999.00 | root    |               | data:
   ↪ Selection_11
   ↪
   ↪ |
|   ─Selection_11         | 999.00 | cop[tikv] |           | lt(test.t1.
   ↪ int_col, 100)
   ↪
   ↪ |
|     ─TableRangeScan_10  | 999.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1  | range:
   ↪ decided by [test.t3.t1_id], keep order:false
   ↪                                                          |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
   ↪
```

This query starts by reading the table `t3` and then probes the table `t1` based on the `PRIMARY KEY`. The join type is an *anti semi join*; anti because this example is for the non-existence of the value (`NOT IN`) and semi-join because only the first row needs to match before the join is rejected.

11.3.2.6.5 Null-aware semi join (`IN` and `= ANY` subqueries)

The value of the `IN` or `= ANY` set operator is three-valued (`true`, `false`, and `NULL`). For the join type converted from either of the two operators, TiDB needs to be aware of the

NULL on both sides of the join key and process it in a special way.

Subqueries containing IN and = ANY operators are converted to semi join and left outer semi join respectively. In the preceding example of Semi join, since columns test.t1.id ↪ and test.t2.t1_id on both sides of the join key are not NULL, the semi join does not need to be considered as null-aware (NULL is not processed specially). TiDB processes the null-aware semi join based on the Cartesian product and filter without special optimization. The following is an example:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT);
CREATE TABLE s(a INT, b INT);
EXPLAIN SELECT (a,b) IN (SELECT * FROM s) FROM t;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE (a,b) IN (SELECT * FROM s);
```

```
tidb> EXPLAIN SELECT (a,b) IN (SELECT * FROM s) FROM t;
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object | operator
   ↪ info                                                                  |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
   ↪
| HashJoin_8                | 1.00    | root     |               | CARTESIAN left
   ↪  outer semi join, other cond:eq(test.t.a, test.s.a), eq(test.t.b,
   ↪ test.s.b) |
| ─TableReader_12(Build)  | 1.00    | root     |               | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_11
   ↪                                                             |
|   ─TableFullScan_11     | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:s     | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo                                                   |
| ─TableReader_10(Probe)  | 1.00    | root     |               | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_9
   ↪                                                              |
|   ─TableFullScan_9      | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t     | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo                                                   |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

tidb> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE (a,b) IN (SELECT * FROM s);
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
   ↪
| id                         | estRows | task    | access object | operator
```

```
    ↪ info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+--------+----------+--------------+------------
    ↪
| HashJoin_11                | 1.00   | root     |              | inner join,
    ↪ equal:[eq(test.t.a, test.s.a) eq(test.t.b, test.s.b)]
    ↪                          |
|  ─TableReader_14(Build)    | 1.00   | root     |              | data:
    ↪ Selection_13
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    ─Selection_13           | 1.00   | cop[tikv] |             | not(isnull(
    ↪ test.t.a)), not(isnull(test.t.b))
    ↪                                                 |
|      ─TableFullScan_12     | 1.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t     | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                  |
|  ─HashAgg_17(Probe)        | 1.00   | root     |              | group by:
    ↪ test.s.a, test.s.b, funcs:firstrow(test.s.a)->test.s.a, funcs:
    ↪ firstrow(test.s.b)->test.s.b |
|    ─TableReader_24         | 1.00   | root     |              | data:
    ↪ Selection_23
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      ─Selection_23         | 1.00   | cop[tikv] |             | not(isnull(
    ↪ test.s.a)), not(isnull(test.s.b))
    ↪                                                 |
|        ─TableFullScan_22   | 1.00   | cop[tikv] | table:s     | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                  |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+--------+----------+--------------+------------
    ↪
8 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

In the first query statement `EXPLAIN SELECT (a,b)IN (SELECT * FROM s)FROM t;`, since columns `a` and `b` of tables `t` and `s` are NULLABLE, the left outer semi join converted by the `IN` subquery is null-aware. Specifically, the Cartesian product is calculated first, then the column connected by `IN` or `= ANY` is put into other conditions as a normal equality query for filtering.

In the second query statement `EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE (a,b)IN (SELECT * FROM s);`, since columns `a` and `b` of tables `t` and `s` are NULLABLE, the `IN` subquery

should have been converted to a null-aware semi join. But TiDB optimizes it by converting semi join to inner join and aggregate. This is because `NULL` and `false` are equivalent in `IN` subqueries for non-scalar output. The `NULL` rows in the push-down filter results in the negative semantics of the `WHERE` clause. Therefore, these rows can be ignored beforehand.

> **Note:**
>
> The `Exists` operator is also converted to semi join, but it is not null-aware.

11.3.2.6.6 Null-aware anti semi join (`NOT IN` and `!= ALL` subqueries)

The value of the `NOT IN` or `!= ALL` set operator is three-valued (`true`, `false`, and `NULL`). For the join type converted from either of the two operators, TiDB needs to be aware of the `NULL` on both sides of the join key and process it in a special way.

Subqueries containing `NOT IN` and `! = ALL` operators are converted to anti semi join and anti left outer semi join respectively. In the preceding example of Anti semi join, since columns `test.t3.t1_id` and `test.t1.id` on both sides of the join key are `not NULL`, the anti semi join does not need to be considered as null-aware (`NULL` is not processed specially).

TiDB v6.3.0 optimizes null-aware anti join (NAAJ) as follows:

- Build hash join using the null-aware equality condition (NA-EQ)

  Set operators introduce the equality condition, which requires a special process for the `NULL` value of operators on both sides of the condition. The equality condition that requires null-aware is called NA-EQ. Different from earlier versions, TiDB v6.3.0 no longer processes NA-EQ as before, but places it in other conditions after join, and then determines the legitimacy of the result set after matching the Cartesian product.

  Since TiDB v6.3.0, NA-EQ, a weakened equality condition, is still used to build hash join. This reduces the matching amount of data that needs to be traversed and speeds up the matching process. The acceleration is more significant when the percentage of total `DISTINCT()` values of the build table is almost 100%.

- Speed up the return of matching results using the special property of `NULL`

  Since anti semi join is a conjunctive normal form (CNF), a `NULL` on either side of the join leads to a definite result. This property can be used to speed up the return of the entire matching process.

The following is an example:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT);
CREATE TABLE s(a INT, b INT);
EXPLAIN SELECT (a, b) NOT IN (SELECT * FROM s) FROM t;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE (a, b) NOT IN (SELECT * FROM s);
```

```
tidb> EXPLAIN SELECT (a, b) NOT IN (SELECT * FROM s) FROM t;
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object | operator
   ↪ info
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
   ↪
| HashJoin_8                | 10000.00 | root    |              | Null-aware
   ↪ anti left outer semi join, equal:[eq(test.t.b, test.s.b) eq(test.t.a,
   ↪  test.s.a)] |
| ─TableReader_12(Build)  | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_11
   ↪                                                              |
|   ─TableFullScan_11     | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:s  | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo
   ↪ |
| ─TableReader_10(Probe)  | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_9
   ↪                                                               |
|   ─TableFullScan_9      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t  | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

tidb> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE (a, b) NOT IN (SELECT * FROM s);
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object | operator
   ↪ info                                                          |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
   ↪
| HashJoin_8                | 8000.00 | root     |              | Null-aware
   ↪ anti semi join, equal:[eq(test.t.b, test.s.b) eq(test.t.a, test.s.a)]
   ↪  |
| ─TableReader_12(Build)  | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_11                                                 |
```

```
|    └─TableFullScan_11     | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:s  | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo                                        |
|  └─TableReader_10(Probe)  | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_9                                                 |
|    └─TableFullScan_9      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t  | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo                                        |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+------------
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the first query statement `EXPLAIN SELECT (a, b)NOT IN (SELECT * FROM s)FROM ↪ t;`, since columns `a` and `b` of tables `t` and `s` are NULLABLE, the left outer semi join converted by `NOT IN` subquery is null-aware. The difference is that NAAJ optimization also uses the NA-EQ as the hash join condition, which greatly speeds up the join calculation.

In the second query statement `EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE (a, b)NOT IN ( ↪ SELECT * FROM s);`, since columns `a` and `b` of tables `t` and `s` are NULLABLE, the anti semi join converted by `NOT IN` subquery is null-aware. The difference is that NAAJ optimization also uses the NA-EQ as the hash join condition, which greatly speeds up the join calculation.

Currently, TiDB can only be null-aware of anti semi join and anti left outer semi join. Only the hash join type is supported and its build table should be fixed to the right table.

> **Note:**
>
> The `Not Exists` operator is also converted to the anti semi join, but it is not null-aware.

11.3.2.6.7 Explain statements using other types of subqueries

- Explain Statements in the MPP Mode
- Explain Statements That Use Indexes
- Explain Statements That Use Joins
- Explain Statements That Use Aggregation
- Explain Statements Using Views
- Explain Statements Using Partitions
- Explain Statements Using Index Merge

11.3.2.7 Explain Statements Using Aggregation

When aggregating data, the SQL Optimizer will select either a Hash Aggregation or Stream Aggregation operator. To improve query efficiency, aggregation is performed at both the coprocessor and TiDB layers. Consider the following example:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment, pad1 BLOB,
    ↪ pad2 BLOB, pad3 BLOB);
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM dual;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
SELECT SLEEP(1);
ANALYZE TABLE t1;
```

From the output of SHOW TABLE REGIONS, you can see that this table is split into multiple Regions:

```
SHOW TABLE t1 REGIONS;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+-------+--
    ↪
| REGION_ID | START_KEY | END_KEY    | LEADER_ID | LEADER_STORE_ID | PEERS |
    ↪  SCATTERING | WRITTEN_BYTES | READ_BYTES | APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB) |
    ↪ APPROXIMATE_KEYS |
+--
    ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+-------+--
    ↪
|       64 | t_64_      | t_64_r_31766 |     65 |             1 | 65    |
    ↪         0 |         1325 | 102033520 |                98 |
    ↪ 52797 |
|       66 | t_64_r_31766 | t_64_r_63531 |   67 |             1 | 67    |
    ↪         0 |         1325 |  72522521 |               104 |
    ↪ 78495 |
|       68 | t_64_r_63531 | t_64_r_95296 |   69 |             1 | 69    |
    ↪         0 |         1325 |         0 |               104 |
    ↪ 95433 |
|        2 | t_64_r_95296 |           |        3 |             1 | 3     |
    ↪         0 |         1501 |         0 |                81 |
    ↪ 63211 |
+--
    ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+-------+--
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Using EXPLAIN with the following aggregation statement, you can see that −StreamAgg ↪ _8 is first performed on each Region inside TiKV. Each TiKV Region will then send one row back to TiDB, which aggregates the data from each Region in StreamAgg_16:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT COUNT(*) FROM t1;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+----------+----------+-------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows  | task     | access object | operator
    ↪ info             |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+----------+----------+-------------+-----------
    ↪
| StreamAgg_16              | 1.00     | root     |               | funcs:count(
    ↪ Column#7)->Column#5 |
|  −TableReader_17          | 1.00     | root     |               | data:
    ↪ StreamAgg_8             |
```

```
|   └─StreamAgg_8          | 1.00     | cop[tikv] |            | funcs:count
    ↪ (1)->Column#7    |
|     └─TableFullScan_15   | 242020.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:
    ↪ false            |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+----------+----------+-------------+-----------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

This is easiest to observe in `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`, where the `actRows` matches the number of Regions from `SHOW TABLE REGIONS` because a `TableFullScan` is being used and there are no secondary indexes:

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT COUNT(*) FROM t1;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+----------+--------+----------+---------------+---
    ↪
| id                        | estRows  | actRows | task    | access object |
    ↪ execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info               | memory   | disk |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+----------+--------+----------+---------------+---
    ↪
| StreamAgg_16              | 1.00     | 1       | root     |               | time
    ↪ :12.609575ms, loops:2
    ↪
    ↪ | funcs:count(Column#7)->Column#5 | 372 Bytes | N/A |
|  └─TableReader_17         | 1.00     | 4       | root     |               | time
    ↪ :12.605155ms, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 4, max: 12.538245ms, min:
    ↪ 9.256838ms, avg: 10.895114ms, p95: 12.538245ms, max_proc_keys: 31765,
    ↪  p95_proc_keys: 31765, tot_proc: 48ms, rpc_num: 4, rpc_time:
    ↪ 43.530707ms, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00} | data:StreamAgg_8 | 293
    ↪ Bytes | N/A |
|    └─StreamAgg_8          | 1.00     | 4       | cop[tikv] |               | proc
    ↪  max:12ms, min:12ms, p80:12ms, p95:12ms, iters:122, tasks:4
    ↪
    ↪ | funcs:count(1)->Column#7    | N/A      | N/A |
|      └─TableFullScan_15   | 242020.00 | 121010 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 |
    ↪ proc max:12ms, min:12ms, p80:12ms, p95:12ms, iters:122, tasks:4
    ↪
    ↪ | keep order:false            | N/A      | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+----------+--------+----------+---------------+---
```

```
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

11.3.2.7.1 Hash Aggregation

The Hash Aggregation algorithm uses a hash table to store intermediate results while performing aggregation. It executes in parallel using multiple threads but consumes more memory than Stream Aggregation.

The following is an example of the `HashAgg` operator:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ HASH_AGG() */ count(*) FROM t1;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+----------+----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows  | task     | access object | operator
    ↪ info             |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+----------+----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
| HashAgg_9             | 1.00     | root     |               | funcs:count(
    ↪ Column#6)->Column#5 |
|  ─TableReader_10      | 1.00     | root     |               | data:HashAgg_
    ↪ 5              |
|    ─HashAgg_5         | 1.00     | cop[tikv] |              | funcs:count
    ↪ (1)->Column#6    |
|      ─TableFullScan_8 | 242020.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:
    ↪ false            |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+----------+----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The `operator info` shows that the hashing function used to aggregate the data is `funcs
↪ :count(1)->Column#6`.

11.3.2.7.2 Stream Aggregation

The Stream Aggregation algorithm usually consumes less memory than Hash Aggregation. However, this operator requires that data is sent ordered so that it can *stream* and apply the aggregation on values as they arrive.

Consider the following example:

```
CREATE TABLE t2 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY, col1 INT NOT NULL);
INSERT INTO t2 VALUES (1, 9),(2, 3),(3,1),(4,8),(6,3);
```

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ STREAM_AGG() */ col1, count(*) FROM t2 GROUP BY col1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object | operator
    ↪ info
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| Projection_4                | 8000.00 | root     |               | test.t2.col1
    ↪ , Column#3                                                                    |
|  ─StreamAgg_8               | 8000.00 | root     |               | group by:
    ↪ test.t2.col1, funcs:count(1)->Column#3, funcs:firstrow(test.t2.col1)
    ↪ ->test.t2.col1 |
|    ─Sort_13                 | 10000.00 | root    |               | test.t2.
    ↪ col1
    ↪                                                                               |
|      ─TableReader_12        | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_11
    ↪                                                                 |
|        ─TableFullScan_11    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2 | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this example, the `─Sort_13` operator can be eliminated by adding an index on `col1` ↪ . Once the index is added, the data can be read in order and the `─Sort_13` operator is eliminated:

```
ALTER TABLE t2 ADD INDEX (col1);
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ STREAM_AGG() */ col1, count(*) FROM t2 GROUP BY col1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.28 sec)
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------------+
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object          |
   ↪ operator info
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------------+
   ↪
| Projection_4              | 4.00    | root     |                        |
   ↪ test.t2.col1, Column#3
   ↪                                                                  |
| ─StreamAgg_14             | 4.00    | root     |                        |
   ↪ group by:test.t2.col1, funcs:count(Column#4)->Column#3, funcs:
   ↪ firstrow(test.t2.col1)->test.t2.col1 |
|   ─IndexReader_15         | 4.00    | root     |                        |
   ↪ index:StreamAgg_8
   ↪                                                                        |
|     ─StreamAgg_8          | 4.00    | cop[tikv] |                       |
   ↪ group by:test.t2.col1, funcs:count(1)->Column#4
   ↪                                          |
|       ─IndexFullScan_13   | 5.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:col1(col1
   ↪ ) | keep order:true, stats:pseudo
   ↪                                                    |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------------+
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.2.7.3 Multidimensional data aggregation with ROLLUP

Starting from v7.4.0, the `GROUP BY` clause of TiDB supports the `WITH ROLLUP` modifier.

In the `GROUP BY` clause, you can specify one or more columns as a group list and append the `WITH ROLLUP` modifier after the list. Then, TiDB will conduct multidimensional descending grouping based on the columns in the group list and provide you with summary results for each group in the output.

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, TiDB does not support the Cube syntax.

```
explain SELECT year, month, grouping(year), grouping(month), SUM(profit) AS
    ↪  profit FROM bank GROUP BY year, month WITH ROLLUP;
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------+--------+-------------+---------------+
    ↪
| id                                  | estRows | task      | access object |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------+--------+-------------+---------------+
    ↪
| TableReader_44                      | 2.40   | root        |               |
    ↪ MppVersion: 2, data:ExchangeSender_43
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─ExchangeSender_43                 | 2.40   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ ExchangeType: PassThrough
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    ─Projection_8                    | 2.40   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ Column#6->Column#12, Column#7->Column#13, grouping(gid)->Column#14,
    ↪ grouping(gid)->Column#15, Column#9->Column#16
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      ─Projection_38                 | 2.40   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ Column#9, Column#6, Column#7, gid
    ↪
    ↪ |
|        ─HashAgg_36                  | 2.40   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ group by:Column#6, Column#7, gid, funcs:sum(test.bank.profit)->Column
    ↪ #9, funcs:firstrow(Column#6)->Column#6, funcs:firstrow(Column#7)->
    ↪ Column#7, funcs:firstrow(gid)->gid, stream_count: 8              |
|          ─ExchangeReceiver_22       | 3.00   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ stream_count: 8
    ↪
    ↪ |
|            ─ExchangeSender_21       | 3.00   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ ExchangeType: HashPartition, Compression: FAST, Hash Cols: [name:
    ↪ Column#6, collate: binary], [name: Column#7, collate: utf8mb4_bin], [
    ↪ name: gid, collate: binary], stream_count: 8                      |
|              ─Expand_20             | 3.00   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ level-projection:[test.bank.profit, <nil>->Column#6, <nil>->Column#7,
    ↪  0->gid],[test.bank.profit, Column#6, <nil>->Column#7, 1->gid],[test.
```

```
    ↪ bank.profit, Column#6, Column#7, 3->gid]; schema: [test.bank.profit,
    ↪ Column#6,Column#7,gid] |
|              └─Projection_16       | 3.00   | mpp[tiflash] |           |
    ↪ test.bank.profit, test.bank.year->Column#6, test.bank.month->Column#7
    ↪
    ↪
    ↪ |
|                └─TableFullScan_17  | 3.00   | mpp[tiflash] | table:bank |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------+--------+--------------+---------------+
    ↪
10 rows in set (0.05 sec)
```

According to the `GROUP BY year, month WITH ROLLUP` syntax in the preceding statement, the SQL aggregation results for this statement can be calculated and concatenated in three groups: `{year, month}`, `{year}`, and `{}` respectively.

For more information, see GROUP BY modifiers.

11.3.2.8 EXPLAIN Statements Using Views

`EXPLAIN` displays the tables and indexes that a view references, not the name of the view itself. This is because views are only virtual tables and do not store any data themselves. The definition of the view and the rest of the statement are merged together during SQL optimization.

From the bikeshare example database, you can see that the following two queries are executed in a similar manner:

```
ALTER TABLE trips ADD INDEX (duration);
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW long_trips AS SELECT * FROM trips WHERE duration >
    ↪ 3600;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM long_trips;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM trips WHERE duration > 3600;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (2 min 10.11 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.13 sec)

+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+-----------+----------+-----------------------
    ↪
| id                           | estRows   | task     | access object
    ↪                      | operator info                    |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+------------+-----------+------------------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_12              | 6372547.67 | root   |
   ↪                                   |                                 |
| ─IndexRangeScan_10(Build) | 6372547.67 | cop[tikv] | table:trips, index:
   ↪ duration(duration) | range:(3600,+inf], keep order:false |
| ─TableRowIDScan_11(Probe) | 6372547.67 | cop[tikv] | table:trips
   ↪                    | keep order:false                |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+------------+-----------+------------------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+-----------+-----------+------------------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪                     | operator info                   |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+-----------+-----------+------------------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 833219.37 | root   |
   ↪                                   |                                 |
| ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build) | 833219.37 | cop[tikv] | table:trips, index:
   ↪ duration(duration) | range:(3600,+inf], keep order:false |
| ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe) | 833219.37 | cop[tikv] | table:trips
   ↪                    | keep order:false                |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+-----------+-----------+------------------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Similarly, predicates from the view are pushed down to the base table:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM long_trips WHERE bike_number = 'W00950';
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM trips WHERE bike_number = 'W00950';
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
   ↪                     | operator info                                |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------------
```

```
    ↪
| IndexLookUp_14              | 3.33    | root      |
    ↪                                    |
    ↪                                                 |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_11(Build) | 3333.33 | cop[tikv] | table:trips, index:
    ↪ duration(duration) | range:(3600,+inf], keep order:false, stats:
    ↪ pseudo |
|  ─Selection_13(Probe)       | 3.33    | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                                   | eq(bikeshare.trips.bike_number, "
    ↪ W00950")   |
|    ─TableRowIDScan_12       | 3333.33 | cop[tikv] | table:trips
    ↪                     | keep order:false, stats:pseudo              |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+--
    ↪ ----------------------+-------------+-----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows     | task      | access object | operator
    ↪ info                          |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+-------------+-----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| TableReader_7         | 43.00       | root      |               | data:Selection
    ↪ _6                       |
|  ─Selection_6         | 43.00       | cop[tikv] |               | eq(bikeshare.
    ↪ trips.bike_number, "W00950") |
|    ─TableFullScan_5   | 19117643.00 | cop[tikv] | table:trips | keep order
    ↪ :false                   |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+-------------+-----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the first statement above, you can see that the index is used to satisfy the view definition, and then the `bike_number = 'W00950'` is applied when TiDB reads the table row. In the second statement, there are no indexes to satisfy the statement, and a `TableFullScan` is used.

TiDB makes use of indexes that satisfy both the view definition and the statement itself. Consider the following composite index:

```
ALTER TABLE trips ADD INDEX (bike_number, duration);
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM long_trips WHERE bike_number = 'W00950';
```

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM trips WHERE bike_number = 'W00950';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (2 min 31.20 sec)

+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
    ↪                                     | operator info
    ↪                                     |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------
    ↪
| IndexLookUp_13              | 63725.48 | root    |
    ↪                                                  |
    ↪                                                  |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_11(Build)  | 63725.48 | cop[tikv] | table:trips, index:
    ↪ bike_number(bike_number, duration) | range:("W00950" 3600,"W00950" +
    ↪ inf], keep order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_12(Probe)  | 63725.48 | cop[tikv] | table:trips
    ↪                                       | keep order:false
    ↪                                    |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
    ↪                                     | operator info
    ↪                               |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------
    ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 19117.64 | root    |
    ↪                                                  |
    ↪                                               |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 19117.64 | cop[tikv] | table:trips, index:
    ↪ bike_number(bike_number, duration) | range:["W00950","W00950"], keep
    ↪ order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 19117.64 | cop[tikv] | table:trips
    ↪                                       | keep order:false
    ↪                           |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the first statement, TiDB is able to use both parts of the composite index `(bike_number, duration)`. In the second statement, only the first part which is `bike_number` of the index `(bike_number, duration)` is used.

11.3.2.9 Explain Statements Using Partitions

The `EXPLAIN` statement displays the partitions that TiDB needs to access in order to execute a query. Because of partition pruning, the displayed partitions are often only a subset of the overall partitions. This document describes some of the optimizations for common partitioned tables, and how to interpret the output of `EXPLAIN`.

The sample data used in this document:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
 id BIGINT NOT NULL auto_increment,
 d date NOT NULL,
 pad1 BLOB,
 pad2 BLOB,
 pad3 BLOB,
 PRIMARY KEY (id,d)
) PARTITION BY RANGE (YEAR(d)) (
 PARTITION p2016 VALUES LESS THAN (2017),
 PARTITION p2017 VALUES LESS THAN (2018),
 PARTITION p2018 VALUES LESS THAN (2019),
 PARTITION p2019 VALUES LESS THAN (2020),
 PARTITION pmax VALUES LESS THAN MAXVALUE
);

INSERT INTO t1 (d, pad1, pad2, pad3) VALUES
 ('2016-01-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2016-06-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2016-09-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2017-01-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2017-06-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2017-09-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2018-01-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2018-06-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2018-09-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2019-01-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2019-06-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2019-09-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
```

```
 ('2020-01-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2020-06-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024)),
 ('2020-09-01', RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024));

INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, a.d, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
   ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, a.d, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
   ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, a.d, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
   ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, a.d, RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024),
   ↪ RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 10000;

SELECT SLEEP(1);
ANALYZE TABLE t1;
```

The following example shows a statement against the newly created partitioned table:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT COUNT(*) FROM t1 WHERE d = '2017-06-01';
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------+-
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object           |
   ↪ operator info                          |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------+-
   ↪
| StreamAgg_21                | 1.00    | root     |                         |
   ↪ funcs:count(Column#8)->Column#6      |
| └─TableReader_22            | 1.00    | root     |                         |
   ↪ data:StreamAgg_10                    |
|   └─StreamAgg_10            | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |                        |
   ↪ funcs:count(1)->Column#8             |
|     └─Selection_20          | 8.87    | cop[tikv] |                        | eq
   ↪ (test.t1.d, 2017-06-01 00:00:00.000000) |
|       └─TableFullScan_19    | 8870.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, partition:
   ↪ p2017 | keep order:false              |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------+-
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Starting from the inner-most (`└─TableFullScan_19`) operator and working back towards the root operator (`StreamAgg_21`):

- TiDB successfully identified that only one partition (p2017) needed to be accessed. This is noted under `access object`.
- The partition itself was scanned in the operator `─TableFullScan_19` and then `─Selection_20` was applied to filter for rows that have a start date of `2017-06-01 00:00:00.000000`.
- The rows that match `─Selection_20` are then stream aggregated in the coprocessor, which natively understands the `count` function.
- Each coprocessor request then sends back one row to `─TableReader_22` inside TiDB, which is then stream aggregated under `StreamAgg_21` and one row is returned to the client.

In the following example, partition pruning does not eliminate any partitions:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT COUNT(*) FROM t1 WHERE YEAR(d) = 2017;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+----------+-----------+--------------------
   ↪
| id                                | estRows | task      | access object
   ↪          | operator info                 |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+----------+-----------+--------------------
   ↪
| HashAgg_20                        | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                           | funcs:count(Column#7)->Column#6 |
|  ─PartitionUnion_21               | 5.00     | root      |
   ↪                           |                                 |
|    ─StreamAgg_36                  | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                           | funcs:count(Column#9)->Column#7 |
|      ─TableReader_37              | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                           | data:StreamAgg_25               |
|        ─StreamAgg_25              | 1.00     | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                           | funcs:count(1)->Column#9        |
|          ─Selection_35            | 6000.00  | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                           | eq(year(test.t1.d), 2017)       |
|            ─TableFullScan_34      | 7500.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t1,
   ↪ partition:p2016 | keep order:false          |
|    ─StreamAgg_55                  | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                           | funcs:count(Column#11)->Column#7 |
|      ─TableReader_56              | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                           | data:StreamAgg_44               |
|        ─StreamAgg_44              | 1.00     | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                           | funcs:count(1)->Column#11       |
|          ─Selection_54            | 14192.00 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                           | eq(year(test.t1.d), 2017)       |
```

```
|           └─TableFullScan_53     | 17740.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1,
   ↪ partition:p2017 | keep order:false      |
|    └─StreamAgg_74                | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                          | funcs:count(Column#13)->Column#7 |
|      └─TableReader_75            | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                          | data:StreamAgg_63            |
|        └─StreamAgg_63            | 1.00     | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                         | funcs:count(1)->Column#13    |
|          └─Selection_73          | 3977.60 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                        | eq(year(test.t1.d), 2017)    |
|           └─TableFullScan_72     | 4972.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1,
   ↪ partition:p2018 | keep order:false      |
|    └─StreamAgg_93                | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                          | funcs:count(Column#15)->Column#7 |
|      └─TableReader_94            | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                          | data:StreamAgg_82            |
|        └─StreamAgg_82            | 1.00     | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                         | funcs:count(1)->Column#15    |
|          └─Selection_92          | 20361.60 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                        | eq(year(test.t1.d), 2017)    |
|           └─TableFullScan_91     | 25452.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1,
   ↪ partition:p2019 | keep order:false      |
|    └─StreamAgg_112               | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                          | funcs:count(Column#17)->Column#7 |
|      └─TableReader_113           | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                          | data:StreamAgg_101           |
|        └─StreamAgg_101           | 1.00     | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                         | funcs:count(1)->Column#17    |
|          └─Selection_111         | 8892.80 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                        | eq(year(test.t1.d), 2017)    |
|           └─TableFullScan_110    | 11116.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1,
   ↪ partition:pmax | keep order:false      |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+----------+-----------+----------------------
   ↪
27 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

From the output above:

- TiDB believes that it needs to access all of the partitions (`p2016..pMax`). This is because the predicate `YEAR(d)= 2017` is considered non-sargable. This issue is not specific to TiDB.
- As each partition is scanned, a `Selection` operator filters out rows that do not match the year of 2017.

- A stream aggregation on each partition is performed to count the number of rows that match.
- The operator `-PartitionUnion_21` unions the results from accessing each partition.

11.3.2.10 Explain Statements Using Index Merge

Index merge is a method introduced in TiDB v4.0 to access tables. Using this method, the TiDB optimizer can use multiple indexes per table and merge the results returned by each index. In some scenarios, this method makes the query more efficient by avoiding full table scans.

Index merge in TiDB has two types: the intersection type and the union type. The former applies to the `AND` expression, while the latter applies to the `OR` expression. The union-type index merge is introduced in TiDB v4.0 as an experimental feature and has become GA in v5.4.0. The intersection type is introduced in TiDB v6.5.0, and can be used only when the `USE_INDEX_MERGE` hint is specified.

11.3.2.10.1 Enable index merge

In v5.4.0 or a later TiDB version, index merge is enabled by default. In other situations, if index merge is not enabled, you need to set the variable `tidb_enable_index_merge` to `ON` to enable this feature.

```
SET session tidb_enable_index_merge = ON;
```

11.3.2.10.2 Examples

```
CREATE TABLE t(a int, b int, c int, d int, INDEX idx_a(a), INDEX idx_b(b),
    ↪ INDEX idx_c(c), INDEX idx_d(d));
```

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ NO_INDEX_MERGE() */ * FROM t WHERE a = 1 OR b = 1;

+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
    ↪
| id                   | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
    ↪                 |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
    ↪
| TableReader_7        | 19.99   | root     |               | data:Selection_6
    ↪                |
| -Selection_6         | 19.99   | cop[tikv] |              | or(eq(test.t.a,
    ↪ 1), eq(test.t.b, 1)) |
|   -TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t  | keep order:false
    ↪ , stats:pseudo  |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
    ↪
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ USE_INDEX_MERGE(t) */ * FROM t WHERE a > 1 OR b > 1;
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+--
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object        |
    ↪ operator info                                 |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+--
    ↪
| IndexMerge_8                | 5555.56 | root     |                      | type
    ↪ : union                                       |
| ├─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)   | 3333.33 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_a(a
    ↪ ) | range:(1,+inf], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| ├─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)   | 3333.33 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_b(b
    ↪ ) | range:(1,+inf], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| └─TableRowIDScan_7(Probe)   | 5555.56 | cop[tikv] | table:t              |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo                |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+--
    ↪
```

In the preceding query, the filter condition is a `WHERE` clause that uses `OR` as the connector. Without index merge, you can use only one index per table. `a = 1` cannot be pushed down to the index `a`; neither can `b = 1` be pushed down to the index `b`. The full table scan is inefficient when a huge volume of data exists in `t`. To handle such a scenario, index merge is introduced in TiDB to access tables.

For the preceding query, the optimizer chooses the union-type index merge to access the table. Index merge allows the optimizer to use multiple indexes per table, to merge the results returned by each index, and to generate the latter execution plan in the preceding output.

In the output, the `type: union` information in `operator info` of the `IndexMerge_8` ↪ operator indicates that this operator is a union-type index merge. It has three child nodes. `IndexRangeScan_5` and `IndexRangeScan_6` scan the `RowID`s that meet the condition according to the range, and then the `TableRowIDScan_7` operator accurately reads all the data that meets the condition according to these `RowID`s.

For the scan operation that is performed on a specific range of data, such as `IndexRangeScan`/`TableRangeScan`, the `operator info` column in the result has additional information about the scan range compared with other scan operations like `IndexFullScan` ↪ /`TableFullScan`. In the above example, the `range:(1,+inf]` in the `IndexRangeScan_5` operator indicates that the operator scans the data from 1 to positive infinity.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ NO_INDEX_MERGE() */ * FROM t WHERE a > 1 AND b > 1 AND c
    ↪  = 1; -- Does not use index merge

+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+-
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object         |
    ↪ operator info                                |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+-
    ↪
| IndexLookUp_19              | 1.11    | root     |                       |
    ↪                                              |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_16(Build) | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_c(c)
    ↪  | range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─Selection_18(Probe)       | 1.11    | cop[tikv] |                       | gt
    ↪ (test.t.a, 1), gt(test.t.b, 1)       |
|    ─TableRowIDScan_17       | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t               |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo         |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+-
    ↪

EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ USE_INDEX_MERGE(t, idx_a, idx_b, idx_c) */ * FROM t
    ↪ WHERE a > 1 AND b > 1 AND c = 1; -- Uses index merge
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+--
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object         |
    ↪ operator info                                |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+--
    ↪
| IndexMerge_9                | 1.11    | root     |                       | type
    ↪ : intersection                           |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 3333.33 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_a(a
    ↪ ) | range:(1,+inf], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 3333.33 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_b(b
    ↪ ) | range:(1,+inf], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_c(c)
    ↪ | range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_8(Probe)  | 1.11    | cop[tikv] | table:t               |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo           |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+--
```

```
↪
```

From the preceding example, you can see that the filter condition is a `WHERE` clause that uses `AND` as the connector. Before index merge is enabled, the optimizer can only choose one of the three indexes (`idx_a`, `idx_b`, or `idx_c`).

If one of the filter conditions has a low selectivity, the optimizer directly chooses the corresponding index to achieve the ideal execution efficiency. However, if the data distribution meets all of the following three conditions, you can consider using the intersection-type index merge:

- The data size of the whole table is large, and directly reading the whole table is inefficient.
- For each one of the three filter conditions, the respective selectivity is very high, so the execution efficiency of `IndexLookUp` using a single index is not ideal.
- The overall selectivity of the three filter conditions is low.

When using the intersection-type index merge to access tables, the optimizer can choose to use multiple indexes on a table, and merge the results returned by each index to generate the execution plan of the latter `IndexMerge` in the preceding example output. The `type: intersection` information in the `operator info` of the `IndexMerge_9` operator indicates that this operator is an intersection-type index merge. The other parts of the execution plan are similar to the preceding union-type index merge example.

Note:

- The Index Merge feature is enabled by default from v5.4.0. That is, `tidb_enable_index_merge` is `ON`.
- You can use the SQL hint `USE_INDEX_MERGE` to force the optimizer to apply Index Merge, regardless of the setting of `tidb_enable_index_merge`. To enable Index Merge when the filtering conditions contain expressions that cannot be pushed down, you must use the SQL hint `USE_INDEX_MERGE`.
- If the optimizer can choose the single index scan method (other than full table scan) for a query plan, the optimizer will not automatically use index merge. For the optimizer to use index merge, you need to use the optimizer hint. Starting from v8.1.0, you can remove this limitation by setting Optimizer Fix Control 52869. Removing this limitation enables the optimizer to choose index merge automatically in more queries, but might cause the optimizer to ignore the optimal execution plans. Therefore, it is recommended to conduct sufficient tests on actual use cases before removing this limitation to make sure that it will not cause performance regressions.

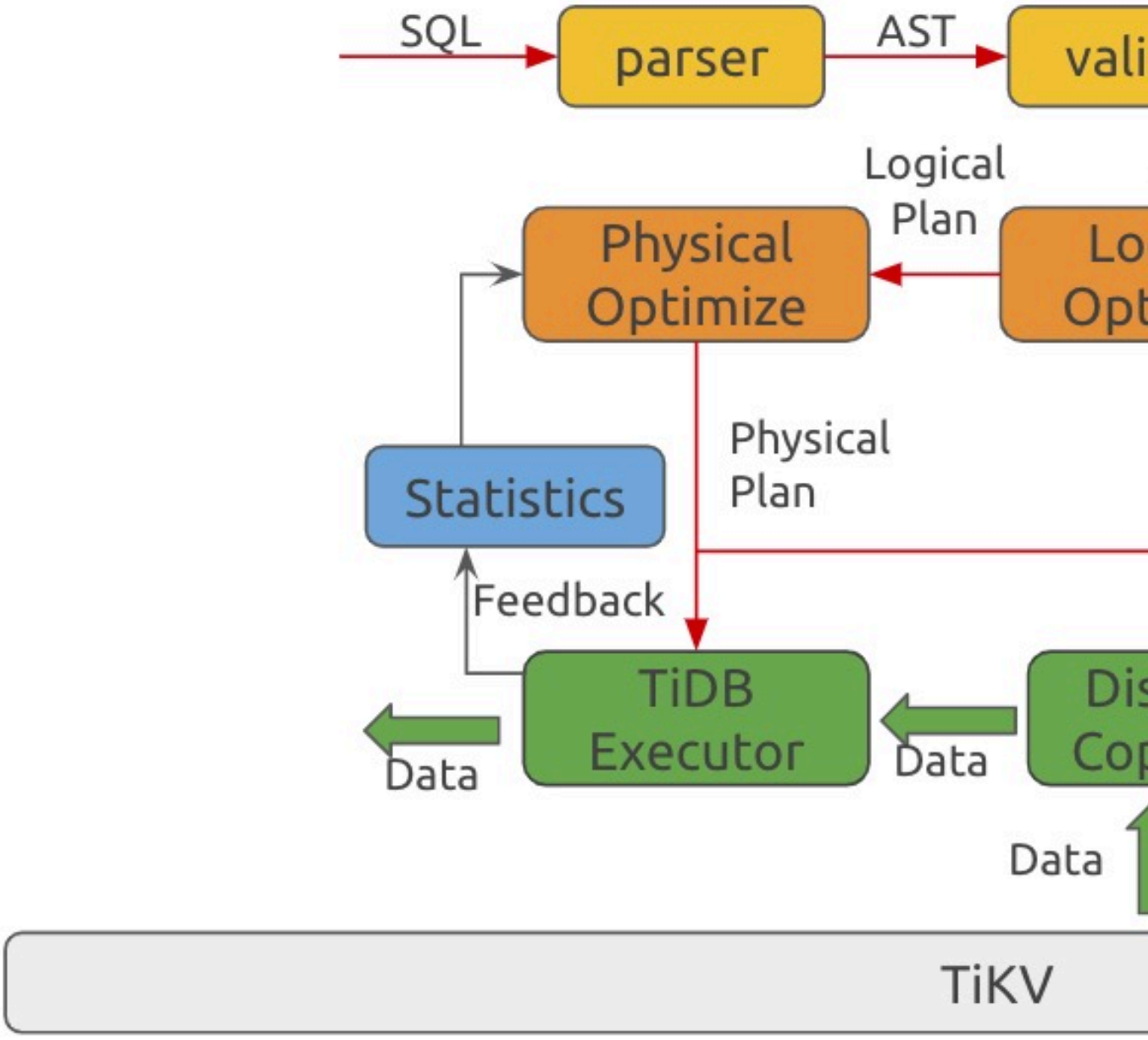

Figure 431: SQL Optimization Process

After parsing the original query text by `parser` and some simple validity checks, TiDB first makes some logically equivalent changes to the query. For detailed changes, see SQL Logical Optimization.

Through these equivalent changes, this query becomes easier to handle in the logical execution plan. After the equivalent change is done, TiDB obtains a query plan structure equivalent to the original query, and then obtains a final execution plan based on the data distribution and the specific execution cost of an operator. For details, see SQL Physical Optimization.

At the same time, when TiDB executes the `PREPARE` statement, you can choose to enable caching to reduce the cost of generating the execution plan in TiDB. For details, see Execution Plan Cache.

11.3.3.2 Logic Optimization

11.3.3.2.1 SQL Logical Optimization

This chapter explains some key logic rewrites to help you understand how TiDB generates the final query plan. For example, when you execute the `select * from t where t.a in (select t1.a from t1 where t1.b=t.b)` query in TiDB, you will find that the `IN` sub-query `t.a in (select t1.a from t1 where t1.b=t.b)` does not exist because TiDB has made some rewrites here.

This chapter introduces the following key rewrites:

- Subquery Related Optimizations
- Column Pruning
- Decorrelation of Correlated Subquery
- Eliminate Max/Min
- Predicates Push Down
- Partition Pruning
- TopN and Limit Operator Push Down
- Join Reorder
- Derive TopN or Limit from Window Functions

11.3.3.2.2 Subquery Related Optimizations

This article mainly introduces subquery related optimizations.

Subqueries usually appear in the following situations:

- `NOT IN (SELECT ... FROM ...)`
- `NOT EXISTS (SELECT ... FROM ...)`
- `IN (SELECT ... FROM ..)`
- `EXISTS (SELECT ... FROM ...)`
- `... >/>=/</<=/=/!= (SELECT ... FROM ...)`

Sometimes a subquery contains non-subquery columns, such as `select * from t where t.a in (select * from t2 where t.b=t2.b)`. The `t.b` column in the subquery does not belong to the subquery, it is introduced from the outside of the subquery. This kind of subquery is usually called a "correlated subquery", and the externally introduced column is called a "correlated column". For optimizations about correlated subquery, see Decorrelation of correlated subquery. This article focuses on subqueries that do not involve correlated columns.

By default, subqueries use `semi join` mentioned in Understanding TiDB Execution Plan as the execution method. For some special subqueries, TiDB do some logical rewrite to get better performance.

`... < ALL (SELECT ... FROM ...)` or `... > ANY (SELECT ... FROM ...)`

In this case, `ALL` and `ANY` can be replaced by `MAX` and `MIN`. When the table is empty, the result of `MAX(EXPR)` and `MIN(EXPR)` is NULL. It works the same when the result of `EXPR` contains `NULL`. Whether the result of `EXPR` contains `NULL` may affect the final result of the expression, so the complete rewrite is given in the following form:

- `t.id < all (select s.id from s)` is rewritten as `t.id < min(s.id)and if(sum(s.id is null)!= 0, null, true)`
- `t.id > any (select s.id from s)` is rewritten as `t.id > max(s.id)or if(sum(s.id is null)!= 0, null, false)`

`... != ANY (SELECT ... FROM ...)`

In this case, if all the values from the subquery are distinct, it is enough to compare the query with them. If the number of different values in the subquery is more than one, then there must be inequality. Therefore, such subqueries can be rewritten as follows:

- `select * from t where t.id != any (select s.id from s)` is rewritten as `select t.* from t, (select s.id, count(distinct s.id)as cnt_distinct from s)where (t.id != s.id or cnt_distinct > 1)`

`... = ALL (SELECT ... FROM ...)`

In this case, when the number of different values in the subquery is more than one, then the result of this expression must be false. Therefore, such subquery is rewritten into the following form in TiDB:

- `select * from t where t.id = all (select s.id from s)` is rewritten as `select t.* from t, (select s.id, count(distinct s.id)as cnt_distinct from s )where (t.id = s.id and cnt_distinct <= 1)`

`... IN (SELECT ... FROM ...)`

In this case, the subquery of `IN` is rewritten into `SELECT ... FROM ... GROUP ...`, and then rewritten into the normal form of `JOIN`.

For example, `select * from t1 where t1.a in (select t2.a from t2)` is rewritten as `select t1.* from t1, (select distinct(a)a from t2)t2 where t1.a = t2.The form of a`. The `DISTINCT` attribute here can be eliminated automatically if `t2.a` has the `UNIQUE` attribute.

```
explain select * from t1 where t1.a in (select t2.a from t2);
```

```
+--
   ↪ --------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+----
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object        |
   ↪ operator info                                                          |
+--
   ↪ --------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+----
   ↪
| IndexJoin_12                | 9990.00 | root     |                      | inner
   ↪  join, inner:TableReader_11, outer key:test.t2.a, inner key:test.t1.a
   ↪  |
|  ─HashAgg_21(Build)         | 7992.00 | root     |                      |
   ↪ group by:test.t2.a, funcs:firstrow(test.t2.a)->test.t2.a               |
|    ─IndexReader_28          | 9990.00 | root     |                      |
   ↪ index:IndexFullScan_27                                                 |
|      ─IndexFullScan_27      | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:idx(a)
   ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo                                       |
|  ─TableReader_11(Probe)     | 7992.00 | root     |                      | data
   ↪ :TableRangeScan_10                                                     |
|    ─TableRangeScan_10       | 7992.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1             |
   ↪ range: decided by [test.t2.a], keep order:false, stats:pseudo          |
+--
   ↪ --------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+----
   ↪
```

This rewrite gets better performance when the `IN` subquery is relatively small and the external query is relatively large, because without rewriting, using `index join` with t2 as the driving table is impossible. However, the disadvantage is that when the aggregation cannot be automatically eliminated during the rewrite and the `t2` table is relatively large, this rewrite affects the performance of the query. Currently, the variable tidb_opt_insubq_to_join_and_agg is used to control this optimization. When this optimization is not suitable, you can manually disable it.

`EXISTS` subquery and `... >/>=/</<=/=/!= (SELECT ... FROM ...)`

At present, for a subquery in such scenarios, if the subquery is not a correlated subquery, TiDB evaluates it in advance in the optimization stage, and directly replaces it with a result set. As shown in the figure below, the `EXISTS` subquery is evaluated to `TRUE` in the optimization stage in advance, so it does not show in the final execution result.

```
create table t1(a int);
create table t2(a int);
insert into t2 values(1);
explain select * from t1 where exists (select * from t2);
```

```
+--
   ↪ --------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+------------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
   ↪            |
+--
   ↪ --------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+------------------
   ↪
| TableReader_12        | 10000.00 | root     |               | data:TableFullScan
   ↪ _11       |
|  ─TableFullScan_11    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:false,
   ↪  stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ --------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+------------------
   ↪
```

In the preceding optimization, the optimizer automatically optimizes the statement execution. In addition, you can also add the SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE hint to further rewrite the statement.

If this hint is not used to rewrite the query, when the hash join is selected in the execution plan, the semi-join query can only use the subquery to build a hash table. In this case, when the result of the subquery is bigger than that of the outer query, the execution speed might be slower than expected.

Similarly, when the index join is selected in the execution plan, the semi-join query can only use the outer query as the driving table. In this case, when the result of the subquery is smaller than that of the outer query, the execution speed might be slower than expected.

When `SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE()` is used to rewrite the query, the optimizer can extend the selection range to select a better execution plan.

11.3.3.2.3 Column Pruning

The basic idea of column pruning is that for columns not used in the operator, the optimizer does not need to retain them during optimization. Removing these columns reduces the use of I/O resources and facilitates the subsequent optimization. The following is an example of column repetition:

Suppose there are four columns (a, b, c, and d) in table t. You can execute the following statement:

```
select a from t where b> 5
```

In this query, only column a and column b are used, and column c and column d are redundant. Regarding the query plan of this statement, the `Selection` operator uses column b. Then the `DataSource` operator uses columns a and column b. Columns c and column d can be pruned because the `DataSource` operator does not read them.

Therefore, when TiDB performs a top-down scanning during the logic optimization phase, redundant columns are pruned to reduce waste of resources. This scanning process is called "Column Pruning", corresponding to the `columnPruner` rule. If you want to disable this rule, refer to The Blocklist of Optimization Rules and Expression Pushdown.

11.3.3.2.4 Decorrelation of Correlated Subquery

Subquery related optimizations describes how TiDB handles subqueries when there are no correlated columns. Because decorrelation of correlated subquery is complex, this article introduces some simple scenarios and the scope to which the optimization rule applies.

Introduction

Take `select * from t1 where t1.a < (select sum(t2.a)from t2 where t2.b = t1.b)` as an example. The subquery `t1.a < (select sum(t2.a)from t2 where t2.b = t1.b)` here refers to the correlated column in the query condition `t2.b=t1.b`, this condition happens to be an equivalent condition, so the query can be rewritten as `select t1.* from t1, (select b, sum(a)sum_a from t2 group by b)t2 where t1.b = t2.b and t1.a < t2.sum_a;`. In this way, a correlated subquery is rewritten into `JOIN`.

The reason why TiDB needs to do this rewriting is that the correlated subquery is bound to its external query result every time the subquery is executed. In the above example, if `t1.a` has 10 million values, this subquery would repeat 10 million times, because the condition `t2.b=t1.b` varies with the value of `t1.a`. When the correlation is lifted somehow, this subquery would execute only once.

Restrictions

The disadvantage of this rewriting is that when the correlation is not lifted, the optimizer can use the index on the correlated column. That is, although this subquery may repeat many times, the index can be used to filter data each time. After using the rewriting rule, the position of the correlated column usually changes. Although the subquery is only executed once, the single execution time would be longer than that without decorrelation.

Therefore, when there are few external values, do not perform decorrelation, which might bring better execution performance. In this case, you can disable this optimization by using the `NO_DECORRELATE` optimizer hint or by disabling the "subquery decorrelation" optimization rule in the blocklist of optimization rules and expression pushdown. In most cases, it is recommended to use the optimizer hint along with SQL Plan Management to disable the decorrelation.

Example

```
create table t1(a int, b int);
create table t2(a int, b int, index idx(b));
explain select * from t1 where t1.a < (select sum(t2.a) from t2 where t2.b
    ↪ = t1.b);
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-------
   ↪
| id                            | estRows | task     | access object |
   ↪ operator info
   ↪                                                                  |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-------
   ↪
| HashJoin_11                   | 9990.00 | root     |              | inner
   ↪ join, equal:[eq(test.t1.b, test.t2.b)], other cond:lt(cast(test.t1.a)
   ↪ , Column#7) |
|  ─HashAgg_23(Build)           | 7992.00 | root     |              | group by
   ↪ :test.t2.b, funcs:sum(Column#8)->Column#7, funcs:firstrow(test.t2.b)
   ↪ ->test.t2.b |
|    ─TableReader_24            | 7992.00 | root     |              | data:
   ↪ HashAgg_16
   ↪                                                                   |
|      ─HashAgg_16              | 7992.00 | cop[tikv] |             | group by
   ↪ :test.t2.b, funcs:sum(test.t2.a)->Column#8                        |
|        ─Selection_22          | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] |             | not(
   ↪ isnull(test.t2.b))
   ↪                                                          |
|          ─TableFullScan_21    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2 | keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪                                                  |
|  ─TableReader_15(Probe)       | 9990.00 | root     |              | data:
   ↪ Selection_14
   ↪                                                               |
|    ─Selection_14              | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] |             | not(
   ↪ isnull(test.t1.b))
   ↪                                                          |
|      ─TableFullScan_13        | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪                                                  |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-------
   ↪
```

The above is an example where the optimization takes effect. `HashJoin_11` is a normal `inner join`.

Then, you can use the `NO_DECORRELATE` optimizer hint to tell the optimizer not to perform decorrelation for the subquery:

```
explain select * from t1 where t1.a < (select /*+ NO_DECORRELATE() */ sum(
    ↪ t2.a) from t2 where t2.b = t1.b);
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+----------+----------+--------------
    ↪
| id                                    | estRows  | task     | access object
    ↪       | operator info
    ↪                                                                 |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+----------+----------+--------------
    ↪
| Projection_10                         | 10000.00 | root     |
    ↪                     | test.t1.a, test.t1.b
    ↪                                                    |
|  ─Apply_12                            | 10000.00 | root     |
    ↪                     | CARTESIAN inner join, other cond:lt(cast(test.
    ↪ t1.a, decimal(10,0) BINARY), Column#7) |
|    ─TableReader_14(Build)             | 10000.00 | root     |
    ↪                     | data:TableFullScan_13
    ↪                                                  |
|      ─TableFullScan_13                | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1
    ↪          | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                |
|    ─MaxOneRow_15(Probe)               | 10000.00 | root     |
    ↪                     |
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      ─StreamAgg_20                    | 10000.00 | root     |
    ↪                     | funcs:sum(Column#14)->Column#7
    ↪                                                |
|        ─Projection_45                 | 100000.00 | root    |
    ↪                     | cast(test.t2.a, decimal(10,0) BINARY)->Column
    ↪ #14                           |
|          ─IndexLookUp_44              | 100000.00 | root    |
    ↪                     |
    ↪
    ↪ |
|            ─IndexRangeScan_42(Build)  | 100000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2,
    ↪ index:idx(b) | range: decided by [eq(test.t2.b, test.t1.b)], keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo |
|            ─TableRowIDScan_43(Probe)  | 100000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2
    ↪          | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                |
+--
```

```
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+----------+----------+--------------
    ↪
```

Disabling the decorrelation rule can also achieve the same effect:

```
insert into mysql.opt_rule_blacklist values("decorrelate");
admin reload opt_rule_blacklist;
explain select * from t1 where t1.a < (select sum(t2.a) from t2 where t2.b
    ↪ = t1.b);
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+----------+----------+--------------
    ↪
| id                                    | estRows  | task     | access object
    ↪       | operator info
    ↪                                                                    |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+----------+----------+--------------
    ↪
| Projection_10                         | 10000.00 | root     |
    ↪                       | test.t1.a, test.t1.b
    ↪                                                          |
|  ─Apply_12                            | 10000.00 | root     |
    ↪                       | CARTESIAN inner join, other cond:lt(cast(test.
    ↪ t1.a, decimal(10,0) BINARY), Column#7) |
|    ─TableReader_14(Build)             | 10000.00 | root     |
    ↪                       | data:TableFullScan_13
    ↪                                                        |
|      ─TableFullScan_13                | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1
    ↪          | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                   |
|    ─MaxOneRow_15(Probe)               | 10000.00 | root     |
    ↪                       |
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      ─StreamAgg_20                    | 10000.00 | root     |
    ↪                       | funcs:sum(Column#14)->Column#7
    ↪                                                     |
|        ─Projection_45                 | 100000.00 | root    |
    ↪                       | cast(test.t2.a, decimal(10,0) BINARY)->Column
    ↪ #14                             |
|          ─IndexLookUp_44              | 100000.00 | root    |
    ↪                       |
    ↪
    ↪ |
```

```
|           └─IndexRangeScan_42(Build)  | 100000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2,
    ↪ index:idx(b) | range: decided by [eq(test.t2.b, test.t1.b)], keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo |
|           └─TableRowIDScan_43(Probe)  | 100000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2
    ↪           | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+----------+----------+--------------
    ↪
```

After disabling the subquery decorrelation rule, you can see `range: decided by [eq(` ↪ `test.t2.b, test.t1.b)]` in `operator info` of `IndexRangeScan_42(Build)`. It means that the decorrelation of correlated subquery is not performed and TiDB uses the index range query.

11.3.3.2.5 Eliminate Max/Min

When a SQL statement contains `max/min` functions, the query optimizer tries to convert the `max/min` aggregate functions to the TopN operator by applying the `max/min` optimization rule. In this way, TiDB can perform the query more efficiently through indexes.

This optimization rule is divided into the following two types according to the number of `max/min` functions in the `select` statement:

- The statement with only one `max/min` function
- The statement with multiple `max/min` functions

One `max/min` function

When a SQL statement meets the following conditions, this rule is applied:

- The statement contains only one aggregate function, which is `max` or `min`.
- The aggregate function has no related `group by` clause.

For example:

```
select max(a) from t
```

The optimization rule rewrites the statement as follows:

```
select max(a) from (select a from t where a is not null order by a desc
    ↪ limit 1) t
```

When column `a` has an index, or when column `a` is the prefix of some composite index, with the help of index, the new SQL statement can find the maximum or minimum value by scanning only one row of data. This optimization avoids full table scan.

The example statement has the following execution plan:

```
mysql> explain select max(a) from t;
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object         |
   ↪ operator info                    |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---
   ↪
| StreamAgg_13              | 1.00    | root     |                       |
   ↪ funcs:max(test.t.a)->Column#4  |
|  ─Limit_17                 | 1.00    | root     |                        |
   ↪ offset:0, count:1                |
|    ─IndexReader_27         | 1.00    | root     |                        |
   ↪ index:Limit_26                   |
|      ─Limit_26             | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |                       |
   ↪ offset:0, count:1                |
|        ─IndexFullScan_25   | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_a(a) |
   ↪  keep order:true, desc, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Multiple `max`/`min` functions

When a SQL statement meets the following conditions, this rule is applied:

- The statement contains multiple aggregate functions, which are all `max` or `min` functions.
- None of the aggregate functions has a related `group by` clause.
- The columns in each `max`/`min` function has indexes to preserve the order.

For example:

```
select max(a) - min(a) from t
```

The optimization rule first checks whether column `a` has an index to preserve its order. If yes, the SQL statement is rewritten as the Cartesian product of two subqueries:

```
select max_a - min_a
from
    (select max(a) as max_a from t) t1,
    (select min(a) as min_a from t) t2
```

Through the rewrite, the optimizer can apply the rule for statements with only one `max` ↪ `/min` function to the two subqueries respectively. The statement is then rewritten as follows:

```
select max_a - min_a
from
    (select max(a) as max_a from (select a from t where a is not null order
       ↪  by a desc limit 1) t) t1,
    (select min(a) as min_a from (select a from t where a is not null order
       ↪  by a asc limit 1) t) t2
```

Similarly, if column `a` has an index to preserve its order, the optimized execution only scans two rows of data instead of the whole table. However, if column `a` does not have an index to preserve its order, this rule results in two full table scans, but the execution only needs one full table scan if it is not rewritten. Therefore, in such cases, this rule is not applied.

The final execution plan is as follows:

```
mysql> explain select max(a)-min(a) from t;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
| id                                  | estRows | task      | access object       |
   ↪  operator info                        |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
| Projection_17                       | 1.00    | root      |                     |
   ↪  minus(Column#4, Column#5)->Column#6 |
|  ─HashJoin_18                       | 1.00    | root      |
   ↪ | CARTESIAN inner join                |
|    ─StreamAgg_45(Build)             | 1.00    | root      |
   ↪ | funcs:min(test.t.a)->Column#5   |
|      ─Limit_49                      | 1.00    | root      |
   ↪ | offset:0, count:1                   |
|        ─IndexReader_59              | 1.00    | root      |
   ↪ | index:Limit_58                      |
|          ─Limit_58                  | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |
   ↪ | offset:0, count:1                   |
|            ─IndexFullScan_57        | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_
   ↪ a(a) | keep order:true, stats:pseudo |
|    ─StreamAgg_24(Probe)             | 1.00    | root      |
   ↪ | funcs:max(test.t.a)->Column#4   |
|      ─Limit_28                      | 1.00    | root      |
   ↪ | offset:0, count:1                   |
```

```
|       └─IndexReader_38          | 1.00   | root     |
    ↪ | index:Limit_37                  |
|         └─Limit_37              | 1.00   | cop[tikv] |
    ↪ | offset:0, count:1               |
|           └─IndexFullScan_36    | 1.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_
    ↪ a(a) | keep order:true, desc, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------+--------+----------+---------------------
    ↪
12 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

11.3.3.2.6 Predicates Push Down (PPD)

This document introduces one of the TiDB's logic optimization rules—Predicate Push Down (PPD). It aims to help you understand the predicate push down and know its applicable and inapplicable scenarios.

PPD pushes down selection operators to data source as close as possible to complete data filtering as early as possible, which significantly reduces the cost of data transmission or computation.

Examples

The following cases describe the optimization of PPD. Case 1, 2, and 3 are scenarios where PPD is applicable, and Case 4, 5, and 6 are scenarios where PPD is not applicable.

Case 1: push predicates to storage layer

```
create table t(id int primary key, a int);
explain select * from t where a < 1;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+----------------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
    ↪           |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+----------------
    ↪
| TableReader_7         | 3323.33 | root    |               | data:Selection_6
    ↪           |
|  └─Selection_6        | 3323.33 | cop[tikv] |             | lt(test.t.a, 1)
    ↪            |
|    └─TableFullScan_5  | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t  | keep order:false
    ↪ , stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+----------------
    ↪
```

```
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this query, pushing down the predicate `a < 1` to the TiKV layer to filter the data can reduce the overhead of network transmission.

Case 2: push predicates to storage layer

```
create table t(id int primary key, a int not null);
explain select * from t where a < substring('123', 1, 1);
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
   ↪            |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
   ↪
| TableReader_7         | 3323.33 | root    |               | data:Selection_6
   ↪           |
|  ─Selection_6         | 3323.33 | cop[tikv] |             | lt(test.t.a, 1)
   ↪            |
|    ─TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t   | keep order:false
   ↪ , stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
   ↪
```

This query has the same execution plan as the query in case 1, because the input parameters of the `substring` of the predicate `a < substring('123', 1, 1)` are constants, so they can be calculated in advance. Then the predicate is simplified to the equivalent predicate `a < 1`. After that, TiDB can push `a < 1` down to TiKV.

Case 3: push predicates below join operator

```
create table t(id int primary key, a int not null);
create table s(id int primary key, a int not null);
explain select * from t join s on t.a = s.a where t.a < 1;
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-----------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object | operator
   ↪ info                          |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-----------
   ↪
| HashJoin_8                  | 4154.17 | root    |               | inner join,
   ↪ equal:[eq(test.t.a, test.s.a)] |
```

```
|  └─TableReader_15(Build)   | 3323.33 | root    |             | data:
   ↪ Selection_14                      |
|    └─Selection_14          | 3323.33 | cop[tikv] |           | lt(test.s.a
   ↪ , 1)                        |
|      └─TableFullScan_13    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:s  | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo         |
|  └─TableReader_12(Probe)   | 3323.33 | root    |             | data:
   ↪ Selection_11                      |
|    └─Selection_11          | 3323.33 | cop[tikv] |           | lt(test.t.a
   ↪ , 1)                        |
|      └─TableFullScan_10    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t  | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo         |
+--
   ↪ --------------------------+---------+----------+-------------+-----------
   ↪
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this query, the predicate `t.a < 1` is pushed below join to filter in advance, which can reduce the calculation overhead of join.

In addition, This SQL statement has an inner join executed, and the `ON` condition is `t.a = s.a`. The predicate `s.a <1` can be derived from `t.a < 1` and pushed down to `s` table below the join operator. Filtering the `s` table can further reduce the calculation overhead of join.

Case 4: predicates that are not supported by storage layers cannot be pushed down

```
create table t(id int primary key, a varchar(10) not null);
desc select * from t where truncate(a, " ") = '1';
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+-------------+----------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
   ↪                          |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+-------------+----------------
   ↪
| Selection_5           | 8000.00 | root     |             | eq(truncate(cast(
   ↪ test.t.a, double BINARY), 0), 1) |
|  └─TableReader_7       | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_6                        |
|    └─TableFullScan_6   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t  | keep order:false
   ↪ , stats:pseudo              |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+-------------+----------------
   ↪
```

In this query, there is a predicate `truncate(a, " ")= '1'`.

From the `explain` results, you can see that the predicate is not pushed down to TiKV for calculation. This is because the TiKV coprocessor does not support the built-in function `truncate`.

Case 5: predicates of inner tables on the outer join can't be pushed down

```
create table t(id int primary key, a int not null);
create table s(id int primary key, a int not null);
explain select * from t left join s on t.a = s.a where s.a is null;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-----------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object | operator
   ↪ info                           |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-----------
   ↪
| Selection_7                 | 10000.00 | root    |               | isnull(test
   ↪ .s.a)                          |
|  ─HashJoin_8                | 12500.00 | root    |               | left outer
   ↪  join, equal:[eq(test.t.a, test.s.a)] |
|    ─TableReader_13(Build)   | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_12                 |
|      ─TableFullScan_12      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:s     | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo            |
|    ─TableReader_11(Probe)   | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_10                 |
|      ─TableFullScan_10      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t     | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo            |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-----------
   ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this query, there is a predicate `s.a is null` on the inner table `s`.

From the `explain` results, we can see that the predicate is not pushed below join operator. This is because the outer join fills the inner table with `NULL` values when the `on` condition isn't satisfied, and the predicate `s.a is null` is used to filter the results after the join. If it is pushed down to the inner table below join, the execution plan is not equivalent to the original one.

Case 6: the predicates which contain user variables cannot be pushed down

```
create table t(id int primary key, a char);
set @a = 1;
```

```
explain select * from t where a < @a;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
   ↪            |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
   ↪
| Selection_5           | 8000.00 | root     |               | lt(test.t.a,
   ↪ getvar("a"))  |
| └─TableReader_7       | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_6       |
|   └─TableFullScan_6   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t   | keep order:false
   ↪ , stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this query, there is a predicate `a < @a` on table `t`. The `@a` of the predicate is a user variable.

As can be seen from `explain` results, the predicate is not like case 2, which is simplified to `a < 1` and pushed down to TiKV. This is because the value of the user variable `@a` may change during the computation, and TiKV is not aware of the changes. So TiDB does not replace `@a` with `1`, and does not push down it to TiKV.

An example to help you understand is as follows:

```
create table t(id int primary key, a int);
insert into t values(1, 1), (2,2);
set @a = 1;
select id, a, @a:=@a+1 from t where a = @a;
+----+------+----------+
| id | a    | @a:=@a+1 |
+----+------+----------+
|  1 |    1 | 2        |
|  2 |    2 | 3        |
+----+------+----------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

As you can see from this query, the value of `@a` will change during the query. So if you replace `a = @a` with `a = 1` and push it down to TiKV, it's not an equivalent execution plan.

11.3.3.2.7 Partition Pruning

Partition pruning is a performance optimization that applies to partitioned tables. It analyzes the filter conditions in query statements, and eliminates (*prunes*) partitions from consideration when they do not contain any data that will be required. By eliminating the non-required partitions, TiDB is able to reduce the amount of data that needs to be accessed and potentially significantly improving query execution times.

The following is an example:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
 pad VARCHAR(100)
)
PARTITION BY RANGE COLUMNS(id) (
 PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN (100),
 PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (200),
 PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (MAXVALUE)
);

INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1, 'test1'),(101, 'test2'), (201, 'test3');
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE id BETWEEN 80 AND 120;
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------+------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object       |
   ↪ operator info                                |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------+------
   ↪
| PartitionUnion_8          | 80.00   | root      |                      |
   ↪                                             |
|  ─TableReader_10          | 40.00   | root      |                      | data:
   ↪ TableRangeScan_9                          |
|    ─TableRangeScan_9      | 40.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, partition:p0 |
   ↪ range:[80,120], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableReader_12          | 40.00   | root      |                      | data:
   ↪ TableRangeScan_11                         |
|    ─TableRangeScan_11     | 40.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, partition:p1 |
   ↪ range:[80,120], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------+------
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Usage scenarios of partition pruning

The usage scenarios of partition pruning are different for the two types of partitioned tables: Range partitioned tables and Hash partitioned tables.

Use partition pruning in Hash partitioned tables

This section describes the applicable and inapplicable usage scenarios of partition pruning in Hash partitioned tables.

Applicable scenario in Hash partitioned tables

Partition pruning applies only to the query condition of equality comparison in Hash partitioned tables.

```
create table t (x int) partition by hash(x) partitions 4;
explain select * from t where x = 1;
```

```
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   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+----------------------+--------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object       | operator
   ↪ info               |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+----------------------+--------
   ↪
| TableReader_8         | 10.00   | root     |                      | data:
   ↪ Selection_7            |
|  ─Selection_7         | 10.00   | cop[tikv] |                      | eq(test.t
   ↪ .x, 1)              |
|    ─TableFullScan_6   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, partition:p1 |
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+----------------------+--------
   ↪
```

In the SQL statement above, it can be known from the condition `x = 1` that all results fall in one partition. The value `1` can be confirmed to be in the `p1` partition after passing through the Hash partition. Therefore, only the `p1` partition needs to be scanned, and there is no need to access the `p2`, `p3`, and `p4` partitions that will not have matching results. From the execution plan, only one `TableFullScan` operator appears and the `p1` partition is specified in `access object`, so it can be confirmed that `partition pruning` takes effect.

Inapplicable scenarios in Hash partitioned tables

This section describes two inapplicable usage scenarios of partition pruning in Hash partitioned tables.

Scenario one

If you cannot confirm the condition that the query result falls in only one partition (such as `in`, `between`, `>`, `<`, `>=`, `<=`), you cannot use the partition pruning optimization. For example:

```
create table t (x int) partition by hash(x) partitions 4;
explain select * from t where x > 2;
```

```
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   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+---------------------+---
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object       |
   ↪ operator info               |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+---------------------+---
   ↪
| Union_10                    | 13333.33 | root    |                     |
   ↪                             |
|  ─TableReader_13            | 3333.33 | root     |                     | data
   ↪ :Selection_12             |
|    ─Selection_12            | 3333.33 | cop[tikv] |                    | gt(
   ↪ test.t.x, 2)              |
|      ─TableFullScan_11      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, partition:p0
   ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableReader_16            | 3333.33 | root     |                     | data
   ↪ :Selection_15             |
|    ─Selection_15            | 3333.33 | cop[tikv] |                    | gt(
   ↪ test.t.x, 2)              |
|      ─TableFullScan_14      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, partition:p1
   ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableReader_19            | 3333.33 | root     |                     | data
   ↪ :Selection_18             |
|    ─Selection_18            | 3333.33 | cop[tikv] |                    | gt(
   ↪ test.t.x, 2)              |
|      ─TableFullScan_17      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, partition:p2
   ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableReader_22            | 3333.33 | root     |                     | data
   ↪ :Selection_21             |
|    ─Selection_21            | 3333.33 | cop[tikv] |                    | gt(
   ↪ test.t.x, 2)              |
|      ─TableFullScan_20      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, partition:p3
   ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+---------------------+---
   ↪
```

In this case, partition pruning is inapplicable because the corresponding Hash partition cannot be confirmed by the `x > 2` condition.

Scenario two

Because the rule optimization of partition pruning is performed during the generation phase of the query plan, partition pruning is not suitable for scenarios where the filter conditions can be obtained only during the execution phase. For example:

```
create table t (x int) partition by hash(x) partitions 4;
explain select * from t2 where x = (select * from t1 where t2.x = t1.x and
    ↪ t2.x < 2);
```

```
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    ↪ ------------------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------
    ↪
| id                                | estRows | task     | access object
    ↪       | operator info                                 |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------
    ↪
| Projection_13                     | 9990.00 | root     |
    ↪                     | test.t2.x                                     |
|  ─Apply_15                        | 9990.00 | root     |
    ↪                     | inner join, equal:[eq(test.t2.x, test.t1.x)] |
|    ─TableReader_18(Build)         | 9990.00 | root     |
    ↪                     | data:Selection_17                             |
|      ─Selection_17                | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                   | not(isnull(test.t2.x))                        |
|        ─TableFullScan_16          | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2
    ↪         | keep order:false, stats:pseudo                |
|    ─Selection_19(Probe)           | 0.80    | root     |
    ↪                     | not(isnull(test.t1.x))                        |
|      ─MaxOneRow_20                | 1.00    | root     |
    ↪                     |                                               |
|        ─Union_21                  | 2.00    | root     |
    ↪                     |                                               |
|          ─TableReader_24          | 2.00    | root     |
    ↪                     | data:Selection_23                             |
|            ─Selection_23          | 2.00    | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                   | eq(test.t2.x, test.t1.x), lt(test.t2.x, 2) |
|              ─TableFullScan_22    | 2500.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1,
    ↪ partition:p0 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo    |
|          ─TableReader_27          | 2.00    | root     |
    ↪                     | data:Selection_26                             |
|            ─Selection_26          | 2.00    | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                   | eq(test.t2.x, test.t1.x), lt(test.t2.x, 2) |
|              ─TableFullScan_25    | 2500.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1,
    ↪ partition:p1 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo    |
+--
```

```
    ↪ ----------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------
    ↪
```

Each time this query reads a row from `t2`, it will query on the `t1` partitioned table. Theoretically, the filter condition of `t1.x = val` is met at this time, but in fact, partition pruning takes effect only in the generation phase of the query plan, not the execution phase.

Use partition pruning in Range partitioned tables

This section describes the applicable and inapplicable usage scenarios of partition pruning in Range partitioned tables.

Applicable scenarios in Range partitioned tables

This section describes three applicable usage scenarios of partition pruning in Range partitioned tables.

Scenario one

Partition pruning applies to the query condition of equality comparison in Range partitioned tables. For example:

```
create table t (x int) partition by range (x) (
    partition p0 values less than (5),
    partition p1 values less than (10),
    partition p2 values less than (15)
    );
explain select * from t where x = 3;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+--------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object       | operator
    ↪ info               |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+--------
    ↪
| TableReader_8         | 10.00   | root     |                      | data:
    ↪ Selection_7           |
|  ─Selection_7         | 10.00   | cop[tikv] |                      | eq(test.t
    ↪ .x, 3)             |
|    ─TableFullScan_6   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, partition:p0 |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+--------
    ↪
```

Partition pruning also applies to the equality comparison that uses the `in` query condition. For example:

```
create table t (x int) partition by range (x) (
    partition p0 values less than (5),
    partition p1 values less than (10),
    partition p2 values less than (15)
    );
explain select * from t where x in(1,13);
```

```
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    ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+-----
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object      |
    ↪ operator info               |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+-----
    ↪
| Union_8                   | 40.00   | root     |                    |
    ↪                             |
|  ─TableReader_11          | 20.00   | root     |                    | data:
    ↪ Selection_10            |
|    ─Selection_10          | 20.00   | cop[tikv] |                   | in(
    ↪ test.t.x, 1, 13)          |
|      ─TableFullScan_9     | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, partition:p0 |
    ↪  keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableReader_14          | 20.00   | root     |                    | data:
    ↪ Selection_13            |
|    ─Selection_13          | 20.00   | cop[tikv] |                   | in(
    ↪ test.t.x, 1, 13)          |
|      ─TableFullScan_12    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, partition:p2 |
    ↪  keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+-----
    ↪
```

In the SQL statement above, it can be known from the `x in(1,13)` condition that all results fall in a few partitions. After analysis, it is found that all records of `x = 1` are in the `p0` partition, and all records of `x = 13` are in the `p2` partition, so only `p0` and `p2` partitions need to be accessed.

Scenario two

Partition pruning applies to the query condition of interval comparison, such as `between`, `>`, `<`, `=`, `>=`, `<=`. For example:

```
create table t (x int) partition by range (x) (
    partition p0 values less than (5),
    partition p1 values less than (10),
```

```
    partition p2 values less than (15)
    );
explain select * from t where x between 7 and 14;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+-----
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object      |
    ↪ operator info                |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+-----
    ↪
| Union_8                   | 500.00  | root     |                    |
    ↪                               |
|  ─TableReader_11          | 250.00  | root     |                    | data:
    ↪ Selection_10             |
|    ─Selection_10          | 250.00  | cop[tikv] |                   | ge(
    ↪ test.t.x, 7), le(test.t.x, 14) |
|      ─TableFullScan_9     | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, partition:p1 |
    ↪  keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableReader_14          | 250.00  | root     |                    | data:
    ↪ Selection_13             |
|    ─Selection_13          | 250.00  | cop[tikv] |                   | ge(
    ↪ test.t.x, 7), le(test.t.x, 14) |
|      ─TableFullScan_12    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, partition:p2 |
    ↪  keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+-----
    ↪
```

Scenario three

Partition pruning applies to the scenario where the partition expression is in the simple form of `fn(col)`, the query condition is one of `>`, `<`, `=`, `>=`, and `<=`, and the `fn` function is monotonous.

If the `fn` function is monotonous, for any `x` and `y`, if `x > y`, then `fn(x) > fn(y)`. Then this `fn` function can be called strictly monotonous. For any `x` and `y`, if `x > y`, then `fn` ↪ `(x) >= fn(y)`. In this case, `fn` could also be called "monotonous". Theoretically, all monotonous functions, strictly or not, are supported by partition pruning. Currently, TiDB only supports the following monotonous functions:

- `UNIX_TIMESTAMP()`
- `TO_DAYS()`
- `EXTRACT(<time unit> FROM <DATETIME/DATE/TIME column>)`. For `DATE` and `DATETIME` columns, `YEAR` and `YEAR_MONTH` time units are considered monotonous func-

tions. For the `TIME` column, `HOUR`, `HOUR_MINUTE`, `HOUR_SECOND` and `HOUR_MICROSECOND` are considered monotonous functions. Note that `WEEK` is not supported as time unit in `EXTRACT` for partition pruning.

For example, partition pruning takes effect when the partition expression is in the form of `fn(col)`, where the `fn` is monotonous function `to_days`:

```
create table t (id datetime) partition by range (to_days(id)) (
   partition p0 values less than (to_days('2020-04-01')),
   partition p1 values less than (to_days('2020-05-01')));
explain select * from t where id > '2020-04-18';
```

```
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   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+----------------------+---------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object      | operator
   ↪ info                          |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+----------------------+---------
   ↪
| TableReader_8         | 3333.33 | root    |                      | data:
   ↪ Selection_7                     |
|  ─Selection_7         | 3333.33 | cop[tikv] |                    | gt(test.t
   ↪ .id, 2020-04-18 00:00:00.000000) |
|    ─TableFullScan_6   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, partition:p1 |
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+----------------------+---------
   ↪
```

Inapplicable scenario in Range partitioned tables

Because the rule optimization of partition pruning is performed during the generation phase of the query plan, partition pruning is not suitable for scenarios where the filter conditions can be obtained only during the execution phase. For example:

```
create table t1 (x int) partition by range (x) (
   partition p0 values less than (5),
   partition p1 values less than (10));
create table t2 (x int);
explain select * from t2 where x < (select * from t1 where t2.x < t1.x and
   ↪ t2.x < 2);
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------+----------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
```

```
| id                              | estRows | task    | access object
   ↪       | operator info                                        |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------+----------+-----------+--------------------
   ↪
| Projection_13                   | 9990.00 | root    |
   ↪                     | test.t2.x
   ↪                                          |
|  ─Apply_15                      | 9990.00 | root    |
   ↪                     | CARTESIAN inner join, other cond:lt(test.t2.x,
   ↪ test.t1.x) |
|    ─TableReader_18(Build)       | 9990.00 | root    |
   ↪                     | data:Selection_17
   ↪                                  |
|      ─Selection_17              | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                   | not(isnull(test.t2.x))
   ↪                             |
|        ─TableFullScan_16        | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2
   ↪          | keep order:false, stats:pseudo                    |
|    ─Selection_19(Probe)         | 0.80    | root    |
   ↪                     | not(isnull(test.t1.x))
   ↪                             |
|      ─MaxOneRow_20              | 1.00    | root    |
   ↪                     |
   ↪                                                    |
|        ─Union_21                | 2.00    | root    |
   ↪                     |
   ↪                                                    |
|          ─TableReader_24        | 2.00    | root    |
   ↪                     | data:Selection_23
   ↪                                  |
|            ─Selection_23        | 2.00    | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                   | lt(test.t2.x, 2), lt(test.t2.x, test.t1.x)
   ↪          |
|              ─TableFullScan_22  | 2.50    | cop[tikv] | table:t1,
   ↪ partition:p0 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo                |
|          ─TableReader_27        | 2.00    | root    |
   ↪                     | data:Selection_26
   ↪                                  |
|            ─Selection_26        | 2.00    | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                   | lt(test.t2.x, 2), lt(test.t2.x, test.t1.x)
   ↪          |
|              ─TableFullScan_25  | 2.50    | cop[tikv] | table:t1,
   ↪ partition:p1 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo                |
+--
```

```
    ↪ ----------------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------
    ↪
14 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Each time this query reads a row from `t2`, it will query on the `t1` partitioned table. Theoretically, the `t1.x> val` filter condition is met at this time, but in fact, partition pruning takes effect only in the generation phase of the query plan, not the execution phase.

11.3.3.2.8 TopN and Limit Operator Push Down

This document describes the implementation of TopN and Limit operator pushdown.

In the TiDB execution plan tree, the `LIMIT` clause in SQL corresponds to the Limit operator node, and the `ORDER BY` clause corresponds to the Sort operator node. The adjacent Limit operator and Sort operator are combined as the TopN operator node, which means that the top N records are returned according to a certain sorting rule. That is to say, a Limit operator is equivalent to a TopN operator node with a null sorting rule.

Similar to predicate pushdown, TopN and Limit are pushed down in the execution plan tree to a position as close to the data source as possible so that the required data is filtered at an early stage. In this way, the pushdown significantly reduces the overhead of data transmission and calculation.

To disable this rule, refer to Optimization Rules and Blocklist for Expression Pushdown.

Examples

This section illustrates TopN pushdown through some examples.

Example 1: Push down to the Coprocessors in the storage layer

```
create table t(id int primary key, a int not null);
explain select * from t order by a limit 10;
```

```
+---------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+--------------------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object | operator
    ↪ info            |
+---------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+--------------------
    ↪
| TopN_7                    | 10.00   | root     |               | test.t.a,
    ↪ offset:0, count:10 |
|  ─TableReader_15          | 10.00   | root     |               | data:TopN_14
    ↪                 |
|    ─TopN_14               | 10.00   | cop[tikv] |              | test.t.a,
    ↪ offset:0, count:10 |
|      ─TableFullScan_13    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t   | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
```

```
+--------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+--------------------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this query, the TopN operator node is pushed down to TiKV for data filtering, and each Coprocessor returns only 10 records to TiDB. After TiDB aggregates the data, the final filtering is performed.

Example 2: TopN can be pushed down into Join (the sorting rule only depends on the columns in the outer table)

```
create table t(id int primary key, a int not null);
create table s(id int primary key, a int not null);
explain select * from t left join s on t.a = s.a order by t.a limit 10;
```

```
+---------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
    ↪
| id                            | estRows | task     | access object |
    ↪ operator info                              |
+---------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
    ↪
| TopN_12                       | 10.00   | root     |              | test.t.a,
    ↪  offset:0, count:10                 |
|  ─HashJoin_17                 | 12.50   | root     |              | left
    ↪ outer join, equal:[eq(test.t.a, test.s.a)] |
|    ─TopN_18(Build)            | 10.00   | root     |              | test.t.a
    ↪ , offset:0, count:10                |
|      ─TableReader_26          | 10.00   | root     |              | data:
    ↪ TopN_25                               |
|        ─TopN_25               | 10.00   | cop[tikv] |             | test.t.a
    ↪ , offset:0, count:10                |
|          ─TableFullScan_24    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t   | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo             |
|    ─TableReader_30(Probe)     | 10000.00 | root     |              | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_29                      |
|      ─TableFullScan_29        | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:s   | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo             |
+---------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
    ↪
8 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

In this query, the sorting rule of the TopN operator only depends on the columns in the outer table `t`, so a calculation can be performed before pushing down TopN to Join, to reduce the calculation cost of the Join operation. Besides, TiDB also pushes TopN down to the storage layer.

Example 3: TopN cannot be pushed down before Join

```
create table t(id int primary key, a int not null);
create table s(id int primary key, a int not null);
explain select * from t join s on t.a = s.a order by t.id limit 10;
```

```
+------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
   ↪
| id                           | estRows | task     | access object | operator
   ↪ info                       |
+------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
   ↪
| TopN_12                      | 10.00   | root     |              | test.t.id,
   ↪ offset:0, count:10         |
|  ─HashJoin_16                | 12500.00 | root    |              | inner join,
   ↪  equal:[eq(test.t.a, test.s.a)] |
|    ─TableReader_21(Build)    | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_20                |
|      ─TableFullScan_20       | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:s    | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo        |
|    ─TableReader_19(Probe)    | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_18                |
|      ─TableFullScan_18       | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t    | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo        |
+------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
   ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

TopN cannot be pushed down before `Inner Join`. Taking the query above as an example, if you get 100 records after Join, then you can have 10 records left after TopN. However, if TopN is performed first to get 10 records, only 5 records are left after Join. In such cases, the pushdown results in different results.

Similarly, TopN can neither be pushed down to the inner table of Outer Join, nor can it be pushed down when its sorting rule is related to columns on multiple tables, such as `t.a+s.a`. Only when the sorting rule of TopN exclusively depends on columns on the outer table, can TopN be pushed down.

Example 4: Convert TopN to Limit

```
create table t(id int primary key, a int not null);
create table s(id int primary key, a int not null);
explain select * from t left join s on t.a = s.a order by t.id limit 10;
```

```
+--------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+------------
   ↪
| id                             | estRows | task     | access object |
   ↪ operator info                          |
```

```
+---------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-------------
   ↪
| TopN_12                       | 10.00    | root      |               | test.t.id
   ↪ , offset:0, count:10              |
|  ─HashJoin_17                 | 12.50    | root      |               | left
   ↪ outer join, equal:[eq(test.t.a, test.s.a)] |
|    ─Limit_21(Build)           | 10.00    | root      |               | offset
   ↪ :0, count:10                          |
|      ─TableReader_31          | 10.00    | root      |               | data:
   ↪ Limit_30                              |
|        ─Limit_30              | 10.00    | cop[tikv] |               | offset
   ↪ :0, count:10                          |
|          ─TableFullScan_29    | 10.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t       | keep
   ↪ order:true, stats:pseudo              |
|    ─TableReader_35(Probe)     | 10000.00 | root      |               | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_34                      |
|      ─TableFullScan_34        | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:s       | keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo             |
+---------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-------------
   ↪
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the query above, TopN is first pushed to the outer table `t`. TopN needs to sort by `t ↪ .id`, which is the primary key and can be directly read in order (`keep order: true`) without extra sorting in TopN. Therefore, TopN is simplified as Limit.

11.3.3.2.9 Introduction to Join Reorder

In real application scenarios, it is common to join multiple tables. The execution efficiency of join is associated with the order in which each table joins.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM t1, t2, t3 WHERE t1.a=t2.a AND t3.a=t2.a;
```

In this query, tables can be joined in the following two orders:

- t1 joins t2, and then joins t3
- t2 joins t3, and then joins t1

As t1 and t3 have different data volumes and distribution, these two execution orders might show different performances.

Therefore, the optimizer needs an algorithm to determine the join order. Currently, the following two Join Reorder algorithms are used in TiDB:

- The greedy algorithm: among all nodes participating in the join, TiDB selects the table with the least rows to estimate its join result with each of the other tables respectively, and then selects the pair with the smallest join result. After that, TiDB continues the similar process to select and join other nodes for the next round, until all the nodes have completed the join.
- The dynamic programming algorithm: among all nodes participating in the join, TiDB enumerates all possible join orders and selects the optimal join order.

Example: the greedy algorithm of Join Reorder

Take the preceding three tables (t1, t2, and t3) as an example.

First, TiDB obtains all the nodes that participates in the join operation, and sorts the nodes in the ascending order of row numbers.

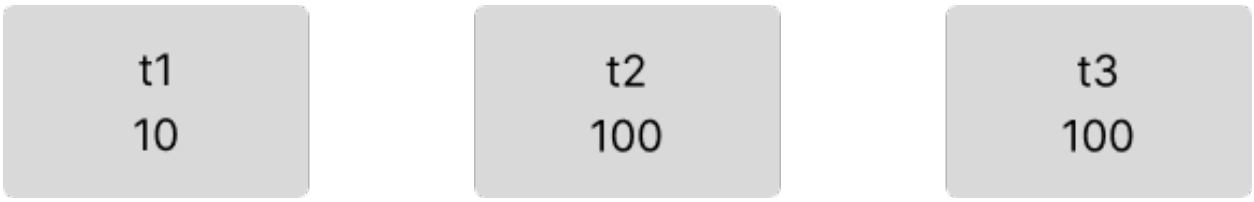

Figure 432: join-reorder-1

After that, the table with the least rows is selected and joined with other two tables respectively. By comparing the sizes of the output result sets, TiDB selects the pair with a smaller result set.

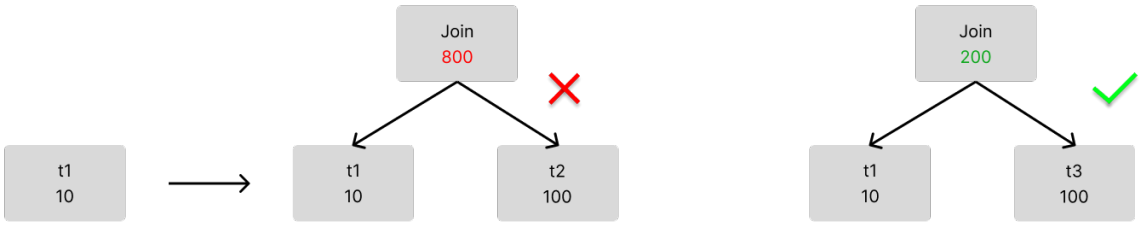

Figure 433: join-reorder-2

Then TiDB enters the next round of selection. If you try to join four tables, TiDB continues to compare the sizes of the output result sets and selects the pair with a smaller result set.

In this case only three tables are joined, so TiDB gets the final join result.

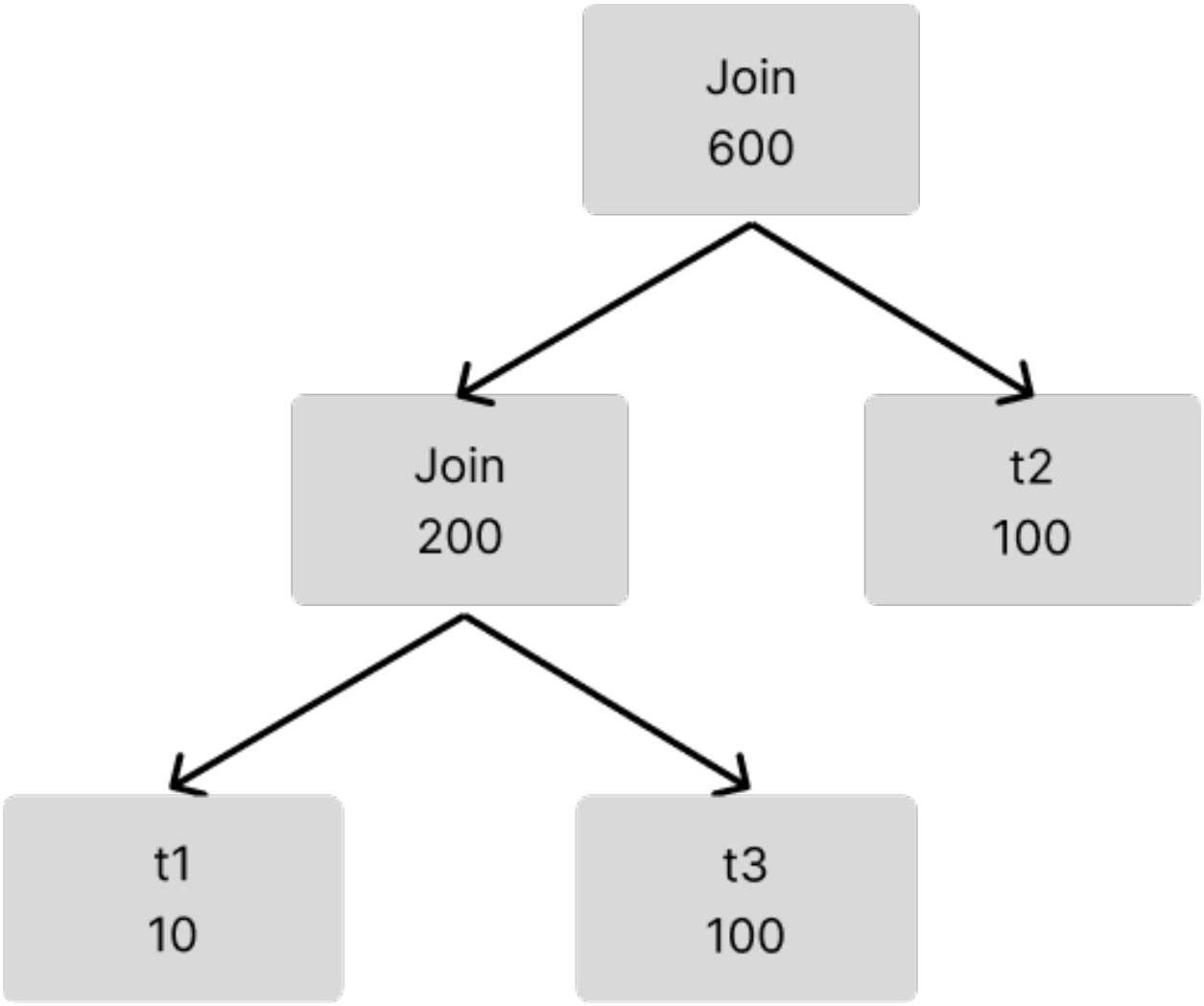

Figure 434: join-reorder-3

Example: the dynamic programming algorithm of Join Reorder

Taking the preceding three tables (t1, t2, and t3) as an example again, the dynamic programming algorithm can enumerate all possibilities. Therefore, comparing with the greedy algorithm, which must start with the `t1` table (the table with the least rows), the dynamic programming algorithm can enumerate a join order as follows:

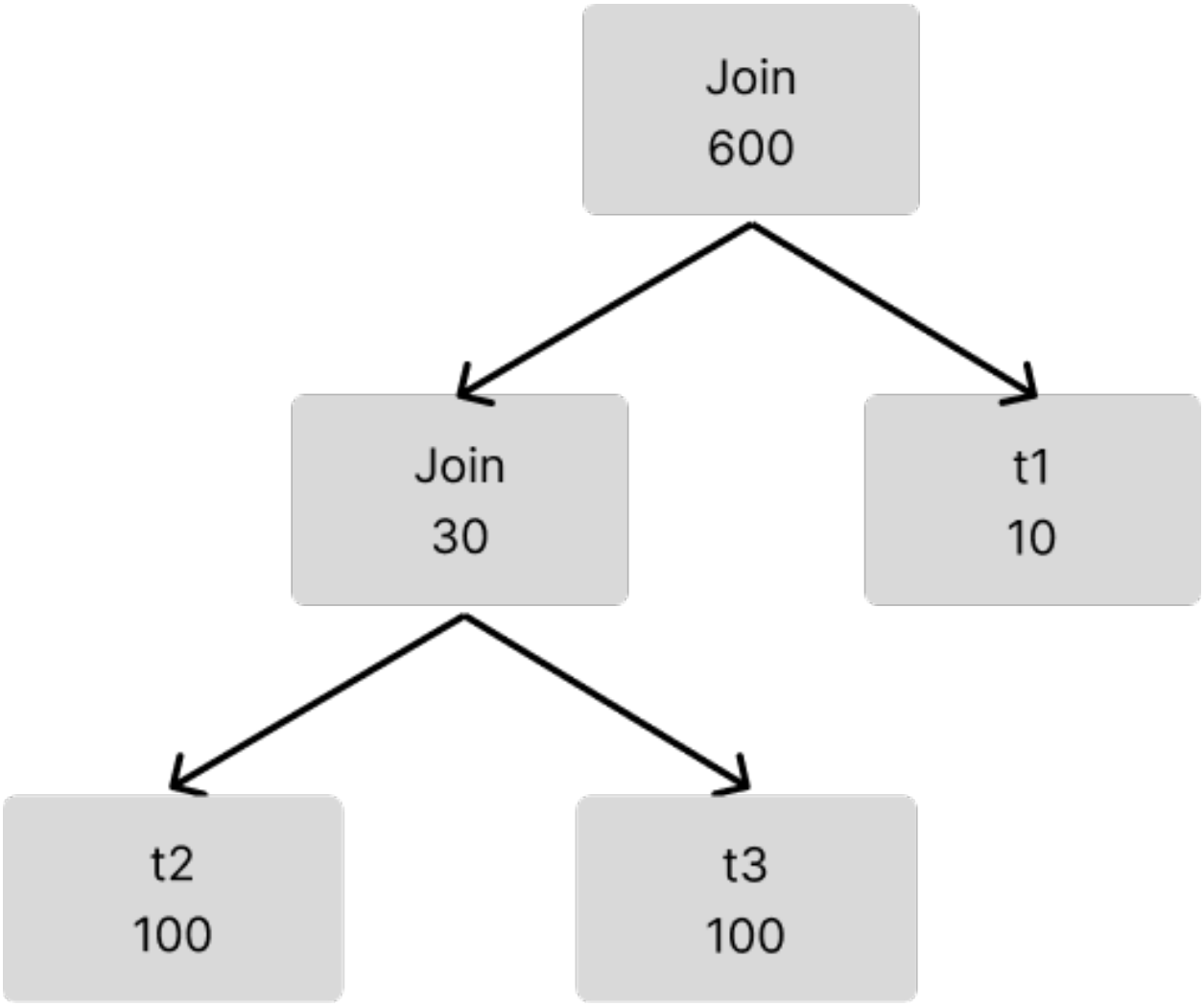

Figure 435: join-reorder-4

When this choice is better than the greedy algorithm, the dynamic programming algorithm can choose a better join order.

Because all possibilities are enumerated, the dynamic programming algorithm consumes more time and is more susceptible to statistics.

Selection of the Join Reorder algorithms

The selection of the TiDB Join Reorder algorithms is controlled by the `tidb_opt_join_reorder_threshold` variable. If the number of nodes participating in Join Reorder is greater than this threshold, TiDB uses the greedy algorithm. Otherwise, TiDB uses the dynamic programming algorithm.

Limitations of Join Reorder algorithms

The current Join Reorder algorithms have the following limitations:

- Limited by the calculation methods of the result sets, the algorithm cannot ensure it selects the optimum join order.
- The Join Reorder algorithm's support for Outer Join is controlled by the `tidb_enable_outer_join_reorder` system variable.
- Currently, the dynamic programming algorithm cannot perform Join Reorder for outer join.

Currently, the `STRAIGHT_JOIN` syntax is supported in TiDB to force a join order. For more information, refer to Description of the syntax elements.

11.3.3.2.10 Derive TopN or Limit from Window Functions

Window Functions are a common type of SQL function. When you use a window function for row numbering, such as `ROW_NUMBER()` or `RANK()`, it is common to filter the results after the window function is evaluated. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM (SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY a) AS rownumber FROM t)
    ↪ dt WHERE rownumber <= 3
```

In a typical SQL execution process, TiDB first sorts all data in the table `t`, then calculates the `ROW_NUMBER()` result for each row, and finally filters with `rownumber <= 3`.

Starting from v7.0.0, TiDB supports deriving the TopN or Limit operator from window functions. With this optimization rule, TiDB can rewrite the original SQL into an equivalent form as follows:

```
WITH t_topN AS (SELECT a FROM t1 ORDER BY a LIMIT 3) SELECT * FROM (SELECT
    ↪ ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY a) AS rownumber FROM t_topN) dt WHERE
    ↪ rownumber <= 3
```

After rewriting, TiDB can derive a TopN operator from the window function and the subsequent filter condition. Compared with the Sort operator in the original SQL (`ORDER BY` ↪), the TopN operator has a much higher execution efficiency. In addition, both TiKV and TiFlash support pushing down the TopN operator, which further improves the performance of the rewritten SQL.

Deriving TopN or Limit from window functions is disabled by default. To enable this feature, you can set the session variable tidb_opt_derive_topn to `ON`.

After enabling this feature, you can disable it by performing one of the following operations:

- Set the session variable tidb_opt_derive_topn to `OFF`.
- Follow the steps described in The blocklist of optimization rules and expression pushdown.

Limitations

- Only the `ROW_NUMBER()` window function is supported for SQL rewriting.
- TiDB can only rewrite SQL when filtering on the `ROW_NUMBER()` results and the filter condition is `<` or `<=`.

Usage examples

The following examples demonstrate how to use the optimization rule.

Window functions without PARTITION BY

Example 1: window functions without ORDER BY

```
CREATE TABLE t(id int, value int);
SET tidb_opt_derive_topn=on;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM (SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER () AS rownumber FROM t) dt
    ↪ WHERE rownumber <= 3;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+---------------------------------+---------+-----------+---------------+--------------
    ↪
| id                              | estRows | task      | access object | operator
    ↪  info                                                |
+---------------------------------+---------+-----------+---------------+--------------
    ↪
| Projection_9                    | 2.40    | root      |               | Column#5
    ↪                                                    |
|  ─Selection_10                   | 2.40    | root      |               | le(Column
    ↪ #5, 3)                                             |
|    ─Window_11                    | 3.00    | root      |               | row_
    ↪ number()->Column#5 over(rows between current row and current row) |
|      ─Limit_15                   | 3.00    | root      |               | offset:0,
    ↪  count:3                                           |
|        ─TableReader_26           | 3.00    | root      |               | data:
    ↪ Limit_25                                                 |
|          ─Limit_25               | 3.00    | cop[tikv] |               | offset:0,
    ↪  count:3                                           |
|            ─TableFullScan_24     | 3.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t       | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo                                |
+---------------------------------+---------+-----------+---------------+--------------
    ↪
```

In this query, the optimizer derives the Limit operator from the window function and pushes it down to TiKV.

Example 2: window functions with ORDER BY

```
CREATE TABLE t(id int, value int);
SET tidb_opt_derive_topn=on;
```

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM (SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY value) AS
    ↪ rownumber FROM t) dt WHERE rownumber <= 3;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+---------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
| id                              | estRows | task      | access object |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪                                                                    |
+---------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
| Projection_10                   | 2.40     | root      |               | Column#5
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  └Selection_11                  | 2.40     | root      |               | le(
    ↪ Column#5, 3)
    ↪                                                                      |
|    └Window_12                   | 3.00     | root      |               | row_
    ↪ number()->Column#5 over(order by test.t.value rows between current
    ↪ row and current row) |
|      └TopN_13                   | 3.00     | root      |               | test.t.
    ↪ value, offset:0, count:3
    ↪                                                        |
|        └TableReader_25          | 3.00     | root      |               | data:
    ↪ TopN_24
    ↪                                                                          |
|          └TopN_24               | 3.00     | cop[tikv] |               | test.t.
    ↪ value, offset:0, count:3
    ↪                                                      |
|            └TableFullScan_23    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t       | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                       |
+---------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
```

In this query, the optimizer derives the TopN operator from the window function and pushes it down to TiKV.

Window functions with PARTITION BY

> **Note:**
>
> For a window function containing `PARTITION BY`, the optimization rule only takes effect when the partition column is a prefix of the primary key and the

primary key is a clustered index.

Example 3: window functions without ORDER BY

```
CREATE TABLE t(id1 int, id2 int, value1 int, value2 int, primary key(id1,
    ↪ id2) clustered);
SET tidb_opt_derive_topn=on;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM (SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY id1) AS
    ↪ rownumber FROM t) dt WHERE rownumber <= 3;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+-----------------------------------+---------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                                | estRows | task     | access object |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪                                                                                |
+-----------------------------------+---------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| Projection_10                     | 2.40    | root     |               | Column#6
    ↪
    ↪
    ↪ |
| └─Selection_11                    | 2.40    | root     |               | le(
    ↪ Column#6, 3)
    ↪                                                                                  |
|   └─Shuffle_26                    | 3.00    | root     |               |
    ↪ execution info: concurrency:2, data sources:[TableReader_24]
    ↪                         |
|     └─Window_12                   | 3.00    | root     |               | row_
    ↪ number()->Column#6 over(partition by test.t.id1 rows between current
    ↪ row and current row) |
|       └─Sort_25                   | 3.00    | root     |               | test.t.
    ↪ id1
    ↪
    ↪ |
|         └─TableReader_24          | 3.00    | root     |               | data:
    ↪ Limit_23
    ↪                                                                                  |
|           └─Limit_23              | 3.00    | cop[tikv] |              |
    ↪ partition by test.t.id1, offset:0, count:3
    ↪                                          |
|             └─TableFullScan_22    | 3.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t      | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
```

```
    ↪                                                          |
+-----------------------------------+---------+-----------+---------------+------------
    ↪
```

In this query, the optimizer derives the Limit operator from the window function and pushes it down to TiKV. Note that this Limit is actually a partition Limit, which means that the Limit will be applied to each group of data with the same `id1` value.

Example 4: window functions with ORDER BY

```
CREATE TABLE t(id1 int, id2 int, value1 int, value2 int, primary key(id1,
    ↪ id2) clustered);
SET tidb_opt_derive_topn=on;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM (SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY id1 ORDER BY
    ↪ value1) AS rownumber FROM t) dt WHERE rownumber <= 3;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+-----------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+------------
    ↪
| id                              | estRows | task    | access object |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+-----------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+------------
    ↪
| Projection_10                   | 2.40    | root    |              | Column
    ↪ #6
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─Selection_11                  | 2.40    | root    |              | le(
    ↪ Column#6, 3)
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    ─Shuffle_23                  | 3.00    | root    |              |
    ↪ execution info: concurrency:3, data sources:[TableReader_21]
    ↪                                                  |
|      ─Window_12                 | 3.00    | root    |              | row_
    ↪ number()->Column#6 over(partition by test.t.id1 order by test.t.
    ↪ value1 rows between current row and current row) |
|        ─Sort_22                 | 3.00    | root    |              | test.t
    ↪ .id1, test.t.value1
    ↪
    ↪ |
|          ─TableReader_21        | 3.00    | root    |              | data:
    ↪ TopN_19
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ |
|           └─TopN_19              | 3.00    | cop[tikv] |            |
    ↪ partition by test.t.id1 order by test.t.value1, offset:0, count:3
    ↪                                          |
|             └─TableFullScan_18   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t   | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+----------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
```

In this query, the optimizer derives the TopN operator from the window function and pushes it down to TiKV. Note that this TopN is actually a partition TopN, which means that the TopN will be applied to each group of data with the same `id1` value.

Example 5: PARTITION BY column is not a prefix of the primary key

```
CREATE TABLE t(id1 int, id2 int, value1 int, value2 int, primary key(id1,
    ↪ id2) clustered);
SET tidb_opt_derive_topn=on;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM (SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY value1) AS
    ↪ rownumber FROM t) dt WHERE rownumber <= 3;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+----------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+------------
    ↪
| id                               | estRows | task     | access object |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪                                                                    |
+----------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+------------
    ↪
| Projection_9                     | 8000.00 | root     |               | Column#6
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  └─Selection_10                   | 8000.00 | root     |               | le(
    ↪ Column#6, 3)
    ↪                                                                    |
|    └─Shuffle_15                   | 10000.00 | root    |               |
    ↪ execution info: concurrency:5, data sources:[TableReader_13]
    ↪                                |
|      └─Window_11                  | 10000.00 | root    |               | row_
    ↪ number()->Column#6 over(partition by test.t.value1 rows between
    ↪ current row and current row) |
|        └─Sort_14                  | 10000.00 | root    |               | test.t.
    ↪ value1
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ |
|         └─TableReader_13       | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_12
    ↪                                                                    |
|           └─TableFullScan_12   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t   | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                          |
+---------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
```

In this query, the SQL is not rewritten because the `PARTITION BY` column is not a prefix of the primary key.

Example 6: PARTITION BY column is a prefix of the primary key but not a clustered index

```
CREATE TABLE t(id1 int, id2 int, value1 int, value2 int, primary key(id1,
    ↪ id2) nonclustered);
SET tidb_opt_derive_topn=on;
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM (SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY id1) AS
    ↪ rownumber FROM t use index()) dt WHERE rownumber <= 3;
```

The result is as follows:

```
+---------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
| id                              | estRows | task     | access object |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪                                                                   |
+---------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
| Projection_9                    | 8000.00 | root     |               | Column#7
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  └─Selection_10                 | 8000.00 | root     |               | le(
    ↪ Column#7, 3)
    ↪                                                                       |
|    └─Shuffle_15                 | 10000.00 | root    |               |
    ↪ execution info: concurrency:5, data sources:[TableReader_13]
    ↪                          |
|      └─Window_11                | 10000.00 | root    |               | row_
    ↪ number()->Column#7 over(partition by test.t.id1 rows between current
    ↪ row and current row) |
|        └─Sort_14                | 10000.00 | root    |               | test.t.
    ↪ id1
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ |
|         └─TableReader_13       | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_12
    ↪                                                                  |
|           └─TableFullScan_12   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t   | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                    |
+---------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
```

In this query, although the `PARTITION BY` column is a prefix of the primary key, the SQL is not rewritten because the primary key is not a clustered index.

11.3.3.3 Physical Optimization

11.3.3.3.1 SQL Physical Optimization

Physical optimization is cost-based optimization, which makes a physical execution plan for the logical execution plan generated in the previous stage. In this stage, the optimizer selects a specific physical implementation for each operator in the logical execution plan. Different physical implementations of logical operators have different time complexity, resource consumption and physical properties. In this process, the optimizer determines the cost of different physical implementations based on the statistics of the data, and selects the physical execution plan with the smallest overall cost.

Understand the Query Execution Plan has introduced some physical operators. This chapter focuses on the following aspects:

- In Index Selection, you will learn how to select the optimal index to access tables when TiDB has multiple indexes on a table.
- In Introduction to Statistics, you will learn what statistics TiDB collects to obtain the data distribution of a table.
- Wrong Index Solution introduces how to use the right index when you find the index is selected wrongly.
- Distinct Optimization introduces an optimization related to the `DISTINCT` keyword during physical optimization. In this section, you will learn its advantages and disadvantages and how to use it.
- Cost Model introduces how to choose a optimal execution plan based on the cost model during physical optimization.

11.3.3.3.2 Index Selection

Reading data from storage engines is one of the most time-consuming steps during the SQL execution. Currently, TiDB supports reading data from different storage engines and

different indexes. Query execution performance depends largely on whether you select a suitable index or not.

This document introduces how to select an index to access a table, and some related ways to control index selection.

Access tables

Before introducing index selection, it is important to understand the ways TiDB accesses tables, what triggers each way, what differences each way makes, and what the pros and cons are.

Operators for accessing tables

Operator	Trigger Conditions	Applicable Scenarios	Explanations
PointGet / BatchPointGet	When accessing tables in one or more single point ranges.	Any scenario	If triggered, it is usually considered as the fastest operator, since it calls the kvget interface directly to perform the calculations rather than calls the coprocessor interface.

Operator	Trigger Conditions	Applicable Scenarios	Explanations
TableReader	None	Any scenario	This TableReader operator is for TiKV. It is generally considered as the least efficient operator that scans table data directly from the TiKV layer. It can be selected only if there is a range query on the `_tidb_rowid` column, or if there are no

Operator	Trigger Conditions	Applicable Scenarios	Explanations
TableReader	A table has a replica on the TiFlash node.	There are fewer columns to read, but many rows to evaluate.	This TableReader operator is for TiFlash. TiFlash is column-based storage. If you need to calculate a small number of columns and a large number of rows, it is recommended to choose this operator.

Operator	Trigger Conditions	Applicable Scenarios	Explanations
IndexReader	A table has one or more indexes, and the columns needed for the calculation are included in the indexes.	When there is a smaller range query on the indexes, or when there is an order requirement for indexed columns.	When multiple indexes exist, a reasonable index is selected based on the cost estimation.

Operator	Trigger Conditions	Applicable Scenarios	Explanations
IndexLookupReader	A table has one or more indexes, and the columns needed for calculation are not completely included in the indexes.	Same as IndexReader.	Since the index does not completely cover calculated columns, TiDB needs to retrieve rows from a table after reading indexes. There is an extra cost compared to the IndexReader operator.

Operator	Trigger Conditions	Applicable Scenarios	Explanations
IndexMerge	A table has multiple indexes or a multi-valued index.	When a multi-valued index or multiple indexes are used.	To use the operator, you can specify the optimizer hints, or let the optimizer to automatically select this operator based on cost estimation. For details, see Explain Statements Using Index Merge.

Note:

The TableReader operator is based on the `_tidb_rowid` column index, and TiFlash uses a column storage index, so the selection of index is the selection of an operator for accessing tables.

Index selection rules

TiDB selects indexes based on rules or cost. The based rules include pre-rules and skyline-pruning. When selecting an index, TiDB tries the pre-rule first. If an index satisfies a pre-rule, TiDB directly selects this index. Otherwise, TiDB uses skyline-pruning to exclude unsuitable indexes, and then selects the index with the lowest cost based on the cost estimation of each operator that accesses tables.

Rule-based selection

Pre-rules

TiDB uses the following heuristic pre-rules to select indexes:

- Rule 1: If an index satisfies "unique index with full match + no need to retrieve rows from a table (which means that the plan generated by the index is the IndexReader operator)", TiDB directly selects this index.
- Rule 2: If an index satisfies "unique index with full match + the need to retrieve rows from a table (which means that the plan generated by the index is the IndexLookupReader operator)", TiDB selects the index with the smallest number of rows to be retrieved from a table as a candidate index.
- Rule 3: If an index satisfies "ordinary index + no need to retrieve rows from a table + the number of rows to be read is less than the value of a certain threshold", TiDB selects the index with the smallest number of rows to be read as a candidate index.
- Rule 4: If only one candidate index is selected based on rule 2 and 3, select this candidate index. If two candidate indexes are respectively selected based on rule 2 and 3, select the index with the smaller number of rows to be read (the number of rows with index + the number of rows to be retrieved from a table).

The "index with full match" in the above rules means each indexed column has the equal condition. When executing the `EXPLAIN FORMAT = 'verbose' ...` statement, if the pre-rules match an index, TiDB outputs a NOTE-level warning indicating that the index matches the pre-rule.

In the following example, because the index `idx_b` meets the condition "unique index with full match + the need to retrieve rows from a table" in rule 2, TiDB selects the index `idx_b` as the access path, and `SHOW WARNING` returns a note indicating that the index `idx_b` matches the pre-rule.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t(a INT PRIMARY KEY, b INT, c INT, UNIQUE INDEX idx_b(b
    ↪ ));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN FORMAT = 'verbose' SELECT b, c FROM t WHERE b = 3 OR b = 6;
+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+---------+------+-----------------------+---------
    ↪
| id                | estRows | estCost | task | access object     | operator
    ↪ info            |
+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+---------+------+-----------------------+---------
    ↪
| Batch_Point_Get_5 | 2.00 | 8.80  | root | table:t, index:idx_b(b) | keep
    ↪ order:false, desc:false |
+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+---------+------+-----------------------+---------
    ↪
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level | Code | Message
    ↪                                                                              |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Note | 1105 | unique index idx_b of t is selected since the path only has
    ↪  point ranges with double scan |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Skyline-pruning

Skyline-pruning is a heuristic filtering rule for indexes, which can reduce the probability of wrong index selection caused by wrong estimation. To judge an index, the following dimensions are needed:

- How many access conditions are covered by the indexed columns. An "access condition" is a where condition that can be converted to a column range. And the more access conditions an indexed column set covers, the better it is in this dimension.

- Whether it needs to retrieve rows from a table when you select the index to access the table (that is, the plan generated by the index is IndexReader operator or IndexLookupReader operator). Indexes that do not retrieve rows from a table are better on this dimension than indexes that do. If both indexes need TiDB to retrieve rows from the table, compare how many filtering conditions are covered by the indexed columns. Filtering conditions mean the `where` condition that can be judged based on the index. If the column set of an index covers more access conditions, the smaller the number of retrieved rows from a table, and the better the index is in this dimension.
- Select whether the index satisfies a certain order. Because index reading can guarantee the order of certain column sets, indexes that satisfy the query order are superior to indexes that do not satisfy on this dimension.
- Whether the index is a global index. In partitioned tables, global indexes can effectively reduce the number of cop tasks for a SQL compared to normal indexes, thus improving overall performance.

For these preceding dimensions, if the index `idx_a` performs no worse than the index `idx_b` in all three dimensions and performs better than `idx_b` in one dimension, then `idx_a` is preferred. When executing the `EXPLAIN FORMAT = 'verbose' ...` statement, if skyline-pruning excludes some indexes, TiDB outputs a NOTE-level warning listing the remaining indexes after the skyline-pruning exclusion.

In the following example, the indexes `idx_b` and `idx_e` are both inferior to `idx_b_c`, so they are excluded by skyline-pruning. The returned result of `SHOW WARNING` displays the remaining indexes after skyline-pruning.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t(a INT PRIMARY KEY, b INT, c INT, d INT, e INT, INDEX
    ↪ idx_b(b), INDEX idx_b_c(b, c), INDEX idx_e(e));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN FORMAT = 'verbose' SELECT * FROM t WHERE b = 2 AND c > 4;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | estCost | task  | access object
    ↪            | operator info                                  |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
    ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 33.33  | 738.29 | root     |
    ↪                             |
    ↪                                                 |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 33.33  | 2370.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index
    ↪ :idx_b_c(b, c) | range:(2 4,2 +inf], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 33.33  | 2370.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t
    ↪                | keep order:false, stats:pseudo               |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+--------+--------+----------+-----------------
    ↪
3 rows in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level | Code | Message
    ↪                                                                             |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Note | 1105 | [t,idx_b_c] remain after pruning paths for t given Prop{
    ↪ SortItems: [], TaskTp: rootTask} |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Cost estimation-based selection

After using the skyline-pruning rule to rule out inappropriate indexes, the selection of indexes is based entirely on the cost estimation. The cost estimation of accessing tables requires the following considerations:

- The average length of each row of the indexed data in the storage engine.
- The number of rows in the query range generated by the index.
- The cost for retrieving rows from a table.
- The number of ranges generated by index during the query execution.

According to these factors and the cost model, the optimizer selects an index with the lowest cost to access the table.

Common tuning problems with cost estimation based selection

1. The estimated number of rows is not accurate?

   This is usually due to stale or inaccurate statistics. You can re-execute the `ANALYZE TABLE` statement or modify the parameters of the `ANALYZE TABLE` statement.

2. Statistics are accurate, and reading from TiFlash is faster, but why does the optimizer choose to read from TiKV?

   At present, the cost model of distinguishing TiFlash from TiKV is still rough. You can decrease the value of `tidb_opt_seek_factor` parameter, then the optimizer prefers to choose TiFlash.

3. The statistics are accurate. Index A needs to retrieve rows from tables, but it actually executes faster than Index B that does not retrieve rows from tables. Why does the optimizer choose Index B?

   In this case, the cost estimation may be too large for retrieving rows from tables. You can decrease the value of `tidb_opt_network_factor` parameter to reduce the cost of retrieving rows from tables.

Control index selection

The index selection can be controlled by a single query through Optimizer Hints.

- `USE_INDEX` / `IGNORE_INDEX` can force the optimizer to use / not use certain indexes. `FORCE_INDEX` and `USE_INDEX` have the same effect.
- `READ_FROM_STORAGE` can force the optimizer to choose the TiKV / TiFlash storage engine for certain tables to execute queries.

Use multi-valued indexes

Multi-valued indexes are different from normal indexes. TiDB currently only uses IndexMerge to access multi-valued indexes. Therefore, to use multi-valued indexes for data access, make sure that the value of the system variable `tidb_enable_index_merge` is set to `ON`.

For the limitations of multi-valued indexes, refer to `CREATE INDEX`.

Supported scenarios

Currently, TiDB supports accessing multi-valued indexes using IndexMerge that is automatically converted from `json_member_of`, `json_contains`, and `json_overlaps` conditions. You can either rely on the optimizer to automatically select IndexMerge based on cost, or specify the selection of multi-valued indexes through the optimizer hint `use_index_merge` or `use_index`. See the following examples:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (j JSON, INDEX idx((CAST(j->'$.path' AS SIGNED ARRAY
    ↪ )))); -- Uses '$.path' as the path to create a multi-valued index
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.04 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t1, idx) */ * FROM t1 WHERE (1
    ↪ MEMBER OF (j->'$.path'));
+--
    ↪ -------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                     | operator info
    ↪                                                 |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
| Selection_5                  | 8000.00 | root     |
   ↪                                                                          |
   ↪ json_memberof(cast(1, json BINARY), json_extract(test.t1.j, "$.path")
   ↪ ) |
| └─IndexMerge_8               | 10.00   | root     |
   ↪                                                                          |
   ↪ type: union                                                          |
|   ├─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:idx(
   ↪ cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array)) | range
   ↪ :[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo       |
|   └─TableRowIDScan_7(Probe)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪                                                              | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo                                  |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
4 rows in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t1, idx) */ * FROM t1 WHERE JSON_
   ↪ CONTAINS((j->'$.path'), '[1, 2, 3]');
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
| id                           | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪                                                        | operator info
   ↪                             |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
| IndexMerge_9                 | 10.00   | root     |
   ↪                                                                          |
   ↪ type: intersection                          |
| ├─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)    | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:idx(cast
   ↪ (json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array)) | range:[1,1],
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| ├─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)    | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:idx(cast
   ↪ (json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array)) | range:[2,2],
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| ├─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)    | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:idx(cast
   ↪ (json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array)) | range:[3,3],
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| └─TableRowIDScan_8(Probe)    | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1
```

```
    ↪                                                                  | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo        |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t1, idx) */ * FROM t1 WHERE JSON_
    ↪ OVERLAPS((j->'$.path'), '[1, 2, 3]');
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                        | operator info
    ↪                                                           |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| Selection_5                 | 8000.00 | root    |
    ↪                                                                        |
    ↪ json_overlaps(json_extract(test.t1.j, "$.path"), cast("[1, 2, 3]",
    ↪ json BINARY)) |
|  ─IndexMerge_10             | 10.00   | root    |
    ↪                                                                       |
    ↪ type: union
    ↪                                                                  |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build) | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:idx(
    ↪ cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array)) | range
    ↪ :[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo                  |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_7(Build) | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:idx(
    ↪ cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array)) | range
    ↪ :[2,2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo                  |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build) | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:idx(
    ↪ cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array)) | range
    ↪ :[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo                  |
|    ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe) | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1
    ↪                                                                  | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo                                                |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
6 rows in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```

The composite multi-valued index can also be accessed through IndexMerge:

```
CREATE TABLE t2 (a INT, j JSON, b INT, k JSON, INDEX idx(a, (CAST(j->'$.
    ↪ path' AS SIGNED ARRAY)), b), INDEX idx2(b, (CAST(k->'$.path' AS
    ↪ SIGNED ARRAY))));
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t2, idx) */ * FROM t2 WHERE a=1 AND (1
    ↪ MEMBER OF (j->'$.path')) AND b=2;
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t2, idx) */ * FROM t2 WHERE a=1 AND JSON
    ↪ _CONTAINS((j->'$.path'), '[1, 2, 3]');
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t2, idx) */ * FROM t2 WHERE a=1 AND JSON
    ↪ _OVERLAPS((j->'$.path'), '[1, 2, 3]');
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t2, idx, idx2) */ * FROM t2 WHERE (a=1
    ↪ AND 1 member of (j->'$.path')) AND (b=1 AND 2 member of (k->'$.path')
    ↪ );
```

```
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t2, idx) */ * FROM t2 WHERE a=1 AND (1
    ↪  MEMBER OF (j->'$.path')) AND b=2;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                          | operator
    ↪ info                                  |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_7                | 0.00    | root      |
    ↪
    ↪ | type: union                                       |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 0.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:idx(a,
    ↪ cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array), b) | range:[1
    ↪  1 2,1 1 2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_6(Probe)  | 0.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t2
    ↪                                                            | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo                |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------------
    ↪

> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t2, idx) */ * FROM t2 WHERE a=1 AND
    ↪ JSON_CONTAINS((j->'$.path'), '[1, 2, 3]');
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                          | operator
    ↪ info                                  |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| IndexMerge_9                | 0.00    | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | type: intersection                          |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 0.10    | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:idx(a,
   ↪ cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array), b) | range:[1
   ↪  1,1 1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 0.10    | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:idx(a,
   ↪ cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array), b) | range:[1
   ↪  2,1 2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)  | 0.10    | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:idx(a,
   ↪ cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array), b) | range:[1
   ↪  3,1 3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_8(Probe)  | 0.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t2
   ↪                                                                | keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo           |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪

> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t2, idx) */ * FROM t2 WHERE a=1 AND
   ↪ JSON_OVERLAPS((j->'$.path'), '[1, 2, 3]');
+--
   ↪ -----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
| id                           | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪                                                          | operator
   ↪ info                                                       |
+--
   ↪ -----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
| Selection_5                  | 0.24    | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | json_overlaps(json_extract(test.t2.j, "$.path"), cast("[1, 2, 3]",
   ↪ json BINARY)) |
|  ─IndexMerge_10              | 0.30    | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | type: union
   ↪                                                            |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 0.10    | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:idx(a,
   ↪  cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array), b) | range
   ↪ :[1 1,1 1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo           |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)  | 0.10    | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:idx(a,
```

```
    ↪  cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array), b) | range
    ↪ :[1 2,1 2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo           |
|   ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 0.10   | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:idx(a,
    ↪  cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array), b) | range
    ↪ :[1 3,1 3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo           |
|   ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 0.30   | cop[tikv] | table:t2
    ↪                                                                | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo                                          |
+--
    ↪ -----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪

> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t2, idx, idx2) */ * FROM t2 WHERE (a=1
    ↪  AND 1 member of (j->'$.path')) AND (b=1 AND 2 member of (k->'$.path'
    ↪ ));
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                          | operator
    ↪ info                                 |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_8              | 0.00   | root     |
    ↪
    ↪ | type: intersection                            |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 0.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:idx(a,
    ↪ cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array), b) | range:[1
    ↪  1 1,1 1 1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 0.10   | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:idx2(b,
    ↪ cast(json_extract(`k`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array)) | range:[1
    ↪ 2,1 2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_7(Probe)  | 0.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t2
    ↪                                                                | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo                |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
```

TiDB can also use IndexMerge to access both multi-valued indexes and normal indexes. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t3(j1 JSON, j2 JSON, a INT, INDEX k1((CAST(j1->'$.path' AS
    ↪ SIGNED ARRAY))), INDEX k2((CAST(j2->'$.path' AS SIGNED ARRAY))),
```

```
    ↪ INDEX ka(a));
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t3, k1, k2, ka) */ * FROM t3 WHERE 1
    ↪ member of (j1->'$.path') OR a = 3;
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t3, k1, k2, ka) */ * FROM t3 WHERE 1
    ↪ member of (j1->'$.path') AND 2 member of (j2->'$.path') AND (a = 3);
```

```
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t3, k1, k2, ka) */ * FROM t3 WHERE 1
    ↪ member of (j1->'$.path') OR a = 3;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
    ↪                                                    | operator info
    ↪                             |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_8                | 19.99   | root     |
    ↪                                                                          |
    ↪ type: union                                  |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t3, index:k1(cast(
    ↪ json_extract(`j1`, _utf8'$.path') as signed array)) | range:[1,1],
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t3, index:ka(a)
    ↪                                                 | range:[3,3], keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_7(Probe)  | 19.99   | cop[tikv] | table:t3
    ↪                                                          | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo        |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪


> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t3, k1, k2, ka) */ * FROM t3 WHERE 1
    ↪ member of (j1->'$.path') AND 2 member of (j2->'$.path') AND (a = 3);
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
    ↪                                                    | operator info
    ↪                             |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_9                | 0.00    | root     |
```

```
    ↪                                                
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------
   ↪
| Selection_5                    | 31.95   | root      |
   ↪
   ↪ | or(json_overlaps(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.a"), cast("[1, 2]"
   ↪ , json BINARY)), json_overlaps(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.a"),
   ↪ cast("[3, 4]", json BINARY))) |
|  ─IndexMerge_11                | 39.94   | root      |
   ↪
   ↪ | type: union
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)    | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
   ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
   ↪ range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)    | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
   ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
   ↪ range:[2,2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)    | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
   ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
   ↪ range:[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_9(Build)    | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
   ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
   ↪ range:[4,4], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─TableRowIDScan_10(Probe)   | 39.94   | cop[tikv] | table:t4
   ↪                                                              | keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------
   ↪

-- json_length(j->'$.a') = 3 cannot be accessed with IndexMerge
   ↪ directly, so TiDB cannot use IndexMerge for this SQL statement.
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1) */ * FROM t4 WHERE json
```

```
    ↪ _overlaps(j->'$.a', '[1, 2]') OR json_length(j->'$.a') = 3;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator
    ↪ info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| Selection_5           | 8000.00 | root    |               | or(json_
    ↪ overlaps(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.a"), cast("[1, 2]", json
    ↪ BINARY)), eq(json_length(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.a")), 3)) |
| └─TableReader_7       | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_6
    ↪
    ↪ |
|   └─TableFullScan_6   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t4 | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪

> SHOW WARNINGS;
+---------+------+----------------------------+
| Level   | Code | Message                    |
+---------+------+----------------------------+
| Warning | 1105 | IndexMerge is inapplicable |
+---------+------+----------------------------+
```

- For conditions connected with `AND`, some of them need to be able to be accessed with IndexMerge respectively. TiDB can only use IndexMerge to access multi-valued indexes with these conditions. For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1) */ * FROM t4 WHERE json_
    ↪ contains(j->'$.a', '[1, 2]') AND json_contains(j->'$.a', '[3, 4]
    ↪ ');
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1) */ * FROM t4 WHERE json_
    ↪ contains(j->'$.a', '[1, 2]') AND json_contains(j->'$.a', '[3, 4]
    ↪ ') AND json_length(j->'$.a') = 2;
```

```
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1) */ * FROM t4 WHERE json
    ↪ _contains(j->'$.a', '[1, 2]') AND json_contains(j->'$.a', '[3,
    ↪ 4]');
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                     | operator
    ↪ info                          |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_10             | 0.00    | root     |
    ↪
    ↪ | type: intersection                    |
| ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
    ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
    ↪ range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
    ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
    ↪ range:[2,2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| ─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
    ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
    ↪ range:[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
    ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
    ↪ range:[4,4], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 0.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t4
    ↪                                                        | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo        |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------
    ↪

-- json_length(j->'$.a') = 3 cannot be accessed with IndexMerge
    ↪ directly, so TiDB uses IndexMerge to access the other two json_
    ↪ contains conditions, and json_length(j->'$.a') = 3 becomes a
    ↪ Selection operator.
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1) */ * FROM t4 WHERE json
    ↪ _contains(j->'$.a', '[1, 2]') AND json_contains(j->'$.a', '[3,
    ↪ 4]') AND json_length(j->'$.a') = 2;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object
```

```
    ↪                                                          | operator
    ↪ info                                  |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_11              | 0.00   | root     |
    ↪
    ↪ | type: intersection                          |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
    ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
    ↪ range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
    ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
    ↪ range:[2,2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
    ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
    ↪ range:[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index:
    ↪ mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array)) |
    ↪ range:[4,4], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─Selection_10(Probe)      | 0.00   | cop[tikv] |
    ↪
    ↪ | eq(json_length(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.a")), 2) |
|    ─TableRowIDScan_9       | 0.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4
    ↪                                                          | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo              |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------
    ↪
```

- All the conditions that are used for the IndexMerge must match the semantics of `OR` or `AND` that connects them.

  - If `json_contains` is connected with `AND`, it matches the semantics. For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE json_contains(j->'$.a', '[1]') AND json_contains(j->'$
    ↪ .b', '[2, 3]');
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE json_contains(j->'$.a', '[1]') OR json_contains(j->'$.
    ↪ b', '[2, 3]');
```

```
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE json_contains(j->'$.a', '[1]') AND json_contains(j->'$
    ↪ .b', '[2, 3]');
```

```
+--
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| id                        | estRows | task    | access object
   ↪                                                      |
   ↪ operator info                          |
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| IndexMerge_9              | 0.00    | root     |
   ↪
   ↪ | type: intersection                    |
| ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build) | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
   ↪ :mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array))
   ↪  | range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build) | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
   ↪ :mvi2(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.b') as unsigned array))
   ↪  | range:[2,2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| ─IndexRangeScan_7(Build) | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
   ↪ :mvi2(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.b') as unsigned array))
   ↪  | range:[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
| ─TableRowIDScan_8(Probe) | 0.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4
   ↪                                                        |
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo        |
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-- The conditions do not match the semantics, so TiDB cannot use
   ↪ IndexMerge for this SQL statement as explained above.
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
   ↪ WHERE json_contains(j->'$.a', '[1]') OR json_contains(j->'$.
   ↪ b', '[2, 3]');
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| id                   | estRows | task    | access object |
   ↪ operator info
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| TableReader_7        | 10.01   | root     |              | data:
   ↪ Selection_6
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|  └─Selection_6        | 10.01   | cop[tikv] |           | or(json
    ↪ _contains(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.a"), cast("[1]", json
    ↪ BINARY)), json_contains(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.b"), cast
    ↪ ("[2, 3]", json BINARY))) |
|    └─TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t4 | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
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```

- If `json_overlaps` is connected with `OR`, it matches the semantics. For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE json_overlaps(j->'$.a', '[1]') OR json_overlaps(j->'$.
    ↪ b', '[2, 3]');
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE json_overlaps(j->'$.a', '[1]') AND json_overlaps(j->'$
    ↪ .b', '[2, 3]');
```

```
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE json_overlaps(j->'$.a', '[1]') OR json_overlaps(j->'$.
    ↪ b', '[2, 3]');
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| id                            | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                          |
    ↪ operator info
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    ↪ -------------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------
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| Selection_5                   | 23.98   | root      |
    ↪
    ↪ | or(json_overlaps(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.a"), cast("[1]
    ↪ ", json BINARY)), json_overlaps(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.b
    ↪ "), cast("[2, 3]", json BINARY))) |
|  └─IndexMerge_10              | 29.97   | root      |
    ↪
    ↪ | type: union
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    └─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4,
    ↪ index:mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned
    ↪ array)) | range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    └─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4,
    ↪ index:mvi2(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.b') as unsigned
    ↪ array)) | range:[2,2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    └─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4,
    ↪ index:mvi2(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.b') as unsigned
    ↪ array)) | range:[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    └─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 29.97  | cop[tikv] | table:t4
    ↪                                                          |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
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    ↪

-- The conditions do not match the semantics, so TiDB can only
    ↪ use IndexMerge for part of the conditions of this SQL
    ↪ statement as explained above.
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE json_overlaps(j->'$.a', '[1]') AND json_overlaps(j->'$
    ↪ .b', '[2, 3]');
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    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------
    ↪
| id                           | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                        |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
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    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------
    ↪
| Selection_5                  | 15.99   | root      |
    ↪
```

```
    ↪ | json_overlaps(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.a"), cast("[1]",
    ↪ json BINARY)), json_overlaps(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.b"),
    ↪  cast("[2, 3]", json BINARY)) |
|  ─IndexMerge_8               | 10.00  | root     |
    ↪
    ↪ | type: union
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4,
    ↪ index:mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned
    ↪ array)) | range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    ─TableRowIDScan_7(Probe)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4
    ↪                                                          |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
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    ↪ ------------------------------+--------+----------+----------------
    ↪
```

- If `json_member_of` is connected with `OR` or `AND`, it matches the semantics. For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE 1 member of (j->'$.a') AND 2 member of (j->'$.b') AND
    ↪ 3 member of (j->'$.a');
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE 1 member of (j->'$.a') OR 2 member of (j->'$.b') OR 3
    ↪ member of (j->'$.a');
```

```
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE 1 member of (j->'$.a') AND 2 member of (j->'$.b') AND
    ↪ 3 member of (j->'$.a');
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| id                           | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                          |
    ↪ operator info                           |
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    ↪ ------------------------------+--------+----------+----------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_9                 | 0.00    | root     |
    ↪
```

```
    ↪ | type: intersection                    |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi2(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.b') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[2,2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_8(Probe)  | 0.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4
    ↪                                                          |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo        |
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    ↪

> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE 1 member of (j->'$.a') OR 2 member of (j->'$.b') OR 3
    ↪ member of (j->'$.a');
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    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------
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| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                    |
    ↪ operator info                          |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_9                | 29.97  | root     |
    ↪
    ↪ | type: union                          |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi2(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.b') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[2,2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_8(Probe)  | 29.97  | cop[tikv] | table:t4
    ↪                                                          |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo        |
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```

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    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
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```

- If `json_contains` conditions that contain multiple values are connected with `OR`, or `json_overlaps` conditions that contain multiple values are connected with `AND` ↪ , they do not match the semantics, but they match the semantics if they only contain one value. For example:

```
-- Refer to the preceding examples for conditions that do not
   ↪ match the semantics. The following only provides examples
   ↪ of conditions that match the semantics.
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
   ↪ WHERE json_overlaps(j->'$.a', '[1]') AND json_overlaps(j->'$
   ↪ .b', '[2]');
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
   ↪ WHERE json_contains(j->'$.a', '[1]') OR json_contains(j->'$.
   ↪ b', '[2]');
```

```
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
   ↪ WHERE json_overlaps(j->'$.a', '[1]') AND json_overlaps(j->'$
   ↪ .b', '[2]');
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| id                           | estRows | task    | access object
   ↪                                                        |
   ↪ operator info
   ↪
   ↪ |
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   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
| Selection_5                  | 8.00    | root      |
   ↪
   ↪ | json_overlaps(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.a"), cast("[1]",
   ↪ json BINARY)), json_overlaps(json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.b"),
   ↪  cast("[2]", json BINARY)) |
|  ─IndexMerge_9               | 0.01    | root      |
   ↪
   ↪ | type: intersection
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4,
   ↪ index:mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned
   ↪ array)) | range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    └─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4,
    ↪ index:mvi2(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.b') as unsigned
    ↪ array)) | range:[2,2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    └─TableRowIDScan_8(Probe)  | 0.01   | cop[tikv] | table:t4
    ↪                                                          |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo
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    ↪ |
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    ↪ ----------------------------+--------+----------+----------------
    ↪

> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE json_contains(j->'$.a', '[1]') OR json_contains(j->'$.
    ↪ b', '[2]');
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    ↪ ----------------------------+--------+----------+----------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                      |
    ↪ operator info                          |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+--------+----------+----------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_8                | 19.99  | root     |
    ↪
    ↪ | type: union                              |
|  └─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  └─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi2(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.b') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[2,2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  └─TableRowIDScan_7(Probe)  | 19.99  | cop[tikv] | table:t4
    ↪                                                        |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo        |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+--------+----------+----------------
    ↪
```

- When both `OR` and `AND` are used to connect conditions (essentially nested `OR`

and AND), the conditions that constitute an IndexMerge must either all match the semantics of OR or all match the semantics of AND, not partially match the semantics of OR and partially match the semantics of AND. For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE 1 member of (j->'$.a') AND (2 member of (j->'$.b') OR
    ↪ 3 member of (j->'$.a'));
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE 1 member of (j->'$.a') OR (2 member of (j->'$.b') AND
    ↪ 3 member of (j->'$.a'));
```

```
-- Only 2 member of (j->'$.b') and 3 member of (j->'$.a') that
    ↪ match the semantics of OR constitute the IndexMerge. 1
    ↪ member of (j->'$.a') that matches the semantics of AND is
    ↪ not included.
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE 1 member of (j->'$.a') AND (2 member of (j->'$.b') OR
    ↪ 3 member of (j->'$.a'));
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    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                      |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
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    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_9                | 0.00    | root      |
    ↪
    ↪ | type: union
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi2(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.b') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[2,2], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─Selection_8(Probe)        | 0.00    | cop[tikv] |
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ | json_memberof(cast(1, json BINARY), json_extract(test.t4.j
    ↪ , "$.a")), or(json_memberof(cast(2, json BINARY), json_
    ↪ extract(test.t4.j, "$.b")), json_memberof(cast(3, json
    ↪ BINARY), json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.a"))) |
|   └─TableRowIDScan_7       | 19.99  | cop[tikv] | table:t4
    ↪                                                        |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
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    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------
    ↪

-- Only 1 member of (j->'$.a') and 2 member of (j->'$.a') that
    ↪ match the semantics of OR constitute the IndexMerge. 2
    ↪ member of (j->'$.b') that matches the semantics of AND is
    ↪ not included.
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t4, mvi1, mvi2) */ * FROM t4
    ↪ WHERE 1 member of (j->'$.a') OR (2 member of (j->'$.b') AND
    ↪ 3 member of (j->'$.a'));
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                                        |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_9                | 0.02    | root      |
    ↪
    ↪ | type: union
    ↪
    ↪ |
|   ├─IndexRangeScan_5(Build) | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|   └─IndexRangeScan_6(Build) | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t4, index
    ↪ :mvi1(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8'$.a') as unsigned array))
    ↪  | range:[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  └─Selection_8(Probe)       | 0.02   | cop[tikv] |
    ↪
    ↪ | or(json_memberof(cast(1, json BINARY), json_extract(test.
    ↪ t4.j, "$.a")), and(json_memberof(cast(2, json BINARY), json_
    ↪ extract(test.t4.j, "$.b")), json_memberof(cast(3, json
    ↪ BINARY), json_extract(test.t4.j, "$.a")))) |
|    └─TableRowIDScan_7       | 19.99  | cop[tikv] | table:t4
    ↪                                                          |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
    ↪
```

If conditions contain nested `OR`/`AND`, or if conditions correspond to only indexed columns after transformations, such as expansion, TiDB might not be able to use IndexMerge or make full use of all conditions. It is recommended to verify the behavior of each specific case.

The following are some examples:

```
CREATE TABLE t5 (a INT, j JSON, b INT, k JSON, INDEX idx(a, (CAST(j AS
    ↪ SIGNED ARRAY))), INDEX idx2(b, (CAST(k as SIGNED ARRAY))));
CREATE TABLE t6 (a INT, j JSON, b INT, k JSON, INDEX idx(a, (CAST(j AS
    ↪ SIGNED ARRAY)), b), INDEX idx2(a, (CAST(k as SIGNED ARRAY)), b));
```

If `AND` is nested in conditions connected by `OR` and subconditions connected by `AND` correspond to the exact columns of a multi-column index, TiDB can usually make full use of the conditions. For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t5, idx, idx2) */ * FROM t5 WHERE (a=1
    ↪ AND 1 member of (j)) OR (b=2 AND 2 member of (k));
```

```
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t5, idx, idx2) */ * FROM t5 WHERE (a=1
    ↪  AND 1 member of (j)) OR (b=2 AND 2 member of (k));
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪                                 | operator info
    ↪                               |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| IndexMerge_8                | 0.20    | root     |
   ↪                                                  | type: union
   ↪                                |
| ├─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 0.10    | cop[tikv] | table:t5, index:idx(a,
   ↪ cast(`j` as signed array)) | range:[1 1,1 1], keep order:false, stats
   ↪ :pseudo |
| ├─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 0.10    | cop[tikv] | table:t5, index:idx2(b,
   ↪ cast(`k` as signed array)) | range:[2 2,2 2], keep order:false, stats
   ↪ :pseudo |
| └─TableRowIDScan_7(Probe)  | 0.20    | cop[tikv] | table:t5
   ↪                                     | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪            |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
```

If a single `OR` is nested in conditions connected by `AND` and subconditions connected by `OR` correspond to the indexed columns after expansion, TiDB can usually make full use of the conditions. For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t6, idx, idx2) */ * FROM t6 WHERE a=1
   ↪ AND (1 member of (j) OR 2 member of (k));
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
   ↪                                     | operator info
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| IndexMerge_9                | 0.20    | root     |
   ↪                                                  | type: union
   ↪
   ↪ |
| ├─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 0.10    | cop[tikv] | table:t6, index:idx(a,
   ↪ cast(`j` as signed array), b) | range:[1 1,1 1], keep order:false,
   ↪ stats:pseudo                                                    |
| ├─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 0.10    | cop[tikv] | table:t6, index:idx2(a,
   ↪ cast(`k` as signed array), b) | range:[1 2,1 2], keep order:false,
```

```
    ↪ stats:pseudo                                                    |
|  ─Selection_8(Probe)       | 0.20   | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                                                  | eq(test2.t6.a, 1), or(
    ↪ json_memberof(cast(1, json BINARY), test2.t6.j), json_memberof(cast
    ↪ (2, json BINARY), test2.t6.k)) |
|    ─TableRowIDScan_7       | 0.20   | cop[tikv] | table:t6
    ↪                                        | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
```

If multiple `OR` are nested in conditions connected by `AND` and subconditions connected by `OR` need expansion to correspond to the index columns, TiDB might not be able to make full use of all conditions. For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t6, idx, idx2) */ * FROM t6 WHERE a=1
    ↪ AND (1 member of (j) OR 2 member of (k)) and (b = 1 OR b = 2);
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t6, idx, idx2) */ * FROM t6 WHERE a=1
    ↪ AND ((1 member of (j) AND b = 1) OR (1 member of (j) AND b = 2) OR (2
    ↪  member of (k) AND b = 1) OR (2 member of (k) AND b = 2));
```

```
-- Due to current implementation limitations, (b = 1 or b = 2) does not
    ↪ constitute the IndexMerge, but becomes a Selection operator
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t6, idx, idx2) */ * FROM t6 WHERE a=1
    ↪ AND (1 member of (j) OR 2 member of (k)) AND (b = 1 OR b = 2);
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
    ↪                                     | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_9                | 0.20    | root     |
    ↪                                                 | type: union
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 0.10    | cop[tikv] | table:t6, index:idx(a,
    ↪ cast(`j` as signed array), b) | range:[1 1,1 1], keep order:false,
    ↪ stats:pseudo
    ↪
```

```
    ↪ |
|  └─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 0.10   | cop[tikv] | table:t6, index:idx2(a,
    ↪ cast(`k` as signed array), b) | range:[1 2,1 2], keep order:false,
    ↪ stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  └─Selection_8(Probe)       | 0.20   | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                                                 | eq(test.t6.a, 1), or(
    ↪ eq(test.t6.b, 1), eq(test.t6.b, 2)), or(json_memberof(cast(1, json
    ↪ BINARY), test.t6.j), json_memberof(cast(2, json BINARY), test.t6.k))
    ↪ |
|    └─TableRowIDScan_7       | 0.20   | cop[tikv] | table:t6
    ↪                                       | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪

-- If you manually expand the two OR conditions connected with AND, TiDB
    ↪ can make full use of these conditions
> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t6, idx, idx2) */ * FROM t6 WHERE a=1
    ↪ AND ((1 member of (j) AND b = 1) OR (1 member of (j) AND b = 2) OR (2
    ↪  member of (k) AND b = 1) OR (2 member of (k) AND b = 2));
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object
    ↪                                     | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| IndexMerge_11               | 0.00    | root     |
    ↪                                                 | type: union
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ├─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 0.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t6, index:idx(a,
    ↪ cast(`j` as signed array), b) | range:[1 1 1,1 1 1], keep order:false
    ↪ , stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  └─IndexRangeScan_6(Build)  | 0.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t6, index:idx(a,
    ↪ cast(`j` as signed array), b) | range:[1 1 2,1 1 2], keep order:false
```

```
    ↪ , stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_7(Build)  | 0.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t6, index:idx2(a,
    ↪ cast(`k` as signed array), b) | range:[1 2 1,1 2 1], keep order:false
    ↪ , stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 0.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t6, index:idx2(a,
    ↪ cast(`k` as signed array), b) | range:[1 2 2,1 2 2], keep order:false
    ↪ , stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─Selection_10(Probe)      | 0.00   | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                                                | eq(test.t6.a, 1), or(
    ↪ or(and(json_memberof(cast(1, json BINARY), test.t6.j), eq(test.t6.b,
    ↪ 1)), and(json_memberof(cast(1, json BINARY), test.t6.j), eq(test.t6.b
    ↪ , 2))), or(and(json_memberof(cast(2, json BINARY), test.t6.k), eq(
    ↪ test.t6.b, 1)), and(json_memberof(cast(2, json BINARY), test.t6.k),
    ↪ eq(test.t6.b, 2)))) |
|    ─TableRowIDScan_9       | 0.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t6
    ↪                                      | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
```

Limited by the current implementation of multi-valued indexes, using use_index might return the Can't find a proper physical plan for this query error while using use_
↪ index_merge will not return such an error. Therefore, it is recommended to use use_
↪ index_merge if you want to use multi-valued indexes.

```
mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index(t3, idx) */ * FROM t3 WHERE ((1 member
    ↪ of (j)) AND (2 member of (j))) OR ((3 member of (j)) AND (4 member of
    ↪  (j)));
ERROR 1815 (HY000): Internal : Cant find a proper physical plan for this
    ↪ query

mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ use_index_merge(t3, idx) */ * FROM t3 WHERE ((1
    ↪ member of (j)) AND (2 member of (j))) OR ((3 member of (j)) AND (4
    ↪ member of (j)));
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
```

```
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
| Selection_5           | 8000.00 | root     |               | or(and(json_
    ↪ memberof(cast(1, json BINARY), test.t3.j), json_memberof(cast(2, json
    ↪  BINARY), test.t3.j)), and(json_memberof(cast(3, json BINARY), test.
    ↪ t3.j), json_memberof(cast(4, json BINARY), test.t3.j))) |
| ─TableReader_7        | 10000.00 | root     |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_6
    ↪
    ↪ |
|   ─TableFullScan_6    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t3 | keep order:false
    ↪ , stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
3 rows in set, 2 warnings (0.00 sec)
```

Multi-valued indexes and plan cache

A query plan that uses `member of` to choose multi-valued indexes can be cached. A query plan that uses the `JSON_CONTAINS()` or `JSON_OVERLAPS()` function to choose multi-valued indexes cannot be cached.

The following are some examples that query plans can be cached:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t5 (j1 JSON, j2 JSON, INDEX idx1((CAST(j1 AS SIGNED
    ↪ ARRAY))));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.04 sec)

mysql> PREPARE st FROM 'SELECT /*+ use_index(t5, idx1) */ * FROM t5 WHERE
    ↪ (? member of (j1))';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET @a=1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXECUTE st USING @a;
Empty set (0.01 sec)

mysql> EXECUTE st USING @a;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT @@last_plan_from_cache;
+------------------------+
| @@last_plan_from_cache |
+------------------------+
|                      1 |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> PREPARE st FROM 'SELECT /*+ use_index(t5, idx1) */ * FROM t5 WHERE
    ↪ (? member of (j1)) AND JSON_CONTAINS(j2, ?)';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET @a=1, @b='[1,2]';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXECUTE st USING @a, @b;
Empty set (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXECUTE st USING @a, @b;
Empty set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_CACHE; -- can hit plan cache if the JSON_
    ↪ CONTAINS doesn't impact index selection
+------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_CACHE |
+------------------------+
|                      1 |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following are some examples that query plans cannot be cached:

```
mysql> PREPARE st2 FROM 'SELECT /*+ use_index(t5, idx1) */ * FROM t5 WHERE
    ↪ JSON_CONTAINS(j1, ?)';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET @a='[1,2]';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> EXECUTE st2 USING @a;
Empty set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS; -- cannot hit plan cache since the JSON_CONTAINS
    ↪ predicate might affect index selection
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1105 | skip prepared plan-cache: json_contains function with
    ↪ immutable parameters can affect index selection |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

11.3.3.3.3 Introduction to Statistics

TiDB uses statistics as input to the optimizer to estimate the number of rows processed in each plan step for a SQL statement. The optimizer estimates the cost of each available plan choice, including index accesses and the sequence of table joins, and produces a cost for each available plan. The optimizer then picks the execution plan with the lowest overall cost.

Collect statistics

This section describes two ways of collecting statistics: automatic update and manual collection.

Automatic update

For the `INSERT`, `DELETE`, or `UPDATE` statements, TiDB automatically updates the number of rows and modified rows in statistics.

TiDB persists the update information regularly and the update cycle is 20 * `stats-lease`. The default value of `stats-lease` is `3s`. If you specify the value as `0`, TiDB stops updating statistics automatically.

Based upon the number of changes to a table, TiDB will automatically schedule `ANALYZE` to collect statistics on those tables. This is controlled by the following system variables.

System Variable	Default Value	Description
tidb_auto_analyze_concurrency	1	The concurrency for auto-analyze operations within a TiDB cluster.
tidb_auto_analyze_end_time	23:59 +0000	The end time in a day when TiDB can perform automatic updates.

System Variable	Default Value	Description
tidb_auto_analyze_partition_batch_size	8192	The number of partitions that TiDB automatically analyzes when analyzing a partitioned table (that is, when automatically updating statistics on a partitioned table).

System Variable	Default Value	Description
tidb_auto_analyze_ratio	0.5	The threshold value of automatic update.
tidb_auto_analyze_start_time	00:00 +0000	The start time in a day when TiDB can perform automatic update.
tidb_enable_auto_analyze	ON	Controls whether TiDB automatically executes ANALYZE.

System Variable	Default Value	Description
tidb_enable_auto_analyze_priority_queue	ON	Controls whether to enable the priority queue to schedule the tasks of automatically collecting statistics. When this variable is enabled, TiDB prioritizes collecting statistics for tables that

System Variable	Default Value	Description
tidb_enable_stats_owner	ON	Controls whether the corresponding TiDB instance can run automatic statistics update tasks.
tidb_max_auto_analyze_time	43200 (12 hours)	The maximum execution time of automatic ANALYZE tasks. The unit is second.

When the ratio of the number of modified rows to the total number of rows of `tbl` in a table is greater than `tidb_auto_analyze_ratio`, and the current time is between `tidb_auto_analyze_start_time` and `tidb_auto_analyze_end_time`, TiDB executes the `ANALYZE TABLE tbl` statement in the background to automatically update the statistics on this table.

To avoid the situation that modifying data on a small table frequently triggers the automatic update, when a table has less than 1000 rows, modifications do not trigger the automatic update in TiDB. You can use the `SHOW STATS_META` statement to view the number of rows in a table.

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, the automatic update does not record the configuration items input at manual `ANALYZE`. Therefore, when you use the `WITH` syntax to control the collecting behavior of `ANALYZE`, you need to manually set scheduled tasks to collect statistics.

Manual collection

Currently, TiDB collects statistics as a full collection. You can execute the `ANALYZE TABLE` statement to collect statistics.

You can perform full collection using the following syntax.

- To collect statistics of all the tables in `TableNameList`:

```
ANALYZE TABLE TableNameList [WITH NUM BUCKETS|TOPN|CMSKETCH DEPTH|
    ↪ CMSKETCH WIDTH]|[WITH NUM SAMPLES|WITH FLOATNUM SAMPLERATE];
```

- `WITH NUM BUCKETS` specifies the maximum number of buckets in the generated histogram.
- `WITH NUM TOPN` specifies the maximum number of the generated `TOPN`s.
- `WITH NUM CMSKETCH DEPTH` specifies the depth of the CM Sketch.
- `WITH NUM CMSKETCH WIDTH` specifies the width of the CM Sketch.
- `WITH NUM SAMPLES` specifies the number of samples.
- `WITH FLOAT_NUM SAMPLERATE` specifies the sampling rate.

`WITH NUM SAMPLES` and `WITH FLOAT_NUM SAMPLERATE` correspond to two different algorithms of collecting samples.

See Histograms, Top-N and CMSketch (Count-Min Sketch) for detailed explanations. For `SAMPLES/SAMPLERATE`, see Improve collection performance.

For information on persisting the options for easier reuse, see Persist `ANALYZE` configurations.

Types of statistics

This section describes three types of statistics: histogram, Count-Min Sketch, and Top-N.

Histogram

Histogram statistics are used by the optimizer to estimate selectivity of an interval or range predicate, and might also be used to determine the number of distinct values within a column for estimation of equal/IN predicates in Version 2 of statistics (refer to Versions of Statistics).

A histogram is an approximate representation of the distribution of data. It divides the entire range of values into a series of buckets, and uses simple data to describe each bucket, such as the number of values falling in the bucket. In TiDB, an equal-depth histogram is created for the specific columns of each table. The equal-depth histogram can be used to estimate the interval query.

Here "equal-depth" means that the number of values falling into each bucket is as equal as possible. For example, for a given set {1.6, 1.9, 1.9, 2.0, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 3.4, 3.5}, you want to generate 4 buckets. The equal-depth histogram is as follows. It contains four buckets [1.6, 1.9], [2.0, 2.6], [2.7, 2.8], [2.9, 3.5]. The bucket depth is 3.

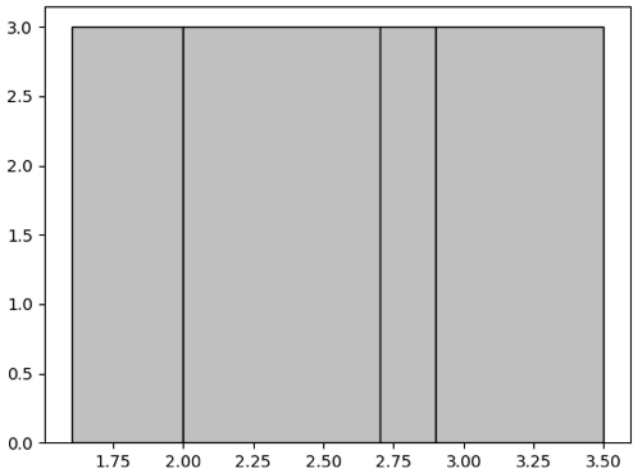


Figure 436: Equal-depth Histogram Example

For details about the parameter that determines the upper limit to the number of histogram buckets, refer to Manual Collection. When the number of buckets is larger, the

accuracy of the histogram is higher; however, higher accuracy is at the cost of the usage of memory resources. You can adjust this number appropriately according to the actual scenario.

Count-Min Sketch

> **Note:**
>
> Count-Min Sketch is used in statistics Version 1 only for equal/IN predicate selectivity estimation. In Version 2, Histogram statistics are used instead due to challenges in managing Count-Min sketch to avoid collisions as discussed below.

Count-Min Sketch is a hash structure. When processing an equivalence query such as `a = 1` or an `IN` query (for example, `a IN (1, 2, 3)`), TiDB uses this data structure for estimation.

A hash collision might occur since Count-Min Sketch is a hash structure. In the `EXPLAIN` statement, if the estimate of the equivalent query deviates greatly from the actual value, it can be considered that a larger value and a smaller value have been hashed together. In this case, you can take one of the following ways to avoid the hash collision:

- Modify the `WITH NUM TOPN` parameter. TiDB stores the high-frequency (top x) data separately, with the other data stored in Count-Min Sketch. Therefore, to prevent a larger value and a smaller value from being hashed together, you can increase the value of `WITH NUM TOPN`. In TiDB, its default value is 20. The maximum value is 1024. For more information about this parameter, see Manual collection.
- Modify two parameters `WITH NUM CMSKETCH DEPTH` and `WITH NUM CMSKETCH WIDTH`. Both affect the number of hash buckets and the collision probability. You can increase the values of the two parameters appropriately according to the actual scenario to reduce the probability of hash collision, but at the cost of higher memory usage of statistics. In TiDB, the default value of `WITH NUM CMSKETCH DEPTH` is 5, and the default value of `WITH NUM CMSKETCH WIDTH` is 2048. For more information about the two parameters, see Manual collection.

Top-N

Top-N values are values with the top N occurrences in a column or index. Top-N statistics are often referred to as frequency statistics or data skew.

TiDB records the values and occurrences of Top-N values. Here `N` is controlled by the `WITH NUM TOPN` parameter. The default value is 20, meaning the top 20 most frequent values are collected. The maximum value is 1024. For details about the parameter, see Manual collection.

Selective statistics collection

This section describes how to collect statistics selectively.

Collect statistics on indexes

To collect statistics on all indexes in `IndexNameList` in `TableName`, use the following syntax:

```
ANALYZE TABLE TableName INDEX [IndexNameList] [WITH NUM BUCKETS|TOPN|
    ↪ CMSKETCH DEPTH|CMSKETCH WIDTH]|[WITH NUM SAMPLES|WITH FLOATNUM
    ↪ SAMPLERATE];
```

When `IndexNameList` is empty, this syntax collects statistics on all indexes in `TableName` ↪ .

> **Note:**
>
> To ensure that the statistical information before and after the collection is consistent, when `tidb_analyze_version` is `2`, this syntax collects statistics on the indexed columns and all indexes.

Collect statistics on some columns

When TiDB executes SQL statements, the optimizer uses statistics for only a subset of columns in most cases. For example, columns that appear in the `WHERE`, `JOIN`, `ORDER BY`, and `GROUP BY` clauses. These columns are referred to as predicate columns.

If a table has many columns, collecting statistics on all the columns can cause a large overhead. To reduce the overhead, you can collect statistics for only specific columns (that you choose) or `PREDICATE COLUMNS` to be used by the optimizer. To persist the column list of any subset of columns for reuse in future, see Persist column configurations.

> **Note:**
>
> - Collecting statistics on predicate columns is only applicable for `tidb_` ↪ `analyze_version = 2`.
> - Starting from TiDB v7.2.0, TiDB also introduces the `tidb_analyze` ↪ `_skip_column_types` system variable, indicating which types of columns are skipped for statistics collection when executing the `ANALYZE` command to collect statistics. The system variable is only applicable for `tidb_analyze_version = 2`.

- To collect statistics on specific columns, use the following syntax:

```
ANALYZE TABLE TableName COLUMNS ColumnNameList [WITH NUM BUCKETS|TOPN|
    ↪ CMSKETCH DEPTH|CMSKETCH WIDTH]|[WITH NUM SAMPLES|WITH FLOATNUM
    ↪ SAMPLERATE];
```

  In the syntax, `ColumnNameList` specifies the name list of the target columns. If you need to specify more than one column, use comma `,` to separate the column names. For example, `ANALYZE table t columns a, b`. Besides collecting statistics on the specific columns in a specific table, this syntax collects statistics on the indexed columns and all indexes in that table at the same time.

- To collect statistics on `PREDICATE COLUMNS`, use the following syntax:

```
ANALYZE TABLE TableName PREDICATE COLUMNS [WITH NUM BUCKETS|TOPN|
    ↪ CMSKETCH DEPTH|CMSKETCH WIDTH]|[WITH NUM SAMPLES|WITH FLOATNUM
    ↪ SAMPLERATE];
```

  TiDB always writes the `PREDICATE COLUMNS` information to the `mysql.column_stats_usage` system table every 100 * `stats-lease`.

  In addition to collecting statistics on `PREDICATE COLUMNS` in a specific table, this syntax collects statistics on indexed columns and all indexes in that table at the same time.

> **Note:**
>
> - If the `mysql.column_stats_usage` system table does not contain any `PREDICATE COLUMNS` recorded for that table, the preceding syntax collects statistics on indexed columns and all indexes in that table.
> - Any columns excluded from collection (either by manually listing columns or using `PREDICATE COLUMNS`) will not have their statistics overwritten. When executing a new type of SQL query, the optimizer will use the old statistics for such columns if it exists, or pseudo column statistics if columns never had statistics collected. The next ANALYZE using `PREDICATE COLUMNS` will collect the statistics on those columns.

- To collect statistics on all columns and indexes, use the following syntax:

```
ANALYZE TABLE TableName ALL COLUMNS [WITH NUM BUCKETS|TOPN|CMSKETCH
    ↪ DEPTH|CMSKETCH WIDTH]|[WITH NUM SAMPLES|WITH FLOATNUM SAMPLERATE
    ↪ ];
```

Collect statistics on partitions

- To collect statistics on all partitions in `PartitionNameList` in `TableName`, use the following syntax:

```
ANALYZE TABLE TableName PARTITION PartitionNameList [WITH NUM BUCKETS|
    ↪ TOPN|CMSKETCH DEPTH|CMSKETCH WIDTH]|[WITH NUM SAMPLES|WITH
    ↪ FLOATNUM SAMPLERATE];
```

- To collect index statistics on all partitions in `PartitionNameList` in `TableName`, use the following syntax:

```
ANALYZE TABLE TableName PARTITION PartitionNameList INDEX [
    ↪ IndexNameList] [WITH NUM BUCKETS|TOPN|CMSKETCH DEPTH|CMSKETCH
    ↪ WIDTH]|[WITH NUM SAMPLES|WITH FLOATNUM SAMPLERATE];
```

- If you only need to collect statistics on some columns of some partitions in a table, use the following syntax:

```
ANALYZE TABLE TableName PARTITION PartitionNameList [COLUMNS
    ↪ ColumnNameList|PREDICATE COLUMNS|ALL COLUMNS] [WITH NUM BUCKETS|
    ↪ TOPN|CMSKETCH DEPTH|CMSKETCH WIDTH]|[WITH NUM SAMPLES|WITH
    ↪ FLOATNUM SAMPLERATE];
```

Collect statistics of partitioned tables in dynamic pruning mode

When accessing partitioned tables in dynamic pruning mode (which is the default since v6.3.0), TiDB collects table-level statistics, meaning global statistics of partitioned tables. Currently, global statistics are aggregated from statistics of all partitions. In dynamic pruning mode, an update to the statistics in any partition of a table can trigger an update to the global statistics for that table.

If the statistics of some partitions are empty, or statistics of some columns are missing in some partitions, then the collection behavior is controlled by the `tidb_skip_missing_partition_stats` variable:

- When an update to the global statistics is triggered and `tidb_skip_missing_partition_stats` is `OFF`:
    - If some partitions have no statistics (such as a new partition that has never been analyzed), global statistics generation is interrupted and a warning message is displayed saying that no statistics are available on partitions.
    - If statistics of some columns are absent in specific partitions (different columns are specified for analyzing in these partitions), global statistics generation is interrupted when statistics of these columns are aggregated, and a warning message is displayed saying that statistics of some columns are absent in specific partitions.
- When an update to the global statistics is triggered and `tidb_skip_missing_partition_stats` is `ON`:

- If statistics of all or some columns are missing for some partitions, TiDB skips these missing partition statistics when generating global statistics so the generation of global statistics is not affected.

In dynamic pruning mode, the `ANALYZE` configurations of partitions and tables should be the same. Therefore, if you specify the `COLUMNS` configuration following the `ANALYZE TABLE TableName PARTITION PartitionNameList` statement or the `OPTIONS` configuration following `WITH`, TiDB will ignore them and return a warning.

Improve collection performance

Note:

- The execution time of `ANALYZE TABLE` in TiDB might be longer than that in MySQL or InnoDB. In InnoDB, only a small number of pages are sampled, while by default in TiDB a comprehensive set of statistics are completely rebuilt.

TiDB provides two options to improve the performance of statistics collection:

- Collecting statistics on a subset of the columns. See Collecting statistics on some columns.
- Sampling.

Statistics sampling

Sampling is available via two separate options of the `ANALYZE` statement - with each corresponding to a different collection algorithm:

- `WITH NUM SAMPLES` specifies the size of the sampling set, which is implemented in the reservoir sampling method in TiDB. When a table is large, it is not recommended to use this method to collect statistics. Because the intermediate result set of the reservoir sampling contains redundant results, it causes additional pressure on resources such as memory.
- `WITH FLOAT_NUM SAMPLERATE` is a sampling method introduced in v5.3.0. With the value range `(0, 1]`, this parameter specifies the sampling rate. It is implemented in the way of Bernoulli sampling in TiDB, which is more suitable for sampling larger tables and performs better in collection efficiency and resource usage.

Before v5.3.0, TiDB uses the reservoir sampling method to collect statistics. Since v5.3.0, the TiDB Version 2 statistics uses the Bernoulli sampling method to collect statistics

by default. To re-use the reservoir sampling method, you can use the `WITH NUM SAMPLES` statement.

The current sampling rate is calculated based on an adaptive algorithm. When you can observe the number of rows in a table using `SHOW STATS_META`, you can use this number of rows to calculate the sampling rate corresponding to 100,000 rows. If you cannot observe this number, you can use the sum of all the values in the `APPROXIMATE_KEYS` column in the results of `SHOW TABLE REGIONS` of the table as another reference to calculate the sampling rate.

> **Note:**
>
> Normally, `STATS_META` is more credible than `APPROXIMATE_KEYS`. However, when the result of `STATS_META` is much smaller than the result of `APPROXIMATE_KEYS`, it is recommended that you use `APPROXIMATE_KEYS` to calculate the sampling rate.

The memory quota for collecting statistics

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, the `ANALYZE` memory quota is an experimental feature, and the memory statistics might be inaccurate in production environments.

Since TiDB v6.1.0, you can use the system variable `tidb_mem_quota_analyze` to control the memory quota for collecting statistics in TiDB.

To set a proper value of `tidb_mem_quota_analyze`, consider the data size of the cluster. When the default sampling rate is used, the main considerations are the number of columns, the size of column values, and the memory configuration of TiDB. Consider the following suggestions when you configure the maximum and minimum values:

> **Note:**
>
> The following suggestions are for reference only. You need to configure the values based on the real scenario.

- Minimum value: should be greater than the maximum memory usage when TiDB collects statistics from the table with the most columns. An approximate reference: when

TiDB collects statistics from a table with 20 columns using the default configuration, the maximum memory usage is about 800 MiB; when TiDB collects statistics from a table with 160 columns using the default configuration, the maximum memory usage is about 5 GiB.

- Maximum value: should be less than the available memory when TiDB is not collecting statistics.

Persist ANALYZE configurations

Since v5.4.0, TiDB supports persisting some `ANALYZE` configurations. With this feature, the existing configurations can be easily reused for future statistics collection.

The following are the `ANALYZE` configurations that support persistence:

Configurations	Corresponding ANALYZE syntax
The number of histogram buckets	`WITH NUM BUCKETS`
The number of Top-N	`WITH NUM TOPN`
The number of samples	`WITH NUM SAMPLES`
The sampling rate	`WITH FLOATNUM SAMPLERATE`

Configurations	Corresponding ANALYZE syntax
The `ANALYZE` ↪ column type	AnalyzeColumnOp ::= ('ALL COLUMNS' | 'PREDICATE COLUMNS' | 'COLUMNS' ColumnNameList)
The `ANALYZE` ↪ column	ColumnNameList ::= Identifier (',' Identifier)*

Enable ANALYZE configuration persistence

The `ANALYZE` configuration persistence feature is enabled by default (the system variable `tidb_analyze_version` is `2` and `tidb_persist_analyze_options` is `ON` by default).

You can use this feature to record the persistence configurations specified in the `ANALYZE` ↪ statement when executing the statement manually. Once recorded, the next time TiDB automatically updates statistics or you manually collect statistics without specifying these configuration, TiDB will collect statistics according to the recorded configurations.

To query the configuration persisted on a specific table used for auto analyze operations, you can use the following SQL statement:

```
SELECT sample_num, sample_rate, buckets, topn, column_choice, column_ids
    ↪ FROM mysql.analyze_options opt JOIN information_schema.tables tbl ON
```

```
    ↪ opt.table_id = tbl.tidb_table_id WHERE tbl.table_schema = '{db_name}'
    ↪  AND tbl.table_name = '{table_name}';
```

TiDB will overwrite the previously recorded persistent configuration using the new configurations specified by the latest `ANALYZE` statement. For example, if you run `ANALYZE TABLE t WITH 200 TOPN;`, it will set the top 200 values in the `ANALYZE` statement. Subsequently, executing `ANALYZE TABLE t WITH 0.1 SAMPLERATE;` will set both the top 200 values and a sampling rate of 0.1 for auto `ANALYZE` statements, similar to `ANALYZE TABLE t WITH 200 TOPN, 0.1 SAMPLERATE;`.

Disable ANALYZE configuration persistence

To disable the `ANALYZE` configuration persistence feature, set the `tidb_persist_analyze_options` system variable to `OFF`. Because the `ANALYZE` configuration persistence feature is not applicable to `tidb_analyze_version = 1`, setting `tidb_analyze_version = 1` can also disable the feature.

After disabling the `ANALYZE` configuration persistence feature, TiDB does not clear the persisted configuration records. Therefore, if you enable this feature again, TiDB continues to collect statistics using the previously recorded persistent configurations.

> **Note:**
>
> When you enable the `ANALYZE` configuration persistence feature again, if the previously recorded persistence configurations are no longer applicable to the latest data, you need to execute the `ANALYZE` statement manually and specify the new persistence configurations.

Persist column configurations

If you want to persist the column configuration in the `ANALYZE` statement (including `COLUMNS ColumnNameList`, `PREDICATE COLUMNS`, and `ALL COLUMNS`), set the value of the `tidb_persist_analyze_options` system variable to `ON` to enable the ANALYZE configuration persistence feature. After enabling the ANALYZE configuration persistence feature:

- When TiDB collects statistics automatically or when you manually collect statistics by executing the `ANALYZE` statement without specifying the column configuration, TiDB continues using the previously persisted configuration for statistics collection.
- When you manually execute the `ANALYZE` statement multiple times with column configuration specified, TiDB overwrites the previously recorded persistent configuration using the new configuration specified by the latest `ANALYZE` statement.

To locate `PREDICATE COLUMNS` and columns on which statistics have been collected, use the `SHOW COLUMN_STATS_USAGE` statement.

In the following example, after executing `ANALYZE TABLE t PREDICATE COLUMNS;`, TiDB collects statistics on columns `b`, `c`, and `d`, where column `b` is a `PREDICATE COLUMN` and columns `c` and `d` are index columns.

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT, b INT, c INT, d INT, INDEX idx_c_d(c, d));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

-- The optimizer uses the statistics on column b in this query.
SELECT * FROM t WHERE b > 1;
Empty set (0.00 sec)

-- After waiting for a period of time (100 * stats-lease), TiDB writes the
   ↪  collected `PREDICATE COLUMNS` to mysql.column_stats_usage.
-- Specify `last_used_at IS NOT NULL` to show the `PREDICATE COLUMNS`
   ↪ collected by TiDB.
SHOW COLUMN_STATS_USAGE
WHERE db_name = 'test' AND table_name = 't' AND last_used_at IS NOT NULL;
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+------------+-------------------+------
   ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Column_name | Last_used_at | Last
   ↪ _analyzed_at |
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+------------+-------------------+------
   ↪
| test    | t          |               | b          | 2022-01-05 17:21:33 | NULL
   ↪          |
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+------------+-------------------+------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

ANALYZE TABLE t PREDICATE COLUMNS;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.03 sec)

-- Specify `last_analyzed_at IS NOT NULL` to show the columns for which
   ↪ statistics have been collected.
SHOW COLUMN_STATS_USAGE
WHERE db_name = 'test' AND table_name = 't' AND last_analyzed_at IS NOT
   ↪ NULL;
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+------------+-------------------+------
   ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Column_name | Last_used_at | Last
   ↪ _analyzed_at |
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+------------+--------------------+------
    ↪
| test   | t         |               | b          | 2022-01-05 17:21:33 |
    ↪ 2022-01-05 17:23:06 |
| test   | t         |               | c          | NULL                |
    ↪ 2022-01-05 17:23:06 |
| test   | t         |               | d          | NULL                |
    ↪ 2022-01-05 17:23:06 |
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+------------+--------------------+------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Versions of statistics

The `tidb_analyze_version` variable controls the statistics collected by TiDB. Currently, two versions of statistics are supported: `tidb_analyze_version = 1` and `tidb_analyze_version = 2`.

- For TiDB Self-Managed, the default value of this variable changes from `1` to `2` starting from v5.3.0.
- For TiDB Cloud, the default value of this variable changes from `1` to `2` starting from v6.5.0.
- If your cluster is upgraded from an earlier version, the default value of `tidb_analyze_version` does not change after the upgrade.

Version 2 is preferred, and will continue to be enhanced to ultimately replace Version 1 completely. Compared to Version 1, Version 2 improves the accuracy of many of the statistics collected for larger data volumes. Version 2 also improves collection performance by removing the need to collect Count-Min sketch statistics for predicate selectivity estimation, and also supporting automated collection only on selected columns (see Collecting statistics on some columns).

The following table lists the information collected by each version for usage in the optimizer estimates:

Information	Version 1	Version 2
The total number of rows in the table		
Equal/IN predicate estimation	(Column/Index Top-N & Count-Min Sketch)	(Column/Index Top-N & Histogram)
Range predicate estimation	(Column/Index Top-N & Histogram)	(Column/Index Top-N & Histogram)
`NULL` ↪ predicate estimation		

Information	Version 1	Version 2
The average length of columns		
The average length of indexes		

Switch between statistics versions

It is recommended to ensure that all tables/indexes (and partitions) utilize statistics collection from the same version. Version 2 is recommended, however, it is not recommended to switch from one version to another without a justifiable reason such as an issue experienced with the version in use. A switch between versions might take a period of time when no statistics are available until all tables have been analyzed with the new version, which might negatively affect the optimizer plan choices if statistics are not available.

Examples of justifications to switch might include - with Version 1, there could be inaccuracies in equal/IN predicate estimation due to hash collisions when collecting Count-Min sketch statistics. Solutions are listed in the Count-Min Sketch section. Alternatively, setting `tidb_analyze_version = 2` and rerunning `ANALYZE` on all objects is also a solution. In the early release of Version 2, there was a risk of memory overflow after `ANALYZE`. This issue is resolved, but initially, one solution was to set `tidb_analyze_version = 1` and rerun `ANALYZE` on all objects.

To prepare `ANALYZE` for switching between versions:

- If the `ANALYZE` statement is executed manually, manually analyze every table to be analyzed.

```
SELECT DISTINCT(CONCAT('ANALYZE TABLE ', table_schema, '.', table_name
    ↪ , ';'))
FROM information_schema.tables JOIN mysql.stats_histograms
ON table_id = tidb_table_id
WHERE stats_ver = 2;
```

- If TiDB automatically executes the `ANALYZE` statement because the auto-analysis has been enabled, execute the following statement that generates the `DROP STATS` statement:

```
SELECT DISTINCT(CONCAT('DROP STATS ', table_schema, '.', table_name, '
    ↪ ;'))
FROM information_schema.tables JOIN mysql.stats_histograms
ON table_id = tidb_table_id
WHERE stats_ver = 2;
```

- If the result of the preceding statement is too long to copy and paste, you can export the result to a temporary text file and then perform execution from the file like this:

```
SELECT DISTINCT ... INTO OUTFILE '/tmp/sql.txt';
mysql -h ${TiDB_IP} -u user -P ${TIDB_PORT} ... < '/tmp/sql.txt'
```

View statistics

You can view the `ANALYZE` status and statistics information using the following statements.

`ANALYZE` state

When executing the `ANALYZE` statement, you can view the current state of `ANALYZE` using `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS`.

Starting from TiDB v6.1.0, the `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` statement supports showing cluster-level tasks. Even after a TiDB restart, you can still view task records before the restart using this statement. Before TiDB v6.1.0, the `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` statement can only show instance-level tasks, and task records are cleared after a TiDB restart.

`SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` shows the most recent task records only. Starting from TiDB v6.1.0, you can view the history tasks within the last 7 days through the system table `mysql.analyze_jobs`.

When `tidb_mem_quota_analyze` is set and an automatic `ANALYZE` task running in the TiDB background uses more memory than this threshold, the task will be retried. You can see failed and retried tasks in the output of the `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` statement.

When `tidb_max_auto_analyze_time` is greater than 0 and an automatic `ANALYZE` task running in the TiDB background takes more time than this threshold, the task will be terminated.

```
mysql> SHOW ANALYZE STATUS [ShowLikeOrWhere];
+--
    ↪ ------------+------------+----------------+-------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table_schema | Table_name | Partition_name | Job_info
    ↪                                                                  |
    ↪ Processed_rows | Start_time     | End_time          | State   | Fail_
    ↪ reason                                                           |
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----------+-----------+---------------+----------------------------------
    ↪
| test       | sbtest1   |               | retry auto analyze table all
    ↪ columns with 100 topn, 0.055 samplerate          |       2000000 |
    ↪ 2022-05-07 16:41:09 | 2022-05-07 16:41:20 | finished | NULL
    ↪                                                              |
| test       | sbtest1   |               | auto analyze table all columns
    ↪ with 100 topn, 0.5 samplerate                    |            0 |
    ↪ 2022-05-07 16:40:50 | 2022-05-07 16:41:09 | failed | analyze panic
    ↪ due to memory quota exceeds, please try with smaller samplerate |
```

Metadata of tables

You can use the `SHOW STATS_META` statement to view the total number of rows and the number of updated rows.

Health state of tables

You can use the `SHOW STATS_HEALTHY` statement to check the health state of tables and roughly estimate the accuracy of the statistics. When `modify_count >= row_count`, the health state is 0; when `modify_count < row_count`, the health state is (1 - `modify_count` ↪ `/row_count`) * 100.

Metadata of columns

You can use the `SHOW STATS_HISTOGRAMS` statement to view the number of different values and the number of `NULL` in all the columns.

Buckets of histogram

You can use the `SHOW STATS_BUCKETS` statement to view each bucket of the histogram.

Top-N information

You can use the `SHOW STATS_TOPN` statement to view the Top-N information currently collected by TiDB.

Delete statistics

You can run the `DROP STATS` statement to delete statistics.

Load statistics

> **Note:**
>
> Loading statistics is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

By default, depending on the size of column statistics, TiDB loads statistics differently as follows:

- For statistics that consume small amounts of memory (such as count, distinctCount, and nullCount), as long as the column data is updated, TiDB automatically loads the corresponding statistics into memory for use in the SQL optimization stage.
- For statistics that consume large amounts of memory (such as histograms, TopN, and Count-Min Sketch), to ensure the performance of SQL execution, TiDB loads the statistics asynchronously on demand. Take histograms as an example. TiDB loads histogram statistics on a column into memory only when the optimizer uses the histogram statistics on that column. On-demand asynchronous statistics loading does not affect the performance of SQL execution but might provide incomplete statistics for SQL optimization.

Since v5.4.0, TiDB introduces the synchronously loading statistics feature. This feature allows TiDB to synchronously load large-sized statistics (such as histograms, TopN, and Count-Min Sketch statistics) into memory when you execute SQL statements, which improves the completeness of statistics for SQL optimization.

To enable this feature, set the value of the `tidb_stats_load_sync_wait` system variable to a timeout (in milliseconds) that SQL optimization can wait for at most to synchronously load complete column statistics. The default value of this variable is `100`, indicating that the feature is enabled.

After enabling the synchronously loading statistics feature, you can further configure the feature as follows:

- To control how TiDB behaves when the waiting time of SQL optimization reaches the timeout, modify the value of the `tidb_stats_load_pseudo_timeout` system variable. The default value of this variable is `ON`, indicating that after the timeout, the SQL optimization process does not use any histogram, TopN, or CMSketch statistics on any columns. If this variable is set to `OFF`, after the timeout, SQL execution fails.
- To specify the maximum number of columns that the synchronously loading statistics feature can process concurrently, modify the value of the `stats-load-concurrency` ↪ option in the TiDB configuration file. Starting from v8.2.0, the default value of this option is `0`, indicating that TiDB automatically adjusts concurrency based on the server configuration.
- To specify the maximum number of column requests that the synchronously loading statistics feature can cache, modify the value of the `stats-load-queue-size` option in the TiDB configuration file. The default value is `1000`.

During TiDB startup, SQL statements executed before the initial statistics are fully loaded might have suboptimal execution plans, thus causing performance issues. To avoid such issues, TiDB v7.1.0 introduces the configuration parameter `force-init-stats`. With this option, you can control whether TiDB provides services only after statistics initialization has been finished during startup. Starting from v7.2.0, this parameter is enabled by default.

Starting from v7.1.0, TiDB introduces `lite-init-stats` for lightweight statistics initialization.

- When the value of `lite-init-stats` is `true`, statistics initialization does not load any histogram, TopN, or Count-Min Sketch of indexes or columns into memory.
- When the value of `lite-init-stats` is `false`, statistics initialization loads histograms, TopN, and Count-Min Sketch of indexes and primary keys into memory but does not load any histogram, TopN, or Count-Min Sketch of non-primary key columns into memory. When the optimizer needs the histogram, TopN, and Count-Min Sketch of a specific index or column, the necessary statistics are loaded into memory synchronously or asynchronously.

The default value of `lite-init-stats` is `true`, which means to enable lightweight statistics initialization. Setting `lite-init-stats` to `true` speeds up statistics initialization and reduces TiDB memory usage by avoiding unnecessary statistics loading.

Export and import statistics

This section describes how to export and import statistics.

Export statistics

The interface to export statistics is as follows:

- To obtain the JSON format statistics of the `${table_name}` table in the `${db_name}` database:

```
http://${tidb-server-ip}:${tidb-server-status-port}/stats/dump/${db_
    ↪ name}/${table_name}
```

For example:

```
curl -s http://127.0.0.1:10080/stats/dump/test/t1 -o /tmp/t1.json
```

- To obtain the JSON format statistics of the `${table_name}` table in the `${db_name}` database at specific time:

```
http://${tidb-server-ip}:${tidb-server-status-port}/stats/dump/${db_
    ↪ name}/${table_name}/${yyyyMMddHHmmss}
```

Import statistics

Note:

When you start the MySQL client, use the `--local-infile=1` option.

Generally, the imported statistics refer to the JSON file obtained using the export interface.

Loading statistics can be done with the `LOAD STATS` statement.

For example:

```
LOAD STATS 'file_name';
```

`file_name` is the file name of the statistics to be imported.

Lock statistics

Starting from v6.5.0, TiDB supports locking statistics. After the statistics of a table or a partition are locked, the statistics of the table cannot be modified and the `ANALYZE` statement cannot be executed on the table. For example:

Create table `t`, and insert data into it. When the statistics of table `t` are not locked, the `ANALYZE` statement can be successfully executed.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES (1,2), (3,4), (5,6), (7,8);
Query OK, 4 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 4 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.02 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Note | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
    ↪ test.t, reason to use this rate is "Row count in stats_meta is much
    ↪ smaller compared with the row count got by PD, use min(1, 15000/4) as
    ↪  the sample-rate=1" |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Lock the statistics of table `t` and execute `ANALYZE`. The warning message shows that the `ANALYZE` statement has skipped table `t`.

```
mysql> LOCK STATS t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW STATS_LOCKED;
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Status |
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
| test    | t          |                | locked |
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 2 warnings (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Note    | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
   ↪ test.t, reason to use this rate is "use min(1, 110000/8) as the
   ↪ sample-rate=1" |
| Warning | 1105 | skip analyze locked table: test.t
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Unlock the statistics of table `t` and `ANALYZE` can be successfully executed again.

```
mysql> UNLOCK STATS t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.03 sec)
```

```
mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Note | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
    ↪ test.t, reason to use this rate is "use min(1, 110000/8) as the
    ↪ sample-rate=1" |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In addition, you can also lock the statistics of a partition using `LOCK STATS`. For example:

Create a partition table `t`, and insert data into it. When the statistics of partition `p1` are not locked, the `ANALYZE` statement can be successfully executed.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT) PARTITION BY RANGE (a) (PARTITION p0
    ↪ VALUES LESS THAN (10), PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (20), PARTITION
    ↪ p2 VALUES LESS THAN (30));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES (1,2), (3,4), (5,6), (7,8);
Query OK, 4 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 4 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 6 warning (0.02 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1105 | disable dynamic pruning due to t has no global stats
```

```
   ↪
   ↪ |
| Note   | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
   ↪ test.t's partition p0, reason to use this rate is "Row count in stats
   ↪ _meta is much smaller compared with the row count got by PD, use min
   ↪ (1, 15000/4) as the sample-rate=1" |
| Warning | 1105 | disable dynamic pruning due to t has no global stats
   ↪
   ↪ |
| Note   | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
   ↪ test.t's partition p1, reason to use this rate is "TiDB assumes that
   ↪ the table is empty, use sample-rate=1"
   ↪                                          |
| Warning | 1105 | disable dynamic pruning due to t has no global stats
   ↪
   ↪ |
| Note   | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
   ↪ test.t's partition p2, reason to use this rate is "TiDB assumes that
   ↪ the table is empty, use sample-rate=1"
   ↪                                          |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
6 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Lock the statistics of partition `p1` and execute `ANALYZE`. The warning message shows that the `ANALYZE` statement has skipped partition `p1`.

```
mysql> LOCK STATS t PARTITION p1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW STATS_LOCKED;
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Status |
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
| test    | t          | p1             | locked |
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t PARTITION p1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 2 warnings (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
```

```
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Note    | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
    ↪ test.t's partition p1, reason to use this rate is "TiDB assumes that
    ↪ the table is empty, use sample-rate=1" |
| Warning | 1105 | skip analyze locked table: test.t partition (p1)
    ↪
    ↪ |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Unlock the statistics of partition `p1` and `ANALYZE` can be successfully executed again.

```
mysql> UNLOCK STATS t PARTITION p1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t PARTITION p1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Note | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
    ↪ test.t's partition p1, reason to use this rate is "TiDB assumes that
    ↪ the table is empty, use sample-rate=1" |
+-------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Behaviors of locking statistics

- If you lock the statistics on a partitioned table, the statistics of all partitions on the partitioned table are locked.

- If you truncate a table or partition, the statistics lock on the table or partition will be released.

The following table describes the behaviors of locking statistics:

	Delete the whole table	Truncate the whole table	Truncate a partition	Create a new partition	Delete a partition	Reorganize a partition	Exchange a partition
A non-partitioned table is locked	The lock is invalid	The lock is invalid because TiDB deletes the old table, so the lock information is also deleted	/	/	/	/	/
A partitioned table and the whole table is locked	The lock is invalid	The lock is invalid because TiDB deletes the old table, so the lock information is also deleted	The old partition lock information is invalid, and the new partition is automatically locked	The new partition is automatically locked	The lock information of the deleted partition is cleared, and the lock of the whole table continues to take effect	The lock information of the deleted partition is cleared, and the new partition is automatically locked	The lock information is transferred to the exchanged table, and the new partition is automatically locked

	Delete the whole table	Truncate the whole table	Truncate a partition	Create a new partition	Delete a partition	Reorganize a partition	Exchange a partition
A partitioned table and only some partitions are locked	The lock is invalid	The lock is invalid because TiDB deletes the old table, so the lock information is also deleted	The lock is invalid because TiDB deletes the old table, so the lock information is also deleted	/	The deleted partition lock information is cleared	The deleted partition lock information is cleared	The lock information is transferred to the exchanged table

Manage `ANALYZE` tasks and concurrency

This section describes how to terminate background `ANALYZE` tasks and control the `ANALYZE` concurrency.

Terminate background `ANALYZE` tasks

Since TiDB v6.0, TiDB supports using the `KILL` statement to terminate an `ANALYZE` task running in the background. If you find that an `ANALYZE` task running in the background consumes a lot of resources and affects your application, you can terminate the `ANALYZE` task by taking the following steps:

1. Execute the following SQL statement:

   ```
   SHOW ANALYZE STATUS
   ```

   By checking the `instance` column and the `process_id` column in the result, you can get the TiDB instance address and the task `ID` of the background `ANALYZE` task.

2. Terminate the `ANALYZE` task that is running in the background.

   - If `enable-global-kill` is `true` (`true` by default), you can execute the `KILL TIDB ${id};` statement directly, where `${id}` is the `ID` of the background `ANALYZE` task obtained from the previous step.
   - If `enable-global-kill` is `false`, you need to use a client to connect to the TiDB instance that is executing the backend `ANALYZE` task, and then execute the `KILL TIDB ${id};` statement. If you use a client to connect to another TiDB instance, or if there is a proxy between the client and the TiDB cluster, the `KILL` statement cannot terminate the background `ANALYZE` task.

For more information on the `KILL` statement, see KILL.

Control `ANALYZE` concurrency

When you run the `ANALYZE` statement, you can adjust the concurrency using system variables, to control its effect on the system.

The relationships of the relevant system variables are shown below:

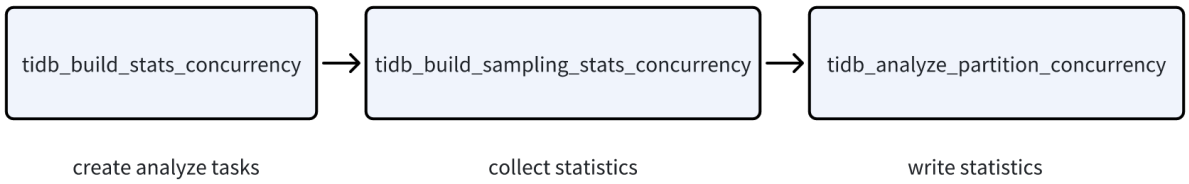


Figure 437: analyze_concurrency

`tidb_build_stats_concurrency`, `tidb_build_sampling_stats_concurrency`, and `tidb_analyze_partition_concurrency` are in an upstream-downstream relationship, as shown in the preceding diagram. The actual total concurrency is: `tidb_build_stats_concurrency` * (`tidb_build_sampling_stats_concurrency` + `tidb_analyze_partition_concurrency`). When modifying these variables, you need to consider their respective values at the same time. It is recommended to adjust them one by one in the order of `tidb_analyze_partition_concurrency`, `tidb_build_sampling_stats_concurrency`, `tidb_build_stats_concurrency`, and observe the impact on the system. The larger the values of these three variables, the greater the resource overhead on the system.

`tidb_build_stats_concurrency`

When you run the `ANALYZE` statement, the task is divided into multiple small tasks. Each task only works on statistics of one column or index. You can use the `tidb_build_stats_concurrency` variable to control the number of simultaneous small tasks. The default value is 2. The default value is 4 for v7.4.0 and earlier versions.

`tidb_build_sampling_stats_concurrency`

When analyzing ordinary columns, you can use `tidb_build_sampling_stats_concurrency` to control the concurrency of executing sampling tasks. The default value is 2.

`tidb_analyze_partition_concurrency`

When running the `ANALYZE` statement, you can use `tidb_analyze_partition_concurrency` to control the concurrency of reading and writing statistics for a partitioned table. The default value is 2. The default value is 1 for v7.4.0 and earlier versions.

`tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency`

When you analyze regular columns, you can use the `tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency` variable to control the number of Regions to be read at one time. The default value is `15`. Note that changing the value will affect query performance. Adjust the value carefully.

`tidb_index_serial_scan_concurrency`

When you analyze index columns, you can use the `tidb_index_serial_scan_concurrency` variable to control the number of Regions to be read at one time. The default value is `1`. Note that changing the value will affect query performance. Adjust the value carefully.

See also

- LOAD STATS
- DROP STATS
- LOCK STATS
- UNLOCK STATS
- SHOW STATS_LOCKED

11.3.3.3.4 Introduction to Extended Statistics

TiDB can collect the following two types of statistics. This document describes how to use extended statistics to guide the optimizer. Before reading this document, it is recommended that you read Introduction to Statistics first.

- Basic statistics: statistics such as histograms and Count-Min Sketch, which primarily focus on individual columns. They are essential for the optimizer to estimate the query cost. See Introduction to Statistics for details.
- Extended statistics: statistics that focus on data correlations between specified columns, which guide the optimizer to estimate the query cost more precisely when the queried columns are correlated.

When the `ANALYZE` statement is executed manually or automatically, TiDB by default only collects the basic statistics and does not collect the extended statistics. This is because the extended statistics are only used for optimizer estimates in specific scenarios, and collecting them requires additional overhead.

Extended statistics are disabled by default. To collect extended statistics, you need to first enable extended statistics, and then create your desired extended statistics objects one by one. After the object creation, the next time the `ANALYZE` statement is executed, TiDB collects both the basic statistics and the corresponding extended statistics of the created objects.

> **Warning:**
>
> This feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

Limitations

Extended statistics are not collected in the following scenarios:

- Statistics collection on indexes only
- Statistics collection using the `ANALYZE INCREMENTAL` command
- Statistics collection when the value of the system variable `tidb_enable_fast_analyze` is set to `true`

Common operations

Enable extended statistics

To enable extended statistics, set the system variable `tidb_enable_extended_stats` to `ON`:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_extended_stats = ON;
```

The default value of this variable is `OFF`. The setting of this system variable applies to all extended statistics objects.

Create extended statistics objects

The creation of extended statistics objects is not a one-time task. You need to repeat the creation for each extended statistics object.

To create an extended statistics object, use the SQL statement `ALTER TABLE ADD STATS_EXTENDED`. The syntax is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name ADD STATS_EXTENDED IF NOT EXISTS stats_name stats_type(column_name, column_name...);
```

In the syntax, you can specify the table name, statistics name, statistics type, and column name of the extended statistics object to be collected.

- `table_name` specifies the name of the table from which the extended statistics are collected.
- `stats_name` specifies the name of the statistics object, which must be unique for each table.
- `stats_type` specifies the type of the statistics. Currently, only the correlation type is supported.

- `column_name` specifies the column group, which might have multiple columns. Currently, you can only specify two column names.

How it works

To improve access performance, each TiDB node maintains a cache in the system table `mysql.stats_extended` for extended statistics. After you create the extended statistics objects, the next time the `ANALYZE` statement is executed, TiDB will collect the extended statistics if the system table `mysql.stats_extended` has the corresponding objects.

Each row in the `mysql.stats_extended` table has a `version` column. Once a row is updated, the value of `version` is increased. In this way, TiDB loads the table into memory incrementally, instead of fully.

TiDB loads `mysql.stats_extended` periodically to ensure that the cache is kept the same as the data in the table.

Warning:

It is **NOT RECOMMENDED** to directly operate on the `mysql.stats_extended` system table. Otherwise, inconsistent caches occur on different TiDB nodes.

If you have mistakenly operated on the table, you can execute the following statement on each TiDB node. Then the current cache will be cleared and the `mysql.stats_extended` table will be fully reloaded:

```
ADMIN RELOAD STATS_EXTENDED;
```

Delete extended statistics objects

To delete an extended statistics object, use the following statement:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name DROP STATS_EXTENDED stats_name;
```

How it works

After you execute the statement, TiDB marks the value of the corresponding object in `mysql.stats_extended`'s column `status` to `2`, instead of deleting the object directly.

Other TiDB nodes will read this change and delete the object in their memory cache. The background garbage collection will delete the object eventually.

Warning:

It is **NOT RECOMMENDED** to directly operate on the `mysql.stats_extended` system table. Otherwise, inconsistent caches occur on different TiDB nodes.

If you have mistakenly operated on the table, you can use the following statement on each TiDB node. Then the current cache will be cleared and the `mysql.stats_extended` table will be fully reloaded:

```
ADMIN RELOAD STATS_EXTENDED;
```

Export and import extended statistics

The way of exporting or importing extended statistics is the same as exporting or importing basic statistics. See Introduction to Statistics - Import and export statistics for details.

Usage examples for correlation-type extended statistics

Currently, TiDB only supports the correlation-type extended statistics. This type is used to estimate the number of rows in the range query and improve index selection. The following example shows how the correlation-type extended statistics are used to estimate the number of rows in a range query.

Step 1. Define the table

Define a table `t` as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE t(col1 INT, col2 INT, KEY(col1), KEY(col2));
```

Suppose that `col1` and `col2` of table `t` both obey monotonically increasing constraints in row order. This means that the values of `col1` and `col2` are strictly correlated in order, and the correlation factor is `1`.

Step 2. Execute an example query without extended statistics

Execute the following query without using extended statistics:

```
SELECT * FROM t WHERE col1 > 1 ORDER BY col2 LIMIT 1;
```

For the execution of the preceding query, the TiDB optimizer has the following options to access table `t`:

- Uses the index on `col1` to access table `t` and then sorts the result by `col2` to calculate `Top-1`.
- Uses the index on `col2` to meet the first row that satisfies `col1 > 1`. The cost of this access method mainly depends on how many rows are filtered out when TiDB scans the table in `col2`'s order.

Without extended statistics, the TiDB optimizer only supposes that `col1` and `col2` are independent, which **leads to a significant estimation error**.

Step 3. Enable extended statistics

Set `tidb_enable_extended_stats` to `ON`, and create the extended statistics object for `col1` and `col2`:

```
ALTER TABLE t ADD STATS_EXTENDED s1 correlation(col1, col2);
```

When you execute `ANALYZE` after the object creation, TiDB calculates the Pearson correlation coefficient of `col1` and `col2` of table `t`, and writes the object into the `mysql.stats_extended` table.

Step 4. See how extended statistics make a difference

After TiDB has the extended statistics for correlation, the optimizer can estimate how many rows to be scanned more precisely.

At this time, for the query in Stage 2. Execute an example query without extended statistics, `col1` and `col2` are strictly correlated in order. If TiDB accesses table `t` by using the index on `col2` to meet the first row that satisfies `col1 > 1`, the TiDB optimizer will equivalently translate the row count estimation into the following query:

```
SELECT * FROM t WHERE col1 <= 1 OR col1 IS NULL;
```

The preceding query result plus one will be the final estimation for the row count. In this way, you do not need to use the independent assumption and **the significant estimation error is avoided**.

If the correlation factor (`1` in this example) is less than the value of the system variable `tidb_opt_correlation_threshold`, the optimizer will use the independent assumption, but it will also increase the estimation heuristically. The larger the value of `tidb_opt_correlation_exp_factor`, the larger the estimation result. The larger the absolute value of the correlation factor, the larger the estimation result.

11.3.3.3.5 Wrong Index Solution

If you find that the execution speed of some query does not reach the expectation, the optimizer might choose the wrong index to run the query.

There are multiple reasons why the optimizer might choose an unexpected index:

- **Outdated statistics**: the optimizer relies on statistics to estimate query costs. If the statistics are outdated, the optimizer might make suboptimal choices.
- **Statistics mismatch**: even if statistics are current, they might not accurately reflect the data distribution, leading to incorrect cost estimations.
- **Incorrect cost calculation**: the optimizer might miscalculate the cost of using an index due to complex query structures or data distribution.

- **Inappropriate engine selection**: in some cases, the optimizer might select a storage engine that is not optimal for the query.
- **Function pushdown limitations**: certain functions or operations might not be pushed down to storage engines, potentially affecting query performance.

Statistics health

You can first view the health state of tables in the statistics, and then solve this issue according to the different health states.

Low health state

The low health state means TiDB has not performed the`ANALYZE` statement for a long time. You can update the statistics by running the `ANALYZE` command. After the update, if the optimizer still uses the wrong index, refer to the next section.

Near 100% health state

The near 100% health state suggests that the `ANALYZE` statement is just completed or was completed a short time ago. In this case, the wrong index issue might be related to TiDB's estimation logic for the number of rows.

For equivalence queries, the cause might be Count-Min Sketch. You can check whether Count-Min Sketch is the cause and take corresponding solutions.

If the cause above does not apply to your problem, you can force-select indexes by using the `USE_INDEX` or `use index` optimizer hint (see USE_INDEX for details). Also, you can change the query behavior by using SQL Plan Management in a non-intrusive way.

Other situations

Apart from the aforementioned situations, the wrong index issue might also be caused by data updates which renders all the indexes no longer applicable. In such cases, you need to perform analysis on the conditions and data distribution to see whether new indexes can speed up the query. If so, you can add new indexes by running the `ADD INDEX` command.

Statistics mismatch

When data distribution is highly skewed, the statistics might not accurately reflect the actual data. In such cases, try configuring the options of the `ANALYZE TABLE` statement. It might help improve the accuracy of statistics and better match the index.

For example, suppose you have an `orders` table with an index on the `customer_id` column, and more than 50% of the orders share the same `customer_id`. In this case, the statistics might not represent the data distribution well, affecting query performance.

Cost information

To view detailed information on execution costs, you can execute the `EXPLAIN` and `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statements with the `FORMAT=verbose` option. According to the information, you can see cost differences between different execution paths.

Engine selection

By default, TiDB chooses TiKV or TiFlash for table access based on cost estimation. You can experiment with different engines for the same query by applying engine isolation.

For more information, see Engine isolation.

Function pushdown

To enhance query performance, TiDB can push down certain functions to the TiKV or TiFlash storage engine for execution. However, some functions do not support pushdown, which might limit available execution plans and potentially affect query performance.

For expressions that support pushdown, see TiKV supported pushdown calculations and TiFlash supported pushdown calculations.

Note that you can also disable the pushdown of specific expressions. For more information, see Blocklist of optimization rules and expression pushdown.

See also

- Statistics
- Index selection
- Optimizer hints
- SQL Plan Management

11.3.3.3.6 Distinct Optimization

This document introduces the `distinct` optimization in the TiDB query optimizer, including `SELECT DISTINCT` and `DISTINCT` in the aggregate functions.

`DISTINCT` modifier in `SELECT` statements

The `DISTINCT` modifier specifies removal of duplicate rows from the result set. `SELECT DISTINCT` is transformed to `GROUP BY`, for example:

```
mysql> explain SELECT DISTINCT a from t;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+-----------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
   ↪                               |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+-----------------
   ↪
| HashAgg_6             | 2.40    | root      |               | group by:test.t.a
   ↪ , funcs:firstrow(test.t.a)->test.t.a |
| └─TableReader_11      | 3.00    | root      |               | data:
   ↪ TableFullScan_10                          |
|   └─TableFullScan_10  | 3.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t       | keep order:false
   ↪ , stats:pseudo                |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+----------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

`DISTINCT` option in aggregate functions

Usually, aggregate functions with the `DISTINCT` option is executed in the TiDB layer in a single-threaded execution model.

The `tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down` system variable or the `distinct-agg-push ↪ -down` configuration item in TiDB controls whether to rewrite the distinct aggregate queries and push them to the TiKV or TiFlash Coprocessor.

Take the following queries as an example of this optimization. `tidb_opt_distinct_agg ↪ _push_down` is disabled by default, which means the aggregate functions are executed in the TiDB layer. After enabling this optimization by setting its value to `1`, the `distinct ↪ a` part of `count(distinct a)` is pushed to TiKV or TiFlash Coprocessor: there is a HashAgg_5 to remove the duplicated values on column a in the TiKV Coprocessor. It might reduce the computation overhead of `HashAgg_8` in the TiDB layer.

```
mysql> desc select count(distinct a) from test.t;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+----------------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task      | access object | operator info
    ↪                     |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+----------------
    ↪
| StreamAgg_6           | 1.00    | root      |               | funcs:count(
    ↪ distinct test.t.a)->Column#4 |
| └─TableReader_10      | 10000.00 | root     |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_9                |
|   └─TableFullScan_9   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t       | keep order:false
    ↪ , stats:pseudo      |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+----------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> set session tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down = 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> desc select count(distinct a) from test.t;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+----------------
```

```
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
    ↪                     |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+--------------
    ↪
| HashAgg_8             | 1.00    | root     |               | funcs:count(
    ↪ distinct test.t.a)->Column#3 |
| ─TableReader_9        | 1.00    | root     |               | data:HashAgg_5
    ↪                       |
|   ─HashAgg_5          | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |              | group by:test.
    ↪ t.a,                  |
|     ─TableFullScan_7  | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t   | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo     |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+--------------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.3.3.7 Cost Model

TiDB uses a cost model to choose an index and operator during physical optimization. The process is illustrated in the following diagram:

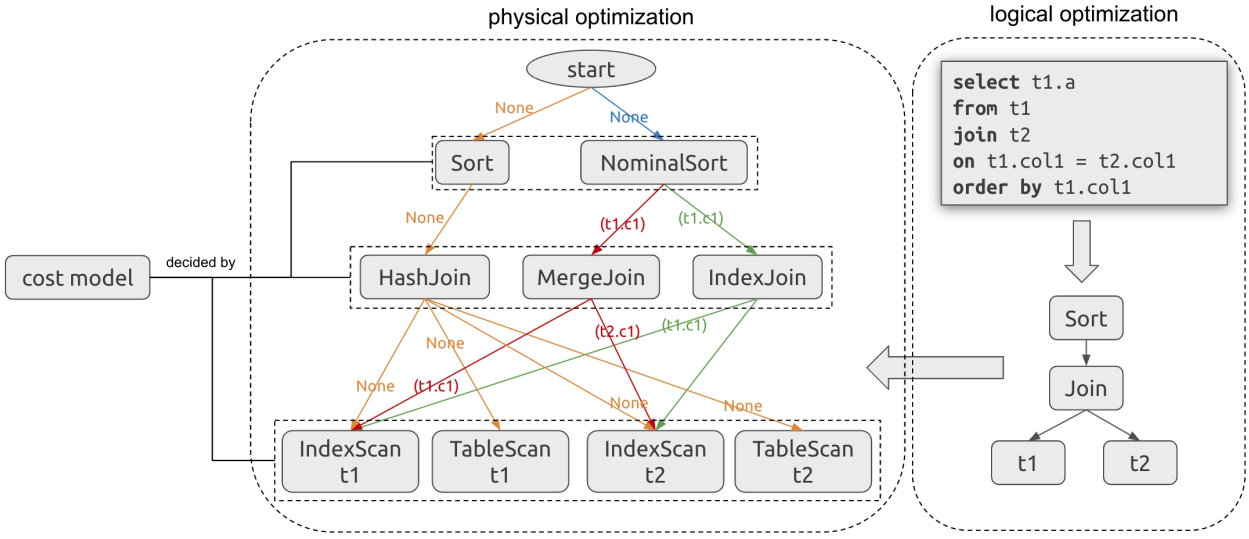


Figure 438: CostModel

TiDB calculates the access cost of each index and the execution cost of each physical operator in plans (such as HashJoin and IndexJoin) and chooses the minimum cost plan.

The following is a simplified example to explain how the cost model works. Suppose that there is a table `t`:

```
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE t;
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table | Create Table
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| t     | CREATE TABLE `t` (
  `a` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `b` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `c` int DEFAULT NULL,
  KEY `b` (`b`),
  KEY `c` (`c`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin |
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

When executing the `SELECT * FROM t WHERE b < 100 and c < 100` statement, suppose that TiDB estimates 20 rows meet the `b < 100` condition and 500 rows meet `c < 100`, and the length of `INT` type indexes is 8. Then TiDB calculates the cost for two indexes:

- The cost of index `b` = row count of `b < 100` * length of index `b` = 20 * 8 = 160
- The cost of index `c` = row count of `c < 100` * length of index `c` = 500 * 8 = 4000

Because the cost of index `b` is lower, TiDB chooses `b` as the index.

The preceding example is simplified and only used to explain the basic principle. In real SQL executions, the TiDB cost model is more complex.

Cost Model Version 2

TiDB v6.2.0 introduces Cost Model Version 2, a new cost model.

Cost Model Version 2 provides a more accurate regression calibration of the cost formula, adjusts some of the cost formulas, and is more accurate than the previous version of the cost formula.

To switch the version of cost model, you can set the `tidb_cost_model_version` variable.

Note:

Switching the version of the cost model might cause changes to query plans.

11.3.3.3.8 Runtime Filter

Runtime Filter is a new feature introduced in TiDB v7.3, which aims to improve the performance of hash join in MPP scenarios. By generating filters dynamically to filter the data of hash join in advance, TiDB can reduce the amount of data scanning and the amount of calculation of hash join at runtime, ultimately improving the query performance.

Concepts

- Hash join: a way to implement the join relational algebra. It gets the result of Join by building a hash table on one side and continuously matching the hash table on the other side.
- Build side: one side of hash join used to build a hash table. In this document, the right table of hash join is called the build side by default.
- Probe side: one side of hash join used to continuously match the hash table. In this document, the left table of hash join is called the probe side by default.
- Filter: also known as predicate, which refers to the filter condition in this document.

Working principles of Runtime Filter

Hash join performs the join operation by building a hash table based on the right table and continuously probing the hash table using the left table. If some join key values cannot hit the hash table during the probing process, it means that the data does not exist in the right table and will not appear in the final join result. Therefore, if TiDB can **filter out the join key data in advance** during scanning, it will reduce the scanning time and network overhead, thereby greatly improving the join efficiency.

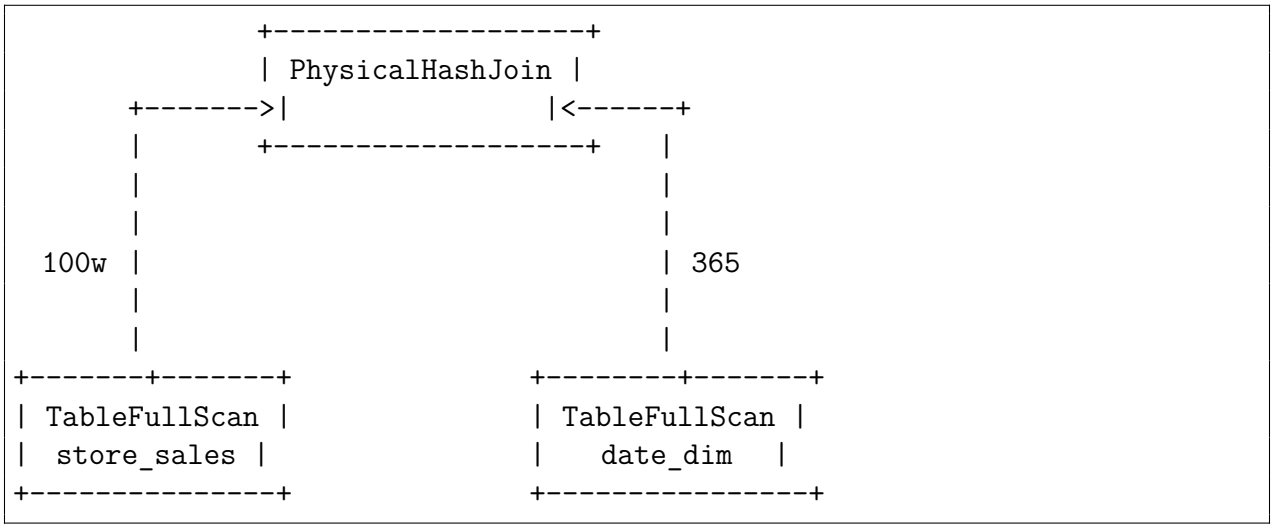
Runtime Filter is a **dynamic predicate** generated during the query planning phase. This predicate has the same function as other predicates in the TiDB Selection operator. These predicates are all applied to the Table Scan operation to filter out rows that do not match the predicate. The only difference is that the parameter values in Runtime Filter come from the results generated during the hash join build process.

Example

Assume that there is a join query between the `store_sales` table and the `date_dim` table, and the join method is hash join. `store_sales` is a fact table that mainly stores the sales data of stores, and the number of rows is 1 million. `date_dim` is a time dimension table that mainly stores date information. You want to query the sales data of the year 2001, so 365 rows of the `date_dim` table are involved in the join operation.

```
SELECT * FROM store_sales, date_dim
WHERE ss_date_sk = d_date_sk
    AND d_year = 2001;
```

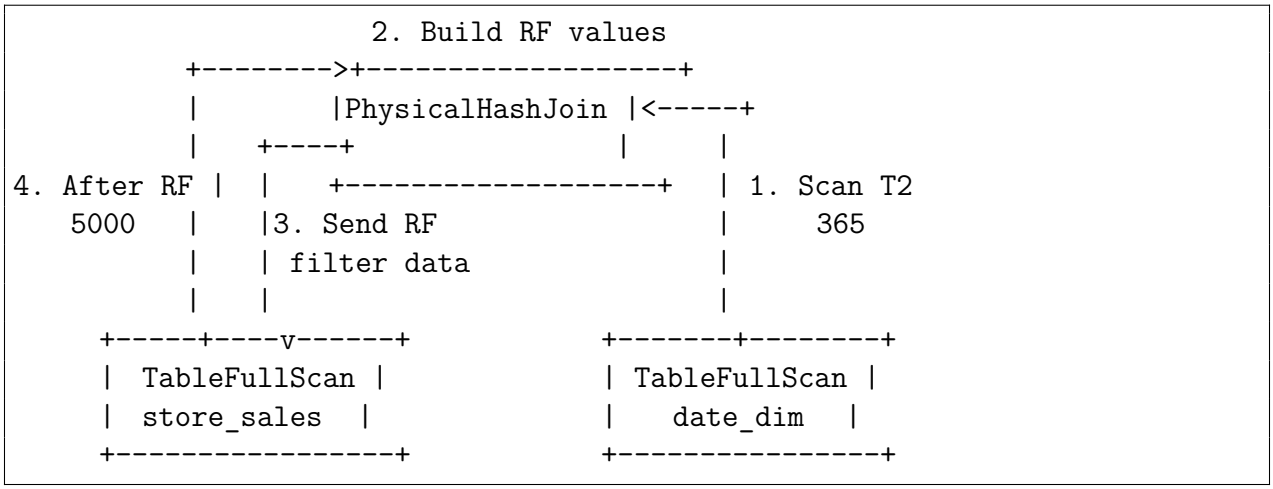
The execution plan of hash join is usually as follows:



(The above figure omits the exchange node and other nodes.)

The execution process of Runtime Filter is as follows:

1. Scan the data of the `date_dim` table.
2. `PhysicalHashJoin` calculates a filter condition based on the data of the build side, such as `date_dim in (2001/01/01~2001/12/31)`.
3. Send the filter condition to the `TableFullScan` operator that is waiting to scan `store_sales`.
4. The filter condition is applied to `store_sales`, and the filtered data is passed to `PhysicalHashJoin`, thereby reducing the amount of data scanned by the probe side and the amount of calculation of matching the hash table.



(RF is short for Runtime Filter)

From the above two figures, you can see that the amount of data scanned by `store_sales` is reduced from 1 million to 5000. By reducing the amount of data scanned by `TableFullScan`, Runtime Filter can reduce the number of times to match the hash table, avoiding unnecessary I/O and network transmission, thus significantly improving the efficiency of the join operation.

Use Runtime Filter

To use Runtime Filter, you need to create a table with TiFlash replicas and set `tidb_runtime_filter_mode` to `LOCAL`.

Taking the TPC-DS dataset as an example, this section uses the `catalog_sales` table and the `date_dim` table for join operations to illustrate how Runtime Filter improves query efficiency.

Step 1. Create TiFlash replicas for tables to be joined

Add a TiFlash replica to each of the `catalog_sales` table and the `date_dim` table.

```
ALTER TABLE catalog_sales SET tiflash REPLICA 1;
ALTER TABLE date_dim SET tiflash REPLICA 1;
```

Wait until the TiFlash replicas of the two tables are ready, that is, the `AVAILABLE` and `PROGRESS` fields of the replicas are both `1`.

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_REPLICA WHERE TABLE_NAME='catalog_
    ↪ sales';
+--
    ↪ ------------+---------------+----------+---------------+----------------+------
    ↪
| TABLE_SCHEMA | TABLE_NAME | TABLE_ID | REPLICA_COUNT | LOCATION_LABELS |
    ↪ AVAILABLE | PROGRESS |
+--
    ↪ ------------+---------------+----------+---------------+----------------+------
    ↪
| tpcds50    | catalog_sales |  1055 |             1 |                |
    ↪ 1 |        1 |
+--
    ↪ ------------+---------------+----------+---------------+----------------+------
    ↪

SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_REPLICA WHERE TABLE_NAME='date_dim
    ↪ ';
+--
    ↪ ------------+------------+----------+---------------+----------------+---------
    ↪
| TABLE_SCHEMA | TABLE_NAME | TABLE_ID | REPLICA_COUNT | LOCATION_LABELS |
    ↪ AVAILABLE | PROGRESS |
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----------+-----------+---------+--------------+----------------+--------
    ↪
| tpcds50    | date_dim |    1015 |           1 |                |        1 |
    ↪        1 |
+--
    ↪ -----------+-----------+---------+--------------+----------------+--------
    ↪
```

Step 2. Enable Runtime Filter

To enable Runtime Filter, set the value of the system variable `tidb_runtime_filter_mode` to `LOCAL`.

```
SET tidb_runtime_filter_mode="LOCAL";
```

Check whether the change is successful:

```
SHOW VARIABLES LIKE "tidb_runtime_filter_mode";
+--------------------------+-------+
| Variable_name            | Value |
+--------------------------+-------+
| tidb_runtime_filter_mode | LOCAL |
+--------------------------+-------+
```

If the value of the system variable is `LOCAL`, Runtime Filter is enabled.

Step 3. Execute the query

Before executing the query, use the `EXPLAIN` statement to show the execution plan and check whether Runtime Filter has taken effect.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT cs_ship_date_sk FROM catalog_sales, date_dim
WHERE d_date = '2002-2-01' AND
    cs_ship_date_sk = d_date_sk;
```

When Runtime Filter takes effect, the corresponding Runtime Filter is mounted on the `HashJoin` node and the `TableScan` node, indicating that Runtime Filter is applied successfully.

```
TableFullScan: runtime filter:0[IN] -> tpcds50.catalog_sales.cs_ship_date_sk
HashJoin: runtime filter:0[IN] <- tpcds50.date_dim.d_date_sk |
```

The complete query execution plan is as follows:

```
+-----------------------------------------+------------+-------------+-----------------
    ↪
```

```
| id                                  | estRows    | task       | access
   ↪ object    | operator info
   ↪
   ↪ |
+-------------------------------------+------------+-------------+----------------
   ↪
| TableReader_53                      | 37343.19   | root       |
   ↪                   | MppVersion: 1, data:ExchangeSender_52
   ↪
   ↪ |
|  ─ExchangeSender_52                 | 37343.19   | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪                 | ExchangeType: PassThrough
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─Projection_51                   | 37343.19   | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪                 | tpcds50.catalog_sales.cs_ship_date_sk
   ↪
   ↪ |
|      ─HashJoin_48                   | 37343.19   | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪                 | inner join, equal:[eq(tpcds50.date_dim.d_date_sk,
   ↪ tpcds50.catalog_sales.cs_ship_date_sk)], runtime filter:0[IN] <-
   ↪ tpcds50.date_dim.d_date_sk |
|        ─ExchangeReceiver_29(Build) | 1.00       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪                 |
   ↪
   ↪ |
|          ─ExchangeSender_28         | 1.00       | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪                 | ExchangeType: Broadcast, Compression: FAST
   ↪
   ↪ |
|            ─TableFullScan_26        | 1.00       | mpp[tiflash] | table:date
   ↪ _dim  | pushed down filter:eq(tpcds50.date_dim.d_date, 2002-02-01
   ↪ 00:00:00.000000), keep order:false                                  |
|        ─Selection_31(Probe)         | 71638034.00 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪                | not(isnull(tpcds50.catalog_sales.cs_ship_date_sk))
   ↪
   ↪ |
|          ─TableFullScan_30          | 71997669.00 | mpp[tiflash] | table:
   ↪ catalog_sales | pushed down filter:empty, keep order:false, runtime
   ↪ filter:0[IN] -> tpcds50.catalog_sales.cs_ship_date_sk             |
+-------------------------------------+------------+-------------+----------------
   ↪
9 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Now, execute the SQL query, and Runtime Filter is applied.

```
SELECT cs_ship_date_sk FROM catalog_sales, date_dim
WHERE d_date = '2002-2-01' AND
    cs_ship_date_sk = d_date_sk;
```

Step 4. Performance comparison

This example uses the 50 GB TPC-DS data. After Runtime Filter is enabled, the query time is reduced from 0.38 seconds to 0.17 seconds, and efficiency is improved by 50%. You can use the `ANALYZE` statement to view the execution time of each operator after Runtime Filter takes effect.

The following is the execution information of the query when Runtime Filter is not enabled:

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT cs_ship_date_sk FROM catalog_sales, date_dim WHERE d
    ↪ _date = '2002-2-01' AND cs_ship_date_sk = d_date_sk;
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------+------------+---------+--------------+-
    ↪
| id                                | estRows    | actRows | task       |
    ↪ access object    | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info
    ↪                                                                          |
    ↪ memory | disk |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------+------------+---------+--------------+-
    ↪
| TableReader_53                    | 37343.19   | 59574   | root       |
    ↪                   | time:379.7ms, loops:83, RU:0.000000, cop_task: {
    ↪ num: 48, max: 0s, min: 0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio:
    ↪ 0.00}
    ↪
    ↪ | MppVersion: 1, data:ExchangeSender_52
    ↪                                                 | 12.0 KB | N/A |
|  └─ExchangeSender_52              | 37343.19   | 59574   | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪                 | tiflash_task:{proc max:377ms, min:375.3ms, avg:
    ↪ 376.1ms, p80:377ms, p95:377ms, iters:1160, tasks:2, threads:16}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: PassThrough
    ↪                                                             | N/A    | N/A
    ↪ |
|    └─Projection_51                | 37343.19   | 59574   | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪                 | tiflash_task:{proc max:377ms, min:375.3ms, avg:
    ↪ 376.1ms, p80:377ms, p95:377ms, iters:1160, tasks:2, threads:16}
    ↪
```

```
    ↪ | tpcds50.catalog_sales.cs_ship_date_sk
    ↪                                                  | N/A    | N/A |
|     ─HashJoin_48                  | 37343.19   | 59574   | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪                | tiflash_task:{proc max:377ms, min:375.3ms, avg:
    ↪ 376.1ms, p80:377ms, p95:377ms, iters:1160, tasks:2, threads:16}
    ↪
    ↪ | inner join, equal:[eq(tpcds50.date_dim.d_date_sk, tpcds50.catalog_
    ↪ sales.cs_ship_date_sk)] | N/A | N/A |
|       ─ExchangeReceiver_29(Build) | 1.00       | 2       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪                | tiflash_task:{proc max:291.3ms, min:290ms, avg:
    ↪ 290.6ms, p80:291.3ms, p95:291.3ms, iters:2, tasks:2, threads:16}
    ↪
    ↪ |
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|         ─ExchangeSender_28        | 1.00       | 1       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪                | tiflash_task:{proc max:290.9ms, min:0s, avg: 145.4ms
    ↪ , p80:290.9ms, p95:290.9ms, iters:1, tasks:2, threads:1}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: Broadcast, Compression: FAST
    ↪                                                 | N/A    | N/A |
|           ─TableFullScan_26       | 1.00       | 1       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪ table:date_dim | tiflash_task:{proc max:3.88ms, min:0s, avg: 1.94ms,
    ↪ p80:3.88ms, p95:3.88ms, iters:1, tasks:2, threads:1}, tiflash_scan:{
    ↪ dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:2, total_skipped_packs:12, total_scanned_
    ↪ rows:16384, total_skipped_rows:97625, total_rs_index_load_time: 0ms,
    ↪ total_read_time: 0ms}, total_create_snapshot_time: 0ms, total_local_
    ↪ region_num: 1, total_remote_region_num: 0} | pushed down filter:eq(
    ↪ tpcds50.date_dim.d_date, 2002-02-01 00:00:00.000000), keep order:
    ↪ false | N/A | N/A |
|       ─Selection_31(Probe)        | 71638034.00 | 71638034 | mpp[tiflash]
    ↪  |              | tiflash_task:{proc max:47ms, min:34.3ms, avg: 40.6ms
    ↪ , p80:47ms, p95:47ms, iters:1160, tasks:2, threads:16}
    ↪
    ↪ | not(isnull(tpcds50.catalog_sales.cs_ship_date_sk))
    ↪                                 | N/A    | N/A |
|         ─TableFullScan_30         | 71997669.00 | 71997669 | mpp[tiflash]
    ↪  | table:catalog_sales | tiflash_task:{proc max:34ms, min:17.3ms, avg
    ↪ : 25.6ms, p80:34ms, p95:34ms, iters:1160, tasks:2, threads:16},
    ↪ tiflash_scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:8893, total_skipped_packs
    ↪ :4007, total_scanned_rows:72056474, total_skipped_rows:32476901,
    ↪ total_rs_index_load_time: 8ms, total_read_time: 579ms}, total_create_
    ↪ snapshot_time: 0ms, total_local_region_num: 194, total_remote_region_
    ↪ num: 0} | pushed down filter:empty, keep order:false | N/A | N/A |
+--
```

```
    ↪ ----------------------------------+------------+---------+--------------+-
    ↪
9 rows in set (0.38 sec)
```

The following is the execution information of the query when Runtime Filter is enabled:

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT cs_ship_date_sk FROM catalog_sales, date_dim
    -> WHERE d_date = '2002-2-01' AND
    ->     cs_ship_date_sk = d_date_sk;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------+------------+---------+--------------+--
    ↪
| id                                | estRows    | actRows | task      |
    ↪ access object    | execution info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ | memory | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------+------------+---------+--------------+--
    ↪
| TableReader_53                    | 37343.19   | 59574   | root      |
    ↪                   | time:162.1ms, loops:82, RU:0.000000, cop_task: {
    ↪ num: 47, max: 0s, min: 0s, avg: 0s, p95: 0s, copr_cache_hit_ratio:
    ↪ 0.00}
    ↪
    ↪ | MppVersion: 1, data:ExchangeSender_52
    ↪
    ↪ | 12.7 KB | N/A |
|  ─ExchangeSender_52               | 37343.19   | 59574   | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪                   | tiflash_task:{proc max:160.8ms, min:154.3ms, avg:
    ↪ 157.6ms, p80:160.8ms, p95:160.8ms, iters:86, tasks:2, threads:16}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: PassThrough
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|    ─Projection_51                 | 37343.19   | 59574   | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪                   | tiflash_task:{proc max:160.8ms, min:154.3ms, avg:
    ↪ 157.6ms, p80:160.8ms, p95:160.8ms, iters:86, tasks:2, threads:16}
    ↪
    ↪ | tpcds50.catalog_sales.cs_ship_date_sk
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|      ─HashJoin_48                 | 37343.19   | 59574   | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪                   | tiflash_task:{proc max:160.8ms, min:154.3ms, avg:
```

```
    ↪ 157.6ms, p80:160.8ms, p95:160.8ms, iters:86, tasks:2, threads:16}
    ↪
    ↪ | inner join, equal:[eq(tpcds50.date_dim.d_date_sk, tpcds50.catalog_
    ↪ sales.cs_ship_date_sk)], runtime filter:0[IN] <- tpcds50.date_dim.d_
    ↪ date_sk | N/A | N/A |
|       └─ExchangeReceiver_29(Build) | 1.00       | 2       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪                 | tiflash_task:{proc max:132.3ms, min:130.8ms, avg:
    ↪ 131.6ms, p80:132.3ms, p95:132.3ms, iters:2, tasks:2, threads:16}
    ↪
    ↪ |
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|         └─ExchangeSender_28         | 1.00       | 1       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪                 | tiflash_task:{proc max:131ms, min:0s, avg: 65.5ms,
    ↪ p80:131ms, p95:131ms, iters:1, tasks:2, threads:1}
    ↪
    ↪ | ExchangeType: Broadcast, Compression: FAST
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|           └─TableFullScan_26        | 1.00       | 1       | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪ table:date_dim | tiflash_task:{proc max:3.01ms, min:0s, avg: 1.51ms,
    ↪ p80:3.01ms, p95:3.01ms, iters:1, tasks:2, threads:1}, tiflash_scan:{
    ↪ dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:2, total_skipped_packs:12, total_scanned_
    ↪ rows:16384, total_skipped_rows:97625, total_rs_index_load_time: 0ms,
    ↪ total_read_time: 0ms}, total_create_snapshot_time: 0ms, total_local_
    ↪ region_num: 1, total_remote_region_num: 0} | pushed down filter:eq(
    ↪ tpcds50.date_dim.d_date, 2002-02-01 00:00:00.000000), keep order:
    ↪ false | N/A    | N/A |
|       └─Selection_31(Probe)         | 71638034.00 | 5308995 | mpp[tiflash]
    ↪ |              | tiflash_task:{proc max:39.8ms, min:24.3ms, avg: 32.1
    ↪ ms, p80:39.8ms, p95:39.8ms, iters:86, tasks:2, threads:16}
    ↪
    ↪ | not(isnull(tpcds50.catalog_sales.cs_ship_date_sk))
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A    | N/A |
|         └─TableFullScan_30          | 71997669.00 | 5335549 | mpp[tiflash]
    ↪ | table:catalog_sales | tiflash_task:{proc max:36.8ms, min:23.3ms,
    ↪ avg: 30.1ms, p80:36.8ms, p95:36.8ms, iters:86, tasks:2, threads:16},
    ↪ tiflash_scan:{dtfile:{total_scanned_packs:660, total_skipped_packs
    ↪ :12451, total_scanned_rows:5335549, total_skipped_rows:100905778,
    ↪ total_rs_index_load_time: 2ms, total_read_time: 47ms}, total_create_
    ↪ snapshot_time: 0ms, total_local_region_num: 194, total_remote_region_
    ↪ num: 0} | pushed down filter:empty, keep order:false, runtime filter
    ↪ :0[IN] -> tpcds50.catalog_sales.cs_ship_date_sk | N/A | N/A |
+--
```

```
    ↪ ------------------------------------+------------+--------+---------------+--
    ↪
9 rows in set (0.17 sec)
```

By comparing the execution information of the two queries, you can find the following improvements:

- IO reduction: by comparing the `total_scanned_rows` of the TableFullScan operator, you can see that the scan volume of `TableFullScan` is reduced by 2/3 after Runtime Filter is enabled.
- Hash join performance improvement: the execution duration of the `HashJoin` operator is reduced from 376.1 ms to 157.6 ms.

Best practices

Runtime Filter is applicable to the scenario where a large table and a small table are joined, such as a join query of a fact table and a dimension table. When the dimension table has a small amount of hit data, it means that the filter has fewer values, so the fact table can filter out the data that does not meet the conditions more effectively. Compared with the default scenario where the entire fact table is scanned, this significantly improves the query performance.

The join operation of the `Sales` table and the `date_dim` table in TPC-DS is a typical example.

Configure Runtime Filter

When using Runtime Filter, you can configure the mode and predicate type of Runtime Filter.

Runtime Filter mode

The mode of Runtime Filter is the relationship between the **Filter Sender operator** and **Filter Receiver operator**. There are three modes: `OFF`, `LOCAL`, and `GLOBAL`. In v7.3.0, only `OFF` and `LOCAL` modes are supported. The Runtime Filter mode is controlled by the system variable `tidb_runtime_filter_mode`.

- `OFF`: Runtime Filter is disabled. After it is disabled, the query behavior is the same as in previous versions.
- `LOCAL`: Runtime Filter is enabled in the local mode. In the local mode, the **Filter Sender operator** and **Filter Receiver operator** are in the same MPP task. In other words, Runtime Filter can be applied to the scenario where the HashJoin operator and TableScan operator are in the same task. Currently, Runtime Filter only supports the local mode. To enable this mode, set it to `LOCAL`.
- `GLOBAL`: currently, the global mode is not supported. You cannot set Runtime Filter to this mode.

Runtime Filter type

The type of Runtime Filter is the type of the predicate used by the generated Filter operator. Currently, only one type is supported: `IN`, which means that the generated predicated is similar to `k1 in (xxx)`. The Runtime Filter type is controlled by the system variable `tidb_runtime_filter_type`.

- `IN`: the default type. It means that the generated Runtime Filter uses the `IN` type predicate.

Limitations

- Runtime Filter is an optimization in the MPP architecture and can only be applied to queries pushed down to TiFlash.
- Join type: Left outer, Full outer, and Anti join (when the left table is the probe side) do not support Runtime Filter. Because Runtime Filter filters the data involved in the join in advance, the preceding types of join do not discard the unmatched data, so Runtime Filter cannot be used.
- Equal join expression: When the probe column in the equal join expression is a complex expression, or when the probe column type is JSON, Blob, Array, or other complex data types, Runtime Filter is not generated. The main reason is that the preceding types of columns are rarely used as the join column. Even if the Filter is generated, the filtering rate is usually low.

For the preceding limitations, if you need to confirm whether Runtime Filter is generated correctly, you can use the `EXPLAIN` statement to verify the execution plan.

11.3.3.4 SQL Prepared Execution Plan Cache

TiDB supports execution plan caching for `Prepare` and `Execute` queries. This includes both forms of prepared statements:

- Using the `COM_STMT_PREPARE` and `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` protocol features.
- Using the SQL statements `PREPARE` and `EXECUTE`.

The TiDB optimizer handles these two types of queries in the same way: when preparing, the parameterized query is parsed into an AST (Abstract Syntax Tree) and cached; in later execution, the execution plan is generated based on the stored AST and specific parameter values.

When the execution plan cache is enabled, in the first execution every `Prepare` statement checks whether the current query can use the execution plan cache, and if the query can use it, then put the generated execution plan into a cache implemented by LRU (Least Recently Used) linked list. In the subsequent `Execute` queries, the execution plan is obtained from the

cache and checked for availability. If the check succeeds, the step of generating an execution plan is skipped. Otherwise, the execution plan is regenerated and saved in the cache.

TiDB also supports execution plan caching for some non-`PREPARE` statements, similar to the `Prepare`/`Execute` statements. For more details, refer to Non-prepared plan cache.

In the current version of TiDB, if a `Prepare` statement meets any of the following conditions, the query or the plan is not cached:

- The query contains SQL statements other than `SELECT`, `UPDATE`, `INSERT`, `DELETE`, `Union`, `Intersect`, and `Except`.
- The query accesses temporary tables, or a table that contains generated columns, or uses static mode (that is, `tidb_partition_prune_mode` is set to `static`) to access partitioning tables.
- The query contains non-correlated sub-queries, such as `SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE t1 ↪ .a > (SELECT 1 FROM t2 WHERE t2.b < 1)`.
- The query contains correlated sub-queries with `PhysicalApply` operators in the execution plan, such as `SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE t1.a > (SELECT a FROM t2 WHERE ↪ t1.b > t2.b)`.
- The query contains the `ignore_plan_cache` or `set_var` hint, such as `SELECT /*+ ↪ ignore_plan_cache()*/ * FROM t` or `SELECT /*+ set_var(max_execution_ ↪ time=1)*/ * FROM t`.
- The query contains variables other than `?` (including system variables or user-defined variables), such as `select * from t where a>? and b>@x`.
- The query contains the functions that cannot be cached: `database()`, `current_user ↪ , current_role`, `user`, `connection_id`, `last_insert_id`, `row_count`, `version`, and `like`.
- The query uses a variable as the `LIMIT` parameter (such as `LIMIT ?` and `LIMIT 10, ?`) and the variable value is greater than 10000.
- The query contains `?` after `Order By`, such as `Order By ?`. Such queries sort data based on the column specified by `?`. If the queries targeting different columns use the same execution plan, the results will be wrong. Therefore, such queries are not cached. However, if the query is a common one, such as `Order By a+?`, it is cached.
- The query contains `?` after `Group By`, such as `Group By?`. Such queries group data based on the column specified by `?`. If the queries targeting different columns use the same execution plan, the results will be wrong. Therefore, such queries are not cached. However, if the query is a common one, such as `Group By a+?`, it is cached.
- The query contains `?` in the definition of the `Window Frame` window function, such as `(partition by year order by sale rows ? preceding)`. If `?` appears elsewhere in the window function, the query is cached.
- The query contains parameters for comparing `int` and `string`, such as `c_int >= ? ↪ or c_int in (?, ?)`, in which `?` indicates the string type, such as `set @x='123'`. To ensure that the query result is compatible with MySQL, parameters need to be adjusted in each query, so such queries are not cached.
- The plan attempts to access `TiFlash`.

- In most cases, the plan that contains `TableDual` is not cached, unless the current `Prepare` statement does not have parameters.
- The query accesses TiDB system views, such as `information_schema.columns`. It is not recommended to use `Prepare` and `Execute` statements to access system views.

TiDB has a limitation on the number of `?` in a query. If a query contains more than 65535 `?`, an error `Prepared statement contains too many placeholders` is reported.

The LRU linked list is designed as a session-level cache because `Prepare`/`Execute` cannot be executed across sessions. Each element of the LRU list is a key-value pair. The value is the execution plan, and the key is composed of the following parts:

- The name of the database where `Execute` is executed
- The identifier of the `Prepare` statement, that is, the name after the `PREPARE` keyword
- The current schema version, which is updated after every successfully executed DDL statement
- The SQL mode when executing `Execute`
- The current time zone, which is the value of the `time_zone` system variable
- The value of the `sql_select_limit` system variable

Any change in the preceding information (for example, switching databases, renaming `Prepare` statement, executing DDL statements, or modifying the value of SQL mode/`time_zone`), or the LRU cache elimination mechanism causes the execution plan cache miss when executing.

After the execution plan cache is obtained from the cache, TiDB first checks whether the execution plan is still valid. If the current `Execute` statement is executed in an explicit transaction, and the referenced table is modified in the transaction pre-order statement, the cached execution plan accessing this table does not contain the `UnionScan` operator, then it cannot be executed.

After the validation test is passed, the scan range of the execution plan is adjusted according to the current parameter values, and then used to perform data querying.

There are several points worth noting about execution plan caching and query performance:

- No matter an execution plan is cached or not, it is affected by SQL bindings. For execution plans that have not been cached (the first `Execute`), these plans are affected by existing SQL bindings. For execution plans that have been cached, if new SQL Bindings are created, these plans become invalid.
- Cached plans are not affected by changes in statistics, optimization rules, and blocklist pushdown by expressions.
- Considering that the parameters of `Execute` are different, the execution plan cache prohibits some aggressive query optimization methods that are closely related to specific parameter values to ensure adaptability. This causes that the query plan may not

be optimal for certain parameter values. For example, the filter condition of the query is `where a > ? And a < ?`, the parameters of the first `Execute` statement are `2` and `1` respectively. Considering that these two parameters maybe be `1` and `2` in the next execution time, the optimizer does not generate the optimal `TableDual` execution plan that is specific to current parameter values;

- If cache invalidation and elimination are not considered, an execution plan cache is applied to various parameter values, which in theory also results in non-optimal execution plans for certain values. For example, if the filter condition is `where a < ?` and the parameter value used for the first execution is `1`, then the optimizer generates the optimal `IndexScan` execution plan and puts it into the cache. In the subsequent executions, if the value becomes `10000`, the `TableScan` plan might be the better one. But due to the execution plan cache, the previously generated `IndexScan` is used for execution. Therefore, the execution plan cache is more suitable for application scenarios where the query is simple (the ratio of compilation is high) and the execution plan is relatively fixed.

Starting from v6.1.0, the execution plan cache is enabled by default. You can control prepared plan cache via the system variable `tidb_enable_prepared_plan_cache`.

> **Note:**
>
> The `tidb_enable_prepared_plan_cache` system variable controls the execution plan cache only for `Prepare`/`Execute` queries, not for normal queries. For the execution plan cache for normal queries, see SQL Non-Prepared Execution Plan Cache.

After the execution plan cache feature is enabled, you can use the session-level system variable `last_plan_from_cache` to see whether the previous `Execute` statement used the cached execution plan, for example:

```
MySQL [test]> create table t(a int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
MySQL [test]> prepare stmt from 'select * from t where a = ?';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
MySQL [test]> set @a = 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

-- The first execution generates an execution plan and saves it in the
   ↪ cache.
MySQL [test]> execute stmt using @a;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
MySQL [test]> select @@last_plan_from_cache;
+------------------------+
```

```
| @@last_plan_from_cache |
+------------------------+
| 0                      |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

-- The second execution hits the cache.
MySQL [test]> execute stmt using @a;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
MySQL [test]> select @@last_plan_from_cache;
+------------------------+
| @@last_plan_from_cache |
+------------------------+
| 1                      |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

If you find that a certain set of `Prepare`/`Execute` has unexpected behavior due to the execution plan cache, you can use the `ignore_plan_cache()` SQL hint to skip using the execution plan cache for the current statement. Still, use the preceding statement as an example:

```
MySQL [test]> prepare stmt from 'select /*+ ignore_plan_cache() */ * from t
    ↪  where a = ?';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
MySQL [test]> set @a = 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
MySQL [test]> execute stmt using @a;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
MySQL [test]> select @@last_plan_from_cache;
+------------------------+
| @@last_plan_from_cache |
+------------------------+
| 0                      |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
MySQL [test]> execute stmt using @a;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
MySQL [test]> select @@last_plan_from_cache;
+------------------------+
| @@last_plan_from_cache |
+------------------------+
| 0                      |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.3.4.1 Diagnostics of Prepared Plan Cache

Use `SHOW WARNINGS` to diagnose

Some queries or plans cannot be cached. You can use the `SHOW WARNINGS` statement to check whether the query or plan is cached. If it is not cached, you can check the reason for the failure in the result. For example:

```
mysql> PREPARE st FROM 'SELECT * FROM t WHERE a > (SELECT MAX(a) FROM t)';
    ↪ -- The query contains a subquery and cannot be cached.

Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS; -- Checks the reason why the query plan cannot be
    ↪ cached.

+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------+
| Level   | Code | Message                                       |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------+
| Warning | 1105 | skip plan-cache: sub-queries are un-cacheable |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> prepare st from 'select * from t where a<?';

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> set @a='1';

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> execute st using @a; -- The optimization converts a non-INT type to
    ↪  an INT type, and the execution plan might change with the change of
    ↪  the parameter, so TiDB does not cache the plan.

Empty set, 1 warning (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;

+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------+
| Level   | Code | Message                                       |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------+
| Warning | 1105 | skip plan-cache: '1' may be converted to INT  |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Use `Statements Summary` to diagnose

The `Statements Summary` table contains two fields, `plan_cache_unqualified` and `plan_cache_unqualified_last_reason`, which respectively indicate the number of times and the reason why the corresponding query is unable to use the plan cache. You can use these two fields for diagnostic purposes:

```
mysql> SELECT digest_text, plan_cache_unqualified, plan_cache_unqualified_last_reason FROM information_schema.statements_summary WHERE plan_cache_unqualified > 0 ORDER BY plan_cache_unqualified DESC
LIMIT 10;

+------------------------------+------------------------+------------------------------+
| digest_text                  | plan_cache_unqualified | plan_cache_unqualified_last_reason |
+------------------------------+------------------------+------------------------------+
| select * from `t` where `a` < ? |                     10 | '1' may be converted to INT      |
| select * from `t` order by ? |                      4 | query has 'order by ?' is un-cacheable |
| select database ( ) from `t` |                      2 | query has 'database()' is un-cacheable |
...
+------------------------------+------------------------+------------------------------+
10 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

11.3.3.4.2 Memory management of Prepared Plan Cache

Using Prepared Plan Cache incurs memory overhead. To view the total memory consumption by the cached execution plans of all sessions in each TiDB instance, you can use the **Plan Cache Memory Usage** monitoring panel in Grafana.

> **Note:**
>
> Because of the memory reclaim mechanism of Golang and some uncounted memory structures, the memory displayed in Grafana is not equal to the actual heap memory usage. It is tested that there is a deviation of about ±20% between the memory displayed in Grafana and the actual heap memory usage.

To view the total number of execution plans cached in each TiDB instance, you can use the **Plan Cache Plan Num** panel in Grafana.

The following is an example of the **Plan Cache Memory Usage** and **Plan Cache Plan Num** panels in Grafana:

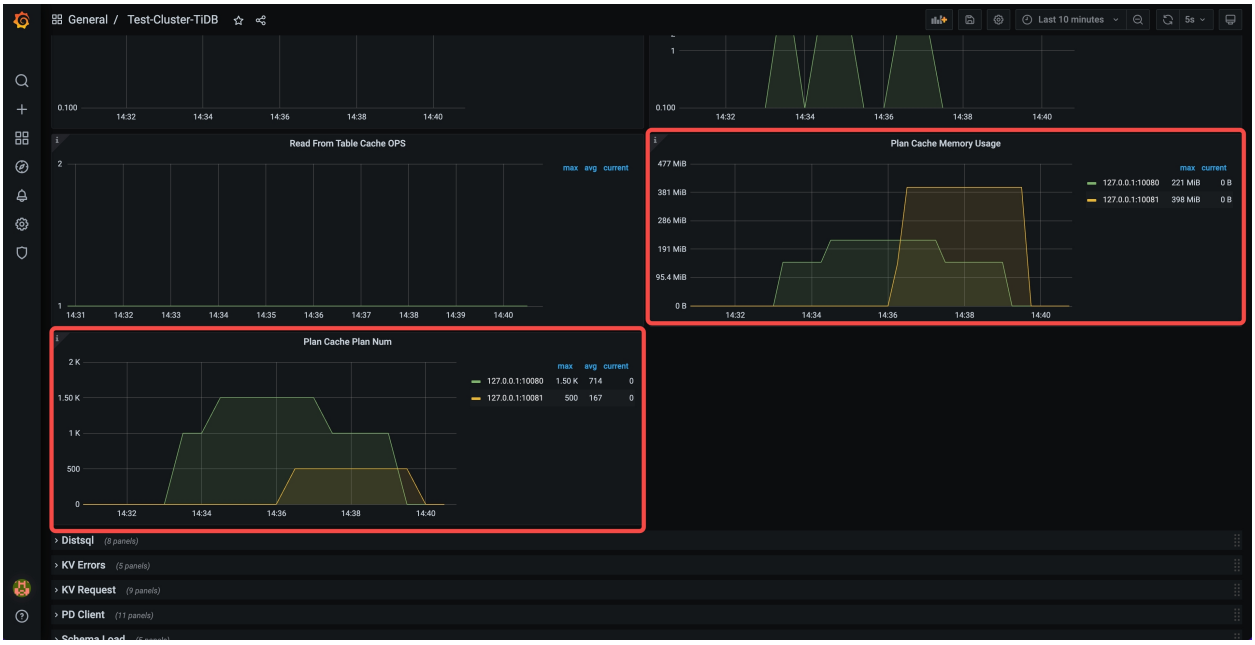


Figure 439: grafana_panels

Starting from v7.1.0, you can control the maximum number of plans that can be cached in each session by configuring the system variable `tidb_session_plan_cache_size`. For different environments, the recommended value is as follows and you can adjust it according to the monitoring panels:

- When the memory threshold of the TiDB server instance is <= 64 GiB, set `tidb_session_plan_cache_size` to `50`.
- When the memory threshold of the TiDB server instance is > 64 GiB, set `tidb_session_plan_cache_size` to `100`.

Starting from v7.1.0, you can control the maximum size of a plan that can be cached using the system variable `tidb_plan_cache_max_plan_size`. The default value is 2 MB. If the size of a plan exceeds this value, the plan will not be cached.

When the unused memory of the TiDB server is less than a certain threshold, the memory protection mechanism of plan cache is triggered, through which some cached plans will be evicted.

You can control the threshold by configuring the system variable `tidb_prepared_plan_cache_memory_guard_ratio`. The threshold is 0.1 by default, which means when the

unused memory of the TiDB server is less than 10% of the total memory (90% of the memory is used), the memory protection mechanism is triggered.

Due to memory limit, plan cache might be missed sometimes. You can check the status by viewing the `Plan Cache Miss OPS` metric in the Grafana dashboard.

11.3.3.4.3 Clear execution plan cache

You can clear execution plan cache by executing the `ADMIN FLUSH [SESSION | INSTANCE] PLAN_CACHE` statement.

In this statement, `[SESSION | INSTANCE]` specifies whether the plan cache is cleared for the current session or the whole TiDB instance. If the scope is not specified, the preceding statement applies to the `SESSION` cache by default.

The following is an example of clearing the `SESSION` execution plan cache:

```
MySQL [test]> create table t (a int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

MySQL [test]> prepare stmt from 'select * from t';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

MySQL [test]> execute stmt;
Empty set (0.00 sec)

MySQL [test]> execute stmt;
Empty set (0.00 sec)

MySQL [test]> select @@last_plan_from_cache; -- Select the cached plan
+------------------------+
| @@last_plan_from_cache |
+------------------------+
|                      1 |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

MySQL [test]> admin flush session plan_cache; -- Clear the cached plan of
    ↪ the current session
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

MySQL [test]> execute stmt;
Empty set (0.00 sec)

MySQL [test]> select @@last_plan_from_cache; -- The cached plan cannot be
    ↪ selected again, because it has been cleared
+------------------------+
```

```
| @@last_plan_from_cache |
+------------------------+
|                      0 |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Currently, TiDB does not support clearing `GLOBAL` execution plan cache. That means you cannot clear the cached plan of the whole TiDB cluster. The following error is reported if you try to clear the `GLOBAL` execution plan cache:

```
MySQL [test]> admin flush global plan_cache;
ERROR 1105 (HY000): Do not support the 'admin flush global scope.'
```

11.3.3.4.4 Ignore the `COM_STMT_CLOSE` command and the `DEALLOCATE PREPARE` statement

To reduce the syntax parsing cost of SQL statements, it is recommended that you run `prepare stmt` once, then `execute stmt` multiple times before running `deallocate prepare`:

```
MySQL [test]> prepare stmt from '...'; -- Prepare once
MySQL [test]> execute stmt using ...; -- Execute once
MySQL [test]> ...
MySQL [test]> execute stmt using ...; -- Execute multiple times
MySQL [test]> deallocate prepare stmt; -- Release the prepared statement
```

In real practice, you may be used to running `deallocate prepare` each time after running `execute stmt`, as shown below:

```
MySQL [test]> prepare stmt from '...'; -- Prepare once
MySQL [test]> execute stmt using ...;
MySQL [test]> deallocate prepare stmt; -- Release the prepared statement
MySQL [test]> prepare stmt from '...'; -- Prepare twice
MySQL [test]> execute stmt using ...;
MySQL [test]> deallocate prepare stmt; -- Release the prepared statement
```

In such practice, the plan obtained by the first executed statement cannot be reused by the second executed statement.

To address the problem, you can set the system variable `tidb_ignore_prepared_cache_close_stmt` to `ON` so TiDB ignores commands to close `prepare stmt`:

```
mysql> set @@tidb_ignore_prepared_cache_close_stmt=1; -- Enable the
    ↪ variable
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> prepare stmt from 'select * from t'; -- Prepare once
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> execute stmt;                    -- Execute once
Empty set (0.00 sec)

mysql> deallocate prepare stmt;         -- Release after the first execute
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> prepare stmt from 'select * from t'; -- Prepare twice
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> execute stmt;                    -- Execute twice
Empty set (0.00 sec)

mysql> select @@last_plan_from_cache;  -- Reuse the last plan
+------------------------+
| @@last_plan_from_cache |
+------------------------+
|                      1 |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Monitoring

In the Grafana dashboard on the TiDB page in the **Executor** section, there are the "Queries Using Plan Cache OPS" and "Plan Cache Miss OPS" graphs. These graphs can be used to check if both TiDB and the application are configured correctly to allow the SQL Plan Cache to work correctly. The **Server** section on the same page provides the "Prepared Statement Count" graph. This graph shows a non-zero value if the application uses prepared statements, which is required for the SQL Plan Cache to function correctly.



Figure 440: `sql_plan_cache`

11.3.3.5 SQL Non-Prepared Execution Plan Cache

TiDB supports execution plan caching for some non-`PREPARE` statements, similar to the `Prepare`/`Execute` statements. This feature allows these statements to skip the optimization phase and improve performance.

Enabling the non-prepared plan cache might incur additional memory and CPU overhead and might not be suitable for all situations. To determine whether to enable this feature in your scenario, refer to the Performance benefits and Memory monitoring sections.

11.3.3.5.1 Principle

The non-prepared plan cache is a session-level feature that shares a cache with the prepared plan cache. The basic principle of the non-prepared plan cache is as follows:

1. After you enable the non-prepared plan cache, TiDB first parameterizes the query based on the abstract syntax tree (AST). For example, `SELECT * FROM t WHERE b < 10 AND a = 1` is parameterized as `SELECT * FROM t WHERE b < ? and a = ?`.
2. Then, TiDB uses the parameterized query to search the plan cache.
3. If a reusable plan is found, it is directly used and the optimization phase is skipped.
4. Otherwise, the optimizer generates a new plan and adds it back into the cache for reuse in the subsequent query.

11.3.3.5.2 Usage

To enable or disable the non-prepared plan cache, you can set the `tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache` system variable. You can also control the size of the non-prepared plan cache using the `tidb_session_plan_cache_size` system variable. When the number of cached plans exceeds `tidb_session_plan_cache_size`, TiDB evicts plans using the least recently used (LRU) strategy.

Starting from v7.1.0, you can control the maximum size of a plan that can be cached using the system variable `tidb_plan_cache_max_plan_size`. The default value is 2 MB. If the size of a plan exceeds this value, the plan will not be cached.

> **Note:**
>
> The memory specified by `tidb_session_plan_cache_size` is shared between the prepared and non-prepared plan cache. If you have enabled the prepared plan cache for the current cluster, enabling the non-prepared plan cache might reduce the hit rate of the original prepared plan cache.

11.3.3.5.3 Example

The following example shows how to use the non-prepared plan cache:

1. Create a table `t` for testing:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT, b INT, KEY(b));
```

2. Enable the non-prepared plan cache:

```
SET tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache = ON;
```

3. Execute the following two queries:

```
SELECT * FROM t WHERE b < 10 AND a = 1;
SELECT * FROM t WHERE b < 5 AND a = 2;
```

4. Check whether the second query hits the cache:

```
SELECT @@last_plan_from_cache;
```

   If the value of `last_plan_from_cache` in the output is `1`, it means that the execution plan of the second query comes from the cache:

```
+------------------------+
| @@last_plan_from_cache |
+------------------------+
|                      1 |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.3.5.4 Restrictions

Cache suboptimal plans

TiDB only caches one plan for a parameterized query. For example, the queries `SELECT * FROM t WHERE a < 1` and `SELECT * FROM t WHERE a < 100000` share the same parameterized form, `SELECT * FROM t WHERE a < ?`, and thus share the same plan.

If this causes performance issues, you can use the `ignore_plan_cache()` hint to ignore plans in the cache, so that the optimizer generates a new execution plan for the SQL every time. If the SQL cannot be modified, you can create a binding to solve the problem. For example, `CREATE BINDING FOR SELECT ... USING SELECT /*+ ignore_plan_cache()*/ ...`.

Usage restrictions

Due to the preceding risks and the fact that the execution plan cache only provides significant benefits for simple queries (if a query is complex and takes a long time to execute, using the execution plan cache might not be very helpful), TiDB has strict restrictions on the scope of non-prepared plan cache. The restrictions are as follows:

- Queries or plans that are not supported by the Prepared plan cache are also not supported by the non-prepared plan cache.
- Queries that contain complex operators such as `Window` or `Having` are not supported.
- Queries that contain three or more `Join` tables or subqueries are not supported.
- Queries that contain numbers or expressions directly after `ORDER BY` or `GROUP BY` are not supported, such as `ORDER BY 1` and `GROUP BY a+1`. Only `ORDER BY column_name` and `GROUP BY column_name` are supported.
- Queries that filter on columns of `JSON`, `ENUM`, `SET`, or `BIT` type are not supported, such as `SELECT * FROM t WHERE json_col = '{}'`.
- Queries that filter on `NULL` values are not supported, such as `SELECT * FROM t WHERE a is NULL`.
- Queries with more than 200 parameters after parameterization are not supported by default, such as `SELECT * FROM t WHERE a in (1, 2, 3, ... 201)`. Starting from v7.3.0, you can modify this limit by setting the 44823 fix in the `tidb_opt_fix_control` system variable.
- Queries that access virtual columns, temporary tables, views, or memory tables are not supported, such as `SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS`, where `COLUMNS` is a TiDB memory table.
- Queries with hints or bindings are not supported.
- DML statements or `SELECT` statements with the `FOR UPDATE` clause are not supported by default. To remove this restriction, you can execute `SET tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache_for_dml = ON`.

After you enable this feature, the optimizer quickly evaluates the query. If it does not meet the support conditions for non-prepared plan cache, the query falls back to the regular optimization process.

11.3.3.5.5 Performance benefits

In internal tests, enabling the non-prepared plan cache feature can achieve significant performance benefits in most TP scenarios. For example, a performance improvement of about 4% in TPC-C tests, over 10% in some banking workloads, and 15% in Sysbench RangeScan.

However, this feature also introduces some additional memory and CPU overhead, including determining whether the query is supported, parameterizing the query, and searching for a plan in the cache. If the cache cannot hit the majority of queries in your workload, enabling it might actually adversely affect performance.

In this case, you need to observe the `non-prepared` metric in the **Queries Using Plan Cache OPS** panel and the `non-prepared-unsupported` metric in the **Plan Cache Miss OPS** panel on Grafana. If most queries are not supported and only a few can hit the plan cache, you can disable this feature.

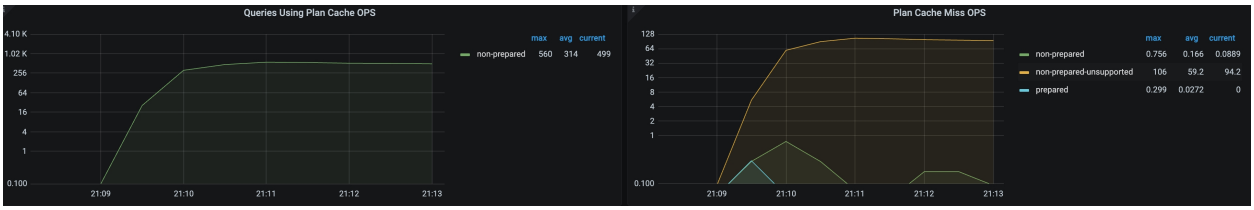


Figure 441: non-prepared-unsupported

11.3.3.5.6 Diagnostics

After enabling the non-prepared plan cache, you can execute the `EXPLAIN FORMAT='plan_cache' SELECT ...` statement to verify whether the query can hit the cache. For queries that cannot hit the cache, the system returns the reason in a warning.

Note that if you do not add `FORMAT='plan_cache'`, the `EXPLAIN` statement will never hit the cache.

To verify whether the query hits the cache, execute the following `EXPLAIN FORMAT='plan_cache'` statement:

```
EXPLAIN FORMAT='plan_cache' SELECT * FROM (SELECT a+1 FROM t) t;
```

The output is as follows:

```
3 rows in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```

To view the queries that cannot hit the cache, execute `SHOW warnings;`:

```
SHOW warnings;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪                                                                 |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1105 | skip non-prepared plan-cache: queries that have sub-
    ↪ queries are not supported |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the preceding example, the query cannot hit the cache because the non-prepared plan cache does not support the + operation.

11.3.3.5.7 Monitoring

After enabling the non-prepared plan cache, you can monitor the memory usage, number of plans in the cache, and cache hit rate in the following panes:



Figure 442: non-prepare-plan-cache

You can also monitor the cache hit rate in the `statements_summary` table and slow query log. The following shows how to view the cache hit rate in the `statements_summary` table:

1. Create a table `t`:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a int);
```

2. Enable the non-prepared plan cache:

```
SET @@tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache=ON;
```

3. Execute the following three queries:

```
SELECT * FROM t WHERE a<1;
SELECT * FROM t WHERE a<2;
SELECT * FROM t WHERE a<3;
```

4. Query the `statements_summary` table to view the cache hit rate:

```
SELECT digest_text, query_sample_text, exec_count, plan_in_cache, plan
    ↪ _cache_hits FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATEMENTS_SUMMARY WHERE
    ↪ query_sample_text LIKE '%SELECT * FROM %';
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+-------------------------------------+
    ↪
| digest_text                   | query_sample_text                     |
    ↪ exec_count | plan_in_cache | plan_cache_hits |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+-------------------------------------+
    ↪
| SELECT * FROM `t` WHERE `a` < ? | SELECT * FROM t WHERE a<1      |
    ↪         3 |             1 |              2 |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+-------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

From the output, you can see that the query was executed three times and hit the cache twice.

11.3.4 Control Execution Plans

11.3.4.1 Control Execution Plan

The first two chapters of SQL Tuning introduce how to understand TiDB's execution plan and how TiDB generates an execution plan. This chapter introduces what methods can be used to control the generation of the execution plan when you determine the problems with the execution plan. This chapter mainly includes the following three aspects:

- In Optimizer Hints, you will learn how to use hints to guide TiDB to generate an execution plan.
- But hints change the SQL statement intrusively. In some scenarios, hints cannot be simply inserted. In SQL Plan Management, you will know how TiDB uses another syntax to non-intrusively control the generation of execution plans, and the methods of automatic execution plan evolution in the background. This method helps address issues such as execution plan instability caused by version upgrades and cluster performance degradation.
- Finally, you will learn how to use the blocklist in Blocklist of Optimization Rules and Expression Pushdown.

Besides the preceding methods, the execution plan is also affected by some system variables. By modifying these variables at the system level or session level, you can control the generation of the execution plan. Starting from v6.5.3 and v7.1.0, TiDB introduces a relatively special variable `tidb_opt_fix_control`. This variable can accept multiple control items to control the behavior of the optimizer in a more fine-grained way, to prevent performance regression caused by behavior changes in the optimizer after cluster upgrade. Refer to Optimizer Fix Controls for a more detailed introduction.

11.3.4.2 Optimizer Hints

TiDB supports optimizer hints, which are based on the comment-like syntax introduced in MySQL 5.7. For example, one of the common syntaxes is `/*+ HINT_NAME([t1_name [, t2_name] ...])*/`. Use of optimizer hints is recommended in cases where the TiDB optimizer selects a less optimal query plan.

If you encounter a situation where hints do not take effect, see Troubleshoot common issues that hints do not take effect.

11.3.4.2.1 Syntax

Optimizer hints are case insensitive and specified within `/*+ ... */` comments following the `SELECT`, `INSERT`, `UPDATE` or `DELETE` keyword in a SQL statement.

Multiple hints can be specified by separating with commas. For example, the following query uses three different hints:

```
SELECT /*+ USE_INDEX(t1, idx1), HASH_AGG(), HASH_JOIN(t1) */ count(*) FROM t t1, t t2 WHERE t1.a = t2.b;
```

How optimizer hints affect query execution plans can be observed in the output of `EXPLAIN` and `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`.

An incorrect or incomplete hint will not result in a statement error. This is because hints are intended to have only a *hint* (suggestion) semantic to query execution. Similarly, TiDB will at most return a warning if a hint is not applicable.

> **Note:**
>
> If the comments do not follow behind the specified keywords, they will be treated as common MySQL comments. The comments do not take effect, and no warning is reported.

Currently, TiDB supports two categories of hints, which are different in scope. The first category of hints takes effect in the scope of query blocks, such as `/*+ HASH_AGG()*/`; the second category of hints takes effect in the whole query, such as `/*+ MEMORY_QUOTA(1024 MB)*/`.

Each query or sub-query in a statement corresponds to a different query block, and each query block has its own name. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM (SELECT * FROM t) t1, (SELECT * FROM t) t2;
```

The above query statement has three query blocks: the outermost `SELECT` corresponds to the first query block, whose name is `sel_1`; the two `SELECT` sub-queries correspond to

the second and the third query block, whose names are `sel_2` and `sel_3`, respectively. The sequence of the numbers is based on the appearance of `SELECT` from left to right. If you replace the first `SELECT` with `DELETE` or `UPDATE`, then the corresponding query block names are `del_1` or `upd_1`.

11.3.4.2.2 Hints that take effect in query blocks

This category of hints can follow behind **any** `SELECT`, `UPDATE` or `DELETE` keywords. To control the effective scope of the hint, use the name of the query block in the hint. You can make the hint parameters clear by accurately identifying each table in the query (in case of duplicated table names or aliases). If no query block is specified in the hint, the hint takes effect in the current block by default.

For example:

```
SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN(@sel_1 t1@sel_1, t3) */ * FROM (SELECT t1.a, t1.b
    ↪ FROM t t1, t t2 WHERE t1.a = t2.a) t1, t t3 WHERE t1.b = t3.b;
```

This hint takes effect in the `sel_1` query block, and its parameters are the `t1` and `t3` tables in `sel_1` (`sel_2` also contains a `t1` table).

As described above, you can specify the name of the query block in the hint in the following ways:

- Set the query block name as the first parameter of the hint, and separate it from other parameters with a space. In addition to `QB_NAME`, all the hints listed in this section also have another optional hidden parameter `@QB_NAME`. By using this parameter, you can specify the effective scope of this hint.
- Append `@QB_NAME` to a table name in the parameter to explicitly specify which query block this table belongs to.

> **Note:**
>
> You must put the hint in or before the query block where the hint takes effect. If the hint is put after the query block, it cannot take effect.

QB_NAME

If the query statement is a complicated statement that includes multiple nested queries, the ID and name of a certain query block might be mistakenly identified. The hint `QB_NAME` can help us in this regard.

`QB_NAME` means Query Block Name. You can specify a new name to a query block. The specified `QB_NAME` and the previous default name are both valid. For example:

```
SELECT /*+ QB_NAME(QB1) */ * FROM (SELECT * FROM t) t1, (SELECT * FROM t)
    ↪ t2;
```

This hint specifies the outer `SELECT` query block's name to `QB1`, which makes `QB1` and the default name `sel_1` both valid for the query block.

> **Note:**
>
> In the above example, if the hint specifies the `QB_NAME` to `sel_2` and does not specify a new `QB_NAME` for the original second `SELECT` query block, then `sel_2` becomes an invalid name for the second `SELECT` query block.

MERGE_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

The `MERGE_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to use the sort-merge join algorithm for the given table(s). Generally, this algorithm consumes less memory but takes longer processing time. If there is a very large data volume or insufficient system memory, it is recommended to use this hint. For example:

```
select /*+ MERGE_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * from t1, t2 where t1.id = t2.id;
```

> **Note:**
>
> `TIDB_SMJ` is the alias for `MERGE_JOIN` in TiDB 3.0.x and earlier versions. If you are using any of these versions, you must apply the `TIDB_SMJ(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` syntax for the hint. For the later versions of TiDB, `TIDB_SMJ` and `MERGE_JOIN` are both valid names for the hint, but `MERGE_JOIN` is recommended.

NO_MERGE_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

The `NO_MERGE_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer not to use the sort-merge join algorithm for the given table(s). For example:

```
SELECT /*+ NO_MERGE_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

INL_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

Note:

In some cases, the `INL_JOIN` hint might not take effect. For more information, see `INL_JOIN` hint does not take effect.

The `INL_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to use the index nested loop join algorithm for the given table(s). This algorithm might consume less system resources and take shorter processing time in some scenarios and might produce an opposite result in other scenarios. If the result set is less than 10,000 rows after the outer table is filtered by the `WHERE` condition, it is recommended to use this hint. For example:

```
SELECT /*+ INL_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2, t3 WHERE t1.id = t2.id AND t2
    ↪ .id = t3.id;
```

In the preceding SQL statement, the `INL_JOIN(t1, t2)` hint tells the optimizer to use the index nested loop join algorithm for `t1` and `t2`. Note that this does not mean that the index nested loop join algorithm is used between `t1` and `t2`. Instead, the hint indicates that `t1` and `t2` each use the index nested loop join algorithm with another table (`t3`).

The parameter(s) given in `INL_JOIN()` is the candidate table for the inner table when you create the query plan. For example, `INL_JOIN(t1)` means that TiDB only considers using `t1` as the inner table to create a query plan. If the candidate table has an alias, you must use the alias as the parameter in `INL_JOIN()`; if it does not have an alias, use the table's original name as the parameter. For example, in the `select /*+ INL_JOIN(t1)*/ * from t t1, t t2 where t1.a = t2.b;` query, you must use the `t` table's alias `t1` or `t2` rather than `t` as `INL_JOIN()`'s parameter.

Note:

`TIDB_INLJ` is the alias for `INL_JOIN` in TiDB 3.0.x and earlier versions. If you are using any of these versions, you must apply the `TIDB_INLJ(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` syntax for the hint. For the later versions of TiDB, `TIDB_INLJ` and `INL_JOIN` are both valid names for the hint, but `INL_JOIN` is recommended.

NO_INDEX_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

The `NO_INDEX_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer not to use the index nested loop join algorithm for the given table(s). For example:

```
SELECT /*+ NO_INDEX_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

INL_HASH_JOIN

The `INL_HASH_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name])` hint tells the optimizer to use the index nested loop hash join algorithm. The conditions for using this algorithm are the same with the conditions for using the index nested loop join algorithm. The difference between the two algorithms is that `INL_JOIN` creates a hash table on the joined inner table, but `INL_HASH_JOIN` creates a hash table on the joined outer table. `INL_HASH_JOIN` has a fixed limit on memory usage, while the memory used by `INL_JOIN` depends on the number of rows matched in the inner table.

NO_INDEX_HASH_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

The `NO_INDEX_HASH_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer not to use the index nested loop hash join algorithm for the given table(s).

INL_MERGE_JOIN

The `INL_MERGE_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name])` hint tells the optimizer to use the index nested loop merge join algorithm. The conditions for using this algorithm are the same with the conditions for using the index nested loop join algorithm.

NO_INDEX_MERGE_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

The `NO_INDEX_MERGE_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer not to use the index nested loop merge join algorithm for the given table(s).

HASH_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

The `HASH_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to use the hash join algorithm for the given table(s). This algorithm allows the query to be executed concurrently with multiple threads, which achieves a higher processing speed but consumes more memory. For example:

```
select /*+ HASH_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * from t1, t2 where t1.id = t2.id;
```

> **Note:**
>
> `TIDB_HJ` is the alias for `HASH_JOIN` in TiDB 3.0.x and earlier versions. If you are using any of these versions, you must apply the `TIDB_HJ(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` syntax for the hint. For the later versions of TiDB, `TIDB_HJ` and `HASH_JOIN` are both valid names for the hint, but `HASH_JOIN` is recommended.

NO_HASH_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

The `NO_HASH_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer not to use the hash join algorithm for the given table(s). For example:

```
SELECT /*+ NO_HASH_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

HASH_JOIN_BUILD(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

The `HASH_JOIN_BUILD(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to use the hash join algorithm on specified tables with these tables working as the build side. In this way, you can build hash tables using specific tables. For example:

```
SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN_BUILD(t1) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

HASH_JOIN_PROBE(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

The `HASH_JOIN_PROBE(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to use the hash join algorithm on specified tables with these tables working as the probe side. In this way, you can execute the hash join algorithm with specific tables as the probe side. For example:

```
SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN_PROBE(t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE()

The `SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE()` hint tells the optimizer to rewrite the semi-join query to an ordinary join query. Currently, this hint only works for `EXISTS` subqueries.

If this hint is not used to rewrite the query, when the hash join is selected in the execution plan, the semi-join query can only use the subquery to build a hash table. In this case, when the result of the subquery is bigger than that of the outer query, the execution speed might be slower than expected.

Similarly, when the index join is selected in the execution plan, the semi-join query can only use the outer query as the driving table. In this case, when the result of the subquery is smaller than that of the outer query, the execution speed might be slower than expected.

When `SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE()` is used to rewrite the query, the optimizer can extend the selection range to select a better execution plan.

```
-- Does not use SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE() to rewrite the query.
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM t1 WHERE t1.a = t.a);
```

```
+--
   ↪ --------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+-----
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object       |
   ↪ operator info                                |
+--
   ↪ --------------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+-----
   ↪
| MergeJoin_9               | 7992.00 | root    |                      | semi
   ↪ join, left key:test.t.a, right key:test.t1.a |
|  ─IndexReader_25(Build)  | 9990.00 | root    |                       | index
   ↪ :IndexFullScan_24                       |
```

```
|   └─IndexFullScan_24     | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:idx(a) |
    ↪  keep order:true, stats:pseudo        |
|  └─IndexReader_23(Probe)  | 9990.00 | root    |                        | index
    ↪ :IndexFullScan_22                       |
|   └─IndexFullScan_22     | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx(a) |
    ↪ keep order:true, stats:pseudo         |
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    ↪ --------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------+-----
    ↪
```

```
-- Uses SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE() to rewrite the query.
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE EXISTS (SELECT /*+ SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE() */ 1
    ↪ FROM t1 WHERE t1.a = t.a);
```

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    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------+----
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| id                          | estRows | task    | access object        |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
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    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+----------------------+----
    ↪
| IndexJoin_16                | 1.25    | root      |                      | inner
    ↪  join, inner:IndexReader_15, outer key:test.t1.a, inner key:test.t.a,
    ↪  equal cond:eq(test.t1.a, test.t.a) |
|  └─StreamAgg_39(Build)      | 1.00    | root      |                      |
    ↪ group by:test.t1.a, funcs:firstrow(test.t1.a)->test.t1.a
    ↪                                           |
|   └─IndexReader_34          | 1.00    | root      |                      |
    ↪ index:IndexFullScan_33
    ↪
    ↪ |
|     └─IndexFullScan_33      | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:idx(a) |
    ↪ keep order:true
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  └─IndexReader_15(Probe)    | 1.25    | root      |                      |
    ↪ index:Selection_14
    ↪
    ↪ |
|   └─Selection_14            | 1.25    | cop[tikv] |                      | not(
    ↪ isnull(test.t.a))
    ↪
```

```
    ↪ |
|     └─IndexRangeScan_13    | 1.25    | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx(a) |
    ↪ range: decided by [eq(test.t.a, test.t1.a)], keep order:false, stats:
    ↪ pseudo                  |
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    ↪
```

From the preceding example, you can see that when using the `SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE()` hint, TiDB can select the execution method of IndexJoin based on the driving table `t1`.

SHUFFLE_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

The `SHUFFLE_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to use the Shuffle Join algorithm on specified tables. This hint only takes effect in the MPP mode. For example:

```
SELECT /*+ SHUFFLE_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

Note:

- Before using this hint, make sure that the current TiDB cluster can support using TiFlash MPP mode in the query. For details, refer to Use TiFlash MPP Mode.
- This hint can be used in combination with the `HASH_JOIN_BUILD` hint and `HASH_JOIN_PROBE` hint to control the Build side and Probe side of the Shuffle Join algorithm.

BROADCAST_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

`BROADCAST_JOIN(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to use the Broadcast Join algorithm on specified tables. This hint only takes effect in the MPP mode. For example:

```
SELECT /*+ BROADCAST_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

Note:

- Before using this hint, make sure that the current TiDB cluster can support using TiFlash MPP mode in the query. For details, refer to Use TiFlash MPP Mode.

- This hint can be used in combination with the HASH_JOIN_BUILD hint and HASH_JOIN_PROBE hint to control the Build side and Probe side of the Broadcast Join algorithm.

NO_DECORRELATE()

The NO_DECORRELATE() hint tells the optimizer not to try to perform decorrelation for the correlated subquery in the specified query block. This hint is applicable to the EXISTS, IN, ANY, ALL, SOME subqueries and scalar subqueries that contain correlated columns (that is, correlated subqueries).

When this hint is used in a query block, the optimizer will not try to perform decorrelation for the correlated columns between the subquery and its outer query block, but always use the Apply operator to execute the query.

By default, TiDB tries to perform decorrelation for correlated subqueries to achieve higher execution efficiency. However, in some scenarios, decorrelation might actually reduce the execution efficiency. In this case, you can use this hint to manually tell the optimizer not to perform decorrelation. For example:

```
create table t1(a int, b int);
create table t2(a int, b int, index idx(b));
```

```
-- Not using NO_DECORRELATE().
explain select * from t1 where t1.a < (select sum(t2.a) from t2 where t2.b
    ↪ = t1.b);
```

```
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    ↪ ---------------------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+--------
    ↪
| id                            | estRows | task    | access object |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+--------
    ↪
| HashJoin_11                   | 9990.00 | root    |               | inner
    ↪ join, equal:[eq(test.t1.b, test.t2.b)], other cond:lt(cast(test.t1.a,
    ↪  decimal(10,0) BINARY), Column#7) |
| ─HashAgg_23(Build)            | 7992.00 | root    |               | group by
    ↪ :test.t2.b, funcs:sum(Column#8)->Column#7, funcs:firstrow(test.t2.b)
    ↪ ->test.t2.b        |
```

```
|   └─TableReader_24           | 7992.00 | root     |              | data:
    ↪ HashAgg_16
    ↪
    ↪ |
|     └─HashAgg_16             | 7992.00 | cop[tikv] |             | group by
    ↪ :test.t2.b, funcs:sum(test.t2.a)->Column#8
    ↪                                                 |
|       └─Selection_22         | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] |             | not(
    ↪ isnull(test.t2.b))
    ↪
    ↪ |
|         └─TableFullScan_21   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2 | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                                 |
| └─TableReader_15(Probe)      | 9990.00 | root     |              | data:
    ↪ Selection_14
    ↪
    ↪ |
|   └─Selection_14             | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] |             | not(
    ↪ isnull(test.t1.b))
    ↪
    ↪ |
|     └─TableFullScan_13       | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                                                 |
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    ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+--------
    ↪
```

From the preceding execution plan, you can see that the optimizer has automatically performed decorrelation. The decorrelated execution plan does not have the Apply operator. Instead, the plan has join operations between the subquery and the outer query block. The original filter condition (`t2.b = t1.b`) with the correlated column becomes a regular join condition.

```
-- Using NO_DECORRELATE().
explain select * from t1 where t1.a < (select /*+ NO_DECORRELATE() */ sum(
    ↪ t2.a) from t2 where t2.b = t1.b);
```

```
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    ↪ ----------------------------------------+----------+----------+--------------
    ↪
| id                                  | estRows  | task     | access object
    ↪       | operator info
    ↪                                                                 |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------------+----------+----------+--------------
   ↪
| Projection_10                          | 10000.00 | root     |
   ↪                      | test.t1.a, test.t1.b
   ↪                                                  |
|  ─Apply_12                             | 10000.00 | root     |
   ↪                      | CARTESIAN inner join, other cond:lt(cast(test.
   ↪ t1.a, decimal(10,0) BINARY), Column#7) |
|    ─TableReader_14(Build)              | 10000.00 | root     |
   ↪                      | data:TableFullScan_13
   ↪                                                 |
|      ─TableFullScan_13                 | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪          | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪                                                |
|    ─MaxOneRow_15(Probe)                | 10000.00 | root     |
   ↪                      |
   ↪
   ↪ |
|      ─StreamAgg_20                     | 10000.00 | root     |
   ↪                      | funcs:sum(Column#14)->Column#7
   ↪                                               |
|        ─Projection_45                  | 100000.00 | root    |
   ↪                      | cast(test.t2.a, decimal(10,0) BINARY)->Column
   ↪ #14                           |
|          ─IndexLookUp_44               | 100000.00 | root    |
   ↪                      |
   ↪
   ↪ |
|            ─IndexRangeScan_42(Build)  | 100000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2,
   ↪ index:idx(b) | range: decided by [eq(test.t2.b, test.t1.b)], keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo |
|            ─TableRowIDScan_43(Probe)  | 100000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2
   ↪          | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪                                               |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------------+----------+----------+--------------
   ↪
```

From the preceding execution plan, you can see that the optimizer does not perform decorrelation. The execution plan still contains the Apply operator. The filter condition (`t2.b = t1.b`) with the correlated column is still the filter condition when accessing the `t2` table.

HASH_AGG()

The `HASH_AGG()` hint tells the optimizer to use the hash aggregation algorithm in all the aggregate functions in the specified query block. This algorithm allows the query to be executed concurrently with multiple threads, which achieves a higher processing speed but consumes more memory. For example:

```
select /*+ HASH_AGG() */ count(*) from t1, t2 where t1.a > 10 group by t1.
    ↪ id;
```

STREAM_AGG()

The `STREAM_AGG()` hint tells the optimizer to use the stream aggregation algorithm in all the aggregate functions in the specified query block. Generally, this algorithm consumes less memory but takes longer processing time. If there is a very large data volume or insufficient system memory, it is recommended to use this hint. For example:

```
select /*+ STREAM_AGG() */ count(*) from t1, t2 where t1.a > 10 group by t1
    ↪ .id;
```

MPP_1PHASE_AGG()

`MPP_1PHASE_AGG()` tells the optimizer to use the one-phase aggregation algorithm for all aggregate functions in the specified query block. This hint only takes effect in the MPP mode. For example:

```
SELECT /*+ MPP_1PHASE_AGG() */ COUNT(*) FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.a > 10 GROUP
    ↪ BY t1.id;
```

Note:

Before using this hint, make sure that the current TiDB cluster can support using TiFlash MPP mode in the query. For details, refer to Use TiFlash MPP Mode.

MPP_2PHASE_AGG()

`MPP_2PHASE_AGG()` tells the optimizer to use the two-phase aggregation algorithm for all aggregate functions in the specified query block. This hint only takes effect in the MPP mode. For example:

```
SELECT /*+ MPP_2PHASE_AGG() */ COUNT(*) FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.a > 10 GROUP
    ↪ BY t1.id;
```

Note:

Before using this hint, make sure that the current TiDB cluster can support using TiFlash MPP mode in the query. For details, refer to Use TiFlash MPP Mode.

USE_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])

The `USE_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to use only the given index(es) for a specified `t1_name` table. For example, applying the following hint has the same effect as executing the `select * from t t1 use index(idx1, idx2);` statement.

```
SELECT /*+ USE_INDEX(t1, idx1, idx2) */ * FROM t1;
```

Note:

If you specify only the table name but not index name in this hint, the execution does not consider any index but scan the entire table.

FORCE_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])

The `FORCE_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to use only the given index(es).

The usage and effect of `FORCE_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])` are the same as the usage and effect of `USE_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])`.

The following 4 queries have the same effect:

```
SELECT /*+ USE_INDEX(t, idx1) */ * FROM t;
SELECT /*+ FORCE_INDEX(t, idx1) */ * FROM t;
SELECT * FROM t use index(idx1);
SELECT * FROM t force index(idx1);
```

IGNORE_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])

The `IGNORE_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to ignore the given index(es) for a specified `t1_name` table. For example, applying the following hint has the same effect as executing the `select * from t t1 ignore index(idx1, idx2);` statement.

```
select /*+ IGNORE_INDEX(t1, idx1, idx2) */ * from t t1;
```

ORDER_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])

The `ORDER_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to use only the given index for a specified table and read the specified index in order.

> **Warning:**
>
> This hint might cause SQL statements to fail. It is recommended to test it first. If an error occurs during the test, remove the hint. If the test runs normally, you can continue using it.

This hint is usually applied in the following scenario:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT, key(a), key(b));
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ ORDER_INDEX(t, a) */ a FROM t ORDER BY a LIMIT 10;
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------+---------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object     | operator
   ↪ info              |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------+---------
   ↪
| Limit_10                  | 10.00   | root      |                    | offset:0,
   ↪ count:10         |
|  ─IndexReader_14          | 10.00   | root      |                    | index:
   ↪ Limit_13             |
|    ─Limit_13              | 10.00   | cop[tikv] |                    | offset:0,
   ↪  count:10         |
|      ─IndexFullScan_12    | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:a(a) | keep
   ↪  order:true, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------------+---------
   ↪
```

The optimizer generates two types of plan for this query: `Limit + IndexScan(keep ↪ order: true)` and `TopN + IndexScan(keep order: false)`. When the `ORDER_INDEX` hint is used, the optimizer chooses the first plan that reads the index in order.

> **Note:**

- If the query itself does not need to read the index in order (that is, without a hint, the optimizer does not generate a plan that reads the index in order in any situation), when the `ORDER_INDEX` hint is used, the error `Can't find a proper physical plan for this query` occurs. In this case, you need to remove the corresponding `ORDER_INDEX` hint.
- The index on a partitioned table cannot be read in order, so do not use the `ORDER_INDEX` hint on the partitioned table and its related indexes.

NO_ORDER_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])

The `NO_ORDER_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to use only the given index for a specified table and not to read the specified index in order. This hint is usually applied in the following scenario.

The following example shows that the effect of the query statement is equivalent to `SELECT * FROM t t1 use index(idx1, idx2);`:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT, key(a), key(b));
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ NO_ORDER_INDEX(t, a) */ a FROM t ORDER BY a LIMIT 10;
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+----------+-----------+-------------------+--------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object     | operator
   ↪ info               |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+----------+-----------+-------------------+--------
   ↪
| TopN_7                    | 10.00   | root     |                   | test.t.a,
   ↪  offset:0, count:10 |
| ─IndexReader_14           | 10.00   | root     |                   | index:
   ↪ TopN_13                |
|   ─TopN_13                | 10.00   | cop[tikv] |                   | test.t.a
   ↪ , offset:0, count:10 |
|     ─IndexFullScan_12     | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:a(a) |
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+----------+-----------+-------------------+--------
   ↪
```

The same as the example of `ORDER_INDEX` hint, the optimizer generates two types of plans for this query: `Limit + IndexScan(keep order: true)` and `TopN + IndexScan(` ↪ `keep order: false)`. When the `NO_ORDER_INDEX` hint is used, the optimizer will choose the latter plan to read the index out of order.

AGG_TO_COP()

The `AGG_TO_COP()` hint tells the optimizer to push down the aggregate operation in the specified query block to the coprocessor. If the optimizer does not push down some aggregate function that is suitable for pushdown, then it is recommended to use this hint. For example:

```
select /*+ AGG_TO_COP() */ sum(t1.a) from t t1;
```

LIMIT_TO_COP()

The `LIMIT_TO_COP()` hint tells the optimizer to push down the `Limit` and `TopN` operators in the specified query block to the coprocessor. If the optimizer does not perform such an operation, it is recommended to use this hint. For example:

```
SELECT /*+ LIMIT_TO_COP() */ * FROM t WHERE a = 1 AND b > 10 ORDER BY c
    ↪ LIMIT 1;
```

READ_FROM_STORAGE(TIFLASH[t1_name [, tl_name ...]], TIKV[t2_name [, tl_name ...]])

The `READ_FROM_STORAGE(TIFLASH[t1_name [, tl_name ...]], TIKV[t2_name [, tl_name ...]])` hint tells the optimizer to read specific table(s) from specific storage engine(s). Currently, this hint supports two storage engine parameters - `TIKV` and `TIFLASH`. If a table has an alias, use the alias as the parameter of `READ_FROM_STORAGE()`; if the table does not have an alias, use the table's original name as the parameter. For example:

```
select /*+ READ_FROM_STORAGE(TIFLASH[t1], TIKV[t2]) */ t1.a from t t1, t
    ↪ t2 where t1.a = t2.a;
```

USE_INDEX_MERGE(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])

The `USE_INDEX_MERGE(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])` hint tells the optimizer to access a specific table with the index merge method. Index merge has two types: intersection type and union type. For details, see Explain Statements Using Index Merge.

If you explicitly specify the list of indexes, TiDB selects indexes from the list to build index merge; if you do not specify the list of indexes, TiDB selects indexes from all available indexes to build index merge.

For the intersection-type index merge, the given list of indexes is a required parameter in the hint. For the union-type index merge, the given list of indexes is an optional parameter in the hint. See the following example.

```
SELECT /*+ USE_INDEX_MERGE(t1, idx_a, idx_b, idx_c) */ * FROM t1 WHERE t1.
    ↪ a > 10 OR t1.b > 10;
```

When multiple `USE_INDEX_MERGE` hints are made to the same table, the optimizer tries to select the index from the union of the index sets specified by these hints.

> **Note:**
>
> The parameters of `USE_INDEX_MERGE` refer to index names, rather than column names. The index name of the primary key is `primary`.

LEADING(t1_name [, tl_name ...])

The `LEADING(t1_name [, tl_name ...])` hint reminds the optimizer that, when generating the execution plan, to determine the order of multi-table joins according to the order of table names specified in the hint. For example:

```
SELECT /*+ LEADING(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2, t3 WHERE t1.id = t2.id and t2.
    ↪ id = t3.id;
```

In the above query with multi-table joins, the order of joins is determined by the order of table names specified in the `LEADING()` hint. The optimizer will first join `t1` and `t2` and then join the result with `t3`. This hint is more general than `STRAIGHT_JOIN`.

The `LEADING` hint does not take effect in the following situations:

- Multiple `LEADING` hints are specified.
- The table name specified in the `LEADING` hint does not exist.
- A duplicated table name is specified in the `LEADING` hint.
- The optimizer cannot perform join operations according to the order as specified by the `LEADING` hint.
- The `straight_join()` hint already exists.
- The query contains an outer join together with the Cartesian product.

In the preceding situations, a warning is generated.

```
-- Multiple `LEADING` hints are specified.
SELECT /*+ LEADING(t1, t2) LEADING(t3) */ * FROM t1, t2, t3 WHERE t1.id =
    ↪ t2.id and t2.id = t3.id;

-- To learn why the `LEADING` hint fails to take effect, execute `show
    ↪ warnings`.
SHOW WARNINGS;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1815 | We can only use one leading hint at most, when multiple
    ↪ leading hints are used, all leading hints will be invalid |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

Note:

If the query statement includes an outer join, in the hint you can specify only the tables whose join order can be swapped. If there is a table in the hint whose join order cannot be swapped, the hint will be invalid. For example, in `SELECT * FROM t1 LEFT JOIN (t2 JOIN t3 JOIN t4)ON t1.a = t2.a;`, if you want to control the join order of `t2`, `t3`, and `t4` tables, you cannot specify `t1` in the `LEADING` hint.

MERGE()

Using the `MERGE()` hint in queries with common table expressions (CTE) can disable the materialization of the subqueries and expand the subquery inlines into CTE. This hint is only applicable to non-recursive CTE. In some scenarios, using `MERGE()` brings higher execution efficiency than the default behavior of allocating a temporary space. For example, pushing down query conditions or in nesting CTE queries:

```
-- Uses the hint to push down the predicate of the outer query.
WITH CTE AS (SELECT /*+ MERGE() */ * FROM tc WHERE tc.a < 60) SELECT * FROM
    ↪  CTE WHERE CTE.a < 18;

-- Uses the hint in a nested CTE query to expand a CTE inline into the
    ↪ outer query.
WITH CTE1 AS (SELECT * FROM t1), CTE2 AS (WITH CTE3 AS (SELECT /*+ MERGE()
    ↪ */ * FROM t2), CTE4 AS (SELECT * FROM t3) SELECT * FROM CTE3, CTE4)
    ↪ SELECT * FROM CTE1, CTE2;
```

Note:

`MERGE()` is only applicable to simple CTE queries. It is not applicable in the following situations:

- Recursive CTE
- Subqueries with inlines that cannot be expanded, such as aggregate operators, window functions, and `DISTINCT`.

When the number of CTE references is too high, the query performance might be lower than the default materialization behavior.

11.3.4.2.3 Hints that take effect globally

The global hint works in views. When specified as a global hint, the hint defined in a query can take effect inside the view. To specify a global hint, first use the `QB_NAME` hint to define a query block name, and then add the target hints in the form of `ViewName@QueryBlockName`.

Step 1: Define the query block name of the view using the `QB_NAME` hint

Use the `QB_NAME` hint to define a new name for each query block of the view. The definition of the `QB_NAME` hint for views is the same as that for query blocks, but the syntax is extended from `QB_NAME(QB)` to `QB_NAME(QB, ViewName@QueryBlockName [. ViewName@QueryBlockName .ViewName@QueryBlockName ...])`.

Note:

There is a white space between `@QueryBlockName` and the immediately following `.ViewName@QueryBlockName`. Otherwise, the `.ViewName@QueryBlockName` will be treated as a part of the `QueryBlockName`. For example, `QB_NAME(v2_1, v2@SEL_1 .@SEL_1)` is valid, while `QB_NAME(v2_1, v2@SEL_1.@SEL_1)` cannot be parsed correctly.

- For a simple statement with a single view and no subqueries, the following example specifies the first query block name of view `v`:

```
SELECT /* Comment: The name of the current query block is the default
    ↪ @SEL_1 */ * FROM v;
```

For view `v`, the first view name in the list (`ViewName@QueryBlockName [. ViewName@QueryBlockName .ViewName@QueryBlockName ...]`) starting from the query statement is `v@SEL_1`. The first query block of the view `v` can be declared as `QB_NAME(v_1, v@SEL_1 .@SEL_1)`, or simply written as `QB_NAME(v_1, v)`, omitting `@SEL_1`:

```
CREATE VIEW v AS SELECT /* Comment: The name of the current query
    ↪ block is the default @SEL_1 */ * FROM t;

-- Specifies the global hint
SELECT /*+ QB_NAME(v_1, v) USE_INDEX(t@v_1, idx) */ * FROM v;
```

- For a complex statement with nested views and subqueries, the following example specifies the names for each of two query blocks of the view `v1` and `v2`:

```
SELECT /* Comment: The name of the current query block is the default
    ↪  @SEL_1 */ * FROM v2 JOIN (
    SELECT /* Comment: The name of the current query block is the
        ↪ default @SEL_2 */ * FROM v2) vv;
```

For the first view `v2`, the first view name in the list starting from the first query statement is `v2@SEL_1`. For the second view `v2`, the first view name is `v2@SEL_2`. The following example only considers the first view `v2`.

The first query block of view `v2` can be declared as `QB_NAME(v2_1, v2@SEL_1 .@SEL ↪ _1)`, and the second query block of the view `v2` can be declared as `QB_NAME(v2_2, ↪  v2@SEL_1 .@SEL_2)`:

```
CREATE VIEW v2 AS
    SELECT * FROM t JOIN /* Comment: For view v2, the name of the
        ↪ current query block is the default @SEL_1. So, the current
        ↪ query block view list is v2@SEL_1 .@SEL_1 */
    (
        SELECT COUNT(*) FROM t1 JOIN v1 /* Comment: For view v2, the
            ↪ name of the current query block is the default @SEL_2.
            ↪ So, the current query block view list is v2@SEL_1 .@SEL_
            ↪ 2 */
    ) tt;
```

For view `v1`, the first view name in the list starting from the preceding statement is `v2@SEL_1 .v1@SEL_2`. The first query block in view `v1` can be declared as `QB_NAME ↪ (v1_1, v2@SEL_1 .v1@SEL_2 .@SEL_1)`, and the second query block in view `v1` can be declared as `QB_NAME(v1_2, v2@SEL_1 .v1@SEL_2 .@SEL_2)`:

```
CREATE VIEW v1 AS SELECT * FROM t JOIN /* Comment: For view `v1`, the
    ↪ name of the current query block is the default @SEL_1. So, the
    ↪ current query block view list is v2@SEL_1 .@SEL_2 .v1@SEL_1 */
    (
        SELECT COUNT(*) FROM t1 JOIN t2 /* Comment: For view `v1`, the
            ↪ name of the current query block is the default @SEL_2.
            ↪ So, the current query block view list is v2@SEL_1 .@SEL_
            ↪ 2 .v1@SEL_2 */
```

```
) tt;
```

Note:

- To use global hints with views, you must define the corresponding `QB_NAME` hints in the view. Otherwise, the global hints will not take effect.
- When using a hint to specify multiple table names in a view, you need to ensure that the table names appearing in the same hint are in the same query block of the same view.
- When you define the `QB_NAME` hint in a view for the outermost query block:
  - For the first item of the view list in the `QB_NAME`, if the `@SEL_` is not explicitly declared, the default is consistent with the query block position where the `QB_NAME` is defined. That is, the query `SELECT /*+ QB_NAME(qb1, v2)*/ * FROM v2 JOIN (SELECT /*+ QB_NAME(qb2, v2)*/ * FROM v2)vv;` is equivalent to `SELECT /*+ QB_NAME(qb1, v2@SEL_1)*/ * FROM v2 JOIN (SELECT /*+ QB_NAME(qb2, v2@SEL_2)*/ * FROM v2)vv;`.
  - For items other than the first item of the view list in the `QB_NAME`, only `@SEL_1` can be omitted. That is, if `@SEL_1` is declared in the first query block of the current view, `@SEL_1` can be omitted. Otherwise, `@SEL_` cannot be omitted. For the preceding example:
    - The first query block of the view `v2` can be declared as `QB_NAME(v2_1, v2)`.
    - The second query block of the view `v2` can be declared as `QB_NAME(v2_2, v2.@SEL_2)`.
    - The first query block of the view `v1` can be declared as `QB_NAME(v1_1, v2.v1@SEL_2)`.
    - The second query block of the view `v1` can be declared as `QB_NAME(v1_2, v2.v1@SEL_2 .@SEL_2)`.

Step 2: Add the target hints

After defining the `QB_NAME` hint for query blocks of the view, you can add required hints that take effect in query blocks in the form of `ViewName@QueryBlockName` to make them effective inside the view. For example:

- Specify the `MERGE_JOIN()` hint for the first query block of the view `v2`:

```
SELECT /*+ QB_NAME(v2_1, v2) merge_join(t@v2_1) */ * FROM v2;
```

- Specify the `MERGE_JOIN()` and `STREAM_AGG()` hints for the second query block of the view `v2`:

```
SELECT /*+ QB_NAME(v2_2, v2.@SEL_2) merge_join(t1@v2_2) stream_agg(
    ↪ @v2_2) */ * FROM v2;
```

- Specify the `HASH_JOIN()` hint for the first query block of the view `v1`:

```
SELECT /*+ QB_NAME(v1_1, v2.v1@SEL_2) hash_join(t@v1_1) */ * FROM v2;
```

- Specify the `HASH_JOIN()` and `HASH_AGG()` hints for the second query block of the view `v1`:

```
SELECT /*+ QB_NAME(v1_2, v2.v1@SEL_2 .@SEL_2) hash_join(t1@v1_2) hash
    ↪ _agg(@v1_2) */ * FROM v2;
```

11.3.4.2.4 Hints that take effect in the whole query

This category of hints can only follow behind the **first** `SELECT`, `UPDATE` or `DELETE` keyword, which is equivalent to modifying the value of the specified system variable when this query is executed. The priority of the hint is higher than that of existing system variables.

> **Note:**
>
> This category of hints also has an optional hidden variable `@QB_NAME`, but the hint takes effect in the whole query even if you specify the variable.

NO_INDEX_MERGE()

The `NO_INDEX_MERGE()` hint disables the index merge feature of the optimizer.

For example, the following query will not use index merge:

```
select /*+ NO_INDEX_MERGE() */ * from t where t.a > 0 or t.b > 0;
```

In addition to this hint, setting the `tidb_enable_index_merge` system variable also controls whether to enable this feature.

> **Note:**

- `NO_INDEX_MERGE` has a higher priority over `USE_INDEX_MERGE`. When both hints are used, `USE_INDEX_MERGE` does not take effect.
- For a subquery, `NO_INDEX_MERGE` only takes effect when it is placed at the outermost level of the subquery.

USE_TOJA(boolean_value)

The `boolean_value` parameter can be `TRUE` or `FALSE`. The `USE_TOJA(TRUE)` hint enables the optimizer to convert an `in` condition (containing a sub-query) to join and aggregation operations. Comparatively, the `USE_TOJA(FALSE)` hint disables this feature.

For example, the following query will convert `in (select t2.a from t2)subq` to corresponding join and aggregation operations:

```
select /*+ USE_TOJA(TRUE) */ t1.a, t1.b from t1 where t1.a in (select t2.a
    ↪ from t2) subq;
```

In addition to this hint, setting the `tidb_opt_insubq_to_join_and_agg` system variable also controls whether to enable this feature.

MAX_EXECUTION_TIME(N)

The `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME(N)` hint places a limit `N` (a timeout value in milliseconds) on how long a statement is permitted to execute before the server terminates it. In the following hint, `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME(1000)` means that the timeout is 1000 milliseconds (that is, 1 second):

```
select /*+ MAX_EXECUTION_TIME(1000) */ * from t1 inner join t2 where t1.id
    ↪  = t2.id;
```

In addition to this hint, the `global.max_execution_time` system variable can also limit the execution time of a statement.

MEMORY_QUOTA(N)

The `MEMORY_QUOTA(N)` hint places a limit `N` (a threshold value in MB or GB) on how much memory a statement is permitted to use. When a statement's memory usage exceeds this limit, TiDB produces a log message based on the statement's over-limit behavior or just terminates it.

In the following hint, `MEMORY_QUOTA(1024 MB)` means that the memory usage is limited to 1024 MB:

```
select /*+ MEMORY_QUOTA(1024 MB) */ * from t;
```

In addition to this hint, the `tidb_mem_quota_query` system variable can also limit the memory usage of a statement.

READ_CONSISTENT_REPLICA()

The `READ_CONSISTENT_REPLICA()` hint enables the feature of reading consistent data from the TiKV follower node. For example:

```
select /*+ READ_CONSISTENT_REPLICA() */ * from t;
```

In addition to this hint, setting the `tidb_replica_read` environment variable to `'follower'` or `'leader'` also controls whether to enable this feature.

IGNORE_PLAN_CACHE()

The `IGNORE_PLAN_CACHE()` hint reminds the optimizer not to use the Plan Cache when handling the current `prepare` statement.

This hint is used to temporarily disable the Plan Cache for a certain type of queries when prepare-plan-cache is enabled.

In the following example, the Plan Cache is forcibly disabled when executing the `prepare` statement.

```
prepare stmt from 'select /*+ IGNORE_PLAN_CACHE() */ * from t where t.id = ?';
```

SET_VAR(VAR_NAME=VAR_VALUE)

You can temporarily modify the value of system variables during statement execution by using the `SET_VAR(VAR_NAME=VAR_VALUE)` hint. After the statement is executed, the value of the system variable in the current session is automatically restored to the original value. This hint can be used to modify some system variables related to the optimizer and executor. For a list of system variables that can be modified using this hint, refer to System Variables.

Warning:

- It is strongly recommended not to modify variables that are not explicitly supported, as this might cause unpredictable behavior.
- Do not write `SET_VAR` in subqueries. Otherwise it might not take effect. For more information, see `SET_VAR` does not take effect when written in subqueries.

The following is an example:

```
SELECT /*+ SET_VAR(MAX_EXECUTION_TIME=1234) */ @@MAX_EXECUTION_TIME;
SELECT @@MAX_EXECUTION_TIME;
```

After executing the preceding SQL statements, the first query returns the value `1234` set in the hint, instead of the default value of `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME`. The second query returns the default value of the variable.

```
+----------------------+
| @@MAX_EXECUTION_TIME |
+----------------------+
|                 1234 |
+----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
+----------------------+
| @@MAX_EXECUTION_TIME |
+----------------------+
|                    0 |
+----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

STRAIGHT_JOIN()

The `STRAIGHT_JOIN()` hint reminds the optimizer to join tables in the order of table names in the `FROM` clause when generating the join plan.

```
SELECT /*+ STRAIGHT_JOIN() */ * FROM t t1, t t2 WHERE t1.a = t2.a;
```

Note:

- `STRAIGHT_JOIN` has higher priority over `LEADING`. When both hints are used, `LEADING` does not take effect.
- It is recommended to use the `LEADING` hint, which is more general than the `STRAIGHT_JOIN` hint.

NTH_PLAN(N)

The `NTH_PLAN(N)` hint reminds the optimizer to select the `N`th physical plan found during the physical optimization. `N` must be a positive integer.

If the specified `N` is beyond the search range of the physical optimization, TiDB will return a warning and select the optimal physical plan based on the strategy that ignores this hint.

This hint does not take effect when the cascades planner is enabled.

In the following example, the optimizer is forced to select the third physical plan found during the physical optimization:

```
SELECT /*+ NTH_PLAN(3) */ count(*) from t where a > 5;
```

> **Note:**
>
> `NTH_PLAN(N)` is mainly used for testing, and its compatibility is not guaranteed in later versions. Use this hint **with caution**.

RESOURCE_GROUP(resource_group_name)

`RESOURCE_GROUP(resource_group_name)` is used for Resource Control to isolate resources. This hint temporarily executes the current statement using the specified resource group. If the specified resource group does not exist, this hint will be ignored.

Example:

```
SELECT /*+ RESOURCE_GROUP(rg1) */ * FROM t limit 10;
```

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v8.2.0, TiDB introduces privilege control for this hint. When the system variable `tidb_resource_control_strict_mode` is set to `ON`, you need to have the `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_USER` privilege to use this hint. If you do not have the required privilege, this hint is ignored, and TiDB returns a warning. You can view the details by executing `SHOW WARNINGS;` after the query.

11.3.4.2.5 Troubleshoot common issues that hints do not take effect

Hints do not take effect because your MySQL command-line client strips hints

MySQL command-line clients earlier than 5.7.7 strip optimizer hints by default. If you want to use the Hint syntax in these earlier versions, add the `--comments` option when starting the client. For example: `mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -uroot --comments`.

Hints do not take effect because the database name is not specified

If you do not specify the database name when creating a connection, hints might not take effect. For example:

When connecting to TiDB, you use the `mysql -h127.0.0.1 -P4000 -uroot` command without the `-D` option, and then execute the following SQL statements:

```
SELECT /*+ use_index(t, a) */ a FROM test.t;
SHOW WARNINGS;
```

Because TiDB cannot identify the database for table `t`, the `use_index(t, a)` hint does not take effect.

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪                                                                |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1815 | use_index(.t, a) is inapplicable, check whether the
    ↪ table(.t) exists |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Hints do not take effect because the database name is not explicitly specified in cross-table queries

When executing cross-table queries, you need to explicitly specify database names. Otherwise, hints might not take effect. For example:

```
USE test1;
CREATE TABLE t1(a INT, KEY(a));
USE test2;
CREATE TABLE t2(a INT, KEY(a));
SELECT /*+ use_index(t1, a) */ * FROM test1.t1, t2;
SHOW WARNINGS;
```

In the preceding statements, because table `t1` is not in the current `test2` database, the `use_index(t1, a)` hint does not take effect.

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪                                                                |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1815 | use_index(test2.t1, a) is inapplicable, check whether
    ↪ the table(test2.t1) exists |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

```
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this case, you need to specify the database name explicitly by using `use_index(test1.t1, a)` instead of `use_index(t1, a)`.

Hints do not take effect because they are placed in wrong locations

Hints cannot take effect if they are not placed directly after the specific keywords. For example:

```
SELECT * /*+ use_index(t, a) */ FROM t;
SHOW WARNINGS;
```

The warning is as follows:

```
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Warning | 1064 | You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual
   ↪ that corresponds to your TiDB version for the right syntax to use [
   ↪ parser:8066]Optimizer hint can only be followed by certain keywords
   ↪ like SELECT, INSERT, etc. |
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

In this case, you need to place the hint directly after the `SELECT` keyword. For more details, see the Syntax section.

`INL_JOIN` hint does not take effect

`INL_JOIN` hint does not take effect when built-in functions are used on columns for joining tables

In some cases, if you use a built-in function on a column that joins tables, the optimizer might fail to choose the `IndexJoin` plan, resulting in the `INL_JOIN` hint not taking effect either.

For example, the following query uses the built-in function `substr` on the column `tname` that joins tables:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id varchar(10) primary key, tname varchar(10));
CREATE TABLE t2 (id varchar(10) primary key, tname varchar(10));
```

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ INL_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id=t2.id and
    ↪ SUBSTR(t1.tname,1,2)=SUBSTR(t2.tname,1,2);
```

The execution plan is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object | operator
    ↪ info                                                |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
| HashJoin_12                 | 12500.00 | root    |               | inner join,
    ↪ equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.id) eq(Column#5, Column#6)] |
|  ─Projection_17(Build)    | 10000.00 | root    |               | test.t2.id,
    ↪  test.t2.tname, substr(test.t2.tname, 1, 2)->Column#6 |
|    ─TableReader_19        | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_18                                    |
|      ─TableFullScan_18    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2 | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo                                 |
|  ─Projection_14(Probe)    | 10000.00 | root    |               | test.t1.id,
    ↪  test.t1.tname, substr(test.t1.tname, 1, 2)->Column#5 |
|    ─TableReader_16        | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_15                                    |
|      ─TableFullScan_15    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo                                 |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
7 rows in set, 1 warning (0.01 sec)
```

```
SHOW WARNINGS;
```

```
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪                                                                |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1815 | Optimizer Hint /*+ INL_JOIN(t1, t2) */ or /*+ TIDB_INLJ(
    ↪ t1, t2) */ is inapplicable |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

As you can see from the preceding example, the `INL_JOIN` hint does not take effect. This is due to a limitation of the optimizer that prevents using the `Projection` or `Selection` operator as the probe side of `IndexJoin`.

Starting from TiDB v8.0.0, you can avoid this issue by setting `tidb_enable_inl_join_inner_multi_pattern` to `ON`.

```
SET @@tidb_enable_inl_join_inner_multi_pattern=ON;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ INL_JOIN(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id=t2.id AND
    ↪ SUBSTR(t1.tname,1,2)=SUBSTR(t2.tname,1,2);
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+--------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows     | task     | access object |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+--------
    ↪
| IndexJoin_18                | 12500.00    | root     |               | inner
    ↪ join, inner:Projection_14, outer key:test.t1.id, inner key:test.t2.id
    ↪ , equal cond:eq(Column#5, Column#6), eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.id) |
| ├─Projection_32(Build)      | 10000.00    | root     |               | test.t1.
    ↪ id, test.t1.tname, substr(test.t1.tname, 1, 2)->Column#5
    ↪                                                                 |
| │ └─TableReader_34          | 10000.00    | root     |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_33
    ↪
    ↪ |
| │   └─TableFullScan_33      | 10000.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1    | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
| └─Projection_14(Probe)      | 100000000.00 | root    |               | test.t2.
    ↪ id, test.t2.tname, substr(test.t2.tname, 1, 2)->Column#6
    ↪                                                                 |
|   └─TableReader_13          | 10000.00    | root     |               | data:
    ↪ TableRangeScan_12
    ↪
    ↪ |
|     └─TableRangeScan_12     | 10000.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t2    | range:
    ↪ decided by [eq(test.t2.id, test.t1.id)], keep order:false, stats:
    ↪ pseudo                                                          |
```

```
+--
    ↪ --------------------------+-------------+----------+--------------+-------
    ↪
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

`INL_JOIN`, `INL_HASH_JOIN`, and `INL_MERGE_JOIN` hints do not take effect due to collation incompatibility

When the collation of the join key is incompatible between two tables, the `IndexJoin` operator cannot be utilized to execute the query. In this case, the `INL_JOIN`, `INL_HASH_JOIN`, and `INL_MERGE_JOIN` hints do not take effect. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (k varchar(8), key(k)) COLLATE=utf8mb4_general_ci;
CREATE TABLE t2 (k varchar(8), key(k)) COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ tidb_inlj(t1) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.k=t2.k;
```

The execution plan is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ --------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object      |
    ↪ operator info                              |
+--
    ↪ --------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+------
    ↪
| HashJoin_19               | 12487.50 | root    |                    | inner
    ↪ join, equal:[eq(test.t1.k, test.t2.k)] |
| ─IndexReader_24(Build)  | 9990.00 | root     |                     | index:
    ↪ IndexFullScan_23                  |
|   ─IndexFullScan_23     | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2, index:k(k) |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo    |
| ─IndexReader_22(Probe)  | 9990.00 | root     |                     | index:
    ↪ IndexFullScan_21                  |
|   ─IndexFullScan_21     | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:k(k) |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo    |
+--
    ↪ --------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+------
    ↪
5 rows in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```

In the preceding statements, the collations of `t1.k` and `t2.k` are incompatible (`utf8mb4_` ↪ `general_ci` and `utf8mb4_bin` respectively), which prevents the `INL_JOIN` or `TIDB_INLJ` hint from taking effect.

```
SHOW WARNINGS;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪                                                                 |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1815 | Optimizer Hint /*+ INL_JOIN(t1) */ or /*+ TIDB_INLJ(t1)
    ↪ */ is inapplicable |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

`INL_JOIN` hint does not take effect due to join order

The `INL_JOIN(t1, t2)` or `TIDB_INLJ(t1, t2)` hint semantically instructs `t1` and `t2` to act as inner tables in an `IndexJoin` operator to join with other tables, rather than directly joining them using an `IndexJoin` operator. For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ inl_join(t1, t3) */ * FROM t1, t2, t3 WHERE t1.id = t2.
    ↪ id AND t2.id = t3.id AND t1.id = t3.id;
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+--------
    ↪
| id                            | estRows | task     | access object | operator
    ↪  info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+--------
    ↪
| IndexJoin_16                  | 15625.00 | root     |               | inner join
    ↪ , inner:TableReader_13, outer key:test.t2.id, test.t1.id, inner key:
    ↪ test.t3.id, test.t3.id, equal cond:eq(test.t1.id, test.t3.id), eq(
    ↪ test.t2.id, test.t3.id) |
|  ─IndexJoin_34(Build)         | 12500.00 | root     |               | inner
    ↪ join, inner:TableReader_31, outer key:test.t2.id, inner key:test.t1.
    ↪ id, equal cond:eq(test.t2.id, test.t1.id)
    ↪                                    |
|    ─TableReader_40(Build)     | 10000.00 | root     |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_39
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      ─TableFullScan_39        | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2 | keep
```

```
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    └─TableReader_31(Probe)    | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
    ↪ TableRangeScan_30
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      └─TableRangeScan_30      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | range:
    ↪ decided by [test.t2.id], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  └─TableReader_13(Probe)      | 12500.00 | root    |              | data:
    ↪ TableRangeScan_12
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    └─TableRangeScan_12        | 12500.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t3 | range:
    ↪ decided by [test.t2.id test.t1.id], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+--------
    ↪
```

In the preceding example, `t1` and `t3` are not directly joined together by an `IndexJoin`.

To perform a direct `IndexJoin` between `t1` and `t3`, you can first use `LEADING(t1, t3)` hint to specify the join order of `t1` and `t3`, and then use the `INL_JOIN` hint to specify the join algorithm. For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ leading(t1, t3), inl_join(t3) */ * FROM t1, t2, t3 WHERE
    ↪  t1.id = t2.id AND t2.id = t3.id AND t1.id = t3.id;
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+--------
    ↪
| id                            | estRows | task     | access object | operator
    ↪  info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+--------
    ↪
| Projection_12                 | 15625.00 | root    |               | test.t1.id
    ↪ , test.t1.name, test.t2.id, test.t2.name, test.t3.id, test.t3.name
    ↪                             |
|  └─HashJoin_21                | 15625.00 | root    |               | inner
    ↪ join, equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.id) eq(test.t3.id, test.t2.id)]
```

```
    ↪                                |
|    ─TableReader_36(Build)    | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_35
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      ─TableFullScan_35       | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2 | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    ─IndexJoin_28(Probe)      | 12500.00 | root    |              | inner
    ↪ join, inner:TableReader_25, outer key:test.t1.id, inner key:test.t3.
    ↪ id, equal cond:eq(test.t1.id, test.t3.id) |
|      ─TableReader_34(Build)  | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_33
    ↪
    ↪ |
|        ─TableFullScan_33     | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep
    ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      ─TableReader_25(Probe)  | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
    ↪ TableRangeScan_24
    ↪
    ↪ |
|        ─TableRangeScan_24    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t3 | range:
    ↪ decided by [test.t1.id], keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪                                          |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+---------
    ↪
9 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Using hints causes the `Can't find a proper physical plan for this query` error

The `Can't find a proper physical plan for this query` error might occur in the following scenarios:

- A query itself does not require reading indexes in order. That is, for this query, the optimizer does not generate a plan to read indexes in order in any case without using hints. In this case, if the `ORDER_INDEX` hint is specified, this error occurs. To resolve this issue, remove the corresponding `ORDER_INDEX` hint.
- A query excludes all possible join methods by using the `NO_JOIN` related hints.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT);
CREATE TABLE t2 (a INT);
```

```
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ NO_HASH_JOIN(t1), NO_MERGE_JOIN(t1) */ * FROM t1, t2
    ↪ WHERE t1.a=t2.a;
ERROR 1815 (HY000): Internal : Can't find a proper physical plan for this
    ↪ query
```

- The system variable `tidb_opt_enable_hash_join` is set to `OFF`, and all other join types are also excluded.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT);
CREATE TABLE t2 (a INT);
set tidb_opt_enable_hash_join=off;
EXPLAIN SELECT /*+ NO_MERGE_JOIN(t1) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.a=t2.a;
ERROR 1815 (HY000): Internal : Can't find a proper physical plan for this
    ↪ query
```

`SET_VAR` does not take effect when written in subqueries

`SET_VAR` is used to modify the value of system variables for the current statement. Do not write it in subqueries. If you write it in a subquery, `SET_VAR` might not take effect due to the special handling of subqueries.

In the following example, `SET_VAR` is written in the subquery, so it does not take effect.

```
mysql> SELECT @@MAX_EXECUTION_TIME, a FROM (SELECT /*+ SET_VAR(MAX_
    ↪ EXECUTION_TIME=123) */ 1 as a) t;
+----------------------+---+
| @@MAX_EXECUTION_TIME | a |
+----------------------+---+
|                    0 | 1 |
+----------------------+---+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, `SET_VAR` is not written in a subquery, so it takes effect.

```
mysql> SELECT /*+ SET_VAR(MAX_EXECUTION_TIME=123) */ @@MAX_EXECUTION_TIME,
    ↪ a FROM (SELECT 1 as a) t;
+----------------------+---+
| @@MAX_EXECUTION_TIME | a |
+----------------------+---+
|                  123 | 1 |
+----------------------+---+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.4.3 SQL Plan Management (SPM)

SQL Plan Management is a set of functions that execute SQL bindings to manually interfere with SQL execution plans. These functions include SQL binding, baseline capturing, and baseline evolution.

11.3.4.3.1 SQL binding

An SQL binding is the basis of SPM. The Optimizer Hints document introduces how to select a specific execution plan using hints. However, sometimes you need to interfere with execution selection without modifying SQL statements. With SQL bindings, you can select a specified execution plan without modifying SQL statements.

> **Note:**
>
> To use SQL bindings, you need to have the `SUPER` privilege. If TiDB prompts that you do not have sufficient privileges, see Privilege Management to add the required privileges.

Create a binding

You can create a binding for a SQL statement according to a SQL statement or a historical execution plan.

Create a binding according to a SQL statement

```
CREATE [GLOBAL | SESSION] BINDING [FOR BindableStmt] USING BindableStmt;
```

This statement binds SQL execution plans at the GLOBAL or SESSION level. Currently, supported bindable SQL statements (BindableStmt) in TiDB include `SELECT`, `DELETE`, `UPDATE`, and `INSERT` / `REPLACE` with `SELECT` subqueries. The following is an example:

```
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING USING SELECT /*+ use_index(orders, orders_book_id_
    ↪ idx) */ * FROM orders;
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM orders USING SELECT /*+ use_index(
    ↪ orders, orders_book_id_idx) */ * FROM orders;
```

> **Note:**
>
> Bindings have higher priority over manually added hints. Therefore, when you execute a statement containing a hint while a corresponding binding is present, the hint controlling the behavior of the optimizer does not take effect. However, other types of hints are still effective.

Specifically, two types of these statements cannot be bound to execution plans due to syntax conflicts. A syntax error will be reported during binding creation. See the following examples:

```
-- Type one: Statements that get the Cartesian product by using the `JOIN`
    ↪  keyword and not specifying the associated columns with the `USING`
    ↪ keyword.
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING for
    SELECT * FROM orders o1 JOIN orders o2
USING
    SELECT * FROM orders o1 JOIN orders o2;

-- Type two: `DELETE` statements that contain the `USING` keyword.
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING for
    DELETE FROM users USING users JOIN orders ON users.id = orders.user_id
USING
    DELETE FROM users USING users JOIN orders ON users.id = orders.user_id;
```

You can bypass syntax conflicts by using equivalent statements. For example, you can rewrite the above statements in the following ways:

```
-- Rewrite of type one statements: Delete the `JOIN` keyword. Replace it
    ↪ with a comma.
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING for
    SELECT * FROM orders o1, orders o2
USING
    SELECT * FROM orders o1, orders o2;

-- Rewrite of type two statements: Remove the `USING` keyword from the `
    ↪ DELETE` statement.
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING for
    DELETE users FROM users JOIN orders ON users.id = orders.user_id
USING
    DELETE users FROM users JOIN orders ON users.id = orders.user_id;
```

> **Note:**
>
> When creating execution plan bindings for `INSERT` / `REPLACE` statements with `SELECT` subqueries, you need to specify the optimizer hints you want to bind in the `SELECT` subquery, not after the `INSERT` / `REPLACE` keyword. Otherwise, the optimizer hints do not take effect as intended.

Here are two examples:

```
-- The hint takes effect in the following statement.
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING for
    INSERT INTO orders SELECT * FROM pre_orders WHERE status = 'VALID' AND
        ↪ created <= (NOW() - INTERVAL 1 HOUR)
USING
    INSERT INTO orders SELECT /*+ use_index(@sel_1 pre_orders, idx_created)
        ↪  */ * FROM pre_orders WHERE status = 'VALID' AND created <= (NOW
        ↪ () - INTERVAL 1 HOUR);

-- The hint cannot take effect in the following statement.
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING for
    INSERT INTO orders SELECT * FROM pre_orders WHERE status = 'VALID' AND
        ↪ created <= (NOW() - INTERVAL 1 HOUR)
USING
    INSERT /*+ use_index(@sel_1 pre_orders, idx_created) */ INTO orders
        ↪ SELECT * FROM pre_orders WHERE status = 'VALID' AND created <= (
        ↪ NOW() - INTERVAL 1 HOUR);
```

If you do not specify the scope when creating an execution plan binding, the default scope is SESSION. The TiDB optimizer normalizes bound SQL statements and stores them in the system table. When processing SQL queries, if a normalized statement matches one of the bound SQL statements in the system table and the system variable `tidb_use_plan_baselines` is set to `on` (the default value is `on`), TiDB then uses the corresponding optimizer hint for this statement. If there are multiple matchable execution plans, the optimizer chooses the least costly one to bind.

`Normalization` is a process that converts a constant in an SQL statement to a variable parameter and explicitly specifies the database for tables referenced in the query, with standardized processing on the spaces and line breaks in the SQL statement. See the following example:

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE balance > 100
-- After normalization, the above statement is as follows:
SELECT * FROM bookshop . users WHERE balance > ?
```

Note:

In the normalization process, `?` in the `IN` predicate is normalized as `...`.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM books WHERE type IN ('Novel')
SELECT * FROM books WHERE type IN ('Novel','Life','Education')
-- After normalization, the above statements are as follows:
```

```
SELECT * FROM bookshop . books WHERE type IN ( ... )
SELECT * FROM bookshop . books WHERE type IN ( ... )
```

After normalization, `IN` predicates of different lengths are recognized as the same statement, so you only need to create one binding that applies to all these predicates.

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT, KEY(a));
CREATE BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t WHERE a IN (?) USING SELECT
    ↪  /*+ use_index(t, idx_a) */ * FROM t WHERE a in (?);

SELECT * FROM t WHERE a IN (1);
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+--------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+--------------------------+
|                        1 |
+--------------------------+

SELECT * FROM t WHERE a IN (1, 2, 3);
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+--------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+--------------------------+
|                        1 |
+--------------------------+
```

Bindings created in TiDB clusters earlier than v7.4.0 might contain `IN (?)`. After the upgrade to v7.4.0 or a later version, these bindings will be modified to `IN (...)`.

For example:

```
-- Create a binding on v7.3.0
mysql> CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t WHERE a IN (1)
    ↪  USING SELECT /*+ use_index(t, idx_a) */ * FROM t WHERE
    ↪ a IN (1);
mysql> SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------------------+-----------------------------
    ↪
| Original_sql                                | Bind_sql
    ↪                                                                 |
    ↪ Default_db | Status | Create_time        | Update_time
```

```
    ↪          | Charset | Collation      | Source | Sql_digest
    ↪                                                | Plan_
    ↪ digest |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------+-------------------------
    ↪
| select * from `test` . `t` where `a` in ( ? ) | SELECT /*+
    ↪ use_index(`t` `idx_a`)*/ * FROM `test`.`t` WHERE `a` IN
    ↪ (1) | test | enabled | 2024-09-03 15:39:02.695 |
    ↪ 2024-09-03 15:39:02.695 | utf8mb4 | utf8mb4_general_ci |
    ↪ manual | 8
    ↪ b9c4e6ab8fad5ba29b034311dcbfc8a8ce57dde2e2d5d5b65313b90ebcdebf7
    ↪  | |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------+-------------------------
    ↪

-- After the upgrade to v7.4.0 or a later version
mysql> SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------+-------------------------
    ↪
| Original_sql                                  | Bind_sql
    ↪                                                              |
    ↪ Default_db | Status | Create_time        | Update_time
    ↪          | Charset | Collation      | Source | Sql_digest
    ↪                                                | Plan_
    ↪ digest |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------+-------------------------
    ↪
| select * from `test` . `t` where `a` in ( ... ) | SELECT /*+
    ↪ use_index(`t` `idx_a`)*/ * FROM `test`.`t` WHERE `a` IN
    ↪ (1) | test | enabled | 2024-09-03 15:35:59.861 |
    ↪ 2024-09-03 15:35:59.861 | utf8mb4 | utf8mb4_general_ci |
    ↪ manual |
    ↪ da38bf216db4a53e1a1e01c79ffa42306419442ad7238480bb7ac510723c8bdf
    ↪  | |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------+-------------------------
    ↪
```

When a SQL statement has bound execution plans in both GLOBAL and SESSION scopes, because the optimizer ignores the bound execution plan in the GLOBAL scope when it encounters the SESSION binding, the bound execution plan of this statement in the SESSION scope shields the execution plan in the GLOBAL scope.

For example:

```
-- Creates a GLOBAL binding and specifies using `sort merge join` in this
   ↪ binding.
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING for
    SELECT * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id
USING
    SELECT /*+ merge_join(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;

-- The execution plan of this SQL statement uses the `sort merge join`
   ↪ specified in the GLOBAL binding.
explain SELECT * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;

-- Creates another SESSION binding and specifies using `hash join` in this
   ↪  binding.
CREATE BINDING for
    SELECT * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id
USING
    SELECT /*+ hash_join(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;

-- In the execution plan of this statement, `hash join` specified in the
   ↪ SESSION binding is used, instead of `sort merge join` specified in
   ↪ the GLOBAL binding.
explain SELECT * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

When the first `SELECT` statement is being executed, the optimizer adds the `sm_join(` ↪ `t1, t2)` hint to the statement through the binding in the GLOBAL scope. The top node of the execution plan in the `explain` result is MergeJoin. When the second `SELECT` statement is being executed, the optimizer uses the binding in the SESSION scope instead of the binding in the GLOBAL scope and adds the `hash_join(t1, t2)` hint to the statement. The top node of the execution plan in the `explain` result is HashJoin.

Each standardized SQL statement can have only one binding created using `CREATE` ↪ `BINDING` at a time. When multiple bindings are created for the same standardized SQL statement, the last created binding is retained, and all previous bindings (created and evolved) are marked as deleted. But session bindings and global bindings can coexist and are not affected by this logic.

In addition, when you create a binding, TiDB requires that the session is in a database context, which means that a database is specified when the client is connected or `use ${` ↪ `database}` is executed.

The original SQL statement and the bound statement must have the same text after

normalization and hint removal, or the binding will fail. Take the following examples:

- This binding can be created successfully because the texts before and after parameterization and hint removal are the same: `SELECT * FROM test . t WHERE a > ?`

```
CREATE BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t WHERE a > 1 USING SELECT * FROM t
    ↪ use index (idx) WHERE a > 2
```

- This binding will fail because the original SQL statement is processed as `SELECT * ↪ FROM test . t WHERE a > ?`, while the bound SQL statement is processed differently as `SELECT * FROM test . t WHERE b > ?`.

```
CREATE BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t WHERE a > 1 USING SELECT * FROM t
    ↪ use index(idx) WHERE b > 2
```

> **Note:**
>
> For `PREPARE` / `EXECUTE` statements and for queries executed with binary protocols, you need to create execution plan bindings for the real query statements, not for the `PREPARE` / `EXECUTE` statements.

Create a binding according to a historical execution plan

To make the execution plan of a SQL statement fixed to a historical execution plan, you can use Plan Digest to bind that historical execution plan to the SQL statement, which is more convenient than binding it according to a SQL statement. In addition, you can bind the execution plan for multiple SQL statements at once. For more details and examples, see `CREATE [GLOBAL|SESSION] BINDING`.

When using this feature, note the following:

- The feature generates hints according to historical execution plans and uses the generated hints for binding. Because historical execution plans are stored in Statement Summary Tables, before using this feature, you need to enable the `tidb_enable_stmt ↪ _summary` system variable first.
- For TiFlash queries, Join queries with three or more tables, and queries that contain subqueries, the auto-generated hints are not adequate, which might result in the plan not being fully bound. In such cases, a warning will occur when creating a binding.
- If a historical execution plan is for a SQL statement with hints, the hints will be added to the binding. For example, after executing `SELECT /*+ max_execution_ ↪ time(1000)*/ * FROM t`, the binding created with its Plan Digest will include `max_execution_time(1000)`.

The SQL statement of this binding method is as follows:

```
CREATE [GLOBAL | SESSION] BINDING FROM HISTORY USING PLAN DIGEST
    ↪ StringLiteralOrUserVariableList;
```

The preceding statement binds an execution plan to a SQL statement using Plan Digest. The default scope is SESSION. The applicable SQL statements, priorities, scopes, and effective conditions of the created bindings are the same as that of bindings created according to SQL statements.

To use this binding method, you need to first get the Plan Digest corresponding to the target historical execution plan in `statements_summary`, and then create a binding using the Plan Digest. The detailed steps are as follows:

1. Get the Plan Digest corresponding to the target execution plan in `statements_summary`.

   For example:

   ```
   CREATE TABLE t(id INT PRIMARY KEY , a INT, KEY idx_a(a));
   SELECT /*+ IGNORE_INDEX(t, idx_a) */ * FROM t WHERE a = 1;
   SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATEMENTS_SUMMARY WHERE QUERY_SAMPLE
       ↪ _TEXT = 'SELECT /*+ IGNORE_INDEX(t, idx_a) */ * FROM t WHERE a =
       ↪ 1'\G
   ```

   The following is a part of the example query result of `statements_summary`:

   ```
   SUMMARY_BEGIN_TIME: 2022-12-01 19:00:00
   ...........
        DIGEST_TEXT: select * from `t` where `a` = ?
   ...........
        PLAN_DIGEST: 4
           ↪ e3159169cc63c14b139a4e7d72eae1759875c9a9581f94bb2079aae961189cb
           ↪
              PLAN: id                task      estRows operator info
                 ↪                      actRows execution info
                 ↪
                 ↪ memory    disk
                    TableReader_7    root      10     data:Selection_6
                       ↪                    0      time:4.05ms, loops:1,
                       ↪ cop_task: {num: 1, max: 598.6µs, proc_keys: 0,
                       ↪ rpc_num: 2, rpc_time: 609.8µs, copr_cache_hit_
                       ↪ ratio: 0.00, distsql_concurrency: 15} 176 Bytes
                       ↪  N/A
                     └─Selection_6     cop[tikv]  10     eq(test.t.a, 1)
                       ↪                    0      tikv_task:{time:560.8
                       ↪ µs, loops:0}
                       ↪
                       ↪ N/A        N/A
   ```

```
                    └─TableFullScan_5 cop[tikv] 10000 table:t, keep
                      ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo 0 tikv_task:{time
                      ↪ :560.8µs, loops:0}
                      ↪
                      ↪ N/A        N/A
    BINARY_PLAN: 6
       ↪ QOYCuQDCg1UYWJsZVJlYWRlcl83Ev8BCgtTZWxlY3Rpb25fNhKOAQoPBSJQRnVsbFNjYW5f
       ↪ /
       ↪ QSkAAQHwW4jDQDgCQAJKCwoJCgR0ZXN0EgF0Uh5rZWVwIG9yZGVyOmZhbHNlLCBzdGF0czpw
       ↪ ////CQMEAXgJCBD///8
       ↪ BIQFzCDhVQw19BAAkBX0QUg9lcSgBfCAudC5hLCAxKWrmYQAYHOi0gc6hBB1hJAFAAVIQZGF
       ↪ ////////////8BGAE=
```

In this example, you can see that the execution plan corresponding to Plan Digest is `4e3159169cc63c14b139a4e7d72eae1759875c9a9581f94bb2079aae961189cb`.

2. Use Plan Digest to create a binding:

```
CREATE BINDING FROM HISTORY USING PLAN DIGEST '4
   ↪ e3159169cc63c14b139a4e7d72eae1759875c9a9581f94bb2079aae961189cb';
```

To verify whether the created binding takes effect, you can view bindings:

```
SHOW BINDINGS\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
Original_sql: select * from `test` . `t` where `a` = ?
    Bind_sql: SELECT /*+ use_index(@`sel_1` `test`.`t` ) ignore_index(`t` `
       ↪ idx_a`)*/ * FROM `test`.`t` WHERE `a` = 1
       ..........
  Sql_digest: 6909
     ↪ a1bbce5f64ade0a532d7058dd77b6ad5d5068aee22a531304280de48349f
 Plan_digest:
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

ERROR:
No query specified
```

```
SELECT * FROM t WHERE a = 1;
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
```

```
+--------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+--------------------------+
|                        1 |
```

```
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Remove a binding

You can remove a binding according to a SQL statement or SQL Digest.

Remove a binding according to a SQL statement

```
DROP [GLOBAL | SESSION] BINDING FOR BindableStmt;
```

This statement removes a specified execution plan binding at the GLOBAL or SESSION level. The default scope is SESSION.

Generally, the binding in the SESSION scope is mainly used for test or in special situations. For a binding to take effect in all TiDB processes, you need to use the GLOBAL binding. A created SESSION binding shields the corresponding GLOBAL binding until the end of the SESSION, even if the SESSION binding is dropped before the session closes. In this case, no binding takes effect and the plan is selected by the optimizer.

The following example is based on the example in create binding in which the SESSION binding shields the GLOBAL binding:

```
-- Drops the binding created in the SESSION scope.
drop session binding for SELECT * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;

-- Views the SQL execution plan again.
explain SELECT * FROM t1,t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

In the example above, the dropped binding in the SESSION scope shields the corresponding binding in the GLOBAL scope. The optimizer does not add the `sm_join(t1, t2)` hint to the statement. The top node of the execution plan in the `explain` result is not fixed to MergeJoin by this hint. Instead, the top node is independently selected by the optimizer according to the cost estimation.

Remove a binding according to SQL Digest

In addition to removing a binding according to a SQL statement, you can also remove a binding according to SQL Digest. For more details and examples, see DROP [GLOBAL| ↪ SESSION] BINDING.

```
DROP [GLOBAL | SESSION] BINDING FOR SQL DIGEST
    ↪ StringLiteralOrUserVariableList;
```

This statement removes an execution plan binding corresponding to SQL Digest at the GLOBAL or SESSION level. The default scope is SESSION. You can get the SQL Digest by viewing bindings.

Note:

Executing `DROP GLOBAL BINDING` drops the binding in the current tidb-server instance cache and changes the status of the corresponding row in the system table to 'deleted'. This statement does not directly delete the records in the system table, because other tidb-server instances need to read the 'deleted' status to drop the corresponding binding in their cache. For the records in these system tables with the status of 'deleted', at every 100 `bind-info-lease` (the default value is `3s`, and `300s` in total) interval, the background thread triggers an operation of reclaiming and clearing on the bindings of `update_time` before 10 `bind-info-lease` (to ensure that all tidb-server instances have read the 'deleted' status and updated the cache).

Change binding status

Change binding status according to a SQL statement

```
SET BINDING [ENABLED | DISABLED] FOR BindableStmt;
```

You can execute this statement to change the status of a binding. The default status is ENABLED. The effective scope is GLOBAL by default and cannot be modified.

When executing this statement, you can only change the status of a binding from `Disabled` to `Enabled` or from `Enabled` to `Disabled`. If no binding is available for status changes, a warning message is returned, saying `There are no bindings can be set the status. Please check the SQL text`. Note that a binding in `Disabled` status is not used by any query.

Change binding status according to `sql_digest`

In addition to changing the binding status according to a SQL statement, you can also change the binding status according to `sql_digest`:

```
SET BINDING [ENABLED | DISABLED] FOR SQL DIGEST 'sql_digest';
```

The binding status that can be changed by `sql_digest` and the effect is the same as those changed according to a SQL statement. If no binding is available for status changes, a warning message `can't find any binding for 'sql_digest'` is returned.

View bindings

```
SHOW [GLOBAL | SESSION] BINDINGS [ShowLikeOrWhere]
```

This statement outputs the execution plan bindings at the GLOBAL or SESSION level according to the order of binding update time from the latest to earliest. The default scope is SESSION. Currently `SHOW BINDINGS` outputs 11 columns, as shown below:

Column Name	Note
original_sql	Original SQL statement after parameterization
bind_sql	Bound SQL statement with hints
default_db	Default database
status	Status including `enabled` (replacing the `using` status from v6.0), `disabled`, `deleted`, `invalid`, `rejected`, and `pending verify`
create_time	Creating time
update_time	Updating time
charset	Character set
collation	Ordering rule

Column Name	Note
source	The way in which a binding is created, including `manual` (created according to a SQL statement), `history` (created according to a historical execution plan), `capture` (captured automatically by TiDB), and `evolve` (evolved automatically by TiDB)
sql_digest	Digest of a normalized SQL statement
plan_digest	Digest of an execution plan

Troubleshoot a binding

You can use either of the following methods to troubleshoot a binding:

- Use the system variable `last_plan_from_binding` to show whether the execution plan used by the last executed statement is from the binding.

```
-- Create a global binding
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING for
    SELECT * FROM t
USING
    SELECT /*+ USE_INDEX(t, idx_a) */ * FROM t;

SELECT * FROM t;
SELECT @@[SESSION.]last_plan_from_binding;
```

```
+--------------------------+
| @@last_plan_from_binding |
+--------------------------+
|                        1 |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Use the `explain format = 'verbose'` statement to view the query plan of a SQL statement. If the SQL statement uses a binding, you can run `show warnings` to check which binding is used in the SQL statement.

```
-- Create a global binding

CREATE GLOBAL BINDING for
    SELECT * FROM t
USING
    SELECT /*+ USE_INDEX(t, idx_a) */ * FROM t;

-- Use explain format = 'verbose' to view the execution plan of a SQL
    ↪  statement

explain format = 'verbose' SELECT * FROM t;

-- Run `show warnings` to view the binding used in the query.

show warnings;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level | Code | Message
    ↪                                                                 |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Note | 1105 | Using the bindSQL: SELECT /*+ USE_INDEX(`t` `idx_a`)*/
    ↪  * FROM `test`.`t` |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

Cache bindings

Each TiDB instance has a least recently used (LRU) cache for bindings. The cache capacity is controlled by the system variable `tidb_mem_quota_binding_cache`. You can view bindings that are cached in the TiDB instance.

To view the cache status of bindings, run the `SHOW binding_cache status` statement. In this statement, the effective scope is GLOBAL by default and cannot be modified. This statement returns the number of available bindings in the cache, the total number of available bindings in the system, memory usage of all cached bindings, and the total memory for the cache.

```
SHOW binding_cache status;
```

```
+------------------+------------------+-------------+-------------+
| bindings_in_cache | bindings_in_table | memory_usage | memory_quota |
+------------------+------------------+-------------+-------------+
|                1 |                1 | 159 Bytes   | 64 MB       |
+------------------+------------------+-------------+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.4.3.2 Utilize the statement summary table to obtain queries that need to be bound

Statement summary records recent SQL execution information, such as latency, execution times, and corresponding query plans. You can query statement summary tables to get qualified `plan_digest`, and then create bindings according to these historical execution plans.

The following example queries `SELECT` statements that have been executed more than 10 times in the past two weeks, and have multiple execution plans without SQL binding. It sorts the queries by the execution times, and binds the top 100 queries to their fastest plans.

```
WITH stmts AS (                                          -- Gets all
    ↪ information
  SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_STATEMENTS_SUMMARY
  UNION ALL
  SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_STATEMENTS_SUMMARY_HISTORY
),
best_plans AS (
  SELECT plan_digest, `digest`, avg_latency,
  CONCAT('create global binding from history using plan digest "', plan_
     ↪ digest, '"') as binding_stmt
  FROM stmts t1
  WHERE avg_latency = (SELECT min(avg_latency) FROM stmts t2 -- The plan
     ↪ with the lowest query latency
                       WHERE t2.`digest` = t1.`digest`)
)
```

```sql
SELECT any_value(digest_text) as query,
      SUM(exec_count) as exec_count,
      plan_hint, binding_stmt
FROM stmts, best_plans
WHERE stmts.`digest` = best_plans.`digest`
  AND summary_begin_time > DATE_SUB(NOW(), interval 14 day) -- Executed in
     ↪ the past 2 weeks
  AND stmt_type = 'Select'                                  -- Only consider
     ↪ select statements
  AND schema_name NOT IN ('INFORMATION_SCHEMA', 'mysql') -- Not an internal
     ↪  query
  AND plan_in_binding = 0                                   -- No binding yet
GROUP BY stmts.`digest`
  HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT(stmts.plan_digest)) > 1             -- This query is
     ↪ unstable. It has more than 1 plan.
        AND SUM(exec_count) > 10                            -- High-frequency,
           ↪ and has been executed more than 10 times.
ORDER BY SUM(exec_count) DESC LIMIT 100;                    -- Top 100 high-
   ↪ frequency queries.
```

By applying certain filtering conditions to obtain queries that meet the criteria, you can then directly execute the statements in the corresponding `binding_stmt` column to create bindings.

```
+---------------------------------------------+------------+---------------------------
   ↪
| query                                 | exec_count | plan_hint
   ↪                                                          | binding_stmt
   ↪
   ↪ |
+---------------------------------------------+------------+---------------------------
   ↪
| select * from `t` where `a` = ? and `b` = ? | 401 | use_index(@`sel_1` `
   ↪ test`.`t` `a`), no_order_index(@`sel_1` `test`.`t` `a`) | create
   ↪ global binding from history using plan digest "0
   ↪ d6e97fb1191bbd08dddefa7bd007ec0c422b1416b152662768f43e64a9958a6" |
| select * from `t` where `b` = ? and `c` = ? | 104 | use_index(@`sel_1` `
   ↪ test`.`t` `b`), no_order_index(@`sel_1` `test`.`t` `b`) | create
   ↪ global binding from history using plan digest "80
   ↪ c2aa0aa7e6d3205755823aa8c6165092c8521fb74c06a9204b8d35fc037dd9" |
+---------------------------------------------+------------+---------------------------
   ↪
```

11.3.4.3.3 Cross-database binding

Starting from v7.6.0, you can create cross-database bindings in TiDB by using the wildcard * to represent a database name in the binding creation syntax. Before creating cross-database bindings, you need to first enable the tidb_opt_enable_fuzzy_binding system variable.

You can use cross-database bindings to simplify the process of fixing execution plans in scenarios where data is categorized and stored across different databases, and each database maintains identical object definitions and executes similar application logic. The following are some common use cases:

- When you run SaaS or PaaS services on TiDB, where the data of each tenant is stored in separate databases for easier data maintenance and management
- When you performed database sharding in a single instance and retained the original database schema after migrating to TiDB, that is, the data in the original instance is categorized and stored by database

In these scenarios, cross-database binding can effectively mitigate SQL performance issues caused by uneven distribution and rapid changes in user data and workload. SaaS providers can use cross-database bindings to fix execution plans validated by applications with large data volumes, thereby avoiding potential performance issues due to the rapid growth of applications with small data volumes.

To create a cross-database binding, you only need to use * to represent the database name when creating a binding. For example:

```
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING USING SELECT /*+ use_index(t, idx_a) */ * FROM t; --
    ↪  Create a GLOBAL scope standard binding.
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING USING SELECT /*+ use_index(t, idx_a) */ * FROM *.t;
    ↪ -- Create a GLOBAL scope cross-database binding.
SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+-------------------------------------------------+-
    ↪
| Original_sql            | Bind_sql                                          |
    ↪ Default_db | Status | Create_time        | Update_time         |
    ↪ Charset | Collation    | Source | Sql_digest
    ↪                                              | Plan_digest |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+-------------------------------------------------+-
    ↪
| select * from `test` . `t` | SELECT /*+ use_index(`t` `idx_a`)*/ * FROM `
    ↪ test`.`t` | test | enabled | 2023-12-29 14:19:01.332 | 2023-12-29
    ↪ 14:19:01.332 | utf8 | utf8_general_ci | manual | 8
    ↪ b193b00413fdb910d39073e0d494c96ebf24d1e30b131ecdd553883d0e29b42 | |
```

```
| select * from `*` . `t` | SELECT /*+ use_index(`t` `idx_a`)*/ * FROM
    ↪ `*`.`t` |     | enabled | 2023-12-29 14:19:02.232 | 2023-12-29
    ↪ 14:19:02.232 | utf8 | utf8_general_ci | manual | 8
    ↪ b193b00413fdb910d39073e0d494c96ebf24d1e30b131ecdd553883d0e29b42 | |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+-----------------------------------------------+-
    ↪
```

In the `SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS` output, the `Default_db` field value of a cross-database binding is empty, and the database name in the `Original_sql` and `Bind_sql` fields is represented as `*`. This binding applies to `select * from t` queries in all databases, not just in a specific database.

For the same query, both cross-database and standard bindings can coexist. TiDB matches bindings in the following order: SESSION scope standard bindings > SESSION scope cross-database bindings > GLOBAL scope standard bindings > GLOBAL scope cross-database bindings.

Apart from the creation syntax, cross-database bindings share the same deletion and status change syntax as standard bindings. The following is a detailed usage example.

1. Create databases `db1` and `db2`, and create two tables in each database:

```
CREATE DATABASE db1;
CREATE TABLE db1.t1 (a INT, KEY(a));
CREATE TABLE db1.t2 (a INT, KEY(a));
CREATE DATABASE db2;
CREATE TABLE db2.t1 (a INT, KEY(a));
CREATE TABLE db2.t2 (a INT, KEY(a));
```

2. Enable the cross-database binding feature:

```
SET tidb_opt_enable_fuzzy_binding=1;
```

3. Create a cross-database binding:

```
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING USING SELECT /*+ use_index(t1, idx_a), use_index
    ↪ (t2, idx_a) */ * FROM *.t1, *.t2;
```

4. Execute queries and verify whether the binding is used:

```
SELECT * FROM db1.t1, db1.t2;
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+--------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+--------------------------+
|                        1 |
```

```
+-------------------------+

SELECT * FROM db2.t1, db2.t2;
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+-------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+-------------------------+
|                       1 |
+-------------------------+

SELECT * FROM db1.t1, db2.t2;
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+-------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+-------------------------+
|                       1 |
+-------------------------+

USE db1;
SELECT * FROM t1, db2.t2;
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+-------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+-------------------------+
|                       1 |
+-------------------------+
```

5. View the binding:

```
SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------------+----------------------------
   ↪
| Original_sql                              | Bind_sql
   ↪
   ↪ | Default_db | Status | Create_time        | Update_time
   ↪          | Charset | Collation      | Source | Sql_digest
   ↪                                                | Plan_digest |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------------+----------------------------
   ↪
| select * from ( `*` . `t1` ) join `*` . `t2` | SELECT /*+ use_index
   ↪ (`t1` `idx_a`) use_index(`t2` `idx_a`)*/ * FROM (`*` . `t1`)
   ↪ JOIN `*` . `t2` | | enabled | 2023-12-29 14:22:28.144 |
   ↪ 2023-12-29 14:22:28.144 | utf8 | utf8_general_ci | manual |
```

```
    ↪ ea8720583e80644b58877663eafb3579700e5f918a748be222c5b741a696daf4
    ↪ | |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+-------------------------
    ↪
```

6. Delete the cross-database binding:

```
DROP GLOBAL BINDING FOR SQL DIGEST '
    ↪ ea8720583e80644b58877663eafb3579700e5f918a748be222c5b741a696daf4'
    ↪ ;
SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.4.3.4 Baseline capturing

Used for preventing regression of execution plans during an upgrade, this feature captures queries that meet capturing conditions and creates bindings for these queries.

A plan baseline refers to a collection of accepted plans that the optimizer can use for executing a SQL statement. Generally, TiDB adds a plan into the plan baseline only after confirming that the plan performs well. A plan in this context encompasses all the necessary plan-related details (such as SQL plan identifier, hint set, bind values, and optimizer environment) that the optimizer requires to reproduce an execution plan.

Enable capturing

To enable baseline capturing, set `tidb_capture_plan_baselines` to `on`. The default value is `off`.

> **Note:**
>
> Because the automatic binding creation function relies on Statement Summary, make sure to enable Statement Summary before using automatic binding.

After automatic binding creation is enabled, the historical SQL statements in the Statement Summary are traversed every `bind-info-lease` (the default value is `3s`), and a binding is automatically created for SQL statements that appear at least twice. For these SQL statements, TiDB automatically binds the execution plan recorded in Statement Summary.

However, TiDB does not automatically capture bindings for the following types of SQL statements:

- `EXPLAIN` and `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statements.
- SQL statements executed internally in TiDB, such as `SELECT` queries used for automatically loading statistical information.
- Statements that contain `Enabled` or `Disabled` bindings.
- Statements that are filtered out by capturing conditions.

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, a binding generates a group of hints to fix an execution plan generated by a query statement. In this way, for the same query, the execution plan does not change. For most OLTP queries, including queries using the same index or Join algorithm (such as HashJoin and IndexJoin), TiDB guarantees plan consistency before and after the binding. However, due to the limitations of hints, TiDB cannot guarantee plan consistency for some complex queries, such as Join of more than two tables, MPP queries, and complex OLAP queries.

For `PREPARE` / `EXECUTE` statements and for queries executed with binary protocols, TiDB automatically captures bindings for the real query statements, not for the `PREPARE` / `EXECUTE` statements.

> **Note:**
>
> Because TiDB has some embedded SQL statements to ensure the correctness of some features, baseline capturing by default automatically shields these SQL statements.

Filter out bindings

This feature allows you to configure a blocklist to filter out queries whose bindings you do not want to capture. A blocklist has three dimensions, table name, frequency, and user name.

Usage

Insert filtering conditions into the system table `mysql.capture_plan_baselines_blacklist`. Then the filtering conditions take effect in the entire cluster immediately.

```
-- Filter by table name
INSERT INTO mysql.capture_plan_baselines_blacklist(filter_type, filter_
    ↪ value) VALUES('table', 'test.t');
```

```
-- Filter by database name and table name through wildcards
INSERT INTO mysql.capture_plan_baselines_blacklist(filter_type, filter_
    ↪ value) VALUES('table', 'test.table_*');
INSERT INTO mysql.capture_plan_baselines_blacklist(filter_type, filter_
    ↪ value) VALUES('table', 'db_*.table_*');

-- Filter by frequency
INSERT INTO mysql.capture_plan_baselines_blacklist(filter_type, filter_
    ↪ value) VALUES('frequency', '2');

-- Filter by user name
INSERT INTO mysql.capture_plan_baselines_blacklist(filter_type, filter_
    ↪ value) VALUES('user', 'user1');
```

Dimension name	Description	Remarks
table	Filter by table name. Each filtering rule is in the `db.table` format. The supported filtering syntax includes Plain table names and Wildcards.	Case insensitive. If a table name contains illegal characters, the log returns a warning message `[sql-bind] failed to load mysql .capture_plan_baselines_ blacklist`.
frequency	Filter by frequency. SQL statements executed more than once are captured by default. You can set a high frequency to capture statements that are frequently executed.	Setting frequency to a value smaller than 1 is considered illegal, and the log returns a warning message `[sql-bind] frequency threshold is less than 1, ignore it`. If multiple frequency filter rules are inserted, the value with the highest frequency prevails.
user	Filter by user name. Statements executed by blocklisted users are not captured.	If multiple users execute the same statement and their user names are all in the blocklist, this statement is not captured.

Note:

- Modifying a blocklist requires the super privilege.
- If a blocklist contains illegal filters, TiDB returns the warning message `[sql-bind] unknown capture filter type, ignore it` in the log.

Prevent regression of execution plans during an upgrade

Before upgrading a TiDB cluster, you can use baseline capturing to prevent regression of execution plans by performing the following steps:

1. Enable baseline capturing and keep it working.

> **Note:**
> Test data shows that long-term working of baseline capturing has a slight impact on the performance of the cluster load. Therefore, it is recommended to enable baseline capturing as long as possible so that important plans (appear twice or above) are captured.

2. Upgrade the TiDB cluster. After the upgrade, TiDB uses those captured bindings to ensure execution plan consistency.
3. After the upgrade, delete bindings as required.

    - Check the binding source by running the `SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS` statement.

      In the output, check the `Source` field to see whether a binding is captured (`capture`) or manually created (`manual`).
    - Determine whether to retain the captured bindings:

```
-- View the plan with the binding enabled
SET @@SESSION.TIDB_USE_PLAN_BASELINES = true;
EXPLAIN FORMAT='VERBOSE' SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE ...;

-- View the plan with the binding disabled
SET @@SESSION.TIDB_USE_PLAN_BASELINES = false;
EXPLAIN FORMAT='VERBOSE' SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE ...;
```

        - If the execution plan is consistent, you can delete the binding safely.
        - If the execution plan is inconsistent, you need to identify the cause, for example, by checking statistics. In this case, you need to retain the binding to ensure plan consistency.

11.3.4.3.5 Baseline evolution

Baseline evolution is an important feature of SPM introduced in TiDB v4.0.

As data updates, the previously bound execution plan might no longer be optimal. The baseline evolution feature can automatically optimize the bound execution plan.

In addition, baseline evolution, to a certain extent, can also avoid the jitter brought to the execution plan caused by the change of statistical information.

Usage

Use the following statement to enable automatic binding evolution:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_evolve_plan_baselines = ON;
```

The default value of `tidb_evolve_plan_baselines` is `off`.

Warning:

- Baseline evolution is an experimental feature. Unknown risks might exist. It is **NOT** recommended that you use it in the production environment.
- This variable is forcibly set to `off` until the baseline evolution feature becomes generally available (GA). If you try to enable this feature, an error is returned. If you have already used this feature in a production environment, disable it as soon as possible. If you find that the binding status is not as expected, get support from PingCAP or the community.

After the automatic binding evolution feature is enabled, if the optimal execution plan selected by the optimizer is not among the binding execution plans, the optimizer marks the plan as an execution plan that waits for verification. At every `bind-info-lease` (the default value is `3s`) interval, an execution plan to be verified is selected and compared with the binding execution plan that has the least cost in terms of the actual execution time. If the plan to be verified has shorter execution time (the current criterion for the comparison is that the execution time of the plan to be verified is no longer than 2/3 that of the binding execution plan), this plan is marked as a usable binding. The following example describes the process above.

Assume that table `t` is defined as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT, KEY(a), KEY(b));
```

Perform the following query on table `t`:

```
SELECT * FROM t WHERE a < 100 AND b < 100;
```

In the table defined above, few rows meet the `a < 100` condition. But for some reason, the optimizer mistakenly selects the full table scan instead of the optimal execution plan that uses index `a`. You can first use the following statement to create a binding:

```
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING for SELECT * FROM t WHERE a < 100 AND b < 100 USING
    ↪ SELECT * FROM t use index(a) WHERE a < 100 AND b < 100;
```

When the query above is executed again, the optimizer selects index `a` (influenced by the binding created above) to reduce the query time.

Assuming that as insertions and deletions are performed on table `t`, an increasing number of rows meet the `a < 100` condition and a decreasing number of rows meet the `b < 100` condition. At this time, using index `a` under the binding might no longer be the optimal plan.

The binding evolution can address this kind of issues. When the optimizer recognizes data change in a table, it generates an execution plan for the query that uses index `b`. However, because the binding of the current plan exists, this query plan is not adopted and executed. Instead, this plan is stored in the backend evolution list. During the evolution process, if this plan is verified to have an obviously shorter execution time than that of the current execution plan that uses index `a`, index `b` is added into the available binding list. After this, when the query is executed again, the optimizer first generates the execution plan that uses index `b` and makes sure that this plan is in the binding list. Then the optimizer adopts and executes this plan to reduce the query time after data changes.

To reduce the impact that the automatic evolution has on clusters, use the following configurations:

- Set `tidb_evolve_plan_task_max_time` to limit the maximum execution time of each execution plan. The default value is `600s`. In the actual verification process, the maximum execution time is also limited to no more than twice the time of the verified execution plan.
- Set `tidb_evolve_plan_task_start_time` (`00:00 +0000` by default) and `tidb_` ↪ `evolve_plan_task_end_time` (`23:59 +0000` by default) to limit the time window.

Notes

Because the baseline evolution automatically creates a new binding, when the query environment changes, the automatically created binding might have multiple behavior choices. Pay attention to the following notes:

- Baseline evolution only evolves standardized SQL statements that have at least one global binding.
- Because creating a new binding deletes all previous bindings (for a standardized SQL statement), the automatically evolved binding will be deleted after manually creating a new binding.
- All hints related to the calculation process are retained during the evolution. These hints are as follows:

Hint	Description
`memory_quota`	The maximum memory that can be used for a query.
`use_toja`	Whether the optimizer transforms sub-queries to Join.
`use_cascades`	Whether to use the cascades optimizer.
`no_index_merge`	Whether the optimizer uses Index Merge as an option for reading tables.
`read_consistent_replica`	Whether to forcibly enable Follower Read when reading tables.
`max_execution_time`	The longest duration for a query.

- `read_from_storage` is a special hint in that it specifies whether to read data from TiKV or from TiFlash when reading tables. Because TiDB provides isolation reads, when the isolation condition changes, this hint has a great influence on the evolved execution plan. Therefore, when this hint exists in the initially created binding, TiDB ignores all its evolved bindings.

11.3.4.3.6 Upgrade checklist

During cluster upgrade, SQL Plan Management (SPM) might cause compatibility issues and make the upgrade fail. To ensure a successful upgrade, you need to include the following list for upgrade precheck:

- When you upgrade from a version earlier than v5.2.0 (that is, v4.0, v5.0, and v5.1) to the current version, make sure that `tidb_evolve_plan_baselines` is disabled before the upgrade. To disable this variable, perform the following steps.

```
-- Check whether `tidb_evolve_plan_baselines` is disabled in the
   ↪ earlier version.
```

```
SELECT @@global.tidb_evolve_plan_baselines;

-- If `tidb_evolve_plan_baselines` is still enabled, disable it.

SET GLOBAL tidb_evolve_plan_baselines = OFF;
```

- Before you upgrade from v4.0 to the current version, you need to check whether the syntax of all queries corresponding to the available SQL bindings is correct in the new version. If any syntax errors exist, delete the corresponding SQL binding. To do that, perform the following steps.

```
-- Check the query corresponding to the available SQL binding in the
   ↪ version to be upgraded.

SELECT bind_sql FROM mysql.bind_info WHERE status = 'using';

-- Verify the result from the above SQL query in the test environment
   ↪  of the new version.

bind_sql_0;
bind_sql_1;
...

-- In the case of a syntax error (ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an
   ↪ error in your SQL syntax), delete the corresponding binding.
-- For any other errors (for example, tables are not found), it means
   ↪  that the syntax is compatible. No other operation is needed.
```

11.3.4.4 The Blocklist of Optimization Rules and Expression Pushdown

This document introduces how to use the blocklist of optimization rules and the blocklist of expression pushdown to control the behavior of TiDB.

11.3.4.4.1 The blocklist of optimization rules

The blocklist of optimization rules is one way to tune optimization rules, mainly used to manually disable some optimization rules.

Important optimization rules

Optimization Rule	Rule Name	Description
Column pruning	column_prune	One operator will prune the column if it is not needed by the upper executor.
Decorrelate subquery	decorrelate	Tries to rewrite the correlated subquery to non-correlated join or aggregation.

Optimization Rule	Rule Name	Description
Aggregation elimination	aggregation_eliminate	Tries to remove unnecessary aggregation operators from the execution plan.
Projection elimination	projection_eliminate	Removes unnecessary projection operators from the execution plan.

Optimization Rule	Rule Name	Description
Max/Min elimination	max_min_eliminate	Rewrites some max/min functions in aggregation to the `order by` + `limit 1` form.
Predicate push-down	predicate_push_down	Tries to push predicates down to the operator that is closer to the data source.

Optimization Rule	Rule Name	Description
Outer join elimination	outer_join_eliminate	Tries to remove the unnecessary left join or right join from the execution plan.

Optimization Rule	Rule Name	Description
Partition pruning	partition_processor	Prunes partitions which are rejected by the predicates and rewrite partitioned table query to the `UnionAll` ↪ ↪ `+` ↪ ↪ `Partition` ↪ ↪ `Datasource` ↪ form.
Aggregation push-down	aggregation_push_down	Tries to push aggregations down to their children.

Optimization Rule	Rule Name	Description
TopN push-down	topn_push_down	Tries to push the TopN operator to the place closer to the data source.
Join reorder	join_reorder	Decides the order of multi-table joins.
Derive TopN or Limit from window functions	derive_topn_from_window	Derives the TopN or Limit operator from window functions.

Disable optimization rules

You can use the blocklist of optimization rules to disable some of them if some rules lead to a sub-optimal execution plan for special queries.

Usage

Note:

All the following operations need the `super privilege` privilege of the database. Each optimization rule has a name. For example, the name of column pruning is `column_prune`. The names of all optimization rules can be found in the second column of the table Important Optimization Rules.

- If you want to disable some rules, write its name to the `mysql.opt_rule_blacklist` table. For example:

```
INSERT INTO mysql.opt_rule_blacklist VALUES("join_reorder"), ("topn_
    ↪ push_down");
```

Executing the following SQL statement can make the above operation take effect immediately. The effective range includes all old connections of the corresponding TiDB server:

```
admin reload opt_rule_blacklist;
```

Note:

`admin reload opt_rule_blacklist` only takes effect on the TiDB server where the above statement has been run. If you want all TiDB servers of the cluster to take effect, run this command on each TiDB server.

- If you want to re-enable a rule, delete the corresponding data in the table, and then run the `admin reload` statement:

```
DELETE FROM mysql.opt_rule_blacklist WHERE name IN ("join_reorder", "
    ↪ topn_push_down");
```

```
admin reload opt_rule_blacklist;
```

11.3.4.4.2 The blocklist of expression pushdown

The blocklist of expression pushdown is one way to tune the expression pushdown, mainly used to manually disable some expressions of some specific data types.

Expressions that are supported to be pushed down

For more information about the expressions that are supported to be pushed down, see Supported expressions for pushdown to TiKV.

Disable the pushdown of specific expressions

When you get wrong results due to the expression pushdown, you can use the blocklist to make a quick recovery for the application. More specifically, you can add some of the supported functions or operators to the `mysql.expr_pushdown_blacklist` table to disable the pushdown of specific expressions.

The schema of `mysql.expr_pushdown_blacklist` is shown as follows:

```
DESC mysql.expr_pushdown_blacklist;
```

```
+------------+-------------+------+------+-------------------+-------+
| Field      | Type        | Null | Key | Default           | Extra |
+------------+-------------+------+------+-------------------+-------+
| name       | char(100)   | NO   |     | NULL              |       |
| store_type | char(100)  | NO   |     | tikv,tiflash,tidb |     |
| reason     | varchar(200) | YES |     | NULL              |       |
+------------+-------------+------+------+-------------------+-------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Here is the description of each field above:

- `name`: The name of the function that is disabled to be pushed down.
- `store_type`: To specify the component that you want to prevent the function from being pushed down to for computing. Available components are `tidb`, `tikv`, and `tiflash`. The `store_type` is case-insensitive. If you need to specify multiple components, use a comma to separate each component.
    - When `store_type` is `tidb`, it indicates whether the function can be executed in other TiDB servers while the TiDB memory table is being read.
    - When `store_type` is `tikv`, it indicates whether the function can be executed in TiKV server's Coprocessor component.
    - When `store_type` is `tiflash`, it indicates whether the function can be executed in TiFlash Server's Coprocessor component.
- `reason`: To record the reason why this function is added to the blocklist.

Usage

This section describes how to use the blocklist of expression pushdown.

Add to the blocklist

To add one or more expressions (functions or operators) to the blocklist, perform the following steps:

1. Insert the corresponding function name or operator name, and the set of components you want to disable the pushdown, to the `mysql.expr_pushdown_blacklist` table.

2. Execute `admin reload expr_pushdown_blacklist`.

Remove from the blocklist

To remove one or more expressions from the blocklist, perform the following steps:

1. Delete the corresponding function name or operator name, and the set of components you want to disable the pushdown, from the `mysql.expr_pushdown_blacklist` table.
2. Execute `admin reload expr_pushdown_blacklist`.

> **Note:**
>
> `admin reload expr_pushdown_blacklist` only takes effect on the TiDB server where this statement is run. If you want all TiDB servers of the cluster to take effect, run this command on each TiDB server.

11.3.4.4.3 Expression blocklist usage example

In the following example, the `<` and `>` operators are added to the blocklist, and then the `>` operator is removed from the blocklist.

To judge whether the blocklist takes effect, observe the results of `EXPLAIN` (See TiDB Query Execution Plan Overview).

1. The predicates `a < 2` and `a > 2` in the `WHERE` clause of the following SQL statement can be pushed down to TiKV.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE a < 2 AND a > 2;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-----------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator
   ↪ info                |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+-----------
   ↪
| TableReader_7         | 0.00    | root    |               | data:
   ↪ Selection_6                |
| └─Selection_6         | 0.00    | cop[tikv] |               | gt(ssb_1.t.
   ↪ a, 2), lt(ssb_1.t.a, 2) |
|   └─TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t   | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

2. Insert the expression to the `mysql.expr_pushdown_blacklist` table and execute `admin reload expr_pushdown_blacklist`.

```
INSERT INTO mysql.expr_pushdown_blacklist VALUES('<','tikv',''), ('>',
    ↪ 'tikv','');
```

```
Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
admin reload expr_pushdown_blacklist;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

3. Observe the execution plan again and you will find that both the `<` and `>` operators are not pushed down to TiKV Coprocessor.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE a < 2 and a > 2;
```

```
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    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object | operator
    ↪ info                |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
| Selection_7           | 10000.00 | root    |               | gt(ssb_1.t.a
    ↪ , 2), lt(ssb_1.t.a, 2) |
| └─TableReader_6       | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_5           |
|   └─TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t   | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+-----------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

4. Remove one expression (here is `>`) from the blocklist and execute `admin reload expr_pushdown_blacklist`.

```
DELETE FROM mysql.expr_pushdown_blacklist WHERE name = '>';
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
admin reload expr_pushdown_blacklist;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

5. Observe the execution plan again and you will find that < is not pushed down while > is pushed down to TiKV Coprocessor.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE a < 2 AND a > 2;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task      | access object | operator
   ↪  info            |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------
   ↪
| Selection_8               | 0.00     | root      |               | lt(ssb_1.t
   ↪ .a, 2)           |
| └─TableReader_7           | 0.00     | root      |               | data:
   ↪ Selection_6           |
|   └─Selection_6           | 0.00     | cop[tikv] |               | gt(ssb_1.
   ↪ t.a, 2)           |
|     └─TableFullScan_5     | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t       | keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------
   ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.4.5 Optimizer Fix Controls

As the product evolves iteratively, the behavior of the TiDB optimizer changes, which in turn generates more reasonable execution plans. However, in some particular scenarios, the new behavior might lead to unexpected results. For example:

- The effect of some behaviors relies on a specific scenario. Changes that bring improvements to most scenarios might cause regressions to others.

- Sometimes, the relationship between changes in the behavior details and their consequences is very complicated. An improvement in a certain behavior might cause overall regression.

Therefore, TiDB provides the Optimizer Fix Controls feature that allows you to make fine-grained control of TiDB optimizer behaviors by setting values for a group of fixes. This document describes the Optimizer Fix Controls feature and how to use them, and lists all the fixes that TiDB currently supports for Optimizer Fix Controls.

11.3.4.5.1 Introduction to `tidb_opt_fix_control`

Starting from v6.5.3 and v7.1.0, TiDB provides the `tidb_opt_fix_control` system variable to control the behavior of the optimizer in a more fine-grained way.

Each fix is a control item used to adjust the behavior in the TiDB optimizer for one particular purpose. It is denoted by a number that corresponds to a GitHub Issue that contains the technical details of the behavior change. For example, for fix `44262`, you can review what it controls in Issue 44262.

The `tidb_opt_fix_control` system variable accepts multiple fixes as one value, separated by commas (`,`). The format is `"<#issue1>:<value1>,<#issue2>:<value2>,...,<#issueN>:<valueN>"`, where `<#issueN>` is the fix number. For example:

```
SET SESSION tidb_opt_fix_control = '44262:ON,44389:ON';
```

11.3.4.5.2 Optimizer Fix Controls reference

33031 New in v8.0.0

- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `ON`, `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to allow plan cache for partitioned tables. If it is set to `ON`, neither Prepared statement plan cache nor Non-prepared statement plan cache will be enabled for partitioned tables.

44262 New in v6.5.3 and v7.2.0

- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `ON`, `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to allow the use of Dynamic pruning mode to access a partitioned table when the global statistics of that table are missing.

44389 New in v6.5.3 and v7.2.0

- Default value: `OFF`

- Possible values: `ON`, `OFF`
- For filters such as `c = 10 and (a = 'xx' or (a = 'kk' and b = 1))`, this variable controls whether to try to build more comprehensive scan ranges for `IndexRangeScan`.

44823 New in v7.3.0

- Default value: `200`
- Possible values: `[0, 2147483647]`
- To save memory, Plan Cache does not cache queries with parameters exceeding the specified number of this variable. `0` means no limit.

44830 New in v6.5.7 and v7.3.0

- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `ON`, `OFF`
- This variable controls whether Plan Cache is allowed to cache execution plans with the `PointGet` operator generated during physical optimization.

44855 New in v6.5.4 and v7.3.0

- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `ON`, `OFF`
- In some scenarios, when the `Probe` side of an `IndexJoin` operator contains a `Selection` operator, TiDB severely overestimates the row count of `IndexScan`. This might cause suboptimal query plans to be selected instead of `IndexJoin`.
- To mitigate this issue, TiDB has introduced an improvement. However, due to potential query plan fallback risks, this improvement is disabled by default.
- This variable controls whether to enable the preceding improvement.

45132 New in v7.4.0

- Default value: `1000`
- Possible values: `[0, 2147483647]`
- This variable sets the threshold for the optimizer's heuristic strategy to select access paths. If the estimated rows for an access path (such as `Index_A`) is much smaller than that of other access paths (default `1000` times), the optimizer skips the cost comparison and directly selects `Index_A`.
- `0` means to disable this heuristic strategy.

45798 New in v7.5.0

- Default value: `ON`

- Possible values: `ON`, `OFF`
- This variable controls whether Plan Cache is allowed to cache execution plans that access generated columns.

46177 New in v6.5.6, v7.1.3 and v7.5.0

- Default value: `ON`. Before v8.5.0, the default value is `OFF`.
- Possible values: `ON`, `OFF`
- This variable controls whether the optimizer explores enforced plans during query optimization after finding an unenforced plan.

47400 New in v8.4.0

- Default value: `ON`
- Possible values: `ON`, `OFF`
- Due to challenges in accurately estimating the number of qualified rows for each plan step in a query plan, the optimizer might estimate a smaller value for `estRows`. This variable controls whether to limit the minimum value of `estRows`.
- `ON`: limits the minimum value of `estRows` to 1, which is the new behavior introduced in v8.4.0 and is consistent with other databases, such as Oracle and Db2.
- `OFF`: disables the minimum row estimate limit, which maintains the behavior consistent with versions before v8.4.0. In this case, `estRows` might be zero.

52592 New in v8.4.0

- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `ON`, `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to disable the `Point Get` and `Batch Point Get` operators for query execution. The default value `OFF` means that `Point Get` and `Batch Point Get` can be used for query execution. If set to `ON`, the optimizer disables `Point Get` and `Batch Point Get`, forcing the selection of Coprocessor for query execution.
- `Point Get` and `Batch Point Get` do not support column projection (that is, they cannot return only a subset of the columns), so in some scenarios, their execution efficiency might be lower than that of the Coprocessor, and setting this variable to `ON` can improve query performance. The following are recommended scenarios for setting this variable to `ON`:
    - Wide tables with many columns, where only a few columns are queried.
    - Tables with large JSON values, where the JSON column is not queried, or only a small portion of the JSON column is queried.

52869 New in v8.1.0

- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `ON`, `OFF`
- As stated in the **Note** of Explain Statements Using Index Merge, if the optimizer can choose the single index scan method (other than full table scan) for a query plan, the optimizer will not automatically use index merge.
- You can remove this limitation by enabling this fix control. Removing this limitation enables the optimizer to choose index merge automatically in more queries, but might cause the optimizer to ignore the optimal execution plans. Therefore, it is recommended to conduct sufficient tests on actual use cases before removing this limitation to make sure that it will not cause performance regressions.

54337 New in v8.3.0

- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `ON`, `OFF`
- Currently, the TiDB optimizer has limitations in deriving index ranges for complex conjunctive conditions where each conjunct comprises a list of ranges. This can be addressed by applying general range intersection.
- You can remove this limitation by enabling this fix control, allowing the optimizer to handle complex range intersections. However, for conditions with a large number of conjuncts (more than 10), there is a slight risk of increased optimization time.

11.3.5 Index Advisor

In v8.5.0, TiDB introduces the Index Advisor feature, which helps optimize your workload by recommending indexes that improve query performance. Using the new SQL statement, `RECOMMEND INDEX`, you can generate index recommendations for a single query or an entire workload. To avoid the resource-intensive process of physically creating indexes for evaluation, TiDB supports hypothetical indexes, which are logical indexes that are not materialized.

The Index Advisor analyzes queries to identify indexable columns from clauses such as `WHERE`, `GROUP BY`, and `ORDER BY`. Then, it generates index candidates and estimates their performance benefits using hypothetical indexes. TiDB uses a genetic search algorithm to select the optimal set of indexes starting with single-column indexes and iteratively exploring multi-column indexes, leveraging a "What-If" analysis to evaluate potential indexes based on their impact on optimizer plan costs. The advisor recommends indexes when they reduce the overall cost compared to executing queries without them.

In addition to recommending new indexes, the Index Advisor also suggests removing inactive indexes to ensure efficient index management.

11.3.5.1 Recommend indexes using the `RECOMMEND INDEX` statement

TiDB introduces the `RECOMMEND INDEX` SQL statement for index advisor tasks. The `RUN` subcommand analyzes historical workloads and saves recommendations in system tables. With the `FOR` option, you can target a specific SQL statement, even if it was not executed previously. You can also use additional options for advanced control. The syntax is as follows:

```
RECOMMEND INDEX RUN [ FOR <SQL> ] [<Options>]
```

11.3.5.1.1 Recommend indexes for a single query

The following example shows how to generate an index recommendation for a query on table `t`, which contains 5,000 rows. For brevity, the `INSERT` statements are omitted.

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT, b INT, c INT);
RECOMMEND INDEX RUN for "SELECT a, b FROM t WHERE a = 1 AND b = 1"\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
            database: test
               table: t
          index_name: idx_a_b
       index_columns: a,b
       est_index_size: 0
              reason: Column [a b] appear in Equal or Range Predicate
                 ↪ clause(s) in query: select `a` , `b` from `test` . `t`
                 ↪ where `a` = ? and `b` = ?
   top_impacted_query: [{"Query":"SELECT `a`,`b` FROM `test`.`t` WHERE `a`
      ↪ = 1 AND `b` = 1","Improvement":0.999994}]
create_index_statement: CREATE INDEX idx_a_b ON t(a,b);
```

The Index Advisor evaluates single-column indexes on `a` and `b` separately and ultimately combines them into a single index for optimal performance.

The following `EXPLAIN` results compare the query execution without indexes and with the recommended two-column hypothetical index. The Index Advisor internally evaluates both cases and selects the option with the minimum cost. The Index Advisor also considers single-column hypothetical indexes on `a` and `b`, but these do not provide better performance than the combined two-column index. For brevity, the execution plans are omitted.

```
EXPLAIN FORMAT='VERBOSE' SELECT a, b FROM t WHERE a=1 AND b=1;

+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+----------+---------------+-----
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | estCost | task     | access object |
   ↪ operator info              |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------+---------+-----------+----------+---------------+-----
   ↪
| TableReader_7         | 0.01    | 196066.71 | root     |               | data:
   ↪ Selection_6              |
|  ─Selection_6         | 0.01    | 2941000.00 | cop[tikv] |           | eq(
   ↪ test.t.a, 1), eq(test.t.b, 1) |
|    ─TableFullScan_5   | 5000.00 | 2442000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t | keep
   ↪ order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------+---------+-----------+----------+---------------+-----
   ↪

EXPLAIN FORMAT='VERBOSE' SELECT /*+ HYPO_INDEX(t, idx_ab, a, b) */ a, b
   ↪ FROM t WHERE a=1 AND b=1;
+--
   ↪ ---------------------+---------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | estCost | task   | access object
   ↪           | operator info                                |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------+---------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
| IndexReader_6         | 0.05    | 1.10    | root     |
   ↪                           | index:IndexRangeScan_5                     |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5    | 0.05    | 10.18   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_ab
   ↪ (a, b) | range:[1 1,1 1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------+---------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
```

11.3.5.1.2 Recommend indexes for a workload

The following example shows how to generate index recommendations for an entire workload. Assume tables `t1` and `t2` each contain 5,000 rows:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT, b INT, c INT, d INT);
CREATE TABLE t2 (a INT, b INT, c INT, d INT);

-- Run some queries in this workload.
SELECT a, b FROM t1 WHERE a=1 AND b<=5;
SELECT d FROM t1 ORDER BY d LIMIT 10;
SELECT * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.a=1 AND t1.d=t2.d;

RECOMMEND INDEX RUN;
```

```
+--
   ↪ --------+-------+-----------+--------------+-----------+--------------------
   ↪
| database | table | index_name | index_columns | est_index_size | reason
   ↪
   ↪ | top_impacted_query
   ↪
   ↪ | create_index_statement      |
+--
   ↪ --------+-------+-----------+--------------+-----------+--------------------
   ↪
| test    | t1    | idx_a_b   | a,b          | 19872     | Column [a b] appear
   ↪ in Equal or Range Predicate clause(s) in query: select `a` , `b` from
   ↪  `test` . `t1` where `a` = ? and `b` <= ?              | [{"Query":"
   ↪ SELECT `a`,`b` FROM `test`.`t1` WHERE `a` = 1 AND `b` \u003c= 5","
   ↪ Improvement":0.998214},{"Query":"SELECT * FROM (`test`.`t1`) JOIN `
   ↪ test`.`t2` WHERE `t1`.`a` = 1 AND `t1`.`d` = `t2`.`d`","Improvement"
   ↪ :0.336837}] | CREATE INDEX idx_a_b ON t1(a,b); |
| test    | t1    | idx_d     | d            | 9936      | Column [d] appear in
   ↪  Equal or Range Predicate clause(s) in query: select `d` from `test`
   ↪ . `t1` order by `d` limit ?                            | [{"Query":"
   ↪ SELECT `d` FROM `test`.`t1` ORDER BY `d` LIMIT 10","Improvement"
   ↪ :0.999433}]
   ↪
   ↪ | CREATE INDEX idx_d ON t1(d); |
| test    | t2    | idx_d     | d            | 9936      | Column [d] appear in
   ↪  Equal or Range Predicate clause(s) in query: select * from ( `test`
   ↪ . `t1` ) join `test` . `t2` where `t1` . `a` = ? and `t1` . `d` = `t2
   ↪ ` . `d` | [{"Query":"SELECT * FROM (`test`.`t1`) JOIN `test`.`t2`
   ↪ WHERE `t1`.`a` = 1 AND `t1`.`d` = `t2`.`d`","Improvement":0.638567}]
   ↪                                                    | CREATE INDEX idx_d
   ↪  ON t2(d); |
+--
   ↪ --------+-------+-----------+--------------+-----------+--------------------
   ↪
```

In this case, the Index Advisor identifies optimal indexes for the entire workload rather than a single query. The workload queries are sourced from the TiDB system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATEMENTS_SUMMARY`.

This table can contain tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of queries, which might affect the performance of the Index Advisor. To address this issue, the Index Advisor prioritizes the most frequently executed queries, as these queries have a greater impact on overall workload performance. By default, the Index Advisor selects the top 1,000 queries. You can adjust this value using the `max_num_query` parameter.

The results of the `RECOMMEND INDEX` statements are stored in the `mysql.index_advisor_results` table. You can query this table to view the recommended indexes. The following example shows the contents of this system table after the previous two `RECOMMEND INDEX` statements are executed:

```
SELECT * FROM mysql.index_advisor_results;
+--
   ↪ --+---------------------+---------------------+------------+-----------+------
   ↪
| id | created_at          | updated_at          | schema_name | table_name |
   ↪ index_name | index_columns | index_details
   ↪
   ↪ | top_impacted_queries
   ↪
   ↪ | workload_impact                | extra |
+--
   ↪ --+---------------------+---------------------+------------+-----------+------
   ↪
|  1 | 2024-12-10 11:44:45 | 2024-12-10 11:44:45 | test | t1       | idx_a_b
   ↪   | a,b          | {"IndexSize": 0, "Reason": "Column [a b] appear in
   ↪ Equal or Range Predicate clause(s) in query: select `a` , `b` from `
   ↪ test` . `t1` where `a` = ? and `b` <= ?"}           | [{"Improvement"
   ↪ : 0.998214, "Query": "SELECT `a`,`b` FROM `test`.`t1` WHERE `a` = 1
   ↪ AND `b` <= 5"}, {"Improvement": 0.337273, "Query": "SELECT * FROM (`
   ↪ test`.`t1`) JOIN `test`.`t2` WHERE `t1`.`a` = 1 AND `t1`.`d` = `t2`.`
   ↪ d`"}] | {"WorkloadImprovement": 0.395235} | NULL |
|  2 | 2024-12-10 11:44:45 | 2024-12-10 11:44:45 | test | t1       | idx_d
   ↪    | d            | {"IndexSize": 0, "Reason": "Column [d] appear in
   ↪ Equal or Range Predicate clause(s) in query: select `d` from `test` .
   ↪  `t1` order by `d` limit ?"}                         | [{"Improvement
   ↪ ": 0.999715, "Query": "SELECT `d` FROM `test`.`t1` ORDER BY `d` LIMIT
   ↪  10"}]
   ↪
   ↪ | {"WorkloadImprovement": 0.225116} | NULL |
|  3 | 2024-12-10 11:44:45 | 2024-12-10 11:44:45 | test | t2       | idx_d
   ↪    | d            | {"IndexSize": 0, "Reason": "Column [d] appear in
   ↪ Equal or Range Predicate clause(s) in query: select * from ( `test` .
   ↪  `t1` ) join `test` . `t2` where `t1` . `a` = ? and `t1` . `d` = `t2`
   ↪  . `d`"} | [{"Improvement": 0.639393, "Query": "SELECT * FROM (`test
   ↪ `.`t1`) JOIN `test`.`t2` WHERE `t1`.`a` = 1 AND `t1`.`d` = `t2`.`d`"
   ↪ }]                                                | {"
   ↪ WorkloadImprovement": 0.365871} | NULL |
+--
   ↪ --+---------------------+---------------------+------------+-----------+------
   ↪
```

11.3.5.1.3 `RECOMMEND INDEX` options

You can configure and view options for the `RECOMMEND INDEX` statement to fine-tune its behavior for your workloads as follows:

```
RECOMMEND INDEX SET <option> = <value>;
RECOMMEND INDEX SHOW OPTION;
```

The following options are available:

- `timeout`: specifies the maximum time allowed for running the `RECOMMEND INDEX` command.
- `max_num_index`: specifies the maximum number of indexes to include in the result of `RECOMMEND INDEX`.
- `max_index_columns`: specifies the maximum number of columns allowed in multi-column indexes in the result.
- `max_num_query`: specifies the maximum number of queries to select from the statement summary workload.

To check your current option settings, execute the `RECOMMEND INDEX SHOW OPTION` statement:

```
RECOMMEND INDEX SHOW OPTION;
+--
   ↪ -----------------+-------+-----------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| option          | value | description
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -----------------+-------+-----------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| max_num_index   | 5     | The maximum number of indexes to recommend.
   ↪ |
| max_index_columns | 3   | The maximum number of columns in an index.
   ↪ |
| max_num_query   | 1000  | The maximum number of queries to recommend
   ↪ indexes. |
| timeout         | 30s   | The timeout of index advisor.
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -----------------+-------+-----------------------------------------------------
   ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

To modify an option, use the `RECOMMEND INDEX SET` statement. For example, to change the `timeout` option:

```
RECOMMEND INDEX SET timeout='20s';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

11.3.5.1.4 Limitations

The index recommendation feature has the following limitations:

- Currently, it does not support prepared statements. The `RECOMMEND INDEX RUN` statement cannot recommend indexes for queries executed through the `Prepare` and `Execute` protocol.
- Currently, it does not provide recommendations for deleting indexes.
- Currently, a user interface (UI) for the Index Advisor is not yet available.

11.3.5.2 Remove unused indexes

For v8.0.0 or later versions, you can identify inactive indexes in your workload using `schema_unused_indexes` and `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_TIDB_INDEX_USAGE`. Removing these indexes can save storage space and reduce overhead. For production environments, it is highly recommended to make the target indexes invisible first and observe the impact for one complete business cycle before permanently removing them.

11.3.5.2.1 Use `sys.schema_unused_indexes`

The `sys.schema_unused_indexes` view identifies indexes that have not been used since the last startup of all TiDB instances. This view, based on system tables containing schema, table, and column information, provides the full specification for each index, including schema, table, and index names. You can query this view to decide which indexes to make invisible or delete.

Warning:

Because the `sys.schema_unused_indexes` view shows unused indexes since the last startup of all TiDB instances, ensure that the TiDB instances have been running long enough. Otherwise, the view might show false candidates if certain workloads have not yet run. Use the following SQL query to identify the uptime of all TiDB instances.

```
SELECT START_TIME,UPTIME FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_INFO
    ↪ WHERE TYPE='tidb';
```

11.3.5.2.2 Use `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_TIDB_INDEX_USAGE`

The `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` table provides metrics such as selectivity buckets, last access time, and rows accessed. The following examples show queries to identify unused or inefficient indexes based on this table:

```
-- Find indexes that have not been accessed in the last 30 days.
SELECT table_schema, table_name, index_name, last_access_time
FROM information_schema.cluster_tidb_index_usage
WHERE last_access_time IS NULL
  OR last_access_time < NOW() - INTERVAL 30 DAY;

-- Find indexes that are consistently scanned with over 50% of total
   ↪ records.
SELECT table_schema, table_name, index_name,
      query_total, rows_access_total,
      percentage_access_0 as full_table_scans
FROM information_schema.cluster_tidb_index_usage
WHERE last_access_time IS NOT NULL AND percentage_access_0 + percentage_
   ↪ access_0_1 + percentage_access_1_10 + percentage_access_10_20 +
   ↪ percentage_access_20_50 = 0;
```

> **Note:**
>
> The data in `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` might be delayed by up to five minutes, and the usage data is reset whenever a TiDB node restarts. Additionally, index usage is only recorded if the table has valid statistics.

11.3.5.3 Hypothetical indexes

Hypothetical indexes (Hypo Indexes) are created using SQL comments, similar to query hints, rather than through the `CREATE INDEX` statement. This approach enables lightweight experimentation with indexes without the overhead of physically materializing them.

For example, the `/*+ HYPO_INDEX(t, idx_ab, a, b)*/` comment instructs the query planner to create a hypothetical index named `idx_ab` on table `t` for columns `a` and `b`. The planner generates the index's metadata but does not physically materialize it. If applicable, the planner considers this hypothetical index during query optimization without incurring the costs associated with index creation.

The `RECOMMEND INDEX` advisor uses hypothetical indexes for "What-If" analysis to evaluate potential benefits of different indexes. You can also use hypothetical indexes directly to experiment with index designs before proceeding to create them.

The following example shows a query using a hypothetical index:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT, c INT);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

EXPLAIN FORMAT='verbose' SELECT a, b FROM t WHERE a=1 AND b=1;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+----------+---------------+----
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | estCost   | task     | access object |
   ↪ operator info              |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+----------+---------------+----
   ↪
| TableReader_7         | 0.01    | 392133.42 | root     |               | data:
   ↪ Selection_6             |
|  ─Selection_6         | 0.01    | 5882000.00 | cop[tikv] |           | eq(
   ↪ test.t.a, 1), eq(test.t.b, 1) |
|    ─TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | 4884000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t | keep
   ↪  order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+----------+---------------+----
   ↪

EXPLAIN FORMAT='verbose' SELECT /*+ HYPO_INDEX(t, idx_ab, a, b) */ a, b
   ↪ FROM t WHERE a=1 AND b=1;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | estCost | task   | access object
   ↪           | operator info                                |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
| IndexReader_6         | 0.10    | 2.20    | root     |
   ↪                           | index:IndexRangeScan_5                       |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5    | 0.10    | 20.35   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_ab
   ↪ (a, b) | range:[1 1,1 1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+---------+----------+-----------------------
   ↪
```

In this example, the `HYPO_INDEX` comment specifies a hypothetical index. Using this index reduces the estimated cost from `392133.42` to `2.20` by enabling an index range scan (`IndexRangeScan`) instead of a full table scan (`TableFullScan`).

Based on queries in your workload, TiDB can automatically generate index candidates that could benefit your workload. It uses hypothetical indexes to estimate their potential benefits and recommend the most effective ones.

12 Tutorials

12.1 Multiple Availability Zones in One Region Deployment

As a distributed SQL database, TiDB combines the best features of the traditional relational database and the scalability of the NoSQL database, and is highly available across availability zones (AZs). This document introduces the deployment of multiple AZs in one region.

The term "region" in this document refers to a geographic area, while the capitalized "Region" refers to a basic unit of data storage in TiKV. "AZ" refers to an isolated location within a region, and each region has multiple AZs. The solution described in this document also applies to the scenario where multiple data centers are located in a single city.

12.1.1 Raft protocol

Raft is a distributed consensus algorithm. Using this algorithm, both PD and TiKV, among components of the TiDB cluster, achieve disaster recovery of data, which is implemented through the following mechanisms:

- The essential role of Raft members is to perform log replication and act as a state machine. Among Raft members, data replication is implemented by replicating logs. Raft members change their own states in different conditions to elect a leader to provide services.
- Raft is a voting system that follows the majority protocol. In a Raft group, if a member gets the majority of votes, its membership changes to leader. In other words, when the majority of nodes remain in the Raft group, a leader can be elected to provide services.

To take advantage of Raft's reliability, the following conditions must be met in a real deployment scenario:

- Use at least three servers in case one server fails.
- Use at least three racks in case one rack fails.
- Use at least three AZs in case one AZ fails.
- Deploy TiDB in at least three regions in case data safety issue occurs in one region.

The native Raft protocol does not have good support for an even number of replicas. Considering the impact of cross-region network latency, three AZs in the same region might be the most suitable solution to a highly available and disaster tolerant Raft deployment.

12.1.2 Three AZs in one region deployment

TiDB clusters can be deployed in three AZs in the same region. In this solution, data replication across the three AZs is implemented using the Raft protocol within the cluster. These three AZs can provide read and write services at the same time. Data consistency is not affected even if one AZ fails.

12.1.2.1 Simple architecture

TiDB, TiKV, and PD are distributed among three AZs, which is the most common deployment with the highest availability.

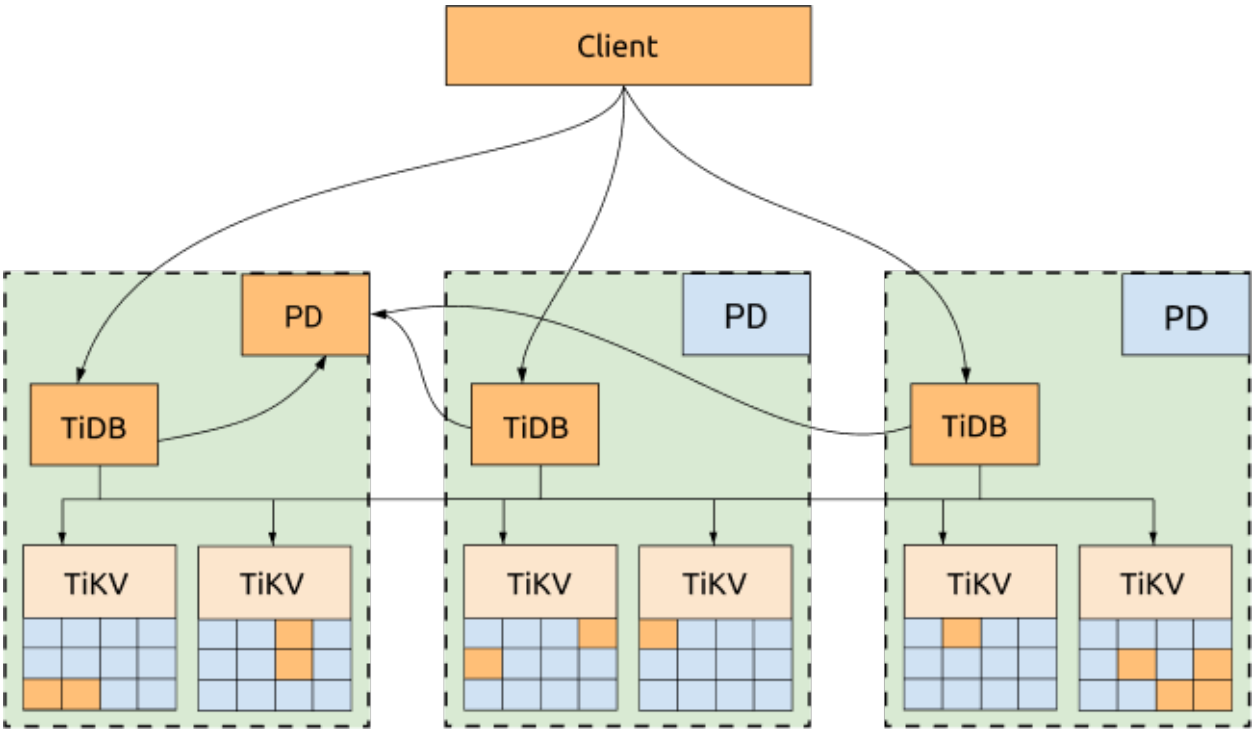

Figure 443: 3-AZ Deployment Architecture

Advantages:

- All replicas are distributed among three AZs, with high availability and disaster recovery capability.
- No data will be lost if one AZ is down (RPO = 0).
- Even if one AZ is down, the other two AZs will automatically start leader election and automatically resume services within a certain period (within 20 seconds in most cases). See the following diagram for more information:

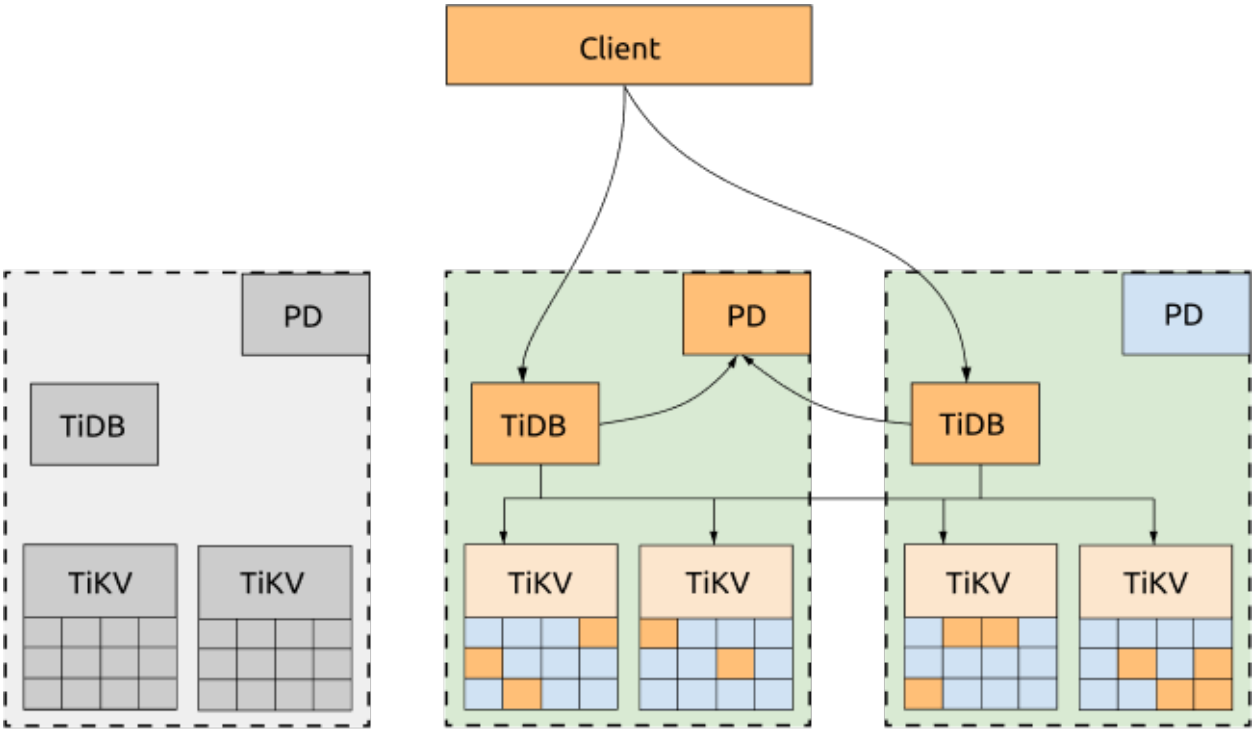

Figure 444: Disaster Recovery for 3-AZ Deployment

Disadvantages:

The performance can be affected by the network latency.

- For writes, all the data has to be replicated to at least two AZs. Because TiDB uses a two-phase commit for writes, the write latency is at least twice the latency of the network between two AZs.
- The read performance will also be affected by the network latency if the leader is not in the same AZ with the TiDB node that sends the read request.
- Each TiDB transaction needs to obtain TimeStamp Oracle (TSO) from the PD leader. So if the TiDB and PD leaders are not in the same AZ, the performance of the transactions will also be affected by the network latency because each transaction with the write request has to obtain TSO twice.

12.1.2.2 Optimized architecture

If not all of the three AZs need to provide services to the applications, you can dispatch all the requests to one AZ and configure the scheduling policy to migrate the TiKV Region leader and PD leader to the same AZ. In this way, neither obtaining TSO nor reading TiKV Regions will be impacted by the network latency across AZs. If this AZ is down, the PD leader and TiKV Region leader will be automatically elected in other surviving AZs, and you just need to switch the requests to the AZs that are still alive.

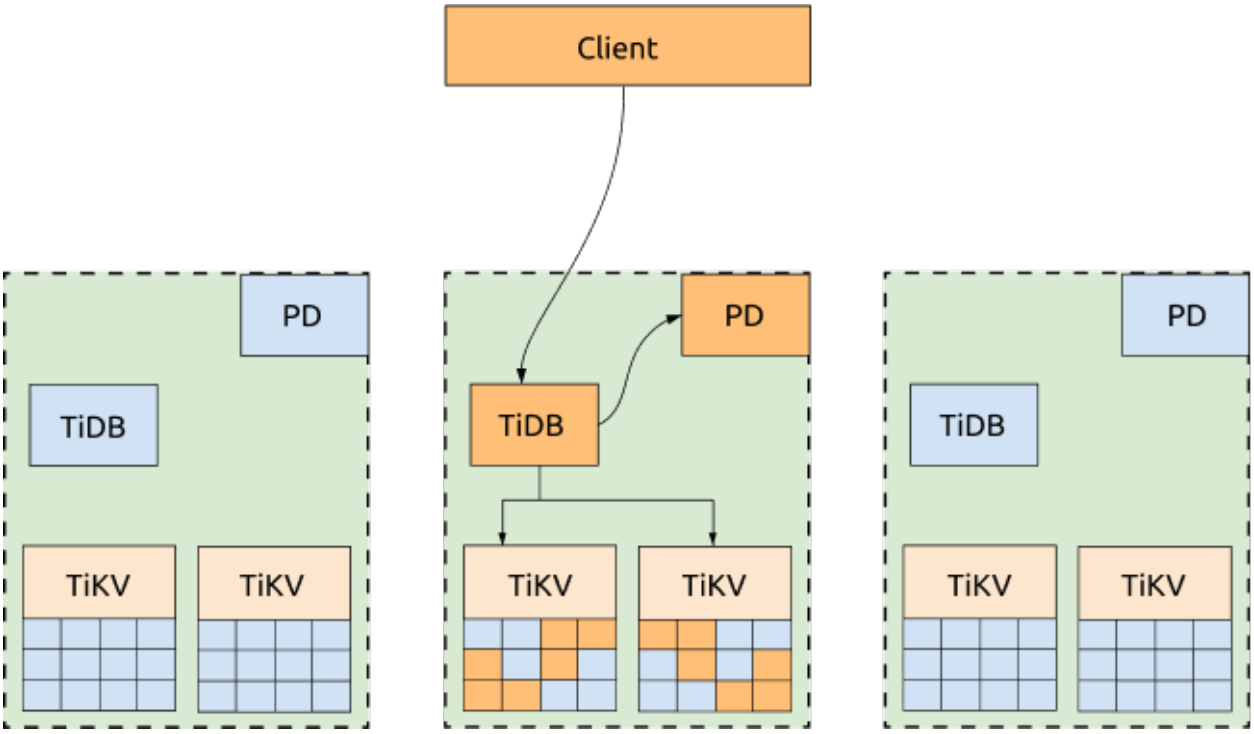

Figure 445: Read Performance Optimized 3-AZ Deployment

Advantages:

The cluster's read performance and the capability to get TSO are improved. A configuration template of scheduling policy is as follows:

```
-- Evicts all leaders of other AZs to the AZ that provides services to the
   ↪ application.
config set label-property reject-leader LabelName labelValue

-- Migrates PD leaders and sets priority.
member leader transfer pdName1
member leader_priority pdName1 5
member leader_priority pdName2 4
member leader_priority pdName3 3
```

Note:

Starting from TiDB v5.2, the `label-property` configuration is not supported by default. To set the replica policy, use the placement rules.

Disadvantages:

- Write scenarios are still affected by network latency across AZs. This is because Raft follows the majority protocol and all written data must be replicated to at least two AZs.
- The TiDB server that provides services is only in one AZ.
- All application traffic is processed by one AZ and the performance is limited by the network bandwidth pressure of that AZ.
- The capability to get TSO and the read performance are affected by whether the PD server and TiKV server are up in the AZ that processes application traffic. If these servers are down, the application is still affected by the cross-center network latency.

12.1.2.3 Deployment example

This section provides a topology example, and introduces TiKV labels and TiKV labels planning.

12.1.2.3.1 Topology example

The following example assumes that three AZs (AZ1, AZ2, and AZ3) are located in one region; each AZ has two sets of racks and each rack has three servers. The example ignores the hybrid deployment or the scenario where multiple instances are deployed on one machine. The deployment of a TiDB cluster (three replicas) on three AZs in one region is as follows:

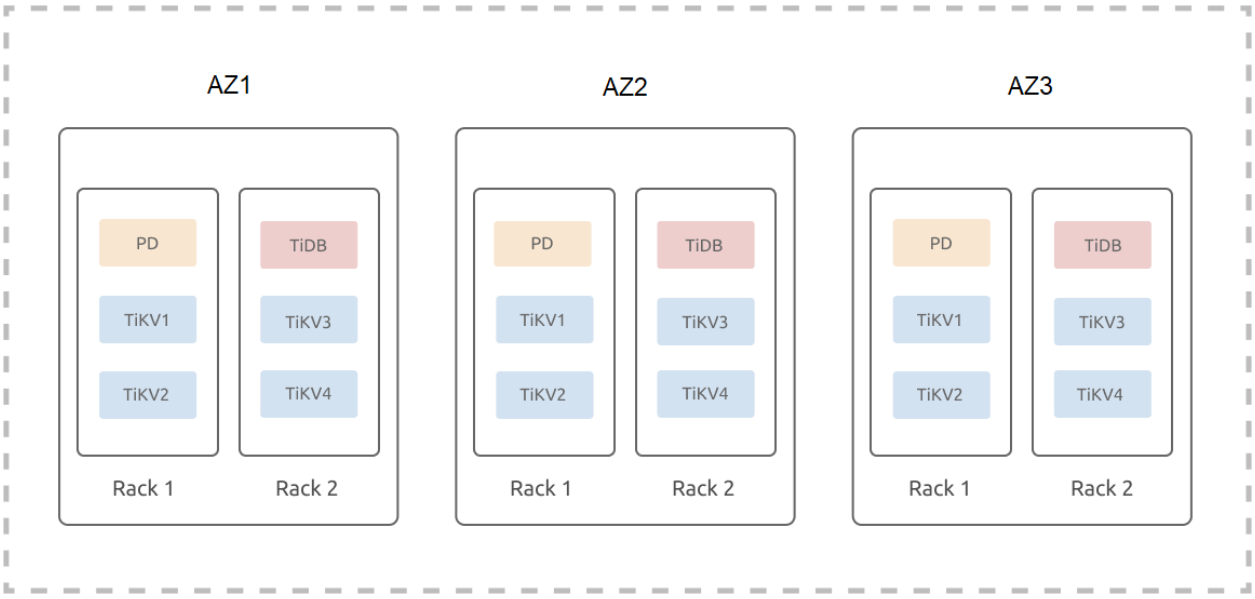

Figure 446: 3-AZ in One Region

12.1.2.3.2 TiKV labels

TiKV is a Multi-Raft system where data is divided into Regions and the size of each Region is 96 MB by default. Three replicas of each Region form a Raft group. For a TiDB cluster of three replicas, because the number of Region replicas is independent of the TiKV instance numbers, three replicas of a Region are only scheduled to three TiKV instances. This means that even if the cluster is scaled out to have N TiKV instances, it is still a cluster of three replicas.

Because a Raft group of three replicas tolerates only one replica failure, even if the cluster is scaled out to have N TiKV instances, this cluster still tolerates only one replica failure. Two failed TiKV instances might cause some Regions to lose replicas and the data in this cluster is no longer complete. SQL requests that access data from these Regions will fail. The probability of two simultaneous failures among N TiKV instances is much higher than the probability of two simultaneous failures among three TiKV instances. This means that the more TiKV instances the Multi-Raft system is scaled out to have, the less the availability of the system.

Because of the preceding limitation, `label` is used to describe the location information of TiKV. The label information is refreshed to the TiKV startup configuration file with deployment or rolling upgrade operations. The started TiKV reports its latest label information to PD. Based on the user-registered label name (the label metadata) and the TiKV topology, PD optimally schedules Region replicas and improves the system availability.

12.1.2.3.3 TiKV labels planning example

To improve the availability and disaster recovery of the system, you need to design and plan TiKV labels according to your existing physical resources and the disaster recovery capability. You also need to edit the cluster initialization configuration file according to the planned topology:

```
server_configs:
  pd:
    replication.location-labels: ["zone","az","rack","host"]

tikv_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.30
    config:
      server.labels: { zone: "z1", az: "az1", rack: "r1", host: "30" }
  - host: 10.63.10.31
    config:
      server.labels: { zone: "z1", az: "az1", rack: "r1", host: "31" }
  - host: 10.63.10.32
    config:
      server.labels: { zone: "z1", az: "az1", rack: "r2", host: "32" }
  - host: 10.63.10.33
    config:
```

```
    server.labels: { zone: "z1", az: "az1", rack: "r2", host: "33" }

- host: 10.63.10.34
  config:
    server.labels: { zone: "z2", az: "az2", rack: "r1", host: "34" }
- host: 10.63.10.35
  config:
    server.labels: { zone: "z2", az: "az2", rack: "r1", host: "35" }
- host: 10.63.10.36
  config:
    server.labels: { zone: "z2", az: "az2", rack: "r2", host: "36" }
- host: 10.63.10.37
  config:
    server.labels: { zone: "z2", az: "az2", rack: "r2", host: "37" }

- host: 10.63.10.38
  config:
    server.labels: { zone: "z3", az: "az3", rack: "r1", host: "38" }
- host: 10.63.10.39
  config:
    server.labels: { zone: "z3", az: "az3", rack: "r1", host: "39" }
- host: 10.63.10.40
  config:
    server.labels: { zone: "z3", az: "az3", rack: "r2", host: "40" }
- host: 10.63.10.41
  config:
    server.labels: { zone: "z3", az: "az3", rack: "r2", host: "41" }
```

In the preceding example, `zone` is the logical availability zone layer that controls the isolation of replicas (three replicas in the example cluster).

Considering that the AZs might be scaled out in the future, the three-layer label structure (`az`, `rack`, and `host`) is not directly adopted. Assuming that `AZ2`, `AZ3`, and `AZ4` are to be scaled out, you only need to scale out the AZs in the corresponding availability zone and scale out the racks in the corresponding AZ.

If this three-layer label structure is directly adopted, after scaling out an AZ, you might need to apply new labels and the data in TiKV needs to be rebalanced.

12.1.2.4 High availability and disaster recovery analysis

The multiple AZs in one region deployment can guarantee that if one AZ fails, the cluster can automatically recover services without manual intervention. Data consistency is also guaranteed. Note that scheduling policies are used to optimize performance, but when a failure occurs, these policies prioritize availability over performance.

12.2 Three Availability Zones in Two Regions Deployment

This document introduces the architecture and configuration of the three availability zones (AZs) in two regions deployment.

The term "region" in this document refers to a geographic area, while the capitalized "Region" refers to a basic unit of data storage in TiKV. "AZ" refers to an isolated location within a region, and each region has multiple AZs. The solution described in this document also applies to the scenario where multiple data centers are located in a single city.

12.2.1 Overview

The architecture of three AZs in two regions is a highly available and disaster tolerant deployment solution that provides a production data AZ, a disaster recovery AZ in the same region, and a disaster recovery AZ in another region. In this mode, the three AZs in two regions are interconnected. If one AZ fails or suffers from a disaster, other AZs can still operate well and take over the key applications or all applications. Compared with the multi-AZ in one region deployment, this solution has the advantage of cross-region high availability and can survive region-level natural disasters.

The distributed database TiDB natively supports the three-AZ-in-two-region architecture by using the Raft algorithm, and guarantees the consistency and high availability of data within a database cluster. Because the network latency across AZs in the same region is relatively low, the application traffic can be dispatched to two AZs in the same region, and the traffic load can be shared by these two AZs by controlling the distribution of TiKV Region leaders and PD leaders.

12.2.2 Deployment architecture

This section takes the example of Seattle and San Francisco to explain the deployment mode of three AZs in two regions for the distributed database of TiDB.

In this example, two AZs (AZ1 and AZ2) are located in Seattle and another AZ (AZ3) is located in San Francisco. The network latency between AZ1 and AZ2 is lower than 3 milliseconds. The network latency between AZ3 and AZ1/AZ2 in Seattle is about 20 milliseconds (ISP dedicated network is used).

The architecture of the cluster deployment is as follows:

- The TiDB cluster is deployed to three AZs in two regions: AZ1 in Seattle, AZ2 in Seattle, and AZ3 in San Francisco.
- The cluster has five replicas, two in AZ1, two in AZ2, and one in AZ3. For the TiKV component, each rack has a label, which means that each rack has a replica.
- The Raft protocol is adopted to ensure consistency and high availability of data, which is transparent to users.

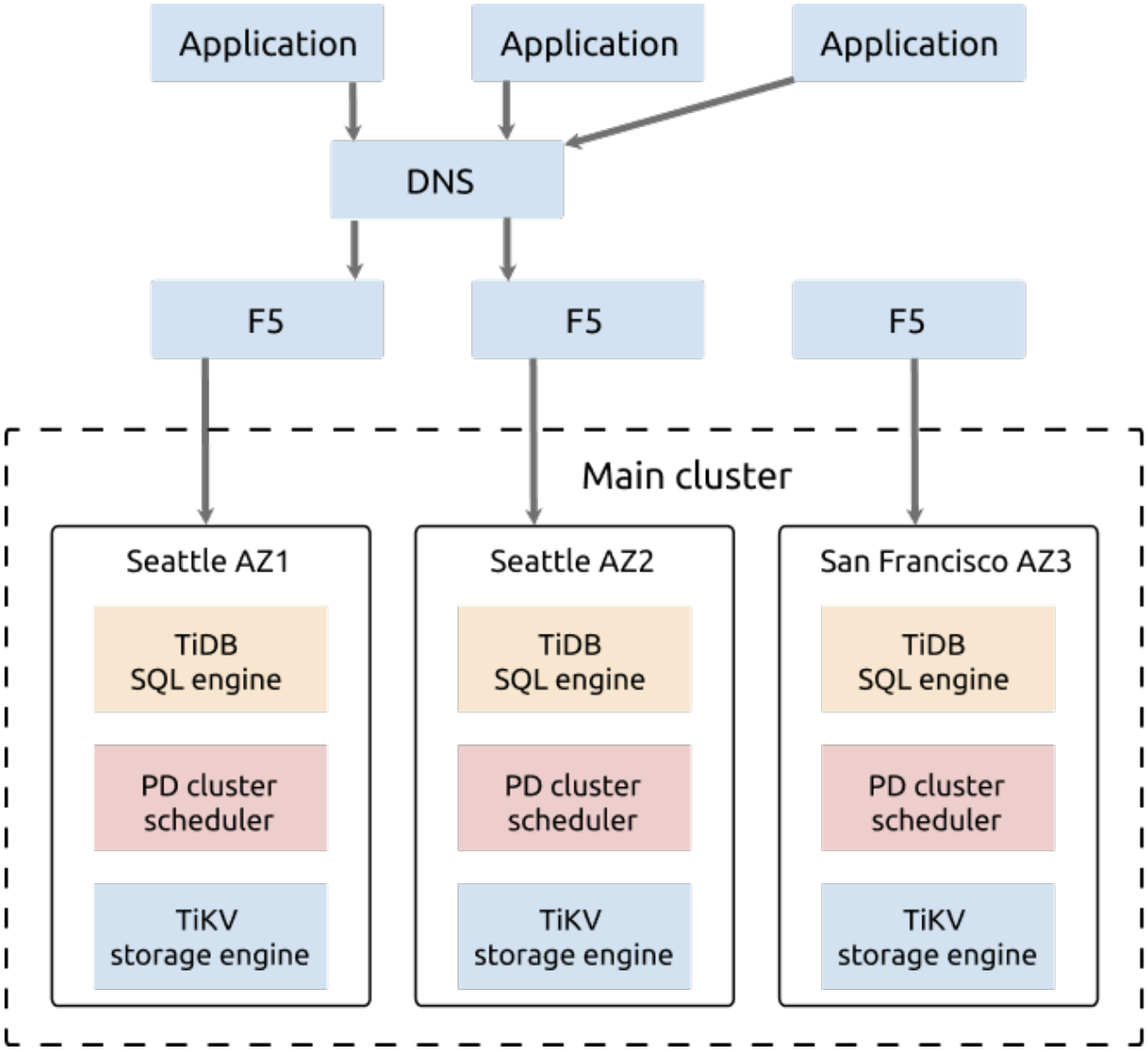

Figure 447: 3-AZ-in-2-region architecture

This architecture is highly available. The distribution of Region leaders is restricted to the two AZs (AZ1 and AZ2) that are in the same region (Seattle). Compared with the three-AZ solution in which the distribution of Region leaders is not restricted, this architecture has the following advantages and disadvantages:

- **Advantages**
    - Region leaders are in AZs of the same region with low latency, so the write is faster.
    - The two AZs can provide services at the same time, so the resource usage rate is higher.

- If one AZ fails, services are still available and data safety is ensured.

- **Disadvantages**

  - Because the data consistency is achieved by the Raft algorithm, when two AZs in the same region fail at the same time, only one surviving replica remains in the disaster recovery AZ in another region (San Francisco). This cannot meet the requirement of the Raft algorithm that most replicas survive. As a result, the cluster can be temporarily unavailable. Maintenance staff needs to recover the cluster from the one surviving replica and a small amount of hot data that has not been replicated will be lost. But this case is a rare occurrence.
  - Because the ISP dedicated network is used, the network infrastructure of this architecture has a high cost.
  - Five replicas are configured in three AZs in two regions, data redundancy increases, which brings a higher storage cost.

12.2.2.1 Deployment details

The configuration of the three AZs in two regions (Seattle and San Francisco) deployment plan is illustrated as follows:

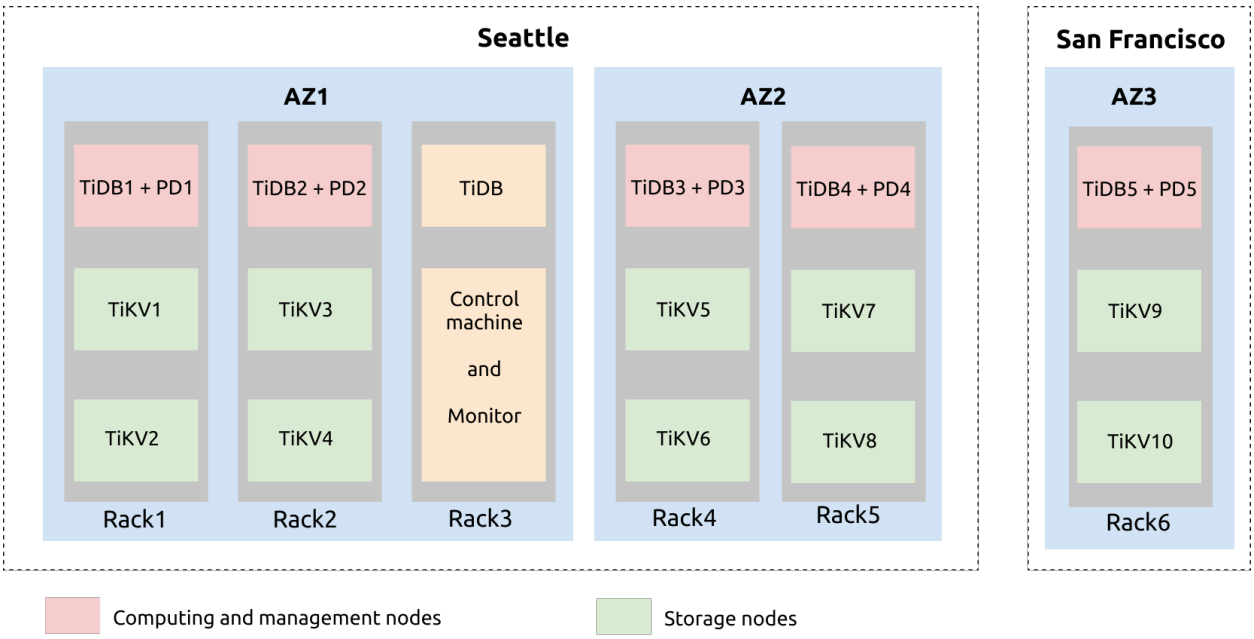

Figure 448: 3-AZ-2-region

From the preceding illustration, you can see that Seattle has two AZs: AZ1 and AZ2. AZ1 has three sets of racks: rac1, rac2, and rac3. AZ2 has two racks: rac4 and rac5. The AZ3 in San Francisco has the rac6 rack.

In the rac1 of AZ1, one server is deployed with TiDB and PD services, and the other two servers are deployed with TiKV services. Each TiKV server is deployed with two TiKV instances (tikv-server). This is similar to rac2, rac4, rac5, and rac6.

The TiDB server, the control machine, and the monitoring server are on rac3. The TiDB server is deployed for regular maintenance and backup. Prometheus, Grafana, and the restore tools are deployed on the control machine and monitoring machine.

12.2.3 Configuration

12.2.3.1 Example

See the following `tiup topology.yaml` yaml file for example:

```
## # Global variables are applied to all deployments and used as the default
   ↪ value of
## # the deployments if a specific deployment value is missing.
global:
  user: "tidb"
  ssh_port: 22
  deploy_dir: "/data/tidb_cluster/tidb-deploy"
  data_dir: "/data/tidb_cluster/tidb-data"

server_configs:
  tikv:
    server.grpc-compression-type: gzip
  pd:
    replication.location-labels: ["az","replication zone","rack","host"]

pd_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.10
    name: "pd-10"
  - host: 10.63.10.11
    name: "pd-11"
  - host: 10.63.10.12
    name: "pd-12"
  - host: 10.63.10.13
    name: "pd-13"
  - host: 10.63.10.14
    name: "pd-14"

tidb_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.10
  - host: 10.63.10.11
  - host: 10.63.10.12
  - host: 10.63.10.13
```

```
  - host: 10.63.10.14

tikv_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.30
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "1", replication zone: "1", rack: "1", host: "30"
          ↪ }
  - host: 10.63.10.31
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "1", replication zone: "2", rack: "2", host: "31"
          ↪ }
  - host: 10.63.10.32
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "2", replication zone: "3", rack: "3", host: "32"
          ↪ }
  - host: 10.63.10.33
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "2", replication zone: "4", rack: "4", host: "33"
          ↪ }
  - host: 10.63.10.34
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "3", replication zone: "5", rack: "5", host: "34"
          ↪ }
      raftstore.raft-min-election-timeout-ticks: 50
      raftstore.raft-max-election-timeout-ticks: 60

monitoring_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.60

grafana_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.60

alertmanager_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.60
```

12.2.3.2 Labels design

In the deployment of three AZs in two regions, the label design requires taking availability and disaster recovery into account. It is recommended that you define the four levels (`az`, `replication zone`, `rack`, and `host`) based on the physical structure of the deployment.

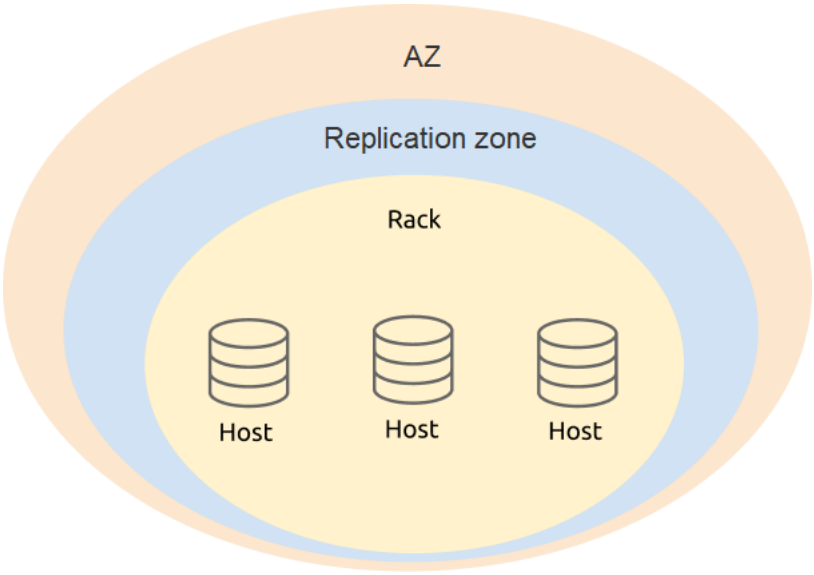

Figure 449: Label logical definition

In the PD configuration, add level information of TiKV labels:

```
server_configs:
  pd:
    replication.location-labels: ["az","replication zone","rack","host"]
```

The configuration of `tikv_servers` is based on the label information of the real physical deployment location of TiKV, which makes it easier for PD to perform global management and scheduling.

```
tikv_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.30
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "1", replication zone: "1", rack: "1", host: "30"
          ↪ }
  - host: 10.63.10.31
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "1", replication zone: "2", rack: "2", host: "31"
          ↪ }
  - host: 10.63.10.32
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "2", replication zone: "3", rack: "3", host: "32"
          ↪ }
  - host: 10.63.10.33
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "2", replication zone: "4", rack: "4", host: "33"
          ↪ }
  - host: 10.63.10.34
```

```
config:
  server.labels: { az: "3", replication zone: "5", rack: "5", host: "34"
    ↪ }
```

12.2.3.3 Optimize parameter configuration

In the deployment of three AZs in two regions, to optimize performance, you need to not only configure regular parameters, but also adjust component parameters.

- Enable gRPC message compression in TiKV. Because data of the cluster is transmitted in the network, you can enable the gRPC message compression to lower the network traffic.

```
server.grpc-compression-type: gzip
```

- Optimize the network configuration of the TiKV node in another region (San Francisco). Modify the following TiKV parameters for AZ3 in San Francisco and try to prevent the replica in this TiKV node from participating in the Raft election.

```
raftstore.raft-min-election-timeout-ticks: 50
raftstore.raft-max-election-timeout-ticks: 60
```

> **Note:**
>
> Using `raftstore.raft-min-election-timeout-ticks` and `raftstore.` ↪ `raft-max-election-timeout-ticks` to configure larger election timeout ticks for a TiKV node can significantly decrease the likelihood of Regions on that node becoming Leaders. However, in a disaster scenario where some TiKV nodes are offline and the remaining active TiKV nodes lag behind in Raft logs, only Regions on this TiKV node with large election timeout ticks can become Leaders. Because Regions on this TiKV node must wait for at least the duration set by `raftstore.raft-min-election-timeout-ticks` before initiating an election, it is recommended to avoid setting these values excessively large to prevent potential impact on the cluster availability in such scenarios.

- Configure scheduling. After the cluster is enabled, use the `tiup ctl:v{CLUSTER_` ↪ `VERSION} pd` tool to modify the scheduling policy. Modify the number of TiKV Raft replicas. Configure this number as planned. In this example, the number of replicas is five.

```
config set max-replicas 5
```

- Forbid scheduling the Raft leader to AZ3. Scheduling the Raft leader to another region (AZ3) causes unnecessary network overhead between AZ1/AZ2 in Seattle and AZ3 in San Francisco. The network bandwidth and latency also affect the performance of the TiDB cluster.

```
config set label-property reject-leader dc 3
```

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from TiDB v5.2, the `label-property` configuration is not supported by default. To set the replica policy, use the placement rules.

- Configure the priority of PD. To avoid the situation where the PD leader is in another region (AZ3), you can increase the priority of local PD (in Seattle) and decrease the priority of PD in another region (San Francisco). The larger the number, the higher the priority. In all available PD nodes, the node with the highest priority number becomes the leader.

```
member leader_priority PD-10 5
member leader_priority PD-11 5
member leader_priority PD-12 5
member leader_priority PD-13 5
member leader_priority PD-14 1
```

12.3 Two Availability Zones in One Region Deployment

This document introduces the deployment mode of two availability zones (AZs) in one region, including the architecture, configuration, how to enable this deployment mode, and how to use replicas in this mode.

The term "region" in this document refers to a geographic area, while the capitalized "Region" refers to a basic unit of data storage in TiKV. "AZ" refers to an isolated location within a region, and each region has multiple AZs. The solution described in this document also applies to the scenario where multiple data centers are located in a single city.

12.3.1 Introduction

TiDB usually adopts the multi-AZ deployment solution to ensure high availability and disaster recovery capability. The multi-AZ deployment solution includes multiple deployment modes, such as multiple AZs in one region and multiple AZs in two regions. This document introduces the deployment mode of two AZs in one region. Deployed in this mode, TiDB can

also meet the requirements of high availability and disaster recovery, with a lower cost. This deployment solution adopts Data Replication Auto Synchronous mode, or the DR Auto-Sync mode.

Under the mode of two AZs in one region, the two AZs are less than 50 kilometers apart. They are usually located in the same region or in two adjacent regions. The network latency between the two AZs is lower than 1.5 milliseconds and the bandwidth is higher than 10 Gbps.

12.3.2 Deployment architecture

This section takes the example of a region where two availability zones AZ1 and AZ2 are located respectively in the east and west. AZ1 is the primary AZ and AZ2 is the disaster recovery (DR) AZ.

The architecture of the cluster deployment is as follows:

- The cluster has six replicas: three Voter replicas in AZ1, and two Voter replicas along with one Learner replica in AZ2. For the TiKV component, each rack has a proper label.
- The Raft protocol is adopted to ensure consistency and high availability of data, which is transparent to users.

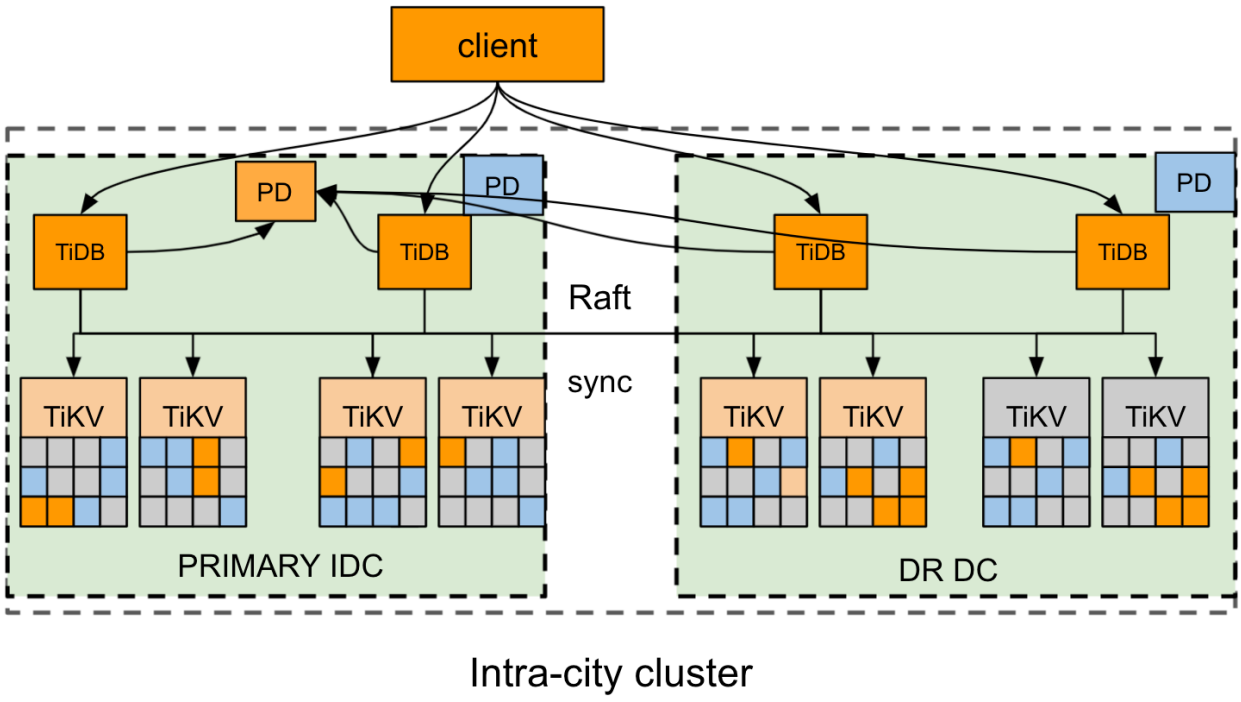

Figure 450: 2-AZ-in-1-region architecture

This deployment solution defines three statuses to control and identify the replication status of the cluster, which restricts the replication mode of TiKV. The replication mode of the cluster can automatically and adaptively switch between the three statuses. For details, see the Status switch section.

- **sync**: Synchronous replication mode. In this mode, at least one replica in the disaster recovery AZ synchronizes with the primary AZ. The Raft algorithm ensures that each log is replicated to the DR based on the label.
- **async**: Asynchronous replication mode. In this mode, the disaster recovery AZ is not fully synchronized with the primary AZ. The Raft algorithm follows the majority protocol to replicate logs.
- **sync-recover**: Synchronous recovery mode. In this mode, the disaster recovery AZ is not fully synchronized with the primary AZ. Raft gradually switches to the label replication mode and then reports the label information to PD.

12.3.3 Configuration

12.3.3.1 Example

The following `tiup topology.yaml` example file is a typical topology configuration for the two availability zones in one region deployment mode:

```
## # Global variables are applied to all deployments and used as the default
   ↪ value of
## # the deployments if a specific deployment value is missing.
global:
  user: "tidb"
  ssh_port: 22
  deploy_dir: "/data/tidb_cluster/tidb-deploy"
  data_dir: "/data/tidb_cluster/tidb-data"
server_configs:
  pd:
    replication.location-labels: ["az","rack","host"]
pd_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.10
    name: "pd-10"
  - host: 10.63.10.11
    name: "pd-11"
  - host: 10.63.10.12
    name: "pd-12"
tidb_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.10
  - host: 10.63.10.11
  - host: 10.63.10.12
tikv_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.30
```

```
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "east", rack: "east-1", host: "30" }
  - host: 10.63.10.31
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "east", rack: "east-2", host: "31" }
  - host: 10.63.10.32
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "east", rack: "east-3", host: "32" }
  - host: 10.63.10.33
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "west", rack: "west-1", host: "33" }
  - host: 10.63.10.34
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "west", rack: "west-2", host: "34" }
  - host: 10.63.10.35
    config:
      server.labels: { az: "west", rack: "west-3", host: "35" }
monitoring_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.60
grafana_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.60
alertmanager_servers:
  - host: 10.63.10.60
```

12.3.3.2 Placement Rules

To deploy a cluster based on the planned topology, you need to use Placement Rules to determine the locations of the cluster replicas. Taking the deployment of four replicas (two Voter replicas are at the primary AZ, one Voter replica, and one Learner replica are at the disaster recovery AZ) as an example, you can use the Placement Rules to configure the replicas as follows:

```
cat rule.json
[
  {
    "group_id": "pd",
    "group_index": 0,
    "group_override": false,
    "rules": [
      {
        "group_id": "pd",
        "id": "az-east",
        "start_key": "",
        "end_key": "",
        "role": "voter",
```

```
    "count": 3,
    "label_constraints": [
      {
        "key": "az",
        "op": "in",
        "values": [
          "east"
        ]
      }
    ],
    "location_labels": [
      "az",
      "rack",
      "host"
    ]
  },
  {
    "group_id": "pd",
    "id": "az-west-1",
    "start_key": "",
    "end_key": "",
    "role": "follower",
    "count": 2,
    "label_constraints": [
      {
        "key": "az",
        "op": "in",
        "values": [
          "west"
        ]
      }
    ],
    "location_labels": [
      "az",
      "rack",
      "host"
    ]
  },
  {
    "group_id": "pd",
    "id": "az-west-2",
    "start_key": "",
    "end_key": "",
    "role": "learner",
    "count": 1,
```

```
      "label_constraints": [
        {
          "key": "az",
          "op": "in",
          "values": [
            "west"
          ]
        }
      ],
      "location_labels": [
        "az",
        "rack",
        "host"
      ]
    }
  ]
 }
]
```

To use the configurations in `rule.json`, run the following command to back up the existing configuration to the `default.json` file and overwrite the existing configuration with `rule.json`:

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-bundle load --out="default.json"
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-bundle save --in="rule.json"
```

If you need to roll back to the previous configuration, you can restore the backup file `default.json` or write the following JSON file manually and overwrite the current configuration with this JSON file:

```
cat default.json
[
  {
    "group_id": "pd",
    "group_index": 0,
    "group_override": false,
    "rules": [
      {
        "group_id": "pd",
        "id": "default",
        "start_key": "",
        "end_key": "",
        "role": "voter",
        "count": 5
      }
    ]
```

```
  }
]
```

12.3.3.3 Enable the DR Auto-Sync mode

The replication mode is controlled by PD. You can configure the replication mode in the PD configuration file using one of the following methods:

- Method 1: Configure the PD configuration file, and then deploy a cluster.

```
[replication-mode]
replication-mode = "dr-auto-sync"
[replication-mode.dr-auto-sync]
label-key = "az"
primary = "east"
dr = "west"
primary-replicas = 3
dr-replicas = 2
wait-store-timeout = "1m"
wait-recover-timeout = "0s"
pause-region-split = false
```

- Method 2: If you have deployed a cluster, use pd-ctl commands to modify the configurations of PD.

```
config set replication-mode dr-auto-sync
config set replication-mode dr-auto-sync label-key az
config set replication-mode dr-auto-sync primary east
config set replication-mode dr-auto-sync dr west
config set replication-mode dr-auto-sync primary-replicas 3
config set replication-mode dr-auto-sync dr-replicas 2
```

Descriptions of configuration items:

- `replication-mode` is the replication mode to be enabled. In the preceding example, it is set to `dr-auto-sync`. By default, the majority protocol is used.
- `label-key` is used to distinguish different AZs and needs to match Placement Rules. In this example, the primary AZ is "east" and the disaster recovery AZ is "west".
- `primary-replicas` is the number of Voter replicas in the primary AZ.
- `dr-replicas` is the number of Voter replicas in the disaster recovery (DR) AZ.
- `wait-store-timeout` is the waiting time for switching to asynchronous replication mode when network isolation or failure occurs. If the time of network failure exceeds the waiting time, asynchronous replication mode is enabled. The default waiting time is 60 seconds.

- `wait-recover-timeout` is the waiting time for switching back to the `sync-recover` status after the network recovers. The default value is 0 seconds.
- `pause-region-split` controls whether to pause Region split operations in the `async_wait` and `async` statuses. Pausing Region split can prevent temporary partial data loss in the DR AZ when synchronizing data in the `sync-recover` status. The default value is `false`.

To check the current replication status of the cluster, use the following API:

```
curl http://pd_ip:pd_port/pd/api/v1/replication_mode/status
```

```
{
  "mode": "dr-auto-sync",
  "dr-auto-sync": {
    "label-key": "az",
    "state": "sync"
  }
}
```

12.3.3.3.1 Status switch

The replication mode of a cluster can automatically and adaptively switch between three statuses:

- When the cluster is normal, the synchronous replication mode is enabled to maximize the data integrity of the disaster recovery AZ.
- When the network connection between the two AZs fails or the disaster recovery AZ breaks down, after a pre-set protective interval, the cluster enables the asynchronous replication mode to ensure the availability of the application.
- When the network reconnects or the disaster recovery AZ recovers, the TiKV node joins the cluster again and gradually replicates the data. Finally, the cluster switches to the synchronous replication mode.

The details for the status switch are as follows:

1. **Initialization**: At the initialization stage, the cluster is in the synchronous replication mode. PD sends the status information to TiKV, and all TiKV nodes strictly follow the synchronous replication mode to work.
2. **Switch from sync to async**: PD regularly checks the heartbeat information of TiKV to judge whether the TiKV node fails or is disconnected. If the number of failed nodes exceeds the number of replicas of the primary AZ (`primary-replicas`) and the disaster recovery AZ (`dr-replicas`), the synchronous replication mode can no longer serve the data replication and it is necessary to switch the status. When the failure or

disconnect time exceeds the time set by `wait-store-timeout`, PD switches the status of the cluster to the async mode. Then PD sends the status of async to all TiKV nodes, and the replication mode for TiKV switches from two-availability-zone replication to the native Raft majority.

3. **Switch from async to sync**: PD regularly checks the heartbeat information of TiKV to judge whether the TiKV node is reconnected. If the number of failed nodes is less than the number of replicas of the primary AZ (`primary-replicas`) and the disaster recovery AZ (`dr-replicas`), the synchronous replication mode can be enabled again. PD first switches the status of the cluster to sync-recover and sends the status information to all TiKV nodes. All Regions of TiKV gradually switch to the two-availability-zone synchronous replication mode and then report the heartbeat information to PD. PD records the status of TiKV Regions and calculates the recovery progress. When all TiKV Regions finish the switching, PD switches the replication mode to sync.

12.3.3.4 Disaster recovery

This section introduces the disaster recovery solution of the two AZs in one region deployment.

When a disaster occurs to a cluster in the synchronous replication mode, you can perform data recovery with `RPO = 0`:

- If the primary AZ fails and most of the Voter replicas are lost, but complete data exists in the disaster recovery AZ, the lost data can be recovered from the disaster recovery AZ. At this time, manual intervention is required with professional tools. You can get support from PingCAP or the community for a recovery solution.
- If the disaster recovery AZ fails and a few Voter replicas are lost, the cluster automatically switches to the asynchronous replication mode.

When a disaster occurs to a cluster that is not in the synchronous replication mode and you cannot perform data recovery with `RPO = 0`:

- If most of the Voter replicas are lost, manual intervention is required with professional tools. You can get support from PingCAP or the community for a recovery solution.

12.4 Read Historical Data

12.4.1 Use Stale Read (Recommended)

12.4.1.1 Usage Scenarios of Stale Read

This document describes the usage scenarios of Stale Read. Stale Read is a mechanism that TiDB applies to read historical versions of data stored in TiDB. Using this mechanism,

you can read the corresponding historical data of a specific point in time or within a specified time range, and thus save the latency brought by data replication between storage nodes.

When you are using Stale Read, TiDB will randomly select a replica for data reading, which means that all replicas are available for data reading. If your application cannot tolerate reading non-real-time data, do not use Stale Read; otherwise, the data read from the replica might not be the latest data written into TiDB.

12.4.1.1.1 Scenario examples

- Scenario one: If a transaction only involves read operations and is tolerant of data staleness to some extent, you can use Stale Read to get historical data. Using Stale Read, TiDB makes the query requests sent to any replica at the expense of some real-time performance, and thus increases the throughput of query executions. Especially in some scenarios where small tables are queried, if strongly consistent reads are used, leader might be concentrated on a certain storage node, causing the query pressure to be concentrated on that node as well. Therefore, that node might become a bottleneck for the whole query. Stale Read, however, can improve the overall query throughput and significantly improve the query performance.
- Scenario two: In some scenarios of geo-distributed deployment, if strongly consistent follower reads are used, to make sure that the data read from the Followers is consistent with that stored in the Leader, TiDB requests `Readindex` from different data centers for verification, which increases the access latency for the whole query process. With Stale Read, TiDB accesses the replica in the current data center to read the corresponding data at the expense of some real-time performance, which avoids network latency brought by cross-center connection and reduces the access latency for the entire query. For more information, see Local Read under Three Data Centers Deployment.

12.4.1.1.2 Usages

TiDB provides the methods of performing Stale Read at the statement level, the session level and the global level as follows:

- Statement level
  - Specifying an exact point in time (**recommended**): If you need TiDB to read data that is globally consistent from a specific point in time without violating the isolation level, you can specify the corresponding timestamp of that point in time in the query statement. For detailed usage, see `AS OF TIMESTAMP` clause.
  - Specifying a time range: If you need TiDB to read the data as new as possible within a time range without violating the isolation level, you can specify the time range in the query statement. Within the specified time range, TiDB selects a suitable timestamp to read the corresponding data. “Suitable” means there are no transactions that start before this timestamp and have not been committed on the accessed replica, that is, TiDB can perform read operations on the accessed

replica and the read operations are not blocked. For detailed usage, refer to the introduction of the AS OF TIMESTAMP Clause and the TIDB_BOUNDED_STALENESS function.

- Session level
    - Specifying a time range: In a session, if you need TiDB to read the data as new as possible within a time range in subsequent queries without violating the isolation level, you can specify the time range by setting the `tidb_read_staleness` system variable. For detailed usage, refer to `tidb_read_staleness`.

Besides, TiDB provides a way to specify an exact point in time at the session or global level by setting the `tidb_external_ts` and `tidb_enable_external_ts_read` system variables. For detailed usage, refer to Perform Stale Read Using `tidb_external_ts`.

Reduce Stale Read latency

The Stale Read feature periodically advances the Resolved TS timestamp of the TiDB cluster, which ensures that TiDB reads data that meets transaction consistency. If the timestamp used by Stale Read (for example, `AS OF TIMESTAMP '2016-10-08 16:45:26'`) is greater than the Resolved TS, Stale Read will trigger TiDB to advance the Resolved TS first and wait for the advance to complete before reading the data, leading to an increase in latency.

To reduce the Stale Read latency, you can modify the following TiKV configuration item to make TiDB advance the Resolved TS timestamp more frequently:

```
[resolved-ts]
advance-ts-interval = "20s" # The default value is "20s". You can set it to
    ↪ a smaller value such as "1s" to advance the Resolved TS timestamp
    ↪ more frequently.
```

Note:

Decreasing the preceding TiKV configuration item will lead to an increase in TiKV CPU usage and traffic between nodes.

For more information about the internals of Resolved TS and diagnostic techniques, see Understanding Stale Read and safe-ts in TiKV.

12.4.1.1.3 Restrictions

When a Stale Read query for a table is pushed down to TiFlash, the query will return an error if this table has newer DDL operations executed after the read timestamp specified

by the query. This is because TiFlash only supports reading data from the tables with the latest schemas.

Take the following table as an example:

```
create table t1(id int);
alter table t1 set tiflash replica 1;
```

Execute the following DDL operation after one minute:

```
alter table t1 add column c1 int not null;
```

Then, use Stale Read to query the data from one minute ago:

```
set @@session.tidb_enforce_mpp=1;
select * from t1 as of timestamp NOW() - INTERVAL 1 minute;
```

TiFlash will report an error as follows:

```
ERROR 1105 (HY000): other error for mpp stream: From MPP<query:<query_ts
    ↪ :1673950975508472943, local_query_id:18, server_id:111947, start_ts
    ↪ :438816196526080000>,task_id:1>: Code: 0, e.displayText() = DB::
    ↪ TiFlashException: Table 323 schema version 104 newer than query
    ↪ schema version 100, e.what() = DB::TiFlashException,
```

To avoid this error, you can change the read timestamp specified by Stale Read to the time after the DDL operation.

12.4.1.2 Read Historical Data Using the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` Clause

This document describes how to perform the Stale Read feature using the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` clause to read historical data in TiDB, including specific usage examples and strategies for saving historical data.

TiDB supports reading historical data through a standard SQL interface, which is the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` SQL clause, without the need for special clients or drivers. After data is updated or deleted, you can read the historical data before the update or deletion using this SQL interface.

> **Note:**
>
> When reading historical data, TiDB returns the data with the old table structure even if the current table structure is different.

12.4.1.2.1 Syntax

You can use the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` clause in the following three ways:

- `SELECT ... FROM ... AS OF TIMESTAMP`
- `START TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP`
- `SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP`

If you want to specify an exact point of time, you can set a datetime value or use a time function in the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` clause. The format of datetime is like "2016-10-08 16:45:26.999", with millisecond as the minimum time unit, but for most of the time, the time unit of second is enough for specifying a datetime, such as "2016-10-08 16:45:26". You can also get the current time to the millisecond using the `NOW(3)` function. If you want to read the data of several seconds ago, it is **recommended** to use an expression such as `NOW()- INTERVAL 10 SECOND`.

If you want to specify a time range, you can use the `TIDB_BOUNDED_STALENESS()` function in the clause. When this function is used, TiDB selects a suitable timestamp within the specified time range. "Suitable" means there are no transactions that start before this timestamp and have not been committed on the accessed replica, that is, TiDB can perform read operations on the accessed replica and the read operations are not blocked. You need to use `TIDB_BOUNDED_STALENESS(t1, t2)` to call this function. `t1` and `t2` are the two ends of the time range, which can be specified using either datetime values or time functions.

Here are some examples of the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` clause:

- `AS OF TIMESTAMP '2016-10-08 16:45:26'`: Tells TiDB to read the latest data stored at 16:45:26 on October 8, 2016.
- `AS OF TIMESTAMP NOW()- INTERVAL 10 SECOND`: Tells TiDB to read the latest data stored 10 seconds ago.
- `AS OF TIMESTAMP TIDB_BOUNDED_STALENESS('2016-10-08 16:45:26', '2016-10-08 16:45:29')`: Tells TiDB to read the data as new as possible within the time range of 16:45:26 to 16:45:29 on October 8, 2016.
- `AS OF TIMESTAMP TIDB_BOUNDED_STALENESS(NOW()- INTERVAL 20 SECOND, NOW())`: Tells TiDB to read the data as new as possible within the time range of 20 seconds ago to the present.

> **Note:**
>
> In addition to specifying a timestamp, the most common use of the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` clause is to read data that is several seconds old. If this approach is used, it is recommended to read historical data older than 5 seconds.

You need to deploy the NTP service for your TiDB and PD nodes when you use Stale Read. This avoids the situation where the specified timestamp used by TiDB goes ahead of the latest TSO allocating progress (such as a timestamp several seconds ahead), or is later than the GC safe point timestamp. When the specified timestamp goes beyond the service scope, TiDB returns an error.

To reduce the latency and improve the timeliness of the Stale Read data, you can modify the TiKV `advance-ts-interval` configuration item. See Reduce Stale Read latency for details.

12.4.1.2.2 Usage examples

This section describes different ways to use the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` clause with several examples. It first introduces how to prepare the data for recovery, and then shows how to use `AS OF TIMESTAMP` in `SELECT`, `START TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP`, and `SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP` respectively.

Prepare data sample

To prepare data for recovery, create a table first and insert several rows of data:

```
create table t (c int);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
insert into t values (1), (2), (3);
```

```
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

View the data in the table:

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|    2 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

View the current time:

```
select now();
```

```
+---------------------+
| now()               |
+---------------------+
| 2021-05-26 16:45:26 |
+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Update the data in a row:

```
update t set c=22 where c=2;
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

Confirm that the data of the row is updated:

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|   22 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Read historical data using the `SELECT` statement

You can use the `SELECT ... FROM ... AS OF TIMESTAMP` statement to read data from a time point in the past.

```
select * from t as of timestamp '2021-05-26 16:45:26';
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|    2 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Note:

When reading multiple tables using one `SELECT` statement, you need to make sure that the format of TIMESTAMP EXPRESSIONs is consistent. For example, `select * from t as of timestamp NOW()- INTERVAL 2 SECOND, c as of timestamp NOW()- INTERVAL 2 SECOND;`. In addition, you must specify the `AS OF` information for the relevant table in the `SELECT` statement; otherwise, the `SELECT` statement reads the latest data by default.

Read historical data using the `START TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP` statement

You can use the `START TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP` statement to start a read-only transaction based on a time point in the past. The transaction reads historical data of the given time.

```
start transaction read only as of timestamp '2021-05-26 16:45:26';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|    2 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
commit;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

After the transaction is committed, you can read the latest data.

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|   22 |
```

```
|   3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

> **Note:**
>
> If you start a transaction with the statement `START TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP`, it is a read-only transaction. Write operations are rejected in this transaction.

Read historical data using the `SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP` statement

You can use the `SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP` statement to set the next transaction as a read-only transaction based on a specified time point in the past. The transaction reads historical data of the given time.

```
set transaction read only as of timestamp '2021-05-26 16:45:26';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
begin;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|    2 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
commit;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

After the transaction is committed, you can read the latest data.

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|   22 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

> **Note:**
>
> If you start a transaction with the statement `SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP`, it is a read-only transaction. Write operations are rejected in this transaction.

12.4.1.3 Read Historical Data Using the `tidb_read_staleness` System Variable

To support reading the historical data, in v5.4, TiDB introduces a new system variable `tidb_read_staleness`. This document describes how to read historical data through this system variable, including detailed operating procedures.

12.4.1.3.1 Feature description

The `tidb_read_staleness` system variable is used to set the time range of historical data that TiDB can read in the current session. The data type of this variable is int type, and the scope of it is `SESSION`. After setting the value, TiDB selects a timestamp as new as possible from the range allowed by this variable, and all subsequent read operations are performed against this timestamp. For example, if the value of this variable is set to `-5`, on the condition that TiKV has the corresponding historical version's data, TiDB selects a timestamp as new as possible within a 5-second time range.

After enabling `tidb_read_staleness`, you still can perform the following operations:

- Insert, modify, delete data or perform DML operations in the current session. These statements are not affected by `tidb_read_staleness`.
- Start an interactive transaction in the current session. Queries within this transaction still read the latest data.

After reading the historical data, you can read the latest data in the following two ways:

- Start a new session.

- Set the value of the `tidb_read_staleness` variable to `""` using the `SET` statement.

> **Note:**
>
> To reduce the latency and improve the timeliness of the Stale Read data, you can modify the TiKV `advance-ts-interval` configuration item. See Reduce Stale Read latency for details.

12.4.1.3.2 Usage examples

This section describes how to use `tidb_read_staleness` with examples.

1. Create a table, and insert a few rows of data into the table:

```
create table t (c int);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
insert into t values (1), (2), (3);
```

```
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

2. Check out the data in the table:

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|    2 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

3. Update the data in a row:

```
update t set c=22 where c=2;
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

4. Confirm that the data has been updated:

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|   22 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

5. Set the `tidb_read_staleness` system variable.

   The scope of this variable is `SESSION`. After setting its value, TiDB reads the latest version data before the time set by the value.

   The following setting indicates that TiDB selects a timestamp as new as possible within the time range from 5 seconds ago to now and uses it as the timestamp for reading historical data:

```
set @@tidb_read_staleness="-5";
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

Note:

- Use `@@` instead of `@` before `tidb_read_staleness`. `@@` means system variables, and `@` means user variables.
- You need to set the historical time range (the value of `tidb_read_staleness`) according to the total time that you spent in step 3 and step 4. Otherwise, the latest data will be displayed in the query results, not the historical data. Therefore, you need to adjust this time range according to the time you spent on operations. For example, in this example, since the set time range is 5 seconds, you need to complete step 3 and step 4 within 5 seconds.

The data read here is the data before the update, that is, the historical data:

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
```

```
|    2 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

6. After un-setting this variable as follows, TiDB can read the latest data:

```
set @@tidb_read_staleness="";
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|   22 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

12.4.1.4 Read Historical Data Using the `tidb_external_ts` Variable

To support reading the historical data, TiDB v6.4.0 introduces a system variable `tidb_external_ts`. This document describes how to read historical data through this system variable, including detailed usage examples.

12.4.1.4.1 Scenarios

Read historical data from a specified point in time is very useful for data replication tools such as TiCDC. After the data replication tool completes the data replication before a certain point in time, you can set the `tidb_external_ts` system variable of the downstream TiDB to read the data before that point in time. This prevents the data inconsistency caused by data replication.

12.4.1.4.2 Feature description

The system variable `tidb_external_ts` specifies the timestamp of the historical data to be read when `tidb_enable_external_ts_read` is enabled.

The system variable `tidb_enable_external_ts_read` controls whether to read historical data in the current session or globally. The default value is `OFF`, which means the feature of reading historical data is disabled, and the `tidb_external_ts` value is ignored. When `tidb_enable_external_ts_read` is set to `ON` globally, all queries read historical data before

the time specified by `tidb_external_ts`. If `tidb_enable_external_ts_read` is set to `ON` only for a certain session, only queries in that session read historical data.

When the `tidb_enable_external_ts_read` is enabled, TiDB becomes read-only. All write queries will fail with an error like `ERROR 1836 (HY000): Running in read-only mode`.

12.4.1.4.3 Usage examples

This section describes how to use the `tidb_external_ts` variable to read historical data with examples.

1. Create a table and insert some rows into the table:

```
CREATE TABLE t (c INT);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1), (2), (3);
```

```
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

2. View the data in the table:

```
SELECT * FROM t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|    2 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

3. Set `tidb_external_ts` to `@@tidb_current_ts`:

```
START TRANSACTION;
SET GLOBAL tidb_external_ts=@@tidb_current_ts;
COMMIT;
```

4. Insert a new row and confirm that it is inserted:

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES (4);
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.001 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM t;
```

```
+------+
| id   |
+------+
|    1 |
|    2 |
|    3 |
|    4 |
+------+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

5. Set `tidb_enable_external_ts_read` to `ON` and then view data in the table:

```
SET tidb_enable_external_ts_read=ON;
SELECT * FROM t;
```

```
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|    2 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Because `tidb_external_ts` is set to the timestamp before the new row is inserted, the newly inserted row is not returned after the `tidb_enable_external_ts_read` is enabled.

12.4.2 Read Historical Data Using the System Variable `tidb_snapshot`

This document describes how to read data from the history versions using the system variable `tidb_snapshot`, including specific usage examples and strategies for saving historical data.

> **Note:**
>
> You can also use the Stale Read feature to read historical data, which is more recommended.

12.4.2.1 Feature description

TiDB implements a feature to read history data using the standard SQL interface directly without special clients or drivers.

> **Note:**
>
> - Even when data is updated or removed, its history versions can be read using the SQL interface.
> - When reading historical data, TiDB returns the data with the old table structure even if the current table structure is different.

12.4.2.2 How TiDB reads data from history versions

The `tidb_snapshot` system variable is introduced to support reading history data. About the `tidb_snapshot` variable:

- The variable is valid in the `SESSION` scope.
- Its value can be modified using the `SET` statement.
- The data type for the variable is text.
- The variable accepts TSO (Timestamp Oracle) and datetime. TSO is a globally unique time service, which is obtained from PD. The acceptable datetime format is "2016-10-08 16:45:26.999". Generally, the datetime can be set using second precision, for example "2016-10-08 16:45:26".
- When the variable is set, TiDB creates a Snapshot using its value as the timestamp, just for the data structure and there is no any overhead. After that, all the `SELECT` operations will read data from this Snapshot.

> **Note:**
>
> Because the timestamp in TiDB transactions is allocated by Placement Driver (PD), the version of the stored data is also marked based on the timestamp allocated by PD. When a Snapshot is created, the version number is based on the value of the `tidb_snapshot` variable. If there is a large difference between the local time of the TiDB server and the PD server, use the time of the PD server.

After reading data from history versions, you can read data from the latest version by ending the current Session or using the `SET` statement to set the value of the `tidb_snapshot` variable to "" (empty string).

12.4.2.3 How TiDB manages the data versions

TiDB implements Multi-Version Concurrency Control (MVCC) to manage data versions. The history versions of data are kept because each update/removal creates a new version of the data object instead of updating/removing the data object in-place. But not all the versions are kept. If the versions are older than a specific time, they will be removed completely to reduce the storage occupancy and the performance overhead caused by too many history versions.

In TiDB, Garbage Collection (GC) runs periodically to remove the obsolete data versions. For GC details, see TiDB Garbage Collection (GC)

Pay special attention to the following:

- `tidb_gc_life_time`: This system variable is used to configure the retention time of earlier modifications (default: `10m0s`).
- The output of `SELECT * FROM mysql.tidb WHERE variable_name = 'tikv_gc_safe_point'`. This is the current `safePoint` where you can read historical data up to. It is updated every time the garbage collection process is run.

12.4.2.4 Example

1. At the initial stage, create a table and insert several rows of data:

```
mysql> create table t (c int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> insert into t values (1), (2), (3);
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

2. View the data in the table:

```
mysql> select * from t;
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|    2 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

3. View the timestamp of the table:

```
mysql> select now();
+---------------------+
| now()               |
```

```
+---------------------+
| 2016-10-08 16:45:26 |
+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

4. Update the data in one row:

```
mysql> update t set c=22 where c=2;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

5. Make sure the data is updated:

```
mysql> select * from t;
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|   22 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

6. Set the `tidb_snapshot` variable whose scope is Session. The variable is set so that the latest version before the value can be read.

> **Note:**
> In this example, the value is set to be the time before the update operation.

```
mysql> set @@tidb_snapshot="2016-10-08 16:45:26";
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

> **Note:**
> You should use `@@` instead of `@` before `tidb_snapshot` because `@@` is used to denote the system variable while `@` is used to denote the user variable.

Result: The read from the following statement is the data before the update operation, which is the history data.

```
mysql> select * from t;
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|    2 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

7. Set the `tidb_snapshot` variable to be "" (empty string) and you can read the data from the latest version:

```
mysql> set @@tidb_snapshot="";
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> select * from t;
+------+
| c    |
+------+
|    1 |
|   22 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

> **Note:**
> You should use `@@` instead of `@` before `tidb_snapshot` because `@@` is used to denote the system variable while `@` is used to denote the user variable.

12.4.2.5 How to restore historical data

Before you restore data from an older version, make sure that Garbage Collection (GC) does not clear the history data while you are working on it. This can be done by setting the `tidb_gc_life_time` variable as the following example shows. Do not forget to set the variable back to the previous value after the restore.

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_life_time="60m";
```

Note:

Increasing the GC life time from the default 10 minutes to half an hour or more will result in additional versions of rows being retained, which might require more disk space. This might also affect the performance of certain operations such as scans when TiDB needs to skip these additional versions of the same rows during data reads.

To restore data from an older version, you can use one of the following methods:

- For simple cases, use `SELECT` after setting the `tidb_snapshot` variable and copy-paste the output, or use `SELECT ... INTO OUTFILE` and then use `LOAD DATA` to import the data later on.
- Use Dumpling to export a historical snapshot. Dumpling performs well in exporting larger sets of data.

12.5 Best Practices

12.5.1 TiDB Best Practices

This document summarizes the best practices of using TiDB, including the use of SQL and optimization tips for Online Analytical Processing (OLAP) and Online Transactional Processing (OLTP) scenarios, especially the optimization options specific for TiDB.

Before you read this document, it is recommended that you read three blog posts that introduce the technical principles of TiDB:

- TiDB Internal (I) - Data Storage
- TiDB Internal (II) - Computing
- TiDB Internal (III) - Scheduling

12.5.1.1 Preface

Database is a generic infrastructure system. It is important to consider various user scenarios during the development process and to modify the data parameters or the way to use according to actual situations in specific business scenarios.

TiDB is a distributed database compatible with the MySQL protocol and syntax. But with the internal implementation and supporting of distributed storage and transactions, the way of using TiDB is different from MySQL.

12.5.1.2 Basic concepts

The best practices are closely related to its implementation principles. It is recommended that you learn some of the basic mechanisms, including the Raft consensus algorithm, distributed transactions, data sharding, load balancing, the mapping solution from SQL to Key-Value (KV), the implementation method of secondary indexing, and distributed execution engines.

This section is an introduction to these concepts. For detailed information, refer to PingCAP blog posts.

12.5.1.2.1 Raft

Raft is a consensus algorithm that ensures data replication with strong consistency. At the bottom layer, TiDB uses Raft to replicate data. TiDB writes data to the majority of the replicas before returning the result of success. In this way, even though a few replicas might get lost, the system still has the latest data. For example, if there are three replicas, the system does not return the result of success until data has been written to two replicas. Whenever a replica is lost, at least one of the remaining two replicas have the latest data.

To store three replicas, compared with the replication of Source-Replica, Raft is more efficient. The write latency of Raft depends on the two fastest replicas, instead of the slowest one. Therefore, the implementation of geo-distributed and multiple active data centers becomes possible by using the Raft replication. In the typical scenario of three data centers distributing in two sites, to guarantee the data consistency, TiDB just needs to successfully write data into the local data center and the closer one, instead of writing to all three data centers. However, this does not mean that cross-data center deployment can be implemented in any scenario. When the amount of data to be written is large, the bandwidth and latency between data centers become the key factors. If the write speed exceeds the bandwidth or the latency is too high, the Raft replication mechanism still cannot work well.

12.5.1.2.2 Distributed transactions

TiDB provides complete distributed transactions and the model has some optimizations on the basis of Google Percolator. This document introduces the following features:

- Optimistic transaction model

  TiDB's optimistic transaction model does not detect conflicts until the commit phase. If there are conflicts, the transaction needs retry. But this model is inefficient if the conflict is severe, because operations before retry are invalid and need to repeat.

  Assume that the database is used as a counter. High access concurrency might lead to severe conflicts, resulting in multiple retries or even timeouts. Therefore, in the scenario of severe conflicts, it is recommended to use the pessimistic transaction mode or to solve problems at the system architecture level, such as placing counter in Redis. Nonetheless, the optimistic transaction model is efficient if the access conflict is not very severe.

- Pessimistic transaction mode

  In TiDB, the pessimistic transaction mode has almost the same behavior as in MySQL. The transaction applies a lock during the execution phase, which avoids retries in conflict situations and ensures a higher success rate. By applying the pessimistic locking, you can also lock data in advance using `SELECT FOR UPDATE`.

  However, if the application scenario has fewer conflicts, the optimistic transaction model has better performance.

- Transaction size limit

  As distributed transactions need to conduct two-phase commit and the bottom layer performs Raft replication, if a transaction is very large, the commit process would be quite slow, and the following Raft replication process is thus stuck. To avoid this problem, the transaction size is limited:

  - A transaction is limited to 5,000 SQL statements (by default)
  - Each Key-Value entry is no more than 6 MB (by default)
  - The total size of Key-Value entries is no more than 10 GB.

  You can find similar limits in Google Cloud Spanner.

12.5.1.2.3 Data sharding

TiKV automatically shards bottom-layered data according to the range of keys. Each Region is a range of keys, which is a left-closed and right-open interval, `[StartKey, EndKey ↪ )`. When the amount of Key-Value pairs in a Region exceeds a certain value, the Region automatically splits into two.

12.5.1.2.4 Load balancing

Placement Driver (PD) balances the load of the cluster according to the status of the entire TiKV cluster. The unit of scheduling is Region and the logic is the strategy configured by PD.

12.5.1.2.5 SQL on KV

TiDB automatically maps the SQL structure into Key-Value structure. For details, see TiDB Internal (II) - Computing.

Simply put, TiDB performs the following operations:

- A row of data is mapped to a Key-Value pair. The key is prefixed with `TableID` and suffixed with the row ID.
- An index is mapped as a Key-Value pair. The key is prefixed with `TableID+IndexID` and suffixed with the index value.

The data or indexes in the same table have the same prefix. These Key-Values are at adjacent positions in the key space of TiKV. Therefore, when the amount of data to be written is large and all is written to one table, the write hotspot is created. The situation gets worse when some index values of the continuous written data is also continuous (for example, fields that increase with time, like `update time`), which creates a few write hotspots and becomes the bottleneck of the entire system.

Similarly, if all data is read from a focused small range (for example, the continuous tens or hundreds of thousands of rows of data), an access hotspot of data is likely to occur.

12.5.1.2.6 Secondary index

TiDB supports the complete secondary indexes, which are also global indexes. Many queries can be optimized by index. Thus, it is important for applications to make good use of secondary indexes.

Lots of MySQL experience is also applicable to TiDB. It is noted that TiDB has its unique features. The following are a few notes when using secondary indexes in TiDB.

- The more secondary indexes, the better?

  Secondary indexes can speed up queries, but adding an index has side effects. The previous section introduces the storage model of indexes. For each additional index, there will be one more Key-Value when inserting a row. Therefore, the more indexes, the slower the writing speed and the more space it takes up.

  In addition, too many indexes affects the runtime of the optimizer, and inappropriate indexes mislead the optimizer. Thus, more secondary indexes does not mean better performance.

- Which columns should create indexes?

  As is mentioned above, index is important but the number of indexes should be proper. You must create appropriate indexes according to the application characteristics. In principle, you need to create an index on the columns involved in the query to improve the performance. The following are situations that need to create indexes:

  - For columns with a high degree of differentiation, filtered rows are remarkably reduced through indexes.
  - If there are multiple query criteria, you can choose composite indexes. Note to put the columns with the equivalent condition before composite indexes.

  For example, if a commonly used query is `select * from t where c1 = 10 and c2 = 100 and c3 > 10`, you can create a composite index `Index cidx (c1, c2, c3)`. In this way, you can use the query condition to create an index prefix and then scan.

- The difference between querying through indexes and directly scanning the table

  TiDB has implemented global indexes, so indexes and data of the table are not necessarily on the same data sharding. When querying through indexes, it should firstly scan indexes to get the corresponding row ID and then use the row ID to get the data. Thus, this method involves two network requests and has a certain performance overhead.

  If the query involves lots of rows, scanning index proceeds concurrently. When the first batch of results is returned, getting the data of the table can then proceed. Therefore, this is a parallel + pipeline model. Though the two accesses create overhead, the latency is not high.

  The following two conditions do not have the problem of two accesses:

  - Columns of the index have already met the query requirement. Assume that the `c` column on the `t` table has an index and the query is `select c from t where c > 10;`. At this time, all needed data can be obtained if you access the index. This situation is called `Covering Index`. But if you focus more on the query performance, you can put into index a portion of columns that do not need to be filtered but need to be returned in the query result, creating composite index. Take `select c1, c2 from t where c1 > 10;` as an example. You can optimize this query by creating composite index `Index c12 (c1, c2)`.
  - The primary key of the table is integer. In this case, TiDB uses the value of the primary key as row ID. Thus, if the query condition is on the primary key, you can directly construct the range of the row ID, scan the table data, and get the result.

- Query concurrency

  As data is distributed across many Regions, queries run in TiDB concurrently. But the concurrency by default is not high in case it consumes lots of system resources. Besides, the OLTP query usually does not involve a large amount of data and the low concurrency is enough. But for the OLAP query, the concurrency is high and TiDB modifies the query concurrency through the following system variables:

  - `tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency`:

    The concurrency of scanning data, including scanning the table and index data.
  - `tidb_index_lookup_size`:

    If it needs to access the index to get row IDs before accessing the table data, it uses a batch of row IDs as a single request to access the table data. This parameter sets the size of a batch. The larger batch increases latency, while the smaller one might lead to more queries. The proper size of this parameter is related to the amount of data that the query involves. Generally, no modification is required.
  - `tidb_index_lookup_concurrency`:

If it needs to access the index to get row IDs before accessing the table data, the concurrency of getting data through row IDs every time is modified through this parameter.

- Ensure the order of results through indexes

  You can use indexes to filter or sort data. Firstly, get row IDs according to the index order. Then, return the row content according to the return order of row IDs. In this way, the returned results are ordered according to the index column. It has been mentioned earlier that the model of scanning index and getting row is parallel + pipeline. If the row is returned according to the index order, a high concurrency between two queries does not reduce latency. Thus, the concurrency is low by default, but it can be modified through the `tidb_index_serial_scan_concurrency` variable.

- Reverse index scan

  TiDB supports scanning an ascending index in reverse order, at a speed slower than normal scan by 20%. If the data is changed frequently and thus too many versions exist, the performance overhead might be higher. It is recommended to avoid reverse index scans as much as possible.

12.5.1.3 Scenarios and practices

In the last section, we discussed some basic implementation mechanisms of TiDB and their influence on usage. This section introduces specific usage scenarios and operation practices, from deployment to application usage.

12.5.1.3.1 Deployment

Before deployment, read TiDB Software and Hardware Requirements.

It is recommended to deploy the TiDB cluster using TiUP. This tool can deploy, stop, destroy, and upgrade the whole cluster, which is quite convenient. It is not recommended to manually deploy the TiDB cluster, which might be troublesome to maintain and upgrade later.

12.5.1.3.2 Data import

To improve the write performance during the import process, you can tune TiKV's parameters as stated in Tune TiKV Memory Parameter Performance.

12.5.1.3.3 Write

As mentioned before, TiDB limits the size of a single transaction in the Key-Value layer. As for the SQL layer, a row of data is mapped to a Key-Value entry. For each additional index, one more Key-Value entry is added.

> **Note:**
>
> When you set the size limit for transactions, you need to consider the overhead of TiDB encoding and the extra transaction key. It is recommended that **the number of rows of each transaction is less than 200 and the data size of a single row is less than 100 KB**; otherwise, the performance is bad.

It is recommended to split statements into batches or add a limit to the statements, whether they are `INSERT`, `UPDATE` or `DELETE` statements.

When deleting a large amount of data, it is recommended to use `Delete from t where xx limit 5000;`. It deletes through the loop and use `Affected Rows == 0` as a condition to end the loop.

If the amount of data that needs to be deleted at a time is large, this loop method gets slower and slower because each deletion traverses backward. After deleting the previous data, lots of deleted flags remain for a short period (then all is cleared by Garbage Collection) and affect the following `DELETE` statement. If possible, it is recommended to refine the `WHERE` condition. Assume that you need to delete all data on `2017-05-26`, you can use the following statements:

```
for i from 0 to 23:
    while affected_rows > 0:
        delete from t where insert_time >= i:00:00 and insert_time < (i+1)
            ↪ :00:00 limit 5000;
        affected_rows = select affected_rows()
```

This pseudocode means to split huge chunks of data into small ones and then delete, so that the earlier `Delete` statements do not affect the later ones.

12.5.1.3.4 Query

For query requirements and specific statements, refer to System Variables.

You can control the concurrency of SQL execution through the `SET` statement and the selection of the `Join` operator through hints.

In addition, you can also use MySQL's standard index selection, the hint syntax, or control the optimizer to select indexes through `Use Index/Ignore Index hint`.

If the application scenario has both OLTP and OLAP workloads, you can send the OLTP request and OLAP request to different TiDB servers, diminishing the impact of OLAP on OLTP. It is recommended to use machines with high-performance hardware (for example, more processor cores and larger memory) for the TiDB server that processes OLAP workloads.

To completely isolate OLTP and OLAP workloads, it is recommended to run OLAP applications on TiFlash. TiFlash is a columnar storage engine with great performance on OLAP workloads. TiFlash can achieve physical isolation on the storage layer and guarantees consistent reads.

12.5.1.3.5 Monitoring and log

The monitoring metrics is the best method to learn the status of the system. It is recommended that you deploy the monitoring system along with your TiDB cluster.

TiDB uses Grafana + Prometheus to monitor the system status. The monitoring system is automatically deployed and configured if you deploy TiDB using TiUP.

There are lots of items in the monitoring system, the majority of which are for TiDB developers. You do not have to understand these items without an in-depth knowledge of the source code. Some items that are related to applications or to the state of system key components are selected and put in a separate `overview` panel for users.

In addition to monitoring, you can also view the system logs. The three components of TiDB, tidb-server, tikv-server, and pd-server, each has a `--log-file` parameter. If this parameter has been configured when the cluster is started, logs are stored in the file configured by the parameter and log files are automatically archived on a daily basis. If the `--log-file` parameter has not been configured, the log is output to `stderr`.

Starting from TiDB 4.0, TiDB provides TiDB Dashboard UI to improve usability. You can access TiDB Dashboard by visiting http://$%7BPD_IP%7D:$%7BPD_PORT%7D/dashboard in your browser. TiDB Dashboard provides features such as viewing cluster status, performance analysis, traffic visualization, cluster diagnostics, and log searching.

12.5.1.3.6 Documentation

The best way to learn about a system or solve the problem is to read its documentation and understand its implementation principles.

TiDB has a large number of official documents both in Chinese and English. If you have met an issue, you can start from FAQ and TiDB Cluster Troubleshooting Guide. You can also search the issue list or create an issue in TiDB repository on GitHub.

TiDB also has many useful migration tools. See Migration Tool Overview for details.

For more articles on the technical details of TiDB, see the PingCAP official blog site.

12.5.1.4 Best scenarios for TiDB

TiDB is suitable for the following scenarios:

- The data volume is too large for a standalone database
- You do not want to do sharding
- The access mode has no obvious hotspot

- Transactions, strong consistency, and disaster recovery are required
- You hope to have real-time Hybrid Transaction/Analytical Processing (HTAP) analytics and reduce storage links

12.5.2 Best Practices for Optimizing Multi-Column Indexes

In today's data-driven world, efficiently handling complex queries on large datasets is critical to keeping applications responsive and performant. For TiDB, a distributed SQL database designed to manage high-scale and high-demand environments, optimizing data access paths is essential to delivering smooth and efficient queries.

Indexes are a powerful tool for improving query performance by avoiding the need to scan all rows in a table. TiDB's query optimizer leverages multi-column indexes to intelligently filter data, handling complex query conditions that traditional databases such as MySQL cannot process as effectively.

This document walks you through how multi-column indexes function, why they are crucial, and how TiDB's optimization transforms intricate query conditions into efficient access paths. After optimization, you can achieve faster responses, minimized table scans, and streamlined performance, even at massive scale.

Without these optimizations, query performance in large TiDB databases can degrade quickly. Full table scans and inadequate filtering can turn milliseconds into minutes. Additionally, excessive memory use can lead to out-of-memory (OOM) errors, especially in constrained environments. TiDB's targeted approach ensures only relevant data is accessed. This keeps latency low and memory usage efficient, even for the most complex queries.

12.5.2.1 Prerequisites

- The multi-column index feature is available in TiDB v8.3 and later versions.
- Before using this feature, you must set the value of the optimizer fix control **54337** to `ON`.

12.5.2.2 Background: multi-column indexes

This document takes an example of a rental listings table defined as follows. In this example, each listing contains a unique ID, city, number of bedrooms, rent price, and availability date:

```
CREATE TABLE listings (
    listing_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
    city VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
    bedrooms INT NOT NULL,
    price DECIMAL(10, 2) NOT NULL,
    availability_date DATE NOT NULL
);
```

Suppose this table has 20 million listings across the United States. If you want to find all listings with a price under $2,000, you can add an index on the price column. This index allows the optimizer to filter out rows, scanning only the range `[-inf, 2000.00)`. This helps reduce the search to about 14 million rows (assuming 70% of rentals are priced above `$2,000`). In the query execution plan, TiDB performs an index range scan on price. This limits the need for a full table scan and improves efficiency.

```
-- Query 1: Find listings with price < 2000
EXPLAIN FORMAT = "brief" SELECT * FROM listings WHERE price < 2000;
```

```
+-----------------------------+---------+-----------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| id                        | task   | access object
   ↪                            | operator info          |
+-----------------------------+---------+-----------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| IndexLookUp               | root   |
   ↪                                          |                        |
|  ─IndexRangeScan(Build)  | root   | table: listings, index: price_idx(
   ↪ price) | range: [-inf, 2000.00) |
|  ─TableRowIDScan(Probe)  | root   | table: listings
   ↪                          |                        |
+-----------------------------+---------+-----------------------------------------------+
   ↪
```

While this filter improves performance, it might still return a large number of rows. This is not ideal for a user looking for more specific listings. Adding filters, such as specifying the city, number of bedrooms, and a maximum price, narrows the results significantly. For example, a query to find two-bedroom listings in San Francisco under `$2,000` is more useful, likely returning only a few dozen rows.

To optimize this query, you can create a multi-column index on `city`, `bedrooms`, and `price` as follows:

```
CREATE INDEX idx_city_bedrooms_price ON listings (city, bedrooms, price);
```

Multi-column indexes in SQL are ordered lexicographically. In the case of an index on `(city, bedrooms, price)`, the data is first sorted by `city`, then by `bedrooms` within each city, and finally by `price` within each `(city, bedrooms)` combination. This ordering lets TiDB efficiently access rows based on each condition:

1. Filter by `city`, which is the primary filter.
2. Optionally filter by `bedrooms` within that city.
3. Optionally filter by `price` within the city-bedroom grouping.

12.5.2.3 Sample data

The following table shows a sample dataset that illustrates how multi-column indexing refines search results:

City	Bedrooms	Price
San Diego	1	1000
San Diego	1	1500
San Diego	2	1000
San Diego	2	2500
San Diego	3	1000
San Diego	3	2500
San Francisco	1	1000
San Francisco	1	1500
San Francisco	2	1000
San Francisco	2	1500
San Francisco	3	2500
San Francisco	3	3000

12.5.2.4 Optimized queries and results

Using the multi-column index, TiDB can efficiently narrow the scan range to find listings in San Francisco with two bedrooms and a price under $2,000:

```
-- Query 2: Find two-bedroom listings in San Francisco under $2,000
EXPLAIN FORMAT = "brief"
    SELECT * FROM listings
    WHERE city = 'San Francisco' AND bedrooms = 2 AND price < 2000;
```

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| id                    | task | access object
   ↪                                                                          |
   ↪ operator info                 |
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   ↪
| IndexLookUp           | root |
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   ↪ |                                 |
|  ─IndexRangeScan(Build)| root |table:listings,index:idx_city_bedrooms_
   ↪ price ["San Francisco" 2 -inf,(city, bedrooms, price)]|range:["San
   ↪ Francisco" 2 2000.00)|
|  ─TableRowIDScan(Probe)| root |table:listings
   ↪                                                                        |
   ↪                                 |
```

```
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    ↪
```

This query returns the following filtered results from the sample data:

City	Bedrooms	Price
San Francisco	2	1000
San Francisco	2	1500

By using a multi-column index, TiDB avoids unnecessary row scanning and significantly boosts query performance.

12.5.2.5 Index range derivation

The TiDB optimizer includes a powerful range derivation component. It is designed to take a query's conditions and relevant index columns and generate efficient index ranges for table access. This derived range then feeds into TiDB's table access component, which determines the most resource-efficient way to access the table.

For each table in a query, the table access component evaluates all applicable indexes to identify the optimal access method—whether through a full table scan or an index scan. It calculates the range for each relevant index, assesses the access cost, and selects the path with the lowest cost. This process combines range derivation with a cost assessment subsystem to find the most efficient way to retrieve data, balancing performance and resource usage.

The diagram below illustrates how the range derivation and cost assessment work together within TiDB's table access logic to achieve optimal data retrieval.

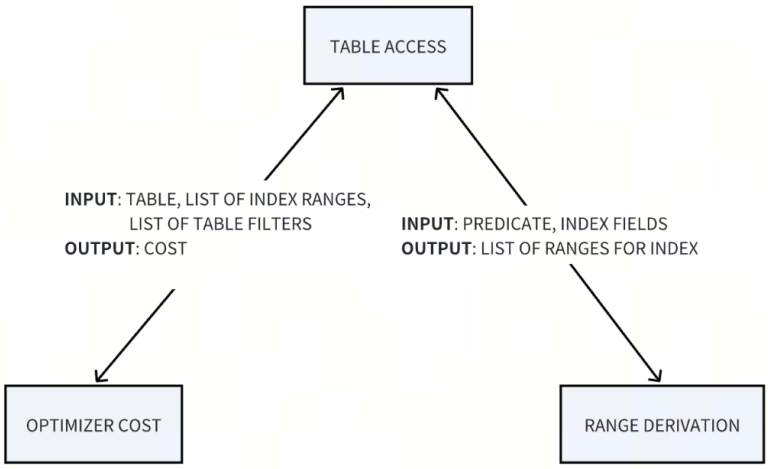

Figure 451: Table Access Path Selection

Multi-column filters are often more complex than the basic examples discussed earlier. They might include **AND** conditions, **OR** conditions, or a combination of both. TiDB's range derivation subsystem is designed to handle these cases efficiently, generating the most selective (and therefore, most effective) index ranges.

In general, the subsystem applies a **UNION** operation for ranges generated from **OR** conditions and an **INTERSECT** operation for ranges derived from **AND** conditions. This approach ensures that TiDB can filter data as precisely as possible, even with complex filtering logic.

12.5.2.6 Disjunctive conditions (`OR` conditions) in multi-column indexes

When there are `OR` conditions in a query (known as "disjunctive predicates"), the optimizer handles each condition separately, creating a range for each part of the `OR` condition. If any of these ranges overlap, the optimizer merges them into one continuous range. If they do not overlap, they remain as separate ranges, both of which can still be used for an index scan.

12.5.2.6.1 Example 1: overlapping ranges

Consider a query that looks for listings in New York with two bedrooms, where the price falls into one of two overlapping ranges:

- Price between `$1,000` and `$2,000`
- Price between `$1,500` and `$2,500`

In this case, the two ranges overlap, so the optimizer combines them into a single range from `$1,000` to `$2,500`. Here is the query and its execution plan:

```
-- Query 3: Overlapping price ranges
EXPLAIN FORMAT = "brief"
    SELECT * FROM listings
    WHERE (city = 'New York' AND bedrooms = 2 AND price >= 1000 AND price <
        ↪ 2000)
       OR (city = 'New York' AND bedrooms = 2 AND price >= 1500 AND price <
          ↪ 2500);
```

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| id                     | task | access object
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| IndexLookUp            | root |
   ↪                                                                    |
   ↪                                                 |
```

```
|  └─IndexRangeScan(Build) | root | table:listings,index:idx_city_bedrooms_
   ↪ price(city, bedrooms, price) | range:["New York" 2 1000.00,"New York"
   ↪  2 2500.00)|
|  └─TableRowIDScan(Probe) | root | table:listings
   ↪                                                |
   ↪                                                 |
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```

12.5.2.6.2 Example 2: non-overlapping ranges

In a different scenario, imagine a query that looks for affordable single-bedroom listings in either San Francisco or San Diego. Here, the `OR` condition specifies two distinct ranges for different cities:

- Listings in San Francisco, 1 bedroom, priced between `$1,500` and `$2,500`
- Listings in San Diego, 1 bedroom, priced between `$1,000` and `$1,500`

Because the index ranges do not overlap, they remain separate in the execution plan, with each city having its own index range:

```
-- Query 4: Non-overlapping ranges for different cities

EXPLAIN FORMAT = "brief"
    SELECT * FROM listings
    WHERE
        (city = 'San Francisco' AND bedrooms = 1 AND price >= 1500 AND price
           ↪  < 2500)
     OR (city = 'San Diego' AND bedrooms = 1 AND price >= 1000 AND price <
        ↪ 1500);
```

```
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| id                     | task | access object
   ↪                                              | operator info
   ↪                                         |
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   ↪
| IndexLookUp            | root |
   ↪                                                              |
   ↪                                                        |
|  └─IndexRangeScan(Build) | root | table:listings,index:idx_city_bedrooms_
   ↪ price(city, bedrooms, price)| range:["San Francisco" 1 1500.00,"San
   ↪ Francisco" 1 2500.00)|
```

```
|  └─TableRowIDScan(Probe) | root | table:listings
   ↪                                                |      ["San Diego" 1
   ↪ 1000.00,"San Diego" 1 1500.00) |
+------------------------+------+-------------------------------------------------
   ↪
```

By creating either merged or distinct ranges based on overlap, the optimizer can efficiently use indexes for `OR` conditions, avoiding unnecessary scans and improving query performance.

12.5.2.7 Conjunctive conditions (`AND` conditions) in multi-column indexes

For queries with **AND** conditions (also known as conjunctive conditions), the TiDB optimizer creates a range for each condition. It then finds the overlap (intersection) of these ranges to get a precise result for index access. If each condition has only one range, this is straightforward, but it becomes more complex if any condition contains multiple ranges. In such cases, TiDB combines these ranges to produce the most selective, efficient result.

12.5.2.7.1 Example 1: table setup

Consider a table `t1` that is defined as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    a1 INT,
    b1 INT,
    c1 INT,
    KEY iab (a1,b1)
);
```

Suppose you have a query with the following conditions:

```
(a1, b1) > (1, 10) AND (a1, b1) < (10, 20)
```

This query involves comparing multiple columns, and requires the TiDB optimizer to process it in the following two steps:

1. Translate the expressions.

   The TiDB optimizer breaks down these complex conditions into simpler parts.

   - `(a1, b1)> (1, 10)` translates to `(a1 > 1)OR (a1 = 1 AND b1 > 10)`, meaning it includes all cases where `a1` is greater than `1` or where `a1` is exactly `1` and `b1` is greater than `10`.
   - `(a1, b1)< (10, 20)` translates to `(a1 < 10)OR (a1 = 10 AND b1 < 20)`, covering cases where `a1` is less than `10` or where `a1` is exactly `10` and `b1` is less than `20`.

These expressions are then combined using `AND`:

```
((a1 > 1) OR (a1 = 1 AND b1 > 10)) AND ((a1 < 10) OR (a1 = 10 AND b1 <
    ↪ 20))
```

2. Derive and combine ranges.

   After breaking down the conditions, the TiDB optimizer calculates ranges for each part and combines them. For this example, it derives:

   - For `(a1, b1)> (1, 10)`: it creates ranges such as `(1, +inf]` for cases where `a1 > 1` and `(1, 10, 1, +inf]` for cases where `a1 = 1` and `b1 > 10`.
   - For `(a1, b1)< (10, 20)`: it creates ranges `[-inf, 10)` for cases where `a1 < 10` and `[10, -inf, 10, 20)` for cases where `a1 = 10` and `b1 < 20`.

   The final result combines these to get a refined range: `(1, 10, 1, +inf] UNION (1, ↪ 10)UNION [10, -inf, 10, 20)`.

12.5.2.7.2 Example 2: query plan

The following query plan shows the derived ranges:

```
-- Query 5: Conjunctive conditions on (a1, b1)
EXPLAIN FORMAT = "brief"
    SELECT * FROM t1
    WHERE (a1, b1) > (1, 10) AND (a1, b1) < (10, 20);
```

```
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    ↪
| id                     | task | access object          | operator info
    ↪                        |
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    ↪
| IndexLookUp            | root |                            |
    ↪                                        |
|  ─IndexRangeScan(Build) | root | table:t1,index:iab(a1, b1) | range:(1
    ↪ 10,1 +inf],(1,10)[10 -inf,10 20) |
|  ─TableRowIDScan(Probe) | root | table:t1                    |
    ↪                                        |
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    ↪
```

In this example, the table has about 500 million rows. However, this optimization allows TiDB to narrow down the access to only around 4,000 rows, just 0.0008% of the total data. This refinement drastically reduces query latency to a few milliseconds, as opposed to over two minutes without optimization.

Unlike MySQL, which requires a full table scan for such conditions, the TiDB optimizer can handle complex row expressions efficiently by leveraging these derived ranges.

12.5.2.8 Conclusion

The TiDB optimizer uses multi-column indexes and advanced range derivation to significantly lower data access costs for complex SQL queries. By effectively managing both conjunctive (`AND`) and disjunctive (`OR`) conditions, TiDB converts row-based expressions into optimal access paths, reducing query times and enhancing performance. Unlike MySQL, TiDB supports union and intersection operations on multi-column indexes, allowing efficient processing of intricate filters. In practical use, this optimization enables TiDB to complete queries in just a few milliseconds—compared to over two minutes without it, demonstrating a substantial reduction in latency.

Check out the comparison white paper to discover even more differences between MySQL and TiDB's architecture, and why this matters for scalability, reliability, and hybrid transactional and analytical workloads.

12.5.3 Best Practices for Developing Java Applications with TiDB

This document introduces the best practice for developing Java applications to better use TiDB. Based on some common Java application components that interact with the backend TiDB database, this document also provides the solutions to commonly encountered issues during development.

12.5.3.1 Database-related components in Java applications

Common components that interact with the TiDB database in Java applications include:

- Network protocol: A client interacts with a TiDB server via the standard MySQL protocol.
- JDBC API and JDBC drivers: Java applications usually use the standard JDBC (Java Database Connectivity) API to access a database. To connect to TiDB, you can use a JDBC driver that implements the MySQL protocol via the JDBC API. Such common JDBC drivers for MySQL include MySQL Connector/J and MariaDB Connector/J.
- Database connection pool: To reduce the overhead of creating a connection each time it is requested, applications usually use a connection pool to cache and reuse connections. JDBC DataSource defines a connection pool API. You can choose from different open-source connection pool implementations as needed.
- Data access framework: Applications usually use a data access framework such as MyBatis and Hibernate to further simplify and manage the database access operations.
- Application implementation: The application logic controls when to send what commands to the database. Some applications use Spring Transaction aspects to manage transactions' start and commit logics.

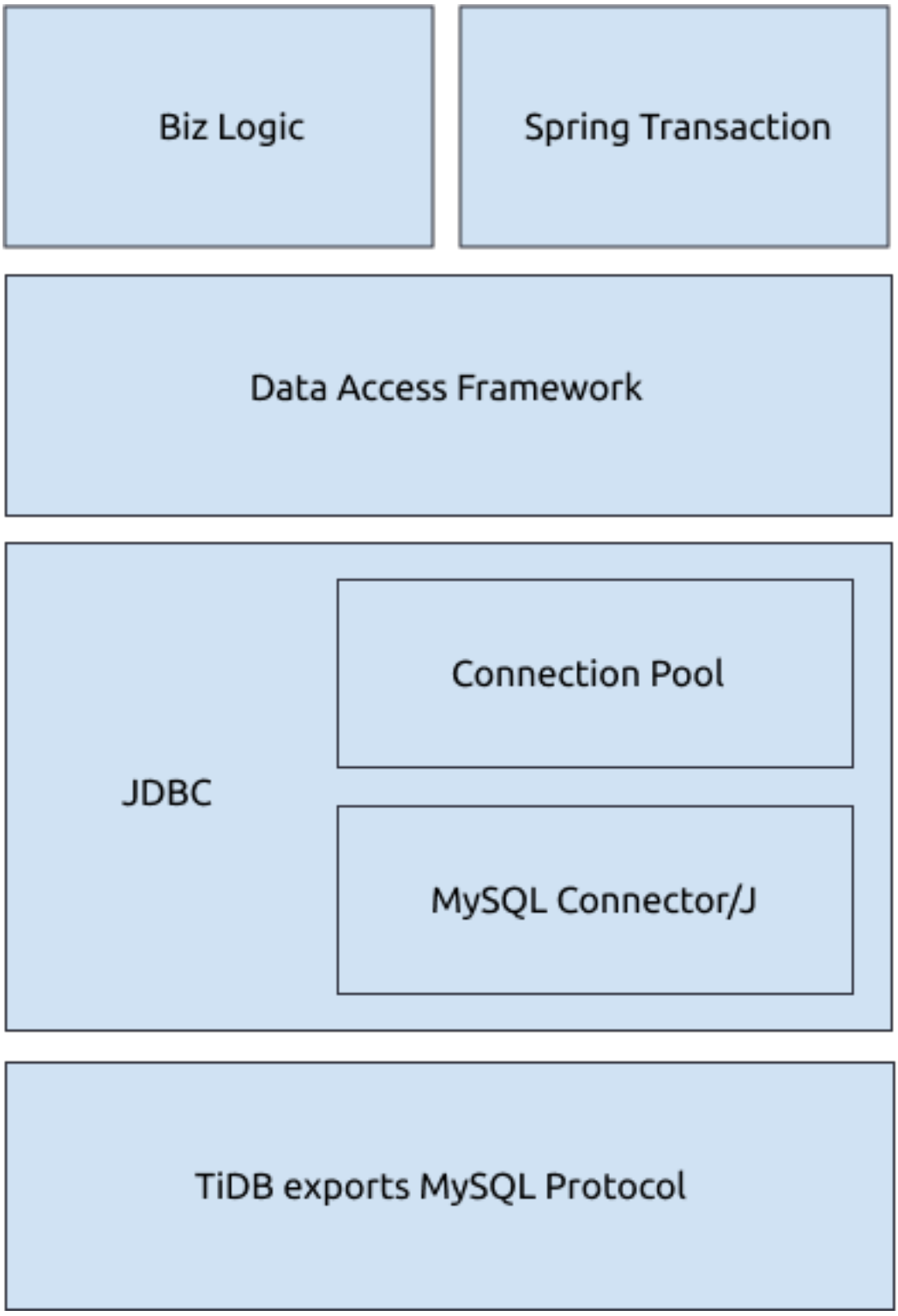

Figure 452: Java application components

From the above diagram, you can see that a Java application might do the following things:

- Implement the MySQL protocol via the JDBC API to interact with TiDB.
- Get a persistent connection from the connection pool.
- Use a data access framework such as MyBatis to generate and execute SQL statements.
- Use Spring Transaction to automatically start or stop a transaction.

The rest of this document describes the issues and their solutions when you develop a Java application using the above components.

12.5.3.2 JDBC

Java applications can be encapsulated with various frameworks. In most of the frameworks, JDBC API is called on the bottommost level to interact with the database server. For JDBC, it is recommended that you focus on the following things:

- JDBC API usage choice
- API Implementer's parameter configuration

12.5.3.2.1 JDBC API

For JDBC API usage, see JDBC official tutorial. This section covers the usage of several important APIs.

Use Prepare API

For OLTP (Online Transactional Processing) scenarios, the SQL statements sent by the program to the database are several types that can be exhausted after removing parameter changes. Therefore, it is recommended to use Prepared Statements instead of regular execution from a text file and reuse Prepared Statements to execute directly. This avoids the overhead of repeatedly parsing and generating SQL execution plans in TiDB.

At present, most upper-level frameworks call the Prepare API for SQL execution. If you use the JDBC API directly for development, pay attention to choosing the Prepare API.

In addition, with the default implementation of MySQL Connector/J, only client-side statements are preprocessed, and the statements are sent to the server in a text file after `?` is replaced on the client. Therefore, in addition to using the Prepare API, you also need to configure `useServerPrepStmts = true` in JDBC connection parameters before you perform statement preprocessing on the TiDB server. For detailed parameter configuration, see MySQL JDBC parameters.

Use Batch API

For batch inserts, you can use the `addBatch/executeBatch` API. The `addBatch()` method is used to cache multiple SQL statements first on the client, and then send them to the database server together when calling the `executeBatch` method.

Note:

In the default MySQL Connector/J implementation, the sending time of the SQL statements that are added to batch with `addBatch()` is delayed to the time when `executeBatch()` is called, but the statements will still be sent one by one during the actual network transfer. Therefore, this method usually does not reduce the amount of communication overhead.

If you want to batch network transfer, you need to configure `rewriteBatchedStatements = true` in the JDBC connection parameters. For the detailed parameter configuration, see Batch-related parameters.

Use `StreamingResult` to get the execution result

In most scenarios, to improve execution efficiency, JDBC obtains query results in advance and save them in client memory by default. But when the query returns a super large result set, the client often wants the database server to reduce the number of records returned at a time, and waits until the client's memory is ready and it requests for the next batch.

The following two processing methods are usually used in JDBC:

- The first method: Set `FetchSize` to `Integer.MIN_VALUE` to ensure that the client does not cache. The client will read the execution result from the network connection through `StreamingResult`.

  When the client uses the streaming read method, it needs to finish reading or close `resultset` before continuing to use the statement to make a query. Otherwise, the error `No statements may be issued when any streaming result sets are open and in use on a given connection. Ensure that you have called .close()on any active streaming result sets before attempting more queries.` is returned.

  To avoid such an error in queries before the client finishes reading or closes `resultset`, you can add the `clobberStreamingResults=true` parameter in the URL. Then, `resultset` is automatically closed but the result set to be read in the previous streaming query is lost.

- The second method: Use Cursor Fetch by first setting `FetchSize` as a positive integer and then configuring `useCursorFetch = true` in the JDBC URL.

TiDB supports both methods, but it is recommended that you use the first method that sets `FetchSize` to `Integer.MIN_VALUE`, because it is a simpler implementation and has better execution efficiency.

For the second method, TiDB first loads all data to the TiDB node, and then returns data to the client according to the `FetchSize`. Therefore, it usually consumes more memory

than the first method. If `tidb_enable_tmp_storage_on_oom` is set to `ON`, TiDB might temporarily write the result to the hard disk.

If the `tidb_enable_lazy_cursor_fetch` system variable is set to `ON`, TiDB tries to read part of the data only when the client fetches it, which uses less memory. For more details and limitations, read the complete descriptions for the `tidb_enable_lazy_cursor_fetch` system variable.

12.5.3.2.2 MySQL JDBC parameters

JDBC usually provides implementation-related configurations in the form of JDBC URL parameters. This section introduces MySQL Connector/J's parameter configurations (If you use MariaDB, see MariaDB's parameter configurations). Because this document cannot cover all configuration items, it mainly focuses on several parameters that might affect performance.

Prepare-related parameters

This section introduces parameters related to `Prepare`.

`useServerPrepStmts`

`useServerPrepStmts` is set to `false` by default, that is, even if you use the Prepare API, the "prepare" operation will be done only on the client. To avoid the parsing overhead of the server, if the same SQL statement uses the Prepare API multiple times, it is recommended to set this configuration to `true`.

To verify that this setting already takes effect, you can do:

- Go to TiDB monitoring dashboard and view the request command type through **Query Summary > CPS By Instance**.
- If `COM_QUERY` is replaced by `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` or `COM_STMT_PREPARE` in the request, it means this setting already takes effect.

`cachePrepStmts`

Although `useServerPrepStmts=true` allows the server to execute Prepared Statements, by default, the client closes the Prepared Statements after each execution and does not reuse them. This means that the "prepare" operation is not even as efficient as text file execution. To solve this, it is recommended that after setting `useServerPrepStmts=true`, you should also configure `cachePrepStmts=true`. This allows the client to cache Prepared Statements.

To verify that this setting already takes effect, you can do:

- Go to TiDB monitoring dashboard and view the request command type through **Query Summary > CPS By Instance**.
- If the number of `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` in the request is far more than the number of `COM_STMT_PREPARE`, it means this setting already takes effect.

In addition, configuring `useConfigs=maxPerformance` will configure multiple parameters at the same time, including `cachePrepStmts=true`.

`prepStmtCacheSqlLimit`

After configuring `cachePrepStmts`, also pay attention to the `prepStmtCacheSqlLimit` configuration (the default value is `256`). This configuration controls the maximum length of the Prepared Statements cached on the client.

The Prepared Statements that exceed this maximum length will not be cached, so they cannot be reused. In this case, you may consider increasing the value of this configuration depending on the actual SQL length of the application.

You need to check whether this setting is too small if you:

- Go to TiDB monitoring dashboard and view the request command type through **Query Summary > CPS By Instance**.
- And find that `cachePrepStmts=true` has been configured, but `COM_STMT_PREPARE` is still mostly equal to `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` and `COM_STMT_CLOSE` exists.

`prepStmtCacheSize`

`prepStmtCacheSize` controls the number of cached Prepared Statements (the default value is `25`). If your application requires "preparing" many types of SQL statements and wants to reuse Prepared Statements, you can increase this value.

To verify that this setting already takes effect, you can do:

- Go to TiDB monitoring dashboard and view the request command type through **Query Summary > CPS By Instance**.
- If the number of `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` in the request is far more than the number of `COM_STMT_PREPARE`, it means this setting already takes effect.

Batch-related parameters

While processing batch writes, it is recommended to configure `rewriteBatchedStatements =true`. After using `addBatch()` or `executeBatch()`, JDBC still sends SQL one by one by default, for example:

```
pstmt = prepare("insert into t (a) values(?)");
pstmt.setInt(1, 10);
pstmt.addBatch();
pstmt.setInt(1, 11);
pstmt.addBatch();
pstmt.setInt(1, 12);
pstmt.executeBatch();
```

Although `Batch` methods are used, the SQL statements sent to TiDB are still individual `INSERT` statements:

```
insert into t(a) values(10);
insert into t(a) values(11);
insert into t(a) values(12);
```

But if you set `rewriteBatchedStatements=true`, the SQL statements sent to TiDB will be a single `INSERT` statement:

```
insert into t(a) values(10),(11),(12);
```

Note that the rewrite of the `INSERT` statements is to concatenate the values after multiple "values" keywords into a whole SQL statement. If the `INSERT` statements have other differences, they cannot be rewritten, for example:

```
insert into t (a) values (10) on duplicate key update a = 10;
insert into t (a) values (11) on duplicate key update a = 11;
insert into t (a) values (12) on duplicate key update a = 12;
```

The above `INSERT` statements cannot be rewritten into one statement. But if you change the three statements into the following ones:

```
insert into t (a) values (10) on duplicate key update a = values(a);
insert into t (a) values (11) on duplicate key update a = values(a);
insert into t (a) values (12) on duplicate key update a = values(a);
```

Then they meet the rewrite requirement. The above `INSERT` statements will be rewritten into the following one statement:

```
insert into t (a) values (10), (11), (12) on duplicate key update a =
    ↪ values(a);
```

If there are three or more updates during the batch update, the SQL statements will be rewritten and sent as multiple queries. This effectively reduces the client-to-server request overhead, but the side effect is that a larger SQL statement is generated. For example:

```
update t set a = 10 where id = 1; update t set a = 11 where id = 2; update
    ↪ t set a = 12 where id = 3;
```

In addition, because of a client bug, if you want to configure `rewriteBatchedStatements` `↪ =true` and `useServerPrepStmts=true` during batch update, it is recommended that you also configure the `allowMultiQueries=true` parameter to avoid this bug.

Integrate parameters

Through monitoring, you might notice that although the application only performs `INSERT` operations to the TiDB cluster, there are a lot of redundant `SELECT` statements. Usually this happens because JDBC sends some SQL statements to query the settings, for example, `select @@session.transaction_read_only`. These SQL statements are useless

for TiDB, so it is recommended that you configure `useConfigs=maxPerformance` to avoid extra overhead.

`useConfigs=maxPerformance` includes a group of configurations. To get the detailed configurations in MySQL Connector/J 8.0 and those in MySQL Connector/J 5.1, see mysql-connector-j 8.0 and mysql-connector-j 5.1 respectively.

After it is configured, you can check the monitoring to see a decreased number of `SELECT` statements.

> **Note:**
>
> Enabling `useConfigs=maxPerformance` requires MySQL Connector/J version 8.0.33 or later. For more details, see MySQL JDBC Bug.

Timeout-related parameters

TiDB provides two MySQL-compatible parameters that controls the timeout: `wait_timeout` and `max_execution_time`. These two parameters respectively control the connection idle timeout with the Java application and the timeout of the SQL execution in the connection; that is to say, these parameters control the longest idle time and the longest busy time for the connection between TiDB and the Java application. The default value of both parameters is `0`, which by default allows the connection to be infinitely idle and infinitely busy (an infinite duration for one SQL statement to execute).

However, in an actual production environment, idle connections and SQL statements with excessively long execution time negatively affect databases and applications. To avoid idle connections and SQL statements that are executed for too long, you can configure these two parameters in your application's connection string. For example, set `sessionVariables=wait_timeout=3600` (1 hour) and `sessionVariables=max_execution_time=300000` (5 minutes).

Typical JDBC connection string parameters

Combining the preceding parameter values, the JDBC connection string configuration is as follows:

```
jdbc:mysql://<IP_ADDRESS>:<PORT_NUMBER>/<DATABASE_NAME>?characterEncoding=
    ↪ UTF-8&useSSL=false&useServerPrepStmts=true&cachePrepStmts=true&
    ↪ prepStmtCacheSqlLimit=10000&prepStmtCacheSize=1000&useConfigs=
    ↪ maxPerformance&rewriteBatchedStatements=true
```

> **Note:**

If you are connecting over a public network, you need to set `useSSL=true` and enable TLS between TiDB clients and servers.

12.5.3.3 Connection pool

Building TiDB (MySQL) connections is relatively expensive (for OLTP scenarios at least), because in addition to building a TCP connection, connection authentication is also required. Therefore, the client usually saves the TiDB (MySQL) connections to the connection pool for reuse.

TiDB supports the following Java connection pools:

- HikariCP
- tomcat-jdbc
- druid
- c3p0
- dbcp

In practice, some connection pools might persistently use specific active sessions. Although the total number of connections appears evenly distributed across TiDB compute nodes, uneven distribution of active connections can lead to actual load imbalance. In distributed scenarios, it is recommended to use HikariCP, which manages connection lifecycles effectively and helps prevent active connections from being fixed on certain nodes, achieving balanced load distribution.

12.5.3.3.1 Typical connection pool configuration

The following is an example configuration for HikariCP:

```
hikari:
  maximumPoolSize: 20
  poolName: hikariCP
  connectionTimeout: 30000
  maxLifetime: 1200000
  keepaliveTime: 120000
```

The parameter explanations are as follows. For more details, refer to the official HikariCP documentation.

- `maximumPoolSize`: the maximum number of connections in the pool. The default value is `10`. In containerized environments, it is recommended to set this to 4–10 times the number of CPU cores available to the Java application. Setting this value too high can lead to resource wastage, while setting it too low can slow down connection acquisition. See About Pool Sizing for more details.

- `minimumIdle`: HikariCP recommends not setting this parameter. The default value is equal to the value of `maximumPoolSize`, which disables connection pool scaling. This ensures that connections are readily available during traffic spikes and avoids delays caused by connection creation.
- `connectionTimeout`: the maximum time (in milliseconds) that an application waits to acquire a connection from the pool. The default value is `30000` milliseconds (30 seconds). If no available connection is obtained within this time, a `SQLException` exception occurs.
- `maxLifetime`: the maximum lifetime (in milliseconds) of a connection in the pool. The default value is `1800000` milliseconds (30 minutes). Connections in use are not affected. After the connection is closed, it will be removed according to this setting. Setting this value too low can cause frequent reconnections. If you are using `graceful-wait-before-shutdown`, ensure this value is less than the wait time.
- `keepaliveTime`: the interval (in milliseconds) between keepalive operations on connections in the pool. This setting helps prevent disconnections caused by database or network idle timeouts. The default value is `120000` milliseconds (2 minutes). The pool prefers using the JDBC4 `isValid()` method to keep idle connections alive.

12.5.3.3.2 Probe configuration

The connection pool maintains persistent connections from clients to TiDB as follows:

- Before v5.4, TiDB does not proactively close client connections by default (unless an error is reported).
- Starting from v5.4, TiDB automatically closes client connections after `28800` seconds (this is, `8` hours) of inactivity by default. You can control this timeout setting using the TiDB and MySQL compatible `wait_timeout` variable. For more information, see JDBC Query Timeout.

Moreover, there might be network proxies such as LVS or HAProxy between clients and TiDB. These proxies typically proactively clean up connections after a specific idle period (determined by the proxy's idle configuration). In addition to monitoring the proxy's idle configuration, connection pools also need to maintain or probe connections for keep-alive.

If you often see the following error in your Java application:

```
The last packet sent successfully to the server was 3600000 milliseconds ago
    ↪ . The driver has not received any packets from the server. com.mysql.
    ↪ jdbc.exceptions.jdbc4.CommunicationsException: Communications link
    ↪ failure
```

If `n` in `n milliseconds ago` is `0` or a very small value, it is usually because the executed SQL operation causes TiDB to exit abnormally. To find the cause, it is recommended to check the TiDB stderr log.

If `n` is a very large value (such as `3600000` in the above example), it is likely that this connection was idle for a long time and then closed by the intermediate proxy. The usual

solution is to increase the value of the proxy's idle configuration and allow the connection pool to:

- Check whether the connection is available before using the connection every time
- Regularly check whether the connection is available using a separate thread.
- Send a test query regularly to keep alive connections

Different connection pool implementations might support one or more of the above methods. You can check your connection pool documentation to find the corresponding configuration.

12.5.3.4 Data access framework

Applications often use some kind of data access framework to simplify database access.

12.5.3.4.1 MyBatis

MyBatis is a popular Java data access framework. It is mainly used to manage SQL queries and complete the mapping between result sets and Java objects. MyBatis is highly compatible with TiDB. MyBatis rarely has problems based on its historical issues.

Here this document mainly focuses on the following configurations.

Mapper parameters

MyBatis Mapper supports two parameters:

- `select 1 from t where id = #{param1}` will be converted to `select 1 from t where id =?` as a Prepared Statement and be "prepared", and the actual parameter will be used for reuse. You can get the best performance when using this parameter with the previously mentioned Prepare connection parameters.
- `select 1 from t where id = ${param2}` will be replaced with `select 1 from t where id = 1` as a text file and be executed. If this statement is replaced with different parameters and is executed, MyBatis will send different requests for "preparing" the statements to TiDB. This might cause TiDB to cache a large number of Prepared Statements, and executing SQL operations this way has injection security risks.

Dynamic SQL Batch

Dynamic SQL - foreach

To support the automatic rewriting of multiple `INSERT` statements into the form of `insert ... values(...), (...), ...`, in addition to configuring `rewriteBatchedStatements=true` in JDBC as mentioned before, MyBatis can also use dynamic SQL to semi-automatically generate batch inserts. Take the following mapper as an example:

```
<insert id="insertTestBatch" parameterType="java.util.List" fetchSize="1">
  insert into test
   (id, v1, v2)
  values
  <foreach item="item" index="index" collection="list" separator=",">
  (
   #{item.id}, #{item.v1}, #{item.v2}
  )
  </foreach>
  on duplicate key update v2 = v1 + values(v1)
</insert>
```

This mapper generates an `insert on duplicate key update` statement. The number of `(?,?,?)` following "values" is determined by the number of passed lists. Its final effect is similar to using `rewriteBatchStatements=true`, which also effectively reduces communication overhead between the client and TiDB.

As mentioned before, you also need to note that the Prepared Statements will not be cached after their maximum length exceeds the value of `prepStmtCacheSqlLimit`.

Streaming result

A previous section introduces how to stream read execution results in JDBC. In addition to the corresponding configurations of JDBC, if you want to read a super large result set in MyBatis, you also need to note that:

- You can set `fetchSize` for a single SQL statement in the mapper configuration (see the previous code block). Its effect is equivalent to calling `setFetchSize` in JDBC.
- You can use the query interface with `ResultHandler` to avoid getting the entire result set at once.
- You can use the `Cursor` class for stream reading.

If you configure mappings using XML, you can stream read results by configuring `fetchSize="-2147483648"(Integer.MIN_VALUE)` in the mapping's `<select>` section.

```
<select id="getAll" resultMap="postResultMap" fetchSize="-2147483648">
  select * from post;
</select>
```

If you configure mappings using code, you can add the `@Options(fetchSize = Integer .MIN_VALUE)` annotation and keep the type of results as `Cursor` so that the SQL results can be read in streaming.

```
@Select("select * from post")
@Options(fetchSize = Integer.MIN_VALUE)
Cursor<Post> queryAllPost();
```

12.5.3.4.2 `ExecutorType`

You can choose `ExecutorType` during `openSession`. MyBatis supports three types of executors:

- Simple: The Prepared Statements are called to JDBC for each execution (if the JDBC configuration item `cachePrepStmts` is enabled, repeated Prepared Statements will be reused)
- Reuse: The Prepared Statements are cached in `executor`, so that you can reduce duplicate calls for Prepared Statements without using the JDBC `cachePrepStmts`
- Batch: Each update operation (`INSERT`/`DELETE`/`UPDATE`) will first be added to the batch, and will be executed until the transaction commits or a `SELECT` query is performed. If `rewriteBatchStatements` is enabled in the JDBC layer, it will try to rewrite the statements. If not, the statements will be sent one by one.

Usually, the default value of `ExecutorType` is `Simple`. You need to change `ExecutorType` when calling `openSession`. If it is the batch execution, you might find that in a transaction the `UPDATE` or `INSERT` statements are executed pretty fast, but it is slower when reading data or committing the transaction. This is actually normal, so you need to note this when troubleshooting slow SQL queries.

12.5.3.5 Spring Transaction

In the real world, applications might use Spring Transaction and AOP aspects to start and stop transactions.

By adding the `@Transactional` annotation to the method definition, AOP starts the transaction before the method is called, and commits the transaction before the method returns the result. If your application has a similar need, you can find `@Transactional` in code to determine when the transaction is started and closed.

Pay attention to a special case of embedding. If it occurs, Spring will behave differently based on the Propagation configuration.

12.5.3.6 Misc

This section introduces some useful tools for Java to help you troubleshoot issues.

12.5.3.6.1 Troubleshooting tools

Using the powerful troubleshooting tools of JVM is recommended when an issue occurs in your Java application and you do not know the application logic. Here are a few common tools:

jstack

jstack is similar to pprof/goroutine in Go, which can easily troubleshoot the process stuck issue.

By executing `jstack pid`, you can output the IDs and stack information of all threads in the target process. By default, only the Java stack is output. If you want to output the C++ stack in the JVM at the same time, add the `-m` option.

By using jstack multiple times, you can easily locate the stuck issue (for example, a slow query from application's view due to using Batch ExecutorType in Mybatis) or the application deadlock issue (for example, the application does not send any SQL statement because it is preempting a lock before sending it).

In addition, `top -p $ PID -H` or Java swiss knife are common methods to view the thread ID. Also, to locate the issue of "a thread occupies a lot of CPU resources and I don't know what it is executing", do the following steps:

- Use `printf "%x\n" pid` to convert the thread ID to hexadecimal.
- Go to the jstack output to find the stack information of the corresponding thread.

jmap & mat

Unlike pprof/heap in Go, jmap dumps the memory snapshot of the entire process (in Go, it is the sampling of the distributor), and then the snapshot can be analyzed by another tool mat.

Through mat, you can see the associated information and attributes of all objects in the process, and you can also observe the running status of the thread. For example, you can use mat to find out how many MySQL connection objects exist in the current application, and what is the address and status information of each connection object.

Note that mat only handles reachable objects by default. If you want to troubleshoot young GC issues, you can adjust mat configuration to view unreachable objects. In addition, for investigating the memory allocation of young GC issues (or a large number of short-lived objects), using Java Flight Recorder is more convenient.

trace

Online applications usually do not support modifying the code, but it is often desired that dynamic instrumentation is performed in Java to locate issues. Therefore, using btrace or arthas trace is a good option. They can dynamically insert trace code without restarting the application process.

Flame graph

Obtaining flame graphs in Java applications is tedious. For details, see Java Flame Graphs Introduction: Fire For Everyone!.

12.5.3.7 Conclusion

Based on commonly used Java components that interact with databases, this document describes the common problems and solutions for developing Java applications with TiDB. TiDB is highly compatible with the MySQL protocol, so most of the best practices for MySQL-based Java applications also apply to TiDB.

12.5.3.8 Need help?

Ask the community on Discord or Slack, or submit a support ticket.

12.5.4 Best Practices for Using HAProxy in TiDB

This document describes best practices for configuration and usage of HAProxy in TiDB. HAProxy provides load balancing for TCP-based applications. From TiDB clients, you can manipulate data just by connecting to the floating virtual IP address provided by HAProxy, which helps to achieve load balance in the TiDB server layer.

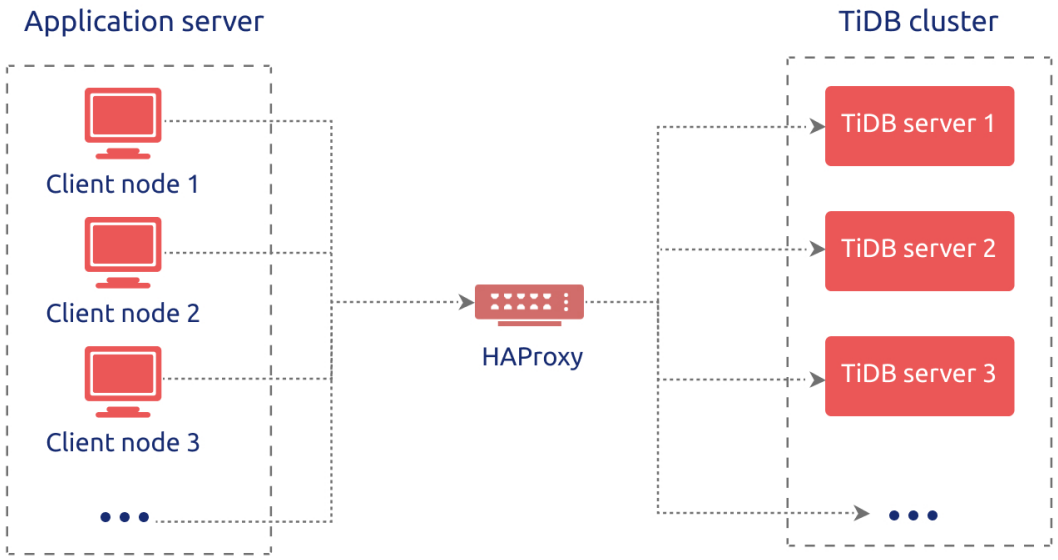

Figure 453: HAProxy Best Practices in TiDB

> **Note:**
>
> The minimum version of HAProxy that works with all versions of TiDB is v1.5. Between v1.5 and v2.1, you need to set the `post-41` option in `mysql-check`. It is recommended to use HAProxy v2.2 or newer.

12.5.4.1 HAProxy overview

HAProxy is free, open-source software written in C language that provides a high availability load balancer and proxy server for TCP and HTTP-based applications. Because of its

fast and efficient use of CPU and memory, HAProxy is now widely used by many well-known websites such as GitHub, Bitbucket, Stack Overflow, Reddit, Tumblr, Twitter, Tuenti, and AWS (Amazon Web Services).

HAProxy is written in the year 2000 by Willy Tarreau, the core contributor to the Linux kernel, who is still responsible for the maintenance of the project and provides free software updates in the open-source community. In this guide, HAProxy 2.6 is used. It is recommended to use the latest stable version. See the released version of HAProxy for details.

12.5.4.2 Basic features

- High Availability: HAProxy provides high availability with support for a graceful shutdown and a seamless switchover;
- Load Balancing: Two major proxy modes are supported: TCP, also known as layer 4, and HTTP, also known as layer 7. No less than 9 load balancing algorithms are supported, such as roundrobin, leastconn and random;
- Health Check: HAProxy periodically checks the status of HTTP or TCP mode of the server;
- Sticky Session: HAProxy can stick a client to a specific server for the duration when the application does not support sticky sessions;
- SSL: HTTPS communication and resolution are supported;
- Monitoring and Statistics: Through the web page, you can monitor the service state and traffic flow in real time.

12.5.4.3 Before you begin

Before you deploy HAProxy, make sure that you meet the hardware and software requirements.

12.5.4.3.1 Hardware requirements

According to the HAProxy documentation, the minimum hardware configuration for HAProxy is shown in the following table. Under the Sysbench `oltp_read_write` workload, the maximum QPS for this configuration is about 50K. You can increase the server configuration according to your load balancing environment.

Hardware resource	Minimum specification
CPU	2 cores, 3.5 GHz
Memory	4 GB
Storage	50 GB (SATA)
Network Interface Card	10G Network Card

12.5.4.3.2 Software requirements

You can use the following operating systems and make sure the required dependencies are installed. If you use yum to install HAProxy, the dependencies are installed along with it and you do not need to separately install them again.

Operating systems

Linux distribution	Version
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	7 or 8
CentOS	7 or 8
Oracle Enterprise Linux	7 or 8
Ubuntu LTS	18.04 or later versions

Note:

- For more information about other supported operating systems, see HAProxy documentation.

Dependencies

- epel-release
- gcc
- systemd-devel

To install the dependencies above, run the following command:

```
yum -y install epel-release gcc systemd-devel
```

12.5.4.4 Deploy HAProxy

You can easily use HAProxy to configure and set up a load-balanced database environment. This section shows general deployment operations. You can customize the configuration file based on your actual scenario.

12.5.4.4.1 Install HAProxy

1. Download the package of the HAProxy 2.6.21 source code:

   ```
   wget https://www.haproxy.org/download/2.6/src/haproxy-2.6.21.tar.gz
   ```

2. Extract the package:

```
tar zxf haproxy-2.6.21.tar.gz
```

3. Compile the application from the source code:

```
cd haproxy-2.6.21
make clean
make -j 8 TARGET=linux-glibc USE_THREAD=1
make PREFIX=${/app/haproxy} SBINDIR=${/app/haproxy/bin} install # Replace `${/app/haproxy}` and `${/app/haproxy/bin}` with your custom directories.
```

4. Reconfigure the profile:

```
echo 'export PATH=/app/haproxy/bin:$PATH' >> /etc/profile
. /etc/profile
```

5. Check whether the installation is successful:

```
which haproxy
```

HAProxy commands

Execute the following command to print a list of keywords and their basic usage:

```
haproxy --help
```

Option	Description
-v	Reports the version and build date.
-vv	Displays the version, build options, libraries versions and usable pollers.
-d	Enables debug mode.

Option	Description
`-db`	Disables background mode and multi-process mode.
`-dM [< ↪ byte ↪ >]`	Forces memory poisoning, which means that each and every memory region allocated with malloc() or pool_alloc2() will be filled with `<byte>` before being passed to the caller.
`-V`	Enables verbose mode (disables quiet mode).
`-D`	Starts as a daemon.
`-C <dir>`	Changes to directory `<dir>` before loading configuration files.

Option	Description
`-W`	Master-worker mode.
`-q`	Sets “quiet” mode: This disables some messages during the configuration parsing and during startup.
`-c`	Only performs a check of the configuration files and exits before trying to bind.
`-n <limit>`	Limits the per-process connection limit to `<limit>`.
`-m <limit>`	Limits the total allocatable memory to `<limit>` megabytes across all processes.

Option	Description
`-N <limit>`	Sets the default per-proxy maxconn to `<limit>` instead of the builtin default value (usually 2000).
`-L <name>`	Changes the local peer name to `<name>`, which defaults to the local hostname.
`-p <file>`	Writes all processes' PIDs into `<file>` during startup.
`-de`	Disables the use of epoll(7). epoll(7) is available only on Linux 2.6 and some custom Linux 2.4 systems.
`-dp`	Disables the use of poll(2). select(2) might be used instead.

Option	Description
`-dS`	Disables the use of splice(2), which is broken on older kernels.
`-dR`	Disables SO_REUSEPORT usage.
`-dr`	Ignores server address resolution failures.
`-dV`	Disables SSL verify on the server side.

Option	Description
`-sf <pidlist>`	Sends the “finish” signal to the PIDs in pidlist after startup. The processes which receive this signal wait for all sessions to finish before exiting. This option must be specified last, followed by any number of PIDs. Technically speaking, SIGTTOU and SIGUSR1 are sent.

Option	Description
`-st <` `↪ pidlist` `↪ >`	Sends the “terminate” signal to the PIDs in pidlist after startup. The processes which receive this signal terminate immedi- ately, closing all active sessions. This option must be specified last, followed by any number of PIDs. Technically speaking, SIGTTOU and SIGTERM are sent.

Option	Description
`-x <unix_socket>`	Connects to the specified socket and retrieves all the listening sockets from the old process. Then, these sockets are used instead of binding new ones.
`-S <bind>[,<bind_options>...]`	In master-worker mode, creates a master CLI. This CLI enables access to the CLI of every worker. Useful for debugging, it's a convenient way of accessing a leaving process.

For more details on HAProxy command line options, refer to Management Guide of HAProxy and General Commands Manual of HAProxy.

12.5.4.4.2 Configure HAProxy

A configuration template is generated when you use yum to install HAProxy. You can also customize the following configuration items according to your scenario.

```
global                                  # Global configuration.
   log         127.0.0.1 local2         # Global syslog servers (up to two).
   chroot      /var/lib/haproxy         # Changes the current directory and
      ↪ sets superuser privileges for the startup process to improve
      ↪ security.
   pidfile     /var/run/haproxy.pid     # Writes the PIDs of HAProxy processes
      ↪  into this file.
   maxconn     4096                     # The maximum number of concurrent
      ↪ connections for a single HAProxy process. It is equivalent to the
      ↪ command-line argument "-n".
   nbthread    48                       # The maximum number of threads. (The
      ↪ upper limit is equal to the number of CPUs)
   user        haproxy                  # Same with the UID parameter.
   group       haproxy                  # Same with the GID parameter. A
      ↪ dedicated user group is recommended.
   daemon                               # Makes the process fork into
      ↪ background. It is equivalent to the command line "-D" argument. It
      ↪ can be disabled by the command line "-db" argument.
   stats socket /var/lib/haproxy/stats # The directory where statistics
      ↪ output is saved.

defaults                                # Default configuration.
   log global                           # Inherits the settings of the global
      ↪ configuration.
   retries 2                            # The maximum number of retries to
      ↪ connect to an upstream server. If the number of connection attempts
      ↪  exceeds the value, the backend server is considered unavailable.
   timeout connect 2s                   # The maximum time to wait for a
      ↪ connection attempt to a backend server to succeed. It should be set
      ↪  to a shorter time if the server is located on the same LAN as
      ↪ HAProxy.
   timeout client 30000s                # The maximum inactivity time on the
      ↪ client side.
   timeout server 30000s                # The maximum inactivity time on the
      ↪ server side.

listen admin_stats                      # The name of the Stats page reporting
   ↪  information from frontend and backend. You can customize the name
   ↪ according to your needs.
   bind 0.0.0.0:8080                    # The listening port.
   mode http                            # The monitoring mode.
   option httplog                       # Enables HTTP logging.
   maxconn 10                           # The maximum number of concurrent
      ↪ connections.
```

```
  stats refresh 30s                   # Automatically refreshes the Stats
     ↪ page every 30 seconds.
  stats uri /haproxy                  # The URL of the Stats page.
  stats realm HAProxy                 # The authentication realm of the
     ↪ Stats page.
  stats auth admin:pingcap123         # User name and password in the Stats
     ↪ page. You can have multiple user names.
  stats hide-version                  # Hides the version information of
     ↪ HAProxy on the Stats page.
  stats admin if TRUE                 # Manually enables or disables the
     ↪ backend server (supported in HAProxy 1.4.9 or later versions).

listen tidb-cluster                   # Database load balancing.
  bind 0.0.0.0:3390                   # The Floating IP address and
     ↪ listening port.
  mode tcp                            # HAProxy uses layer 4, the transport
     ↪ layer.
  balance leastconn                   # The server with the smallest number
     ↪ of connections receives the connection. "leastconn" is recommended
     ↪ where long sessions are expected, such as LDAP, SQL and TSE, rather
     ↪  than protocols using short sessions, such as HTTP. The algorithm
     ↪ is dynamic, which means that server weights might be adjusted on
     ↪ the fly for slow starts for instance.
  server tidb-1 10.9.18.229:4000 check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3 # Detects
     ↪ port 4000 at a frequency of once every 2000 milliseconds. If it is
     ↪ detected as successful twice, the server is considered available;
     ↪ if it is detected as failed three times, the server is considered
     ↪ unavailable.
  server tidb-2 10.9.39.208:4000 check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3
  server tidb-3 10.9.64.166:4000 check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3
```

To check the source IP address using `SHOW PROCESSLIST`, you need to configure the PROXY protocol to connect to TiDB.

```
  server tidb-1 10.9.18.229:4000 send-proxy check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3
  server tidb-2 10.9.39.208:4000 send-proxy check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3
  server tidb-3 10.9.64.166:4000 send-proxy check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3
```

Note:

Before using the PROXY protocol, you need to configure `proxy-protocol.networks` in the configuration file of the TiDB server.

12.5.4.4.3 Start HAProxy

To start HAProxy, run `haproxy`. `/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg` is read by default (recommended).

```
haproxy -f /etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg
```

12.5.4.4.4 Stop HAProxy

To stop HAProxy, use the `kill -9` command.

1. Run the following command:

```
ps -ef | grep haproxy
```

2. Terminate the process of HAProxy:

```
kill -9 ${haproxy.pid}
```

12.5.5 Highly Concurrent Write Best Practices

This document describes best practices for handling highly-concurrent write-heavy workloads in TiDB, which can help to facilitate your application development.

12.5.5.1 Target audience

This document assumes that you have a basic understanding of TiDB. It is recommended that you first read the following three blog articles that explain TiDB fundamentals, and TiDB Best Practices:

- Data Storage
- Computing
- Scheduling

12.5.5.2 Highly-concurrent write-intensive scenario

The highly concurrent write scenario often occurs when you perform batch tasks in applications, such as clearing and settlement. This scenario has the following features:

- A huge volume of data
- The need to import historical data into database in a short time
- The need to read a huge volume of data from database in a short time

These features pose these challenges to TiDB:

- The write or read capacity must be linearly scalable.
- Database performance is stable and does not decrease as a huge volume of data is written concurrently.

For a distributed database, it is important to make full use of the capacity of all nodes and to prevent a single node from becoming the bottleneck.

12.5.5.3 Data distribution principles in TiDB

To address the above challenges, it is necessary to start with the data segmentation and scheduling principle of TiDB. Refer to Scheduling for more details.

TiDB splits data into Regions, each representing a range of data with a size limit of 96M by default. Each Region has multiple replicas, and each group of replicas is called a Raft Group. In a Raft Group, the Region Leader executes the read and write tasks (TiDB supports Follower-Read) within the data range. The Region Leader is automatically scheduled by the Placement Driver (PD) component to different physical nodes evenly to distribute the read and write pressure.

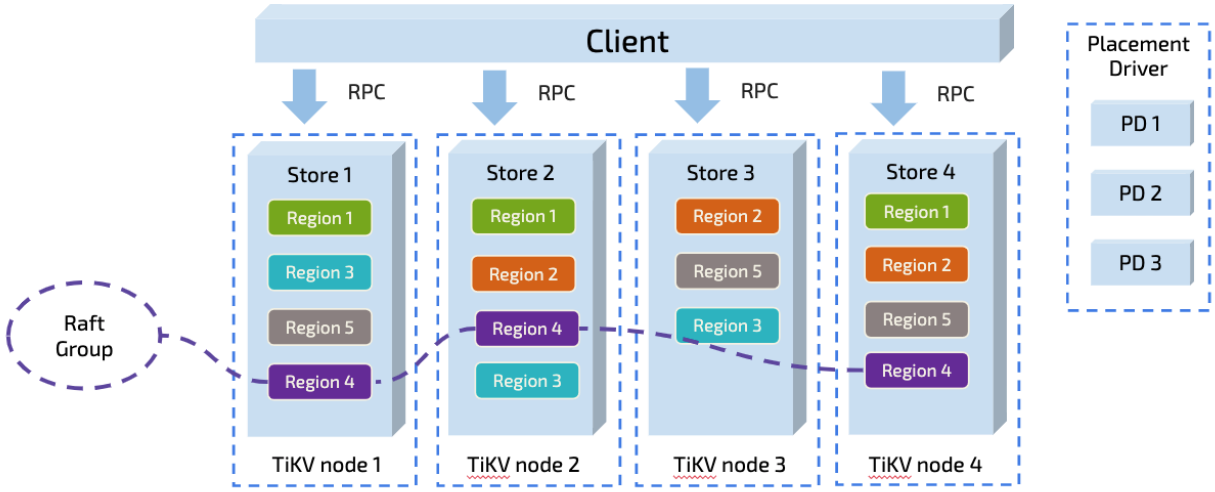

Figure 454: TiDB Data Overview

In theory, if an application has no write hotspot, TiDB, by the virtue of its architecture, can not only linearly scale its read and write capacities, but also make full use of the distributed resources. From this point of view, TiDB is especially suitable for the high-concurrent and write-intensive scenario.

However, the actual situation often differs from the theoretical assumption.

> **Note:**
>
> No write hotspot in an application means the write scenario does not have any `AUTO_INCREMENT` primary key or monotonically increasing index.

12.5.5.4 Hotspot case

The following case explains how a hotspot is generated. Take the table below as an example:

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS TEST_HOTSPOT(
     id        BIGINT PRIMARY KEY,
     age       INT,
     user_name VARCHAR(32),
     email     VARCHAR(128)
)
```

This table is simple in structure. In addition to `id` as the primary key, no secondary index exists. Execute the following statement to write data into this table. `id` is discretely generated as a random number.

```
SET SESSION cte_max_recursion_depth = 1000000;
INSERT INTO TEST_HOTSPOT
SELECT
  n,                                    -- ID
  RAND()*80,                            -- Number between 0 and 80
  CONCAT('user-',n),
  CONCAT(
    CHAR(65 + (RAND() * 25) USING ascii), -- Number between 65 and 65+25,
       ↪ converted to a character, A-Z
    '-user-',
    n,
    '@example.com'
  )
FROM
  (WITH RECURSIVE nr(n) AS
    (SELECT 1                           -- Start CTE at 1
      UNION ALL SELECT n + 1            -- increase n with 1 every loop
      FROM nr WHERE n < 1000000         -- stop loop at 1_000_000
    ) SELECT n FROM nr
  ) a;
```

The load comes from executing the above statement intensively in a short time.

In theory, the above operation seems to comply with the TiDB best practices, and no hotspot is caused in the application. The distributed capacity of TiDB can be fully used with adequate machines. To verify whether it is truly in line with the best practices, a test is conducted in the experimental environment, which is described as follows:

For the cluster topology, 2 TiDB nodes, 3 PD nodes and 6 TiKV nodes are deployed. Ignore the QPS performance, because this test is to clarify the principle rather than for benchmark.

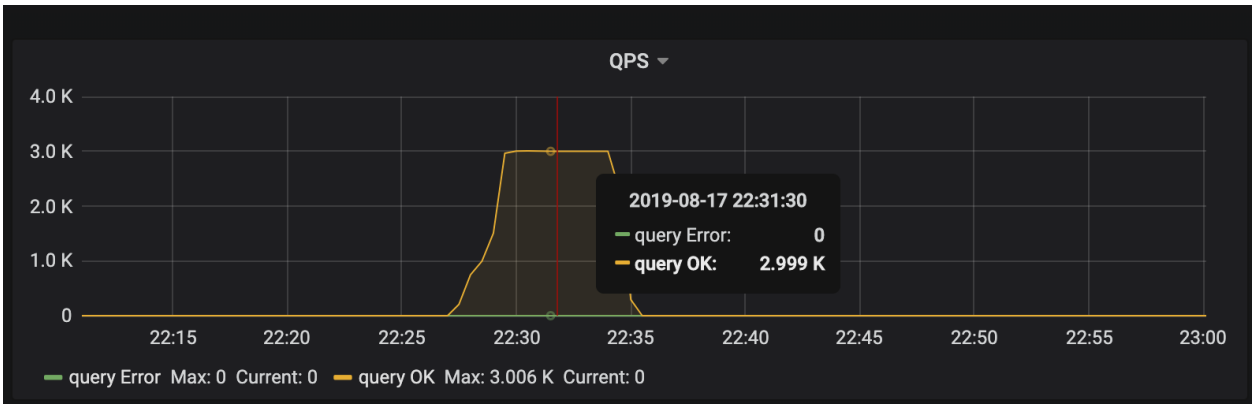

Figure 455: QPS1

The client starts "intensive" write requests in a short time, which is 3K QPS received by TiDB. In theory, the load pressure should be evenly distributed to 6 TiKV nodes. However, from the CPU usage of each TiKV node, the load distribution is uneven. The `tikv-3` node is the write hotspot.

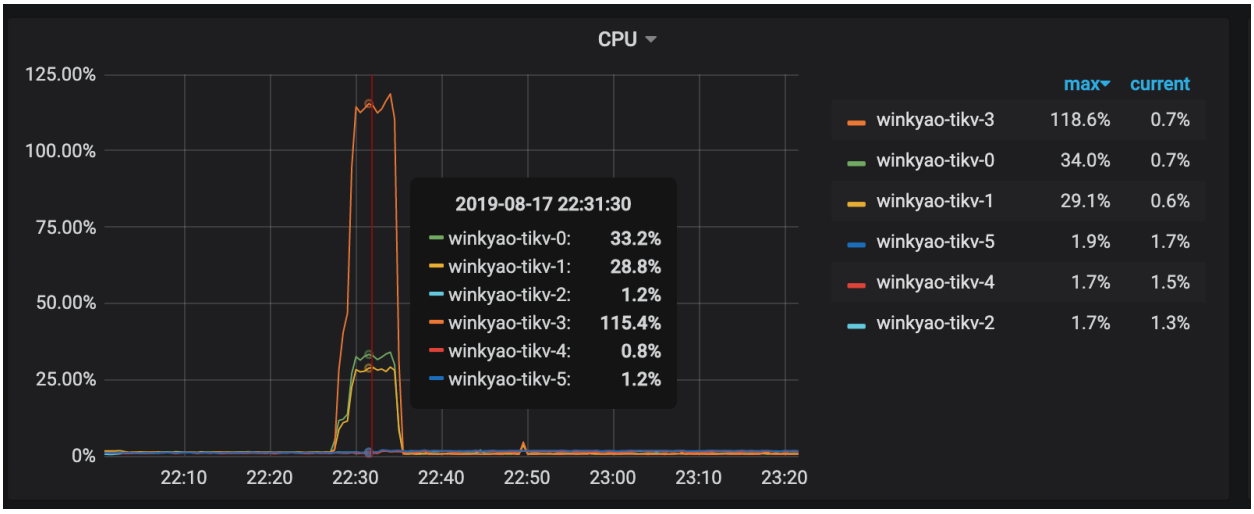

Figure 456: QPS2

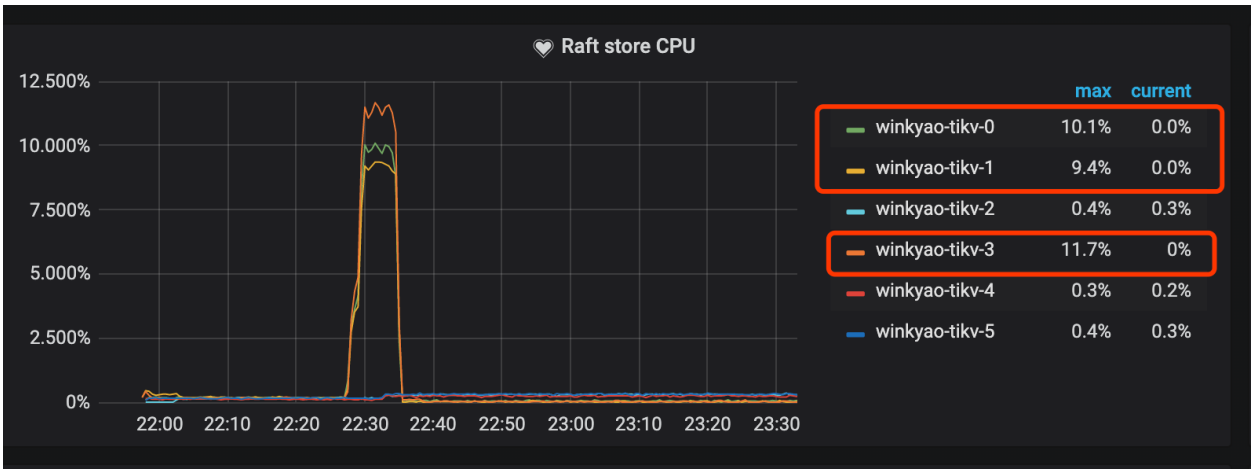

Figure 457: QPS3

Raft store CPU is the CPU usage rate for the `raftstore` thread, usually representing the write load. In this scenario, `tikv-3` is the Leader of this Raft Group; `tikv-0` and `tikv-1` are the followers. The loads of other nodes are almost empty.

The monitoring metrics of PD also confirms that hotspot has been caused.

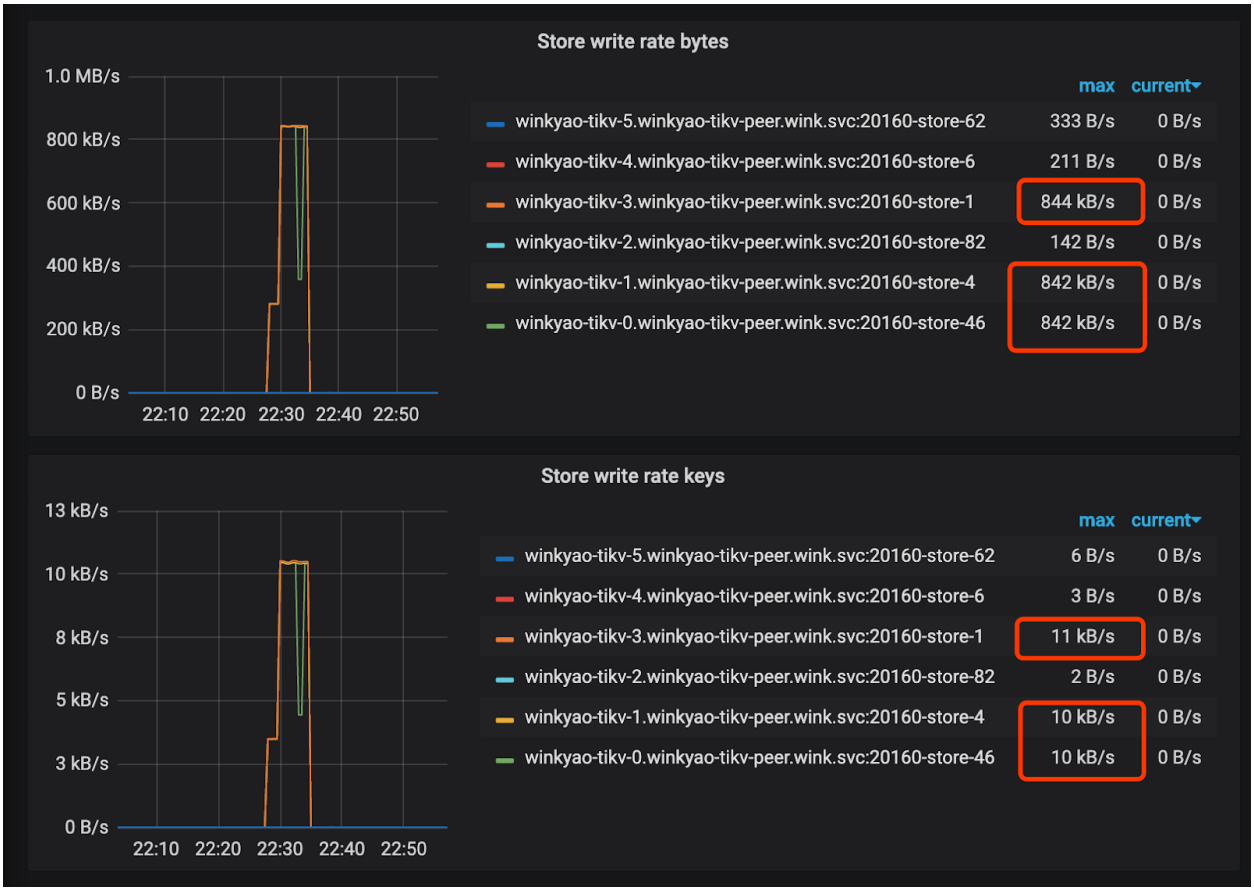

Figure 458: QPS4

12.5.5.5 Hotspot causes

In the above test, the operation does not reach the ideal performance expected in the best practices. This is because only one Region is split by default to store the data of each newly created table in TiDB, with the following data range:

```
[CommonPrefix + TableID, CommonPrefix + TableID + 1)
```

In a short period of time, a huge volume of data is continuously written to the same Region.

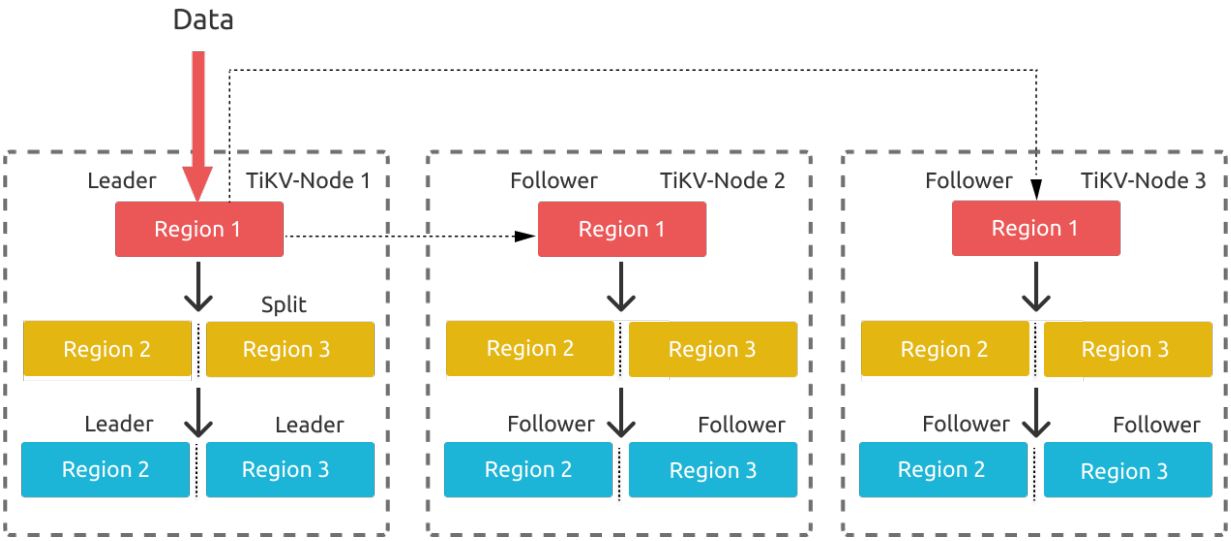

Figure 459: TiKV Region Split

The above diagram illustrates the Region splitting process. As data is continuously written into TiKV, TiKV splits a Region into multiple Regions. Because the leader election is started on the original store where the Region Leader to be split is located, the leaders of the two newly split Regions might be still on the same store. This splitting process might also happen on the newly split Region 2 and Region 3. In this way, write pressure is concentrated on TiKV-Node 1.

During the continuous write process, after finding that hotspot is caused on Node 1, PD evenly distributes the concentrated Leaders to other nodes. If the number of TiKV nodes is more than the number of Region replicas, TiKV will try to migrate these Regions to idle nodes. These two operations during the write process are also reflected in the PD's monitoring metrics:

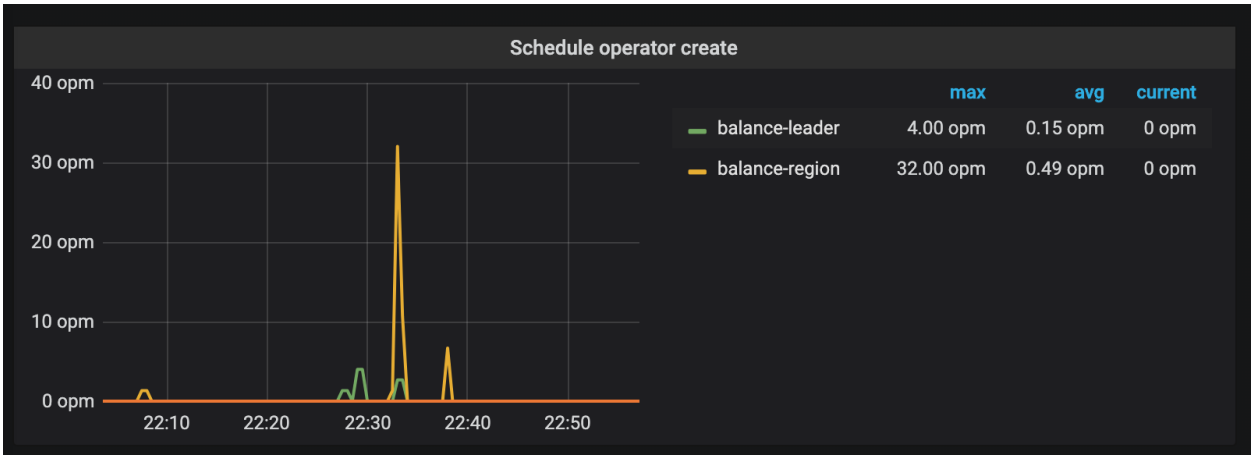

Figure 460: QPS5

After a period of continuous writes, PD automatically schedules the entire TiKV cluster to a state where pressure is evenly distributed. By that time, the capacity of the whole cluster can be fully used.

In most cases, the above process of causing a hotspot is normal, which is the Region warm-up phase of database. However, you need to avoid this phase in highly-concurrent write-intensive scenarios.

12.5.5.6 Hotspot solution

To achieve the ideal performance expected in theory, you can skip the warm-up phase by directly splitting a Region into the desired number of Regions and scheduling these Regions in advance to other nodes in the cluster.

In v3.0.x, v2.1.13 and later versions, TiDB supports a new feature called Split Region. This new feature provides the following new syntaxes:

```
SPLIT TABLE table_name [INDEX index_name] BETWEEN (lower_value) AND (upper_
    ↪ value) REGIONS region_num
```

```
SPLIT TABLE table_name [INDEX index_name] BY (value_list) [, (value_list)]
```

However, TiDB does not automatically perform this pre-split operation. The reason is related to the data distribution in TiDB.

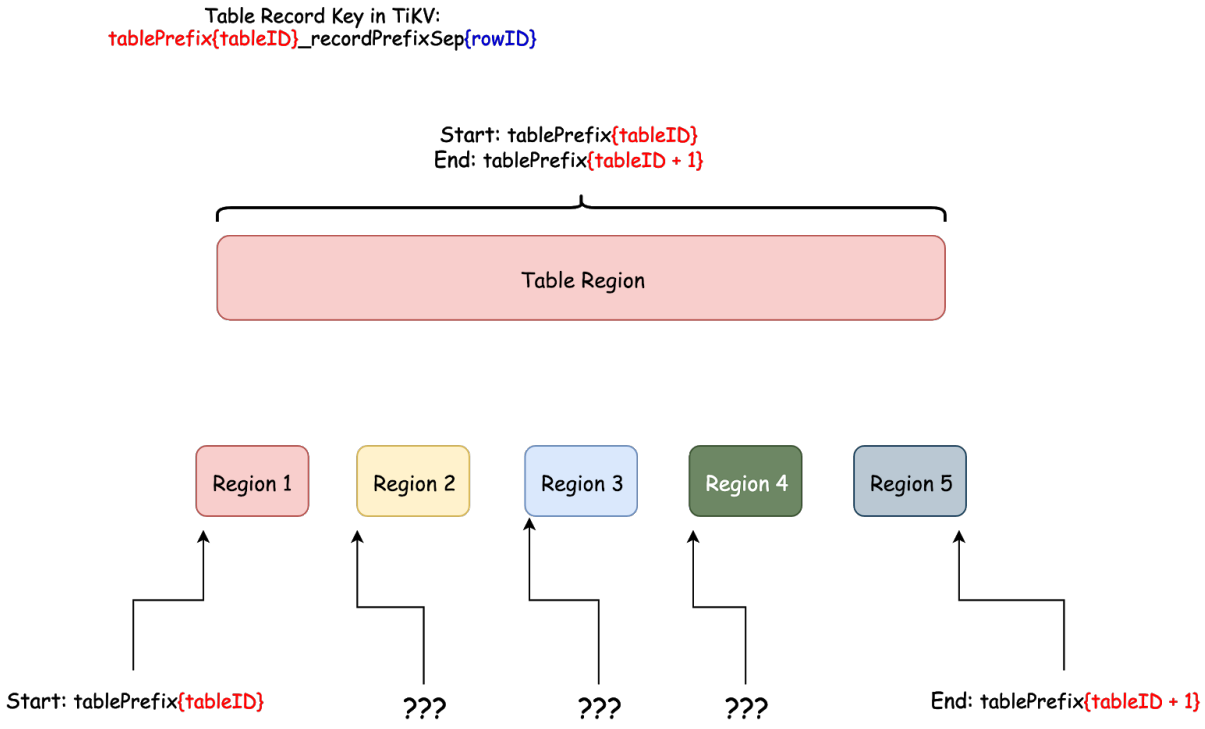

Figure 461: Table Region Range

From the diagram above, according to the encoding rule of a row's key, the `rowID` is the only variable part. In TiDB, `rowID` is an `Int64` integer. However, you might not need to evenly split the `Int64` integer range to the desired number of ranges and then to distribute these ranges to different nodes, because Region split must also be based on the actual situation.

If the write of `rowID` is completely discrete, the above method will not cause hotspots. If the row ID or index has a fixed range or prefix (for example, discretely insert data into the range of `[2000w, 5000w)`), no hotspot will be caused either. However, if you split a Region using the above method, data might still be written to the same Region at the beginning.

TiDB is a database for general usage and does not make assumptions about the data distribution. So it uses only one Region at the beginning to store the data of a table and automatically splits the Region according to the data distribution after real data is inserted.

Given this situation and the need to avoid the hotspot problem, TiDB offers the `Split Region` syntax to optimize performance for the highly-concurrent write-heavy scenario. Based on the above case, now scatter Regions using the `Split Region` syntax and observe the load distribution.

Because the data to be written in the test is entirely discrete within the positive range, you can use the following statement to pre-split the table into 128 Regions within the range of `minInt64` and `maxInt64`:

```
SPLIT TABLE TEST_HOTSPOT BETWEEN (0) AND (9223372036854775807) REGIONS 128;
```

After the pre-split operation, execute the `SHOW TABLE test_hotspot REGIONS;` statement to check the status of Region scattering. If the values of the `SCATTERING` column are all `0`, the scheduling is successful.

You can also check the Region leader distribution using the following SQL statement. You need to replace `table_name` with the actual table name.

```
SELECT
    p.STORE_ID,
    COUNT(s.REGION_ID) PEER_COUNT
FROM
    INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_REGION_STATUS s
    JOIN INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_REGION_PEERS p ON s.REGION_ID = p.REGION_ID
WHERE
    TABLE_NAME = 'table_name'
    AND p.is_leader = 1
GROUP BY
    p.STORE_ID
ORDER BY
    PEER_COUNT DESC;
```

Then operate the write load again:

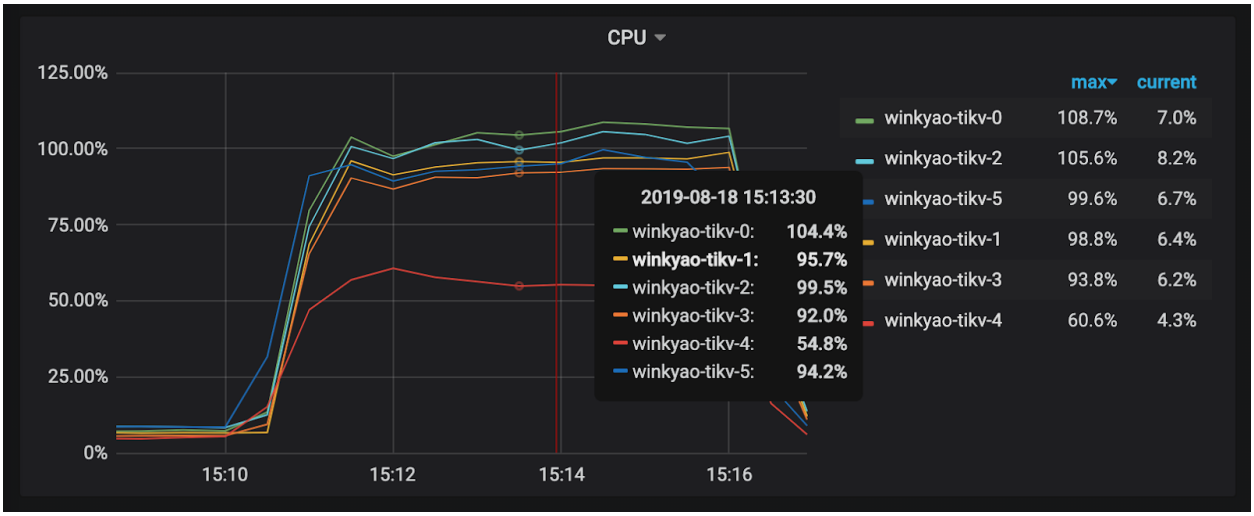

Figure 462: QPS6

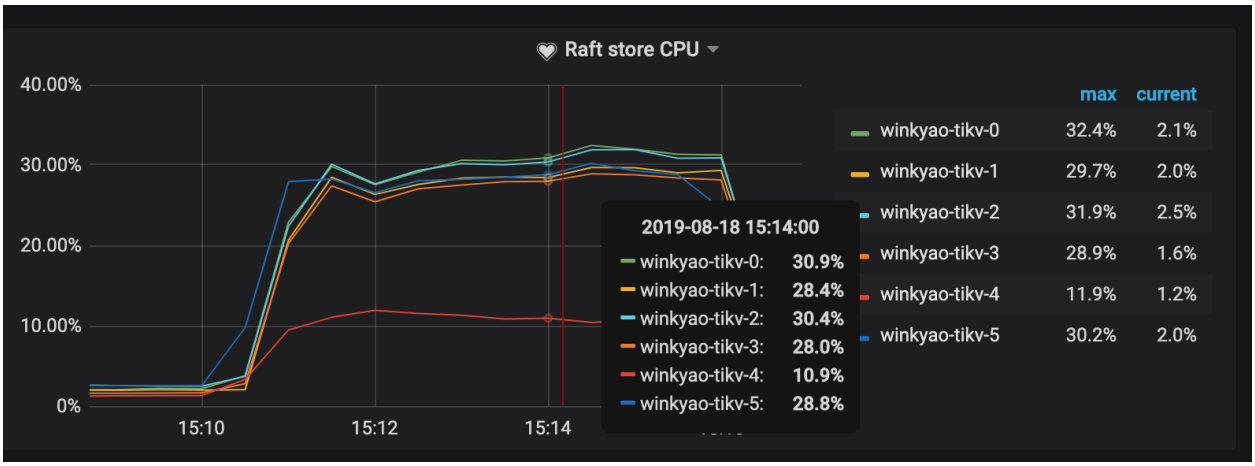

Figure 463: QPS7

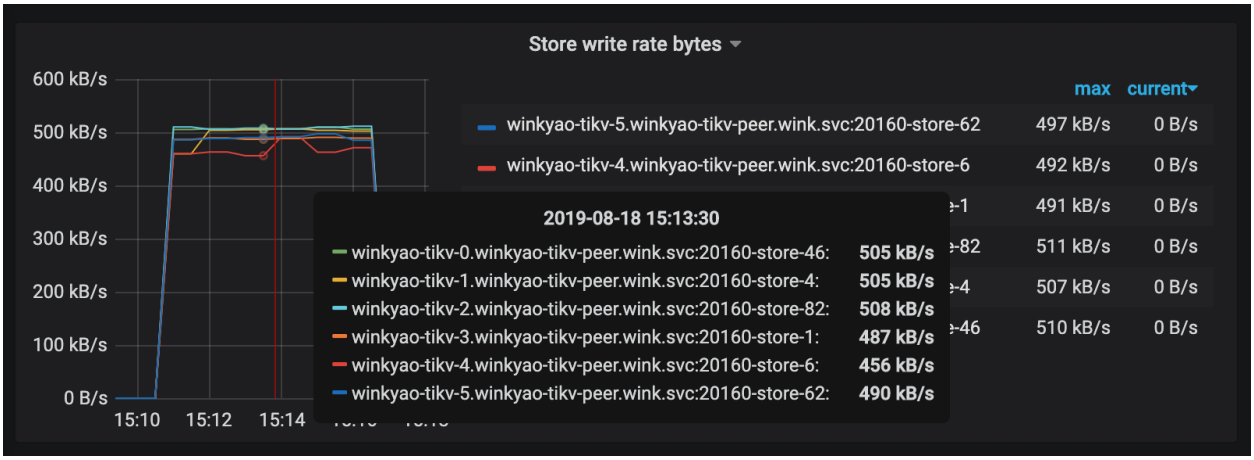

Figure 464: QPS8

You can see that the apparent hotspot problem has been resolved now.

In this case, the table is simple. In other cases, you might also need to consider the hotspot problem of index. For more details on how to pre-split the index Region, refer to Split Region.

12.5.5.7 Complex hotspot problems

Problem one:

If a table does not have a primary key, or the primary key is not the `Int` type and you do not want to generate a randomly distributed primary key ID, TiDB provides an implicit `_tidb_rowid` column as the row ID. Generally, when you do not use the `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` parameter, the values of the `_tidb_rowid` column are also monotonically increasing, which might causes hotspots too. Refer to `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` for more details.

To avoid the hotspot problem in this situation, you can use `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` and `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` when creating a table. For more details about `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS`, refer to Pre-split Regions.

`SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` is used to randomly scatter the row ID generated in the `_tidb_rowid` column. `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` is used to pre-split the Region after a table is created.

> **Note:**
>
> The value of `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` must be smaller than or equal to that of `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS`.

Example:

```
create table t (a int, b int) SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 4 PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS=3;
```

- `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 4` means that the values of `tidb_rowid` will be randomly distributed into 16 (16=2^4) ranges.
- `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS=3` means that the table will be pre-split into 8 (2^3) Regions after it is created.

When data starts to be written into table `t`, the data is written into the pre-split 8 Regions, which avoids the hotspot problem that might be caused if only one Region exists after table creation.

> **Note:**
>
> The `tidb_scatter_region` global variable affects the behavior of `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS`.
>
> This variable controls whether to wait for Regions to be pre-split and scattered before returning results after the table creation. If there are intensive writes after creating the table, you need to set the value of this variable to `global`, then TiDB will not return the results to the client until all the Regions are split and scattered. Otherwise, TiDB writes data before the scattering is completed, which will have a significant impact on write performance.

Problem two:

If a table's primary key is an integer type, and if the table uses `AUTO_INCREMENT` to ensure the uniqueness of the primary key (not necessarily continuous or incremental), you cannot use `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` to scatter the hotspot on this table because TiDB directly uses the row values of the primary key as `_tidb_rowid`.

To address the problem in this scenario, you can replace `AUTO_INCREMENT` with `AUTO_RANDOM` (a column attribute) when inserting data. Then TiDB automatically assigns values to the integer primary key column, which eliminates the continuity of the row ID and scatters the hotspot.

12.5.5.8 Parameter configuration

In v2.1, the latch mechanism is introduced in TiDB to identify transaction conflicts in advance in scenarios where write conflicts frequently appear. The aim is to reduce the retry of transaction commits in TiDB and TiKV caused by write conflicts. Generally, batch tasks use the data already stored in TiDB, so the write conflicts of transaction do not exist. In this situation, you can disable the latch in TiDB to reduce memory allocation for small objects:

```
[txn-local-latches]
enabled = false
```

12.5.6 Best Practices for Monitoring TiDB Using Grafana

When you deploy a TiDB cluster using TiUP and have added Grafana and Prometheus in the topology configuration, a set of Grafana + Prometheus monitoring platform is deployed simultaneously to collect and display metrics for various components and machines in the TiDB cluster. This document describes best practices for monitoring TiDB using Grafana. It aims to help you use metrics to analyze the status of the TiDB cluster and diagnose problems.

12.5.6.1 Monitoring architecture

Prometheus is a time series database with a multi-dimensional data model and a flexible query language. Grafana is an open source monitoring system for analyzing and visualizing metrics.

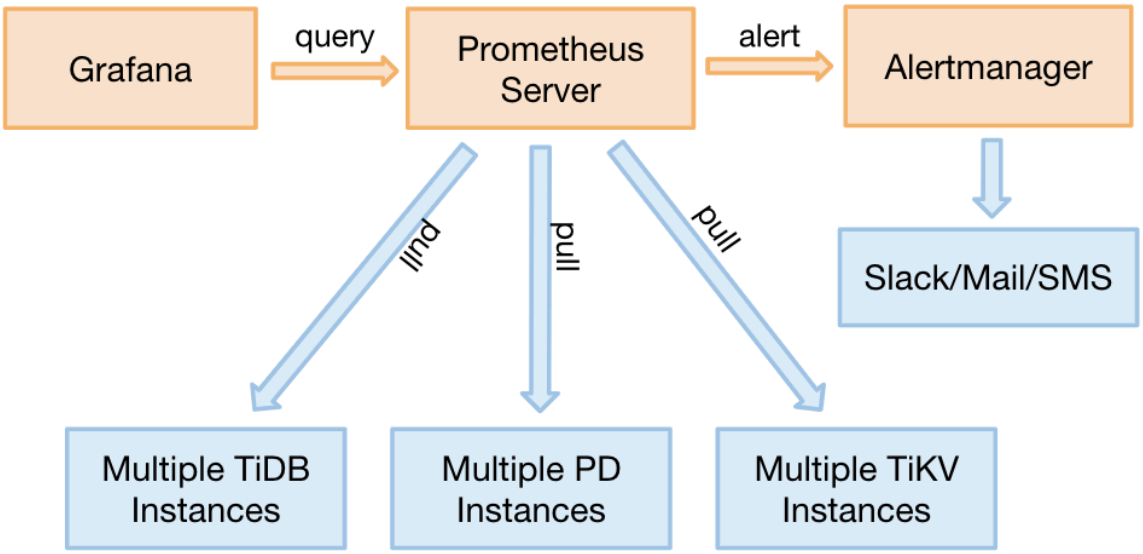

Figure 465: The monitoring architecture in the TiDB cluster

For TiDB 2.1.3 or later versions, TiDB monitoring supports the pull method. It is a good adjustment with the following benefits:

- There is no need to restart the entire TiDB cluster if you need to migrate Prometheus. Before adjustment, migrating Prometheus requires restarting the entire cluster because the target address needs to be updated.

- You can deploy 2 separate sets of Grafana + Prometheus monitoring platforms (not highly available) to prevent a single point of monitoring.
- The Pushgateway which might become a single point of failure is removed.

12.5.6.2 Source and display of monitoring data

The three core components of TiDB (TiDB server, TiKV server and PD server) obtain metrics through the HTTP interface. These metrics are collected from the program code, and the default ports are as follows:

Component	Port
TiDB server	10080
TiKV server	20180
PD server	2379

Execute the following command to check the QPS of a SQL statement through the HTTP interface. Take the TiDB server as an example:

```
curl http://__tidb_ip__:10080/metrics |grep tidb_executor_statement_total
```

```
### Check the real-time QPS of different types of SQL statements. The
    ↪ numbers below are the cumulative values of counter type (scientific
    ↪ notation).
tidb_executor_statement_total{type="Delete"} 520197
tidb_executor_statement_total{type="Explain"} 1
tidb_executor_statement_total{type="Insert"} 7.20799402e+08
tidb_executor_statement_total{type="Select"} 2.64983586e+08
tidb_executor_statement_total{type="Set"} 2.399075e+06
tidb_executor_statement_total{type="Show"} 500531
tidb_executor_statement_total{type="Use"} 466016
```

The data above is stored in Prometheus and displayed on Grafana. Right-click the panel and then click the **Edit** button (or directly press the E key) shown in the following figure:

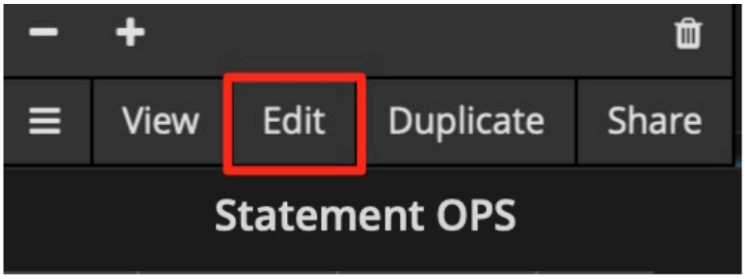

Figure 466: The Edit entry for the Metrics tab

After clicking the **Edit** button, you can see the query expression with the `tidb_executor_statement_total` metric name on the Metrics tab. The meanings of some items on the panel are as follows:

- `rate[1m]`: The growth rate in one minute. It can only be used for the data of counter type.
- `sum`: The sum of values.
- `by type`: The summed data is grouped by type in the original metric value.
- `Legend format`: The format of the metric name.
- `Resolution`: The step width defaults to 15 seconds. Resolution means whether to generate one data point for multiple pixels.

The query expression on the **Metrics** tab is as follows:



Figure 467: The query expression on the Metrics tab

Prometheus supports many query expressions and functions. For more details, refer to Prometheus official website.

12.5.6.3 Grafana tips

This section introduces seven tips for efficiently using Grafana to monitor and analyze the metrics of TiDB.

12.5.6.3.1 Tip 1: Check all dimensions and edit the query expression

In the example shown in the source and display of monitoring data section, the data is grouped by type. If you want to know whether you can group by other dimensions and quickly check which dimensions are available, you can use the following method: **Only keep**

the metric name on the query expression, no calculation, and leave the `Legend format` field blank. In this way, the original metrics are displayed. For example, the following figure shows that there are three dimensions (`instance`, `job` and `type`):

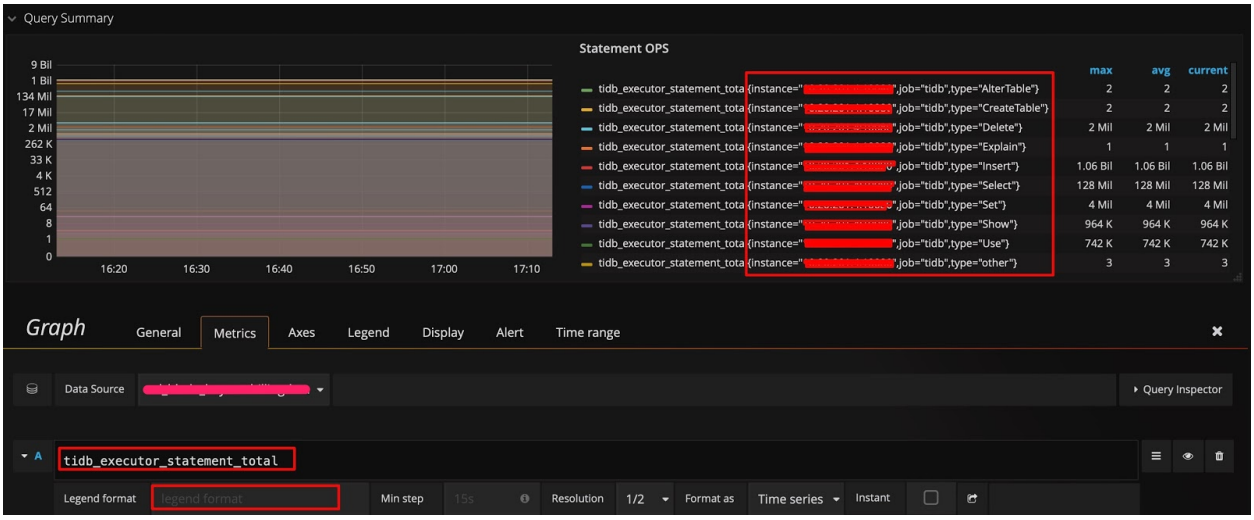

Figure 468: Edit query expression and check all dimensions

Then you can modify the query expression by adding the `instance` dimension after `type`, and adding `{{instance}}` to the `Legend format` field. In this way, you can check the QPS of different types of SQL statements that are executed on each TiDB server:

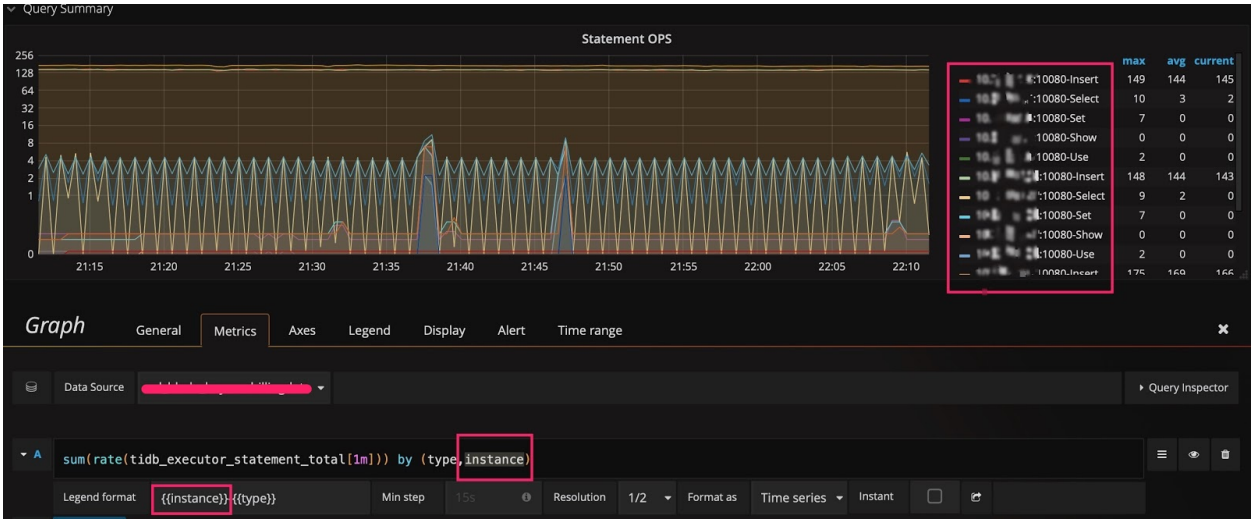

Figure 469: Add an instance dimension to the query expression

12.5.6.3.2 Tip 2: Switch the scale of the Y-axis

Take Query Duration as an example, the Y-axis defaults to be on a binary logarithmic scale (log2n), which narrows the gap in display. To amplify changes, you can switch it to a linear scale. Comparing the following two figures, you can easily notice the difference in display, and locate the time when an SQL statement runs slowly.

Of course, a linear scale is not suitable for all situations. For example, if you observe the performance trend for the duration of a month, there might be noises with a linear scale, making it hard to observe.

The Y-axis uses a binary logarithmic scale by default:

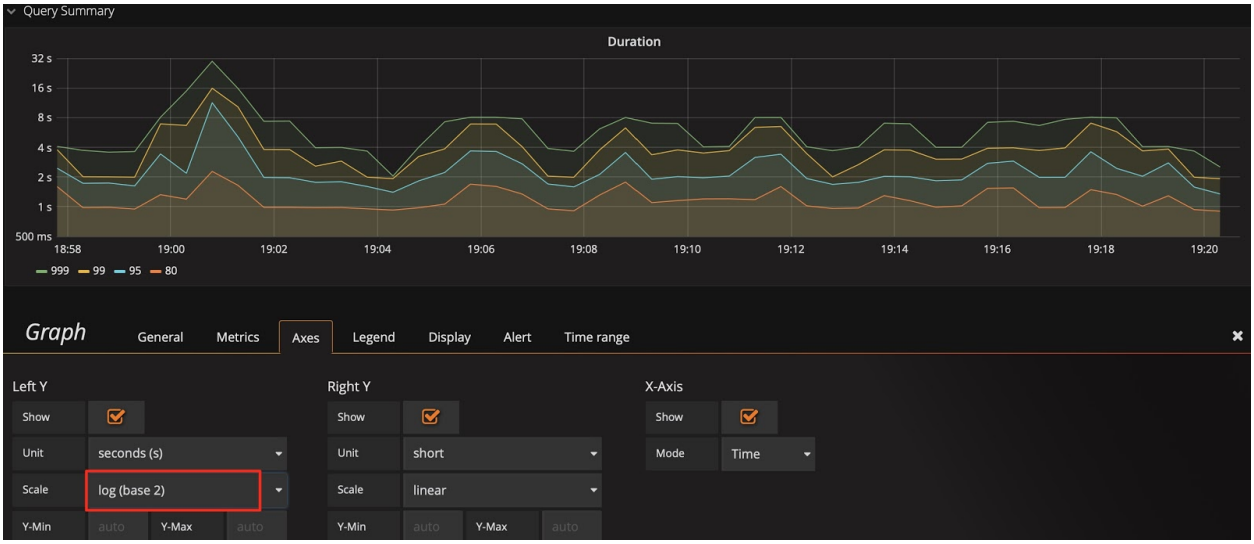

Figure 470: The Y-axis uses a binary logarithmic scale

Switch the Y-axis to a linear scale:

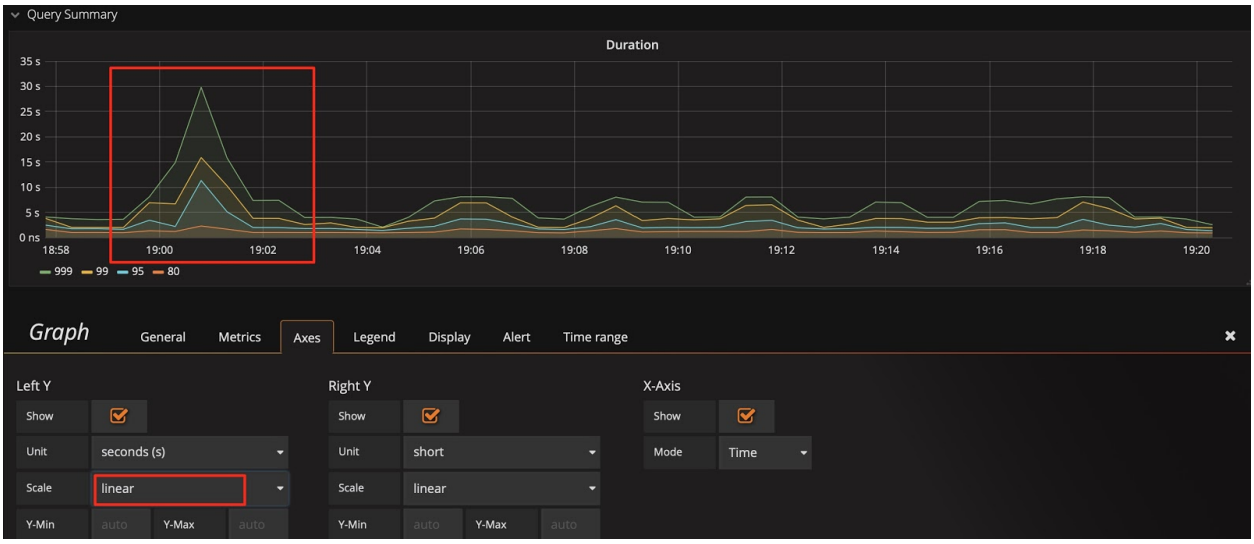

Figure 471: Switch to a linear scale

Tip:

Combining tip 2 with tip 1, you can find a `sql_type` dimension to help you immediately analyze whether the `SELECT` statement or the `UPDATE` statement is slow; you can even locate the instance with slow SQL statements.

12.5.6.3.3 Tip 3: Modify the baseline of the Y-axis to amplify changes

You might still cannot see the trend after switching to the linear scale. For example, in the following figure, you want to observe the real-time change of `Store size` after scaling the cluster, but due to the large baseline, small changes are not visible. In this situation, you can modify the baseline of the Y-axis from `0` to `auto` to zoom in the upper part. Check the two figures below, you can see data migration begins.

The baseline defaults to `0`:

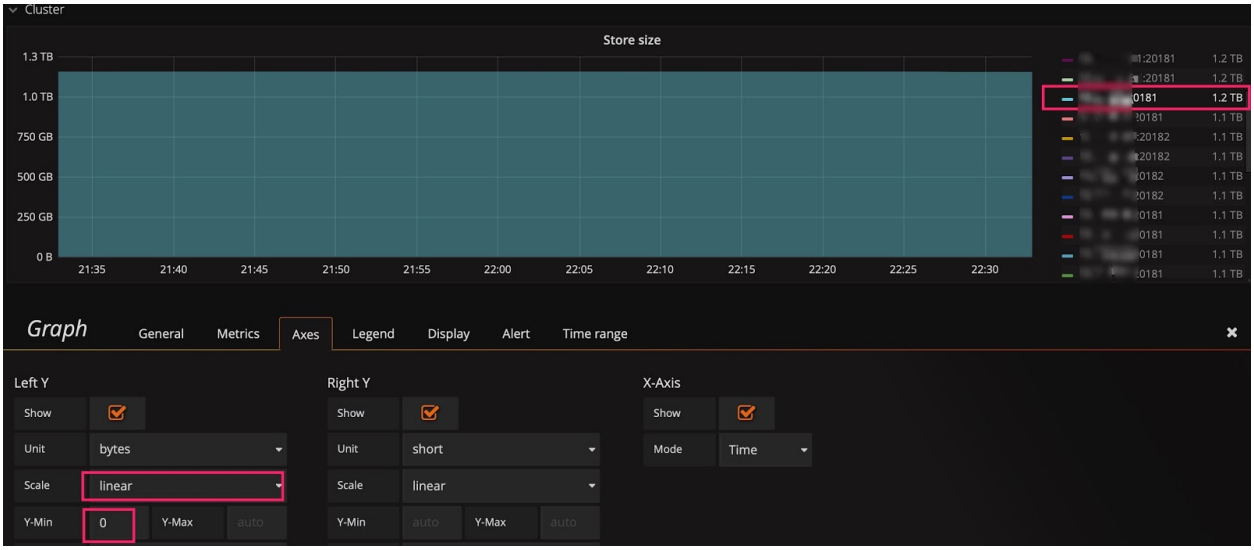

Figure 472: Baseline defaults to 0

Change the baseline to `auto`:



Figure 473: Change the baseline to auto

12.5.6.3.4 Tip 4: Use Shared crosshair or Tooltip

In the **Settings** panel, there is a **Graph Tooltip** panel option which defaults to **Default**.

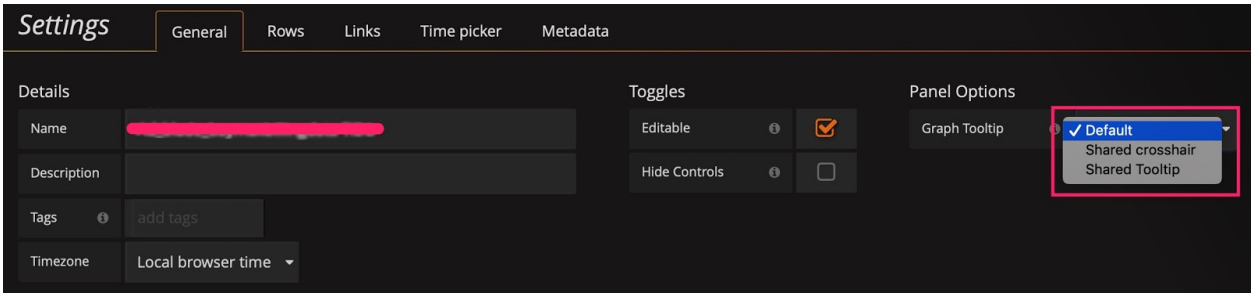

Figure 474: Graphic presentation tools

You can use **Shared crosshair** and **Shared Tooltip** respectively to test the effect as shown in the following figures. Then, the scales are displayed in linkage, which is convenient to confirm the correlation of two metrics when diagnosing problems.

Set the graphic presentation tool to **Shared crosshair**:

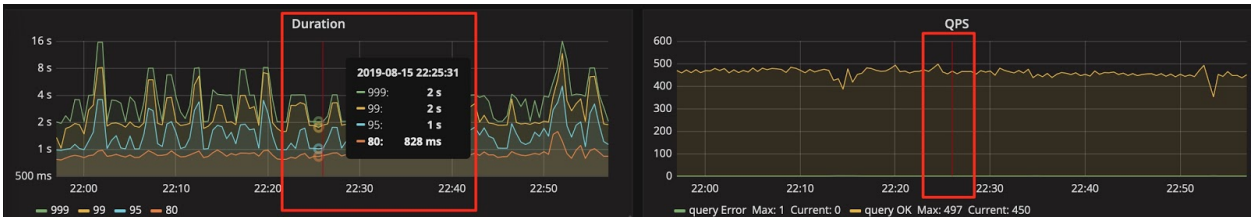

Figure 475: Set the graphical presentation tool to Shared crosshair

Set the graphical presentation tool to **Shared Tooltip**:

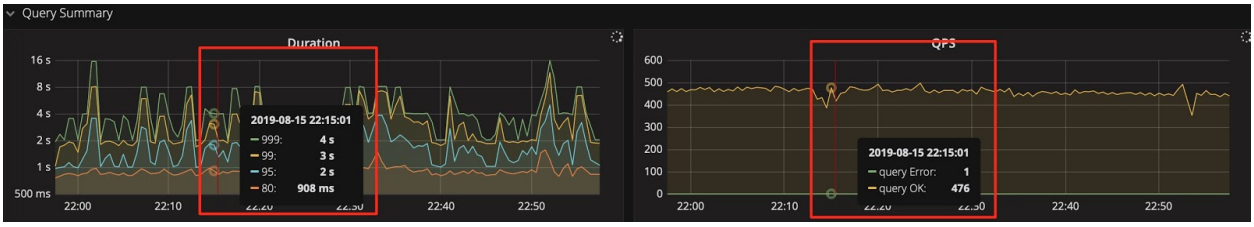

Figure 476: Set the graphic presentation tool to Shared Tooltip

12.5.6.3.5 Tip 5: Enter `IP address:port number` to check the metrics in history

PD's dashboard only shows the metrics of the current leader. If you want to check the status of a PD leader in history and it no longer exists in the drop-down list of the `instance` field, you can manually enter `IP address:2379` to check the data of the leader.

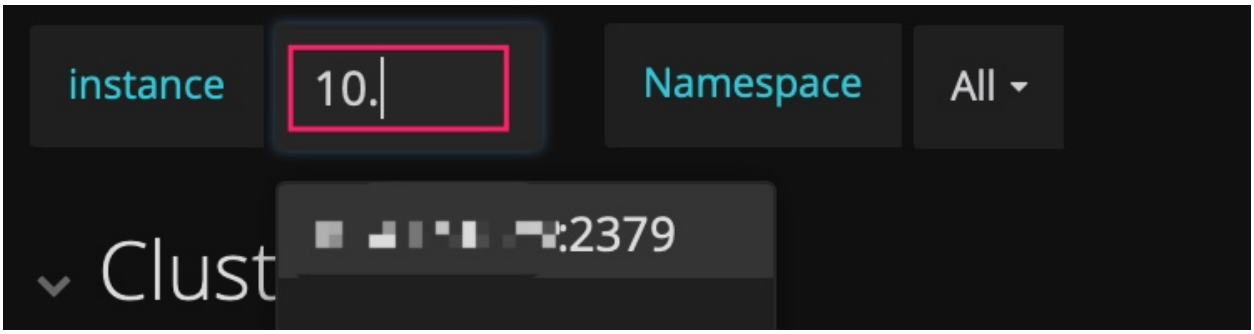

Figure 477: Check the metrics in history

12.5.6.3.6 Tip 6: Use the `Avg` function

Generally, only `Max` and `Current` functions are available in the legend by default. When the metrics fluctuate greatly, you can add other summary functions such as the `Avg` function to the legend to check the overall trend for the duration of time.

Add summary functions such as the `Avg` function:

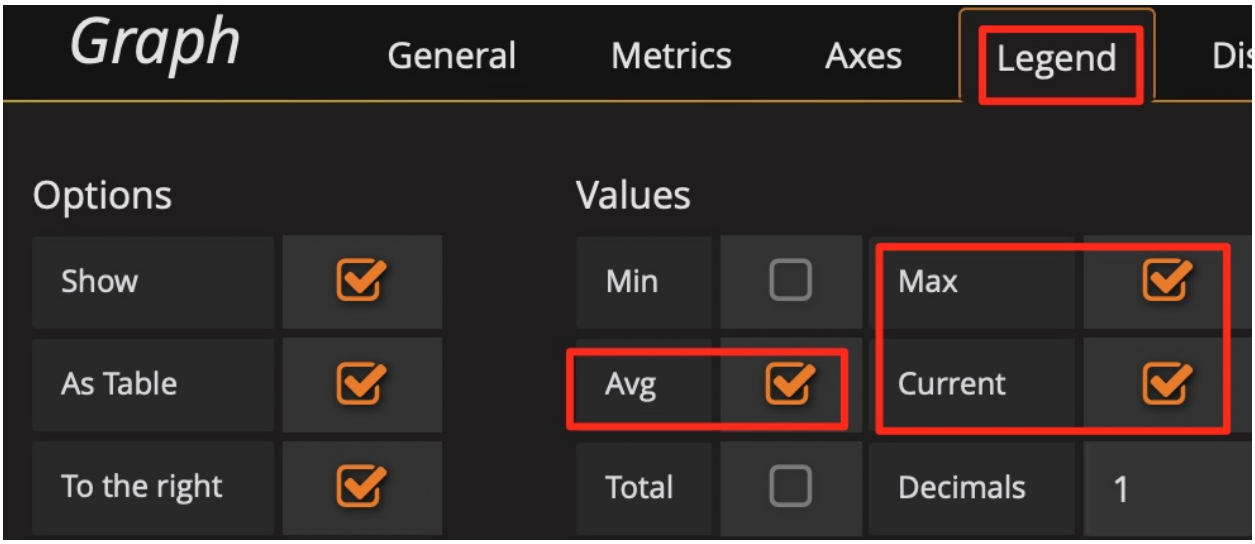

Figure 478: Add summary functions such as Avg

Then check the overall trend:

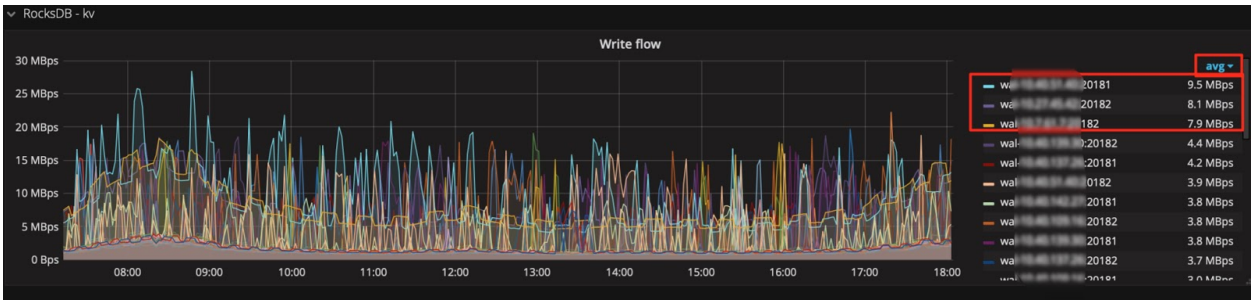

Figure 479: Add Avg function to check the overall trend

12.5.6.3.7 Tip 7: Use the API of Prometheus to obtain the result of query expressions

Grafana obtains data through the API of Prometheus and you can use this API to obtain information as well. In addition, it also has the following usages:

- Automatically obtains information such as the cluster size and status.
- Makes minor changes to the expression to provide information for the report, such as counting the total amount of QPS per day, the peak value of QPS per day, and the response time per day.
- Performs regular health inspection on the important metrics.

The API of Prometheus is shown as follows:

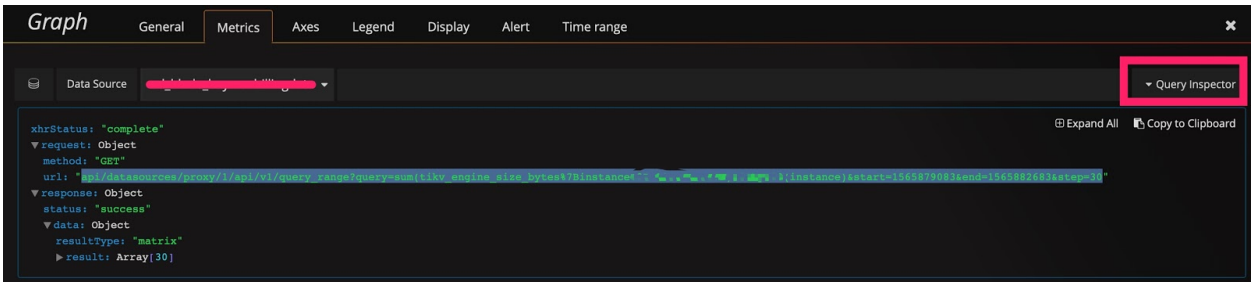

Figure 480: The API of Prometheus

```
curl -u user:pass 'http://__grafana_ip__:3000/api/datasources/proxy/1/api/v1
    ↪ /query_range?query=sum(tikv_engine_size_bytes%7
    ↪ Binstancexxxxxxxxx20180%22%7D)%20by%20(instance)&start=1565879269&end
    ↪ =1565882869&step=30' |python -m json.tool
```

```
{
    "data": {
```

```
        "result": [
            {
                "metric": {
                    "instance": "xxxxxxxxxx:20180"
                },
                "values": [
                    [
                        1565879269,
                        "1006046235280"
                    ],
                    [
                        1565879299,
                        "1006057877794"
                    ],
                    [
                        1565879329,
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                    ],
                    [
                        1565879359,
                        "1006021550039"
                    ],
                    [
                        1565882869,
                        "1006132630123"
                    ]
                ]
            }
        ],
        "resultType": "matrix"
    },
    "status": "success"
}
```


12.5.6.4 Summary

The Grafana + Prometheus monitoring platform is a very powerful tool. Making good use of it can improve efficiency, saving you a lot of time on analyzing the status of the TiDB cluster. More importantly, it can help you diagnose problems. This tool is very useful in the operation and maintenance of TiDB clusters, especially when there is a large amount of data.

12.5.7 PD Scheduling Best Practices

This document details the principles and strategies of PD scheduling through common scenarios to facilitate your application. This document assumes that you have a basic understanding of TiDB, TiKV and PD with the following core concepts:

- leader/follower/learner
- operator
- operator step
- pending/down
- region/peer/Raft group
- region split
- scheduler
- store

> **Note:**
>
> This document initially targets TiDB 3.0. Although some features are not supported in earlier versions (2.x), the underlying mechanisms are similar and this document can still be used as a reference.

12.5.7.1 PD scheduling policies

This section introduces the principles and processes involved in the scheduling system.

12.5.7.1.1 Scheduling process

The scheduling process generally has three steps:

1. Collect information

   Each TiKV node periodically reports two types of heartbeats to PD:

   - `StoreHeartbeat`: Contains the overall information of stores, including disk capacity, available storage, and read/write traffic
   - `RegionHeartbeat`: Contains the overall information of regions, including the range of each region, peer distribution, peer status, data volume, and read/write traffic

   PD collects and restores this information for scheduling decisions.

2. Generate operators

   Different schedulers generate the operators based on their own logic and requirements, with the following considerations:

- Do not add peers to a store in abnormal states (disconnected, down, busy, low space)
- Do not balance regions in abnormal states
- Do not transfer a leader to a pending peer
- Do not remove a leader directly
- Do not break the physical isolation of various region peers
- Do not violate constraints such as label property

3. Execute operators

   To execute the operators, the general procedure is:

   1. The generated operator first joins a queue managed by `OperatorController`.
   2. `OperatorController` takes the operator out of the queue and executes it with a certain amount of concurrency based on the configuration. This step is to assign each operator step to the corresponding region leader.
   3. The operator is marked as "finish" or "timeout" and removed from the queue.

12.5.7.1.2 Load balancing

Region primarily relies on `balance-leader` and `balance-region` schedulers to achieve load balance. Both schedulers target distributing regions evenly across all stores in the cluster but with separate focuses: `balance-leader` deals with region leader to balance incoming client requests, whereas `balance-region` concerns itself with each region peer to redistribute the pressure of storage and avoid exceptions like out of storage space.

`balance-leader` and `balance-region` share a similar scheduling process:

1. Rate stores according to their resource availability.
2. `balance-leader` or `balance-region` constantly transfer leaders or peers from stores with high scores to those with low scores.

However, their rating methods are different. `balance-leader` uses the sum of all region sizes corresponding to leaders in a store, whereas the way of `balance-region` is relatively complicated. Depending on the specific storage capacity of each node, the rating method of `balance-region` might:

- based on the amount of data when there is sufficient storage (to balance data distribution among nodes).
- based on the available storage when there is insufficient storage (to balance the storage availability on different nodes).
- based on the weighted sum of the two factors above when neither of the situations applies.

Because different nodes might differ in performance, you can also set the weight of load balancing for different stores. `leader-weight` and `region-weight` are used to control the leader weight and region weight respectively ("1" by default for both). For example, when the `leader-weight` of a store is set to "2", the number of leaders on the node is about twice as many as that of other nodes after the scheduling stabilizes. Similarly, when the `leader-weight` of a store is set to "0.5", the number of leaders on the node is about half as many as that of other nodes.

12.5.7.1.3 Hot regions scheduling

For hot regions scheduling, use `hot-region-scheduler`. Since TiDB v3.0, the process is performed as follows:

1. Count hot regions by determining read/write traffic that exceeds a certain threshold for a certain period based on the information reported by stores.
2. Redistribute these regions in a similar way to load balancing.

For hot write regions, `hot-region-scheduler` attempts to redistribute both region peers and leaders; for hot read regions, `hot-region-scheduler` only redistributes region leaders.

12.5.7.1.4 Cluster topology awareness

Cluster topology awareness enables PD to distribute replicas of a region as much as possible. This is how TiKV ensures high availability and disaster recovery capability. PD continuously scans all regions in the background. When PD finds that the distribution of regions is not optimal, it generates an operator to replace peers and redistribute regions.

The component to check region distribution is `replicaChecker`, which is similar to a scheduler except that it cannot be disabled. `replicaChecker` schedules based on the configuration of `location-labels`. For example, `[zone,rack,host]` defines a three-tier topology for a cluster. PD attempts to schedule region peers to different zones first, or to different racks when zones are insufficient (for example, 2 zones for 3 replicas), or to different hosts when racks are insufficient.

12.5.7.1.5 Scale-down and failure recovery

Scale-down refers to the process when you take a store offline and mark it as "offline" using a command. PD replicates the regions on the offline node to other nodes by scheduling. Failure recovery applies when stores failed and cannot be recovered. In this case, regions with peers distributed on the corresponding store might lose replicas, which requires PD to replenish on other nodes.

The processes of scale-down and failure recovery are basically the same. `replicaChecker` ↪ finds a region peer in abnormal states, and then generates an operator to replace the abnormal peer with a new one on a healthy store.

12.5.7.1.6 Region merge

Region merge refers to the process of merging adjacent small regions. It serves to avoid unnecessary resource consumption by a large number of small or even empty regions after data deletion. Region merge is performed by `mergeChecker`, which processes in a similar way to `replicaChecker`: PD continuously scans all regions in the background, and generates an operator when contiguous small regions are found.

Specifically, when a newly split Region exists for more than the value of `split-merge-interval` (`1h` by default), if the following conditions occur at the same time, this Region triggers the Region merge scheduling:

- The size of this Region is smaller than the value of the `max-merge-region-size`. Starting from v8.4.0, the default value is changed from 20 MiB to 54 MiB. The new default value is automatically applied only to newly created clusters. Existing clusters are not affected.
- The number of keys in this Region is smaller than the value of `max-merge-region-keys`. Starting from v8.4.0, the default value is changed from 200000 to 540000. The new default value is automatically applied only to newly created clusters. Existing clusters are not affected.

12.5.7.2 Query scheduling status

You can check the status of scheduling system through metrics, pd-ctl and logs. This section briefly introduces the methods of metrics and pd-ctl. Refer to PD Monitoring Metrics and PD Control for details.

12.5.7.2.1 Operator status

The **Grafana PD/Operator** page shows the metrics about operators, among which:

- Schedule operator create: Operator creating information
- Operator finish duration: Execution time consumed by each operator
- Operator step duration: Execution time consumed by the operator step

You can query operators using pd-ctl with the following commands:

- `operator show`: Queries all operators generated in the current scheduling task
- `operator show [admin | leader | region]`: Queries operators by type

12.5.7.2.2 Balance status

The **Grafana PD/Statistics - Balance** page shows the metrics about load balancing, among which:

- Store leader/region score: Score of each store
- Store leader/region count: The number of leaders/regions in each store
- Store available: Available storage on each store

You can use store commands of pd-ctl to query balance status of each store.

12.5.7.2.3 Hot Region status

The **Grafana PD/Statistics - hotspot** page shows the metrics about hot regions, among which:

- Hot write region's leader/peer distribution: the leader/peer distribution in hot write regions
- Hot read region's leader distribution: the leader distribution in hot read regions

You can also query the status of hot regions using pd-ctl with the following commands:

- `hot read`: Queries hot read regions
- `hot write`: Queries hot write regions
- `hot store`: Queries the distribution of hot regions by store
- `region topread [limit]`: Queries the region with top read traffic
- `region topwrite [limit]`: Queries the region with top write traffic

12.5.7.2.4 Region health

The **Grafana PD/Cluster/Region health** panel shows the metrics about regions in abnormal states.

You can query the list of regions in abnormal states using pd-ctl with region check commands:

- `region check miss-peer`: Queries regions without enough peers
- `region check extra-peer`: Queries regions with extra peers
- `region check down-peer`: Queries regions with down peers
- `region check pending-peer`: Queries regions with pending peers

12.5.7.3 Control scheduling strategy

You can use pd-ctl to adjust the scheduling strategy from the following three aspects. Refer to PD Control for more details.

12.5.7.3.1 Add/delete scheduler manually

PD supports dynamically adding and removing schedulers directly through pd-ctl. For example:

- `scheduler show`: Shows currently running schedulers in the system
- `scheduler remove balance-leader-scheduler`: Removes (disable) balance-leader-scheduler
- `scheduler add evict-leader-scheduler 1`: Adds a scheduler to remove all leaders in Store 1

12.5.7.3.2 Add/delete Operators manually

PD also supports adding or removing operators directly through pd-ctl. For example:

- `operator add add-peer 2 5`: Adds peers to Region 2 in Store 5
- `operator add transfer-leader 2 5`: Migrates the leader of Region 2 to Store 5
- `operator add split-region 2`: Splits Region 2 into two regions evenly in size
- `operator remove 2`: Removes currently pending operator in Region 2

12.5.7.3.3 Adjust scheduling parameter

You can check the scheduling configuration using the `config show` command in pd-ctl, and adjust the values using `config set {key} {value}`. Common adjustments include:

- `leader-schedule-limit`: Controls the concurrency of transferring leader scheduling
- `region-schedule-limit`: Controls the concurrency of adding/deleting peer scheduling
- `enable-replace-offline-replica`: Determines whether to enable the scheduling to take nodes offline
- `enable-location-replacement`: Determines whether to enable the scheduling that handles the isolation level of regions
- `max-snapshot-count`: Controls the maximum concurrency of sending/receiving snapshots for each store

12.5.7.4 PD scheduling in common scenarios

This section illustrates the best practices of PD scheduling strategies through several typical scenarios.

12.5.7.4.1 Leaders/regions are not evenly distributed

The rating mechanism of PD determines that leader count and region count of different stores cannot fully reflect the load balancing status. Therefore, it is necessary to confirm whether there is load imbalancing from the actual load of TiKV or storage usage.

Once you have confirmed that leaders/region are not evenly distributed, you need to check the rating of different stores.

If the scores of different stores are close, it means PD mistakenly believes that leaders/regions are evenly distributed. Possible reasons are:

- There are hot regions that cause load imbalancing. In this case, you need to analyze further based on hot regions scheduling.
- There are a large number of empty regions or small regions, which leads to a great difference in the number of leaders in different stores and high pressure on Raft store. This is the time for a region merge scheduling.
- Hardware and software environment varies among stores. To control the distribution of leader/region, you can refer to Load balancing and adjust the values of `leader-weight` and `region-weight`.
- Other unknown reasons. Still you can adjust the values of `leader-weight` and `region-weight` to control the distribution of leader/region.

If there is a big difference in the rating of different stores, you need to examine the operator-related metrics, with special focus on the generation and execution of operators. There are two main situations:

- When operators are generated normally but the scheduling process is slow, it is possible that:
    - The scheduling speed is limited by default for load balancing purpose. You can adjust `leader-schedule-limit` or `region-schedule-limit` to larger values without significantly impacting regular services. In addition, you can also properly ease the restrictions specified by `max-pending-peer-count` and `max-snapshot-count`.
    - Other scheduling tasks are running concurrently, which slows down the balancing. In this case, if the balancing takes precedence over other scheduling tasks, you can stop other tasks or limit their speeds. For example, if you take some nodes offline when balancing is in progress, both operations consume the quota of `region-schedule-limit`. In this case, you can limit the speed of scheduler to remove nodes, or simply set `enable-replace-offline-replica = false` to temporarily disable it.
    - The scheduling process is too slow. You can check the **Operator step duration** metric to confirm the cause. Generally, steps that do not involve sending and receiving snapshots (such as `TransferLeader`, `RemovePeer`, `PromoteLearner`) should be completed in milliseconds, while steps that involve snapshots (such as `AddLearner` and `AddPeer`) are expected to be completed in tens of seconds. If the duration is obviously too long, it could be caused by high pressure on TiKV or bottleneck in network, which needs specific analysis.
- PD fails to generate the corresponding balancing scheduler. Possible reasons include:
    - The scheduler is not activated. For example, the corresponding scheduler is deleted, or its limit it set to "0".

- Other constraints. For example, `evict-leader-scheduler` in the system prevents leaders from being migrating to the corresponding store. Or label property is set, which makes some stores reject leaders.
- Restrictions from the cluster topology. For example, in a cluster of 3 replicas across 3 data centers, 3 replicas of each region are distributed in different data centers due to replica isolation. If the number of stores is different among these data centers, the scheduling can only reach a balanced state within each data center, but not balanced globally.

12.5.7.4.2 Taking nodes offline is slow

This scenario requires examining the generation and execution of operators through related metrics.

If operators are successfully generated but the scheduling process is slow, possible reasons are:

- The scheduling speed is limited by default. You can adjust `leader-schedule-limit` or `replica-schedule-limit` to larger values. Similarly, you can consider loosening the limits on `max-pending-peer-count` and `max-snapshot-count`.
- Other scheduling tasks are running concurrently and racing for resources in the system. You can refer to the solution in Leaders/regions are not evenly distributed.
- When you take a single node offline, a number of region leaders to be processed (around 1/3 under the configuration of 3 replicas) are distributed on the node to remove. Therefore, the speed is limited by the speed at which snapshots are generated by this single node. You can speed it up by manually adding an `evict-leader-scheduler` to migrate leaders.

If the corresponding operator fails to generate, possible reasons are:

- The operator is stopped, or `replica-schedule-limit` is set to "0".
- There is no proper node for region migration. For example, if the available capacity size of the replacing node (of the same label) is less than 20%, PD will stop scheduling to avoid running out of storage on that node. In such case, you need to add more nodes or delete some data to free the space.

12.5.7.4.3 Bringing nodes online is slow

Currently, bringing nodes online is scheduled through the balance region mechanism. You can refer to Leaders/regions are not evenly distributed for troubleshooting.

12.5.7.4.4 Hot regions are not evenly distributed

Hot regions scheduling issues generally fall into the following categories:

- Hot regions can be observed via PD metrics, but the scheduling speed cannot keep up to redistribute hot regions in time.

  Solution: adjust `hot-region-schedule-limit` to a larger value, and reduce the limit quota of other schedulers to speed up hot regions scheduling. Or you can adjust `hot-region-cache-hits-threshold` to a smaller value to make PD more sensitive to traffic changes.

- Hotspot formed on a single region. For example, a small table is intensively scanned by a massive amount of requests. This can also be detected from PD metrics. Because you cannot actually distribute a single hotspot, you need to manually add a `split-region` operator to split such a region.

- The load of some nodes is significantly higher than that of other nodes from TiKV-related metrics, which becomes the bottleneck of the whole system. Currently, PD counts hotspots through traffic analysis only, so it is possible that PD fails to identify hotspots in certain scenarios. For example, when there are intensive point lookup requests for some regions, it might not be obvious to detect in traffic, but still the high QPS might lead to bottlenecks in key modules.

  Solutions: Firstly, locate the table where hot regions are formed based on the specific business. Then add a `scatter-range-scheduler` scheduler to make all regions of this table evenly distributed. TiDB also provides an interface in its HTTP API to simplify this operation. Refer to TiDB HTTP API for more details.

12.5.7.4.5 Region merge is slow

Similar to slow scheduling, the speed of region merge is most likely limited by the configurations of `merge-schedule-limit` and `region-schedule-limit`, or the region merge scheduler is competing with other schedulers. Specifically, the solutions are:

- If it is known from metrics that there are a large number of empty regions in the system, you can adjust `max-merge-region-size` and `max-merge-region-keys` to smaller values to speed up the merge. This is because the merge process involves replica migration, so the smaller the region to be merged, the faster the merge is. If the merge operators are already generated rapidly, to further speed up the process, you can set `patrol-region-interval` to `10ms` (the default value of this configuration item is `10ms` in v5.3.0 and later versions of TiDB). This makes region scanning faster at the cost of more CPU consumption.

- A lot of tables have been created and then emptied (including truncated tables). These empty Regions cannot be merged if the split table attribute is enabled. You can disable this attribute by adjusting the following parameters:

  - TiKV: Set `split-region-on-table` to `false`. You cannot modify the parameter dynamically.
  - PD: Use PD Control to set the parameters required by your cluster situation.

- Suppose that your cluster has no TiDB instance, and the value of `key-type` is set to `raw` or `txn`. In this case, PD can merge Regions across tables, regardless of the value of `enable-cross-table-merge setting`. You can modify the `key-type` parameter dynamically.

```
config set key-type txn
```

- Suppose that your cluster has a TiDB instance, and the value of `key-type` is set to `table`. In this case, PD can merge Regions across tables only if the value of `enable-cross-table-merge` is set to `true`. You can modify the `key-type` parameter dynamically.

```
config set enable-cross-table-merge true
```

If the modification does not take effect, refer to FAQ - Why the modified `toml` configuration for TiKV/PD does not take effect?.

> **Note:**
> After enabling Placement Rules, properly switch the value of `key-type` to avoid the failure of decoding.

For v3.0.4 and v2.1.16 or earlier, the `approximate_keys` of regions are inaccurate in specific circumstances (most of which occur after dropping tables), which makes the number of keys break the constraints of `max-merge-region-keys`. To avoid this problem, you can adjust `max-merge-region-keys` to a larger value.

12.5.7.4.6 Troubleshoot TiKV node

If a TiKV node fails, PD defaults to setting the corresponding node to the **down** state after 30 minutes (customizable by configuration item `max-store-down-time`), and rebalancing replicas for regions involved.

Practically, if a node failure is considered unrecoverable, you can immediately take it offline. This makes PD replenish replicas soon in another node and reduces the risk of data loss. In contrast, if a node is considered recoverable, but the recovery cannot be done in 30 minutes, you can temporarily adjust `max-store-down-time` to a larger value to avoid unnecessary replenishment of the replicas and resources waste after the timeout.

In TiDB v5.2.0, TiKV introduces the mechanism of slow TiKV node detection. By sampling the requests in TiKV, this mechanism works out a score ranging from 1 to 100. A TiKV node with a score higher than or equal to 80 is marked as slow. You can add `evict-slow-store-scheduler` to detect and schedule slow nodes. If only one TiKV is detected as slow, and the slow score reaches the limit (80 by default), the Leader in this node will be evicted (similar to the effect of `evict-leader-scheduler`).

Note:

Leader eviction is accomplished by PD sending scheduling requests to TiKV slow nodes and then TiKV executing the received scheduling requests sequentially. Due to factors such as **slow I/O**, slow nodes might experience request accumulation, causing some Leaders to wait until the delayed requests are processed before handling **Leader eviction** requests. This results in an overall extended time for **Leader eviction**. Therefore, when you enable `evict-slow-store-scheduler`, it is recommended to enable `store-io-pool-size` as well to mitigate this situation.

12.5.8 Best Practices for TiKV Performance Tuning with Massive Regions

In TiDB, data is split into Regions, each storing data for a specific key range. These Regions are distributed among multiple TiKV instances. As data is written into a cluster, millions of Regions might be created. Too many Regions on a single TiKV instance can bring a heavy burden to the cluster and affect its performance.

This document introduces the workflow of Raftstore (a core module of TiKV), explains why a massive amount of Regions affect the performance, and offers methods for tuning TiKV performance.

12.5.8.1 Raftstore workflow

A TiKV instance has multiple Regions on it. The Raftstore module drives the Raft state machine to process Region messages. These messages include processing read or write requests on Regions, persisting or replicating Raft logs, and processing Raft heartbeats. However, an increasing number of Regions can affect performance of the whole cluster. To understand this, it is necessary to learn the workflow of Raftstore shown as follows:

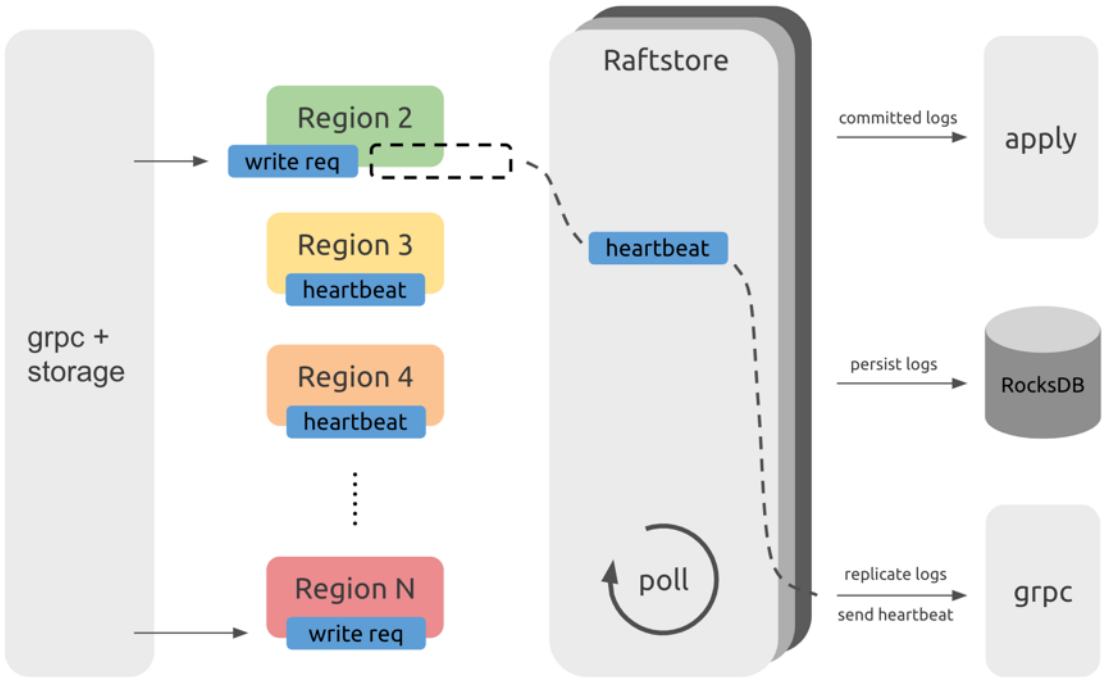

Figure 481: Raftstore Workflow

> **Note:**
>
> This diagram only illustrates the workflow of Raftstore and does not represent the actual code structure.

From the above diagram, you can see that requests from the TiDB servers, after passing through the gRPC and storage modules, become read and write messages of KV (key-value), and are sent to the corresponding Regions. These messages are not immediately processed but are temporarily stored. Raftstore polls to check whether each Region has messages to process. If a Region has messages to process, Raftstore drives the Raft state machine of this Region to process these messages and perform subsequent operations according to the state changes of these messages. For example, when write requests come in, the Raft state machine stores logs into disk and sends logs to other Region replicas; when the heartbeat interval is reached, the Raft state machine sends heartbeat information to other Region replicas.

12.5.8.2 Performance problem

From the Raftstore workflow diagram, messages in each Region are processed one by one. When a large number of Regions exist, it takes Raftstore some time to process the heartbeats of these Regions, which can cause some delay. As a result, some read and write requests are not processed in time. If read and write pressure is high, the CPU usage of the

Raftstore thread might easily become the bottleneck, which further increases the delay and affects the performance.

Generally, if the CPU usage of the loaded Raftstore reaches 85% or higher, Raftstore goes into a busy state and becomes the bottleneck. At the same time, `propose wait duration` can be as high as hundreds of milliseconds.

Note:

- For the CPU usage of Raftstore as mentioned above, Raftstore is single-threaded. If Raftstore is multi-threaded, you can increase the CPU usage threshold (85%) proportionally.
- Because I/O operations exist in the Raftstore thread, CPU usage cannot reach 100%.

12.5.8.2.1 Performance monitoring

You can check the following monitoring metrics in Grafana's **TiKV Dashboard**:

- `Raft store CPU` in the **Thread-CPU** panel

  Reference value: lower than `raftstore.store-pool-size * 85%`.

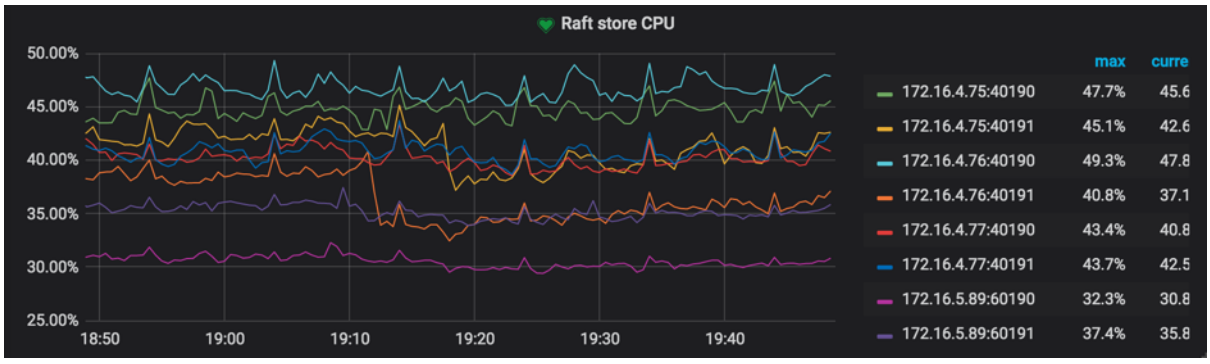

Figure 482: Check Raftstore CPU

- `Propose wait duration` in the **Raft Propose** panel

  `Propose wait duration` is the delay between the time a request is sent to Raftstore and the time Raftstore actually starts processing the request. Long delay means that Raftstore is busy, or that processing the append log is time-consuming, making Raftstore unable to process the request in time.

  Reference value: lower than 50~100 ms according to the cluster size

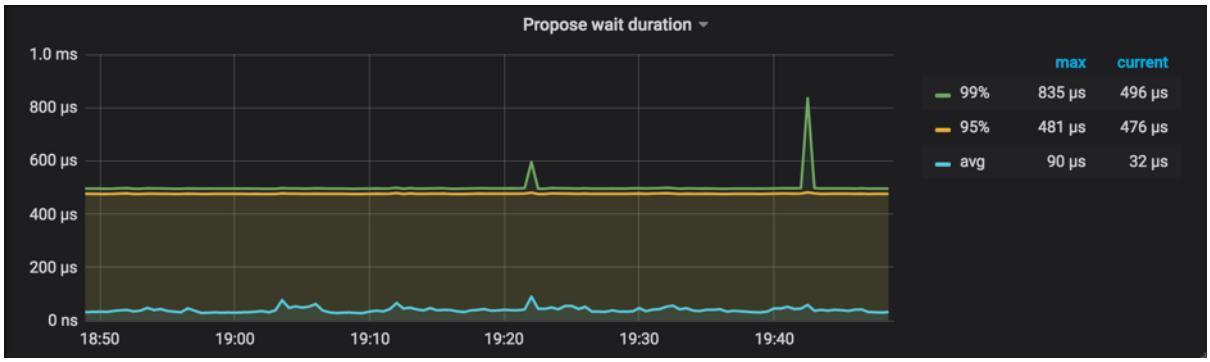

Figure 483: Check Propose wait duration

- `Commit log duration` in the **Raft IO** panel

  `Commit log duration` is the time Raftstore takes to commit Raft logs to the majority of members in the respective Region. The possible reasons for a high value of this metric with significant fluctuations include the following:

  - The workload on Raftstore is heavy.
  - The append log operation is slow.
  - Raft logs cannot be committed timely due to network congestion.

Reference value: lower than 200-500 ms.

```
![Check Commit log duration](./media/best-practices/commit-log-duration.png)
```

12.5.8.3 Performance tuning methods

After finding out the cause of a performance problem, try to solve it from the following two aspects:

- Reduce the number of Regions on a single TiKV instance
- Reduce the number of messages for a single Region

12.5.8.3.1 Method 1: Increase Raftstore concurrency

Raftstore has been upgraded to a multi-threaded module since TiDB v3.0, which greatly reduces the possibility that a Raftstore thread becomes the bottleneck.

By default, `raftstore.store-pool-size` is configured to `2` in TiKV. If a bottleneck occurs in Raftstore, you can properly increase the value of this configuration item according to the actual situation. But to avoid introducing unnecessary thread switching overhead, it is recommended that you do not set this value too high.

12.5.8.3.2 Method 2: Enable Hibernate Region

In the actual situation, read and write requests are not evenly distributed on every Region. Instead, they are concentrated on a few Regions. Then you can minimize the number of messages between the Raft leader and the followers for the temporarily idle Regions, which is the feature of Hibernate Region. In this feature, Raftstore doesn't send tick messages to the Raft state machines of idle Regions if not necessary. Then these Raft state machines will not be triggered to generate heartbeat messages, which can greatly reduce the workload of Raftstore.

Hibernate Region is enabled by default in TiKV master. You can configure this feature according to your needs. For details, refer to Configure Hibernate Region.

12.5.8.3.3 Method 3: Enable `Region Merge`

> **Note:**
>
> `Region Merge` is enabled by default since TiDB v3.0.

You can also reduce the number of Regions by enabling `Region Merge`. Contrary to `Region Split`, `Region Merge` is the process of merging adjacent small Regions through scheduling. After dropping data or executing the `Drop Table` or `Truncate Table` statement, you can merge small Regions or even empty Regions to reduce resource consumption.

Enable `Region Merge` by configuring the following parameters:

```
config set max-merge-region-size 54
config set max-merge-region-keys 540000
config set merge-schedule-limit 8
```

Refer to Region Merge and the following three configuration parameters in the PD configuration file for more details:

- `max-merge-region-size`
- `max-merge-region-keys`
- `merge-schedule-limit`

The default configuration of the `Region Merge` parameters is rather conservative. You can speed up the `Region Merge` process by referring to the method provided in PD Scheduling Best Practices.

12.5.8.3.4 Method 4: Increase the number of TiKV instances

If I/O resources and CPU resources are sufficient, you can deploy multiple TiKV instances on a single machine to reduce the number of Regions on a single TiKV instance; or you can increase the number of machines in the TiKV cluster.

12.5.8.3.5 Method 5: Adjust `raft-base-tick-interval`

In addition to reducing the number of Regions, you can also reduce pressure on Raftstore by reducing the number of messages for each Region within a unit of time. For example, you can properly increase the value of the `raft-base-tick-interval` configuration item:

```
[raftstore]
raft-base-tick-interval = "2s"
```

In the above configuration, `raft-base-tick-interval` is the time interval at which Raftstore drives the Raft state machine of each Region, which means at this time interval, Raftstore sends a tick message to the Raft state machine. Increasing this interval can effectively reduce the number of messages from Raftstore.

Note that this interval between tick messages also determines the intervals between `election timeout` and `heartbeat`. See the following example:

```
raft-election-timeout = raft-base-tick-interval * raft-election-timeout-
    ↪ ticks
raft-heartbeat-interval = raft-base-tick-interval * raft-heartbeat-ticks
```

If Region followers have not received the heartbeat from the leader within the `raft ↪ -election-timeout` interval, these followers determine that the leader has failed and start a new election. `raft-heartbeat-interval` is the interval at which a leader sends a heartbeat to followers. Therefore, increasing the value of `raft-base-tick-interval` can reduce the number of network messages sent from Raft state machines but also makes it longer for Raft state machines to detect the leader failure.

12.5.8.3.6 Method 6: Adjust Region size

The default size of a Region is 256 MiB, and you can reduce the number of Regions by setting Regions to a larger size. For more information, see Tune Region Performance.

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v8.4.0, the default Region size is increased from 96 MiB to 256 MiB. If you have not modified the Region size manually, when you upgrade a TiKV cluster to v8.4.0 or later, the TiKV cluster's default Region size will automatically be updated to 256 MiB.

> **Note:**

> Customized Region size is an experimental feature before TiDB v6.5.0. If you need to resize the Region size, it is recommended that you upgrade to v6.5.0 or a later version.

12.5.8.3.7 Method 7: Increase the maximum number of connections for Raft communication

By default, the maximum number of connections used for Raft communication between TiKV nodes is 1. Increasing this number can help alleviate blockage issues caused by heavy communication workloads of a large number of Regions. For detailed instructions, see `grpc-raft-conn-num`.

> **Note:**
>
> To reduce unnecessary thread switching overhead and mitigate potential negative impacts from batch processing, it is recommended to set the number within the range of `[1, 4]`.

12.5.8.4 Other problems and solutions

This section describes some other problems and solutions.

12.5.8.4.1 Switching PD Leader is slow

PD needs to persist Region Meta information on etcd to ensure that PD can quickly resume to provide Region routing services after switching the PD Leader node. As the number of Regions increases, the performance problem of etcd appears, making it slower for PD to get Region Meta information from etcd when PD is switching the Leader. With millions of Regions, it might take more than ten seconds or even tens of seconds to get the meta information from etcd.

To address this problem, `use-region-storage` is enabled by default in PD since TiDB v3.0. With this feature enabled, PD stores Region Meta information on local LevelDB and synchronizes the information among PD nodes through other mechanisms.

12.5.8.4.2 PD routing information is not updated in time

In TiKV, pd-worker regularly reports Region Meta information to PD. When TiKV is restarted or switches the Region leader, PD needs to recalculate Region's `approximate-size / keys` through statistics. Therefore, with a large number of Regions, the single-threaded pd-worker might become the bottleneck, causing tasks to be piled up and not

processed in time. In this situation, PD cannot obtain certain Region Meta information in time so that the routing information is not updated in time. This problem does not affect the actual reads and writes, but might cause inaccurate PD scheduling and require several round trips when TiDB updates Region cache.

You can check **Worker pending tasks** under **Task** in the **TiKV Grafana** panel to determine whether pd-worker has tasks piled up. Generally, `pending tasks` should be kept at a relatively low value.

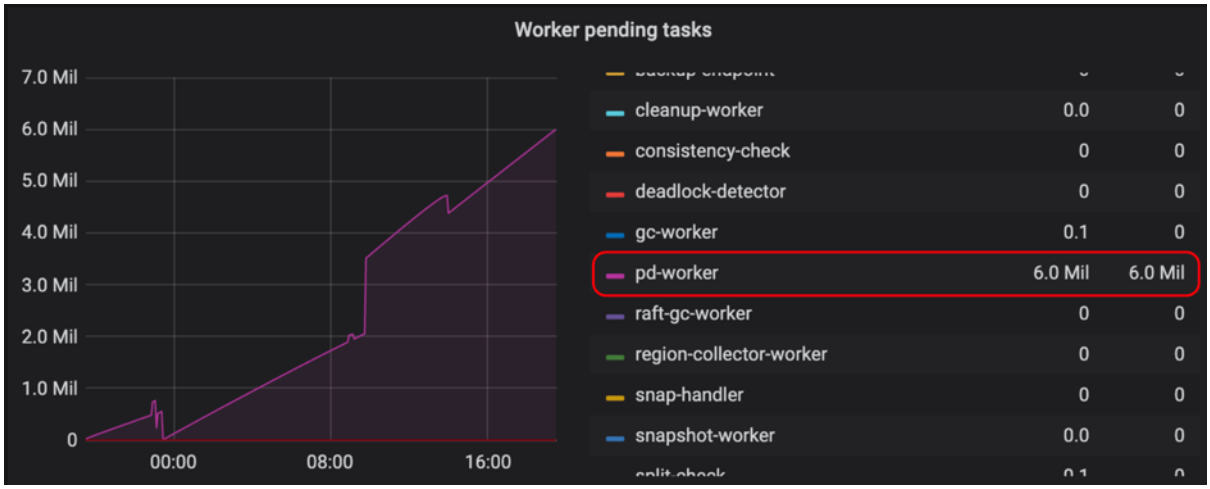

Figure 484: Check pd-worker

pd-worker has been optimized for better performance since v3.0.5. If you encounter a similar problem, it is recommended to upgrade to the latest version.

12.5.8.4.3 Prometheus is slow to query metrics

In a large-scale cluster, as the number of TiKV instances increases, Prometheus has greater pressure to query metrics, making it slower for Grafana to display these metrics. To ease this problem, metrics pre-calculation is configured since v3.0.

12.5.9 Best Practices for Three-Node Hybrid Deployment

For a TiDB cluster, if you have no requirements on high performance but need to control the cost, you can deploy the TiDB, TiKV, and PD components on three machines in a hybrid way.

This document offers an example of three-node hybrid deployment and a TPC-C test against the deployed cluster. Based on this example, this document offers best practices for the deployment scenario and its parameter adjustment.

12.5.9.1 Prerequisites for deployment and the test method

In this example, three physical machines are used for deployment, each with 16 CPU cores and 32 GB of memory. On each machine (node), one TiDB instance, one TiKV instance, and one PD instance are deployed in a hybrid way.

Because PD and TiKV both store information on the disk, the read and write latency of disk directly affects the latency of the PD and TiKV services. To avoid the situation that PD and TiKV compete for disk resources and affect each other, it is recommended to use different disks for PD and TiKV.

In this example, the TPC-C 5000 Warehouse data is used in TiUP bench and the test lasts 12 hours with the `terminals` parameter set to `128` (concurrency). Close attention is paid to metrics related to performance stability of the cluster.

The image below shows the QPS monitor of the cluster within 12 hours with the default parameter configuration. From the image, you can see an obvious performance jitter.



Figure 485: QPS with default config

After the parameter adjustment, the performance is improved.



Figure 486: QPS with modified config

12.5.9.2 Parameter adjustment

Performance jitter occurs in the image above, because the default thread pool configuration and the resource allocation to background tasks are for machines with sufficient resources. In the hybrid deployment scenario, the resources are shared among multiple components, so you need to limit the resource consumption via configuration parameters.

The final cluster configuration for this test is as follows:

```
tikv:
    readpool.unified.max-thread-count: 6
    server.grpc-concurrency: 2
    storage.scheduler-worker-pool-size: 2
    gc.max-write-bytes-per-sec: 300K
    rocksdb.max-background-jobs: 3
    rocksdb.max-sub-compactions: 1
    rocksdb.rate-bytes-per-sec: "200M"

  tidb:
    performance.max-procs: 8
```

The following sections introduce the meanings and the adjustment methods of these parameters.

12.5.9.2.1 Configuration of TiKV thread pool size

This section offers best practices for adjusting parameters that relate to the resource allocation of thread pools for foreground applications. Reducing these thread pool sizes will compromise performance, but in the hybrid deployment scenario with limited resources, the cluster itself is hard to achieve high performance. In this scenario, the overall stability of the cluster is preferred over performance.

If you conduct an actual load test, you can first use the default configuration and observe the actual resource usage of each thread pool. Then you can adjust the corresponding configuration items and reduce the sizes of the thread pools that have lower usage.

`readpool.unified.max-thread-count`

The default value of this parameter is 80% of the number of machine threads. In a hybrid deployment scenario, you need to manually calculate and specify this value. You can first set it to 80% of the expected number of CPU threads used by TiKV.

`server.grpc-concurrency`

This parameter defaults to `4`. Because in the existing deployment plan, the CPU resources are limited and the actual requests are few. You can observe the monitoring panel, lower the value of this parameter, and keep the usage rate below 80%.

In this test, the value of this parameter is set to `2`. Observe the **gRPC poll CPU** panel and you can see that the usage rate is just around 80%.

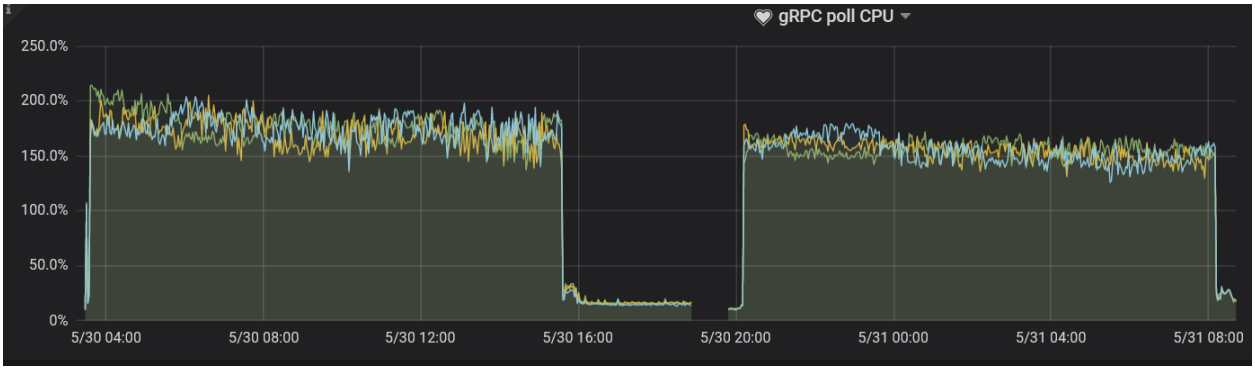

Figure 487: gRPC Pool CPU

`storage.scheduler-worker-pool-size`

When TiKV detects that the CPU core number of the machine is greater than or equal to `16`, this parameter value defaults to `8`. When the CPU core number is smaller than `16`, the parameter value defaults to `4`. This parameter is used when TiKV converts complex transaction requests to simple key-value reads or writes, but the scheduler thread pool does not perform any writes.

Ideally, the usage rate of the scheduler thread pool is kept between 50% and 75%. Similar to the gRPC thread pool, the `storage.scheduler-worker-pool-size` parameter defaults to a larger value during the hybrid deployment, which makes resource usage insufficient. In this test, the value of this parameter is set to `2`, which is in line with the best practices, a conclusion drawn by observing the corresponding metrics in the **Scheduler worker CPU** panel.



Figure 488: Scheduler Worker CPU

12.5.9.2.2 Resource configuration for TiKV background tasks

In addition to foreground tasks, TiKV regularly sorts data and cleans outdated data in background tasks. The default configuration allocates sufficient resources to these tasks for

the scenario of high-traffic writes.

However, in the hybrid deployment scenario, this default configuration is not in line with the best practices. You need to limit the resource usage of background tasks by adjusting the following parameters.

`rocksdb.max-background-jobs` and `rocksdb.max-sub-compactions`

The RocksDB thread pool is used to perform compaction and flush jobs. The default value of `rocksdb.max-background-jobs` is `8`, which obviously exceeds the resource that is in need. Therefore, the value should be adjusted to limit the resource usage.

`rocksdb.max-sub-compactions` indicates the number of concurrent sub-tasks allowed for a single compaction job, which defaults to `3`. You can lower this value when the write traffic is not high.

In the test, the `rocksdb.max-background-jobs` value is set to `3` and the `rocksdb.max-sub-compactions` value is set to `1`. No write stall occurs during the 12-hour test with the TPC-C load. When optimizing the two parameter values according to the actual load, you can lower the values gradually based on monitoring metrics:

- If write stall occurs, increase the value of `rocksdb.max-background-jobs`.
- If the write stall persists, set the value of `rocksdb.max-sub-compactions` to `2` or `3`.

`rocksdb.rate-bytes-per-sec`

This parameter is used to limit the disk traffic for the background compaction jobs. The default configuration has no limit for this parameter. To avoid the situation that compaction jobs occupy the resources of foreground services, you can adjust this parameter value according to the sequential read and write speed of the disk, which reserves enough disk bandwidth for foreground services.

The method of optimizing the RocksDB thread pool is similar to that of optimizing the compaction thread pool. You can determine whether the value you have adjusted is suitable according to whether write stall occurs.

`gc.max_write_bytes_per_sec`

Because TiDB uses the multi-version concurrency control (MVCC) model, TiKV periodically cleans old version data in the background. When the available resources are limited, this operation causes periodical performance jitter. You can use the `gc.max_write_bytes_per_sec` parameter to limit the resource usage of such an operation.



Figure 489: GC Impact

In addition to setting this parameter value in the configuration file, you can also dynamically adjust this value in tikv-ctl.

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> tikv --host=${ip:port} modify-tikv-config -n gc.
    ↪ max_write_bytes_per_sec -v ${limit}
```

Note:

In application scenarios with frequent updates, limiting GC traffic might cause the MVCC versions to pile up and affect read performance. Currently, to achieve a balance between performance jitter and performance decrease, you might need to try multiple times to adjust the value of this parameter.

12.5.9.2.3 TiDB parameter adjustment

Generally, you can adjust the TiDB parameters of execution operators using system variables such as `tidb_hash_join_concurrency` and `tidb_index_lookup_join_concurrency`.

In this test, these parameters are not adjusted. In the load test of your actual application, if the execution operators consume an excessive amount of CPU resources, you can limit the resource usage of specific operators according to your application scenario. For more details, see TiDB system variables.

`performance.max-procs`

This parameter is used to control how many CPU cores an entire Go process can use. By default, the value is equal to the number of CPU cores of the current machine or cgroups.

When Go is running, a proportion of threads is used for background tasks such as GC. If you do not limit the value of the `performance.max-procs` parameter, these background tasks will consume too much CPU.

12.5.10 Local Read under Three Data Centers Deployment

In the model of three data centers, a Region has three replicas which are isolated in each data center. However, due to the requirement of strongly consistent read, TiDB must access the Leader replica of the corresponding data for every query. If the query is generated in a data center different from that of the Leader replica, TiDB needs to read data from another data center, thus causing the access latency to increase.

This document describes how to use the Stale Read feature to avoid cross-center access and reduce the access latency at the expense of real-time data availability.

12.5.10.1 Deploy a TiDB cluster of three data centers

For the three-data-center deployment method, refer to Multiple Data Centers in One City Deployment.

Note that if both the TiKV and TiDB nodes have the configuration item `labels` configured, the TiKV and TiDB nodes in the same data center must have the same value for the `zone` label. For example, if a TiKV node and a TiDB node are both in the data center `dc-1`, then the two nodes need to be configured with the following label:

```
[labels]
zone=dc-1
```

12.5.10.2 Perform local read using Stale Read

Stale Read is a mechanism that TiDB provides for the users to read historical data. Using this mechanism, you can read the corresponding historical data of a specific point in time or within a specified time range, and thus save the latency brought by data replication between storage nodes. When using Stale Read in some scenarios of geo-distributed deployment, TiDB accesses the replica in the current data center to read the corresponding data at the expense of some real-time performance, which avoids network latency brought by cross-center connection and reduces the access latency for the entire query process.

When TiDB receives a Stale Read query, if the `zone` label of that TiDB node is configured, and `tidb_replica_read` is set to `closest-replicas`, then TiDB sends the request to the TiKV node with the same `zone` label where the corresponding data replica resides.

For how to perform Stale Read, see Perform Stale Read using the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` clause.

12.5.11 UUID Best Practices

12.5.11.1 Overview of UUIDs

When used as a primary key, instead of an `AUTO_INCREMENT` integer value, a universally unique identifier (UUID) delivers the following benefits:

- UUIDs can be generated on multiple systems without risking conflicts. In some cases, this means that the number of network trips to TiDB can be reduced, leading to improved performance.
- UUIDs are supported by most programming languages and database systems.
- When used as a part of a URL, a UUID is not vulnerable to enumeration attacks. In comparison, with an `AUTO_INCREMENT` number, it is possible to guess the invoice IDs or user IDs.

12.5.11.2 Best practices

12.5.11.2.1 Store as binary

The textual UUID format looks like this: `ab06f63e-8fe7-11ec-a514-5405db7aad56`, which is a string of 36 characters. By using `UUID_TO_BIN()`, the textual format can be converted into a binary format of 16 bytes. This allows you to store the text in a `BINARY (16)` column. When retrieving the UUID, you can use the `BIN_TO_UUID()` function to get back to the textual format.

12.5.11.2.2 UUID format binary order and a clustered PK

The `UUID_TO_BIN()` function can be used with one argument, the UUID or with two arguments where the second argument is a `swap_flag`.

It is recommended to not set the `swap_flag` with TiDB to avoid hotspots.

You can also explicitly set the `CLUSTERED` option for UUID based primary keys to avoid hotspots.

To demonstrate the effect of the `swap_flag`, here are two tables with an identical structure. The difference is that the data inserted into `uuid_demo_1` uses `UUID_TO_BIN(?, 0)` and `uuid_demo_2` uses `UUID_TO_BIN(?, 1)`.

In the screenshot of the Key Visualizer below, you can see that writes are concentrated in a single region of the `uuid_demo_2` table that has the order of the fields swapped in the binary format.

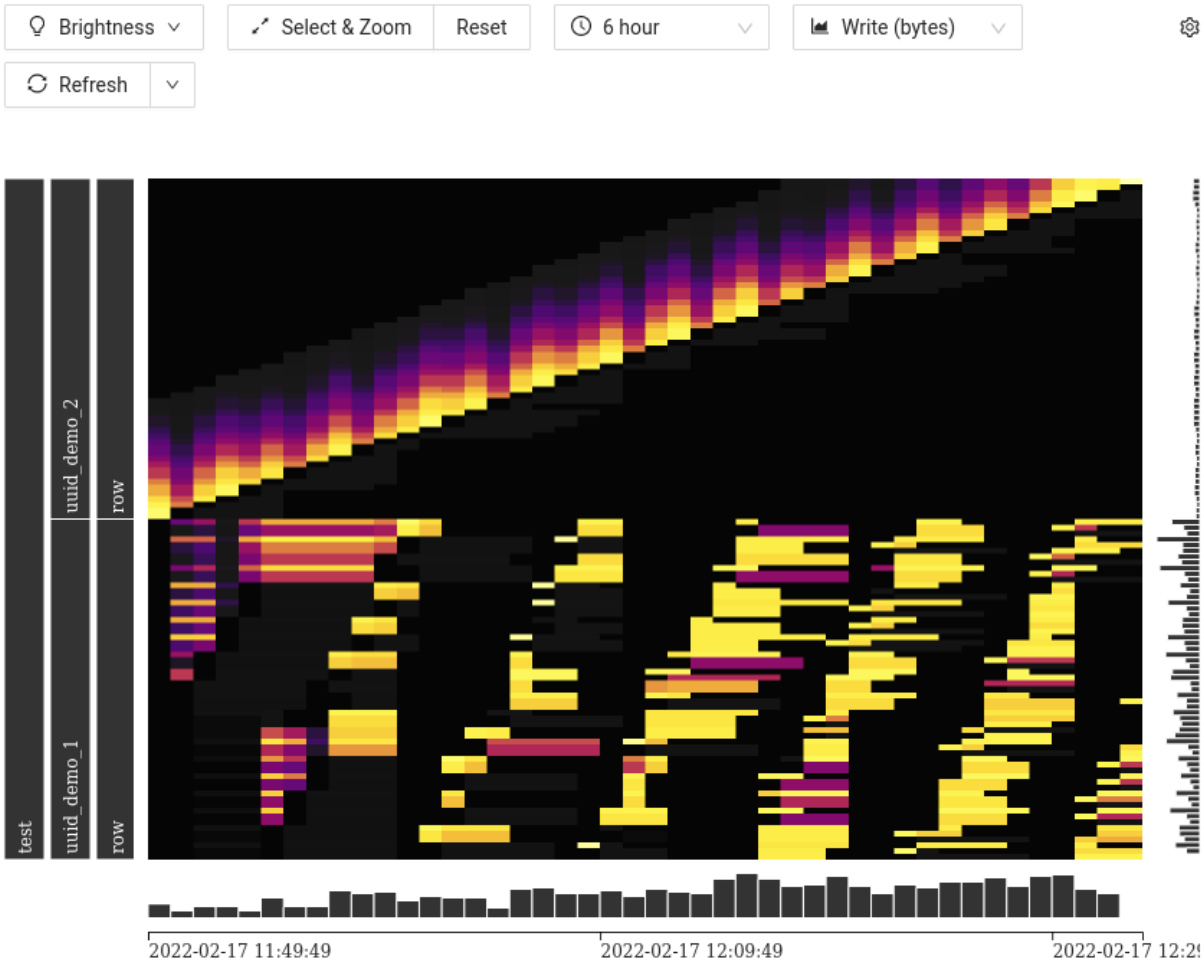

Figure 490: Key Visualizer

```
CREATE TABLE `uuid_demo_1` (
  `uuid` varbinary(16) NOT NULL,
  `c1` varchar(255) NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`uuid`) CLUSTERED
)
```

```
CREATE TABLE `uuid_demo_2` (
  `uuid` varbinary(16) NOT NULL,
  `c1` varchar(255) NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`uuid`) CLUSTERED
)
```

12.5.11.3 MySQL compatibility

UUIDs can be used in MySQL as well. The `BIN_TO_UUID()` and `UUID_TO_BIN()` functions were introduced in MySQL 8.0. The `UUID()` function is available in earlier MySQL versions as well.

12.5.12 Best Practices for Read-Only Storage Nodes

This document introduces how to configure read-only storage nodes and how to direct backup, analysis, testing, and other traffic to these nodes. In this way, loads with high tolerance for delay can be physically isolated from important online services.

12.5.12.1 Procedures

12.5.12.1.1 1. Specify some TiKV nodes as read-only

To specify some TiKV nodes as read-only, you can mark these nodes with a special label (use `$` as the prefix of the label key). Unless you explicitly specify these nodes to store some data using Placement Rules, PD does not schedule any data to these nodes.

You can configure a read-only node by running the `tiup cluster edit-config` command:

```
tikv_servers:
  - host: ...
    ...
    labels:
      $mode: readonly
```

12.5.12.1.2 2. Use Placement Rules to store data on read-only nodes as learners

1. Run the `pd-ctl config placement-rules` command to export the default Placement Rules:

   ```
   pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-bundle load --out="rules.json"
   ```

   If you have not configured Placement Rules before, the output is as follows:

   ```
   [
     {
       "group_id": "pd",
       "group_index": 0,
       "group_override": false,
       "rules": [
         {
           "group_id": "pd",
   ```

```
      "id": "default",
      "start_key": "",
      "end_key": "",
      "role": "voter",
      "count": 3
    }
  ]
 }
]
```

2. Store all data on the read-only nodes as a learner. The following example is based on the default configuration:

```
[
 {
  "group_id": "pd",
  "group_index": 0,
  "group_override": false,
  "rules": [
   {
    "group_id": "pd",
    "id": "default",
    "start_key": "",
    "end_key": "",
    "role": "voter",
    "count": 3
   },
   {
    "group_id": "pd",
    "id": "readonly",
    "start_key": "",
    "end_key": "",
    "role": "learner",
    "count": 1,
    "label_constraints": [
     {
      "key": "$mode",
      "op": "in",
      "values": [
       "readonly"
      ]
     }
    ],
    "version": 1
   }
```

```
    ]
  }
]
```

3. Use the `pd-ctl config placement-rules` command to write the preceding configurations to PD:

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-bundle save --in="rules.json"
```

Note:

- If you perform the preceding operations on a cluster with a large dataset, the entire cluster might need some time to completely replicate data to read-only nodes. During this period, the read-only nodes might not be able to provide services.
- Because of the special implementation of backup, the learner number of each label cannot exceed 1. Otherwise, it will generate duplicate data during backup.

12.5.12.1.3 3. Use Follower Read to read data from read-only nodes

3.1 Use Follower Read in TiDB

To read data from read-only nodes when using TiDB, you can set the system variable `tidb_replica_read` to `learner`:

```
set tidb_replica_read=learner;
```

3.2 Use Follower Read in TiSpark

To read data from read-only nodes when using TiSpark, you can set the configuration item `spark.tispark.replica_read` to `learner` in the Spark configuration file:

```
spark.tispark.replica_read learner
```

3.3 Use Follower Read when backing up cluster data

To read data from read-only nodes when backing up cluster data, you can specify the `--replica-read-label` option in the br command line. Note that when running the following command in shell, you need to use single quotes to wrap the label to prevent `$` from being parsed.

```
tiup br backup full ... --replica-read-label '$mode:readonly'
```

12.5.13 Best Practices for Handling Millions of Tables in SaaS Multi-Tenant Scenarios

This document introduces best practices for TiDB in SaaS (Software as a Service) multi-tenant environments, especially in scenarios where the **number of tables in a single cluster exceeds one million**. By making reasonable configurations and choices, you can enable TiDB to run efficiently and stably in SaaS scenarios while reducing resource consumption and costs.

> **Note:**
>
> It is recommended to use TiDB v8.5.0 or later versions.

For a practical case study of these best practices, see the blog post: Scaling 3 Million Tables: How TiDB Powers Atlassian Forge's SaaS Platform.

12.5.13.1 TiDB hardware recommendations

It is recommended to use high-memory TiDB instances. For example:

- For one million tables, use 32 GiB or more memory.
- For three million tables, use 64 GiB or more memory.

High-memory TiDB instances allocate more cache space for Infoschema, Statistics, and execution plan caches, thereby improving cache hit rates and consequently enhancing business performance. Larger memory also mitigates performance fluctuations and stability issues caused by TiDB GC.

Recommended hardware configurations for TiKV and PD are as follows:

- TiKV: 8 vCPUs and 32 GiB or more memory.
- PD: 8 CPUs and 16 GiB or more memory.

12.5.13.2 Control the number of Regions

If you need to create a large number of tables (for example, more than 100,000), it is recommended to set the TiDB configuration item `split-table` to `false` to reduce the number of Regions, thus alleviating memory pressure on TiKV.

12.5.13.3 Configure caches

- Starting from TiDB v8.4.0, TiDB loads table information involved in SQL statements into the Infoschema cache on demand during SQL execution.
    - You can monitor the size and hit rate of the Infoschema cache by observing the **Infoschema v2 Cache Size** and **Infoschema v2 Cache Operation** sub-panels under the **Schema Load** panel in TiDB Dashboard.
    - You can use the `tidb_schema_cache_size` system variable to adjust the memory limit of the Infoschema cache to meet business needs. The size of the Infoschema cache is linearly related to the number of different tables involved in SQL execution. In actual tests, fully caching metadata for one million tables (each with four columns, one primary key, and one index) requires about 2.4 GiB of memory.
- TiDB loads table statistics involved in SQL statements into the Statistics cache on demand during SQL execution.
    - You can monitor the size and hit rate of the Statistics cache by observing the **Stats Cache Cost** and **Stats Cache OPS** sub-panels under the **Statistics & Plan Management** panel in TiDB Dashboard.
    - You can use the `tidb_stats_cache_mem_quota` system variable to adjust the memory limit of the Statistics cache to meet business needs. In actual tests, executing simple SQL (using the `IndexRangeScan` operator) on 100,000 tables consumes about 3.96 GiB of memory in the Statistics cache.

12.5.13.4 Collect statistics

- Starting from TiDB v8.4.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_auto_analyze_concurrency` system variable to control the number of concurrent auto-analyze operations that can run in a TiDB cluster. In multi-table scenarios, you can increase this concurrency as needed to improve the throughput of automatic analysis. As the concurrency value increases, the throughput and the CPU usage of the TiDB Owner node increase linearly. In actual tests, using a concurrency value of 16 allows automatic analysis of 320 tables (each with 10,000 rows, 4 columns, and 1 index) within one minute, consuming one CPU core of the TiDB Owner node.
- The `tidb_auto_build_stats_concurrency` and `tidb_build_sampling_stats_concurrency` system variables control the concurrency of TiDB statistics construction. You can adjust them based on your scenario:
    - For scenarios with many partitioned tables, prioritize increasing the value of `tidb_auto_build_stats_concurrency`.
    - For scenarios with many columns, prioritize increasing the value of `tidb_build_sampling_stats_concurrency`.

- To avoid excessive resource usage, ensure that the product of `tidb_auto_analyze_concurrency`, `tidb_auto_build_stats_concurrency`, and `tidb_build_sampling_stats_concurrency` does not exceed the number of TiDB CPU cores.

12.5.13.5 Query system tables efficiently

When querying system tables, it is recommended to add filters such as `TABLE_SCHEMA`, `TABLE_NAME`, or `TIDB_TABLE_ID` to avoid scanning a large amount of irrelevant data. This improves query speed and reduces resource consumption.

For example, in a scenario with three million tables:

- Executing the following SQL statement consumes about 8 GiB of memory.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM information_schema.tables;
```

- Executing the following SQL statement takes about 20 minutes.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM information_schema.views;
```

By adding appropriate filter conditions to the preceding SQL statements, memory consumption becomes negligible, and query time is reduced to milliseconds.

12.5.13.6 Handle connection-intensive scenarios

In SaaS multi-tenant scenarios, each user usually connects to TiDB to operate data in their own tenant (database). To support a high number of connections:

- Increase the TiDB configuration item `token-limit` (`1000` by default) to support more concurrent requests.
- The memory usage of TiDB is roughly linear with the number of connections. In actual tests, 200,000 idle connections increase TiDB memory usage by about 30 GiB. It is recommended to increase TiDB memory specifications based on actual connection numbers.
- If you use `PREPARED` statements, each connection maintains a session-level Prepared Plan Cache. If the `DEALLOCATE` statement is not executed for a long time, the cache might accumulate too many plans, increasing memory usage. In actual tests, 400,000 execution plans involving `IndexRangeScan` consume approximately 5 GiB of memory. It is recommended to increase memory specifications accordingly.

12.5.13.7 Use stale read carefully

When you use Stale Read, an outdated schema version might trigger a full load of historical schemas, which can significantly impact performance. To mitigate this issue, increase the value of `tidb_schema_version_cache_limit` (for example, to `255`).

12.5.13.8 Optimize BR backup and restore

- When restoring a full backup with millions of tables, it is recommended to use high-memory BR instances. For example:
  - For one million tables, use BR instances with 32 GiB or more memory.
  - For three million tables, use BR instances with 64 GiB or more memory.
- BR log backup and snapshot restore consume additional TiKV memory. It is recommended to use TiKV instances with 32 GiB or more memory.
- Adjust BR configurations `pitr-batch-count` and `pitr-concurrency` as needed to improve log restore speed.

12.5.13.9 Import data with TiDB Lightning

When importing millions of tables using TiDB Lightning, follow these recommendations:

- For large tables (over 100 GiB), use TiDB Lightning physical import mode.
- For small tables (typically numerous in quantity), use TiDB Lightning logical import mode.

12.6 Placement Rules

> **Note:**
>
> This document introduces how to manually specify placement rules in Placement Driver (PD). It is now recommended to use Placement Rules in SQL. This offers a more convenient way to configure the placement of tables and partitions.

Placement Rules, introduced in v5.0, is a replica rule system that guides PD to generate corresponding schedules for different types of data. By combining different scheduling rules, you can finely control the attributes of any continuous data range, such as the number of replicas, the storage location, the host type, whether to participate in Raft election, and whether to act as the Raft leader.

The Placement Rules feature is enabled by default in v5.0 and later versions of TiDB. To disable it, refer to Disable Placement Rules.

12.6.1 Rule system

The configuration of the whole rule system consists of multiple rules. Each rule can specify attributes such as the number of replicas, the Raft role, the placement location, and the key range in which this rule takes effect. When PD is performing schedule, it first finds the rule corresponding to the Region in the rule system according to the key range of the Region, and then generates the corresponding schedule to make the distribution of the Region replica comply with the rule.

The key ranges of multiple rules can have overlapping parts, which means that a Region can match multiple rules. In this case, PD decides whether the rules overwrite each other or take effect at the same time according to the attributes of rules. If multiple rules take effect at the same time, PD will generate schedules in sequence according to the stacking order of the rules for rule matching.

In addition, to meet the requirement that rules from different sources are isolated from each other, these rules can be organized in a more flexible way. Therefore, the concept of "Group" is introduced. Generally, users can place rules in different groups according to different sources.

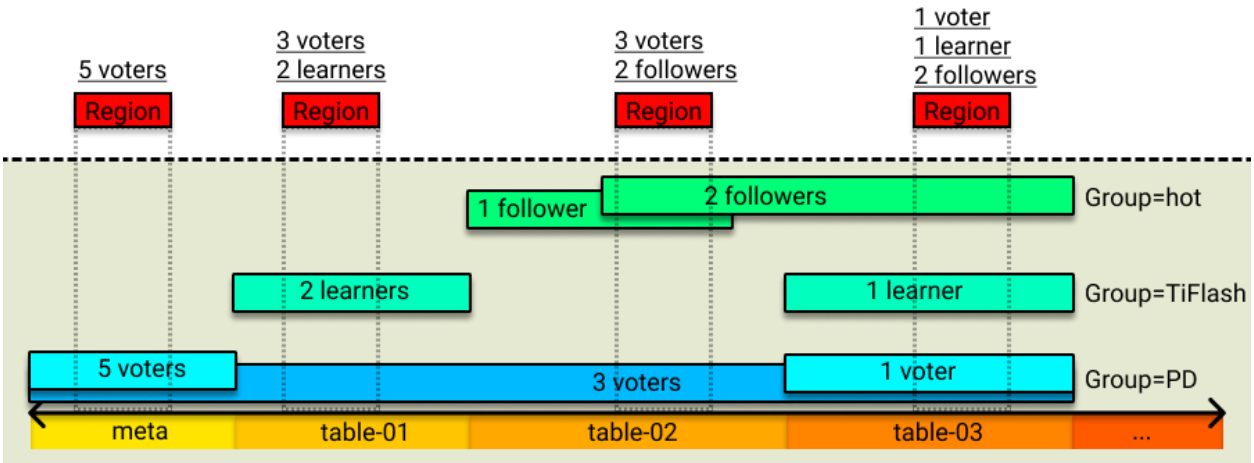

Figure 491: Placement rules overview

12.6.1.1 Rule fields

The following table shows the meaning of each field in a rule:

Field name	Type and restriction	Description
`GroupID`	`string`	The group ID that marks the source of the rule.
`ID`	`string`	The unique ID of a rule in a group.
`Index`	`int`	The stacking sequence of rules in a group.
`Override`	`true/false`	Whether to overwrite rules with smaller index (in a g

Field name	Type and restriction	Description
StartKey	string, in hexadecimal form	Applies to the starting key of a range.
EndKey	string, in hexadecimal form	Applies to the ending key of a range.
Role	string	Replica roles, including voter/leader/follower/learner.
Count	int, positive integer	The number of replicas.
LabelConstraint	[]Constraint	Filters nodes based on the label.
LocationLabels	[]string	Used for physical isolation.
IsolationLevel	string	Used to set the minimum physical isolation level

LabelConstraint is similar to the function in Kubernetes that filters labels based on these four primitives: in, notIn, exists, and notExists. The meanings of these four primitives are as follows:

- in: the label value of the given key is included in the given list.
- notIn: the label value of the given key is not included in the given list.
- exists: includes the given label key.
- notExists: does not include the given label key.

The meaning and function of LocationLabels are the same with those earlier than v4.0. For example, if you have deployed [zone,rack,host] that defines a three-layer topology: the cluster has multiple zones (Availability Zones), each zone has multiple racks, and each rack has multiple hosts. When performing schedule, PD first tries to place the Region's peers in different zones. If this try fails (such as there are three replicas but only two zones in total), PD guarantees to place these replicas in different racks. If the number of racks is not enough to guarantee isolation, then PD tries the host-level isolation.

The meaning and function of IsolationLevel is elaborated in Cluster topology configuration. For example, if you have deployed [zone,rack,host] that defines a three-layer topology with LocationLabels and set IsolationLevel to zone, then PD ensures that all peers of each Region are placed in different zones during the scheduling. If the minimum isolation level restriction on IsolationLevel cannot be met (for example, 3 replicas are configured but there are only 2 data zones in total), PD will not try to make up to meet this restriction. The default value of IsolationLevel is an empty string, which means that it is disabled.

12.6.1.2 Fields of the rule group

The following table shows the description of each field in a rule group:

Field name	Type and restriction	Description
ID	string	The group ID that marks the source of the rule.
Index	int	The stacking sequence of different groups.
Override	true/false	Whether to override groups with smaller indexes.

12.6.2 Configure rules

The operations in this section are based on pd-ctl, and the commands involved in the operations also support calls via HTTP API.

12.6.2.1 Enable Placement Rules

The Placement Rules feature is enabled by default in v5.0 and later versions of TiDB. To disable it, refer to Disable Placement Rules. To enable this feature after it has been disabled, you can modify the PD configuration file as follows before initializing the cluster:

```
[replication]
enable-placement-rules = true
```

In this way, PD enables this feature after the cluster is successfully bootstrapped and generates corresponding rules according to the `max-replicas`, `location-labels`, and `isolation-level` configurations:

```
{
  "group_id": "pd",
  "id": "default",
  "start_key": "",
  "end_key": "",
  "role": "voter",
  "count": 3,
  "location_labels": ["zone", "rack", "host"],
  "isolation_level": ""
}
```

For a bootstrapped cluster, you can also enable Placement Rules dynamically through pd-ctl:

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules enable
```

PD also generates default rules based on the `max-replicas`, `location-labels`, and `isolation-level` configurations.

Note:

- When Placement Rules are enabled and multiple rules exist, the previously configured `max-replicas`, `location-labels`, and `isolation-level` no longer take effect. To adjust the replica policy, use the interface related to Placement Rules.
- When Placement Rules are enabled and only one default rule exists, TiDB will automatically update this default rule when `max-replicas`, `location-labels`, or `isolation-level` configurations are changed.

12.6.2.2 Disable Placement Rules

You can use pd-ctl to disable the Placement Rules feature and switch to the previous scheduling strategy.

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules disable
```

> **Note:**
>
> After disabling Placement Rules, PD uses the original `max-replicas`, `location-labels`, and `isolation-level` configurations. The modification of rules (when Placement Rules is enabled) will not update these three configurations in real time. In addition, all the rules that have been configured remain in PD and will be used the next time you enable Placement Rules.

12.6.2.3 Set rules using pd-ctl

> **Note:**
>
> The change of rules affects the PD scheduling in real time. Improper rule setting might result in fewer replicas and affect the high availability of the system.

pd-ctl supports using the following methods to view rules in the system, and the output is a JSON-format rule or a rule list.

- To view the list of all rules:

  ```
  pd-ctl config placement-rules show
  ```

- To view the list of all rules in a PD Group:

  ```
  pd-ctl config placement-rules show --group=pd
  ```

- To view the rule of a specific ID in a Group:

  ```
  pd-ctl config placement-rules show --group=pd --id=default
  ```

- To view the rule list that matches a Region:

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules show --region=2
```

In the above example, 2 is the Region ID.

Adding rules and editing rules are similar. You need to write the corresponding rules into a file and then use the `save` command to save the rules to PD:

```
cat > rules.json <<EOF
[
    {
        "group_id": "pd",
        "id": "rule1",
        "role": "voter",
        "count": 3,
        "location_labels": ["zone", "rack", "host"]
    },
    {
        "group_id": "pd",
        "id": "rule2",
        "role": "voter",
        "count": 2,
        "location_labels": ["zone", "rack", "host"]
    }
]
EOF

» ./pd-ctl -u 127.0.0.1:2379 config placement-rules save --in=rules.json
Success!
```

The above operation writes `rule1` and `rule2` to PD. If a rule with the same `GroupID` + `ID` already exists in the system, this rule is overwritten.

To delete a rule, you only need to set the `count` of the rule to `0`, and the rule with the same `GroupID` + `ID` will be deleted. The following command deletes the `pd / rule2` rule:

```
cat > rules.json <<EOF
[
    {
        "group_id": "pd",
        "id": "rule2"
    }
]
EOF

» ./pd-ctl -u 127.0.0.1:2379 config placement-rules save --in=rules.json
Success!
```

12.6.2.4 Use pd-ctl to configure rule groups

- To view the list of all rule groups:

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-group show
```

- To view the rule group of a specific ID:

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-group show pd
```

- To set the `index` and `override` attributes of the rule group:

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-group set pd 100 true
```

- To delete the configuration of a rule group (use the default group configuration if there is any rule in the group):

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-group delete pd
```

12.6.2.5 Use pd-ctl to batch update groups and rules in groups

To view and modify the rule groups and all rules in the groups at the same time, execute the `rule-bundle` subcommand.

In this subcommand, `get {group_id}` is used to query a group, and the output result shows the rule group and rules of the group in a nested form:

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-bundle get pd
```

The output of the above command:

```
{
  "group_id": "pd",
  "group_index": 0,
  "group_override": false,
  "rules": [
    {
      "group_id": "pd",
      "id": "default",
      "start_key": "",
      "end_key": "",
      "role": "voter",
      "count": 3
    }
  ]
}
```

To write the output to a file, add the `--out` argument to the `rule-bundle get` subcommand, which is convenient for subsequent modification and saving.

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-bundle get pd --out="group.json"
```

After the modification is finished, you can use the `rule-bundle set` subcommand to save the configuration in the file to the PD server. Unlike the `save` command described in Set rules using pd-ctl, this command replaces all the rules of this group on the server side.

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-bundle set pd --in="group.json"
```

12.6.2.6 Use pd-ctl to view and modify all configurations

You can also view and modify all configuration using pd-ctl. To do that, save all configuration to a file, edit the configuration file, and then save the file to the PD server to overwrite the previous configuration. This operation also uses the `rule-bundle` subcommand.

For example, to save all configuration to the `rules.json` file, execute the following command:

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-bundle load --out="rules.json"
```

After editing the file, execute the following command to save the configuration to the PD server:

```
pd-ctl config placement-rules rule-bundle save --in="rules.json"
```

12.6.2.7 Use tidb-ctl to query the table-related key range

If you need special configuration for metadata or a specific table, you can execute the `keyrange` command in tidb-ctl to query related keys. Remember to add `--encode` at the end of the command.

```
tidb-ctl keyrange --database test --table ttt --encode
```

```
global ranges:
  meta: (6d00000000000000f8, 6e00000000000000f8)
  table: (7400000000000000f8, 7500000000000000f8)
table ttt ranges: (NOTE: key range might be changed after DDL)
  table: (748000000000000ff2d00000000000000f8, 7480000000000000
    ↪ ff2e00000000000000f8)
  table indexes: (748000000000000ff2d5f690000000000fa, 7480000000000000
    ↪ ff2d5f720000000000fa)
    index c2: (748000000000000ff2d5f698000000000ff0000010000000000fa,
      ↪ 748000000000000ff2d5f698000000000ff0000020000000000fa)
    index c3: (748000000000000ff2d5f698000000000ff0000020000000000fa,
      ↪ 748000000000000ff2d5f698000000000ff0000030000000000fa)
```

```
    index c4: (7480000000000000ff2d5f698000000000ff0000030000000000fa,
        ↪ 7480000000000000ff2d5f698000000000ff0000040000000000fa)
  table rows: (7480000000000000ff2d5f720000000000fa, 7480000000000000
      ↪ ff2e000000000000f8)
```

> **Note:**
>
> DDL and other operations can cause table ID changes, so you need to update the corresponding rules at the same time.

12.6.3 Typical usage scenarios

This section introduces the typical usage scenarios of Placement Rules.

12.6.3.1 Scenario 1: Use three replicas for normal tables and five replicas for the metadata to improve cluster disaster tolerance

You only need to add a rule that limits the key range to the range of metadata, and set the value of `count` to `5`. Here is an example of this rule:

```
{
  "group_id": "pd",
  "id": "meta",
  "index": 1,
  "override": true,
  "start_key": "6d000000000000000f8",
  "end_key": "6e000000000000000f8",
  "role": "voter",
  "count": 5,
  "location_labels": ["zone", "rack", "host"]
}
```

12.6.3.2 Scenario 2: Place five replicas in three data centers in the proportion of 2:2:1, and the Leader should not be in the third data center

Create three rules. Set the number of replicas to `2`, `2`, and `1` respectively. Limit the replicas to the corresponding data centers through `label_constraints` in each rule. In addition, change `role` to `follower` for the data center that does not need a Leader.

```
[
    {
        "group_id": "pd",
```

```
        "id": "zone1",
        "start_key": "",
        "end_key": "",
        "role": "voter",
        "count": 2,
        "label_constraints": [
            {"key": "zone", "op": "in", "values": ["zone1"]}
        ],
        "location_labels": ["rack", "host"]
    },
    {
        "group_id": "pd",
        "id": "zone2",
        "start_key": "",
        "end_key": "",
        "role": "voter",
        "count": 2,
        "label_constraints": [
            {"key": "zone", "op": "in", "values": ["zone2"]}
        ],
        "location_labels": ["rack", "host"]
    },
    {
        "group_id": "pd",
        "id": "zone3",
        "start_key": "",
        "end_key": "",
        "role": "follower",
        "count": 1,
        "label_constraints": [
            {"key": "zone", "op": "in", "values": ["zone3"]}
        ],
        "location_labels": ["rack", "host"]
    }
]
```

12.6.3.3 Scenario 3: Add two TiFlash replicas for a table

Add a separate rule for the row key of the table and limit `count` to `2`. Use `label_constraints` to ensure that the replicas are generated on the node of `engine = tiflash`. Note that a separate `group_id` is used here to ensure that this rule does not overlap or conflict with rules from other sources in the system.

```
{
  "group_id": "tiflash",
```

```
  "id": "learner-replica-table-ttt",
  "start_key": "7480000000000000ff2d5f720000000000fa",
  "end_key": "7480000000000000ff2e00000000000000f8",
  "role": "learner",
  "count": 2,
  "label_constraints": [
    {"key": "engine", "op": "in", "values": ["tiflash"]}
  ],
  "location_labels": ["host"]
}
```

12.6.3.4 Scenario 4: Add two follower replicas for a table in the Beijing node with high-performance disks

The following example shows a more complicated `label_constraints` configuration. In this rule, the replicas must be placed in the `bj1` or `bj2` machine room, and the disk type must be `nvme`.

```
{
  "group_id": "follower-read",
  "id": "follower-read-table-ttt",
  "start_key": "7480000000000000ff2d00000000000000f8",
  "end_key": "7480000000000000ff2e00000000000000f8",
  "role": "follower",
  "count": 2,
  "label_constraints": [
    {"key": "zone", "op": "in", "values": ["bj1", "bj2"]},
    {"key": "disk", "op": "in", "values": ["nvme"]}
  ],
  "location_labels": ["host"]
}
```

12.6.3.5 Scenario 5: Migrate a table to the nodes with SSD disks

Different from scenario 3, this scenario is not to add new replica(s) on the basis of the existing configuration, but to forcibly override the other configuration of a data range. So you need to specify an `index` value large enough and set `override` to `true` in the rule group configuration to override the existing rule.

The rule:

```
{
  "group_id": "ssd-override",
  "id": "ssd-table-45",
  "start_key": "7480000000000000ff2d5f720000000000fa",
  "end_key": "7480000000000000ff2e00000000000000f8",
```

```
  "role": "voter",
  "count": 3,
  "label_constraints": [
    {"key": "disk", "op": "in", "values": ["ssd"]}
  ],
  "location_labels": ["rack", "host"]
}
```

The rule group:

```
{
  "id": "ssd-override",
  "index": 1024,
  "override": true,
}
```

12.7 Load Base Split

Load Base Split is a new feature introduced in TiDB 4.0. It aims to solve the hotspot issue caused by unbalanced access between Regions, such as full table scans for small tables.

12.7.1 Scenarios

In TiDB, it is easy to generate hotspots when the load is concentrated on certain nodes. PD tries to schedule the hot Regions so that they are distributed as evenly as possible across all nodes for better performance.

However, the minimum unit for PD scheduling is Region. If the number of hotspots in a cluster is smaller than the number of nodes, or if a few hotspots have far more load than other Regions, PD can only move the hotspot from one node to another, but not make the entire cluster share the load.

This scenario is especially common with workloads that are mostly read requests, such as full table scans and index lookups for small tables, or frequent access to some fields.

Previously, the solution to this problem was to manually execute a command to split one or more hotspot Regions, but this approach has two problems:

- Evenly splitting a Region is not always the best choice, because requests might be concentrated on a few keys. In such cases, hotspots might still be on one of the Regions after evenly splitting, and it might take multiple even splits to realize the goal.
- Human intervention is not timely or simple.

12.7.2 Implementation principles

Load Base Split automatically splits the Region based on statistics. It identifies the Regions whose read load or CPU usage consistently exceeds the threshold for 10 seconds, and splits these Regions at a proper position. When choosing the split position, Load Base Split tries to balance the access load of both Regions after the split and avoid access across Regions.

The Region split by Load Base Split will not be merged quickly. On the one hand, PD's `MergeChecker` skips the hot Regions; on the other hand, PD also determines whether to merge two Regions according to `QPS` in the heartbeat information, to avoid the merging of two Regions with high `QPS`.

12.7.3 Usage

The Load Base Split feature is currently controlled by the following parameters:

- `split.qps-threshold`: The QPS threshold at which a Region is identified as a hotspot. The default value is `3000` per second when `region-split-size` is less than 4 GB; otherwise the default value is `7000`.
- `split.byte-threshold`: (Introduced in v5.0) The traffic threshold at which a Region is identified as a hotspot. The unit is byte. The default value is 30 MiB per second when `region-split-size` is less than 4 GB; otherwise the default value is 100 MiB per second.
- `split.region-cpu-overload-threshold-ratio`: (Introduced in v6.2.0) The CPU usage threshold (the percentage of CPU time of the read thread pool) at which a Region is identified as a hotspot. The default value is `0.25` when `region-split-size` is less than 4 GB; otherwise the default value is `0.75`.

If a Region meets one of the following conditions for 10 consecutive seconds, TiKV tries to split the Region:

- the sum of its read requests exceeds `split.qps-threshold`.
- its traffic exceeds `split.byte-threshold`.
- its CPU usage in the Unified Read Pool exceeds `split.region-cpu-overload-threshold-ratio`.

Load Base Split is enabled by default, but the parameter is set to a rather high value. If you want to disable this feature, set `split.qps-threshold` and `split.byte-threshold` high enough and set `split.region-cpu-overload-threshold-ratio` to `0` at the same time.

To modify the parameter, take either of the following two methods:

- Use a SQL statement:

```
# Set the QPS threshold to 1500
SET config tikv split.qps-threshold=1500;
# Set the byte threshold to 15 MiB (15 * 1024 * 1024)
SET config tikv split.byte-threshold=15728640;
# Set the CPU usage threshold to 50%
SET config tikv split.region-cpu-overload-threshold-ratio=0.5;
```

- Use TiKV:

```
curl -X POST "http://ip:status_port/config" -H "accept: application/
    ↪ json" -d '{"split.qps-threshold":"1500"}'
curl -X POST "http://ip:status_port/config" -H "accept: application/
    ↪ json" -d '{"split.byte-threshold":"15728640"}'
curl -X POST "http://ip:status_port/config" -H "accept: application/
    ↪ json" -d '{"split.region-cpu-overload-threshold-ratio":"0.5"}'
```

Accordingly, you can view the configuration by either of the following two methods:

- Use a SQL statement:

```
show config where type='tikv' and name like '%split.qps-threshold%';
```

- Use TiKV:

```
curl "http://ip:status_port/config"
```

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v4.0.0-rc.2, you can modify and view the configuration using SQL statements.

12.8 Store Limit

Store Limit is a feature of PD. It is designed to control the scheduling speed in a finer manner for better performance in different scenarios.

12.8.1 Implementation principles

PD performs scheduling at the unit of operator. An operator might contain several scheduling operations. For example:

```
"replace-down-replica {mv peer: store [2] to [3]} (kind:region,replica,
    ↪ region:10(4,5), createAt:2020-05-18 06:40:25.775636418 +0000 UTC m
    ↪ =+2168762.679540369, startAt:2020-05-18 06:40:25.775684648 +0000 UTC
    ↪ m=+2168762.679588599, currentStep:0, steps:[add learner peer 20 on
    ↪ store 3, promote learner peer 20 on store 3 to voter, remove peer on
    ↪ store 2])"
```

In this above example, the `replace-down-replica` operator contains the following specific operations:

1. Add a learner peer with the ID `20` to `store 3`.
2. Promote the learner peer with the ID `20` on `store 3` to a voter.
3. Delete the peer on `store 2`.

Store Limit achieves the store-level speed limit by maintaining a mapping from store IDs to token buckets in memory. The different operations here correspond to different token buckets. Currently, Store Limit only supports limiting the speed of two operations: adding learners/peers and deleting peers. That is, each store has two types of token buckets.

Every time an operator is generated, it checks whether enough tokens exist in the token buckets for its operations. If yes, the operator is added to the scheduling queue, and the corresponding token is taken from the token bucket. Otherwise, the operator is abandoned. Because the token bucket replenishes tokens at a fixed rate, the speed limit is thus achieved.

Store Limit is different from other limit-related parameters in PD (such as `region-` ↪ `schedule-limit` and `leader-schedule-limit`) in that it mainly limits the consuming speed of operators, while other parameters limits the generating speed of operators. Before introducing the Store Limit feature, the speed limit of scheduling is mostly at the global scope. Therefore, even if the global speed is limited, it is still possible that the scheduling operations are concentrated on some stores, affecting the performance of the cluster. By limiting the speed at a finer level, Store Limit can better control the scheduling behavior.

Store Limit defines the maximum number of operations per minute. With a Store Limit of 5 operations per minute, adding a new node to the cluster will process 5 Regions per minute (`add-peer` operations). If 15 Regions require an `add-peer`, the operation will take 3 minutes ($15 / 5 = 3$) and consume up to 8 MiB/s ($(5 \times 96) / 60 = 8$), assuming each Region is 96 MiB.

12.8.2 Usage

The parameters of Store Limit can be configured using PD Control.

12.8.2.1 View setting of the current store

To view the limit setting of the current store, run the following commands:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd store limit                // Shows the
   ↪ speed limit of adding and deleting peers in all stores.
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd store limit add-peer       // Shows the
   ↪ speed limit of adding peers in all stores.
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd store limit remove-peer    // Shows the
   ↪ speed limit of deleting peers in all stores.
```

12.8.2.2 Set limit for all stores

To set the speed limit for all stores, run the following commands:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd store limit all 5          // All stores can
   ↪  at most add and delete 5 peers per minute.
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd store limit all 5 add-peer  // All stores can
   ↪  at most add 5 peers per minute.
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd store limit all 5 remove-peer // All stores
   ↪ can at most delete 5 peers per minute.
```

12.8.2.3 Set limit for a single store

To set the speed limit for a single store, run the following commands:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd store limit 1 5            // store 1 can at
   ↪  most add and delete 5 peers per minute.
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd store limit 1 5 add-peer    // store 1 can at
   ↪  most add 5 peers per minute.
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd store limit 1 5 remove-peer // store 1 can at
   ↪  most delete 5 peers per minute.
```

12.8.2.4 Principles of store limit v2

When `store-limit-version` is set to v2, store limit v2 takes effect. In v2 mode, the limit of operators are dynamically adjusted based on the capability of TiKV snapshots. When TiKV has fewer pending tasks, PD increases its scheduling tasks. Otherwise, PD reduces the scheduling tasks for the node. Therefore, you do not need to manually set `store limit` to speed up the scheduling process.

In v2 mode, the execution speed of TiKV becomes the main bottleneck during migration. You can check whether the current scheduling speed has reached the upper limit through the **TiKV Details** > **Snapshot** > **Snapshot Speed** panel. To increase or decrease the scheduling speed of a node, you can adjust the TiKV snapshot limit (`snap-io-max-bytes-per-sec`).

12.9 Execution Principles and Best Practices of DDL Statements

This document provides an overview of the execution principles and best practices related to DDL statements in TiDB. The principles include the DDL Owner module and the online DDL change process.

12.9.1 DDL execution principles

TiDB uses an online and asynchronous approach to execute DDL statements. This means that DML statements in other sessions are not blocked while DDL statements are being executed. In other words, you can change the definitions of database objects using online and asynchronous DDL statements while your applications are running.

12.9.1.1 Types of DDL statements

TiDB supports online DDL, which means that when a DDL statement is executed in the database, a specific method is used to ensure that the statement does not block the user application. You can submit data modifications during the execution of DDL, and the database guarantees data consistency and correctness.

By contrast, offline DDL locks database objects and blocks user modifications until the DDL operation is completed. TiDB does not support offline DDL.

Based on whether to operate the data included in the target DDL object, DDL statements can be divided into the following types:

- **Logical DDL statements**: Logical DDL statements usually only modify the metadata of the database object, without processing the data stored in the object, for example, changing the table name or changing the column name.

  In TiDB, logical DDL statements are also referred to as "general DDL". These statements typically have a short execution time, often taking only a few tens of milliseconds or seconds to complete. As a result, they do not consume much system resource and do not affect the workload on the application.

- **Physical DDL statements**: Physical DDL statements not only modify the metadata of the object to be changed, but also modify the user data stored in the object. For example, when TiDB creates an index for a table, it not only changes the definition of the table, but also performs a full table scan to build the newly added index.

  In TiDB, physical DDL statements are also referred to as "reorg DDL", which stands for reorganization. Currently, physical DDL statements only include `ADD INDEX` and lossy column type changes (such as changing from an `INT` type to a `CHAR` type). These statements take a long time to execute, and the execution time is affected by the amount of data in the table, the machine configuration, and the application workload.

  Executing physical DDL statements can have an impact on the workload of the application for two reasons. On the one hand, it consumes CPU and I/O resources from TiKV

to read data and write new data. On the other hand, **the TiDB node serving as DDL Owners** or **those TiDB nodes scheduled by the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) to execute `ADD INDEX` tasks** consume CPU resources from TiDB to perform the corresponding computations.

> **Note:**
>
> The execution of a physical DDL task typically causes the greatest impact on the user application. Therefore, to minimize this impact, the key point is to optimize the design of physical DDL statements during execution. This helps to reduce the impact on the user application.

12.9.1.2 TiDB DDL module

The TiDB DDL module introduces the role of the DDL Owner (or Owner), which serves as a proxy for executing all DDL statements within the TiDB cluster. In the current implementation, only one TiDB node in the entire cluster can be elected as the Owner at any given time. Once a TiDB node is elected as Owner, the worker started in that TiDB node can handle the DDL tasks in the cluster.

TiDB uses the election mechanism of etcd to elect a node to host the Owner from multiple TiDB nodes. By default, each TiDB node can potentially be elected as the Owner (you can configure `run-ddl` to manage node participation in the election). The elected Owner node has a term, and it actively maintains the term by renewing it. When the Owner node is down, another node can be elected as the new Owner through etcd and continue executing DDL tasks in the cluster.

A simple illustration of the DDL Owner is as follows:

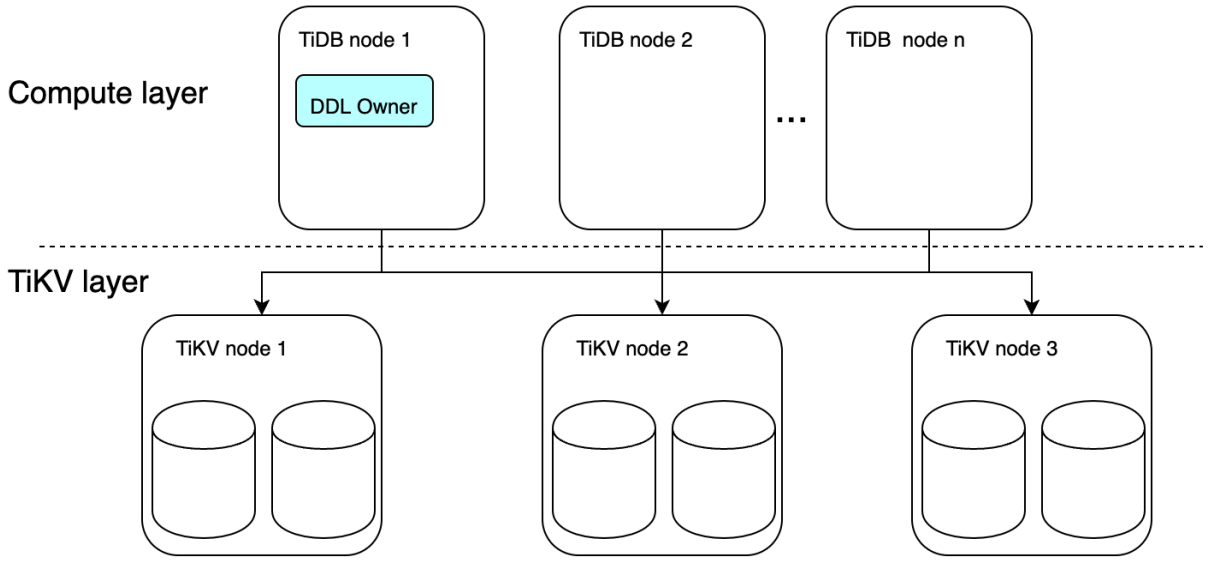

Figure 492: DDL Owner

You can use the `ADMIN SHOW DDL` statement to view the current DDL owner:

```
ADMIN SHOW DDL;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------+--------------------------------------+--------------+------------
    ↪
| SCHEMA_VER | OWNER_ID                             | OWNER_ADDRESS | RUNNING_JOBS
    ↪  | SELF_ID                       | QUERY |
+--
    ↪ ----------+--------------------------------------+--------------+------------
    ↪
|         26 | 2d1982af-fa63-43ad-a3d5-73710683cc63 | 0.0.0.0:4000 |      | 2
    ↪ d1982af-fa63-43ad-a3d5-73710683cc63 | |
+--
    ↪ ----------+--------------------------------------+--------------+------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

12.9.1.3 How the online DDL asynchronous change works in TiDB

From the beginning of its design, the TiDB DDL module has opted for an online asynchronous change mode, which lets you modify your applications without experiencing any downtime.

DDL changes involve transitioning from one state to another, typically from a "before change" state to an "after change" state. With online DDL changes, this transition occurs by introducing multiple small version states that are mutually compatible. During the execution of a DDL statement, TiDB nodes in the same cluster are allowed to have different small version changes, as long as the difference between the small versions of the change objects is not more than two versions. This is possible because adjacent small versions can be mutually compatible.

In this way, evolving through multiple small versions ensures that metadata can be correctly synchronized across multiple TiDB nodes. This helps maintain the correctness and consistency of user transactions that involve changing data during the process.

Taking `ADD INDEX` as an example, the entire process of state change is as follows:

```
absent -> delete only -> write only -> write reorg -> public
```

For users, the newly created index is unavailable before the `public` state.

Before TiDB v6.2.0, because the Owner can only execute one DDL task of the same type (either logical or physical) at a time, which is relatively strict, and affects the user experience.

If there is no dependency between DDL tasks, parallel execution does not affect data correctness and consistency. For example, user A adds an index to the `T1` table, while user B deletes a column from the `T2` table. These two DDL statements can be executed in parallel.

To improve the user experience of DDL execution, starting from v6.2.0, TiDB enables the Owner to determine the relevance of DDL tasks. The logic is as follows:

- DDL statements to be performed on the same table are mutually blocked.
- `DROP DATABASE` and DDL statements that affect all objects in the database are mutually blocked.
- Adding indexes and column type changes on different tables can be executed concurrently.
- Starting from v8.2.0, logical DDL statements for different tables can be executed in parallel.
- In other cases, DDL can be executed based on the level of availability for concurrent DDL execution.

Specifically, TiDB 6.2.0 has enhanced the DDL execution framework in the following aspects:

- The DDL Owner can execute DDL tasks in parallel based on the preceding logic.
- The first-in-first-out issue in the DDL Job queue has been addressed. The DDL Owner no longer selects the first job in the queue, but instead selects the job that can be executed at the current time.

- The number of workers that handle physical DDL statements has been increased, enabling multiple physical DDL statements to be executed in parallel.

  Because all DDL tasks in TiDB are implemented using an online change approach, TiDB can determine the relevance of new DDL jobs through the Owner, and schedule DDL tasks based on this information. This approach enables the distributed database to achieve the same level of DDL concurrency as traditional databases.

The concurrent DDL framework enhances the execution capability of DDL statements in TiDB, making it more compatible with the usage patterns of commercial databases.

Before v6.2.0, the process of handling asynchronous schema changes in the TiDB SQL layer is as follows:

1. MySQL Client sends a DDL request to a TiDB server.
2. After receiving the request, a TiDB server parses and optimizes the request at the MySQL Protocol layer, and then sends it to the TiDB SQL layer for execution.

   Once the SQL layer of TiDB receives the DDL request, it starts the `start job` module to encapsulate the request into a specific DDL job (that is, a DDL task), and then stores this job in the corresponding DDL job queue in the KV layer based on the statement type. The corresponding worker is notified of the job that requires processing.
3. When receiving the notification to process the job, the worker determines whether it has the role of the DDL Owner. If it does, it directly processes the job. Otherwise, it exits without any processing.

   If a TiDB server is not the Owner role, then another node must be the Owner. The worker of the node in the Owner role periodically checks whether there is an available job that can be executed. If such a job is identified, the worker will process the job.
4. After the worker processes the Job, it removes the job from the job queue in the KV layer and places it in the `job history queue`. The `start job` module that encapsulated the job periodically checks the ID of the job in the `job history queue` to see whether it has been processed. If so, the entire DDL operation corresponding to the job ends.
5. TiDB server returns the DDL processing result to the MySQL Client.

Before TiDB v6.2.0, the DDL execution framework had the following limitations:

- The TiKV cluster only has two queues: `general job queue` and `add index job queue`, which handle logical DDL and physical DDL, respectively.
- The DDL Owner always processes DDL jobs in a first-in-first-out way.
- The DDL Owner can only execute one DDL task of the same type (either logical or physical) at a time, which is relatively strict, and affects the user experience.

These limitations might lead to some "unintended" DDL blocking behavior. For more details, see SQL FAQ - DDL Execution.

12.9.2 Best practices

12.9.2.1 Balance the physical DDL execution speed and the impact on application load through system variables

When executing physical DDL statements (including adding indexes or column type changes), you can adjust the values of the following system variables to balance the speed of DDL execution and the impact on application load:

- `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt`: This variable sets the number of reorg workers for a DDL operation, which controls the concurrency of backfilling.
- `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size`: This variable sets the batch size for a DDL operation in the `re-organize` phase, which controls the amount of data to be backfilled.

  Recommended values:

  - If there is no other load, you can increase the values of `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` and `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size` to speed up the `ADD INDEX` operation. For example, you can set the values of the two variables to `20` and `2048`, respectively.
  - If there is other load, you can decrease the values of `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` and `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size` to minimize the impact on other application. For example, you can set the values of the these variables to `4` and `256`, respectively.

Tip:

- The preceding two variables can be dynamically adjusted during the execution of a DDL task, and take effect in the next transaction batch.
- Choose the appropriate time to execute the DDL operation based on the type of the operation and the application load pressure. For example, it is recommended to run the `ADD INDEX` operation when the application load is low.
- Because the duration of adding an index is relatively long, TiDB will execute the task in the background after the command is sent. If the TiDB server is down, the execution will not be affected.

12.9.2.2 Quickly create many tables by concurrently sending DDL requests

A table creation operation takes about 50 milliseconds. The actual time taken to create a table might be longer because of the framework limitations.

To create tables faster, it is recommended to send multiple DDL requests concurrently to achieve the fastest table creation speed. If you send DDL requests serially and do not send them to the Owner node, the table creation speed will be very slow.

12.9.2.3 Make multiple changes in a single `ALTER` statement

Starting from v6.2.0, TiDB supports modifying multiple schema objects (such as columns and indexes) of a table in a single `ALTER` statement while ensuring the atomicity of the entire statement. Therefore, it is recommended to make multiple changes in a single `ALTER` statement.

12.9.2.4 Check the read and write performance

When TiDB is adding an index, the phase of backfilling data will cause read and write pressure on the cluster. After the `ADD INDEX` command is sent and the `write reorg` phase starts, it is recommended to check the read and write performance metrics of TiDB and TiKV on the Grafana dashboard and the application response time, to determine whether the `ADD INDEX` operation affects the cluster.

12.9.3 DDL-related commands

- `ADMIN SHOW DDL`: Used to view the status of TiDB DDL operations, including the current schema version number, the DDL ID and address of the DDL Owner, the DDL task and SQL being executed, and the DDL ID of the current TiDB instance. For details, see `ADMIN SHOW DDL`.
- `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS`: Used to view the detailed status of DDL tasks running in the cluster environment. For details, see `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS`.
- `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES job_id [, job_id]`: Used to view the original SQL statement of the DDL task corresponding to the `job_id`. For details, see `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES`.
- `ADMIN CANCEL DDL JOBS job_id, [, job_id]`: Used to cancel DDL tasks that have been submitted but not completed. After the cancellation is completed, the SQL statement that executes the DDL task returns the `ERROR 8214 (HY000): Cancelled DDL job` error.

  If a completed DDL task is canceled, you can see the `DDL Job:90 not found` error in the `RESULT` column, which means that the task has been removed from the DDL waiting queue.
- `ADMIN PAUSE DDL JOBS job_id [, job_id]`: Used to pause the DDL jobs that are being executed. After the command is executed, the SQL statement that executes the DDL job is displayed as being executed, while the background job has been paused. For details, refer to `ADMIN PAUSE DDL JOBS`.

You can only pause DDL tasks that are in progress or still in the queue. Otherwise, the `Job 3 can't be paused now` error is shown in the `RESULT` column.

- `ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS job_id [, job_id]`: Used to resume the DDL tasks that have been paused. After the command is executed, the SQL statement that executes the DDL task is displayed as being executed, and the background task is resumed. For details, refer to `ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS`.

  You can only resume a paused DDL task. Otherwise, the `Job 3 can't be resumed` error is shown in the `RESULT` column.

12.9.4 DDL-related tables

- `information_schema.DDL_JOBS`: Information about currently running and finished DDL jobs.
- `mysql.tidb_mdl_view`: Information about metadata lock views. It can help identify what query is blocking the DDL from making progress.

12.9.5 Common questions

For common questions about DDL execution, see SQL FAQ - DDL execution.

12.10 Batch Processing

Batch processing is a common and essential operation in real-world scenarios. It enables efficient handling of large datasets for tasks such as data migration, bulk imports, archiving, and large-scale updates.

To optimize performance for batch operations, TiDB introduces various features over its version evolution:

- Data import
  - `IMPORT INTO` statement (introduced in TiDB v7.2.0 and GA in v7.5.0)
- Data inserts, updates, and deletions
  - Pipelined DML (experimental, introduced in TiDB v8.0.0)
  - Non-transactional DML (introduced in TiDB v6.1.0)
  - Batch-dml (deprecated)

This document outlines the key benefits, limitations, and use cases of these features to help you choose the most suitable solution for efficient batch processing.

12.10.1 Data import

The `IMPORT INTO` statement is designed for data import tasks. It enables you to quickly import data in formats such as CSV, SQL, or PARQUET into an empty TiDB table, without the need to deploy TiDB Lightning separately.

12.10.1.1 Key benefits

- Extremely fast import speed
- Easier to use compared to TiDB Lightning

12.10.1.2 Limitations

- No transactional ACID guarantees
- Subject to various usage restrictions

12.10.1.3 Use cases

- Suitable for data import scenarios such as data migration or recovery. It is recommended to use `IMPORT INTO` instead of TiDB Lightning where applicable.

For more information, see `IMPORT INTO`.

12.10.2 Data inserts, updates, and deletions

12.10.2.1 Pipelined DML

Pipelined DML is an experimental feature introduced in TiDB v8.0.0. In v8.5.0, the feature is enhanced with significant performance improvements.

12.10.2.1.1 Key benefits

- Streams data to the storage layer during transaction execution instead of buffering it entirely in memory, allowing transaction size no longer limited by TiDB memory and supporting ultra-large-scale data processing
- Achieves better performance compared to standard DML
- Can be enabled through system variables without SQL modifications

12.10.2.1.2 Limitations

- Only supports autocommit `INSERT`, `REPLACE`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE` statements.

12.10.2.1.3 Use cases

- Suitable for general batch processing tasks, such as bulk data inserts, updates, and deletions.

For more information, see Pipelined DML.

12.10.2.2 Non-transactional DML statements

Non-transactional DML is introduced in TiDB v6.1.0. Initially, only the `DELETE` statement supports this feature. Starting from v6.5.0, `INSERT`, `REPLACE`, and `UPDATE` statements also support this feature.

12.10.2.2.1 Key benefits

- Splits a single SQL statement into multiple smaller statements, bypassing memory limitations.
- Achieves performance that is slightly faster or comparable to standard DML.

12.10.2.2.2 Limitations

- Only supports autocommit statements
- Requires modifications to SQL statements
- Imposes strict requirements on SQL syntax; some statements might need rewriting
- Lacks full transactional ACID guarantees; in case of failures, partial execution of a statement might occur

12.10.2.2.3 Use cases

- Suitable for scenarios involving bulk data inserts, updates, and deletions. Due to its limitations, it is recommended to consider non-transactional DML only when Pipelined DML is not applicable.

For more information, see Non-transactional DML.

12.10.2.3 Deprecated batch-dml feature

The batch-dml feature, available in TiDB versions prior to v4.0, is now deprecated and no longer recommended. This feature is controlled by the following system variables:

- `tidb_batch_insert`
- `tidb_batch_delete`
- `tidb_batch_commit`

- `tidb_enable_batch_dml`
- `tidb_dml_batch_size`

Due to the risk of data corruption or loss caused by inconsistent data and indexes, these variables have been deprecated and are planned for removal in future releases.

It is **NOT RECOMMENDED** to use the deprecated batch-dml feature under any circumstances. Instead, consider other alternative features outlined in this document.

12.11 Use PD Microservices

12.11.1 PD Microservices

Starting from v8.0.0, PD supports the microservice mode, which splits the timestamp allocation and cluster scheduling functions of PD into the following two independently deployed microservices. In this way, these two functions are decoupled from the routing function of PD, which allows PD to focus on the routing service for metadata.

- `tso` microservice: provides monotonically increasing timestamp allocation for the entire cluster.
- `scheduling` microservice: provides scheduling functions for the entire cluster, including but not limited to load balancing, hot spot handling, replica repair, and replica placement.

Each microservice is deployed as an independent process. If you configure more than one replica for a microservice, the microservice automatically implements a primary-secondary fault-tolerant mode to ensure high availability and reliability of the service.

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, the PD microservices feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in production environments. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

12.11.1.1 Usage scenarios

PD microservices are typically used to address performance bottlenecks in PD and improve PD service quality. With this feature, you can avoid the following issues:

- Long-tail latency or jitter in TSO allocations due to excessive pressure in PD clusters
- Service unavailability of the entire cluster due to failures in the scheduling module

- Bottleneck issues solely caused by PD

In addition, when the scheduling module is changed, you can update the `scheduling` microservice independently without restarting PD, thus avoiding any impact on the overall service of the cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> If the performance bottleneck of a cluster is not caused by PD, there is no need to enable microservices, because using microservices increases the number of components and raises operational costs.

12.11.1.2 Restrictions

- Currently, the `tso` microservice does not support dynamic start and stop. After enabling or disabling the `tso` microservice, you need to restart the PD cluster for the changes to take effect.
- Only the TiDB component supports a direct connection to the `tso` microservice through service discovery, while other components need to forward requests to the `tso` microservice through PD to obtain timestamps.
- Microservices are not compatible with the Data Replication Auto Synchronous (DR Auto-Sync) feature.
- Microservices are not compatible with the TiDB system variable `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy`.
- Because hibernate Regions might exist in a cluster, during a primary and secondary switchover of the `scheduling` microservice, the scheduling function of the cluster might be unavailable for a certain period (up to `peer-stale-state-check-interval`, which is five minutes by default) to avoid redundant scheduling.

12.11.1.3 Usage

PD microservices can be deployed using TiDB Operator or TiUP.

For TiDB clusters deployed using TiDB Operator, you can deploy and configure PD microservices according to the following documents:

- Deploy PD microservices
- Configure PD microservices
- Modify PD microservices
- Scale PD microservice components

For TiDB clusters deployed using TiUP, you can deploy and configure PD microservices according to the following documents:

- Deploy PD microservices
- Scale PD microservice nodes
- Configure the `tso` microservice
    - Configure via the configuration file
    - Configure via command line flags
- Configure the `scheduling` microservice
    - Configure via the configuration file
    - Configure via command line flags

To deploy and configure PD microservices in a TiDB local cluster using TiUP Playground, see the following document:

- Deploy PD microservices

12.11.1.4 Notes

When deploying and using PD microservices, pay attention to the following:

- After you enable microservices and restart PD for a cluster, PD stops allocating TSO for the cluster. Therefore, you need to deploy the `tso` microservice in the cluster when you enable microservices.
- If the `scheduling` microservice is deployed in a cluster, the scheduling function of the cluster is provided by the `scheduling` microservice. If the `scheduling` microservice is not deployed, the scheduling function of the cluster is still provided by PD.
- The `scheduling` microservice supports dynamic switching, which is enabled by default (`enable-scheduling-fallback` defaults to `true`). If the process of the `scheduling` microservice is terminated, PD continues to provide scheduling services for the cluster by default.

  If the binary versions of the `scheduling` microservice and PD are different, to prevent changes in the scheduling logic, you can disable the dynamic switching function of the `scheduling` microservice by executing `pd-ctl config set enable-scheduling-fallback false`. After this function is disabled, PD will not take over the scheduling service when the process of the `scheduling` microservice is terminated. This means that the scheduling service of the cluster will be unavailable until the `scheduling` microservice is restarted.

12.11.1.5 Tool compatibility

Microservices do not affect the normal use of data import, export, and other replication tools.

12.11.1.6 FAQs

- How can I determine if PD becomes a performance bottleneck?

When your cluster is in a normal state, you can check monitoring metrics in the Grafana PD panel. If the `TiDB - PD server TSO handle time` metric shows a notable increase in latency or the `Heartbeat - TiKV side heartbeat statistics` metric shows a significant number of pending items, it indicates that PD becomes a performance bottleneck.

12.11.2 Scale PD Microservices Nodes Using TiUP

This document describes how to scale PD microservice nodes (including TSO and Scheduling nodes) in a cluster and how to switch the PD working mode using TiUP.

To view the current cluster name list, run `tiup cluster list`.

For example, the original topology of the cluster is as follows:

Host IP	Service
10.0.1.4	TiDB + PD
10.0.1.5	TiKV + Monitor
10.0.1.1	TiKV
10.0.1.2	TiKV
10.0.1.6	TSO
10.0.1.7	Scheduling

12.11.2.1 Add TSO/Scheduling nodes

> **Note:**
>
> To add TSO/Scheduling nodes to a TiDB cluster that have not enabled PD microservices yet, follow the instructions in Switch from regular mode to microservices mode instead.

This section exemplifies how to add a TSO node (at IP address `10.0.1.8`) and a Scheduling node (at IP address `10.0.1.9`) to a TiDB cluster with PD microservices enabled.

12.11.2.1.1 1. Configure the scale-out topology

Note:

- By default, the port and directory information is not required. However, in the case of multiple instances on a single machine, you need to allocate different ports and directories for these instances. If the ports or directories have conflicts, you will receive a notification during deployment or scaling.
- Starting from TiUP v1.0.0, the scale-out configuration inherits the `global` configuration of the original cluster.

Add the scale-out topology configuration in the `scale-out.yml` file:

```
vi scale-out.yml
```

The following is the configuration example for the TSO node:

```
tso_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.8
    port: 3379
```

The following is the configuration example for the Scheduling node:

```
scheduling_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.9
    port: 3379
```

To view the configuration of the current cluster, run `tiup cluster edit-config <cluster-name>`. Because the parameter configuration of `global` and `server_configs` is inherited by `scale-out.yml`, it also takes effect in `scale-out.yml`.

12.11.2.1.2 2. Run the scale-out command

Before you run the `scale-out` command, use the `check` and `check --apply` commands to detect and automatically repair potential risks in the cluster:

1. Check for potential risks:

```
tiup cluster check <cluster-name> scale-out.yml --cluster --user root
    ↪ [-p] [-i /home/root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
```

2. Enable automatic repair:

```
tiup cluster check <cluster-name> scale-out.yml --cluster --apply --
    ↪ user root [-p] [-i /home/root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
```

3. Run the `scale-out` command:

```
tiup cluster scale-out <cluster-name> scale-out.yml [-p] [-i /home/root
    ↪ /.ssh/gcp_rsa]
```

In the preceding commands:

- `scale-out.yml` is the scale-out configuration file.
- `--user root` indicates logging in to the target machine as the `root` user to complete the cluster scale out. The `root` user is expected to have `ssh` and `sudo` privileges to the target machine. Alternatively, you can use other users with `ssh` and `sudo` privileges to complete the deployment.
- `[-i]` and `[-p]` are optional. If you have configured login to the target machine without a password, these parameters are not required. If not, choose one of the two parameters. `[-i]` is the private key of the root user (or other users specified by `--user`) that has access to the target machine. `[-p]` is used to input the user password interactively.

If you see `Scaled cluster <cluster-name> out successfully`, the scale-out operation succeeds.

12.11.2.1.3 3. Check the cluster status

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

Access the monitoring platform at http://10.0.1.5:3000 using your browser to monitor the status of the cluster and the new nodes.

After the scale-out, the cluster topology is as follows:

Host IP	Service
10.0.1.4	TiDB + PD
10.0.1.5	TiKV + Monitor
10.0.1.1	TiKV
10.0.1.2	TiKV
10.0.1.6	TSO
10.0.1.7	Scheduling
10.0.1.8	TSO
10.0.1.9	Scheduling

12.11.2.2 Remove TSO/Scheduling nodes

> **Note:**
>
> For a cluster with PD microservices enabled, if you need to switch it to non-microservice mode, follow the instructions in Switch from microservices mode to regular mode instead.

This section exemplifies how to remove a TSO node (at IP address `10.0.1.8`) and a Scheduling node (at IP address `10.0.1.9`) from a TiDB cluster with multiple TSO or Scheduling nodes.

12.11.2.2.1 1. View the node ID information

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

```
Starting /root/.tiup/components/cluster/v1.16/cluster display <cluster-name>

TiDB Cluster: <cluster-name>

TiDB Version: v8.5.1

ID      Role        Host    Ports                          Status Data Dir
   ↪      Deploy Dir

--      ----        ----    -----                            ------ --------
   ↪      ----------

10.0.1.4:2379 pd          10.0.1.4   2379/2380                    Healthy data
   ↪ /pd-2379   deploy/pd-2379

10.0.1.1:20160 tikv       10.0.1.1   20160/20180                  Up     data/
   ↪ tikv-20160   deploy/tikv-20160

10.0.1.2:20160 tikv       10.0.1.2   20160/20180                  Up     data/
   ↪ tikv-20160   deploy/tikv-20160

10.0.1.5:20160 tikv      10.0.1.5   20160/20180                 Up     data/
   ↪ tikv-20160   deploy/tikv-20160

10.0.1.4:4000 tidb       10.0.1.4   4000/10080                  Up     -
   ↪                deploy/tidb-4000
```

```
10.0.1.5:9090 prometheus 10.0.1.5  9090                          Up     data/
   ↪ prometheus-9090 deploy/prometheus-9090

10.0.1.5:3000 grafana    10.0.1.5  3000                          Up     -
   ↪           deploy/grafana-3000

10.0.1.5:9093 alertmanager 10.0.1.5 9093/9094                    Up     data/
   ↪ alertmanager-9093 deploy/alertmanager-9093

10.0.1.6:3379 tso        10.0.1.6  3379                          Up|P   data/
   ↪ tso-3379   deploy/tso-3379

10.0.1.8:3379 tso        10.0.1.8  3379                          Up     data/
   ↪ tso-3379  deploy/tso-3379

10.0.1.7:3379 scheduling 10.0.1.7  3379                          Up|P   data/
   ↪ scheduling-3379  deploy/scheduling-3379

10.0.1.9:3379 scheduling 10.0.1.9  3379                          Up     data/
   ↪ scheduling-3379  deploy/scheduling-3379
```

12.11.2.2.2 2. Run scale-in commands

```
tiup cluster scale-in <cluster-name> --node 10.0.1.8:3379
tiup cluster scale-in <cluster-name> --node 10.0.1.9:3379
```

The `--node` parameter is the ID of the node to be taken offline.

If you see `Scaled cluster <cluster-name> in successfully`, the scale-in operation succeeds.

12.11.2.2.3 3. Check the cluster status

Run the following command to check if the nodes are successfully removed:

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name>
```

Access the monitoring platform at http://10.0.1.5:3000 using your browser to monitor the status of the entire cluster.

After the scale-in, the current topology is as follows:

Host IP	Service
10.0.1.4	TiDB + PD
10.0.1.5	TiKV + Monitor
10.0.1.1	TiKV

Host IP	Service
10.0.1.2	TiKV
10.0.1.6	TSO
10.0.1.7	Scheduling

12.11.2.3 Switch the PD working mode

You can switch PD services between the following two working modes:

- Regular mode: provides routing service, timestamp allocation, and cluster scheduling functions solely by PD nodes.
- Microservice mode: enables you to deploy the PD timestamp allocation function to TSO nodes (providing `tso` microservices) and the cluster scheduling function to Scheduling nodes (providing `scheduling` microservices) separately. In this way, these two functions are decoupled from the routing function of PD, which allows PD nodes to focus on the routing service for metadata.

> **Note:**
>
> During the mode switching, PD services will be unavailable for a few minutes.

12.11.2.3.1 Switch from regular mode to microservices mode

For a cluster that has not enabled PD microservices, you can switch it to PD microservice mode and add a TSO node (at IP address `10.0.1.8`) and a Scheduling node (at IP address `10.0.1.9`) to it as follows:

1. Add the scale-out topology configuration in the `scale-out.yml` file:

```
vi scale-out.yml
```

The following is a configuration example:

```
tso_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.8
    port: 3379
scheduling_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.9
    port: 3379
```

2. Modify the cluster configuration and switch the cluster to PD microservice mode:

```
tiup cluster edit-config <cluster-name>
```

Add `pd_mode: ms` to `global`:

```
global:
  user: tidb
   ssh_port: 22
   listen_host: 0.0.0.0
   deploy_dir: /tidb-deploy
   data_dir: /tidb-data
   os: linux
   arch: amd64
   systemd_mode: system
   pd_mode: ms
```

3. Perform a rolling update of the PD node configuration:

```
tiup cluster reload <cluster-name> -R pd
```

> **Note:**
> The PD timestamp allocation service will be unavailable after you run the preceding `reload` command and will be available again once the `scale-out` command in the next step completes execution.

4. Run the `scale-out` command to add PD microservice nodes:

```
tiup cluster scale-out <cluster-name> scale-out.yml
```

12.11.2.3.2 Switch from microservices mode to regular mode

For a cluster with PD microservices enabled (assume that it has a TSO node at IP address `10.0.1.8` and a Scheduling node at IP address `10.0.1.9`), you can switch it to non-microservice mode as follows:

1. Modify the cluster configuration and switch the cluster to non-microservice mode:

```
tiup cluster edit-config <cluster-name>
```

Remove `pd_mode: ms` from `global`:

```
global:
  user: tidb
   ssh_port: 22
```

```
  listen_host: 0.0.0.0
  deploy_dir: /tidb-deploy
  data_dir: /tidb-data
  os: linux
  arch: amd64
  systemd_mode: system
```

2. Run the `scale-in` command to remove all PD microservice nodes:

```
tiup cluster scale-in <cluster-name> --node 10.0.1.8:3379,10.0.1.9:3379
```

> **Note:**
> The PD timestamp allocation service will be unavailable after you run the preceding `scale-in` command and will be available again once the `reload` command in the next step completes execution.

3. Perform a rolling update of the PD node configuration:

```
tiup cluster reload <cluster-name> -R pd
```

12.11.3 TSO Configuration File

The TSO node is used for providing the `tso` microservice for PD. This document is applicable only in PD microservice mode.

> **Tip:**
> If you need to adjust the value of a configuration item, refer to Modify the configuration.

12.11.3.0.1 `name`

- The name of the TSO node
- Default value: `"TSO"`
- To start multiple TSO nodes, use a unique name for each node.

12.11.3.0.2 `data-dir`

- The directory in which the TSO node stores data
- Default value: `"default.${name}"`

12.11.3.0.3 `listen-addr`

- The client URL that the current TSO node listens to
- Default value: `"http://127.0.0.1:3379"`
- When deploying a cluster, you must specify the IP address of the current host as `listen-addr` (for example, `"http://192.168.100.113:3379"`). If the node runs on Docker, specify the Docker IP address as `"http://0.0.0.0:3379"`.

12.11.3.0.4 `advertise-listen-addr`

- The URL for the client to access the TSO node
- Default value: `"${listen-addr}"`
- In some situations such as in Docker or NAT network environments, if a client cannot access the TSO node through the default client URLs listened to by the TSO node, you must manually set `advertise-listen-addr` for client access.
- For example, the internal IP address of Docker is `172.17.0.1`, while the IP address of the host is `192.168.100.113` and the port mapping is set to `-p 3379:3379`. In this case, you can set `advertise-listen-addr="http://192.168.100.113:3379"`. Then, the client can find this service through `http://192.168.100.113:3379`.

12.11.3.0.5 `backend-endpoints`

- The list of backend endpoints of other TSO nodes that the current TSO node listens to
- Default value: `"http://127.0.0.1:2379"`

12.11.3.0.6 `lease`

- The timeout of the TSO Primary Key lease. After the timeout, the system re-elects a Primary.
- Default value: `3`
- Unit: seconds

12.11.3.0.7 `tso-update-physical-interval`

- The interval at which the TSO physical time is updated.
- Within the default update interval of the TSO physical time (`50ms`), the TSO server provides at most 262144 TSOs. To get more TSOs, you can reduce the value of this configuration item. The minimum value is `1ms`.
- Shortening this interval might increase the CPU usage of the TSO server. According to tests, compared with the update interval of `50ms`, the CPU usage of the TSO server increases by about 10% when the interval is `1ms`.
- Default value: `50ms`
- Minimum value: `1ms`

12.11.3.1 security

Configuration items related to security

12.11.3.1.1 `cacert-path`

- The path of the CA file
- Default value: “”

12.11.3.1.2 `cert-path`

- The path of the Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) file that contains the X.509 certificate
- Default value: “”

12.11.3.1.3 `key-path`

- The path of the PEM file that contains the X.509 key
- Default value: “”

12.11.3.1.4 `redact-info-log`

- Controls whether to enable log redaction in TSO node logs.
- When you set the configuration value to `true`, user data is redacted in TSO node logs.
- Default value: `false`

12.11.3.2 log

Configuration items related to logs.

12.11.3.2.1 `level`

- Specifies the level of the output log.
- Optional value: `"debug"`, `"info"`, `"warn"`, `"error"`, `"fatal"`
- Default value: `"info"`

12.11.3.2.2 `format`

- The log format
- Optional value: `"text"`, `"json"`
- Default value: `"text"`

12.11.3.2.3 `disable-timestamp`

- Controls whether to disable the automatically generated timestamp in logs.
- Default value: `false`

12.11.3.3 log.file

Configuration items related to the log file

12.11.3.3.1 `max-size`

- The maximum size of a single log file. When this value is exceeded, the system automatically splits the log into several files.
- Default value: `300`
- Unit: MiB
- Minimum value: `1`

12.11.3.3.2 `max-days`

- The maximum number of days in which a log is kept.
- If the configuration item is unset or set to the default value `0`, TSO does not clean up log files.
- Default value: `0`

12.11.3.3.3 `max-backups`

- The maximum number of log files to be kept.
- If the configuration item is unset or set to the default value `0`, TSO keeps all log files.
- Default value: `0`

12.11.3.4 metric

Configuration items related to monitoring

12.11.3.4.1 `interval`

- The interval at which monitoring metric data is pushed to Prometheus
- Default value: `15s`

12.11.4 TSO Configuration Flags

The TSO node is used for providing the `tso` microservice for PD. You can configure it using command-line flags or environment variables.

12.11.4.1 `--advertise-listen-addr`

- The URL for the client to access the TSO node.
- Default: `${listen-addr}`
- In some situations such as in Docker or NAT network environments, if a client cannot access the TSO node through the default client URLs listened to by `tso`, you must manually set `--advertise-listen-addr` for client access.
- For example, the internal IP address of Docker is `172.17.0.1`, while the IP address of the host is `192.168.100.113` and the port mapping is set to `-p 3379:3379`. In this case, you can set `--advertise-listen-addr="http://192.168.100.113:3379"` ↪ . Then, the client can find this service through `http://192.168.100.113:3379`.

12.11.4.2 `--backend-endpoints`

- The list of backend endpoints of other TSO nodes that the current TSO node listens to.
- Default: `http://127.0.0.1:2379`

12.11.4.3 `--cacert`

- The file path of CA, used to enable TLS.
- Default: `""`

12.11.4.4 `--cert`

- The path of the PEM file including the X.509 certificate, used to enable TLS.
- Default: `""`

12.11.4.5 `--config`

- The configuration file.
- Default: `""`
- If you specify a configuration file, the TSO node first reads configurations from that file. If the same configurations are also specified via command line flags, the TSO node uses the command line flag configurations to overwrite those in the configuration file.

12.11.4.6 `--data-dir`

- The path to the data directory on the TSO node.
- Default: `"default.${name}"`

12.11.4.7 `--key`

- The path of the PEM file including the X.509 key, used to enable TLS.
- Default: `""`

12.11.4.8 `--listen-addr`

- The client URL that the current TSO node listens to.
- Default: `"http://127.0.0.1:3379"`
- When deploying a cluster, you must specify the IP address of the current host as `--listen-addr` (for example, `"http://192.168.100.113:3379"`). If the node runs on Docker, specify the Docker IP address as `"http://0.0.0.0:3379"`.

12.11.4.9 `--log-file`

- The log file.
- Default: `""`
- If this flag is not set, logs are output to "stderr". If this flag is set, logs are output to the corresponding file.

12.11.4.10 `--name` New in v8.3.0

- The name of the current TSO node.
- Default: `"tso-${hostname}"`
- If you need to start multiple TSO nodes, it is recommended to configure different names for different nodes for easier identification.

12.11.4.11 `-L`

- The log level.
- Default: `"info"`
- Optional values: `"debug"`, `"info"`, `"warn"`, `"error"`, `"fatal"`

12.11.4.12 `-V, --version`

- Output the version information and exit.

12.11.5 Scheduling Configuration File

The Scheduling node is used for providing the `scheduling` microservice for PD. This document is applicable only in PD microservice mode.

Tip:

If you need to adjust the value of a configuration item, refer to Modify the configuration.

12.11.5.0.1 `name`

- The name of the Scheduling node
- Default value: `"Scheduling"`
- To start multiple Scheduling nodes, use a unique name for each node.

12.11.5.0.2 `data-dir`

- The directory in which the Scheduling node stores data
- Default value: `"default.${name}"`

12.11.5.0.3 `listen-addr`

- The client URL that the current Scheduling node listens to
- Default value: `"http://127.0.0.1:3379"`
- When deploying a cluster, you must specify the IP address of the current host as `listen-addr` (for example, `"http://192.168.100.113:3379"`). If the node runs on Docker, specify the Docker IP address as `"http://0.0.0.0:3379"`.

12.11.5.0.4 `advertise-listen-addr`

- The URL for the client to access the Scheduling node
- Default value: `"${listen-addr}"`
- In some situations such as in Docker or NAT network environments, if a client cannot access the Scheduling node through the default client URLs listened to by the Scheduling node, you must manually set `advertise-listen-addr` for client access.
- For example, the internal IP address of Docker is `172.17.0.1`, while the IP address of the host is `192.168.100.113` and the port mapping is set to `-p 3379:3379`. In this case, you can set `advertise-listen-addr="http://192.168.100.113:2379"`. Then, the client can find this service through `http://192.168.100.113:2379`.

12.11.5.0.5 `backend-endpoints`

- The list of backend endpoints of other Scheduling nodes that the current Scheduling node listens to
- Default value: `"http://127.0.0.1:2379"`

12.11.5.0.6 `lease`

- The timeout of the Scheduling Primary Key lease. After the timeout, the system re-elects a Primary.
- Default value: `3`
- Unit: seconds

12.11.5.1 security

Configuration items related to security

12.11.5.1.1 `cacert-path`

- The path of the CA file
- Default value: ""

12.11.5.1.2 `cert-path`

- The path of the Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) file that contains the X.509 certificate
- Default value: ""

12.11.5.1.3 `key-path`

- The path of the PEM file that contains the X.509 key
- Default value: ""

12.11.5.1.4 `redact-info-log`

- Controls whether to enable log redaction in Scheduling node logs.
- When you set the configuration value to `true`, user data is redacted in Scheduling node logs.
- Default value: `false`

12.11.5.2 log

Configuration items related to logs.

12.11.5.2.1 `level`

- Specifies the level of the output log.
- Optional value: `"debug"`, `"info"`, `"warn"`, `"error"`, `"fatal"`
- Default value: `"info"`

12.11.5.2.2 `format`

- The log format
- Optional value: `"text"`, `"json"`
- Default value: `"text"`

12.11.5.2.3 `disable-timestamp`

- Controls whether to disable the automatically generated timestamp in logs.
- Default value: `false`

12.11.5.3 log.file

Configuration items related to the log file

12.11.5.3.1 `max-size`

- The maximum size of a single log file. When this value is exceeded, the system automatically splits the log into several files.
- Default value: `300`
- Unit: MiB
- Minimum value: `1`

12.11.5.3.2 `max-days`

- The maximum number of days in which a log is kept.
- If the configuration item is unset or set to the default value `0`, Scheduling does not clean up log files.
- Default value: `0`

12.11.5.3.3 `max-backups`

- The maximum number of log files to be kept.
- If the configuration item is unset or set to the default value `0`, Scheduling keeps all log files.
- Default value: `0`

12.11.5.4 metric

Configuration items related to monitoring

12.11.5.4.1 `interval`

- The interval at which monitoring metric data is pushed to Prometheus
- Default value: `15s`

12.11.6 Scheduling Configuration Flags

The Scheduling node is used for providing the `scheduling` microservice for PD. You can configure it using command-line flags or environment variables.

12.11.6.1 `--advertise-listen-addr`

- The URL for the client to access the Scheduling node.
- Default: `${listen-addr}`
- In some situations such as in Docker or NAT network environments, if a client cannot access the Scheduling node through the default client URLs listened to by `scheduling`, you must manually set `--advertise-listen-addr` for client access.
- For example, the internal IP address of Docker is `172.17.0.1`, while the IP address of the host is `192.168.100.113` and the port mapping is set to `-p 3379:3379`. In this case, you can set `--advertise-listen-addr="http://192.168.100.113:3379"` ↪ . Then, the client can find this service through `http://192.168.100.113:3379`.

12.11.6.2 `--backend-endpoints`

- The list of backend endpoints of other Scheduling nodes that the current Scheduling node listens to.
- Default: `http://127.0.0.1:2379`

12.11.6.3 `--cacert`

- The file path of CA, used to enable TLS.
- Default: `""`

12.11.6.4 `--cert`

- The path of the PEM file including the X.509 certificate, used to enable TLS.
- Default: `""`

12.11.6.5 `--config`

- The configuration file.
- Default: `""`
- If you specify a configuration file, the Scheduling node first reads configurations from that file. If the same configurations are also specified via command line flags, the Scheduling node uses the command line flag configurations to overwrite those in the configuration file.

12.11.6.6 `--data-dir`

- The path to the data directory on the Scheduling node.
- Default: `"default.${name}"`

12.11.6.7 `--key`

- The path of the PEM file including the X.509 key, used to enable TLS.
- Default: `""`

12.11.6.8 `--listen-addr`

- The client URL that the current Scheduling node listens to.
- Default: `"http://127.0.0.1:3379"`
- When deploying a cluster, you must specify the IP address of the current host as `--listen-addr` (for example, `"http://192.168.100.113:3379"`). If the node runs on Docker, specify the Docker IP address as `"http://0.0.0.0:3379"`.

12.11.6.9 `--log-file`

- The log file.
- Default: `""`
- If this flag is not set, logs are output to "stderr". If this flag is set, logs are output to the corresponding file.

12.11.6.10 `--name` New in v8.3.0

- The name of the current Scheduling node.
- Default: `"scheduling-${hostname}"`
- If you need to start multiple Scheduling nodes, it is recommended to configure different names for different nodes for easier identification.

12.11.6.11 `-L`

- The log level.
- Default: `"info"`
- Optional values: `"debug"`, `"info"`, `"warn"`, `"error"`, `"fatal"`

12.11.6.12 `-V, --version`

- Output the version information and exit.

13 TiDB Tools

13.1 TiDB Tools Overview

TiDB provides a rich set of tools to help you deploy and maintain TiDB, manage data (such as data migration, backup & restore, and data comparison), and run Spark SQL on TiKV. You can select the applicable tools according to your needs.

13.1.1 Deployment and operation Tools

TiDB provides TiUP and TiDB Operator to meet your deployment and operation needs in different system environments.

13.1.1.1 Deploy and operate TiDB on physical or virtual machines - TiUP

TiUP is a TiDB package manager on physical or virtual machines. TiUP can manage multiple TiDB components such as TiDB, PD, and TiKV. To start any component in the TiDB ecosystem, you just need to execute a single line of TiUP command.

TiUP provides TiUP cluster, a cluster management component written in Golang. By using TiUP cluster, you can easily perform daily database operations, including deploying, starting, stopping, destroying, scaling, and upgrading a TiDB cluster, and manage TiDB cluster parameters.

The following are the basics of TiUP:

- Terminology and Concepts
- Deploy a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP
- Manage TiUP Components with TiUP Commands
- Applicable TiDB versions: v4.0 and later versions

13.1.1.2 Deploy and operate TiDB on Kubernetes - TiDB Operator

TiDB Operator is an automatic operation system for managing TiDB clusters on Kubernetes. It provides full life-cycle management for TiDB including deployment, upgrades, scaling, backup, and configuration changes. With TiDB Operator, TiDB can run seamlessly in the Kubernetes clusters deployed on a public or private cloud.

The following are the basics of TiDB Operator:

- TiDB Operator Architecture
- Get Started with TiDB Operator on Kubernetes
- Applicable TiDB versions: v2.1 and later versions

13.1.2 Data management tools

TiDB provides multiple data management tools, such as import and export, backup and restore, incremental data replication, and data validation.

13.1.2.1 Data migration - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

TiDB Data Migration (DM) is a tool that supports full data migration and incremental data replication from MySQL/MariaDB to TiDB.

The following are the basics of DM:

- Source: MySQL/MariaDB
- Target: TiDB clusters
- Supported TiDB versions: all versions
- Kubernetes support: use TiDB Operator to deploy TiDB DM on Kubernetes.

If the data volume is less than 1 TB, it is recommended to migrate data from MySQL/-MariaDB to TiDB directly using DM. The migration process includes full data migration and incremental data replication.

If the data volume is greater than 1 TB , take the following steps:

1. Use Dumpling to export the full data from MySQL/MariaDB.
2. Use TiDB Lightning to import the data exported in Step 1 to the TiDB cluster.
3. Use TiDB DM to replicate the incremental data from MySQL/MariaDB to TiDB.

> **Note:**
>
> The Syncer tool is no longer maintained. For scenarios related to Syncer, it is recommended that you use DM to perform incremental replication.

13.1.2.2 Full data export - Dumpling

Dumpling supports logical full data export from MySQL or TiDB.

The following are the basics of Dumpling:

- Source: MySQL/TiDB clusters
- Output: SQL/CSV files
- Supported TiDB versions: all versions
- Kubernetes support: No

> **Note:**
>
> PingCAP previously maintained a fork of the mydumper project with enhancements specific to TiDB. Starting from v7.5.0, Mydumper is deprecated and most of its features have been replaced by Dumpling. It is strongly recommended that you use Dumpling instead of mydumper.

13.1.2.3 Full data import - TiDB Lightning

TiDB Lightning supports full data import of a large dataset into a TiDB cluster.

TiDB Lightning supports the following modes:

- `Physical Import Mode`: TiDB Lightning parses data into ordered key-value pairs and directly imports them into TiKV. This mode is usually for importing a large amount of data (at the TB level) to a new cluster. During the import, the cluster cannot provide services.
- `Logical Import Mode`: This mode uses TiDB/MySQL as the backend, which is slower than the `Physical Import Mode` but can be performed online. It also supports importing data to MySQL.

The following are the basics of TiDB Lightning:

- Data source:
  - The output files of Dumpling
  - Other compatible CSV files
  - Parquet files exported from Amazon Aurora, Apache Hive, or Snowflake
- Supported TiDB versions: v2.1 and later versions
- Kubernetes support: Yes. See Quickly restore data into a TiDB cluster on Kubernetes using TiDB Lightning for details.

Note:

The Loader tool is no longer maintained. For scenarios related to Loader, it is recommended that you use `Logical Import Mode` instead.

13.1.2.4 Backup and restore - Backup & Restore (BR)

Backup & Restore (BR) is a command-line tool for distributed backup and restore of the TiDB cluster data. BR can effectively back up and restore TiDB clusters of huge data volume.

The following are the basics of BR:

- Input and output data source
  - Snapshot backup and restore: SST + `backupmeta` file
  - Log backup and PITR: Log backup files
- Supported TiDB versions: v4.0 and later versions
- Kubernetes support: Yes. See Back up Data to S3-Compatible Storage Using BR and Restore Data from S3-Compatible Storage Using BR for details.

13.1.2.5 Incremental data replication - TiCDC

TiCDC is a tool used for replicating incremental data of TiDB by pulling change logs from TiKV. It can restore data to a state consistent with any TSO in upstream. TiCDC also provides the TiCDC Open Protocol to support other systems to subscribe to data changes.

The following are the basics of TiCDC:

- Source: TiDB clusters
- Target: TiDB clusters, MySQL, Kafka, and Confluent
- Supported TiDB versions: v4.0.6 and later versions

13.1.2.6 sync-diff-inspector

sync-diff-inspector is a tool that compares data stored in the MySQL or TiDB databases. In addition, you can also use sync-diff-inspector to repair data in the scenario where a small amount of data is inconsistent.

The following are the basics of sync-diff-inspector:

- Source: MySQL/TiDB clusters
- Target: MySQL/TiDB clusters
- Supported TiDB versions: all versions

13.1.3 OLAP Query tool - TiSpark

TiSpark is a product developed by PingCAP to address the complexity of OLAP queries. It combines strengths of Spark, and the features of distributed TiKV clusters and TiDB to provide a one-stop Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing (HTAP) solution.

13.2 TiDB Tools Use Cases

This document introduces the common use cases of TiDB tools and how to choose the right tool for your scenario.

13.2.1 Deploy and operate TiDB on physical or virtual machines

If you need to deploy and operate TiDB on physical or virtual machines, you can install TiUP, and then use TiUP to manage TiDB components such as TiDB, PD, and TiKV.

13.2.2 Deploy and operate TiDB on Kubernetes

If you need to deploy and operate TiDB on Kubernetes, you can deploy a Kubernetes cluster, and then deploy TiDB Operator. After that, you can use TiDB Operator to deploy and operate a TiDB cluster.

13.2.3 Import data from CSV to TiDB

If you need to import the compatible CSV files exported by other tools to TiDB, use TiDB Lightning.

13.2.4 Import full data from MySQL/Aurora

If you need to import full data from MySQL/Aurora, use Dumpling first to export data as SQL dump files, and then use TiDB Lightning to import data into the TiDB cluster.

13.2.5 Migrate data from MySQL/Aurora

If you need to migrate both full data and incremental data from MySQL/Aurora, use TiDB Data Migration (DM) to perform the Migrate Data from Amazon Aurora to TiDB.

If the full data volume is large (at the TB level), you can first use Dumpling and TiDB Lightning to perform the full data migration, and then use DM to perform the incremental data migration.

13.2.6 Back up and restore TiDB cluster

If you need to back up a TiDB cluster or restore backed up data to the cluster, use BR (Backup & Restore).

In addition, BR can also be used to perform incremental backup and incremental restore of TiDB cluster data.

13.2.7 Migrate data to TiDB

If you need to migrate data from a TiDB cluster to another TiDB cluster, use Dumpling to export full data from TiDB as SQL dump files, and then use TiDB Lightning to import data to another TiDB cluster.

If you also need to migrate incremental data, you can use TiCDC.

13.2.8 TiDB incremental data subscription

If you need to subscribe to TiDB's incremental changes, you can use TiCDC.

13.3 Download TiDB Tools

This document describes how to download the TiDB Toolkit.

TiDB Toolkit contains frequently used TiDB tools, such as data export tool Dumpling, data import tool TiDB Lightning, and backup and restore tool BR.

Tip:

- If your deployment environment has internet access, you can deploy a TiDB tool using a single TiUP command, so there is no need to download the TiDB Toolkit separately.
- If you need to deploy and maintain TiDB on Kubernetes, instead of downloading the TiDB Toolkit, follow the steps in TiDB Operator offline installation.

13.3.1 Environment requirements

- Operating system: Linux
- Architecture: amd64 or arm64

13.3.2 Download link

You can download TiDB Toolkit from the following link:

```
https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-toolkit-{version}-linux-{arch}.
    ↪ tar.gz
```

`{version}` in the link indicates the version number of TiDB and `{arch}` indicates the architecture of the system, which can be `amd64` or `arm64`. For example, the download link for `v8.5.1` in the `amd64` architecture is `https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community ↪ -toolkit-v8.5.1-linux-amd64.tar.gz`.

> **Note:**
>
> If you need to download the PD Control tool `pd-ctl`, download the TiDB installation package separately from `https://download.pingcap.org/tidb ↪ -community-server-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz`.

13.3.3 TiDB Toolkit description

Depending on which tools you want to use, you can install the corresponding offline packages as follows:

Tool	Offline package name
TiUP	tiup-linux-{arch}.tar.gz tiup-{tiup-version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz dm-{tiup-version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz server-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz
Dumpling	dumpling-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz
TiDB Lightning	tidb-lightning-ctl tidb-lightning-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz

Tool	Offline package name
TiDB Data Migration (DM)	dm-worker-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz dm-master-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz dmctl-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz
TiCDC	cdc-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz
Backup & Restore (BR)	br-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz
sync-diff-inspector	sync_diff_inspector
PD Recover	pd-recover-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar

Note:

`{version}` depends on the version of the tool you are installing. `{arch}` depends on the architecture of the system, which can be `amd64` or `arm64`.

13.4 TiUP

13.4.1 TiUP Documentation Map

13.4.1.1 User guide

- TiUP Overview: Gives an overall introduction to TiUP, for example, how to install and use TiUP, and the related terminologies.
- TiUP Terminology and Concepts: Explains the terms that you might bump into when using TiUP, and help you understand the key concepts of TiUP
- TiUP Component Management: Introduces all TiUP commands in detail, and how to use TiUP to download, update and delete components
- TiUP FAQ: Introduces common issues when you use TiUP, including FAQs of the third-party components of TiUP
- TiUP Troubleshooting Guide: Introduces the troubleshooting methods and solutions if you encounter issues when using TiUP
- TiUP Reference Guide: Introduces detailed references, including commands, components, and mirrors.

13.4.1.2 TiUP resources

- TiUP Release Notes
- TiUP Issues: Lists TiUP GitHub issues

13.4.2 TiUP Overview

Starting with TiDB 4.0, TiUP, as the package manager, makes it far easier to manage different cluster components in the TiDB ecosystem. Now you can run any component with only a single line of TiUP commands.

13.4.2.1 Install TiUP

You can install TiUP with a single command in both Darwin and Linux operating systems:

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/
    ↪ install.sh | sh
```

This command installs TiUP in the `$HOME/.tiup` folder. The installed components and the data generated by their operation are also placed in this folder. This command also automatically adds `$HOME/.tiup/bin` to the `PATH` environment variable in the Shell `.profile` file, so you can use TiUP directly.

After installation, you can check the version of TiUP:

```
tiup --version
```

```
1.14.0 tiup
Go Version: go1.21.4
Git Ref: v1.14.0
GitHash: c3e9fc518aea0da66a37f82ee5a516171de9c372
```

Note:

For TiUP versions starting from v1.11.3, the telemetry is disabled by default in newly deployed TiUP, and usage information is not collected and shared with PingCAP. For details about what is shared and how to disable the sharing, see Telemetry.

13.4.2.2 TiUP ecosystem introduction

TiUP is not only a package manager in the TiDB ecosystem. Its ultimate mission is to enable everyone to use TiDB ecosystem tools **easier than ever before** by building its own ecosystem. This requires introducing additional packages to enrich the TiUP ecosystem.

This series of TiUP documents introduce what these packages do and how you can use them.

In the TiUP ecosystem, you can get help information by adding `--help` to any command, such as the following command to get help information for TiUP itself:

```
tiup --help
```

```
TiUP is a command-line component management tool that can help to download
    ↪ and install
TiDB platform components to the local system. You can run a specific version
    ↪  of a component via
"tiup <component>[:version]". If no version number is specified, the latest
    ↪ version installed
```

```
locally will be used. If the specified component does not have any version
    ↪ installed locally,
the latest stable version will be downloaded from the repository.

Usage:
  tiup [flags] <command> [args...]
  tiup [flags] <component> [args...]
  tiup [command]

Examples:
  $ tiup playground                # Quick start
  $ tiup playground nightly        # Start a playground with the latest
      ↪ nightly version
  $ tiup install <component>[:version] # Install a component of specific
      ↪ version
  $ tiup update --all              # Update all installed components to the
      ↪ latest version
  $ tiup update --nightly          # Update all installed components to the
      ↪ nightly version
  $ tiup update --self             # Update the "tiup" to the latest version
  $ tiup list                      # Fetch the latest supported components
      ↪ list
  $ tiup status                    # Display all running/terminated
      ↪ instances
  $ tiup clean <name>              # Clean the data of running/terminated
      ↪ instance (Kill process if it's running)
  $ tiup clean --all               # Clean the data of all running/
      ↪ terminated instances

Available Commands:
  install    Install a specific version of a component
  list       List the available TiDB components or versions
  uninstall  Uninstall components or versions of a component
  update     Update tiup components to the latest version
  status     List the status of instantiated components
  clean      Clean the data of instantiated components
  mirror     Manage a repository mirror for TiUP components
  telemetry  Controls things about telemetry
  env        Show the list of system environment variable that related to
      ↪ TiUP
  history    Display the historical execution record of TiUP, displays 100
      ↪ lines by default
  link       Link component binary to $TIUP_HOME/bin/
  unlink     Unlink component binary to $TIUP_HOME/bin/
  help       Help about any command
```

```
  completion Generate the autocompletion script for the specified shell

Flags:
     --binary <component>[:version] Print binary path of a specific version
        ↪  of a component <component>[:version]
                                    and the latest version installed will be
                                       ↪ selected if no version specified
     --binpath string               Specify the binary path of component
        ↪ instance
  -h, --help                        help for tiup
  -T, --tag string                  [Deprecated] Specify a tag for component
     ↪ instance
  -v, --version                     Print the version of tiup

Use "tiup [command] --help" for more information about a command.
```

The output is long but you can focus on only two parts:

- Available commands
  - install: used to install a specific version of a component
  - list: used to view the list of available TiDB components or available versions of a component
  - uninstall: used to uninstall components or versions of a component
  - update: used to update the component version
  - status: used to view the running history of components
  - clean: used to clear the running log of components
  - mirror: used to clone a private mirror from the official mirror
  - telemetry: used to control the telemetry feature
  - env: used to show the list of system environment variables that related to TiUP
  - history: used to display the historical execution record of TiUP (100 lines by default)
  - link: used to link component binary to $TIUP_HOME/bin/
  - unlink: used to unlink component binary to $TIUP_HOME/bin/
  - help: used to print out help information
  - completion: used to generate the command line autocompletion script for the specified shell (including bash, zsh, fish, and powershell)
- Available components
  - playground: used to start a TiDB cluster locally
  - client: client used to connect to TiUP Playground
  - cluster: used to deploy a TiDB cluster for production environments
  - bench: used to stress test the database

Note:

- The number of available components will continue to grow. To check the latest supported components, execute the `tiup list` command.
- The list of available versions of components will also continue to grow. To check the latest supported component versions, execute the `tiup list <component>` command.

TiUP commands are implemented in TiUP's internal code and used for package management operations, while TiUP components are independent component packages installed by TiUP commands.

For example, if you run the `tiup list` command, TiUP directly runs its own internal code; if you run the `tiup playground` command, TiUP first checks whether there is a local package named "playground", and if not, TiUP downloads the package from the mirror, and then run it.

13.4.3 TiUP Terminology and Concepts

This document explains important terms and concepts of TiUP.

13.4.3.1 TiUP components

The TiUP program contains only a few commands for downloading, updating, and uninstalling components. TiUP expands its functions with various components. A **component** is a program or script that can be run. When running a component through `tiup <component>`, TiUP adds a set of environment variables, creates the data directory for the program, and then runs the program.

By running the `tiup <component>` command, you can run a component supported by TiUP. The running logic is:

- If you specify a version of a component through `tiup <component>[:version]`:
  - If the component does not have any version installed locally, TiUP downloads the latest stable version from the mirror server.
  - If the component has one or more versions installed locally, but there is no version specified by you, TiUP downloads the specified version from the mirror server.
  - If the specified version of the component is installed locally, TiUP sets the environment variable to run the installed version.
- If you run a component through `tiup <component>` and specify no version:

- If the component does not have any version installed locally, TiUP downloads the latest stable version from the mirror server.
- If one or more versions have been installed locally, TiUP sets the environment variable to run the latest installed version.

13.4.3.2 TiUP mirrors

All components of TiUP are downloaded from the TiUP mirrors. TiUP mirrors contain the TAR package of each component and the corresponding meta information (version, entry startup file, checksum). TiUP uses PingCAP's official mirrors by default. You can customize the mirror source through the `TIUP_MIRRORS` environment variable.

TiUP mirrors can be a local file directory or an online HTTP server:

- `TIUP_MIRRORS=/path/to/local tiup list`
- `TIUP_MIRRORS=https://private-mirrors.example.com tiup list`

13.4.4 Manage TiUP Components with TiUP Commands

You can use the following TiUP commands to manage components in the TiUP ecosystem:

- list: Queries the component list. By using this TiUP command, you can see all the optional components to install and all the optional versions of each component.
- install: Installs the specific version of a component.
- update: Updates a component to the latest version.
- uninstall: Uninstalls a component.
- status: Checks the status of a running component.
- clean: Cleans up the instance on which a component is deployed.
- help: Prints the help information. If you append another TiUP command to this command, the usage of the appended command is printed.
- link: Links the binary of the component to the executable directory (`$TIUP_HOME/bin/`).
- unlink: Deletes the soft link generated by the `tiup link` command.

This document introduces the common component management operations and the corresponding TiUP commands.

13.4.4.1 Query the component list

You can use the `tiup list` command to query the component list. This usage of this command is as follows:

- `tiup list`: checks which components can be installed.

- `tiup list ${component}`: checks which versions of a specific component can be installed.

You can also use the following flags in the above commands:

- `--installed`: checks which components or which version of a specific component has been installed locally. `---all`: views all components, including the hidden ones `---verbose`: views all columns (including installed versions and supported platforms)

Example 1: View all currently installed components.

```
tiup list --installed
```

Example 2: Get a list of the TiKV component of all installable versions from the server.

```
tiup list tikv
```

13.4.4.2 Install components

You can use the `tiup install` command to query the component list. This usage of this command is as follows:

- `tiup install <component>`: installs the latest stable version of a specified component.
- `tiup install <component>:[version]`: installs the specified version of a specified component.

Example 1: Use TiUP to install the latest stable version of TiDB.

```
tiup install tidb
```

Example 2: Use TiUP to install the nightly version of TiDB.

```
tiup install tidb:nightly
```

Example 3: Use TiUP to install TiKV v8.5.1.

```
tiup install tikv:v8.5.1
```

13.4.4.3 Upgrade components

After a new version of a component is published, you can use the `tiup update` command to upgrade this component. The usage of this command is basically the same as that of `tiup install`, except for the following flags:

- `--all`: Upgrades all components.
- `--nightly`: Upgrades to the nightly version.
- `--self`: Upgrades TiUP itself to the latest version.
- `--force`: Forcibly upgrades to the latest version.

Example 1: Upgrade all components to the latest versions.

```
tiup update --all
```

Example 2: Upgrade all components to the nightly version.

```
tiup update --all --nightly
```

Example 3: Upgrade TiUP to the latest version.

```
tiup update --self
```

13.4.4.4 Operate components

After the installation is complete, you can use the `tiup <component>` command to start the corresponding component:

```
tiup [flags] <component>[:version] [args...]

Flags:
  -T, --tag string                Specifies the tag for the component
      ↪ instance.
```

To use this command, you need to specify the component name and the optional version. If no version is specified, the latest stable version (installed) of this component is used.

Before the component is started, TiUP creates a directory for it, and then puts this component into the directory for operation. The component generates all the data in this directory, and the name of this directory is the tag name specified when the component operates. If no tag is specified, a tag name is randomly generated. This working directory will be *automatically deleted* when the instance is terminated.

If you want to start the same component multiple times and reuse the previous working directory, you can use `--tag` to specify the same name when the component is started. After the tag is specified, the working directory will *not be automatically deleted* when the instance is terminated, which makes it convenient to reuse the working directory.

Example 1: Operate TiDB v8.5.1.

```
tiup tidb:v8.5.1
```

Example 2: Specify the tag with which TiKV operates.

```
tiup --tag=experiment tikv
```

13.4.4.4.1 Query the operating status of a component

You can use the `tiup status` command to check the operating status of a component:

```
tiup status
```

By executing this command, you will get a list of instances, one instance per line. The list contains the following columns:

- `Name`: The tag name of the instance.
- `Component`: The component name of the instance.
- `PID`: The process ID of the operating instance.
- `Status`: The instance status. `RUNNING` means that the instance is operating. `TERM` means that the instance is terminated.
- `Created Time`: The starting time of the instance.
- `Directory`: The working directory of the instance, which can be specified using `--tag`.
- `Binary`: The executable program of the instance, which can be specified using `--binpath`.
- `Args`: The arguments of the operating instance.

13.4.4.4.2 Clean component instance

You can use the `tiup clean` command to clean up component instances and delete the working directory. If the instance is still operating before the cleaning, the related process is killed first. The command usage is as follows:

```
tiup clean [tag] [flags]
```

The following flag is supported:

- `--all`: Cleans up all instance information.

In the above command, `tag` is the instance tag to be cleaned. If `--all` is used, no tag is passed.

Example 1: Clean up the component instance with the `experiment` tag name.

```
tiup clean experiment
```

Example 2: Clean up all component instances.

```
tiup clean --all
```

13.4.4.4.3 Uninstall components

The components installed using TiUP take up local disk space. If you do not want to keep too many components of old versions, you can check which versions of a component are currently installed, and then uninstall this component.

You can use the `tiup uninstall` command to uninstall all versions or specific versions of a component. This command also supports uninstalling all components. The command usage is as follows:

```
tiup uninstall [component][:version] [flags]
```

The following flags are supported in this command:

- `--all`: Uninstalls all components or versions.
- `--self`: Uninstalls TiUP itself.

`component` is the component to be uninstalled. `version` is the version to be uninstalled. Both `component` and `version` can be ignored in the `tiup uninstall` command. If you ignore either one of these two, you need to add the `--all` flag.

- If the version is ignored, adding `--all` means to uninstall all versions of this component.
- If the version and the component are both ignored, adding `--all` means to uninstall all components of all versions.

Example 1: Uninstall TiDB v8.5.1.

```
tiup uninstall tidb:v8.5.1
```

Example 2: Uninstall TiKV of all versions.

```
tiup uninstall tikv --all
```

Example 3: Uninstall all installed components.

```
tiup uninstall --all
```

13.4.4.4.4 Link components

TiUP v1.13.0 adds the experimental `link` and `unlink` commands to link the binary of a component to the executable directory (`$TIUP_HOME/bin/`) and remove the link. This feature enables you to call a component without going through TiUP each time, while preserving the ability to switch between different versions. However, this method lacks the process of automatic update checking and setting certain environment variables and some components (such as ctl) cannot be used. Therefore, it is recommended to use it only when necessary.

Example 1: install and link the latest version of the cluster component

```
tiup install cluster
tiup link cluster
```

Example 2: switch the cluster component to version v1.13.0

```
tiup link cluster:v1.13.0
```

The following is the output of the `tiup link cluster` command:

```
package cluster provides these executables: tiup-cluster
```

This indicates that the binary name of the cluster component is `tiup-cluster`. After the link command is completed, you can use the cluster component by directly typing `tiup -cluster` into the command line.

Example 3: cancel the link of the cluster component

```
tiup unlink cluster
```

Example 4: manage the version of TiUP

Before v1.13.0, TiUP is installed in `~/.tiup/bin/` and different versions cannot coexist. Starting from v1.13.0, you can install and link TiUP like any other components.

```
tiup update --self # update tiup itself to a version that supports link
tiup link tiup:v1.13.0
```

13.4.5 TiUP FAQs

This document collects the frequently asked questions (FAQs) about TiUP.

13.4.5.1 Can TiUP not use the official mirror source?

TiUP supports specifying the mirror source through the `TIUP_MIRRORS` environment variable. The address of the mirror source can be a local directory or an HTTP server address. If your environment cannot access the network, you can create your own offline mirror source to use TiUP.

After using an unofficial mirror, if you want the official mirror back and use it, take one of the following measures:

- Set the `TIUP_MIRRORS` variable to the official mirror address: `https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com`.
- Make sure that the `TIUP_MIRRORS` variable is not set, and then execute the `tiup mirror set https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com` command.

13.4.5.2 How do I put my own component into the TiUP mirrors?

TiUP does not support third-party components for the time being, but the TiUP Team has developed the TiUP component development specifications and is developing the tiup-publish component. After everything is ready, a contributor can publish their own components to TiUP's official mirrors by using the `tiup publish <comp> <version>` command.

13.4.5.3 What is the difference between the TiUP playground and TiUP cluster components?

The TiUP playground component is mainly used to build a stand-alone development environment on Linux or macOS operating systems. It helps you get started quickly and run a specified version of the TiUP cluster easily. The TiUP cluster component is mainly used to deploy and maintain a production environment cluster, which is usually a large-scale cluster. TiDB clusters deployed by TiUP Playground might lack some features and operational capabilities, and it is not recommended for complete functional and stability testing.

13.4.5.4 How do I write the topology file for the TiUP cluster component?

Refer to these templates to write the topology file. The templates include:

- Multi-DC deployment topology
- Minimal deployment topology
- Complete topology file

You can edit your topology file based on the templates and your needs.

13.4.5.5 Can multiple instances be deployed on the same host?

You can use the TiUP cluster component to deploy multiple instances on the same host, but with different ports and directories configured; otherwise, directory and port conflicts might occur.

13.4.5.6 Are port and directory conflicts detected within the same cluster?

Port and directory conflicts in the same cluster are detected during deployment and scaling. If there is any directory or port conflict, the deployment or scaling process is interrupted.

13.4.5.7 Are port and directory conflicts detected among different clusters?

If multiple different clusters are deployed by the same TiUP control machine, the port and directory conflicts among these clusters are detected during deployment and scaling. If the clusters are deployed by different TiUP control machines, conflict detection is not supported currently.

13.4.5.8 During cluster deployment, TiUP received an `ssh: handshake failed: read tcp 10.10.10.34:38980 -> 10.10.10.34:3600: read: connection reset by peer` error

The error might occur because the default number of concurrent threads of TiUP exceeds the default maximum number of SSH connections. To solve the issue, you can increase the default number of SSH connections, and then restart the sshd service:

```
vi /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

```
MaxSessions 1000
MaxStartups 1000
```

13.4.6 TiUP Troubleshooting Guide

This document introduces some common issues when you use TiUP and the troubleshooting methods. If this document does not include the issues you bump into, file a new issue in the Github TiUP repository.

13.4.6.1 Troubleshoot TiUP commands

13.4.6.1.1 Can't see the latest component list using `tiup list`

TiUP does not update the latest component list from the mirror server every time. You can forcibly refresh the component list by running `tiup list`.

13.4.6.1.2 Can't see the latest version information of a component using `tiup list <component>`

Same as the previous issue, the component version information is only obtained from the mirror server when there is no local cache. You can refresh the component list by running `tiup list <component>`.

13.4.6.1.3 Component downloading process is interrupted

Unstable network might result in an interrupted component downloading process. You can try to download the component again. If you cannot download it after trying multiple times, it might be caused by the CDN server and you can report the issue here.

13.4.6.1.4 A checksum error occurs during component downloading process

Because the CDN server has a short cache time, the new checksum file might not match the component package. Try to download again after 5 minutes. If the new checksum file still does not match the component package, report the issue here.

13.4.6.2 Troubleshoot TiUP cluster component

13.4.6.2.1 `unable to authenticate, attempted methods [none publickey]` is prompted during deployment

During deployment, component packages are uploaded to the remote host and the initialization is performed. This process requires connecting to the remote host. This error is caused by the failure to find the SSH private key to connect to the remote host.

To solve this issue, confirm whether you have specified the private key by running `tiup cluster deploy -i identity_file`:

- If the `-i` flag is not specified, it might be that TiUP does not automatically find the private key path. It is recommended to explicitly specify the private key path using `-i`.
- If the `-i` flag is specified, it might be that TiUP cannot log in to the remote host using the specified private key. You can verify it by manually executing the `ssh -i identity_file user@remote` command.
- If a password is used to log in to the remote host, make sure that you have specified the `-p` flag and entered the correct login password.

13.4.6.2.2 The process of upgrading the cluster using the TiUP cluster component is interrupted

To avoid misuse cases, the TiUP cluster component does not support the upgrade of specified nodes, so after the upgrade fails, you need to perform the upgrade operations again, including idempotent operations during the upgrade process.

The upgrade process can be divided into the following steps:

1. Back up the old version of components on all nodes
2. Distribute new components to remote
3. Perform a rolling restart to all components

If the upgrade is interrupted during a rolling restart, instead of repeating the `tiup cluster upgrade` operation, you can use `tiup cluster restart -N <node1> -N <node2>` to restart the nodes that have not completed the restart.

If the number of un-restarted nodes of the same component is relatively large, you can also restart a certain type of component by running `tiup cluster restart -R <component>`.

13.4.6.2.3 During the upgrade, you find that `node_exporter-9100.service/blackbox_expor` does not exist

If you previously migrated your cluster from TiDB Ansible and the exporter was not deployed in TiDB Ansible, this situation might happen. To solve it, you can manually copy the missing files from other nodes to the new node for the time being. The TiUP team will complete the missing components during the migration process.

13.4.7 Command Reference

13.4.7.1 TiUP Reference

TiUP serves as the package manager of the TiDB ecosystem. It manages components in the TiDB ecosystem, such as TiDB, PD, and TiKV.

13.4.7.1.1 Syntax

```
tiup [flags] <command> [args...]   # Executes a command
#### or
tiup [flags] <component> [args...] # Runs a component
```

You can use the `--help` command to get the information of a specific command. The summary of each command shows its parameters and their usage. Mandatory parameters are shown in angle brackets, and optional parameters are shown in square brackets.

`<command>` represents the command name. For the list of supported commands, see the Command list below. `<component>` represents the component name. For the list of supported components, see the Component list below.

13.4.7.1.2 Options

–binary

- If you enable this option, the specified binary file path is printed.
    - Executing `tiup --binary <component>` will have the path of the latest stable installed `<component>` component printed. If `<component>` is not installed, an error is returned.
    - Executing `tiup --binary <component>:<version>` will have the path of the installed `<component>` component's `<version>` printed. If this `<version>` is not printed, an error is returned.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

> **Note:**
>
> This option can only be used in commands of the `tiup [flags] <component > [args...]` format.

–binpath

> **Note:**
>
> This option can only be used in commands of the `tiup [flags] <component > [args...]` format.

- Specifies the path of the component to be executed. When a component is executed, if you do not want to use the binary file in the TiUP mirror, you can add this option to specify using the binary file in a custom path.
- Data type: `STRING`

-T, –tag

- Specifies a tag for the component to be started. Some components need to use disk storage during the execution, and TiUP allocates a temporary storage directory for this execution. If you want TiUP to allocate a fixed directory, you can use `-T/--tag` to specify the name of the directory, so that the same batch of files can be read and written in multiple executions with the same tag.
- Data type: `STRING`

-v, –version

Prints the TiUP version.

–help

Prints the help information.

13.4.7.1.3 Command list

TiUP has multiple commands, and these commands have multiple sub-commands. For the specific commands and their detailed descriptions, click the corresponding links in the list below:

- install: Installs a component.
- list: Shows the component list.
- uninstall: Uninstalls a component.
- update: Updates the installed component.
- status: Shows the running status of a component.
- clean: Cleans the data directory of a component.
- mirror: Manages the mirror.
- telemetry: Enables or disables the telemetry.
- completion: Completes the TiUP command.
- env: Shows the TiUP-related environment variables.
- help: Shows the help information of a command or component.

13.4.7.1.4 Component list

- cluster: Manages the TiDB cluster in a production environment.
- dm: Manages the TiDB Data Migration (DM) cluster in a production environment.

13.4.7.2 TiUP Commands

13.4.7.2.1 tiup clean

The `tiup clean` command is used to clear the data generated during component operation.

Syntax

```
tiup clean [name] [flags]
```

The value of `[name]` is the `Name` field output by the `status` command. If `[name]` is omitted, you must add the `--all` option in the `tiup clean` command.

Option

–all

- Clears all operation records
- Data type: Boolean
- Default: false

Output

```
Clean instance of `%s`, directory: %s
```

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13.4.7.2.2 tiup completion

To reduce user costs, TiUP provides the `tiup completion` command to generate a configuration file for automatic command-line completion. Currently, TiUP supports completing `bash` and `zsh` commands.

If you want to complete `bash` commands, you need to install `bash-completion` first. See the following instructions:

- On macOS: If your bash version is earlier than 4.1, run `brew install bash-completion`; otherwise, run `brew install bash-completion@2`.
- On Linux: Use a package manager to install `bash-completion`. For example, run `yum install bash-completion` or `apt install bash-completion`.

Syntax

```
tiup completion <shell>
```

`<shell>` is used to set the type of shell you use. Currently, `bash` and `zsh` are supported.

Usage

bash

Write the `tiup completion bash` command into a file and source the file in `.bash_profile`. See the following example:

```
tiup completion bash > ~/.tiup.completion.bash

printf "
##### tiup shell completion
source '$HOME/.tiup.completion.bash'
" >> $HOME/.bash_profile

source $HOME/.bash_profile
```

zsh

```
tiup completion zsh > "${fpath[1]}/_tiup"
```

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13.4.7.2.3 tiup env

TiUP provides users with flexible and customized interfaces, some of which are implemented using environment variables. The `tiup env` command is used to query the user-defined environment variables that TiUP supports and their values.

Syntax

```
tiup env [name1...N]
```

`[name1...N]` is used to view the specified environment variables. If it is not specified, all supported environment variables are viewed by default.

Option

None

Output

- If `[name1...N]` is not specified, a list of "{key}"="{value}" is output.
- If `[name1...N]` is specified, the "{value}" list is output in order.

In the above output, if `value` is empty, it means that the value of the environment variable is not set. In this case, TiUP uses the default value.

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13.4.7.2.4 tiup help

The TiUP command-line interface provides users with a wealth of help information. You can view it via the `help` command or the `--help` option.

Syntax

```
tiup help [command]
```

`[command]` is used to specify the help information of which command that users need to view. If it is not specified, the help information of TiUP is viewed.

Option

None

Output

The help information of `[command]` or TiUP.

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13.4.7.2.5 tiup install

The `tiup install` command is used for component installation. It downloads the component package of a specified version from the mirror repository and decompresses it in the local TiUP data directory for later use. In addition, when TiUP needs to run a component that does not exist in the mirror repository, it tries to download the component first and then runs it automatically. If the component does not exist in the repository, an error is reported.

Syntax

```
tiup install <component1>[:version] [component2...N] [flags]
```

`<component1>` and `<component2>` represent component names, and `[version]` represents an optional version number. If `version` is not added, the latest stable version of the specified component is installed. `[component2...N]` means that you can specify multiple components or multiple versions of the same component at the same time.

Option

None

Output

- Normally outputs the download information of the component.
- If the component does not exist, the `The component "%s" not found` error is reported.
- If the version does not exist, the `version %s not supported by component %s` error is reported.

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13.4.7.2.6 tiup list

The command `tiup list` is used to get the list of available components of a mirror.

Syntax

```
tiup list [component] [flags]
```

`[component]` is an optional parameter used to specify a certain component. If `[component]` is set, TiUP lists all versions of the specified component; if not, TiUP lists all components.

Options

–all

- Displays all components. By default, TiUP does not show hidden components.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–installed

- Only displays components and versions that have been installed.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–verbose

- Displays installed component versions in the components list.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

- If `[component]` is not set:
  - If `--verbose` is specified: TiUP outputs a component information list consisting of `Name` (component name), `Installed` (installed versions), `Owner` (component owner), and `Description` (component description).

- If `--verbose` is not specified: TiUP outputs a component information list consisting of `Name` (component name), `Owner` (component owner), and `Description` (component description).

- If `[component]` is set:
  - If the specified component exists: TiUP outputs a version information list of the specified component, consisting of `Version` (version number), `Installed` (installation status), `Release` (release date), and `Platforms` (supported platforms).
  - If the specified component does not exist: TiUP reports the error `failed to fetch component: unknown component`.

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13.4.7.2.7 tiup mirror

tiup mirror

In TiUP, mirror is an important concept. TiUP currently supports two forms of mirroring:

- Local mirror: the TiUP client and the mirror are on the same machine, and the client accesses the mirror through the file system.
- Remote mirror: the TiUP client and the mirror are not on the same machine, and the client accesses the mirror through network.

The `tiup mirror` command is used to manage mirrors and provides ways to create mirrors, distribute components, and manage keys.

Syntax

```
tiup mirror <command> [flags]
```

`<command>` stands for sub-commands. For the list of supported sub-commands, refer to the command list below.

Option

None

Command list

- genkey: generates the private key file
- sign: signs a specific file using a private key file
- init: initiates an empty mirror
- set: sets the current mirror
- grant: grants a new component owner for the current mirror
- publish: publishes new components to the current mirror

- modify: modifies the attributes of the components in the current mirror
- rotate: updates the root certificate in the current mirror
- clone: clones a new mirror from an existing one
- merge: merges mirrors

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tiup mirror clone

The command `tiup mirror clone` is used to clone an existing mirror or clone some of its components to create a new mirror. The new mirror has the same components as the old one, but uses a different signature key.

Syntax

```
tiup mirror clone <target-dir> [global version] [flags]
```

- `<target-dir>` is used to set the local path to the cloned mirror. If the path does not exist, TiUP automatically creates one.
- If `[global version]` is specified, TiUP tries to clone all components of the specified version. If some components do not have the specified version, then TiUP clones its latest version.

Options

-f, –full

- Whether to clone the whole mirror. If this option is set, other options becomes ignored and TiUP completely clones all components of all versions from the targeted mirror.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

-a, –arch

- Only clones components that can run on the specified platform.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: “amd64,arm64”

-o, –os

- Only clones components that can run on the specified operating system.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: “linux,darwin”

–prefix

- Whether to only match the prefix of versions. By default, TiUP downloads a component version when it is strictly matched. If this option is set, TiUP also downloads component versions of which prefixes are matched.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–{component}

- Specifies the version list of the component to be cloned. Fill component names in `{component}`. You can run `tiup list --all` to view available component names.
- Data type: Strings
- Default: Null

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tiup mirror genkey

TiUP mirror, according its definition, has three roles of users:

- Mirror administrators: They have the permission to modify `root.json`, `index.json`, `snapshot.json`, and `timestamp.json`.
- Component owners: They have the permission to modify the corresponding component.
- Normal users: They can download and use the components.

Because TiUP requires the signature of the corresponding owner/administrator to modify a file, owners/administrators must have his or her own private key. The command `tiup mirror genkey` is used to generate a private key.

> **Warning:**
>
> **DO NOT** transmit private keys over the Internet.

Syntax

```
tiup mirror genkey [flags]
```

Options

-n, –name

- Specifies the name of the key, which also determines the name of the final generated file. The path of the generated private key file is `${TIUP_HOME}/keys/{name}.json`. `TIUP_HOME` refers to the home directory of TiUP, which is `$HOME/.tiup` by default. `name` refers to the private key name that `-n/--name` specifies.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: "private"

-p, –public

- Shows the corresponding public key of the private key specified in the option `-n/--name`.
- TiUP does not create a new private key when `-p/--public` is specified. If the private key specified in `-n/--name` does not exist, TiUP returns an error.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–save

- Saves the information of the public key as a file in the current directory. The file name is `{hash-prefix}-public.json`. `hash-prefix` is the first 16 bits of the key ID.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

- If `-p/--public` is not specified:
  - If the private key specified in `-n/--name` exists: TiUP outputs `Key already exists, skipped`.
  - If the private key specified in `-n/--name` does not exist: TiUP outputs `private key have been write to ${TIUP_HOME}/keys/{name}.json`.
- If `-p/--public` is specified:
  - If the private key specified in `-n/--name` does not exist: TiUP reports the error `Error: open ${TIUP_HOME}/keys/{name}.json: no such file or directory`.
  - If the private key specified in `-n/--name` exists: TiUP outputs the content of the corresponding public key.

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tiup mirror grant

The `tiup mirror grant` command is used to introduce a component owner to the current mirror.

Component owners can use their keys to publish new components or to modify components they previously published. Before adding a new component owner, the component owner to be added needs to send his or her own public key to the mirror administrator.

> **Note:**
>
> This command is only supported when the current mirror is a local mirror.

Syntax

```
tiup mirror grant <id> [flags]
```

`<id>` stands for the component owner's ID, which must be unique in the whole mirror. It is recommended to use an ID that matches the regular expression `^[a-z\d](?:[a-z\d]|-(?=[a-z\d])){0,38}$`.

Options

-k, –key

- Specifies the key of the introduced component owner. This key can either be public or private. If it is a private key, TiUP converts it to the corresponding public key before storing it in the mirror.
- A key can be used by only one component owner.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: "${TIUP_HOME}/keys/private.json"

-n, –name

- Specifies the name of the component owner. The name is displayed on the `Owner` field of the component list. If `-n/--name` is not specified, `<id>` is used as the component owner's name.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: `<id>`

Outputs

- If the command is executed successfully, there is no output.

- If the component owner's ID is duplicated, TiUP reports the error `Error: owner %s exists`.
- If the key is used by another component owner, TiUP reports the error `Error: key %s exists`.

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tiup mirror init

The command `tiup mirror init` is used to initialize an empty mirror. The initialized mirror does not contain any components or component owners. The command only generates the following files for the initialized mirror:

```
+ <mirror-dir>                                # Mirror's root directory
|-- root.json                                 # Mirror's root certificate
|-- 1.index.json                              # Component/user index
|-- snapshot.json                             # Mirror's latest snapshot
|-- timestamp.json                            # Mirror's latest timestamp
|--+ keys                                     # Mirror's private key (can be
   ↪ moved to other locations)
   |-- {hash1..hashN}-root.json               # Private key of the root
      ↪ certificate
   |-- {hash}-index.json                      # Private key of the indexes
   |-- {hash}-snapshot.json                   # Private key of the snapshots
   |-- {hash}-timestamp.json                  # Private key of the timestamps
```

For the specific usage and content format of the above files, refer to TiUP Mirror Reference Guide.

Syntax

```
tiup mirror init <path> [flags]
```

`<path>` is used to specify a local directory where TiUP generates and stores mirror files. The local directory can be a relative path. If the specified directory already exists, it must be empty; if it does not exist, TiUP creates it automatically.

Options

-k, –key-dir

- Specifies the directory where TiUP generates private key files. If the specified directory does not exist, TiUP automatically creates it.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified in the command, TiUP generates private key files in `{path}/keys` by default.

Outputs

- If the command is executed successfully, there is no output.
- If the specified `<path>` is not empty, TiUP reports the error `Error: the target path '%s' is not an empty directory`.
- If the specified `<path>` is not a directory, TiUP reports the error `Error: fdopendir: not a directory`.

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tiup mirror merge

The `tiup mirror merge` command is used to merge one or more mirrors to the current mirror.

To execute this command, the following conditions must be met:

- The owner IDs of all components of the target mirror exist in the current mirror.
- The `${TIUP_HOME}/keys` directory of the user who executes this command contains all the private keys corresponding to the above owner IDs in the current mirror (you can use the command `tiup mirror set` to switch the current mirror to the mirror that is currently authorized to modify).

Syntax

```
tiup mirror merge <mirror-dir-1> [mirror-dir-N] [flags]
```

- `<mirror-dir-1>`: the first mirror to be merged into the current mirror
- `[mirror-dir-N]`: the Nth mirror to be merged into the current mirror

Option

None

Outputs

- If the command is executed successfully, there is no output.
- If the current mirror does not have a component owner of the target mirror, or if `${TIUP_HOME}/keys` does not have the owner's private key, TiUP reports the `Error: missing owner keys for owner %s on component %s` error.

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tiup mirror modify

The `tiup mirror modify` command is used to modify published components. Only valid component owners can modify the components that they have published on their own. For the method to publish a component, refer to the `publish` command.

Syntax

```
tiup mirror modify <component>[:version] [flags]
```

Each parameter is explained as follows:

- `<component>`: the component name
- `[version]`: the component version to modify. If it is not specified, the entire component is modified.

Options

-k, –key

- Specifies the component owner's private key used for signing the component information (`{component}.json`).
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified in the command, `"${TIUP_HOME}/keys/private.json"` is used by default to sign the component information.

–yank

Marks a specified component or version as unavailable.

- After the component is marked as unavailable, you can neither see it in the result list of `tiup list` nor install the new version of the component.
- After a component version is marked as unavailable, you can neither see it in the result list of `tiup list <component>` nor install this version.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–hide

- Specifies whether to hide the component. If a component is hidden, you cannot see it in the result list of `tiup list`. To see the hidden component, you can use `tiup list --all`.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

> **Note:**
>
> This option can only be applied to the component, not to the component version.

–standalone

- Controls whether the component can run standalone. This option is currently **NOT available**.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

> **Note:**
>
> This option can only be applied to the component, not to the component version.

Outputs

- If the command is executed successfully, there is no output.
- If the component owner is not authorized to modify the target component:
    - If the mirror is a remote mirror, TiUP reports the error `Error: The server refused, make sure you have access to this component`.
    - If the mirror is a local mirror, TiUP reports the error `Error: the signature is not correct`.

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tiup mirror publish

The command `tiup mirror publish` is used to publish a new component or a new version of an existing component. Only component owner that has the access to the target component can publish it. To add a new component owner, see the usage of the grant command.

Syntax

```
tiup mirror publish <comp-name> <version> <tarball> <entry> [flags]
```

The meaning of each parameter is as follows:

- `<comp-name>`: The name of the components, such as `tidb`. It is recommended to use a string that matches the regular expression `^[a-z\d](?:[a-z\d]|-(?=[a-z\d])){0,38}$`.
- `<version>`: The version of the component to be published. The version number needs to follow the requirements of Semantic Versioning.
- `<tarball>`: The local directory of the `.tar.gz` package. You need to put dependencies and the executable file of the component in this package. TiUP uploads this package to the mirror.
- `<entry>`: The location of the component's executable file in `<tarball>`.

Options

-k, –key

- Specifies the component owner's private key. The client uses the private key to sign `{component}.json` files.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: "${TIUP_HOME}/keys/private.json"

–arch

- Specifies the platform on which the binary files in `<tarball>` can run. For a single `<tarball>` package, you can only choose the platform from the following options:
  - `amd64`: Indicates that the files run on AMD64 machines.
  - `arm64`: Indicates that the files run on ARM64 machines.
  - `any`: Indicates that the files, such as scripts, run on both AMD64 and ARM64 machines.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: "${GOARCH}"

> **Note:**
>
> If `--arch` is set to `any`, then `--os` must be set to `any` as well.

–os

- Specifies the operating system on which the binary files in `<tarball>` can run. For a single `<tarball>` package, you can only choose the operating system from the following options:
    - `linux`: Indicates that the files run on the Linux operating system.
    - `darwin`: Indicates that the files run on the Darwin operating system.
    - `any`: Indicates that the files, such as scripts, run on both the Linux and Darwin operating systems.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: "${GOOS}"

> **Note:**
>
> If `--os` is set to `any`, then `--arch` must be set to `any` as well.

–desc

- Specifies the description of the component.
- Data type: `String`
- Default: NULL

–hide

- Specifies whether the component is hidden. If it is a hidden component, it can be seen in the result list of `tiup list -all`, but not in that of `tiup list`.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: NULL

–standalone

- Controls whether the component can run standalone. This option is currently **NOT available**.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

- If the command is executed successfully, there is no output.
- If the component owner is not authorized to modify the target component:
    - If the mirror is a remote mirror, TiUP reports the error `Error: The server refused, make sure you have access to this component`.
    - If the mirror is a local mirror, TiUP reports the error `Error: the signature is not correct`.

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tiup mirror rotate

`root.json` is an important file in a TiUP mirror. It stores the public keys needed for the entire system and is the basis of the chain of trust in TiUP. It mainly contains the following parts:

- Signatures of mirror administrators. For the official mirror, there are five signatures. For an initialized mirror, there are three signatures by default.
- The public keys used to verify the following files:
    - root.json
    - index.json
    - snapshot.json
    - timestamp.json
- Expiration date of `root.json`. For the official mirror, the expiration date is one year later than the creation date of `root.json`.

For detailed description of TiUP mirror, see TiUP Mirror Reference.

You need to update `root.json` in the following cases:

- Replace the key of the mirror.
- Update the expiration date of certificate files.

After the content of `root.json` is updated, the file must be re-signed by all administrators; otherwise, the client rejects the file. The update process is as follows:

1. The user (client) updates the content of `root.json`.
2. All administrators sign the new `root.json` file.
3. tiup-server updates `snapshot.json` to record the version of the new `root.json` file.
4. tiup-server signs the new `snapshot.json` file.
5. tiup-server updates `timestamp.json` to record the hash value of the new `snapshot.json` file.
6. tiup-server signs the new `timestamp.json` file.

TiUP uses the command `tiup mirror rotate` to automate the above process.

Note:

- For TiUP versions earlier than v1.5.0, running this command does not return a correct new `root.json` file. See #983.
- Before using this command, make sure that all TiUP clients are upgraded to v1.5.0 or a later version.

Syntax

```
tiup mirror rotate [flags]
```

After executing this command, TiUP starts an editor for the user to modify the file content to the target value, such as changing the value of the `expires` field to a later date. Then, TiUP changes the `version` field from `N` to `N+1` and saves the file. After the file is saved, TiUP starts a temporary HTTP server and waits for all mirror administrators to sign the file.

For how mirror administrators sign files, refer to the `sign` command.

Options

–addr

- Specifies the listening address of the temporary server. You need to make sure that the address is accessible to other mirror administrators so that they can use the `sign` command to sign the file.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified in the command, TiUP listens on `0.0.0.0:8080` by default.

Outputs

The current signature status of each mirror administrator.

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tiup mirror set

The `tiup mirror set` command is used to switch the current mirror and supports two forms of mirrors: local file system and remote network address.

The address of the official mirror is `https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com`.

Syntax

```
tiup mirror set <mirror-addr> [flags]
```

`<mirror-addr>` is the mirror address, which has two forms:

- Network address: starts with `http` or `https`. For example, `http://172.16.5.5:8080`, `https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com`.
- Local file path: the absolute path of the mirror directory. For example, `/path/to/local-tiup-mirror`.

Option

-r, –root

This option specifies the root certificate.

As the most critical part of mirror security, the root certificate of each mirror is different from one another. When you use the network mirror, it might suffer from man-in-the-middle attacks. To avoid such attacks, it is recommended to manually download the root certificate of the root network mirror to the local:

```
wget <mirror-addr>/root.json -O /path/to/local/root.json
```

Perform a manual check to ensure that the root certificate is correct, and then switch the mirror by manually specifying the root certificate:

```
tiup mirror set <mirror-addr> -r /path/to/local/root.json
```

In the steps above, if the mirror is attacked before the `wget` command, you can find that the root certificate is incorrect. If the mirror is attacked after the `wget` command, TiUP will find that the mirror does not match the root certificate.

- Data type: `String`
- Default: `{mirror-dir}/root.json`

Output

None

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tiup mirror sign

The `tiup mirror sign` command is used to sign the metadata files (*.json) defined in TiUP mirror. These metadata files might be stored on the local file system or remotely stored using the HTTP protocol to provide a signature entry.

Syntax

```
tiup mirror sign <manifest-file> [flags]
```

`<manifest-file>` is the address of the file to be signed, which has two forms:

- Network address, which starts with HTTP or HTTPS, such as `http://172.16.5.5:8080/rotate/root.json`
- Local file path, which is a relative path or an absolute path

If it is a network address, this address must provide the following features:

- Supports the access via `http get` that returns the complete content of the signed file (including the `signatures` field).
- Supports the access via `http post`. The client adds the signature to the `signatures` field of the content that is returned by `http get` and posts to this network address.

Options

-k, –key

- Specifies the location of the private key used for signing the `{component}.json` file.
- Data type: `STRING`
- - If this option is not specified in the command, `"${TIUP_HOME}/keys/private.json"` is used by default.

–timeout

- Specifies the access timeout time for signing through the network. The unit is in seconds.
- Data type: `INT`
- Default: 10

> **Note:**
>
> This option is valid only when `<manifest-file>` is a network address.

Output

- If the command is executed successfully, there is no output.
- If the file has been signed by the specified key, TiUP reports the error `Error: this manifest file has already been signed by specified key`.
- If the file is not a valid manifest, TiUP reports the error `Error: unmarshal manifest : %s`.

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13.4.7.2.8 tiup status

The `tiup status` command is used to view the operation information of the components after you run the components using the `tiup [flags] <component> [args...]` command.

> **Note:**
>
> You can only check the information of the following components:
>
> - Components that are still in operation
> - Components that run through the tag specified by `tiup -T/--tag`

Syntax

```
tiup status [flags]
```

Option

None

Output

A table consisting of the following fields:

- `Name`: The tag name specified by `-T/--tag`. If not specified, it is a random string.
- `Component`: The operating components.
- `PID`: The corresponding process ID of the operating components.
- `Status`: The status of the operating components.
- `Created Time`: The starting time of the components.
- `Directory`: The data directory of the components.
- `Binary`: The binary file path of the components.
- `Args`: The starting arguments of the operating components.

Component status

A component can run in one of the following statuses:

- Up: The component is running normally.
- Down or Unreachable: The component is not running or a network problem exists on the corresponding host.
- Tombstone: The data on the component has been completely migrated out and the scaling-in is complete. This status exists only on TiKV or TiFlash.
- Pending Offline: The data on the component is being migrated out and the scaling-in is in process. This status exists only on TiKV or TiFlash.
- Unknown: The running status of the component is unknown.

> **Note:**
>
> `Pending Offline` in TiUP, `Offline` returned by PD API, and `Leaving` in TiDB Dashboard indicate the same status.

Component status derives from the PD scheduling information. For more details, see Information collection.

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13.4.7.2.9 tiup telemetry

Starting from v1.11.3, the telemetry is disabled by default in newly deployed TiUP, and usage information is not collected and shared with PingCAP. In versions earlier than v1.11.3, the telemetry is enabled by default in TiUP, and usage information is collected and shared with PingCAP to improve the product.

When TiUP telemetry is enabled, usage information is shared with PingCAP when TiUP commands are executed, including (but not limited to):

- Randomly generated telemetry identifiers.
- The execution status of the TiUP command, such as whether the command execution is successful and the duration of command execution.
- Situations using TiUP for deployment, such as target machine hardware information, component version number, and modified deployment configuration name.

The information below is not shared:

- The accurate name of the cluster
- The cluster topology
- The cluster configuration file

TiUP uses the `tiup telemetry` command to control telemetry.

Syntax

```
tiup telemetry <command>
```

`<command>` stands for sub-commands. For the list of supported sub-commands, refer to the commands section below.

Commands

status

The `tiup telemetry status` command is used to view the current telemetry settings and output the following information:

- `status`: specifies enabling or disabling the telemetry `(enable|disable)`.
- `uuid`: specifies the randomly generated telemetry identifiers.

reset

The `tiup telemetry reset` command is used to reset the current telemetry identifier and replaces it with a new random identifier.

enable

The `tiup telemetry enable` command is used to enable the telemetry.

disable

The `tiup telemetry disable` command is used to disable the telemetry.

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13.4.7.2.10 tiup uninstall

The `tiup uninstall` command is used to uninstall the installed components.

Syntax

```
tiup uninstall <component1>:<version> [component2...N] [flags]
```

- `<component1>`: the name of the component to uninstall.
- `<version>`: the version to uninstall. If this field is omitted, all installed versions of the component are uninstalled. For security reasons, the `--all` option must be added when `<version>` is omitted, indicating that all versions of a component need to be uninstalled.
- `[component2...N]`: multiple components or versions to uninstall.

Options

–all

- Uninstalls all installed versions of the specified component(s). You must use this option when `<version>` is omitted.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–self

- Uninstalls TiUP itself. When this option is used, all data downloaded from the mirror is deleted, but the data generated by TiUP and its components is retained. The data is stored in the directory specified by the `TIUP_HOME` environment variable. If `TIUP_HOME` is not set, the default value is `~/.tiup/`.

- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

- If the command exits without any error, `Uninstalled component "%s" successfully ↪ !` is output.
- If neither `<version>` nor `--all` is specified, the `Use "tiup uninstall tidbx --all ↪ " if you want to remove all versions.` error is reported.

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13.4.7.2.11 tiup update

The `tiup update` command is used to update the installed components or TiUP itself.

Syntax

```
tiup update [component1][:version] [component2..N] [flags]
```

- `[component1]`: the name of the component to update.
- `[version]`: the version to update. If this field is omitted, it means updating to the latest stable version of the component.
- `[component2...N]`: specifies updating multiple components or versions. If no component is specified, which means `[component1][:version] [component2..N]` is empty, you need to use the `--all` or the `--self` option together.

The update operation does not delete the old version. You can still specify using the old version during execution.

Options

–all

- If no component is specified, this option must be specified.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–force

- If the specified version of the component is already installed, the update operation is skipped by default. Specifying this option will have the installed version forcibly updated.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–nightly

- Updates the specified components to the nightly version. The `tiup update` command with this option is equivalent to the `tiup update <component>:nightly` command.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–self

- Updates TiUP itself.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

- If the update is successful, `Updated successfully!` is output.
- If target version does not exist, the `Error: version %s not supported by component %s` error is reported.

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13.4.7.3 TiUP Cluster Commands

13.4.7.3.1 TiUP Cluster

TiUP Cluster is a cluster management component of TiUP written in Golang. You can use the TiUP Cluster component to perform daily operations and maintenance, including deploying, starting, shutting down, destroying, elastic scaling, upgrading TiDB clusters, and managing TiDB cluster parameters.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster [command] [flags]
```

`[command]` is the name of the command. For the supported commands, refer to the command list below.

Options

–ssh

- Specifies the SSH client to connect to the remote end (the machine where the TiDB service is deployed) for the command execution.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Supported values:
  - `builtin`: uses the easyssh client built in tiup-cluster as the SSH client.
  - `system`: uses the default SSH client of the current operating system.
  - `none`: The SSH client is not used. The deployment is only for the current machine.
- If this option is not specified in the command, `builtin` is used as the default value.

–ssh-timeout

- Specifies the SSH connection timeout in seconds.
- Data type: `UINT`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the default timeout is `5` seconds.

–wait-timeout

- Specifies the maximum waiting time (in seconds) for each step in the operation process. The operation process consists of many steps, such as specifying systemctl to start or stop services, and waiting for ports to be online or offline. Each step may take several seconds. If the execution time of a step exceeds the specified timeout, the step exits with an error.
- Data type: `UINT`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the maximum waiting time for each step is `120` seconds.

-y, –yes

- Skips the secondary confirmation of all risky operations. Using this option is not recommended, unless you are using a script to call TiUP.

- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

-v, –version

- Prints the current version of TiUP Cluster.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information of the related commands.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Command list

- import: imports a cluster deployed by Ansible
- template: outputs the topology template
- check: checks a cluster before and after the deployment
- deploy: deploys a cluster based on a specified topology
- list: queries the list of deployed clusters
- display: displays the status of a specified cluster
- start: starts a specified cluster
- stop: stops a specified cluster
- restart: restarts a specified cluster
- scale-in: scales in a specified cluster
- scale-out: scales out a specified cluster
- upgrade: upgrades a specified cluster
- prune: cleans up the instances in the Tombstone status for a specified cluster
- edit-config: modifies the configuration of a specified cluster
- reload: reloads the configuration of a specified cluster
- patch: replaces a service in a deployed cluster
- rename: renames a cluster
- clean: deletes data from the specified cluster
- destroy: destroys a specified cluster
- audit: queries the operation audit log of a specified cluster
- replay: retries the specified command
- enable: enables the auto-enabling of the cluster service after a machine is restarted
- disable: disables the auto-enabling of the cluster service after a machine is restarted
- meta backup: backs up the TiUP meta file required for the operation and maintenance of a specified cluster

- meta restore: restores the TiUP meta file of a specified cluster
- help: prints the help information

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13.4.7.3.2 tiup cluster audit

The `tiup cluster audit` command is used to view commands executed on all clusters in the history and the execution log of each command.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster audit [audit-id] [flags]
```

- If you do not fill in the `[audit-id]`, the table of operation records is output in reverse chronological order. The first column is the `audit-id`.
- If you fill in the `[audit-id]`, it means checking the execution log of the specified `audit-id`.

Option

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `Boolean`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

- If `[audit-id]` is specified, the corresponding execution log is output.
- If `[audit-id]` is not specified, a table with the following fields is output:
  - ID: the `audit-id` corresponding to the record
  - Time: the execution time of the command corresponding to the record
  - Command: the command corresponding to the record

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13.4.7.3.3 tiup cluster audit cleanup

The `tiup cluster audit cleanup` command is used to clean up the logs generated in executing the `tiup cluster`command.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster audit cleanup [flags]
```

Options

–retain-days

- Specifies the days for which logs are retained.
- Data type: `INT`
- Default value: `60`, in the unit of day.
- By default, logs generated within the last 60 days are retained, which means logs generated before 60 days are removed.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default value: `false`
- To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

```
clean audit log successfully
```

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13.4.7.3.4 tiup cluster check

For a formal production environment, before the environment goes live, you need to perform a series of checks to ensure the clusters are in their best performance. To simplify the manual check steps, TiUP Cluster provides the `check` command to check whether the hardware and software environments of the target machines of a specified cluster meet the requirements to work normally.

List of check items

Operating system version

Check the operating system distribution and version of the deployed machines. For a list of supported versions, see OS and platform requirements.

CPU EPOLLEXCLUSIVE

Check whether the CPU of the target machine supports EPOLLEXCLUSIVE.

numactl

Check whether `numactl` is installed on the target machine. If tied cores are configured on the target machine, you must install `numactl`.

System time

Check whether the system time of the target machine is synchronized. Compare the system time of the target machine with that of the central control machine, and report an error if the deviation exceeds a certain threshold (500 ms).

System time zone

Check whether the system time zone of the target machines is synchronized. Compare the time zone configuration of these machines and report an error if the time zone is inconsistent.

Time synchronization service

Check whether the time synchronization service is configured on the target machine. Namely, check whether ntpd is running.

Swap partitioning

Check whether swap partitioning is enabled on the target machine. It is recommended to disable swap partitioning.

Kernel parameters

Check the values of the following kernel parameters:

- `net.ipv4.tcp_tw_recycle`: 0
- `net.ipv4.tcp_syncookies`: 0
- `net.core.somaxconn`: 32768
- `vm.swappiness`: 0
- `vm.overcommit_memory`: 0 or 1
- `fs.file-max`: 1000000

Transparent Huge Pages (THP)

Check whether THP is enabled on the target machine. It is recommended to disable THP.

To check if THP is enabled you can run this:

```
cat /sys/kernel/mm/transparent_hugepage/enabled
```

If it is not set to `never`, you can change it with `grubby --update-kernel=ALL --args ↪ ="transparent_hugepage=never"`.

To change the running configuration, either reboot or run `echo never > /sys/kernel ↪ /mm/transparent_hugepage/enabled`.

System limits

Check the limit values in the `/etc/security/limits.conf` file:

```
<deploy-user> soft nofile 1000000
<deploy-user> hard nofile 1000000
<deploy-user> soft stack 10240
```

`<deploy-user>` is the user who deploys and runs the TiDB cluster, and the last column is the minimum value required for the system.

SELinux

SELinux must be disabled or set to permissive mode. To check the current status, use the getenforce(8) utility.

If SELinux is not disabled, open the `/etc/selinux/config` file, locate the line starting with `SELINUX=`, and change it to `SELINUX=disabled`. After making this change, you need to reboot the system because switching from `enforcing` or `permissive` to `disabled` does not take effect without a reboot.

On some systems (such as Ubuntu), the `/etc/selinux/config` file might not exist, and the getenforce utility might not be installed. In that case, you can skip this step.

Firewall

Check whether the FirewallD service is enabled. It is recommended to either disable the FirewallD service or add permission rules for each service in the TiDB cluster.

irqbalance

Check whether the irqbalance service is enabled. It is recommended to enable the irqbalance service.

Disk mount options

Check the mount options for ext4 partitions. Make sure the mount options include the nodelalloc option and the noatime option.

Port usage

Check if the ports defined in the topology (including the auto-completion default ports) are already used by the processes on the target machine.

> **Note:**
>
> The port usage check assumes that a cluster is not started yet. If a cluster is already deployed and started, the port usage check on the cluster fails because the ports must be in use in this case.

CPU core number

Check the CPU information of the target machine. For a production cluster, it is recommended that the number of the CPU logical core is greater than or equal to 16.

> **Note:**
>
> CPU core number is not checked by default. To enable the check, you need to add the `-enable-cpu` option to the command.

Memory size

Check the memory size of the target machine. For a production cluster, it is recommended that the total memory capacity is greater than or equal to 32GB.

> **Note:**
>
> Memory size is not checked by default. To enable the check, you need to add the `-enable-mem` option to the command.

Fio disk performance test

Use flexible I/O tester (fio) to test the performance of the disk where `data_dir` is located, including the following three test items:

- fio_randread_write_latency
- fio_randread_write
- fio_randread

> **Note:**
>
> The fio disk performance test is not performed by default. To perform the test, you need to add the `-enable-disk` option to the command.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster check <topology.yml | cluster-name> [flags]
```

- If a cluster is not deployed yet, you need to pass the topology.yml file that is used to deploy the cluster. According to the content in this file, tiup-cluster connects to the corresponding machine to perform the check.

- If a cluster is already deployed, you can use the `<cluster-name>` as the check object.
- If you want to check the scale-out YAML file for an existing cluster, you can use both `<scale-out.yml>` and `<cluster-name>` as the check objects.

Note:

If `<cluster-name>` is used for the check, you need to add the `--cluster` option in the command.

Options

–apply

- Attempts to automatically repair the failed check items. Currently, tiup-cluster only attempts to repair the following check items:
  - SELinux
  - firewall
  - irqbalance
  - kernel parameters
  - System limits
  - THP (Transparent Huge Pages)
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Note:

`tiup cluster check` also supports repairing the `scale-out.yml` file for an existing cluster with the following command format:

```
tiup cluster check <cluster-name> scale-out.yml --cluster --
    ↪ apply --user root [-p] [-i /home/root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
```

–cluster

- Indicates that the check is for a cluster that has been deployed.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`

- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.
- Command format:

```
tiup cluster check <topology.yml | cluster-name> --cluster [flags]
```

Note:

- If the `tiup cluster check <cluster-name>` command is used, you must add the `--cluster` option: `tiup cluster check <cluster-name > --cluster`.
- `tiup cluster check` also supports checking the `scale-out.yml` file for an existing cluster with the following command format:

```
shell  tiup cluster check <cluster-name> scale-out.yml --
↪ cluster --user root [-p] [-i /home/root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
```

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to be checked. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all nodes are checked by default.

Note:

If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are checked.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles to be checked. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node roles. You can get the roles of nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`

- If this option is not specified in the command, all roles are checked by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are checked.

–enable-cpu

- Enables the check of CPU core number.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–enable-disk

- Enables the fio disk performance test.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–enable-mem

- Enables the memory size check.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–u, –user

- Specifies the user name to connect to the target machine. The specified user needs to have the password-free sudo root privileges on the target machine.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the user who executes the command is used as the default value.

> **Note:**
>
> This option is valid only if the `-cluster` option is false. Otherwise, the value of this option is fixed to the username specified in the topology file for the cluster deployment.

-i, –identity_file

- Specifies the key file to connect to the target machine.
- Data type: `STRING`
- The option is enabled by default with `~/.ssh/id_rsa` (the default value) passed in.

> **Note:**
>
> This option is valid only if the `--cluster` option is false. Otherwise, the value of this option is fixed to `${TIUP_HOME}/storage/cluster/clusters` ↪ `/<cluster-name>/ssh/id_rsa`.

-p, –password

- Logs in with a password when connecting to the target machine.
  - If the `--cluster` option is added for a cluster, the password is the password of the user specified in the topology file when the cluster was deployed.
  - If the `--cluster` option is not added for a cluster, the password is the password of the user specified in the `-u/--user` option.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information of the related commands.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

A table containing the following fields:

- `Node`: the target node
- `Check`: the check item
- `Result`: the check result (Pass, Warn, or Fail)
- `Message`: the result description

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13.4.7.3.5 tiup cluster clean

In the test environment, sometimes you might need to reset the cluster back to the state as it has been just deployed, which means deleting all data. You can do that easily using the `tiup cluster clean` command. After running it, the cluster is stopped and then cluster data is deleted. After restarting the cluster manually, you will get a clean cluster.

> **Warning:**
>
> This command will first stop the cluster even if you choose only to clean up logs. Therefore, do not use it in a production environment.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster clean <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>` is the cluster to clean.

Options

–all

- Cleans data and the log at the same time. It is equivalent to specifying `--data` and `--log` at the same time.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.
- If it is not specified, you must specify at lease one of the following options:
  - –data: Cleans data
  - –log: Cleans the log

–data

- Cleans data. If neither of it nor `--all` is specified, data will not be cleaned.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–log

- Cleans the log. If neither of it nor `--all` is specified, the log will not be cleaned.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–ignore-node

- Specifies the node that does not need cleaning. To specify multiple nodes, you can use this option multiple times. For example, `--ignore-node <node-A> --ignore-node <node-B>`.
- Data type: `StringArray`
- Default: empty

–ignore-role

- Specifies the role that does not need cleaning. To specify multiple roles, you can use this option multiple times. For example, `--ignore-role <role-A> --ignore-role <role-B>`.
- Data type: `StringArray`
- Default: empty

-h, –help

- Prints help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

The execution logs of tiup-cluster.

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13.4.7.3.6 tiup cluster deploy

The `tiup cluster deploy` command is used to deploy a new cluster.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster deploy <cluster-name> <version> <topology.yaml> [flags]
```

- `<cluster-name>`: the name of the new cluster, which cannot be the same as the existing cluster names.
- `<version>`: the version number of the TiDB cluster to deploy, such as `v8.5.1`.
- `<topology.yaml>`: the prepared topology file.

Options

-u, –user

- Specifies the user name used to connect to the target machine. This user must have the secret-free sudo root permission on the target machine.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: the current user who executes the command.

-i, –identity_file

- Specifies the key file used to connect to the target machine.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the `~/.ssh/id_rsa` file is used to connect to the target machine by default.

-p, –password

- Specifies the password used to connect to the target machine. Do not use this option with `-i/--identity_file` at the same time.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–ignore-config-check

- This option is used to skip the configuration check. After the binary files of components are deployed, the configurations of TiDB, TiKV, and PD components are checked using `<binary> --config-check <config-file>`. `<binary>` is the path of the deployed binary file. `<config-file>` is the configuration file generated based on the user configuration.

- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.
- Default: false

–no-labels

- This option is used to skip the label check.
- When two or more TiKV nodes are deployed on the same physical machine, a risk exists: PD cannot learn the cluster topology, so PD might schedule multiple replicas of a Region to different TiKV nodes on one physical machine, which makes this physical machine a single point. To avoid this risk, you can use labels to tell PD not to schedule the same Region to the same machine. See Schedule Replicas by Topology Labels for label configuration.
- For the test environment, this risk might matter and you can use `--no-labels` to skip the check.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–skip-create-user

- During the cluster deployment, tiup-cluster checks whether the specified user name in the topology file exists or not. If not, it creates one. To skip this check, you can use the `--skip-create-user` option.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

-h, –help

- Prints help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

The deployment log.

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13.4.7.3.7 tiup cluster destroy

After an application goes offline, if you want to release the machines occupied by the cluster for use by other applications, you need to clean up the data on the cluster and the deployed binary files. To destroy the cluster, the `tiup cluster destroy` command performs the following operations:

- Stops the cluster.
- For each service, delete its log directory, deployment directory, and data directory.
- If the parent directory of the data directory or deployment directory of each service is created by tiup-cluster, also delete the parent directory.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster destroy <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the name of the cluster to destroy.

Options

–force

- In some cases, some nodes in the cluster have been down, making it impossible to connect to the node through SSH for operation. At this time, you can use the `--force` option to ignore these errors.
- Data type: `Boolean`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–retain-node-data

- Specifies the nodes that need to retain data. If you need to specify more than one node, use this option multiple times: `--retain-node-data <node-A> --retain-node-data ↪ <node-B>`.
- Data type: `StringArray`
- Default: empty

–retain-role-data

- Specifies the role that needs to retain data. If you need to specify more than one role, use this option multiple times: `--retain-role-data <role-A> --retain-role ↪ -data <role-B>`.
- Data type: `StringArray`
- Default: empty

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `Boolean`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

The execution log of the tiup-cluster.

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13.4.7.3.8 tiup cluster disable

After restarting the machine on which the cluster service is located, the cluster service will be automatically enabled. To disable the auto-enabling of cluster service, you can use the `tiup cluster disable` command. This command executes `systemctl disable <service >` on the specified node to disable the auto-enabling of the service.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster disable <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the cluster whose service auto-enabling is to be disabled.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes whose service auto-enabling is to be disabled. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the auto-enabling of all nodes is disabled by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, the auto-enabling of services that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` is disabled.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles whose service auto-enabling is to be disabled. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node roles. You can get the roles of nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the auto-enabling of all roles is disabled by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, the auto-enabling of services that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` is disabled.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

The execution log of the tiup-cluster.

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13.4.7.3.9 tiup cluster display

If you want to see the operation status of each component in the cluster, it is obviously inefficient to log in to each machine one by one. Therefore, tiup-cluster provides the `tiup cluster display` command to efficiently complete this task.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster display <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the name of the cluster to operate on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it with the cluster list command.

Options

–dashboard

- By default, all node information of the entire cluster is displayed. With the `--dashboard` option, only dashboard information is displayed.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

-N, –node

- Specifies the node to display. If this option is not specified, all nodes are displayed. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. If you are not sure about the ID of a node, you can skip this option in the command to show the IDs and status of all nodes in the output.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all nodes are checked by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are checked.

-R, –role

- Specifies the role to display. If it is not specified, all roles are displayed. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node roles. If you are not sure about the role deployed on a node, you can skip this option in the command to show the roles and status of all nodes in the output.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all roles are displayed by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are displayed.

–process

- Displays the CPU and memory usage information of the node when this option is enabled. This option is disabled by default.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default value: `false`
- To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–uptime

- Displays the `uptime` information of the node when this option is enabled. This option is disabled by default.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default value: `false`
- To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–status-timeout

- Specifies the timeout period for obtaining the node status information.
- Data type: `INT`
- Default value: `10`, in the unit of second.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

- The cluster name
- The cluster version
- SSH Client Type
- Dashboard address
- The table with the following fields:
    - ID: the node ID, composed of `IP:PORT`
    - Role: the service role deployed on this node (such as TiDB, TiKV)
    - Host: the IP of the machine corresponding to the node
    - Ports: the port number occupied by the service
    - OS/Arch: the operating system and the machine architecture of this node

- Status: the current status of the node service
- Data Dir: the data directory of the service. `-` means no data directory.
- Deploy Dir: the deployment directory of the service

Node service status

A node service can run in one of the following statuses:

- Up: The node service is running normally.
- Down or Unreachable: The node service is not running or a network problem exists on the corresponding host.
- Tombstone: The data on the node service has been completely migrated out and the scaling-in is complete. This status exists only on TiKV or TiFlash.
- Pending Offline: The data on the node service is being migrated out and the scaling-in is in process. This status exists only on TiKV or TiFlash.
- Unknown: The running status of the node service is unknown.

Note:

`Pending Offline` in TiUP, `Offline` returned by PD API, and `Leaving` in TiDB Dashboard indicate the same status.

Node service status derives from the PD scheduling information. For more details, see Information collection.

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13.4.7.3.10 tiup cluster edit-config

If you need to modify the cluster configuration after the cluster is deployed, you can use the `tiup cluster edit-config` command that starts an editor for you to modify the topology file of a cluster. This editor is specified in the `$EDITOR` environment variable by default. If the `$EDITOR` environment variable does not exist, the `vi` editor is used.

Note:

- When you modify the configuration, you cannot add or delete machines. For how to add machines, see Scale out a cluster. For how to delete machines, see Scale in a cluster.
- After you execute the `tiup cluster edit-config` command, the configuration is modified only on the control machine. Then you need to execute the `tiup cluster reload` command to reload the configuration.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster edit-config <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>` is the cluster to operate on.

Option

-h, –help

- Prints help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

- If the command is successfully executed, there is no output.
- If you have mistakenly modified the fields that cannot be modified, when you save the file, an error will be reported, reminding you to edit the file again. For the fields that cannot be modified, see the topology file.

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13.4.7.3.11 tiup cluster enable

The `tiup cluster enable` command is used to set the auto-enabling of the cluster service after a machine is restarted. This command enables the auto-enabling of the service by executing `systemctl enable <service>` at the specified node.

> **Note:**
>
> When all clusters are shut down and restarted, the order of service startup is determined by the node's operating system startup order. When the restart order is incorrect, in some cases, the restarted cluster still cannot provide services. For example, if TiKV is started first but PD is not started, systemd gives up if TiKV is restarted multiple times while PD is not found.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster enable <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the cluster whose service auto-enabling is to be enabled.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes whose service auto-enabling is to be enabled. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the auto-enabling of all nodes is enabled by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, the auto-enabling of services that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` is enabled.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles whose service auto-enabling is to be enabled. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node roles. You can get the roles of nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the auto-enabling of all roles is enabled by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, the auto-enabling of services that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` is enabled.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`

- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

The execution log of the tiup-cluster.

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13.4.7.3.12 tiup cluster help

tiup-cluster provides a wealth of help information for users in the command line interface. You can obtain it via the `help` command or the `--help` option. `tiup cluster help <command>` is basically equivalent to `tiup cluster <command> --help`.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster help [command] [flags]
```

`[command]` is used to specify the help information of which command that users need to view. If it is not specified, the help information of tiup-cluster is viewed.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

The help information of the `[command]` or tiup-cluster.

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13.4.7.3.13 tiup cluster import

Before TiDB v4.0, TiDB clusters were mainly deployed using TiDB Ansible. For TiDB v4.0 and later releases, TiUP Cluster provides the `import` command to transfer the clusters to the tiup-cluster component for management.

Note:

- After importing the TiDB Ansible configuration to TiUP for management, **DO NOT** use TiDB Ansible for cluster operations anymore. Otherwise, conflicts might be caused due to inconsistent meta information.
- If the clusters deployed using TiDB Ansible are in any of the following situations, do not use the `import` command.

    - Clusters with TLS encryption enabled
    - Pure KV clusters (clusters without TiDB instances)
    - Clusters with Kafka enabled
    - Clusters with Spark enabled
    - Clusters with TiDB Lightning/TiKV Importer enabled
    - Clusters still using the old `push` mode to collect monitoring metrics (if you keep the default mode `pull` unchanged, using the `import` command is supported)
    - Clusters in which the non-default ports (the ports configured in the `group_vars` directory are compatible) are separately configured in the `inventory.ini` configuration file using `node_exporter_port` / `blackbox_exporter_port`
- If some nodes in the cluster deployed using TiDB Ansible are deployed without monitoring components, you should first use TiDB Ansible to add the corresponding node information in the `monitored_servers` section of the `inventory.ini` file, and then use the `deploy.yaml` playbook to fully deploy monitoring components. Otherwise, when you perform maintenance operations after the cluster is imported into TiUP, errors might occur due to the lack of monitoring components.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster import [flags]
```

Options

-d, –dir

- Specifies the directory where TiDB Ansible is located.
- Data type: `STRING`
- The option is enabled by default with the current directory (the default value) passed in.

–ansible-config

- Specifies the path of the Ansible configuration file.
- Data type: `STRING`
- The option is enabled by default with `. /ansible.cfg` (the default value) passed in.

–inventory

- Specifies the name of the Ansible inventory file.

- Data type: `STRING`
- The option is enabled by default with `inventory.ini` (the default value) passed in.

–no-backup

- Controls whether to disable the backup of files in the directory where TiDB Ansible is located.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. After a successful import, everything in the directory specified by the `-dir` option is backed up to the `${TIUP ↪ _HOME}/.tiup/storage/cluster/clusters/{cluster-name}/ansible-backup` directory. If there are multiple inventory files (when multiple clusters are deployed) in this directory, it is recommended to enable this option. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–rename

- Renames the imported cluster.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: NULL. If this option is not specified in the command, the cluster_name specified in inventory is used as the cluster name.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

Shows the logs of the import process.

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13.4.7.3.14 tiup cluster list

tiup-cluster supports deploying multiple clusters using the same control machine. The `tiup cluster list` command outputs all clusters deployed by the currently logged-in user using this control machine.

> **Note:**
>
> The deployed cluster data is stored in the `~/.tiup/storage/cluster/ ↪ clusters/` directory by default, so on the same control machine, the currently logged-in user cannot view the clusters deployed by other users.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster list [flags]
```

Options

-h, –help

- Prints help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

Outputs the table with the following fields:

- Name: the cluster name
- User: the deployment user
- Version: the cluster version
- Path: the path of the cluster deployment data on the control machine
- PrivateKey: the path of the private key that is used to connect the cluster

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13.4.7.3.15 tiup cluster meta backup

The TiUP meta file is used for cluster operation and maintenance (OM). If this file is lost, you cannot use TiUP to manage the cluster. To avoid this situation, you can use the `tiup cluster meta backup` command to back up the TiUP meta file regularly.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster meta backup <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>` is the name of the cluster to be operated on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it using the `tiup cluster list` command.

Options

–file (string, defaults to the current directory)

Specifies the target directory to store the TiUP meta backup file.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `Boolean`

- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

The execution logs of tiup-cluster.

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13.4.7.3.16 tiup cluster meta restore

To restore the TiUP meta file, you can use the `tiup cluster meta restore` command to restore from the backup file.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster meta restore <cluster-name> <backup-file> [flags]
```

- `<cluster-name>` is the name of the cluster to be operated on.
- `<backup-file>` is the path to the TiUP meta backup file.

> **Note:**
>
> The restore operation overwrites the current meta file. It is recommended to restore the meta file only when it is lost.

Options

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `Boolean`
- This option is disabled by default and its default value is `false`. To enable this option, you can add this option to the command, and pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

The execution logs of tiup-cluster.

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13.4.7.3.17 tiup cluster patch

If you need to dynamically replace the binaries of a service while the cluster is running (namely, keep the cluster available during the replacement process), you can use the `tiup cluster patch` command. After the command is executed, TiUP does the following things:

- Uploads the binary package for replacement to the target machine.
- If the target service is a storage service such as TiKV or TiFlash, TiUP first takes the related nodes offline via the API.
- Stops the target service.
- Unpacks the binary package and replace the service.
- Starts the target service.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster patch <cluster-name> <package-path> [flags]
```

- `<cluster-name>`: The name of the cluster to be operated.
- `<package-path>`: The path to the binary package used for replacement.

Preparation

Before running the `tiup cluster patch` command, you need to pack the binary package required. Take the following steps:

1. Determine the following variables:

    - `${component}`: the name of the component to be replaced (such as `tidb`, `tikv`, or `pd`).
    - `${version}`: the version of the component (such as `v8.5.1` or `v7.5.4`).
    - `${os}`: the operating system (`linux`).
    - `${arch}`: the platform on which the component runs (`amd64`, `arm64`).

2. Download the current component package using the command:

    ```
    wget https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/${component}-${version}-${os}-${
        ↪ arch}.tar.gz -O /tmp/${component}-${version}-${os}-${arch}.tar.gz
    ```

3. Create a temporary directory to pack files and change to it:

    ```
    mkdir -p /tmp/package && cd /tmp/package
    ```

4. Extract the original binary package:

    ```
    tar xf /tmp/${component}-${version}-${os}-${arch}.tar.gz
    ```

5. Check out the file structure in the temporary directory:

```
find .
```

6. Copy the binary files or configuration files to their corresponding locations in the temporary directory.

7. Pack all files in the temporary directory:

```
tar czf /tmp/${component}-hotfix-${os}-${arch}.tar.gz *
```

After you have completed the preceding steps, you can use `/tmp/${component}-hotfix-${os}-${arch}.tar.gz` as the `<package-path>` in the `tiup cluster patch` command.

Options

–overwrite

- After you patch a certain component (such as TiDB or TiKV), when the tiup cluster scales out the component, TiUP uses the original component version by default. To use the version that you patch when the cluster scales out in the future, you need to specify the option `--overwrite` in the command.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–transfer-timeout

- When restarting the PD or TiKV service, TiKV/PD first transfers the leader of the node to be restarted to another node. Because the transfer process takes some time, you can use the option `--transfer-timeout` to set the maximum waiting time (in seconds). After the timeout, TiUP directly restarts the service.
- Data type: `UINT`
- If this option is not specified, TiUP directly restarts the service after waiting for `600` seconds.

> **Note:**
>
> If TiUP directly restarts the service after the timeout, the service performance might jitter.

-N, –node

- Specifies nodes to be replaced. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node ID from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified, TiUP does not select any nodes to replace by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the option `-R, --role` is specified at the same time, TiUP then replaces service nodes that match both the requirements of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role`.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles to be replaced. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of the roles of the nodes. You can get the role deployed on a node from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified, TiUP does not select any roles to replace by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the option `-N, --node` is specified at the same time, TiUP then replaces service nodes that match both the requirements of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role`.

–offline

- Declares that the current cluster is not running. When the option is specified, TiUP does not evict the service leader to another node or restart the service, but only replaces the binary files of cluster components.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

-h, –help

- Prints help information.

- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

The execution log of the tiup-cluster.

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13.4.7.3.18 tiup cluster prune

When scaling in the cluster, for some components, TiUP does not immediately stop their services or delete their data. You need to wait for the data scheduling to complete and then manually execute the `tiup cluster prune` command to clean up.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster prune <cluster-name> [flags]
```

Option

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

The log of the cleanup process.

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13.4.7.3.19 tiup cluster reload

After modifying the cluster configuration, the cluster needs to be reloaded using the `tiup cluster reload` command for the configuration to take effect. This command publishes the configuration of the control machine to the remote machine where the service is running, and follows the upgrade process to restart the services in order according to the upgrade process. The cluster is still available during the restart process.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster reload <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the cluster name to operate on.

Options

–force

- Ignores errors in the reloading process and forces reload.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

–transfer-timeout

- When restarting PD or TiKV, the leader of the restarted node is migrated to other nodes first, and the migration process takes some time. You can set the maximum wait time (in seconds) by setting `-transfer-timeout`. After the timeout, the service can be restarted directly without waiting.
- Data type: `UINT`
- Default: 600

> **Note:**
>
> In the case of skipping the waiting and restarting directly, the service performance might jitter.

–ignore-config-check

- After the binary files of components are deployed, the configurations of TiDB, TiKV, and PD components are checked using `<binary> --config-check <config-file>`. `<binary>` is the path of the deployed binary file. `<config-file>` is the configuration file generated based on the user configuration. If you want to skip this check, you can use this option.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to be restarted. If not specified, all nodes are restarted. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all nodes are selected by default.

> **Note:**

- If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are restarted.
- If the `--skip-restart` option is specified, the `-N, --node` option is invalid.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles to be restarted. If not specified, all roles are restarted. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node roles. The role is the second column of the cluster status table.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all roles are selected by default.

Note:

1. If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are restarted.
2. If the `--skip-restart` option is specified, the `-R, --role` option is invalid.

–skip-restart

The `tiup cluster reload` command performs two operations:

- Refreshes all node configurations
- Restarts the specified node

After you specify the `--skip-restart` option, it only refreshes the configuration without restarting any nodes, so that the refreshed configuration is not applied and does not take effect until the next restart of the corresponding service.

- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.

- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

–pre-restart-script

> **Warning:**
>
> This option is experimental and is not recommended for production deployments.

- Runs a script before the reload.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- This option specifies the path of a script to be run on the node that is to be reloaded. It does not take effect when `--skip-restart` is set to `true`.

–post-restart-script

> **Warning:**
>
> This option is experimental and is not recommended for production deployments.

- Runs a script after the reload.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- This option specifies the path of a script to be run after the reload of a node. It does not take effect when `--skip-restart` is set to `true`.

Output

The execution log of the tiup-cluster.

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13.4.7.3.20 tiup cluster rename

The cluster name is specified when the cluster is deployed. If you want to change the cluster name after the cluster is deployed, you can use the command `tiup cluster rename`.

Note:

If the `dashboard_dir` field of `grafana_servers` is configured for the TiUP cluster, after you execute the command `tiup cluster rename` to rename the cluster, the following additional steps are required:

- For the `*.json` files in the local dashboards directory, update the `datasource` field of each file to the new cluster name, because the value of `datasource` must be the name of the cluster.
- Execute the command `tiup cluster reload -R grafana`.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster rename <old-cluster-name> <new-cluster-name> [flags]
```

- `<old-cluster-name>`: The old cluster name.
- `<new-cluster-name>`: The new cluster name.

Options

-h, –help

- Prints help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

The execution log of the tiup-cluster.

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13.4.7.3.21 tiup cluster replay

When you perform a cluster operation such as upgrade or restart, the operation might fail due to cluster environment issues. If you re-perform the operation, you need to perform all the steps from the very beginning. If the cluster is large, re-performing these steps will take a long time. In this case, you can use the `tiup cluster replay` command to retry the failed commands and skip the successfully performed steps.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster replay <audit-id> [flags]
```

- `<audit-id>`: the `audit-id` of the command to be retried. You can view the historical commands and their `audit-id`s using the `tiup cluster audit` command.

Option

-h, –help

Prints the help information.

Output

The output of the command corresponding to `<audit-id>`.

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13.4.7.3.22 tiup cluster restart

The command `tiup cluster restart` is used to restart all or some of the services of the specified cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> During the restart process, the related services are unavailable for a period of time.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster restart <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the name of the cluster to operate on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it with the cluster list command.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to be restarted. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified, TiUP restarts all nodes by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the option `-R, --role` is specified at the same time, TiUP restarts service nodes that match both the requirements of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role`.

-R, –role

- Specified the roles of nodes to be restarted. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of the roles of the nodes. You can get the roles of the nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified, TiUP restarts nodes of all roles by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the option `-N, --node` is specified at the same time, TiUP restarts service nodes that match both the requirements of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role`.

-h, –help

- Prints help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

The log of the service restart process.

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13.4.7.3.23 tiup cluster scale-in

The `tiup cluster scale-in` command is used to scale in the cluster, which takes the services of the specified nodes offline, removes the specified nodes from the cluster, and deletes the remaining files from those nodes.

Particular handling of components' offline process

Because the TiKV and TiFlash components are taken offline asynchronously (which requires TiUP to remove the node through API first) and the stopping process takes a long time (which requires TiUP to continuously check whether the node is successfully taken offline), the TiKV and TiFlash components are handled particularly as follows:

- For TiKV and TiFlash components:

    1. TiUP Cluster takes the node offline through API and directly exits without waiting for the process to be completed.

2. To check the status of the nodes being scaled in, you need to execute the `tiup cluster display` command and wait for the status to become `Tombstone`.
3. To clean up the nodes in the `Tombstone` status, you need to execute the `tiup cluster prune` command. The `tiup cluster prune` command performs the following operations:
    - Stops the services of the nodes that have been taken offline.
    - Cleans up the data files of the nodes that have been taken offline.
    - Updates the cluster topology and removes the nodes that have been taken offline.

For other components:

- When taking the PD components offline, TiUP Cluster quickly deletes the specified nodes from the cluster through API, stops the service of the specified PD nodes, and then deletes the related data files from the nodes.
- When taking other components down, TiUP Cluster directly stops the node services and deletes the related data files from the specified nodes.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster scale-in <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>` is the name of the cluster to scale in. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it using the `tiup cluster list` command.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to take down. Multiple nodes are separated by commas.
- Data type: `STRING`
- There is no default value. This option is mandatory and the value must be not null.

–force

- Controls whether to forcibly remove the specified nodes from the cluster. Sometimes, the host of the node to take offline might be down, which makes it impossible to connect to the node via SSH for operations, so you can forcibly remove the node from the cluster using the `--force` option.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

> **Warning:**
>
> When you use this option to forcibly remove TiKV or TiFlash nodes that are in service or are pending offline, these nodes will be deleted immediately without waiting for data to be migrated. This imposes a very high risk of data loss. If data loss occurs in the region where the metadata is located, the entire cluster will be unavailable and unrecoverable.

–transfer-timeout

- When a PD or TiKV node is to be removed, the Region leader on the node will be transferred to another node first. Because the transferring process takes some time, you can set the maximum waiting time (in seconds) by configuring `--transfer-timeout`. After the timeout, the `tiup cluster scale-in` command skips waiting and starts the scaling-in directly.
- Data type: `UINT`
- The option is enabled by default with `600` seconds (the default value) passed in.

> **Note:**
>
> If a PD or TiKV node is taken offline directly without waiting for the leader transfer to be completed, the service performance might jitter.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

Shows the logs of the scaling-in process.

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13.4.7.3.24 tiup cluster scale-out

The `tiup cluster scale-out` command is used for scaling out the cluster. The internal logic of scaling out the cluster is similar to the cluster deployment. The tiup-cluster component first establishes an SSH connection to the new node, creates the necessary directories on the target node, then performs the deployment and starts the service.

When PD is scaled out, new PD nodes are added to the cluster by the join operation, and the configuration of the services associated with PD is updated; other services are directly started and added to the cluster.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster scale-out <cluster-name> <topology.yaml> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the name of the cluster to operate on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it with the `cluster list` command.

`<topology.yaml>`: the prepared topology file. This topology file should only contain the new nodes that are to be added to the current cluster.

Options

-u, –user

- Specifies the user name used to connect to the target machine. This user must have the secret-free sudo root permission on the target machine.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: the current user who executes the command.

-i, –identity_file

- Specifies the key file used to connect to the target machine.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the `~/.ssh/id_rsa` file is used to connect to the target machine by default.

-p, –password

- Specifies the password used to connect to the target machine. Do not use this option and `-i/--identity_file` at the same time.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

–no-labels

- This option is used to skip the label check.

- When two or more TiKV nodes are deployed on the same physical machine, a risk exists: PD does not know the cluster topology, so it might schedule multiple replicas of a Region to different TiKV nodes on one physical machine, which makes this physical machine a single point of failure. To avoid this risk, you can use labels to tell PD not to schedule the same Region to the same machine. See Schedule Replicas by Topology Labels for label configuration.
- For the test environment, this risk might not matter, and you can use `--no-labels` to skip the check.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

–skip-create-user

- During the cluster deployment, tiup-cluster checks whether the specified user name in the topology file exists or not. If not, it creates one. To skip this check, you can use the `--skip-create-user` option.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

The log of scaling out.

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13.4.7.3.25 tiup cluster start

The `tiup cluster start` command is used to start all services or some services of the specified cluster.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster start <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>` is the name of the cluster to operate on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it using the `tiup cluster list` command.

Options

–init

Starts the cluster in a safe way. It is recommended to use this option when the cluster is started for the first time. This method generates the password of the TiDB root user at startup and returns the password in the command line interface.

Note:

- After safe start of a TiDB cluster, you cannot log in to the database using the root user without a password. Therefore, you need to record the password returned by the command line for future logins.
- The password is generated only once. If you do not record or forget the password, refer to Forget the `root` password to change the password.

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to be started. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all nodes are started by default.

Note:

If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are started.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles of nodes to be started. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of the roles of the nodes. You can get the roles of the nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all roles are started by default.

Note:

If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are started.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

The log of starting the service.

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13.4.7.3.26 tiup cluster stop

The `tiup cluster stop` command is used to stop all services or some services of the specified cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> If the core services of a cluster are stopped, the cluster cannot provide services anymore.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster stop <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>` is the name of the cluster to operate on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it using the `tiup cluster list` command.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to be stopped. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the command stops all the nodes by default.

Note:

If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are stopped.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles of nodes to be stopped. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of the roles of the nodes. You can get the roles of the nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup cluster display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the command stops all the roles by default.

Note:

If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are stopped.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

The log of stopping the service.

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13.4.7.3.27 tiup cluster template

Before deploying the cluster, you need to prepare a topology file of the cluster. TiUP has a built-in topology file template, and you can modify this template to create the final topology file. To output the built-in template content, you can use the `tiup cluster template` command.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster template [flags]
```

If this option is not specified, the output default template contains the following instances:

- 3 PD instances
- 3 TiKV instances
- 3 TiDB instances
- 2 TiFlash instances
- 1 Prometheus instance
- 1 Grafana instance
- 1 Alertmanager instance

Options

–full

- Outputs a detailed topology template that is commented with configurable parameters. To enable this option, add it to the command.
- If this option is not specified, the simple topology template is output by default.

–local

- Outputs a simple topology template for the local cluster, which can be used directly, and the `global` parameter can be adjusted as needed.
- This template creates a PD service, a TiDB service, a TiKV service, a Prometheus service, and a Grafana service.

–multi-dc

- Outputs the topology template of multiple data centers. To enable this option, add it to the command.
- If this option is not specified, the topology template of a single data center is output by default.

-h, –help

Prints the help information.

Output

Outputs the topology template according to the specified options, which can be redirected to the topology file for deployment.

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13.4.7.3.28 tiup cluster upgrade

The `tiup cluster upgrade` command is used to upgrade the specified cluster to a specific version.

Syntax

```
tiup cluster upgrade <cluster-name> <version> [flags]
```

- `<cluster-name>`: the cluster name to operate on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it with the cluster list command.
- `<version>`: the target version to upgrade to, such as `v8.5.1`. Currently, it is only allowed to upgrade to a version higher than the current cluster, that is, no downgrade is allowed. It is also not allowed to upgrade to the nightly version.

Options

–force

- To upgrade the cluster, you need to ensure that the cluster is currently started. In some cases, you might want to upgrade when the cluster is not started. At this time, you can use `--force` to ignore the error during the upgrade, forcibly replace the binary file and start the cluster.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

> **Note:**
>
> Forcing an upgrade of the cluster that is providing services might result in service unavailability. Unstarted clusters are started automatically after a successful upgrade.

–transfer-timeout

- When upgrading PD or TiKV, the leader of the upgraded node is migrated to other nodes first. The migration process takes some time, and you can set the maximum wait time (in seconds) by the `-transfer-timeout` option. After the timeout, the wait is skipped and the service is upgraded directly.
- Data type: `uint`
- Default: 600

Note:

If the wait is skipped and the service is upgraded directly, the service performance might jitter.

–ignore-config-check

- After the binary is updated, a configuration check is performed on the TiDB, TiKV and PD components using `<binary> --config-check <config-file>`. `<binary>` is the path to the newly deployed binary and `<config-file>` is the configuration file generated based on the user configuration. To skip this check, you can use the `--ignore-config-check` option.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

–ignore-version-check

- Before upgrading, TiUP checks whether the target version is greater than or equal to the current version. To skip this check, you can use the `--ignore-version-check` option.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–offline

- Declares that the current cluster is not running. When this option is specified, TiUP does not evict the service leader to another node or restart the service, but only replaces the binary files of the cluster components.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

–pd-version

- Specifies the version of PD. If this option is set, the version of PD will no longer be consistent with the cluster version.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not set, the version of PD remains consistent with the cluster version.

–tikv-version

- Specifies the version of TiKV. If this option is set, the version of TiKV will no longer be consistent with the cluster version.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not set, the version of TiKV remains consistent with the cluster version.

–tikv-cdc-version

- Specifies the version of TiKV CDC. If this option is set, the version of TiKV CDC will no longer be consistent with the cluster version.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not set, the version of TiKV CDC remains consistent with the cluster version.

–tiflash-version

- Specifies the version of TiFlash. If this option is set, the version of TiFlash will no longer be consistent with the cluster version.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not set, the version of TiFlash remains consistent with the cluster version.

–cdc-version

- Specifies the version of TiCDC. If this option is set, the version of TiCDC will no longer be consistent with the cluster version.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not set, the version of TiCDC remains consistent with the cluster version.

–tiproxy-version

- Specifies the version of TiProxy. If this option is set, the version of TiProxy will no longer be consistent with the cluster version.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not set, the version of TiProxy remains consistent with the cluster version.

–tidb-dashboard-version

- Specifies the version of TiDB Dashboard. If this option is set, the version of TiDB Dashboard will no longer be consistent with the cluster version.

- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not set, the version of TiDB Dashboard remains consistent with the cluster version.

–alertmanager-version

- Specifies the version of alert manager. If this option is set, the version of alert manager will no longer be consistent with the cluster version.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not set, the version of alert manager remains consistent with the cluster version.

–blackbox-exporter-version

- Specifies the version of Blackbox Exporter. If this option is set, the version of Blackbox Exporter will no longer be consistent with the cluster version.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not set, the version of Blackbox Exporter remains consistent with the cluster version.

–node-exporter-version

- Specifies the version of Node Exporter. If this option is set, the version of Node Exporter will no longer be consistent with the cluster version.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not set, the version of Node Exporter remains consistent with the cluster version.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

—pre-upgrade-script

> **Warning:**
>
> This option is experimental and is not recommended for production deployments.

- Runs a script before the upgrade.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- This option specifies the path of a script to be run on the node that is to be upgraded.

—post-upgrade-script

> **Warning:**
>
> This option is experimental and is not recommended for production deployments.

- Runs a script after the upgrade.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- This option specifies the path of a script to be run after the upgrade of a node. This script will be executed on the upgraded node itself.

Output

The log of the upgrading progress.

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13.4.7.4 TiUP DM Commands

13.4.7.4.1 TiUP DM

Similar to TiUP Cluster which is used to manage TiDB clusters, TiUP DM is used to manage DM clusters. You can use the TiUP DM component to perform daily operations and maintenance tasks of DM clusters, including deploying, starting, stopping, destroying, elastic scaling, upgrading DM clusters, and managing the configuration parameters of DM clusters.

Syntax

```
tiup dm [command] [flags]
```

`[command]` is used to pass the name of the command. See the Command list for supported commands.

Options

–ssh

- Specifies the SSH client to connect to the remote end (the machine where the TiDB service is deployed) for the command execution.

- Data type: `STRING`
- Support values:
    - `builtin`: Uses the built-in easyssh client of tiup-cluster as the SSH client.
    - `system`: Uses the default SSH client of the current operating system.
    - `none`: No SSH client is used. The deployment is only for the current machine.
- If this option is not specified in the command, `builtin` is used as the default value.

–ssh-timeout

- Specifies the SSH connection timeout in seconds.
- Data type: `UINT`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the default timeout is `5` seconds.

–wait-timeout

- Specifies the maximum waiting time (in seconds) for each step in the operation process. The operation process consists of many steps, such as specifying systemctl to start or stop services, and waiting for ports to be online or offline. Each step may take several seconds. If the execution time of a step exceeds the specified timeout, the step exits with an error.
- Data type: `UINT`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the maximum waiting time for each step is `120` seconds.

-y, –yes

- Skips the secondary confirmation of all risky operations. It is not recommended to use this option unless you use a script to call TiUP.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

-v, –version

- Prints the current version of TiUP DM.
- Data type:`BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

-h, –help

- Prints help information about the specified command.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Command list

- import: Imports a DM v1.0 cluster deployed by DM-Ansible.
- template: Outputs the topology template.
- deploy: Deploys a cluster based on a specified topology.
- list: Queries the list of deployed clusters.
- display: Displays the status of a specified cluster.
- start: Starts a specified cluster.
- stop: Stops a specified cluster.
- restart: Restarts a specified cluster.
- scale-in: Scales in a specified cluster.
- scale-out: Scales out a specified cluster.
- upgrade: Upgrades a specified cluster.
- prune: Cleans up instances in the Tombstone status for a specified cluster.
- edit-config: Modifies the configuration of a specified cluster.
- reload: Reloads the configuration of a specified cluster.
- patch: Replaces a specified service in a deployed cluster.
- destroy: Destroys a specified cluster.
- audit: Queries the operation audit log of a specified cluster.
- replay: Replays the specified commands
- enable: Enables the auto-enabling of the cluster service after a machine is restarted.
- disable: Disables the auto-enabling of the cluster service after a machine is restarted.
- help: Prints help information.

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13.4.7.4.2 tiup dm audit

The `tiup dm audit` command is used to view historical commands executed on all clusters and the execution log of each command.

Syntax

```
tiup dm audit [audit-id] [flags]
```

- If you do not fill in the `[audit-id]`, the table of operation records is output in reverse chronological order. The first column is the `audit-id`.
- If you fill in the `[audit-id]`, the execution log of the specified `audit-id` is checked.

Option

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

- If `[audit-id]` is specified, the corresponding execution log is output.
- If `[audit-id]` is not specified, a table with the following fields is output:
    - ID: the `audit-id` corresponding to this record
    - Time: the execution time of the command corresponding to the record
    - Command: the command corresponding to the record

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13.4.7.4.3 tiup dm deploy

The `tiup dm deploy` command is used to deploy a new cluster.

Syntax

```
tiup dm deploy <cluster-name> <version> <topology.yaml> [flags]
```

- `<cluster-name>`: the name of the new cluster, which cannot be the same as the existing cluster names.
- `<version>`: the version number of the DM cluster to be deployed, such as `v2.0.0`.
- `<topology.yaml>`: the prepared topology file.

Options

-u, –user

- Specifies the user name used to connect to the target machine. This user must have the secret-free sudo root permission on the target machine.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: the current user who executes the command.

-i, –identity_file

- Specifies the key file used to connect to the target machine.
- Data type: `STRING`

- Default: `~/.ssh/id_rsa`

-p, –password

- Specifies the password used to connect to the target machine. Do not use this option and `-i/--identity_file` at the same time.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

The deployment log.

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13.4.7.4.4 tiup dm destroy

After an application goes offline, if you want to release the machines occupied by the cluster for use by other applications, you need to clean up the data on the cluster and the deployed binary files. To destroy the cluster, the `tiup dm destroy` command performs the following operations:

- Stops the cluster.
- For each service, delete its log directory, deployment directory, and data directory.
- If the parent directory of the data directory or deployment directory of each service is created by `tiup-dm`, also delete the parent directory.

Syntax

```
tiup dm destroy <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the name of the cluster to be destroyed.

Option

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `Boolean`
- Default: false

Output

The execution log of the tiup-dm.

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13.4.7.4.5 tiup dm disable

After restarting the machine on which the cluster service is located, the cluster service will be automatically enabled. To disable the auto-enabling of cluster service, you can use the `tiup dm disable` command. This command executes `systemctl disable <service>` on the specified node to disable the auto-enabling of the service.

Syntax

```
tiup dm disable <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>` is the cluster whose service auto-enabling is to be disabled.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes whose service auto-enabling is to be disabled. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup dm display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the auto-enabling of all nodes is disabled by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, the auto-enabling of services that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` is disabled.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles whose service auto-enabling is to be disabled. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node roles. You can get the roles of nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup dm display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the auto-enabling of all roles is disabled by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, the auto-enabling of services that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` is disabled.

-h, –help

Prints the help information.

Output

The execution log of the tiup-dm.

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13.4.7.4.6 tiup dm display

If you want to check the operational status of each component in a DM cluster, it is inefficient to log in to each machine one by one. Therefore, tiup-dm provides the `tiup dm display` command to do this job efficiently.

Syntax

```
tiup dm display <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>` is the name of the cluster to be operated. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it using the `tiup dm list` command.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the IDs of the nodes to query, splitting by commas for multiple nodes. If you are not sure about the ID of a node, you can skip this option in the command to show the IDs and status of all nodes in the output.
- Data type: `STRING`
- This option is enabled by default with `[]` (which means all nodes) passed in.

> **Note:**
>
> If `-R, --role` is also specified, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are queried.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles to query, splitting by commas for multiple roles. If you are not sure about the role deployed on a node, you can skip this option in the command to show the roles and status of all nodes in the output.
- Data type: `STRING`
- This option is enabled by default with `[]` (which means all roles) passed in.

> **Note:**
>
> If `-N, --node` is also specified, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are queried.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

- Cluster name
- Cluster version
- SSH client type
- A table containing the following fields:
  - `ID`: the node ID, consisting of IP:PORT.
  - `Role`: the service role deployed on the node (for example, TiDB or TiKV).
  - `Host`: the IP address of the machine corresponding to the node.
  - `Ports`: the port number used by the service.
  - `OS/Arch`: the operating system and machine architecture of the node.
  - `Status`: the current status of the services on the node.
  - `Data Dir`: the data directory of the service. `-` means that there is no data directory.
  - `Deploy Dir`: the deployment directory of the service.

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13.4.7.4.7 tiup dm edit-config

If you need to modify the cluster service configuration after the cluster is deployed, you can use the `tiup dm edit-config` command that starts an editor for you to modify the topology file. of the specified cluster. This editor is specified in the `$EDITOR` environment variable by default. If the `$EDITOR` environment variable does not exist, the `vi` editor is used.

Note:

- When you modify the configuration, you cannot add or delete machines. For how to add machines, see Scale out a cluster. For how to delete machines, see Scale in a cluster.
- After you execute the `tiup dm edit-config` command, the configuration is modified only on the control machine. Then you need to execute the `tiup dm reload` command to reload the configuration.

Syntax

```
tiup dm edit-config <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the cluster to operate on.

Option

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

- Normally, no output.
- If you have mistakenly modified the fields that cannot be modified, when you save the file, an error is reported, reminding you to edit the file again. For the fields that cannot be modified, see the topology file.

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13.4.7.4.8 tiup dm enable

The `tiup dm enable` command is used to set the auto-enabling of the cluster service after a machine is restarted. This command enables the auto-enabling of the service by executing `systemctl enable <service>` at the specified node.

Syntax

```
tiup dm enable <cluster-name> [flags]
```

<cluster-name> is the cluster whose service auto-enabling is to be enabled.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes whose service auto-enabling is to be enabled. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup dm display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the auto-enabling of all nodes is enabled by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, the auto-enabling of services that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` is enabled.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles whose service auto-enabling is to be enabled. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node roles. You can get the roles of nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup dm display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the auto-enabling of all roles is enabled by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, the auto-enabling of services that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` is enabled.

-h, –help

Prints the help information.

Output

the execution log of tiup-dm.

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13.4.7.4.9 tiup dm help

tiup-dm command-line interface provides users with a wealth of help information. You can view it via the `help` command or the `--help` option. Basically, `tiup dm help <command >` is equivalent to `tiup dm <command> --help`.

Syntax

```
tiup dm help [command] [flags]
```

`[command]` is used to specify the help information of which command that users need to view. If it is not specified, the help information of `tiup-dm` is viewed.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

The help information of `[command]` or `tiup-dm`.

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13.4.7.4.10 tiup dm import Only for upgrading DM v1.0

This command is used only for upgrading DM clusters from v1.0 to v2.0 or later versions.

In DM v1.0, the cluster is basically deployed using TiDB Ansible. TiUP DM provides the `import` command to import v1.0 clusters and redeploy the clusters in DM v2.0.

Note:

- The command does not support importing DM Portal components from DM v1.0 clusters.
- Before importing the cluster, stop running the original cluster first.
- For data migration tasks that need to be upgraded to v2.0, do not execute `stop-task` on these tasks.
- The command only supports importing to DM v2.0.0-rc.2 and later versions.
- The `import` command is used to import a DM v1.0 cluster to a new DM v2.0 cluster. If you need to import data migration tasks to an existing v2.0 cluster, refer to Manually Upgrade TiDB Data Migration from v1.0.x to v2.0+

- The deployment directories of some components might be different from those in the original cluster. You can check it with the `display` command.
- Before importing the cluster, run `tiup update --self && tiup update dm` to upgrade TiUP DM components to the latest version.
- After the cluster is imported, there is only one DM-master node in the cluster. You can refer to the `scale out` command to scale out the DM-master node.

Syntax

```
tiup dm import [flags]
```

Options

-v, –cluster-version

- Specifies the version number for redeploying. You must use a version later than v2.0.0-rc.2 (including v2.0.0-rc.2).
- Data type: `STRING`
- This option is **required** to execute the command.

-d, –dir

- Specifies the directory of TiDB Ansible.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the current directory is the default directory.

–inventory

- Specifies the name of the Ansible inventory file.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the default file name is `"inventory.ini"`.

–rename

- Renames the imported cluster.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the default cluster name is the `cluster_name` specified in the inventory file.

-h, –help

- Prints help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

The log of the importing process.

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13.4.7.4.11 tiup dm list

`tiup-dm` supports deploying multiple clusters using the same control machine. You can use the `tiup dm list` command to check which clusters are deployed using the control machine by the currently logged-in user.

> **Note:**
>
> By default, the data of the deployed clusters is stored in the `~/.tiup/storage` ↪ `/dm/clusters/` directory. The currently logged-in user cannot view the clusters deployed by other users on the same control machine.

Syntax

```
tiup dm list [flags]
```

Options

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

A table consisting of the following fields:

- `Name`: the cluster name.
- `User`: the user who deployed the cluster.

- `Version`: the cluster version.
- `Path`: the path of the cluster deployment data on the control machine.
- `PrivateKey`: the path of the private key to the cluster.

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13.4.7.4.12 Apply Hotfix to DM Clusters Online

If you need to dynamically replace the binaries of a service while the cluster is running (that is, to keep the cluster available during the replacement), you can use the `tiup dm patch` command. The command does the following:

- Uploads the binary package for replacement to the target machine.
- Takes the related nodes offline using the API.
- Stops the target service.
- Unpacks the binary package and replaces the service.
- Starts the target service.

Syntax

```
tiup dm patch <cluster-name> <package-path> [flags]
```

- `<cluster-name>`: The name of the cluster to be operated
- `<package-path>`: The path to the binary package used for replacement

Preparation

You need to pack the binary package required for this command in advance according to the following steps:

- Determine the name `${component}` of the component to be replaced (dm-master, dm-worker ...), the `${version}` of the component (v2.0.0, v2.0.1 ...), and the operating system `${os}` and platform `${arch}` on which the component runs.
- Download the current component package using the command `wget https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/${component}-${version}-${os}-${arch}.tar.gz -O /tmp/${component}-${version}-${os}-${arch}.tar.gz`.
- Run `mkdir -p /tmp/package && cd /tmp/package` to create a temporary directory to pack files.
- Run `tar xf /tmp/${component}-${version}-${os}-${arch}.tar.gz` to unpack the original binary package.
- Run `find .` to view the file structure in the temporary package directory.
- Copy the binary files or configuration files to the corresponding locations in the temporary directory.

- Run `tar czf /tmp/${component}-hotfix-${os}-${arch}.tar.gz *` to pack the files in the temporary directory.
- Finally, you can use `/tmp/${component}-hotfix-${os}-${arch}.tar.gz` as the value of `<package-path>` in the `tiup dm patch` command.

Options

–overwrite

- After you patch a certain component (such as dm-worker), when the tiup-dm scales out the component, tiup-dm uses the original component version by default. To use the version that you patch when the cluster scales out in the future, you need to specify the option `--overwrite` in the command.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to be replaced. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `[tiup dm display](#tiup-dm-display)` command.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified, TiUP selects all nodes to replace by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the option `-R, --role` is specified at the same time, TiUP then replaces service nodes that match both the requirements of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role`.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles to be replaced. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of the roles of the nodes. You can get the roles of the nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `[tiup dm display](#tiup-dm-display)` command.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified, TiUP selects all roles to replace by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the option `-N, --node` is specified at the same time, TiUP then replaces service nodes that match both the requirements of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role`.

–offline

- Declares that the current cluster is offline. When this option is specified, TiUP DM only replaces the binary files of the cluster components in place without restarting the service.

-h, –help

- Prints help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Example

The following example shows how to apply `v5.3.0-hotfix` to the `v5.3.0` cluster deployed using TiUP. The operations might vary if you deploy the cluster using other methods.

> **Note:**
>
> Hotfix is used only for emergency fixes. Its daily maintenance is complicated. It is recommended that you upgrade the DM cluster to an official version as soon as it is released.

Preparations

Before applying a hotfix, prepare the hotfix package `dm-linux-amd64.tar.gz` and confirm the current DM software version:

```
/home/tidb/dm/deploy/dm-master-8261/bin/dm-master/dm-master -V
```

Output:

```
Release Version: v5.3.0

Git Commit Hash: 20626babf21fc381d4364646c40dd84598533d66
Git Branch: heads/refs/tags/v5.3.0
UTC Build Time: 2021-11-29 08:29:49
Go Version: go version go1.16.4 linux/amd64
```

Prepare the patch package and apply it to the DM cluster

1. Prepare the DM software package that matches the current version:

```
mkdir -p /tmp/package
tar -zxvf /root/.tiup/storage/dm/packages/dm-master-v5.3.0-linux-amd64.
    ↪ tar.gz -C /tmp/package/
tar -zxvf /root/.tiup/storage/dm/packages/dm-worker-v5.3.0-linux-amd64.
    ↪ tar.gz -C /tmp/package/
```

2. Replace the binary file with the hotfix package:

```
# Decompress the hotfix package and use it to replace the binary file.
cd /root; tar -zxvf dm-linux-amd64.tar.gz
cp /root/dm-linux-amd64/bin/dm-master /tmp/package/dm-master/dm-master
cp /root/dm-linux-amd64/bin/dm-worker /tmp/package/dm-worker/dm-worker
# Re-package the modified files.
# Note that the packaging method might be different for other
    ↪ deployment methods.
cd /tmp/package/ && tar -czvf dm-master-hotfix-linux-amd64.tar.gz dm-
    ↪ master/
cd /tmp/package/ && tar -czvf dm-worker-hotfix-linux-amd64.tar.gz dm-
    ↪ worker/
```

3. Apply the hotfix:

   Query the cluster status. The following uses the cluster named `dm-test` as an example:

```
tiup dm display dm-test
```

   Output:

```
Cluster type:     dm
Cluster name:     dm-test
Cluster version:  v5.3.0
Deploy user:      tidb
SSH type:         builtin
ID                Role              Host         Ports     OS/Arch
    ↪ Status    Data Dir                        Deploy Dir
```

```
--                  ----                ----          -----     -------
    ↪ ------    --------                              ----------
172.16.100.21:9093 alertmanager     172.16.100.21 9093/9094 linux/x86_
    ↪ 64 Up      /home/tidb/dm/data/alertmanager-9093 /home/tidb/dm/
    ↪ deploy/alertmanager-9093
172.16.100.21:8261 dm-master        172.16.100.21 8261/8291 linux/x86_
    ↪ 64 Healthy|L /home/tidb/dm/data/dm-master-8261 /home/tidb/dm/
    ↪ deploy/dm-master-8261
172.16.100.21:8262 dm-worker        172.16.100.21 8262     linux/x86_64
    ↪  Free     /home/tidb/dm/data/dm-worker-8262 /home/tidb/dm/deploy/
    ↪ dm-worker-8262
172.16.100.21:3000 grafana          172.16.100.21 3000     linux/x86_64
    ↪  Up       -                                 /home/tidb/dm/deploy/
    ↪ grafana-3000
172.16.100.21:9090 prometheus       172.16.100.21 9090     linux/x86_64
    ↪  Up       /home/tidb/dm/data/prometheus-9090 /home/tidb/dm/deploy
    ↪ /prometheus-9090
Total nodes: 5
```

Apply the hotfix to the specified node or specified role. If both `-R` and `-N` are specified, the intersection will be taken.

```
# Apply hotfix to a specified node.
tiup dm patch dm-test dm-master-hotfix-linux-amd64.tar.gz -N
    ↪ 172.16.100.21:8261
tiup dm patch dm-test dm-worker-hotfix-linux-amd64.tar.gz -N
    ↪ 172.16.100.21:8262
# Apply hotfix to a specified role.
tiup dm patch dm-test dm-master-hotfix-linux-amd64.tar.gz -R dm-master
tiup dm patch dm-test dm-worker-hotfix-linux-amd64.tar.gz -R dm-worker
```

4. Query the hotfix application result:

```
/home/tidb/dm/deploy/dm-master-8261/bin/dm-master/dm-master -V
```

Output:

```
Release Version: v5.3.0-20211230
Git Commit Hash: ca7070c45013c24d34bd9c1e936071253451d707
Git Branch: heads/refs/tags/v5.3.0-20211230
UTC Build Time: 2022-01-05 14:19:02
Go Version: go version go1.16.4 linux/amd64
```

The cluster information changes accordingly:

```
tiup dm display dm-test
```

Output:

```
Starting component `dm`: /root/.tiup/components/dm/v1.8.1/tiup-dm
   ↪ display dm-test
Cluster type:     dm
Cluster name:     dm-test
Cluster version:  v5.3.0
Deploy user:      tidb
SSH type:         builtin
ID                Role               Host          Ports     OS/Arch
   ↪ Status    Data Dir                          Deploy Dir
--                ----               ----          -----     -------
   ↪ ------    --------                          ----------
172.16.100.21:9093 alertmanager     172.16.100.21 9093/9094 linux/x86_
   ↪ 64 Up      /home/tidb/dm/data/alertmanager-9093 /home/tidb/dm/
   ↪ deploy/alertmanager-9093
172.16.100.21:8261 dm-master (patched) 172.16.100.21 8261/8291 linux/
   ↪ x86_64 Healthy|L /home/tidb/dm/data/dm-master-8261 /home/tidb/dm/
   ↪ deploy/dm-master-8261
172.16.100.21:8262 dm-worker (patched) 172.16.100.21 8262  linux/x86_64
   ↪  Free     /home/tidb/dm/data/dm-worker-8262 /home/tidb/dm/deploy/
   ↪ dm-worker-8262
172.16.100.21:3000 grafana          172.16.100.21 3000     linux/x86_64
   ↪  Up       -                                 /home/tidb/dm/deploy/
   ↪ grafana-3000
172.16.100.21:9090 prometheus       172.16.100.21 9090     linux/x86_64
   ↪  Up       /home/tidb/dm/data/prometheus-9090 /home/tidb/dm/deploy
   ↪ /prometheus-9090
Total nodes: 5
```

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13.4.7.4.13 tiup dm prune

When you scale in the cluster(/tiup/tiup-component-dm-scale-in.md), a small amount of metadata in etcd is not cleaned up, which usually causes no problem. If you need to clean up the metadata, you can manually execute the `tiup dm prune` command.

Syntax

```
tiup dm prune <cluster-name> [flags]
```

Option

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.

- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

The log of the cleanup process.

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13.4.7.4.14 tiup dm reload

After modifying the cluster configuration, the cluster needs to be reloaded using the `tiup dm reload` command for the configuration to take effect. This command publishes the configuration of the control machine to the remote machine where the service is running and restarts the service in order according to the upgrade process. The cluster remains available during the restart process.

Syntax

```
tiup dm reload <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the name of the cluster to operate on.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to be restarted. If not specified, all nodes are restarted. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup dm display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all nodes are selected by default.

Note:

- If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are restarted.
- If the `--skip-restart` option is specified, the `-N, --node` option is invalid.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles to be restarted. If not specified, all roles are restarted. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node roles. You can get the roles of nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup dm display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all roles are selected by default.

Note:

- If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are restarted.
- If the `--skip-restart` option is specified, the `-R, --role` option is invalid.

–skip-restart

The `tiup dm reload` command performs two operations:

- Refreshes all node configurations
- Restarts the specified node

After you specify the `--skip-restart` option, it only refreshes the configuration without restarting any nodes, so that the refreshed configuration is not applied and does not take effect until the next restart of the corresponding service.

- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

The execution log of the tiup-dm.

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13.4.7.4.15 tiup dm replay

When you perform a cluster operation such as upgrade or restart, the operation might fail due to cluster environment issues. If you re-perform the operation, you need to perform all the steps from the very beginning. If the cluster is large, re-performing these steps will take a long time. In this case, you can use the `tiup dm replay` command to retry the failed commands and skip the successfully performed steps.

Syntax

```
tiup dm replay <audit-id> [flags]
```

- `<audit-id>`: the `audit-id` of the command to be retried. You can view the historical commands and their `audit-id`s using the `tiup dm audit` command.

Option

-h, –help

Prints the help information.

Output

The output of the command corresponding to `<audit-id>`.

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13.4.7.4.16 tiup dm restart

The command `tiup dm restart` is used to restart all or some of the services of the specified cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> During the restart process, the related services are unavailable for a period of time.

Syntax

```
tiup dm restart <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the name of the cluster to operate on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it with the cluster list command.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to be restarted. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `[tiup dm display](#tiup-dm-display)` command.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified, TiUP restarts all nodes by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the option `-R, --role` is specified at the same time, TiUP restarts service nodes that match both the requirements of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role`.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles of nodes to be restarted. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of the roles of the nodes. You can get the roles of the nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `[tiup dm display](#tiup-dm-display)` command.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified, TiUP restarts nodes of all roles by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the option `-N, --node` is specified at the same time, TiUP restarts service nodes that match both the requirements of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role`.

-h, –help

- Prints help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Outputs

The log of the service restart process.

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13.4.7.4.17 tiup dm scale-in

The `tiup dm scale-in` command is used to scale in the cluster. Scaling in the cluster means taking the service offline, which eventually removes the specified node from the cluster and deletes the remaining related files.

Syntax

```
tiup dm scale-in <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the name of the cluster to operate on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it with the cluster list command.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to be scaled in. If you need to scale in multiple nodes, split them by commas.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- Default: no. This option is mandatory and the value must be not null.

–force

- In some cases, some scale-in nodes in the cluster have been down, making it impossible to connect to the node through SSH for operation. At this time, you can use the `--force` option to remove these nodes from the cluster.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false. If this option is not specified in the command, the specified nodes are not forcibly removed.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

The log of scaling in.

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13.4.7.4.18 tiup dm scale-out

The `tiup dm scale-out` command is used for scaling out the cluster. The internal logic of scaling out the cluster is similar to the cluster deployment. The `tiup-dm` components first establish an SSH connection to the new node, create the necessary directories on the target node, then perform the deployment and start the service.

Syntax

```
tiup dm scale-out <cluster-name> <topology.yaml> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the name of the cluster to operate on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it with the cluster list command.

`<topology.yaml>`: the prepared topology file. This topology file should only contain the new nodes that are to be added to the current cluster.

Options

-u, –user

- Specifies the user name used to connect to the target machine. This user must have the secret-free sudo root permission on the target machine.
- Data type: `STRING`
- Default: the current user who executes the command.

-i, –identity_file

- Specifies the key file used to connect to the target machine.
- Data type: `STRING`
- If this option is not specified in the command, the `~/.ssh/id_rsa` file is used to connect to the target machine by default.

-p, –password

- Specifies the password used to connect to the target machine. Do not use this option and `-i/--identity_file` at the same time.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

The log of scaling out.

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13.4.7.4.19 tiup dm start

The `tiup dm start` command is used to start all or part of the services of the specified cluster.

Syntax

```
tiup dm start <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the name of the cluster to operate on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it with the cluster list command.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to be started. If not specified, all nodes are started. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup dm display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all nodes are started.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are started.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles to be started. If not specified, all roles are started. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node roles. You can get the roles of nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup dm display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all roles are started.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are started.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

The log of starting the service.

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13.4.7.4.20 tiup dm stop

The `tiup dm stop` command is used to stop all or part of the services of the specified cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> The cluster cannot provide services after the core service is stopped.

Syntax

```
tiup dm stop <cluster-name> [flags]
```

`<cluster-name>`: the name of the cluster to operate on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it with the cluster list command.

Options

-N, –node

- Specifies the nodes to be stopped. If not specified, all nodes are stopped. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node IDs. You can get the node IDs from the first column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup dm display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all nodes are selected by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-R, --role` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are stopped.

-R, –role

- Specifies the roles to be stopped. If not specified, all roles are stopped. The value of this option is a comma-separated list of node roles. You can get the roles of nodes from the second column of the cluster status table returned by the `tiup dm display` command.
- Data type: `STRINGS`
- If this option is not specified in the command, all roles are selected by default.

> **Note:**
>
> If the `-N, --node` option is specified at the same time, only the service nodes that match both the specifications of `-N, --node` and `-R, --role` are stopped.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- Default: false

Output

The log of stopping the service.

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13.4.7.4.21 tiup dm template

Before deploying the cluster, you need to prepare a topology file of the cluster. TiUP has a built-in topology file template, and you can modify this template to create the final topology file. To output the built-in template content, you can use the `tiup dm template` command.

Syntax

```
tiup dm template [flags]
```

If this option is not specified, the output default template contains the following instances:

- 3 DM-master instances
- 3 DM-worker instances

- 1 Prometheus instance
- 1 Grafana instance
- 1 Alertmanager instance

Options

–full

- Outputs a detailed topology template that is commented with configurable parameters. To enable this option, add it to the command.
- If this option is not specified, the simple topology template is output by default.

-h, –help

Prints the help information.

Output

Outputs the topology template according to the specified options, which can be redirected to the topology file for deployment.

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13.4.7.4.22 tiup dm upgrade

The `tiup dm upgrade` command is used to upgrade a specified cluster to a specific version.

Syntax

```
tiup dm upgrade <cluster-name> <version> [flags]
```

- `<cluster-name>` is the name of the cluster to be operated on. If you forget the cluster name, you can check it using the `tiup dm list` command.
- `<version>` is the target version to be upgraded to, such as `v8.5.1`. Currently, only upgrading to a later version is allowed, and upgrading to an earlier version is not allowed, which means the downgrade is not allowed. Upgrading to a nightly version is not allowed either.

Options

–offline

- Declares that the current cluster is offline. When this option is specified, TiUP DM only replaces the binary files of the cluster components in place without restarting the service.

-h, –help

- Prints the help information.
- Data type: `BOOLEAN`
- This option is disabled by default with the `false` value. To enable this option, add this option to the command, and either pass the `true` value or do not pass any value.

Output

Log of the service upgrade process.

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13.4.8 Topology Configuration File for TiDB Deployment Using TiUP

To deploy or scale TiDB using TiUP, you need to provide a topology file (sample) to describe the cluster topology.

Similarly, to modify the cluster topology, you need to modify the topology file. The difference is that, after the cluster is deployed, you can only modify a part of the fields in the topology file. This document introduces each section of the topology file and each field in each section.

When you deploy a TiDB cluster using TiUP, TiUP also deploys monitoring servers, such as Prometheus, Grafana, and Alertmanager. In the meantime, if you scale out this cluster, TiUP also adds the new nodes into monitoring scope. To customize the configurations of the preceding monitoring servers, you can follow the instructions in Customize Configurations of Monitoring Servers.

13.4.8.1 File structure

A topology configuration file for TiDB deployment using TiUP might contain the following sections:

- global: The cluster's global configuration. Some of the configuration items use the default values and you can configure them separately in each instance.
- monitored: Configuration for monitoring services, namely, the blackbox_exporter and the `node_exporter`. On each machine, a `node_exporter` and a `blackbox_exporter` are deployed.
- server_configs: Components' global configuration. You can configure each component separately. If an instance has a configuration item with the same name, the instance's configuration item will take effect.
- component_versions: Component version. You can configure it when a component does not use the cluster version. This section is introduced in tiup-cluster v1.14.0.
- pd_servers: The configuration of the PD instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which the PD component is deployed.
- tidb_servers: The configuration of the TiDB instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which the TiDB component is deployed.

- tikv_servers: The configuration of the TiKV instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which the TiKV component is deployed.
- tiflash_servers: The configuration of the TiFlash instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which the TiFlash component is deployed.
- tiproxy_servers: The configuration of the TiProxy instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which the TiProxy component is deployed.
- kvcdc_servers: The configuration of the TiKV-CDC instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which the TiKV-CDC component is deployed.
- cdc_servers: The configuration of the TiCDC instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which the TiCDC component is deployed.
- tispark_masters: The configuration of the TiSpark master instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which the TiSpark master component is deployed. Only one node of TiSpark master can be deployed.
- tispark_workers: The configuration of the TiSpark worker instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which the TiSpark worker component is deployed.
- tso_servers: The configuration of the TSO instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which the `tso` microservice is deployed (requires configuring `pd_mode: "ms"` in `global` to enable PD microservices).
- scheduling_servers: The configuration of the Scheduling instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which the `scheduling` microservice is deployed (requires configuring `pd_mode: "ms"` in `global` to enable PD microservices).
- monitoring_servers: Specifies the machines to which Prometheus and NGMonitoring are deployed. TiUP supports deploying multiple Prometheus instances but only the first instance is used.
- grafana_servers: The configuration of the Grafana instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which Grafana is deployed.
- alertmanager_servers: The configuration of the Alertmanager instance. This configuration specifies the machines to which Alertmanager is deployed.

13.4.8.1.1 `global`

The `global` section corresponds to the cluster's global configuration and has the following fields:

- `user`: The user used to start the deployed cluster. The default value is `"tidb"`. If the user specified in the `<user>` field does not exist on the target machine, this user is automatically created.

- `group`: The user group to which a user belongs. It is specified when the user is created. The value defaults to that of the `<user>` field. If the specified group does not exist, it is automatically created.

- `systemd_mode`: Specifies the `systemd` mode used on the target machine during cluster deployment. The default value is `system`. If set to `user`, sudo permissions are not required on the target machine, meaning TiUP no-sudo mode is used.

- `ssh_port`: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. The default value is `22`.
- `enable_tls`: Specifies whether to enable TLS for the cluster. After TLS is enabled, the generated TLS certificate must be used for connections between components or between the client and the component. The default value is `false`.
- `listen_host`: Specifies the default listening IP address. If it is empty, each instance automatically sets it to `::` or `0.0.0.0` based on whether its `host` field contains `:`. This field is introduced in tiup-cluster v1.14.0.
- `deploy_dir`: The deployment directory of each component. The default value is `"deployed"`. Its application rules are as follows:
  - If the absolute path of `deploy_dir` is configured at the instance level, the actual deployment directory is `deploy_dir` configured for the instance.
  - For each instance, if you do not configure `deploy_dir`, its default value is the relative path `<component-name>-<component-port>`.
  - If `global.deploy_dir` is an absolute path, the component is deployed to the `<global.deploy_dir>/<instance.deploy_dir>` directory.
  - If `global.deploy_dir` is a relative path, the component is deployed to the `/home/<global.user>/<global.deploy_dir>/<instance.deploy_dir>` directory.
- `data_dir`: The data directory. Default value: `"data"`. Its application rules are as follows:
  - If the absolute path of `data_dir` is configured at the instance level, the actual deployment directory is `data_dir` configured for the instance.
  - For each instance, if you do not configure `data_dir`, its default value is `<global.data_dir>`.
  - If `data_dir` is a relative path, the component data is placed in `<deploy_dir>/<data_dir>`. For the calculation rules of `<deploy_dir>`, see the application rules of the `deploy_dir` field.
- `log_dir`: The log directory. Default value: `"log"`. Its application rules are as follows:
  - If the absolute path `log_dir` is configured at the instance level, the actual log directory is the `log_dir` configured for the instance.
  - For each instance, if you not configure `log_dir`, its default value is `<global.log_dir>`.
  - If `log_dir` is a relative path, the component log is placed in `<deploy_dir>/<log_dir>`. For the calculation rules of `<deploy_dir>`, see the application rules of the `deploy_dir` field.

- `os`: The operating system of the target machine. The field controls which operating system to adapt to for the components pushed to the target machine. The default value is "linux".
- `arch`: The CPU architecture of the target machine. The field controls which platform to adapt to for the binary packages pushed to the target machine. The supported values are "amd64" and "arm64". The default value is "amd64".
- `pd_mode`: The PD working mode. The field controls whether to enable PD microservices. The supported value is "ms". Specifying this field means enabling PD microservices.
- `resource_control`: Runtime resource control. All configurations in this field are written into the service file of systemd. There is no limit by default. The resources that can be controlled are as follows:
  - `memory_limit`: Limits the maximum runtime memory. For example, "2G" means that the maximum memory of 2 GB can be used.
  - `cpu_quota`: Limits the maximum CPU usage at runtime. For example, "200%".
  - `io_read_bandwidth_max`: Limits the maximum I/O bandwidth for disk reads. For example, `"/dev/disk/by-path/pci-0000:00:1f.2-scsi-0:0:0:0 100M"`.
  - `io_write_bandwidth_max`: Limits maximum I/O bandwidth for disk writes. For example, `/dev/disk/by-path/pci-0000:00:1f.2-scsi-0:0:0:0 100M`.
  - `limit_core`: Controls the size of core dump.

A `global` configuration example is as follows:

```
global:
  user: "tidb"
  resource_control:
    memory_limit: "2G"
```

In the above configuration, the `tidb` user is used to start the cluster. At the same time, each component is restricted to a maximum of 2 GB of memory when it is running.

13.4.8.1.2 `monitored`

`monitored` is used to configure the monitoring service on the target machine: `node_exporter` and `blackbox_exporter`. The following fields are included:

- `node_exporter_port`: The service port of `node_exporter`. The default value is `9100`.
- `blackbox_exporter_port`: The service port of `blackbox_exporter`. The default value is `9115`.

- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `data_dir`: Specifies the data directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `data_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `log_dir`: Specifies the log directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the log is generated according to the `log_dir` directory configured in `global`.

A `monitored` configuration example is as follows:

```
monitored:
  node_exporter_port: 9100
  blackbox_exporter_port: 9115
```

The above configuration specifies that `node_exporter` uses the `9100` port and `blackbox_exporter` uses the `9115` port.

13.4.8.1.3 `server_configs`

`server_configs` is used to configure services and to generate configuration files for each component. Similar to the `global` section, the configuration of this section can be overwritten by the configurations with the same names in an instance. `server_configs` mainly includes the following fields:

- `tidb`: TiDB service-related configuration. For the complete configuration, see TiDB configuration file.
- `tikv`: TiKV service-related configuration. For the complete configuration, see TiKV configuration file.
- `pd`: PD service-related configuration. For the complete configuration, see PD configuration file.
- `tiflash`: TiFlash service-related configuration. For the complete configuration, see TiFlash configuration file.
- `tiflash_learner`: Each TiFlash node has a special built-in TiKV. This configuration item is used to configure this special TiKV. It is generally not recommended to modify the content under this configuration item.
- `tiproxy`: TiProxy service-related configuration. For the complete configuration, see TiProxy configuration file.
- `cdc`: TiCDC service-related configuration. For the complete configuration, see Deploy TiCDC.

- `tso`: `tso` microservice-related configuration. For the complete configuration, see TSO configuration file.
- `scheduling`: `scheduling` microservice-related configuration. For the complete configuration, see Scheduling configuration file.

A `server_configs` configuration example is as follows:

```
server_configs:
  tidb:
    lease: "45s"
    split-table: true
    token-limit: 1000
    instance.tidb_enable_ddl: true
  tikv:
    log-level: "info"
    readpool.unified.min-thread-count: 1
```

The above configuration specifies the global configuration of TiDB and TiKV.

13.4.8.1.4 `component_versions`

> **Note:**
>
> For components that share a version number, such as TiDB, TiKV, PD, and TiCDC, there are no complete tests to ensure that they work properly in a mixed-version deployment scenario. Ensure that you use this section only in test environments, or with the help of technical support.

`component_versions` is used to specify the version number of a certain component.

- When `component_versions` is not configured, each component either uses the same version number as the TiDB cluster (such as PD and TiKV), or uses the latest version (such as Alertmanager).
- When `component_versions` is configured, the corresponding component will use the specified version, and this version will be used in subsequent cluster scaling and upgrade operations.

Make sure you only configure it when you need to use a specific version of a component.

`component_versions` contains the following fields:

- `tikv`: The version of the TiKV component

- `tiflash`: The version of the TiFlash component
- `pd`: The version of the PD component
- `tidb_dashboard`: The version of the standalone TiDB Dashboard component
- `cdc`: The version of the CDC component
- `kvcdc`: The version of the TiKV-CDC component
- `tiproxy`: The version of the TiProxy component
- `prometheus`: The version of the Prometheus component
- `grafana`: The version of the Grafana component
- `alertmanager`: The version of the Alertmanager component
- `tso`: The version of the TSO component
- `scheduling`: The version of the Scheduling component

The following is an example configuration for `component_versions`:

```
component_versions:
  kvcdc: "v1.1.1"
```

The preceding configuration specifies the version number of TiKV-CDC to be `v1.1.1`.

13.4.8.1.5 `pd_servers`

`pd_servers` specifies the machines to which PD services are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. `pd_servers` is an array, and each element of the array contains the following fields:

- `host`: Specifies the machine to which the PD services are deployed. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- `listen_host`: When the machine has multiple IP addresses, `listen_host` specifies the listening IP address of the service. The default value is `0.0.0.0`.
- `ssh_port`: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the `ssh_port` of the `global` section is used.
- `name`: Specifies the name of the PD instance. Different instances must have unique names; otherwise, instances cannot be deployed.
- `client_port`: Specifies the port that PD uses to connect to the client. The default value is 2379.
- `peer_port`: Specifies the port for communication between PDs. The default value is 2380.
- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.

- `data_dir`: Specifies the data directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `data_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `log_dir`: Specifies the log directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the log is generated according to the `log_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `numa_node`: Allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is the string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1".
- `config`: The configuration rule of this field is the same as the `pd` configuration rule in `server_configs`. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `pd` content in `server_configs` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`.
- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.
- `resource_control`: Resource control for the service. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `resource_control` content in `global` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a systemd configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`. The configuration rules of `resource_control` are the same as the `resource_control` content in `global`.

For the above fields, you cannot modify these configured fields after the deployment:

- `host`
- `listen_host`
- `name`
- `client_port`
- `peer_port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `data_dir`
- `log_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

A `pd_servers` configuration example is as follows:

```
pd_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.11
    config:
      schedule.max-merge-region-size: 20
      schedule.max-merge-region-keys: 200000
  - host: 10.0.1.12
```

The above configuration specifies that PD will be deployed on `10.0.1.11` and `10.0.1.12`, and makes specific configurations for the PD of `10.0.1.11`.

13.4.8.1.6 `tidb_servers`

`tidb_servers` specifies the machines to which TiDB services are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. `tidb_servers` is an array, and each element of the array contains the following fields:

- `host`: Specifies the machine to which the TiDB services are deployed. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- `listen_host`: When the machine has multiple IP addresses, `listen_host` specifies the listening IP address of the service. The default value is `0.0.0.0`.
- `ssh_port`: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the `ssh_port` of the `global` section is used.
- `port`: The listening port of TiDB services, which is used to provide connection to the MySQL client. The default value is `4000`.
- `status_port`: The listening port of the TiDB status service, which is used to view the status of the TiDB services from the external via HTTP requests. The default value is `10080`.
- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `log_dir`: Specifies the log directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the log is generated according to the `log_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `numa_node`: Allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is the string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1".
- `config`: The configuration rule of this field is the same as the `tidb` configuration rule in `server_configs`. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the

`tidb` content in `server_configs` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`.

- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.
- `resource_control`: Resource control for the service. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `resource_control` content in `global` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a systemd configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`. The configuration rules of `resource_control` are the same as the `resource_control` content in `global`.

For the above fields, you cannot modify these configured fields after the deployment:

- `host`
- `listen_host`
- `port`
- `status_port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `log_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

A `tidb_servers` configuration example is as follows:

```
tidb_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.14
    config:
      log.level: warn
      log.slow-query-file: tidb-slow-overwrited.log
  - host: 10.0.1.15
```

13.4.8.1.7 `tikv_servers`

`tikv_servers` specifies the machines to which TiKV services are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. `tikv_servers` is an array, and each element of the array contains the following fields:

- `host`: Specifies the machine to which the TiKV services are deployed. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.

- `listen_host`: When the machine has multiple IP addresses, `listen_host` specifies the listening IP address of the service. The default value is `0.0.0.0`.
- `ssh_port`: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the `ssh_port` of the `global` section is used.
- `port`: The listening port of the TiKV services. The default value is `20160`.
- `status_port`: The listening port of the TiKV status service. The default value is `20180`.
- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `data_dir`: Specifies the data directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `data_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `log_dir`: Specifies the log directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the log is generated according to the `log_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `numa_node`: Allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is the string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1".
- `config`: The configuration rule of this field is the same as the `tikv` configuration rule in `server_configs`. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `tikv` content in `server_configs` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`.
- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.
- `resource_control`: Resource control for the service. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `resource_control` content in `global` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a systemd configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`. The configuration rules of `resource_control` are the same as the `resource_control` content in `global`.

For the above fields, you cannot modify these configured fields after the deployment:

- `host`

- listen_host
- port
- status_port
- deploy_dir
- data_dir
- log_dir
- arch
- os

A tikv_servers configuration example is as follows:

```
tikv_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.14
    config:
      server.labels: { zone: "zone1", host: "host1" }
  - host: 10.0.1.15
    config:
      server.labels: { zone: "zone1", host: "host2" }
```

13.4.8.1.8 tiflash_servers

tiflash_servers specifies the machines to which TiFlash services are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. This section is an array, and each element of the array contains the following fields:

- host: Specifies the machine to which the TiFlash services are deployed. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- ssh_port: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the ssh_port of the global section is used.
- tcp_port: The port of the TiFlash TCP service for internal testing purposes. The default value is 9000. Starting from TiUP v1.12.5, this configuration item does not take effect on clusters that are v7.1.0 or later.
- flash_service_port: The port via which TiFlash provides services. TiDB reads data from TiFlash via this port. The default value is 3930.
- metrics_port: TiFlash's status port, which is used to output metric data. The default value is 8234.
- flash_proxy_port: The port of the built-in TiKV. The default value is 20170.
- flash_proxy_status_port: The status port of the built-in TiKV. The default value is 20292.

- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `data_dir`: Specifies the data directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `data_dir` directory configured in `global`. TiFlash supports multiple `data_dir` directories separated by commas.
- `log_dir`: Specifies the log directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the log is generated according to the `log_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `tmp_path`: The storage path of TiFlash temporary files. The default value is [`path` or the first directory of `storage.latest.dir`] + "/tmp".
- `numa_node`: Allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is the string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1".
- `config`: The configuration rule of this field is the same as the `tiflash` configuration rule in `server_configs`. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `tiflash` content in `server_configs` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`.
- `learner_config`: Each TiFlash node has a special built-in TiKV. This configuration item is used to configure this special TiKV. It is generally not recommended to modify the content under this configuration item.
- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.
- `resource_control`: Resource control for the service. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `resource_control` content in `global` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a systemd configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`. The configuration rules of `resource_control` are the same as the `resource_control` content in `global`.

After the deployment, for the fields above, you can only add directories to `data_dir`; for the fields below, you cannot modify these fields:

- `host`
- `tcp_port`
- `flash_service_port`

- flash_proxy_port
- flash_proxy_status_port
- metrics_port
- deploy_dir
- log_dir
- tmp_path
- arch
- os

A tiflash_servers configuration example is as follows:

```
tiflash_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.21
  - host: 10.0.1.22
```

13.4.8.1.9 tiproxy_servers

tiproxy_servers specifies the machines to which the TiProxy services are deployed and the service configuration on each machine. tiproxy_servers is an array, and each element of the array contains the following fields:

- host: Specifies the IP address of the machine to which the TiProxy services are deployed. This field is mandatory.
- ssh_port: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the ssh_port of the global section is used.
- port: The listening port of the TiProxy SQL services. The default value is 6000.
- status_port: The listening port of the TiProxy status service. It is used to view the status of the TiProxy services from the external via HTTP requests. The default value is 3080.
- deploy_dir: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated based on the deploy_dir directory configured in global.
- numa_node: Allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is of string type. The value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1".
- config: The configuration rule of this field is the same as the tiproxy configuration rule in server_configs. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the tiproxy content in server_configs. If these two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect. Subsequently, a configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in host.

- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.

Among the above fields, you cannot modify the following configured fields after the deployment:

- `host`
- `port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

A `tiproxy_servers` configuration example is as follows:

```
tiproxy_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.21
    port: 6000
    status_port: 3080
    config:
      labels: { zone: "zone1" }
  - host: 10.0.1.22
    port: 6000
    status_port: 3080
    config:
      labels: { zone: "zone2" }
```

For more configuration examples, see TiProxy Deployment Topology.

13.4.8.1.10 `kvcdc_servers`

`kvcdc_servers` specifies the machines to which the TiKV-CDC services are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. `kvcdc_servers` is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- `host`: Specifies the machine to which the TiKV-CDC services are deployed. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- `ssh_port`: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the `ssh_port` of the `global` section is used.
- `port`: The listening port of the TiKV-CDC services. The default value is `8600`.

- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `data-dir`: Specifies the directory that TiKV-CDC uses to store temporary files primarily for sorting (optional). The free disk space for this directory is recommended to be greater than or equal to 500 GiB.
- `log_dir`: Specifies the log directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the log is generated according to the `log_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `gc-ttl`: The TTL (Time to Live, in seconds) of the service-level GC safepoint in PD set by TiKV-CDC (optional). It is the duration that replication tasks can be suspended, defaulting to `86400`, which is 24 hours. Note that suspending replication tasks affects the progress of TiKV garbage collection safepoint. The longer the `gc-ttl`, the longer changefeeds can be suspended, but at the same time, more obsolete data will be kept and occupy more space. Vice versa.
- `tz`: The time zone that the TiKV-CDC services use. TiKV-CDC uses this time zone when internally converting time data types such as timestamp and when replicating data to the downstream. The default value is the local time zone where the process runs.
- `numa_node`: Allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is the string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1".
- `config`: The address of the configuration file that TiKV-CDC uses (optional).
- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.
- `resource_control`: Resource control for the service. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `resource_control` content in `global` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a systemd configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`. The configuration rules of `resource_control` are the same as the `resource_control` content in `global`.

For the above fields, you cannot modify these configured fields after the deployment:

- `host`
- `port`
- `deploy_dir`

- data_dir
- log_dir
- arch
- os

A kvcdc_servers configuration example is as follows:

```
kvcdc_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.21
  - host: 10.0.1.22
```

13.4.8.1.11 cdc_servers

cdc_servers specifies the machines to which the TiCDC services are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. cdc_servers is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- host: Specifies the machine to which the TiCDC services are deployed. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- ssh_port: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the ssh_port of the global section is used.
- port: The listening port of the TiCDC services. The default value is 8300.
- deploy_dir: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the deploy_dir directory configured in global.
- data_dir: Specifies the data directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the data_dir directory configured in global.
- log_dir: Specifies the log directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the log is generated according to the log_dir directory configured in global.
- gc-ttl: The Time To Live (TTL) duration of the service level GC safepoint set by TiCDC in PD, in seconds. The default value is 86400, which is 24 hours.
- tz: The time zone that the TiCDC services use. TiCDC uses this time zone when internally converting time data types such as timestamp and when replicating data to the downstream. The default value is the local time zone where the process runs.
- numa_node: Allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is the string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as “0,1”.

- `config`: The field content is merged with the `cdc` content in `server_configs` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`.
- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.
- `resource_control`: Resource control for the service. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `resource_control` content in `global` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a systemd configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`. The configuration rules of `resource_control` are the same as the `resource_control` content in `global`.
- `ticdc_cluster_id`: Specifies the TiCDC cluster ID corresponding to the service. If this field is not specified, the service joins the default TiCDC cluster. This field only takes effect in TiDB v6.3.0 or later versions.

For the above fields, you cannot modify these configured fields after the deployment:

- `host`
- `port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `data_dir`
- `log_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`
- `ticdc_cluster_id`

A `cdc_servers` configuration example is as follows:

```
cdc_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.20
    gc-ttl: 86400
    data_dir: "/cdc-data"
  - host: 10.0.1.21
    gc-ttl: 86400
    data_dir: "/cdc-data"
```

13.4.8.1.12 `tispark_masters`

`tispark_masters` specifies the machines to which the master node of TiSpark is deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. `tispark_masters` is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- `host`: Specifies the machine to which the TiSpark master is deployed. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- `listen_host`: When the machine has multiple IP addresses, `listen_host` specifies the listening IP address of the service. The default value is `0.0.0.0`.
- `ssh_port`: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the `ssh_port` of the `global` section is used.
- `port`: Spark's listening port, used for communication before the node. The default value is `7077`.
- `web_port`: Spark's web port, which provides web services and the task status. The default value is `8080`.
- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `java_home`: Specifies the path of the JRE environment to be used. This parameter corresponds to the `JAVA_HOME` system environment variable.
- `spark_config`: Configures to configure the TiSpark services. Then, a configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`.
- `spark_env`: Configures the environment variables when Spark starts.
- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.

For the above fields, you cannot modify these configured fields after the deployment:

- `host`
- `listen_host`
- `port`
- `web_port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

A `tispark_masters` configuration example is as follows:

```
tispark_masters:
  - host: 10.0.1.21
    spark_config:
      spark.driver.memory: "2g"
      spark.eventLog.enabled: "False"
      spark.tispark.grpc.framesize: 2147483647
      spark.tispark.grpc.timeout_in_sec: 100
      spark.tispark.meta.reload_period_in_sec: 60
      spark.tispark.request.command.priority: "Low"
      spark.tispark.table.scan_concurrency: 256
    spark_env:
      SPARK_EXECUTOR_CORES: 5
      SPARK_EXECUTOR_MEMORY: "10g"
      SPARK_WORKER_CORES: 5
      SPARK_WORKER_MEMORY: "10g"
  - host: 10.0.1.22
```

13.4.8.1.13 `tispark_workers`

`tispark_workers` specifies the machines to which the worker nodes of TiSpark are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. `tispark_workers` is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- `host`: Specifies the machine to which the TiSpark workers are deployed. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- `listen_host`: When the machine has multiple IP addresses, `listen_host` specifies the listening IP address of the service. The default value is `0.0.0.0`.
- `ssh_port`: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the `ssh_port` of the `global` section is used.
- `port`: Spark's listening port, used for communication before the node. The default value is `7077`.
- `web_port`: Spark's web port, which provides web services and the task status. The default value is `8080`.
- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `java_home`: Specifies the path in which the JRE environment to be used is located. This parameter corresponds to the `JAVA_HOME` system environment variable.

- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.

For the above fields, you cannot modify these configured fields after the deployment:

- `host`
- `listen_host`
- `port`
- `web_port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

A `tispark_workers` configuration example is as follows:

```
tispark_workers:
  - host: 10.0.1.22
  - host: 10.0.1.23
```

13.4.8.1.14 `tso_servers`

`tso_servers` specifies the machines to which the `tso` microservices are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. `tso_servers` is an array, and each element of the array contains the following fields:

- `host`: Specifies the IP address of the machine to which the `tso` microservices are deployed. The field value is mandatory.
- `ssh_port`: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the `ssh_port` of the `global` section is used.
- `port`: Specifies the listening port of the `tso` microservices. The default value is `3379`.
- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `data_dir`: Specifies the data directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `data_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `config`: The configuration rule of this field is the same as the `tso` configuration rule in `server_configs`. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `tso` content in `server_configs` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Subsequently, a configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`.

- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.

Among the preceding fields, you cannot modify these fields after the deployment:

- `host`
- `port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `data_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

A `tso_servers` configuration example is as follows:

```
tso_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.21
  - host: 10.0.1.22
```

13.4.8.1.15 `scheduling_servers`

`scheduling_servers` specifies the machines to which `scheduling` microservices are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. `scheduling_servers` is an array, and each element of the array contains the following fields:

- `host`: Specifies the IP address of the machine to which the `scheduling` microservices are deployed. The field is mandatory.
- `ssh_port`: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the `ssh_port` of the `global` section is used.
- `port`: Specifies the listening port of the `scheduling` microservices. The default value is 3379.
- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `data_dir`: Specifies the data directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `data_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `config`: The configuration rule of this field is the same as the `scheduling` configuration rule in `server_configs`. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `scheduling` content in `server_configs` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Subsequently, a configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`.

- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.

Among the preceding fields, you cannot modify these fields after the deployment:

- `host`
- `port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `data_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

A `scheduling_servers` configuration example is as follows:

```
scheduling_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.21
  - host: 10.0.1.22
```

13.4.8.1.16 `monitoring_servers`

`monitoring_servers` specifies the machines to which the Prometheus services are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. `monitoring_servers` is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- `host`: Specifies the machine to which the monitoring services are deployed. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- `ng_port`: Specifies the port that NgMonitoring listens to. Introduced in TiUP v1.7.0, this field supports Continuous Profiling and Top SQL. The default value is `12020`.
- `ssh_port`: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the `ssh_port` of the `global` section is used.
- `port`: The listening port of the Prometheus services. The default value is `9090`.
- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `data_dir`: Specifies the data directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `data_dir` directory configured in `global`.

- `log_dir`: Specifies the log directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the log is generated according to the `log_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `numa_node`: Allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is the string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1".
- `storage_retention`: The retention time of the Prometheus monitoring data. The default value is `"30d"`.
- `rule_dir`: Specifies a local directory that should contain complete `*.rules.yml` files. These files are transferred to the target machine during the initialization phase of the cluster configuration as the rules for Prometheus.
- `remote_config`: Supports writing Prometheus data to the remote, or reading data from the remote. This field has two configurations:
    - `remote_write`: See the Prometheus document `<remote_write>`.
    - `remote_read`: See the Prometheus document `<remote_read>`.
- `external_alertmanagers`: If the `external_alertmanagers` field is configured, Prometheus alerts the configuration behavior to the Alertmanager that is outside the cluster. This field is an array, each element of which is an external Alertmanager and consists of the `host` and `web_port` fields.
- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.
- `resource_control`: Resource control for the service. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `resource_control` content in `global` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a systemd configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`. The configuration rules of `resource_control` are the same as the `resource_control` content in `global`.
- `additional_args`: Introduced in TiUP v1.15.0, this field configures additional parameters for running Prometheus. This field is an array, and each element of the array is a Prometheus running parameter. For example, to enable the Prometheus hot reload feature, you can set this field to `--web.enable-lifecycle`.
- `additional_scrape_conf`: Customized Prometheus scrape configuration. When you deploy, scale out, scale in, or reload a TiDB cluster, TiUP adds the content of the `additional_scrape_conf` field to the corresponding parameters of the Prometheus configuration file. For more information, see Customize Prometheus scrape configuration.

For the above fields, you cannot modify these configured fields after the deployment:

- host
- port
- deploy_dir
- data_dir
- log_dir
- arch
- os

A monitoring_servers configuration example is as follows:

```
monitoring_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.11
    rule_dir: /local/rule/dir
    additional_args:
    - --web.enable-lifecycle
    remote_config:
      remote_write:
      - queue_config:
          batch_send_deadline: 5m
          capacity: 100000
          max_samples_per_send: 10000
          max_shards: 300
        url: http://127.0.0.1:8003/write
      remote_read:
      - url: http://127.0.0.1:8003/read
      external_alertmanagers:
      - host: 10.1.1.1
        web_port: 9093
      - host: 10.1.1.2
        web_port: 9094
```

13.4.8.1.17 grafana_servers

grafana_servers specifies the machines to which the Grafana services are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. grafana_servers is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- host: Specifies the machine to which the Grafana services are deployed. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- ssh_port: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the ssh_port of the global section is used.

- `port`: The listening port of the Grafana services. The default value is `3000`.
- `deploy_dir`: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` directory configured in `global`.
- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.
- `username`: The user name on the Grafana login interface.
- `password`: The password corresponding to Grafana.
- `dashboard_dir`: Specifies a local directory that should contain complete `dashboard (*.json)` files. These files are transferred to the target machine during the initialization phase of the cluster configuration as the dashboards for Grafana.
- `resource_control`: Resource control for the service. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `resource_control` content in `global` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a systemd configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`. The configuration rules of `resource_control` are the same as the `resource_control` content in `global`.
- `config`: This field is used to add custom configurations to Grafana. When you deploy, scale out, scale in, or reload a TiDB cluster, TiUP adds the content of the `config` field to the Grafana configuration file `grafana.ini`. For more information, see Customize other Grafana configurations.

Note:

If the `dashboard_dir` field of `grafana_servers` is configured, after executing the `tiup cluster rename` command to rename the cluster, you need to perform the following operations:

1. For the `*.json` files in the local dashboards directory, update the value of the `datasource` field to the new cluster name (because `datasource` is named after the cluster name).
2. Execute the `tiup cluster reload -R grafana` command.

For the above fields, you cannot modify these configured fields after the deployment:

- `host`

- port
- deploy_dir
- arch
- os

A grafana_servers configuration example is as follows:

```
grafana_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.11
    dashboard_dir: /local/dashboard/dir
```

13.4.8.1.18 alertmanager_servers

alertmanager_servers specifies the machines to which the Alertmanager services are deployed. It also specifies the service configuration on each machine. alertmanager_servers is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- host: Specifies the machine to which the Alertmanager services are deployed. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- ssh_port: Specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If it is not specified, the ssh_port of the global section is used.
- web_port: Specifies the port used that Alertmanager uses to provide web services. The default value is 9093.
- cluster_port: Specifies the communication port between one Alertmanger and other Alertmanager. The default value is 9094.
- deploy_dir: Specifies the deployment directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the deploy_dir directory configured in global.
- data_dir: Specifies the data directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the directory is generated according to the data_dir directory configured in global.
- log_dir: Specifies the log directory. If it is not specified or specified as a relative directory, the log is generated according to the log_dir directory configured in global.
- numa_node: Allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is the string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1".
- config_file: Specifies a local file that is transferred to the target machine during the initialization phase of the cluster configuration as the configuration of Alertmanager.

- `os`: The operating system of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value in `global`.
- `arch`: The architecture of the machine specified in `host`. If this field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value in `global`.
- `resource_control`: Resource control for the service. If this field is configured, the field content is merged with the `resource_control` content in `global` (if the two fields overlap, the content of this field takes effect). Then, a systemd configuration file is generated and sent to the machine specified in `host`. The configuration rules of `resource_control` are the same as the `resource_control` content in `global`.
- `listen_host`: Specifies the listening address so that Alertmanager can be accessed through a proxy. It is recommended to configure it as `0.0.0.0`. For more information, see Customize Alertmanager configurations.

For the above fields, you cannot modify these configured fields after the deployment:

- `host`
- `web_port`
- `cluster_port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `data_dir`
- `log_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

A `alertmanager_servers` configuration example is as follows:

```
alertmanager_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.11
    config_file: /local/config/file
  - host: 10.0.1.12
    config_file: /local/config/file
```

13.4.9 Topology Configuration File for DM Cluster Deployment Using TiUP

To deploy or scale a TiDB Data Migration (DM) cluster, you need to provide a topology file (sample) to describe the cluster topology.

Similarly, to modify the cluster topology, you need to modify the topology file. The difference is that, after the cluster is deployed, you can only modify a part of the fields in the topology file. This document introduces each section of the topology file and each field in each section.

13.4.9.1 File structure

A topology configuration file for DM cluster deployment using TiUP might contain the following sections:

- global: the cluster's global configuration. Some of the configuration items use the default values of the cluster, and you can configure them separately in each instance.
- server_configs: the components' global configuration. You can configure each component separately. If an instance has a configuration item with the same key, the instance's configuration item will take effect.
- master_servers: the configuration of the DM-master instance. The configuration specifies the machines to which the master service of the DM component is deployed.
- worker_servers: the configuration of the DM-worker instance. The configuration specifies the machines to which the worker service of the DM component is deployed.
- monitoring_servers: specifies the machines to which the Prometheus instances are deployed. TiUP supports deploying multiple Prometheus instances but only the first instance is used.
- grafana_servers: the configuration of the Grafana instances. The configuration specifies the machines to which the Grafana instances are deployed.
- alertmanager_servers: the configuration of the Alertemanager instances. The configuration specifies the machines to which the Alertmanager instances are deployed.

13.4.9.1.1 `global`

The `global` section corresponds to the cluster's global configuration and has the following fields:

- `user`: the user to start the deployed cluster. The default value is "tidb". If the user specified in the `<user>` field does not exist on the target machine, TiUP will automatically try to create the user.
- `group`: the user group to which a user belongs when the user is automatically created. The default value is the same as the `<user>` field. If the specified group does not exist, it will be created automatically.
- `ssh_port`: the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. The default value is "22".
- `deploy_dir`: the deployment directory for each component. The default value is "deploy". The construction rules are as follows:
  - If the absolute path `deploy_dir` is configured at the instance level, the actual deployment directory is the `deploy_dir` configured for the instance.
  - For each instance, if you do not configure `deploy_dir`, the default value is the relative path `<component-name>-<component-port>`.
  - If `global.deploy_dir` is set to an absolute path, the component is deployed to the `<global.deploy_dir>/<instance.deploy_dir>` directory.

    - If `global.deploy_dir` is set to a relative path, the component is deployed to the `/home/<global.user>/<global.deploy_dir>/<instance.deploy_dir>` directory.

- `data_dir`: the data directory. The default value is "data". The construction rules are as follows.

    - If the absolute path `data_dir` is configured at the instance level, the actual data directory is the `data_dir` configured for the instance.
    - For each instance, if `data_dir` is not configured, the default value is `<global.data_dir>`.
    - If `data_dir` is set to a relative path, the component data is stored in `<deploy_dir>/<data_dir>`. For the construction rules of `<deploy_dir>`, see the construction rules of the `deploy_dir` field.

- `log_dir`: the data directory. The default value is "log". The construction rules are as follows.

    - If the absolute path of `log_dir` is configured at the instance level, the actual log directory is the `log_dir` configured for the instance.
    - For each instance, if `log_dir` is not configured by the user, the default value is `<global.log_dir>`.
    - If `log_dir` is a relative path, the component logs will be stored in `<deploy_dir>/<log_dir>`. For the construction rules of `<deploy_dir>`, see the construction rules of the `deploy_dir` field.

- `os`: the operating system of the target machine. The field controls which operating system to adapt to for the components pushed to the target machine. The default value is "linux".
- `arch`: the CPU architecture of the target machine. The field controls which platform to adapt to for the binary packages pushed to the target machine. The supported values are "amd64" and "arm64". The default value is "amd64".
- `resource_control`: runtime resource control. All configurations in this field are written to the service file of systemd. There is no limit by default. The resources that can be controlled are as follows:

    - `memory_limit`: limits the maximum memory at runtime. For example, "2G" means that the maximum memory of 2 GB can be used.
    - `cpu_quota`: limits the maximum CPU usage at runtime. For example, "200%".
    - `io_read_bandwidth_max`: limits the maximum I/O bandwidth for disk reads. For example, `"/dev/disk/by-path/pci-0000:00:1f.2-scsi-0:0:0:0:0 100M"`.
    - `io_write_bandwidth_max`: limits the maximum I/O bandwidth for disk writes. For example, `"/dev/disk/by-path/pci-0000:00:1f.2-scsi-0:0:0:0:0 100M"`.
    - `limit_core`: controls the size of core dump.

A `global` configuration example:

```
global:
  user: "tidb"
  resource_control:
    memory_limit: "2G"
```

In the example, the configuration specifies that the `tidb` user is used to start the cluster, and that each component is limited to a maximum of 2 GB of memory when it is running.

13.4.9.1.2 `server_configs`

`server_configs` is used to configure services and to generate configuration files for each component. Similar to the `global` section, the configurations in the `server_configs` section can be overwritten by the configurations with the same keys in an instance. `server_configs` mainly contains the following fields:

- `master`: the configuration related to the DM-master service. For all the supported configuration items, see DM-master Configuration File.
- `worker`: the configuration related to the DM-worker service, For all the supported configuration items, see DM-worker Configuration File.

A `server_configs` configuration example is as follows:

```
server_configs:
  master:
    log-level: info
    rpc-timeout: "30s"
    rpc-rate-limit: 10.0
    rpc-rate-burst: 40
  worker:
    log-level: info
```

13.4.9.2 `master_servers`

`master_servers` specifies the machines to which the master node of the DM component is deployed. You can also specify the service configuration on each machine. `master_servers` is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- `host`: specifies the machine to deploy to. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- `ssh_port`: specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If the field is not specified, the `ssh_port` in the `global` section is used.
- `name`: specifies the name of the DM-master instance. The name must be unique for different instances. Otherwise, the cluster cannot be deployed.

- `port`: specifies the port on which DM-master provides services. The default value is "8261".
- `peer_port`: specifies the port for communication between DM-masters. The default value is "8291".
- `deploy_dir`: specifies the deployment directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the deployment directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `data_dir`: specifies the data directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the data directory is generated according to the `data_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `log_dir`: specifies the log directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the log directory is generated according to the `log_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `numa_node`: allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is a string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1".
- `config`: the configuration rules of this field are the same as that of `master` in the `server_configs` section. If `config` is specified, the configuration of `config` will be merged with the configuration of `master` in `server_configs` (if the two fields overlap, the configuration of this field takes effect), and then the configuration file is generated and distributed to the machine specified in the `host` field.
- `os`: the operating system of the machine specified in the `host` field. If the field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value configured in the `global` section.
- `arch`: the architecture of the machine specified in the `host` field. If the field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value configured in the `global` section.
- `resource_control`: resource control on this service. If this field is specified, the configuration of this field will be merged with the configuration of `resource_control` in the `global` section (if the two fields overlap, the configuration of this field takes effect), and then the configuration file of systemd is generated and distributed to the machine specified in the `host` field. The configuration rules of this field are the same as that of `resource_control` in the `global` section.
- `v1_source_path`: when upgrading from v1.0.x, you can specify the directory where the configuration file of the V1 source is located in this field.

In the `master_servers` section, the following fields cannot be modified after the deployment is completed:

- `host`
- `name`
- `port`
- `peer_port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `data_dir`

- log_dir
- arch
- os
- v1_source_path

A master_servers configuration example is as follows:

```
master_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.11
    name: master1
    ssh_port: 22
    port: 8261
    peer_port: 8291
    deploy_dir: "/dm-deploy/dm-master-8261"
    data_dir: "/dm-data/dm-master-8261"
    log_dir: "/dm-deploy/dm-master-8261/log"
    numa_node: "0,1"
    # The following configs are used to overwrite the `server_configs.master
       ↪ ` values.
    config:
      log-level: info
      rpc-timeout: "30s"
      rpc-rate-limit: 10.0
      rpc-rate-burst: 40
  - host: 10.0.1.18
    name: master2
  - host: 10.0.1.19
    name: master3
```

13.4.9.3 worker_servers

worker_servers specifies the machines to which the master node of the DM component is deployed. You can also specify the service configuration on each machine. worker_servers is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- host: specifies the machine to deploy to. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- ssh_port: specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If the field is not specified, the ssh_port in the global section is used.
- name: specifies the name of the DM-worker instance. The name must be unique for different instances. Otherwise, the cluster cannot be deployed.
- port: specifies the port on which DM-worker provides services. The default value is "8262".

- `deploy_dir`: specifies the deployment directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the deployment directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `data_dir`: specifies the data directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the data directory is generated according to the `data_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `log_dir`: specifies the log directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the log directory is generated according to the `log_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `numa_node`: allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is a string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1".
- `config`: the configuration rules of this field are the same as that of `worker` in the `server_configs` section. If `config` is specified, the configuration of `config` will be merged with the configuration of `worker` in `server_configs` (if the two fields overlap, the configuration of this field takes effect), and then the configuration file is generated and distributed to the machine specified in the `host` field.
- `os`: the operating system of the machine specified in the `host` field. If the field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value configured in the `global` section.
- `arch`: the architecture of the machine specified in the `host` field. If the field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value configured in the `global` section.
- `resource_control`: resource control on this service. If this field is specified, the configuration of this field will be merged with the configuration of `resource_control` in the `global` section (if the two fields overlap, the configuration of this field takes effect), and then the configuration file of systemd is generated and distributed to the machine specified in the `host` field. The configuration rules of this field are the same as that of `resource_control` in the `global` section.

In the `worker_servers` section, the following fields cannot be modified after the deployment is completed:

- `host`
- `name`
- `port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `data_dir`
- `log_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

A `worker_servers` configuration example is as follows:

```
worker_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.12
```

```
    ssh_port: 22
    port: 8262
    deploy_dir: "/dm-deploy/dm-worker-8262"
    log_dir: "/dm-deploy/dm-worker-8262/log"
    numa_node: "0,1"
    # config is used to overwrite the `server_configs.worker` values
    config:
      log-level: info
  - host: 10.0.1.19
```

13.4.9.3.1 monitoring_servers

`monitoring_servers` specifies the machines to which the Prometheus service is deployed. You can also specify the service configuration on the machine. `monitoring_servers` is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- `host`: specifies the machine to deploy to. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- `ssh_port`: specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If the field is not specified, the `ssh_port` in the `global` section is used.
- `port`: specifies the port on which Prometheus provides services. The default value is "9090".
- `deploy_dir`: specifies the deployment directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the deployment directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `data_dir`: specifies the data directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the data directory is generated according to the `data_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `log_dir`: specifies the log directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the log directory is generated according to the `log_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `numa_node`: allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is a string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1"
- `storage_retention`: specifies the retention time of the Prometheus monitoring data. The default value is "15d".
- `rule_dir`: specifies a local directory where the complete `*.rules.yml` files are located. The files in the specified directory will be sent to the target machine as the Prometheus rules during the initialization phase of the cluster configuration.
- `remote_config`: Supports writing Prometheus data to the remote, or reading data from the remote. This field has two configurations:
    - `remote_write`: See the Prometheus document `<remote_write>`.
    - `remote_read`: See the Prometheus document `<remote_read>`.

- `external_alertmanagers`: If the `external_alertmanagers` field is configured, Prometheus alerts the configuration behavior to the Alertmanager that is outside the cluster. This field is an array, each element of which is an external Alertmanager and consists of the `host` and `web_port` fields.
- `os`: the operating system of the machine specified in the `host` field. If the field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value configured in the `global` section.
- `arch`: the architecture of the machine specified in the `host` field. If the field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value configured in the `global` section.
- `resource_control`: resource control on this service. If this field is specified, the configuration of this field will be merged with the configuration of `resource_control` in the `global` section (if the two fields overlap, the configuration of this field takes effect), and then the configuration file of systemd is generated and distributed to the machine specified in the `host` field. The configuration rules of this field are the same as that of `resource_control` in the `global` section.

In the `monitoring_servers` section, the following fields cannot be modified after the deployment is completed:

- `host`
- `port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `data_dir`
- `log_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

A `monitoring_servers` configuration example is as follows:

```
monitoring_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.11
    rule_dir: /local/rule/dir
    remote_config:
      remote_write:
      - queue_config:
          batch_send_deadline: 5m
          capacity: 100000
          max_samples_per_send: 10000
          max_shards: 300
        url: http://127.0.0.1:8003/write
      remote_read:
      - url: http://127.0.0.1:8003/read\
      external_alertmanagers:
      - host: 10.1.1.1
      web_port: 9093
      - host: 10.1.1.2
```

```
  web_port: 9094
```

13.4.9.3.2 grafana_servers

`grafana_servers` specifies the machines to which the Grafana service is deployed. You can also specify the service configuration on the machine. `grafana_servers` is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- `host`: specifies the machine to deploy to. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- `ssh_port`: specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If the field is not specified, the `ssh_port` in the `global` section is used.
- `port`: specifies the port on which Grafana provides services. The default value is "3000".
- `deploy_dir`: specifies the deployment directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the deployment directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `os`: the operating system of the machine specified in the `host` field. If the field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value configured in the `global` section.
- `arch`: the architecture of the machine specified in the `host` field. If the field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value configured in the `global` section.
- `username`: specifies the username of the Grafana login screen.
- `password`: specifies the corresponding password of Grafana.
- `dashboard_dir`: specifies a local directory where the complete `dashboard(*.json)` files are located. The files in the specified directory will be sent to the target machine as Grafana dashboards during the initialization phase of the cluster configuration.
- `resource_control`: resource control on this service. If this field is specified, the configuration of this field will be merged with the configuration of `resource_control` in the `global` section (if the two fields overlap, the configuration of this field takes effect), and then the configuration file of systemd is generated and distributed to the machine specified in the `host` field. The configuration rules of this field are the same as that of `resource_control` in the `global` section.

Note:

If the `dashboard_dir` field of `grafana_servers` is configured, after executing the `tiup cluster rename` command to rename the cluster, you need to perform the following operations:

1. In the local `dashboards` directory, update the value of the `datasource` field to the new cluster name (the `datasource` is named after the cluster name).
2. Execute the `tiup cluster reload -R grafana` command.

In `grafana_servers`, the following fields cannot be modified after the deployment is completed:

- `host`
- `port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

A `grafana_servers` configuration example is as follows:

```
grafana_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.11
    dashboard_dir: /local/dashboard/dir
```

13.4.9.3.3 `alertmanager_servers`

`alertmanager_servers` specifies the machines to which the Alertmanager service is deployed. You can also specify the service configuration on each machine. `alertmanager_servers` is an array. Each array element contains the following fields:

- `host`: specifies the machine to deploy to. The field value is an IP address and is mandatory.
- `ssh_port`: specifies the SSH port to connect to the target machine for operations. If the field is not specified, the `ssh_port` in the `global` section is used.
- `web_port`: specify the port on which Alertmanager provides web services. The default value is "9093".
- `cluster_port`: Specify the communication port between one Alertmanger and other Alertmanager. The default value is "9094".
- `deploy_dir`: specifies the deployment directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the deployment directory is generated according to the `deploy_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `data_dir`: specifies the data directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the data directory is generated according to the `data_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `log_dir`: specifies the log directory. If the field is not specified, or specified as a relative directory, the log directory is generated according to the `log_dir` configuration in the `global` section.
- `numa_node`: allocates the NUMA policy to the instance. Before specifying this field, you need to make sure that the target machine has numactl installed. If this field is specified, cpubind and membind policies are allocated using numactl. This field is a string type. The field value is the ID of the NUMA node, such as "0,1"
- `config_file`: specifies a local file. The specified file will be sent to the target machine as the configuration for Alertmanager during the initialization phase of the cluster configuration.

- `os`: the operating system of the machine specified in the `host` field. If the field is not specified, the default value is the `os` value configured in the `global` section.
- `arch`: the architecture of the machine specified in the `host` field. If the field is not specified, the default value is the `arch` value configured in the `global` section.
- `resource_control`: resource control on this service. If this field is specified, the configuration of this field will be merged with the configuration of `resource_control` in the `global` section (if the two fields overlap, the configuration of this field takes effect), and then the configuration file of systemd is generated and distributed to the machine specified in the `host` field. The configuration rules of this field are the same as that of `resource_control` in the `global` section.

In `alertmanager_servers`, the following fields cannot be modified after the deployment is completed:

- `host`
- `web_port`
- `cluster_port`
- `deploy_dir`
- `data_dir`
- `log_dir`
- `arch`
- `os`

An `alertmanager_servers` configuration example is as follows:

```
alertmanager_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.11
    config_file: /local/config/file
  - host: 10.0.1.12
    config_file: /local/config/file
```

13.4.10 TiUP Mirror Reference Guide

TiUP mirrors are TiUP's component warehouse, which stores components and their metadata. TiUP mirrors take the following two forms:

- Directory on the local disk: serves the local TiUP client, which is called a local mirror in this document.
- HTTP mirror started based on the remote disk directory: serves the remote TiUP client, which is called a remote mirror in this document.

13.4.10.1 Create and update mirror

You can create a TiUP mirror using one of the following two methods:

- Execute `tiup mirror init` to create a mirror from scratch.
- Execute `tiup mirror clone` to clone from an existing mirror.

After the mirror is created, you can add components to or delete components from the mirror using the `tiup mirror` commands. TiUP updates a mirror by adding files and assigning a new version number to it, rather than deleting any files from the mirror.

13.4.10.2 Mirror structure

A typical mirror structure is as follows:

```
+ <mirror-dir>                                  # Mirror's root directory
|-- root.json                                   # Mirror's root certificate
|-- {2..N}.root.json                            # Mirror's root certificate
|-- {1..N}.index.json                           # Component/user index
|-- {1..N}.{component}.json                     # Component metadata
|-- {component}-{version}-{os}-{arch}.tar.gz # Component binary package
|-- snapshot.json                               # Mirror's latest snapshot
|-- timestamp.json                              # Mirror's latest timestamp
|--+ commits                                    # Mirror's update log (deletable)
   |--+ commit-{ts1..tsN}
      |-- {N}.root.json
      |-- {N}.{component}.json
      |-- {N}.index.json
      |-- {component}-{version}-{os}-{arch}.tar.gz
      |-- snapshot.json
      |-- timestamp.json
|--+ keys                                       # Mirror's private key (can be
   ↪ moved to other locations)
   |-- {hash1..hashN}-root.json                 # Private key of the root
      ↪ certificate
   |-- {hash}-index.json                        # Private key of the indexes
   |-- {hash}-snapshot.json                     # Private key of the snapshots
   |-- {hash}-timestamp.json                    # Private key of the timestamps
```

Note:

- The `commits` directory stores the logs generated in the process of mirror update and is used to roll back the mirror. You can delete the old log directories regularly when the disk space is insufficient.

- The private key stored in the `keys` directory is sensitive. It is recommended to keep it separately.

13.4.10.2.1 Root directory

In a TiUP mirror, the root certificate is used to store the public key of other metadata files. Each time any metadata file (`*.json`) is obtained, TiUP client needs to find the corresponding public key in the installed `root.json` based on the metadata file type (root, index, snapshot, timestamp). Then TiUP client uses the public key to verify whether the signature is valid.

The root certificate's format is as follows:

```
{
    "signatures": [                                         # Each metadata file
        ↪  has some signatures which are signed by several private keys
        ↪ corresponding to the file.
        {
            "keyid": "{id-of-root-key-1}",                  # The ID of the
                ↪ first private key that participates in the signature. This
                ↪ ID is obtained by hashing the content of the public key
                ↪ that corresponds to the private key.
            "sig": "{signature-by-root-key-1}"              # The signed part of
                ↪  this file by this private key.
        },
        ...
        {
            "keyid": "{id-of-root-key-N}",                  # The ID of the Nth
                ↪ private key that participates in the signature.
            "sig": "{signature-by-root-key-N}"              # The signed part of
                ↪  this file by this private key.
        }
    ],
    "signed": {                                             # The signed part.
        "_type": "root",                                    # The type of this
            ↪ file. root.json's type is root.
        "expires": "{expiration-date-of-this-file}",        # The expiration
            ↪ time of the file. If the file expires, the client rejects the
            ↪ file.
        "roles": {                                          # Records the keys
            ↪ used to sign each metadata file.
            "{role:index,root,snapshot,timestamp}": {       # Each involved
                ↪ metadata file includes index, root, snapshot, and timestamp
                ↪ .
```

```
            "keys": {                                   # Only the key's
                ↪ signature recorded in `keys` is valid.
                "{id-of-the-key-1}": {                  # The ID of the
                    ↪ first key used to sign {role}.
                    "keytype": "rsa",                   # The key's type.
                        ↪ Currently, the key type is fixed as rsa.
                    "keyval": {                         # The key's payload.
                        "public": "{public-key-content}" # The public key's
                            ↪  content.
                    },
                    "scheme": "rsassa-pss-sha256"       # Currently, the
                        ↪ scheme is fixed as rsassa-pss-sha256.
                },
                "{id-of-the-key-N}": {                  # The ID of the Nth
                    ↪ key used to sign {role}.
                    "keytype": "rsa",
                    "keyval": {
                        "public": "{public-key-content}"
                    },
                    "scheme": "rsassa-pss-sha256"
                }
            },
            "threshold": {N},                           # Indicates that the
                ↪  metadata file needs at least N key signatures.
            "url": "/{role}.json"                       # The address from
                ↪ which the file can be obtained. For index files, prefix
                ↪  it with the version number (for example, /{N}.index.
                ↪ json).
        }
    },
    "spec_version": "0.1.0",                            # The specified
        ↪ version followed by this file. If the file structure is
        ↪ changed in the future, the version number needs to be upgraded
        ↪ . The current version number is 0.1.0.
    "version": {N}                                      # The version number
        ↪  of this file. You need to create a new {N+1}.root.json every
        ↪ time you update the file, and set its version to N + 1.
  }
}
```

13.4.10.2.2 Index

The index file records all the components in the mirror and the owner information of the components.

The index file's format is as follows:

```
{
    "signatures": [                                         # The file's
        ↪ signature.
        {
            "keyid": "{id-of-index-key-1}",                 # The ID of the
                ↪ first private key that participates in the signature.
            "sig": "{signature-by-index-key-1}",            # The signed part of
                ↪  this file by this private key.
        },
        ...
        {
            "keyid": "{id-of-root-key-N}",                  # The ID of the Nth
                ↪ private key that participates in the signature.
            "sig": "{signature-by-root-key-N}"              # The signed part of
                ↪  this file by this private key.
        }
    ],
    "signed": {
        "_type": "index",                                   # The file type.
        "components": {                                     # The component list
            ↪ .
            "{component1}": {                               # The name of the
                ↪ first component.
                "hidden": {bool},                           # Whether it is a
                    ↪ hidden component.
                "owner": "{owner-id}",                      # The component
                    ↪ owner's ID.
                "standalone": {bool},                       # Whether it is a
                    ↪ standalone component.
                "url": "/{component}.json",                 # The address from
                    ↪ which the component can be obtained. You need to prefix
                    ↪  it with the version number (for example, /{N}.{
                    ↪ component}.json).
                "yanked": {bool}                            # Indicates whether
                    ↪ the component is marked as deleted.
            },
            ...
            "{componentN}": {                               # The name of the
                ↪ Nth component.
                ...
            },
        },
        "default_components": ["{component1}".."{componentN}"], # The default
```

```
    ↪  component that a mirror must contain. Currently, this field
    ↪ defaults to empty (disabled).
"expires": "{expiration-date-of-this-file}",     # The expiration
    ↪ time of the file. If the file expires, the client rejects the
    ↪ file.
"owners": {
    "{owner1}": {                                # The ID of the
       ↪ first owner.
        "keys": {                                # Only the key's
           ↪ signature recorded in `keys` is valid.
            "{id-of-the-key-1}": {               # The first key of
               ↪ the owner.
                "keytype": "rsa",                # The key's type.
                   ↪ Currently, the key type is fixed as rsa.
                "keyval": {                      # The key's payload.
                    "public": "{public-key-content}" # The public key's
                       ↪  content.
                },
                "scheme": "rsassa-pss-sha256"    # Currently, the
                   ↪ scheme is fixed as rsassa-pss-sha256.
            },
            ...
            "{id-of-the-key-N}": {               # The Nth key of the
               ↪  owner.
                ...
            }
        },
        "name": "{owner-name}",                  # The name of the
           ↪ owner.
        "threshold": {N}                          # Indicates that
           ↪ the components owned by the owner must have at least N
           ↪ valid signatures.
    },
    ...
    "{ownerN}": {                                # The ID of the Nth
       ↪ owner.
        ...
    }
}
"spec_version": "0.1.0",                         # The specified
    ↪ version followed by this file. If the file structure is
    ↪ changed in the future, the version number needs to be upgraded
    ↪ . The current version number is 0.1.0.
"version": {N}                                   # The version number
    ↪  of this file. You need to create a new {N+1}.index.json every
```

```
            ↪  time you update the file, and set its version to N + 1.
    }
}
```

13.4.10.2.3 Component

The component's metadata file records information of the component-specific platform and the version.

The component metadata file's format is as follows:

```
{
    "signatures": [                                     # The file's
       ↪ signature.
        {
            "keyid": "{id-of-index-key-1}",             # The ID of the
               ↪ first private key that participates in the signature.
            "sig": "{signature-by-index-key-1}",        # The signed part of
               ↪  this file by this private key.
        },
        ...
        {
            "keyid": "{id-of-root-key-N}",              # The ID of the Nth
               ↪ private key that participates in the signature.
            "sig": "{signature-by-root-key-N}"          # The signed part of
               ↪  this file by this private key.
        }
    ],
    "signed": {
        "_type": "component",                           # The file type.
        "description": "{description-of-the-component}", # The description of
           ↪  the component.
        "expires": "{expiration-date-of-this-file}",    # The expiration
           ↪ time of the file. If the file expires, the client rejects the
           ↪ file.
        "id": "{component-id}",                         # The globally
           ↪ unique ID of the component.
        "nightly": "{nightly-cursor}",                  # The nightly cursor
           ↪ , and the value is the latest nightly version number (for
           ↪ example, v5.0.0-nightly-20201209).
        "platforms": {                                  # The component's
           ↪ supported platforms (such as darwin/amd64, linux/arm64).
            "{platform-pair-1}": {
                "{version-1}": {                        # The semantic
                   ↪ version number (for example, v1.0.0).
```

```
                "dependencies": null,                   # Specifies the
                    ↪ dependency relationship between components. The
                    ↪ field is not used yet and is fixed as null.
                "entry": "{entry}",                     # The relative path
                    ↪ of the entry binary file in the tar package.
                "hashs": {                              # The checksum of
                    ↪ the tar package. sha256 and sha512 are used.
                    "sha256": "{sum-of-sha256}",
                    "sha512": "{sum-of-sha512}",
                },
                "length": {length-of-tar},              # The length of the
                    ↪ tar package.
                "released": "{release-time}",           # The release date
                    ↪ of the version.
                "url": "{url-of-tar}",                  # The download
                    ↪ address of the tar package.
                "yanked": {bool}                        # Indicates whether
                    ↪ this version is disabled.
            }
        },
        ...
        "{platform-pair-N}": {
            ...
        }
    },
    "spec_version": "0.1.0",                            # The specified
        ↪ version followed by this file. If the file structure is
        ↪ changed in the future, the version number needs to be upgraded
        ↪ . The current version number is 0.1.0.
    "version": {N}                                      # The version number
        ↪  of this file. You need to create a new {N+1}.{component}.json
        ↪  every time you update the file, and set its version to N + 1.
}
```

13.4.10.2.4 Snapshot

The snapshot file records the version number of each metadata file:

The snapshot file's structure is as follows:

```
{
    "signatures": [                                     # The file's
        ↪ signature.
        {
            "keyid": "{id-of-index-key-1}",             # The ID of the
                ↪ first private key that participates in the signature.
```

```
        "sig": "{signature-by-index-key-1}",          # The signed part of
            ↪  this file by this private key.
    },
    ...
    {
        "keyid": "{id-of-root-key-N}",                # The ID of the Nth
            ↪ private key that participates in the signature.
        "sig": "{signature-by-root-key-N}"            # The signed part of
            ↪  this file by this private key.
    }
],
"signed": {
    "_type": "snapshot",                              # The file type.
    "expires": "{expiration-date-of-this-file}",      # The expiration
        ↪ time of the file. If the file expires, the client rejects the
        ↪ file.
    "meta": {                                         # Other metadata
        ↪ files' information.
        "/root.json": {
            "length": {length-of-json-file},          # The length of root
                ↪ .json
            "version": {version-of-json-file}         # The version of
                ↪ root.json
        },
        "/index.json": {
            "length": {length-of-json-file},
            "version": {version-of-json-file}
        },
        "/{component-1}.json": {
            "length": {length-of-json-file},
            "version": {version-of-json-file}
        },
        ...
        "/{component-N}.json": {
            ...
        }
    },
    "spec_version": "0.1.0",                          # The specified
        ↪ version followed by this file. If the file structure is
        ↪ changed in the future, the version number needs to be upgraded
        ↪ . The current version number is 0.1.0.
    "version": 0                                      # The version number
        ↪  of this file, which is fixed as 0.
}
```

13.4.10.2.5 Timestamp

The timestamp file records the checksum of the current snapshot.

The timestamp file's format is as follows:

```
{
    "signatures": [                                         # The file's
        ↪ signature.
        {
            "keyid": "{id-of-index-key-1}",                 # The ID of the
                ↪ first private key that participates in the signature.
            "sig": "{signature-by-index-key-1}",            # The signed part of
                ↪  this file by this private key.
        },
        ...
        {
            "keyid": "{id-of-root-key-N}",                  # The ID of the Nth
                ↪ private key that participates in the signature.
            "sig": "{signature-by-root-key-N}"              # The signed part of
                ↪  this file by this private key.
        }
    ],
    "signed": {
        "_type": "timestamp",                               # The file type.
        "expires": "{expiration-date-of-this-file}",        # The expiration
            ↪ time of the file. If the file expires, the client rejects the
            ↪ file.
        "meta": {                                           # The information of
            ↪  snapshot.json.
            "/snapshot.json": {
                "hashes": {
                    "sha256": "{sum-of-sha256}"             # snapshot.json's
                        ↪ sha256.
                },
                "length": {length-of-json-file}             # The length of
                    ↪ snapshot.json.
            }
        },
        "spec_version": "0.1.0",                            # The specified
            ↪ version followed by this file. If the file structure is
            ↪ changed in the future, the version number needs to be upgraded
            ↪ . The current version number is 0.1.0.
        "version": {N}                                      # The version number
            ↪  of this file. You need to overwrite timestamp.json every time
            ↪  you update the file, and set its version to N + 1.
```

13.4.10.3 Client workflow

The client uses the following logic to ensure that the files downloaded from the mirror are safe:

- A `root.json` file is included with the binary when the client is installed.
- The running client performs the following tasks based on the existing `root.json`:

    1. Obtain the version from `root.json` and mark it as `N`.
    2. Request `{N+1}.root.json` from the mirror. If the request is successful, use the public key recorded in `root.json` to verify whether the file is valid.
    3. Request `timestamp.json` from the mirror and use the public key recorded in `root.json` to verify whether the file is valid.
    4. Check whether the checksum of `snapshot.json` recorded in `timestamp.json` matches the checksum of the local `snapshot.json`. If the two do not match, request the latest `snapshot.json` from the mirror and use the public key recorded in `root.json` to verify whether the file is valid.
    5. Obtain the version number `N` of the `index.json` file from `snapshot.json` and request `{N}.index.json` from the mirror. Then use the public key recorded in `root.json` to verify whether the file is valid.
    6. For components such as `tidb.json` and `tikv.json`, the client obtains the version numbers `N` of the components from `snapshot.json` and requests `{N}.{component ↪ }.json` from the mirror. Then the client uses the public key recorded in `index.json` to verify whether the file is valid.
    7. For component's tar files, the client obtains the URLs and checksums of the files from `{component}.json` and request the URLs for the tar packages. Then the client verifies whether the checksum is correct.

13.4.11 TiUP Components

13.4.11.1 Quickly Deploy a Local TiDB Cluster

The TiDB cluster is a distributed system that consists of multiple components. A typical TiDB cluster consists of at least three PD nodes, three TiKV nodes, and two TiDB nodes. If you want to have a quick experience on TiDB, you might find it time-consuming and complicated to manually deploy so many components. This document introduces the playground component of TiUP and how to use it to quickly build a local TiDB test environment.

13.4.11.1.1 TiUP playground overview

The basic usage of the playground component is shown as follows:

```
tiup playground ${version} [flags]
```

If you directly execute the `tiup playground` command, TiUP uses the locally installed TiDB, TiKV, and PD components or installs the stable version of these components to start

a TiDB cluster that consists of one TiKV instance, one TiDB instance, one PD instance, and one TiFlash instance.

This command actually performs the following operations:

- Because this command does not specify the version of the playground component, TiUP first checks the latest version of the installed playground component. Assume that the latest version is v1.12.3, then this command works the same as `tiup playground:v1.12.3`.
- If you have not used TiUP playground to install the TiDB, TiKV, and PD components, the playground component installs the latest stable version of these components, and then start these instances.
- Because this command does not specify the version of the TiDB, PD, and TiKV component, TiUP playground uses the latest version of each component by default. Assume that the latest version is v8.5.1, then this command works the same as `tiup playground:v1.12.3 v8.5.1`.
- Because this command does not specify the number of each component, TiUP playground, by default, starts a smallest cluster that consists of one TiDB instance, one TiKV instance, one PD instance, and one TiFlash instance.
- After starting each TiDB component, TiUP playground reminds you that the cluster is successfully started and provides you some useful information, such as how to connect to the TiDB cluster through the MySQL client and how to access the TiDB Dashboard.

You can use the following command to view the command-line flags of the playground component:

```
tiup playground --help
```

13.4.11.1.2 Examples

Check available TiDB versions

```
tiup list tidb
```

Start a TiDB cluster of a specific version

```
tiup playground ${version}
```

Replace `${version}` with the target version number.

Start a TiDB cluster of the nightly version

```
tiup playground nightly
```

In the command above, `nightly` indicates the latest development version of TiDB.

Override PD's default configuration

First, you need to copy the PD configuration template. Assume you place the copied file to `~/config/pd.toml` and make some changes according to your need, then you can execute the following command to override PD's default configuration:

```
tiup playground --pd.config ~/config/pd.toml
```

Replace the default binary files

By default, when playground is started, each component is started using the binary files from the official mirror. If you want to put a temporarily compiled local binary file into the cluster for testing, you can use the `--{comp}.binpath` flag for replacement. For example, execute the following command to replace the binary file of TiDB:

```
tiup playground --db.binpath /xx/tidb-server
```

Start multiple component instances

By default, only one instance is started for each TiDB, TiKV, and PD component. To start multiple instances for each component, add the following flag:

```
tiup playground --db 3 --pd 3 --kv 3
```

Specify a tag when starting the TiDB cluster to store the data

After you stop a TiDB cluster started using TiUP playground, all cluster data is cleaned up as well. To start a TiDB cluster using TiUP playground and ensure that the cluster data is not cleaned up automatically, you can specify a tag when starting the cluster. After specifying the tag, you can find the cluster data in the `~/.tiup/data` directory. Run the following command to specify a tag:

```
tiup playground --tag ${tag_name}
```

For a cluster started in this way, the data files are retained after the cluster is stopped. You can use this tag to start the cluster next time so that you can use the data kept since the cluster was stopped.

13.4.11.1.3 Quickly connect to the TiDB cluster started by playground

TiUP provides the `client` component, which is used to automatically find and connect to a local TiDB cluster started by playground. The usage is as follows:

```
tiup client
```

This command provides a list of TiDB clusters that are started by playground on the current machine on the console. Select the TiDB cluster to be connected. After clicking Enter, a built-in MySQL client is opened to connect to TiDB.

13.4.11.1.4 View information of the started cluster

```
tiup playground display
```

The command above returns the following results:

```
Pid   Role    Uptime
---   ----    ------
84518 pd      35m22.929404512s
84519 tikv    35m22.927757153s
86189 tidb    exited
86526 tidb    34m28.293148663s
```

13.4.11.1.5 Scale out a cluster

The command-line parameter for scaling out a cluster is similar to that for starting a cluster. You can scale out two TiDB instances by executing the following command:

```
tiup playground scale-out --db 2
```

13.4.11.1.6 Scale in a cluster

You can specify a `pid` in the `tiup playground scale-in` command to scale in the corresponding instance. To view the `pid`, execute `tiup playground display`.

```
tiup playground scale-in --pid 86526
```

13.4.11.1.7 Deploy TiProxy

TiProxy is the official proxy component from PingCAP, placed between the client and the TiDB server to provide load balancing, connection persistence, service discovery, and other features for TiDB.

Starting from TiUP v1.15.0, you can deploy TiProxy for your cluster using TiUP Playground.

1. Create a `tidb.toml` file and add the following configuration:

   ```
   graceful-wait-before-shutdown=15
   ```

   This configuration item controls the duration (in seconds) that TiDB waits before shutting down the server, avoiding client disconnections during cluster scaling-in operations.

2. Start the TiDB cluster:

   ```
   tiup playground v8.5.1 --tiproxy 1 --db.config tidb.toml
   ```

In the playground component, TiProxy-related command-line flags are as follows:

```
Flags:
      --tiproxy int               The number of TiProxy nodes in the
         ↪ cluster. If not specified, TiProxy is not deployed.
      --tiproxy.binpath string    TiProxy instance binary path.
      --tiproxy.config string     TiProxy instance configuration file.
      --tiproxy.host host         Playground TiProxy host. If not
         ↪ provided, TiProxy will still use host flag as its host.
      --tiproxy.port int          Playground TiProxy port. If not
         ↪ provided, TiProxy will use 6000 as its port.
      --tiproxy.timeout int       TiProxy maximum wait time in seconds
         ↪ for starting. 0 means no limit (default 60).
      --tiproxy.version string    The version of TiProxy. If not
         ↪ specified, the latest version of TiProxy is deployed.
```

For more information about deploying and using TiProxy, see TiProxy installation and usage.

To use the TiProxy client program `tiproxyctl`, see Install TiProxy Control.

13.4.11.1.8 Deploy PD microservices

Starting from v8.2.0, PD microservice mode (experimental) can be deployed using TiUP. You can deploy the `tso` microservice and `scheduling` microservice for your cluster using TiUP Playground as follows:

```
tiup playground v8.5.1 --pd.mode ms --pd 3 --tso 2 --scheduling 2
```

- `--pd.mode`: setting it to `ms` means enabling the microservice mode for PD.
- `--pd <num>`: specifies the number of APIs for PD microservices. It must be at least `1`.
- `--tso <num>`: specifies the number of instances to be deployed for the `tso` microservice.
- `--scheduling <num>`: specifies the number of instances to be deployed for the `scheduling` microservice.

13.4.11.2 Deploy and Maintain an Online TiDB Cluster Using TiUP

This document focuses on how to use the TiUP cluster component. For the complete steps of online deployment, refer to Deploy a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.

Similar to the TiUP playground component used for a local test deployment, the TiUP cluster component quickly deploys TiDB for production environment. Compared with playground, the cluster component provides more powerful production cluster management features, including upgrading, scaling, and even operation and auditing.

For the help information of the cluster component, run the following command:

```
tiup cluster
```

```
Starting component `cluster`: /home/tidb/.tiup/components/cluster/v1.12.3/
    ↪ cluster
Deploy a TiDB cluster for production

Usage:
  tiup cluster [command]

Available Commands:
  check       Precheck a cluster
  deploy      Deploy a cluster for production
  start       Start a TiDB cluster
  stop        Stop a TiDB cluster
  restart     Restart a TiDB cluster
  scale-in    Scale in a TiDB cluster
  scale-out   Scale out a TiDB cluster
  destroy     Destroy a specified cluster
  clean       (Experimental) Clean up a specified cluster
  upgrade     Upgrade a specified TiDB cluster
  display     Display information of a TiDB cluster
  list        List all clusters
  audit       Show audit log of cluster operation
  import      Import an existing TiDB cluster from TiDB-Ansible
  edit-config Edit TiDB cluster config
  reload      Reload a TiDB cluster's config and restart if needed
  patch       Replace the remote package with a specified package and restart
     ↪  the service
  help        Help about any command

Flags:
  -c, --concurrency int  Maximum number of concurrent tasks allowed (
     ↪ defaults to `5`)
      --format string    (EXPERIMENTAL) The format of output, available
         ↪ values are [default, json] (default "default")
  -h, --help             help for tiup
      --ssh string       (Experimental) The executor type. Optional values
         ↪ are 'builtin', 'system', and 'none'.
      --ssh-timeout uint Timeout in seconds to connect a host via SSH.
         ↪ Operations that don't need an SSH connection are ignored. (
         ↪ default 5)
  -v, --version          TiUP version
      --wait-timeout uint Timeout in seconds to wait for an operation to
         ↪ complete. Inapplicable operations are ignored. (defaults to
```

```
        ↪ `120`)
  -y, --yes               Skip all confirmations and assumes 'yes'
```

13.4.11.2.1 Deploy the cluster

To deploy the cluster, run the `tiup cluster deploy` command. The usage of the command is as follows:

```
tiup cluster deploy <cluster-name> <version> <topology.yaml> [flags]
```

This command requires you to provide the cluster name, the TiDB cluster version (such as `v8.5.1`), and a topology file of the cluster.

To write a topology file, refer to the example. The following file is an example of the simplest topology:

> **Note:**
>
> The topology file used by the TiUP cluster component for deployment and scaling is written using yaml syntax, so make sure that the indentation is correct.

```
---

pd_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.134
    name: pd-134
  - host: 172.16.5.139
    name: pd-139
  - host: 172.16.5.140
    name: pd-140

tidb_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.134
  - host: 172.16.5.139
  - host: 172.16.5.140

tikv_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.134
  - host: 172.16.5.139
  - host: 172.16.5.140

tiflash_servers:
```

```
  - host: 172.16.5.141
  - host: 172.16.5.142
  - host: 172.16.5.143

tiproxy_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.144

grafana_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.134

monitoring_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.134
```

By default, TiUP is deployed as the binary files running on the amd64 architecture. If the target machine is the arm64 architecture, you can configure it in the topology file:

```
global:
  arch: "arm64"        # Configures all machines to use the binary files of
     ↪ the arm64 architecture by default

tidb_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.134
    arch: "amd64"      # Configures this machine to use the binary files of
       ↪ the amd64 architecture
  - host: 172.16.5.139
    arch: "arm64"      # Configures this machine to use the binary files of
       ↪ the arm64 architecture
  - host: 172.16.5.140 # Machines that are not configured with the arch
     ↪ field use the default value in the global field, which is arm64 in
     ↪ this case.

...
```

Save the file as `/tmp/topology.yaml`. If you want to use TiDB v8.5.1 and your cluster name is `prod-cluster`, run the following command:

```
tiup cluster deploy -p prod-cluster v8.5.1 /tmp/topology.yaml
```

During the execution, TiUP asks you to confirm your topology again and requires the root password of the target machine (the `-p` flag means inputting password):

```
Please confirm your topology:
TiDB Cluster: prod-cluster
TiDB Version: v8.5.1
Type       Host         Ports                        OS/Arch      Directories
----       ----         -----                        -------      -----------
```

```
pd          172.16.5.134 2379/2380                  linux/x86_64 deploy/pd
    ↪ -2379,data/pd-2379
pd          172.16.5.139 2379/2380                  linux/x86_64 deploy/pd
    ↪ -2379,data/pd-2379
pd          172.16.5.140 2379/2380                  linux/x86_64 deploy/pd
    ↪ -2379,data/pd-2379
tiproxy     172.16.5.144 6000/3080                  linux/x86_64 deploy/
    ↪ tiproxy-6000
tikv        172.16.5.134 20160/20180                linux/x86_64 deploy/tikv
    ↪ -20160,data/tikv-20160
tikv        172.16.5.139 20160/20180                linux/x86_64 deploy/tikv
    ↪ -20160,data/tikv-20160
tikv        172.16.5.140 20160/20180                linux/x86_64 deploy/tikv
    ↪ -20160,data/tikv-20160
tidb        172.16.5.134 4000/10080                 linux/x86_64 deploy/tidb
    ↪ -4000
tidb        172.16.5.139 4000/10080                 linux/x86_64 deploy/tidb
    ↪ -4000
tidb        172.16.5.140 4000/10080                 linux/x86_64 deploy/tidb
    ↪ -4000
tiflash     172.16.5.141 9000/8123/3930/20170/20292/8234 linux/x86_64 deploy/
    ↪ tiflash-9000,data/tiflash-9000
tiflash     172.16.5.142 9000/8123/3930/20170/20292/8234 linux/x86_64 deploy/
    ↪ tiflash-9000,data/tiflash-9000
tiflash     172.16.5.143 9000/8123/3930/20170/20292/8234 linux/x86_64 deploy/
    ↪ tiflash-9000,data/tiflash-9000
prometheus 172.16.5.134 9090      deploy/prometheus-9090,data/prometheus
    ↪ -9090
grafana     172.16.5.134 3000       deploy/grafana-3000
Attention:
    1. If the topology is not what you expected, check your yaml file.
    2. Please confirm there is no port/directory conflicts in same host.
Do you want to continue? [y/N]:
```

After you enter the password, TiUP cluster downloads the required components and deploy them on the corresponding machines. When you see the following message, the deployment is successful:

```
Deployed cluster `prod-cluster` successfully
```

13.4.11.2.2 View the cluster list

After the cluster is successfully deployed, view the cluster list by running the following command:

```
tiup cluster list
```

```
Starting /root/.tiup/components/cluster/v1.12.3/cluster list
Name         User Version   Path
   ↪ PrivateKey
----         ---- -------   ----
   ↪ ----------
prod-cluster tidb v8.5.1  /root/.tiup/storage/cluster/clusters/prod-cluster
   ↪  /root/.tiup/storage/cluster/clusters/prod-cluster/ssh/id_rsa
```

13.4.11.2.3 Start the cluster

After the cluster is successfully deployed, start the cluster by running the following command:

```
tiup cluster start prod-cluster
```

If you forget the name of your cluster, view the cluster list by running `tiup cluster list`.

TiUP uses `systemd` to start a daemon process. If the process terminates unexpectedly, it will be pulled up after 15 seconds.

13.4.11.2.4 Check the cluster status

TiUP provides the `tiup cluster display` command to view the status of each component in the cluster. With this command, you don't have to log in to each machine to see the component status. The usage of the command is as follows:

```
tiup cluster display prod-cluster
```

```
Starting /root/.tiup/components/cluster/v1.12.3/cluster display prod-cluster
TiDB Cluster: prod-cluster
TiDB Version: v8.5.1
ID                  Role       Host         Ports                          OS/
   ↪ Arch     Status Data Dir           Deploy Dir
--                  ----       ----         -----
   ↪ -------     ------ --------           ----------
172.16.5.134:3000 grafana    172.16.5.134 3000                           linux/
   ↪ x86_64 Up     -                   deploy/grafana-3000
172.16.5.134:2379 pd         172.16.5.134 2379/2380                      linux/
   ↪ x86_64 Up|L  data/pd-2379        deploy/pd-2379
172.16.5.139:2379 pd         172.16.5.139 2379/2380                      linux/
   ↪ x86_64 Up|UI data/pd-2379        deploy/pd-2379
172.16.5.140:2379 pd         172.16.5.140 2379/2380                      linux/
   ↪ x86_64 Up    data/pd-2379        deploy/pd-2379
```

```
172.16.5.134:9090 prometheus 172.16.5.134 9090                          linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up    data/prometheus-9090 deploy/prometheus-9090
172.16.5.134:4000 tidb      172.16.5.134 4000/10080                     linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up    -                    deploy/tidb-4000
172.16.5.139:4000 tidb      172.16.5.139 4000/10080                     linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up    -                    deploy/tidb-4000
172.16.5.140:4000 tidb      172.16.5.140 4000/10080                     linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up    -                    deploy/tidb-4000
172.16.5.141:9000 tiflash   172.16.5.141 9000/8123/3930/20170/20292/8234
    ↪ linux/x86_64 Up data/tiflash-9000  deploy/tiflash-9000
172.16.5.142:9000 tiflash   172.16.5.142 9000/8123/3930/20170/20292/8234
    ↪ linux/x86_64 Up data/tiflash-9000  deploy/tiflash-9000
172.16.5.143:9000 tiflash   172.16.5.143 9000/8123/3930/20170/20292/8234
    ↪ linux/x86_64 Up data/tiflash-9000  deploy/tiflash-9000
172.16.5.134:20160 tikv     172.16.5.134 20160/20180                    linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up    data/tikv-20160    deploy/tikv-20160
172.16.5.139:20160 tikv     172.16.5.139 20160/20180                    linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up    data/tikv-20160    deploy/tikv-20160
172.16.5.140:20160 tikv     172.16.5.140 20160/20180                    linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up    data/tikv-20160    deploy/tikv-20160
172.16.5.144:6000 tiproxy   172.16.5.144 6000/3080                      linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up    -                    deploy/tiproxy-6000
```

The `Status` column uses `Up` or `Down` to indicate whether the service is running normally.

For the PD component, `|L` or `|UI` might be appended to `Up` or `Down`. `|L` indicates that the PD node is a Leader, and `|UI` indicates that TiDB Dashboard is running on the PD node.

13.4.11.2.5 Scale in a cluster

> **Note:**
>
> This section describes only the syntax of the scale-in command. For detailed steps of online scaling, refer to Scale a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.

Scaling in a cluster means making some node(s) offline. This operation removes the specific node(s) from the cluster and deletes the remaining files.

Because the offline process of the TiKV and TiFlash components is asynchronous (which requires removing the node through API), and the process takes a long time (which requires continuous observation on whether the node is successfully taken offline), special treatment is given to the TiKV and TiFlash components.

- For TiKV and TiFlash:
    - TiUP cluster takes the node offline through API and directly exits without waiting for the process to be completed.
    - Afterwards, when a command related to the cluster operation is executed, TiUP cluster examines whether there is a TiKV or TiFlash node that has been taken offline. If not, TiUP cluster continues with the specified operation; If there is, TiUP cluster takes the following steps:
        1. Stop the service of the node that has been taken offline.
        2. Clean up the data files related to the node.
        3. Remove the node from the cluster topology.
- For other components:
    - When taking the PD component down, TiUP cluster quickly deletes the specified node from the cluster through API, stops the service of the specified PD node, and deletes the related data files.
    - When taking other components down, TiUP cluster directly stops the node service and deletes the related data files.

The basic usage of the scale-in command:

```
tiup cluster scale-in <cluster-name> -N <node-id>
```

To use this command, you need to specify at least two flags: the cluster name and the node ID. The node ID can be obtained by using the `tiup cluster display` command in the previous section.

For example, to make the TiKV node on `172.16.5.140` offline, run the following command:

```
tiup cluster scale-in prod-cluster -N 172.16.5.140:20160
```

By running `tiup cluster display`, you can see that the TiKV node is marked `Offline`:

```
tiup cluster display prod-cluster
```

```
Starting /root/.tiup/components/cluster/v1.12.3/cluster display prod-cluster
TiDB Cluster: prod-cluster
TiDB Version: v8.5.1
ID                  Role       Host         Ports                            OS/
   ↪ Arch     Status  Data Dir           Deploy Dir
--                  ----       ----         -----
   ↪ -------     ------  --------           ----------
172.16.5.134:3000 grafana   172.16.5.134 3000                             linux/
   ↪ x86_64 Up     -                   deploy/grafana-3000
```

```
172.16.5.134:2379 pd         172.16.5.134 2379/2380                    linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up|L   data/pd-2379       deploy/pd-2379
172.16.5.139:2379 pd         172.16.5.139 2379/2380                    linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up|UI  data/pd-2379       deploy/pd-2379
172.16.5.140:2379 pd         172.16.5.140 2379/2380                    linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up     data/pd-2379       deploy/pd-2379
172.16.5.134:9090 prometheus 172.16.5.134 9090                         linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up     data/prometheus-9090 deploy/prometheus-9090
172.16.5.134:4000 tidb       172.16.5.134 4000/10080                   linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up     -                  deploy/tidb-4000
172.16.5.139:4000 tidb       172.16.5.139 4000/10080                   linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up     -                  deploy/tidb-4000
172.16.5.140:4000 tidb       172.16.5.140 4000/10080                   linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up     -                  deploy/tidb-4000
172.16.5.141:9000 tiflash    172.16.5.141 9000/8123/3930/20170/20292/8234
    ↪ linux/x86_64 Up data/tiflash-9000  deploy/tiflash-9000
172.16.5.142:9000 tiflash    172.16.5.142 9000/8123/3930/20170/20292/8234
    ↪ linux/x86_64 Up data/tiflash-9000  deploy/tiflash-9000
172.16.5.143:9000 tiflash    172.16.5.143 9000/8123/3930/20170/20292/8234
    ↪ linux/x86_64 Up data/tiflash-9000  deploy/tiflash-9000
172.16.5.134:20160 tikv      172.16.5.134 20160/20180                  linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up     data/tikv-20160    deploy/tikv-20160
172.16.5.139:20160 tikv      172.16.5.139 20160/20180                  linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up     data/tikv-20160    deploy/tikv-20160
172.16.5.140:20160 tikv      172.16.5.140 20160/20180                  linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Offline data/tikv-20160   deploy/tikv-20160
172.16.5.144:6000 tiproxy    172.16.5.144 6000/3080                    linux/
    ↪ x86_64 Up     -                  deploy/tiproxy-6000
```

After PD schedules the data on the node to other TiKV nodes, this node will be deleted automatically.

13.4.11.2.6 Scale out a cluster

> **Note:**
>
> This section describes only the syntax of the scale-out command. For detailed steps of online scaling, refer to Scale a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.

The scale-out operation has an inner logic similar to that of deployment: the TiUP cluster component firstly ensures the SSH connection of the node, creates the required directories on the target node, then executes the deployment operation, and starts the node service.

When you scale out PD, the node is added to the cluster by `join`, and the configurations of services associated with PD are updated. When you scale out other services, the service is started directly and added to the cluster.

All services conduct correctness validation when they are scaled out. The validation results show whether the scaling-out is successful.

To add a TiKV node and a PD node in the `tidb-test` cluster, take the following steps:

1. Create a `scale.yaml` file, and add IPs of the new TiKV and PD nodes:

> **Note:**
>
> You need to create a topology file, which includes only the description of the new nodes, not the existing nodes.

```
---

pd_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.140

tikv_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.140
```

2. Perform the scale-out operation. TiUP cluster adds the corresponding nodes to the cluster according to the port, directory, and other information described in `scale.yaml`.

```
tiup cluster scale-out tidb-test scale.yaml
```

After the command is executed, you can check the status of the scaled-out cluster by running `tiup cluster display tidb-test`.

13.4.11.2.7 Rolling upgrade

> **Note:**
>
> This section describes only the syntax of the upgrade command. For detailed steps of online upgrade, refer to Upgrade TiDB Using TiUP.

The rolling upgrade feature leverages the distributed capabilities of TiDB. The upgrade process is made as transparent as possible to the application, and does not affect the business.

Before the upgrade, TiUP cluster checks whether the configuration file of each component is rational. If so, the components are upgraded node by node; if not, TiUP reports an error and exits. The operations vary with different nodes.

Operations for different nodes

- Upgrade the PD node
  - First, upgrade non-Leader nodes.
  - After all the non-Leader nodes are upgraded, upgrade the Leader node.
    - The upgrade tool sends a command to PD that migrates Leader to an already upgraded node.
    - After the Leader role is switched to another node, upgrade the previous Leader node.
  - During the upgrade, if any unhealthy node is detected, the tool stops this upgrade operation and exits. You need to manually analyze the cause, fix the issue and run the upgrade again.
- Upgrade the TiKV node
  - First, add a scheduling operation in PD that migrates the Region Leader of this TiKV node. This ensures that the upgrade process does not affect the business.
  - After the Leader is migrated, upgrade this TiKV node.
  - After the upgraded TiKV is started normally, remove the scheduling of the Leader.
- Upgrade other services
  - Stop the service normally and update the node.

Upgrade command

The flags for the upgrade command is as follows:

```
Usage:
  cluster upgrade <cluster-name> <version> [flags]

Flags:
      --force               Force upgrade won't transfer leader
  -h, --help                help for upgrade
      --transfer-timeout int Timeout in seconds when transferring PD and
         ↪ TiKV store leaders (default 600)

Global Flags:
      --ssh string       (Experimental) The executor type. Optional values
         ↪ are 'builtin', 'system', and 'none'.
      --wait-timeout int Timeout of waiting the operation
```

```
      --ssh-timeout int Timeout in seconds to connect host via SSH, ignored
          ↪ for operations that don't need an SSH connection. (default 5)
  -y, --yes             Skip all confirmations and assumes 'yes'
```

For example, the following command upgrades the cluster to v8.5.1:

```
tiup cluster upgrade tidb-test v8.5.1
```

13.4.11.2.8 Update configuration

If you want to dynamically update the component configurations, the TiUP cluster component saves a current configuration for each cluster. To edit this configuration, execute the `tiup cluster edit-config <cluster-name>` command. For example:

```
tiup cluster edit-config prod-cluster
```

TiUP cluster opens the configuration file in the vi editor. If you want to use other editors, use the `EDITOR` environment variable to customize the editor, such as `export EDITOR=nano`.

After editing the file, save the changes. To apply the new configuration to the cluster, execute the following command:

```
tiup cluster reload prod-cluster
```

The command sends the configuration to the target machine and restarts the cluster to make the configuration take effect.

> **Note:**
>
> For monitoring components, customize the configuration by executing the `tiup cluster edit-config` command to add a custom configuration path on the corresponding instance. For example:

```
---

grafana_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.134
    dashboard_dir: /path/to/local/dashboards/dir

monitoring_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.134
    rule_dir: /path/to/local/rules/dir

alertmanager_servers:
```

```
- host: 172.16.5.134
  config_file: /path/to/local/alertmanager.yml
```

The content and format requirements for files under the specified path are as follows:

- The folder specified in the `dashboard_dir` field of `grafana_servers` must contain full `*.json` files.
- The folder specified in the `rule_dir` field of `monitoring_servers` must contain full `*.rules.yml` files.
- For the format of files specified in the `config_file` field of `alertmanager_servers`, refer to the Alertmanager configuration template.

When you execute `tiup reload`, TiUP first deletes all old configuration files in the target machine and then uploads the corresponding configuration from the control machine to the corresponding configuration directory of the target machine. Therefore, if you want to modify a particular configuration file, make sure that all configuration files (including the unmodified ones) are in the same directory. For example, to modify Grafana's `tidb.json` file, you need to first copy all the `*.json` files from Grafana's `dashboards` directory to your local directory. Otherwise, other JSON files will be missing from the target machine.

> **Note:**
>
> If you have configured the `dashboard_dir` field of `grafana_servers`, after executing the `tiup cluster rename` command to rename the cluster, you need to complete the following operations:
>
> 1. In the local `dashboards` directory, change the cluster name to the new cluster name.
> 2. In the local `dashboards` directory, change `datasource` to the new cluster name, because `datasource` is named after the cluster name.
> 3. Execute the `tiup cluster reload -R grafana` command.

13.4.11.2.9 Update component

For normal upgrade, you can use the `upgrade` command. But in some scenarios, such as debugging, you might need to replace the currently running component with a temporary package. To achieve this, use the `patch` command:

```
tiup cluster patch --help
```

```
Replace the remote package with a specified package and restart the service
```

```
Usage:
  cluster patch <cluster-name> <package-path> [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help                help for patch
  -N, --node strings        Specify the nodes
      --offline             Patch a stopped cluster
      --overwrite           Use this package in the future scale-out
          ↪ operations
  -R, --role strings        Specify the roles
      --transfer-timeout uint Timeout in seconds when transferring PD and
          ↪ TiKV store leaders, also for TiCDC drain one capture (default
          ↪ 600)

Global Flags:
  -c, --concurrency int  max number of parallel tasks allowed (default 5)
      --format string    (EXPERIMENTAL) The format of output, available
          ↪ values are [default, json] (default "default")
      --ssh string       (EXPERIMENTAL) The executor type: 'builtin', '
          ↪ system', 'none'.
      --ssh-timeout uint Timeout in seconds to connect host via SSH, ignored
          ↪  for operations that don't need an SSH connection. (default 5)
      --wait-timeout uint Timeout in seconds to wait for an operation to
          ↪ complete, ignored for operations that don't fit. (default 120)
  -y, --yes             Skip all confirmations and assumes 'yes'
```

If a TiDB hotfix package is in `/tmp/tidb-hotfix.tar.gz` and you want to replace all the TiDB packages in the cluster, run the following command:

```
tiup cluster patch test-cluster /tmp/tidb-hotfix.tar.gz -R tidb
```

You can also replace only one TiDB package in the cluster:

```
tiup cluster patch test-cluster /tmp/tidb-hotfix.tar.gz -N 172.16.4.5:4000
```

13.4.11.2.10 Import TiDB Ansible cluster

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, TiUP cluster's support for TiSpark is still **experimental**. It is not supported to import a TiDB cluster with TiSpark enabled.

Before TiUP is released, TiDB Ansible is often used to deploy TiDB clusters. To enable TiUP to take over the cluster deployed by TiDB Ansible, use the `import` command.

The usage of the `import` command is as follows:

```
tiup cluster import --help
```

```
Import an exist TiDB cluster from TiDB-Ansible

Usage:
  cluster import [flags]

Flags:
  -d, --dir string      The path to TiDB-Ansible directory
  -h, --help            help for import
      --inventory string The name of inventory file (default "inventory.ini
         ↪ ")
      --no-backup       Don't backup ansible dir, useful when there're
         ↪ multiple inventory files
  -r, --rename NAME     Rename the imported cluster to NAME

Global Flags:
      --ssh string      (Experimental) The executor type. Optional values are
         ↪  'builtin', 'system', and 'none'.
      --wait-timeout int Timeout of waiting the operation
      --ssh-timeout int Timeout in seconds to connect host via SSH, ignored
         ↪ for operations that don't need an SSH connection. (default 5)
  -y, --yes             Skip all confirmations and assumes 'yes'
```

You can use either of the following commands to import a TiDB Ansible cluster:

```
cd tidb-ansible
tiup cluster import
```

```
tiup cluster import --dir=/path/to/tidb-ansible
```

13.4.11.2.11 View the operation log

To view the operation log, use the `audit` command. The usage of the `audit` command is as follows:

```
Usage:
  tiup cluster audit [audit-id] [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help help for audit
```

If the [audit-id] flag is not specified, the command shows a list of commands that have been executed. For example:

```
tiup cluster audit
```

```
Starting component `cluster`: /home/tidb/.tiup/components/cluster/v1.12.3/
    ↪ cluster audit
ID     Time                       Command
--     ----                       -------
4BLhr0 2025-01-17T23:55:09+08:00 /home/tidb/.tiup/components/cluster/v1
    ↪ .12.3/cluster deploy test v8.5.1 /tmp/topology.yaml
4BKWjF 2025-01-17T23:36:57+08:00 /home/tidb/.tiup/components/cluster/v1
    ↪ .12.3/cluster deploy test v8.5.1 /tmp/topology.yaml
4BKVwH 2025-01-17T23:02:08+08:00 /home/tidb/.tiup/components/cluster/v1
    ↪ .12.3/cluster deploy test v8.5.1 /tmp/topology.yaml
4BKKH1 2025-01-17T16:39:04+08:00 /home/tidb/.tiup/components/cluster/v1
    ↪ .12.3/cluster destroy test
4BKKDx 2025-01-17T16:36:57+08:00 /home/tidb/.tiup/components/cluster/v1
    ↪ .12.3/cluster deploy test v8.5.1 /tmp/topology.yaml
```

The first column is audit-id. To view the execution log of a certain command, pass the audit-id of a command as the flag as follows:

```
tiup cluster audit 4BLhr0
```

13.4.11.2.12 Run commands on a host in the TiDB cluster

To run command on a host in the TiDB cluster, use the exec command. The usage of the exec command is as follows:

```
Usage:
  cluster exec <cluster-name> [flags]

Flags:
      --command string the command run on cluster host (default "ls")
  -h, --help           help for exec
  -N, --node strings   Only exec on host with specified nodes
  -R, --role strings   Only exec on host with specified roles
      --sudo           use root permissions (default false)

Global Flags:
      --ssh-timeout int Timeout in seconds to connect host via SSH, ignored
         ↪ for operations that don't need an SSH connection. (default 5)
  -y, --yes            Skip all confirmations and assumes 'yes'
```

For example, to execute ls /tmp on all TiDB nodes, run the following command:

```
tiup cluster exec test-cluster --command='ls /tmp'
```

13.4.11.2.13 Cluster controllers

Before TiUP is released, you can control the cluster using `tidb-ctl`, `tikv-ctl`, `pd-ctl`, and other tools. To make the tools easier to download and use, TiUP integrates them into an all-in-one component, `ctl`.

```
Usage:
  tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> {tidb/pd/tikv/etcd} [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help help for tiup
```

This command has a corresponding relationship with those of the previous tools:

```
tidb-ctl [args] = tiup ctl tidb [args]
pd-ctl [args] = tiup ctl pd [args]
tikv-ctl [args] = tiup ctl tikv [args]
etcdctl [args] = tiup ctl etcd [args]
```

For example, if you previously view the store by running `pd-ctl -u http://127.0.0.1:2379 store`, now you can run the following command in TiUP:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://127.0.0.1:2379 store
```

13.4.11.2.14 Environment checks for target machines

You can use the `check` command to perform a series of checks on the environment of the target machine and output the check results. By executing the `check` command, you can find common unreasonable configurations or unsupported situations. The command flag list is as follows:

```
Usage:
  tiup cluster check <topology.yml | cluster-name> [flags]
Flags:
      --apply               Try to fix failed checks
      --cluster             Check existing cluster, the input is a cluster
          ↪ name.
      --enable-cpu          Enable CPU thread count check
      --enable-disk         Enable disk IO (fio) check
      --enable-mem          Enable memory size check
  -h, --help                help for check
  -i, --identity_file string The path of the SSH identity file. If specified
      ↪ , public key authentication will be used.
```

```
  -p, --password           Use password of target hosts. If specified,
     ↪ password authentication will be used.
      --user string        The user name to login via SSH. The user must
         ↪ has root (or sudo) privilege.
```

By default, this command is used to check the environment before deployment. By specifying the `--cluster` flag to switch the mode, you can also check the target machines of an existing cluster, for example:

```
#### check deployed servers before deployment
tiup cluster check topology.yml --user tidb -p
#### check deployed servers of an existing cluster
tiup cluster check <cluster-name> --cluster
```

The CPU thread count check, memory size check, and disk performance check are disabled by default. For the production environment, it is recommended that you enable the three checks and make sure they pass to obtain the best performance.

- CPU: If the number of threads is greater than or equal to 16, the check is passed.
- Memory: If the total size of physical memory is greater than or equal to 32 GB, the check is passed.
- Disk: Execute `fio` test on the partitions of `data_dir` and record the results.

When running the checks, if the `--apply` flag is specified, the program automatically repairs the failed items. Automatic repair is limited to some items that can be adjusted by modifying the configuration or system parameters. Other unrepaired items need to be handled manually according to the actual situation.

Environment checks are not necessary for deploying a cluster. For the production environment, it is recommended to perform environment checks and pass all check items before deployment. If not all the check items are passed, the cluster might be deployed and run normally, but the best performance might not be obtained.

13.4.11.2.15 Use the system's native SSH client to connect to cluster

All operations above performed on the cluster machine use the SSH client embedded in TiUP to connect to the cluster and execute commands. However, in some scenarios, you might also need to use the SSH client native to the control machine system to perform such cluster operations. For example:

- To use an SSH plug-in for authentication
- To use a customized SSH client

Then you can use the `--ssh=system` command-line flag to enable the system-native command-line tool:

- Deploy a cluster: `tiup cluster deploy <cluster-name> <version> <topo> --ssh=system`. Fill in the name of your cluster for `<cluster-name>`, the TiDB version to be deployed (such as `v8.5.1`) for `<version>`, and the topology file for `<topo>`.
- Start a cluster: `tiup cluster start <cluster-name> --ssh=system`
- Upgrade a cluster: `tiup cluster upgrade ... --ssh=system`

You can add `--ssh=system` in all cluster operation commands above to use the system's native SSH client.

To avoid adding such a flag in every command, you can use the `TIUP_NATIVE_SSH` system variable to specify whether to use the local SSH client:

```
export TIUP_NATIVE_SSH=true
#### or
export TIUP_NATIVE_SSH=1
#### or
export TIUP_NATIVE_SSH=enable
```

If you specify this environment variable and `--ssh` at the same time, `--ssh` has higher priority.

> **Note:**
>
> During the process of cluster deployment, if you need to use a password for connection (`-p`) or `passphrase` is configured in the key file, you must ensure that `sshpass` is installed on the control machine; otherwise, a timeout error is reported.

13.4.11.2.16 Migrate control machine and back up TiUP data

The TiUP data is stored in the `.tiup` directory in the user's home directory. To migrate the control machine, you can take the following steps to copy the `.tiup` directory to the corresponding target machine:

1. Execute `tar czvf tiup.tar.gz .tiup` in the home directory of the original machine.
2. Copy `tiup.tar.gz` to the home directory of the target machine.
3. Execute `tar xzvf tiup.tar.gz` in the home directory of the target machine.
4. Add the `.tiup` directory to the `PATH` environment variable.

   If you use `bash` and you are a `tidb` user, you can add `export PATH=/home/tidb/.tiup/bin:$PATH` in `~/.bashrc` and execute `source ~/.bashrc`. Then make corresponding adjustments according to the shell and the user you use.

> **Note:**
>
> It is recommended that you back up the `.tiup` directory regularly to avoid the loss of TiUP data caused by abnormal conditions, such as disk damage of the control machine.

13.4.11.2.17 Back up and restore meta files for cluster deployment and O&M

If the meta files used for operation and maintenance (O&M) are lost, managing the cluster using TiUP will fail. It is recommended that you back up the meta files regularly by running the following command:

```
tiup cluster meta backup ${cluster_name}
```

If the meta files are lost, you can restore them by running the following command:

```
tiup cluster meta restore ${cluster_name} ${backup_file}
```

> **Note:**
>
> The restore operation overwrites the current meta files. Therefore, it is recommended to restore the meta files only when they are lost.

13.4.11.3 Deploy and Maintain an Online TiDB Cluster Using TiUP No-sudo Mode

This document describes how to use the TiUP no-sudo mode to deploy a cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> For CentOS, only CentOS 8 or later versions are supported.

13.4.11.3.1 Prepare the user and configure the SSH mutual trust

This document takes the `tidb` user as an example.

1. Log in to all the target machines as the `root` user, create a user named `tidb` and configure the system resource limits for this user as follows:

> **Note:**
>
> In no-sudo mode, configuring passwordless sudo for the `tidb` user is unnecessary, that is, you do not need to add the `tidb` user to the `sudoers` file.

    1. Add the `tidb` user:

```
adduser tidb
```

    2. Configure the resource limits for the `tidb` user:

```
cat << EOF >>/etc/security/limits.conf
tidb           soft    nofile        1000000
tidb           hard    nofile        1000000
tidb           soft    stack         32768
tidb           hard    stack         32768
tidb           soft    core          unlimited
tidb           hard    core          unlimited
EOF
```

2. Start the `systemd user` mode for the `tidb` user on each target machine. This step is required and do not skip it.

    1. Use the `tidb` user to set the `XDG_RUNTIME_DIR` environment variable.

```
sudo -iu tidb # Switch to the tidb user
mkdir -p ~/.bashrc.d
echo "export XDG_RUNTIME_DIR=/run/user/$(id -u)" > ~/.bashrc.d/
    ↪ systemd
source ~/.bashrc.d/systemd
```

    2. Use the `root` user to start the user service.

```
$ uid=$(id -u tidb) # Get the ID of the tidb user
$ systemctl start user@${uid}.service
$ systemctl status user@${uid}.service
user@1000.service - User Manager for UID 1000
Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/user@.service; static;
    ↪ vendor preset>
Active: active (running) since Mon 2024-01-29 03:30:51 EST; 1min 7s
    ↪  ago
Main PID: 3328 (systemd)
```

```
Status: "Startup finished in 420ms."
Tasks: 6
Memory: 6.1M
CGroup: /user.slice/user-1000.slice/user@1000.service
        ─dbus.service
          ─3442 /usr/bin/dbus-daemon --session --address=systemd:
            ↪ --nofork >
        ─init.scope
          ─3328 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd --user
          ─3335 (sd-pam)
        ─pulseaudio.service
          ─3358 /usr/bin/pulseaudio --daemonize=no --log-target=
             ↪ journal
```

3. Execute `systemctl --user`. If no errors occur, it indicates that the `systemd user` mode has started successfully.

3. Use the `root` user to execute the following command to enable lingering for the systemd user `tidb`.

```
loginctl enable-linger tidb
loginctl show-user -p Linger tidb # This should show: Linger=yes
```

You can read the systemd documentation for reference, Automatic start-up of systemd user instances.

4. Generate a key using `ssh-keygen` on the control machine:

```
ssh-keygen
```

5. Copy the public key to the other machines in the cluster to establish SSH trust.

- If you have set a password for the `tidb` user, you can use `ssh-copy-id` command to copy the public key to the target machine.

```
ssh-copy-id tidb@host
```

You need to replace `host` with the hostname of the target machine and run this command on each of the other machines in the cluster.

- If you use a different method to copy the public key, make sure to check the permissions of the `/home/tidb/.ssh/authorized_keys` file after the copy.

```
chown -R tidb:tidb /home/tidb/.ssh/authorized_keys
chmod 600 /home/tidb/.ssh/authorized_keys
```

13.4.11.3.2 Prepare the topology file

1. Execute the following command to generate the topology file.

```
tiup cluster template > topology.yaml
```

2. Edit the topology file.

   Compared with the regular mode, when using TiUP in no-sudo mode, you need to add a line `systemd_mode: "user"` in the `global` module of the `topology.yaml` file. The `systemd_mode` parameter is used to set whether to use the `systemd user` mode. If this parameter is not set, the default value is `system`, meaning sudo permissions are required.

   Additionally, in no-sudo mode, because the non-root `tidb` user does not have permission to use the `/data` directory as `deploy_dir` or `data_dir`, you must select a path accessible to non-root users. The following example uses relative paths, and the actual paths used are `/home/tidb/data/tidb-deploy` and `/home/tidb/data/tidb-data`. The rest of the topology file remains the same as in the regular mode. Another option is to use the root user to create the directories and then use `chown` to change the ownership to `tidb:tidb`.

```
global:
  user: "tidb"
  systemd_mode: "user"
  ssh_port: 22
  deploy_dir: "data/tidb-deploy"
  data_dir: "data/tidb-data"
  arch: "amd64"
  ...
```

13.4.11.3.3 Manually repair failed check items

> **Note:**
>
> If you use a minimal install, make sure the `tar` package is installed. Otherwise, the `tiup cluster check` command will fail.

Executing `tiup cluster check topology.yaml --user tidb` can generate some failed check items. The following is an example.

```
Node          Check       Result Message
----          -----       ------ -------
```

```
192.168.124.27 thp        Fail   THP is enabled, please disable it for best
   ↪  performance
192.168.124.27 command    Pass   numactl: policy: default
192.168.124.27 os-version Pass   OS is CentOS Stream 8
192.168.124.27 network    Pass   network speed of ens160 is 10000MB
192.168.124.27 disk       Warn   mount point / does not have 'noatime'
   ↪ option set
192.168.124.27 disk       Fail   multiple components tikv:/home/blackcat/
   ↪ data/tidb-deploy/tikv-20160/data/tidb-data,tikv:/home/blackcat/data/
   ↪ tidb-deploy/tikv-20161/data/tidb-data are using the same partition
   ↪ 192.168.124.27:/ as data dir
192.168.124.27 selinux    Pass   SELinux is disabled
192.168.124.27 cpu-cores  Pass   number of CPU cores / threads: 16
192.168.124.27 cpu-governor Warn Unable to determine current CPU frequency
   ↪ governor policy
192.168.124.27 swap       Warn   swap is enabled, please disable it for
   ↪ best performance
192.168.124.27 memory     Pass   memory size is 9681MB
192.168.124.27 service    Fail   service firewalld is running but should be
   ↪  stopped
```

In no-sudo mode, the `tidb` user does not have sudo permissions. As a result, running `tiup cluster check topology.yaml --apply --user tidb` cannot automatically fix the failed check items. You need to manually fix it by using the `root` user on the target machines.

For more information, see TiDB Environment and System Configuration Check. Note that you need to skip the step Manually configure the SSH mutual trust and sudo without password in the document.

13.4.11.3.4 Deploy and manage the cluster

To use the `tidb` user created in preceding steps and avoid creating a new one, add `--user tidb` when running the following `deploy` command:

```
tiup cluster deploy mycluster v8.5.0 topology.yaml --user tidb
```

> **Note:**
>
> You need to replace `v8.5.0` in the preceding command with the TiDB version that you want to deploy and `mycluster` with the name you want to give to your cluster.

Start the cluster:

```
tiup cluster start mycluster
```

Scale out the cluster:

```
tiup cluster scale-out mycluster scale.yaml --user tidb
```

Scale in the cluster:

```
tiup cluster scale-in mycluster -N 192.168.124.27:20160
```

Upgrade the cluster:

```
tiup cluster upgrade mycluster v8.2.0
```

13.4.11.3.5 FAQ

The `Trying to run as user instance, but $XDG_RUNTIME_DIR is not set.` error occurs when starting user@.service

This issue might be caused by the absence of `pam_systemd.so` in your `/etc/pam.d/system-auth.ued` file.

To resolve this issue, use the following command to check whether the `/etc/pam.d/system-auth.ued` file contains the `pam_systemd.so` module. If not, append `session optional pam_systemd.so` to the end of the file.

```
grep 'pam_systemd.so' /etc/pam.d/system-auth.ued || echo 'session optional
    ↪ pam_systemd.so' >> /etc/pam.d/system-auth.ued
```

13.4.11.4 Create a Private Mirror

When creating a private cloud, usually, you need to use an isolated network environment, where the official mirror of TiUP is not accessible. Therefore, you can create a private mirror, which is mainly implemented by the `mirror` command. You can also use the `mirror` command for offline deployment. A private mirror also allows you to use components that you build and package by yourself.

13.4.11.4.1 TiUP `mirror` overview

Execute the following command to get the help information of the `mirror` command:

```
tiup mirror --help
```

```
The `mirror` command is used to manage a component repository for TiUP, you
    ↪  can use
it to create a private repository, or to add new component to an existing
    ↪ repository.
```

```
The repository can be used either online or offline.
It also provides some useful utilities to help manage keys, users, and
    ↪ versions
of components or the repository itself.

Usage:
  tiup mirror <command> [flags]

Available Commands:
  init        Initialize an empty repository
  sign        Add signatures to a manifest file
  genkey      Generate a new key pair
  clone       Clone a local mirror from a remote mirror and download all
     ↪ selected components
  merge       Merge two or more offline mirrors
  publish     Publish a component
  show        Show the mirror address
  set         Set mirror address
  modify      Modify published component
  renew       Renew the manifest of a published component.
  grant       grant a new owner
  rotate      Rotate root.json

Global Flags:
      --help              Help for this command

Use "tiup mirror [command] --help" for more information about a command.
```

13.4.11.4.2 Clone a mirror

You can run the `tiup mirror clone` command to build a local mirror:

```
tiup mirror clone <target-dir> [global-version] [flags]
```

- `target-dir`: used to specify the directory in which cloned data is stored.
- `global-version`: used to quickly set a global version for all components.

The `tiup mirror clone` command provides many optional flags (might provide more in the future). These flags can be divided into the following categories according to their intended usages:

- Determines whether to use prefix matching to match the version when cloning

  If the `--prefix` flag is specified, the version number is matched by prefix for the clone. For example, if you specify `--prefix` as "v5.0.0", then "v5.0.0-rc", and "v5.0.0" are matched.

- Determines whether to use the full clone

  If you specify the `--full` flag, you can clone the official mirror fully.

> **Note:**
> If `--full`, `global-version` flags, and the component versions are not specified, only some meta information is cloned.

- Determines whether to clone packages from the specific platform

  If you want to clone packages only for a specific platform, use `-os` and `-arch` to specify the platform. For example:

  - Execute the `tiup mirror clone <target-dir> [global-version] --os=linux` command to clone for linux.
  - Execute the `tiup mirror clone <target-dir> [global-version] --arch=amd64` command to clone for amd64.
  - Execute the `tiup mirror clone <target-dir> [global-version] --os=linux --arch=amd64` command to clone for linux/amd64.

- Determines whether to clone a specific version of a package

  If you want to clone only one version (not all versions) of a component, use `--<component>=<version>` to specify this version. For example:

  - Execute the `tiup mirror clone <target-dir> --tidb v8.5.1` command to clone the v8.5.1 version of the TiDB component.
  - Run the `tiup mirror clone <target-dir> --tidb v8.5.1 --tikv all` command to clone the v8.5.1 version of the TiDB component and all versions of the TiKV component.
  - Run the `tiup mirror clone <target-dir> v8.5.1` command to clone the v8.5.1 version of all components in a cluster.

After cloning, signing keys are set up automatically.

Manage the private repository

You can share the repository cloned using `tiup mirror clone` among hosts either by sharing files via SCP, NFS, or by making the repository available over the HTTP or HTTPS protocol. Use `tiup mirror set <location>` to specify the location of the repository.

```
tiup mirror set /shared_data/tiup
```

```
tiup mirror set https://tiup-mirror.example.com/
```

> **Note:**
>
> If you run `tiup mirror set...` on the machine where you run `tiup mirror clone`, the next time you run `tiup mirror clone...`, the machine clones from the local mirror, not the remote one. Therefore, you need to reset the mirror by running `tiup mirror set --reset` before updating the private mirror.

Another way of using a mirror is to use the `TIUP_MIRRORS` environment variable. Here is an example for running `tiup list` with a private repository.

```
export TIUP_MIRRORS=/shared_data/tiup
tiup list
```

`TIUP_MIRRORS` setting can permanently change the mirror configuration, for example, `tiup mirror set`. For details, see tiup issue #651.

Update the private repository

If you run the `tiup mirror clone` command again with the same `target-dir`, the machine will create new manifests and download the latest versions of components available.

> **Note:**
>
> Before recreating the manifest, ensure that all components and versions (including earlier ones downloaded previously) are included.

13.4.11.4.3 Custom repository

You can create a custom repository to work with TiDB components like TiDB, TiKV, or PD that you build by yourself. It is also possible to create your own tiup components.

To create your own components, run the `tiup package` command and perform as instructed in Component packaging.

Create a custom repository

To create an empty repository in `/data/mirror`:

```
tiup mirror init /data/mirror
```

As part of creating the repository, keys will be written to `/data/mirror/keys`.

To create a new private key in `~/.tiup/keys/private.json`:

```
tiup mirror genkey
```

Grant `jdoe` with private key `~/.tiup/keys/private.json` ownership of `/data/mirror`:

```
tiup mirror set /data/mirror
tiup mirror grant jdoe
```

Work with custom components

1. Create a custom component called hello.

```
$ cat > hello.c << END
> #include <stdio.h>
int main() {
  printf("hello\n");
  return (0);
}
END
$ gcc hello.c -o hello
$ tiup package hello --entry hello --name hello --release v0.0.1
```

`package/hello-v0.0.1-linux-amd64.tar.gz` is created.

2. Create a repository and a private key, and grant ownership to the repository.

```
$ tiup mirror init /tmp/m
$ tiup mirror genkey
$ tiup mirror set /tmp/m
$ tiup mirror grant $USER
```

```
tiup mirror publish hello v0.0.1 package/hello-v0.0.1-linux-amd64.tar.
    ↪ gz hello
```

3. Run the component. If it is not installed yet, it will be downloaded first.

```
$ tiup hello
```

```
The component `hello` version is not installed; downloading from
    ↪ repository.
Starting component `hello`: /home/dvaneeden/.tiup/components/hello/v0
    ↪ .0.1/hello
hello
```

With `tiup mirror merge`, you can merge a repository with custom components into another one. This assumes that all components in `/data/my_custom_components` are signed by the current `$USER`.

```
$ tiup mirror set /data/my_mirror
$ tiup mirror grant $USER
$ tiup mirror merge /data/my_custom_components
```

13.4.11.5 Stress Test TiDB Using TiUP Bench Component

When you test the performance of a database, it is often required to stress test the database. To facilitate this, TiUP has integrated the bench component, which provides multiple workloads for stress testing. You can access these workloads by the following commands:

```
tiup bench tpcc # Benchmark a database using TPC-C
tiup bench tpch # Benchmark a database using TPC-H
tiup bench ch   # Benchmark a database using CH-benCHmark
tiup bench ycsb # Benchmark a database using YCSB
tiup bench rawsql # Benchmark a database using arbitrary SQL files
```

`tpcc`, `tpch`, `ch`, and `rawsql` share the following common command flags. However, `ycsb` is mainly configured by a `.properties` file, which is described in its usage guide.

```
  -t, --acThreads int      OLAP client concurrency, only for CH-benCHmark (
      ↪ default to 1)
      --conn-params string Session variables, such as setting `--conn-params
         ↪  tidb_isolation_read_engines='tiflash'` for TiDB queries and
         ↪ setting `--conn-params sslmode=disable` for PostgreSQL
         ↪ connections
      --count int          Total execution count (0 means infinite count)
  -D, --db string          Database name (default to "test")
  -d, --driver string      Database driver: mysql, postgres (default to "
      ↪ mysql")
      --dropdata           Clean up historical data before preparing
  -H, --host strings       Database host (default to [127.0.0.1])
      --ignore-error       Ignore errors when running workload
      --interval duration  Output interval time (default to 10s)
      --isolation int      Isolation Level (0: Default; 1: ReadUncommitted;
                           2: ReadCommitted; 3: WriteCommitted; 4:
                              ↪ RepeatableRead;
                           5: Snapshot; 6: Serializable; 7: Linerizable)
      --max-procs int      runtime.GOMAXPROCS of golang, the limits of how
         ↪ many cores can be used
      --output string      Output style. Valid values can be { plain | table
         ↪  | json } (default to "plain")
  -p, --password string    Database password
  -P, --port ints          Database port (default to [4000])
      --pprof string       Address of pprof endpoint
```

```
      --silence              Don't print errors when running workload
  -S, --statusPort int       Database status port (default to 10080)
  -T, --threads int          Thread concurrency (default to 1)
      --time duration        Total execution time (default to 2562047h47m16
          ↪ .854775807s)
  -U, --user string          Database user (default to "root")
```

- You can pass comma-separated values to `--host` and `--port` to enable client-side load balancing. For example, when you specify `--host 172.16.4.1,172.16.4.2 ↪ --port 4000,4001`, the program will connect to 172.16.4.1:4000, 172.16.4.1:4001, 172.16.4.2:4000, and 172.16.4.2:4001, chosen in round-robin fashion.
- `--conn-params` must follow the format of query string. Different databases might have different parameters. For example:
  - `--conn-params tidb_isolation_read_engines='tiflash'` forces TiDB to read from TiFlash.
  - `--conn-params sslmode=disable` disables SSL when you connect to PostgreSQL.
- When running CH-benCHmark, you can use `--ap-host`, `--ap-port`, and `--ap-conn- ↪ params` to specify a standalone TiDB server for OLAP queries.

The following sections describe how to run TPC-C, TPC-H, YCSB tests using TiUP.

13.4.11.5.1 Run TPC-C test using TiUP

The TiUP bench component supports the following commands and flags to run the TPC-C test:

```
Available Commands:
  check      Check data consistency for the workload
  cleanup    Cleanup data for the workload
  prepare    Prepare data for the workload
  run        Run workload

Flags:
      --check-all          Run all consistency checks
  -h, --help               Help for TPC-C
      --partition-type int Partition type: 1 - HASH, 2 - RANGE, 3 - LIST (
          ↪ HASH-like), 4 - LIST (RANGE-like) (default to 1)
      --parts int          Number of partitions (default to 1)
      --warehouses int     Number of warehouses (default to 10)
```

Test procedures

The following provides simplified steps for running a TPC-C test. For detailed steps, see How to Run TPC-C Test on TiDB.

1. Create 4 warehouses using 4 partitions via hash:

```
tiup bench tpcc --warehouses 4 --parts 4 prepare
```

2. Run the TPC-C test:

```
tiup bench tpcc --warehouses 4 --time 10m run
```

3. Check the consistency:

```
tiup bench tpcc --warehouses 4 check
```

4. Clean up data:

```
tiup bench tpcc --warehouses 4 cleanup
```

Preparing data via SQL might be slow when you want to run a benchmark with a large data set. In that case, you can generate data in the CSV format by the following commands and then import it to TiDB via TiDB Lightning.

- Generate the CSV file:

```
tiup bench tpcc --warehouses 4 prepare --output-dir data --output-type=
    ↪ csv
```

- Generate the CSV file for the specified table:

```
tiup bench tpcc --warehouses 4 prepare --output-dir data --output-type=
    ↪ csv --tables history,orders
```

13.4.11.5.2 Run TPC-H test using TiUP

The TiUP bench component supports the following commands and parameters to run the TPC-H test:

```
Available Commands:
  cleanup    Cleanup data for the workload
  prepare    Prepare data for the workload
  run        Run workload

Flags:
      --check          Check output data, only when the scale factor equals 1
  -h, --help           help for tpch
      --queries string All queries (default "q1,q2,q3,q4,q5,q6,q7,q8,q9,q10,
          ↪ q11,q12,q13,q14,q15,q16,q17,q18,q19,q20,q21,q22")
      --sf int         scale factor
```

Test procedures

1. Prepare data:

```
tiup bench tpch --sf=1 prepare
```

2. Collect statistics:

   For the OLAP scenarios, to ensure that the TiDB optimizer can generate the optimal execution plan, execute the following SQL statements to collect statistics in advance. **Be sure to set `tidb_analyze_column_options` to `ALL`, otherwise collecting statistics can result in a significant drop in query performance.**

```
set global tidb_analyze_column_options='ALL';
```

3. Run the TPC-H test by executing one of the following commands:

   - If you check the result, run this command:

```
tiup bench tpch --count=22 --sf=1 --check=true run
```

   - If you do not check the result, run this command:

```
tiup bench tpch --count=22 --sf=1 run
```

4. Clean up data:

```
tiup bench tpch cleanup
```

13.4.11.5.3 Run YCSB test using TiUP

You can stress test both TiDB and TiKV via YCSB.

Stress test TiDB

1. Prepare data:

```
tiup bench ycsb load tidb -p tidb.instances="127.0.0.1:4000" -p
    ↪ recordcount=10000
```

2. Run the YCSB workload:

```
# The read-write percent is 95% by default
tiup bench ycsb run tidb -p tidb.instances="127.0.0.1:4000" -p
    ↪ operationcount=10000
```

Stress test TiKV

1. Prepare data:

```
tiup bench ycsb load tikv -p tikv.pd="127.0.0.1:2379" -p recordcount
    ↪ =10000
```

2. Run the YCSB workload:

```
# The read-write percent is 95% by default
tiup bench ycsb run tikv -p tikv.pd="127.0.0.1:2379" -p operationcount
    ↪ =10000
```

13.4.11.5.4 Run RawSQL test using TiUP

You can write an arbitrary query in a SQL file, and then use it for the test by executing `tiup bench rawsql` as follows:

1. Prepare data and the query:

```
-- Prepare data
CREATE TABLE t (a int);
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1), (2), (3);

-- Save your query in a SQL file. For example, you can save the
    ↪ following query in `demo.sql`.
SELECT a, sleep(rand()) FROM t WHERE a < 4*rand();
```

2. Run the RawSQL test:

```
tiup bench rawsql run --count 60 --query-files demo.sql
```

13.5 TiDB Operator

TiDB Operator is an automatic operation system for TiDB clusters on Kubernetes. It provides full life-cycle management for TiDB including deployment, upgrades, scaling, backup, fail-over, and configuration changes. With TiDB Operator, TiDB can run seamlessly in the Kubernetes clusters deployed on a public or private cloud.

Currently, the TiDB Operator documentation (also named as TiDB on Kubernetes documentation) is independent of the TiDB documentation. To access the documentation, click the following link:

- TiDB on Kubernetes documentation

13.6 TiDB Data Migration

13.6.1 TiDB Data Migration Overview

TiDB Data Migration (DM) is an integrated data migration task management platform, which supports the full data migration and the incremental data replication from MySQL-compatible databases (such as MySQL, MariaDB, and Aurora MySQL) into TiDB. It can help to reduce the operation cost of data migration and simplify the troubleshooting process.

13.6.1.1 Basic features

- **Compatibility with MySQL.** DM is compatible with the MySQL protocol and most of the features and syntax of MySQL 5.7 and MySQL 8.0.
- **Replicating DML and DDL events.** It supports parsing and replicating DML and DDL events in MySQL binlog.
- **Migrating and merging MySQL shards.** DM supports migrating and merging multiple MySQL database instances upstream to one TiDB database downstream. It supports customizing replication rules for different migration scenarios. It can automatically detect and handle DDL changes of upstream MySQL shards, which greatly reduces the operational cost.
- **Various types of filters.** You can predefine event types, regular expressions, and SQL expressions to filter out MySQL binlog events during the data migration process.
- **Centralized management.** DM supports thousands of nodes in a cluster. It can run and manage a large number of data migration tasks concurrently.
- **Optimization of the third-party Online Schema Change process.** In the MySQL ecosystem, tools such as gh-ost and pt-osc are widely used. DM optimizes its change process to avoid unnecessary migration of intermediate data. For details, see online-ddl.
- **High availability.** DM supports data migration tasks to be scheduled freely on different nodes. The running tasks are not affected when a small number of nodes crash.

13.6.1.2 Quick installation

Run the following command to install DM:

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/
    ↪ install.sh | sh
tiup install dm dmctl
```

13.6.1.3 Usage restrictions

Before using the DM tool, note the following restrictions:

- Database version requirements

- MySQL version 5.6 ~ 8.0
- MariaDB version >= 10.1.2 (experimental features)

> **Note:**
>
> If there is a primary-secondary migration structure between the upstream MySQL/MariaDB servers, then choose the following version.
>
> - MySQL version > 5.7.1
> - MariaDB version >= 10.1.3

- DDL syntax compatibility
  - Currently, TiDB is not compatible with all the DDL statements that MySQL supports. Because DM uses the TiDB parser to process DDL statements, it only supports the DDL syntax supported by the TiDB parser. For details, see MySQL Compatibility.
  - DM reports an error when it encounters an incompatible DDL statement. To solve this error, you need to manually handle it using dmctl, either skipping this DDL statement or replacing it with specified DDL statements. For details, see Skip or replace abnormal SQL statements.
  - DM does not replicate view-related DDL statements and DML statements to the downstream TiDB cluster. It is recommended that you create the view in the downstream TiDB cluster manually.
- GBK character set compatibility
  - DM does not support migrating `charset=GBK` tables to TiDB clusters earlier than v5.4.0.
- Binlog compatibility
  - DM does not support the MySQL 8.0 new feature binlog Transaction_payload_event. Using binlog Transaction_payload_event might result in data inconsistency between upstream and downstream.
- Vector data type replication
  - DM does not support migrating or replicating MySQL 9.0 vector data types to TiDB.

13.6.1.4 Contributing

You are welcome to participate in the DM open sourcing project. Your contribution would be highly appreciated. For more details, see CONTRIBUTING.md.

13.6.1.5 Community support

You can learn about DM through the online documentation. If you have any questions, contact us on GitHub.

13.6.1.6 License

DM complies with the Apache 2.0 license. For more details, see LICENSE.

13.6.1.7 DM versions

Before v5.4, the DM documentation is independent of the TiDB documentation. To access these earlier versions of the DM documentation, click one of the following links:

- DM v5.3 documentation
- DM v2.0 documentation
- DM v1.0 documentation

Note:

- Since October 2021, DM's GitHub repository has been moved to pingcap/tiflow. If you see any issues with DM, submit your issue to the `pingcap/tiflow` repository for feedback.
- In earlier versions (v1.0 and v2.0), DM uses version numbers that are independent of TiDB. Since v5.3, DM uses the same version number as TiDB. The next version of DM v2.0 is DM v5.3. There are no compatibility changes from DM v2.0 to v5.3, and the upgrade process is the same as a normal upgrade, only an increase in version number.

13.6.2 Data Migration Architecture

This document introduces the architecture of Data Migration (DM).

DM consists of three components: DM-master, DM-worker, and dmctl.

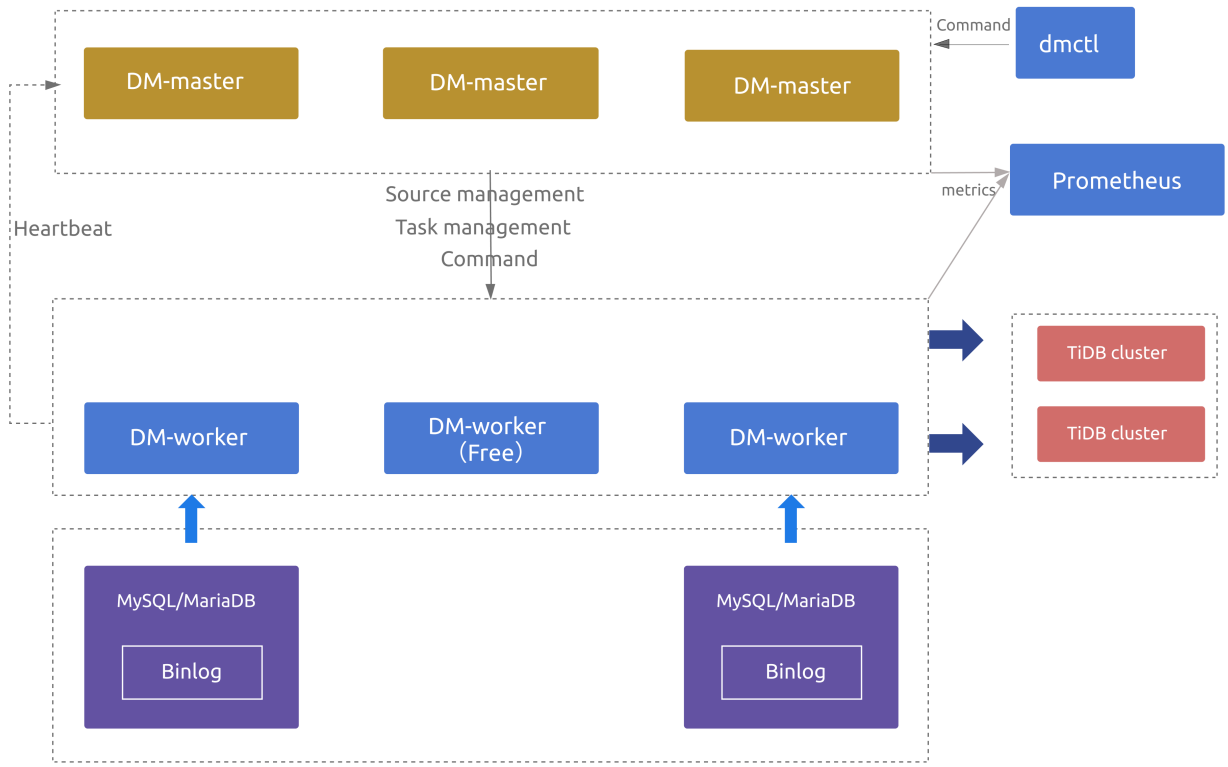


Figure 493: Data Migration architecture

13.6.2.1 Architecture components

13.6.2.1.1 DM-master

DM-master manages and schedules the operations of data migration tasks.

- Storing the topology information of the DM cluster
- Monitoring the running state of DM-worker processes
- Monitoring the running state of data migration tasks
- Providing a unified portal for the management of data migration tasks
- Coordinating the DDL migration of sharded tables in each instance under the sharding scenario

13.6.2.1.2 DM-worker

DM-worker executes specific data migration tasks.

- Persisting the binlog data to the local storage
- Storing the configuration information of the data migration subtasks
- Orchestrating the operation of the data migration subtasks

- Monitoring the running state of the data migration subtasks

For more details of DM-worker, see DM-worker Introduction.

13.6.2.1.3 dmctl

dmctl is a command line tool used to control the DM cluster.

- Creating, updating, or dropping data migration tasks
- Checking the state of data migration tasks
- Handling errors of data migration tasks
- Verifying the configuration correctness of data migration tasks

13.6.2.2 Architecture features

13.6.2.2.1 High availability

When you deploy multiple DM-master nodes, all DM-master nodes use the embedded etcd to form a cluster. The DM-master cluster is used to store metadata such as cluster node information and task configuration. The leader node elected through etcd is used to provide services such as cluster management and data migration task management. Therefore, if the number of available DM-master nodes exceeds half of the deployed nodes, the DM cluster can normally provide services.

When the number of deployed DM-worker nodes exceeds the number of upstream MySQL/MariaDB nodes, the extra DM-worker nodes are idle by default. If a DM-worker node goes offline or is isolated from the DM-master leader, DM-master automatically schedules data migration tasks of the original DM-worker node to other idle DM-worker nodes. (If a DM-worker node is isolated, it automatically stops the data migration tasks on it); if there are no available idle DM-worker nodes, the data migration tasks of the original DM-worker are temporarily hung until one DM-worker node becomes idle, and then the tasks are automatically resumed.

Note:

When the data migration task is in the process of full export or import, the migration task does not support high availability. Here are the main reasons:

- For the full export, MySQL does not support exporting from a specific snapshot point yet. This means that after the data migration task is rescheduled or restarted, the export cannot resume from the previous interruption point.

- For the full import, DM-worker does not support reading exported full data across the nodes yet. This means that after the data migration task is scheduled to a new DM-worker node, you cannot read the exported full data on the original DM-worker node before the scheduling happens.

13.6.3 Quick Start with TiDB Data Migration

TiDB Data Migration (DM) is a powerful tool that replicates data from MySQL-compatible databases to TiDB. This guide shows you how to quickly set up a local TiDB DM environment for development or testing using TiUP Playground, and walks you through a simple task of migrating data from a source MySQL database to a target TiDB database.

Note:

For production deployments, see Deploy a DM Cluster Using TiUP.

13.6.3.1 Step 1: Set up the test environment

TiUP is a cluster operation and maintenance tool. Its Playground feature lets you quickly launch a temporary local environment with a TiDB database and TiDB DM for development and testing.

1. Install TiUP:

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/
    ↪ install.sh | sh
```

Note:

If you have an existing installation of TiUP, ensure it is updated to v1.16.1 or later to use the `--dm-master` and `--dm-worker` flags. To check your current version, run the following command:

```
tiup --version
```

To upgrade TiUP to the latest version, run the following command:

```
tiup update --self
```

2. Start TiUP Playground with a target TiDB database and DM components:

```
tiup playground v8.5.1 --dm-master 1 --dm-worker 1 --tiflash 0 --
    ↪ without-monitor
```

3. Verify the environment by checking in the output whether TiDB and DM are running:

```
TiDB Playground Cluster is started, enjoy!

Connect TiDB:  mysql --host 127.0.0.1 --port 4000 -u root
Connect DM:    tiup dmctl --master-addr 127.0.0.1:8261
TiDB Dashboard: http://127.0.0.1:2379/dashboard
```

4. Keep `tiup playground` running in the current terminal and open a new terminal for the following steps.

   This playground environment provides the running processes for the target TiDB database and the replication engine (DM-master and DM-worker). It will handle the data flow: MySQL (source) → DM (replication engine) → TiDB (target).

13.6.3.2 Step 2: Prepare a source database (optional)

You can use one or more MySQL instances as a source database. If you already have a MySQL-compatible instance, skip to Step 3. Otherwise, take the following steps to create one for testing.

You can use Docker to quickly deploy a test MySQL 8.0 instance.

1. Run a MySQL 8.0 Docker container:

```
docker run --name mysql80 \
    -e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=MyPassw0rd! \
    -p 3306:3306 \
    -d mysql:8.0
```

2. Connect to MySQL:

```
docker exec -it mysql80 mysql -uroot -pMyPassw0rd!
```

3. Create a dedicated user with required privileges for DM testing:

```
CREATE USER 'tidb-dm'@'%'
    IDENTIFIED WITH mysql_native_password
    BY 'MyPassw0rd!';

GRANT PROCESS, BACKUP_ADMIN, RELOAD, REPLICATION SLAVE, REPLICATION
    ↪ CLIENT, SELECT ON *.* TO 'tidb-dm'@'%';
```

4. Create sample data:

```
CREATE DATABASE hello;
USE hello;

CREATE TABLE hello_tidb (
    id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(50)
);

INSERT INTO hello_tidb (name) VALUES ('Hello World');

SELECT * FROM hello_tidb;
```

On macOS, you can quickly install and start MySQL 8.0 locally using Homebrew.

1. Update Homebrew and install MySQL 8.0:

```
brew update
brew install mysql@8.0
```

2. Make MySQL commands accessible in the system path:

```
brew link mysql@8.0 --force
```

3. Start the MySQL service:

```
brew services start mysql@8.0
```

4. Connect to MySQL as the `root` user:

```
mysql -uroot
```

5. Create a dedicated user with required privileges for DM testing:

```
CREATE USER 'tidb-dm'@'%'
    IDENTIFIED WITH mysql_native_password
    BY 'MyPassw0rd!';

GRANT PROCESS, BACKUP_ADMIN, RELOAD, REPLICATION SLAVE, REPLICATION
    ↪ CLIENT, SELECT ON *.* TO 'tidb-dm'@'%';
```

6. Create sample data:

```
CREATE DATABASE hello;
USE hello;

CREATE TABLE hello_tidb (
    id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(50)
);

INSERT INTO hello_tidb (name) VALUES ('Hello World');

SELECT * FROM hello_tidb;
```

On Enterprise Linux distributions like CentOS, you can install MySQL 8.0 from the MySQL Yum repository.

1. Download and install the MySQL Yum repository package from MySQL Yum repository download page. For Linux versions other than 9, you must replace the `el9` (Enterprise Linux version 9) in the following URL while keeping `mysql80` for MySQL version 8.0:

```
sudo yum install -y https://dev.mysql.com/get/mysql80-community-release
    ↪ -el9-1.noarch.rpm
```

2. Install MySQL:

```
sudo yum install -y mysql-community-server --nogpgcheck
```

3. Start MySQL:

```
sudo systemctl start mysqld
```

4. Find the temporary root password in the MySQL log:

```
sudo grep 'temporary password' /var/log/mysqld.log
```

5. Connect to MySQL as the `root` user with the temporary password:

```
mysql -uroot -p
```

6. Reset the `root` password:

```
ALTER USER 'root'@'localhost'
    IDENTIFIED BY 'MyPassw0rd!';
```

7. Create a dedicated user with required privileges for DM testing:

```
CREATE USER 'tidb-dm'@'%'
    IDENTIFIED WITH mysql_native_password
    BY 'MyPassw0rd!';

GRANT PROCESS, BACKUP_ADMIN, RELOAD, REPLICATION SLAVE, REPLICATION
    ↪ CLIENT, SELECT ON *.* TO 'tidb-dm'@'%';
```

8. Create sample data:

```
CREATE DATABASE hello;
USE hello;

CREATE TABLE hello_tidb (
    id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(50)
);

INSERT INTO hello_tidb (name) VALUES ('Hello World');

SELECT * FROM hello_tidb;
```

On Ubuntu, you can install MySQL from the official Ubuntu repository.

1. Update your package list:

```
sudo apt-get update
```

2. Install MySQL:

```
sudo apt-get install -y mysql-server
```

3. Check whether the `mysql` service is running, and start the service if necessary:

```
sudo systemctl status mysql
sudo systemctl start mysql
```

4. Connect to MySQL as the `root` user using socket authentication:

```
sudo mysql
```

5. Create a dedicated user with required privileges for DM testing:

```
CREATE USER 'tidb-dm'@'%'
    IDENTIFIED WITH mysql_native_password
    BY 'MyPassw0rd!';

GRANT PROCESS, BACKUP_ADMIN, RELOAD, REPLICATION SLAVE, REPLICATION
    ↪ CLIENT, SELECT ON *.* TO 'tidb-dm'@'%';
```

6. Create sample data:

```
CREATE DATABASE hello;
USE hello;

CREATE TABLE hello_tidb (
    id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(50)
);

INSERT INTO hello_tidb (name) VALUES ('Hello World');

SELECT * FROM hello_tidb;
```

13.6.3.3 Step 3: Configure a TiDB DM source

After preparing the source MySQL database, configure TiDB DM to connect to it. To do this, create a source configuration file with the connection details and apply the configuration using the `dmctl` tool.

1. Create a source configuration file `mysql-01.yaml`:

> **Note:**
> This step assumes you have already created the `tidb-dm` user with replication privileges in the source database, as described in Step 2.

```
source-id: "mysql-01"
from:
  host: "127.0.0.1"
  user: "tidb-dm"
  password: "MyPassw0rd!" # In production environments, it is
      ↪ recommended to use a password encrypted with dmctl.
  port: 3306
```

2. Create a DM data source:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr 127.0.0.1:8261 operate-source create mysql-01.
    ↪ yaml
```

13.6.3.4 Step 4: Create a TiDB DM task

After configuring the source database, you can create a migration task in TiDB DM. This task references the source MySQL instance and defines the connection details for the target TiDB database.

1. Create a DM task configuration file `tiup-playground-task.yaml`:

```
# Task
name: tiup-playground-task
task-mode: "all"          # Execute all phases - full data migration
    ↪ and incremental sync.

# Source (MySQL)
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-01"

## Target (TiDB)
target-database:
  host: "127.0.0.1"
  port: 4000
  user: "root"
  password: ""            # If the password is not empty, it is
      ↪ recommended to use a password encrypted with dmctl.
```

2. Start the task using the configuration file:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr 127.0.0.1:8261 start-task tiup-playground-task
    ↪ .yaml
```

13.6.3.5 Step 5: Verify the data replication

After starting the migration task, verify whether data replication is working as expected. Use the `dmctl` tool to check the task status, and connect to the target TiDB database to confirm that the data has been successfully replicated from the source MySQL database.

1. Check the status of the TiDB DM task:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr 127.0.0.1:8261 query-status
```

2. Connect to the target TiDB database:

```
mysql --host 127.0.0.1 --port 4000 -u root --prompt 'tidb> '
```

3. Verify the replicated data. If you have created the sample data in Step 2, you will see the `hello_tidb` table replicated from the MySQL source database to the target TiDB database:

```
SELECT * FROM hello.hello_tidb;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+----+-------------+
| id | name        |
+----+-------------+
|  1 | Hello World |
+----+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

13.6.3.6 Step 6: Clean up (optional)

After completing your testing, you can clean up the environment by stopping the TiUP Playground, removing the source MySQL instance (if created for testing), and deleting unnecessary files.

1. Stop the TiUP Playground:

   In the terminal where the TiUP Playground is running, press Control+C to terminate the process. This stops all TiDB and DM components and deletes the target environment.

2. Stop and remove the source MySQL instance:

   If you have created a source MySQL instance for testing in Step 2, stop and remove it by taking the following steps:

   To stop and remove the Docker container:

```
docker stop mysql80
docker rm mysql80
```

   If you installed MySQL 8.0 using Homebrew solely for testing, stop the service and uninstall it:

```
brew services stop mysql@8.0
brew uninstall mysql@8.0
```

> **Note:**
> If you want to remove all MySQL data files, delete the MySQL data directory (commonly located at `/opt/homebrew/var/mysql`).

If you installed MySQL 8.0 from the MySQL Yum repository solely for testing, stop the service and uninstall it:

```
sudo systemctl stop mysqld
sudo yum remove -y mysql-community-server
```

> **Note:**
> If you want to remove all MySQL data files, delete the MySQL data directory (commonly located at `/var/lib/mysql`).

If you installed MySQL from the official Ubuntu repository solely for testing, stop the service and uninstall it:

```
sudo systemctl stop mysql
sudo apt-get remove --purge -y mysql-server
sudo apt-get autoremove -y
```

> **Note:**
> If you want to remove all MySQL data files, delete the MySQL data directory (commonly located at `/var/lib/mysql`).

3. Remove the TiDB DM configuration files if they are no longer needed:

```
rm mysql-01.yaml tiup-playground-task.yaml
```

4. If you no longer need TiUP, you can uninstall it:

```
rm -rf ~/.tiup
```

13.6.3.7 What's next

Now that you successfully created a task that migrates data from a source MySQL database to a target TiDB database in a testing environment, you can:

- Explore TiDB DM Features
- Learn about TiDB DM Architecture
- Set up TiDB DM for a Proof of Concept or Production
- Configure advanced DM Tasks

13.6.4 TiDB Data Migration (DM) Best Practices

TiDB Data Migration (DM) is a data migration tool developed by PingCAP. It supports full and incremental data migration from MySQL-compatible databases such as MySQL, Percona MySQL, MariaDB, Amazon RDS for MySQL, and Amazon Aurora into TiDB.

You can use DM in the following scenarios:

- Perform full and incremental data migration from a single MySQL-compatible database instance to TiDB
- Migrate and merge MySQL shards of small datasets (less than 1 TiB) to TiDB
- In the data hub scenario, such as the middle platform of business data, and real-time aggregation of business data, use DM as the middleware for data migration

This document introduces how to use DM in an elegant and efficient way, and how to avoid common mistakes when using DM.

13.6.4.1 Performance limitations

Performance item	Limitation
Max work nodes	1000
Max task number	600
Max QPS	30k QPS/worker
Max Binlog throughput	20 MB/s/worker
Table number limit per task	Unlimited

- DM supports managing 1000 work nodes simultaneously, and the maximum number of tasks is 600. To ensure the high availability of work nodes, you should reserve some work nodes as standby nodes. The recommended number of standby nodes is 20% to 50% of the number of the work nodes that have running migration tasks.
- A single work node can theoretically support replication QPS of up to 30K QPS/-worker. It varies for different schemas and workloads. The ability to handle upstream binlogs is up to 20 MB/s/worker.
- If you want to use DM as a data replication middleware for long-term use, you need to carefully design the deployment architecture of DM components. For more information, see Deploy DM-master and DM-worker

13.6.4.2 Before data migration

Before data migration, the design of the overall solution is critical. The following sections describe best practices and scenarios from the business perspective and the implementation perspective.

13.6.4.2.1 Best practices for the business side

To distribute the workload evenly on multiple nodes, the design for the distributed database is different from traditional databases. The solution needs to ensure both low migration cost and logic correctness after migration. The following sections describe best practices before data migration.

Business impact of AUTO_INCREMENT in schema design

`AUTO_INCREMENT` in TiDB is compatible with `AUTO_INCREMENT` in MySQL. However, as a distributed database, TiDB usually has multiple computing nodes (entries for the client end). When the application data is written, the workload is evenly distributed. This leads to the result that when there is an `AUTO_INCREMENT` column in the table, the auto-increment IDs of the column might be inconsecutive. For more details, see AUTO_INCREMENT.

If your business has a strong dependence on auto-increment IDs, consider using the MySQL-compatible `AUTO_INCREMENT` mode or the `SEQUENCE` function.

Usage of clustered indexes

When you create a table, you can declare that the primary key is either a clustered index or a non-clustered index. The following sections describe the pros and cons of each choice.

- Clustered indexes

  Clustered indexes use the primary key as the handle ID (row ID) for data storage. Querying using the primary key can avoid table lookup, which effectively improves the query performance. However, if the table is write-intensive and the primary key uses `AUTO_INCREMENT`, it is very likely to cause write hotspot problems, resulting in a mediocre performance of the cluster and the performance bottleneck of a single storage node.

- Non-clustered indexes + `shard row id bit`

  Using non-clustered indexes and `shard row id bit`, you can avoid the write hotspot problem when using `AUTO_INCREMENT`. However, table lookup in this scenario can affect the query performance when querying using the primary key.

- Clustered indexes + external distributed ID generators

  If you want to use clustered indexes and keep the IDs consecutive, consider using external distributed ID generators, such as the Snowflake algorithm and Leaf. The application program generates sequence IDs, which can guarantee that the IDs are consecutive to a certain extent. It also retains the benefits of using clustered indexes. But you need to customize the applications.

- Clustered indexes + `AUTO_RANDOM`

  This solution can retain the benefits of using clustered indexes and avoid the write hotspot problem. It requires less effort for customization. You can modify the schema attribute when you switch to use TiDB as the write database. In subsequent queries, if you have to use the ID column to sort data, you can use the `AUTO_RANDOM` ID column and left shift 6 bits (1 sign bit + 5 shard bits) to ensure the order of the query data. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a bigint PRIMARY KEY AUTO_RANDOM, b varchar(255));
Select a, a<<6 ,b from t order by a <<6 desc
```

The following table summarizes the pros and cons of each solution.

Scenario	Recommended solution	Pros	Cons
	TiDB will act as the primary and write-intensive database. The business logic strongly relies on the continuity of the primary key IDs.	Create tables with non-clustered indexes and set `SHARD_ROW_ID_BIT`. Use `SEQUENCE` as the primary key column.	It can avoid data write hotspots and ensure the continuity and monotonic increment of business data.	The throughput capacity of data write is decreased to ensure data write continuity. The performance of primary key queries is decreased.
	TiDB will act as the primary and write-intensive database. The business logic strongly relies on the increment of the primary key IDs.	Create tables with non-clustered indexes and set `SHARD_ROW_ID_BIT`. Use an application ID generator to generate the primary key IDs.	It can avoid data write hotspots, guarantee the performance of data write, and guarantee the increment of business data, but cannot guarantee continuity.	You need to customize the application. External ID generators strongly rely on the clock accuracy and might introduce failures.
	TiDB will act as the primary and write-intensive database. The business logic does not rely on the continuity of the primary key IDs.	Create tables with clustered indexes and set `AUTO_RANDOM` for the primary key column.	It can avoid data write hotspots and has excellent query performance of primary keys. You can smoothly switch from `AUTO_INCREMENT` to `AUTO_RANDOM`.	The primary key IDs are random. The write throughput ability is limited.

It is recommended to sort the business data by using the insert time column.

If you have to use the primary key ID to sort data, you can left shift 5 bits to query, which can guarantee the increment of the data.

| | TiDB will act as a read-only database. | Create tables with non-clustered indexes and set `SHARD_ROW_ID_BIT`. Keep the primary key column consistent with the data source. |

It can avoid data write hotspots.

It requires less customization cost.

The query performance of primary keys is impacted. |

13.6.4.2.2 Key points for MySQL shards

Splitting and merging

It is recommended that you use DM to migrate and merge MySQL shards of small datasets to TiDB.

Besides data merging, another typical scenario is data archiving. Data is constantly being written. As time goes by, large amounts of data gradually change from hot data to warm or even cold data. Fortunately, in TiDB, you can set different placement rules for data. The minimum granularity of the rules is a partition.

Therefore, it is recommended that for write-intensive scenarios, you need to evaluate from the beginning whether you need to archive data and store hot and cold data on different media separately. If you need to archive data, you can set the partitioning rules before migration (TiDB does not support Table Rebuild operations yet). It saves you from the need to recreate tables and import data in future.

The pessimistic mode and the optimistic mode

DM uses the pessimistic mode by default. In scenarios of migrating and merging MySQL shards, changes in upstream shard schemas can block DML writing to downstream databases. You need to wait until all the schemas are changed and have the same structure, and then continue the migration from the breakpoint.

- If the upstream schema changes take a long time, it might cause the upstream Binlog to be cleaned up. You can enable the relay log to avoid this problem. For more information, see Use the relay log.
- If you do not want to block data write due to upstream schema changes, consider using the optimistic mode. In this case, DM will not block the data migration even when it spots changes in the upstream shard schemas, but will continue to migrate the data. However, if DM spots incompatible formats in upstream and downstream, the migration task will stop. You need to resolve this issue manually.

The following table summarizes the pros and cons of optimistic mode and pessimistic modes.

Scenario	Pros	Cons
Scenario	Pros	Cons
Pessimistic mode (Default)	It can ensure that the data migrated to the downstream will not go wrong.	If there are a large number of shards, the migration task will be blocked for a long time, or even stop if the upstream binlogs have been cleaned up. You can enable the relay log to avoid this problem. For more infor-

Scenario	Pros	Cons
Optimistic mode	Upstream schema changes will not cause data migration latency.	In this mode, ensure that schema changes are compatible (check whether the incremental column has a default value). It is possible that the inconsistent data can be overlooked. For more information, see Merge and Mi- grate Data

Scenario	Pros	Cons

13.6.4.2.3 Other restrictions and impact

Data types in upstream and downstream

TiDB supports most MySQL data types. However, some special types are not supported yet (such as `SPATIAL`). For the compatibility of data types, see Data Types.

Character sets and collations

Since TiDB v6.0.0, the new framework for collations is used by default. In earlier versions, if you want TiDB to support utf8_general_ci, utf8mb4_general_ci, utf8_unicode_ci, utf8mb4_unicode_ci, gbk_chinese_ci and gbk_bin, you need to explicitly declare it when creating the cluster by setting the value of `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` to `true`. For more information, see New framework for collations.

The default character set in TiDB is utf8mb4. It is recommended that you use utf8mb4 for the upstream and downstream databases and applications. If the upstream database has explicitly specified a character set or collation, you need to check whether TiDB supports it.

Since TiDB v6.0.0, GBK is supported. For more information, see the following documents:

- Character Set and Collation
- GBK compatibility

13.6.4.2.4 Best practices for deployment

Deploy DM-master and DM-worker

DM consists of DM-master and DM-worker nodes.

- DM-master manages the metadata of migration tasks and schedules DM-worker nodes. It is the core of the whole DM platform. Therefore, you can deploy DM-master as clusters to ensure high availability of the DM platform.
- DM-worker executes upstream and downstream migration tasks. A DM-worker node is stateless. You can deploy at most 1000 DM-worker nodes. When using DM, it is recommended that you reserve some idle DM-workers to ensure high availability.

Plan the migration tasks

When migrating and merging MySQL shards, you can split a migration task according to the types of shards in the upstream. For example, if `usertable_1~50` and `Logtable_1~50` are two types of shards, you can create two migration tasks. It can simplify the migration task template and effectively control the impact of interruption in data migration.

For migration of large datasets, you can refer to the following suggestions to split the migration task:

- If you need to migrate multiple databases in the upstream, you can split the migration task according to the number of databases.
- Split the task according to the write pressure in the upstream, that is, split the tables with frequent DML operations in the upstream to a separate migration task. Use another migration task to migrate the tables without frequent DML operations. This method can speed up the migration progress, especially when there are a large number of logs written to a table in the upstream. But if this table that contains a large number of logs does not affect the whole business, this method still works well.

Note that splitting the migration task can only guarantee the final consistency of data. Real-time consistency may deviate significantly due to various reasons.

The following table describes the recommended deployment plans for DM-master and DM-worker in different scenarios.

Scenario	DM-master deployment	DM-worker deployment

|

Small dataset (less than 1 TiB)

One-time data migration

| Deploy 1 DM-master node | Deploy 1~N DM-worker nodes according to the number of upstream data sources. Generally, 1 DM-worker node is recommended. | |

Large dataset (more than 1 TiB) and migrating and merging MySQL shards

One-time data migration

| It is recommended to deploy 3 DM-master nodes to ensure the availability of the DM cluster during long-time data migration. | Deploy DM-worker nodes according to the number of data sources or migration tasks. Besides working DM-worker nodes, it is recommended to deploy 1~3 idle DM-worker nodes. | | Long-term data replication | It is necessary to deploy 3 DM-master nodes. If you deploy DM-master nodes on the cloud, try to deploy them in different availability zones (AZ). | Deploy DM-worker nodes according to the number of data sources or migration tasks. It is necessary to deploy 1.5~2 times the number of DM-worker nodes that are actually needed. |

Choose and configure the upstream data source

DM backs up the full data of the entire database when performing full data migration, and uses the parallel logical backup method. During backing up MySQL, it adds a global read lock `FLUSH TABLES WITH READ LOCK`. DML and DDL operations of the upstream database will be blocked for a short time. Therefore, it is strongly recommended to use a backup database in upstream to perform the full data backup, and enable the GTID function of the data source (`enable-gtid: true`). In this way, you can avoid the impact from the upstream, and switch to the master node in the upstream to reduce the latency during the

incremental migration. For the instructions of switching the upstream MySQL data source, see Switch DM-worker Connection between Upstream MySQL Instances.

Note the following:

- You can only perform full data backup on the master node of the upstream database.

  In this scenario, you can set the `consistency` parameter to `none` in the configuration file, `mydumpers.global.extra-args: "--consistency none"`, to avoid adding a global read lock to the master node. But this might affect the data consistency of the full backup, which may lead to inconsistent data between the upstream and downstream.

- Use backup snapshots to perform full data migration (only applicable to the migration of MySQL RDS and Aurora RDS on AWS)

  If the database to be migrated is AWS MySQL RDS or Aurora RDS, you can use RDS snapshots to directly migrate the backup data in Amazon S3 to TiDB to ensure data consistency. For more information, see Migrate Data from Amazon Aurora to TiDB.

13.6.4.2.5 Details of configurations

Capitalization

TiDB schema names are case-insensitive by default, that is, `lower_case_table_names :2`. But most upstream MySQL databases use Linux systems that are case-sensitive by default. In this case, you need to set `case-sensitive` to `true` in the DM task configuration file to ensure that the schema can be correctly migrated from the upstream.

In a special case, for example, if there is a database in the upstream that has both uppercase tables such as `Table` and lowercase tables such as `table`, then an error occurs when creating the schema:

```
ERROR 1050 (42S01): Table '{tablename}' already exists
```

Filter rules

You can configure the filter rules as soon as you start configuring the data source. For more information, see Data Migration Task Configuration Guide. The benefits of configuring the filter rules are:

- Reduce the number of Binlog events that the downstream needs to process, thereby improving migration efficiency.
- Reduce unnecessary relay log storage, thereby saving disk space.

Note:

> When you migrate and merge MySQL shards, if you have configured filter rules in the data source, you must make sure that the rules match between the data source and the migration task. If they do not match, it may cause the issue that the migration task cannot receive incremental data for a long time.

Use the relay log

In the MySQL master/standby mechanism, the standby node saves a copy of relay logs to ensure the reliability and efficiency of asynchronous replication. DM also supports saving a copy of relay logs on DM-worker. You can configure information such as the storage location and expiration time. This feature applies to the following scenarios:

- During full and incremental data migration, if the amount of full data is large, the entire process takes more time than the time for the upstream binlogs to be archived. It causes the incremental replication task to fail to start normally. If you enable the relay log, DM-worker will start receiving relay logs when the full migration is started. This avoids the failure of the incremental task.
- When you use DM to perform long-time data replication, sometimes the migration task is blocked for a long time due to various reasons. If you enable the relay log, you can effectively deal with the problem of upstream binlogs being recycled due to the blocking of the migration task.

There are some restrictions on using the relay log. DM supports high availability. When a DM-worker fails, it will try to promote an idle DM-worker instance to a working instance. If the upstream binlogs do not contain the necessary migration logs, it may cause interruption. You need to intervene manually to copy the relay log to the new DM-worker node as soon as possible, and modify the corresponding relay meta file. For details, see Troubleshooting.

Use PT-osc/GH-ost in upstream

In daily MySQL operation and maintenance, usually you use tools such as PT-osc/GH-ost to change the schema online to minimize impact on the business. However, the whole process will be logged to MySQL Binlog. Migrating such data to TiDB downstream will result in a lot of unnecessary write operations, which is neither efficient nor economical.

To resolve this issue, DM supports third-party data tools such as PT-osc and GH-ost when you configure the migration task. When you use such tools, DM does not migrate redundant data and ensure data consistency. For details, see Migrate from Databases that Use GH-ost/PT-osc.

13.6.4.3 Best practices during migration

This section introduces how to troubleshoot problems you might encounter during migration.

13.6.4.3.1 Inconsistent schemas in upstream and downstream

Common errors include:

- `messages: Column count doesn't match value count: 3 (columns)vs 2 (values)`
- `Schema/Column doesn't match`

Usually such issues are caused by changed or added indexes in the downstream TiDB, or there are more columns in the downstream. When such errors occur, check whether the upstream and downstream schemas are inconsistent.

To resolve such issues, update the schema information cached in DM to be consistent with the downstream TiDB schema. For details, see Manage Table Schemas of Tables to be Migrated.

If the downstream has more columns, see Migrate Data to a Downstream TiDB Table with More Columns.

13.6.4.3.2 Interrupted migration task due to failed DDL

DM supports skipping or replacing DDL statements that cause a migration task to interrupt. For details, see Handle Failed DDL Statements.

13.6.4.4 Data validation after data migration

It is recommended that you validate the consistency of data after data migration. TiDB provides sync-diff-inspector to help you complete the data validation.

Now sync-diff-inspector can automatically manage the table list to be checked for data consistency through DM tasks. Compared with the previous manual configuration, it is more efficient. For details, see Data Check in the DM Replication Scenario.

Since DM v6.2.0, DM supports continuous data validation for incremental replication. For details, see Continuous Data Validation in DM.

13.6.4.5 Long-term data replication

If you use DM to perform a long-term data replication task, it is necessary to back up the metadata. On the one hand, it ensures the ability to rebuild the migration cluster. On the other hand, it can implement the version control of the migration task. For details, see Export and Import Data Sources and Task Configuration of Clusters.

13.6.5 Deploy a DM cluster

13.6.5.1 Software and Hardware Requirements for TiDB Data Migration

TiDB Data Migration (DM) supports mainstream Linux operating systems. See the following table for specific version requirements:

Linux OS	Version
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	7.3 or later
CentOS	7.3 or later
Oracle Enterprise Linux	7.3 or later
Ubuntu LTS	16.04 or later

DM can be deployed and run on Intel architecture servers and mainstream virtualization environments.

13.6.5.1.1 Recommended server requirements

DM can be deployed and run on a 64-bit generic hardware server platform (Intel x86-64 architecture). For servers used in the development, testing, and production environments, this section illustrates recommended hardware configurations (these do not include the resources used by the operating system).

Development and test environments

Component	CPU	Memory	Local Storage	Network	Number of Instances (Minimum Requirement)
DM-master	4 core+	8 GB+	SAS, 200 GB+	Gigabit network card	1
DM-worker	8 core+	16 GB+	SAS, 200 GB+ (Greater than the size of the migrated data)	Gigabit network card	The number of upstream MySQL instances

Note:

- In the test environment, DM-master and DM-worker used for functional verification can be deployed on the same server.
- To prevent interference with the accuracy of the performance test results, it is **not recommended** to use low-performance storage and network hardware configurations.
- If you need to verify the function only, you can deploy a DM-master on a single machine. The number of DM-worker deployed must be greater than or equal to the number of upstream MySQL instances. To ensure high availability, it is recommended to deploy more DM-workers.
- DM-worker stores full data in the `dump` and `load` phases. Therefore, the disk space for DM-worker needs to be greater than the total amount of data to be migrated. If the relay log is enabled for the migration task, DM-worker needs additional disk space to store upstream binlog data.

Production environment

Component	CPU	Memory	Hard Disk Type	Network	Number of Instances (Minimum Requirement)
DM-master	4 core+	8 GB+	SAS, 200 GB+	Gigabit network card	3

Component	CPU	Memory	Hard Disk Type	Network	Number of Instances (Minimum Requirement)
DM-worker	16 core+	32 GB+	SSD, 200 GB+ (Greater than the size of the migrated data)	10 Gigabit network card	Greater than the number of upstream MySQL instances
Monitor	8 core+	16 GB+	SAS, 200 GB+	Gigabit network card	1

Note:

- In the production environment, it is not recommended to deploy and run DM-master and DM-worker on the same server, because when DM-worker writes data to disks, it might interfere with the use of disks by DM-master's high availability component.
- If a performance issue occurs, you are recommended to modify the task configuration file according to the Optimize Configuration of DM document. If the performance is not effectively optimized by tuning the configuration file, you can try to upgrade the hardware of your server.

13.6.5.1.2 Downstream storage space requirements

The target TiKV cluster must have enough disk space to store the imported data. In

addition to the standard hardware requirements, the storage space of the target TiKV cluster must be larger than **the size of the data source x the number of replicas x 2**. For example, if the cluster uses 3 replicas by default, the target TiKV cluster must have a storage space larger than 6 times the size of the data source. The formula has `x 2` because:

- Indexes might take extra space.
- RocksDB has a space amplification effect.

You can estimate the data volume by using the following SQL statements to summarize the `DATA_LENGTH` field:

```
-- Calculate the size of all schemas
SELECT
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(DATA_LENGTH)) AS 'Data Size',
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(INDEX_LENGTH)) 'Index Size'
FROM
  information_schema.tables
GROUP BY
  TABLE_SCHEMA;

-- Calculate the 5 largest tables
SELECT
  TABLE_NAME,
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(data_length)) AS 'Data Size',
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(index_length)) AS 'Index Size',
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(data_length+index_length)) AS 'Total Size'
FROM
  information_schema.tables
GROUP BY
  TABLE_NAME,
  TABLE_SCHEMA
ORDER BY
  SUM(DATA_LENGTH+INDEX_LENGTH) DESC
LIMIT
  5;
```

13.6.5.2 Deploy a DM Cluster Using TiUP

TiUP is a cluster operation and maintenance tool introduced in TiDB 4.0. TiUP provides TiUP DM, a cluster management component written in Golang. By using TiUP DM, you can easily perform daily TiDB Data Migration (DM) operations, including deploying, starting, stopping, destroying, scaling, and upgrading a DM cluster, and manage DM cluster parameters.

TiUP supports deploying DM v2.0 or later DM versions. This document introduces how to deploy DM clusters of different topologies.

> **Note:**
>
> If your target machine's operating system supports SELinux, make sure that SELinux is **disabled**.

13.6.5.2.1 Prerequisites

- When DM performs a full data replication task, the DM-worker is bound with only one upstream database. The DM-worker first exports the full amount of data locally, and then imports the data into the downstream database. Therefore, the worker's host space must be large enough to store all upstream tables to be exported. The storage path is specified later when you create the task.
- You need to meet the hardware and software requirements when deploying a DM cluster.
- Starting from v8.0.0, if you need to encrypt database passwords, you must store a key file used for encrypting and decrypting database passwords in the DM-master in advance, and configure `secret-key-path` for DM-master before using the `dmctl encrypt` command.

13.6.5.2.2 Step 1: Install TiUP on the control machine

Log in to the control machine using a regular user account (take the `tidb` user as an example). All the following TiUP installation and cluster management operations can be performed by the `tidb` user.

1. Install TiUP by executing the following command:

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/install.sh | sh
```

   After the installing, `~/.bashrc` has been modified to add TiUP to PATH, so you need to open a new terminal or redeclare the global environment variables `source ~/.bashrc` to use it.

2. Install the TiUP DM component:

```
tiup install dm dmctl
```

13.6.5.2.3 Step 2: Edit the initialization configuration file

According to the intended cluster topology, you need to manually create and edit the cluster initialization configuration file.

You need to create a YAML configuration file (named `topology.yaml` for example) according to the configuration file template. For other scenarios, edit the configuration accordingly.

You can use the command `tiup dm template > topology.yaml` to generate a configuration file template quickly.

The configuration of deploying three DM-masters, three DM-workers, and one monitoring component instance is as follows:

```
#### The global variables apply to all other components in the configuration
   ↪ . If one specific value is missing in the component instance, the
   ↪ corresponding global variable serves as the default value.
global:
  user: "tidb"
  ssh_port: 22
  deploy_dir: "/dm-deploy"
  data_dir: "/dm-data"

server_configs:
  master:
    log-level: info
    # rpc-timeout: "30s"
    # rpc-rate-limit: 10.0
    # rpc-rate-burst: 40
  worker:
    log-level: info

master_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.11
    name: master1
    ssh_port: 22
    port: 8261
    # peer_port: 8291
    # deploy_dir: "/dm-deploy/dm-master-8261"
    # data_dir: "/dm-data/dm-master-8261"
    # log_dir: "/dm-deploy/dm-master-8261/log"
    # numa_node: "0,1"
    # The following configs are used to overwrite the `server_configs.master
       ↪ ` values.
    config:
      log-level: info
      # rpc-timeout: "30s"
```

```
    # rpc-rate-limit: 10.0
    # rpc-rate-burst: 40
  - host: 10.0.1.18
    name: master2
    ssh_port: 22
    port: 8261
  - host: 10.0.1.19
    name: master3
    ssh_port: 22
    port: 8261
#### If you do not need to ensure high availability of the DM cluster,
   ↪ deploy only one DM-master node, and the number of deployed DM-worker
   ↪ nodes must be no less than the number of upstream MySQL/MariaDB
   ↪ instances to be migrated.
#### To ensure high availability of the DM cluster, it is recommended to
   ↪ deploy three DM-master nodes, and the number of deployed DM-worker
   ↪ nodes must exceed the number of upstream MySQL/MariaDB instances to
   ↪ be migrated (for example, the number of DM-worker nodes is two more
   ↪ than the number of upstream instances).
worker_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.12
    ssh_port: 22
    port: 8262
    # deploy_dir: "/dm-deploy/dm-worker-8262"
    # log_dir: "/dm-deploy/dm-worker-8262/log"
    # numa_node: "0,1"
    # The following configs are used to overwrite the `server_configs.worker
       ↪ ` values.
    config:
      log-level: info
  - host: 10.0.1.19
    ssh_port: 22
    port: 8262

monitoring_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.13
    ssh_port: 22
    port: 9090
    # deploy_dir: "/tidb-deploy/prometheus-8249"
    # data_dir: "/tidb-data/prometheus-8249"
    # log_dir: "/tidb-deploy/prometheus-8249/log"

grafana_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.14
    port: 3000
```

```
    # deploy_dir: /tidb-deploy/grafana-3000

alertmanager_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.15
    ssh_port: 22
    web_port: 9093
    # cluster_port: 9094
    # deploy_dir: "/tidb-deploy/alertmanager-9093"
    # data_dir: "/tidb-data/alertmanager-9093"
    # log_dir: "/tidb-deploy/alertmanager-9093/log"
```

Note:

- It is not recommended to run too many DM-workers on one host. Each DM-worker should be allocated at least 2 core CPU and 4 GiB memory.
- Make sure that the ports among the following components are interconnected:
  - The `peer_port` (`8291` by default) among the DM-master nodes are interconnected.
  - Each DM-master node can connect to the `port` of all DM-worker nodes (`8262` by default).
  - Each DM-worker node can connect to the `port` of all DM-master nodes (`8261` by default).
  - The TiUP nodes can connect to the `port` of all DM-master nodes (`8261` by default).
  - The TiUP nodes can connect to the `port` of all DM-worker nodes (`8262` by default).

For more `master_servers.host.config` parameter description, refer to master parameter. For more `worker_servers.host.config` parameter description, refer to worker parameter.

13.6.5.2.4 Step 3: Execute the deployment command

Note:

You can use secret keys or interactive passwords for security authentication when you deploy TiDB using TiUP:

- If you use secret keys, you can specify the path of the keys through `-i` or `--identity_file`;
- If you use passwords, add the `-p` flag to enter the password interaction window;
- If password-free login to the target machine has been configured, no authentication is required.

```
tiup dm deploy ${name} ${version} ./topology.yaml -u ${ssh_user} [-p] [-i /
    ↪ home/root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
```

The parameters used in this step are as follows.

Parameter	Description
`${name}`	The name of the DM cluster, eg: dm-test

Parameter	Description
`$ ↪ { ↪ version ↪ } ↪`	The version of the DM cluster. You can see other supported versions by running `tiup ↪ ↪ list ↪ ↪ dm ↪ - ↪ master ↪ .`
`./ ↪ topology ↪ . ↪ yaml ↪`	The path of the topology configuration file.

Parameter	Description

`-u`
or
`--user`
	Log in to the target machine as the root user or other user account with ssh and sudo privileges to complete the cluster deployment.

Parameter	Description
`-p` or `--password`	The password of target hosts. If specified, password authentication is used.

Parameter	Description
`-i` or `--identity_file`	The path of the SSH identity file. If specified, public key authentication is used (default "/root/.ssh/id_r

At the end of the output log, you will see `Deployed cluster `dm-test` successfully`. This indicates that the deployment is successful.

13.6.5.2.5 Step 4: Check the clusters managed by TiUP

```
tiup dm list
```

TiUP supports managing multiple DM clusters. The command above outputs information of all the clusters currently managed by TiUP, including the name, deployment user, version, and secret key information:

```
Name User Version Path                                       PrivateKey
---- ---- ------- ----                                       ----------
dm-test tidb ${version} /root/.tiup/storage/dm/clusters/dm-test /root/.tiup
    ↪ /storage/dm/clusters/dm-test/ssh/id_rsa
```

13.6.5.2.6 Step 5: Check the status of the deployed DM cluster

To check the status of the `dm-test` cluster, execute the following command:

```
tiup dm display dm-test
```

Expected output includes the instance ID, role, host, listening port, and status (because the cluster is not started yet, so the status is `Down`/`inactive`), and directory information.

13.6.5.2.7 Step 6: Start the DM cluster

```
tiup dm start dm-test
```

If the output log includes `Started cluster` `` `dm-test` `` `successfully`, the start is successful.

13.6.5.2.8 Step 7: Verify the running status of the DM cluster

Check the DM cluster status using TiUP:

```
tiup dm display dm-test
```

If the `Status` is `Up` in the output, the cluster status is normal.

13.6.5.2.9 Step 8: Managing migration tasks using dmctl

dmctl is a command-line tool used to control DM clusters. You are recommended to use dmctl via TiUP.

dmctl supports both the command mode and the interactive mode. For details, see Maintain DM Clusters Using dmctl.

13.6.5.2.10 Step 9: Encrypt the database password

After deployment, you can configure DM tasks to encrypt the database password. For more information, see Encrypt the database password.

13.6.5.3 Deploy a DM Cluster Offline Using TiUP

This document describes how to deploy a DM cluster offline using TiUP.

13.6.5.3.1 Step 1: Prepare the TiUP offline component package

- Install the TiUP package manager online.

    1. Install the TiUP tool:

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.
    ↪ com/install.sh | sh
```

2. Redeclare the global environment variables:

```
source .bash_profile
```

3. Confirm whether TiUP is installed:

```
which tiup
```

- Pull the mirror using TiUP

1. Pull the needed components on a machine that has access to the Internet:

```
# You can modify ${version} to the needed version.
tiup mirror clone tidb-dm-${version}-linux-amd64 --os=linux --arch=
    ↪ amd64 \
    --dm-master=${version} --dm-worker=${version} --dmctl=${version
        ↪ } \
    --alertmanager=v0.17.0 --grafana=v4.0.3 --prometheus=v4.0.3 \
    --dm=v$(tiup --version|grep 'tiup'|awk -F ' ' '{print $1}')
```

The command above creates a directory named `tidb-dm-${version}-linux-
↪ amd64` in the current directory, which contains the component package managed by TiUP.

2. Pack the component package by using the `tar` command and send the package to the control machine in the isolated environment:

```
tar czvf tidb-dm-${version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz tidb-dm-${version}-
    ↪ linux-amd64
```

`tidb-dm-${version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz` is an independent offline environment package.

13.6.5.3.2 Step 2: Deploy the offline TiUP component

After sending the package to the control machine of the target cluster, install the TiUP component by running the following command:

```
#### You can modify ${version} to the needed version.
tar xzvf tidb-dm-${version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz
sh tidb-dm-${version}-linux-amd64/local_install.sh
source /home/tidb/.bash_profile
```

The `local_install.sh` script automatically executes the `tiup mirror set tidb-dm-${version}-linux-amd64` command to set the current mirror address to `tidb-dm-${version}-linux-amd64`.

To switch the mirror to another directory, manually execute the `tiup mirror set <mirror-dir>` command. If you want to switch back to the official mirror, execute `tiup mirror set https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com`.

13.6.5.3.3 Step 3: Edit the initialization configuration file

You need to edit the cluster initialization configuration file according to different cluster topologies.

For the full configuration template, refer to the TiUP configuration parameter template. Create a configuration file `topology.yaml`. In other combined scenarios, edit the configuration file as needed according to the templates.

The configuration of deploying three DM-masters, three DM-workers, and one monitoring component instance is as follows:

```
---
global:
  user: "tidb"
  ssh_port: 22
  deploy_dir: "/home/tidb/dm/deploy"
  data_dir: "/home/tidb/dm/data"
  # arch: "amd64"

master_servers:
  - host: 172.19.0.101
  - host: 172.19.0.102
  - host: 172.19.0.103

worker_servers:
  - host: 172.19.0.101
  - host: 172.19.0.102
  - host: 172.19.0.103

monitoring_servers:
  - host: 172.19.0.101

grafana_servers:
  - host: 172.19.0.101

alertmanager_servers:
  - host: 172.19.0.101
```

Note:

- If you do not need to ensure high availability of the DM cluster, deploy only one DM-master node, and the number of deployed DM-worker nodes must be no less than the number of upstream MySQL/MariaDB instances to be migrated.
- To ensure high availability of the DM cluster, it is recommended to deploy three DM-master nodes, and the number of deployed DM-worker nodes must be greater than the number of upstream MySQL/MariaDB instances to be migrated (for example, the number of DM-worker nodes is two more than the number of upstream instances).
- For parameters that should be globally effective, configure these parameters of corresponding components in the `server_configs` section of the configuration file.
- For parameters that should be effective on a specific node, configure these parameters in `config` of this node.
- Use `.` to indicate the subcategory of the configuration, such as `log.slow-threshold`. For more formats, see TiUP configuration template.
- For more parameter description, see master `config.toml.example` and worker `config.toml.example`.
- Make sure that the ports among the following components are interconnected:
  - The `peer_port` (`8291` by default) among the DM-master nodes are interconnected.
  - Each DM-master node can connect to the `port` of all DM-worker nodes (`8262` by default).
  - Each DM-worker node can connect to the `port` of all DM-master nodes (`8261` by default).
  - The TiUP nodes can connect to the `port` of all DM-master nodes (`8261` by default).
  - The TiUP nodes can connect to the `port` of all DM-worker nodes (`8262` by default).

13.6.5.3.4 Step 4: Execute the deployment command

Note:

> You can use secret keys or interactive passwords for security authentication when you deploy DM using TiUP:
>
> - If you use secret keys, you can specify the path of the keys through `-i` or `--identity_file`;
> - If you use passwords, add the `-p` flag to enter the password interaction window;
> - If password-free login to the target machine has been configured, no authentication is required.

```
tiup dm deploy dm-test ${version} ./topology.yaml --user root [-p] [-i /home
    ↪ /root/.ssh/gcp_rsa]
```

In the above command:

- The name of the deployed DM cluster is `dm-test`.
- The version of the DM cluster is `${version}`. You can view the latest versions supported by TiUP by running `tiup list dm-master`.
- The initialization configuration file is `topology.yaml`.
- `--user root`: Log in to the target machine through the `root` key to complete the cluster deployment, or you can use other users with `ssh` and `sudo` privileges to complete the deployment.
- `[-i]` and `[-p]`: optional. If you have configured login to the target machine without password, these parameters are not required. If not, choose one of the two parameters. `[-i]` is the private key of the `root` user (or other users specified by `--user`) that has access to the target machine. `[-p]` is used to input the user password interactively.
- TiUP DM uses the embedded SSH client. If you want to use the SSH client native to the control machine system, edit the configuration according to using the system's native SSH client to connect to the cluster.

At the end of the output log, you will see `Deployed cluster `dm-test` successfully`. This indicates that the deployment is successful.

13.6.5.3.5 Step 5: Check the clusters managed by TiUP

```
tiup dm list
```

TiUP supports managing multiple DM clusters. The command above outputs information of all the clusters currently managed by TiUP, including the name, deployment user, version, and secret key information:

```
Name User Version Path                                          PrivateKey
---- ---- ------- ----                                          ----------
dm-test tidb ${version} /root/.tiup/storage/dm/clusters/dm-test /root/.tiup
    ↪ /storage/dm/clusters/dm-test/ssh/id_rsa
```

13.6.5.3.6 Step 6: Check the status of the deployed DM cluster

To check the status of the `dm-test` cluster, execute the following command:

```
tiup dm display dm-test
```

Expected output includes the instance ID, role, host, listening port, and status (because the cluster is not started yet, so the status is `Down`/`inactive`), and directory information of the `dm-test` cluster.

13.6.5.3.7 Step 7: Start the cluster

```
tiup dm start dm-test
```

If the output log includes `Started cluster` `` `dm-test` `` `successfully`, the start is successful.

13.6.5.3.8 Step 8: Verify the running status of the cluster

Check the DM cluster status using TiUP:

```
tiup dm display dm-test
```

If the `Status` is `Up` in the output, the cluster status is normal.

13.6.5.4 Deploy Data Migration Using DM Binary

This document introduces how to quickly deploy the Data Migration (DM) cluster using DM binary.

> **Note:**
>
> In the production environment, it is recommended to use TiUP to deploy a DM cluster.

13.6.5.4.1 Download DM binary

The DM binary is included in the TiDB Toolkit. To download the TiDB Toolkit, see Download TiDB Tools.

13.6.5.4.2 Sample scenario

Suppose that you deploy a DM cluster based on this sample scenario:

Two DM-worker nodes and three DM-master nodes are deployed on five servers.

Here is the address of each node:

Instance	Server address	Port
DM-master1	192.168.0.4	8261
DM-master2	192.168.0.5	8261
DM-master3	192.168.0.6	8261
DM-worker1	192.168.0.7	8262
DM-worker2	192.168.0.8	8262

Based on this scenario, the following sections describe how to deploy the DM cluster.

Note:

- If you deploy multiple DM-master or DM-worker instances in a single server, the port and working directory of each instance must be unique.
- If you do not need to ensure high availability of the DM cluster, deploy only one DM-master node, and the number of deployed DM-worker nodes must be no less than the number of upstream MySQL/MariaDB instances to be migrated.
- To ensure high availability of the DM cluster, it is recommended to deploy three DM-master nodes, and the number of deployed DM-worker nodes must be greater than the number of upstream MySQL/MariaDB instances to be migrated (for example, the number of DM-worker nodes is two more than the number of upstream instances).
- Make sure that the ports among the following components are interconnected:
  - The `8291` ports among the DM-master nodes are interconnected.
  - Each DM-master node can connect to the `8262` ports of all DM-worker nodes.
  - Each DM-worker node can connect to the `8261` port of all DM-master nodes.

Deploy DM-master

You can configure DM-master by using command-line parameters or the configuration file.

DM-master command-line parameters

The following is the description of DM-master command-line parameters:

```
./dm-master --help
```

```
Usage of dm-master:
  -L string
        log level: debug, info, warn, error, fatal (default "info")
  -V    prints version and exit
  -advertise-addr string
        advertise address for client traffic (default "${master-addr}")
  -advertise-peer-urls string
        advertise URLs for peer traffic (default "${peer-urls}")
  -config string
        path to config file
  -data-dir string
        path to the data directory (default "default.${name}")
  -initial-cluster string
        initial cluster configuration for bootstrapping, e.g. dm-master=http
           ↪ ://127.0.0.1:8291
  -join string
        join to an existing cluster (usage: cluster's "${master-addr}" list,
           ↪ e.g. "127.0.0.1:8261,127.0.0.1:18261"
  -log-file string
        log file path
  -master-addr string
        master API server and status addr
  -name string
        human-readable name for this DM-master member
  -peer-urls string
        URLs for peer traffic (default "http://127.0.0.1:8291")
  -print-sample-config
        print sample config file of dm-worker
```

Note:

In some situations, you cannot use the above method to configure DM-master because some configurations are not exposed to the command line. In such cases, use the configuration file instead.

DM-master configuration file

The following is the configuration file of DM-master. It is recommended that you configure DM-master by using this method.

1. Write the following configuration to `conf/dm-master1.toml`:

   "'toml # Master Configuration. name = "master1"

   # Log configurations. log-level = "info" log-file = "dm-master.log"

   # The listening address of DM-master. master-addr = "192.168.0.4:8261"

   # The peer URLs of DM-master. peer-urls = "192.168.0.4:8291"

   # The value of `initial-cluster` is the combination of the `advertise-peer-urls` value of all DM-master nodes in the initial cluster. initial-cluster = "master1=http://192.168.0.4:8291,master2=http://192.168.0.5:8291,master3=http://192.168.0.6:8291"
   "'

2. Execute the following command in the terminal to run DM-master:

   ```
   bash  ./dm-master -config conf/dm-master1.toml
   ```

> **Note:**
> The console does not output logs after this command is executed. If you want to view the runtime log, you can execute `tail -f dm-master.log`.

3. For DM-master2 and DM-master3, change `name` in the configuration file to `master2` and `master3` respectively, and change `peer-urls` to `192.168.0.5:8291` and `192.168.0.6:8291` respectively. Then repeat Step 2.

Deploy DM-worker

You can configure DM-worker by using command-line parameters or the configuration file.

DM-worker command-line parameters

The following is the description of the DM-worker command-line parameters:

```
./dm-worker --help
```

```
Usage of worker:
  -L string
        log level: debug, info, warn, error, fatal (default "info")
  -V    prints version and exit
  -advertise-addr string
        advertise address for client traffic (default "${worker-addr}")
  -config string
        path to config file
```

```
-join string
     join to an existing cluster (usage: dm-master cluster's "${master-
        ↪ addr}")
-keepalive-ttl int
     dm-worker's TTL for keepalive with etcd (in seconds) (default 10)
-log-file string
     log file path
-name string
     human-readable name for DM-worker member
-print-sample-config
     print sample config file of dm-worker
-worker-addr string
     listen address for client traffic
```

Note:

In some situations, you cannot use the above method to configure DM-worker because some configurations are not exposed to the command line. In such cases, use the configuration file instead.

DM-worker configuration file

The following is the DM-worker configuration file. It is recommended that you configure DM-worker by using this method.

1. Write the following configuration to `conf/dm-worker1.toml`:

   “‘toml # Worker Configuration. name = “worker1”

   # Log configuration. log-level = “info” log-file = “dm-worker.log”

   # DM-worker address. worker-addr = “:8262”

   # The master-addr configuration of the DM-master nodes in the cluster. join = “192.168.0.4:8261,192.168.0.5:8261,192.168.0.6:8261” “‘

2. Execute the following command in the terminal to run DM-worker:

   `bash ./dm-worker -config conf/dm-worker1.toml`

3. For DM-worker2, change `name` in the configuration file to `worker2`. Then repeat Step 2.

Now, a DM cluster is successfully deployed.

13.6.5.5 Use Kubernetes

13.6.6 Tutorials

13.6.6.1 Create a Data Source for TiDB Data Migration

> **Note:**
>
> Before creating a data source, you need to Deploy a DM Cluster Using TiUP.

The document describes how to create a data source for the data migration task of TiDB Data Migration (DM).

A data source contains the information for accessing the upstream migration task. Because a data migration task requires referring its corresponding data source to obtain the configuration information of access, you need to create the data source of a task before creating a data migration task. For specific data source management commands, refer to Manage Data Source Configurations.

13.6.6.1.1 Step 1: Configure the data source

1. (optional) Encrypt the data source password

   In DM configuration files, it is recommended to use the password encrypted with dmctl. You can follow the example below to obtain the encrypted password of the data source, which can be used to write the configuration file later.

   Starting from v8.0.0, you must configure `secret-key-path` for DM-master before using the `tiup dmctl encrypt` command.

```
tiup dmctl encrypt 'abc!@#123'
```

```
MKxn0Qo3m3XOyjCnhEMtsUCm83EhGQDZ/T4=
```

2. Write the configuration file of the data source

   For each data source, you need an individual configuration file to create it. You can follow the example below to create a data source whose ID is "mysql-01". First create the configuration file `./source-mysql-01.yaml`:

```
source-id: "mysql-01" # The ID of the data source, you can refer this
    ↪ source-id in the task configuration and dmctl command to
    ↪ associate the corresponding data source.
```

```
from:
  host: "127.0.0.1"
  port: 3306
  user: "root"
  password: "MKxn0Qo3m3XOyjCnhEMtsUCm83EhGQDZ/T4=" # The user password
     ↪ of the upstream data source. It is recommended to use the
     ↪ password encrypted with dmctl.
  security:                                    # The TLS configuration of
     ↪  the upstream data source. If not necessary, it can be deleted.
    ssl-ca: "/path/to/ca.pem"
    ssl-cert: "/path/to/cert.pem"
    ssl-key: "/path/to/key.pem"
```

13.6.6.1.2 Step 2: Create a data source

You can use the following command to create a data source:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr <master-addr> operate-source create ./source-mysql
   ↪ -01.yaml
```

For other configuration parameters, refer to Upstream Database Configuration File.

The returned results are as follows:

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-01",
            "worker": "dm-worker-1"
        }
    ]
}
```

13.6.6.1.3 Step 3: Query the data source you created

After creating a data source, you can use the following command to query the data source:

- If you know the `source-id` of the data source, you can use the `dmctl config source` ↪ `<source-id>` command to directly check the configuration of the data source:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr <master-addr> config source mysql-01
```

```
{
  "result": true,
  "msg": "",
  "cfg": "enable-gtid: false
    flavor: mysql
    source-id: mysql-01
    from:
      host: 127.0.0.1
      port: 3306
      user: root
      password: '******'
}
```

- If you do not know the `source-id`, you can use the `dmctl operate-source show` command to check the source database list, from which you can find the corresponding data source.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr <master-addr> operate-source show
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "source is added but there is no free worker to bound
                ↪ ",
            "source": "mysql-02",
            "worker": ""
        },
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-01",
            "worker": "dm-worker-1"
        }
    ]
}
```

13.6.6.2 Manage Data Source Configurations in TiDB Data Migration

This document introduces how to manage data source configurations, including encrypting the MySQL password, operating the data source, and changing the bindings between upstream MySQL instances and DM-workers using dmctl.

13.6.6.2.1 Encrypt the database password

In DM configuration files, it is recommended to use the password encrypted with dmctl. For one original password, the encrypted password is different after each encryption.

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v8.0.0, you must configure `secret-key-path` for DM-master before using the `dmctl encrypt` command.

```
./dmctl encrypt 'abc!@#123'
```

```
MKxn0Qo3m3XOyjCnhEMtsUCm83EhGQDZ/T4=
```

13.6.6.2.2 Operate data source

You can use the `operate-source` command to load, list or remove the data source configurations to the DM cluster.

```
help operate-source
```

```
`create`/`stop`/`show` upstream MySQL/MariaDB source.

Usage:
  dmctl operate-source <operate-type> [config-file ...] [--print-sample-
      ↪ config] [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help                help for operate-source
  -p, --print-sample-config print sample config file of source

Global Flags:
  -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID
```

Flags description

- `create`: Creates one or more upstream database sources. When creating multiple data sources fails, DM rolls back to the state where the command was not executed.
- `stop`: Stops one or more upstream database sources. When stopping multiple data sources fails, some data sources might be stopped.
- `show`: Shows the added data source and the corresponding DM-worker.

- `config-file`: Specifies the file path of `source.yaml` and can pass multiple file paths.
- `--print-sample-config`: Prints the sample configuration file. This parameter ignores other parameters.

Usage example

Use the following `operate-source` command to create a source configuration file:

```
operate-source create ./source.yaml
```

For the configuration of `source.yaml`, refer to Upstream Database Configuration File Introduction.

The following is an example of the returned result:

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "dm-worker-1"
        }
    ]
}
```

Check data source configurations

> **Note:**
>
> The `config` command is only supported in DM v6.0 and later versions. For earlier versions, you must use the `get-config` command.

If you know the `source-id`, you can run `dmctl --master-addr <master-addr> config source <source-id>` to get the data source configuration.

```
config source mysql-replica-01
```

```
{
  "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "cfg": "enable-gtid: false
```

```
    flavor: mysql
    source-id: mysql-replica-01
    from:
      host: 127.0.0.1
      port: 8407
      user: root
      password: '******'
}
```

If you don't know the `source-id`, you can run `dmctl --master-addr <master-addr> operate-source show` to list all data sources first.

```
operate-source show
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "source is added but there is no free worker to bound",
            "source": "mysql-replica-02",
            "worker": ""
        },
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "dm-worker-1"
        }
    ]
}
```

13.6.6.2.3 Change the bindings between upstream MySQL instances and DM-workers

You can use the `transfer-source` command to change the bindings between upstream MySQL instances and DM-workers.

```
help transfer-source
```

```
Transfers an upstream MySQL/MariaDB source to a free worker.
Usage:
  dmctl transfer-source <source-id> <worker-id> [flags]
Flags:
```

```
  -h, --help help for transfer-source
Global Flags:
  -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID.
```

Before transferring, DM checks whether the worker to be unbound still has running tasks. If the worker has any running tasks, you need to pause the tasks first, change the binding, and then resume the tasks.

Usage example

If you do not know the bindings of DM-workers, you can run `dmctl --master-addr <master-addr> list-member --worker` to list the current bindings of all workers.

```
list-member --worker
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "members": [
        {
            "worker": {
                "msg": "",
                "workers": [
                    {
                        "name": "dm-worker-1",
                        "addr": "127.0.0.1:8262",
                        "stage": "bound",
                        "source": "mysql-replica-01"
                    },
                    {
                        "name": "dm-worker-2",
                        "addr": "127.0.0.1:8263",
                        "stage": "free",
                        "source": ""
                    }
                ]
            }
        }
    ]
}
```

In the above example, `mysql-replica-01` is bound to `dm-worker-1`. The below command transfers the binding worker of `mysql-replica-01` to `dm-worker-2`.

```
transfer-source mysql-replica-01 dm-worker-2
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": ""
}
```

Check whether the command takes effect by running `dmctl --master-addr <master-addr> list-member --worker`.

```
list-member --worker
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "members": [
        {
            "worker": {
                "msg": "",
                "workers": [
                    {
                        "name": "dm-worker-1",
                        "addr": "127.0.0.1:8262",
                        "stage": "free",
                        "source": ""
                    },
                    {
                        "name": "dm-worker-2",
                        "addr": "127.0.0.1:8263",
                        "stage": "bound",
                        "source": "mysql-replica-01"
                    }
                ]
            }
        }
    ]
}
```

13.6.6.3 Data Migration Task Configuration Guide

This document introduces how to configure a data migration task in Data Migration (DM).

13.6.6.3.1 Configure data sources to be migrated

Before configuring the data sources to be migrated for the task, you need to first make sure that DM has loaded the configuration files of the corresponding data sources. The

following are some operation references:

- To view the data source, you can refer to Check the data source configuration.
- To create a data source, you can refer to Create data source.
- To generate a data source configuration file, you can refer to Source configuration file introduction.

The following example of `mysql-instances` shows how to configure data sources that need to be migrated for the data migration task:

```
---

##### ********* Basic configuration *********
name: test          # The name of the task. Should be globally unique.

##### ******** Data source configuration **********
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-01" # Migrate data from the data source whose
    ↪ `source-id` is `mysql-replica-01`.
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-02" # Migrate data from the data source whose
    ↪ `source-id` is `mysql-replica-02`.
```

13.6.6.3.2 Configure the downstream TiDB cluster

The following example of `target-database` shows how to configure the target TiDB cluster to be migrated to for the data migration task:

```
---

##### ********* Basic configuration *********
name: test          # The name of the task. Should be globally unique.

##### ******** Data source configuration **********
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-01" # Migrate data from the data source whose
    ↪ `source-id` is `mysql-replica-01`.
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-02" # Migrate data from the data source whose
    ↪ `source-id` is `mysql-replica-02`.

##### ******** Downstream TiDB database configuration **********
target-database:    # Configuration of target TiDB database.
  host: "127.0.0.1"
  port: 4000
  user: "root"
  password: ""      # If the password is not null, it is recommended to use
    ↪  a password encrypted with dmctl.
```

13.6.6.3.3 Configure tables to be migrated

> **Note:**
>
> If you do not need to filter specific tables or migrate specific tables, skip this configuration.

To configure the block and allow list of data source tables for the data migration task, perform the following steps:

1. Configure a global filter rule set of the block and allow list in the task configuration file.

```
block-allow-list:
  bw-rule-1:                          # The name of the block and allow
    ↪ list rule.
    do-dbs: ["test.*", "user"]     # The allow list of upstream schemas
      ↪ to be migrated. Wildcard characters (*?) are supported. You
      ↪ only need to configure either `do-dbs` or `ignore-dbs`. If
      ↪ both fields are configured, only `do-dbs` takes effect.
    # ignore-dbs: ["mysql", "account"] # The block list of upstream
      ↪ schemas to be migrated. Wildcard characters (*?) are
      ↪ supported.
    do-tables:                        # The allow list of upstream tables
      ↪ to be migrated. You only need to configure either `do-tables`
      ↪  or `ignore-tables`. If both fields are configured, only `do-
      ↪ tables` takes effect.
    - db-name: "test.*"
      tbl-name: "t.*"
    - db-name: "user"
      tbl-name: "information"
  bw-rule-2:                        # The name of the block allow list
    ↪ rule.
    ignore-tables:                  # The block list of data source tables
      ↪  needs to be migrated.
    - db-name: "user"
      tbl-name: "log"
```

   For detailed configuration rules, see Block and allow table lists.

2. Reference the block and allow list rules in the data source configuration to filter tables to be migrated.

```
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-01" # Migrate data from the data source
      ↪ whose `source-id` is `mysql-replica-01`.
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-1" # The name of the block and allow
       ↪ list rule. If the DM version is earlier than v2.0.0-beta.2,
       ↪ use `black-white-list` instead.
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-02" # Migrate data from the data source
      ↪ whose `source-id` is `mysql-replica-02`.
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-2" # The name of the block and allow
       ↪ list rule. If the DM version is earlier than v2.0.0-beta.2,
       ↪ use `black-white-list` instead.
```

13.6.6.3.4 Configure binlog events to be migrated

> **Note:**
>
> If you do not need to filter specific binlog events of certain schemas or tables, skip this configuration.

To configure the filters of binlog events for the data migration task, perform the following steps:

1. Configure a global filter rule set of binlog events in the task configuration file.

```
filters:                                    # The filter rule set of data
   ↪  source binlog events. You can set multiple rules at the same
   ↪ time.
  filter-rule-1:                            # The name of the filtering
     ↪ rule.
    schema-pattern: "test_*"                # The pattern of the data
       ↪ source schema name. Wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    table-pattern: "t_*"                    # The pattern of the data
       ↪ source table name. Wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    events: ["truncate table", "drop table"] # The event types to be
       ↪ filtered out in schemas or tables that match the `schema-
       ↪ pattern` or the `table-pattern`.
    action: Ignore                          # Whether to migrate (Do) or
       ↪ ignore (Ignore) the binlog that matches the filtering rule.
  filter-rule-2:
    schema-pattern: "test"
    events: ["all dml"]
```

```
    action: Do
```

For detailed configuration rules, see Binlog event filter.

2. Reference the binlog event filtering rules in the data source configuration to filter specified binlog events of specified tables or schemas in the data source.

```
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-01" # Migrate data from the data source
      ↪ whose `source-id` is `mysql-replica-01`.
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-1" # The name of the block and allow
       ↪ list rule. If the DM version is earlier than v2.0.0-beta.2,
       ↪ use `black-white-list` instead.
    filter-rules: ["filter-rule-1"] # The name of the rule that filters
       ↪  specific binlog events of the data source. You can configure
       ↪  multiple rules here.
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-02" # Migrate data from the data source
      ↪ whose `source-id` is `mysql-replica-01`.
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-2" # The name of the block and allow
       ↪ list rule. If the DM version is earlier than v2.0.0-beta.2,
       ↪ use `black-white-list` instead.
    filter-rules: ["filter-rule-2"] # The name of the rule that filters
       ↪  specific binlog events of the data source. You can configure
       ↪  multiple rules here.
```

13.6.6.3.5 Configure the mapping of data source tables to downstream TiDB tables

> **Note:**
>
> - If you do not need to migrate a certain table of the data source to the table with a different name in the downstream TiDB instance, skip this configuration.
> - If it is a shard merge task, you **must** set mapping rules in the task configuration file.

To configure the routing mapping rules for migrating data source tables to specified downstream TiDB tables, perform the following steps:

1. Configure a global routing mapping rule set in the task configuration file.

```
routes:                         # The routing mapping rule set between
  ↪ the data source tables and downstream TiDB tables. You can set
  ↪ multiple rules at the same time.
  route-rule-1:                 # The name of the routing mapping rule.
    schema-pattern: "test_*"    # The pattern of the upstream schema name
      ↪ . Wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    table-pattern: "t_*"        # The pattern of the upstream table name.
      ↪  Wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    target-schema: "test"       # The name of the downstream TiDB schema.
    target-table: "t"           # The name of the downstream TiDB table.
  route-rule-2:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    target-schema: "test"
```

For detailed configuration rules, see Table Routing.

2. Reference the routing mapping rules in the data source configuration to filter tables to be migrated.

```
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-01"               # Migrate data from the
    ↪ data source whose `source-id` is `mysql-replica-01`.
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-1"               # The name of the block
      ↪ and allow list rule. If the DM version is earlier than v2
      ↪ .0.0-beta.2, use `black-white-list` instead.
    filter-rules: ["filter-rule-1"]             # The name of the rule
      ↪ that filters specific binlog events of the data source. You
      ↪ can configure multiple rules here.
    route-rules: ["route-rule-1", "route-rule-2"] # The name of the
      ↪ routing mapping rule. You can configure multiple rules here.
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-02"               # Migrate data from the
    ↪ data source whose `source-id` is `mysql-replica-02`.
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-2"               # The name of the block
      ↪ and allow list rule. If the DM version is earlier than v2
      ↪ .0.0-beta.2, use `black-white-list` instead.
    filter-rules: ["filter-rule-2"]             # The name of the rule
      ↪ that filters specific binlog events of the data source. You
      ↪ can configure multiple rules here.
```

13.6.6.3.6 Configure a shard merge task

Note:

- If you need to migrate sharding DDL statements in a shard merge scenario, you **must** explicitly configure the `shard-mode` field. Otherwise, **DO NOT** configure `shard-mode` at all.
- Migrating sharding DDL statements is likely to cause many issues. Make sure you understand the principles and restrictions of DM migrating DDL statements before using this feature, and you **must** use this feature with caution.

The following example shows how to configure the task as a shard merge task:

```
---

##### ********* Basic information *********
name: test                  # The name of the task. Should be globally
   ↪ unique.
shard-mode: "pessimistic"   # The shard merge mode. Optional modes are ""/"
   ↪ pessimistic"/"optimistic". The "" mode is used by default which means
   ↪  sharding DDL merge is disabled. If the task is a shard merge task,
   ↪ set it to the "pessimistic" mode. After getting a deep understanding
   ↪ of the principles and restrictions of the "optimistic" mode, you can
   ↪ set it to the "optimistic" mode.
```

13.6.6.3.7 Other configurations

The following is an overall task configuration example of this document. The complete task configuration template can be found in DM task configuration file full introduction.

```
---

##### ********* Basic configuration *********
name: test                  # The name of the task. Should be globally
   ↪ unique.
shard-mode: "pessimistic"   # The shard merge mode. Optional modes are ""/"
   ↪ pessimistic"/"optimistic". The "" mode is used by default which means
   ↪  sharding DDL merge is disabled. If the task is a shard merge task,
   ↪ set it to the "pessimistic" mode. After getting a deep understanding
   ↪ of the principles and restrictions of the "optimistic" mode, you can
   ↪ set it to the "optimistic" mode.
task-mode: all              # The task mode. Can be set to `full`(only
   ↪ migrates full data)/`incremental`(replicates binlog synchronously)/`
   ↪ all` (replicates both full and incremental binlogs).
timezone: "UTC"           # The timezone used in SQL Session. By default,
   ↪ DM uses the global timezone setting in the target cluster, which
```

```
    ↪ ensures the correctness automatically. A customized timezone does not
    ↪  affect data migration but is unnecessary.

##### ******** Data source configuration **********
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-01"            # Migrate data from the data
      ↪ source whose `source-id` is `mysql-replica-01`.
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-1"            # The name of the block and
       ↪ allow list rule. If the DM version is earlier than v2.0.0-beta.2,
       ↪ use `black-white-list` instead.
    filter-rules: ["filter-rule-1"]          # The name of the rule that
       ↪ filters specific binlog events of the data source. You can
       ↪ configure multiple rules here.
    route-rules: ["route-rule-1", "route-rule-2"] # The name of the routing
       ↪ mapping rule. You can configure multiple rules here.
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-02"            # Migrate data from the data
      ↪ source whose `source-id` is `mysql-replica-02`.
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-2"            # The name of the block and
       ↪ allow list rule. If the DM version is earlier than v2.0.0-beta.2,
       ↪ use `black-white-list` instead.
    filter-rules: ["filter-rule-2"]          # The name of the rule that
       ↪ filters specific binlog events of the data source. You can
       ↪ configure multiple rules here.
    route-rules: ["route-rule-2"]            # The name of the routing
       ↪ mapping rule. You can configure multiple rules here.

##### ******** Downstream TiDB instance configuration **********
target-database:    # Configuration of the downstream database instance.
  host: "127.0.0.1"
  port: 4000
  user: "root"
  password: ""      # If the password is not null, it is recommended to use
     ↪  a password encrypted with dmctl.

##### ******** Feature configuration set **********
#### The filter rule set of tables to be migrated from the upstream database
    ↪  instance. You can set multiple rules at the same time.
block-allow-list:                  # Use black-white-list if the DM version
    ↪ is earlier than v2.0.0-beta.2.
  bw-rule-1:                       # The name of the block and allow list
     ↪ rule.
    do-dbs: ["test.*", "user"]     # The allow list of upstream schemas to
       ↪ be migrated. Wildcard characters (*?) are supported. You only need
       ↪  to configure either `do-dbs` or `ignore-dbs`. If both fields are
       ↪ configured, only `do-dbs` takes effect.
```

```
    # ignore-dbs: ["mysql", "account"] # The block list of upstream schemas
       ↪ to be migrated. Wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    do-tables:                       # The allow list of upstream tables to be
       ↪  migrated. You only need to configure either `do-tables` or `
       ↪ ignore-tables`. If both fields are configured, only `do-tables`
       ↪ takes effect.
    - db-name: "test.*"
      tbl-name: "t.*"
    - db-name: "user"
      tbl-name: "information"
  bw-rule-2:                       # The name of the block allow list rule.
    ignore-tables:                 # The block list of data source tables
       ↪ needs to be migrated.
    - db-name: "user"
      tbl-name: "log"

#### The filter rule set of data source binlog events.
filters:                                    # You can set multiple rules at
   ↪ the same time.
  filter-rule-1:                            # The name of the filtering rule.
    schema-pattern: "test_*"                # The pattern of the data source
       ↪ schema name. Wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    table-pattern: "t_*"                    # The pattern of the data source
       ↪ table name. Wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    events: ["truncate table", "drop table"] # The event types to be
       ↪ filtered out in schemas or tables that match the `schema-pattern`
       ↪ or the `table-pattern`.
    action: Ignore                          # Whether to migrate (Do) or
       ↪ ignore (Ignore) the binlog that matches the filtering rule.
  filter-rule-2:
    schema-pattern: "test"
    events: ["all dml"]
    action: Do

#### The routing mapping rule set between the data source and target TiDB
   ↪ instance tables.
routes:                         # You can set multiple rules at the same time.
  route-rule-1:                 # The name of the routing mapping rule.
    schema-pattern: "test_*"    # The pattern of the data source schema name.
       ↪ Wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    table-pattern: "t_*"        # The pattern of the data source table name.
       ↪ Wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    target-schema: "test"       # The name of the downstream TiDB schema.
    target-table: "t"           # The name of the downstream TiDB table.
  route-rule-2:
```

```
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    target-schema: "test"
```

13.6.6.4 TiDB Data Migration Shard Merge

TiDB Data Migration (DM) supports merging the DML and DDL data in the upstream MySQL/MariaDB sharded tables and migrating the merged data to the downstream TiDB tables.

If you need to migrate and merge MySQL shards of small datasets to TiDB, refer to this tutorial.

13.6.6.4.1 Restrictions

Currently, the shard merge feature is supported only in limited scenarios. For details, refer to Sharding DDL usage Restrictions in the pessimistic mode and Sharding DDL usage Restrictions in the optimistic mode.

13.6.6.4.2 Configure parameters

In the task configuration file, set `shard-mode` to `pessimistic`:

```
shard-mode: "pessimistic"
#### The shard merge mode. Optional modes are ""/"pessimistic"/"optimistic".
    ↪  The "" mode is used by default
#### which means sharding DDL merge is disabled. If the task is a shard
    ↪ merge task, set it to the "pessimistic"
#### mode. After getting a deep understanding of the principles and
    ↪ restrictions of the "optimistic" mode, you
#### can set it to the "optimistic" mode.
```

13.6.6.4.3 Handle sharding DDL locks manually

In some abnormal scenarios, you need to handle sharding DDL Locks manually.

13.6.6.5 TiDB Data Migration Table Routing

When you migrate data using TiDB Data Migration (DM), you can configure the table routing to migrate a certain table of the upstream MySQL or MariaDB instance to the specified table in the downstream.

Note:

- Configuring multiple different routing rules for a single table is not supported.
- The match rule of schema needs to be configured separately, which is used to migrate `CREATE/DROP SCHEMA xx`, as shown in `rule-2` of the Configure table routing section.

13.6.6.5.1 Configure table routing

```
routes:
  rule-1:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    table-pattern: "t_*"
    target-schema: "test"
    target-table: "t"
    # extract-table, extract-schema, and extract-source are optional and
    # are required only when you need to extract information about sharded
    # tables, sharded schemas, and source datatabase information.
    extract-table:
      table-regexp: "t_(.*)"
      target-column: "c_table"
    extract-schema:
      schema-regexp: "test_(.*)"
      target-column: "c_schema"
    extract-source:
      source-regexp: "(.*)"
      target-column: "c_source"
  rule-2:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    target-schema: "test"
```

Regular expressions and wildcards are supported to match database and table names. In simple scenarios, it is recommended that you use the wildcard for matching schemas and tables. However, note the following:

- Wildcards including `*`, `?`, and `[]` are supported. There can only be one `*` symbol in a wildcard match, and it must be at the end. For example, in `table-pattern: "t_*"`, `"t_*"` indicates all tables starting with `t_`. See wildcard matching for details.
- `table-regexp`, `schema-regexp`, and `source-regexp` only support regular expressions and cannot start with the `~` symbol.
- `schema-pattern` and `table-pattern` support both wildcards and regular expressions. Regular expressions must begin with the `~` symbol.

13.6.6.5.2 Parameter descriptions

- DM migrates the upstream MySQL or MariaDB instance tables that match the schema-pattern/table-pattern rule provided by Table selector to the downstream `target-schema/target-table`.
- For sharded tables that match the `schema-pattern/table-pattern` rules, DM extracts the table name by using the `extract-table.table-regexp` regular expression, the schema name by using the `extract-schema.schema-regexp` regular expression, and source information by using the `extract-source.source-regexp` regular expression. Then DM writes the extracted information to the corresponding `target-column` in the merged table in the downstream.

13.6.6.5.3 Usage examples

This section shows the usage examples in four different scenarios.

If you need to migrate and merge MySQL shards of small datasets to TiDB, refer to this tutorial.

Merge sharded schemas and tables

Assuming in the scenario of sharded schemas and tables, you want to migrate the `test_{1,2,3...}.t_{1,2,3...}` tables in two upstream MySQL instances to the `test.t` table in the downstream TiDB instance.

To migrate the upstream instances to the downstream `test.t`, you must create the following routing rules:

- `rule-1` is used to migrate DML or DDL statements of the table that matches `schema-pattern: "test_*"` and `table-pattern: "t_*"` to the downstream `test.t`.
- `rule-2` is used to migrate DDL statements of the schema that matches `schema-pattern: "test_*"`, such as `CREATE/DROP SCHEMA xx`.

> **Note:**
>
> - If the downstream `schema: test` already exists and is not to be deleted, you can omit `rule-2`.
> - If the downstream `schema: test` does not exist and only `rule-1` is configured, then it reports the `schema test doesn't exist` error during migration.

```
rule-1:
  schema-pattern: "test_*"
```

```
  table-pattern: "t_*"
  target-schema: "test"
  target-table: "t"
rule-2:
  schema-pattern: "test_*"
  target-schema: "test"
```

Extract table, schema, and source information and write into the merged table

Assuming in the scenario of sharded schemas and tables, you want to migrate the `test_{1,2,3...}.t_{1,2,3...}` tables in two upstream MySQL instances to the `test.t` table in the downstream TiDB instance. At the same time, you want to extract the source information of the sharded tables and write it to the downstream merged table.

To migrate the upstream instances to the downstream `test.t`, you must create routing rules similar to the previous section Merge sharded schemas and tables. In addition, you need to add the `extract-table`, `extract-schema`, and `extract-source` configurations:

- `extract-table`: For a sharded table matching `schema-pattern` and `table-pattern`, DM extracts the sharded table name by using `table-regexp` and writes the name suffix without the `t_` part to `target-column` of the merged table, that is, the `c_table` column.
- `extract-schema`: For a sharded schema matching `schema-pattern` and `table-pattern`, DM extracts the sharded schema name by using `schema-regexp` and writes the name suffix without the `test_` part to `target-column` of the merged table, that is, the `c_schema` column.
- `extract-source`: For a sharded table matching `schema-pattern` and `table-pattern`, DM writes the source instance information to the `target-column` of the merged table, that is, the `c_source` column.

```
rule-1:
  schema-pattern: "test_*"
  table-pattern: "t_*"
  target-schema: "test"
  target-table: "t"
  extract-table:
    table-regexp: "t_(.*)"
    target-column: "c_table"
  extract-schema:
    schema-regexp: "test_(.*)"
    target-column: "c_schema"
  extract-source:
    source-regexp: "(.*)"
    target-column: "c_source"
rule-2:
```

```
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    target-schema: "test"
```

To extract the source information of upstream sharded tables to the merged table in the downstream, you **must manually create a merged table in the downstream before starting the migration**. The merged table must contain the three `target-columns` (`c_table`, `c_schema`, and `c_source`) used for specifying the source information. In addition, these columns **must be the last columns and be string types**.

```
CREATE TABLE `test`.`t` (
    a int PRIMARY KEY,
    c_table varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL,
    c_schema varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL,
    c_source varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL
);
```

Assume that the upstream has the following two data sources:

Data source `mysql-01`:

```
mysql> select * from test_11.t_1;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
+---+
mysql> select * from test_11.t_2;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 2 |
+---+
mysql> select * from test_12.t_1;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 3 |
+---+
```

Data source `mysql-02`:

```
mysql> select * from test_13.t_3;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 4 |
+---+
```

After migration using DM, data in the merged table will be as follows:

```
mysql> select * from test.t;
+---+---------+----------+----------+
| a | c_table | c_schema | c_source |
+---+---------+----------+----------+
| 1 | 1       | 11       | mysql-01 |
| 2 | 2       | 11       | mysql-01 |
| 3 | 1       | 12       | mysql-01 |
| 4 | 3       | 13       | mysql-02 |
+---+---------+----------+----------+
```

Incorrect examples of creating merged tables

> **Note:**
>
> If any of the following errors occur, source information of sharded tables and schemas might fail to be written to the merged table.

- `c-table` is not in the last three columns:

```
CREATE TABLE `test`.`t` (
    c_table varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL,
    a int PRIMARY KEY,
    c_schema varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL,
    c_source varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL
);
```

- `c-source` is absent:

```
CREATE TABLE `test`.`t` (
    a int PRIMARY KEY,
    c_table varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL,
    c_schema varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL,
);
```

- `c_schema` is not a string type:

```
CREATE TABLE `test`.`t` (
    a int PRIMARY KEY,
    c_table varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL,
    c_schema int DEFAULT NULL,
    c_source varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL,
);
```

Merge sharded schemas

Assuming in the scenario of sharded schemas, you want to migrate the `test_{1,2,3...}` ↪ `.t_{1,2,3...}` tables in the two upstream MySQL instances to the `test.t_{1,2,3...}` tables in the downstream TiDB instance.

To migrate the upstream schemas to the downstream `test.t_[1,2,3]`, you only need to create one routing rule.

```
  rule-1:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    target-schema: "test"
```

Incorrect table routing

Assuming that the following two routing rules are configured and `test_1_bak.t_1_bak` matches both `rule-1` and `rule-2`, an error is reported because the table routing configuration violates the number limitation.

```
  rule-1:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    table-pattern: "t_*"
    target-schema: "test"
    target-table: "t"
  rule-2:
    schema-pattern: "test_1_bak"
    table-pattern: "t_1_bak"
    target-schema: "test"
    target-table: "t_bak"
```

13.6.6.6 TiDB Data Migration Block and Allow Lists

When you migrate data using TiDB Data Migration (DM), you can configure the block and allow lists to filter or only migrate all operations of some databases or some tables.

13.6.6.6.1 Configure the block and allow lists

In the task configuration file, add the following configuration:

```
block-allow-list:          # Use black-white-list if the DM version is
   ↪ earlier than or equal to v2.0.0-beta.2.
  rule-1:
    do-dbs: ["test*"]      # Starting with characters other than "~"
       ↪ indicates that it is a wildcard;
                           # v1.0.5 or later versions support the regular
                              ↪ expression rules.
    do-tables:
    - db-name: "test[123]" # Matches test1, test2, and test3.
      tbl-name: "t[1-5]"   # Matches t1, t2, t3, t4, and t5.
    - db-name: "test"
      tbl-name: "t"
  rule-2:
    do-dbs: ["~^test.*"]   # Starting with "~" indicates that it is a
       ↪ regular expression.
    ignore-dbs: ["mysql"]
    do-tables:
    - db-name: "~^test.*"
      tbl-name: "~^t.*"
    - db-name: "test"
      tbl-name: "t*"
    ignore-tables:
    - db-name: "test"
      tbl-name: "log"
```

In simple scenarios, it is recommended that you use the wildcard for matching schemas and tables. However, note the following version differences:

- Wildcards including `*`, `?`, and `[]` are supported. There can only be one `*` symbol in a wildcard match, and it must be at the end. For example, in `tbl-name: "t*"`, `"t*"` indicates all tables starting with `t`. See wildcard matching for details.
- A regular expression must begin with the `~` character.

13.6.6.6.2 Parameter descriptions

- `do-dbs`: allow lists of the schemas to be migrated, similar to `replicate-do-db` in MySQL.
- `ignore-dbs`: block lists of the schemas to be migrated, similar to `replicate-ignore-db` in MySQL.
- `do-tables`: allow lists of the tables to be migrated, similar to `replicate-do-table` in MySQL. Both `db-name` and `tbl-name` must be specified.
- `ignore-tables`: block lists of the tables to be migrated, similar to `replicate-ignore-table` in MySQL. Both `db-name` and `tbl-name` must be specified.

If a value of the above parameters starts with the `~` character, the subsequent characters of this value are treated as a regular expression. You can use this parameter to match schema or table names.

13.6.6.6.3 Filtering process

- The filtering rules corresponding to `do-dbs` and `ignore-dbs` are similar to the Evaluation of Database-Level Replication and Binary Logging Options in MySQL.
- The filtering rules corresponding to `do-tables` and `ignore-tables` are similar to the Evaluation of Table-Level Replication Options in MySQL.

> **Note:**
>
> In DM and in MySQL, the block and allow lists filtering rules are different in the following ways:
>
> - In MySQL, `replicate-wild-do-table` and `replicate-wild-ignore-table` support wildcard characters. In DM, some parameter values directly supports regular expressions that start with the `~` character.
> - DM currently only supports binlogs in the `ROW` format, and does not support those in the `STATEMENT` or `MIXED` format. Therefore, the filtering rules in DM correspond to those in the `ROW` format in MySQL.
> - MySQL determines a DDL statement only by the database name explicitly specified in the `USE` section of the statement. DM determines a statement first based on the database name section in the DDL statement. If the DDL statement does not contain such a section, DM determines the statement by the `USE` section. Suppose that the SQL statement to be determined is `USE test_db_2; CREATE TABLE test_db_1.test_table (c1 INT PRIMARY KEY)`; that `replicate-do-db=test_db_1` is configured in MySQL and `do-dbs: ["test_db_1"]` is configured in DM. Then this rule only applies to DM and not to MySQL.

The filtering process of a `test.t` table is as follows:

1. Filter at the **schema** level:
    - If `do-dbs` is not empty, check whether a matched schema exists in `do-dbs`.
        - If yes, continue to filter at the **table** level.
        - If not, filter `test.t`.
    - If `do-dbs` is empty and `ignore-dbs` is not empty, check whether a matched schema exits in `ignore-dbs`.

- If yes, filter `test.t`.
- If not, continue to filter at the **table** level.

- If both `do-dbs` and `ignore-dbs` are empty, continue to filter at the **table** level.

2. Filter at the **table** level:

    1. If `do-tables` is not empty, check whether a matched table exists in `do-tables`.
        - If yes, migrate `test.t`.
        - If not, filter `test.t`.
    2. If `ignore-tables` is not empty, check whether a matched table exists in `ignore-tables`.
        - If yes, filter `test.t`.
        - If not, migrate `test.t`.
    3. If both `do-tables` and `ignore-tables` are empty, migrate `test.t`.

> **Note:**
>
> To check whether the schema `test` should be filtered, you only need to filter at the schema level.

13.6.6.6.4 Usage examples

Assume that the upstream MySQL instances include the following tables:

```
`logs`.`messages_2016`
`logs`.`messages_2017`
`logs`.`messages_2018`
`forum`.`users`
`forum`.`messages`
`forum_backup_2016`.`messages`
`forum_backup_2017`.`messages`
`forum_backup_2018`.`messages`
```

The configuration is as follows:

```
block-allow-list: # Use black-white-list if the DM version is earlier than
    ↪ or equal to v2.0.0-beta.2.
  bw-rule:
    do-dbs: ["forum_backup_2018", "forum"]
    ignore-dbs: ["~^forum_backup_"]
    do-tables:
    - db-name: "logs"
```

```
    tbl-name: "~_2018$"
  - db-name: "~^forum.*"
    tbl-name: "messages"
  ignore-tables:
  - db-name: "~.*"
    tbl-name: "^messages.*"
```

After applying the `bw-rule` rule:

Table	Whether to filter	Why filter
`logs` ↪ `.messages` ↪ `_` ↪ `2016` ↪	Yes	The schema `logs` fails to match any `do-dbs`.
`logs` ↪ `.messages` ↪ `_` ↪ `2017` ↪	Yes	The schema `logs` fails to match any `do-dbs`.
`logs` ↪ `.messages` ↪ `_` ↪ `2018` ↪	Yes	The schema `logs` fails to match any `do-dbs`.
`forum` ↪ `_` ↪ `backup` ↪ `_` ↪ `2016` ↪ `.messages` ↪	Yes	The schema `forum_backup_` ↪ `2016` fails to match any `do-dbs`.
`forum` ↪ `_` ↪ `backup` ↪ `_` ↪ `2017` ↪ `.messages` ↪	Yes	The schema `forum_backup_` ↪ `2017` fails to match any `do-dbs`.

Table	Whether to filter	Why filter
`forum` ↪ `.users` ↪	Yes	1. The schema `forum` matches `do-dbs` and continues to filter at the table level. 2. The schema and table fail to match any of `do-tables` and `ignore-tables` and `do-tables` is not empty.
`forum` ↪ `.messages` ↪	No	1. The schema `forum` matches `do-dbs` and continues to filter at the table level. 2. The table `messages` is in the `db-name: "~^` ↪ `forum.*",` ↪ `tbl-name:` ↪ `"messages"` of `do-tables`.
`forum` ↪ `_` ↪ `backup` ↪ `_` ↪ `2018` ↪ `.messages` ↪	No	1. The schema `forum_backup_` ↪ `2018` matches `do-dbs` and continues to filter at the table level. 2. The schema and table match the `db-name: "~^` ↪ `forum.*",` ↪ `tbl-name:` ↪ `"messages"` of `do-tables`.

13.6.6.7 TiDB Data Migration Binlog Event Filter

TiDB Data Migration (DM) provides the binlog event filter feature to filter out, block and report errors, or only receive specified types of binlog events for some schemas or tables. For example, you can filter out all `TRUNCATE TABLE` or `INSERT` events. The binlog event filter feature is more fine-grained than the block and allow lists feature.

13.6.6.7.1 Configure the binlog event filter

In the task configuration file, add the following configuration:

```
filters:
  rule-1:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
     table-pattern: "t_*"
     events: ["truncate table", "drop table"]
    sql-pattern: ["^DROP\\s+PROCEDURE", "^CREATE\\s+PROCEDURE"]
     action: Ignore
```

Starting from DM v2.0.2, you can configure the binlog event filter in the source configuration file. For details, see Upstream Database Configuration File.

When you use the wildcard for matching schemas and tables, note the following:

- `schema-pattern` and `table-pattern` only support wildcards, including `*`, `?`, and `[]`. There can only be one `*` symbol in a wildcard match, and it must be at the end. For example, in `table-pattern: "t_*"`, `"t_*"` indicates all tables starting with `t_`. See wildcard matching for details.
- `sql-pattern` only supports regular expressions.

13.6.6.7.2 Parameter descriptions

- schema-pattern/table-pattern: the binlog events or DDL SQL statements of upstream MySQL or MariaDB instance tables that match `schema-pattern/table-pattern` are filtered by the rules below.
- `events`: the binlog event array. You can only select one or more `Events` from the following table:

Events	Type	Description
`all`		Includes all the events below
`all dml`		Includes all DML events below
`all ddl`		Includes all DDL events below

Events	Type	Description
`incompatible ddl changes`		Includes all incompatible DDL events, where "incompatible DDL" means DDL operations that might cause data loss
`none`		Includes none of the events below
`none ddl`		Includes none of the DDL events below
`none dml`		Includes none of the DML events below
`insert`	DML	The `INSERT` DML event
`update`	DML	The `UPDATE` DML event
`delete`	DML	The `DELETE` DML event
`create database`	DDL	The `CREATE DATABASE` DDL event
`drop database`	incompatible DDL	The `DROP DATABASE` DDL event
`create table`	DDL	The `CREATE TABLE` DDL event
`create index`	DDL	The `CREATE INDEX` DDL event
`drop table`	incompatible DDL	The `DROP TABLE` DDL event
`truncate table`	incompatible DDL	The `TRUNCATE TABLE` DDL event
`rename table`	incompatible DDL	The `RENAME TABLE` DDL event
`drop index`	incompatible DDL	The `DROP INDEX` DDL event
`alter table`	DDL	The `ALTER TABLE` DDL event
`value range decrease`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that decreases the value range of a column field, such as the `ALTER TABLE MODIFY COLUMN` statement that changes `VARCHAR(20)` to `VARCHAR(10)`
`precision decrease`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that decreases the precision of a column field, such as the `ALTER TABLE MODIFY COLUMN` statement that changes `Decimal(10, 2)` to `Decimal(10, 1)`

Events	Type	Description
`modify column`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that changes the type of a column field, such as the `ALTER TABLE MODIFY COLUMN` statement that changes `INT` to `VARCHAR`
`rename column`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that changes the name of a column, such as the `ALTER TABLE RENAME COLUMN` statement
`rename index`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that changes the index name, such as the `ALTER TABLE RENAME INDEX` statement
`drop column`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that drops a column from a table, such as the `ALTER TABLE DROP COLUMN` statement
`drop index`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that drops an index in a table, such as the `ALTER TABLE DROP INDEX` statement
`truncate` ↪ `table` ↪ `partition`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that removes all data from a specified partition, such as the `ALTER TABLE TRUNCATE` ↪ `PARTITION` statement
`drop primary` ↪ `key`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that drops the primary key, such as the `ALTER TABLE DROP PRIMARY` ↪ `KEY` statement
`drop unique` ↪ `key`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that drops a unique key, such as the `ALTER` ↪ `TABLE DROP UNIQUE KEY` statement

Events	Type	Description
`modify default value`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that modifies a column's default value, such as the `ALTER TABLE CHANGE DEFAULT` statement
`modify constraint`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that modifies the constraint, such as the `ALTER TABLE ADD CONSTRAINT` statement
`modify columns order`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that modifies the order of the columns, such as the `ALTER TABLE CHANGE AFTER` statement
`modify charset`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that modifies the charset of a column, such as the `ALTER TABLE MODIFY CHARSET` statement
`modify collation`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that modifies a column collation, such as the `ALTER TABLE MODIFY COLLATE` statement
`remove auto increment`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that removes an auto-incremental key
`modify storage engine`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that modifies the table storage engine, such as the `ALTER TABLE ENGINE = MyISAM` statement
`reorganize table partition`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that reorganizes partitions in a table, such as the `ALTER TABLE REORGANIZE PARTITION` statement

Events	Type	Description
`rebuild table partition`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that rebuilds the table partition, such as the `ALTER TABLE REBUILD PARTITION` statement
`exchange table partition`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that exchanges a partition between two tables, such as the `ALTER TABLE EXCHANGE PARTITION` statement
`coalesce table partition`	incompatible DDL	A DDL statement that decreases the number of partitions in a table, such as the `ALTER COALESCE PARTITION` statement

- `sql-pattern`: it is used to filter specified DDL SQL statements. The matching rule supports using a regular expression. For example, `"^DROP\\s+PROCEDURE"`.
- `action`: the string (`Do`/`Ignore`/`Error`). Based on the rules, it judges as follows:
    - `Do`: the allow list. The binlog is filtered in either of the following two conditions:
        - The type of the event is not in the `event` list of the rule.
        - The SQL statement of the event cannot be matched by `sql-pattern` of the rule.
    - `Ignore`: the block list. The binlog is filtered in either of the following two conditions:
        - The type of the event is in the `event` list of the rule.
        - The SQL statement of the event can be matched by `sql-pattern` of the rule.
    - `Error`: the error list. The binlog reports an error in either of the following two conditions:
        - The type of the event is in the `event` list of the rule.
        - The SQL statement of the event can be matched by `sql-pattern` of the rule.
    - When multiple rules match the same table, the rules are applied sequentially. The block list has a higher priority than the error list, and the error list has a higher priority than the allow list. For example:
        - If both the `Ignore` and `Error` rules are applied to the same table, the `Ignore` rule takes effect.
        - If both the `Error` and `Do` rules are applied to the same table, the `Error` rule takes effect.

13.6.6.7.3 Usage examples

This section shows the usage examples in the scenario of sharding (sharded schemas and tables).

Filter all sharding deletion operations

To filter out all deletion operations, configure the following two filtering rules:

- `filter-table-rule` filters out the `TRUNCATE TABLE`, `DROP TABLE` and `DELETE STATEMENT` operations of all tables that match the `test_*.t_*` pattern.
- `filter-schema-rule` filters out the `DROP DATABASE` operation of all schemas that match the `test_*` pattern.

```
filters:
  filter-table-rule:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    table-pattern: "t_*"
    events: ["truncate table", "drop table", "delete"]
    action: Ignore
  filter-schema-rule:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    events: ["drop database"]
    action: Ignore
```

Only migrate sharding DML statements

To only migrate sharding DML statements, configure the following two filtering rules:

- `do-table-rule` only migrates the `CREATE TABLE`, `INSERT`, `UPDATE` and `DELETE` statements of all tables that match the `test_*.t_*` pattern.
- `do-schema-rule` only migrates the `CREATE DATABASE` statement of all schemas that match the `test_*` pattern.

> **Note:**
>
> The reason why the `CREATE DATABASE/TABLE` statement is migrated is that you can migrate DML statements only after the schema and table are created.

```
filters:
  do-table-rule:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    table-pattern: "t_*"
```

```
    events: ["create table", "all dml"]
    action: Do
  do-schema-rule:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    events: ["create database"]
    action: Do
```

Filter out the SQL statements that TiDB does not support

To filter out the `PROCEDURE` statements that TiDB does not support, configure the following `filter-procedure-rule`:

```
filters:
  filter-procedure-rule:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    table-pattern: "t_*"
    sql-pattern: ["^DROP\\s+PROCEDURE", "^CREATE\\s+PROCEDURE"]
    action: Ignore
```

`filter-procedure-rule` filters out the `^CREATE\\s+PROCEDURE` and `^DROP\\s+PROCEDURE` statements of all tables that match the `test_*.t_*` pattern.

Filter out the SQL statements that the TiDB parser does not support

For the SQL statements that the TiDB parser does not support, DM cannot parse them and get the `schema/table` information. So you must use the global filtering rule: `schema-pattern: "*"`.

> **Note:**
>
> To avoid filtering out data that need to be migrated, you must configure the global filtering rule as strictly as possible.

To filter out the `PARTITION` statements that the TiDB parser (of some version) does not support, configure the following filtering rule:

```
filters:
  filter-partition-rule:
    schema-pattern: "*"
    sql-pattern: ["ALTER\\s+TABLE[\\s\\S]*ADD\\s+PARTITION", "ALTER\\s+TABLE
      [\\s\\S]*DROP\\s+PARTITION"]
    action: Ignore
```

Report errors on some DDL statements

If you need to block and report errors on DDL statements generated by some upstream operations before DM replicates them to TiDB, you can use the following settings:

```
filters:
  filter-procedure-rule:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    table-pattern: "t_*"
    events: ["truncate table", "truncate table partition"]
    action: Error
```

13.6.6.8 Filter DMLs Using SQL Expressions

13.6.6.8.1 Overview

In the process of incremental data migration, you can filter certain types of binlog events using the Filter Binlog Events feature. For example, for archiving or auditing purposes, you can filter out `DELETE` events when migrating data to the downstream. However, Binlog Event Filter cannot judge with a greater granularity on whether to filter out a specific row of `DELETE` events.

To solve the above issue, DM supports filtering data during incremental migration using `binlog value filter` since v2.0.5. The binlog in the `ROW` format supported by DM has the values of all columns in binlog events. You can configure SQL expressions according to these values. If the SQL expressions evaluate a row change as `TRUE`, DM will not migrate the row change downstream.

For detailed operation and implementation, see Filter DML Events Using SQL Expressions.

13.6.6.9 TiDB Data Migration Support for Online DDL Tools

In the MySQL ecosystem, tools such as gh-ost and pt-osc are widely used. TiDB Data Migration (DM) provides supports for these tools to avoid migrating unnecessary intermediate data.

This document introduces the support for common online DDL tools, usage, and precautions in DM.

For the working principles and implementation methods of DM for online DDL tools, refer to online-ddl.

13.6.6.9.1 Restrictions

- DM only supports gh-ost and pt-osc.

- When `online-ddl` is enabled, the checkpoint corresponding to incremental replication should not be in the process of online DDL execution. For example, if an upstream online DDL operation starts at `position-A` and ends at `position-B` of the binlog, the starting point of incremental replication should be earlier than `position-A` or later than `position-B`; otherwise, an error occurs. For details, refer to FAQ.

13.6.6.9.2 Configure parameters

In v2.0.5 and later versions, you need to use the `online-ddl` configuration item in the `task` configuration file.

- If the upstream MySQL/MariaDB (at the same time) uses the gh-ost or pt-osc tool, set `online-ddl` to `true` in the task configuration file:

```
online-ddl: true
```

> **Note:**
>
> Since v2.0.5, `online-ddl-scheme` has been deprecated, so you need to use `online-ddl` instead of `online-ddl-scheme`. That means that setting `online-ddl: true` overwrites `online-ddl-scheme`, and setting `online-ddl-scheme: "pt"` or `online-ddl-scheme: "gh-ost"` is converted to `online-ddl: true`.

Before v2.0.5 (not including v2.0.5), you need to use the `online-ddl-scheme` configuration item in the `task` configuration file.

- If the upstream MySQL/MariaDB uses the gh-ost tool, set it in the task configuration file:

```
online-ddl-scheme: "gh-ost"
```

- If the upstream MySQL/MariaDB uses the pt tool, set it in the task configuration file:

```
online-ddl-scheme: "pt"
```

13.6.6.10 Customize a Secret Key for DM Encryption and Decryption

Before v8.0.0, DM uses a fixed AES-256 secret key to encrypt and decrypt passwords in the data source and migration task configurations. However, using a fixed secret key might pose security risks, especially in environments where security is crucial. To enhance security, starting from v8.0.0, DM removes the fixed secret key and enables you to customize a secret key.

13.6.6.10.1 Usage

1. Create a custom key file, which must contain a 64-character hexadecimal AES-256 secret key. One way to generate this key is by calculating SHA256 checksum of random data, such as `head -n 256 /dev/urandom | sha256sum`.
2. In the DM-master command-line flags or configuration file, specify `secret-key-path` as the path of your custom key file.

13.6.6.10.2 Upgrade from a version earlier than v8.0.0

Because DM no longer uses the fixed secret key starting from v8.0.0, pay attention to the following when upgrading DM from versions earlier than v8.0.0:

- If plaintext passwords are used in both data source configurations and migration task configurations, no additional steps are required for the upgrade.
- If encrypted passwords are used in data source configurations and migration task configurations or if you want to use encrypted passwords in the future, you need to do the following:

    1. Add the `secret-key-path` parameter to the DM-master configuration file and specify it as the path of your custom key file. The file must contain a 64-character hexadecimal AES-256 key. If the fixed AES-256 secret key was used for encryption before upgrading, you can copy this secret key to your key file. Make sure all DM-master nodes use the same secret key configuration.
    2. Perform a rolling upgrade of DM-master first, followed by a rolling upgrade of DM-worker. For more information, see Rolling upgrade.

13.6.6.10.3 Update the secret key for encryption and decryption

To update the secret key used for encryption and decryption, take the following steps:

1. Update `secret-key-path` in the DM-master configuration file.

> **Note:**
>
> - Make sure all DM-master nodes are updated to the same secret key configuration.

- During the secret key update, do not create new data source configuration files or migration task configuration files.

2. Perform a rolling restart of DM-master.
3. Use the passwords encrypted with `tiup dmctl encrypt` (dmctl version >= v8.0.0) when you create new data source configuration files and migration task configuration files.

13.6.6.11 Manage a Data Migration Task

13.6.6.11.1 Migration Task Precheck

Before using DM to migrate data from upstream to downstream, a precheck helps detect errors in the upstream database configurations and ensures that the migration goes smoothly. This document introduces the DM precheck feature, including its usage scenario, check items, and arguments.

Usage scenario

To run a data migration task smoothly, DM triggers a precheck automatically at the start of the task and returns the check results. DM starts the migration only after the precheck is passed.

To trigger a precheck manually, run the `check-task` command.

For example:

```
tiup dmctl check-task ./task.yaml
```

Descriptions of check items

After a precheck is triggered for a task, DM checks the corresponding items according to your migration mode configuration.

This section lists all the precheck items.

Note:

In this document, check items that must be passed are labeled "(Mandatory)".

- If a mandatory check item does not pass, DM returns an error after the check and does not proceed with the migration task. In this case, modify the configurations according to the error message and retry the task after meeting the precheck requirements.
- If a non-mandatory check item does not pass, DM returns a warning after the check. DM automatically starts a migration task if the check result contains only warnings but no errors.

Common check items

Regardless of the migration mode you choose, the precheck always includes the following common check items:

- Database version
  - MySQL version > 5.5
  - MariaDB version >= 10.1.2

Warning:

- Migrating data from MySQL 8.0 to TiDB using DM is an experimental feature (introduced since DM v2.0). It is NOT recommended that you use it in a production environment.
- Migrating data from MariaDB to TiDB using DM is an experimental feature. It is NOT recommended that you use it in a production environment.

- Compatibility of the upstream MySQL table schema
  - Check whether the upstream tables have foreign keys, which are not supported by TiDB. A warning is returned if a foreign key is found in the precheck.
  - Check whether the upstream tables use character sets that are incompatible with TiDB. For more information, see TiDB Supported Character Sets.
  - Check whether the upstream tables have primary key constraints or unique key constraints (introduced from v1.0.7).

Warning:

- When the upstream uses incompatible character sets, you can still continue the replication by creating tables with the utf8mb4 character set in the downstream. However, this practice is not recommended. You are advised to replace the incompatible character set used by the upstream with another character set that is supported in downstream.
- When the upstream tables have no primary key constraints or unique key constraints, the same row of data might be replicated multiple times to the downstream, which might also affect the performance of replication. In a production environment, it is recommended that you specify primary key constraints or unique key constraints for the upstream table.

Check items for full data migration

For the full data migration mode (`task-mode: full`), in addition to the common check items, the precheck also includes the following check items:

- (Mandatory) dump permission of the upstream database
  - SELECT permission on INFORMATION_SCHEMA and dump tables
  - RELOAD permission if `consistency=flush`
  - LOCK TABLES permission on the dump tables if `consistency=flush/lock`
- (Mandatory) Consistency of upstream MySQL multi-instance sharding tables
  - In the pessimistic mode, check whether the table schemas of all sharded tables are consistent in the following items:
    - Number of columns
    - Column name
    - Column order
    - Column type
    - Primary key
    - Unique index
  - In the optimistic mode, check whether the schemas of all sharded tables meet the optimistic compatibility.
  - If a migration task was started successfully by the `start-task` command, the precheck of this task skips the consistency check.
- Auto-increment primary key in sharded tables
  - If sharded tables have auto-increment primary keys, the precheck returns a warning. If there are conflicts in auto-increment primary keys, see Handle conflicts of auto-increment primary key for solutions.

Check items for physical import

If you set `import-mode: "physical"` in the task configuration, the following check items are added to ensure that Physical Import runs normally. After following the prompts, if you find it difficult to meet the requirements of these check items, you can try to use the logical import mode to import data.

- Empty Regions in the downstream database
    - If the number of empty Regions is greater than `max(1000, 3 * the number of tables)` (the larger of "1000" and "3 times the number of tables"), the precheck returns a warning. You can adjust related PD parameters to speed up the merging of empty Regions and wait for the number of empty Regions to decrease. See PD Scheduling Best Practices - Slow Region Merge.
- Region distribution in the downstream database
    - Checks the number of Regions on different TiKV nodes. Assuming that the TiKV node with the lowest Region count has `a` Regions and the TiKV node with the highest Region count has `b` Regions, if `a / b` is less than 0.75, the precheck returns a warning. You can adjust related PD parameters to speed up the scheduling of Regions and wait for the number of Regions to change. See PD Scheduling Best Practices - Leader/Region distribution is not balanced.
- The versions of TiDB, PD, and TiKV in the downstream database
    - Physical import must call the interfaces of TiDB, PD, and TiKV. If the versions are not compatible, the precheck returns an error.
- The free space of the downstream database
    - Estimates the total sizes of all tables in the allow list in the upstream database (`source_size`). If the free space of the downstream database is less than `source_size`, the precheck returns an error. If the free space of the downstream database is less than the number of TiKV replicas * `source_size` * 2, the precheck returns a warning.
- Whether the downstream database is running tasks that are incompatible with physical import
    - Currently, physical import is incompatible with TiCDC and PITR tasks. If these tasks are running in the downstream database, the precheck returns an error.

Check items for incremental data migration

For the incremental data migration mode (`task-mode: incremental`), in addition to the common check items, the precheck also includes the following check items:

- (Mandatory) Upstream database REPLICATION permission
    - REPLICATION CLIENT permission
    - REPLICATION SLAVE permission
- Database primary-secondary configuration
    - To avoid primary-secondary replication failures, it is recommended that you specify the database ID `server_id` for the upstream database (GTID is recommended for non-AWS Aurora environments).
- (Mandatory) MySQL binlog configuration
    - Check whether binlog is enabled (required by DM).
    - Check whether `binlog_format=ROW` is configured (DM only supports the migration of binlog in the ROW format).
    - Check whether `binlog_row_image=FULL` is configured (DM only supports `binlog_row_image=FULL`).
    - If `binlog_do_db` or `binlog_ignore_db` is configured, check whether the database tables to be migrated meet the conditions of `binlog_do_db` and `binlog_ignore_db`.
- (Mandatory) Check if the upstream database is in an Online-DDL process (in which the `ghost` table is created but the `rename` phase is not executed yet). If the upstream is in the online-DDL process, the precheck returns an error. In this case, wait until the DDL to complete and retry.

Check items for full and incremental data migration

For the full and incremental data migration mode (`task-mode: all`), in addition to the common check items, the precheck also includes the full data migration check items and the incremental data migration check items.

Ignorable check items

Prechecks can find potential risks in your environments. It is not recommended to ignore check items. If your data migration task has special needs, you can use the `ignore-checking-items` configuration item to skip some check items.

Check item	Description
`dump_privilege`	Checks the dump privilege of the user in the upstream MySQL instance.

Check item	Description
`replication_privilege`	Checks the replication privilege of the user in the upstream MySQL instance.
`version`	Checks the version of the upstream database.
`server_id`	Checks whether server_id is configured in the upstream database.
`binlog_enable`	Checks whether binlog is enabled in the upstream database.
`table_schema`	Checks the compatibility of the table schemas in the upstream MySQL tables.
`schema_of_shard_tables`	Checks the consistency of the table schemas in the upstream MySQL multi-instance shards.

Check item	Description
auto_ ↪ increment ↪ _ID	Checks whether the auto-increment primary key conflicts in the upstream MySQL multi-instance shards.
online_ddl	Checks whether the upstream is in the process of online-DDL.
empty_ ↪ region	Checks the number of empty Regions in the downstream database for physical import.
region_ ↪ distribution ↪	Checks the distribution of Regions in the downstream database for physical import.
downstream ↪ _ ↪ version	Checks the versions of TiDB, PD, and TiKV in the downstream database.
free_space	Checks the free space of the downstream database.

Check item	Description
`downstream_mutex_features`	Checks whether the downstream database is running tasks that are incompatible with physical import.

> **Note:**
>
> More ignorable check items are supported in versions earlier than v6.0. Since v6.0, DM does not allow ignoring some check items related to data safety. For example, if you configure the `binlog_row_image` parameter incorrectly, data might be lost during the replication.

Configure precheck arguments

The migration task precheck supports processing in parallel. Even if the number of rows in sharded tables reaches a million level, the precheck can be completed in minutes.

To specify the number of threads for the precheck, you can configure the `threads` argument of the `mydumpers` field in the migration task configuration file.

```
mydumpers:                          # Configuration arguments of the dump processing unit
  global:                           # Configuration name
    threads: 4                      # The number of threads that access the upstream when the dump processing unit performs the precheck and exports data from the upstream database (4 by default)
    chunk-filesize: 64              # The size of the files generated by the dump processing unit (64 MB by default)
    extra-args: "--consistency none" # Other arguments of the dump processing unit. You do not need to manually configure table-list in `extra-args`, because it is automatically generated by DM.
```

> **Note:**

The value of `threads` determines the number of physical connections between the upstream database and DM. An excessively large `threads` value might increase the load of the upstream. Therefore, you need to set `threads` to a proper value.

13.6.6.11.2 Create a Data Migration Task

You can use the `start-task` command to create a data migration task. When the data migration task is started, DM prechecks privileges and configurations.

```
help start-task
```

```
Starts a task as defined in the configuration file

Usage:
  dmctl start-task [-s source ...] [--remove-meta] <config-file> [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help             help for start-task
      --remove-meta      whether to remove task's meta data
      --start-time string specify the start time of binlog replication, e.g.
        ↪ '2021-10-21 00:01:00' or 2021-10-21T00:01:00

Global Flags:
      --config string     Path to config file.
      --master-addr string Master API server address, this parameter is
        ↪ required when interacting with the dm-master
      --rpc-timeout string RPC timeout, default is 10m. (default "10m")
  -s, --source strings    MySQL Source ID.
      --ssl-ca string     Path of file that contains list of trusted SSL CAs
        ↪ for connection.
      --ssl-cert string   Path of file that contains X509 certificate in PEM
        ↪ format for connection.
      --ssl-key string    Path of file that contains X509 key in PEM format
        ↪ for connection.
  -V, --version           Prints version and exit.
```

Usage example

```
start-task [ -s "mysql-replica-01"] ./task.yaml
```

Flags description

- `-s`: (Optional) Specifies the MySQL source to execute `task.yaml`. If it is set, the command only starts the subtasks of the specified task on the MySQL source.
- `config-file`: (Required) Specifies the file path of `task.yaml`.
- `remove-meta`: (Optional) Specifies whether to remove the task's previous metadata when starting the task.
- `start-time`: (Optional) Specifies the start time of binlog replication.
    - Format: `'2021-10-21 00:01:00'` or `2021-10-21T00:01:00`.
    - For incremental tasks, you can specify a rough starting point for the task using this flag. This flag takes precedence over the binlog position in the task configuration file and the binlog position in the downstream checkpoint.
    - When the task already has a checkpoint, if you start the task using this flag, DM automatically enables safe mode until the replication passes the checkpoint. This is to avoid the data duplication error caused by resetting the task to an earlier position.
        - When you reset the task to an earlier position, if the table schema at that time point is different from the downstream at the current time point, the task might report an error.
        - When you reset the task to a later position, note that the skipped binlog might have dirty data left in the downstream.
    - When you specify an earlier start time, DM starts migration from the earliest binlog position available.
    - When you specify a later start time, DM reports an error: `start-time {input-time} is too late, no binlog location matches it`.

Returned results

```
start-task task.yaml
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        }
    ]
}
```

13.6.6.11.3 Query Task Status in TiDB Data Migration

This document introduces how to use the `query-status` command to query the task status, and the subtask status of DM.

Query result

It is recommended that you use `query-status` by the following steps:

1. Use `query-status` to check whether each on-going task is in the normal state.
2. If any error occurs in a task, use the `query-status <taskName>` command to see detailed error information. `<taskName>` in this command indicates the name of the task that encounters the error.

A successful query result is as follows:

```
» query-status
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "tasks": [
        {
            "taskName": "test",
            "taskStatus": "Running",
            "sources": [
                "mysql-replica-01",
                "mysql-replica-02"
            ]
        },
        {
            "taskName": "test2",
            "taskStatus": "Paused",
            "sources": [
                "mysql-replica-01",
                "mysql-replica-02"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

Some fields in the query result are described as follows:

- `result`: Whether the query is successful.
- `msg`: The error message returned when the query fails.
- `tasks`: The list of migration tasks. Each task contains the following fields:
    - `taskName`: The name of the task.

- `taskStatus`: The status of the task. For detailed descriptions of `taskStatus`, refer to Task status.
- `sources`: The list of upstream MySQL databases.

Task status

The status of a DM migration task depends on the status of each subtask assigned to DM-worker. For detailed descriptions of subtask status, see Subtask status. The table below shows how the subtask status is related to task status.

Subtask status in a task	Task status
One subtask is in the `paused` ↪ state and error information is returned.	`Error` ↪ ↪ `-` ↪ ↪ `Some` ↪ ↪ `error` ↪ ↪ `occurred` ↪ ↪ `in` ↪ ↪ `subtask` ↪

Subtask status in a task	Task status
One subtask in the Sync phase is in the `Running` state but its Relay processing unit is not running (in the `Error` /`Paused` /`Stopped` state).	`Error` - `Relay status` is `Error` / `Paused` / `Stopped`

Subtask status in a task	Task status
One subtask is in the `Paused` state and no error information is returned.	`Paused`
All subtasks are in the `New` state.	`New`
All subtasks are in the `Finished` state.	`Finished`

Subtask status in a task	Task status
All subtasks are in the `Stopped` state.	`Stopped`
Other situations	`Running`

Detailed query result

```
» query-status test
```


```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "sourceStatus": {
                "source": "mysql-replica-01",
                "worker": "worker1",
                "result": null,
                "relayStatus": null
            },
            "subTaskStatus": [
                {
                    "name": "test",
                    "stage": "Running",
                    "unit": "Sync",
                    "result": null,
                    "unresolvedDDLLockID": "test-`test`.`t_target`",
                    "sync": {
                        "masterBinlog": "(bin.000001, 3234)",
```

```
                "masterBinlogGtid": "c0149e17-dff1-11e8-b6a8-0242
                    ↪ ac110004:1-14",
                "syncerBinlog": "(bin.000001, 2525)",
                "syncerBinlogGtid": "",
                "blockingDDLs": [
                    "USE `test`; ALTER TABLE `test`.`t_target` DROP
                        ↪ COLUMN `age`;"
                ],
                "unresolvedGroups": [
                    {
                        "target": "`test`.`t_target`",
                        "DDLs": [
                            "USE `test`; ALTER TABLE `test`.`t_target`
                                ↪ DROP COLUMN `age`;"
                        ],
                        "firstPos": "(bin|000001.000001, 3130)",
                        "synced": [
                            "`test`.`t2`"
                            "`test`.`t3`"
                            "`test`.`t1`"
                        ],
                        "unsynced": [
                        ]
                    }
                ],
                "synced": false,
                "totalRows": "12",
                "totalRps": "1",
                "recentRps": "1"
            }
        }
    ]
},
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sourceStatus": {
        "source": "mysql-replica-02",
        "worker": "worker2",
        "result": null,
        "relayStatus": null
    },
    "subTaskStatus": [
        {
            "name": "test",
```

```
            "stage": "Running",
            "unit": "Load",
            "result": null,
            "unresolvedDDLLockID": "",
            "load": {
                "finishedBytes": "115",
                "totalBytes": "452",
                "progress": "25.44 %",
                "bps": "2734"
            }
        }
    ]
},
{
    "result": true,
    "sourceStatus": {
        "source": "mysql-replica-03",
        "worker": "worker3",
        "result": null,
        "relayStatus": null
    },
    "subTaskStatus": [
        {
            "name": "test",
            "stage": "Paused",
            "unit": "Load",
            "result": {
                "isCanceled": false,
                "errors": [
                    {
                        "Type": "ExecSQL",
                        "msg": "Error 1062: Duplicate entry
                            ↪ '1155173304420532225' for key 'PRIMARY'\n
                            ↪ /home/jenkins/workspace/build_dm/go/src/
                            ↪ github.com/pingcap/tidb-enterprise-tools/
                            ↪ loader/db.go:160: \n/home/jenkins/
                            ↪ workspace/build_dm/go/src/github.com/
                            ↪ pingcap/tidb-enterprise-tools/loader/db.
                            ↪ go:105: \n/home/jenkins/workspace/build_
                            ↪ dm/go/src/github.com/pingcap/tidb-
                            ↪ enterprise-tools/loader/loader.go:138:
                            ↪ file test.t1.sql"
                    }
                ],
                "detail": null
```

```
                },
                "unresolvedDDLLockID": "",
                "load": {
                    "finishedBytes": "0",
                    "totalBytes": "156",
                    "progress": "0.00 %",
                    "bps": "0"
                }
            }
        ]
    },
    {
        "result": true,
        "msg": "",
        "sourceStatus": {
            "source": "mysql-replica-04",
            "worker": "worker4",
            "result": null,
            "relayStatus": null
        },
        "subTaskStatus": [
            {
                "name": "test",
                "stage": "Running",
                "unit": "Dump",
                "result": null,
                "unresolvedDDLLockID": "",
                "dump": {
                    "totalTables": "10",
                    "completedTables": "3",
                    "finishedBytes": "2542",
                    "finishedRows": "32",
                    "estimateTotalRows": "563",
                    "progress": "30.52 %",
                    "bps": "445"
                }
            }
        ]
    },
]
}
```


Some fields in the returned result are described as follows:

- `result`: Whether the query is successful.

- `msg`: The error message returned when the query fails.
- `sources`: The list of upstream MySQL instances. Each source contains the following fields:
    - `result`
    - `msg`
    - `sourceStatus`: The information of the upstream MySQL databases.
    - `subTaskStatus`: The information of all subtasks of upstream MySQL databases. Each subtask might contain the following fields:
        - `name`: The name of the subtask.
        - `stage`: The status of the subtask. For the status description and status switch relationship of "stage" of "subTaskStatus" of "sources", see the subtask status.
        - `unit`: The processing unit of DM, including "Check", "Dump", "Load", and "Sync".
        - `result`: Displays the error information if a subtask fails.
        - `unresolvedDDLLockID`: The sharding DDL lock ID, used for manually handling the sharding DDL lock in the abnormal condition. For operation details of "unresolvedDDLLockID" of "subTaskStatus" of "sources", see Handle Sharding DDL Locks Manually.
        - `sync`: The replication information of the `Sync` processing unit. This information is about the same component with the current processing unit.
            - `masterBinlog`: The binlog position in the upstream database.
            - `masterBinlogGtid`: The GTID information in the upstream database.
            - `syncerBinlog`: The position of the binlog that has been replicated in the `Sync` processing unit.
            - `syncerBinlogGtid`: The binlog position replicated using GTID.
            - `blockingDDLs`: The DDL list that is blocked currently. It is not empty only when all the upstream tables of this DM-worker are in the "synced" status. In this case, it indicates the sharding DDL statements to be executed or that are skipped.
            - `unresolvedGroups`: The sharding group that is not resolved. Each group contains the following fields:
                - `target`: The downstream database table to be replicated.
                - `DDLs`: A list of DDL statements.
                - `firstPos`: The starting position of the sharding DDL statement.
                - `synced`: The upstream sharded table whose executed sharding DDL statement has been read by the `Sync` unit.
                - `unsynced`: The upstream table that has not executed this sharding DDL statement. If any upstream tables have not finished replication, `blockingDDLs` is empty.
            - `synced`: Whether the incremental replication catches up with the upstream and has the same binlog position as that in the upstream. The save point is not refreshed in real time in the `Sync` background, so `false` of `synced` does not always mean a replication delay exits.

    - `totalRows`: The total number of rows that are replicated in this subtask.
    - `totalRps`: The number of rows that are replicated in this subtask per second.
    - `recentRps`: The number of rows that are replicated in this subtask in the last second.
  - `load`: The replication information of the `Load` processing unit.
    - `finishedBytes`: The number of bytes that have been loaded.
    - `totalBytes`: The total number of bytes that need to be loaded.
    - `progress`: The progress of the loading process.
    - `bps`: The speed of the full loading.
  - `dump`: The replication information of the `Dump` processing unit.
    - `totalTables`: The number of tables to be dumped.
    - `completedTables`: The number of tables that have been dumped.
    - `finishedBytes`: The number of bytes that have been dumped.
    - `finishedRows`: The number of rows that have been dumped.
    - `estimateTotalRows`: The estimated number of rows to be dumped.
    - `progress`: The progress of the dumping process.
    - `bps`: The dumping speed in bytes/second.

Subtask status

Status description

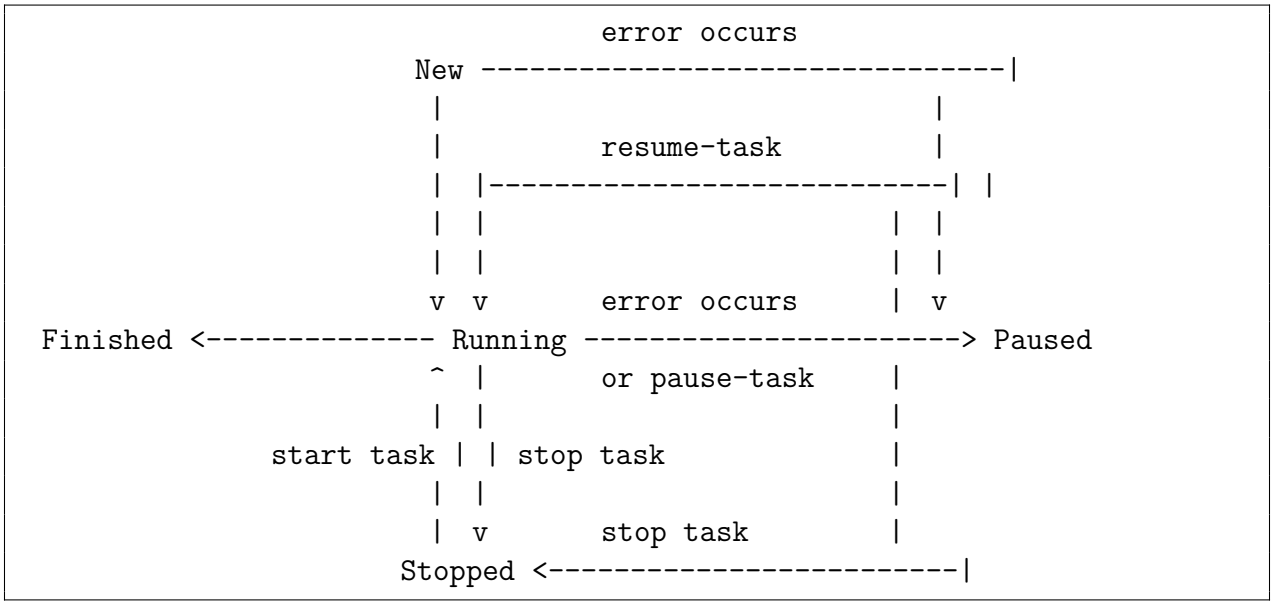
- `New`:
  - The initial status.
  - If the subtask does not encounter an error, it is switched to `Running`; otherwise it is switched to `Paused`.
- `Running`: The normal running status.
- `Paused`:
  - The paused status.
  - If the subtask encounters an error, it is switched to `Paused`.
  - If you run `pause-task` when the subtask is in the `Running` status, the task is switched to `Paused`.
  - When the subtask is in this status, you can run the `resume-task` command to resume the task.
- `Stopped`:
  - The stopped status.
  - If you run `stop-task` when the subtask is in the `Running` or `Paused` status, the task is switched to `Stopped`.

- When the subtask is in this status, you cannot use `resume-task` to resume the task.

- `Finished`:

  - The finished subtask status.
  - Only when the full replication subtask is finished normally, the task is switched to this status.

Status switch diagram



13.6.6.11.4 Pause a Data Migration Task

You can use the `pause-task` command to pause a data migration task.

`pause-task` differs from `stop-task` in that:

- `pause-task` only pauses a migration task. You can query the status information (retained in the memory) of the task using `query-status`. `stop-task` terminates a migration task and removes all information related to this task from the memory. This means you cannot use `query-status` to query the status information. `dm_meta` like "checkpoint" and data that have been migrated to the downstream are not removed.
- If `pause-task` is executed to pause the migration task, you cannot start a new task with the same name, neither can you get the relay log of the paused task removed, since this task does exist. If `stop-task` is executed to stop a task, you can start a new task with the same name, and you can get the relay log of the stopped task removed, since this task no longer exists.
- `pause-task` is usually used to pause a task for troubleshooting, while `stop-task` is to permanently remove a migration task, or to co-work with `start-task` to update the configuration information.

```
help pause-task
```

```
pause a specified running task

Usage:
 dmctl pause-task [-s source ...] <task-name | task-file> [flags]

Flags:
 -h, --help help for pause-task

Global Flags:
 -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID
```

Usage example

```
pause-task [-s "mysql-replica-01"] task-name
```

Flags description

- `-s`: (Optional) Specifies the MySQL source where you want to pause the subtasks of the migration task. If it is set, this command pauses only the subtasks on the specified MySQL source.
- `task-name| task-file`: (Required) Specifies the task name or task file path.

Returned results

```
pause-task test
```

```
{
    "op": "Pause",
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        }
    ]
}
```

13.6.6.11.5 Resume a Data Migration Task

You can use the `resume-task` command to resume a data migration task in the `Paused` state. This is generally used in scenarios where you want to manually resume a data migration task after handling the error that get the task paused.

```
help resume-task
```

```
resume a specified paused task

Usage:
 dmctl resume-task [-s source ...] <task-name | task-file> [flags]

Flags:
 -h, --help help for resume-task

Global Flags:
 -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID
```

Usage example

```
resume-task [-s "mysql-replica-01"] task-name
```

Flags description

- `-s`: (Optional) Specifies the MySQL source where you want to resume the subtask of the migration task. If it is set, the command resumes only the subtasks on the specified MySQL source.
- `task-name | task-file`: (Required) Specifies the task name or task file path.

Returned results

```
resume-task test
```

```
{
    "op": "Resume",
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        }
    ]
}
```

13.6.6.11.6 Stop a Data Migration Task

You can use the `stop-task` command to stop a data migration task. For differences between `stop-task` and `pause-task`, refer to Pause a Data Migration Task.

```
help stop-task
```

```
stop a specified task

Usage:
 dmctl stop-task [-s source ...] <task-name | task-file> [flags]

Flags:
 -h, --help  help for stop-task

Global Flags:
 -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID
```

Usage example

```
stop-task [-s "mysql-replica-01"] task-name
```

Flags description

- `-s`: (Optional) Specifies the MySQL source where the subtasks of the migration task (that you want to stop) run. If it is set, only subtasks on the specified MySQL source are stopped.
- `task-name | task-file`: (Required) Specifies the task name or task file path.

Returned results

```
stop-task test
```

```
{
    "op": "Stop",
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        }
    ]
}
```

Note:

After you stop a migration task with the `stop-task` command, running `query-status` will no longer display the task. However, the checkpoint and other related information for this task is still retained in the `dm_meta` database.

- To start over the migration task, add the `--remove-meta` option when running the `start-task` command.
- To completely remove the migration task, manually delete the four tables that use the task name as a prefix from the `dm_meta` database.

13.6.7 Advanced Tutorials

13.6.7.1 Merge and Migrate Data from Sharded Tables

13.6.7.1.1 Merge and Migrate Data from Sharded Tables

This document introduces the sharding support feature provided by Data Migration (DM). This feature allows you to merge and migrate the data of tables with the same or different table schemas in the upstream MySQL or MariaDB instances into one same table in the downstream TiDB. It supports not only migrating the upstream DML statements, but also coordinating to migrate the table schema change using DDL statements in multiple upstream sharded tables.

Overview

DM supports merging and migrating the data of multiple upstream sharded tables into one table in TiDB. During the migration, the DDL of each sharded table, and the DML before and after the DDL need to be coordinated. For the usage scenarios, DM supports two different modes: pessimistic mode and optimistic mode.

Note:

- To merge and migrate data from sharded tables, you must set `shard-mode` in the task configuration file.
- DM uses the pessimistic mode by default for the merge of the sharding support feature. (If there is no special description in the document, use the pessimistic mode by default.)

- It is not recommended to use this mode if you do not understand the principles and restrictions of the optimistic mode. Otherwise, it may cause serious consequences such as migration interruption and even data inconsistency.

The pessimistic mode

When an upstream sharded table executes a DDL statement, the migration of this sharded table will be suspended. After all other sharded tables execute the same DDL, the DDL will be executed in the downstream and the data migration task will restart. The advantage of this mode is that it can ensure that the data migrated to the downstream will not go wrong. For details, refer to shard merge in pessimistic mode. ####### The optimistic mode

DM will automatically modify the DDL executed on a sharded table into a statement compatible with other sharded tables, and then migrate to the downstream. This will not block the DML migration of any sharded tables. The advantage of this mode is that it will not block data migration when processing DDL. However, improper use will cause migration interruption or even data inconsistency. For details, refer to shard merge in optimistic mode.

Contrast

Pessimistic mode	Optimistic mode
Sharded tables that executes DDL suspend DML migration	Sharded tables that executes DDL continue DML migration
The DDL execution order and statements of each sharded table must be the same	Each sharded table only needs to keep the table schema compatible with each other

Pessimistic mode	Optimistic mode
The DDL is migrated to the downstream after the entire shard group is consistent	The DDL of each sharded table immediately affects the downstream
Wrong DDL operations can be intercepted after the detection	Wrong DDL operations will be migrated to the downstream, which may cause inconsistency between the upstream and downstream data before the detection

13.6.7.1.2 Merge and Migrate Data from Sharded Tables in the Pessimistic Mode

This document introduces the sharding support feature provided by Data Migration (DM) in the pessimistic mode (the default mode). This feature allows you to merge and migrate the data of tables with the same table schema in the upstream MySQL or MariaDB instances into one same table in the downstream TiDB.

Restrictions

DM has the following sharding DDL usage restrictions in the pessimistic mode:

- For a logical **sharding group** (composed of all sharded tables that need to be merged and migrated into one same downstream table), it is limited to use one task containing exactly the sources of sharded tables to perform the migration.
- In a logical **sharding group**, the same DDL statements must be executed in the same order in all upstream sharded tables (the schema name and the table name can be different), and the next DDL statement cannot be executed unless the current DDL operation is completely finished.

    - For example, if you add `column A` to `table_1` before you add `column B`, then you cannot add `column B` to `table_2` before you add `column A`. Executing the DDL statements in a different order is not supported.

- In a sharding group, the corresponding DDL statements should be executed in all upstream sharded tables.
    - For example, if DDL statements are not executed on one or more upstream sharded tables corresponding to `DM-worker-2`, then other DM-workers that have executed the DDL statements pause their migration task and wait for `DM-worker -2` to receive the upstream DDL statements.
- The sharding group migration task does not support `DROP DATABASE`/`DROP TABLE`.
    - The sync unit in DM-worker automatically ignores the `DROP DATABASE`/`DROP TABLE` statement of upstream sharded tables.
- The sharding group migration task does not support `TRUNCATE TABLE`.
    - The sync unit in DM-worker automatically ignores the `TRUNCATE TABLE` statement of upstream sharded tables.
- The sharding group migration task supports `RENAME TABLE`, but with the following limitations (online DDL is supported in another solution):
    - A table can only be renamed to a new name that is not used by any other table.
    - A single `RENAME TABLE` statement can only involve a single `RENAME` operation.
- The sharding group migration task requires each DDL statement to involve operations on only one table.
- The table schema of each sharded table must be the same at the starting point of the incremental replication task, so as to make sure the DML statements of different sharded tables can be migrated into the downstream with a definite table schema, and the subsequent sharding DDL statements can be correctly matched and migrated.
- If you need to change the table routing rule, you have to wait for the migration of all sharding DDL statements to complete.
    - During the migration of sharding DDL statements, an error is reported if you use `dmctl` to change `router-rules`.
- If you need to `CREATE` a new table to a sharding group where DDL statements are being executed, you have to make sure that the table schema is the same as the newly modified table schema.
    - For example, both the original `table_1` and `table_2` have two columns (a, b) initially, and have three columns (a, b, c) after the sharding DDL operation, so after the migration the newly created table should also have three columns (a, b, c).
- Because the DM-worker that has received the DDL statements will pause the task to wait for other DM-workers to receive their DDL statements, the delay of data migration will be increased.

Background

Currently, DM uses the binlog in the `ROW` format to perform the migration task. The binlog does not contain the table schema information. When you use the `ROW` binlog to migrate data, if you have not migrated multiple upstream tables into the same downstream table, then there only exist DDL operations of one upstream table that can update the table schema of the downstream table. The `ROW` binlog can be considered to have the nature of self-description. During the migration process, the DML statements can be constructed accordingly with the column values and the downstream table schema.

However, in the process of merging and migrating sharded tables, if DDL statements are executed on the upstream tables to modify the table schema, then you need to perform extra operations to migrate the DDL statements so as to avoid the inconsistency between the DML statements produced by the column values and the actual downstream table schema.

Here is a simple example:

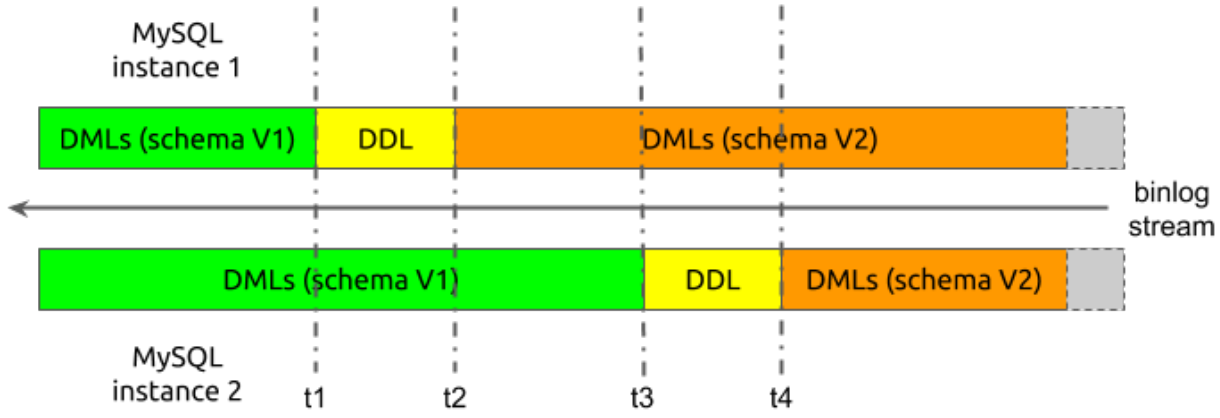


Figure 494: shard-ddl-example-1

In the above example, the merging process is simplified, where only two MySQL instances exist in the upstream and each instance has only one table. When the migration begins, the table schema version of two sharded tables is marked as `schema V1`, and the table schema version after executing DDL statements is marked as `schema V2`.

Now assume that in the migration process, the binlog data received from the two upstream sharded tables has the following time sequence:

1. When the migration begins, the sync unit in DM-worker receives the DML events of `schema V1` from the two sharded tables.
2. At `t1`, the sharding DDL events from instance 1 are received.
3. From `t2` on, the sync unit receives the DML events of `schema V2` from instance 1; but from instance 2, it still receives the DML events of `schema V1`.

4. At `t3`, the sharding DDL events from instance 2 are received.
5. From `t4` on, the sync unit receives the DML events of `schema V2` from instance 2 as well.

Assume that the DDL statements of sharded tables are not processed during the migration process. After DDL statements of instance 1 are migrated to the downstream, the downstream table schema is changed to `schema V2`. But for instance 2, the sync unit in DM-worker is still receiving DML events of `schema V1` from `t2` to `t3`. Therefore, when the DML statements of `schema V1` are migrated to the downstream, the inconsistency between the DML statements and the table schema can cause errors and the data cannot be migrated successfully.

Principles

This section shows how DM migrates DDL statements in the process of merging sharded tables based on the above example in the pessimistic mode.

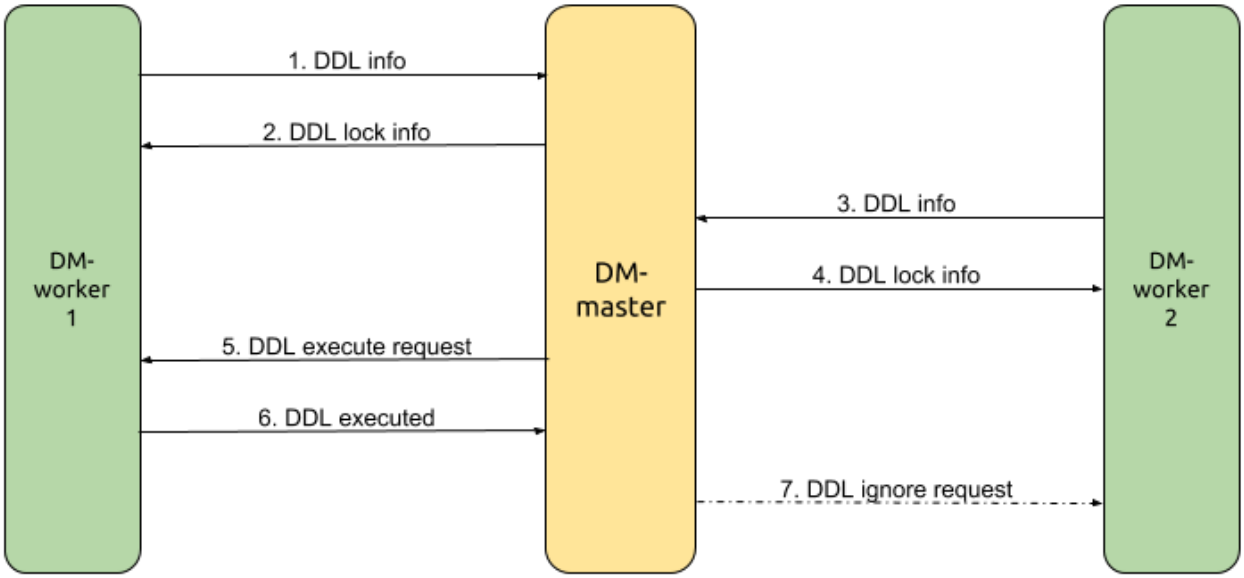


Figure 495: shard-ddl-flow

In this example, `DM-worker-1` migrates the data from MySQL instance 1 and `DM-worker-2` migrates the data from MySQL instance 2. `DM-master` coordinates the DDL migration among multiple DM-workers. Starting from `DM-worker-1` receiving the DDL statements, the DDL migration process is simplified as follows:

1. `DM-worker-1` receives the DDL statement from MySQL instance 1 at `t1`, pauses the data migration of the corresponding DDL and DML statements, and sends the DDL information to `DM-master`.

2. `DM-master` decides that the migration of this DDL statement needs to be coordinated based on the received DDL information, creates a lock for this DDL statement, sends the DDL lock information back to `DM-worker-1` and marks `DM-worker-1` as the owner of this lock at the same time.
3. `DM-worker-2` continues migrating the DML statement until it receives the DDL statement from MySQL instance 2 at `t3`, pauses the data migration of this DDL statement, and sends the DDL information to `DM-master`.
4. `DM-master` decides that the lock of this DDL statement already exists based on the received DDL information, and sends the lock information directly to `DM-worker-2`.
5. Based on the configuration information when the task is started, the sharded table information in the upstream MySQL instances, and the deployment topology information, `DM-master` decides that it has received this DDL statement of all upstream sharded tables to be merged, and requests the owner of the DDL lock (`DM-worker-1`) to migrate this DDL statement to the downstream.
6. `DM-worker-1` verifies the DDL statement execution request based on the DDL lock information received at Step #2, migrates this DDL statement to the downstream, and sends the results to `DM-master`. If this operation is successful, `DM-worker-1` continues migrating the subsequent (starting from the binlog at `t2`) DML statements.
7. `DM-master` receives the response from the lock owner that the DDL is successfully executed, and requests all other DM-workers (`DM-worker-2`) that are waiting for the DDL lock to ignore this DDL statement and then continue to migrate the subsequent (starting from the binlog at `t4`) DML statements.

The characteristics of DM handling the sharding DDL migration among multiple DM-workers can be concluded as follows:

- Based on the task configuration and DM cluster deployment topology information, a logical sharding group is built in `DM-master` to coordinate DDL migration. The group members are DM-workers that handle each sub-task divided from the migration task).
- After receiving the DDL statement from the binlog event, each DM-worker sends the DDL information to `DM-master`.
- `DM-master` creates or updates the DDL lock based on the DDL information received from each DM-worker and the sharding group information.
- If all members of the sharding group receive a same specific DDL statement, this indicates that all DML statements before the DDL execution on the upstream sharded tables have been completely migrated, and this DDL statement can be executed. Then DM can continue to migrate the subsequent DML statements.
- After being converted by the table router, the DDL statement of the upstream sharded tables must be consistent with the DDL statement to be executed in the downstream. Therefore, this DDL statement only needs to be executed once by the DDL owner and all other DM-workers can ignore this DDL statement.

In the above example, only one sharded table needs to be merged in the upstream MySQL instance corresponding to each DM-worker. But in actual scenarios, there might be multiple

sharded tables in multiple sharded schemas to be merged in one MySQL instance. And when this happens, it becomes more complex to coordinate the sharding DDL migration.

Assume that there are two sharded tables, namely `table_1` and `table_2`, to be merged in one MySQL instance:

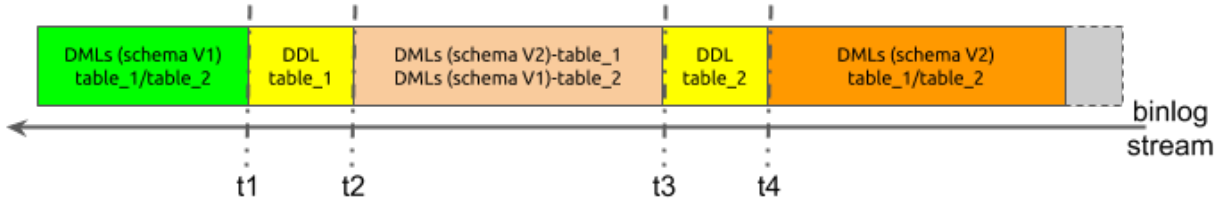


Figure 496: shard-ddl-example-2

Because data comes from the same MySQL instance, all the data is obtained from the same binlog stream. In this case, the time sequence is as follows:

1. The sync unit in DM-worker receives the DML statements of `schema V1` from both sharded tables when the migration begins.
2. At `t1`, the sync unit in DM-worker receives the DDL statements of `table_1`.
3. From `t2` to `t3`, the received data includes the DML statements of `schema V2` from `table_1` and the DML statements of `schema V1` from `table_2`.
4. At `t3`, the sync unit in DM-worker receives the DDL statements of `table_2`.
5. From `t4` on, the sync unit in DM-worker receives the DML statements of `schema V2` from both tables.

If the DDL statements are not processed particularly during the data migration, when the DDL statement of `table_1` is migrated to the downstream and changes the downstream table schema, the DML statement of `schema V1` from `table_2` cannot be migrated successfully. Therefore, within a single DM-worker, a logical sharding group similar to that within `DM-master` is created, except that members of this group are different sharded tables in the same upstream MySQL instance.

But when a DM-worker coordinates the migration of the sharding group within itself, it is not totally the same as that performed by `DM-master`. The reasons are as follows:

- When the DM-worker receives the DDL statement of `table_1`, it cannot pause the migration and needs to continue parsing the binlog to get the subsequent DDL statements of `table_2`. This means it needs to continue parsing between `t2` and `t3`.
- During the binlog parsing process between `t2` and `t3`, the DML statements of `schema V2` from `table_1` cannot be migrated to the downstream until the sharding DDL statement is migrated and successfully executed.

In DM, the simplified migration process of sharding DDL statements within the DM worker is as follows:

1. When receiving the DDL statement of `table_1` at `t1`, the DM-worker records the DDL information and the current position of the binlog.
2. DM-worker continues parsing the binlog between `t2` and `t3`.
3. DM-worker ignores the DML statement with the `schema V2` schema that belongs to `table_1`, and migrates the DML statement with the `schema V1` schema that belongs to `table_2` to the downstream.
4. When receiving the DDL statement of `table_2` at `t3`, the DM-worker records the DDL information and the current position of the binlog.
5. Based on the information of the migration task configuration and the upstream schemas and tables, the DM-worker decides that the DDL statements of all sharded tables in the MySQL instance have been received and migrates them to the downstream to modify the downstream table schema.
6. DM-worker sets the starting point of parsing the new binlog stream to be the position saved at Step #1.
7. DM-worker resumes parsing the binlog between `t2` and `t3`.
8. DM-worker migrates the DML statement with the `schema V2` schema that belongs to `table_1` to the downstream, and ignores the DML statement with the `schema V1` schema that belongs to `table_2`.
9. After parsing the binlog position saved at Step #4, the DM-worker decides that all DML statements that have been ignored in Step #3 have been migrated to the downstream again.
10. DM-worker resumes the migration starting from the binlog position at `t4`.

You can conclude from the above analysis that DM mainly uses two-level sharding groups for coordination and control when handling migration of the sharding DDL. Here is the simplified process:

1. Each DM-worker independently coordinates the DDL statements migration for the corresponding sharding group composed of multiple sharded tables within the upstream MySQL instance.
2. After the DM-worker receives the DDL statements of all sharded tables, it sends the DDL information to `DM-master`.
3. `DM-master` coordinates the DDL migration of the sharding group composed of the DM-workers based on the received DDL information.
4. After receiving the DDL information from all DM-workers, `DM-master` requests the DDL lock owner (a specific DM-worker) to execute the DDL statement.
5. The DDL lock owner executes the DDL statement and returns the result to `DM-master` ↪ . Then the owner restarts the migration of the previously ignored DML statements during the internal coordination of DDL migration.
6. After `DM-master` confirms that the owner has successfully executed the DDL statement, it asks all other DM-workers to continue the migration.

7. All other DM-workers separately restart the migration of the previously ignored DML statements during the internal coordination of DDL migration.
8. After finishing migrating the ignored DML statements again, all DM-workers resume the normal migration process.

13.6.7.1.3 Merge and Migrate Data from Sharded Tables in Optimistic Mode

This document introduces the sharding support feature provided by Data Migration (DM) in the optimistic mode. This feature allows you to merge and migrate the data of tables with the same or different table schema(s) in the upstream MySQL or MariaDB instances into one same table in the downstream TiDB.

> **Note:**
>
> If you do not have an in-depth understanding of the optimistic mode and its restrictions, it is **NOT** recommended to use this mode. Otherwise, migration interruption or even data inconsistency might occur.

Background

DM supports executing DDL statements on sharded tables online, which is called sharding DDL, and uses the "pessimistic mode" by default. In this mode, when a DDL statement is executed in an upstream sharded table, data migration of this table is paused until the same DDL statement is executed in all other sharded tables. Only by then this DDL statement is executed in the downstream and data migration resumes.

The pessimistic mode guarantees that the data migrated to the downstream is always correct, but it pauses the data migration, which is bad for making A/B changes in the upstream. In some cases, users might spend a long time executing DDL statements in a single sharded table and change the schemas of other sharded tables only after a period of validation. In the pessimistic mode, these DDL statements block data migration and cause many binlog events to pile up.

Therefore, an "optimistic mode" is needed. In this mode, a DDL statement executed on a sharded table is automatically converted to a statement that is compatible with other sharded tables, and then immediately migrated to the downstream. In this way, the DDL statement does not block any sharded table from executing DML migration.

Configuration of the optimistic mode

To use the optimistic mode, specify the `shard-mode` item in the task configuration file as `optimistic`. You can restrict the behavior of the optimistic mode by enabling the `strict-optimistic-shard-mode` configuration. For the detailed sample configuration file, see DM Advanced Task Configuration File.

Restrictions

It takes some risks to use the optimistic mode. Follow these rules when you use it:

- Ensure that the schema of every sharded table is consistent with each other before and after you execute a batch of DDL statements.
- If you perform an A/B test, perform the test **ONLY** on one sharded table.
- After the A/B test is finished, migrate only the most direct DDL statement(s) to the final schema. Do not re-execute every right or wrong step of the test.

  For example, if you have executed `ADD COLUMN A INT; DROP COLUMN A; ADD COLUMN A FLOAT;` in a sharded table, you only need to execute `ADD COLUMN A FLOAT` in other sharded tables. You do not need to execute all of the three DDL statements again.
- Observe the status of the DM migration when executing the DDL statement. When an error is reported, you need to determine whether this batch of DDL statements will cause data inconsistency.

In the optimistic mode, most of the DDL statements executed in the upstream are automatically migrated to the downstream with no extra effort required. These DDL statements are called "Type 1 DDL".

DDL statements that change the column name, the column type, or the column default value are called "Type 2 DDL". When you execute Type 2 DDL statements in the upstream, make sure that you execute the DDL statements in all sharded tables in the same order.

Some examples of Type 2 DDL statements are as follows:

- Alter the type of a column: `ALTER TABLE table_name MODIFY COLUMN column_name VARCHAR(20).`
- Rename a column: `ALTER TABLE table_name RENAME COLUMN column_1 TO column_2;.`
- Add a `NOT NULL` column without a default value: `ALTER TABLE table_name ADD COLUMN column_1 NOT NULL;.`
- Rename an index: `ALTER TABLE table_name RENAME INDEX index_1 TO index_2;.`

When the sharded tables execute the DDL statements above, if `strict-optimistic-shard-mode: true` is set, the task is directly interrupted and an error is reported. If `strict-optimistic-shard-mode: false` is set or not specified, different execution order of the DDL statements in sharded tables will cause migration interruption. For example:

- Shard 1 renames a column and then alters the column type:
  1. Rename a column: `ALTER TABLE table_name RENAME COLUMN column_1 TO column_2;.`

2. Alter the column type: `ALTER TABLE table_name MODIFY COLUMN column_3 VARCHAR(20);`.

- Shard 2 alters a column type and then renames the column:

1. Alter a column type: `ALTER TABLE table_name MODIFY COLUMN column_3 VARCHAR(20)`.
2. Rename a column: `ALTER TABLE table_name RENAME COLUMN column_1 TO column_2;`.

In addition, the following restrictions apply to both the optimistic mode and the pessimistic mode:

- `DROP TABLE` or `DROP DATABASE` is not supported.
- `TRUNCATE TABLE` is not supported.
- Each DDL statement must involve operations on only one table.
- The DDL statement that is not supported in TiDB is also not supported in DM.
- The default value of a newly added column must not contain `current_timestamp`, `rand()`, `uuid()`; otherwise, data inconsistency between the upstream and the downstream might occur.

Risks

When you use the optimistic mode for a migration task, a DDL statement is migrated to the downstream immediately. If this mode is misused, data inconsistency between the upstream and the downstream might occur.

Operations that cause data inconsistency

- The schema of each sharded table is incompatible with each other. For example:
  - Two columns of the same name are added to two sharded tables respectively, but the columns are of different types.
  - Two columns of the same name are added to two sharded tables respectively, but the columns have different default values.
  - Two generated columns of the same name are added to two sharded tables respectively, but the columns are generated using different expressions.
  - Two indexes of the same name are added to two sharded tables respectively, but the keys are different.
  - Other different table schemas with the same name.
- Execute the DDL statement that can corrupt data in the sharded table and then try to roll back.

  For example, drop a column `X` and then add this column back.

Example

Merge and migrate the following three sharded tables to TiDB:

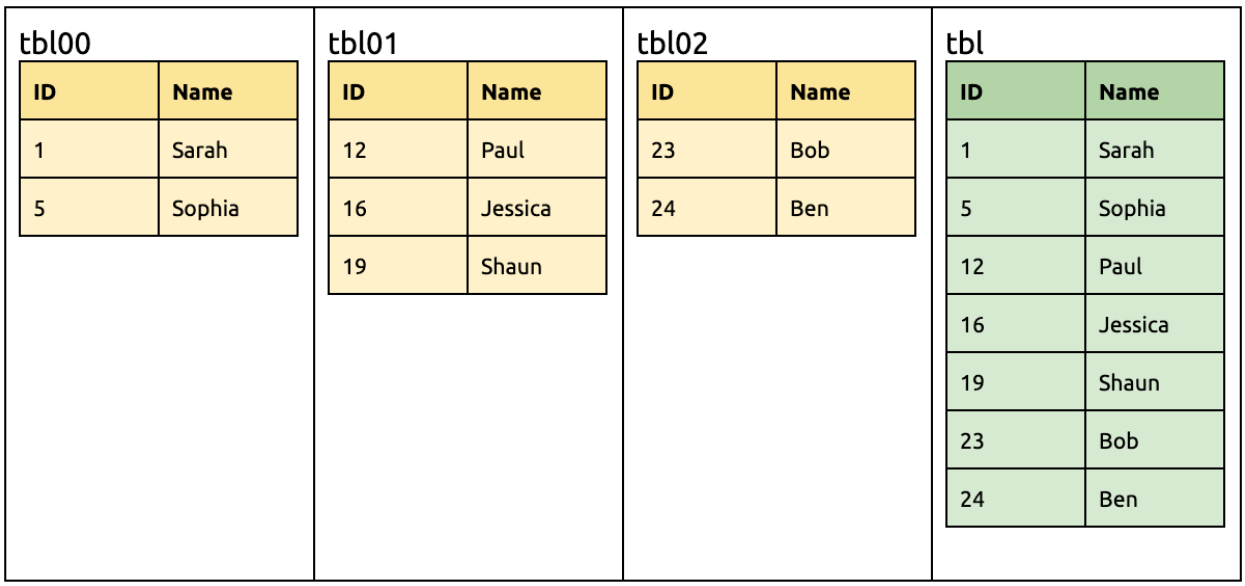


Figure 497: optimistic-ddl-fail-example-1

Add a new column `Age` in `tbl01` and set the default value of the column to `0`:

```
ALTER TABLE `tbl01` ADD COLUMN `Age` INT DEFAULT 0;
```

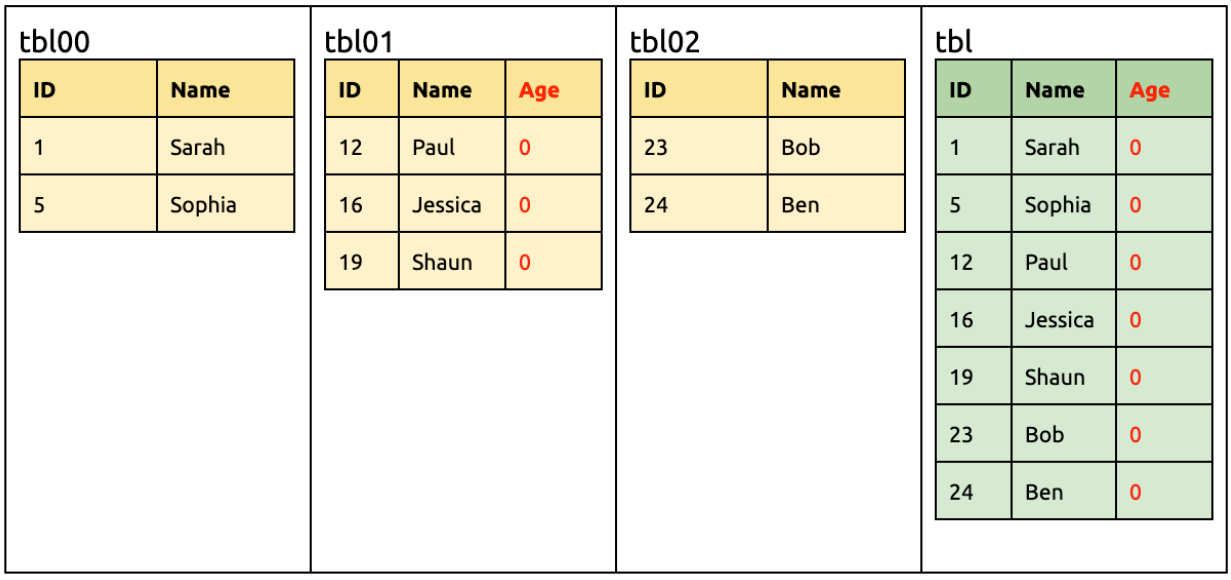


Figure 498: optimistic-ddl-fail-example-2

Add a new column `Age` in `tbl00` and set the default value of the column to `-1`:

```
ALTER TABLE `tbl00` ADD COLUMN `Age` INT DEFAULT -1;
```

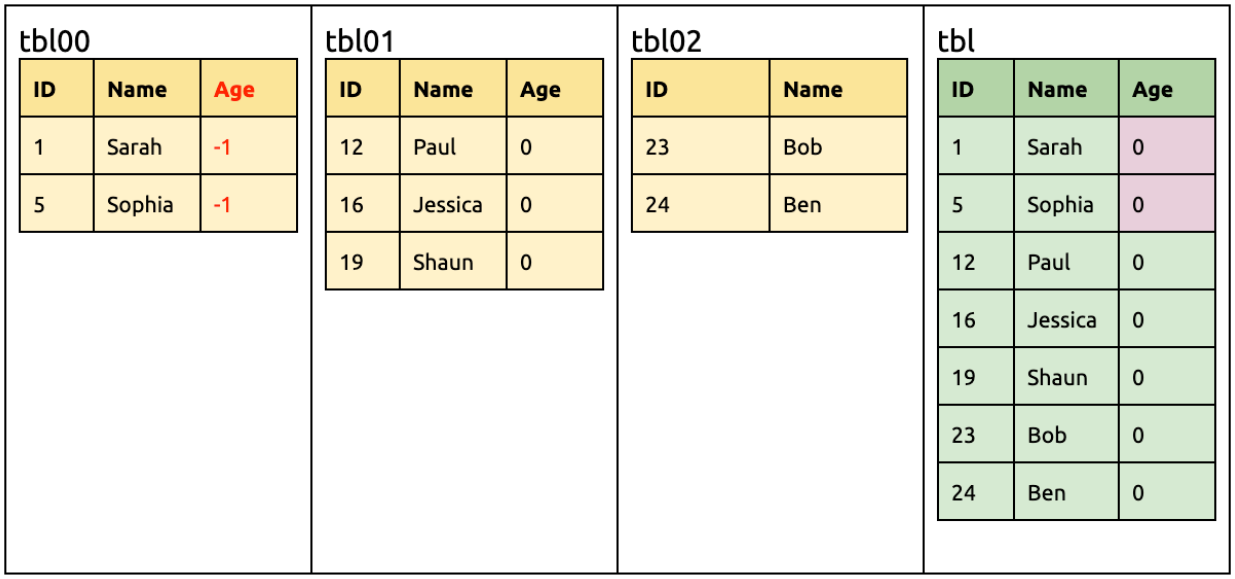


Figure 499: optimistic-ddl-fail-example-3

By then, the `Age` column of `tbl00` is inconsistent because `DEFAULT 0` and `DEFAULT -1` are incompatible with each other. In this situation, DM will report the error, but you have to manually fix the data inconsistency.

Implementation principle

In the optimistic mode, after DM-worker receives the DDL statement from the upstream, it forwards the updated table schema to DM-master. DM-worker tracks the current schema of each sharded table, and DM-master merges these schemas into a composite schema that is compatible with DML statements of every sharded table. Then DM-master migrates the corresponding DDL statement to the downstream. DML statements are directly migrated to the downstream.

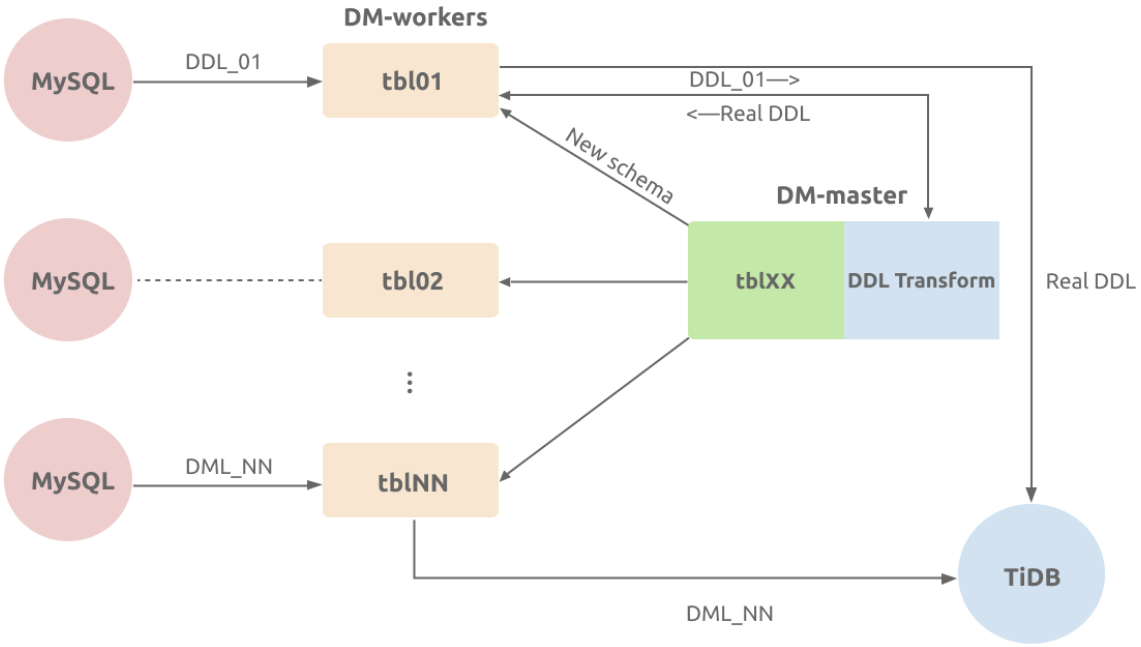


Figure 500: optimistic-ddl-flow

Examples

Assume the upstream MySQL has three sharded tables (`tbl00`, `tbl01`, and `tbl02`). Merge and migrate these sharded tables to the `tbl` table in the downstream TiDB. See the following image:

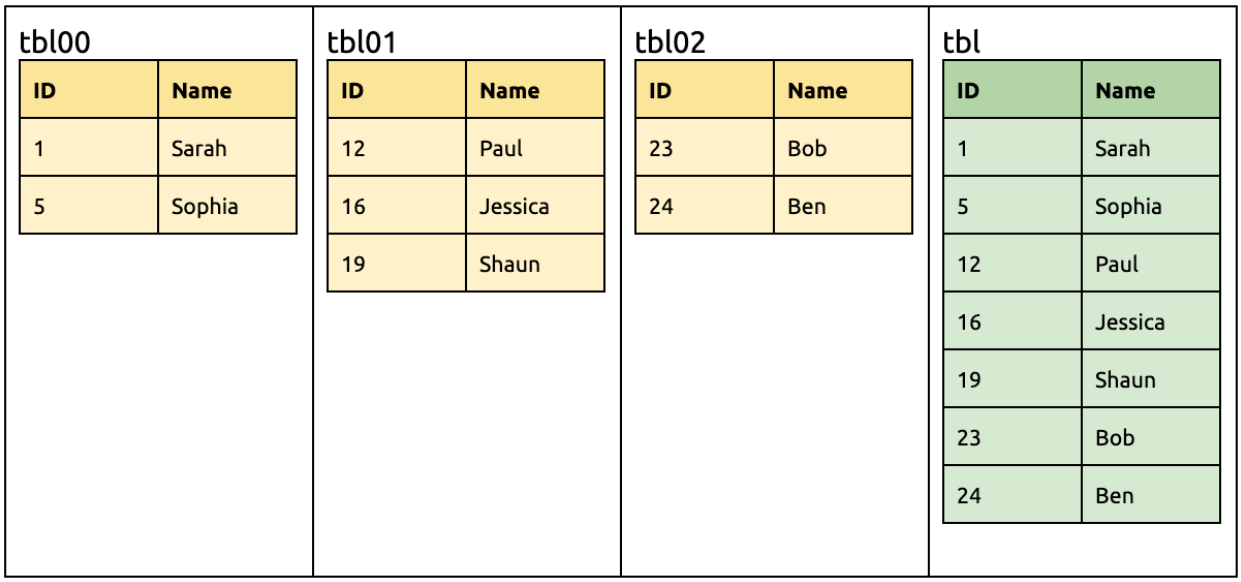


Figure 501: optimistic-ddl-example-1

Add a `Level` column in the upstream:

```
ALTER TABLE `tbl00` ADD COLUMN `Level` INT;
```

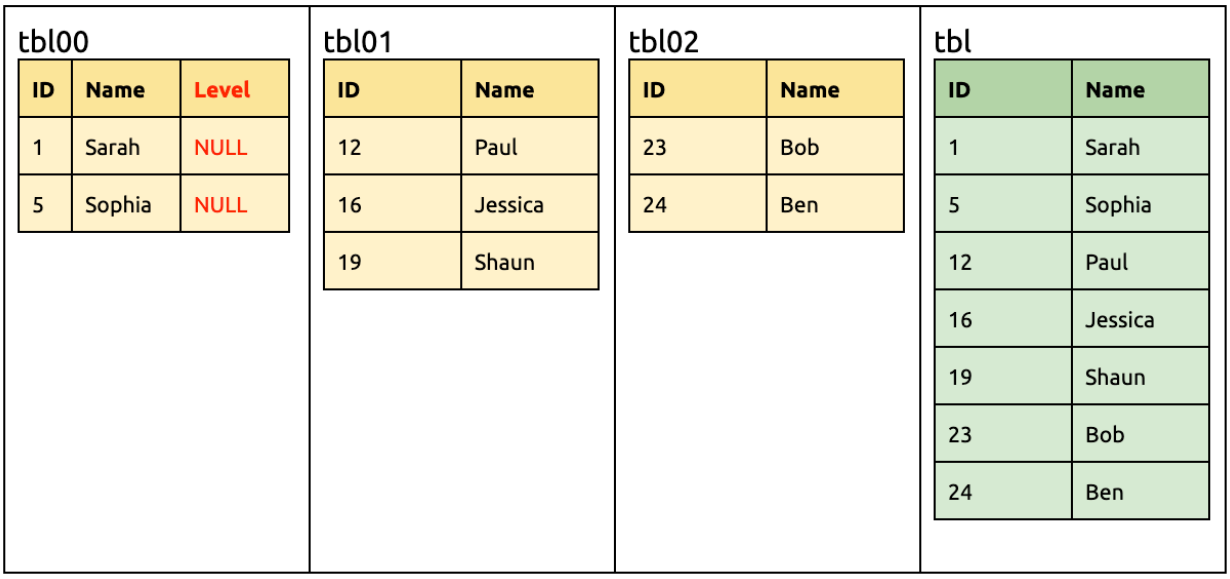


Figure 502: optimistic-ddl-example-2

Then TiDB will receive the DML statement from `tbl00` (with the `Level` column) and the DML statement from the `tbl01` and `tbl02` tables (without the `Level` column).

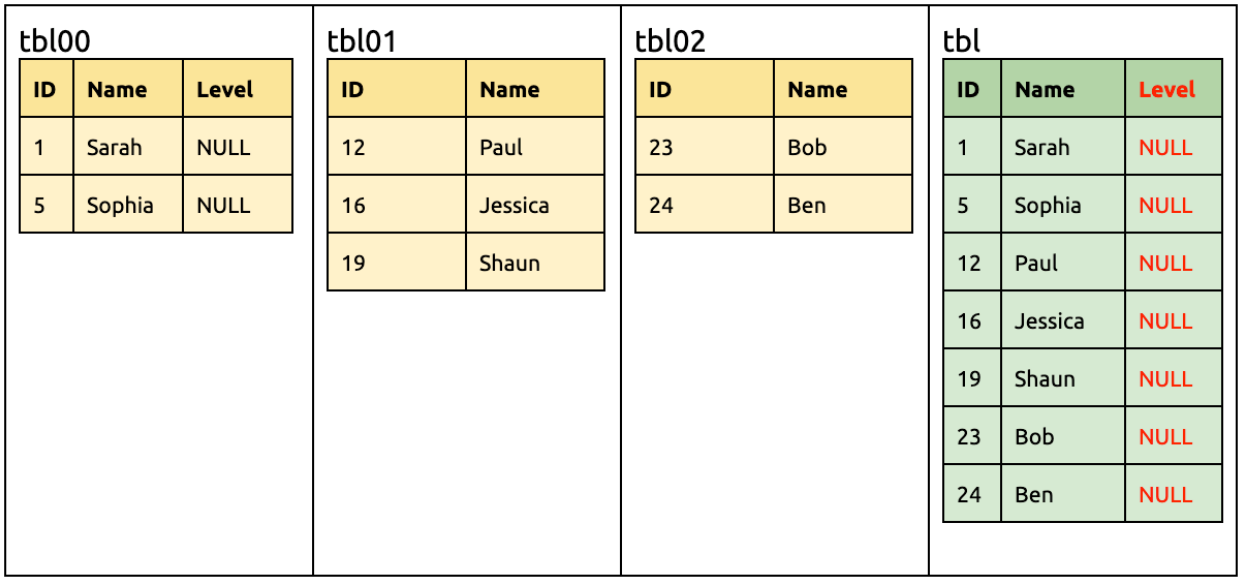


Figure 503: optimistic-ddl-example-3

The following DML statements can be migrated to the downstream without any modification:

```
UPDATE `tbl00` SET `Level` = 9 WHERE `ID` = 1;
INSERT INTO `tbl02` (`ID`, `Name`) VALUES (27, 'Tony');
```

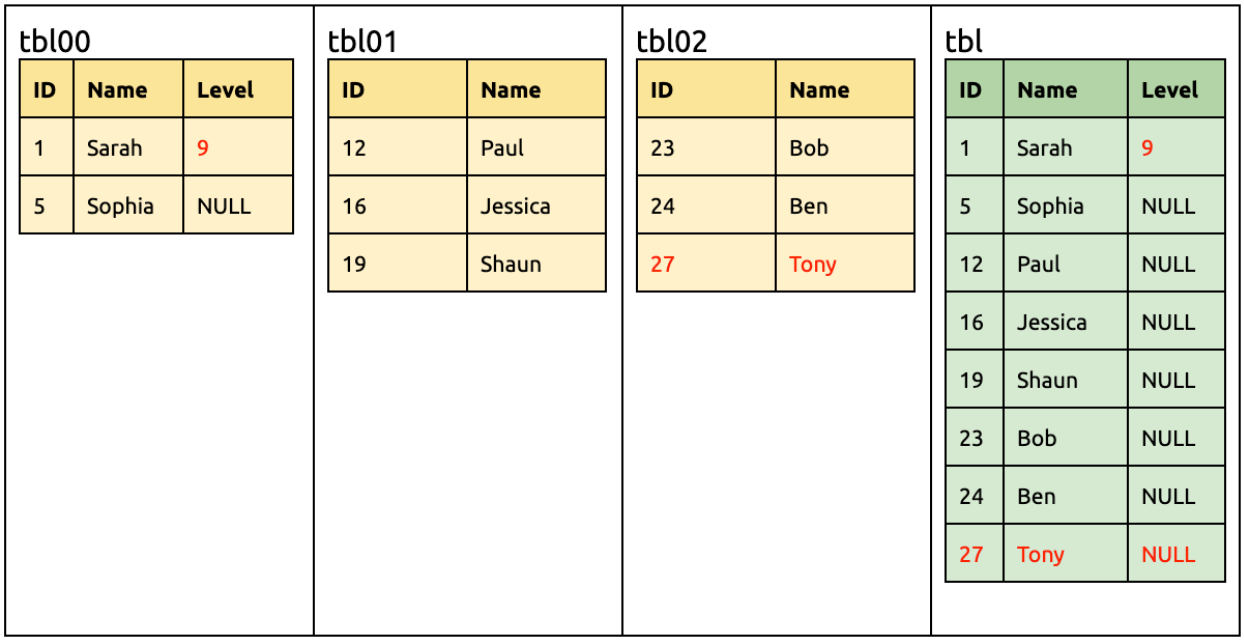


Figure 504: optimistic-ddl-example-4

Also add a `Level` column in `tbl01`:

```
ALTER TABLE `tbl01` ADD COLUMN `Level` INT;
```

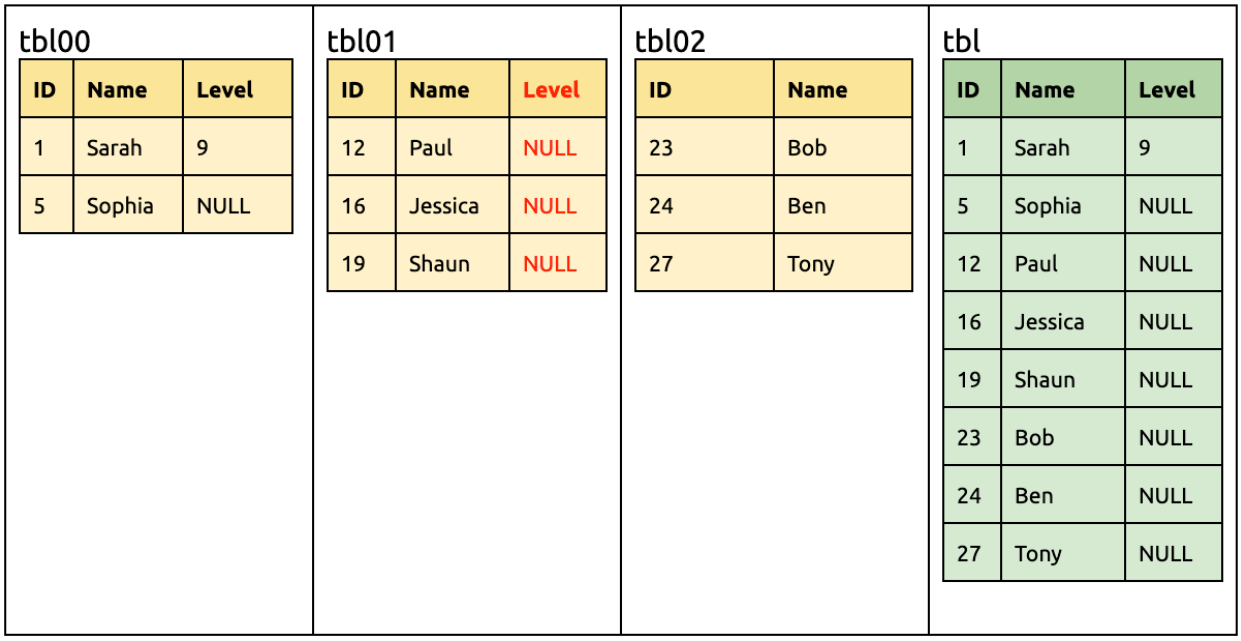


Figure 505: optimistic-ddl-example-5

At this time, the downstream already have had the same `Level` column, so DM-master performs no operation after comparing the table schemas.

Drop a `Name` column in `tbl01`:

```
ALTER TABLE `tbl01` DROP COLUMN `Name`;
```

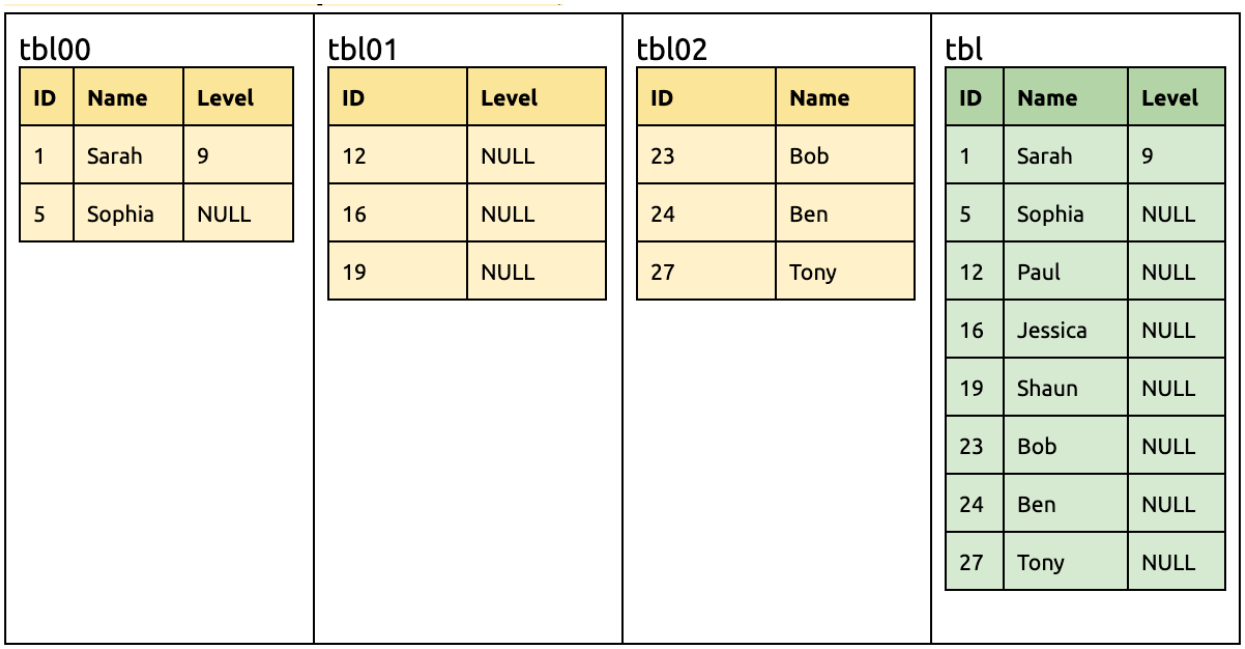


Figure 506: optimistic-ddl-example-6

Then the downstream will receive the DML statements from `tbl00` and `tbl02` with the `Name` column, so this column is not immediately dropped.

In the same way, all DML statements can still be migrated to the downstream:

```
INSERT INTO `tbl01` (`ID`, `Level`) VALUES (15, 7);
UPDATE `tbl00` SET `Level` = 5 WHERE `ID` = 5;
```

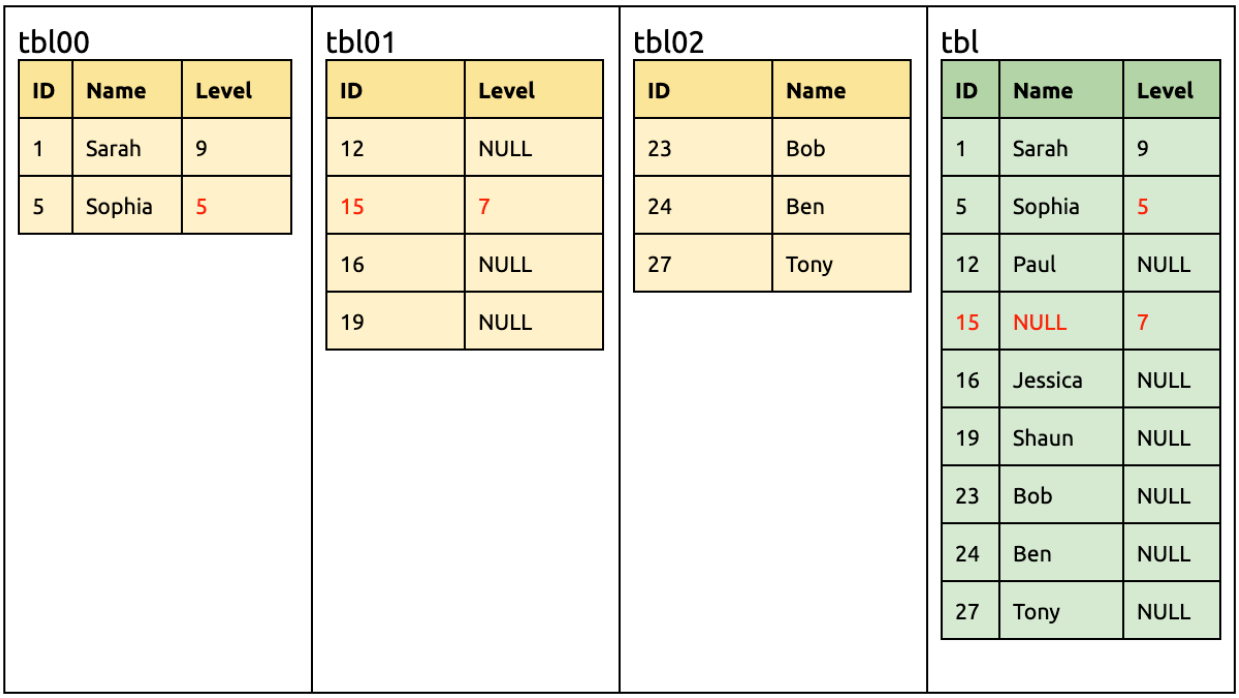


Figure 507: optimistic-ddl-example-7

Add a `Level` column in `tbl02`:

```
ALTER TABLE `tbl02` ADD COLUMN `Level` INT;
```

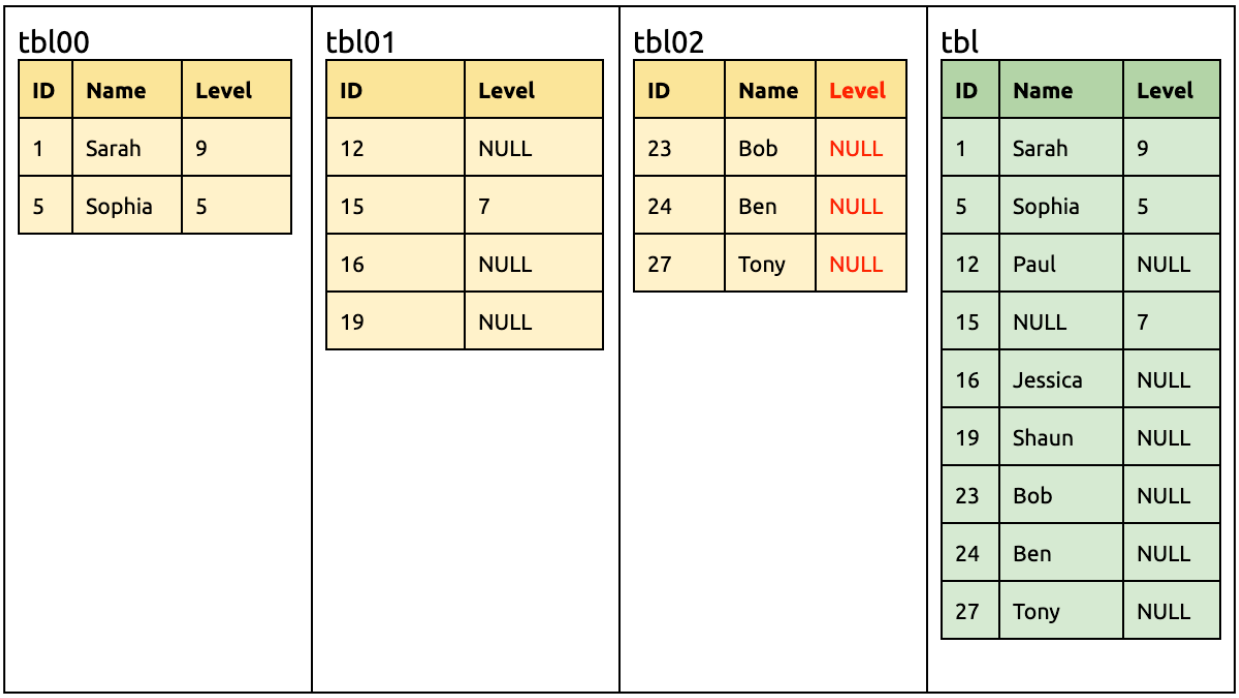
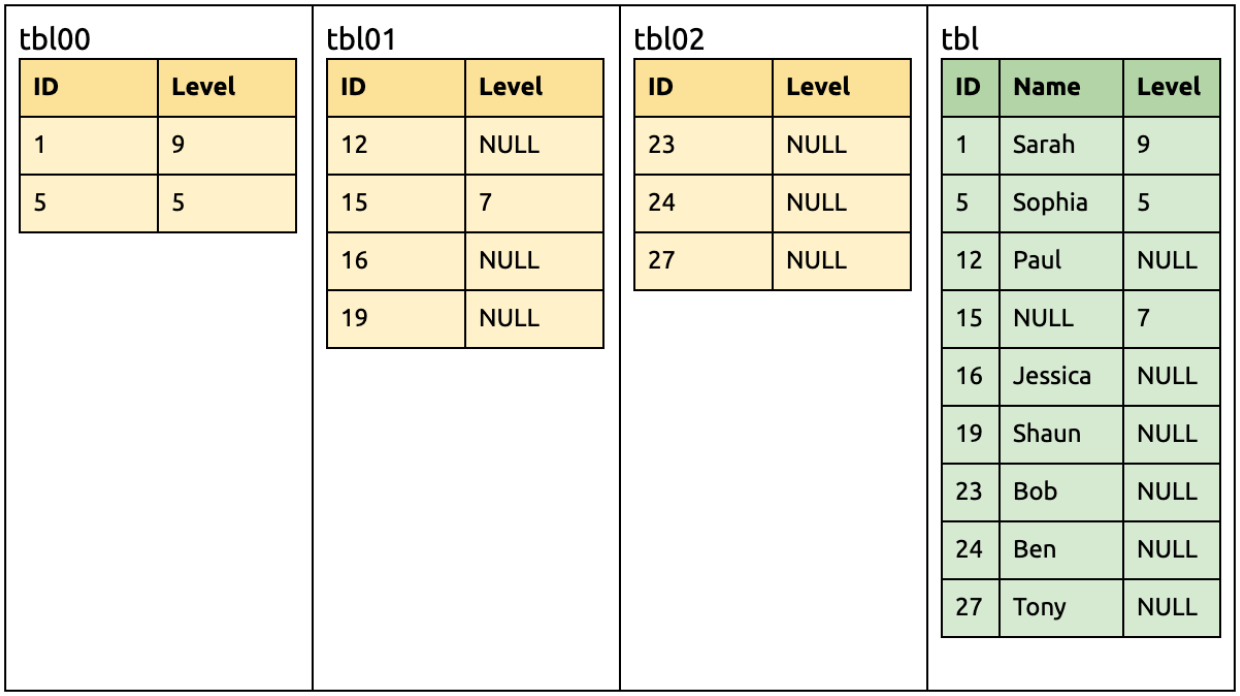


Figure 508: optimistic-ddl-example-8

By then, all sharded tables have the `Level` column.

Drop the `Name` columns in `tbl00` and `tbl02` respectively:

```
ALTER TABLE `tbl00` DROP COLUMN `Name`;
ALTER TABLE `tbl02` DROP COLUMN `Name`;
```



tbl00

ID	Level
1	9
5	5

tbl01

ID	Level
12	NULL
15	7
16	NULL
19	NULL

tbl02

ID	Level
23	NULL
24	NULL
27	NULL

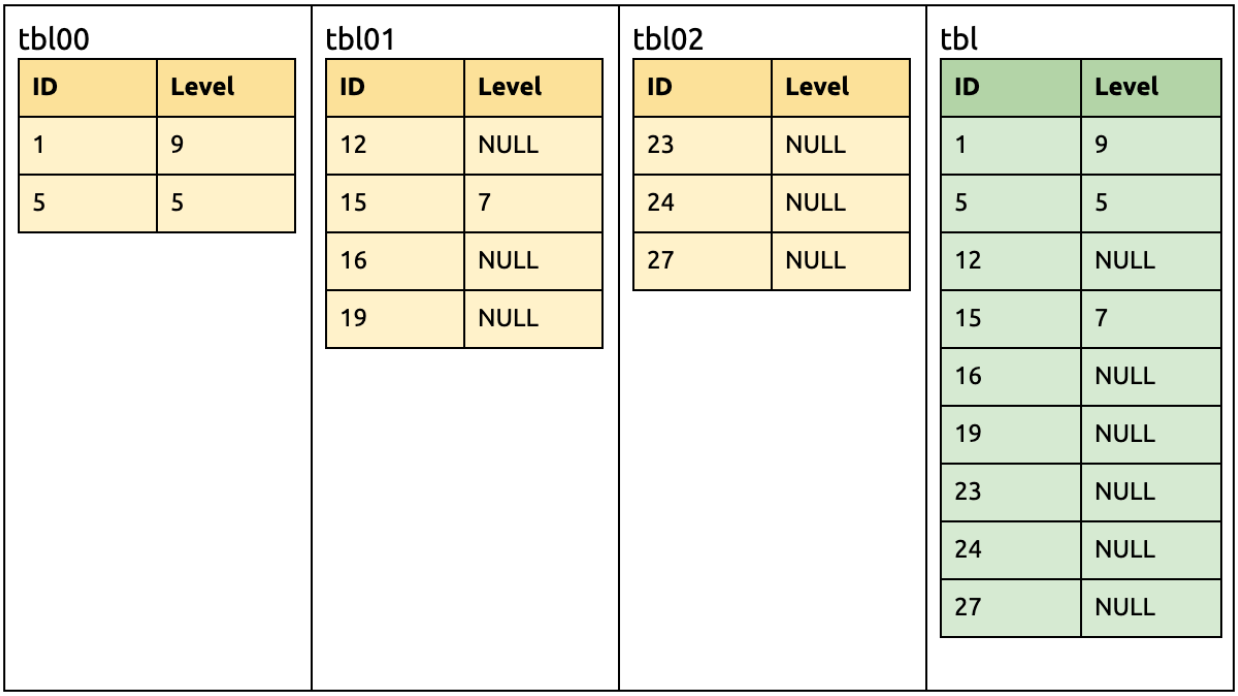
tbl

ID	Name	Level
1	Sarah	9
5	Sophia	5
12	Paul	NULL
15	NULL	7
16	Jessica	NULL
19	Shaun	NULL
23	Bob	NULL
24	Ben	NULL
27	Tony	NULL

Figure 509: optimistic-ddl-example-9

By then, the `Name` columns are dropped from all sharded tables and can be safely dropped in the downstream:

```
ALTER TABLE `tbl` DROP COLUMN `Name`;
```



tbl00

ID	Level
1	9
5	5

tbl01

ID	Level
12	NULL
15	7
16	NULL
19	NULL

tbl02

ID	Level
23	NULL
24	NULL
27	NULL

tbl

ID	Level
1	9
5	5
12	NULL
15	7
16	NULL
19	NULL
23	NULL
24	NULL
27	NULL

Figure 510: optimistic-ddl-example-10

13.6.7.1.4 Handle Sharding DDL Locks Manually in DM

DM uses the sharding DDL lock to ensure operations are performed in the correct order. This locking mechanism resolves sharding DDL locks automatically in most cases, but you need to use the `shard-ddl-lock` command to manually handle the abnormal DDL locks in some abnormal scenarios.

Note:

- This document only applies to the processing of sharding DDL lock in pessimistic coordination mode.
- The commands in the Command usage sections in this document are in interactive mode. In command-line mode, you need to add the escape characters to avoid an error report.
- Do not use `shard-ddl-lock unlock` unless you are totally aware of the possible impacts brought by the command and you can accept them.
- Before manually handling the abnormal DDL locks, make sure that you have already read the DM shard merge principles.

Command

`shard-ddl-lock`

You can use this command to view the DDL lock and request DM-master to release the specified DDL lock. This command is only supported in DM v6.0 and later. For earlier versions, you must use the `show-ddl-locks` and `unlock-ddl-locks` commands.

```
shard-ddl-lock -h
```

```
maintain or show shard-ddl locks information
Usage:
  dmctl shard-ddl-lock [task] [flags]
  dmctl shard-ddl-lock [command]
Available Commands:
  unlock    Unlock un-resolved DDL locks forcely
Flags:
  -h, --help help for shard-ddl-lock
Global Flags:
  -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID.
Use "dmctl shard-ddl-lock [command] --help" for more information about a
    ↪ command.
```

Arguments description

- `shard-ddl-lock [task] [flags]`: view the DDL lock information on the current DM-master.
- `shard-ddl-lock [command]`: request DM-master to release the specified DDL lock. `[command]` only accepts `unlock` as a value.

Usage examples

`shard-ddl-lock [task] [flags]`

You can use `shard-ddl-lock [task] [flags]` to view the DDL lock information on the current DM-master. For example:

```
shard-ddl-lock test
```

Expected output

```
{
    "result": true,                                 # The result of the
       ↪ query for the lock information.
    "msg": "",                                      # The additional message
       ↪  for the failure to query the lock information or other
       ↪ descriptive information (for example, the lock task does not exist
       ↪ ).
```

```
    "locks": [                                  # The existing lock
        ↪ information list.
        {
            "ID": "test-`shard_db`.`shard_table`",   # The lock ID, which is
                ↪ made up of the current task name and the schema/table
                ↪ information corresponding to the DDL.
            "task": "test",                     # The name of the task
                ↪ to which the lock belongs.
            "mode": "pessimistic"               # The shard DDL mode.
                ↪ Can be set to "pessimistic" or "optimistic".
            "owner": "mysql-replica-01",        # The owner of the lock
                ↪ (the ID of the first source that encounters this DDL
                ↪ operation in the pessimistic mode), which is always empty
                ↪ in the optimistic mode.
            "DDLs": [                           # The list of DDL
                ↪ operations corresponding to the lock in the pessimistic
                ↪ mode, which is always empty in the optimistic mode.
                "USE `shard_db`; ALTER TABLE `shard_db`.`shard_table` DROP
                    ↪ COLUMN `c2`;"
            ],
            "synced": [                         # The list of sources
                ↪ that have received all sharding DDL events in the
                ↪ corresponding MySQL instance.
                "mysql-replica-01"
            ],
            "unsynced": [                       # The list of sources
                ↪ that have not yet received all sharding DDL events in the
                ↪ corresponding MySQL instance.
                "mysql-replica-02"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

`shard-ddl-lock unlock`

This command actively requests `DM-master` to unlock the specified DDL lock, including requesting the owner to execute the DDL statement, requesting all other DM-workers that are not the owner to skip the DDL statement, and removing the lock information on `DM-master`.

Note:

> Currently, `shard-ddl-lock unlock` takes effect only for the lock in the `pessimistic` mode.

```
shard-ddl-lock unlock -h
```

```
Unlock un-resolved DDL locks forcely

Usage:
  dmctl shard-ddl-lock unlock <lock-id> [flags]

Flags:
  -a, --action string  accept skip/exec values which means whether to skip
      ↪ or execute ddls (default "skip")
  -d, --database string database name of the table
  -f, --force-remove   force to remove DDL lock
  -h, --help           help for unlock
  -o, --owner string   source to replace the default owner
  -t, --table string   table name

Global Flags:
  -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID.
```

`shard-ddl-lock unlock` accepts the following arguments:

- `-o, --owner`:
  - Flag; string; optional
  - If it is not specified, this command requests for the default owner (the owner in the result of `shard-ddl-lock`) to execute the DDL statement; if it is specified, this command requests for the MySQL source (the alternative of the default owner) to execute the DDL statement.
  - The new owner should not be specified unless the original owner is already removed from the cluster.
- `-f, --force-remove`:
  - Flag; boolean; optional
  - If it is not specified, this command removes the lock information only when the owner succeeds to execute the DDL statement; if it is specified, this command forcefully removes the lock information even though the owner fails to execute the DDL statement (after doing this you cannot query or operate on the lock again).
- `lock-id`:

- Non-flag; string; required
- It specifies the ID of the DDL lock that needs to be unlocked (the `ID` in the result of `shard-ddl-lock`).

The following is an example of the `shard-ddl-lock unlock` command:

```
shard-ddl-lock unlock test-`shard_db`.`shard_table`
```

```
{
    "result": true,                                     # The result of the
        ↪ unlocking operation.
    "msg": "",                                          # The additional message
        ↪  for the failure to unlock the lock.
}
```

Supported scenarios

Currently, the `shard-ddl-lock unlock` command only supports handling sharding DDL locks in the following two abnormal scenarios.

Scenario 1: Some MySQL sources are removed

The reason for the abnormal lock

Before `DM-master` tries to automatically unlock the sharding DDL lock, all the MySQL sources need to receive the sharding DDL events (for details, see shard merge principles). If the sharding DDL event is already in the migration process, and some MySQL sources have been removed and are not to be reloaded (these MySQL sources have been removed according to the application demand), then the sharding DDL lock cannot be automatically migrated and unlocked because not all the DM-workers can receive the DDL event.

> **Note:**
>
> If you need to make some DM-workers offline when not in the process of migrating sharding DDL events, a better solution is to use `stop-task` to stop the running tasks first, make the DM-workers go offline, remove the corresponding configuration information from the task configuration file, and finally use `start-task` and the new task configuration to restart the migration task.

Manual solution

Suppose that there are two instances `MySQL-1` (`mysql-replica-01`) and `MySQL-2` (`mysql-replica-02`) in the upstream, and there are two tables `shard_db_1.shard_table_1` and `shard_db_1.shard_table_2` in `MySQL-1` and two tables `shard_db_2.shard_table_1`

and `shard_db_2.shard_table_2` in `MySQL-2`. Now we need to merge the four tables and migrate them into the table `shard_db.shard_table` in the downstream TiDB.

The initial table structure is:

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE shard_db_1.shard_table_1;
+---------------+-----------------------------------------+
| Table         | Create Table                            |
+---------------+-----------------------------------------+
| shard_table_1 | CREATE TABLE `shard_table_1` (
  `c1` int NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`c1`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1 |
+---------------+-----------------------------------------+
```

The following DDL operation will be executed on the upstream sharded tables to alter the table structure:

```
ALTER TABLE shard_db_*.shard_table_* ADD COLUMN c2 INT;
```

The operation processes of MySQL and DM are as follows:

1. The corresponding DDL operations are executed on the two sharded tables of `mysql-replica-01` to alter the table structures.

   ```
   ALTER TABLE shard_db_1.shard_table_1 ADD COLUMN c2 INT;
   ```

   ```
   ALTER TABLE shard_db_1.shard_table_2 ADD COLUMN c2 INT;
   ```

2. DM-worker sends the received DDL information of the two sharded tables of `mysql-replica-01` to DM-master, and DM-master creates the corresponding DDL lock.

3. Use `shard-ddl-lock` to check the information of the current DDL lock.

   ```
   » shard-ddl-lock test
   {
       "result": true,
       "msg": "",
       "locks": [
           {
               "ID": "test-`shard_db`.`shard_table`",
               "task": "test",
               "mode": "pessimistic"
               "owner": "mysql-replica-01",
               "DDLs": [
                   "USE `shard_db`; ALTER TABLE `shard_db`.`shard_table` ADD
                       ↪  COLUMN `c2` int;"
   ```

```
            ],
            "synced": [
                "mysql-replica-01"
            ],
            "unsynced": [
                "mysql-replica-02"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

4. Due to the application demand, the data corresponding to `mysql-replica-02` is no longer needed to be migrated to the downstream TiDB, and `mysql-replica-02` is removed.

5. The lock whose ID is `test-`shard_db`.`shard_table`` on `DM-master` cannot receive the DDL information of `mysql-replica-02`.

    - The returned result `unsynced` by `shard-ddl-lock` has always included the information of `mysql-replica-02`.

6. Use `shard-ddl-lock unlock` to request `DM-master` to actively unlock the DDL lock.

    - If the owner of the DDL lock has gone offline, you can use the parameter `--owner` to specify another DM-worker as the new owner to execute the DDL.
    - If any MySQL source reports an error, `result` will be set to `false`, and at this point you should check carefully if the errors of each MySQL source is acceptable and within expectations.

    ```
    shard-ddl-lock unlock test-`shard_db`.`shard_table`
    ```

    ```
    {
        "result": true,
        "msg": ""
    ```

7. Use `shard-ddl-lock` to confirm if the DDL lock is unlocked successfully.

```
» shard-ddl-lock test
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "no DDL lock exists",
    "locks": [
    ]
}
```

8. Check whether the table structure is altered successfully in the downstream TiDB.

```
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE shard_db.shard_table;
+-------------+-------------------------------------------------------+
| Table       | Create Table                                          |
+-------------+-------------------------------------------------------+
| shard_table | CREATE TABLE `shard_table` (
  `c1` int NOT NULL,
  `c2` int DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`c1`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1 COLLATE=latin1_bin |
+-------------+-------------------------------------------------------+
```

9. Use `query-status` to confirm if the migration task is normal.

Impact

After you have manually unlocked the lock by using `shard-ddl-lock unlock`, if you don't deal with the offline MySQL sources included in the task configuration information, the lock might still be unable to be migrated automatically when the next sharding DDL event is received.

Therefore, after you have manually unlocked the DDL lock, you should perform the following operations:

1. Use `stop-task` to stop the running tasks.
2. Update the task configuration file, and remove the related information of the offline MySQL source from the configuration file.
3. Use `start-task` and the new task configuration file to restart the task.

> **Note:**
>
> After you run `shard-ddl-lock unlock`, if the MySQL source that went offline is reloaded and the DM-worker tries to migrate the data of the sharded tables, a match error between the data and the downstream table structure might occur.

Scenario 2: Some DM-workers stop abnormally or the network failure occurs during the DDL unlocking process

The reason for the abnormal lock

After `DM-master` receives the DDL events of all DM-workers, automatically running `unlock DDL lock` mainly include the following steps:

1. Ask the owner of the lock to execute the DDL and update the checkpoints of corresponding sharded tables.
2. Remove the DDL lock information stored on `DM-master` after the owner successfully executes the DDL.
3. Ask all other non-owners to skip the DDL and update the checkpoints of corresponding sharded tables after the owner successfully executes the DDL.
4. DM-master removes the corresponding DDL lock information after all the owners or non-owners' operations are successful.

Currently, the above unlocking process is not atomic. If the non-owner skips the DDL operation successfully, the DM-worker where the non-owner is located stops abnormally or a network anomaly occurs with the downstream TiDB, which can cause the checkpoint updating to fail.

When the MySQL source corresponding to the non-owner restores data migration, the non-owner tries to request the DM-master to re-coordinate the DDL operation that has been coordinated before the exception occurs and will never receives the corresponding DDL operation from other MySQL sources. This can cause the DDL operation to automatically unlock the corresponding lock.

Manual solution

Suppose that now we have the same upstream and downstream table structures and the same demand for merging tables and migration as in the manual solution of Some MySQL sources are removed.

When `DM-master` automatically executes the unlocking process, the owner (`mysql-replica-01`) successfully executes the DDL and continues the migration process. However, in the process of requesting the non-owner (`mysql-replica-02`) to skip the DDL operation, the checkpoint fails to update after the DM-worker skips the DDL operation because the corresponding DM-worker was restarted.

After the data migration subtask corresponding to `mysql-replica-02` restores, a new lock is created on the DM-master, but other MySQL sources have executed or skipped DDL operations and are performing subsequent migration.

The operation processes are:

1. Use `shard-ddl-lock` to confirm if the corresponding lock of the DDL exists on `DM-master`.

   Only `mysql-replica-02` is at the `synced` state.

```
» shard-ddl-lock
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "locks": [
        {
```

```
            "ID": "test-`shard_db`.`shard_table`",
            "task": "test",
            "mode": "pessimistic"
            "owner": "mysql-replica-02",
            "DDLs": [
                "USE `shard_db`; ALTER TABLE `shard_db`.`shard_table` ADD
                    ↪  COLUMN `c2` int;"
            ],
            "synced": [
                "mysql-replica-02"
            ],
            "unsynced": [
                "mysql-replica-01"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

2. Use `shard-ddl-lock` to ask `DM-master` to unlock the lock.

    - During the unlocking process, the owner tries to execute the DDL operation to the downstream again (the original owner before restarting has executed the DDL operation to the downstream once). Make sure that the DDL operation can be executed multiple times.

```
shard-ddl-lock unlock test-`shard_db`.`shard_table`
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
}
```

3. Use `shard-ddl-lock` to confirm if the DDL lock has been successfully unlocked.
4. Use `query-status` to confirm if the migration task is normal.

Impact

After manually unlocking the lock, the following sharding DDL can be migrated automatically and normally.

13.6.7.2 Migrate from Databases that Use GH-ost/PT-osc

In production scenarios, table locking during DDL execution can block the reads from or writes to the database to a certain extent. Therefore, online DDL tools are often used to execute DDLs to minimize the impact on reads and writes. Common DDL tools are gh-ost and pt-osc.

When using DM to migrate data from MySQL to TiDB, you can enable online-ddl to allow collaboration of DM and gh-ost or pt-osc. For details about how to enable online-ddl and the workflow after enabling this option, see Continuous Replication with gh-ost or pt-osc. This document focuses on the collaboration details of DM and online DDL tools.

13.6.7.2.1 Working details for DM with online DDL tools

This section describes the working details for DM with the online DDL tools gh-ost and pt-osc when implementing online-schema-change.

13.6.7.2.2 online-schema-change: gh-ost

When gh-ost implements online-schema-change, 3 types of tables are created:

- gho: used to apply DDLs. When the data is fully replicated and the gho table is consistent with the origin table, the origin table is replaced by renaming.
- ghc: used to store information that is related to online-schema-change.
- del: created by renaming the origin table.

In the process of migration, DM divides the above tables into 3 categories:

- ghostTable: `_*_gho`
- trashTable: `_*_ghc`, `_*_del`
- realTable: the origin table that executes online-ddl.

The SQL statements mostly used by gh-ost and the corresponding operation of DM are as follows:

1. Create the `_ghc` table:

```
Create /* gh-ost */ table `test`.`_test4_ghc` (
                    id bigint auto_increment,
                    last_update timestamp not null DEFAULT CURRENT_
                        ↪ TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
                    hint varchar(64) charset ascii not null,
                    value varchar(4096) charset ascii not null,
                    primary key(id),
                    unique key hint_uidx(hint)
            ) auto_increment=256 ;
```

   DM does not create the `_test4_ghc` table.

2. Create the `_gho` table:

```
Create /* gh-ost */ table `test`.`_test4_gho` like `test`.`test4` ;
```

DM does not create the `_test4_gho` table. DM deletes the `dm_meta.{task_name}_onlineddl` record in the downstream according to `ghost_schema`, `ghost_table`, and the `server_id` of `dm_worker`, and clears the related information in memory.

```
DELETE FROM dm_meta.{task_name}_onlineddl WHERE id = {server_id} and
    ↪ ghost_schema = {ghost_schema} and ghost_table = {ghost_table};
```

3. Apply the DDL that needs to be executed in the `_gho` table:

```
Alter /* gh-ost */ table `test`.`_test4_gho` add column cl1 varchar
    ↪ (20) not null ;
```

DM does not perform the DDL operation of `_test4_gho`. It records this DDL in `dm_meta.{task_name}_onlineddl` and memory.

```
REPLACE INTO dm_meta.{task_name}_onlineddl (id, ghost_schema , ghost_
    ↪ table , ddls) VALUES (......);
```

4. Write data to the `_ghc` table, and replicate the origin table data to the `_gho` table:

```
INSERT /* gh-ost */ INTO `test`.`_test4_ghc` VALUES (......);
INSERT /* gh-ost `test`.`test4` */ ignore INTO `test`.`_test4_gho` (`
    ↪ id`, `date`, `account_id`, `conversion_price`, `ocpc_matched_
    ↪ conversions`, `ad_cost`, `cl2`)
  (SELECT `id`, `date`, `account_id`, `conversion_price`, `ocpc_matched
      ↪ _conversions`, `ad_cost`, `cl2` FROM `test`.`test4` FORCE INDEX
      ↪  (`PRIMARY`)
    WHERE (((`id` > _binary'1') OR ((`id` = _binary'1'))) AND ((`id` <
        ↪ _binary'2') OR ((`id` = _binary'2')))) lock IN share mode
  )   ;
```

DM does not execute DML statements that are not for **realtable**.

5. After the migration is completed, both the origin table and `_gho` table are renamed, and the online DDL operation is completed:

```
Rename /* gh-ost */ table `test`.`test4` to `test`.`_test4_del`, `test
    ↪ `.`_test4_gho` to `test`.`test4`;
```

DM performs the following two operations:

- DM splits the above `rename` operation into two SQL statements.

```
rename test.test4 to test._test4_del;
rename test._test4_gho to test.test4;
```

- DM does not execute `rename to _test4_del`. When executing `rename ghost_table to origin table`, DM takes the following steps:

- Read the DDL recorded in memory in Step 3
- Replace `ghost_table` and `ghost_schema` with `origin_table` and its corresponding schema
- Execute the DDL that has been replaced

```
alter table test._test4_gho add column cl1 varchar(20) not null;
-- Replaced with:
alter table test.test4 add column cl1 varchar(20) not null;
```

Note:

The specific SQL statements of gh-ost vary with the parameters used in the execution. This document only lists the major SQL statements. For more details, refer to the gh-ost documentation.

13.6.7.2.3 online-schema-change: pt

When pt-osc implements online-schema-change, 2 types of tables are created:

- `new`: used to apply DDL. When the data is fully replicated and the `new` table is consistent with the origin table, the origin table is replaced by renaming.
- `old`: created by renaming the origin table.
- 3 kinds of Trigger: `pt_osc_*_ins`, `pt_osc_*_upd`, `pt_osc_*_del`. In the process of pt_osc, the new data generated by the origin table is replicated to `new` by the Trigger.

In the process of migration, DM divides the above tables into 3 categories:

- ghostTable: `_*_new`
- trashTable: `_*_old`
- realTable: the origin table that executes online-ddl.

The SQL statements mostly used by pt-osc and the corresponding operation of DM are as follows:

1. Create the `_new` table:

```
CREATE TABLE `test`.`_test4_new` ( id int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
date date DEFAULT NULL, account_id bigint DEFAULT NULL, conversion_
    ↪ price decimal(20,3) DEFAULT NULL, ocpc_matched_conversions
    ↪ bigint DEFAULT NULL, ad_cost decimal(20,3) DEFAULT NULL,cl2
    ↪ varchar(20) COLLATE utf8mb4_bin NOT NULL,cl1 varchar(20) COLLATE
    ↪  utf8mb4_bin NOT NULL,PRIMARY KEY (id) ) ENGINE=InnoDB AUTO_
    ↪ INCREMENT=3 DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin ;
```

DM does not create the `_test4_new` table. DM deletes the `dm_meta.{task_name}_onlineddl` record in the downstream according to `ghost_schema`, `ghost_table`, and the `server_id` of `dm_worker`, and clears the related information in memory.

```
DELETE FROM dm_meta.{task_name}_onlineddl WHERE id = {server_id} and
    ↪ ghost_schema = {ghost_schema} and ghost_table = {ghost_table};
```

2. Execute DDL in the `_new` table:

```
ALTER TABLE `test`.`_test4_new` add column c3 int;
```

DM does not perform the DDL operation of `_test4_new`. Instead, it records this DDL in `dm_meta.{task_name}_onlineddl` and memory.

```
REPLACE INTO dm_meta.{task_name}_onlineddl (id, ghost_schema , ghost_
    ↪ table , ddls) VALUES (......);
```

3. Create 3 Triggers used for data migration:

```
CREATE TRIGGER `pt_osc_test_test4_del` AFTER DELETE ON `test`.`test4`
    ↪ ...... ;
CREATE TRIGGER `pt_osc_test_test4_upd` AFTER UPDATE ON `test`.`test4`
    ↪ ...... ;
CREATE TRIGGER `pt_osc_test_test4_ins` AFTER INSERT ON `test`.`test4`
    ↪ ...... ;
```

DM does not execute Trigger operations that are not supported in TiDB.

4. Replicate the origin table data to the `_new` table:

```
INSERT LOW_PRIORITY IGNORE INTO `test`.`_test4_new` (`id`, `date`, `
    ↪ account_id`, `conversion_price`, `ocpc_matched_conversions`, `ad_
    ↪ cost`, `cl2`, `cl1`) SELECT `id`, `date`, `account_id`, `
    ↪ conversion_price`, `ocpc_matched_conversions`, `ad_cost`, `cl2`,
    ↪ `cl1` FROM `test`.`test4` LOCK IN SHARE MODE /*pt-online-schema-
    ↪ change 3227 copy table*/
```

DM does not execute the DML statements that are not for **realtable**.

5. After the data migration is completed, the origin table and `_new` table are renamed, and the online DDL operation is completed:

```
RENAME TABLE `test`.`test4` TO `test`.`_test4_old`, `test`.`_test4_new`
    ↪  TO `test`.`test4`
```

DM performs the following two operations:

- DM splits the above `rename` operation into two SQL statements:

```
rename test.test4 to test._test4_old;
rename test._test4_new to test.test4;
```

- DM does not execute `rename to _test4_old`. When executing `rename ghost_table to origin table`, DM takes the following steps:
  - Read the DDL recorded in memory in Step 2
  - Replace `ghost_table` and `ghost_schema` with `origin_table` and its corresponding schema
  - Execute the DDL that has been replaced

```
ALTER TABLE `test`.`_test4_new` add column c3 int;
-- Replaced with:
ALTER TABLE `test`.`test4` add column c3 int;
```

6. Delete the `_old` table and 3 Triggers of the online DDL operation:

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `test`.`_test4_old`;
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS `pt_osc_test_test4_del` AFTER DELETE ON `test
    ↪ `.`test4` ..... ;
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS `pt_osc_test_test4_upd` AFTER UPDATE ON `test
    ↪ `.`test4` ..... ;
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS `pt_osc_test_test4_ins` AFTER INSERT ON `test
    ↪ `.`test4` ..... ;
```

DM does not delete `_test4_old` and Triggers.

Note:

The specific SQL statements of pt-osc vary with the parameters used in the execution. This document only lists the major SQL statements. For more details, refer to the pt-osc documentation.

13.6.7.2.4 Other online schema change tools

In some cases, you might need to change the default behavior of your online schema change tool. For example, you might use customized names for `ghost table` and `trash table`. In other cases, you might want to use other tools instead of gh-ost or pt-osc, with the same working principles and change processes.

To achieve such customized needs, you need to write regular expressions to match the names of the `ghost table` and `trash table`.

Starting from v2.0.7, DM experimentally supports the modified online schema change tools. By setting `online-ddl=true` in the DM task configuration and configuring `shadow-table-rules` and `trash-table-rules`, you can match the modified temporary tables with regular expressions.

For example, if you use a customized pt-osc with the name of `ghost table` being `_{origin_table}_pcnew` and the name of `trash table` being `_{origin_table}_pcold`, you can set the custom rules as follows:

```
online-ddl: true
shadow-table-rules: ["^_(.+)_(?:pcnew)$"]
trash-table-rules: ["^_(.+)_(?:pcold)$"]
```

13.6.7.3 Migrate Data to a Downstream TiDB Table with More Columns

This document provides the additional steps to be taken when you migrate data to a downstream TiDB table with more columns than the corresponding upstream table. For regular migration steps, see the following migration scenarios:

- Migrate Small Datasets from MySQL to TiDB
- Migrate Large Datasets from MySQL to TiDB
- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Small Datasets to TiDB
- Migrate and Merge MySQL Shards of Large Datasets to TiDB

13.6.7.3.1 Use DM to migrate data to a downstream TiDB table with more columns

When replicating the upstream binlog, DM tries to use the current table schema of the downstream to parse the binlog and generate the corresponding DML statements. If the column number of the table in the upstream binlog does not match the column number in the downstream table schema, the following error occurs:

```
"errors": [
    {
        "ErrCode": 36027,
        "ErrClass": "sync-unit",
        "ErrScope": "internal",
        "ErrLevel": "high",
        "Message": "startLocation: [position: (mysql-bin.000001, 2022), gtid-
            ↪ set:09bec856-ba95-11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188:1-9 ], endLocation: [
            ↪  position: (mysql-bin.000001, 2022), gtid-set: 09bec856-ba95
            ↪ -11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188:1-9]: gen insert sqls failed, schema:
            ↪ log, table: messages: Column count doesn't match value count:
            ↪ 3 (columns) vs 2 (values)",
        "RawCause": "",
        "Workaround": ""
```

```
    }
]
```

The following is an example upstream table schema:

```
#### Upstream table schema
CREATE TABLE `messages` (
  `id` int NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
)
```

The following is an example downstream table schema:

```
#### Downstream table schema
CREATE TABLE `messages` (
  `id` int NOT NULL,
  `message` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL, # This is the additional column that
    ↪ only exists in the downstream table.
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
)
```

When DM tries to use the downstream table schema to parse the binlog event generated by the upstream, DM reports the above `Column count doesn't match` error.

In such cases, you can use the `binlog-schema` command to set a table schema for the table to be migrated from the data source. The specified table schema needs to correspond to the binlog event data to be replicated by DM. If you are migrating sharded tables, for each sharded table, you need to set a table schema in DM to parse binlog event data. The steps are as follows:

1. Create a SQL file in DM and add the `CREATE TABLE` statement that corresponds to the upstream table schema to the file. For example, save the following table schema to `log.messages.sql`. For DM v6.0 or later versions, you can update the table schema by adding the `--from-source` or `--from-target` flag without creating a SQL file. For details, see Manage Table Schemas of Tables to be Migrated.

   ```
   # Upstream table schema
   CREATE TABLE `messages` (
   `id` int NOT NULL,
   PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
   )
   ```

2. Use the `binlog-schema` command to set the table schema for the table to be migrated from the data source. At this time, the data migration task should be in the Paused state due to the above `Column count doesn't match` error.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} binlog-schema update -s ${
    ↪ source-id} ${task-name} ${database-name} ${table-name} ${schema-
    ↪ file}
```

The descriptions of parameters in this command are as follows:

Parameter	Description

`-`
`↪ master`
`↪ -`
`↪ addr`
`↪`
	Specifies
	`${`
	`↪ advertise`
	`↪ -`
	`↪ addr`
	`↪ }`
	of
	any
	DM-
	master
	node
	in
	the
	clus-
	ter
	where
	dm-
	ctl is
	to be
	con-
	nected.
	`${`
	`↪ advertise`
	`↪ -`
	`↪ addr`
	`↪ }`
	indi-
	cates
	the
	ad-
	dress
	that
	DM-
	master
	ad-
	ver-
	tises
	to
	the
	out-
	side
	world.

Parameter	Description
`binlog -schema set`	Manually set the schema information.
`-s`	Specifies the source. `${source -id}` indicates the source ID of MySQL data.

Parameter	Description
`${ ↪ task ↪ - ↪ name ↪ } ↪ `	Specifies the name of the migration task defined in the `task ↪ . ↪ yaml ↪ ` configuration file of the data migration task.

Parameter	Description
${ ↪ database ↪ - ↪ name ↪ } ↪	Specifies the database. ${ ↪ database ↪ - ↪ name ↪ } indicates the name of the upstream database.
${ ↪ table ↪ - ↪ name ↪ } ↪	Specifies the name of the upstream table.
${ ↪ schema ↪ - ↪ file ↪ } ↪	Specifies the table schema file to be set.

For example:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr 172.16.10.71:8261 binlog-schema update -s
    ↪ mysql-01 task-test -d log -t message log.message.sql
```

3. Use the `resume-task` command to resume the migration task in the Paused state.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} resume-task ${task-name}
```

4. Use the `query-status` command to confirm that the data migration task is running correctly.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr ${advertise-addr} query-status ${task-name}
```

13.6.7.4 Continuous Data Validation in DM

This document describes how to use continuous data validation in DM, its working principles, and its limitations.

13.6.7.4.1 User scenario

In the process of incrementally migrating data from the upstream database to the downstream database, there is a small probability that the flow of data leads to data corruption or data loss. For scenarios where data consistency is required, such as the credit and securities industries, after the migration is complete, you can perform full data validation to ensure data consistency.

However, in incremental migration scenarios, the upstream and downstream are continuously writing data. Because data is constantly changing in the upstream and downstream, it is difficult to perform full data validation (for example, use sync-diff-inspector) to all data in the tables.

In incremental migration scenarios, you can use the continuous data validation feature in DM. This feature ensures data integrity and consistency during incremental migration where data is continuously written into the downstream.

13.6.7.4.2 Enable continuous data validation

You can enable continuous data validation using either of the following methods:

- Enable in the task configuration file.
- Enable using dmctl.

Method 1: Enable in the task configuration file

To enable continuous data validation, add the following configuration items to the task configuration file:

```
#### Add the following configuration items to the upstream database that
   ↪ needs to be validated:
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql1"
    block-allow-list: "bw-rule-1"
    validator-config-name: "global"
validators:
  global:
```

```
mode: full # "fast" is also allowed. "none" is the default mode, which
    ↪ means no validation is performed.
worker-count: 4 # The number of validation workers in the background.
    ↪ The default value is 4.
row-error-delay: 30m # If a row cannot pass the validation within the
    ↪ specified time, it will be marked as an error row. The default
    ↪ value is 30m, which means 30 minutes.
```

The configuration items are described as follows:

- `mode`: validation mode. The possible values are `none`, `full`, and `fast`.
  - `none`: the default value, which means no validation is performed.
  - `full`: compares the changed row and the row obtained in the downstream database.
  - `fast`: only checks if the changed row exists in the downstream database.
- `worker-count`: the number of validation workers in the background. Each worker is a goroutine.
- `row-error-delay`: if a row cannot pass the validation within the specified time, it will be marked as an error row. The default value is 30 minutes.

For the complete configuration, refer to DM Advanced Task Configuration File.

Method 2: Enable using dmctl

To enable continuous data validation, run the `dmctl validation start` command:

```
Usage:
  dmctl validation start [--all-task] [task-name] [flags]

Flags:
      --all-task          whether applied to all tasks
  -h, --help              help for start
      --mode string       specify the mode of validation: full (default),
        ↪ fast; this flag will be ignored if the validation task has been
        ↪ ever enabled but currently paused (default "full")
      --start-time string specify the start time of binlog for validation, e
        ↪ .g. '2021-10-21 00:01:00' or 2021-10-21T00:01:00
```

- `--mode`: specify the validation mode. The possible values are `fast` and `full`.
- `--start-time`: specify the start time for validation. The format follows `2021-10-21 00:01:00` or `2021-10-21T00:01:00`.
- `task`: specify the name of the task to enable continuous validation for. You can use `--all-task` to enable validation for all tasks.

For example:

```
dmctl --master-addr=127.0.0.1:8261 validation start --start-time 2021-10-21
    ↪ T00:01:00 --mode full my_dm_task
```

13.6.7.4.3 Use continuous data validation

When you use continuous data validation, you can use dmctl to view the status of the validation and to handle the error rows. "Error rows" refers to the rows that are found to be inconsistent between the upstream and downstream databases.

View the validation status

You can view the validation status using either of the following methods:

Method 1: run the `dmctl query-status <task-name>` command. If continuous data validation is enabled, the validation result is displayed in the `validation` field of each subtask. Example output:

```
"subTaskStatus": [
    {
        "name": "test",
        "stage": "Running",
        "unit": "Sync",
        "result": null,
        "unresolvedDDLLockID": "",
        "sync": {
            ...
        },
        "validation": {
            "task": "test", // Task name
            "source": "mysql-01", // Source id
            "mode": "full", // Validation mode
            "stage": "Running", // Current stage. "Running" or "Stopped".
            "validatorBinlog": "(mysql-bin.000001, 5989)", // The binlog
                ↪ position of the validation
            "validatorBinlogGtid": "1642618e-cf65-11ec-9e3d-0242ac110002
                ↪ :1-30", // The GTID position of the validation
            "cutoverBinlogPos": "", // The specified binlog position for
                ↪ cutover
            "cutoverBinlogGTID": "1642618e-cf65-11ec-9e3d-0242ac110002:1-30",
                ↪  // The specified GTID position for cutover
            "result": null, // When the validation is abnormal, show the
                ↪ error message
            "processedRowsStatus": "insert/update/delete: 0/0/0", //
                ↪ Statistics of the processed binlog rows.
```

```
            "pendingRowsStatus": "insert/update/delete: 0/0/0", // Statistics
               ↪  of the binlog rows that are not validated yet or that fail
               ↪  to be validated but are not marked as "error rows"
            "errorRowsStatus": "new/ignored/resolved: 0/0/0" // Statistics of
               ↪  the error rows. The three statuses are explained in the
               ↪ next section.
        }
    }
]
```

Method 2: run the `dmctl validation status <taskname>` command.

```
dmctl validation status [--table-stage stage] <task-name> [flags]
Flags:
  -h, --help              help for status
      --table-stage string filter validation tables by stage: running/
         ↪ stopped
```

In the preceding command, you can use `--table-stage` to filter the tables that are being validated or stop validation. Example output:

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "validators": [
        {
            "task": "test",
            "source": "mysql-01",
            "mode": "full",
            "stage": "Running",
            "validatorBinlog": "(mysql-bin.000001, 6571)",
            "validatorBinlogGtid": "",
            "cutoverBinlogPos": "(mysql-bin.000001, 6571)",
            "cutoverBinlogGTID": "",
            "result": null,
            "processedRowsStatus": "insert/update/delete: 2/0/0",
            "pendingRowsStatus": "insert/update/delete: 0/0/0",
            "errorRowsStatus": "new/ignored/resolved: 0/0/0"
        }
    ],
    "tableStatuses": [
        {
            "source": "mysql-01", // Source id
            "srcTable": "`db`.`test1`", // Source table name
            "dstTable": "`db`.`test1`", // Target table name
            "stage": "Running", // Validation status
```

```
            "message": "" // Error message
        }
    ]
}
```

If you want to view the details of the error rows, such as error types and error time, run the `dmctl validation show-error` command:

```
Usage:
  dmctl validation show-error [--error error-state] <task-name> [flags]

Flags:
      --error string filtering type of error: all, ignored, or unprocessed (
          ↪ default "unprocessed")
  -h, --help         help for show-error
```

Example output:

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "error": [
        {
            "id": "1", // Error row id, which will be used in processing
                ↪ error rows
            "source": "mysql-replica-01", // Source id
            "srcTable": "`validator_basic`.`test`", // Source table of the
                ↪ error row
            "srcData": "[0, 0]", // Data of the error row in the source table
            "dstTable": "`validator_basic`.`test`", // Target table of the
                ↪ error row
            "dstData": "[]", // Data of the error row in the target table
            "errorType": "Expected rows not exist", // Error type
            "status": "NewErr", // Error status
            "time": "2022-07-04 13:33:02", // Discovery time of the error row
            "message": "" // Additional information
        }
    ]
}
```

Handle error rows

After continuous data validation returns error rows, you need to manually handle the error rows.

When continuous data validation finds error rows, the validation does not stop immediately. Instead, it records the error rows for you to handle. Before the error rows are

processed, the default status is `unprocessed`. If you manually correct the error rows in the downstream, the validation does not automatically retrieve the latest status of the corrected data. The error rows are still recorded in the `error` field.

If you do not want to see an error row in the validation status, or if you want to mark an error row as resolved, you can locate the error row id using the `validation show-error` command and subsequently handle it with the given error id:

dmctl provides three error handling commands:

- `clear-error`: clear the error row. The `show-error` command does not show the error row anymore.

```
Usage:
  dmctl validation clear-error <task-name> <error-id|--all> [flags]

Flags:
      --all   all errors
  -h, --help  help for clear-error
```

- `ignore-error`: ignore the error row. This error row is marked as "ignored".

```
Usage:
  dmctl validation ignore-error <task-name> <error-id|--all> [flags]

Flags:
      --all   all errors
  -h, --help  help for ignore-error
```

- `resolve-error`: the error row is manually handled and marked as "resolved".

```
Usage:
  dmctl validation resolve-error <task-name> <error-id|--all> [flags]

Flags:
      --all   all errors
  -h, --help  help for resolve-error
```

13.6.7.4.4 Stop continuous data validation

To stop the continuous data validation, run the `validation stop` command:

```
Usage:
  dmctl validation stop [--all-task] [task-name] [flags]

Flags:
      --all-task  whether applied to all tasks
  -h, --help      help for stop
```

For detailed usage, refer to `dmctl validation start`.

13.6.7.4.5 Set the cutover point for continuous data validation

Before switching the application to another database, you might need to perform continuous data validation immediately after the data is replicated to a specific position to ensure data integrity. To achieve this, you can set this specific position as the cutover point for continuous validation.

To set the cutover point for continuous data validation, use the `validation update` command:

```
Usage:
  dmctl validation update <task-name> [flags]

Flags:
      --cutover-binlog-gtid string specify the cutover binlog gtid for
         ↪ validation, only valid when source config's gtid is enabled, e.g
         ↪ . '1642618e-cf65-11ec-9e3d-0242ac110002:1-30'
      --cutover-binlog-pos string specify the cutover binlog name for
         ↪ validation, should include binlog name and pos in brackets, e.g.
         ↪  '(mysql-bin.000001, 5989)'
  -h, --help                     help for update
```

- `--cutover-binlog-gtid`: specifies the cutover position for validation, in the format of `1642618e-cf65-11ec-9e3d-0242ac110002:1-30`. Only valid when GTID is enabled in the upstream cluster.
- `--cutover-binlog-pos`: specifies the cutover position for validation, in the format of `(mysql-bin.000001, 5989)`.
- `task-name`: the name of the task for continuous data validation. This parameter is **required**.

13.6.7.4.6 Implementation

The architecture of continuous data validation (validator) in DM is as follows:

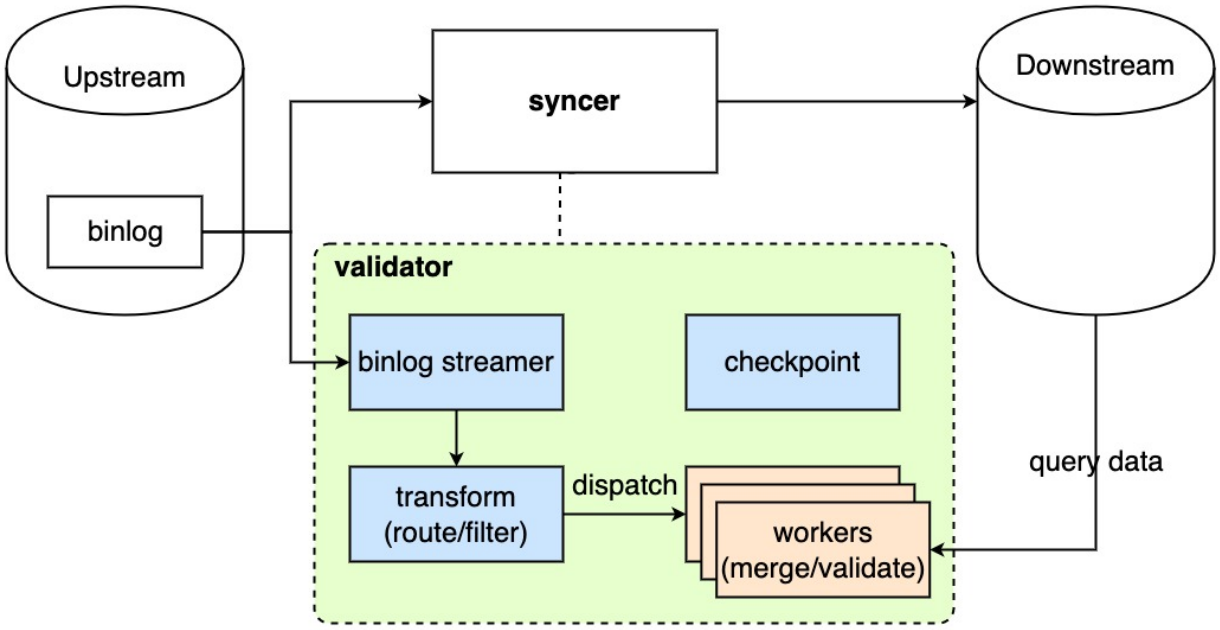


Figure 511: validator summary

The lifecycle of continuous data validation is as follows:

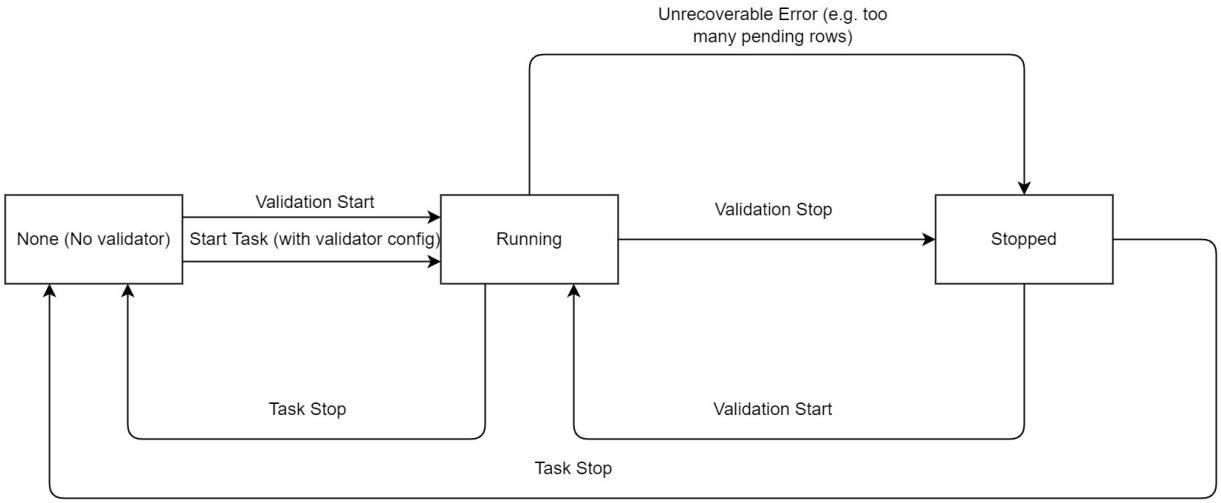


Figure 512: validator lifecycle

The detailed implementation of continuous data validation is as follows:

1. The validator pulls a binlog event from the upstream and gets the changed rows:

- The validator only checks an event that has been incrementally migrated by the syncer. If the event has not been processed by the syncer, the validator pauses and waits for the syncer to complete processing.
- If the event has been processed by the syncer, the validator moves on to the following steps.

2. The validator parses the binlog event and filters out the rows based on the block and allow lists, the table filters, and table routing. After that, the validator submits the changed rows to the validation worker that runs in the background.
3. The validation worker merges the changed rows that affect the same table and the same primary key to avoid validating "expired" data. The changed rows are cached in memory.
4. When the validation worker has accumulated a certain number of changed rows or when a certain time interval is passed, the validation worker queries the downstream database using the primary keys to get the current data and compares it with the changed rows.
5. The validation worker performs the data validation. If the validation mode is `full`, the validation worker compares data of the changed rows with data of the downstream database. if the validation mode is `fast`, the validation worker only checks the existence of the changed rows.

    - If the changed rows pass the validation, the changed row is removed from the memory.
    - If the changed rows fail the validation, the validator does not report an error immediately but waits for a certain time interval before validating the row again.
    - If a changed row cannot pass the validation within the specified time (specified by the user), the validator marks the row as an error row and writes it to the meta database in the downstream. You can view the information of error rows by querying the migration task. For details, refer to View the validation status and Handle error rows.

13.6.7.4.7 Limitations

- The source table to be validated must have a primary key or a not-null unique key.
- When DM migrates DDL from the upstream database, the following limitations apply:

    - The DDL must not change the primary key, or change the order of columns, or delete existing columns.
    - The table must not be dropped.

- Does not support tasks that use expressions to filter events.
- The precision of floating-point numbers is different between TiDB and MySQL. Differences smaller than 10^-6 are considered equal.
- Does not support the following data types:

    - JSON
    - Binary data

13.6.7.5 Cluster Upgrade

13.6.7.5.1 Maintain a DM Cluster Using TiUP

This document introduces how to maintain a DM cluster using the TiUP DM component.

If you have not deployed a DM cluster yet, you can refer to Deploy a DM Cluster Using TiUP for instructions.

> **Note:**
>
> - Make sure that the ports among the following components are interconnected
>   - The `peer_port` (`8291` by default) among the DM-master nodes are interconnected.
>   - Each DM-master node can connect to the `port` of all DM-worker nodes (`8262` by default).
>   - Each DM-worker node can connect to the `port` of all DM-master nodes (`8261` by default).
>   - The TiUP nodes can connect to the `port` of all DM-master nodes (`8261` by default).
>   - The TiUP nodes can connect to the `port` of all DM-worker nodes (`8262` by default).

For the help information of the TiUP DM component, run the following command:

```
tiup dm --help
```

```
Deploy a DM cluster for production

Usage:
  tiup dm [flags]
  tiup dm [command]

Available Commands:
  deploy     Deploy a DM cluster for production
  start      Start a DM cluster
  stop       Stop a DM cluster
  restart    Restart a DM cluster
  list       List all clusters
  destroy    Destroy a specified DM cluster
  audit      Show audit log of cluster operation
  exec       Run shell command on host in the dm cluster
```

```
  edit-config Edit DM cluster config
  display     Display information of a DM cluster
  reload      Reload a DM cluster's config and restart if needed
  upgrade     Upgrade a specified DM cluster
  patch       Replace the remote package with a specified package and restart
    ↪  the service
  scale-out   Scale out a DM cluster
  scale-in    Scale in a DM cluster
  import      Import an exist DM 1.0 cluster from dm-ansible and re-deploy
    ↪ 2.0 version
  help        Help about any command

Flags:
  -h, --help            help for tiup-dm
      --native-ssh      Use the native SSH client installed on local system
        ↪ instead of the build-in one.
      --ssh-timeout int Timeout in seconds to connect host via SSH, ignored
        ↪ for operations that don't need an SSH connection. (default 5)
  -v, --version         version for tiup-dm
      --wait-timeout int Timeout in seconds to wait for an operation to
        ↪ complete, ignored for operations that don't fit. (default 60)
  -y, --yes             Skip all confirmations and assumes 'yes'
```

View the cluster list

After the cluster is successfully deployed, view the cluster list by running the following command:

```
tiup dm list
```

```
Name  User  Version Path                                       PrivateKey
----  ----  ------- ----                                       ----------
prod-cluster tidb ${version} /root/.tiup/storage/dm/clusters/test /root/.
   ↪ tiup/storage/dm/clusters/test/ssh/id_rsa
```

Start the cluster

After the cluster is successfully deployed, start the cluster by running the following command:

```
tiup dm start prod-cluster
```

If you forget the name of your cluster, view the cluster list by running `tiup dm list`.

Check the cluster status

TiUP provides the `tiup dm display` command to view the status of each component in the cluster. With this command, you do not have to log in to each machine to see the component status. The usage of the command is as follows:

```
tiup dm display prod-cluster
```

```
dm Cluster: prod-cluster
dm Version: ${version}
ID                  Role        Host         Ports     OS/Arch      Status
   ↪ Data Dir                           Deploy Dir
--                  ----        ----         -----     -------      ------
   ↪ --------                           ----------
172.19.0.101:9093 alertmanager 172.19.0.101 9093/9094 linux/x86_64 Up    /
   ↪ home/tidb/data/alertmanager-9093 /home/tidb/deploy/alertmanager-9093
172.19.0.101:8261 dm-master  172.19.0.101 8261/8291 linux/x86_64 Healthy|L /
   ↪ home/tidb/data/dm-master-8261 /home/tidb/deploy/dm-master-8261
172.19.0.102:8261 dm-master  172.19.0.102 8261/8291 linux/x86_64 Healthy /
   ↪ home/tidb/data/dm-master-8261 /home/tidb/deploy/dm-master-8261
172.19.0.103:8261 dm-master  172.19.0.103 8261/8291 linux/x86_64 Healthy /
   ↪ home/tidb/data/dm-master-8261 /home/tidb/deploy/dm-master-8261
172.19.0.101:8262 dm-worker  172.19.0.101 8262     linux/x86_64 Free     /
   ↪ home/tidb/data/dm-worker-8262 /home/tidb/deploy/dm-worker-8262
172.19.0.102:8262 dm-worker  172.19.0.102 8262     linux/x86_64 Free     /
   ↪ home/tidb/data/dm-worker-8262 /home/tidb/deploy/dm-worker-8262
172.19.0.103:8262 dm-worker  172.19.0.103 8262     linux/x86_64 Free     /
   ↪ home/tidb/data/dm-worker-8262 /home/tidb/deploy/dm-worker-8262
172.19.0.101:3000 grafana    172.19.0.101 3000     linux/x86_64 Up       -
   ↪                                 /home/tidb/deploy/grafana-3000
172.19.0.101:9090 prometheus 172.19.0.101 9090     linux/x86_64 Up       /
   ↪ home/tidb/data/prometheus-9090 /home/tidb/deploy/prometheus-9090
```

The `Status` column uses `Up` or `Down` to indicate whether the service is running normally.

For the DM-master component, `|L` might be appended to a status, which indicates that the DM-master node is a Leader. For the DM-worker component, `Free` indicates that the current DM-worker node is not bound to an upstream.

Scale in a cluster

Scaling in a cluster means making some node(s) offline. This operation removes the specified node(s) from the cluster and deletes the remaining data files.

When you scale in a cluster, DM operations on DM-master and DM-worker components are performed in the following order:

1. Stop component processes.
2. Call the API for DM-master to delete the `member`.
3. Clean up the data files related to the node.

The basic usage of the scale-in command:

```
tiup dm scale-in <cluster-name> -N <node-id>
```

To use this command, you need to specify at least two arguments: the cluster name and the node ID. The node ID can be obtained by using the `tiup dm display` command in the previous section.

For example, to scale in the DM-worker node on `172.16.5.140` (similar to scaling in DM-master), run the following command:

```
tiup dm scale-in prod-cluster -N 172.16.5.140:8262
```

Scale out a cluster

The scale-out operation has an inner logic similar to that of deployment: the TiUP DM component first ensures the SSH connection of the node, creates the required directories on the target node, then executes the deployment operation, and starts the node service.

For example, to scale out a DM-worker node in the `prod-cluster` cluster, take the following steps (scaling out DM-master has similar steps):

1. Create a `scale.yaml` file and add information of the new worker node:

> **Note:**
> You need to create a topology file, which includes only the description of the new nodes, not the existing nodes. For more configuration items (such as the deployment directory), refer to this TiUP configuration parameter example.

```
---

worker_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.140
```

2. Perform the scale-out operation. TiUP DM adds the corresponding nodes to the cluster according to the port, directory, and other information described in `scale.yaml`.

```
tiup dm scale-out prod-cluster scale.yaml
```

After the command is executed, you can check the status of the scaled-out cluster by running `tiup dm display prod-cluster`.

Rolling upgrade

Note:

Since v2.0.5, dmctl support Export and Import Data Sources and Task Configuration of Clusters.

Before upgrading, you can use `config export` to export the configuration files of clusters. After upgrading, if you need to downgrade to an earlier version, you can first redeploy the earlier cluster and then use `config import` to import the previous configuration files.

For clusters earlier than v2.0.5, you can use dmctl (>= v2.0.5 and < v8.0.0) to export and import the data source and task configuration files.

For clusters later than v2.0.2, currently, it is not supported to automatically import the configuration related to relay worker. You can use `start-relay` command to manually start relay log.

The rolling upgrade process is made as transparent as possible to the application, and does not affect the business. The operations vary with different nodes.

Upgrade command

You can run the `tiup dm upgrade` command to upgrade a DM cluster. For example, the following command upgrades the cluster to `${version}`. Modify `${version}` to your needed version before running this command:

Note:

Starting from v8.0.0, DM removes the fixed secret key for encryption and decryption and enables you to customize a secret key for encryption and decryption. If encrypted passwords are used in data source configurations and migration task configurations before the upgrade, you need to refer to the upgrade steps in Customize a Secret Key for DM Encryption and Decryption for additional operations.

```
tiup dm upgrade prod-cluster ${version}
```

Update configuration

If you want to dynamically update the component configurations, the TiUP DM component saves a current configuration for each cluster. To edit this configuration, execute the `tiup dm edit-config <cluster-name>` command. For example:

```
tiup dm edit-config prod-cluster
```

TiUP DM opens the configuration file in the vi editor. If you want to use other editors, use the `EDITOR` environment variable to customize the editor, such as `export EDITOR=nano` ↪ . After editing the file, save the changes. To apply the new configuration to the cluster, execute the following command:

```
tiup dm reload prod-cluster
```

The command sends the configuration to the target machine and restarts the cluster to make the configuration take effect.

Update component

For normal upgrade, you can use the `upgrade` command. But in some scenarios, such as debugging, you might need to replace the currently running component with a temporary package. To achieve this, use the `patch` command:

```
tiup dm patch --help
```

```
Replace the remote package with a specified package and restart the service

Usage:
  tiup dm patch <cluster-name> <package-path> [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help                help for patch
  -N, --node strings        Specify the nodes
      --overwrite           Use this package in the future scale-out
          ↪ operations
  -R, --role strings        Specify the role
      --transfer-timeout int Timeout in seconds when transferring dm-master
          ↪ leaders (default 600)

Global Flags:
      --native-ssh      Use the native SSH client installed on local system
          ↪ instead of the build-in one.
      --ssh-timeout int  Timeout in seconds to connect host via SSH, ignored
          ↪ for operations that don't need an SSH connection. (default 5)
      --wait-timeout int Timeout in seconds to wait for an operation to
          ↪ complete, ignored for operations that don't fit. (default 60)
  -y, --yes             Skip all confirmations and assumes 'yes'
```

If a DM-master hotfix package is in `/tmp/dm-master-hotfix.tar.gz` and you want to replace all the DM-master packages in the cluster, run the following command:

```
tiup dm patch prod-cluster /tmp/dm-master-hotfix.tar.gz -R dm-master
```

You can also replace only one DM-master package in the cluster:

```
tiup dm patch prod-cluster /tmp/dm--hotfix.tar.gz -N 172.16.4.5:8261
```

Import and upgrade a DM 1.0 cluster deployed using DM-Ansible

Note:

- TiUP does not support importing the DM Portal component in a DM 1.0 cluster.
- You need to stop the original cluster before importing.
- Don't run `stop-task` for tasks that need to be upgraded to 2.0.
- TiUP only supports importing to a DM cluster of v2.0.0-rc.2 or a later version.
- The `import` command is used to import data from a DM 1.0 cluster to a new DM 2.0 cluster. If you need to import DM migration tasks to an existing DM 2.0 cluster, refer to Manually Upgrade TiDB Data Migration from v1.0.x to v2.0+.
- The deployment directories of some components are different from those of the original cluster. You can execute the `display` command to view the details.
- Run `tiup update --self && tiup update dm` before importing to make sure that the TiUP DM component is the latest version.
- Only one DM-master node exists in the cluster after importing. Refer to Scale out a cluster to scale out the DM-master.

Before TiUP is released, DM-Ansible is often used to deploy DM clusters. To enable TiUP to take over the DM 1.0 cluster deployed by DM-Ansible, use the `import` command.

For example, to import a cluster deployed using DM Ansible:

```
tiup dm import --dir=/path/to/dm-ansible --cluster-version ${version}
```

Execute `tiup list dm-master` to view the latest cluster version supported by TiUP.

The process of using the `import` command is as follows:

1. TiUP generates a topology file `topology.yml` based on the DM cluster previously deployed using DM-Ansible.
2. After confirming that the topology file has been generated, you can use it to deploy the DM cluster of v2.0 or later versions.

After the deployment is completed, you can execute the `tiup dm start` command to start the cluster and begin the process of upgrading the DM kernel.

View the operation log

To view the operation log, use the `audit` command. The usage of the `audit` command is as follows:

```
Usage:
  tiup dm audit [audit-id] [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help help for audit
```

If the `[audit-id]` argument is not specified, the command shows a list of commands that have been executed. For example:

```
tiup dm audit
```

```
ID     Time                Command
--     ----                -------
4D5kQY 2020-08-13T05:38:19Z tiup dm display test
4D5kNv 2020-08-13T05:36:13Z tiup dm list
4D5kNr 2020-08-13T05:36:10Z tiup dm deploy -p prod-cluster ${version} ./
   ↪ examples/dm/minimal.yaml
```

The first column is `audit-id`. To view the execution log of a certain command, pass the `audit-id` argument as follows:

```
tiup dm audit 4D5kQY
```

Run commands on a host in the DM cluster

To run commands on a host in the DM cluster, use the `exec` command. The usage of the `exec` command is as follows:

```
Usage:
  tiup dm exec <cluster-name> [flags]

Flags:
      --command string the command run on cluster host (default "ls")
  -h, --help           help for exec
  -N, --node strings   Only exec on host with specified nodes
  -R, --role strings   Only exec on host with specified roles
      --sudo           use root permissions (default false)
```

For example, to execute `ls /tmp` on all DM nodes, run the following command:

```
tiup dm exec prod-cluster --command='ls /tmp'
```

dmctl

TiUP integrates the DM cluster controller `dmctl`.

Run the following command to use dmctl:

```
tiup dmctl [args]
```

Specify the version of dmctl. Modify `${version}` to your needed version before running this command:

```
tiup dmctl:${version} [args]
```

The previous dmctl command to add a source is `dmctl --master-addr master1:8261 operate-source create /tmp/source1.yml`. After dmctl is integrated into TiUP, the command is:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr master1:8261 operate-source create /tmp/source1.
    ↪ yml
```

Use the system's native SSH client to connect to cluster

All operations above performed on the cluster machine use the SSH client embedded in TiUP to connect to the cluster and execute commands. However, in some scenarios, you might also need to use the SSH client native to the control machine system to perform such cluster operations. For example:

- To use an SSH plug-in for authentication
- To use a customized SSH client

Then you can use the `--native-ssh` command-line flag to enable the system-native command-line tool:

- Deploy a cluster: `tiup dm deploy <cluster-name> <version> <topo> --native-ssh`. Fill in the name of your cluster for `<cluster-name>`, the DM version to be deployed (such as `v8.5.1`) for `<version>` , and the topology file name for `<topo>`.
- Start a cluster: `tiup dm start <cluster-name> --native-ssh`.
- Upgrade a cluster: `tiup dm upgrade ... --native-ssh`

You can add `--native-ssh` in all cluster operation commands above to use the system's native SSH client.

To avoid adding such a flag in every command, you can use the `TIUP_NATIVE_SSH` system variable to specify whether to use the local SSH client:

```
export TIUP_NATIVE_SSH=true
##### or
export TIUP_NATIVE_SSH=1
##### or
export TIUP_NATIVE_SSH=enable
```

If you specify this environment variable and `--native-ssh` at the same time, `--native-ssh` has higher priority.

> **Note:**
>
> During the process of cluster deployment, if you need to use a password for connection or `passphrase` is configured in the key file, you must ensure that `sshpass` is installed on the control machine; otherwise, a timeout error is reported.

13.6.7.5.2 Manually Upgrade TiDB Data Migration from v1.0.x to v2.0+

This document introduces how to manually upgrade the TiDB DM tool from v1.0.x to v2.0+. The main idea is to use the global checkpoint information in v1.0.x to start a new data migration task in the v2.0+ cluster.

For how to automatically upgrade the TiDB DM tool from v1.0.x to v2.0+, refer to Using TiUP to automatically import the 1.0 cluster deployed by DM-Ansible.

> **Note:**
>
> - Currently, upgrading DM from v1.0.x to v2.0+ is not supported when the data migration task is in the process of full export or full import.
> - As the gRPC protocol used for interaction between the components of the DM cluster is updated greatly, you need to make sure that the DM components (including dmctl) use the same version before and after the upgrade.
> - Because the metadata storage of the DM cluster (such as checkpoint, shard DDL lock status, and online DDL metadata) is updated greatly, the metadata of v1.0.x cannot be reused automatically in v2.0+. So you need to make sure the following requirements are satisfied before performing the upgrade operation:
>   - All data migration tasks are not in the process of shard DDL coordination.
>   - All data migration tasks are not in the process of online DDL coordination.

The steps for manual upgrade are as follows.

Step 1: Prepare v2.0+ configuration file

The prepared configuration files of v2.0+ include the configuration files of the upstream database and the configuration files of the data migration task.

Upstream database configuration file

In v2.0+, the upstream database configuration file is separated from the process configuration of the DM-worker, so you need to obtain the source configuration based on the v1.0.x DM-worker configuration.

> **Note:**
>
> If `enable-gtid` in the source configuration is enabled during the upgrade from v1.0.x to v2.0+, you need to parse the binlog or relay log file to obtain the GTID sets corresponding to the binlog position.

Upgrade a v1.0.x cluster deployed by DM-Ansible

Assume that the v1.0.x DM cluster is deployed by DM-Ansible, and the following `dm_worker_servers` configuration is in the `inventory.ini` file:

```
[dm_master_servers]
dm_worker1 ansible_host=172.16.10.72 server_id=101 source_id="mysql-replica-01" mysql_host=172.16.10.81 mysql_user=root mysql_password='VjX8cEeTX+qcvZ3bPaO4h0C80pe/1aU=' mysql_port=3306
dm_worker2 ansible_host=172.16.10.73 server_id=102 source_id="mysql-replica-02" mysql_host=172.16.10.82 mysql_user=root mysql_password='VjX8cEeTX+qcvZ3bPaO4h0C80pe/1aU=' mysql_port=3306
```

Then you can convert it to the following two source configuration files:

```
##### The source configuration corresponding to the original dm_worker1. For example, it is named as source1.yaml.
server-id: 101                                # Corresponds to the original `server_id`.
source-id: "mysql-replica-01"                 # Corresponds to the original `source_id`.
from:
  host: "172.16.10.81"                        # Corresponds to the original `mysql_host`.
  port: 3306                                  # Corresponds to the original `mysql_port`.
  user: "root"                                # Corresponds to the original `mysql_user`.
  password: "VjX8cEeTX+qcvZ3bPaO4h0C80pe/1aU=" # Corresponds to the original `mysql_password`.
```

```
##### The source configuration corresponding to the original dm_worker2. For
    ↪  example, it is named as source2.yaml.
server-id: 102                                # Corresponds to the original `
    ↪ server_id`.
source-id: "mysql-replica-02"                 # Corresponds to the original `
    ↪ source_id`.
from:
  host: "172.16.10.82"                        # Corresponds to the original `
      ↪ mysql_host`.
  port: 3306                                  # Corresponds to the original `
      ↪ mysql_port`.
  user: "root"                                # Corresponds to the original `
      ↪ mysql_user`.
  password: "VjX8cEeTX+qcvZ3bPaO4h0C80pe/1aU=" # Corresponds to the original
      ↪  `mysql_password`.
```

Upgrade a v1.0.x cluster deployed by binary

Assume that the v1.0.x DM cluster is deployed by binary, and the corresponding DM-worker configuration is as follows:

```
log-level = "info"
log-file = "dm-worker.log"
worker-addr = ":8262"
server-id = 101
source-id = "mysql-replica-01"
flavor = "mysql"
[from]
host = "172.16.10.81"
user = "root"
password = "VjX8cEeTX+qcvZ3bPaO4h0C80pe/1aU="
port = 3306
```

Then you can convert it to the following source configuration file:

```
server-id: 101                                # Corresponds to the original `
    ↪ server-id`.
source-id: "mysql-replica-01"                 # Corresponds to the original `
    ↪ source-id`.
flavor: "mysql"                               # Corresponds to the original `
    ↪ flavor`.
from:
  host: "172.16.10.81"                        # Corresponds to the original `
      ↪ from.host`.
  port: 3306                                  # Corresponds to the original `
      ↪ from.port`.
```

```
user: "root"                                    # Corresponds to the original `
    ↪ from.user`.
password: "VjX8cEeTX+qcvZ3bPaO4h0C80pe/1aU=" # Corresponds to the original
    ↪  `from.password`.
```

Data migration task configuration file

For data migration task configuration guide, v2.0+ is basically compatible with v1.0.x. You can directly copy the configuration of v1.0.x.

Step 2: Deploy the v2.0+ cluster

> **Note:**
>
> Skip this step if you have other v2.0+ clusters available.

Use TiUP to deploy a new v2.0+ cluster according to the required number of nodes.

Step 3: Stop the v1.0.x cluster

If the original v1.0.x cluster is deployed by DM-Ansible, you need to use DM-Ansible to stop the v1.0.x cluster.

If the original v1.0.x cluster is deployed by binary, you can stop the DM-worker and DM-master processes directly.

Step 4: Upgrade data migration task

1. Use the `operate-source` command to load the upstream database source configuration from step 1 into the v2.0+ cluster.
2. In the downstream TiDB cluster, obtain the corresponding global checkpoint information from the incremental checkpoint table of the v1.0.x data migration task.

    - Assume that the v1.0.x data migration configuration does not specify `meta-schema` (or specify its value as the default `dm_meta`), and the corresponding task name is `task_v1`, the corresponding checkpoint information is in the `dm_meta`.`task_v1_syncer_checkpoint` table of the downstream TiDB.
    - Use the following SQL statements to obtain the global checkpoint information of all upstream database sources corresponding to the data migration task.

```
> SELECT `id`, `binlog_name`, `binlog_pos` FROM `dm_meta`.`task_v1
    ↪ _syncer_checkpoint` WHERE `is_global`=1;
+-----------------+------------------------+------------+
| id              | binlog_name            | binlog_pos |
+-----------------+------------------------+------------+
```

```
| mysql-replica-01 | mysql-bin|000001.000123 | 15847 |
| mysql-replica-02 | mysql-bin|000001.000456 | 10485 |
+------------------+--------------------------+-----------+
```

3. Update the v1.0.x data migration task configuration file to start a new v2.0+ data migration task.

    - If the data migration task configuration file of v1.0.x is `task_v1.yaml`, copy it and rename it to `task_v2.yaml`.
    - Make the following changes to `task_v2.yaml`:
        - Modify `name` to a new name, such as `task_v2`.
        - Change `task-mode` to `incremental`.
        - Set the starting point of incremental replication for each source according to the global checkpoint information obtained in step 2. For example:

```
mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-01"   # Corresponds to the `id`
      ↪ of the checkpoint information.
    meta:
      binlog-name: "mysql-bin.000123" # Corresponds to the `
          ↪ binlog_name` in the checkpoint information,
          ↪ excluding the part of `|000001`.
      binlog-pos: 15847             # Corresponds to `binlog_
          ↪ pos` in the checkpoint information.

  - source-id: "mysql-replica-02"
    meta:
      binlog-name: "mysql-bin.000456"
      binlog-pos: 10485
```

> **Note:**
> If `enable-gtid` is enabled in the source configuration, currently you need to parse the binlog or relay log file to obtain the GTID sets corresponding to the binlog position, and set it to `binlog-gtid` in the `meta`.

4. Use the `start-task` command to start the upgraded data migration task through the v2.0+ data migration task configuration file.

5. Use the `query-status` command to confirm whether the data migration task is running normally.

If the data migration task runs normally, it indicates that the DM upgrade to v2.0+ is successful.

13.6.7.6 Tools

13.6.7.6.1 Use WebUI to Manage DM migration tasks

DM WebUI is a web-based GUI platform for managing TiDB Data Migration (DM) tasks. This platform provides a simple and intuitive way to manage a large number of migration tasks, which frees you from using the dmctl command-line tool.

This document introduces how to access DM WebUI, the prerequisites, the use cases of each page on the interface, and the attention points.

> **Warning:**
>
> - DM WebUI is currently an experimental feature. It is not recommended to use it in the production environment.
> - The lifecycle of `task` in DM WebUI has been changed, and it is not recommended to use DM WebUI and dmctl at the same time.

DM WebUI has the following pages:

- **Migration**
  - **Task**: Provides an entry to task creation, and displays the detailed information of each migration task. This page helps you monitor, create, delete, and configure migration tasks.
  - **Source**: Configures the information of upstream data source for a migration task. On this page, you can manage the upstream configuration in a data migration environment, including creating and deleting upstream configuration, monitoring the task status corresponding to the upstream configuration, and modifying upstream configuration.
  - **Replication Detail**: Displays the detailed status information of migration tasks. On this page, you can view the detailed configuration and status information based on a specified filter, including the configuration information and database names of the upstream and downstream, the relation of source tables and target tables.
- **Cluster**
  - **Members**: Displays the list of all master and worker nodes in the DM cluster, and the binding relationship between worker nodes and the source. On this page, you can view the configuration information of the current DM cluster and the status information of each worker. In addition, basic management is also provided on this page.

The interface is as follows:

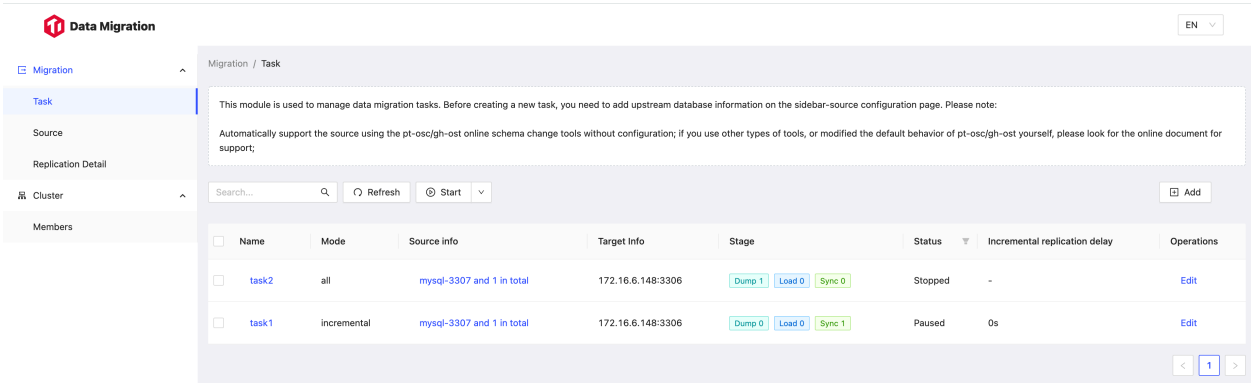


Figure 513: webui

Access method

When OpenAPI is enabled, you can access the DM WebUI from any master node of the DM cluster. The access port is `8261` by default and is the same as that of DM OpenAPI. Here is an example of an access address: `http://{master_ip}:{master_port}/dashboard/`.

Migration

Migration includes **Source**, **Task**, and **Replication Detail** pages.

Source

Before creating a migration task, you need to create the data source information of the upstream for the replication task. You can create the upstream configuration in the **Source** page. When creating sources, pay attention to the following items:

- If there is an auto failover between primary and secondary instance, enable GTID in the upstream MySQL and set GTID to `True` when creating the upstream configuration; otherwise, the migration task will be interrupted during the failover (except for AWS Aurora).
- If a MySQL instance needs to be temporarily offline, you can disable the instance. However, when the MySQL instance is being disabled, other MySQL instances running migration tasks should not execute DDL operations; otherwise, the disabled instance cannot properly migrate data after it is enabled.
- When multiple migration tasks use the same upstream, it might cause additional stress. Enabling relay log can reduce the impact on the upstream, so it is recommended to enable relay log.

Task

You can view the migration task details on the **Task** page, and create migration tasks.

View migration task details

In the task list, click the task name to view the Details page from the right. The Details page displays more detailed task status information. On this page, you can view the status of each sub-task and the current configuration information of the migration task.

In DM, each sub-task of a migration task might be at different stages, namely full dump -> full import (load) -> incremental replication (sync). Therefore, the current stage of a task is displayed with the statistics of the sub-task statuses, which can help you better understand the running status of the task.

Create migration tasks

To create a migration task on this page, click the **Add** button on the top right corner. You can use one of the following methods to create a migration task:

- By following the WebUI instruction. Fill in the required information step by step on the WebUI. This method is suitable for beginners and for daily use.
- By using a configuration file. Paste or write a JSON-formatted configuration file to create a migration task. This method supports adjusting more parameters and is suitable for advanced users.

Replication detail

You can view the status of the migration rules configured for a migration task on the **Replication Detail** page. This page supports querying by task, source, and database name.

The query result contains the corresponding information of the upstream table and the downstream table, so be careful using `.*` in case that too many query results slow down the page response.

Cluster

Members

The **Members** page displays all the master and worker nodes in the DM cluster, and the binding relationship between worker nodes and the source.

13.6.7.6.2 Maintain DM Clusters Using dmctl

> **Note:**
>
> For DM clusters deployed using TiUP, you are recommended to directly use `tiup dmctl` to maintain the clusters.

dmctl is a command line tool used to maintain DM clusters. It supports both the interactive mode and the command mode.

Interactive mode

Enter the interactive mode to interact with DM-master:

> **Note:**
>
> The interactive mode does not support Bash features. For example, you need to directly pass string flags instead of passing them in quotes.

```
./dmctl --master-addr 172.16.30.14:8261
```

```
Welcome to dmctl
Release Version: ${version}
Git Commit Hash: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Git Branch: release-x.x
UTC Build Time: yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss
Go Version: go version gox.xx linux/amd64

» help
DM control

Usage:
  dmctl [command]

Available Commands:
  binlog        manage or show binlog operations
  binlog-schema manage or show table schema in schema tracker
  check-task    Checks the configuration file of the task
  config        manage config operations
  encrypt       Encrypts plain text to cipher text
  help          Gets help about any command
  list-member   Lists member information
  offline-member Offlines member which has been closed
  operate-leader `evict`/`cancel-evict` the leader
  operate-source `create`/`stop`/`show` upstream MySQL/MariaDB source
  pause-relay   Pauses DM-worker's relay unit
  pause-task    Pauses a specified running task or all (sub)tasks bound to a
    ↪ source
  purge-relay   Purges relay log files of the DM-worker according to the
    ↪ specified filename
  query-status  Queries task status
  resume-relay  Resumes DM-worker's relay unit
  resume-task   Resumes a specified paused task or all (sub)tasks bound to a
    ↪ source
```

```
  shard-ddl-lock maintain or show shard-ddl locks information
  start-relay   Starts workers pulling relay log for a source
  start-task    Starts a task as defined in the configuration file
  stop-relay    Stops workers pulling relay log for a source
  stop-task     Stops a specified task or all (sub)tasks bound to a source
  transfer-source Transfers a upstream MySQL/MariaDB source to a free worker

Flags:
  -h, --help          Help for dmctl.
  -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID.

Use "dmctl [command] --help" for more information about a command.
```

Command mode

The command mode differs from the interactive mode in that you need to append the task operation right after the dmctl command. The parameters of the task operation in the command mode are the same as those in the interactive mode.

Note:

- A dmctl command must be followed by only one task operation.
- Starting from v2.0.4, DM supports reading the `-master-addr` parameter from the environment variable `DM_MASTER_ADDR`.

```
./dmctl --master-addr 172.16.30.14:8261 start-task task.yaml
./dmctl --master-addr 172.16.30.14:8261 stop-task task
./dmctl --master-addr 172.16.30.14:8261 query-status

export DM_MASTER_ADDR="172.16.30.14:8261"
./dmctl query-status
```

```
Available Commands:
  binlog        manage or show binlog operations
  binlog-schema manage or show table schema in schema tracker
  check-task    Checks the configuration file of the task
  config        manage config operations
  encrypt       Encrypts plain text to cipher text
  help          Gets help about any command
  list-member   Lists member information
  offline-member Offlines member which has been closed
  operate-leader `evict`/`cancel-evict` the leader
```

```
  operate-source `create`/`stop`/`show` upstream MySQL/MariaDB source
  pause-relay   Pauses DM-worker's relay unit
  pause-task    Pauses a specified running task or all (sub)tasks bound to a
     ↪ source
  purge-relay   Purges relay log files of the DM-worker according to the
     ↪ specified filename
  query-status  Queries task status
  resume-relay  Resumes DM-worker's relay unit
  resume-task   Resumes a specified paused task or all (sub)tasks bound to a
     ↪ source
  shard-ddl-lock maintain or show shard-ddl locks information
  start-relay   Starts workers pulling relay log for a source
  start-task    Starts a task as defined in the configuration file
  stop-relay    Stops workers pulling relay log for a source
  stop-task     Stops a specified task or all (sub)tasks bound to a source
  transfer-source Transfers a upstream MySQL/MariaDB source to a free worker

Flags:
      --config string     Path to config file.
  -h, --help              help for dmctl
      --master-addr string Master API server address, this parameter is
         ↪ required when interacting with the dm-master
      --rpc-timeout string RPC timeout, default is 10m. (default "10m")
  -s, --source strings    MySQL Source ID.
      --ssl-ca string     Path of file that contains list of trusted SSL CAs
         ↪  for connection.
      --ssl-cert string   Path of file that contains X509 certificate in PEM
         ↪  format for connection.
      --ssl-key string    Path of file that contains X509 key in PEM format
         ↪ for connection.
  -V, --version           Prints version and exit.

Use "dmctl [command] --help" for more information about a command.
```

13.6.7.7 Performance Tuning

13.6.7.7.1 DM 5.4.0 Benchmark Report

The benchmark data of TiDB Data Migration (DM) v5.4.0 is nearly the same as that of DM v5.3.0. To learn the test purpose, environment, scenarios, and results of DM v5.3.0, refer to DM 5.3.0 Benchmark Report.

13.6.7.7.2 Optimize Configuration of DM

This document introduces how to optimize the configuration of the data migration task to improve the performance of data migration.

Full data export

`mydumpers` is the configuration item related to full data export. This section describes how to configure performance-related options.

`rows`

Setting the `rows` option enables concurrently exporting data from a single table using multi-thread. The value of `rows` is the maximum number of rows contained in each exported chunk. After this option is enabled, DM selects a column as the split benchmark when the data of a MySQL single table is concurrently exported. This column can be one of the following columns: the primary key column, the unique index column, and the normal index column (ordered from highest priority to lowest). Make sure this column is of integer type (for example, `INT`, `MEDIUMINT`, `BIGINT`).

The value of `rows` can be set to 10000. You can change this value according to the total number of rows in the table and the performance of the database. In addition, you need to set `threads` to control the number of concurrent threads. By default, the value of `threads` is 4. You can adjust this value as needed.

`chunk-filesize`

During full backup, DM splits the data of each table into multiple chunks according to the value of the `chunk-filesize` option. Each chunk is saved in a file with a size of about `chunk-filesize`. In this way, data is split into multiple files and you can use the parallel processing of the DM Load unit to improve the import speed. The default value of this option is 64 (in MB). Normally, you do not need to set this option. If you set it, adjust the value of this option according to the size of the full data.

Note:

- You cannot update the value of `mydumpers` after the migration task is created. Be sure about the value of each option before creating the task. If you need to update the value, stop the task using dmctl, update the configuration file, and re-create the task.
- `mydumpers.threads` can be replaced with the `mydumper-thread` configuration item for simplicity.
- If `rows` is set, DM ignores the value of `chunk-filesize`.

Full data import

`loaders` is the configuration item related to full data import. This section describes how to configure performance-related options.

`pool-size`

The `pool-size` option determines the number of threads in the DM Load unit. The default value is 16. Normally, you do not need to set this option. If you set it, adjust the value of this option according to the size of the full data and the performance of the database.

Note:

- You cannot update the value of `loaders` after the migration task is created. Be sure about the value of each option before creating the task. If you need to update the value, stop the task using dmctl, update the configuration file, and re-create the task.
- `loaders.pool-size` can be replaced with the `loader-thread` configuration item for simplicity.

Incremental data replication

`syncers` is the configuration item related to incremental data replication. This section describes how to configure performance-related options.

`worker-count`

`worker-count` determines the number of threads for concurrent replication of DMLs in the DM Sync unit. The default value is 16. To speed up data replication, increase the value of this option appropriately.

`batch`

`batch` determines the number of DMLs included in each transaction when the data is replicated to the downstream database during the DM Sync unit. The default value is 100. Normally, you do not need to change the value of this option.

Note:

- You cannot update the value of `syncers` after the replication task is created. Be sure about the value of each option before creating the task. If you need to update the value, stop the task using dmctl, update the configuration file, and re-create the task.
- `syncers.worker-count` can be replaced with the `syncer-thread` configuration item for simplicity.
- You can change the values of `worker-count` and `batch` according to the actual scenario. For example, if there is a high network delay between DM and the downstream database, you can increase the value of `worker-count` and decrease the value of `batch` appropriately.

13.6.7.7.3 DM Cluster Performance Test

This document describes how to build a test scenario to do a performance test on the DM cluster, including the speed test and latency test regarding data migration.

Migration data flow

You can use a simple migration data flow, that is, MySQL -> DM -> TiDB, to test the data migration performance of the DM cluster.

Deploy test environment

- Deploy the TiDB test cluster using TiUP, with all default configurations.
- Deploy the MySQL service. Enable the `ROW` mode for binlog, and use default configurations for other configuration items.
- Deploy a DM cluster, with a DM-worker and a DM-master.

Performance test

Table schema

Use tables with the following schema for the performance test:

```
CREATE TABLE `sbtest` (
  `id` int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  `k` int NOT NULL DEFAULT '0',
  `c` char(120) CHARSET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_bin NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
  `pad` char(60) CHARSET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_bin NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`),
  KEY `k_1` (`k`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
```

Full import benchmark case

Generate test data

Use `sysbench` to create test tables upstream and generate test data for full import. Execute the following `sysbench` command to generate test data:

```
sysbench --test=oltp_insert --tables=4 --mysql-host=172.16.4.40 --mysql-
    ↪ port=3306 --mysql-user=root --mysql-db=dm_benchmark --db-driver=mysql
    ↪  --table-size=50000000 prepare
```

Create a data migration task

1. Create an upstream MySQL source and set `source-id` to `source-1`. For details, see Load the Data Source Configurations.
2. Create a migration task (in `full` mode). The following is a task configuration template:

“‘yaml

name: test-full
task-mode: full

Configure the migration task using the TiDB information of your actual test environment. target-database: host: “192.168.0.1” port: 4000 user: “root” password: “”

mysql-instances: - source-id: “source-1” block-allow-list: “instance” mydumper-config-name: “global” loader-thread: 16

Configure the name of the database where sysbench generates data. block-allow-list: instance: do-dbs: [“dm_benchmark”]

mydumpers: global: rows: 32000 threads: 32 “‘

For details about how to create a migration task, see Create a Data Migration Task.

Note:

- To enable concurrently exporting data from a single table using multi-thread, you can use the `rows` option in the `mydumpers` configuration item. This speeds up data export.
- To test the performance under different configurations, you can tune `loader-thread` in the `mysql-instances` configuration, as well as `rows` and `threads` in the `mydumpers` configuration item.

Get test results

Observe the DM-worker log. When you see `all data files have been finished`, it means that full data has been imported. In this case, you can see the time consumed to import data. The sample log is as follows:

```
[INFO] [loader.go:604] ["all data files have been finished"] [task=test] [
    ↪ unit=load] ["cost time"=52.439796ms]
```

According to the size of the test data and the time consumed to import data, you can calculate the migration speed of the full data.

Incremental replication benchmark case

Initialize tables

Use `sysbench` to create test tables in the upstream.

Create a data migration task

1. Create the source of the upstream MySQL. Set `source-id` to `source-1` (if the source has been created in the full import benchmark case, you do not need to create it again). For details, see Load the Data Source Configurations.

2. Create a DM migration task (in `all` mode). The following is an example of the task configuration file:

“‘yaml
name: test-all
task-mode: all

Configure the migration task using the TiDB information of your actual test environment. target-database: host: “192.168.0.1” port: 4000 user: “root” password: “”

mysql-instances: - source-id: “source-1” block-allow-list: “instance” syncer-config-name: “global”

Configure the name of the database where sysbench generates data. block-allow-list: instance: do-dbs: [“dm_benchmark”]

syncers: global: worker-count: 16 batch: 100 “‘

For details about how to create a data migration task, see Create a Data Migration Task.

> **Note:**
>
> To test the performance under different configurations, you can tune `worker-count` and `batch` in the `syncers` configuration item.

Generate incremental data

To continuously generate incremental data in the upstream, run the `sysbench` command:

```
sysbench --test=oltp_insert --tables=4 --num-threads=32 --mysql-host
    ↪ =172.17.4.40 --mysql-port=3306 --mysql-user=root --mysql-db=dm_
    ↪ benchmark --db-driver=mysql --report-interval=10 --time=1800 run
```

> **Note:**
>
> You can test the data migration performance under different scenarios by using different `sysbench` statements.

Get test results

To observe the migration status of DM, you can run the `query-status` command. To observe the monitoring metrics of DM, you can use Grafana. Here the monitoring metrics refer to `finished sqls jobs` (the number of jobs finished per unit time), and other related metrics. For more information, see Binlog Migration Monitoring Metrics.

13.6.7.7.4 Handle Performance Issues of TiDB Data Migration

This document introduces common performance issues that might exist in DM and how to deal with them.

Before diagnosing an issue, you can refer to the DM Benchmark Report.

When diagnosing and handling performance issues, make sure that:

- The DM monitoring component is correctly configured and installed.
- You can view monitoring metrics on the Grafana monitoring dashboard.
- The component you diagnose works well; otherwise, possible monitoring metrics exceptions might interfere with the diagnosis of performance issues.

In the case of a large latency in the data migration, to quickly figure out whether the bottleneck is inside the DM component or in the TiDB cluster, you can first check `DML queue remain length` in Write SQL Statements to Downstream.

relay log unit

To diagnose performance issues in the relay log unit, you can check the `binlog file gap between master and relay` monitoring metric. For more information about this metric, refer to monitoring metrics of the relay log. If this metric is greater than 1 for a long time, it usually indicates that there is a performance issue; if this metric is 0, it usually indicates that there is no performance issue.

If the value of `binlog file gap between master and relay` is 0, but you suspect that there is a performance issue, you can check `binlog pos`. If `master` in this metric is much larger than `relay`, a performance issue might exist. In this case, diagnose and handle this issue accordingly.

Read binlog data

`read binlog event duration` refers to the duration that the relay log reads binlog from the upstream database (MySQL/MariaDB). Ideally, this metric is close to the network latency between DM-worker and MySQL/MariaDB instances.

- For data migration in one data center, reading binlog data is not a performance bottleneck. If the value of `read binlog event duration` is too large, check the network connection between DM-worker and MySQL/MariaDB.

- For data migration in the geo-distributed environment, try to deploy DM-worker and MySQL/MariaDB in one data center, while deploying the TiDB cluster in the target data center.

The process of reading binlog data from the upstream database includes the following sub-processes:

- The upstream MySQL/MariaDB reads the binlog data locally and sends it through the network. When no exception occurs in the MySQL/MariaDB load, this sub-process usually does not become a bottleneck.
- The binlog data is transferred from the machine where MySQL/MariaDB is located to the machine where DM-worker is located via the network. Whether this sub-process becomes a bottleneck mainly depends on the network connection between DM-worker and the upstream MySQL/MariaDB.
- DM-worker reads binlog data from the network data stream and constructs it as a binlog event. When no exception occurs in the DM-worker load, this sub-process usually does not become a bottleneck.

> **Note:**
>
> If the value of `read binlog event duration` is large, another possible reason is that the upstream MySQL/MariaDB has a low load. This means that no binlog event needs to be sent to DM for a period of time, and the relay log unit stays in a wait state, thus this value includes additional waiting time.

binlog data decoding and verification

After reading the binlog event into the DM memory, DM's relay processing unit decodes and verifies data. This usually does not lead to performance bottleneck; therefore, there is no related performance metric on the monitoring dashboard by default. If you need to view this metric, you can manually add a monitoring item in Grafana. This monitoring item corresponds to `dm_relay_read_transform_duration`, a metric from Prometheus.

Write relay log files

When writing a binlog event to a relay log file, the relevant performance metric is `write relay log duration`. This value should be microseconds when `binlog event size` is not too large. If `write relay log duration` is too large, check the write performance of the disk. To avoid low write performance, use local SSDs for DM-worker.

Load unit

The main operations of the Load unit are to read the SQL file data from the local and write it to the downstream. The related performance metric is `transaction execution latency`. If this value is too large, check the downstream performance by checking the

monitoring of the downstream database. You can also check whether there is a large network latency between DM and the downstream database.

Binlog replication unit

To diagnose performance issues in the Binlog replication unit, you can check the `binlog file gap between master and syncer` monitoring metric. For more information about this metric, refer to monitoring metrics of the Binlog replication.

- If this metric is greater than 1 for a long time, it usually indicates that there is a performance issue.
- If this metric is 0, it usually indicates that there is no performance issue.

When `binlog file gap between master and syncer` is greater than 1 for a long time, check `binlog file gap between relay and syncer` to figure out which unit the latency mainly exists in. If this value is usually 0, the latency might exist in the relay log unit. Then you can refer to relay log unit to resolve this issue; otherwise, continue checking the Binlog replication unit.

Read binlog data

The Binlog replication unit decides whether to read the binlog event from the upstream MySQL/MariaDB or from the relay log file according to the configuration. The related performance metric is `read binlog event duration`, which generally ranges from a few microseconds to tens of microseconds.

- If DM's Binlog replication processing unit reads the binlog event from upstream MySQL/MariaDB, to locate and resolve the issue, refer to read binlog data in the "relay log unit" section.
- If DM's Binlog replication processing unit reads the binlog event from the relay log file, when `binlog event size` is not too large, the value of `read binlog event duration` ↪ should be microseconds. If `read binlog event duration` is too large, check the read performance of the disk. To avoid low write performance, use local SSDs for DM-worker.

binlog event conversion

The Binlog replication unit constructs DML, parses DDL, and performs table router conversion from binlog event data. The related metric is `transform binlog event duration`.

The duration is mainly affected by the write operations upstream. Take the `INSERT` ↪ `INTO` statement as an example, the time consumed to convert a single `VALUES` greatly differs from that to convert a lot of `VALUES`. The time consumed might range from tens of microseconds to hundreds of microseconds. However, usually this is not a bottleneck of the system.

Write SQL statements to downstream

When the Binlog replication unit writes the converted SQL statements to the downstream, the related performance metrics are `DML queue remain length` and `transaction execution latency`.

After constructing SQL statements from binlog event, DM uses `worker-count` queues to concurrently write these statements to the downstream. However, to avoid too many monitoring entries, DM performs the modulo `8` operation on the IDs of concurrent queues. This means that all concurrent queues correspond to one item from `q_0` to `q_7`.

`DML queue remain length` indicates in the concurrent processing queue, the number of DML statements that have not been consumed and have not started to be written downstream. Ideally, the curves corresponding to each `q_*` are almost the same. If not, it indicates that the concurrent load is extremely unbalanced.

If the load is not balanced, confirm whether tables need to be migrated have primary keys or unique keys. If these keys do not exist, add the primary keys or the unique keys; if these keys do exist while the load is not balanced, upgrade DM to v1.0.5 or later versions.

- When there is no noticeable latency in the entire data migration link, the corresponding curve of `DML queue remain length` is almost always 0, and the maximum does not exceed the value of `batch` in the task configuration file.
- If you find a noticeable latency in the data migration link, and the curve of `DML queue remain length` corresponding to each `q_*` is almost the same and is almost always 0, it means that DM fails to read, convert, or concurrently write the data from the upstream in time (the bottleneck might be in the relay log unit). For troubleshooting, refer to the previous sections of this document.

If the corresponding curve of `DML queue remain length` is not 0 (usually the maximum is not more than 1024), it indicates that there is a bottleneck when writing SQL statements to the downstream. You can use `transaction execution latency` to view the time consumed to execute a single transaction to the downstream.

`transaction execution latency` is usually tens of milliseconds. If this value is too large, check the downstream performance based on the monitoring of the downstream database. You can also check whether there is a large network latency between DM and the downstream database.

To view the time consumed to write a single statement such as `BEGIN`, `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, `DELETE`, or `COMMIT` to the downstream, you can also check `statement execution latency`.

13.6.7.8 Manage Data Sources

13.6.7.8.1 Switch DM-worker Connection between Upstream MySQL Instances

When the upstream MySQL instance that DM-worker connects to needs downtime maintenance or when the instance crashes unexpectedly, you need to switch the DM-worker connection to another MySQL instance within the same migration group.

Note:

- You can switch the DM-worker connection to only an instance within the same primary-secondary migration cluster.
- The MySQL instance to be newly connected to must have the binlog required by DM-worker.
- DM-worker must operate in the GTID sets mode, which means you must specify `enable-gtid: true` in the corresponding source configuration file.
- The connection switch only supports the following two scenarios. Strictly follow the procedures for each scenario. Otherwise, you might have to re-deploy the DM cluster according to the newly connected MySQL instance and perform the data migration task all over again.

For more details on GTID set, refer to MySQL documentation.

Switch DM-worker connection via virtual IP

When DM-worker connects the upstream MySQL instance via a virtual IP (VIP), switching the VIP connection to another MySQL instance means switching the MySQL instance connected to DM-worker, without the upstream connection address changed.

Note:

Make necessary changes to DM in this scenario. Otherwise, when you switch the VIP connection to another MySQL instance, DM might connect to the new and old MySQL instances at the same time in different connections. In this situation, the binlog replicated to DM is not consistent with other upstream status that DM receives, causing unpredictable anomalies and even data damage.

To switch one upstream MySQL instance (when DM-worker connects to it via a VIP) to another, perform the following steps:

1. Use the `query-status` command to get the GTID sets (`syncerBinlogGtid`) corresponding to the binlog that the current processing unit of binlog replication has replicated to the downstream. Mark the sets as `gtid-S`.
2. Use the `SELECT @@GLOBAL.gtid_purged;` command on the new MySQL instance to get the GTID sets corresponding to the purged binlogs. Mark the sets as `gtid-P`.

3. Use the `SELECT @@GLOBAL.gtid_executed;` command on the new MySQL instance to get the GTID sets corresponding to all successfully executed transactions. Mark the sets as `gtid-E`.
4. Make sure that the following conditions are met. Otherwise, you cannot switch the DM-work connection to the new MySQL instance:

    - `gtid-S` contains `gtid-P`. `gtid-P` can be empty.
    - `gtid-E` contains `gtid-S`.

5. Use `pause-task` to pause all running tasks of data migration.
6. Change the VIP for it to direct at the new MySQL instance.
7. Use `resume-task` to resume the previous migration task.

Change the address of the upstream MySQL instance that DM-worker connects to

To make DM-worker connect to a new MySQL instance in the upstream by modifying the DM-worker configuration, perform the following steps:

1. Use the `query-status` command to get the GTID sets (`syncerBinlogGtid`) corresponding to the binlog that the current processing unit of binlog replication has replicated to the downstream. Mark this sets as `gtid-S`.
2. Use the `SELECT @@GLOBAL.gtid_purged;` command on the new MySQL instance to get the GTID sets corresponding to the purged binlogs. Mark this sets as `gtid-P`.
3. Use the `SELECT @@GLOBAL.gtid_executed;` command on the new MySQL instance to get the GTID sets corresponding to all successfully executed transactions. Mark this sets as `gtid-E`.
4. Make sure that the following conditions are met. Otherwise, you cannot switch the DM-work connection to the new MySQL instance:

    - `gtid-S` contains `gtid-P`. `gtid-P` can be empty.
    - `gtid-E` contains `gtid-S`.

5. Use `stop-task` to stop all running tasks of data migration.
6. Use the `operator-source stop` command to remove the source configuration corresponding to the address of the old MySQL instance from the DM cluster.
7. Update the address of the MySQL instance in the source configuration file and use the `operate-source create` command to reload the new source configuration in the DM cluster.
8. Use `start-task` to restart the migration task.

13.6.7.9 Manage Tasks

13.6.7.9.1 Handle Failed DDL Statements in TiDB Data Migration

This document introduces how to handle failed DDL statements when you're using the TiDB Data Migration (DM) tool to migrate data.

Currently, TiDB is not completely compatible with all MySQL syntax (see the DDL statements supported by TiDB). Therefore, when DM is migrating data from MySQL to TiDB and TiDB does not support the corresponding DDL statement, an error might occur and break the migration process. In this case, you can use the `binlog` command of DM to resume the migration.

Restrictions

Do not use this command in the following situations:

- It is unacceptable in the actual production environment that the failed DDL statement is skipped in the downstream TiDB.
- The failed DDL statement cannot be replaced with other DDL statements.
- Other DDL statements must not be injected into the downstream TiDB.

For example, `DROP PRIMARY KEY`. In this scenario, you can only create a new table in the downstream with the new table schema (after executing the DDL statement), and re-import all the data into this new table.

Supported scenarios

During the migration, the DDL statement unsupported by TiDB is executed in the upstream and migrated to the downstream, and as a result, the migration task gets interrupted.

- If it is acceptable that this DDL statement is skipped in the downstream TiDB, then you can use `binlog skip <task-name>` to skip migrating this DDL statement and resume the migration.
- If it is acceptable that this DDL statement is replaced with other DDL statements, then you can use `binlog replace <task-name>` to replace this DDL statement and resume the migration.
- If it is acceptable that other DDL statements are injected to the downstream TiDB, then you can use `binlog inject <task-name>` to inject other DDL statements and resume the migration.

Commands

When you use dmctl to manually handle the failed DDL statements, the commonly used commands include `query-status` and `binlog`.

query-status

The `query-status` command is used to query the current status of items such as the subtask and the relay unit in each MySQL instance. For details, see query status.

binlog

The `binlog` command is used to manage and show binlog operations. This command is only supported in DM v6.0 and later versions. For earlier versions, use the `handle-error` command.

The usage of `binlog` is as follows:

```
binlog -h
```

```
manage or show binlog operations

Usage:
  dmctl binlog [command]

Available Commands:
  inject    inject the current error event or a specific binlog position (
    ↪ binlog-pos) with some ddls
  list      list error handle command at binlog position (binlog-pos) or
    ↪ after binlog position (binlog-pos)
  replace   replace the current error event or a specific binlog position (
    ↪ binlog-pos) with some ddls
  revert    revert the current binlog operation or a specific binlog
    ↪ position (binlog-pos) operation
  skip      skip the current error event or a specific binlog position (
    ↪ binlog-pos) event

Flags:
  -b, --binlog-pos string position used to match binlog event if matched the
    ↪  binlog operation will be applied. The format like "mysql-bin
    ↪ |000001.000003:3270"
  -h, --help            help for binlog

Global Flags:
  -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID.

Use "dmctl binlog [command] --help" for more information about a command.
```

`binlog` supports the following sub-commands:

- `inject`: injects DDL statements into the current error event or a specific binlog position. To specify the binlog position, refer to `-b, --binlog-pos`.
- `list`: lists all valid `inject`, `skip`, and `replace` operations at the current binlog position or after the current binlog position. To specify the binlog position, refer to `-b, --binlog-pos`.
- `replace`: replaces the DDL statement at a specific binlog position with another DDL statement. To specify the binlog position, refer to `-b, --binlog-pos`.
- `revert`: reverts the `inject`, `skip` or `replace` operation at a specified binlog operation, only if the previous operation does not take effect. To specify the binlog position, refer to `-b, --binlog-pos`.
- `skip`: skips the DDL statement at a specific binlog position. To specify the binlog position, refer to `-b, --binlog-pos`.

`binlog` supports the following flags:

- `-b, --binlog-pos`:
  - Type: string.
  - Specifies a binlog position. When the position of the binlog event matches `binlog -pos`, the operation is executed. If it is not specified, DM automatically sets `binlog-pos` to the currently failed DDL statement.
  - Format: `binlog-filename:binlog-pos`, for example, `mysql-bin|000001.000003:3270`.
  - After the migration returns an error, the binlog position can be obtained from `position` in `startLocation` returned by `query-status`. Before the migration returns an error, the binlog position can be obtained by using `SHOW BINLOG EVENTS` in the upstream MySQL instance.
- `-s, --source`:
  - Type: string.
  - Specifies the MySQL instance in which the preset operation is to be executed.

Usage examples

Skip DDL if the migration gets interrupted

If you need to skip the DDL statement when the migration gets interrupted, run the `binlog skip` command:

```
binlog skip -h
```

```
skip the current error event or a specific binlog position (binlog-pos)
   ↪ event

Usage:
  dmctl binlog skip <task-name> [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help help for skip

Global Flags:
  -b, --binlog-pos string position used to match binlog event if matched the
     ↪  binlog operation will be applied. The format like "mysql-bin
     ↪ |000001.000003:3270"
  -s, --source strings   MySQL Source ID.
```

Non-shard-merge scenario

Assume that you need to migrate the upstream table `db1.tbl1` to the downstream TiDB. The initial table schema is:

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE db1.tbl1;
```

```
+-------+-----------------------------------------------+
| Table | Create Table                                  |
+-------+-----------------------------------------------+
| tbl1 | CREATE TABLE `tbl1` (
  `c1` int NOT NULL,
  `c2` decimal(11,3) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`c1`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1 |
+-------+-----------------------------------------------+
```

Now, the following DDL statement is executed in the upstream to alter the table schema (namely, alter DECIMAL(11, 3) of c2 into DECIMAL(10, 3)):

```
ALTER TABLE db1.tbl1 CHANGE c2 c2 DECIMAL (10, 3);
```

Because this DDL statement is not supported by TiDB, the migration task of DM gets interrupted. Execute the `query-status <task-name>` command, and you can see the following error:

```
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported modify column: can't change decimal column
    ↪ precision
```

Assume that it is acceptable in the actual production environment that this DDL statement is not executed in the downstream TiDB (namely, the original table schema is retained). Then you can use `binlog skip <task-name>` to skip this DDL statement to resume the migration. The procedures are as follows:

1. Execute `binlog skip <task-name>` to skip the currently failed DDL statement:

```
» binlog skip test
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        }
    ]
}
```

2. Execute `query-status <task-name>` to view the task status:

```
» query-status test
```

See the execution result.


```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "sourceStatus": {
                "source": "mysql-replica-01",
                "worker": "worker1",
                "result": null,
                "relayStatus": null
            },
            "subTaskStatus": [
                {
                    "name": "test",
                    "stage": "Running",
                    "unit": "Sync",
                    "result": null,
                    "unresolvedDDLLockID": "",
                    "sync": {
                        "masterBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                            ↪ 2388)",
                        "masterBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                            ↪ de45f57:1-10",
                        "syncerBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                            ↪ 2388)",
                        "syncerBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                            ↪ de45f57:1-4",
                        "blockingDDLs": [
                        ],
                        "unresolvedGroups": [
                        ],
                        "synced": true,
                        "binlogType": "remote",
                        "totalRows": "4",
                        "totalRps": "0",
                        "recentRps": "0"
                    }
                }
```

```
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

You can see that the task runs normally and the wrong DDL is skipped.

Shard merge scenario

Assume that you need to merge and migrate the following four tables in the upstream to one same table `shard_db`.`shard_table` in the downstream. The task mode is "pessimistic".

- MySQL instance 1 contains the shard_db_1 schema, which includes the shard_table ↪ _1 and shard_table_2 tables.
- MySQL instance 2 contains the shard_db_2 schema, which includes the shard_table ↪ _1 and shard_table_2 tables.

The initial table schema is:

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE shard_db.shard_table;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table | Create Table
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| tb    | CREATE TABLE `shard_table` (
  `id` int DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1 COLLATE=latin1_bin |
+--
    ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

Now, execute the following DDL statement to all upstream sharded tables to alter their character set:

```
ALTER TABLE `shard_db_*`.`shard_table_*` CHARACTER SET LATIN1 COLLATE
    ↪ LATIN1_DANISH_CI;
```

Because this DDL statement is not supported by TiDB, the migration task of DM gets interrupted. Execute the `query-status` command, and you can see the following errors reported by the `shard_db_1.shard_table_1` table in MySQL instance 1 and the `shard_db_2.shard_table_1` table in MySQL instance 2:

```
{
    "Message": "cannot track DDL: ALTER TABLE `shard_db_1`.`shard_table_1`
        ↪ CHARACTER SET UTF8 COLLATE UTF8_UNICODE_CI",
    "RawCause": "[ddl:8200]Unsupported modify charset from latin1 to utf8"
}
```

```
{
    "Message": "cannot track DDL: ALTER TABLE `shard_db_2`.`shard_table_1`
        ↪ CHARACTER SET UTF8 COLLATE UTF8_UNICODE_CI",
    "RawCause": "[ddl:8200]Unsupported modify charset from latin1 to utf8"
}
```

Assume that it is acceptable in the actual production environment that this DDL statement is not executed in the downstream TiDB (namely, the original table schema is retained). Then you can use `binlog skip <task-name>` to skip this DDL statement to resume the migration. The procedures are as follows:

1. Execute `binlog skip <task-name>` to skip the currently failed DDL statements in MySQL instance 1 and 2:

```
» binlog skip test
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        },
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-02",
            "worker": "worker2"
        }
    ]
}
```

2. Execute the `query-status` command, and you can see the errors reported by the `shard_db_1.shard_table_2` table in MySQL instance 1 and the `shard_db_2.shard_table_2` table in MySQL instance 2:

```
{
    "Message": "cannot track DDL: ALTER TABLE `shard_db_1`.`shard_table_2` CHARACTER SET UTF8 COLLATE UTF8_UNICODE_CI",
    "RawCause": "[ddl:8200]Unsupported modify charset from latin1 to utf8"
}
```

```
{
    "Message": "cannot track DDL: ALTER TABLE `shard_db_2`.`shard_table_2` CHARACTER SET UTF8 COLLATE UTF8_UNICODE_CI",
    "RawCause": "[ddl:8200]Unsupported modify charset from latin1 to utf8"
}
```

3. Execute `binlog skip <task-name>` again to skip the currently failed DDL statements in MySQL instance 1 and 2:

```
» handle-error test skip
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        },
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-02",
            "worker": "worker2"
        }
    ]
}
```

4. Use `query-status <task-name>` to view the task status:

```
» query-status test
```

See the execution result.


```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "sourceStatus": {
                "source": "mysql-replica-01",
                "worker": "worker1",
                "result": null,
                "relayStatus": null
            },
            "subTaskStatus": [
                {
                    "name": "test",
                    "stage": "Running",
                    "unit": "Sync",
                    "result": null,
                    "unresolvedDDLLockID": "",
                    "sync": {
                        "masterBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                            ↪ 2388)",
                        "masterBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                            ↪ de45f57:1-10",
                        "syncerBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                            ↪ 2388)",
                        "syncerBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                            ↪ de45f57:1-4",
                        "blockingDDLs": [
                        ],
                        "unresolvedGroups": [
                        ],
                        "synced": true,
                        "binlogType": "remote",
                        "totalRows": "4",
                        "totalRps": "0",
                        "recentRps": "0"
                    }
                }
            ]
        },
        {
```

```
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "sourceStatus": {
                "source": "mysql-replica-02",
                "worker": "worker2",
                "result": null,
                "relayStatus": null
            },
            "subTaskStatus": [
                {
                    "name": "test",
                    "stage": "Running",
                    "unit": "Sync",
                    "result": null,
                    "unresolvedDDLLockID": "",
                    "sync": {
                        "masterBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                            ↪ 2388)",
                        "masterBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                            ↪ de45f57:1-10",
                        "syncerBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                            ↪ 2388)",
                        "syncerBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                            ↪ de45f57:1-4",
                        "blockingDDLs": [
                        ],
                        "unresolvedGroups": [
                        ],
                        "synced": true,
                        "binlogType": "remote",
                        "totalRows": "4",
                        "totalRps": "0",
                        "recentRps": "0"
                    }
                }
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```


You can see that the task runs normally with no error and all four wrong DDL statements are skipped.

Replace DDL if the migration gets interrupted

If you need to replace the DDL statement when the migration gets interrupted, run the `binlog replace` command:

```
binlog replace -h
```

```
replace the current error event or a specific binlog position (binlog-pos)
    ↪ with some ddls

Usage:
  dmctl binlog replace <task-name> <replace-sql1> <replace-sql2>... [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help  help for replace

Global Flags:
  -b, --binlog-pos string position used to match binlog event if matched the
     ↪  binlog operation will be applied. The format like "mysql-bin
     ↪ |000001.000003:3270"
  -s, --source strings   MySQL Source ID.
```

Non-shard-merge scenario

Assume that you need to migrate the upstream table `db1.tbl1` to the downstream TiDB. The initial table schema is:

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE db1.tbl1;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table | Create Table
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| tb    | CREATE TABLE `tbl1` (
  `id` int DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1 COLLATE=latin1_bin |
+--
    ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

Now, perform the following DDL operation in the upstream to add a new column with the UNIQUE constraint:

```
ALTER TABLE `db1`.`tbl1` ADD COLUMN new_col INT UNIQUE;
```

Because this DDL statement is not supported by TiDB, the migration task gets interrupted. Execute the `query-status` command, and you can see the following error:

```
{
    "Message": "cannot track DDL: ALTER TABLE `db1`.`tbl1` ADD COLUMN `new_
        ↪ col` INT UNIQUE KEY",
    "RawCause": "[ddl:8200]unsupported add column 'new_col' constraint
        ↪ UNIQUE KEY when altering 'db1.tbl1'",
}
```

You can replace this DDL statement with two equivalent DDL statements. The steps are as follows:

1. Replace the wrong DDL statement by the following command:

```
» binlog replace test "ALTER TABLE `db1`.`tbl1` ADD COLUMN `new_col`
    ↪ INT;ALTER TABLE `db1`.`tbl1` ADD UNIQUE(`new_col`)";
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        }
    ]
}
```

2. Use `query-status <task-name>` to view the task status:

```
» query-status test
```

See the execution result.

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
```

```
            "sourceStatus": {
                "source": "mysql-replica-01",
                "worker": "worker1",
                "result": null,
                "relayStatus": null
            },
            "subTaskStatus": [
                {
                    "name": "test",
                    "stage": "Running",
                    "unit": "Sync",
                    "result": null,
                    "unresolvedDDLLockID": "",
                    "sync": {
                        "masterBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                            ↪ 2388)",
                        "masterBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                            ↪ de45f57:1-10",
                        "syncerBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                            ↪ 2388)",
                        "syncerBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                            ↪ de45f57:1-4",
                        "blockingDDLs": [
                        ],
                        "unresolvedGroups": [
                        ],
                        "synced": true,
                        "binlogType": "remote",
                        "totalRows": "4",
                        "totalRps": "0",
                        "recentRps": "0"
                    }
                }
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```


You can see that the task runs normally and the wrong DDL statement is replaced by new DDL statements that execute successfully.

Shard merge scenario

Assume that you need to merge and migrate the following four tables in the upstream to one same table `` `shard_db`.`shard_table` `` in the downstream. The task mode is "pessimistic".

- In the MySQL instance 1, there is a schema `shard_db_1`, which has two tables `shard_table_1` and `shard_table_2`.
- In the MySQL instance 2, there is a schema `shard_db_2`, which has two tables `shard_table_1` and `shard_table_2`.

The initial table schema is:

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE shard_db.shard_table;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table | Create Table
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| tb    | CREATE TABLE `shard_table` (
  `id` int DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1 COLLATE=latin1_bin |
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

Now, perform the following DDL operation to all upstream sharded tables to add a new column with the UNIQUE constraint:

```
ALTER TABLE `shard_db_*`.`shard_table_*` ADD COLUMN new_col INT UNIQUE;
```

Because this DDL statement is not supported by TiDB, the migration task gets interrupted. Execute the `query-status` command, and you can see the following errors reported by the `shard_db_1.shard_table_1` table in MySQL instance 1 and the `shard_db_2.shard_table_1` table in MySQL instance 2:

```
{
    "Message": "cannot track DDL: ALTER TABLE `shard_db_1`.`shard_table_1`
        ↪ ADD COLUMN `new_col` INT UNIQUE KEY",
    "RawCause": "[ddl:8200]unsupported add column 'new_col' constraint
        ↪ UNIQUE KEY when altering 'shard_db_1.shard_table_1'",
}
```

```
{
    "Message": "cannot track DDL: ALTER TABLE `shard_db_2`.`shard_table_1`
        ↪ ADD COLUMN `new_col` INT UNIQUE KEY",
```

```
    "RawCause": "[ddl:8200]unsupported add column 'new_col' constraint
       ↪ UNIQUE KEY when altering 'shard_db_2.shard_table_1'",
}
```

You can replace this DDL statement with two equivalent DDL statements. The steps are as follows:

1. Replace the wrong DDL statements respectively in MySQL instance 1 and MySQL instance 2 by the following commands:

```
» binlog replace test -s mysql-replica-01 "ALTER TABLE `shard_db_1`.`
   ↪ shard_table_1` ADD COLUMN `new_col` INT;ALTER TABLE `shard_db_
   ↪ 1`.`shard_table_1` ADD UNIQUE(`new_col`)";
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        }
    ]
}
```

```
» binlog replace test -s mysql-replica-02 "ALTER TABLE `shard_db_2`.`
   ↪ shard_table_1` ADD COLUMN `new_col` INT;ALTER TABLE `shard_db_
   ↪ 2`.`shard_table_1` ADD UNIQUE(`new_col`)";
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-02",
            "worker": "worker2"
        }
    ]
}
```

2. Use `query-status <task-name>` to view the task status, and you can see the following errors reported by the `shard_db_1.shard_table_2` table in MySQL instance 1 and the `shard_db_2.shard_table_2` table in MySQL instance 2:

```
{
    "Message": "detect inconsistent DDL sequence from source ... ddls:
        ↪ [ALTER TABLE `shard_db`.`tb` ADD COLUMN `new_col` INT UNIQUE
        ↪ KEY] source: `shard_db_1`.`shard_table_2`], right DDL
        ↪ sequence should be ..."
}
```

```
{
    "Message": "detect inconsistent DDL sequence from source ... ddls:
        ↪ [ALTER TABLE `shard_db`.`tb` ADD COLUMN `new_col` INT UNIQUE
        ↪ KEY] source: `shard_db_2`.`shard_table_2`], right DDL
        ↪ sequence should be ..."
}
```

3. Execute `handle-error <task-name> replace` again to replace the wrong DDL statements in MySQL instance 1 and 2:

```
» binlog replace test -s mysql-replica-01 "ALTER TABLE `shard_db_1`.`
    ↪ shard_table_2` ADD COLUMN `new_col` INT;ALTER TABLE `shard_db_
    ↪ 1`.`shard_table_2` ADD UNIQUE(`new_col`)";
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        }
    ]
}
```

```
» binlog replace test -s mysql-replica-02 "ALTER TABLE `shard_db_2`.`
    ↪ shard_table_2` ADD COLUMN `new_col` INT;ALTER TABLE `shard_db_
    ↪ 2`.`shard_table_2` ADD UNIQUE(`new_col`)";
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
```

```
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-02",
            "worker": "worker2"
        }
    ]
}
```

4. Use `query-status <task-name>` to view the task status:

```
» query-status test
```

See the execution result.

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "sourceStatus": {
                "source": "mysql-replica-01",
                "worker": "worker1",
                "result": null,
                "relayStatus": null
            },
            "subTaskStatus": [
                {
                    "name": "test",
                    "stage": "Running",
                    "unit": "Sync",
                    "result": null,
                    "unresolvedDDLLockID": "",
                    "sync": {
                        "masterBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                            ↪ 2388)",
                        "masterBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                            ↪ de45f57:1-10",
                        "syncerBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                            ↪ 2388)",
                        "syncerBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                            ↪ de45f57:1-4",
                        "blockingDDLs": [
```

```
                ],
                "unresolvedGroups": [
                ],
                "unresolvedGroups": [
                ],
                "synced": true,
                "binlogType": "remote",
                "totalRows": "4",
                "totalRps": "0",
                "recentRps": "0"
            }
        }
    ]
},
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sourceStatus": {
        "source": "mysql-replica-02",
        "worker": "worker2",
        "result": null,
        "relayStatus": null
    },
    "subTaskStatus": [
        {
            "name": "test",
            "stage": "Running",
            "unit": "Sync",
            "result": null,
            "unresolvedDDLLockID": "",
            "sync": {
                "masterBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                    ↪ 2388)",
                "masterBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                    ↪ de45f57:1-10",
                "syncerBinlog": "(DESKTOP-T561TSO-bin.000001,
                    ↪ 2388)",
                "syncerBinlogGtid": "143bdef3-dd4a-11ea-8b00-00155
                    ↪ de45f57:1-4",
                "blockingDDLs": [
                ],
                "unresolvedGroups": [
                ],
                "unresolvedGroups": [
                ],
```

```
                    "synced": try,
                    "binlogType": "remote",
                    "totalRows": "4",
                    "totalRps": "0",
                    "recentRps": "0"
                }
            }
        ]
    }
]
}
```

You can see that the task runs normally with no error and all four wrong DDL statements are replaced.

Other commands

For the usage of other commands of `binlog`, refer to the `binlog skip` and `binlog replace` examples above.

13.6.7.9.2 Manage Table Schemas of Tables to Be Migrated Using TiDB Data Migration

This document describes how to manage the schema of the table in DM during migration using dmctl.

When DM performs incremental replication, it first reads the upstream binlog, then creates SQL statements and executes them in the downstream. However, the upstream binlog does not contain the complete table schema. To generate the SQL statements, DM maintains internally the schema information of the table to be migrated. This is called the internal table schema.

To deal with some special occasions, or to handle migration interruptions caused by mismatch of the table schemas, DM provides the `binlog-schema` command to obtain, modify, and delete the internal table schema.

Implementation principles

The internal table schema comes from the following sources:

- For full data migration (`task-mode=all`), the migration task goes through three stages: dump/load/sync, which means full export, full import, and incremental replication. In the dump stage, DM exports the table schema information along with the data and automatically creates the corresponding table in the downstream. In the sync stage, this table schema is used as the starting table scheme for incremental replication.
- In the sync stage, when DM handles DDL statements such as `ALTER TABLE`, it updates the internal table schema at the same time.

- If the task is an incremental migration (`task-mode=incremental`), in which the downstream has completed creating the table to be migrated, DM obtains the table schema information from the downstream database. This behavior varies with DM versions.

For incremental replication, schema maintenance is complicated. During the whole data replication, the following four table schemas are involved. These schemas might be the consistent or inconsistent with one another:

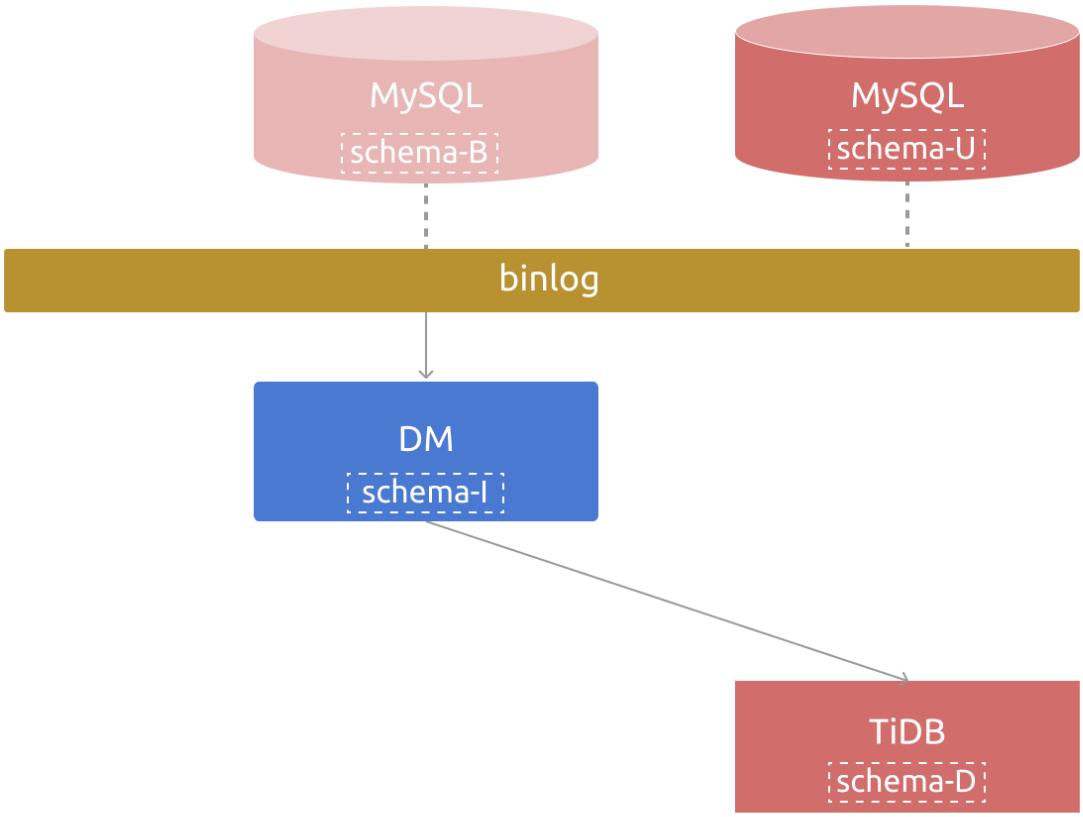


Figure 514: schema

- The upstream table schema at the current time, identified as `schema-U`.
- The table schema of the binlog event currently being consumed by DM, identified as `schema-B`. This schema corresponds to the upstream table schema at a historical time.
- The table schema currently maintained in DM (the schema tracker component), identified as `schema-I`.
- The table schema in the downstream TiDB cluster, identified as `schema-D`.

In most cases, the preceding four table schemas are consistent.

When the upstream database performs a DDL operation to change the table schema, `schema-U` is changed. By applying the DDL operation to the internal schema tracker component and the downstream TiDB cluster, DM updates `schema-I` and `schema-D` in an orderly manner to keep them consistent with `schema-U`. Therefore, DM can then normally consume the binlog event corresponding to the `schema-B` table schema. That is, after the DDL operation is successfully migrated, `schema-U`, `schema-B`, `schema-I`, and `schema-D` are still consistent.

Note the following situations that might cause inconsistency:

- During the migration with optimistic mode sharding DDL support enabled, the `schema-D` of the downstream table might be inconsistent with the `schema-B` and `schema-I` of some upstream sharded tables. In such cases, DM still keeps `schema-I` and `schema-B` consistent to ensure that the binlog event corresponding to DML can be parsed normally.
- When the downstream table has more columns than the upstream table, `schema-D` might be inconsistent with `schema-B` and `schema-I`. In the full data migration (`task-mode=all`), DM automatically handles inconsistency. In the incremental migration (`task-mode=incremental`), because the task is on a first start and there is no internal schema information yet, DM automatically reads the downstream schema (`schema-D`) and updates `schema-I` (this behavior varies with DM versions). After that, if DM uses `schema-I` to parse `schema-B`'s binlog, it will report `Column count doesn't match value count` error. For details, refer to Migrate Data to a Downstream TiDB Table with More Columns.

You can run the `binlog-schema` command to obtain, modify, or delete the `schema-I` table schema maintained in DM.

> **Note:**
>
> The `binlog-schema` command is supported only in DM v6.0 or later versions. For earlier versions, you must use the `operate-schema` command.

Command

```
help binlog-schema
```

```
manage or show table schema in schema tracker

Usage:
  dmctl binlog-schema [command]
```

```
Available Commands:
  delete     delete table schema structure
  list       show table schema structure
  update     update tables schema structure

Flags:
  -h, --help help for binlog-schema

Global Flags:
  -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID.

Use "dmctl binlog-schema [command] --help" for more information about a
    ↪ command.
```

Note:

- Because a table schema might change during data migration, to obtain a predictable table schema, currently the `binlog-schema` command can be used only when the data migration task is in the `Paused` state.
- To avoid data loss due to mishandling, it is **strongly recommended** to get and backup the table schema firstly before you modify the schema.

Parameters

- `delete`: Deletes the table schema.
- `list`: Lists the table schema.
- `update`: Updates the table schema.
- `-s` or `--source`:
  - Required.
  - Specifies the MySQL source that the operation is applied to.

Usage example

Get the table schema

To get the table schema, run the `binlog-schema list` command:

```
help binlog-schema list
```

```
show table schema structure
```

```
Usage:
  dmctl binlog-schema list <task-name> <database> <table> [flags]

Flags:
  -h, --help help for list

Global Flags:
  -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID.
```

If you want to get the table schema of the `db_single`.`t1` table corresponding to the mysql-replica-01 MySQL source in the db_single task, run the following command:

```
binlog-schema list -s mysql-replica-01 task_single db_single t1
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "CREATE TABLE `t1` ( `c1` int NOT NULL, `c2` int DEFAULT
                ↪ NULL, PRIMARY KEY (`c1`)) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=
                ↪ latin1 COLLATE=latin1_bin",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "127.0.0.1:8262"
        }
    ]
}
```

Update the table schema

To update the table schema, run the binlog-schema update command:

```
help binlog-schema update
```

```
update tables schema structure

Usage:
  dmctl binlog-schema update <task-name> <database> <table> [schema-file] [
     ↪ flags]

Flags:
      --flush       flush the table info and checkpoint immediately (default
         ↪  true)
      --from-source use the schema from upstream database as the schema of
         ↪ the specified tables
```

```
      --from-target use the schema from downstream database as the schema of
          ↪ the specified tables
  -h, --help        help for update
      --sync        sync the table info to master to resolve shard ddl lock,
          ↪ only for optimistic mode now (default true)

Global Flags:
  -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID.
```

If you want to set the table schema of the `db_single`.`t1` table corresponding to the mysql-replica-01 MySQL source in the db_single task as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE `t1` (
    `c1` int NOT NULL,
    `c2` bigint DEFAULT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (`c1`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1 COLLATE=latin1_bin
```

Save the CREATE TABLE statement above as a file (for example, db_single.t1-schema.sql), and run the following command:

```
operate-schema set -s mysql-replica-01 task_single -d db_single -t t1 db_
    ↪ single.t1-schema.sql
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "127.0.0.1:8262"
        }
    ]
}
```

Delete the table schema

To delete the table schema, run the binlog-schema delete command:

```
help binlog-schema delete
```

```
delete table schema structure

Usage:
  dmctl binlog-schema delete <task-name> <database> <table> [flags]
```

```
Flags:
  -h, --help  help for delete

Global Flags:
  -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID.
```

> **Note:**
>
> After the table schema maintained in DM is deleted, if a DDL/DML statement related to this table needs to be migrated to the downstream, DM will try to get the table schema from the following three sources in an orderly manner:
>
> - The `table_info` field in the checkpoint table
> - The meta information in the optimistic sharding DDL
> - The corresponding table in the downstream TiDB

If you want to delete the table schema of the `` `db_single`.`t1` `` table corresponding to the `mysql-replica-01` MySQL source in the `db_single` task, run the following command:

```
binlog-schema delete -s mysql-replica-01 task_single db_single t1
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "127.0.0.1:8262"
        }
    ]
}
```

13.6.7.10 Export and Import Data Sources and Task Configuration of Clusters

`config` command is used to export and import data sources and task configuration of clusters.

> **Note:**
>
> For clusters earlier than v2.0.5, you can use dmctl (>= v2.0.5 and < v8.0.0) to export and import the data source and task configuration files.

```
» help config
Commands to import/export config
Usage:
  dmctl config [command]
Available Commands:
  export     Export the configurations of sources and tasks.
  import     Import the configurations of sources and tasks.
Flags:
  -h, --help help for config
Global Flags:
  -s, --source strings MySQL Source ID.
Use "dmctl config [command] --help" for more information about a command.
```

13.6.7.10.1 Export the data source and task configuration of clusters

You can use `export` command to export the data source and task configuration of clusters to specified files.

```
config export [--dir directory]
```

Parameter explanation

- `dir`:
  - optional
  - specifies the file path for exporting
  - the default value is `./configs`

Returned results

```
config export -d /tmp/configs
```

```
export configs to directory `/tmp/configs` succeed
```

13.6.7.10.2 import the data source and task configuration of clusters

You can use `import` command to import the data source and task configuration of clusters from specified files.

```
config import [--dir directory]
```

> **Note:**
>
> For clusters later than v2.0.2, currently, it is not supported to automatically import the configuration related to relay worker. You can use `start-relay` command to manually start relay log.

Parameter explanation

- `dir`:
  - optional
  - specifies the file path for importing
  - the default value is `./configs`

Returned results

```
config import -d /tmp/configs
```

```
start creating sources
start creating tasks
import configs from directory `/tmp/configs` succeed
```

13.6.7.11 Handle Alerts in TiDB Data Migration

This document introduces how to deal with the alert information in DM.

13.6.7.11.1 Alerts related to high availability

`DM_master_all_down`

- Description:

  If all DM-master nodes are offline, this alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  You can take the following steps to handle the alert:

1. Check the environment of the cluster.
2. Check the logs of all DM-master nodes for troubleshooting.

`DM_worker_offline`

- Description:

  If a DM-worker node is offline for more than one hour, this alert is triggered. In a high-availability architecture, this alert might not directly interrupt the task but increases the risk of interruption.

- Solution:

  You can take the following steps to handle the alert:

  1. View the working status of the corresponding DM-worker node.
  2. Check whether the node is connected.
  3. Troubleshoot errors through logs.

`DM_DDL_error`

- Description:

  This error occurs when DM is processing the sharding DDL operations.

- Solution:

  Refer to Troubleshoot DM.

`DM_pending_DDL`

- Description:

  If a sharding DDL operation is pending for more than one hour, this alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  In some scenarios, the pending sharding DDL operation might be what users expect. Otherwise, refer to Handle Sharding DDL Locks Manually in DM for solution.

13.6.7.11.2 Alert rules related to task status

`DM_task_state`

- Description:

  When a sub-task of DM-worker is in the `Paused` state for over 20 minutes, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Refer to Troubleshoot DM.

13.6.7.11.3 Alert rules related to relay log

`DM_relay_process_exits_with_error`

- Description:

  When the relay log processing unit encounters a non-autorecoverable error (for example, binlog files not found), or when it encounters multiple recoverable errors (for example, network problems) in a short period of time (for example, more than 3 times in 2 minutes), this alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Refer to Troubleshoot DM.

`DM_remain_storage_of_relay_log`

- Description:

  When the free space of the disk where the relay log is located is less than 10G, an alert is triggered.

- Solutions:

  You can take the following methods to handle the alert:

  - Delete unwanted data manually to increase free disk space.
  - Reconfigure the automatic data purge strategy of the relay log or purge data manually.
  - Execute the command `pause-relay` to pause the relay log pulling process. After there is enough free disk space, resume the process by running the command `resume-relay`. Note that you must not purge upstream binlog files that have not been pulled after the relay log pulling process is paused.

`DM_relay_log_data_corruption`

- Description:

  When the relay log processing unit validates the binlog event read from the upstream and detects abnormal checksum information, this unit moves to the `Paused` state, and an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Refer to Troubleshoot DM.

`DM_fail_to_read_binlog_from_master`

- Description:

  If an error occurs when the relay log processing unit tries to read the binlog event from the upstream, this unit moves to the `Paused` state, and an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Refer to Troubleshoot DM.

`DM_fail_to_write_relay_log`

- Description:

  If an error occurs when the relay log processing unit tries to write the binlog event into the relay log file, this unit moves to the `Paused` state, and an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Refer to Troubleshoot DM.

`DM_binlog_file_gap_between_master_relay`

- Description:

  When the number of the binlog files in the current upstream MySQL/MariaDB exceeds that of the latest binlog files pulled by the relay log processing unit by **more than** 1 for 10 minutes, and an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Refer to Troubleshoot DM.

13.6.7.11.4 Alert rules related to Dump/Load

`DM_dump_process_exists_with_error`

- Description:

  When the Dump processing unit encounters a non-autorecoverable error (for example, binlog files not found), or when it encounters multiple recoverable errors (for example, network problems) in a short period of time (for example, more than 3 times in 2 minutes), this alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Refer to Troubleshoot DM.

`DM_load_process_exists_with_error`

- Description:

  When the Load processing unit encounters a non-autorecoverable error (for example, binlog files not found), or when it encounters multiple recoverable errors (for example, network problems) in a short period of time (for example, more than 3 times in 2 minutes), this alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Refer to Troubleshoot DM.

13.6.7.11.5 Alert rules related to binlog replication

`DM_sync_process_exists_with_error`

- Description:

  When the binlog replication processing unit encounters a non-autorecoverable error (for example, binlog files not found), or when it encounters multiple recoverable errors (for example, network problems) in a short period of time (for example, more than 3 times in 2 minutes), this alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Refer to Troubleshoot DM.

`DM_binlog_file_gap_between_master_syncer`

- Description:

  When the number of the binlog files in the current upstream MySQL/MariaDB exceeds that of the latest binlog files processed by the relay log processing unit by **more than** 1 for 10 minutes, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Refer to Handle Performance Issues.

`DM_binlog_file_gap_between_relay_syncer`

- Description:

  When the number of the binlog files in the current relay log processing unit exceeds that of the latest binlog files processed by the binlog replication processing unit by **more than** 1 for 10 minutes, an alert is triggered.

- Solution:

  Refer to Handle Performance Issues.

13.6.7.12 Daily Check for TiDB Data Migration

This document summarizes how to perform a daily check on TiDB Data Migration (DM).

- Method 1: Execute the `query-status` command to check the running status of the task and the error output (if any). For details, see Query Status.
- Method 2: If Prometheus and Grafana are correctly deployed when you deploy the DM cluster using TiUP, you can view DM monitoring metrics in Grafana. For example, suppose that the Grafana's address is `172.16.10.71`, go to http://172.16.10.71:3000, enter the Grafana dashboard, and select the DM Dashboard to check monitoring metrics of DM. For more information of these metrics, see DM Monitoring Metrics.
- Method 3: Check the running status of DM and the error (if any) using the log file.
    - DM-master log directory: It is specified by the `--log-file` DM-master process parameter. If DM is deployed using TiUP, the log directory is `{log_dir}` in the DM-master node.
    - DM-worker log directory: It is specified by the `--log-file` DM-worker process parameter. If DM is deployed using TiUP, the log directory is `{log_dir}` in the DM-worker node.

13.6.8 Reference

13.6.8.1 Architecture

13.6.8.1.1 DM-worker Introduction

DM-worker is a tool used to migrate data from MySQL/MariaDB to TiDB.

It has the following features:

- Acts as a secondary database of any MySQL or MariaDB instance
- Reads the binlog events from MySQL/MariaDB and persists them to the local storage
- A single DM-worker supports migrating the data of one MySQL/MariaDB instance to multiple TiDB instances
- Multiple DM-workers support migrating the data of multiple MySQL/MariaDB instances to one TiDB instance

DM-worker processing unit

A DM-worker task contains multiple logic units, including relay log, the dump processing unit, the load processing unit, and binlog replication.

Relay log

The relay log persistently stores the binlog data from the upstream MySQL/MariaDB and provides the feature of accessing binlog events for the binlog replication.

Its rationale and features are similar to the relay log of MySQL. For details, see MySQL Relay Log.

Dump processing unit

The dump processing unit dumps the full data from the upstream MySQL/MariaDB to the local disk.

Load processing unit

The load processing unit reads the dumped files of the dump processing unit and then loads these files to the downstream TiDB.

Binlog replication/sync processing unit

Binlog replication/sync processing unit reads the binlog events of the upstream MySQL/-MariaDB or the binlog events of the relay log, transforms these events to SQL statements, and then applies these statements to the downstream TiDB.

Privileges required by DM-worker

This section describes the upstream and downstream database users' privileges required by DM-worker, and the user privileges required by the respective processing unit.

Upstream database user privileges

The upstream database (MySQL/MariaDB) user must have the following privileges:

Privilege	Scope
`SELECT`	Tables
`RELOAD`	Global
`REPLICATION SLAVE`	Global
`REPLICATION CLIENT`	Global

If you need to migrate the data from `db1` to TiDB, execute the following `GRANT` statement:

```
GRANT RELOAD,REPLICATION SLAVE, REPLICATION CLIENT ON *.* TO 'your_user'@'
    ↪ your_wildcard_of_host';
GRANT SELECT ON db1.* TO 'your_user'@'your_wildcard_of_host';
```

If you also need to migrate the data from other databases into TiDB, make sure the same privileges are granted to the user of the respective databases.

Downstream database user privileges

The downstream database (TiDB) user must have the following privileges:

Privilege	Scope
`SELECT`	Tables
`INSERT`	Tables
`UPDATE`	Tables

Privilege	Scope
DELETE	Tables
CREATE	Databases, tables
DROP	Databases, tables
ALTER	Tables
INDEX	Tables

Execute the following GRANT statement for the databases or tables that you need to migrate:

```
GRANT SELECT,INSERT,UPDATE,DELETE,CREATE,DROP,ALTER,INDEX ON db.table TO '
    ↪ your_user'@'your_wildcard_of_host';
GRANT ALL ON dm_meta.* TO 'your_user'@'your_wildcard_of_host';
```

Minimal privilege required by each processing unit

Processing unit	Minimal upstream (MySQL/MariaDB) privilege	Minimal downstream (TiDB) privilege	Minimal system privilege
Relay log	REPLICATION SLAVE (reads the binlog)REPLICATION ↪ CLIENT (show master ↪ status, show slave status)	NULL	Read/Write local files
Dump	SELECTRELOAD (flushes tables with Read lock and unlocks tables)	NULL	Write local files
Load	NULL	SELECT (Query the checkpoint history)CREATE (creates a database/table)DELETE ↪ (deletes checkpoint)INSERT (Inserts the Dump data)	Read/Write local files

Processing unit	Minimal upstream (MySQL/MariaDB) privilege	Minimal downstream (TiDB) privilege	Minimal system privilege
Binlog replication	`REPLICATION SLAVE` (reads the binlog)`REPLICATION CLIENT` (`show master status`, `show slave status`)	`SELECT` (shows the index and column)`INSERT` (DML)`UPDATE` (DML)`DELETE` (DML)`CREATE` (creates a database/table)`DROP` (drops databases/tables)`ALTER` (alters a table)`INDEX` (creates/drops an index)	Read/Write local files

Note:

These privileges are not immutable and they change as the request changes.

13.6.8.1.2 DM Safe Mode

Safe mode is a special operation mode for DM to perform incremental replication. In safe mode, when the DM incremental replication component replicates binlog events, DM forcibly rewrites all the `INSERT` and `UPDATE` statements before executing them in the downstream.

During safe mode, one binlog event can be replicated repeatedly to the downstream with idempotence guaranteed. Thus, the incremental replication is *safe*.

After resuming a data replication task from a checkpoint, DM might repeatedly replicate some binlog events, which leads to the following issues:

- During incremental replication, the operation of executing DML and the operation of writing checkpoints are not simultaneous. The operation of writing checkpoints and

writing data into the downstream database is not atomic. Therefore, **when DM exits abnormally, checkpoints might only record the restoration point before the exit point**.

- When DM restarts a replication task and resumes incremental replication from a checkpoint, some data between the checkpoint and the exit point might already be processed before the abnormal exit. This causes **some SQL statements to be executed repeatedly**.
- If an `INSERT` statement is executed repeatedly, the primary key or the unique index might encounter a conflict, which leads to a replication failure. If an `UPDATE` statement is executed repeatedly, the filter condition might not be able to locate the previously updated records.

In safe mode, DM can rewrite SQL statements to resolve the preceding issues.

Working principle

In safe mode, DM guarantees the idempotency of binlog events by rewriting SQL statements. Specifically, the following SQL statements are rewritten:

- `INSERT` statements are rewritten to `REPLACE` statements.
- `UPDATE` statements are analyzed to obtain the value of the primary key or the unique index of the row updated. `UPDATE` statements are then rewritten to `DELETE` + `REPLACE` statements in the following two steps: DM deletes the old record using the primary key or unique index, and inserts the new record using the `REPLACE` statement.

`REPLACE` is a MySQL-specific syntax for inserting data. When you insert data using `REPLACE`, and the new data and existing data have a primary key or unique constraint conflict, MySQL deletes all the conflicting records and executes the insert operation, which is equivalent to "force insert". For details, see REPLACE statement in MySQL documentation.

Assume that a `dummydb.dummytbl` table has a primary key `id`. Execute the following SQL statements repeatedly on this table:

```
INSERT INTO dummydb.dummytbl (id, int_value, str_value) VALUES (123, 999, '
    ↪ abc');
UPDATE dummydb.dummytbl SET int_value = 888999 WHERE int_value = 999; --
    ↪ Suppose there is no other record with int_value = 999
UPDATE dummydb.dummytbl SET id = 999 WHERE id = 888; -- Update the primary
    ↪ key
```

With safe mode enabled, when the preceding SQL statements are executed again in the downstream, they are rewritten as follows:

```
REPLACE INTO dummydb.dummytbl (id, int_value, str_value) VALUES (123, 999,
    ↪ 'abc');
DELETE FROM dummydb.dummytbl WHERE id = 123;
```

```
REPLACE INTO dummydb.dummytbl (id, int_value, str_value) VALUES (123,
    ↪ 888999, 'abc');
DELETE FROM dummydb.dummytbl WHERE id = 888;
REPLACE INTO dummydb.dummytbl (id, int_value, str_value) VALUES (999,
    ↪ 888888, 'abc888');
```

In the preceding statements, `UPDATE` is rewritten as `DELETE` + `REPLACE`, rather than `DELETE` + `INSERT`. If `INSERT` is used here, when you insert a duplicate record with `id = 999`, the database reports a primary key conflict. This is why `REPLACE` is used instead. The new record will replace the existing record.

By rewriting SQL statements, DM overwrites the existing row data using the new row data when performing duplicate insert or update operations. This guarantees that insert and update operations are executed repeatedly.

Enable safe mode

You can enable safe mode either automatically or manually. This section describes the detailed steps.

Automatically enable

When DM resumes an incremental replication task from a checkpoint (For example, DM worker restart or network reconnection), DM automatically enables safe mode for a period (60 seconds by default).

Whether to enable safe mode is related to `safemode_exit_point` in the checkpoint. When an incremental replication task is paused abnormally, DM tries to replicate all DML statements in the memory to the downstream and records the latest binlog position among the DML statements as `safemode_exit_point`, which is saved to the last checkpoint.

The detailed logic is as follows:

- If the checkpoint contains `safemode_exit_point`, the incremental replication task is paused abnormally. When DM resumes the task, the binlog position of the checkpoint to be resumed (**begin position**) is earlier than `safemode_exit_point`, which represents the binlog events between the begin position and the `safemode_exit_point` might have been processed in the downstream. So, during the resume process, some binlog events might be executed repeatedly. Therefore, enabling safe mode can make these binlog positions **safe**. After the binlog position exceeds the `safemode_exit_point`, DM automatically disables safe mode unless safe mode is enabled manually.
- If the checkpoint does not contain `safemode_exit_point`, there are two cases:
    1. This is a new task, or this task is paused as expected.
    2. This task is paused abnormally but DM fails to record `safemode_exit_point`, or the DM process exits abnormally.

In the second case, DM does not know which binlog events after the checkpoint are executed in the downstream. To ensure that repeatedly executed binlog events do not cause any problems, DM automatically enables safe mode during the first two checkpoint intervals. The default interval between two checkpoints is 30 seconds, which means when a normal incremental replication task starts, safe mode is enforced for the first 60 seconds (2 * 30 seconds).

Usually, it is not recommended to change the checkpoint interval to adjust the safe mode period at the beginning of the incremental replication task. However, if you do need a change, you can manually enable safe mode (recommended) or change the `checkpoint-flush-interval` item in syncer configuration.

Manually enable

You can set the `safe-mode` item in the syncer configuration to enable safe mode during the entire replication process. `safe-mode` is a bool type parameter and is `false` by default. If it is set to `true`, DM enables safe mode for the whole incremental replication process.

The following is a task configuration example with safe mode enabled:

```
syncers:                           # The running configurations of the sync
   ↪ processing unit.
  global:                          # Configuration name.
    # Other configuration items are not provided in this example.
    safe-mode: true                # Enables safe mode for the whole
       ↪ incremental replication process.
    # Other configuration items are not provided in this example.
##### ----------- Instance configuration -----------
mysql-instances:
  -
    source-id: "mysql-replica-01"
    # Other configuration items are not provided in this example.
    syncer-config-name: "global"       # Name of the syncers configuration.
```

Notes for safe mode

If you want to enable safe mode during the entire replication process for safety reasons, be aware of the following:

- **Incremental replication in safe mode consumes extra overhead.** Frequent `DELETE` + `REPLACE` operations result in frequent changes to primary keys or unique indexes, which creates a greater performance overhead than executing `UPDATE` statements only.
- **Safe mode forces the replacement of records with the same primary key, which might result in data loss in the downstream.** When you merge and migrate shards from the upstream to the downstream, incorrect configuration might lead to a large number of primary key or unique key conflicts. If safe mode is enabled in

this situation, the downstream might lose lots of data without showing any exception, resulting in severe data inconsistency.

- **Safe mode relies on the primary key or unique index to detect conflicts.** If the downstream table has no primary key or unique index, DM cannot use `REPLACE` ↪ to replace and insert records. In this case, even if safe mode is enabled and DM rewrites `INSERT` to `REPLACE` statements, duplicate records are still inserted into the downstream.

In summary, if the upstream database has data with duplicate primary keys, and your application tolerates loss of duplicate records and performance overhead, you can enable safe mode to ignore data duplication.

13.6.8.1.3 Data Migration Relay Log

The Data Migration (DM) relay log consists of several sets of numbered files containing events that describe database changes, and an index file that contains the names of all used relay log files.

After relay log is enabled, DM-worker automatically migrates the upstream binlog to the local configuration directory (the default migration directory is `<deploy_dir>/<relay_log>` if DM is deployed using TiUP). The default value of `<relay_log>` is `relay-dir` and can be modified in Upstream Database Configuration File. Since v5.4.0, you can configure the local configuration directory through `relay-dir` in the DM-worker configuration file, which takes precedence over the configuration file of the upstream database.

User scenarios

In MySQL, storage space is limited, so the binlog is automatically purged when the maximum retention time is reached. After the upstream database purges the binlog, DM fails to pull the purged binlog and the migration task fails. For each migration task, DM creates a connection in the upstream to pull binlog. Too many connections might cause a heavy workload on the upstream database.

When the relay log is enabled, multiple migration task with the same upstream database can reuse the relay log that has been pulled to the local disk. This **relieves the pressure on the upstream database**.

For full and incremental data migration tasks (`task-mode=all`), DM needs to first migrate full data and then perform incremental migration based on binlog. If the full migration phase takes long, the upstream binlog might be purged, which results in incremental migration failure. To avoid this situation, you can enable the relay log feature so that DM automatically retains enough log in the local disk and **ensures the incremental migration task can be performed normally**.

It is generally recommended to enable relay log, but be aware of the following potential issue:

Because relay log must be written to the disk, it consumes external IO and CPU resources. This prolongs the whole data replication process and increases the data replication latency. For **latency-sensitive** scenarios, it is not recommended to enable relay log.

Note:

In DM v2.0.7 and later versions, relay log writes are optimized. The latency and CPU resource consumption is relatively low.

Use relay log

This section describes how to enable and disable relay log, query relay log status, and purge relay log.

Enable and disable relay log

In v5.4.0 and later versions, you can enable relay log by setting `enable-relay` to `true`. Since v5.4.0, when binding the upstream data source, DM-worker checks the `enable-relay` item in the configuration of the data source. If `enable-relay` is `true`, the relay log feature is enabled for this data source.

For the detailed configuration method, see Upstream Database Configuration File.

In addition, you can also dynamically adjust the `enable-relay` configuration of the data source using the `start-relay` or `stop-relay` command to enable or disable relay log in time.

```
start-relay -s mysql-replica-01
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": ""
}
```

Note:

In DM v2.0.x later than DM v2.0.2 and in v5.3.0, the configuration item `enable-relay` in the source configuration file is no longer valid, and you can only use `start-relay` and `stop-relay` to enable and disable relay log. If DM finds that `enable-relay` is set to `true` when loading the data source configuration, it outputs the following message:

```
Please use `start-relay` to specify which workers should pull
    ↪ relay log of relay-enabled sources.
```

Warning:

This startup method is marked as deprecated in v6.1 and might be removed in a future release. You can see the following prompt in the output of the relevant command: `start-relay/stop-relay with worker name will be deprecated soon. You can try stopping relay first and use start-relay without worker name instead.`

In the command `start-relay`, you can configure one or more DM-workers to migrate relay logs for the specified data source, but the DM-workers specified in the parameter must be free or have been bound to the upstream data source. Examples are as follows:

```
start-relay -s mysql-replica-01 worker1 worker2
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": ""
}
```

```
stop-relay -s mysql-replica-01 worker1 worker2
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": ""
}
```

In DM versions earlier than v2.0.2 (not including v2.0.2), DM checks the configuration item `enable-relay` in the source configuration file when binding a DM-worker to an upstream data source. If `enable-relay` is set to `true`, DM enables the relay log feature for the data source.

See Upstream Database Configuration File for how to set the configuration item `enable-relay`.

Query relay log status

You can use the command `query-status -s` to query the status of the relay log:

```
query-status -s mysql-replica-01
```

Expected output

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
```

```
"sources": [
    {
        "result": true,
        "msg": "no sub task started",
        "sourceStatus": {
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker2",
            "result": null,
            "relayStatus": {
                "masterBinlog": "(mysql-bin.000005, 916)",
                "masterBinlogGtid": "09bec856-ba95-11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188
                    ↪ :1-28",
                "relaySubDir": "09bec856-ba95-11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188
                    ↪ .000001",
                "relayBinlog": "(mysql-bin.000005, 4)",
                "relayBinlogGtid": "09bec856-ba95-11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188
                    ↪ :1-28",
                "relayCatchUpMaster": false,
                "stage": "Running",
                "result": null
            }
        },
        "subTaskStatus": [
        ]
    },
    {
        "result": true,
        "msg": "no sub task started",
        "sourceStatus": {
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1",
            "result": null,
            "relayStatus": {
                "masterBinlog": "(mysql-bin.000005, 916)",
                "masterBinlogGtid": "09bec856-ba95-11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188
                    ↪ :1-28",
                "relaySubDir": "09bec856-ba95-11ea-850a-58f2b4af5188
                    ↪ .000001",
                "relayBinlog": "(mysql-bin.000005, 916)",
                "relayBinlogGtid": "",
                "relayCatchUpMaster": true,
                "stage": "Running",
                "result": null
            }
        },
```

```
            "subTaskStatus": [
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

Pause and resume relay log

You can use the command `pause-relay` to pause the pulling process of relay logs and use the command `resume-relay` to resume the process. You need to specify the `source-id` of the upstream data source when executing these two commands. See the following examples:

```
pause-relay -s mysql-replica-01 -s mysql-replica-02
```

Expected output

```
{
    "op": "PauseRelay",
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        },
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-02",
            "worker": "worker2"
        }
    ]
}
```

```
resume-relay -s mysql-replica-01
```

Expected output

```
{
    "op": "ResumeRelay",
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
```

```
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        }
    ]
}
```

Purge relay logs

DM provides two ways to purge relay logs: manual purge and automatic purge. Neither of these two methods purges active relay logs.

Note:

- Active relay log: The relay log is being used by a data migration task. An active relay log is currently only updated and written in the Syncer Unit. If a data migration task in All mode spends more time on full export/import than the expiration time configured in the purge of the data source, the relay log is still purged.
- Expired relay log: The difference between the last modification time of the relay log file and the current time is greater than the value of the `expires` field in the configuration file.

Automatic purge

You can enable automatic purge and configure its strategy in the source configuration file. See the following example:

```
##### relay log purge strategy
purge:
    interval: 3600
    expires: 24
    remain-space: 15
```

- `purge.interval`
    - The interval of automatic purge in the background, in seconds.
    - "3600" by default, indicating a background purge task is performed every 3600 seconds.
- `purge.expires`

    - The number of hours for which the relay log (that has been previously written to the relay processing unit, and that is not being used or will not be read later by the currently running data migration task) can be retained before being purged in the automatic background purge.
    - "0" by default, indicating data purge is not performed according to the update time of the relay log.

- `purge.remain-space`

    - The amount of remaining disk space in GB less than which the specified DM-worker machine tries to purge the relay log that can be purged securely in the automatic background purge. If it is set to `0`, data purge is not performed according to the remaining disk space.
    - "15" by default, indicating when the available disk space is less than 15 GB, DM-master tries to purge the relay log securely.

Manual purge

Manual purge means using the `purge-relay` command provided by dmctl to specify `subdir` and the binlog name thus to purge all the relay logs **before** the specified binlog. If the `-subdir` option in the command is not specified, all relay logs **before** the current relay log sub-directory are purged.

Assuming that the directory structure of the current relay log is as follows:

```
$ tree .
.
|-- deb76a2b-09cc-11e9-9129-5242cf3bb246.000001
|   |-- mysql-bin.000001
|   |-- mysql-bin.000002
|   |-- mysql-bin.000003
|   `-- relay.meta
|-- deb76a2b-09cc-11e9-9129-5242cf3bb246.000003
|   |-- mysql-bin.000001
|   `-- relay.meta
|-- e4e0e8ab-09cc-11e9-9220-82cc35207219.000002
|   |-- mysql-bin.000001
|   `-- relay.meta
`-- server-uuid.index

$ cat server-uuid.index
deb76a2b-09cc-11e9-9129-5242cf3bb246.000001
e4e0e8ab-09cc-11e9-9220-82cc35207219.000002
deb76a2b-09cc-11e9-9129-5242cf3bb246.000003
```

- Executing the following `purge-relay` command in dmctl purges all relay log files **before** `e4e0e8ab-09cc-11e9-9220-82cc35207219.000002/mysql-bin.000001`, which

are all relay log files in `deb76a2b-09cc-11e9-9129-5242cf3bb246.000001`. Files in `e4e0e8ab-09cc-11e9-9220-82cc35207219.000002` and `deb76a2b-09cc-11e9-9129-5242cf3bb246.000003` are retained.

```
purge-relay -s mysql-replica-01 --filename mysql-bin.000001 --sub-dir
    ↪ e4e0e8ab-09cc-11e9-9220-82cc35207219.000002
```

- Executing the following `purge-relay` command in dmctl purges all relay log files **before the current** (`deb76a2b-09cc-11e9-9129-5242cf3bb246.000003`) directory's `mysql-bin.000001`, which are all relay log files in `deb76a2b-09cc-11e9-9129-5242cf3bb246.000001` and `e4e0e8ab-09cc-11e9-9220-82cc35207219.000002`. Files in `deb76a2b-09cc-11e9-9129-5242cf3bb246.000003` are retained.

```
purge-relay -s mysql-replica-01 --filename mysql-bin.000001
```

Internal mechanism of relay log

This section introduces the internal mechanism of relay log.

Directory structure

An example of the directory structure of the local storage for a relay log:

```
<deploy_dir>/<relay_log>/
|-- 7e427cc0-091c-11e9-9e45-72b7c59d52d7.000001
|   |-- mysql-bin.000001
|   |-- mysql-bin.000002
|   |-- mysql-bin.000003
|   |-- mysql-bin.000004
|   `-- relay.meta
|-- 842965eb-091c-11e9-9e45-9a3bff03fa39.000002
|   |-- mysql-bin.000001
|   `-- relay.meta
`-- server-uuid.index
```

- `subdir`:
    - DM-worker stores the binlog migrated from the upstream database in the same directory. Each directory is a `subdir`.
    - `subdir` is named in the format of `<Upstream database UUID>.<Local subdir serial number>`.
    - After a switch between primary and secondary instances in the upstream, DM-worker generates a new `subdir` directory with an incremental serial number.
    - In the above example, for the `7e427cc0-091c-11e9-9e45-72b7c59d52d7.000001` directory, `7e427cc0-091c-11e9-9e45-72b7c59d52d7` is the upstream database UUID and `000001` is the local `subdir` serial number.

- `server-uuid.index`: records a list of the currently available `subdir` directories.
- `relay.meta`: stores the information of the migrated binlog in each `subdir`. For example,

```
cat c0149e17-dff1-11e8-b6a8-0242ac110004.000001/relay.meta
```

```
binlog-name = "mysql-bin.000010"                          # The name of the
    ↪ currently migrated binlog.
binlog-pos = 63083620                                     # The position of
    ↪ the currently migrated binlog.
binlog-gtid = "c0149e17-dff1-11e8-b6a8-0242ac110004:1-3328" # GTID of
    ↪ the currently migrated binlog.
```

There might also be multiple GTIDs:

```
cat 92acbd8a-c844-11e7-94a1-1866daf8accc.000001/relay.meta
```

```
binlog-name = "mysql-bin.018393"
binlog-pos = 277987307
binlog-gtid = "3ccc475b-2343-11e7-be21-6c0b84d59f30:1-14,406a3f61-690d
    ↪ -11e7-87c5-6c92bf46f384:1-94321383,53bfca22-690d-11e7-8a62-18
    ↪ ded7a37b78:1-495,686e1ab6-c47e-11e7-a42c-6c92bf46f384
    ↪ :1-34981190,03fc0263-28c7-11e7-a653-6c0b84d59f30:1-7041423,05474
    ↪ d3c-28c7-11e7-8352-203db246dd3d:1-170,10b039fc-c843-11e7-8f6a
    ↪ -1866daf8d810:1-308290454"
```

The position where DM receives the binlog

- DM obtains the earliest position that each migration task needs from the saved checkpoint (in the downstream `dm_meta` schema by default). If this position is later than any of the following positions, DM starts to migrate from this position.
- If the local relay log is valid, which means that the relay log contains valid `server-uuid.index`, `subdir`, and `relay.meta` files, DM-worker recovers the migration from the position recorded in `relay.meta`.
- If there is no valid local relay log, but the upstream data source configuration file specifies `relay-binlog-name` or `relay-binlog-gtid`:
    - In non-GTID mode, if `relay-binlog-name` is specified, DM-worker starts to migrate from the specified binlog file.
    - In GTID mode, if `relay-binlog-gtid` is specified, DM-worker starts to migrate from the specified GTID.
- If there is no valid local relay log and the `relay-binlog-name` or `relay-binlog-gtid` is not specified in the DM configuration file:

- In non-GTID mode, DM-worker starts to migrate from the earliest binlog that each subtask is migrating, until the latest binlog is migrated.
- In GTID mode, DM-worker starts to migrate from the earliest GTID that each subtask is migrating, until the latest GTID is migrated.

> **Note:**
>
> If the upstream relay log is purged, an error occurs. In this case, you need to configure `relay-binlog-gtid` to specify the start position of the migration.

13.6.8.1.4 Special Handling of DM DDLs

When TiDB Data Migration (DM) migrates data, it parses the DDL statements and handles them according to the statement type and the current migration stage.

Skip DDL statements

The following statements are not supported by DM, so DM skips them directly after parsing.

```
<tr>
    <th>Description</th>
    <th>SQL</th>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td>transaction</td>
    <td><code>^SAVEPOINT</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td>skip all flush sqls</td>
    <td><code>^FLUSH</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td rowspan="3">table maintenance</td>
    <td><code>^OPTIMIZE\\s+TABLE</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td><code>^ANALYZE\\s+TABLE</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td><code>^REPAIR\\s+TABLE</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td>temporary table</td>
```

```
    <td><code>^DROP\\s+(\\/\\*\\!40005\\s+)?TEMPORARY\\s+(\\*\\/\\s+)?TABLE
       ↪ </code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td rowspan="2">trigger</td>
    <td><code>^CREATE\\s+(DEFINER\\s?=.+?)?TRIGGER</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td><code>^DROP\\s+TRIGGER</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td rowspan="3">procedure</td>
    <td><code>^DROP\\s+PROCEDURE</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td><code>^CREATE\\s+(DEFINER\\s?=.+?)?PROCEDURE</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td><code>^ALTER\\s+PROCEDURE</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td rowspan="3">view</td>
    <td><code>^CREATE\\s*(OR REPLACE)?\\s+(ALGORITHM\\s?=.+?)?(DEFINER\\s
       ↪ ?=.+?)?\\s+(SQL SECURITY DEFINER)?VIEW</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td><code>^DROP\\s+VIEW</code></td>
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       ↪ DEFINER)?VIEW</code></td>
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<tr>
    <td><code>^DROP\\s+TABLESPACE</code></td>
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<tr>
    <td><code>^DROP\\s+USER</code></td>
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```

Rewrite DDL statements

The following statements are rewritten before being replicated to the downstream.

Original statement	Rewritten statement
`^CREATE DATABASE...`	`^CREATE DATABASE...IF NOT EXISTS`
`^CREATE TABLE...`	`^CREATE TABLE..IF NOT EXISTS`
`^DROP DATABASE...`	`^DROP DATABASE...IF EXISTS`
`^DROP TABLE...`	`^DROP TABLE...IF EXISTS`
`^DROP INDEX...`	`^DROP INDEX...IF EXISTS`

Shard merge migration tasks

When DM merges and migrates tables in pessimistic or optimistic mode, the behavior of DDL replication is different from that in other scenarios. For details, refer to Pessimistic Mode and Optimistic Mode.

Online DDL

The Online DDL feature also handles DDL events in a special way. For details, refer to Migrate from Databases that Use GH-ost/PT-osc.

13.6.8.2 Mechanism

13.6.8.2.1 DML Replication Mechanism in Data Migration

This document introduces how the core processing unit Sync in DM processes DML statements read from the data source or relay log. This document introduces the complete processing flow of DML events in DM, including the logic of binlog reading, filtering, routing, transformation, optimization, and execution. This document also explains the DML optimization logic and DML execution logic in detail.

DML processing flow

The Sync unit processes DML statements as follows:

1. Read the binlog event from the MySQL, MariaDB, or relay log.
2. Transform the binlog event read from the data source:
    1. Binlog filter: filter binlog events according to binlog expressions, configured by `filters`.
    2. Table routing: transform the "database/table" name according to the "database/table" routing rule, configured by `routes`.
    3. Expression filter: filter binlog events according to SQL expressions, configured by `expression-filter`.
3. Optimize the DML execution plan:

1. Compactor: merge multiple operations on the same record (with the same primary key) into one operation. This feature is enabled by `syncer.compact`.
2. Causality: perform conflict detection on different records (with different primary keys) to improve the concurrency of replication.
3. Merger: merge multiple binlog events into one DML statement, enabled by `syncer.multiple-rows`.

4. Execute the DML to the downstream.

5. Periodically save the binlog position or GTID to the checkpoint.

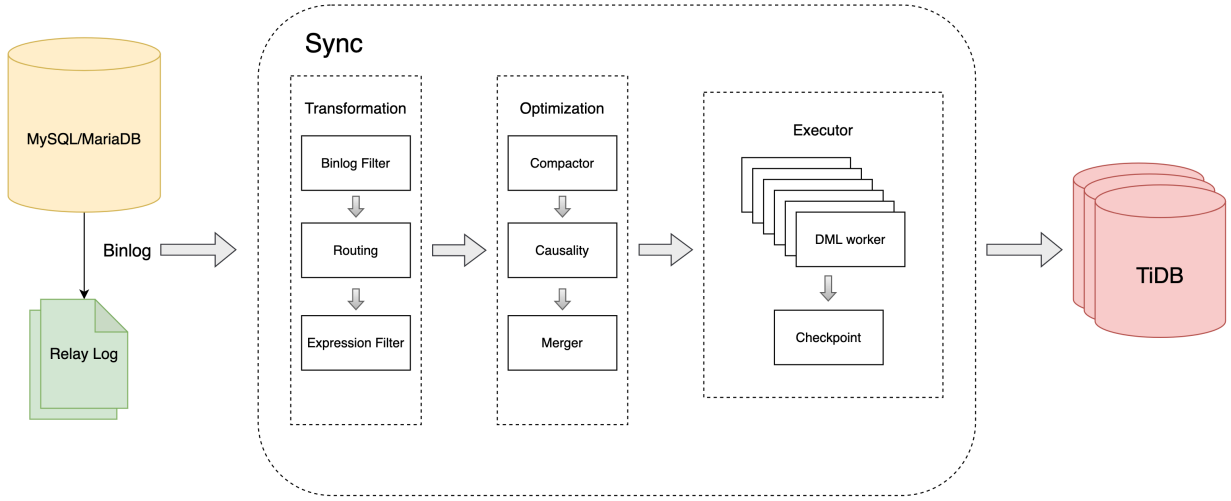

Figure 515: DML processing logic

DML optimization logic

The Sync unit implements the DML optimization logic through three steps: Compactor, Causality, and Merger.

Compactor

According to the binlog records of the upstream, DM captures the changes of the records and replicates them to the downstream. When the upstream makes multiple changes to the same record (`INSERT`/`UPDATE`/`DELETE`) in a short period of time, DM can compress multiple changes into one change through Compactor to reduce the pressure on the downstream and improve the throughput. For example:

```
INSERT + UPDATE => INSERT
INSERT + DELETE => DELETE
UPDATE + UPDATE => UPDATE
UPDATE + DELETE => DELETE
DELETE + INSERT => UPDATE
```

The Compactor feature is disabled by default. To enable it, you can set `syncer.compact` to `true` in the `sync` configuration module of the replication task, as shown below:

```
syncers:                          # The configuration parameters of the sync
    ↪ processing unit
  global:                         # Configuration name
    ...                            # Other configurations are omitted
    compact: true
```

Causality

The sequential replication model of MySQL binlog requires that binlog events be replicated in the order of binlog. This replication model cannot meet the requirements of high QPS and low replication latency. In addition, because not all operations involved in binlog have conflicts, sequential replication is not necessary in those cases.

DM recognizes the binlog that needs to be executed sequentially through conflict detection, and ensures that these binlog are executed sequentially while maximizing the concurrency of other binlog. This helps improve the performance of binlog replication.

Causality adopts an algorithm similar to the union-find algorithm to classify each DML and group DMLs that are related to each other.

Merger

According to the MySQL binlog protocol, each binlog corresponds to a change operation of one row of data. Through Merger, DM can merge multiple binlogs into one DML and execute it to the downstream, reducing the network interaction. For example:

```
  INSERT tb(a,b) VALUES(1,1);
+ INSERT tb(a,b) VALUES(2,2);
= INSERT tb(a,b) VALUES(1,1),(2,2);
  UPDATE tb SET a=1, b=1 WHERE a=1;
+ UPDATE tb SET a=2, b=2 WHERE a=2;
= INSERT tb(a,b) VALUES(1,1),(2,2) ON DUPLICATE UPDATE a=VALUES(a), b=VALUES
    ↪ (b)
  DELETE tb WHERE a=1
+ DELETE tb WHERE a=2
= DELETE tb WHERE (a) IN (1),(2);
```

The Merger feature is disabled by default. To enable it, you can set `syncer.multiple-rows` to `true` in the `sync` configuration module of the replication task, as shown below:

```
syncers:                          # The configuration parameters of the sync
    ↪ processing unit
  global:                         # Configuration name
    ...                            # Other configurations are omitted
    multiple-rows: true
```

DML execution logic

After the Sync unit optimizes the DML, it performs the execution logic.

DML generation

DM has an embedded schema tracker that records the schema information of the upstream and downstream:

- When DM receives a DDL statement, DM updates the table schema of the internal schema tracker.
- When DM receives a DML statement, DM generates the corresponding DML according to the table schema of the schema tracker.

The logic of generating DML is as follows:

1. The Sync unit records the initial table structure of the upstream:
    - When starting a full and incremental task, Sync uses the **table structure exported during the upstream full data migration** as the initial table structure of the upstream.
    - When starting an incremental task, because MySQL binlog does not record the table structure information, Sync uses the **table structure of the corresponding table in the downstream** as the initial table structure of the upstream.
2. The user's upstream and downstream table structures might be inconsistent, for example, the downstream might have additional columns than the upstream, or the upstream and downstream primary keys are inconsistent. Therefore, to ensure the correctness of data replication, DM records the **primary key and unique key information of the corresponding table in the downstream**.
3. DM generates DML:
    - Use the **the upstream table structure recorded in the schema tracker** to generate the column names of the DML statement.
    - Use the **column values recorded in the binlog** to generate the column values of the DML statement.
    - Use the **downstream primary key or unique key recorded in the schema tracker** to generate the `WHERE` condition of the DML statement. When the table structure has no unique key, DM uses all the column values recorded in the binlog as the `WHERE` condition.

Worker count

Causality can divide binlog into multiple groups through conflict detection and execute them concurrently to the downstream. DM controls the concurrency by setting `worker-count`. When the CPU usage of the downstream TiDB is not high, increasing the concurrency can effectively improve the throughput of data replication.

You can modify the number of threads that concurrently migrate DML by modifying the `syncer.worker-count` configuration item.

Batch

DM batches multiple DMLs into a single transaction and executes it to the downstream. When a DML worker receives a DML, it adds the DML to the cache. When the number of DMLs in the cache reaches the preset threshold, or the DML worker does not receive DML for a long time, the DML worker executes the DMLs in the cache to the downstream.

You can modify the number of DMLs contained in a transaction by modifying the `syncer.batch` configuration item.

checkpoint

The operation of executing DML and updating checkpoint is not atomic.

In DM, checkpoint is updated every 30 seconds by default. Because there are multiple DML worker processes, the checkpoint process calculates the binlog position of the earliest replication progress of all DML workers, and uses this position as the current replication checkpoint. All binlogs earlier than this position are guaranteed to be successfully executed to the downstream.

Notes

Transaction consistency

DM replicates data at the row level and does not guarantee transaction consistency. In DM, an upstream transaction is split into multiple rows and distributed to different DML workers for concurrent execution. Therefore, when the DM replication task reports an error and pauses, or when the user manually pauses the task, the downstream might be in an intermediate state. That is, the DML statements in an upstream transaction might be partially replicated to the downstream, which might cause the downstream to be in an inconsistent state.

To ensure that the downstream is in a consistent state when the task is paused as much as possible, starting from DM v5.3.0, DM waits for 10 seconds before pausing the task to ensure that all transactions from the upstream are replicated to the downstream. However, if a transaction is not replicated to the downstream within 10 seconds, the downstream might still be in an inconsistent state.

Safe mode

The operation of DML execution and checkpoint update is not atomic, and the operation of checkpoint update and writing data to the downstream is also not atomic. When DM exits abnormally, the checkpoint might only record a recovery point before the exit time. Therefore, when the task is restarted, DM might write the same data multiple times, which means that DM actually provides the “at least once processing” logic, and the same data might be processed more than once.

To make sure the data is reentrant, DM enters the safe mode when it restarts from an abnormal exit.

When the safe mode is enabled, to make sure that data can be processed multiple times, DM performs the following conversions:

- Rewrite the `INSERT` statement of the upstream to the `REPLACE` statement.
- Rewrite the `UPDATE` statement of the upstream to the `DELETE` + `REPLACE` statement.

Exactly-once processing

Currently, DM only guarantees eventual consistency and does not support "exactly-once processing" and "keeping the original order of transactions".

13.6.8.3 Command Line

13.6.8.3.1 TiDB Data Migration Command-line Flags

This document introduces DM's command-line flags.

DM-master

`--advertise-addr`

- The external address of DM-master used to receive client requests
- The default value is `"{master-addr}"`
- Optional flag. It can be in the form of `"domain-name:port"`

`--advertise-peer-urls`

- The external address for communication between DM-master nodes
- The default value is `"{peer-urls}"`
- Optional flag. It can be in the form of `"http(s)://domain-name:port"`

`--config`

- The configuration file path of DM-master
- The default value is `""`
- Optional flag

`--data-dir`

- The directory used to store data of DM-master
- The default value is `"default.{name}"`
- Optional flag

`--initial-cluster`

- The `"{node name}={external address}"` list used to bootstrap DM-master cluster
- The default value is `"{name}={advertise-peer-urls}"`
- This flag needs to be specified if the `join` flag is not specified. A configuration example of a 3-node cluster is `"dm-master-1=http://172.16.15.11:8291,dm-master-2=http ↪ ://172.16.15.12:8291,dm-master-3=http://172.16.15.13:8291"`

`--join`

- The existing cluster's `advertise-addr` list when a DM-master node joins this cluster
- The default value is `""`
- This flag needs to be specified if the `initial-cluster` flag is not specified. Suppose a new node joins a cluster that has 2 nodes, a configuration example is `"172.16.15.11:8261,172.16.15.12:8261"`

`--log-file`

- The output file name of the log
- The default value is `""`
- Optional flag

`-L`

- The log level
- The default value is `"info"`
- Optional flag

`--master-addr`

- The address on which DM-master listens to the client's requests
- The default value is `""`
- Required flag

`--name`

- The name of a DM-master node
- The default value is `"dm-master-{hostname}"`
- Required flag

`--peer-urls`

- The listening address for communications between DM-master nodes
- The default value is `"http://127.0.0.1:8291"`

- Required flag

`--secret-key-path`

- The path of the customized secret key for encryption and decryption
- The default value is `""`
- Optional flag

DM-worker

`--advertise-addr`

- The external address of DM-worker used to receive client requests
- The default value is `"{worker-addr}"`
- Optional flag. It can be in the form of `"domain-name:port"`

`--config`

- The configuration file path of DM-worker
- The default value is `""`
- Optional flag

`--join`

- The `{advertise-addr}` list of DM-master nodes in a cluster when a DM-worker registers to this cluster
- The default value is `""`
- Required flag. A configuration example of 3-node (DM-master node) cluster is `"172.16.15.11:8261,172.16.15.12:8261,172.16.15.13:8261"`

`--log-file`

- The output file name of the log
- The default value is `""`
- Optional flag

`-L`

- The log level
- The default value is `"info"`
- Optional flag

`--name`

- The name of a DM-worker node
- The default value is `"{advertise-addr}"`
- Required flag

`--worker-addr`

- The address on which DM-worker listens to the client's requests
- The default value is `""`
- Required flag

dmctl

`--config`

- The configuration file path of dmctl
- The default value is `""`
- Optional flag

`--master-addr`

- The `{advertise-addr}` of any DM-master node in the cluster to be connected by dmctl
- The default value is `""`
- It is a required flag when dmctl interacts with DM-master

13.6.8.4 Configuration Files

13.6.8.4.1 Data Migration Configuration File Overview

This document gives an overview of configuration files of DM (Data Migration).

DM process configuration files

- `dm-master.toml`: The configuration file of running the DM-master process, including the topology information and the logs of the DM-master. For more details, refer to DM-master Configuration File.
- `dm-worker.toml`: The configuration file of running the DM-worker process, including the topology information and the logs of the DM-worker. For more details, refer to DM-worker Configuration File.
- `source.yaml`: The configuration of the upstream database such as MySQL and MariaDB. For more details, refer to Upstream Database Configuration File.

DM migration task configuration

Data migration task creation

You can take the following steps to create a data migration task:

1. Load the data source configuration into the DM cluster using dmctl.
2. Refer to the description in the Task Configuration Guide and create the configuration file `your_task.yaml`.
3. Create the data migration task using dmctl.

Important concepts

This section shows description of some important concepts.

Concept	Description	Configuration File
`source-id`	Uniquely represents a MySQL or MariaDB instance, or a migration group with the primary-secondary structure. The maximum length of `source-id` is 32.	`source_id` of `source.yaml`; `source-id` of `task.yaml`
DM-master ID	Uniquely represents a DM-master (by the `master-addr` parameter of `dm-master.toml`)	`master-addr` of `dm-master.toml`

Concept	Description	Configuration File
DM-worker ID	Uniquely represents a DM-worker (by the `worker-addr` parameter of `dm-worker.toml`)	`worker-addr` of `dm-worker.toml`

13.6.8.4.2 Upstream Database Configuration File of TiDB Data Migration

This document introduces the configuration file of the upstream database, including a configuration file template and the description of each configuration parameter in this file.

Configuration file template

The following is a configuration file template of the upstream database:

```
source-id: "mysql-replica-01"

##### Whether to enable GTID.
enable-gtid: false

##### Whether to enable relay log.
enable-relay: false
relay-binlog-name: ""  # The file name from which DM-worker starts to pull the binlog.
relay-binlog-gtid: ""  # The GTID from which DM-worker starts to pull the binlog.
##### relay-dir: "relay-dir" # The directory used to store relay log. The default value is "relay-dir". This configuration item is marked as deprecated since v6.1 and replaced by a parameter of the same name in the dm-worker configuration.


from:
  host: "127.0.0.1"
  port: 3306
  user: "root"
  password: "ZqMLjZ2j5khNelDEfDoUhkD5aV5fIJOe0fiog9w=" # The user password of the upstream database. It is recommended to use the password
```

```
    ↪ encrypted with dmctl.
  security:                   # The TLS configuration of the upstream
    ↪ database
    ssl-ca: "/path/to/ca.pem"
    ssl-cert: "/path/to/cert.pem"
    ssl-key: "/path/to/key.pem"

##### purge:
#####  interval: 3600
#####  expires: 0
#####  remain-space: 15

##### checker:
#####  check-enable: true
#####  backoff-rollback: 5m0s
#####  backoff-max: 5m0s    # The maximum value of backoff, should be larger
   ↪  than 1s

##### Configure binlog event filters. New in DM v2.0.2
##### case-sensitive: false
##### filters:
##### - schema-pattern: dmctl
#####  table-pattern: t_1
#####  events: []
#####  sql-pattern:
#####  - alter table .* add column `aaa` int
#####  action: Ignore
```

Note:

In DM v2.0.1, DO NOT set `enable-gtid` and `enable-relay` to `true` at the same time. Otherwise, it may cause loss of incremental data.

Configuration parameters

This section describes each configuration parameter in the configuration file.

Global configuration

`source-id`

- Represents a MySQL instance ID.

`enable-gtid`

- Determines whether to pull binlog from the upstream using GTID.
- In general, you do not need to configure `enable-gtid` manually. However, if GTID is enabled in the upstream database, and the primary/secondary switch is required, you need to set `enable-gtid` to `true`.
- Default value: `false`

`enable-relay`

- Determines whether to enable the relay log feature. This parameter takes effect from v5.4. Additionally, you can enable relay log dynamically using the `start-relay` command.
- Default value: `false`

`relay-binlog-name`

- Specifies the file name from which DM-worker starts to pull the binlog. For example, `"mysql-bin.000002"`.
- It only works when `enable-gtid` is `false`. If this parameter is not specified, DM-worker will start pulling from the earliest binlog file being replicated. Manual configuration is generally not required.

`relay-binlog-gtid`

- Specifies the GTID from which DM-worker starts to pull the binlog. For example, `"e9a1fc22-ec08-11e9-b2ac-0242ac110003:1-7849"`.
- It only works when `enable-gtid` is `true`. If this parameter is not specified, DM-worker will start pulling from the latest GTID being replicated. Manual configuration is generally not required.

`relay-dir`

- Specifies the relay log directory.
- Default value: `"./relay_log"`

`host`

- Specifies the host of the upstream database.

`port`

- Specifies the port of the upstream database.

`user`

- Specifies the username of the upstream database.

`password`

- Specifies the user password of the upstream database. It is recommended to use the password encrypted with dmctl.

`security`

- Specifies the TLS config of the upstream database. The configured file paths of the certificates must be accessible to all nodes. If the configured file paths are local paths, then all the nodes in the cluster need to store a copy of the certificates in the same path of each host.

Relay log cleanup strategy configuration (`purge`)

Generally, there is no need to manually configure these parameters unless there is a large amount of relay logs and disk capacity is insufficient.

`interval`

- Specifies the time interval at which relay logs are regularly checked for expiration, in seconds.
- Default value: `3600`
- Unit: seconds

`expires`

- Specifies the expiration time for relay logs.
- The relay log that is not written by the relay processing unit, or does not need to be read by the existing data migration task will be deleted by DM if it exceeds the expiration time. If this parameter is not specified, the automatic purge is not performed.
- Default value: `0`
- Unit: hours

`remain-space`

- Specifies the minimum amount of free disk space, in gigabytes. When the available disk space is smaller than this value, DM-worker tries to delete relay logs.
- Default value: `15`
- Unit: GiB

> **Note:**
>
> The automatic data purge strategy only takes effect when `interval` is not `0` and at least one of the two configuration items `expires` and `remain-space` is not `0`.

Task status checker configuration (`checker`)

DM periodically checks the current task status and error message to determine if resuming the task will eliminate the error. If needed, DM automatically retries to resume the task. DM adjusts the checking interval using the exponential backoff strategy. Its behaviors can be adjusted by the following configuration.

`check-enable`

- Whether to enable this feature.

`backoff-rollback`

- If the current checking interval of backoff strategy is larger than this value and the task status is normal, DM will try to decrease the interval.

`backoff-max`

- The maximum value of checking interval of backoff strategy, must be larger than 1 second.

Binlog event filter

Starting from DM v2.0.2, you can configure binlog event filters in the source configuration file.

`case-sensitive`

- Determines whether the filtering rules are case-sensitive.
- Default value: `false`

`filters`

- Specifies binlog event filtering rules. For details, see Binlog event filter parameter explanation.

13.6.8.4.3 DM Advanced Task Configuration File

This document introduces the advanced task configuration file of Data Migration (DM), including global configuration and instance configuration.

Important concepts

For description of important concepts including `source-id` and the DM-worker ID, see Important concepts.

Task configuration file template (advanced)

The following is the task configuration file template which allows you to perform **advanced** data migration tasks.

```
---

##### ----------- Global configuration -----------
###### ********* Basic configuration *********
name: test                    # The name of the task. Should be globally
   ↪ unique.
task-mode: all                # The task mode. Can be set to `full`(only
   ↪ migrates full data)/`incremental`(replicates binlogs synchronously)/`
   ↪ all` (replicates both full data and incremental binlogs).
shard-mode: "pessimistic"     # The shard merge mode. Optional modes are ""/"
   ↪ pessimistic"/"optimistic". The "" mode is used by default which means
   ↪  sharding DDL merge is disabled. If the task is a shard merge task,
   ↪ set it to the "pessimistic" mode.
                              # After understanding the principles and
                                 ↪ restrictions of the "optimistic" mode,
                                 ↪ you can set it to the "optimistic" mode.
strict-optimistic-shard-mode: false # Only takes effect in the optimistic
   ↪ mode. This configuration restricts the behavior of the optimistic
   ↪ mode. The default value is false. Introduced in v7.2.0. For details,
   ↪ see https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.2/feature-shard-merge-optimistic
meta-schema: "dm_meta"        # The downstream database that stores the `meta`
   ↪  information.
timezone: "Asia/Shanghai"     # The timezone used in SQL Session. By default,
   ↪ DM uses the global timezone setting in the target cluster, which
   ↪ ensures the correctness automatically. A customized timezone does not
   ↪  affect data migration but is unnecessary.
case-sensitive: false         # Determines whether the schema/table is case-
   ↪ sensitive.
online-ddl: true              # Supports automatic processing of upstream "gh-
   ↪ ost" and "pt".
online-ddl-scheme: "gh-ost" # `online-ddl-scheme` is deprecated, so it is
   ↪ recommended to use `online-ddl`.
clean-dump-file: true         # Whether to clean up the files generated during
   ↪  data dump. Note that these include `metadata` files.
```

```
collation_compatible: "loose" # The mode to sync the default collation in `
    ↪ CREATE` SQL statements. The supported values are "loose" (by default)
    ↪  or "strict". When the value is "strict", DM explicitly appends the
    ↪ corresponding collation of the upstream to the SQL statements; when
    ↪ the value is "loose", DM does not modify the SQL statements. In "
    ↪ strict" mode, if the downstream does not support the default
    ↪ collation in the upstream, the downstream might report an error.
ignore-checking-items: []   # Ignorable checking items. For the complete
    ↪ list of ignorable checking items, see DM precheck: https://docs.
    ↪ pingcap.com/tidb/stable/dm-precheck#ignorable-checking-items.

target-database:            # Configuration of the downstream database
    ↪ instance.
  host: "192.168.0.1"
  port: 4000
  user: "root"
  password: "/Q7B9DizNLLTTfiZHv9WoEAKamfpIUs=" # It is recommended to use a
      ↪ password encrypted with `dmctl encrypt`.
  max-allowed-packet: 67108864            # Sets the "max_allowed_packet"
      ↪ limit of the TiDB client (that is, the limit of the maximum accepted
      ↪  packet) when DM internally connects to the TiDB server. The unit is
      ↪  bytes. (67108864 by default)
                                          # Since DM v2.0.0, this
                                             ↪ configuration item is
                                             ↪ deprecated, and DM
                                             ↪ automatically obtains the "
                                             ↪ max_allowed_packet" value
                                             ↪ from TiDB.
  session:                                 # The session variables of TiDB,
      ↪ supported since v1.0.6. For details, go to `https://pingcap.com/docs
      ↪ /stable/system-variables`.
    sql_mode: "ANSI_QUOTES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_ZERO_DATE" # Since DM v2.0.0,
        ↪ if this item does not appear in the configuration file, DM
        ↪ automatically fetches a proper value for "sql_mode" from the
        ↪ downstream TiDB. Manual configuration of this item has a higher
        ↪ priority.
    tidb_skip_utf8_check: 1               # Since DM v2.0.0, if this item
        ↪ does not appear in the configuration file, DM automatically
        ↪ fetches a proper value for "tidb_skip_utf8_check" from the
        ↪ downstream TiDB. Manual configuration of this item has a higher
        ↪ priority.
    tidb_constraint_check_in_place: 0
    sql_require_primary_key: OFF          # Controls whether a table must
        ↪ have a primary key at the session level. During the creation of a
        ↪ DM task, several metadata tables are created in TiDB, and some of
```

```
      ↪ them have no primary key. If this parameter is enabled, these
      ↪ metadata tables without primary keys cannot be created, which will
      ↪  cause DM to fail to create the task. In this case, you need to
      ↪ set this parameter to `OFF`.
  security:                   # The TLS configuration of the downstream TiDB
    ssl-ca: "/path/to/ca.pem"
    ssl-cert: "/path/to/cert.pem"
    ssl-key: "/path/to/key.pem"


###### ******** Feature configuration set **********
##### The routing mapping rule set between the upstream and downstream
    ↪ tables.
routes:
  route-rule-1:             # The name of the routing mapping rule.
    schema-pattern: "test_*" # The pattern of the upstream schema name,
      ↪ wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    table-pattern: "t_*"    # The pattern of the upstream table name,
      ↪ wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    target-schema: "test"   # The name of the downstream schema.
    target-table: "t"       # The name of the downstream table.
    # Optional. Used for extracting the source information of sharded
      ↪ schemas and tables and writing the information to the user-defined
      ↪  columns in the downstream. If these options are configured, you
      ↪ need to manually create a merged table in the downstream. For
      ↪ details, see description of table routing in <https://docs.pingcap
      ↪ .com/tidb/dev/dm-table-routing>.
    # extract-table:                                  # Extracts and writes
      ↪ the table name suffix without the t_ part to the c-table column of
      ↪  the merged table. For example, 01 is extracted and written to the
      ↪  c-table column for the sharded table t_01.
    #   table-regexp: "t_(.*)"
    #   target-column: "c_table"
    # extract-schema:                                 # Extracts and writes
      ↪ the schema name suffix without the test_ part to the c_schema
      ↪ column of the merged table. For example, 02 is extracted and
      ↪ written to the c_schema column for the sharded schema test_02.
    #   schema-regexp: "test_(.*)"
    #   target-column: "c_schema"
    # extract-source:                                 # Extracts and writes
      ↪ the source instance information to the c_source column of the
      ↪ merged table. For example, mysql-replica-01 is extracted and
      ↪ written to the c_source column for the data source mysql-replica
      ↪ -01.
    #   source-regexp: "(.*)"
```

```
    #   target-column: "c_source"
  route-rule-2:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    target-schema: "test"

##### The binlog event filter rule set of the matched table of the upstream
    ↪ database instance.
filters:
  filter-rule-1:                          # The name of the filtering rule.
    schema-pattern: "test_*"              # The pattern of the upstream
       ↪ schema name, wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    table-pattern: "t_*"                  # The pattern of the upstream
       ↪ schema name, wildcard characters (*?) are supported.
    events: ["truncate table", "drop table"] # What event types to match.
    action: Ignore                        # Whether to migrate (Do) or
       ↪ ignore (Ignore) the binlog that matches the filtering rule.
  filter-rule-2:
    schema-pattern: "test_*"
    events: ["all dml"]
    action: Do

expression-filter:                # Defines the filter rules for row changes
    ↪ when migrating data. Supports defining multiple rules.
  # Filter the value of inserted `c` in `expr_filter`.`tbl` when it is even.
  even_c:                         # The name of the filter rule.
    schema: "expr_filter"         # The name of upstream database to be
       ↪ matched. Wildcard match or regular match is not supported.
    table: "tbl"                  # The name of upstream table to be matched.
       ↪  Wildcard match or regular match is not supported.
    insert-value-expr: "c % 2 = 0"

##### The filter rule set of tables to be migrated from the upstream
    ↪ database instance. You can set multiple rules at the same time.
block-allow-list:                 # Use black-white-list if the DM version is
    ↪  earlier than or equal to v2.0.0-beta.2.
  bw-rule-1:                      # The name of the block allow list rule.
    do-dbs: ["~^test.*", "user"] # The allow list of upstream schemas needs
       ↪ to be migrated.
    ignore-dbs: ["mysql", "account"] # The block list of upstream schemas
       ↪ needs to be migrated.
    do-tables:                    # The allow list of upstream tables needs
       ↪ to be migrated.
    - db-name: "~^test.*"
      tbl-name: "~^t.*"
    - db-name: "user"
```

```
    tbl-name: "information"
  bw-rule-2:                    # The name of the block allow list rule.
    ignore-tables:              # The block list of upstream tables needs
      ↪ to be migrated.
    - db-name: "user"
      tbl-name: "log"

##### Configuration arguments of the dump processing unit.
mydumpers:
  global:                       # The configuration name of the processing
    ↪ unit.
    threads: 4                  # The number of threads that access the
      ↪ upstream when the dump processing unit performs the precheck and
      ↪ exports data from the upstream database (4 by default)
    chunk-filesize: 64          # The size of the file generated by the
      ↪ dump processing unit (64 MB by default).
    extra-args: "--consistency none" # Other arguments of the dump
      ↪ processing unit. You do not need to manually configure table-list
      ↪ in `extra-args`, because it is automatically generated by DM.

##### Configuration arguments of the load processing unit.
loaders:
  global:                       # The configuration name of the processing
    ↪ unit.
    pool-size: 16               # The number of threads that concurrently
      ↪ execute dumped SQL files in the load processing unit (16 by
      ↪ default). When multiple instances are migrating data to TiDB at
      ↪ the same time, slightly reduce the value according to the load.
    # The directory that stores full data exported from the upstream ("./
      ↪ dumped_data" by default).
    # Supoprts a local filesystem path or an Amazon S3 path. For example, "
      ↪ s3://dm_bucket/dumped_data?endpoint=s3-website.us-east-2.amazonaws
      ↪ .com&access_key=s3accesskey&secret_access_key=s3secretkey&force_
      ↪ path_style=true"
    dir: "./dumped_data"

    # The import mode during the full import phase. The following modes are
      ↪ supported:
    # - "logical" (default). Uses TiDB Lightning's logical import mode to
      ↪ import data. Document: https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/stable/tidb-
      ↪ lightning-logical-import-mode
    # - "physical". Uses TiDB Lightning's physical import mode to import
      ↪ data. Document: https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/stable/tidb-
      ↪ lightning-physical-import-mode
    #   The "physical" mode is still an experimental feature and is not
```

```
    ↪ recommended in production.
import-mode: "logical"
#  Methods to resolve conflicts in logical import.
# - "replace" (default). Uses the new data to replace the existing data.
# - "ignore". Keeps the existing data, and ignores the new data.
# - "error". Reports errors when inserting duplicated data, and then
    ↪ stops the replication task.
on-duplicate-logical: "replace"

#  Methods to resolve conflicts in physical import.
# - "none". Corresponds to the "none" strategy of conflict detection in
    ↪ TiDB Lightning's physical import.
#   (https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-physical-import-
    ↪ mode-usage#conflict-detection).
#   Conflicting data is not resolved in this method. "none" has the best
    ↪ performance, but
#   might lead to inconsistent data in the downstream database.
# - "manual". Corresponds to the "replace" strategy of conflict
    ↪ detection in TiDB Lightning's physical import.
#   (https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-physical-import-
    ↪ mode-usage#conflict-detection).
#   When the import encounter conflicting data, DM removes all
    ↪ conflicting records from
#   the target table and records the data in the `${meta-schema}_${name}.
    ↪ conflict_error_v3`
#   table. In this configuration file, the conflicting data is recorded
    ↪ in the
#   `dm_meta_test.conflict_error_v3` table. When the full import phase is
    ↪  completed, the
#   tasks is paused and you are prompted to query this table and manually
    ↪  resolve the
#   conflicts. You need to resume the task and enter the incremental
    ↪ phase using the `resume-task` command.
on-duplicate-physical: "none"
# The directory used for local KV sorting in the physical import mode.
    ↪ The default value of this
# configuration is the same as the `dir` configuration. For details,
    ↪ refer to TiDB Lightning document: https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/
    ↪ stable/tidb-lightning-physical-import-mode#environment-
    ↪ requirements
sorting-dir-physical: "./dumped_data"
# Disk quota. Corresponds to the disk-quota configuration of TiDB
    ↪ Lightning. For details, refer to TiDB Lightning document: https://
    ↪ docs.pingcap.com/tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-physical-import-mode-
    ↪ usage#configure-disk-quota-new-in-v620
```

```
    disk-quota-physical: "0"
    # DM performs `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE <table>` for each table to verify
       ↪ data integrity after the import.
    # - "required" (default): performs admin checksum after the import. If
       ↪ checksum fails,
    #  DM pauses the task and you need to manually handle the failure.
    # - "optional": performs admin checksum after the import. If checksum
       ↪ fails, DM logs a
    #  warning and continues to migrate data. The task is not paused.
    # - "off": does not perform admin checksum after the import.
    # If checksum fails, the import is abnormal, which means the data is
       ↪ inconsistent or lost.
    # Therefore, it is recommended to always enable checksum.
    checksum-physical: "required"
    # Only available for physical import. Determines whether to perform the
       ↪ `ANALYZE TABLE <table>` operation for each table after the
       ↪ CHECKSUM process is completed.
    # - "required" (default). Indicates that the Analyze operation will be
       ↪ performed after the import is complete. If the analysis fails, the
       ↪  task will pause and require manual processing by the user.
    # - "optional". Indicates that the data will be analyzed after the
       ↪ import is complete. If the analysis fails, a warning log will be
       ↪ printed and the task will not be paused.
    # - "off". Indicates that no data analysis will be performed after the
       ↪ import is complete.
    # Analyze only affects statistics data and it is recommended that
       ↪ Analyze is set to off in most scenarios.
    analyze: "off"
    # Only available for physical import. The concurrency of sending KV data
       ↪  to TiKV. This can be increased when the direct network transfer
       ↪ speed between dm-worker and TiKV exceeds 10,000 Mb/s.
    # range-concurrency: 16
    # Only available for physical import mode. Whether to enable compression
       ↪  when sending KV data to TiKV. Currently, only Gzip compression is
       ↪  supported and can be specified using either "gzip" or "gz".
       ↪ Compression is not enabled by default.
    # compress-kv-pairs: ""
    # One or more PD server addresses. If no address is specified, use the
       ↪ PD address information from the TiDB query by default.
    # pd-addr: "192.168.0.1:2379"

##### Configuration arguments of the sync processing unit.
syncers:
  global:                         # The configuration name of the processing
     ↪ unit.
```

```
worker-count: 16             # The number of concurrent threads that
    ↪ apply binlogs which have been transferred to the local (16 by
    ↪ default). Adjusting this parameter has no effect on the
    ↪ concurrency of upstream pull logs, but has a significant effect on
    ↪  the downstream database.
batch: 100                   # The number of SQL statements in a
    ↪ transaction batch that the sync processing unit replicates to the
    ↪ downstream database (100 by default). Generally, it is recommended
    ↪  to set the value less than 500.
enable-ansi-quotes: true     # Enable this argument if `sql-mode: "ANSI_
    ↪ QUOTES"` is set in the `session`

# If set to true, `INSERT` statements from upstream are rewritten to `
    ↪ REPLACE` statements, and `UPDATE` statements are rewritten to `
    ↪ DELETE` and `REPLACE` statements. This ensures that DML statements
    ↪  can be imported repeatedly during data migration when there is
    ↪ any primary key or unique index in the table schema.
safe-mode: false
# The duration of the automatic safe mode.
# If this value is not set or set to "", the default value is twice of `
    ↪ checkpoint-flush-interval` (30s by default), which is 60s.
# If this value is set to "0s", DM reports an error when it
    ↪ automatically enters the safe mode.
# If this value is set to a normal value, such as "1m30s", when the task
    ↪  pauses abnormally, when DM fails to
# record safemode_exit_point, or when DM exits unexpectedly, the
    ↪ duration of the automatic safe mode is set to
# 1 minute 30 seconds.
safe-mode-duration: "60s"

# If set to true, DM compacts as many upstream statements on the same
    ↪ rows as possible into a single statements without increasing
    ↪ latency.
# For example, `INSERT INTO tb(a,b) VALUES(1,1); UPDATE tb SET b=11
    ↪ WHERE a=1`;` will be compacted to `INSERT INTO tb(a,b) VALUES
    ↪ (1,11);`, where "a" is the primary key
# `UPDATE tb SET b=1 WHERE a=1; UPDATE tb(a,b) SET b=2 WHERE a=1;` will
    ↪ be compacted to `UPDATE tb(a,b) SET b=2 WHERE a=1;`, where "a" is
    ↪ the primary key
# `DELETE FROM tb WHERE a=1; INSERT INTO tb(a,b) VALUES(1,1);` will be
    ↪ compacted to `REPLACE INTO tb(a,b) VALUES(1,1);`, where "a" is the
    ↪  primary key
compact: false
# If set to true, DM combines as many statements of the same type as
    ↪ possible into a single statement and generates a single SQL
```

```
      ↪ statement with multiple rows of data.
    # For example, `INSERT INTO tb(a,b) VALUES(1,1); INSERT INTO tb(a,b)
      ↪ VALUES(2,2);` will become `INSERT INTO tb(a,b) VALUES(1,1),(2,2);`
    # `UPDATE tb SET b=11 WHERE a=1; UPDATE tb(a,b) set b=22 WHERE a=2;`
      ↪ will become `INSERT INTO tb(a,b) VALUES(1,11),(2,22) ON DUPLICATE
      ↪ KEY UPDATE a=VALUES(a), b= VALUES(b);`, where "a" is the primary
      ↪ key
    # `DELETE FROM tb WHERE a=1; DELETE FROM tb WHERE a=2` will become `
      ↪ DELETE FROM tb WHERE (a) IN (1),(2)`, where "a" is the primary key
    multiple-rows: true

##### Configuration arguments of continuous data validation (validator).
validators:
  global:             # Configuration name.
    # full: validates the data in each row is correct.
    # fast: validates whether the row is successfully migrated to the
      ↪ downstream.
    # none: does not validate the data.
    mode: full        # Possible values are "full", "fast", and "none". The
      ↪ default value is "none", which does not validate the data.
    worker-count: 4   # The number of validation workers in the background.
      ↪ The default value is 4.
    row-error-delay: 30m # If a row cannot pass the validation within the
      ↪ specified time, it will be marked as an error row. The default
      ↪ value is 30m, which means 30 minutes.

##### ----------- Instance configuration -----------
mysql-instances:
  -
    source-id: "mysql-replica-01"             # The `source-id` in source.
      ↪ toml.
    meta:                                     # The position where the
      ↪ binlog replication starts when `task-mode` is `incremental` and
      ↪ the downstream database checkpoint does not exist. If the
      ↪ checkpoint exists, the checkpoint is used. If neither the `meta`
      ↪ configuration item nor the downstream database checkpoint exists,
      ↪ the migration starts from the latest binlog position of the
      ↪ upstream.

      binlog-name: binlog.000001
      binlog-pos: 4
      binlog-gtid: "03fc0263-28c7-11e7-a653-6c0b84d59f30:1-7041423,05474d3c
        ↪ -28c7-11e7-8352-203db246dd3d:1-170" # You need to set this
        ↪ argument if you specify `enable-gtid: true` for the source of
        ↪ the incremental task.
```

```
  route-rules: ["route-rule-1", "route-rule-2"] # The name of the mapping
    ↪ rule between the table matching the upstream database instance and
    ↪  the downstream database.
  filter-rules: ["filter-rule-1", "filter-rule-2"]         # The name of
    ↪ the binlog event filtering rule of the table matching the upstream
    ↪  database instance.
  block-allow-list: "bw-rule-1"             # The name of the block and
    ↪ allow lists filtering rule of the table matching the upstream
    ↪ database instance. Use black-white-list if the DM version is
    ↪ earlier than or equal to v2.0.0-beta.2.
  expression-filters: ["even_c"]            # Use expression filter rule
    ↪ named even_c.
  mydumper-config-name: "global"            # The name of the mydumpers
    ↪ configuration.
  loader-config-name: "global"              # The name of the loaders
    ↪ configuration.
  syncer-config-name: "global"              # The name of the syncers
    ↪ configuration.
  validator-config-name: "global"           # The name of the validators
    ↪ configuration.

-
  source-id: "mysql-replica-02"             # The `source-id` in source.
    ↪ toml.
  mydumper-thread: 4                        # The number of threads that
    ↪ the dump processing unit uses for dumping data. `mydumper-thread`
    ↪ corresponds to the `threads` configuration item of the mydumpers
    ↪ configuration. `mydumper-thread` has overriding priority when the
    ↪ two items are both configured.
  loader-thread: 16                         # The number of threads that
    ↪ the load processing unit uses for loading data. `loader-thread`
    ↪ corresponds to the `pool-size` configuration item of the loaders
    ↪ configuration. `loader-thread` has overriding priority when the
    ↪ two items are both configured. When multiple instances are
    ↪ migrating data to TiDB at the same time, reduce the value
    ↪ according to the load.
  syncer-thread: 16                         # The number of threads that
    ↪ the sync processing unit uses for replicating incremental data. `
    ↪ syncer-thread` corresponds to the `worker-count` configuration
    ↪ item of the syncers configuration. `syncer-thread` has overriding
    ↪ priority when the two items are both configured. When multiple
    ↪ instances are migrating data to TiDB at the same time, reduce the
    ↪ value according to the load.
```

Configuration order

From the sample configuration file, you can see that the configuration file contains two parts: `Global configuration` and `Instance configuration`, where the `Global configuration` contains `Basic configuration` and `Feature configuration set`. The configuration order is as follows:

1. Edit the global configuration.
2. Edit the instance configuration based on the global configuration.

Global configuration

Basic configuration

Refer to the comments in the template to see more details. Detailed explanations about `task-mode` are as follows:

- Description: the task mode that can be used to specify the data migration task to be executed.
- Value: string (`full`, `incremental`, or `all`).
    - `full` only makes a full backup of the upstream database and then imports the full data to the downstream database.
    - `incremental`: Only replicates the incremental data of the upstream database to the downstream database using the binlog. You can set the `meta` configuration item of the instance configuration to specify the starting position of incremental replication.
    - `all`: `full` + `incremental`. Makes a full backup of the upstream database, imports the full data to the downstream database, and then uses the binlog to make an incremental replication to the downstream database starting from the exported position during the full backup process (binlog position).

Feature configuration set

Arguments in each feature configuration set are explained in the comments in the template.

`routes`

- The routing mapping rule set between the upstream and downstream tables. If the names of the upstream and downstream schemas and tables are the same, this item does not need to be configured. See Table Routing for usage scenarios and sample configurations.

`filters`

- The binlog event filter rule set of the matched table of the upstream database instance. If binlog filtering is not required, this item does not need to be configured. See Binlog Event Filter for usage scenarios and sample configurations.

`block-allow-list`

- The filter rule set of the block allow list of the matched table of the upstream database instance. It is recommended to specify the schemas and tables that need to be migrated through this item, otherwise all schemas and tables are migrated. See Binlog Event Filter and Block & Allow Lists for usage scenarios and sample configurations.

`mydumpers`

- Configuration arguments of dump processing unit. If the default configuration is sufficient for your needs, this item does not need to be configured. Or you can configure `thread` only using `mydumper-thread`.

`loaders`

- Configuration arguments of load processing unit. If the default configuration is sufficient for your needs, this item does not need to be configured. Or you can configure `pool-size` only using `loader-thread`.

`syncers`

- Configuration arguments of sync processing unit. If the default configuration is sufficient for your needs, this item does not need to be configured. Or you can configure `worker-count` only using `syncer-thread`.

Instance configuration

This part defines the subtask of data migration. DM supports migrating data from one or multiple MySQL instances in the upstream to the same instance in the downstream.

For the configuration details of the above options, see the corresponding part in Feature configuration set, as shown in the following table.

Option	Corresponding part
`route-rules`	`routes`
`filter-rules`	`filters`
`block-allow-list`	`block-allow-list`
`mydumper-config-name`	`mydumpers`
`loader-config-name`	`loaders`
`syncer-config-name`	`syncers`

13.6.8.4.4 DM-master Configuration File

This document introduces the configuration of DM-master, including a configuration file template and a description of each configuration parameter in this file.

Configuration file template

The following is a configuration file template of DM-master.

```
name = "dm-master"

##### log configuration
log-level = "info"
log-file = "dm-master.log"

##### DM-master listening address
master-addr = ":8261"
advertise-addr = "127.0.0.1:8261"

##### URLs for peer traffic
peer-urls = "http://127.0.0.1:8291"
advertise-peer-urls = "http://127.0.0.1:8291"

##### cluster configuration
initial-cluster = "master1=http://127.0.0.1:8291,master2=http
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:8292,master3=http://127.0.0.1:8293"
join = ""

ssl-ca = "/path/to/ca.pem"
ssl-cert = "/path/to/cert.pem"
ssl-key = "/path/to/key.pem"
cert-allowed-cn = ["dm"]

secret-key-path = "/path/to/secret/key"
```

Configuration parameters

This section introduces the configuration parameters of DM-master.

Global configuration

`name`

- The name of the DM-master.

`log-level`

- Specifies a log level.

- Default value: `info`
- Value options: `debug`, `info`, `warn`, `error`, `fatal`

`log-file`

- Specifies the log file directory. If the parameter is not specified, the logs are printed onto the standard output.

`master-addr`

- Specifies the address of DM-master which provides services. You can omit the IP address and specify the port number only, such as `":8261"`.

`advertise-addr`

- Specifies the address that DM-master advertises to the outside world.

`peer-urls`

- Specifies the peer URL of the DM-master node.

`advertise-peer-urls`

- Specifies the peer URL that DM-master advertises to the outside world. The value of `advertise-peer-urls` is by default the same as that of `peer-urls`.

`initial-cluster`

- The value of `initial-cluster` is the combination of the `advertise-peer-urls` value of all DM-master nodes in the initial cluster.

`join`

- The value of `join` is the combination of the `advertise-peer-urls` value of the existing DM-master nodes in the cluster. If the DM-master node is newly added, replace `initial-cluster` with `join`.

`ssl-ca`

- The path of the file that contains list of trusted SSL CAs for DM-master to connect with other components.

`ssl-cert`

- The path of the file that contains X509 certificate in PEM format for DM-master to connect with other components.

`ssl-key`

- The path of the file that contains X509 key in PEM format for DM-master to connect with other components.

`cert-allowed-cn`

- Common Name list.

`secret-key-path`

- The file path of the secret key, which is used to encrypt and decrypt upstream and downstream passwords. The file must contain a 64-character hexadecimal AES-256 secret key. One way to generate this key is by calculating SHA256 checksum of random data, such as `head -n 256 /dev/urandom | sha256sum`. For more information, see Customize a secret key for DM encryption and decryption.

13.6.8.4.5 DM-worker Configuration File

This document introduces the configuration of DM worker, including a configuration file template and a description of each configuration parameter in this file.

Configuration file template

The following is a configuration file template of the DM-worker:

```
##### Worker Configuration.
name = "worker1"

##### Log configuration.
log-level = "info"
log-file = "dm-worker.log"

##### DM-worker listen address.
worker-addr = ":8262"
advertise-addr = "127.0.0.1:8262"
join = "http://127.0.0.1:8261,http://127.0.0.1:8361,http://127.0.0.1:8461"

keepalive-ttl = 60
relay-keepalive-ttl = 1800 # New in DM v2.0.2.
```

```
##### relay-dir = "relay_log" # New in 5.4.0. When you use a relative path,
    ↪ check the deployment and start method of DM-worker to determine the
    ↪ full path.

ssl-ca = "/path/to/ca.pem"
ssl-cert = "/path/to/cert.pem"
ssl-key = "/path/to/key.pem"
cert-allowed-cn = ["dm"]
```

Configuration parameters

Global

`name`

- The name of the DM-worker.

`log-level`

- Specifies a log level.
- Default value: `info`
- Value options: `debug`, `info`, `warn`, `error`, `fatal`

`log-file`

- Specifies the log file directory. If this parameter is not specified, the logs are printed onto the standard output.

`worker-addr`

- Specifies the address of DM-worker which provides services. You can omit the IP address and specify the port number only, such as `":8262"`.

`advertise-addr`

- Specifies the address that DM-worker advertises to the outside world.

`join`

- Corresponds to one or more `master-addrs` in the DM-master configuration file.

`keepalive-ttl`

- The keepalive time (in seconds) of a DM-worker node to the DM-master node if the upstream data source of the DM-worker node does not enable the relay log.
- Default value: `60`
- Unit: seconds

`relay-keepalive-ttl` New in DM v2.0.2

- The keepalive time (in seconds) of a DM-worker node to the DM-master node if the upstream data source of the DM-worker node enables the relay log.
- Default value: `1800`
- Unit: seconds

`relay-dir` New in v5.4.0

- When relay log is enabled in the bound upstream data source, DM-worker stores the relay log in this directory. This parameter takes precedence over the configuration of the upstream data source.

`ssl-ca`

- The path of the file that contains list of trusted SSL CAs for DM-worker to connect with other components.

`ssl-cert`

- The path of the file that contains X509 certificate in PEM format for DM-worker to connect with other components.

`ssl-key`

- The path of the file that contains X509 key in PEM format for DM-worker to connect with other components.

`cert-allowed-cn`

- Common Name list.

13.6.8.4.6 Table Selector of TiDB Data Migration

Table selector provides a match rule based on wildcard characters for schema/table. To match a specified table, configure `schema-pattern/table-pattern`.

Wildcard character

Table selector uses the following two wildcard characters in `schema-pattern/table-pattern`:

- The asterisk character (`*`, also called "star")
  - `*` matches zero or more characters. For example, `doc*` matches `doc` and `document` but not `dodo`.
  - `*` can only be placed at the end of the word. For example, `doc*` is supported, while `do*c` is not supported.
- The question mark (`?`)

  `?` matches exactly one character except the empty character.

Match rules

- `schema-pattern` cannot be empty.
- `table-pattern` can be empty. When you configure it as empty, only `schema` is matched according to `schema-pattern`.
- When `table-pattern` is not empty, the `schema` is matched according to `schema-pattern` and `table` is matched according to `table-pattern`. Only when both `schema` and `table` are successfully matched, you can get the match result.

Usage examples

- Matching all schemas and tables that have a `schema_` prefix in the schema name:

```
schema-pattern: "schema_*"
table-pattern: ""
```

- Matching all tables that have a `schema_` prefix in the schema name and a `table_` prefix in the table name:

```
schema-pattern = "schema_*"
table-pattern = "table_*"
```

13.6.8.5 Maintain DM Clusters Using OpenAPI

DM provides the OpenAPI feature for easily querying and operating the DM cluster, which is similar to the feature of dmctl tools.

To enable OpenAPI, perform one of the following operations:

- If your DM cluster has been deployed directly using binary, add the following configuration to the DM-master configuration file.

```
openapi = true
```

- If your DM cluster has been deployed using TiUP, add the following configuration to the topology file:

```
server_configs:
  master:
    openapi: true
```

Note:

- DM provides the specification document that meets the OpenAPI 3.0.0 standard. This document contains all the request parameters and returned values. You can copy the document yaml and preview it in Swagger Editor.
- After you deploy the DM-master nodes, you can access `http://{master-addr}/api/v1/docs` to preview the documentation online.
- Some features supported in the configuration file are not supported in OpenAPI. Their capabilities are not fully aligned. In a production environment, it is recommended to use the configuration file.

You can use the APIs to perform the following maintenance operations on the DM cluster:

13.6.8.5.1 APIs for managing clusters

- Get the information of a DM-master node
- Stop a DM-master node
- Get the information of a DM-worker node
- Stop a DM-worker node

13.6.8.5.2 APIs for managing data sources

- Create a data source
- Get a data source
- Delete the data source
- Update a data source
- Enable a data source
- Disable a data source
- Get the information of a data source
- Get the data source list
- Start the relay-log feature for data sources
- Stop the relay-log feature for data sources
- Purge relay-log files that are no longer required
- Change the bindings between the data source and DM-workers
- Get the list of schema names of a data source
- Get the list of table names of a specified schema in a data source

13.6.8.5.3 APIs for managing replication tasks

- Create a replication task
- Get a replication task
- Delete a replication task
- Update a replication task
- Start a replication task
- Stop a replication task
- Get the information of a replication task
- Get the replication task list
- Get the migration rules of a replication task
- Get the list of schema names of the data source that is associated with a replication task
- Get the list of table names of a specified schema in the data source that is associated with a replication task
- Get the CREATE statement for schemas of the data source that is associated with a replication task
- Update the CREATE statement for schemas of the data source that is associated with a replication task
- Delete a schema of the data source that is associated with a replication task

The following sections describe the specific usage of the APIs.

13.6.8.5.4 API error message template

After sending an API request, if an error occurs, the returned error message is in the following format:

```
{
    "error_msg": "",
    "error_code": ""
}
```

From the above JSON output, `error_msg` describes the error message and `error_code` is the corresponding error code.

13.6.8.5.5 Get the information of a DM-master node

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the information of the corresponding node is returned.

Request URI

`GET /api/v1/cluster/masters`

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/cluster/masters' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
{
  "total": 1,
  "data": [
    {
      "name": "master1",
      "alive": true,
      "leader": true,
      "addr": "127.0.0.1:8261"
    }
  ]
}
```

13.6.8.5.6 Stop a DM-master node

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 204.

Request URI

`DELETE /api/v1/cluster/masters/{master-name}`

Example

```
curl -X 'DELETE' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/cluster/masters/master1' \
  -H 'accept: */*'
```

13.6.8.5.7 Get the information of a DM-worker node

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the information of the corresponding node is returned.

Request URI

`GET /api/v1/cluster/workers`

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/cluster/workers' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
{
  "total": 1,
  "data": [
    {
      "name": "worker1",
      "addr": "127.0.0.1:8261",
      "bound_stage": "bound",
      "bound_source_name": "mysql-01"
    }
  ]
}
```

13.6.8.5.8 Stop a DM-worker node

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 204.

Request URI

`DELETE /api/v1/cluster/workers/{worker-name}`

Example

```
curl -X 'DELETE' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/cluster/workers/worker1' \
  -H 'accept: */*'
```

13.6.8.5.9 Create a data source

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the information of the corresponding data source is returned.

Request URI

`POST /api/v1/sources`

Example

```
curl -X 'POST' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources' \
  -H 'accept: application/json' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  -d '{
  "source_name": "mysql-01",
  "host": "127.0.0.1",
  "port": 3306,
  "user": "root",
  "password": "123456",
  "enable": true,
  "enable_gtid": false,
  "security": {
    "ssl_ca_content": "",
    "ssl_cert_content": "",
    "ssl_key_content": "",
    "cert_allowed_cn": [
      "string"
    ]
  },
  "purge": {
    "interval": 3600,
    "expires": 0,
    "remain_space": 15
  }
}'
```

```
{
  "source_name": "mysql-01",
  "host": "127.0.0.1",
  "port": 3306,
  "user": "root",
  "password": "123456",
  "enable": true,
  "enable_gtid": false,
  "security": {
    "ssl_ca_content": "",
    "ssl_cert_content": "",
    "ssl_key_content": "",
    "cert_allowed_cn": [
      "string"
    ]
  },
  "purge": {
```

```
    "interval": 3600,
    "expires": 0,
    "remain_space": 15
  },
  "status_list": [
    {
      "source_name": "mysql-replica-01",
      "worker_name": "worker-1",
      "relay_status": {
        "master_binlog": "(mysql-bin.000001, 1979)",
        "master_binlog_gtid": "e9a1fc22-ec08-11e9-b2ac-0242ac110003:1-7849",
        "relay_dir": "./sub_dir",
        "relay_binlog_gtid": "e9a1fc22-ec08-11e9-b2ac-0242ac110003:1-7849",
        "relay_catch_up_master": true,
        "stage": "Running"
      },
      "error_msg": "string"
    }
  ]
}
```

13.6.8.5.10 Get a data source

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the information of the corresponding data source is returned.

Request URI

`GET /api/v1/sources/{source-name}`

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/source-1?with_status=true' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
{
  "source_name": "mysql-01",
  "host": "127.0.0.1",
  "port": 3306,
  "user": "root",
  "password": "123456",
  "enable_gtid": false,
  "enable": false,
  "flavor": "mysql",
  "task_name_list": [
    "task1"
```

```
  ],
  "security": {
    "ssl_ca_content": "",
    "ssl_cert_content": "",
    "ssl_key_content": "",
    "cert_allowed_cn": [
      "string"
    ]
  },
  "purge": {
    "interval": 3600,
    "expires": 0,
    "remain_space": 15
  },
  "status_list": [
    {
      "source_name": "mysql-replica-01",
      "worker_name": "worker-1",
      "relay_status": {
        "master_binlog": "(mysql-bin.000001, 1979)",
        "master_binlog_gtid": "e9a1fc22-ec08-11e9-b2ac-0242ac110003:1-7849",
        "relay_dir": "./sub_dir",
        "relay_binlog_gtid": "e9a1fc22-ec08-11e9-b2ac-0242ac110003:1-7849",
        "relay_catch_up_master": true,
        "stage": "Running"
      },
      "error_msg": "string"
    }
  ],
  "relay_config": {
    "enable_relay": true,
    "relay_binlog_name": "mysql-bin.000002",
    "relay_binlog_gtid": "e9a1fc22-ec08-11e9-b2ac-0242ac110003:1-7849",
    "relay_dir": "./relay_log"
  }
}
```

13.6.8.5.11 Delete the data source

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 204.

Request URI

`DELETE /api/v1/sources/{source-name}`

Example

```
curl -X 'DELETE' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/mysql-01?force=true' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

13.6.8.5.12 Update a data source

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the information of the corresponding data source is returned.

> **Note:**
>
> When you use this API to update the data source configuration, make sure that there are no running tasks under the current data source.

Request URI

`PUT /api/v1/sources/{source-name}`

Example

```
curl -X 'PUT' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/mysql-01' \
  -H 'accept: application/json' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  -d '{
  "source": {
    "source_name": "mysql-01",
    "host": "127.0.0.1",
    "port": 3306,
    "user": "root",
    "password": "123456",
    "enable_gtid": false,
    "enable": false,
    "flavor": "mysql",
    "task_name_list": [
      "task1"
    ],
    "security": {
      "ssl_ca_content": "",
      "ssl_cert_content": "",
      "ssl_key_content": "",
      "cert_allowed_cn": [
```

```
        "string"
      ]
    },
    "purge": {
      "interval": 3600,
      "expires": 0,
      "remain_space": 15
    },
    "relay_config": {
      "enable_relay": true,
      "relay_binlog_name": "mysql-bin.000002",
      "relay_binlog_gtid": "e9a1fc22-ec08-11e9-b2ac-0242ac110003:1-7849",
      "relay_dir": "./relay_log"
    }
  }
}'
```

```
{
  "source_name": "mysql-01",
  "host": "127.0.0.1",
  "port": 3306,
  "user": "root",
  "password": "123456",
  "enable": true,
  "enable_gtid": false,
  "security": {
    "ssl_ca_content": "",
    "ssl_cert_content": "",
    "ssl_key_content": "",
    "cert_allowed_cn": [
      "string"
    ]
  },
  "purge": {
    "interval": 3600,
    "expires": 0,
    "remain_space": 15
  }
}
```

13.6.8.5.13 Enable a data source

This is a synchronous interface that enables a data source on a successful request and starts all subtasks of the task that rely on this data source in batch.

Request URI

`POST /api/v1/sources/{source-name}/enable`

Example

```
curl -X 'POST' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/mysql-01/enable' \
  -H 'accept: */*' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json'
```

13.6.8.5.14 Disable a data source

This is a synchronous interface that deactivates this data source on a successful request and stops all subtasks of the task that rely on it in batch.

Request URI

`POST /api/v1/sources/{source-name}/disable`

Example

```
curl -X 'POST' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/mysql-01/disable' \
  -H 'accept: */*' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json'
```

13.6.8.5.15 Get the data source list

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the data source list is returned.

Request URI

`GET /api/v1/sources`

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources?with_status=true' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
{
  "data": [
    {
      "enable_gtid": false,
      "host": "127.0.0.1",
      "password": "******",
      "port": 3306,
      "purge": {
```

```
      "expires": 0,
      "interval": 3600,
      "remain_space": 15
    },
    "security": null,
    "source_name": "mysql-01",
    "user": "root"
  },
  {
    "enable_gtid": false,
    "host": "127.0.0.1",
    "password": "******",
    "port": 3307,
    "purge": {
      "expires": 0,
      "interval": 3600,
      "remain_space": 15
    },
    "security": null,
    "source_name": "mysql-02",
    "user": "root"
  }
 ],
 "total": 2
}
```

13.6.8.5.16 Get the information of a data source

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the information of the corresponding node is returned.

Request URI

`GET /api/v1/sources/{source-name}/status`

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/mysql-replica-01/status' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
{
  "total": 1,
  "data": [
    {
      "source_name": "mysql-replica-01",
      "worker_name": "worker-1",
```

```
    "relay_status": {
      "master_binlog": "(mysql-bin.000001, 1979)",
      "master_binlog_gtid": "e9a1fc22-ec08-11e9-b2ac-0242ac110003:1-7849",
      "relay_dir": "./sub_dir",
      "relay_binlog_gtid": "e9a1fc22-ec08-11e9-b2ac-0242ac110003:1-7849",
      "relay_catch_up_master": true,
      "stage": "Running"
    },
    "error_msg": "string"
  }
 ]
}
```

13.6.8.5.17 Start the relay-log feature for data sources

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 200. To learn about its latest status, You can get the information of a data source.

Request URI

`POST /api/v1/sources/{source-name}/relay/enable`

Example

```
curl -X 'POST' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/mysql-01/relay/enable' \
  -H 'accept: */*' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  -d '{
  "worker_name_list": [
    "worker-1"
  ],
  "relay_binlog_name": "mysql-bin.000002",
  "relay_binlog_gtid": "e9a1fc22-ec08-11e9-b2ac-0242ac110003:1-7849",
  "relay_dir": "./relay_log"
}'
```

13.6.8.5.18 Stop the relay-log feature for data sources

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 200. To learn about its latest status, You can get the information of a data source.

Request URI

`POST /api/v1/sources/{source-name}/relay/disable`

Example

```
curl -X 'POST' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/mysql-01/relay/disable' \
  -H 'accept: */*' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  -d '{
  "worker_name_list": [
    "worker-1"
  ]
}'
```

13.6.8.5.19 Purge relay log files that are no longer required

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 200. To learn about its latest status, You can get the information of a data source.

Request URI

`POST /api/v1/sources/{source-name}/relay/purge`

Example

```
curl -X 'POST' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/mysql-01/relay/purge' \
  -H 'accept: */*' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  -d '{
  "relay_binlog_name": "mysql-bin.000002",
  "relay_dir": "string"
}'
```

13.6.8.5.20 Change the bindings between the data source and DM-workers

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 200. To learn about its latest status, You can get the information of a DM-worker node.

Request URI

`POST /api/v1/sources/{source-name}/transfer`

Example

```
curl -X 'POST' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/mysql-01/transfer' \
  -H 'accept: */*' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
```

```
  -d '{
  "worker_name": "worker-1"
}'
```

13.6.8.5.21 Get the list of schema names of a data source

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the corresponding list is returned.

Request URI

`GET /api/v1/sources/{source-name}/schemas`

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/source-1/schemas' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
[
  "db1"
]
```

13.6.8.5.22 Get the list of table names of a specified schema in a data source

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the corresponding list is returned.

Request URI

`GET /api/v1/sources/{source-name}/schemas/{schema-name}`

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/sources/source-1/schemas/db1' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
[
  "table1"
]
```

13.6.8.5.23 Create a replication task

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 200. A successful request will return the information of the corresponding replication task.

Request URI

`POST /api/v1/tasks`

Example

```
curl -X 'POST' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks' \
  -H 'accept: application/json' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  -d '{
  "task": {
    "name": "task-1",
    "task_mode": "all",
    "shard_mode": "pessimistic",
    "meta_schema": "dm-meta",
    "enhance_online_schema_change": true,
    "on_duplicate": "overwrite",
    "target_config": {
      "host": "127.0.0.1",
      "port": 3306,
      "user": "root",
      "password": "123456",
      "security": {
        "ssl_ca_content": "",
        "ssl_cert_content": "",
        "ssl_key_content": "",
        "cert_allowed_cn": [
          "string"
        ]
      }
    },
    "binlog_filter_rule": {
      "rule-1": {
        "ignore_event": [
          "all dml"
        ],
        "ignore_sql": [
          "^Drop"
        ]
      },
      "rule-2": {
        "ignore_event": [
          "all dml"
        ],
        "ignore_sql": [
          "^Drop"
```

```
      ]
    },
    "rule-3": {
      "ignore_event": [
        "all dml"
      ],
      "ignore_sql": [
        "^Drop"
      ]
    }
  },
  "table_migrate_rule": [
    {
      "source": {
        "source_name": "source-name",
        "schema": "db-*",
        "table": "tb-*"
      },
      "target": {
        "schema": "db1",
        "table": "tb1"
      },
      "binlog_filter_rule": [
        "rule-1",
        "rule-2",
        "rule-3",
      ]
    }
  ],
  "source_config": {
    "full_migrate_conf": {
      "export_threads": 4,
      "import_threads": 16,
      "data_dir": "./exported_data",
      "consistency": "auto"
      "import_mode": "physical",
      "sorting_dir": "./sort_dir",
      "disk_quota": "80G",
      "checksum": "required",
      "analyze": "optional",
      "range_concurrency": 0,
      "compress-kv-pairs": "",
      "pd_addr": "",
      "on_duplicate_logical": "error",
      "on_duplicate_physical": "none"
```

```
    },
    "incr_migrate_conf": {
      "repl_threads": 16,
      "repl_batch": 100
    },
    "source_conf": [
      {
        "source_name": "mysql-replica-01",
        "binlog_name": "binlog.000001",
        "binlog_pos": 4,
        "binlog_gtid": "03fc0263-28c7-11e7-a653-6c0b84d59f30
            ↪ :1-7041423,05474d3c-28c7-11e7-8352-203db246dd3d:1-170"
      }
    ]
  }
 }
}'
```

```
{
  "name": "task-1",
  "task_mode": "all",
  "shard_mode": "pessimistic",
  "meta_schema": "dm-meta",
  "enhance_online_schema_change": true,
  "on_duplicate": "overwrite",
  "target_config": {
    "host": "127.0.0.1",
    "port": 3306,
    "user": "root",
    "password": "123456",
    "security": {
      "ssl_ca_content": "",
      "ssl_cert_content": "",
      "ssl_key_content": "",
      "cert_allowed_cn": [
        "string"
      ]
    }
  },
  "binlog_filter_rule": {
    "rule-1": {
      "ignore_event": [
        "all dml"
      ],
      "ignore_sql": [
```

```
      "^Drop"
    ]
  },
  "rule-2": {
    "ignore_event": [
      "all dml"
    ],
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  },
  "rule-3": {
    "ignore_event": [
      "all dml"
    ],
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  }
},
"table_migrate_rule": [
  {
    "source": {
      "source_name": "source-name",
      "schema": "db-*",
      "table": "tb-*"
    },
    "target": {
      "schema": "db1",
      "table": "tb1"
    },
    "binlog_filter_rule": [
      "rule-1",
      "rule-2",
      "rule-3",
    ]
  }
],
"source_config": {
  "full_migrate_conf": {
    "export_threads": 4,
    "import_threads": 16,
    "data_dir": "./exported_data",
    "consistency": "auto"
    "import_mode": "physical",
```

```
      "sorting_dir": "./sort_dir",
      "disk_quota": "80G",
      "checksum": "required",
      "analyze": "optional",
      "range_concurrency": 0,
      "compress-kv-pairs": "",
      "pd_addr": "",
      "on_duplicate_logical": "error",
      "on_duplicate_physical": "none"
    },
    "incr_migrate_conf": {
      "repl_threads": 16,
      "repl_batch": 100
    },
    "source_conf": [
      {
        "source_name": "mysql-replica-01",
        "binlog_name": "binlog.000001",
        "binlog_pos": 4,
        "binlog_gtid": "03fc0263-28c7-11e7-a653-6c0b84d59f30:1-7041423,05474
            ↪ d3c-28c7-11e7-8352-203db246dd3d:1-170"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

13.6.8.5.24 Get a replication task

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the information of the corresponding replication task is returned.

Request URI

`GET /api/v1/tasks/{task-name}?with_status=true`

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1?with_status=true' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
{
  "name": "task-1",
  "task_mode": "all",
  "shard_mode": "pessimistic",
  "meta_schema": "dm-meta",
  "enhance_online_schema_change": true,
```

```
"on_duplicate": "overwrite",
"target_config": {
  "host": "127.0.0.1",
  "port": 3306,
  "user": "root",
  "password": "123456",
  "security": {
    "ssl_ca_content": "",
    "ssl_cert_content": "",
    "ssl_key_content": "",
    "cert_allowed_cn": [
      "string"
    ]
  }
},
"binlog_filter_rule": {
  "rule-1": {
    "ignore_event": [
      "all dml"
    ],
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  },
  "rule-2": {
    "ignore_event": [
      "all dml"
    ],
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  },
  "rule-3": {
    "ignore_event": [
      "all dml"
    ],
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  }
},
"table_migrate_rule": [
  {
    "source": {
      "source_name": "source-name",
```

```
      "schema": "db-*",
      "table": "tb-*"
    },
    "target": {
      "schema": "db1",
      "table": "tb1"
    },
    "binlog_filter_rule": [
      "rule-1",
      "rule-2",
      "rule-3",
    ]
  }
],
"source_config": {
  "full_migrate_conf": {
    "export_threads": 4,
    "import_threads": 16,
    "data_dir": "./exported_data",
    "consistency": "auto",
    "import_mode": "physical",
    "sorting_dir": "./sort_dir",
    "disk_quota": "80G",
    "checksum": "required",
    "analyze": "optional",
    "range_concurrency": 0,
    "compress-kv-pairs": "",
    "pd_addr": "",
    "on_duplicate_logical": "error",
    "on_duplicate_physical": "none"
  },
  "incr_migrate_conf": {
    "repl_threads": 16,
    "repl_batch": 100
  },
  "source_conf": [
    {
      "source_name": "mysql-replica-01",
      "binlog_name": "binlog.000001",
      "binlog_pos": 4,
      "binlog_gtid": "03fc0263-28c7-11e7-a653-6c0b84d59f30:1-7041423,05474
        ↪ d3c-28c7-11e7-8352-203db246dd3d:1-170"
    }
  ]
}
```

```
}
```

13.6.8.5.25 Delete a replication task

This interface is a synchronous interface and the Status Code of the returned body is 204 upon successful request.

Request URI

`DELETE /api/v1/tasks/{task-name}`

Example

```
curl -X 'DELETE' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

13.6.8.5.26 Update a replication task

This interface is a synchronous interface and a successful request returns the information of the task.

> **Note:**
>
> When you use this API to update the task configuration, make sure that the task is stopped and has run into incremental sync and that only some of the fields can be updated.

Request URI

`PUT /api/v1/tasks/{task-name}`

Example

```
curl -X 'PUT' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1' \
  -H 'accept: application/json' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  -d '{
  "task": {
    "name": "task-1",
    "task_mode": "all",
    "shard_mode": "pessimistic",
    "meta_schema": "dm-meta",
    "enhance_online_schema_change": true,
```

```
"on_duplicate": "overwrite",
"target_config": {
  "host": "127.0.0.1",
  "port": 3306,
  "user": "root",
  "password": "123456",
  "security": {
    "ssl_ca_content": "",
    "ssl_cert_content": "",
    "ssl_key_content": "",
    "cert_allowed_cn": [
      "string"
    ]
  }
},
"binlog_filter_rule": {
  "rule-1": {
    "ignore_event": [
      "all dml"
    ],
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  },
  "rule-2": {
    "ignore_event": [
      "all dml"
    ],
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  },
  "rule-3": {
    "ignore_event": [
      "all dml"
    ],
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  }
},
"table_migrate_rule": [
  {
    "source": {
      "source_name": "source-name",
```

```
      "schema": "db-*",
      "table": "tb-*"
    },
    "target": {
      "schema": "db1",
      "table": "tb1"
    },
    "binlog_filter_rule": [
      "rule-1",
      "rule-2",
      "rule-3",
    ]
  }
],
"source_config": {
  "full_migrate_conf": {
    "export_threads": 4,
    "import_threads": 16,
    "data_dir": "./exported_data",
    "consistency": "auto",
    "import_mode": "physical",
    "sorting_dir": "./sort_dir",
    "disk_quota": "80G",
    "checksum": "required",
    "analyze": "optional",
    "range_concurrency": 0,
    "compress-kv-pairs": "",
    "pd_addr": "",
    "on_duplicate_logical": "error",
    "on_duplicate_physical": "none"
  },
  "incr_migrate_conf": {
    "repl_threads": 16,
    "repl_batch": 100
  },
  "source_conf": [
    {
      "source_name": "mysql-replica-01",
      "binlog_name": "binlog.000001",
      "binlog_pos": 4,
      "binlog_gtid": "03fc0263-28c7-11e7-a653-6c0b84d59f30
        ↪ :1-7041423,05474d3c-28c7-11e7-8352-203db246dd3d:1-170"
    }
  ]
}
```

```
  }
}'
```

```
{
  "name": "task-1",
  "task_mode": "all",
  "shard_mode": "pessimistic",
  "meta_schema": "dm-meta",
  "enhance_online_schema_change": true,
  "on_duplicate": "overwrite",
  "target_config": {
    "host": "127.0.0.1",
    "port": 3306,
    "user": "root",
    "password": "123456",
    "security": {
      "ssl_ca_content": "",
      "ssl_cert_content": "",
      "ssl_key_content": "",
      "cert_allowed_cn": [
        "string"
      ]
    }
  },
  "binlog_filter_rule": {
    "rule-1": {
      "ignore_event": [
        "all dml"
      ],
      "ignore_sql": [
        "^Drop"
      ]
    },
    "rule-2": {
      "ignore_event": [
        "all dml"
      ],
      "ignore_sql": [
        "^Drop"
      ]
    },
    "rule-3": {
      "ignore_event": [
        "all dml"
      ],
```

```
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  }
},
"table_migrate_rule": [
  {
    "source": {
      "source_name": "source-name",
      "schema": "db-*",
      "table": "tb-*"
    },
    "target": {
      "schema": "db1",
      "table": "tb1"
    },
    "binlog_filter_rule": [
      "rule-1",
      "rule-2",
      "rule-3",
    ]
  }
],
"source_config": {
  "full_migrate_conf": {
    "export_threads": 4,
    "import_threads": 16,
    "data_dir": "./exported_data",
    "consistency": "auto"
    "import_mode": "physical",
    "sorting_dir": "./sort_dir",
    "disk_quota": "80G",
    "checksum": "required",
    "analyze": "optional",
    "range_concurrency": 0,
    "compress-kv-pairs": "",
    "pd_addr": "",
    "on_duplicate_logical": "error",
    "on_duplicate_physical": "none"
  },
  "incr_migrate_conf": {
    "repl_threads": 16,
    "repl_batch": 100
  },
  "source_conf": [
```

```
      {
        "source_name": "mysql-replica-01",
        "binlog_name": "binlog.000001",
        "binlog_pos": 4,
        "binlog_gtid": "03fc0263-28c7-11e7-a653-6c0b84d59f30:1-7041423,05474
            ↪ d3c-28c7-11e7-8352-203db246dd3d:1-170"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

13.6.8.5.27 Start a replication task

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 204. To learn the latest status of a task, You can get the information of a replication task.

Request URI

`POST /api/v1/tasks/{task-name}/start`

Example

```
curl -X 'POST' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1/start' \
  -H 'accept: */*'
```

13.6.8.5.28 Stop a replication task

This API is an asynchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 200. To learn the latest status of a task, You can get the information of a replication task.

Request URI

`POST /api/v1/tasks/{task-name}/stop`

Example

```
curl -X 'POST' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1/stop' \
  -H 'accept: */*'
```

13.6.8.5.29 Get the information of a replication task

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the information of the corresponding node is returned.

Request URI

GET /api/v1/tasks/task-1/status

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1/status?stage=running' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```


```
{
  "total": 1,
  "data": [
    {
      "name": "string",
      "source_name": "string",
      "worker_name": "string",
      "stage": "running",
      "unit": "sync",
      "unresolved_ddl_lock_id": "string",
      "load_status": {
        "finished_bytes": 0,
        "total_bytes": 0,
        "progress": "string",
        "meta_binlog": "string",
        "meta_binlog_gtid": "string"
      },
      "sync_status": {
        "total_events": 0,
        "total_tps": 0,
        "recent_tps": 0,
        "master_binlog": "string",
        "master_binlog_gtid": "string",
        "syncer_binlog": "string",
        "syncer_binlog_gtid": "string",
        "blocking_ddls": [
          "string"
        ],
        "unresolved_groups": [
          {
            "target": "string",
            "ddl_list": [
              "string"
            ],
            "first_location": "string",
            "synced": [
              "string"
            ],
```

```
          "unsynced": [
            "string"
          ]
        }
      ],
      "synced": true,
      "binlog_type": "string",
      "seconds_behind_master": 0
    }
  }
 ]
}
```

13.6.8.5.30 Get the replication task list

This API is a synchronous interface and a successful request returns a list of the corresponding tasks.

Request URI

`GET /api/v1/tasks`

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
{
  "total": 2,
  "data": [
    {
      "name": "task-1",
      "task_mode": "all",
      "shard_mode": "pessimistic",
      "meta_schema": "dm-meta",
      "enhance_online_schema_change": true,
      "on_duplicate": "overwrite",
      "target_config": {
        "host": "127.0.0.1",
        "port": 3306,
        "user": "root",
        "password": "123456",
        "security": {
          "ssl_ca_content": "",
          "ssl_cert_content": "",
          "ssl_key_content": "",
```

```
    "cert_allowed_cn": [
      "string"
    ]
  }
},
"binlog_filter_rule": {
  "rule-1": {
    "ignore_event": [
      "all dml"
    ],
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  },
  "rule-2": {
    "ignore_event": [
      "all dml"
    ],
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  },
  "rule-3": {
    "ignore_event": [
      "all dml"
    ],
    "ignore_sql": [
      "^Drop"
    ]
  }
},
"table_migrate_rule": [
  {
    "source": {
      "source_name": "source-name",
      "schema": "db-*",
      "table": "tb-*"
    },
    "target": {
      "schema": "db1",
      "table": "tb1"
    },
    "binlog_filter_rule": [
      "rule-1",
      "rule-2",
```

```
          "rule-3",
        ]
      }
    ],
    "source_config": {
      "full_migrate_conf": {
        "export_threads": 4,
        "import_threads": 16,
        "data_dir": "./exported_data",
        "consistency": "auto",
        "import_mode": "physical",
        "sorting_dir": "./sort_dir",
        "disk_quota": "80G",
        "checksum": "required",
        "analyze": "optional",
        "range_concurrency": 0,
        "compress-kv-pairs": "",
        "pd_addr": "",
        "on_duplicate_logical": "error",
        "on_duplicate_physical": "none"
      },
      "incr_migrate_conf": {
        "repl_threads": 16,
        "repl_batch": 100
      },
      "source_conf": [
        {
          "source_name": "mysql-replica-01",
          "binlog_name": "binlog.000001",
          "binlog_pos": 4,
          "binlog_gtid": "03fc0263-28c7-11e7-a653-6c0b84d59f30
              ↪ :1-7041423,05474d3c-28c7-11e7-8352-203db246dd3d:1-170"
        }
      ]
    }
  }
]
}
```

13.6.8.5.31 Get the migration rules of a replication task

This API is a synchronous interface and a successful request returns a list of the migration rules of this task.

Request URI

GET /api/v1/tasks/{task-name}/sources/{source-name}/migrate_targets

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1/sources/source-1/migrate_
    ↪ targets' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
{
  "total": 0,
  "data": [
    {
      "source_schema": "db1",
      "source_table": "tb1",
      "target_schema": "db1",
      "target_table": "tb1"
    }
  ]
}
```

13.6.8.5.32 Get the list of schema names of the data source that is associated with a replication task

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the corresponding list is returned.

Request URI

GET /api/v1/tasks/{task-name}/sources/{source-name}/schemas

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1/sources/source-1/schemas' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
[
  "db1"
]
```

13.6.8.5.33 Get the list of table names of a specified schema in the data source that is associated with a replication task

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the corresponding list is returned.

Request URI

GET /api/v1/tasks/{task-name}/sources/{source-name}/schemas/{schema-name
↪ }

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1/sources/source-1/schemas/db1' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
[
  "table1"
]
```

13.6.8.5.34 Get the CREATE statement for schemas of the data source that is associated with a replication task

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the corresponding CREATE statement is returned.

Request URI

GET /api/v1/tasks/{task-name}/sources/{source-name}/schemas/{schema-name
↪ }/{table-name}

Example

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1/sources/source-1/schemas/db1/
     ↪ table1' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

```
{
  "schema_name": "db1",
  "table_name": "table1",
  "schema_create_sql": "CREATE TABLE `t1` (`id` int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
     ↪ PRIMARY KEY (`id`) /*T![clustered_index] CLUSTERED */) ENGINE=InnoDB
     ↪  DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin"
}
```

13.6.8.5.35 Update the CREATE statement for schemas of the data source that is associated with a replication task

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 200.

Request URI

POST /api/v1/tasks/{task-name}/sources/{source-name}/schemas/{schema-
↪ name}/{table-name}

Example

```
curl -X 'PUT' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1/sources/task-1/schemas/db1/
     ↪ table1' \
  -H 'accept: */*' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  -d '{
  "sql_content": "CREATE TABLE `t1` ( `c1` int DEFAULT NULL, `c2` int
     ↪ DEFAULT NULL, `c3` int DEFAULT NULL) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=
     ↪ utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;",
  "flush": true,
  "sync": true
}'
```

13.6.8.5.36 Delete a schema of the data source that is associated with a replication task

This API is a synchronous interface. If the request is successful, the status code of the returned body is 200.

Request URI

```
DELETE /api/v1/tasks/{task-name}/sources/{source-name}/schemas/{schema-
↪ name}/{table-name}
```

Example

```
curl -X 'DELETE' \
  'http://127.0.0.1:8261/api/v1/tasks/task-1/sources/source-1/schemas/db1/
     ↪ table1' \
  -H 'accept: */*'
```

13.6.8.6 Compatibility Catalog of TiDB Data Migration

DM supports migrating data from different sources to TiDB clusters. Based on the data source type, DM has four compatibility levels:

- **Generally available (GA)**: The application scenario has been verified and passed the GA test.
- **Experimental**: Although the application scenario has been verified, the test does not cover all scenarios or involves only a limited number of users. The application scenario might encounter problems occasionally.
- **Not tested**: DM is expected to be always compatible with MySQL during iteration. However, due to resource constraints, not all MySQL forks are tested with DM. Therefore, the *not tested* source or target is technically compatible with DM, but is not fully tested, which means you need to verify its compatibility before you use.

- **Incompatible**: DM is proved to be incompatible with the data source and the application is not recommended for use in production environments.

13.6.8.6.1 Data sources

Data source	Compatibility level	Remarks
MySQL 5.5	Not tested	
MySQL 5.6	GA	
MySQL 5.7	GA	
MySQL 8.0	GA	Does not support binlog transaction compression Transaction_payload_e
MariaDB < 10.1.2	Incompatible	Incompatible with binlog of the time type
MariaDB 10.1.2 ~ 10.5.10	Experimental	

Data source	Compatibility level	Remarks
MariaDB > 10.5.10	Incompatible	Permission errors reported in the check procedure

13.6.8.6.2 Target databases

> **Warning:**
>
> DM v5.3.0 is not recommended. If you have enabled GTID replication but do not enable relay log in DM v5.3.0, data replication fails with low probability.

Target database	Compatibility level	DM version
TiDB 8.x	GA	5.3.1
TiDB 7.x	GA	5.3.1
TiDB 6.x	GA	5.3.1
TiDB 5.4	GA	5.3.1
TiDB 5.3	GA	5.3.1
TiDB 5.2	GA	2.0.7, recommended: 5.4
TiDB 5.1	GA	2.0.4, recommended: 5.4
TiDB 5.0	GA	2.0.4, recommended: 5.4
TiDB 4.x	GA	2.0.1, recommended: 2.0.7
TiDB 3.x	GA	2.0.1, recommended: 2.0.7
MySQL	Experimental	
MariaDB	Experimental	

13.6.8.7 Secure

13.6.8.7.1 Enable TLS for DM Connections

This document describes how to enable encrypted data transmission for DM connections, including connections between the DM-master, DM-worker, and dmctl components, and connections between DM and the upstream or downstream database.

Enable encrypted data transmission between DM-master, DM-worker, and dmctl

This section introduces how to enable encrypted data transmission between DM-master, DM-worker, and dmctl.

Configure and enable encrypted data transmission

1. Prepare certificates.

   It is recommended to prepare a server certificate for DM-master and DM-worker separately. Make sure that the two components can authenticate each other. You can choose to share one client certificate for dmctl.

   To generate self-signed certificates, you can use `openssl`, `cfssl` and other tools based on `openssl`, such as `easy-rsa`.

   If you choose `openssl`, you can refer to generating self-signed certificates.

2. Configure certificates.

> **Note:**
> You can configure DM-master, DM-worker, and dmctl to use the same set of certificates.

- DM-master

  Configure in the configuration file or command-line arguments:

```
ssl-ca = "/path/to/ca.pem"
ssl-cert = "/path/to/master-cert.pem"
ssl-key = "/path/to/master-key.pem"
```

- DM-worker

  Configure in the configuration file or command-line arguments:

```
ssl-ca = "/path/to/ca.pem"
ssl-cert = "/path/to/worker-cert.pem"
ssl-key = "/path/to/worker-key.pem"
```

- dmctl

  After enabling encrypted transmission in a DM cluster, if you need to connect to the cluster using dmctl, specify the client certificate. For example:

```
./dmctl --master-addr=127.0.0.1:8261 --ssl-ca /path/to/ca.pem --ssl
    ↪ -cert /path/to/client-cert.pem --ssl-key /path/to/client-key
    ↪ .pem
```

Verify component caller's identity

The Common Name is used for caller verification. In general, the callee needs to verify the caller's identity, in addition to verifying the key, the certificates, and the CA provided by the caller. For example, DM-worker can only be accessed by DM-master, and other visitors are blocked even though they have legitimate certificates.

To verify component caller's identity, you need to mark the certificate user identity using `Common Name` (CN) when generating the certificate, and to check the caller's identity by configuring the `Common Name` list for the callee.

- DM-master

  Configure in the configuration file or command-line arguments:

```
cert-allowed-cn = ["dm"]
```

- DM-worker

  Configure in the configuration file or command-line arguments:

```
cert-allowed-cn = ["dm"]
```

Reload certificates

To reload the certificates and the keys, DM-master, DM-worker, and dmctl reread the current certificates and the key files each time a new connection is created.

When the files specified by `ssl-ca`, `ssl-cert` or `ssl-key` are updated, restart DM components to reload the certificates and the key files and reconnect with each other.

Enable encrypted data transmission between DM components and the upstream or downstream database

This section introduces how to enable encrypted data transmission between DM components and the upstream or downstream database.

Enable encrypted data transmission for upstream database

1. Configure the upstream database, enable the encryption support, and set the server certificate. For detailed operations, see Using encrypted connections.
2. Set the MySQL client certificate in the source configuration file:

> **Note:**
> Make sure that all DM-master and DM-worker components can read the certificates and the key files via specified paths.

```
from:
    security:
        ssl-ca: "/path/to/mysql-ca.pem"
        ssl-cert: "/path/to/mysql-cert.pem"
        ssl-key: "/path/to/mysql-key.pem"
```

Enable encrypted data transmission for downstream TiDB

1. Configure the downstream TiDB to use encrypted connections. For detailed operations, refer to Configure TiDB server to use secure connections.
2. Set the TiDB client certificate in the task configuration file:

> **Note:**
> Make sure that all DM-master and DM-worker components can read the certificates and the key files via specified paths.

```
target-database:
    security:
        ssl-ca: "/path/to/tidb-ca.pem"
        ssl-cert: "/path/to/tidb-client-cert.pem"
        ssl-key: "/path/to/tidb-client-key.pem"
```

13.6.8.7.2 Generate Self-signed Certificates for TiDB Data Migration

This document provides an example of using `openssl` to generate a self-signed certificate for TiDB Data Migration (DM). You can also generate certificates and keys that meet requirements according to your demands.

Assume that the topology of the instance cluster is as follows:

Name	Host IP	Services
node1	172.16.10.11	DM-master1
node2	172.16.10.12	DM-master2
node3	172.16.10.13	DM-master3
node4	172.16.10.14	DM-worker1
node5	172.16.10.15	DM-worker2
node6	172.16.10.16	DM-worker3

Install OpenSSL

- For Debian or Ubuntu OS:

```
apt install openssl
```

- For RedHat or CentOS OS:

```
yum install openssl
```

You can also refer to OpenSSL's official download document for installation.

Generate the CA certificate

A certificate authority (CA) is a trusted entity that issues digital certificates. In practice, contact your administrator to issue the certificate or use a trusted CA. CA manages multiple certificate pairs. Here you only need to generate an original pair of certificates as follows.

1. Generate the CA key:

```
openssl genrsa -out ca-key.pem 4096
```

2. Generate the CA certificates:

```
openssl req -new -x509 -days 1000 -key ca-key.pem -out ca.pem
```

3. Validate the CA certificates:

```
openssl x509 -text -in ca.pem -noout
```

Issue certificates for individual components

Certificates that might be used in the cluster

- The `master` certificate used by DM-master to authenticate DM-master for other components.
- The `worker` certificate used by DM-worker to authenticate DM-worker for other components.
- The `client` certificate used by dmctl to authenticate clients for DM-master and DM-worker.

Issue certificates for DM-master

To issue a certificate to a DM-master instance, perform the following steps:

1. Generate the private key corresponding to the certificate:

```
openssl genrsa -out master-key.pem 2048
```

2. Make a copy of the OpenSSL configuration template file (Refer to the actual location of your template file because it might have more than one location):

```
cp /usr/lib/ssl/openssl.cnf .
```

   If you do not know the actual location, look for it in the root directory:

```
find / -name openssl.cnf
```

3. Edit `openssl.cnf`, add `req_extensions = v3_req` under the `[ req ]` field, and add `subjectAltName = @alt_names` under the `[ v3_req ]` field. Finally, create a new field and edit the information of `Subject Alternative Name` (SAN) according to the cluster topology description above.

```
[ alt_names ]
IP.1 = 127.0.0.1
IP.2 = 172.16.10.11
IP.3 = 172.16.10.12
IP.4 = 172.16.10.13
```

   The following checking items of SAN are currently supported:

   - `IP`
   - `DNS`
   - `URI`

> **Note:**
> If a special IP such as `0.0.0.0` is to be used for connection or communication, you must also add it to `alt_names`.

4. Save the `openssl.cnf` file, and generate the certificate request file: (When giving input to `Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name)[]:`, you assign a Common Name (CN) to the certificate, such as `dm`. It is used by the server to validate the identity of the client. Each component does not enable the validation by default. You can enable it in the configuration file.)

```
openssl req -new -key master-key.pem -out master-cert.pem -config
    ↪ openssl.cnf
```

5. Issue and generate the certificate:

```
openssl x509 -req -days 365 -CA ca.pem -CAkey ca-key.pem -
    ↪ CAcreateserial -in master-cert.pem -out master-cert.pem -
    ↪ extensions v3_req -extfile openssl.cnf
```

6. Verify that the certificate includes the SAN field (optional):

```
openssl x509 -text -in master-cert.pem -noout
```

7. Confirm that the following files exist in your current directory:

```
ca.pem
master-cert.pem
master-key.pem
```

> **Note:**
>
> The process of issuing certificates for the DM-worker instance is similar and will not be repeated in this document.

Issue certificates for the client (dmctl)

To issue a certificate to the client (dmctl), perform the following steps:

1. Generate the private key corresponding to the certificate:

```
openssl genrsa -out client-key.pem 2048
```

2. Generate the certificate request file (in this step, you can also assign a Common Name to the certificate, which is used to allow the server to validate the identity of the client. Each component does not enable the validation by default, and you can enable it in the configuration file):

```
openssl req -new -key client-key.pem -out client-cert.pem
```

3. Issue and generate the certificate:

```
openssl x509 -req -days 365 -CA ca.pem -CAkey ca-key.pem -
    ↪ CAcreateserial -in client-cert.pem -out client-cert.pem
```

13.6.8.8 Monitoring and Alerts

13.6.8.8.1 Data Migration Monitoring Metrics

If your DM cluster is deployed using TiUP, the monitoring system is also deployed at the same time. This document describes the monitoring metrics provided by DM-worker.

Task

In the Grafana dashboard, the default name of DM is `DM-task`.

`overview`

`Overview` contains some monitoring metrics of all the DM-worker and DM-master instances or sources in the currently selected task. The current default alert rule is only for a single DM-worker/DM-master instance/source.

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
task state	The state of subtasks for migration	N/A	N/A
storage capacity	The total storage capacity of the disk occupied by relay logs	N/A	N/A
storage remain	The remaining storage capacity of the disk occupied by relay logs	N/A	N/A
binlog file gap between master and relay	The number of binlog files by which the `relay` processing unit is behind the upstream master	N/A	N/A

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
load progress	The percentage of the completed loading process of the load unit. The value is between 0%~100%	N/A	N/A
binlog file gap between master and syncer	The number of binlog files by which the binlog replication unit is behind the upstream master	N/A	N/A
shard lock resolving	Whether the current subtask is waiting for sharding DDL migration. A value greater than 0 means that the current subtask is waiting for sharding DDL migration	N/A	N/A

Operation errors

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
before any operate error	The number of errors before any operation	N/A	N/A
source bound error	The number of errors of data source binding operations	N/A	N/A
start error	The number of errors during the start of a subtask	N/A	N/A
pause error	The number of errors during the pause of a subtask	N/A	N/A
resume error	The number of errors during the resuming of a subtask	N/A	N/A
auto-resume error	The number of errors during the auto-resuming of a subtask	N/A	N/A
update error	The number of errors during the update of a subtask	N/A	N/A
stop error	The number of errors during the stop of a subtask	N/A	N/A

High availability

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
number of dm-masters start leader com-po-nents per minute	The number of DM-master attempts to enable leader related components per minute	N/A	N/A
number of work-ers in differ-ent state	The number of DM-workers in different states	Some DM-worker(s) has (have) been offline for more than one hour	critical
workers' state	The state of the DM-worker	N/A	N/A
number of worker event error	The number of different types of DM-worker errors	N/A	N/A
shard ddl error per minute	The number of different types of sharding DDL errors per minute	Any shard-ing DDL error occurs	critical

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
number of pending sharding ddl	The number of pending sharding DDL operations	Any pending sharding DDL operation has existed for more than one hour	critical

Task state

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
task state	The state of subtasks	An alert occurs when the subtask has been in the `Paused` state for more than 20 minutes	critical

Dump/Load unit

The following metrics show only when `task-mode` is in the `full` or `all` mode.

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
dump progress	The percentage of the completed dumping process of the dump unit. The value range is 0%~100%	N/A	N/A
load progress	The percentage of the completed loading process of the load unit. The value range is 0%~100%	N/A	N/A
checksum progress	The percentage of the completed checksum process after the load unit finishes dumping. The value range is 0%~100%	N/A	N/A

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
total bytes for load unit	The bytes processed in the parsing, in generating data KV, and in generating index KV stages of the import process by the load unit	N/A	N/A
chunk process duration	The duration of the load unit processing the data source file chunk (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
data file size	The total size of the data files (includes the `INSERT INTO` statement) in the full data imported by the load unit	N/A	N/A
dump process exits with error	The dump unit encounters an error within the DM-worker and exits	Immediate alerts	critical
load process exits with error	The load unit encounters an error within the DM-worker and exits	Immediate alerts	critical

Binlog replication

The following metrics show only when `task-mode` is in the `incremental` or `all` mode.

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
remaining time to sync	The predicted remaining time it takes for `syncer` to be completely migrated with the upstream master (in minutes)	N/A	N/A
replicate lag gauge	The latency time it takes to replicate the binlog from upstream to downstream (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
replicate lag histogram	The histogram of replicating the binlog from upstream to downstream (in seconds). Note that due to different statistical mechanisms, the data might be inaccurate	N/A	N/A

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
process exist with error	The binlog replication unit encounters an error within the DM-worker and exits	Immediate alerts	critical

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
binlog file gap between master and syncer	The number of binlog files by which the `syncer` processing unit is behind the upstream master	An alert occurs when the number of binlog files by which the `syncer` processing unit is behind the upstream master exceeds one (>1) and the condition lasts over 10 minutes	critical

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
binlog file gap between relay and syncer	The number of binlog files by which `syncer` is behind `relay`	An alert occurs when the number of binlog files by which the `syncer` ↪ processing unit is behind the `relay` processing unit exceeds one (>1) and the condition lasts over 10 minutes	critical

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
binlog event QPS	The number of binlog events received per unit of time (this number does not include the events that need to be skipped)	N/A	N/A
skipped binlog event QPS	The number of binlog events received per unit of time that need to be skipped	N/A	N/A
read binlog event duration	The duration that the binlog replication unit reads the binlog from the relay log or the upstream MySQL (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
transform binlog event duration	The duration that the binlog replication unit parses and transforms the binlog into SQL statements (in seconds)	N/A	N/A

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
dispatch binlog event duration	The duration that the binlog replication unit dispatches a binlog event (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
transaction execution latency	The duration that the binlog replication unit executes the transaction to the downstream (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
binlog event size	The size of a binlog event that the binlog replication unit reads from the relay log or the upstream MySQL	N/A	N/A
DML queue remain length	The length of the remaining DML job queue	N/A	N/A
total sqls jobs	The number of newly added jobs per unit of time	N/A	N/A
finished sqls jobs	The number of finished jobs per unit of time	N/A	N/A

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
statement execution latency	The duration that the binlog replication unit executes the statement to the downstream (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
add job duration	The duration that the binlog replication unit adds a job to the queue (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
DML conflict detect duration	The duration that the binlog replication unit detects the conflict in DML (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
skipped event duration	The duration that the binlog replication unit skips a binlog event (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
unsynced tables	The number of tables that have not received the shard DDL statement in the current subtask	N/A	N/A

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
shard lock resolving	Whether the current subtask is waiting for the shard DDL lock to be resolved. A value greater than 0 indicates that it is waiting for the shard DDL lock to be resolved	N/A	N/A
ideal QPS	The highest QPS that can be achieved when the running time of DM is 0	N/A	N/A
binlog event row	The number of rows in a binlog event	N/A	N/A
finished transaction total	The number of finished transactions in total	N/A	N/A
replication transaction batch	The number of sql rows in the transaction executed to the downstream	N/A	N/A
flush checkpoints time interval	The time interval for flushing the checkpoints (in seconds)	N/A	N/A

Relay log

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, DM v2.0 does not support enabling the relay log feature.

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
storage capacity	The storage capacity of the disk occupied by the relay log	N/A	N/A
storage remain	The remaining storage capacity of the disk occupied by the relay log	An alert is needed once the value is smaller than 10G	critical
process exits with error	The relay log encounters an error within the DM-worker and exits	Immediate alerts	critical
relay log data corruption	The number of corrupted relay log files	Immediate alerts	emergency

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
fail to read binlog from master	The number of errors encountered when the relay log reads the binlog from the upstream MySQL	Immediate alerts	critical
fail to write relay log	The number of errors encountered when the relay log writes the binlog to disks	Immediate alerts	critical
binlog file index	The largest index number of relay log files. For example, “value = 1” indicates “relay-log.000001”	N/A	N/A

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
binlog file gap between master and relay	The number of binlog files in the relay log that are behind the upstream master	An alert occurs when the number of binlog files by which the `relay` processing unit is behind the upstream master exceeds one (>1) and the condition lasts over 10 minutes	critical
binlog pos	The write offset of the latest relay log file	N/A	N/A

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
read binlog event duration	The duration that the relay log reads binlog from the upstream MySQL (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
write relay log duration	The duration that the relay log writes binlog into the disks each time (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
binlog event size	The size of a single binlog event that the relay log writes into the disks	N/A	N/A

Instance

In the Grafana dashboard, the default name of an instance is `DM-instance`.

Relay log

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
storage capacity	The total storage capacity of the disk occupied by the relay log	N/A	N/A

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
storage remain	The remaining storage capacity within the disk occupied by the relay log	An alert occurs once the value is smaller than 10G	critical
process exits with error	The relay log encounters an error in DM-worker and exits	Immediate alerts	critical
relay log data corruption	The number of corrupted relay logs	Immediate alerts	emergency
fail to read binlog from master	The number of errors encountered when relay log reads the binlog from the upstream MySQL	Immediate alerts	critical
fail to write relay log	The number of errors encountered when the relay log writes the binlog to disks	Immediate alerts	critical

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
binlog file index	The largest index number of relay log files. For example, “value = 1” indicates “relay-log.000001”	N/A	N/A

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
binlog file gap between master and relay	The number of binlog files by which the `relay` processing unit is behind the upstream master	An alert occurs when the number of binlog files by which the `relay` processing unit is behind the upstream master exceeds one (>1) and the condition lasts over 10 minutes	critical
binlog pos	The write offset of the latest relay log file	N/A	N/A

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
read binlog duration	The duration that the relay log reads the binlog from the upstream MySQL (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
write relay log duration	The duration that the relay log writes the binlog into the disk each time (in seconds)	N/A	N/A
binlog size	The size of a single binlog event that the relay log writes into the disks	N/A	N/A

Task

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
task state	The state of subtasks for migration	An alert occurs when the sub-task has been paused for more than 10 min-utes	critical

Metric name	Description	Alert	Severity level
load progress	The percentage of the completed loading process of the load unit. The value range is 0%~100%	N/A	N/A
binlog file gap between master and syncer	The number of binlog files by which the binlog replication unit is behind the upstream master	N/A	N/A
shard lock resolving	Whether the current subtask is waiting for sharding DDL migration. A value greater than 0 means that the current subtask is waiting for sharding DDL migration	N/A	N/A

13.6.8.8.2 DM Alert Information

The alert system is deployed by default when you deploy a DM cluster using TiUP.

For more information about DM alert rules and the solutions, refer to handle alerts.

Both DM alert information and monitoring metrics are based on Prometheus. For more

information about their relationship, refer to DM monitoring metrics.

13.6.8.9 Handle Errors in TiDB Data Migration

This document introduces the error system and how to handle common errors when you use DM.

13.6.8.9.1 Error system

In the error system, usually, the information of a specific error is as follows:

- `code`: error code.

  DM uses the same error code for the same error type. An error code does not change as the DM version changes.

  Some errors might be removed during the DM iteration, while the error codes are not. DM uses a new error code instead of an existing one for a new error.

- `class`: error type.

  It is used to mark the component where an error occurs (error source).

  The following table displays all error types, error sources, and error samples.

  |

  Error Type

Error Source	Error Sample
database	Database operations	[code=10003:class=database:scope=downstream:level=medium] database driver: invalid connection
functional	Underlying functions of DM	[code=11005:class=functional:scope=internal:level=high] not allowed operation: alter multiple tables in one statement
config	Incorrect configuration	[code=20005:class=config:scope=internal:level=medium] empty source-id not valid
binlog-op	Binlog operations	[code=22001:class=binlog-op:scope=internal:level=high] empty UUIDs not valid
checkpoint	checkpoint operations	[code=24002:class=checkpoint:scope=internal:level=high] save point bin.1234 is older than current pos bin.1371
task-check	Performing task check	[code=26003:class=task-check:scope=internal:level=medium] new table router error

```
relay-event-lib| Executing the basic functions of the relay module | [code=28001:
↪ class=relay-event-lib:scope=internal:level=high] parse server-uuid.
↪ index |
relay-unit | relay processing unit | [code=30015:class=relay-unit:scope=
↪ upstream:level=high] TCPReader get event: ERROR 1236 (HY000): Could
↪ not open log file |
dump-unit | dump processing unit | [code=32001:class=dump-unit:scope=internal
↪ :level=high] mydumper runs with error: CRITICAL **: 15:12:17.559:
↪ Error connecting to database: Access denied for user 'root'@'172.17.0.1'
↪  (using password: NO) |
load-unit | load processing unit | [code=34002:class=load-unit:scope=internal
↪ :level=high] corresponding ending of sql: ')' not found |
sync-unit | sync processing unit | [code=36027:class=sync-unit:scope=internal
↪ :level=high] Column count doesn't match value count: 9 (columns)vs
↪ 10 (values) |
dm-master | DM-master service | [code=38008:class=dm-master:scope=internal
↪ :level=high] grpc request error: rpc error: code = Unavailable desc
↪  = all SubConns are in TransientFailure, latest connection error:
↪ connection error: desc = "transport: Error while dialing dial tcp
↪ 172.17.0.2:8262: connect: connection refused" |
dm-worker | DM-worker service | [code=40066:class=dm-worker:scope=internal
↪ :level=high] ExecuteDDL timeout, try use query-status to query
↪ whether the DDL is still blocking |
dm-tracer | DM-tracer service | [code=42004:class=dm-tracer:scope=internal:
↪ level=medium] trace event test.1 not found |
schema-tracker | schema-tracker (during incremental data replication) | [code
↪ =44006:class=schema-tracker:scope=internal:level=high],"cannot track
↪  DDL: ALTER TABLE test DROP COLUMN col1" |
scheduler | Scheduling operations (of data migration tasks) | [code=46001:class=
↪ scheduler:scope=internal:level=high],"the scheduler has not started"
|
dmctl | An error occurs within dmctl or when it interacts with other components |
[code=48001:class=dmctl:scope=internal:level=high],"can not create grpc
↪  connection" |
```

- `scope`: Error scope.

  It is used to mark the scope and source of DM objects when an error occurs. `scope` includes four types: `not-set`, `upstream`, `downstream`, and `internal`.

  If the logic of the error directly involves requests between upstream and downstream databases, the scope is set to `upstream` or `downstream`; otherwise, it is currently set to `internal`.

- `level`: Error level.

  The severity level of the error, including `low`, `medium`, and `high`.

- The `low` level error usually relates to user operations and incorrect inputs. It does not affect migration tasks.
- The `medium` level error usually relates to user configurations. It affects some newly started services; however, it does not affect the existing DM migration status.
- The `high` level error usually needs your attention, since you need to resolve it to avoid the possible interruption of a migration task.

- `message`: Error descriptions.

  Detailed descriptions of the error. To wrap and store every additional layer of error message on the error call chain, the errors.Wrap mode is adopted. The message description wrapped at the outermost layer indicates the error in DM and the message description wrapped at the innermost layer indicates the error source.

- `workaround`: Error handling methods (optional)

  The handling methods for this error. For some confirmed errors (such as configuration errors), DM gives the corresponding manual handling methods in `workaround`.

- Error stack information (optional)

  Whether DM outputs the error stack information depends on the error severity and the necessity. The error stack records the complete stack call information when the error occurs. If you cannot figure out the error cause based on the basic information and the error message, you can trace the execution path of the code when the error occurs using the error stack.

For the complete list of error codes, refer to the error code lists.

13.6.8.9.2 Troubleshooting

If you encounter an error while running DM, take the following steps to troubleshoot this error:

1. Execute the `query-status` command to check the task running status and the error output.
2. Check the log files related to the error. The log files are on the DM-master and DM-worker nodes. To get key information about the error, refer to the error system. Then check the Handle Common Errors section to find the solution.
3. If the error is not covered in this document, and you cannot solve the problem by checking the log or monitoring metrics, get support from PingCAP or the community.
4. After the error is resolved, restart the task using dmctl.

```
resume-task ${task name}
```

However, you need to reset the data migration task in some cases. For details, refer to Reset the Data Migration Task.

13.6.8.9.3 Handle common errors

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Error Code

Error Description	How to Handle
`code=10001`	Abnormal database operation.	Further analyze the error message and error stack.
`code=10002`	The `bad connection` error from the underlying database. It usually indicates that the connection between DM and the downstream TiDB instance is abnormal (possibly caused by network failure or TiDB restart) and the currently requested data is not sent to TiDB.	DM provides automatic recovery for such error. If the recovery is not successful for a long time, check the network or TiDB status.
`code=10003`	The `invalid connection` error from the underlying database. It usually indicates that the connection between DM and the downstream TiDB instance is abnormal (possibly caused by network failure or TiDB restart) and the currently requested data is partly sent to TiDB.	DM provides automatic recovery for such error. If the recovery is not successful for a long time, further check the error message and analyze the information based on the actual situation.
`code=10005`	Occurs when performing the `QUERY` type SQL statements.	
`code=10006`	Occurs when performing the `EXECUTE` type SQL statements, including DDL statements and DML statements of the `INSERT`, `UPDATE`or `DELETE` type. For more detailed error information, check the error message which usually includes the error code and error information returned for database operations.	
`code=11006`	Occurs when the built-in parser of DM parses the incompatible DDL statements.	Refer to Data Migration - incompatible DDL statements for solution.
`code=20010`	Occurs when decrypting the database password that is provided in task configuration.	Check whether the downstream database password provided in the configuration task is correctly encrypted using dmctl.
`code=26002`	The task check fails to establish database connection. For more detailed error information, check the error message which usually includes the error code and error information returned for database operations.	Check whether the machine where DM-master is located has permission to access the upstream.
`code=32001`	Abnormal dump processing unit	If the error message contains `mydumper: argument list too long.`, configure the table to be exported by manually adding the `--regex` regular expression in the Mydumper argument `extra-args` in the `task.yaml` file according to the block-allow list. For example, to export all tables named `hello`, add `--regex '.*\\.hello$'`; to export all tables, add `--regex '.*'`.
`code=38008`	An error occurs in the gRPC communication among DM components.	Check `class`. Find out the error occurs in the interaction of which components. Determine the type of communication error. If the error occurs when establishing gRPC connection, check

whether the communication server is working normally. |

What can I do when a migration task is interrupted with the `invalid connection` error returned?

Reason

The `invalid connection` error indicates that anomalies have occurred in the connection between DM and the downstream TiDB database (such as network failure, TiDB restart, and TiKV busy) and that a part of the data for the current request has been sent to TiDB.

Solutions

Because DM has the feature of concurrently migrating data to the downstream in migration tasks, several errors might occur when a task is interrupted. You can check these errors by using `query-status`.

- If only the `invalid connection` error occurs during the incremental replication process, DM retries the task automatically.
- If DM does not or fails to retry automatically because of version problems, use `stop-task` to stop the task and then use `start-task` to restart the task.

A migration task is interrupted with the `driver: bad connection` error returned

Reason

The `driver: bad connection` error indicates that anomalies have occurred in the connection between DM and the upstream TiDB database (such as network failure and TiDB restart) and that the data of the current request has not yet been sent to TiDB at that moment.

Solution

The current version of DM automatically retries on error. If you use the previous version which does not support automatically retry, you can execute the `stop-task` command to stop the task. Then execute `start-task` to restart the task.

The relay unit throws error `event from * in * diff from passed-in event *` or a migration task is interrupted with failing to get or parse binlog errors like `get binlog error ERROR 1236 (HY000)` and `binlog checksum mismatch, data may be corrupted` returned

Reason

During the DM process of relay log pulling or incremental replication, this two errors might occur if the size of the upstream binlog file exceeds **4 GB**.

Cause: When writing relay logs, DM needs to perform event verification based on binlog positions and the size of the binlog file, and store the replicated binlog positions as checkpoints. However, the official MySQL uses `uint32` to store binlog positions. This means the binlog position for a binlog file over 4 GB overflows, and then the errors above occur.

Solutions

For relay units, manually recover migration using the following solution:

1. Identify in the upstream that the size of the corresponding binlog file has exceeded 4GB when the error occurs.

2. Stop the DM-worker.

3. Copy the corresponding binlog file in the upstream to the relay log directory as the relay log file.

4. In the relay log directory, update the corresponding `relay.meta` file to pull from the next binlog file. If you have specified `enable_gtid` to `true` for the DM-worker, you need to modify the GTID corresponding to the next binlog file when updating the `relay.meta` file. Otherwise, you don't need to modify the GTID.

   Example: when the error occurs, `binlog-name = "mysql-bin.004451"` and `binlog-pos = 2453`. Update them respectively to `binlog-name = "mysql-bin.004452"` and `binlog-pos = 4`, and update `binlog-gtid` to `f0e914ef-54cf-11e7-813d-6c92bf2fa791:1-138218058`.

5. Restart the DM-worker.

For binlog replication processing units, manually recover migration using the following solution:

1. Identify in the upstream that the size of the corresponding binlog file has exceeded 4GB when the error occurs.

2. Stop the migration task using `stop-task`.

3. Update the `binlog_name` in the global checkpoints and in each table checkpoint of the downstream `dm_meta` database to the name of the binlog file in error; update `binlog_pos` to a valid position value for which migration has completed, for example, 4.

   Example: the name of the task in error is `dm_test`, the corresponding `source-id` is `replica-1`, and the corresponding binlog file is `mysql-bin|000001.004451`. Execute the following command:

   ```
   UPDATE dm_test_syncer_checkpoint SET binlog_name='mysql-bin|000001.004451', binlog_pos = 4 WHERE id='replica-1';
   ```

4. Specify `safe-mode: true` in the `syncers` section of the migration task configuration to ensure re-entrant.

5. Start the migration task using `start-task`.

6. View the status of the migration task using `query-status`. You can restore `safe-mode` to the original value and restart the migration task when migration is done for the original error-triggering relay log files.

`Access denied for user 'root'@'172.31.43.27' (using password: YES)` shows when you query the task or check the log

For database related passwords in all the DM configuration files, it is recommended to use the passwords encrypted by `dmctl`. If a database password is empty, it is unnecessary to encrypt it. For how to encrypt the plaintext password, see Encrypt the database password using dmctl.

In addition, the user of the upstream and downstream databases must have the corresponding read and write privileges. Data Migration also prechecks the corresponding privileges automatically while starting the data migration task.

The `load` processing unit reports the error `packet for query is too large. Try adjusting the 'max_allowed_packet' variable`

Reasons

- Both MySQL client and MySQL/TiDB server have the quota limits for `max_allowed_packet`. If any `max_allowed_packet` exceeds a limit, the client receives the error message. Currently, for the latest version of DM and TiDB server, the default value of `max_allowed_packet` is `64M`.
- The full data import processing unit in DM does not support splitting the SQL file exported by the Dump processing unit in DM.

Solutions

- It is recommended to set the `statement-size` option of `extra-args` for the Dump processing unit:

  According to the default `--statement-size` setting, the default size of `Insert Statement` generated by the Dump processing unit is about `1M`. With this default setting, the load processing unit does not report the error `packet for query is too large. Try adjusting the 'max_allowed_packet' variable` in most cases.

  Sometimes you might receive the following `WARN` log during the data dump. This `WARN` log does not affect the dump process. This only means that wide tables are dumped.

  ```
  Row bigger than statement_size for xxx
  ```

- If the single row of the wide table exceeds `64M`, you need to modify the following configurations and make sure the configurations take effect.
  - Execute `set @@global.max_allowed_packet=134217728` (`134217728` = 128 MB) in the TiDB server.
  - First add the `max-allowed-packet: 134217728` (128 MB) to the `target-database` section in the DM task configuration file. Then, execute the `stop-task` command and execute the `start-task` command.

13.6.8.10 TiDB Data Migration Glossary

This document lists the terms used in the logs, monitoring, configurations, and documentation of TiDB Data Migration (DM).

For TiDB-related terms and definitions, see TiDB glossary.

13.6.8.10.1 B

Binlog

In TiDB DM, binlogs refer to the binary log files generated in the TiDB database. It has the same indications as that in MySQL or MariaDB. Refer to MySQL Binary Log and MariaDB Binary Log for details.

Binlog event

Binlog events are information about data modification made to a MySQL or MariaDB server instance. These binlog events are stored in the binlog files. Refer to MySQL Binlog Event and MariaDB Binlog Event for details.

Binlog event filter

Binlog event filter is a more fine-grained filtering feature than the block and allow lists filtering rule. Refer to binlog event filter for details.

Binlog position

The binlog position is the offset information of a binlog event in a binlog file. Refer to MySQL `SHOW BINLOG EVENTS` and MariaDB `SHOW BINLOG EVENTS` for details.

Binlog replication processing unit/sync unit

Binlog replication processing unit is the processing unit used in DM-worker to read upstream binlogs or local relay logs, and to migrate these logs to the downstream. Each subtask corresponds to a binlog replication processing unit. In the current documentation, the binlog replication processing unit is also referred to as the sync processing unit.

Block & allow table list

Block & allow table list is the feature that filters or only migrates all operations of some databases or some tables. Refer to block & allow table lists for details. This feature is similar to MySQL Replication Filtering and MariaDB Replication Filters.

13.6.8.10.2 C

Checkpoint

A checkpoint indicates the position from which a full data import or an incremental replication task is paused and resumed, or is stopped and restarted.

- In a full import task, a checkpoint corresponds to the offset and other information of the successfully imported data in a file that is being imported. A checkpoint is updated synchronously with the data import task.

- In an incremental replication, a checkpoint corresponds to the binlog position and other information of a binlog event that is successfully parsed and migrated to the downstream. A checkpoint is updated after the DDL operation is successfully migrated or 30 seconds after the last update.

In addition, the `relay.meta` information corresponding to a relay processing unit works similarly to a checkpoint. A relay processing unit pulls the binlog event from the upstream and writes this event to the relay log, and writes the binlog position or the GTID information corresponding to this event to `relay.meta`.

13.6.8.10.3 D

Dump processing unit/dump unit

The dump processing unit is the processing unit used in DM-worker to export all data from the upstream. Each subtask corresponds to a dump processing unit.

13.6.8.10.4 G

GTID

The GTID is the global transaction ID of MySQL or MariaDB. With this feature enabled, the GTID information is recorded in the binlog files. Multiple GTIDs form a GTID set. Refer to MySQL GTID Format and Storage and MariaDB Global Transaction ID for details.

13.6.8.10.5 L

Load processing unit/load unit

The load processing unit is the processing unit used in DM-worker to import the fully exported data to the downstream. Each subtask corresponds to a load processing unit. In the current documentation, the load processing unit is also referred to as the import processing unit.

13.6.8.10.6 M

Migrate/migration

The process of using the TiDB Data Migration tool to copy the **full data** of the upstream database to the downstream database.

In the case of clearly mentioning “full”, not explicitly mentioning “full or incremental”, and clearly mentioning “full + incremental”, use migrate/migration instead of replicate/replication.

13.6.8.10.7 R

Relay log

The relay log refers to the binlog files that DM-worker pulls from the upstream MySQL or MariaDB, and stores in the local disk. The format of the relay log is the standard binlog file, which can be parsed by tools such as mysqlbinlog of a compatible version. Its role is similar to MySQL Relay Log and MariaDB Relay Log.

For more details such as the relay log's directory structure, initial migration rules, and data purge in TiDB DM, see TiDB DM relay log.

Relay processing unit

The relay processing unit is the processing unit used in DM-worker to pull binlog files from the upstream and write data into relay logs. Each DM-worker instance has only one relay processing unit.

Replicate/replication

The process of using the TiDB Data Migration tool to copy the **incremental data** of the upstream database to the downstream database.

In the case of clearly mentioning "incremental", use replicate/replication instead of migrate/migration.

13.6.8.10.8 S

Safe mode

Safe mode is the mode in which DML statements can be imported more than once when the primary key or unique index exists in the table schema. In this mode, some statements from the upstream are migrated to the downstream only after they are re-written. The `INSERT` statement is re-written as `REPLACE`; the `UPDATE` statement is re-written as `DELETE` and `REPLACE`.

This mode is enabled in any of the following situations:

- The safe mode remains enabled when the `safe-mode` parameter in the task configuration file is set to `true`.
- In shard merge scenarios, the safe mode remains enabled before DDL statements are replicated in all sharded tables.
- If the argument `--consistency none` is configured for the dump processing unit of a full migration task, it cannot be determined whether the binlog changes at the beginning of the export affect the exported data or not. Therefore, the safe mode remains enabled for the incremental replication of these binlog changes.
- If the task is paused by error and then resumed, the operations on some data might be executed twice.

Shard DDL

The shard DDL is the DDL statement that is executed on the upstream sharded tables. It needs to be coordinated and migrated by TiDB DM in the process of merging the sharded tables. In the current documentation, the shard DDL is also referred to as the sharding DDL.

Shard DDL lock

The shard DDL lock is the lock mechanism that coordinates the migration of shard DDL. Refer to the implementation principles of merging and migrating data from sharded tables in the pessimistic mode for details. In the current documentation, the shard DDL lock is also referred to as the sharding DDL lock.

Shard group

A shard group is all the upstream sharded tables to be merged and migrated to the same table in the downstream. Two-level shard groups are used for implementation of TiDB DM. Refer to the implementation principles of merging and migrating data from sharded tables in the pessimistic mode for details. In the current documentation, the shard group is also referred to as the sharding group.

Subtask

The subtask is a part of a data migration task that is running on each DM-worker instance. In different task configurations, a single data migration task might have one subtask or multiple subtasks.

Subtask status

The subtask status is the status of a data migration subtask. The current status options include `New`, `Running`, `Paused`, `Stopped`, and `Finished`. Refer to subtask status for more details about the status of a data migration task or subtask.

13.6.8.10.9 T

Table routing

The table routing feature enables DM to migrate a certain table of the upstream MySQL or MariaDB instance to the specified table in the downstream, which can be used to merge and migrate sharded tables. Refer to table routing for details.

Task

The data migration task, which is started after you successfully execute a `start-task` ↪ command. In different task configurations, a single migration task can run on a single DM-worker instance or on multiple DM-worker instances at the same time.

Task status

The task status refers to the status of a data migration task. The task status depends on the statuses of all its subtasks. Refer to subtask status for details.

13.6.8.11 Example

13.6.8.11.1 Migrate Data Using Data Migration

This guide shows how to migrate data using the Data Migration (DM) tool.

Step 1: Deploy the DM cluster

It is recommended to deploy the DM cluster using TiUP. You can also deploy the DM cluster using binary for trial or test.

Note:

- For database passwords in all the DM configuration files, it is recommended to use the passwords encrypted by `dmctl`. If a database password is empty, it is unnecessary to encrypt it. See Encrypt the database password using dmctl.
- The user of the upstream and downstream databases must have the corresponding read and write privileges.

Step 2: Check the cluster information

After the DM cluster is deployed using TiUP, the configuration information is like what is listed below.

- The configuration information of related components in the DM cluster:

Component	Host	Port
dm_worker1	172.16.10.72	8262
dm_worker2	172.16.10.73	8262
dm_master	172.16.10.71	8261

- The information of upstream and downstream database instances:

Database instance	Host	Port	Username	Encrypted password
Upstream MySQL-1	172.16.10.81	3306	root	VjX8cEeTX+qcvZ3bPaO4h0C80pe/1aU=
Upstream MySQL-2	172.16.10.82	3306	root	VjX8cEeTX+qcvZ3bPaO4h0C80pe/1aU=
Downstream TiDB	172.16.10.83	4000	root	

The list of privileges needed on the MySQL host can be found in the precheck documentation.

Step 3: Create data source

1. Write MySQL-1 related information to `conf/source1.yaml`:

```
# MySQL1 Configuration.

source-id: "mysql-replica-01"
# This indicates that whether DM-worker uses Global Transaction
    ↪ Identifier (GTID) to pull binlog. Before you use this
    ↪ configuration item, make sure that the GTID mode is enabled in
    ↪ the upstream MySQL.
enable-gtid: false

from:
  host: "172.16.10.81"
  user: "root"
  password: "VjX8cEeTX+qcvZ3bPaO4h0C80pe/1aU="
  port: 3306
```

2. Execute the following command in the terminal, and use `tiup dmctl` to load the MySQL-1 data source configuration to the DM cluster:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr 172.16.10.71:8261 operate-source create conf/
    ↪ source1.yaml
```

3. For MySQL-2, modify the relevant information in the configuration file and execute the same `dmctl` command.

Step 4: Configure the data migration task

The following example assumes that you need to migrate all the `test_table` table data in the `test_db` database of both the upstream MySQL-1 and MySQL-2 instances, to the downstream `test_table` table in the `test_db` database of TiDB, in the full data plus incremental data mode.

Edit the `task.yaml` task configuration file as below:

```
##### The task name. You need to use a different name for each of the
    ↪ multiple tasks that
##### run simultaneously.
name: "test"
##### The full data plus incremental data (all) migration mode.
task-mode: "all"
##### The downstream TiDB configuration information.
target-database:
  host: "172.16.10.83"
  port: 4000
  user: "root"
  password: ""
```

```
##### Configuration of all the upstream MySQL instances required by the
    ↪ current data migration task.
mysql-instances:
-
  # The ID of upstream instances or the migration group. You can refer to
     ↪ the configuration of `source_id` in the "inventory.ini" file or in
     ↪ the "dm-master.toml" file.
  source-id: "mysql-replica-01"
  # The configuration item name of the block and allow lists of the name of
     ↪ the
  # database/table to be migrated, used to quote the global block and allow
  # lists configuration that is set in the global block-allow-list below.
  block-allow-list: "global" # Use black-white-list if the DM version is
     ↪ earlier than or equal to v2.0.0-beta.2.
  # The configuration item name of the dump processing unit, used to quote
     ↪ the global configuration of the dump unit.
  mydumper-config-name: "global"

-
  source-id: "mysql-replica-02"
  block-allow-list: "global" # Use black-white-list if the DM version is
     ↪ earlier than or equal to v2.0.0-beta.2.
  mydumper-config-name: "global"

##### The global configuration of block and allow lists. Each instance can
    ↪ quote it by the
##### configuration item name.
block-allow-list:                 # Use black-white-list if the DM version
    ↪ is earlier than or equal to v2.0.0-beta.2.
  global:
    do-tables:                    # The allow list of upstream tables to be
       ↪ migrated.
    - db-name: "test_db"          # The database name of the table to be
       ↪ migrated.
      tbl-name: "test_table"      # The name of the table to be migrated.

##### The global configuration of the dump unit. Each instance can quote it
    ↪ by the configuration item name.
mydumpers:
  global:
    extra-args: ""
```

Step 5: Start the data migration task

To detect possible errors of data migration configuration in advance, DM provides the

precheck feature:

- DM automatically checks the corresponding privileges and configuration while starting the data migration task.
- You can also use the `check-task` command to manually precheck whether the upstream MySQL instance configuration satisfies the DM requirements.

For details about the precheck feature, see Precheck the upstream MySQL instance configuration.

> **Note:**
>
> Before starting the data migration task for the first time, you should have got the upstream configured. Otherwise, an error is reported while you start the task.

Run the `tiup dmctl` command to start the data migration tasks. `task.yaml` is the configuration file that is edited above.

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr 172.16.10.71:8261 start-task ./task.yaml
```

- If the above command returns the following result, it indicates the task is successfully started.

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "workers": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "worker": "172.16.10.72:8262",
            "msg": ""
        },
        {
            "result": true,
            "worker": "172.16.10.73:8262",
            "msg": ""
        }
    ]
}
```

- If you fail to start the data migration task, modify the configuration according to the returned prompt and then run the `start-task task.yaml` command to restart the task.

Step 6: Check the data migration task

If you need to check the task state or whether a certain data migration task is running in the DM cluster, run the following command in `tiup dmctl`:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr 172.16.10.71:8261 query-status
```

Step 7: Stop the data migration task

If you do not need to migrate data any more, run the following command in `tiup dmctl` to stop the task:

```
tiup dmctl --master-addr 172.16.10.71:8261 stop-task test
```

`test` is the task name that you set in the `name` configuration item of the `task.yaml` configuration file.

Step 8: Monitor the task and check logs

Assuming that Prometheus, Alertmanager, and Grafana are successfully deployed along with the DM cluster deployment using TiUP, and the Grafana address is `172.16.10.71`. To view the alert information related to DM, you can open http://172.16.10.71:9093 in a browser and enter into Alertmanager; to check monitoring metrics, go to http://172.16.10.71:3000, and choose the DM dashboard.

While the DM cluster is running, DM-master, DM-worker, and dmctl output the monitoring metrics information through logs. The log directory of each component is as follows:

- DM-master log directory: It is specified by the `--log-file` DM-master process parameter. If DM is deployed using TiUP, the log directory is `{log_dir}` in the DM-master node.
- DM-worker log directory: It is specified by the `--log-file` DM-worker process parameter. If DM is deployed using TiUP, the log directory is `{log_dir}` in the DM-worker node.

13.6.8.11.2 Create a Data Migration Task

This document describes how to create a simple data migration task after the DM cluster is successfully deployed.

Sample scenario

Suppose that you create a data migration task based on this sample scenario:

- Deploy two MySQL instances with binlog enabled and one TiDB instance locally
- Use a DM-master of the DM cluster to manage the cluster and data migration tasks.

The information of each node is as follows.

Instance	Server Address	Port
MySQL1	127.0.0.1	3306
MySQL2	127.0.0.1	3307
TiDB	127.0.0.1	4000
DM-master	127.0.0.1	8261

Based on this scenario, the following sections describe how to create a data migration task.

Start upstream MySQL

Prepare 2 runnable MySQL instances. You can also use Docker to quickly start MySQL. The commands are as follows:

```
docker run --rm --name mysql-3306 -p 3306:3306 -e MYSQL_ALLOW_EMPTY_PASSWORD
    ↪ =true mysql:5.7.22 --log-bin=mysql-bin --port=3306 --bind-address
    ↪ =0.0.0.0 --binlog-format=ROW --server-id=1 --gtid_mode=ON --enforce-
    ↪ gtid-consistency=true > mysql.3306.log 2>&1 &
docker run --rm --name mysql-3307 -p 3307:3307 -e MYSQL_ALLOW_EMPTY_PASSWORD
    ↪ =true mysql:5.7.22 --log-bin=mysql-bin --port=3307 --bind-address
    ↪ =0.0.0.0 --binlog-format=ROW --server-id=1 --gtid_mode=ON --enforce-
    ↪ gtid-consistency=true > mysql.3307.log 2>&1 &
```

Prepare data

- Write example data into mysql-3306:

```
drop database if exists `sharding1`;
create database `sharding1`;
use `sharding1`;
create table t1 (id bigint, uid int, name varchar(80), info varchar
    ↪ (100), primary key (`id`), unique key(`uid`)) DEFAULT CHARSET=
    ↪ utf8mb4;
create table t2 (id bigint, uid int, name varchar(80), info varchar
    ↪ (100), primary key (`id`), unique key(`uid`)) DEFAULT CHARSET=
    ↪ utf8mb4;
insert into t1 (id, uid, name) values (1, 10001, 'Gabriel García
    ↪ Márquez'), (2 ,10002, 'Cien años de soledad');
insert into t2 (id, uid, name) values (3,20001, 'José Arcadio Buendía'
    ↪ ), (4,20002, 'Úrsula Iguarán'), (5,20003, 'José Arcadio');
```

- Write example data into mysql-3307:

```
drop database if exists `sharding2`;
create database `sharding2`;
use `sharding2`;
```

```
create table t2 (id bigint, uid int, name varchar(80), info varchar
    ↪ (100), primary key (`id`), unique key(`uid`)) DEFAULT CHARSET=
    ↪ utf8mb4;
create table t3 (id bigint, uid int, name varchar(80), info varchar
    ↪ (100), primary key (`id`), unique key(`uid`)) DEFAULT CHARSET=
    ↪ utf8mb4;
insert into t2 (id, uid, name, info) values (6, 40000, 'Remedios
    ↪ Moscote', '{}');
insert into t3 (id, uid, name, info) values (7, 30001, 'Aureliano José
    ↪ ', '{}'), (8, 30002, 'Santa Sofía de la Piedad', '{}'), (9,
    ↪ 30003, '17 Aurelianos', NULL);
```

Start downstream TiDB

To run a TiDB server, use the following command:

```
wget https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-server-v8.5.1-linux-amd64.
    ↪ tar.gz
tar -xzvf tidb-latest-linux-amd64.tar.gz
mv tidb-latest-linux-amd64/bin/tidb-server ./
./tidb-server
```

> **Warning:**
>
> The deployment method of TiDB in this document **do not apply** to production or development environments.

Configure the MySQL data source

Before starting a data migration task, you need to configure the MySQL data source.

Encrypt the password

> **Note:**
>
> - You can skip this step if the database does not have a password.
> - You can use the plaintext password to configure the source information in DM v1.0.6 and later versions.

For safety reasons, it is recommended to configure and use encrypted passwords. You can use dmctl to encrypt the MySQL/TiDB password. Suppose the password is "123456":

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v8.0.0, you must configure `secret-key-path` for DM-master before using the `dmctl encrypt` command.

```
./dmctl encrypt "123456"
```

```
fCxfQ9XKCezSzuCD0Wf5dUD+LsKegSg=
```

Save this encrypted value, and use it for creating a MySQL data source in the following steps.

Edit the source configuration file

Write the following configurations to `conf/source1.yaml`.

```
##### MySQL1 Configuration.

source-id: "mysql-replica-01"

##### Indicates whether GTID is enabled
enable-gtid: true

from:
  host: "127.0.0.1"
  user: "root"
  password: "fCxfQ9XKCezSzuCD0Wf5dUD+LsKegSg="
  port: 3306
```

In MySQL2 data source, copy the above configurations to `conf/source2.yaml`. You need to change `name` to `mysql-replica-02` and change `password` and `port` to appropriate values.

Create a source

To load the data source configurations of MySQL1 into the DM cluster using dmctl, run the following command in the terminal:

```
./dmctl --master-addr=127.0.0.1:8261 operate-source create conf/source1.
    ↪ yaml
```

For MySQL2, replace the configuration file in the above command with that of MySQL2.

Create a data migration task

After importing prepared data, there are several sharded tables on both MySQL1 and MySQL2 instances. These tables have identical structure and the same prefix “t” in the

table names; the databases where these tables are located are all prefixed with "sharding"; and there is no conflict between the primary keys or the unique keys (in each sharded table, the primary keys or the unique keys are different from those of other tables).

Now, suppose that you need to migrate these sharded tables to the `db_target.t_target` table in TiDB. The steps are as follows.

1. Create the configuration file of the task:

```
---
name: test
task-mode: all
shard-mode: "pessimistic"
target-database:
  host: "127.0.0.1"
  port: 4000
  user: "root"
  password: "" # It is recommended to use password encrypted with dmctl
     ↪  if the password is not empty.

mysql-instances:
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-01"
    block-allow-list: "instance" # This configuration applies to DM
       ↪ versions higher than v2.0.0-beta.2. Use black-white-list
       ↪ otherwise.
    route-rules: ["sharding-route-rules-table", "sharding-route-rules-
       ↪ schema"]
    mydumper-thread: 4
    loader-thread: 16
    syncer-thread: 16
  - source-id: "mysql-replica-02"
    block-allow-list: "instance" # This configuration applies to DM
       ↪ versions higher than v2.0.0-beta.2. Use black-white-list
       ↪ otherwise.
    route-rules: ["sharding-route-rules-table", "sharding-route-rules-
       ↪ schema"]
    mydumper-thread: 4
    loader-thread: 16
    syncer-thread: 16
block-allow-list: # This configuration applies to DM versions higher
   ↪ than v2.0.0-beta.2. Use black-white-list otherwise.
  instance:
    do-dbs: ["~^sharding[\\d]+"]
    do-tables:
    - db-name: "~^sharding[\\d]+"
      tbl-name: "~^t[\\d]+"
```

```
routes:
  sharding-route-rules-table:
    schema-pattern: sharding*
    table-pattern: t*
    target-schema: db_target
    target-table: t_target
  sharding-route-rules-schema:
    schema-pattern: sharding*
    target-schema: db_target
```

2. To create a task using dmctl, write the above configurations to the `conf/task.yaml` file:

```
./dmctl --master-addr 127.0.0.1:8261 start-task conf/task.yaml
```

```
{
    "result": true,
    "msg": "",
    "sources": [
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-01",
            "worker": "worker1"
        },
        {
            "result": true,
            "msg": "",
            "source": "mysql-replica-02",
            "worker": "worker2"
        }
    ]
}
```

Now, you have successfully created a task to migrate the sharded tables from the MySQL1 and MySQL2 instances to TiDB.

Verify data

You can modify data in the upstream MySQL sharded tables. Then use sync-diff-inspector to check whether the upstream and downstream data are consistent. Consistent data means that the migration task works well, which also indicates that the cluster works well.

13.6.8.11.3 Best Practices of Data Migration in the Shard Merge Scenario

This document describes the features and limitations of TiDB Data Migration (DM) in the shard merge scenario and provides a data migration best practice guide for your application (the default "pessimistic" mode is used).

Use a separate data migration task

In the Merge and Migrate Data from Sharded Tables document, the definition of "sharding group" is given: A sharding group consists of all upstream tables that need to be merged and migrated into the same downstream table.

The current sharding DDL mechanism has some usage restrictions to coordinate the schema changes brought by DDL operations in different sharded tables. If these restrictions are violated due to unexpected reasons, you need to handle sharding DDL locks manually in DM, or even redo the entire data migration task.

To mitigate the impact on data migration when an exception occurs, it is recommended to merge and migrate each sharding group as a separate data migration task. **This might enable that only a small number of data migration tasks need to be handled manually while others remain unaffected.**

Handle sharding DDL locks manually

You can easily conclude from Merge and Migrate Data from Sharded Tables that DM's sharding DDL lock is a mechanism for coordinating the execution of DDL operations to the downstream from multiple upstream sharded tables.

Therefore, when you find any sharding DDL lock on `DM-master` through `shard-ddl-lock` command, or any `unresolvedGroups` or `blockingDDLs` on some DM-workers through `query-status` command, do not rush to manually release the sharding DDL lock through `shard-ddl-lock unlock` commands.

Instead, you can:

- Follow the corresponding manual solution to handle the scenario if the failure of automatically releasing the sharding DDL lock is one of the listed abnormal scenarios.
- Redo the entire data migration task if it is an unsupported scenario: First, empty the data in the downstream database and the `dm_meta` information associated with the migration task; then, re-execute the full and incremental data replication.

Handle conflicts between primary keys or unique indexes across multiple sharded tables

Data from multiple sharded tables might cause conflicts between the primary keys or unique indexes. You need to check each primary key or unique index based on the sharding logic of these sharded tables. The following are three cases related to primary keys or unique indexes:

- Shard key: Usually, the same shard key only exists in one sharded table, which means no data conflict is caused on shard key.

- Auto-increment primary key: The auto-increment primary key of each sharded tables counts separately, so their range might overlap. In this case, you need to refer to the next section Handle conflicts of auto-increment primary key to solve it.
- Other primary keys or unique indexes: you need to analyze them based on the business logic. If data conflict, you can also refer to the next section Handle conflicts of auto-increment primary key to solve it.

Handle conflicts of auto-increment primary key

This section introduces two recommended solutions to handle conflicts of auto-increment primary key.

Remove the `PRIMARY KEY` attribute from the column

Assume that the upstream schemas are as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE `tbl_no_pk` (
  `auto_pk_c1` bigint NOT NULL,
  `uk_c2` bigint NOT NULL,
  `content_c3` text,
  PRIMARY KEY (`auto_pk_c1`),
  UNIQUE KEY `uk_c2` (`uk_c2`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
```

If the following requirements are satisfied:

- The `auto_pk_c1` column has no impact on the application and does not depend on the column's `PRIMARY KEY` attribute.
- The `uk_c2` column has the `UNIQUE KEY` attribute, and it is globally unique in all upstream sharded tables.

Then you can perform the following steps to fix the `ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry '***' for key 'PRIMARY'` error that is possibly caused by the `auto_pk_c1` column when you merge sharded tables.

1. Before the full data migration, create a table in the downstream database for merging and migrating data, and modify the `PRIMARY KEY` attribute of the `auto_pk_c1` column to normal index.

   ```
   CREATE TABLE `tbl_no_pk_2` (
     `auto_pk_c1` bigint NOT NULL,
     `uk_c2` bigint NOT NULL,
     `content_c3` text,
     INDEX (`auto_pk_c1`),
     UNIQUE KEY `uk_c2` (`uk_c2`)
   ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
   ```

2. Add the following configuration in `task.yaml` to skip the check of auto-increment primary key conflict:

```
ignore-checking-items: ["auto_increment_ID"]
```

3. Start the full and incremental data replication task.

4. Run `query-status` to verify whether the data migration task is successfully processed and whether the data from the upstream has already been merged and migrated to the downstream database.

Use a composite primary key

Assume that the upstream schemas are as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE `tbl_multi_pk` (
  `auto_pk_c1` bigint NOT NULL,
  `uuid_c2` bigint NOT NULL,
  `content_c3` text,
  PRIMARY KEY (`auto_pk_c1`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
```

If the following requirements are satisfied:

- The application does not depend on the `PRIMARY KEY` attribute of the `auto_pk_c1` column.
- The composite primary key that consists of the `auto_pk_c1` and `uuid_c2` columns is globally unique.
- It is acceptable to use a composite primary key in the application.

Then you can perform the following steps to fix the `ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry '***' for key 'PRIMARY'` error that is possibly caused by the `auto_pk_c1` column when you merge sharded tables.

1. Before the full data migration, create a table in the downstream database for merging and migrating data. Do not specify the `PRIMARY KEY` attribute for the `auto_pk_c1` column, but use the `auto_pk_c1` and `uuid_c2` columns to make up a composite primary key.

```
CREATE TABLE `tbl_multi_pk_c2` (
  `auto_pk_c1` bigint NOT NULL,
  `uuid_c2` bigint NOT NULL,
  `content_c3` text,
  PRIMARY KEY (`auto_pk_c1`,`uuid_c2`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1
```

2. Start the full and incremental data migration task.

3. Run `query-status` to verify whether the data migration task is successfully processed and whether the data from upstream has already been merged and migrated to the downstream database.

Special processing when the upstream RDS contains sharded tables

If the upstream data source is an RDS and it contains sharded tables, the table names in MySQL binlog might be invisible when connecting to a SQL client. For example, if the upstream is a UCloud distributed database, the table name in the binlog might have an extra prefix `_0001`. Therefore, you need to configure table routing based on the table names in binlog, instead of those in the SQL client.

Create/drop tables in the upstream

In Merge and Migrate Data from Sharded Tables, it is clear that the coordination of sharding DDL lock depends on whether the downstream database receives the DDL statements of all upstream sharded tables. In addition, DM currently **does not support** dynamically creating or dropping sharded tables in the upstream. Therefore, to create or drop sharded tables in the upstream, it is recommended to perform the following steps.

Create sharded tables in the upstream

If you need to create a new sharded table in the upstream, perform the following steps:

1. Wait for the coordination of all executed sharding DDL in the upstream sharded tables to finish.

2. Run `stop-task` to stop the data migration task.

3. Create a new sharded table in the upstream.

4. Make sure that the configuration in the `task.yaml` file allows the newly added sharded table to be merged in one downstream table with other existing sharded tables.

5. Run `start-task` to start the task.

6. Run `query-status` to verify whether the data migration task is successfully processed and whether the data from upstream has already been merged and migrated to the downstream database.

Drop sharded tables in the upstream

If you need to drop a sharded table in the upstream, perform the following steps:

1. Drop the sharded table, run `SHOW BINLOG EVENTS` to fetch the `End_log_pos` corresponding to the `DROP TABLE` statement in the binlog events, and mark it as *Pos-M*.

2. Run `query-status` to fetch the position (`syncerBinlog`) corresponding to the binlog event that has been processed by DM, and mark it as *Pos-S*.
3. When *Pos-S* is greater than *Pos-M*, it means that DM has processed all of the `DROP TABLE` statements, and the data of the table before dropping has been migrated to the downstream, so the subsequent operation can be performed. Otherwise, wait for DM to finish migrating the data.
4. Run `stop-task` to stop the task.
5. Make sure that the configuration in the `task.yaml` file ignores the dropped sharded table in the upstream.
6. Run `start-task` to start the task.
7. Run `query-status` to verify whether the data migration task is successfully processed.

Speed limits and traffic flow control

When data from multiple upstream MySQL or MariaDB instances is merged and migrated to the same TiDB cluster in the downstream, every DM-worker corresponding to each upstream instance executes full and incremental data replication concurrently. This means that the default degree of concurrency (`pool-size` in full data migration and `worker-count` in incremental data replication) accumulates as the number of DM-workers increases, which might overload the downstream database. In this case, you need to conduct a preliminary performance analysis based on TiDB and DM monitoring metrics and adjust the value of each concurrency parameter. In the future, DM is expected to support partially automated traffic flow control.

13.6.8.12 Troubleshoot

13.6.8.12.1 TiDB Data Migration FAQs

This document collects the frequently asked questions (FAQs) about TiDB Data Migration (DM).

Does DM support migrating data from Alibaba RDS or other cloud databases?

Currently, DM only supports decoding the standard version of MySQL or MariaDB binlog. It has not been tested for Alibaba Cloud RDS or other cloud databases. If you are confirmed that its binlog is in standard format, then it is supported.

It is a known issue that for an upstream table with no primary key in Alibaba Cloud RDS, its binlog still contains a hidden primary key column, which is inconsistent with the original table structure.

Here are some known incompatible issues:

- In **Alibaba Cloud RDS**, for an upstream table with no primary key, its binlog still contains a hidden primary key column, which is inconsistent with the original table structure.
- In **HUAWEI Cloud RDS**, directly reading binlog files is not supported. For more details, see Can HUAWEI Cloud RDS Directly Read Binlog Backup Files?

Does the regular expression of the block and allow list in the task configuration support `non-capturing (?!)`?

Currently, DM does not support it and only supports the regular expressions of the Golang standard library. See regular expressions supported by Golang via re2-syntax.

If a statement executed upstream contains multiple DDL operations, does DM support such migration?

DM will attempt to split a single statement containing multiple DDL change operations into multiple statements containing only one DDL operation, but might not cover all cases. It is recommended to include only one DDL operation in a statement executed upstream, or verify it in the test environment. If it is not supported, you can file an issue to the `pingcap/tiflow` repository.

How to handle incompatible DDL statements?

When you encounter a DDL statement unsupported by TiDB, you need to manually handle it using dmctl (skipping the DDL statement or replacing the DDL statement with a specified DDL statement). For details, see Handle failed DDL statements.

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, TiDB is not compatible with all the DDL statements that MySQL supports. See MySQL Compatibility.

Does DM replicate view-related DDL statements and DML statements to TiDB?

Currently, DM does not replicate view-related DDL statements to the downstream TiDB cluster, nor does it replicate view-related DML statements to the downstream TiDB cluster.

How to reset the data migration task?

When an exception occurs during data migration and the data migration task cannot be resumed, you need to reset the task and re-migrate the data:

1. Execute the `stop-task` command to stop the abnormal data migration task.
2. Purge the data migrated to the downstream.
3. Use one of the following ways to restart the data migration task.

- Specify a new task name in the task configuration file. Then execute `start-task {task-config-file}`.
- Execute `start-task --remove-meta {task-config-file}`.

How to handle the error returned by the DDL operation related to the gh-ost table, after `online-ddl: true` is set?

```
[unit=Sync] ["error information"="{\"msg\":\"[code=36046:class=sync-unit:scope=internal:level=high] online ddls on ghost table `xxx`.`_xxxx_gho`\\ngithub.com/pingcap/tiflow/pkg/terror.(*Error).Generate ......
```

The above error can be caused by the following reason:

In the last `rename ghost_table to origin table` step, DM reads the DDL information in memory, and restores it to the DDL of the origin table.

However, the DDL information in memory is obtained in either of the two ways:

- DM processes the gh-ost table during the `alter ghost_table` operation and records the DDL information of `ghost_table`;
- When DM-worker is restarted to start the task, DM reads the DDL from `dm_meta.{task_name}_onlineddl`.

Therefore, in the process of incremental replication, if the specified Pos has skipped the `alter ghost_table` DDL but the Pos is still in the online-ddl process of gh-ost, the ghost_table is not written into memory or `dm_meta.{task_name}_onlineddl` correctly. In such cases, the above error is returned.

You can avoid this error by the following steps:

1. Remove the `online-ddl-scheme` or `online-ddl` configuration of the task.
2. Configure `_{table_name}_gho`, `_{table_name}_ghc`, and `_{table_name}_del` in `block-allow-list.ignore-tables`.
3. Execute the upstream DDL in the downstream TiDB manually.
4. After the Pos is replicated to the position after the gh-ost process, re-enable the `online-ddl-scheme` or `online-ddl` configuration and comment out `block-allow-list.ignore-tables`.

How to add tables to the existing data migration tasks?

If you need to add tables to a data migration task that is running, you can address it in the following ways according to the stage of the task.

Note:

Because adding tables to an existing data migration task is complex, it is recommended that you perform this operation only when necessary.

In the `Dump` stage

Since MySQL cannot specify a snapshot for export, it does not support updating data migration tasks during the export and then restarting to resume the export through the checkpoint. Therefore, you cannot dynamically add tables that need to be migrated at the `Dump` stage.

If you really need to add tables for migration, it is recommended to restart the task directly using the new configuration file.

In the `Load` stage

During the export, multiple data migration tasks usually have different binlog positions. If you merge the tasks in the `Load` stage, they might not be able to reach consensus on binlog positions. Therefore, it is not recommended to add tables to a data migration task in the `Load` stage.

In the `Sync` stage

When the data migration task is in the `Sync` stage, if you add additional tables to the configuration file and restart the task, DM does not re-execute full export and import for the newly added tables. Instead, DM continues incremental replication from the previous checkpoint.

Therefore, if the full data of the newly added table has not been imported to the downstream, you need to use a separate data migration task to export and import the full data to the downstream.

Record the position information in the global checkpoint (`is_global=1`) corresponding to the existing migration task as `checkpoint-T`, such as `(mysql-bin.000100, 1234)`. Record the position information of the full export `metedata` (or the checkpoint of another data migration task in the `Sync` stage) of the table to be added to the migration task as `checkpoint-S`, such as `(mysql-bin.000099, 5678)`. You can add the table to the migration task by the following steps:

1. Use `stop-task` to stop an existing migration task. If the table to be added belongs to another running migration task, stop that task as well.
2. Use a MySQL client to connect the downstream TiDB database and manually update the information in the checkpoint table corresponding to the existing migration task to the smaller value between `checkpoint-T` and `checkpoint-S`. In this example, it is `(mysql- bin.000099, 5678)`.

- The checkpoint table to be updated is `{task-name}_syncer_checkpoint` in the `{dm_meta}` schema.
- The checkpoint rows to be updated match `id=(source-id)` and `is_global=1`.
- The checkpoint columns to be updated are `binlog_name` and `binlog_pos`.

3. Set `safe-mode: true` for the `syncers` in the task to ensure reentrant execution.
4. Start the task using `start-task`.
5. Observe the task status through `query-status`. When `syncerBinlog` exceeds the larger value of `checkpoint-T` and `checkpoint-S`, restore `safe-mode` to the original value and restart the task. In this example, it is `(mysql-bin.000100, 1234)`.

How to handle the error `packet for query is too large. Try adjusting the 'max_allowed_packet' variable` that occurs during the full import?

Set the parameters below to a value larger than the default 67108864 (64M).

- The global variable of the TiDB server: `max_allowed_packet`.
- The configuration item in the task configuration file: `target-database.max-allowed-packet`. For details, refer to DM Advanced Task Configuration File.

How to handle the error `Error 1054: Unknown column 'binlog_gtid' in 'field list'` that occurs when existing DM migration tasks of an DM 1.0 cluster are running on a DM 2.0 or newer cluster?

Since DM v2.0, if you directly run the `start-task` command with the task configuration file of the DM 1.0 cluster to continue the incremental data replication, the error `Error 1054: Unknown column 'binlog_gtid' in 'field list'` occurs.

This error can be handled by manually importing DM migration tasks of a DM 1.0 cluster to a DM 2.0 cluster.

Why does TiUP fail to deploy some versions of DM (for example, v2.0.0-hotfix)?

You can use the `tiup list dm-master` command to view the DM versions that TiUP supports to deploy. TiUP does not manage DM versions which are not shown by this command.

How to handle the error `parse mydumper metadata error: EOF` that occurs when DM is replicating data?

You need to check the error message and log files to further analyze this error. The cause might be that the dump unit does not produce the correct metadata file due to a lack of permissions.

Why does DM report no fatal error when replicating sharded schemas and tables, but downstream data is lost?

Check the configuration items `block-allow-list` and `table-route`:

- You need to configure the names of upstream databases and tables under `block-allow-list`. You can add "~" before `do-tables` to use regular expressions to match names.
- `table-route` uses wildcard characters instead of regular expressions to match table names. For example, `table_parttern_[0-63]` only matches 7 tables, from `table_parttern_0` to `table_pattern_6`.

Why does the `replicate lag` monitor metric show no data when DM is not replicating from upstream?

In DM 1.0, you need to enable `enable-heartbeat` to generate the monitor data. In DM 2.0 and later versions, it is expected to have no data in the monitor metric `replicate lag` because this feature is not supported.

How to handle the error `fail to initial unit Sync of subtask` when DM is starting a task, with the `RawCause` in the error message showing `context deadline exceeded`?

This is a known issue in DM 2.0.0 version and will be fixed in DM 2.0.1 version. It is likely to be triggered when a replication task has a lot of tables to process. If you use TiUP to deploy DM, you can upgrade DM to the nightly version to fix this issue. Or you can download the 2.0.0-hotfix version from the release page of DM on GitHub and manually replace the executable files.

How to handle the error `duplicate entry` when DM is replicating data?

You need to first check and confirm the following things:

- `disable-detect` is not configured in the replication task (in v2.0.7 and earlier versions).
- The data is not inserted manually or by other replication programs.
- No DML filter associated with this table is configured.

To facilitate troubleshooting, you can first collect general log files of the downstream TiDB instance and then ask for technical support at TiDB Community slack channel. The following example shows how to collect general log files:

```
##### Enable general log collection
curl -X POST -d "tidb_general_log=1" http://{TiDBIP}:10080/settings
##### Disable general log collection
curl -X POST -d "tidb_general_log=0" http://{TiDBIP}:10080/settings
```

When the `duplicate entry` error occurs, you need to check the log files for the records that contain conflict data.

Why do some monitoring panels show `No data point`?

It is normal for some panels to have no data. For example, when there is no error reported, no DDL lock, or the relay log feature is not enabled, the corresponding panels show `No data point`. For detailed description of each panel, see DM Monitoring Metrics.

In DM v1.0, why does the command `sql-skip` fail to skip some statements when the task is in error?

You need to first check whether the binlog position is still advancing after you execute `sql-skip`. If so, it means that `sql-skip` has taken effect. The reason why this error keeps occurring is that the upstream sends multiple unsupported DDL statements. You can use `sql-skip -s <sql-pattern>` to set a pattern to match these statements.

Sometimes, the error message contains the `parse statement` information, for example:

```
if the DDL is not needed, you can use a filter rule with \"*\" schema-
    ↪ pattern to ignore it.\n\t : parse statement: line 1 column 11 near \"
    ↪ EVENT `event_del_big_table` \r\nDISABLE\" %!(MISSING)(EXTRA string=
    ↪ ALTER EVENT `event_del_big_table` \r\nDISABLE
```

The reason for this type of error is that the TiDB parser cannot parse DDL statements sent by the upstream, such as `ALTER EVENT`, so `sql-skip` does not take effect as expected. You can add binlog event filters in the configuration file to filter those statements and set `schema-pattern: "*"`. Starting from DM v2.0.1, DM pre-filters statements related to `EVENT`.

Since DM v6.0, `binlog` replaces `sql-skip` and `handle-error`. You can use the `binlog` command instead to avoid this issue.

Why do `REPLACE` statements keep appearing in the downstream when DM is replicating?

You need to check whether the safe mode is automatically enabled for the task. If the task is automatically resumed after an error, or if there is high availability scheduling, then the safe mode is enabled because it is within 1 minutes after the task is started or resumed.

You can check the DM-worker log file and search for a line containing `change count`. If the `new count` in the line is not zero, the safe mode is enabled. To find out why it is enabled, check when it happens and if any errors are reported before.

In DM v2.0, why does the full import task fail if DM restarts during the task?

In DM v2.0.1 and earlier versions, if DM restarts before the full import completes, the bindings between upstream data sources and DM-worker nodes might change. For example, it is possible that the intermediate data of the dump unit is on DM-worker node A but the load unit is run by DM-worker node B, thus causing the operation to fail.

The following are two solutions to this issue:

- If the data volume is small (less than 1 TB) or the task merges sharded tables, take these steps:

    1. Clean up the imported data in the downstream database.
    2. Remove all files in the directory of exported data.
    3. Delete the task using dmctl and run the command `start-task --remove-meta` to create a new task.

After the new task starts, it is recommended to ensure that there is no redundant DM worker node and avoid restarting or upgrading the DM cluster during the full import.

- If the data volume is large (more than 1 TB), take these steps:

    1. Clean up the imported data in the downstream database.
    2. Deploy TiDB-Lightning to the DM worker nodes that process the data.
    3. Use the Local-backend mode of TiDB-Lightning to import data that DM dump units export.
    4. After the full import completes, edit the task configuration file in the following ways and restart the task:
        - Change `task-mode` to `incremental`.
        - Set the value of `mysql-instance.meta.pos` to the position recorded in the metadata file that the dump unit outputs.

Why does DM report the error `ERROR 1236 (HY000): The slave is connecting using CHANGE MASTER TO MASTER_AUTO_POSITION = 1, but the master has purged binary logs containing GTIDs that the slave requires.` if it restarts during an incremental task?

This error indicates that the upstream binlog position recorded in the metadata file output by the dump unit has been purged during the full migration.

If this issue occurs, you need to pause the task, delete all migrated data in the downstream database, and start a new task with the `--remove-meta` option.

You can avoid this issue in advance by configuring in the following ways:

1. Increase the value of `expire_logs_days` in the upstream MySQL database to avoid wrongly purging needed binlog files before the full migration task completes. If the data volume is large, it is recommended to use dumpling and TiDB-Lightning at the same time to speed up the task.
2. Enable the relay log feature for this task so that DM can read data from relay logs even though the binlog position is purged.

Why does the Grafana dashboard of a DM cluster display `failed to fetch dashboard` if the cluster is deployed using TiUP v1.3.0 or v1.3.1?

This is a known bug of TiUP, which is fixed in TiUP v1.3.2. The following are two solutions to this issue:

- Solution one:

    1. Upgrade TiUP to a later version using the command `tiup update --self && tiup update dm`.
    2. Scale in and then scale out Grafana nodes in the cluster to restart the Grafana service.

- Solution two:

    1. Back up the `deploy/grafana-$port/bin/public` folder.
    2. Download the TiUP DM offline package and unpack it.
    3. Unpack the `grafana-v4.0.3-**.tar.gz` in the offline package.
    4. Replace the folder `deploy/grafana-$port/bin/public` with the `public` folder in `grafana-v4.0.3-**.tar.gz`.
    5. Execute `tiup dm restart $cluster_name -R grafana` to restart the Grafana service.

In DM v2.0, why does the query result of the command `query-status` show that the Syncer checkpoint GTIDs are inconsecutive if the task has `enable-relay` and `enable-gtid` enabled at the same time?

This is a known bug in DM, which is fixed in DM v2.0.2. The bug is triggered when the following two conditions are fully met at the same time:

1. Parameters `enable-relay` and `enable-gtid` are set to `true` in the source configuration file.
2. The upstream database is a **MySQL secondary database**. If you execute the command `show binlog events in '<newest-binlog>' limit 2` to query the `previous_gtids` of the database, the result is inconsecutive, such as the following example:

```
mysql> show binlog events in 'mysql-bin.000005' limit 2;
+------------------+------+---------------+-----------+-------------+-------------------
| Log_name         | Pos  | Event_type    | Server_id | End_log_pos | Info
+------------------+------+---------------+-----------+-------------+-------------------
| mysql-bin.000005 |    4 | Format_desc   |    123452 |         123 | Server ver:
5.7.32-35-log, Binlog ver: 4                    |
| mysql-bin.000005 |  123 | Previous_gtids | 123452 |         194 | d3618e68
-6052-11eb-a68b-0242ac110002:6-7                |
+------------------+------+---------------+-----------+-------------+-------------------
```

The bug occurs if you run `query-status <task>` in dmctl to query task information and find that `subTaskStatus.sync.syncerBinlogGtid` is inconsecutive but `subTaskStatus.sync.masterBinlogGtid` is consecutive. See the following example:

```
query-status test
{
    ...
    "sources": [
        {
```

```
        ...
        "sourceStatus": {
            "source": "mysql1",
            ...
            "relayStatus": {
                "masterBinlog": "(mysql-bin.000006, 744)",
                "masterBinlogGtid": "f8004e25-6067-11eb-9fa3-0242ac110003
                    ↪ :1-50",
                ...
            }
        },
        "subTaskStatus": [
            {
                ...
                "sync": {
                    ...
                    "masterBinlog": "(mysql-bin.000006, 744)",
                    "masterBinlogGtid": "f8004e25-6067-11eb-9fa3-0242
                        ↪ ac110003:1-50",
                    "syncerBinlog": "(mysql-bin|000001.000006, 738)",
                    "syncerBinlogGtid": "f8004e25-6067-11eb-9fa3-0242
                        ↪ ac110003:1-20:40-49",
                    ...
                    "synced": false,
                    "binlogType": "local"
                }
            }
        ]
    },
    {
        ...
        "sourceStatus": {
            "source": "mysql2",
            ...
            "relayStatus": {
                "masterBinlog": "(mysql-bin.000007, 1979)",
                "masterBinlogGtid": "ddb8974e-6064-11eb-8357-0242ac110002
                    ↪ :1-25",
                ...
            }
        },
        "subTaskStatus": [
            {
                ...
                "sync": {
```

```
                    "masterBinlog": "(mysql-bin.000007, 1979)",
                    "masterBinlogGtid": "ddb8974e-6064-11eb-8357-0242
                       ↪ ac110002:1-25",
                    "syncerBinlog": "(mysql-bin|000001.000008, 1979)",
                    "syncerBinlogGtid": "ddb8974e-6064-11eb-8357-0242
                       ↪ ac110002:1-25",
                    ...
                    "synced": true,
                    "binlogType": "local"
                }
            }
        ]
    }
]
}
```

In the example, the `syncerBinlogGtid` of the data source `mysql1` is inconsecutive. In this case, you can do one of the following to handle the data loss:

- If upstream binlogs from the current time to the position recorded in the metadata of the full export task have not been purged, you can take these steps:
    1. Stop the current task and delete all data sources with inconsecutive GTIDs.
    2. Set `enable-relay` to `false` in all source configuration files.
    3. For data sources with inconsecutive GTIDs (such as `mysql1` in the above example), change the task to an incremental task and configure related `mysql-instances.meta` with metadata information of each full export task, including the `binlog-name`, `binlog-pos`, and `binlog-gtid` information.
    4. Set `syncers.safe-mode` to `true` in `task.yaml` of the incremental task and restart the task.
    5. After the incremental task replicates all missing data to the downstream, stop the task and change `safe-mode` to `false` in the `task.yaml`.
    6. Restart the task again.
- If upstream binlogs have been purged but local relay logs remain, you can take these steps:
    1. Stop the current task.
    2. For data sources with inconsecutive GTIDs (such as `mysql1` in the above example), change the task to an incremental task and configure related `mysql-instances.meta` with metadata information of each full export task, including the `binlog-name`, `binlog-pos`, and `binlog-gtid` information.
    3. In the `task.yaml` of the incremental task, change the previous value of `binlog-gtid` to the previous value of `previous_gtids`. For the above example, change `1-y` to `6-y`.
    4. Set `syncers.safe-mode` to `true` in the `task.yaml` and restart the task.

5. After the incremental task replicates all missing data to the downstream, stop the task and change `safe-mode` to `false` in the `task.yaml`.
6. Restart the task again.
7. Restart the data source and set either `enable-relay` or `enable-gtid` to `false` in the source configuration file.

- If none of the above conditions is met or if the data volume of the task is small, you can take these steps:

    1. Clean up imported data in the downstream database.
    2. Restart the data source and set either `enable-relay` or `enable-gtid` to `false` in the source configuration file.
    3. Create a new task and run the command `start-task task.yaml --remove-meta` to migrate data from the beginning again.

For data sources that can be replicated normally (such as `mysql2` in the above example) in the first and second solutions above, configure related `mysql-instances.meta` with `syncerBinlog` and `syncerBinlogGtid` information from `subTaskStatus.sync` when setting the incremental task.

In DM v2.0, how do I handle the error "heartbeat config is different from previous used: serverID not equal" when switching the connection between DM-workers and MySQL instances in a virtual IP environment with the `heartbeat` feature enabled?

The `heartbeat` feature is disabled by default in DM v2.0 and later versions. If you enable the feature in the task configuration file, it interferes with the high availability feature. To solve this issue, you can disable the `heartbeat` feature by setting `enable-heartbeat` to `false` in the task configuration file, and then reload the task configuration file. DM will forcibly disable the `heartbeat` feature in subsequent releases.

Why does a DM-master fail to join the cluster after it restarts and DM reports the error "fail to start embed etcd, RawCause: member xxx has already been bootstrapped"?

When a DM-master starts, DM records the etcd information in the current directory. If the directory changes after the DM-master restarts, DM cannot get access to the etcd information, and thus the restart fails.

To solve this issue, you are recommended to maintain DM clusters using TiUP. In the case that you need to deploy using binary files, you need to configure `data-dir` with absolute paths in the configuration file of the DM-master, or pay attention to the current directory where you run the command.

Why DM-master cannot be connected when I use dmctl to execute commands?

When using dmctl execute commands, you might find the connection to DM master fails (even if you have specified the parameter value of `--master-addr` in the command), and the error message is like `RawCause: context deadline exceeded, Workaround: please check your network connection.`. But after checking the network connection using commands like `telnet <master-addr>`, no exception is found.

In this case, you can check the environment variable `https_proxy` (note that it is **https**). If this variable is configured, dmctl automatically connects the host and port specified by `https_proxy`. If the host does not have a corresponding `proxy` forwarding service, the connection fails.

To solve this issue, check whether `https_proxy` is mandatory. If not, cancel the setting. Otherwise, add the environment variable setting `https_proxy="" ./dmctl --master-addr "x.x.x.x:8261"` before the oringial dmctl commands.

> **Note:**
>
> The environment variables related to `proxy` include `http_proxy`, `https_proxy`, and `no_proxy`. If the connection error persists after you perform the above steps, check whether the configuration parameters of `http_proxy` and `no_proxy` are correct.

How to handle the returned error when executing start-relay command for DM versions from 2.0.2 to 2.0.6?

```
flush local meta, Rawcause: open relay-dir/xxx.000001/relay.metayyyy: no such file or directory
```

The above error might be made in the following cases:

- DM has been upgraded from v2.0.1 and earlier to v2.0.2 - v2.0.6, and relay log is started before the upgrade and restarted after the upgrade.
- Execute the stop-relay command to pause the relay log and then restart it.

You can avoid this error by the following options:

- Restart relay log:

```
» stop-relay -s sourceID workerName
» start-relay -s sourceID workerName
```

- Upgrade DM to v2.0.7 or later versions.

Why does the load unit report the `Unknown character set` error?

TiDB does not support all MySQL character sets. Therefore, DM reports this error if an unsupported character set is used when creating the table schema during a full import. To bypass this error, you can create the table schema in the downstream in advance using the character sets supported by TiDB according to the specific data.

13.6.8.12.2 Handle Errors in TiDB Data Migration

This document introduces the error system and how to handle common errors when you use DM.

Error system

In the error system, usually, the information of a specific error is as follows:

- `code`: error code.

  DM uses the same error code for the same error type. An error code does not change as the DM version changes.

  Some errors might be removed during the DM iteration, while the error codes are not. DM uses a new error code instead of an existing one for a new error.

- `class`: error type.

  It is used to mark the component where an error occurs (error source).

  The following table displays all error types, error sources, and error samples.

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  Error Type

Error Source	Error Sample
database	Database operations	[code=10003:class=database:scope=downstream:level=medium] database driver: invalid connection
functional	Underlying functions of DM	[code=11005:class=functional:scope=internal:level=high] not allowed operation: alter multiple tables in one statement
config	Incorrect configuration	[code=20005:class=config:scope=internal:level=medium] empty source-id not valid
binlog-op	Binlog operations	[code=22001:class=binlog-op:scope=internal:level=high] empty UUIDs not valid
checkpoint	checkpoint operations	[code=24002:class=checkpoint:scope=internal:level=high] save point bin.1234 is older than current pos bin.1371
task-check	Performing task check	[code=26003:class=task-check:scope=internal:level=medium] new table router error
relay-event-lib| Executing the basic functions of the relay module	[code=28001:class=relay-event-lib:scope=internal:level=high] parse server-uuid.index
relay-unit	relay processing unit	[code=30015:class=relay-unit:scope=upstream:level=high] TCPReader get event: ERROR 1236 (HY000): Could not open log file

```
dump-unit | dump processing unit | [code=32001:class=dump-unit:scope=internal
↪ :level=high] mydumper runs with error: CRITICAL **: 15:12:17.559:
↪ Error connecting to database: Access denied for user 'root'@'172.17.0.1'
↪  (using password: NO) |
load-unit | load processing unit | [code=34002:class=load-unit:scope=internal
↪ :level=high] corresponding ending of sql: ')' not found |
sync-unit | sync processing unit | [code=36027:class=sync-unit:scope=internal
↪ :level=high] Column count doesn't match value count: 9 (columns)vs
↪ 10 (values) |
dm-master | DM-master service | [code=38008:class=dm-master:scope=internal
↪ :level=high] grpc request error: rpc error: code = Unavailable desc
↪  = all SubConns are in TransientFailure, latest connection error:
↪ connection error: desc = "transport: Error while dialing dial tcp
↪ 172.17.0.2:8262: connect: connection refused" |
dm-worker | DM-worker service | [code=40066:class=dm-worker:scope=internal
↪ :level=high] ExecuteDDL timeout, try use query-status to query
↪ whether the DDL is still blocking |
dm-tracer | DM-tracer service | [code=42004:class=dm-tracer:scope=internal:
↪ level=medium] trace event test.1 not found |
schema-tracker | schema-tracker (during incremental data replication) | [code
↪ =44006:class=schema-tracker:scope=internal:level=high],"cannot track
↪  DDL: ALTER TABLE test DROP COLUMN col1" |
scheduler | Scheduling operations (of data migration tasks) | [code=46001:class=
↪ scheduler:scope=internal:level=high],"the scheduler has not started"
|
dmctl | An error occurs within dmctl or when it interacts with other components |
[code=48001:class=dmctl:scope=internal:level=high],"can not create grpc
↪  connection" |
```

- `scope`: Error scope.

  It is used to mark the scope and source of DM objects when an error occurs. `scope` includes four types: `not-set`, `upstream`, `downstream`, and `internal`.

  If the logic of the error directly involves requests between upstream and downstream databases, the scope is set to `upstream` or `downstream`; otherwise, it is currently set to `internal`.

- `level`: Error level.

  The severity level of the error, including `low`, `medium`, and `high`.

  - The `low` level error usually relates to user operations and incorrect inputs. It does not affect migration tasks.
  - The `medium` level error usually relates to user configurations. It affects some newly started services; however, it does not affect the existing DM migration status.
  - The `high` level error usually needs your attention, since you need to resolve it to avoid the possible interruption of a migration task.

- `message`: Error descriptions.

  Detailed descriptions of the error. To wrap and store every additional layer of error message on the error call chain, the errors.Wrap mode is adopted. The message description wrapped at the outermost layer indicates the error in DM and the message description wrapped at the innermost layer indicates the error source.

- `workaround`: Error handling methods (optional)

  The handling methods for this error. For some confirmed errors (such as configuration errors), DM gives the corresponding manual handling methods in `workaround`.

- Error stack information (optional)

  Whether DM outputs the error stack information depends on the error severity and the necessity. The error stack records the complete stack call information when the error occurs. If you cannot figure out the error cause based on the basic information and the error message, you can trace the execution path of the code when the error occurs using the error stack.

For the complete list of error codes, refer to the error code lists.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter an error while running DM, take the following steps to troubleshoot this error:

1. Execute the `query-status` command to check the task running status and the error output.
2. Check the log files related to the error. The log files are on the DM-master and DM-worker nodes. To get key information about the error, refer to the error system. Then check the Handle Common Errors section to find the solution.
3. If the error is not covered in this document, and you cannot solve the problem by checking the log or monitoring metrics, get support from PingCAP or the community.
4. After the error is resolved, restart the task using dmctl.

```
resume-task ${task name}
```

However, you need to reset the data migration task in some cases. For details, refer to Reset the Data Migration Task.

Handle common errors

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Error Code

Error Description	How to Handle
code=10001	Abnormal database operation.	Further analyze the error message and error stack.
code=10002	The `bad connection` error from the underlying database. It usually indicates that the connection between DM and the downstream TiDB instance is abnormal (possibly caused by network failure or TiDB restart) and the currently requested data is not sent to TiDB.	DM provides automatic recovery for such error. If the recovery is not successful for a long time, check the network or TiDB status.
code=10003	The `invalid connection` error from the underlying database. It usually indicates that the connection between DM and the downstream TiDB instance is abnormal (possibly caused by network failure or TiDB restart) and the currently requested data is partly sent to TiDB.	DM provides automatic recovery for such error. If the recovery is not successful for a long time, further check the error message and analyze the information based on the actual situation.
code=10005	Occurs when performing the `QUERY` type SQL statements.	
code=10006	Occurs when performing the `EXECUTE` type SQL statements, including DDL statements and DML statements of the `INSERT`, `UPDATE`or `DELETE` type. For more detailed error information, check the error message which usually includes the error code and error information returned for database operations.	
code=11006	Occurs when the built-in parser of DM parses the incompatible DDL statements.	Refer to Data Migration - incompatible DDL statements for solution.
code=20010	Occurs when decrypting the database password that is provided in task configuration.	Check whether the downstream database password provided in the configuration task is correctly encrypted using dmctl.
code=26002	The task check fails to establish database connection. For more detailed error information, check the error message which usually includes the error code and error information returned for database operations.	Check whether the machine where DM-master is located has permission to access the upstream.
code=32001	Abnormal dump processing unit	If the error message contains `mydumper: argument list too long.`, configure the table to be exported by manually adding the `--regex` regular expression in the Mydumper argument `extra-args` in the `task.yaml` file according to the block-allow list. For example, to export all tables named `hello`, add `--regex '.*\\.hello$'`; to export all tables, add `--regex '.*'`.
code=38008	An error occurs in the gRPC communication among DM components.	Check `class`. Find out the error occurs in the interaction of which components. Determine the type of communication error. If the error occurs when establishing gRPC connection, check whether the communication server is working normally.

What can I do when a migration task is interrupted with the `invalid connection` error returned?

Reason

The `invalid connection` error indicates that anomalies have occurred in the connection between DM and the downstream TiDB database (such as network failure, TiDB restart, and TiKV busy) and that a part of the data for the current request has been sent to TiDB.

Solutions

Because DM has the feature of concurrently migrating data to the downstream in migration tasks, several errors might occur when a task is interrupted. You can check these errors by using `query-status`.

- If only the `invalid connection` error occurs during the incremental replication process, DM retries the task automatically.
- If DM does not or fails to retry automatically because of version problems, use `stop-task` to stop the task and then use `start-task` to restart the task.

A migration task is interrupted with the `driver: bad connection` error returned

Reason

The `driver: bad connection` error indicates that anomalies have occurred in the connection between DM and the upstream TiDB database (such as network failure and TiDB restart) and that the data of the current request has not yet been sent to TiDB at that moment.

Solution

The current version of DM automatically retries on error. If you use the previous version which does not support automatically retry, you can execute the `stop-task` command to stop the task. Then execute `start-task` to restart the task.

The relay unit throws error `event from * in * diff from passed-in event *` or a migration task is interrupted with failing to get or parse binlog errors like `get binlog error ERROR 1236 (HY000)` and `binlog checksum mismatch, data may be corrupted` returned

Reason

During the DM process of relay log pulling or incremental replication, this two errors might occur if the size of the upstream binlog file exceeds **4 GB**.

Cause: When writing relay logs, DM needs to perform event verification based on binlog positions and the size of the binlog file, and store the replicated binlog positions as checkpoints. However, the official MySQL uses `uint32` to store binlog positions. This means the binlog position for a binlog file over 4 GB overflows, and then the errors above occur.

Solutions

For relay units, manually recover migration using the following solution:

1. Identify in the upstream that the size of the corresponding binlog file has exceeded 4GB when the error occurs.

2. Stop the DM-worker.

3. Copy the corresponding binlog file in the upstream to the relay log directory as the relay log file.

4. In the relay log directory, update the corresponding `relay.meta` file to pull from the next binlog file. If you have specified `enable_gtid` to `true` for the DM-worker, you need to modify the GTID corresponding to the next binlog file when updating the `relay.meta` file. Otherwise, you don't need to modify the GTID.

   Example: when the error occurs, `binlog-name = "mysql-bin.004451"` and `binlog-pos = 2453`. Update them respectively to `binlog-name = "mysql-bin.004452"` and `binlog-pos = 4`, and update `binlog-gtid` to `f0e914ef-54cf-11e7-813d-6c92bf2fa791:1-138218058`.

5. Restart the DM-worker.

For binlog replication processing units, manually recover migration using the following solution:

1. Identify in the upstream that the size of the corresponding binlog file has exceeded 4GB when the error occurs.

2. Stop the migration task using `stop-task`.

3. Update the `binlog_name` in the global checkpoints and in each table checkpoint of the downstream `dm_meta` database to the name of the binlog file in error; update `binlog_pos` to a valid position value for which migration has completed, for example, 4.

   Example: the name of the task in error is `dm_test`, the corresponding s`source-id` is `replica-1`, and the corresponding binlog file is `mysql-bin|000001.004451`. Execute the following command:

   ```
   UPDATE dm_test_syncer_checkpoint SET binlog_name='mysql-bin|000001.004451', binlog_pos = 4 WHERE id='replica-1';
   ```

4. Specify `safe-mode: true` in the `syncers` section of the migration task configuration to ensure re-entrant.

5. Start the migration task using `start-task`.

6. View the status of the migration task using `query-status`. You can restore `safe-mode` to the original value and restart the migration task when migration is done for the original error-triggering relay log files.

`Access denied for user 'root'@'172.31.43.27' (using password: YES)` shows when you query the task or check the log

For database related passwords in all the DM configuration files, it is recommended to use the passwords encrypted by `dmctl`. If a database password is empty, it is unnecessary to encrypt it. For how to encrypt the plaintext password, see Encrypt the database password using dmctl.

In addition, the user of the upstream and downstream databases must have the corresponding read and write privileges. Data Migration also prechecks the corresponding privileges automatically while starting the data migration task.

The `load` processing unit reports the error `packet for query is too large. Try adjusting the 'max_allowed_packet' variable`

Reasons

- Both MySQL client and MySQL/TiDB server have the quota limits for `max_allowed_packet`. If any `max_allowed_packet` exceeds a limit, the client receives the error message. Currently, for the latest version of DM and TiDB server, the default value of `max_allowed_packet` is `64M`.
- The full data import processing unit in DM does not support splitting the SQL file exported by the Dump processing unit in DM.

Solutions

- It is recommended to set the `statement-size` option of `extra-args` for the Dump processing unit:

  According to the default `--statement-size` setting, the default size of `Insert Statement` generated by the Dump processing unit is about `1M`. With this default setting, the load processing unit does not report the error `packet for query is too large. Try adjusting the 'max_allowed_packet' variable` in most cases.

  Sometimes you might receive the following `WARN` log during the data dump. This `WARN` log does not affect the dump process. This only means that wide tables are dumped.

  ```
  Row bigger than statement_size for xxx
  ```

- If the single row of the wide table exceeds `64M`, you need to modify the following configurations and make sure the configurations take effect.
  - Execute `set @@global.max_allowed_packet=134217728` (`134217728` = 128 MB) in the TiDB server.
  - First add the `max-allowed-packet: 134217728` (128 MB) to the `target-database` section in the DM task configuration file. Then, execute the `stop-task` command and execute the `start-task` command.

13.6.8.13 TiDB Data Migration Release Notes

Since DM v5.4, the Release Notes of TiDB Data Migration have been merged into TiDB Release Notes of the same version number.

- To read the DM Release Notes of v5.4 or a later version, see the DM related content in the corresponding TiDB Release Notes.
- To read the DM Release Notes of v5.3.0 or an earlier version, refer to the following links.

13.6.8.13.1 5.3

- 5.3.0

13.6.8.13.2 2.0

- 2.0.7
- 2.0.6
- 2.0.5
- 2.0.4
- 2.0.3
- 2.0.2
- 2.0.1
- 2.0 GA
- 2.0.0-rc.2
- 2.0.0-rc

13.6.8.13.3 1.0

- 1.0.7
- 1.0.6
- 1.0.5
- 1.0.4
- 1.0.3
- 1.0.2

13.7 TiDB Lightning

13.7.1 TiDB Lightning Overview

TiDB Lightning is a tool used for importing data at TB scale to TiDB clusters. It is often used for initial data import to TiDB clusters.

TiDB Lightning supports the following file formats:

- Files exported by Dumpling
- CSV files
- Apache Parquet files generated by Amazon Aurora, Apache Hive, or Snowflake

TiDB Lightning can read data from the following sources:

- Local
- Amazon S3
- Google Cloud Storage

> **Note:**
>
> Compared with TiDB Lightning, the `IMPORT INTO` statement can be directly executed on TiDB nodes, supports automated distributed task scheduling and TiDB Global Sort, and offers significant improvements in deployment, resource utilization, task configuration convenience, ease of invocation and integration, high availability, and scalability. It is recommended that you consider using `IMPORT INTO` instead of TiDB Lightning in appropriate scenarios.

13.7.1.1 TiDB Lightning architecture

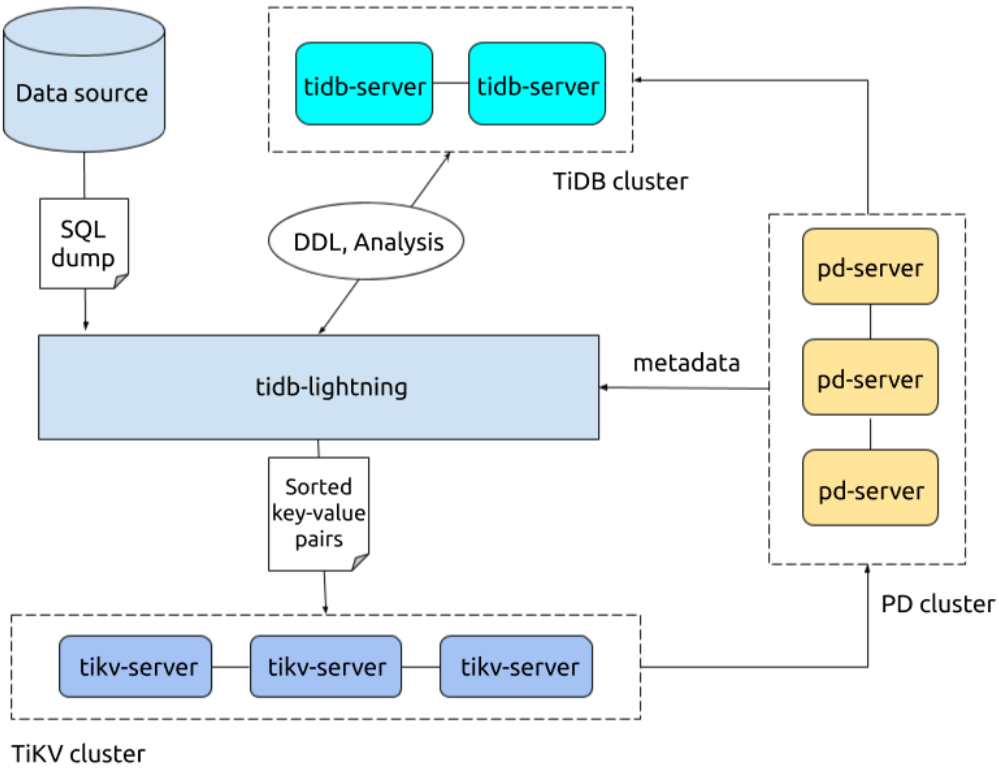

Figure 516: Architecture of TiDB Lightning tool set

TiDB Lightning supports two import modes, configured by `backend`. The import mode determines the way data is imported into TiDB.

- Physical Import Mode: TiDB Lightning first encodes data into key-value pairs and stores them in a local temporary directory, then uploads these key-value pairs to each TiKV node, and finally calls the TiKV Ingest interface to insert data into TiKV's RocksDB. If you need to perform initial import, consider the physical import mode, which has higher import speed. The backend for the physical import mode is `local`.
- Logical Import Mode: TiDB Lightning first encodes the data into SQL statements and then runs these SQL statements directly for data import. If the cluster to be imported is in production, or if the target table to be imported already contains data, use the logical import mode. The backend for the logical import mode is `tidb`.

Import mode	Physical Import Mode	Logical Import
Backend	`local`	`tidb`
Speed	Fast (100~500 GiB/hour)	Low (10~50 G
Resource consumption	High	Low
Network bandwidth consumption	High	Low
ACID compliance during import	No	Yes
Target tables	Must be empty	Can contain d
TiDB cluster version	>= 4.0.0	All
Whether the TiDB cluster can provide service during import	Limited service	Yes

The preceding performance data is used to compare the import performance difference between the two modes. The actual import speed is affected by various factors such as hardware configuration, table schema, and the number of indexes.

13.7.2 IMPORT INTO vs. TiDB Lightning

Many users have provided feedback that the deployment, configuration, and maintenance of TiDB Lightning are complex, especially in scenarios involving parallel importing of large datasets.

Based on the feedback, TiDB has gradually integrated some functionalities of TiDB Lightning into the `IMPORT INTO` SQL statement. You can directly import data by executing `IMPORT INTO`, thereby improving the efficiency of data import. In addition, `IMPORT INTO` supports some functionalities that TiDB Lightning does not, such as automatic distributed task scheduling and TiDB Global Sort.

`IMPORT INTO` is introduced in v7.2.0 and becomes generally available (GA) in v7.5.0. It will continue to be improved and optimized in future versions. Once the `IMPORT INTO` ↪ capability can fully replace TiDB Lightning, TiDB Lightning will be deprecated. At that time, relevant notification will be provided in advance in TiDB Release Notes and documentation.

13.7.2.1 Comparison between `IMPORT INTO` and TiDB Lightning

The following sections describe the differences between `IMPORT INTO` and TiDB Lightning in multiple dimensions.

13.7.2.1.1 Deployment cost

`IMPORT INTO`

`IMPORT INTO` does not require separate deployment. You can run it directly on TiDB nodes, which eliminates additional deployment work.

TiDB Lightning

By contrast, TiDB Lightning requires separate server deployment.

13.7.2.1.2 Resource utilization

`IMPORT INTO`

The `IMPORT INTO` task and other business workloads can share TiDB resources or utilize them at different times to fully leverage the TiDB resources. To ensure stable operation of business workloads while maintaining the performance and stability of the `IMPORT INTO` task, you can specify specific TiDB nodes dedicated to `IMPORT INTO` for data import.

When you use TiDB Global Sort, there is no need to mount large local disks. TiDB Global Sort can use Amazon S3 as the storage. Once the import task is completed, the temporary data stored on Amazon S3 for global sorting will be automatically deleted to save storage costs.

TiDB Lightning

You need separate servers to deploy and run TiDB Lightning. When no import tasks are executed, these resources remain idle. The total idle time is even longer in scenarios where import tasks are executed periodically, resulting in a waste of resources.

If the dataset to be imported is large, you also need to prepare large local disks to sort the data to be imported.

13.7.2.1.3 Task configuration and integration

`IMPORT INTO`

You can directly write SQL statements to submit import tasks, which are easy to call and integrate.

TiDB Lightning

By contrast, TiDB Lightning requires you to write task configuration files. These configuration files are complex and not easily called by third parties.

13.7.2.1.4 Task scheduling

`IMPORT INTO`

`IMPORT INTO` supports distributed execution. For example, when you import 40 TiB of source data files into one target table, after submitting the SQL statement, TiDB will automatically split the import task into multiple sub-tasks and schedule different TiDB nodes to execute these sub-tasks.

TiDB Lightning

By contrast, the configuration for TiDB Lightning is complex, inefficient, and prone to errors.

Assume that you start 10 TiDB Lightning instances to import data in parallel, then you need to create 10 TiDB Lightning configuration files. In each file, you need to configure the range of source files to be read by the corresponding TiDB Lightning instance. For example,

TiDB Lightning instance 1 reads the first 100 files, instance 2 reads the next 100 files, and so on.

In addition, you need to configure the shared metadata table and other configuration information for these 10 TiDB Lightning instances, which is complex.

13.7.2.1.5 Global Sort vs. local sort

`IMPORT INTO`

With TiDB Global Sort, `IMPORT INTO` can transmit tens of TiB of source data to multiple TiDB nodes, encode the data KV pairs and index KV pairs, and then transfer these pairs to Amazon S3 for global sorting before writing them into TiKV.

Because these KV pairs are globally sorted, data imported from various TiDB nodes into TiKV does not overlap, allowing it to be written directly into the RocksDB. This eliminates the need for TiKV to perform compaction operations, resulting in significant improvement in both write performance and stability of TiKV.

After the import is completed, the data used for global sorting on Amazon S3 will be automatically deleted, saving storage costs.

TiDB Lightning

TiDB Lightning only supports local sort. For example, for tens of TiB of source data, if TiDB Lightning does not have large local disks configured, or if multiple TiDB Lightning instances are used for parallel import, each TiDB Lightning instance can only use local disks to sort the data to be imported. Due to the inability to perform global sort, there will be an overlap between the data imported into TiKV by multiple TiDB Lightning instances, especially in scenarios where index data is more prevalent, triggering TiKV to perform compaction operations. Compaction operations are resource-intensive, which will lead to a decrease in TiKV's write performance and stability.

If you want to continue importing data later, you will need to keep the TiDB Lightning server and the disks on the server for the next import. The cost of using preallocated disks is relatively high, compared with `IMPORT INTO` using Amazon S3 on a pay-as-you-go basis.

13.7.2.1.6 Performance

Currently, there are no performance test comparison results under equivalent test environments between `IMPORT INTO` and TiDB Lightning.

When Amazon S3 is used as the storage for global sorting, the performance test results for `IMPORT INTO` are as follows:

Source dataset	Node configuration	Average import speed per TiDB node
40 TiB data (2.26 billion rows, 19 KiB per row)	10 TiDB (16C32G) nodes and 20 TiKV (16C27G) nodes	222 GiB/h

Source dataset	Node configuration	Average import speed per TiDB node
10 TiB data (565 million rows, 19 KiB per row)	5 TiDB (16C32G) nodes and 10 TiKV (16C27G) nodes	307 GiB/h

13.7.2.1.7 High availability

`IMPORT INTO`

After a TiDB node fails, tasks on that node are automatically transferred to the remaining TiDB nodes to continue running.

TiDB Lightning

After a TiDB Lightning instance node fails, you need to perform manual recovery of tasks on a new node based on previously recorded checkpoints.

13.7.2.1.8 Scalability

`IMPORT INTO`

Due to the use of Global Sort, data imported into TiKV does not overlap, resulting in better scalability compared with TiDB Lightning.

TiDB Lightning

Due to only supporting local sort, data imported into TiKV might overlap when new TiDB Lightning instances are added, resulting in more compaction operations for TiKV and limiting scalability relative to `IMPORT INTO`.

13.7.2.2 Functionalities not supported by `IMPORT INTO`

Currently, `IMPORT INTO` still lacks some functionalities and cannot fully replace TiDB Lightning in some scenarios, such as:

- Logical import

  Before importing data with `IMPORT INTO`, the target table must be empty. If you need to import data into a table that already contains data, it is recommended to use methods such as `LOAD DATA` or direct insertion. Starting from v8.0, TiDB supports bulk DML for executing large transactions.

- Conflict data handling

  `IMPORT INTO` currently does not support conflict data handling. Before the data import, you need to define the table schema properly to ensure that the data to be imported does not conflict with primary keys (PK) or unique keys (UK). Otherwise, it might cause task failures.

- Importing data into multiple target tables

  Currently, only one target table is allowed for one `IMPORT INTO` SQL statement. If you want to import data into multiple target tables, you need to submit multiple `IMPORT INTO` SQL statements.

In future versions, these functionalities will be supported by `IMPORT INTO`, along with additional enhancements to its capabilities, such as allowing modification of concurrency during task execution and adjusting throughput for writing to TiKV. This will make it more convenient for you to manage tasks.

13.7.2.3 Summary

Compared with TiDB Lightning, `IMPORT INTO`can be directly executed on TiDB nodes, supports automated distributed task scheduling and TiDB Global Sort, and offers significant improvements in deployment, resource utilization, task configuration convenience, ease of invocation and integration, high availability, and scalability. It is recommended that you consider using `IMPORT INTO` instead of TiDB Lightning in appropriate scenarios.

13.7.3 Compatibility of TiDB Lightning and IMPORT INTO with TiCDC and Log Backup

This document describes TiDB Lightning and `IMPORT INTO` compatibility with log backup and TiCDC, as well as some special usage scenarios.

13.7.3.1 `IMPORT INTO` vs. TiDB Lightning

`IMPORT INTO` integrates with the physical import mode of TiDB Lightning, but there are some differences. See `IMPORT INTO` vs. TiDB Lightning for details.

13.7.3.2 Compatibility with log backup and TiCDC

- TiDB Lightning logical import mode is compatible with log backup and TiCDC.
- TiDB Lightning physical import mode is not compatible with log backup and TiCDC. The reason is that physical import mode directly ingests encoded KV pairs of the source data to TiKV, causing TiKV not to generate corresponding change logs during this process. Without such change logs, the relevant data cannot be backed up via log backup and cannot be replicated by TiCDC.
- To use TiDB Lightning and TiCDC together in a cluster, see Compatibility with TiDB Lightning.
- `IMPORT INTO` is not compatible with log backup and TiCDC. The reason is that `IMPORT INTO` also ingests encoded KV pairs of the source data directly to TiKV.

13.7.3.3 Scenarios for TiDB Lightning logical import mode

If TiDB Lightning logical import mode can meet your application's performance requirements and your application requires imported tables to be backed up or replicated downstream using TiCDC, it is recommended to use TiDB Lightning logical import mode.

13.7.3.4 Scenarios for TiDB Lightning physical import mode

This section describes how to use TiDB Lightning together with log backup and TiCDC.

If TiDB Lightning logical import mode does not meet your application's performance requirements, you have to use TiDB Lightning physical import mode, and imported tables need to be backed up or replicated downstream using TiCDC, then the following scenarios are recommended.

13.7.3.4.1 Used with log backup

In this scenario, if PITR is enabled, the compatibility check will report an error after TiDB Lightning starts. If you are sure that these tables do not need backup, you can change the `Lightning.check-requirements` parameter in the TiDB Lightning configuration file to `false` and restart the import task.

Data imported using TiDB Lightning physical import mode cannot be backed up via log backup. If you need to back up the table, it is recommended to perform a table-level snapshot backup after the import, as described in Back up a table.

13.7.3.4.2 Used with TiCDC

Using TiCDC with physical import mode is not compatible in the short term, because TiCDC cannot keep up with the write speed of TiDB Lightning physical import mode, which might result in increasing cluster replication latency.

You can perform in different scenarios as follows:

- Scenario 1: the table does not need to be replicated downstream by TiCDC.

  In this scenario, if TiCDC changefeed is enabled, the compatibility check will report an error after TiDB Lightning starts. If you are sure that these tables do not need backup or log backup, you can change the `Lightning.check-requirements` parameter in the TiDB Lightning configuration file to `false` and restart the import task.

- Scenario 2: the table needs to be replicated downstream by TiCDC.

  In this scenario, if TiCDC changefeed is enabled, the compatibility check will report an error after TiDB Lightning starts. You need to change the `Lightning.check-requirements` parameter in the TiDB Lightning configuration file in the upstream TiDB cluster to `false` and restart the import task.

  After the import task for the upstream TiDB cluster is finished, use TiDB Lightning to import the same data in the downstream TiDB cluster. If you have databases such as

Redshift and Snowflake in the downstream, you can configure them to read CSV, SQL, or Parquet files from a cloud storage service and then write the data to the database.

13.7.3.5 Scenarios for `IMPORT INTO`

This section describes how to use `IMPORT INTO` together with log backup and TiCDC.

13.7.3.5.1 Used with log backup

In this scenario, if PITR is enabled, the compatibility check will report an error after you submit the `IMPORT INTO` statement. If you are sure that these tables do not need backup, you can include `DISABLE_PRECHECK` (introduced in v8.0.0) in `WithOptions` of that statement, and then resubmit it. In this way, the data import task ignores the compatibility check and imports the data directly.

Data imported using `IMPORT INTO` cannot be backed up via log backup. If you need to back up the table, it is recommended to perform a table-level snapshot backup after the import, as described in Back up a table.

13.7.3.5.2 Used with TiCDC

You can perform in different scenarios as follows:

- Scenario 1: the table does not need to be replicated downstream by TiCDC.

  In this scenario, if TiCDC changefeed is enabled, the compatibility check will report an error after you submit the `IMPORT INTO` statement. If you are sure that these tables do not need to be replicated by TiCDC, you can include `DISABLE_PRECHECK` (introduced in v8.0.0) in `WithOptions` of that statement, and then resubmit it. In this way, the data import task ignores the compatibility check and imports the data directly.

- Scenario 2: the table needs to be replicated downstream by TiCDC.

  In this scenario, if TiCDC changefeed is enabled, the compatibility check will report an error after you submit the `IMPORT INTO` statement. You can include `DISABLE_PRECHECK` (introduced in v8.0.0) in `WithOptions` of that statement, and then resubmit it. In this way, the data import task ignores the compatibility check and imports the data directly.

  After the import task for the upstream TiDB cluster is finished, use `IMPORT INTO` to import the same data in the downstream TiDB cluster. If you have databases such as Redshift and Snowflake in the downstream, you can configure them to read CSV, SQL, or Parquet files from a cloud storage service and then write the data to the database.

13.7.4 Quick Start for TiDB Lightning

This document provides a quick guide on getting started with TiDB Lightning by importing MySQL data into a TiDB cluster.

> **Warning:**
>
> The deployment method in this tutorial is only recommended for test and trial. **Do not apply it in the production or development environment.**

13.7.4.1 Step 1: Prepare full backup data

First, you can use dumpling to export data from MySQL.

1. Run `tiup --version` to check if TiUP is already installed. If TiUP is installed, skip this step. If TiUP is not installed, run the following command:

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/
    ↪ install.sh | sh
```

2. Using TiUP to install Dumpling:

```
tiup install dumpling
```

3. To export data from MySQL, you can refer to the detailed steps provided in Use Dumpling to Export Data:

```
tiup dumpling -h 127.0.0.1 -P 3306 -u root -t 16 -F 256MB -B test -f '
    ↪ test.t[12]' -o /data/my_database/
```

   In the above command:

   - `-t 16`: Export data using 16 threads.
   - `-F 256MB`: Split each table into multiple files, with each file approximately 256 MB in size.
   - `-B test`: Export from the `test` database.
   - `-f 'test.t[12]'`: Export only the two tables `test.t1` and `test.t2`.

   The full backup data exported will be saved in the `/data/my_database` directory.

13.7.4.2 Step 2: Deploy the TiDB cluster

Before starting the data import, you need to deploy a TiDB cluster for the import. If you already have a TiDB cluster, you can skip this step.

For the steps on deploying a TiDB cluster, refer to the Quick Start with TiDB Self-Managed.

13.7.4.3 Step 3: Install TiDB Lightning

Run the following command to install the latest version of TiDB Lightning:

```
tiup install tidb-lightning
```

13.7.4.4 Step 4: Start TiDB Lightning

> **Note:**
>
> The import method in this section is only suitable for testing and functional experience. For production environments, refer to Migrate Large Datasets from MySQL to TiDB

1. Create the configuration file `tidb-lightning.toml` and fill in the following settings based on your cluster information:

```
[lightning]
# Logging
level = "info"
file = "tidb-lightning.log"

[tikv-importer]
# Configure the import mode
backend = "local"
# Sets the directory for temporarily storing the sorted key-value pairs
    ↪ . The target directory must be empty.
sorted-kv-dir = "/mnt/ssd/sorted-kv-dir"

[mydumper]
# Local source data directory
data-source-dir = "/data/my_datasource/"

# Configures the wildcard rule. By default, all tables in the mysql,
    ↪ sys, INFORMATION_SCHEMA, PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA, METRICS_SCHEMA, and
    ↪ INSPECTION_SCHEMA system databases are filtered.
# If this item is not configured, the "cannot find schema" error occurs
    ↪  when system tables are imported.
filter = ['*.*', '!mysql.*', '!sys.*', '!INFORMATION_SCHEMA.*', '!
    ↪ PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA.*', '!METRICS_SCHEMA.*', '!INSPECTION_SCHEMA
    ↪ .*']
[tidb]
# Information of the target cluster
```

```
host = "172.16.31.2"
port = 4000
user = "root"
password = "rootroot"
# Table schema information is fetched from TiDB via this status-port.
status-port = 10080
# The PD address of the cluster. Starting from v7.6.0, TiDB supports
    ↪ setting multiple PD addresses.
pd-addr = "172.16.31.3:2379,56.78.90.12:3456"
```

2. Run `tidb-lightning`. To avoid the program exiting due to the `SIGHUP` signal when starting the program directly in the command line using `nohup`, it is recommended to put the `nohup` command in a script. For example:

```
#!/bin/bash
nohup tiup tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning.toml > nohup.out &
```

13.7.4.5 Step 5: Check data integrity

After the import is completed, TiDB Lightning exits automatically. If the import is successful, you can find `tidb lightning exit` in the last line of the log file.

If any error occurs, refer to TiDB Lightning FAQs.

13.7.4.6 Summary

This tutorial briefly introduces what TiDB Lightning is and how to quickly deploy a TiDB Lightning cluster to import full backup data to the TiDB cluster.

For detailed features and usage about TiDB Lightning, refer to TiDB Lightning Overview.

13.7.5 Deploy TiDB Lightning

This document describes the hardware requirements of using TiDB Lightning to import data, and how to deploy it manually. Requirements on hardware resources vary with the import modes. For details, refer to the following docs:

- Physical Import Mode Requirements and Limitations
- Logical Import Mode Requirements and Limitations

13.7.5.1 Online deployment using TiUP (recommended)

1. Install TiUP using the following command:

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/
    ↪ install.sh | sh
```

This command automatically adds TiUP to the `PATH` environment variable. You need to start a new terminal session or run `source ~/.bashrc` before you can use TiUP. (According to your environment, you may need to run `source ~/.profile`. For the specific command, check the output of TiUP.)

2. Install TiDB Lightning using TiUP:

```
tiup install tidb-lightning
```

13.7.5.2 Manual deployment

13.7.5.2.1 Download TiDB Lightning binaries

Refer to Download TiDB Tools and download TiDB Lightning binaries. TiDB Lightning is completely compatible with early versions of TiDB. It is recommended to use the latest version of TiDB Lightning.

Unzip the TiDB Lightning binary package to obtain the `tidb-lightning` executable file:

```
tar -zxvf tidb-lightning-${version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz
chmod +x tidb-lightning
```

13.7.5.2.2 Upgrade TiDB Lightning

You can upgrade TiDB Lightning by replacing the binaries alone without further configurations. After the upgrade, you need to restart TiDB Lightning. For details, see How to properly restart TiDB Lightning.

If an import task is running, we recommend you to wait until it finishes before upgrading TiDB Lightning. Otherwise, there might be chances that you need to reimport from scratch, because there is no guarantee that checkpoints work across versions.

13.7.6 TiDB Lightning Requirements for the Target Database

Before using TiDB Lightning, you need to check whether the environment meets the requirements. This helps reduce errors during import and ensures import success.

13.7.6.1 Privileges of the target database

Based on the import mode and features enabled, the target database users should be granted with different privileges. The following table provides a reference.

```
<td></td>
<td>Feature</td>
<td>Scope</td>
<td>Required privilege</td>
<td>Remarks</td>
```

```
<td rowspan="2">Mandatory</td>
<td rowspan="2">Basic functions</td>
<td>Target table</td>
<td>CREATE, SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, DROP, ALTER</td>
<td>DROP is required only when tidb-lightning-ctl runs the checkpoint-
    ↪ destroy-all command</td>
```

```
<td>Target database</td>
<td>CREATE</td>
<td></td>
```

```
<td rowspan="4">Mandatory</td>
<td>Logical Import Mode</td>
<td>information_schema.columns</td>
<td>SELECT</td>
<td></td>
```

```
<td rowspan="3">Physical Import Mode</td>
<td>mysql.tidb</td>
<td>SELECT</td>
<td></td>
```

```
<td>-</td>
<td>SUPER</td>
<td></td>
```

```
<td>-</td>
<td>RESTRICTED_VARIABLES_ADMIN,RESTRICTED_TABLES_ADMIN</td>
<td>Required when the target TiDB enables SEM</td>
```

```
<td>Recommended</td>
<td>Conflict detection, max-error</td>
<td>Schema configured for lightning.task-info-schema-name</td>
<td>SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, CREATE, DROP</td>
<td>If not required, the value must be set to ""</td>
```

```
  <td>Optional</td>
  <td>Parallel import</td>
  <td>Schema configured for lightning.meta-schema-name</td>
  <td>SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, CREATE, DROP</td>
  <td>If not required, the value must be set to ""</td>
```

```
  <td>Optional</td>
  <td>checkpoint.driver = "mysql"</td>
  <td>checkpoint.schema setting</td>
  <td>SELECT,INSERT,UPDATE,DELETE,CREATE,DROP</td>
  <td>Required when checkpoint information is stored in databases, instead
     ↪ of files</td>
```

13.7.6.2 Storage space of the target database

The target TiKV cluster must have enough disk space to store the imported data. In addition to the standard hardware requirements, the storage space of the target TiKV cluster must be larger than **the size of the data source x the number of replicas x 2**. For example, if the cluster uses 3 replicas by default, the target TiKV cluster must have a storage space larger than 6 times the size of the data source. The formula has x 2 because:

- Indexes might take extra space.
- RocksDB has a space amplification effect.

It is difficult to calculate the exact data volume exported by Dumpling from MySQL. However, you can estimate the data volume by using the following SQL statement to summarize the `DATA_LENGTH` field in the information_schema.tables table:

```
-- Calculate the size of all schemas
SELECT
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(DATA_LENGTH)) AS 'Data Size',
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(INDEX_LENGTH)) 'Index Size'
FROM
  information_schema.tables
GROUP BY
  TABLE_SCHEMA;

-- Calculate the 5 largest tables
SELECT
  TABLE_NAME,
  TABLE_SCHEMA,
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(data_length)) AS 'Data Size',
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(index_length)) AS 'Index Size',
```

```
  FORMAT_BYTES(SUM(data_length+index_length)) AS 'Total Size'
FROM
  information_schema.tables
GROUP BY
  TABLE_NAME,
  TABLE_SCHEMA
ORDER BY
  SUM(DATA_LENGTH+INDEX_LENGTH) DESC
LIMIT
  5;
```

13.7.7 Data Sources

13.7.7.1 TiDB Lightning Data Sources

TiDB Lightning supports importing data from multiple data sources to TiDB clusters, including CSV, SQL, and Parquet files.

To specify the data source for TiDB Lightning, use the following configuration:

```
[mydumper]
#### Local source data directory or the URI of the external storage such as
    ↪ S3. For more information about the URI of the external storage, see
    ↪ https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/backup-and-restore-storages#uri-
    ↪ format.
data-source-dir = "/data/my_database"
```

When TiDB Lightning is running, it looks for all files that match the pattern of `data-source-dir`.

File	Type	Pattern
Schema file	Contains the CREATE TABLE DDL statement	${db_name}.${table_name}-schema.sql

File	Type	Pattern
Schema file	Contains the CREATE ↪ DATABASE ↪ DDL state- ment	${db_ ↪ name ↪ }- ↪ schema ↪ - ↪ create ↪ . ↪ sql
Data file	If the data file contains data for a whole table, the file is imported into a table named ${db_ ↪ name ↪ }.${ ↪ table ↪ _ ↪ name ↪ }	${db_name}.${table_
Data file	If the data for a table is split into multiple data files, each data file must be suffixed with a number in its filename	${db_name}.${table_

File	Type	Pattern
Compressed file	If the file contains a compression suffix, such as `gzip`, `snappy`, or `zstd`, TiDB Lightning will decompress the file before importing it. Note that the Snappy compressed file must be in the official Snappy format. Other variants of Snappy compression are not supported.	${db_name}.${table_

TiDB Lightning processes data in parallel as much as possible. Because files must be read in sequence, the data processing concurrency is at the file level (controlled by `region -concurrency`). Therefore, when the imported file is large, the import performance is poor. It is recommended to limit the size of the imported file to no greater than 256 MiB to achieve the best performance.

13.7.7.1.1 Rename databases and tables

TiDB Lightning follows filename patterns to import data to the corresponding database and table. If the database or table names change, you can either rename the files and then import them, or use regular expressions to replace the names online.

Rename files in batch

If you are using Red Hat Linux or a distribution based on Red Hat Linux, you can use the `rename` command to batch rename files in the `data-source-dir` directory.

For example:

```
rename srcdb. tgtdb. *.sql
```

After you modify the database name, it is recommended that you delete the `${db_name}-schema-create.sql` file that contains the `CREATE DATABASE` DDL statement from the `data-source-dir` directory. If you want to modify the table name as well, you also need to modify the table name in the `${db_name}.${table_name}-schema.sql` file that contains the `CREATE TABLE` DDL statement.

Use regular expressions to replace names online

To use regular expressions to replace names online, you can use the `pattern` configuration within `[[mydumper.files]]` to match filenames, and replace `schema` and `table` with your desired names. For more information, see Match customized files.

The following is an example of using regular expressions to replace names online. In this example:

- The match rule for the data file `pattern` is `^({schema_regrex})\.({table_regrex})\.({file_serial_regrex})\.(csv|parquet|sql)`.
- Specify `schema` as `'$1'`, which means that the value of the first regular expression `schema_regrex` remains unchanged. Or specify `schema` as a string, such as `'tgtdb'`, which means a fixed target database name.
- Specify `table` as `'$2'`, which means that the value of the second regular expression `table_regrex` remains unchanged. Or specify `table` as a string, such as `'t1'`, which means a fixed target table name.
- Specify `type` as `'$3'`, which means the data file type. You can specify `type` as either `"table-schema"` (representing the `schema.sql` file) or `"schema-schema"` (representing the `schema-create.sql` file).

```
[mydumper]
data-source-dir = "/some-subdir/some-database/"
[[mydumper.files]]
pattern = '^(srcdb)\.(.*?)-schema-create\.sql'
schema = 'tgtdb'
type = "schema-schema"
[[mydumper.files]]
```

```
pattern = '^(srcdb)\.(.*?)-schema\.sql'
schema = 'tgtdb'
table = '$2'
type = "table-schema"
[[mydumper.files]]
pattern = '^(srcdb)\.(.*?)\.(?:[0-9]+)\.(csv|parquet|sql)'
schema = 'tgtdb'
table = '$2'
type = '$3'
```

If you are using `gzip` to back up data files, you need to configure the compression format accordingly. The matching rule of the data file `pattern` is `'^({schema_regrex})\.({table_regrex})\.({file_serial_regrex})\.(csv|parquet|sql)\.(gz)'`. You can specify `compression` as `'$4'` to represent the compressed file format. For example:

```
[mydumper]
data-source-dir = "/some-subdir/some-database/"
[[mydumper.files]]
pattern = '^(srcdb)\.(.*?)-schema-create\.(sql)\.(gz)'
schema = 'tgtdb'
type = "schema-schema"
compression = '$4'
[[mydumper.files]]
pattern = '^(srcdb)\.(.*?)-schema\.(sql)\.(gz)'
schema = 'tgtdb'
table = '$2'
type = "table-schema"
compression = '$4'
[[mydumper.files]]
pattern = '^(srcdb)\.(.*?)\.(?:[0-9]+)\.(sql)\.(gz)'
schema = 'tgtdb'
table = '$2'
type = '$3'
compression = '$4'
```

13.7.7.1.2 CSV

Schema

CSV files are schema-less. To import CSV files into TiDB, you must provide a table schema. You can provide schema by either of the following methods:

- Create files named `${db_name}.${table_name}-schema.sql` and `${db_name}-schema-create.sql` that contain DDL statements.
- Manually create the table schema in TiDB.

Configuration

You can configure the CSV format in the `[mydumper.csv]` section in the `tidb-lightning.toml` file. Most settings have a corresponding option in the `LOAD DATA` statement of MySQL.

```
[mydumper.csv]
#### The field separator. Can be one or multiple characters. The default is
    ↪ ','.
#### If the data might contain commas, it is recommended to use '|+|' or
    ↪ other uncommon
#### character combinations as a separator.
separator = ','
#### Quoting delimiter. Empty value means no quoting.
delimiter = '"'
#### Line terminator. Can be one or multiple characters. Empty value (
    ↪ default) means
#### both "\n" (LF) and "\r\n" (CRLF) are line terminators.
terminator = ''
#### Whether the CSV file contains a header.
#### If `header` is true, the first line is skipped and mapped
#### to the table columns.
header = true
#### Whether the CSV file contains any NULL value.
#### If `not-null` is true, all columns from CSV cannot be parsed as NULL.
not-null = false
#### When `not-null` is false (that is, CSV can contain NULL),
#### fields equal to this value will be treated as NULL.
null = '\N'
#### Whether to parse backslash as escape character.
backslash-escape = true
#### Whether to treat `separator` as the line terminator and trim all
    ↪ trailing separators.
trim-last-separator = false
```

If the input of a string field such as `separator`, `delimiter`, or `terminator` involves special characters, you can use a backslash to escape the special characters. The escape sequence must be a *double-quoted* string (`"⋯"`). For example, `separator = "\u001f"` means using the ASCII character `0X1F` as the separator.

You can use *single-quoted* strings (`'⋯'`) to suppress backslash escaping. For example, `terminator = '\n'` means using the two-character string, a backslash (\) followed by the letter `n`, as the terminator, rather than the LF `\n`.

For more details, see the TOML v1.0.0 specification.

`separator`

- Defines the field separator.
- Can be one or multiple characters, but must not be empty.
- Common values:
    - `','` for CSV (comma-separated values).
    - `"\t"` for TSV (tab-separated values).
    - `"\u0001"` to use the ASCII character `0x01`.
- Corresponds to the `FIELDS TERMINATED BY` option in the LOAD DATA statement.

`delimiter`

- Defines the delimiter used for quoting.
- If `delimiter` is empty, all fields are unquoted.
- Common values:
    - `'"'` quotes fields with double-quote. The same as RFC 4180.
    - `''` disables quoting.
- Corresponds to the `FIELDS ENCLOSED BY` option in the `LOAD DATA` statement.

`terminator`

- Defines the line terminator.
- If `terminator` is empty, both `"\n"` (Line Feed) and `"\r\n"` (Carriage Return + Line Feed) are used as the line terminator.
- Corresponds to the `LINES TERMINATED BY` option in the `LOAD DATA` statement.

`header`

- Whether *all* CSV files contain a header row.
- If `header` is `true`, the first row is used as the *column names*. If `header` is `false`, the first row is treated as an ordinary data row.

`not-null` and `null`

- The `not-null` setting controls whether all fields are non-nullable.
- If `not-null` is `false`, the string specified by `null` is transformed to the SQL NULL instead of a specific value.

- Quoting does not affect whether a field is null.

  For example, in the following CSV file:

```
A,B,C
\N,"\N",
```

  In the default settings (`not-null = false; null = '\N'`), the columns `A` and `B` are both converted to NULL after being imported to TiDB. The column `C` is an empty string `''` but not NULL.

`backslash-escape`

- Whether to parse backslash inside fields as escape characters.
- If `backslash-escape` is true, the following sequences are recognized and converted:

Sequence	Converted to
`\0`	Null character (`U+0000`)
`\b`	Backspace (`U+0008`)
`\n`	Line feed (`U+000A`)
`\r`	Carriage return (`U+000D`)
`\t`	Tab (`U+0009`)
`\Z`	Windows EOF (`U+001A`)

  In all other cases (for example, `\"`), the backslash is stripped, leaving the next character (`"`) in the field. The character left has no special roles (for example, delimiters) and is just an ordinary character.

- Quoting does not affect whether backslash is parsed as an escape character.
- Corresponds to the `FIELDS ESCAPED BY '\'` option in the `LOAD DATA` statement.

`trim-last-separator`

- Whether to treat `separator` as the line terminator and trim all trailing separators.

  For example, in the following CSV file:

```
A,,B,,
```

  - When `trim-last-separator = false`, this is interpreted as a row of 5 fields `('A', '', 'B', '', '')`.
  - When `trim-last-separator = true`, this is interpreted as a row of 3 fields `('A', '', 'B')`.

- This option is deprecated. Use the `terminator` option instead.

  If your existing configuration is:

```
separator = ','
trim-last-separator = true
```

  It is recommended to change the configuration to:

```
separator = ','
terminator = ",\n" # Use ",\n" or ",'\r\n" according to your actual
   ↪ file.
```

Non-configurable options

TiDB Lightning does not support every option supported by the `LOAD DATA` statement. For example:

- There cannot be line prefixes (`LINES STARTING BY`).
- The header cannot be skipped (`IGNORE n LINES`) and must be valid column names.

Strict format

TiDB Lightning works best when the input files have a uniform size of around 256 MiB. When the input is a single huge CSV file, TiDB Lightning can only process the file in one thread, which slows down the import speed.

This can be fixed by splitting the CSV into multiple files first. For the generic CSV format, there is no way to quickly identify where a row starts or ends without reading the whole file. Therefore, TiDB Lightning by default does *not* automatically split a CSV file. However, if you are certain that the CSV input adheres to certain restrictions, you can enable the `strict-format` setting to allow TiDB Lightning to split the file into multiple 256 MiB-sized chunks for parallel processing.

```
[mydumper]
strict-format = true
```

In a strict CSV file, every field occupies only a single line. In other words, one of the following must be true:

- Delimiter is empty.
- Every field does not contain the terminator itself. In the default configuration, this means every field does not contain CR (`\r`) or LF (`\n`).

If a CSV file is not strict, but `strict-format` is wrongly set to `true`, a field spanning multiple lines may be cut in half into two chunks, causing parse failure, or even quietly importing corrupted data.

Common configuration examples

CSV

The default setting is already tuned for CSV following RFC 4180.

```
[mydumper.csv]
separator = ',' # If the data might contain a comma (','), it is recommended
    ↪  to use '|+|' or other uncommon character combinations as the
    ↪ separator.
delimiter = '"'
header = true
not-null = false
null = '\N'
backslash-escape = true
```

Example content:

```
ID,Region,Count
1,"East",32
2,"South",\N
3,"West",10
4,"North",39
```

TSV

```
[mydumper.csv]
separator = "\t"
delimiter = ''
header = true
not-null = false
null = 'NULL'
backslash-escape = false
```

Example content:

```
ID    Region    Count
1     East      32
2     South     NULL
3     West      10
4     North     39
```

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```
[mydumper.csv]
separator = '|'
delimiter = ''
terminator = "|\n"
header = false
```

```
not-null = true
backslash-escape = false
```

Example content:

```
1|East|32|
2|South|0|
3|West|10|
4|North|39|
```

13.7.7.1.3 SQL

When TiDB Lightning processes a SQL file, because TiDB Lightning cannot quickly split a single SQL file, it cannot improve the import speed of a single file by increasing concurrency. Therefore, when you import data from SQL files, avoid a single huge SQL file. TiDB Lightning works best when the input files have a uniform size of around 256 MiB.

13.7.7.1.4 Parquet

TiDB Lightning currently only supports Parquet files generated by Amazon Aurora, Apache Hive, and Snowflake. To identify the file structure in S3, use the following configuration to match all data files:

```
[[mydumper.files]]
#### The expression needed for parsing Amazon Aurora parquet files
pattern = '(?i)^(?:[^/]*/)*([a-z0-9\-_]+).([a-z0-9\-_]+)/(?:[^/]*/)*(?:[a-z0
    ↪ -9\-_.]+\.(parquet))$'
schema = '$1'
table = '$2'
type = '$3'
```

Note that this configuration only shows how to match the parquet files exported by Aurora snapshot. You need to export and process the schema file separately.

For more information on `mydumper.files`, refer to Match customized file.

13.7.7.1.5 Compressed files

TiDB Lightning currently supports compressed files exported by Dumpling or compressed files that follow the naming rules. Currently, TiDB Lightning supports the following compression algorithms: `gzip`, `snappy`, and `zstd`. When the file name follows the naming rules, TiDB Lightning automatically identifies the compression algorithm and imports the file after streaming decompression, without additional configuration.

Note:

- Because TiDB Lightning cannot concurrently decompress a single large compressed file, the size of the compressed file affects the import speed. It is recommended that a source file is no greater than 256 MiB after decompression.
- TiDB Lightning only imports individually compressed data files and does not support importing a single compressed file with multiple data files included.
- TiDB Lightning does not support `parquet` files compressed through another compression tool, such as `db.table.parquet.snappy`. If you want to compress `parquet` files, you can configure the compression format for the `parquet` file writer.
- TiDB Lightning v6.4.0 and later versions only support the following compressed data files: `gzip`, `snappy`, and `zstd`. Other types of files cause errors. If an unsupported compressed file exists in the directory where the source data file is stored, this will cause the task to report an error. You can move those unsupported files out of the import data directory to avoid such errors.
- The Snappy compressed file must be in the official Snappy format. Other variants of Snappy compression are not supported.

13.7.7.1.6 Match customized files

TiDB Lightning only recognizes data files that follow the naming pattern. In some cases, your data file might not follow the naming pattern, and thus data import is completed in a short time without importing any file.

To resolve this issue, you can use `[[mydumper.files]]` to match data files in your customized expression.

Take the Aurora snapshot exported to S3 as an example. The complete path of the Parquet file is `S3://some-bucket/some-subdir/some-database/some-database.some-table-part-00000-c5a881bb-58ff-4ee6-1111-b41ecff340a3-c000.gz.parquet`.

Usually, `data-source-dir` is set to `S3://some-bucket/some-subdir/some-database/` to import the `some-database` database.

Based on the preceding Parquet file path, you can write a regular expression like `(?i)^(?:[^/]*/)*([a-z0-9\-_]+).([a-z0-9\-_]+)/(?:[^/]*/)*(?:[a-z0-9\-_.]+\.(parquet))$` to match the files. In the match group, `index=1` is `some-database`, `index=2` is `some-table`, and `index=3` is `parquet`.

You can write the configuration file according to the regular expression and the corresponding index so that TiDB Lightning can recognize the data files that do not follow the default naming convention. For example:

```
[[mydumper.files]]
#### The expression needed for parsing the Amazon Aurora parquet file
pattern = '(?i)^(?:[^/]*/)*([a-z0-9\-_]+).([a-z0-9\-_]+)/(?:[^/]*/)*(?:[a-z0
    ↪ -9\-_.]+\.(parquet))$'
schema = '$1'
table = '$2'
type = '$3'
```

- **schema**: The name of the target database. The value can be:
  - The group index obtained by using a regular expression, such as `$1`.
  - The name of the database that you want to import, such as `db1`. All matched files are imported into `db1`.
- **table**: The name of the target table. The value can be:
  - The group index obtained by using a regular expression, such as `$2`.
  - The name of the table that you want to import, such as `table1`. All matched files are imported into `table1`.
- **type**: The file type. Supports `sql`, `parquet`, and `csv`. The value can be:
  - The group index obtained by using a regular expression, such as `$3`.
- **key**: The file number, such as `001` in `${db_name}.${table_name}.001.csv`.
  - The group index obtained by using a regular expression, such as `$4`.

13.7.7.1.7 Import data from Amazon S3

The following examples show how to import data from Amazon S3 using TiDB Lightning. For more parameter configurations, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

- Use the locally configured permissions to access S3 data:

```
tiup tidb-lightning --tidb-port=4000 --pd-urls=127.0.0.1:2379 --backend
    ↪ =local --sorted-kv-dir=/tmp/sorted-kvs \
    -d 's3://my-bucket/sql-backup'
```

- Use the path-style request to access S3 data:

```
tiup tidb-lightning --tidb-port=4000 --pd-urls=127.0.0.1:2379 --backend
    ↪ =local --sorted-kv-dir=/tmp/sorted-kvs \
    -d 's3://my-bucket/sql-backup?force-path-style=true&endpoint=http
        ↪ ://10.154.10.132:8088'
```

- Use a specific AWS IAM role ARN to access S3 data:

```
tiup tidb-lightning --tidb-port=4000 --pd-urls=127.0.0.1:2379 --backend
    ↪ =local --sorted-kv-dir=/tmp/sorted-kvs \
    -d 's3://my-bucket/test-data?role-arn=arn:aws:iam::888888888888:
        ↪ role/my-role'
```

- Use access keys of an AWS IAM user to access S3 data:

```
tiup tidb-lightning --tidb-port=4000 --pd-urls=127.0.0.1:2379 --backend
    ↪ =local --sorted-kv-dir=/tmp/sorted-kvs \
    -d 's3://my-bucket/test-data?access_key={my_access_key}&secret_
        ↪ access_key={my_secret_access_key}'
```

- Use the combination of AWS IAM role access keys and session tokens to access S3 data:

```
tiup tidb-lightning --tidb-port=4000 --pd-urls=127.0.0.1:2379 --backend
    ↪ =local --sorted-kv-dir=/tmp/sorted-kvs \
    -d 's3://my-bucket/test-data?access_key={my_access_key}&secret_
        ↪ access_key={my_secret_access_key}&session-token={my_session_
        ↪ token}'
```

13.7.7.1.8 More resources

- Export to CSV files Using Dumpling
- LOAD DATA

13.7.8 Physical Import Mode

13.7.8.1 Physical Import Mode

Physical import mode is an efficient and fast import mode that inserts data directly into TiKV nodes as key-value pairs without going through the SQL interface. When using the physical import mode, a single instance of Lightning can import up to 10 TiB of data. The supported amount of imported data theoretically increases as the number of Lightning instances increases. It is verified by users that parallel importing based on Lightning can effectively handle up to 50 TiB of data.

Before you use the physical import mode, make sure to read Requirements and restrictions.

The backend for the physical import mode is `local`. You can modify it in `tidb-lightning.toml`:

```
toml [tikv-importer] # Set the import mode to "local" to use the physical
↪  import mode. backend = "local"
```

13.7.8.1.1 Implementation

1. Before importing data, TiDB Lightning automatically switches the TiKV nodes to "import mode", which improves write performance and stops auto-compaction. TiDB Lightning determines whether to pause global scheduling according to the TiDB Lightning version.

    - Starting from v7.1.0, you can control the scope of pausing scheduling by using the TiDB Lightning parameter `pause-pd-scheduler-scope`.
    - For TiDB Lightning versions between v6.2.0 and v7.0.0, the behavior of pausing global scheduling depends on the TiDB cluster version. When the TiDB cluster >= v6.1.0, TiDB Lightning pauses scheduling for the Region that stores the target table data. After the import is completed, TiDB Lightning recovers scheduling. For other versions, TiDB Lightning pauses global scheduling.
    - When TiDB Lightning < v6.2.0, TiDB Lightning pauses global scheduling.

2. TiDB Lightning creates table schemas in the target database and fetches the metadata.

    If you set `add-index-by-sql` to `true`, `tidb-lightning` adds indexes via the SQL interface, and drops all secondary indexes from the target table before importing the data. The default value is `false`, which is consistent with earlier versions.

3. Each table is divided into multiple contiguous **blocks**, so that TiDB Lightning can import data from large tables (greater than 200 GB) in parallel.

4. TiDB Lightning prepares an "engine file" for each block to handle key-value pairs. TiDB Lightning reads the SQL dump in parallel, converts the data source to key-value pairs in the same encoding as TiDB, sorts the key-value pairs and writes them to a local temporary storage file.

5. When an engine file is written, TiDB Lightning starts to split and schedule data on the target TiKV cluster, and then imports data to TiKV cluster.

    The engine file contains two types of engines: **data engine** and **index engine**. Each engine corresponds to a type of key-value pairs: row data and secondary index. Normally, row data is completely ordered in the data source, and the secondary index is unordered. Therefore, the data engine files are imported immediately after the corresponding block is written, and all index engine files are imported only after the entire table is encoded.

    Note that when `tidb-lightning` adds indexes via the SQL interface (that is, you set `add-index-by-sql` to `true`), the index engine will not write data because the secondary indexes of the target table have already been dropped in step 2.

6. After all engine files are imported, TiDB Lightning compares the checksum between the local data source and the downstream cluster, and ensures that the imported data is not corrupted. Then TiDB Lightning adds the previously dropped secondary indexes in step 2, or lets TiDB analyze the new data (`ANALYZE`) to optimize future operations.

Meanwhile, `tidb-lightning` adjusts the `AUTO_INCREMENT` value to prevent conflicts in the future.

The auto-increment ID is estimated by the **upper bound** of the number of rows, and is proportional to the total size of the table data file. Therefore, the auto-increment ID is usually larger than the actual number of rows. This is normal because the auto-increment ID is not necessarily contiguous.

7. After all steps are completed, TiDB Lightning automatically switches the TiKV nodes to "normal mode". If global scheduling is paused, TiDB Lightning also recovers global scheduling. After that, the TiDB cluster can provide services normally.

13.7.8.1.2 Requirements and restrictions

Environment requirements

Operating system:

It is recommended to use fresh CentOS 7 instances. You can deploy a virtual machine either on your local host or in the cloud. Because TiDB Lightning consumes as much CPU resources as needed by default, it is recommended that you deploy it on a dedicated server. If this is not possible, you can deploy it on a single server together with other TiDB components (for example, tikv-server) and then configure `region-concurrency` to limit the CPU usage from TiDB Lightning. Usually, you can configure the size to 75% of the logical CPU.

Memory and CPU:

It is recommended that you allocate CPU more than 32 cores and memory greater than 64 GiB to get better performance.

> **Note:**
>
> When you import a large amount of data, one concurrent import may consume about 2 GiB memory. The total memory usage can be `region-concurrency * 2 GiB`. `region-concurrency` is the same as the number of logical CPUs by default. If the memory size (GiB) is less than twice of the CPU or OOM occurs during the import, you can decrease `region-concurrency` to avoid OOM.

Storage: The `sorted-kv-dir` configuration item specifies the temporary storage directory for the sorted key-value files. The directory must be empty, and the storage space must be greater than the size of the dataset to be imported. For better import performance, it is recommended to use a directory different from `data-source-dir` and use flash storage and exclusive I/O for the directory.

Network: A 10Gbps Ethernet card is recommended.

Version requirements

- TiDB Lightning >= v4.0.3.
- TiDB >= v4.0.0.

Limitations

- Do not use the physical import mode to directly import data to TiDB clusters in production. It has severe performance implications. If you need to do so, refer to Pause scheduling on the table level.
- If your TiDB cluster has a latency-sensitive application and a low concurrency, it is strongly recommended that you **do not** use the physical import mode to import data into the cluster. This mode might have significant impact on the online application.
- If you want to run multiple TiDB Lightning instances simultaneously to import data into the same TiDB cluster, you can enable Parallel Import to coordinate the import. If each instance imports data into **different tables**, the Parallel Import option is not required. However, if multiple instances import data into **the same table**, you need to enable Parallel Import to prevent conflicts and ensure data integrity.
- When you use multiple TiDB Lightning to import data to the same target cluster, do not mix the import modes. That is, do not use the physical import mode and the logical import mode at the same time.
- During the process of importing data, do not perform DDL and DML operations in the target table. Otherwise the import will fail or the data will be inconsistent. At the same time, it is not recommended to perform read operations, because the data you read might be inconsistent. You can perform read and write operations after the import operation is completed.
- A single Lightning process can import a single table of 10 TiB at most. Parallel import can use 10 Lightning instances at most.

Tips for using with other components

- When you use TiDB Lightning with TiFlash, note the following:
    - Whether you have created a TiFlash replica for a table, you can use TiDB Lightning to import data to the table. However, the import might take longer than the normal import. The import time is influenced by the network bandwidth of the server TiDB Lightning is deployed on, the CPU and disk load on the TiFlash node, and the number of TiFlash replicas.
- TiDB Lightning character sets:
    - TiDB Lightning earlier than v5.4.0 cannot import tables of `charset=GBK`.
- When you use TiDB Lightning with TiCDC, note the following:
    - TiCDC cannot capture the data inserted in the physical import mode.

- When you use TiDB Lightning with BR, note the following:
    - When BR backs up snapshots of tables that are being imported by TiDB Lightning, it might result in inconsistent backup data for those tables.
    - When BR backs up data using AWS EBS volume snapshots, TiDB Lightning might fail to import data.
    - Data imported in TiDB Lightning physical import mode does not support log backup and thereby cannot be restored by Point-in-Time Recovery (PITR).

13.7.8.2 Use Physical Import Mode

This document introduces how to use the physical import mode in TiDB Lightning, including writing the configuration file, tuning performance, and configuring disk quota.

There are limitations on the physical import mode. Before using the physical import mode, make sure to read Limitations.

13.7.8.2.1 Configure and use the physical import mode

You can use the following configuration file to execute data import using the physical import mode:

```
[lightning]
#### log
level = "info"
file = "tidb-lightning.log"
max-size = 128 # MB
max-days = 28
max-backups = 14

#### Checks the cluster minimum requirements before start.
check-requirements = true

[mydumper]
#### The local data source directory or the URI of the external storage. For
   ↪  more information about the URI of the external storage, see https://
   ↪ docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v6.6/backup-and-restore-storages#uri-format.
data-source-dir = "/data/my_database"

[conflict]
#### Starting from v7.3.0, a new version of strategy is introduced to handle
   ↪  conflicting data. The default value is "". Starting from v8.0.0,
   ↪ TiDB Lightning optimizes the conflict strategy for both physical and
   ↪ logical import modes.
#### - "": TiDB Lightning does not detect or handle conflicting data. If the
   ↪  source file contains conflicting primary or unique key records, the
   ↪ subsequent step reports an error.
```

```
#### - "error": when detecting conflicting primary or unique key records in
   ↪ the imported data, TiDB Lightning terminates the import and reports
   ↪ an error.
#### - "replace": when encountering conflicting primary or unique key
   ↪ records, TiDB Lightning retains the latest data and overwrites the
   ↪ old data.
####           The conflicting data are recorded in the `lightning_task_
   ↪ info.conflict_view` view of the target TiDB cluster.
####           In the `lightning_task_info.conflict_view` view, if the `is_
   ↪ precheck_conflict` field for a row is `0`, it means that the
   ↪ conflicting data recorded in that row is detected by postprocess
   ↪ conflict detection; if the `is_precheck_conflict` field for a row is
   ↪ `1`, it means that conflicting data recorded in that row is detected
   ↪ by pre-import conflict detection.
####           You can manually insert the correct records into the target
   ↪ table based on your application requirements. Note that the target
   ↪ TiKV must be v5.2.0 or later versions.
strategy = ""
#### Controls whether to enable pre-import conflict detection, which checks
   ↪ conflicts in data before importing it to TiDB. The default value is
   ↪ false, indicating that TiDB Lightning only checks conflicts after the
   ↪  import. If you set it to true, TiDB Lightning checks conflicts both
   ↪ before and after the import. This parameter can be used only in the
   ↪ physical import mode. In scenarios where the number of conflict
   ↪ records is greater than 1,000,000, it is recommended to set `precheck
   ↪ -conflict-before-import = true` for better performance in conflict
   ↪ detection. In other scenarios, it is recommended to disable it.
#### precheck-conflict-before-import = false
#### threshold = 10000
#### Starting from v8.1.0, there is no need to configure `max-record-rows`
   ↪ manually, because TiDB Lightning automatically assigns the value of `
   ↪ max-record-rows` with the value of `threshold`, regardless of the
   ↪ user input. `max-record-rows` will be deprecated in a future release.
#### max-record-rows = 10000

[tikv-importer]
#### Import mode. "local" means using the physical import mode.
backend = "local"

#### The `duplicate-resolution` parameter is deprecated starting from v8.0.0
   ↪  and will be removed in a future release. For more information, see <
   ↪ https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/stable/tidb-lightning-physical-import-
   ↪ mode-usage#the-old-version-of-conflict-detection-deprecated-in-v800>.
#### If you set `duplicate-resolution = 'none'` and do not set `conflict.
   ↪ strategy`, TiDB Lightning will automatically assign `""` to `conflict
```

```
   ↪ .strategy`.
#### If you set `duplicate-resolution = 'remove'` and do not set `conflict.
   ↪ strategy`, TiDB Lightning will automatically assign "replace" to `
   ↪ conflict.strategy` and enable the new version of conflict detection.
#### The method to resolve the conflicting data.
duplicate-resolution = 'none'

#### The directory of local KV sorting.
sorted-kv-dir = "./some-dir"

#### Limits the bandwidth in which TiDB Lightning writes data into each TiKV
#### node in the physical import mode. 0 by default, which means no limit.
#### store-write-bwlimit = "128MiB"

#### Specifies whether Physical Import Mode adds indexes via SQL. The
   ↪ default value is `false`, which means that TiDB Lightning will encode
   ↪  both row data and index data into KV pairs and import them into TiKV
   ↪  together. This mechanism is consistent with that of the historical
   ↪ versions. If you set it to `true`, it means that TiDB Lightning adds
   ↪ indexes via SQL after importing the row data.
#### The benefit of adding indexes via SQL is that you can separately import
   ↪  data and import indexes, and import data more quickly. After the
   ↪ data is imported, even if the indexes fail to be added, it does not
   ↪ affect the consistency of the imported data.
#### add-index-by-sql = false

[tidb]
#### The information of the target cluster. The address of any tidb-server
   ↪ from the cluster.
host = "172.16.31.1"
port = 4000
user = "root"
#### Configure the password to connect to TiDB. Either plaintext or Base64
   ↪ encoded.
password = ""
#### Required. Table schema information is fetched from TiDB via this status
   ↪ -port.
status-port = 10080
#### Required. The address of any pd-server from the cluster. Starting from
   ↪ v7.6.0, TiDB supports setting multiple PD addresses.
pd-addr = "172.16.31.4:2379,56.78.90.12:3456"
#### tidb-lightning imports the TiDB library, and generates some logs.
#### Set the log level of the TiDB library.
log-level = "error"
```

```
[post-restore]
#### Specifies whether to perform `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE <table>` for each
   ↪ table to verify data integrity after importing.
#### The following options are available:
#### - "required" (default): Perform admin checksum after importing. If
   ↪ checksum fails, TiDB Lightning will exit with failure.
#### - "optional": Perform admin checksum. If checksum fails, TiDB Lightning
   ↪  will report a WARN log but ignore any error.
#### - "off": Do not perform checksum after importing.
#### Note that since v4.0.8, the default value has changed from "true" to "
   ↪ required".
#### # Note:
#### 1. Checksum failure usually means import exception (data loss or data
   ↪ inconsistency), so it is recommended to always enable Checksum.
#### 2. For backward compatibility, bool values "true" and "false" are also
   ↪ allowed for this field.
#### "true" is equivalent to "required" and "false" is equivalent to "off".
checksum = "required"

#### Specifies whether to perform `ANALYZE TABLE <table>` for each table
   ↪ after checksum is done.
#### Options available for this field are the same as `checksum`. However,
   ↪ the default value for this field is "optional".
analyze = "optional"
```

For the complete configuration file, refer to the configuration file and command line parameters.

13.7.8.2.2 Conflict detection

Conflicting data refers to two or more records with the same primary key or unique key column data. When the data source contains conflicting data and conflict detection feature is not turned on, the actual number of rows in the table is different from the total number of rows returned by the query using unique index.

There are two versions for conflict detection:

- The new version of conflict detection, controlled by the `conflict` configuration item.
- The old version of conflict detection (deprecated in v8.0.0 and will be removed in a future release), controlled by the `tikv-importer.duplicate-resolution` configuration item.

The new version of conflict detection

The meanings of configuration values are as follows:

Strategy	Default behavior of conflicting data	The corresponding SQL statement
`"` ↪ `replace` ↪ `"` ↪	Retaining the latest data and overwriting the old data	`REPLACE` ↪ ↪ `INTO` ↪ ↪ `...` ↪
`"` ↪ `error` ↪ `"` ↪	Terminating the import and reporting an error.	`INSERT` ↪ ↪ `INTO` ↪ ↪ `...` ↪

Strategy	Default behavior of conflicting data	The corresponding SQL statement
""	TiDB Lightning does not detect or handle conflicting data. If data with primary and unique key conflicts exists, the subsequent checksum step reports an error.	None

Strategy	Default behavior of conflicting data	The corresponding SQL statement

> **Note:**
>
> The conflict detection result in the physical import mode might differ from SQL-based import due to internal implementation and limitation of TiDB Lightning.

When the strategy is `"error"` and conflicting data is detected, TiDB Lightning reports an error and exits the import. When the strategy is `"replace"`, conflicting data is treated as conflict errors. If the `conflict.threshold` value is greater than `0`, TiDB Lightning tolerates the specified number of conflict errors. The default value is `9223372036854775807`, which means that almost all errors are tolerant. For more information, see error resolution.

The new version of conflict detection has the following limitations:

- Before importing, TiDB Lightning prechecks potential conflicting data by reading all data and encoding it. During the detection process, TiDB Lightning uses `tikv-importer.sorted-kv-dir` to store temporary files. After the detection is complete, TiDB Lightning retains the results for import phase. This introduces additional overhead for time consumption, disk space usage, and API requests to read the data.
- The new version of conflict detection only works in a single node, and does not apply to parallel imports and scenarios where the `disk-quota` parameter is enabled.

The new version of conflict detection controls whether to enable pre-import conflict detection via the `precheck-conflict-before-import` parameter. In cases where the original data contains a lot of conflicting data, the total time consumed by conflict detection before and after the import is less than that of the old version. Therefore, it is recommended to enable pre-import conflict detection in scenarios where the ratio of conflict records is greater than or equal to 1% and the local disk space is sufficient.

The old version of conflict detection (deprecated in v8.0.0)

Starting from v8.0.0, the old version of conflict detection (`tikv-importer.duplicate-resolution`) is deprecated. The `tikv-importer.duplicate-resolution` parameter

will be removed in a future release. If `tikv-importer.duplicate-resolution` is `remove` and `conflict.strategy` is not configured, TiDB Lightning automatically enables the new version of conflict detection by assigning the value of `conflict.strategy` to `"replace"` ↪ . Note that `tikv-importer.duplicate-resolution` and `conflict.strategy` cannot be configured at the same time, as it will result in an error.

- For versions between v7.3.0 and v7.6.0, TiDB Lightning enables the old version of conflict detection when `tikv-importer.duplicate-resolution` is not an empty string.
- For v7.2.0 and earlier versions, TiDB Lightning only supports the old version of conflict detection.

In the old version of conflict detection, TiDB Lightning offers two strategies:

- `remove` (recommended): records and removes all conflicting records from the target table to ensure a consistent state in the target TiDB.
- `none`: does not detect duplicate records. `none` has the best performance in the two strategies, but might lead to inconsistent data in the target TiDB.

Before v5.3, TiDB Lightning does not support conflict detection. If there is conflicting data, the import process fails at the checksum step. When conflict detection is enabled, if there is conflicting data, TiDB Lightning skips the checksum step (because it always fails).

Suppose an `order_line` table has the following schema:

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `order_line` (
  `ol_o_id` int NOT NULL,
  `ol_d_id` int NOT NULL,
  `ol_w_id` int NOT NULL,
  `ol_number` int NOT NULL,
  `ol_i_id` int NOT NULL,
  `ol_supply_w_id` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `ol_delivery_d` datetime DEFAULT NULL,
  `ol_quantity` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `ol_amount` decimal(6,2) DEFAULT NULL,
  `ol_dist_info` char(24) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`ol_w_id`,`ol_d_id`,`ol_o_id`,`ol_number`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;
```

If Lightning detects conflicting data during the import, you can query the `lightning_` ↪ `task_info.conflict_error_v3` table as follows:

```
mysql> select table_name,index_name,key_data,row_data from conflict_error_
    ↪ v3 limit 10;
+--
    ↪ ------------------+------------+----------+-----------------------------------
    ↪
```

```
| table_name       | index_name | key_data | row_data
   ↪                                                        |
+--
   ↪ -------------------+------------+----------+-----------------------------------
   ↪
| `tpcc`.`order_line` | PRIMARY | 21829216 | (2677, 10, 10, 11, 75656, 10,
   ↪ NULL, 5, 5831.97, "HT5DN3EVb6kWTd4L37bsbogj") |
| `tpcc`.`order_line` | PRIMARY | 49931672 | (2677, 10, 10, 11, 75656, 10,
   ↪ NULL, 5, 5831.97, "HT5DN3EVb6kWTd4L37bsbogj") |
| `tpcc`.`order_line` | PRIMARY | 21829217 | (2677, 10, 10, 12, 76007, 10,
   ↪ NULL, 5, 9644.36, "bHuVoRfidQ0q2rJ6ZC9Hd12E") |
| `tpcc`.`order_line` | PRIMARY | 49931673 | (2677, 10, 10, 12, 76007, 10,
   ↪ NULL, 5, 9644.36, "bHuVoRfidQ0q2rJ6ZC9Hd12E") |
| `tpcc`.`order_line` | PRIMARY | 21829218 | (2677, 10, 10, 13, 85618, 10,
   ↪ NULL, 5, 7427.98, "t3rsesgi9rVAKi9tf6an5Rpv") |
| `tpcc`.`order_line` | PRIMARY | 49931674 | (2677, 10, 10, 13, 85618, 10,
   ↪ NULL, 5, 7427.98, "t3rsesgi9rVAKi9tf6an5Rpv") |
| `tpcc`.`order_line` | PRIMARY | 21829219 | (2677, 10, 10, 14, 15873, 10,
   ↪ NULL, 5, 133.21, "z1vH0e31tQydJGhfNYNa4ScD") |
| `tpcc`.`order_line` | PRIMARY | 49931675 | (2677, 10, 10, 14, 15873, 10,
   ↪ NULL, 5, 133.21, "z1vH0e31tQydJGhfNYNa4ScD") |
| `tpcc`.`order_line` | PRIMARY | 21829220 | (2678, 10, 10, 1, 44644, 10,
   ↪ NULL, 5, 8463.76, "TWKJBt5iJA4eF7FIVxnugNmz") |
| `tpcc`.`order_line` | PRIMARY | 49931676 | (2678, 10, 10, 1, 44644, 10,
   ↪ NULL, 5, 8463.76, "TWKJBt5iJA4eF7FIVxnugNmz") |
+--
   ↪ -------------------+------------+-----------------------------------------------
   ↪
10 rows in set (0.14 sec)
```

You can manually identify the records that need to be retained and insert these records into the table.

13.7.8.2.3 Scope of pausing scheduling during import

Starting from v6.2.0, TiDB Lightning implements a mechanism to limit the impact of data import on online applications. With the new mechanism, TiDB Lightning does not pause the global scheduling, but only pauses scheduling for the Region that stores the target table data. This significantly reduces the impact of the import on online applications.

Starting from v7.1.0, you can control the scope of pausing scheduling by using the TiDB Lightning parameter `pause-pd-scheduler-scope`. The default value is `"table"`, which means that the scheduling is paused only for the Region that stores the target table data. When there is no business traffic in the cluster, it is recommended to set this parameter to `"global"` to avoid interference from other scheduling during the import.

TiDB Lightning does not support importing data into a table that already contains data.

The TiDB cluster must be v6.1.0 or later versions. For earlier versions, TiDB Lightning keeps the old behavior, which pauses scheduling globally and severely impacts the online application during the import.

By default, TiDB Lightning pauses the cluster scheduling for the minimum range possible. However, under the default configuration, the cluster performance still might be affected by fast import. To avoid this, you can configure the following options to control the import speed and other factors that might impact the cluster performance:

```
[tikv-importer]
#### Limits the bandwidth in which TiDB Lightning writes data into each TiKV
   ↪ node in the physical import mode.
store-write-bwlimit = "128MiB"

[tidb]
#### Use smaller concurrency to reduce the impact of Checksum and Analyze on
   ↪ the transaction latency.
distsql-scan-concurrency = 3
```

You can measure the impact of data import on TPCC results by simulating the online application using TPCC and importing data into a TiDB cluster using TiDB Lightning. The test result is as follows:

Concurrency	TPM	P99	P90	AVG
1	20%~30%	60%~80%	30%~50%	30%~40%
8	15%~25%	70%~80%	35%~45%	20%~35%
16	20%~25%	55%~85%	35%~40%	20%~30%
64	No significant impact			
256	No significant impact			

The percentage in the preceding table indicates the impact of data import on TPCC results.

- For the TPM column, the number indicates the percentage of TPM decrease.
- For the P99, P90, and AVG columns, the number indicates the percentage of latency increase.

The test results show that the smaller the concurrency, the larger the impact of data import on TPCC results. When the concurrency is 64 or more, the impact of data import on TPCC results is negligible.

Therefore, if your TiDB cluster has a latency-sensitive application and a low concurrency, it is strongly recommended **not** to use TiDB Lightning to import data into the cluster. This will cause a significant impact on the online application.

13.7.8.2.4 Performance tuning

The most direct and effective ways to improve import performance of the physical import mode are as follows:

- **Upgrade the hardware of the node where Lightning is deployed, especially the CPU and the storage device of `sorted-key-dir`.**
- **Use the parallel import feature to achieve horizontal scaling.**

TiDB Lightning provides some concurrency-related configurations to affect import performance in the physical import mode. However, from long-term experience, it is recommended to keep the following four configuration items in the default value. Adjusting the four configuration items does not bring significant performance boost.

```
[lightning]
#### The maximum concurrency of engine files.
#### Each table is split into one "index engine" to store indices, and
   ↪ multiple
#### "data engines" to store row data. These settings control the maximum
#### concurrent number for each type of engines.
#### The two settings controls the maximum concurrency of the two engine
   ↪ files.
index-concurrency = 2
table-concurrency = 6

#### The concurrency of data. The default value is the number of logical
   ↪ CPUs.
region-concurrency =

#### The maximum concurrency of I/O. When the concurrency is too high, the
   ↪ disk
#### cache may be frequently refreshed, causing the cache miss and read
   ↪ speed
#### to slow down. For different storage mediums, this parameter may need to
   ↪  be
#### adjusted to achieve the best performance.
io-concurrency = 5
```

During the import, each table is split into one "index engine" to store indices, and multiple "data engines" to store row data.

`index-concurrency` controls the maximum concurrency of the index engine. When you adjust `index-concurrency`, make sure that `index-concurrency * the number of ↪ source files of each table > region-concurrency` to ensure that the CPU is fully utilized. The ratio is usually between $1.5 \sim 2$. Do not set `index-concurrency` too high and not lower than 2 (default). Too high `index-concurrency` causes too many pipelines to be built, which causes the index-engine import stage to pile up.

The same goes for `table-concurrency`. Make sure that `table-concurrency * the number of source files of each table > region-concurrency` to ensure that the CPU is fully utilized. A recommended value is around `region-concurrency * 4 / the number of source files of each table` and not lower than 4.

If the table is large, Lightning will split the table into multiple batches of 100 GiB. The concurrency is controlled by `table-concurrency`.

`index-concurrency` and `table-concurrency` has little effect on the import speed. You can leave them in the default value.

`io-concurrency` controls the concurrency of file read. The default value is 5. At any given time, only 5 handles are performing read operations. Because the file read speed is usually not a bottleneck, you can leave this configuration in the default value.

After the file data is read, Lightning needs to do some post-processing, such as encoding and sorting the data locally. The concurrency of these operations is controlled by `region-concurrency`. The default value is the number of CPU cores. You can leave this configuration in the default value. It is recommended to deploy Lightning on a separate server from other components. If you must deploy Lightning together with other components, you need to lower the value of `region-concurrency` according to the load.

The num-threads configuration of TiKV can also affect the performance. For new clusters, it is recommended to set `num-threads` to the number of CPU cores.

13.7.8.2.5 Configure disk quota New in v6.2.0

When you import data in the physical import mode, TiDB Lightning creates a large number of temporary files on the local disk to encode, sort, and split the original data. When the local disk space is insufficient, TiDB Lightning reports an error and exits because of write failure.

To avoid this situation, you can configure disk quota for TiDB Lightning. When the size of the temporary files exceeds the disk quota, TiDB Lightning pauses the process of reading the source data and writing temporary files. TiDB Lightning prioritizes writing the sorted key-value pairs to TiKV. After deleting the local temporary files, TiDB Lightning continues the import process.

To enable disk quota, add the following configuration to your configuration file:

```
[tikv-importer]
#### MaxInt64 by default, which is 9223372036854775807 bytes.
disk-quota = "10GB"
backend = "local"

[cron]
#### The interval of checking disk quota. 60 seconds by default.
check-disk-quota = "30s"
```

`disk-quota` limits the storage space used by TiDB Lightning. The default value is MaxInt64, which is 9223372036854775807 bytes. This value is much larger than the disk space you might need for the import, so leaving it as the default value is equivalent to not setting the disk quota.

`check-disk-quota` is the interval of checking disk quota. The default value is 60 seconds. When TiDB Lightning checks the disk quota, it acquires an exclusive lock for the relevant data, which blocks all the import threads. Therefore, if TiDB Lightning checks the disk quota before every write, it significantly slows down the write efficiency (as slow as a single-thread write). To achieve efficient write, disk quota is not checked before every write; instead, TiDB Lightning pauses all the import threads and checks the disk quota every `check-disk-quota` interval. That is, if the value of `check-disk-quota` is set to a large value, the disk space used by TiDB Lightning might exceed the disk quota you set, which leaves the disk quota ineffective. Therefore, it is recommended to set the value of `check-disk-quota` to a small value. The specific value of this item is determined by the environment in which TiDB Lightning is running. In different environments, TiDB Lightning writes temporary files at different speeds. Theoretically, the faster the speed, the smaller the value of `check-disk-quota` should be.

13.7.9 Logical Import Mode

13.7.9.1 Logical Import Mode Introduction

The logical import mode is one of the two import modes supported by TiDB Lightning. In the logical import mode, TiDB Lightning first encodes data into SQL statements and then runs the SQL statements to import data.

If your TiDB cluster already contains data and provides service for external applications, it is recommended to import data in the logical import mode. The behavior of the logical import mode is the same as executing normal SQL statements, and thus it guarantees ACID compliance.

The backend for the logical import mode is `tidb`.

13.7.9.1.1 Environment requirements

Operating system:

It is recommended to use fresh CentOS 7 instances. You can deploy a virtual machine either on your local host or in the cloud. Because TiDB Lightning consumes as much CPU resources as needed by default, it is recommended that you deploy it on a dedicated server. If this is not possible, you can deploy it on a single server together with other TiDB components (for example, tikv-server) and then configure `region-concurrency` to limit the CPU usage from TiDB Lightning. Usually, you can configure the size to 75% of the logical CPU.

Memory and CPU:

It is recommended that you allocate CPU more than 4 cores and memory greater than 8 GiB to get better performance. It is verified that TiDB Lightning does not have significant

memory usage (no more than 5 GiB) in the logical import mode. However, if you increase the value of `region-concurrency`, TiDB Lightning might consume more memory.

Network: A 1 Gbps or 10 Gbps Ethernet card is recommended.

13.7.9.1.2 Limitations

When you use multiple TiDB Lightning to import data to the same target, do not mix the backends. That is, do not use the physical import mode and the logical import mode to import data to a single TiDB cluster at the same time.

13.7.9.2 Use Logical Import Mode

This document introduces how to use the logical import mode in TiDB Lightning, including writing the configuration file and tuning performance.

13.7.9.2.1 Configure and use the logical import mode

You can use the logical import mode via the following configuration file to import data:

```
[lightning]
#### log
level = "info"
file = "tidb-lightning.log"
max-size = 128 # MB
max-days = 28
max-backups = 14

#### Checks the cluster minimum requirements before start.
check-requirements = true

[mydumper]
#### The local data source directory or the URI of the external storage. For
   ↪  more information about the URI of the external storage, see https://
   ↪ docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v6.6/backup-and-restore-storages#uri-format.
data-source-dir = "/data/my_database"

[tikv-importer]
#### Import mode. "tidb" means using the logical import mode.
backend = "tidb"

[tidb]
#### The information of the target cluster. The address of any tidb-server
   ↪ from the cluster.
host = "172.16.31.1"
port = 4000
user = "root"
```

```
#### Configure the password to connect to TiDB. Either plaintext or Base64
    ↪ encoded.
password = ""
#### tidb-lightning imports the TiDB library, and generates some logs.
#### Set the log level of the TiDB library.
log-level = "error"
```

For the complete configuration file, refer to TiDB Lightning Configuration.

13.7.9.2.2 Conflict detection

Conflicting data refers to two or more records with the same data in the PK or UK column. In the logical import mode, you can configure the strategy for handling conflicting data by setting the `conflict.strategy` configuration item. Based on the strategy, TiDB Lightning imports data with different SQL statements.

Strategy	Default behavior of conflicting data	The corresponding SQL statement
" ↪ `replace` ↪ " ↪	Replacing existing data with new data.	`REPLACE` ↪ ↪ `INTO` ↪ ↪ `...` ↪

Strategy	Default behavior of conflicting data	The corresponding SQL statement
`"` ↪ `ignore` ↪ `"` ↪	Keeping existing data and ignoring new data.	If `conflict` ↪ `.` ↪ `threshold` ↪ is greater than 0, `INSERT` ↪ ↪ `INTO` ↪ is used; if `conflict` ↪ `.` ↪ `threshold` ↪ is 0, `INSERT` ↪ ↪ `IGNORE` ↪ ↪ `INTO` ↪ ↪ `...` ↪ is used

Strategy	Default behavior of conflicting data	The corresponding SQL statement
`"` ↪ `error` ↪ `"` ↪	Terminating the import when conflicting data is detected.	`INSERT` ↪ ↪ `INTO` ↪ ↪ `...` ↪
`""`	Converted to `"` ↪ `error` ↪ `"` ↪ , which means terminating the import when conflicting data is detected.	None

When the strategy is `"error"`, errors caused by conflicting data directly terminate the import task. When the strategy is `"replace"` or `"ignore"`, you can control the maximum tolerant conflicts by configuring `conflict.threshold`. The default value is `10000`, which means that 10000 errors are tolerant.

When the strategy is `"ignore"`, conflicting data is recorded in the downstream `conflict_records` table. For further details, see Error report. Before v8.1.0, you can limit the records by configuring `conflict.max-record-rows`, and conflicting data that exceeds the limit is skipped and not recorded. Starting from v8.1.0, you need to configure `conflict.threshold` instead, because TiDB Lightning automatically assigns the value of `max-record-rows` with the value of `threshold`, regardless of the user input.

13.7.9.2.3 Performance tuning

- In the logical import mode, the performance of TiDB Lightning largely depends on the write performance of the target TiDB cluster. If the cluster hits a performance bottleneck, refer to Highly Concurrent Write Best Practices.
- If the target TiDB cluster does not hit a write bottleneck, consider increasing the value of `region-concurrency` in TiDB Lightning configuration. The default value of `region-concurrency` is the number of CPU cores. The meaning of `region-concurrency` is different between the physical import mode and the logical import mode. In the logical import mode, `region-concurrency` is the write concurrency.

  Example configuration:

  ```
  [lightning]
  region-concurrency = 32
  ```

- Adjusting the `raftstore.apply-pool-size` and `raftstore.store-pool-size` configuration items in the target TiDB cluster might improve the import speed.

13.7.10 TiDB Lightning Prechecks

Starting from TiDB 5.3.0, TiDB Lightning provides the ability to check the configuration before running a migration task. It is enabled by default. This feature automatically performs some routine checks for disk space and execution configuration. The main purpose is to ensure that the whole subsequent import process goes smoothly.

The following table describes each check item and detailed explanation.

Check Items	Supported Version	Description
Cluster version and status	>= 5.3.0	Check whether the cluster can be connected in the configuration, and whether the TiKV/PD/TiFlash version supports the physical import mode.

Check Items	Supported Version	Description
Permissions	>= 5.3.0	When the data source is cloud storage (Amazon S3), check whether TiDB Lightning has the necessary permissions and make sure that the import will not fail due to lack of permissions.

Check Items	Supported Version	Description
Disk space	>= 5.3.0	Check whether there is enough space on the local disk and on the TiKV cluster for importing data. TiDB Lightning samples the data sources and estimates the percentage of the index size from the sample result.

Check Items	Supported Version	Description
Region distribution status	>= 5.3.0	Check whether the Regions in the TiKV cluster are distributed evenly and whether there are too many empty Regions. If the number of empty Regions exceeds max(1000, number of tables * 3), i.e. greater than the bigger one of "1000"

Check Items	Supported Version	Description
Exceedingly Large CSV files in the data file	>= 5.3.0	When there are CSV files larger than 10 GiB in the backup file and auto-slicing is not enabled (Strict-Format=false), it will impact the import performance. The purpose of this check is to remind you to ensure the

Check Items	Supported Version	Description
Recovery from breakpoints	>= 5.3.0	This check ensures that no changes are made to the source file or schema in the database during the breakpoint recovery process that would result in importing the wrong data.

Check Items	Supported Version	Description
Import into an existing table	>= 5.3.0	When importing into an already created table, it checks, as much as possible, whether the source file matches the existing table. Check if the number of columns matches. If the source file has column names, check if the column

Check Items	Supported Version	Description
Whether the target table is empty	>= 5.3.1	TiDB Lightning automatically exits with an error if the target table is not empty. If parallel import mode is enabled (`parallel-import = true`), this check item will be skipped.

13.7.11 Table Filter

The TiDB migration tools operate on all the databases by default, but oftentimes only a subset is needed. For example, you only want to work with the schemas in the form of `foo*` and `bar*` and nothing else.

Since TiDB 4.0, all TiDB migration tools share a common filter syntax to define subsets. This document describes how to use the table filter feature.

13.7.11.1 Usage

13.7.11.1.1 CLI

Table filters can be applied to the tools using multiple `-f` or `--filter` command line parameters. Each filter is in the form of `db.table`, where each part can be a wildcard (further explained in the next section). The following lists the example usage.

- BR:

```
tiup br backup full -f 'foo*.*' -f 'bar*.*' -s 'local:///tmp/backup'
```

```
tiup br restore full -f 'foo*.*' -f 'bar*.*' -s 'local:///tmp/backup'
```

- Dumpling:

```
tiup dumpling -f 'foo*.*' -f 'bar*.*' -P 3306 -o /tmp/data/
```

- TiDB Lightning:

```
tiup tidb-lightning -f 'foo*.*' -f 'bar*.*' -d /tmp/data/ --backend
    ↪ tidb
```

13.7.11.1.2 TOML configuration files

Table filters in TOML files are specified as array of strings. The following lists the example usage.

- TiDB Lightning:

```
[mydumper]
filter = ['foo*.*', 'bar*.*']
```

- TiCDC:

```
[filter]
rules = ['foo*.*', 'bar*.*']

[[sink.dispatchers]]
matcher = ['db1.*', 'db2.*', 'db3.*']
dispatcher = 'ts'
```

13.7.11.2 Syntax

13.7.11.2.1 Plain table names

Each table filter rule consists of a "schema pattern" and a "table pattern", separated by a dot (`.`). Tables whose fully-qualified name matches the rules are accepted.

```
db1.tbl1
db2.tbl2
db3.tbl3
```

A plain name must only consist of valid identifier characters, such as:

- digits (`0` to `9`)
- letters (`a` to `z`, `A` to `Z`)
- `$`
- `_`
- non ASCII characters (U+0080 to U+10FFFF)

All other ASCII characters are reserved. Some punctuations have special meanings, as described in the next section.

13.7.11.2.2 Wildcards

Each part of the name can be a wildcard symbol described in fnmatch(3):

- `*` — matches zero or more characters
- `?` — matches one character
- `[a-z]` — matches one character between "a" and "z" inclusively
- `[!a-z]` — matches one character except "a" to "z".

```
db[0-9].tbl[0-9a-f][0-9a-f]
data.*
*.backup_*
```

"Character" here means a Unicode code point, such as:

- U+00E9 (é) is 1 character.
- U+0065 U+0301 (é) are 2 characters.
- U+1F926 U+1F3FF U+200D U+2640 U+FE0F (🤦🏿‍♀️) are 5 characters.

13.7.11.2.3 File import

To import a file as the filter rule, include an `@` at the beginning of the rule to specify the file name. The table filter parser treats each line of the imported file as additional filter rules.

For example, if a file `config/filter.txt` has the following content:

```
employees.*
*.WorkOrder
```

the following two invocations are equivalent:

```
tiup dumpling -f '@config/filter.txt'
tiup dumpling -f 'employees.*' -f '*.WorkOrder'
```

A filter file cannot further import another file.

13.7.11.2.4 Comments and blank lines

Inside a filter file, leading and trailing white-spaces of every line are trimmed. Furthermore, blank lines (empty strings) are ignored.

A leading `#` marks a comment and is ignored. `#` not at start of line is considered syntax error.

```
### this line is a comment
db.table  # but this part is not comment and may cause error
```

13.7.11.2.5 Exclusion

An `!` at the beginning of the rule means the pattern after it is used to exclude tables from being processed. This effectively turns the filter into a block list.

```
*.*
#^ note: must add the *.* to include all tables first
!*.Password
!employees.salaries
```

13.7.11.2.6 Escape character

To turn a special character into an identifier character, precede it with a backslash `\`.

```
db\.with\.dots.*
```

For simplicity and future compatibility, the following sequences are prohibited:

- `\` at the end of the line after trimming whitespaces (use `[ ]` to match a literal whitespace at the end).
- `\` followed by any ASCII alphanumeric character (`[0-9a-zA-Z]`). In particular, C-like escape sequences like `\0`, `\r`, `\n` and `\t` currently are meaningless.

13.7.11.2.7 Quoted identifier

Besides `\`, special characters can also be suppressed by quoting using `"` or `` ` ``.

```
"db.with.dots"."tbl\1"
`db.with.dots`.`tbl\2`
```

The quotation mark can be included within an identifier by doubling itself.

```
"foo""bar".`foo``bar`
### equivalent to:
foo\"bar.foo\`bar
```

Quoted identifiers cannot span multiple lines.

It is invalid to partially quote an identifier:

```
"this is "invalid*.*
```

13.7.11.2.8 Regular expression

In case very complex rules are needed, each pattern can be written as a regular expression delimited with `/`:

```
/^db\d{2,}$/./^tbl\d{2,}$/
```

These regular expressions use the Go dialect. The pattern is matched if the identifier contains a substring matching the regular expression. For instance, `/b/` matches `db01`.

> **Note:**
>
> Every `/` in the regular expression must be escaped as `\/`, including inside `[⋯]`. You cannot place an unescaped `/` between `\Q⋯\E`.

13.7.11.3 Multiple rules

When a table name matches none of the rules in the filter list, the default behavior is to ignore such unmatched tables.

To build a block list, an explicit `*.*` must be used as the first rule, otherwise all tables will be excluded.

```
### every table will be filtered out
tiup dumpling -f '!*.Password'

### only the "Password" table is filtered out, the rest are included.
tiup dumpling -f '*.*' -f '!*.Password'
```

In a filter list, if a table name matches multiple patterns, the last match decides the outcome. For instance:

```
### rule 1
employees.*
### rule 2
!*.dep*
### rule 3
*.departments
```

The filtered outcome is as follows:

Table name	Rule 1	Rule 2	Rule 3	Outcome
irrelevant.table				Default (reject)
employees.employees				Rule 1 (accept)
employees.dept_emp				Rule 2 (reject)
employees.departments				Rule 3 (accept)
else.departments				Rule 3 (accept)

Note:

In TiDB tools, the system schemas are always excluded in the default configuration. The system schemas are:

- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA`
- `PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA`
- `METRICS_SCHEMA`
- `INSPECTION_SCHEMA`
- `mysql`
- `sys`

13.7.12 TiDB Lightning Checkpoints

Importing a large database usually takes hours or days, and if such long running processes spuriously crashes, it can be very time-wasting to redo the previously completed tasks. To solve this, TiDB Lightning uses *checkpoints* to store the import progress, so that `tidb-lightning` continues importing from where it lefts off after restarting.

This document describes how to enable, configure, store, and control *checkpoints*.

13.7.12.1 Enable and configure checkpoints

```
[checkpoint]
### Whether to enable checkpoints.
### While importing data, TiDB Lightning records which tables have been imported, so
### even if TiDB Lightning or some other component crashes, you can start from a known
### good state instead of restarting from scratch.
enable = true

### Where to store the checkpoints.
###  - file: store as a local file (requires v2.1.1 or later)
###  - mysql: store into a remote MySQL-compatible database
driver = "file"

### The schema name (database name) to store the checkpoints
### Enabled only when `driver = "mysql"`.
### schema = "tidb_lightning_checkpoint"

### The data source name (DSN) indicating the location of the checkpoint storage.
### # For the "file" driver, the DSN is a path. If the path is not specified, Lightning would
### default to "/tmp/CHECKPOINT_SCHEMA.pb".
### # For the "mysql" driver, the DSN is a URL in the form of "USER:PASS@tcp(HOST:PORT)/".
### If the URL is not specified, the TiDB server from the [tidb] section is used to
### store the checkpoints. You should specify a different MySQL-compatible
### database server to reduce the load of the target TiDB cluster.
#dsn = "/tmp/tidb_lightning_checkpoint.pb"

### Whether to keep the checkpoints after all data are imported. If false, the
### checkpoints are deleted. Keeping the checkpoints can aid debugging but
### might leak metadata about the data source.
```

```
### keep-after-success = false
```

13.7.12.2 Checkpoints storage

TiDB Lightning supports two kinds of checkpoint storage: a local file or a remote MySQL-compatible database.

- With `driver = "file"`, checkpoints are stored in a local file at the path given by the `dsn` setting. Checkpoints are updated rapidly, so we highly recommend placing the checkpoint file on a drive with very high write endurance, such as a RAM disk.
- With `driver = "mysql"`, checkpoints can be saved in any databases compatible with MySQL 5.7 or later, including MariaDB and TiDB. By default, the checkpoints are saved in the target database.

While using the target database as the checkpoints storage, Lightning is importing large amounts of data at the same time. This puts extra stress on the target database and sometimes leads to communication timeout. Therefore, **it is strongly recommended to install a temporary MySQL server to store these checkpoints**. This server can be installed on the same host as `tidb-lightning` and can be uninstalled after the importer progress is completed.

13.7.12.3 Checkpoints control

If `tidb-lightning` exits abnormally due to unrecoverable errors (for example, data corruption), it refuses to reuse the checkpoints until the errors are resolved. This is to prevent worsening the situation. The checkpoint errors can be resolved using the `tidb-lightning-ctl` program.

13.7.12.3.1 `--checkpoint-error-destroy`

```
tidb-lightning-ctl --checkpoint-error-destroy='`schema`.`table`'
```

This option allows you to restart importing the table from scratch. The schema and table names must be quoted with backquotes and are case-sensitive.

- If importing the table `` `schema`.`table` `` failed previously, this option executes the following operations:
    1. DROPs the table `` `schema`.`table` `` from the target database, which means removing all imported data.
    2. Resets the checkpoints record of this table to be "not yet started".
- If there is no errors involving the table `` `schema`.`table` ``, this operation does nothing.

It is the same as applying the above on every table. This is the most convenient, safe and conservative solution to fix the checkpoint error problem:

```
tidb-lightning-ctl --checkpoint-error-destroy=all
```

13.7.12.3.2 `--checkpoint-error-ignore`

```
tidb-lightning-ctl --checkpoint-error-ignore='`schema`.`table`'
tidb-lightning-ctl --checkpoint-error-ignore=all
```

If importing the table `` `schema`.`table` `` failed previously, this clears the error status as if nothing ever happened. The `all` variant applies this operation to all tables.

> **Note:**
>
> Use this option only when you are sure that the error can indeed be ignored. If not, some imported data can be lost. The only safety net is the final "checksum" check, and thus you need to keep the "checksum" option always enabled when using `--checkpoint-error-ignore`.

13.7.12.3.3 `--checkpoint-remove`

```
tidb-lightning-ctl --checkpoint-remove='`schema`.`table`'
tidb-lightning-ctl --checkpoint-remove=all
```

This option simply removes all checkpoint information about one table or all tables, regardless of their status.

13.7.12.3.4 `--checkpoint-dump`

```
tidb-lightning-ctl --checkpoint-dump=output/directory
```

This option dumps the content of the checkpoint into the given directory, which is mainly used for debugging by the technical staff. This option is only enabled when `driver = "mysql ↪ "`.

13.7.13 Use TiDB Lightning to Import Data in Parallel

Since v5.3.0, the physical import mode of TiDB Lightning supports the parallel import of a single table or multiple tables. By simultaneously running multiple TiDB Lightning instances, you can import data from single or multiple tables in parallel. In this way, TiDB

Lightning provides the ability to scale horizontally, which greatly reduces the time required to import large amount of data.

In technical implementation, TiDB Lightning records the meta data of each instance and the data of each imported table in the target TiDB, and coordinates the Row ID allocation range of different instances, the record of global Checksum, and the configuration changes and recovery of TiKV and PD.

You can use TiDB Lightning to import data in parallel in the following scenarios:

- Import sharded schemas and sharded tables. In this scenario, multiple tables from multiple upstream database instances are imported into the downstream TiDB database by different TiDB Lightning instances in parallel.
- Import single tables in parallel. In this scenario, single tables stored in a certain directory or cloud storage (such as Amazon S3) are imported into the downstream TiDB cluster by different TiDB Lightning instances in parallel. This is a new feature introduced in TiDB 5.3.0.

Note:

- Parallel import only supports initialized empty tables in TiDB and does not support migrating data to tables with data written by existing services. Otherwise, data inconsistencies may occur.
- Parallel import is usually used in the physical import mode. You need to configure `parallel-import = true`.
- Apply only one backend at a time when using multiple TiDB Lightning instances to import data to the same target. For example, you cannot import data to the same TiDB cluster in both the physical and logical import modes at the same time.

13.7.13.1 Considerations

To use parallel import, you need to configure `parallel-import = true`. When TiDB Lightning is started, it registers meta data in the downstream TiDB cluster and automatically detects whether there are other instances migrating data to the target cluster at the same time. If there is, it automatically enters the parallel import mode.

But when migrating data in parallel, you need to take the following into consideration:

- Handle conflicts between primary keys or unique indexes across multiple sharded tables
- Optimize import performance

13.7.13.1.1 Handle conflicts between primary keys or unique indexes

When using the physical import mode to import data in parallel, ensure that there are no primary key or unique index conflicts between data sources, and between the tables in the target TiDB cluster, and there are no data writes in the target table during import. Otherwise, TiDB Lightning will fail to guarantee the correctness of the imported data, and the target table will contain inconsistent indexes after the import is completed.

13.7.13.1.2 Optimize import performance

Because TiDB Lightning needs to upload the generated Key-Value data to the TiKV node where each copy of the corresponding Region is located, the import speed is limited by the size of the target cluster. It is recommended to ensure that the number of TiKV instances in the target TiDB cluster and the number of TiDB Lightning instances are greater than n:1 (n is the number of copies of the Region). At the same time, the following requirements should be met to achieve optimal import performance:

- Deploy each TiDB Lightning instance on a dedicated machine. Since one TiDB Lightning instance consumes all CPU resources by default, deploying multiple instances on a single machine cannot improve performance.
- The total size of source files for each TiDB Lightning instance performing parallel import should be smaller than 5 TiB
- The total number of TiDB Lightning instances should be smaller than 10.

When using TiDB Lightning to import shared databases and tables in parallel, choose an appropriate number of TiDB Lightning instances according to the amount of data.

- If the MySQL data volume is less than 2 TiB, you can use one TiDB Lightning instance for parallel import.
- If the MySQL data volume exceeds 2 TiB and the total number of MySQL instances is smaller than 10, it is recommended that you use one TiDB Lightning instance for each MySQL instance, and the number of parallel TiDB Lightning instances should not exceed 10.
- If the MySQL data volume exceeds 2 TiB and the total number of MySQL instances exceeds 10, it is recommended that you allocate 5 to 10 TiDB Lightning instances for importing the data exported by these MySQL instances.

Next, this document uses two examples to detail the operation steps of parallel import in different scenarios:

- Example 1: Use Dumpling + TiDB Lightning to import sharded databases and tables into TiDB in parallel
- Example 2: Import single tables in parallel

13.7.13.1.3 Restrictions

TiDB Lightning exclusively uses some resources when it is running. If you need to deploy multiple TiDB Lightning instances on a single machine (which is not recommended for production environments), or on a disk shared by multiple machines, be aware of the following usage restrictions.

- Set `tikv-importer.sorted-kv-dir` to a unique path for each TiDB Lightning instance. Multiple instances sharing the same path can lead to unintended behavior and may result in import failures or data errors.
- Store each TiDB Lightning checkpoint separately. For more information about checkpoint configurations, see TiDB Lightning Checkpoints.
    - If you set checkpoint.driver = "file" (default), make sure that the path to the checkpoint is unique for each instance.
    - If you set checkpoint.driver = "mysql", you need to set a unique schema for each instance.
- The log file for each TiDB Lightning should be set to a unique path. Sharing the same log file will impact log querying and troubleshooting.
- If you use the Web Interface or Debug API, you need to set `lightning.status-addr` to a unique address for each instance; otherwise, the TiDB Lightning process fails to start due to port conflict.

13.7.13.2 Example 1: Use Dumpling + TiDB Lightning to Import Sharded Databases and Tables into TiDB in Parallel

In this example, assume that the upstream is a MySQL cluster with 10 sharded tables, with a total size of 10 TiB. You can Use 5 TiDB Lightning instances to perform parallel import, and each instance imports 2 TiB. It is estimated that the total import time (excluding the time required for Dumpling export) can be reduced from about 40 hours to about 10 hours.

Assume that the upstream library is named `my_db`, and the name of each sharded table is `my_table_01` ~ `my_table_10`. You want to merge and import them into the downstream `my_db.my_table` table. The specific steps are described in the following sections.

13.7.13.2.1 Step 1: Use Dumpling to export data

Export two sharded tables on the 5 nodes where TiDB Lightning is deployed:

- If the two sharded tables are in the same MySQL instance, you can use the `--filter` ↪ parameter of Dumpling to directly export them. When using TiDB Lightning to import, you can specify `data-source-dir` as the directory where Dumpling exports data to;

- If the data of the two sharded tables are distributed on different MySQL nodes, you need to use Dumpling to separately export them. The exported data needs to be placed in the same parent directory but in different sub-directories. When using TiDB Lightning to perform parallel import, you need to specify `data-source-dir` as the parent directory.

For more information on how to use Dumpling to export data, see Dumpling.

13.7.13.2.2 Step 2: Configure TiDB Lightning data sources

Create a configuration file `tidb-lightning.toml`, and then add the following content:

```
[lightning]
status-addr = ":8289"

[mydumper]
### Specify the path for Dumpling to export data. If Dumpling performs
    ↪ several times and the data belongs to different directories, you can
    ↪ place all the exported data in the same parent directory and specify
    ↪ this parent directory here.
data-source-dir = "/path/to/source-dir"

[tikv-importer]
### Whether to allow importing data into tables that already have data. The
    ↪ default value is `false`.
### When using parallel import, because multiple TiDB Lightning instances
    ↪ import a table at the same time, this configuration item must be set
    ↪ to `true`.
parallel-import = true
### "local": The default mode. It applies to large dataset import, for
    ↪ example, greater than 1 TiB. However, during the import, downstream
    ↪ TiDB is not available to provide services.
### "tidb": You can use this mode for small dataset import, for example,
    ↪ smaller than 1 TiB. During the import, downstream TiDB is available
    ↪ to provide services.
backend = "local"

### Specify the path for local sorting data.
sorted-kv-dir = "/path/to/sorted-dir"
```

If the data source is stored in external storage such as Amazon S3 or GCS, you need to configure additional parameters for connection. You can specify parameters for such configuration. For example, the following example assumes that data is stored in Amazon S3:

```
tiup tidb-lightning --tidb-port=4000 --pd-urls=127.0.0.1:2379 --backend=
    ↪ local --sorted-kv-dir=/tmp/sorted-kvs \
    -d 's3://my-bucket/sql-backup'
```

For more parameter descriptions, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

13.7.13.2.3 Step 3: Start TiDB Lightning to import data

During parallel import, the server configuration requirements for each TiDB Lightning node are the same as the non-parallel import mode. Each TiDB Lightning node needs to consume the same resources. It is recommended to deploy them on different servers. For detailed deployment steps, see Deploy TiDB Lightning.

Start TiDB Lightning on each server in turn. If you use `nohup` to directly start it from the command line, it might exit due to the SIGHUP signal. So it is recommended to put `nohup` in the script, for example:

```
### !/bin/bash
nohup tiup tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning.toml > nohup.out &
```

During parallel import, TiDB Lightning automatically performs the following checks after starting the task.

- Check whether there is enough space on the local disk (controlled by the `sort-kv-dir` configuration) and on the TiKV cluster for importing data. To learn the required disk space, see Downstream storage space requirements and Resource requirements. TiDB Lightning samples the data sources and estimates the percentage of the index size from the sample result. Because indexes are included in the estimation, there might be cases where the size of the source data is less than the available space on the local disk, but still the check fails.
- Check whether the regions in the TiKV cluster are distributed evenly and whether there are too many empty regions. If the number of empty regions exceeds max(1000, number of tables * 3), i.e. greater than the bigger one of "1000" or "3 times the number of tables", then the import cannot be executed.
- Check whether the data is imported in order from the data sources. The size of `mydumper.batch-size` is automatically adjusted based on the result of the check. Therefore, the `mydumper.batch-size` configuration is no longer available.

You can also turn off the check and perform a forced import with the `lightning.check-requirements` configuration. For more detailed checks, see TiDB Lightning prechecks

13.7.13.2.4 Step 4: Check the import progress

After starting the import, you can check the progress in either of the following ways:

- Check the progress through the `grep` log keyword `progress`. It is updated every 5 minutes by default.

- Check the progress through the monitoring console. For details, see TiDB Lightning Monitoring.

Wait for all TiDB Lightning instances to finish, then the entire import is completed.

13.7.13.3 Example 2: Import single tables in parallel

TiDB Lightning also supports parallel import of single tables. For example, import multiple single tables stored in Amazon S3 by different TiDB Lightning instances into the downstream TiDB cluster in parallel. This method can speed up the overall import speed. When remote storages such as Amazon S3 is used, the configuration parameters of TiDB Lightning are the same as those of BR. For more details, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

> **Note:**
>
> In the local environment, you can use the `--filesize` or `--where` parameter of Dumpling to divide the data of a single table into different parts and export it to the local disks of multiple servers in advance. This way, you can still perform parallel import. The configuration is the same as Example 1.

Assuming that the source files are stored in Amazon S3, the table files are `my_db.my_table.00001.sql` ~ `my_db.my_table.10000.sql`, a total of 10,000 SQL files. If you want to use 2 TiDB Lightning instances to speed up the import, you need to add the following settings in the configuration file:

```
[[mydumper.files]]
### the db schema file
pattern = '(?i)^(?:[^/]*/)*my_db-schema-create\.sql'
schema = "my_db"
type = "schema-schema"

[[mydumper.files]]
### the table schema file
pattern = '(?i)^(?:[^/]*/)*my_db\.my_table-schema\.sql'
schema = "my_db"
table = "my_table"
type = "table-schema"

[[mydumper.files]]
### Only import 00001~05000 and ignore other files
pattern = '(?i)^(?:[^/]*/)*my_db\.my_table\.(0[0-4][0-9][0-9][0-9]|05000)\.
    ↪ sql'
```

```
schema = "my_db"
table = "my_table"
type = "sql"

[tikv-importer]
### Whether to allow importing data into tables that already have data. The
    ↪ default value is `false`.
### When using parallel import, because multiple TiDB Lightning instances
    ↪ import a table at the same time, this configuration item must be set
    ↪ to `true`.
parallel-import = true
```

You can modify the configuration of the other instance to only import the `05001 ~ 10000` data files.

For other steps, see the relevant steps in Example 1.

13.7.13.4 Handle errors

13.7.13.4.1 Some TiDB Lightning nodes exit abnormally

If one or more TiDB Lightning nodes exit abnormally during a parallel import, identify the cause based on the logged error, and handle the error according to the error type:

- If the error shows normal exit (for example, exit in response to a kill command) or termination by the operating system due to OOM, adjust the configuration and then restart the TiDB Lightning nodes.
- If the error has no impact on data accuracy, for example, network timeout, perform the following steps:
    1. Run the `checkpoint-error-ignore` command with the setting `--checkpoint-error-ignore=all` on all failed nodes to clean errors in the checkpoint source data.
    2. Restart these nodes to continue importing data from checkpoints.
- If you see errors in the log that result in data inaccuracies, such as a checksum mismatch indicating invalid data in the source file, you can perform the following steps to resolve this issue:
    1. Run the `checkpoint-error-destroy` command on all Lightning nodes, including successful nodes. This command removes the imported data from failed tables and resets the checkpoint status of these tables to "not yet started".

2. Reconfigure and import the data of failed tables by using the `filter` parameter on all TiDB Lightning nodes, including normally exiting nodes.

   When you reconfigure the Lightning parallel import task, do not include the `checkpoint-error-destroy` command in the startup script of each Lightning node. Otherwise, this command deletes shared metadata used by multiple parallel import tasks, which might cause issues during data import. For example, if a second Lightning import task is started, it will delete the metadata written by the first task, leading to abnormal data import.

13.7.13.4.2 During an import, an error "Target table is calculating checksum. Please wait until the checksum is finished and try again" is reported

Some parallel imports involve a large number of tables or tables with a small volume of data. In this case, it is possible that before one or more tasks start processing a table, other tasks of this table have finished and data checksum is in progress. At this time, an error `Target table is calculating checksum. Please wait until the checksum is finished and try again` is reported. In this case, you can wait for the completion of checksum and then restart the failed tasks. The error disappears and data accuracy is not affected.

13.7.14 TiDB Lightning Error Resolution

Starting from v5.4.0, you can configure TiDB Lightning to skip errors like invalid type conversion and unique key conflicts, and to continue the data processing as if those wrong row data does not exist. A report will be generated for you to read and manually fix errors afterward. This is ideal for importing from a slightly dirty data source, where locating the errors manually is difficult and restarting TiDB Lightning on every encounter is costly.

This document introduces TiDB Lightning error types, how to query the errors, and provides an example. The following configuration items are involved:

- `lightning.max-error`: the tolerance threshold of type error
- `conflict.strategy`, `conflict.threshold`, and `conflict.max-record-rows`: configurations related to conflicting data
- `tikv-importer.duplicate-resolution` (deprecated in v8.0.0 and will be removed in a future release): the conflict handling configuration that can only be used in the physical import mode
- `lightning.task-info-schema-name`: the database where conflicting data is stored when TiDB Lightning detects conflicts

For more information, see TiDB Lightning (Task).

13.7.14.1 Type error

You can use the `lightning.max-error` configuration to increase the tolerance of errors related to data types. If this configuration is set to *N*, TiDB Lightning allows and skips up to *N* type errors from the data source before it exists. The default value `0` means that no error is allowed.

These errors are recorded in a database. After the import is completed, you can view the errors in the database and process them manually. For more information, see Error Report.

```
[lightning]
max-error = 0
```

The above configuration covers the following errors:

- Invalid values (example: set `'Text'` to an INT column).
- Numeric overflow (example: set `500` to a TINYINT column)
- String overflow (example: set `'Very Long Text'` to a VARCHAR(5) column).
- Zero date-time (namely `'0000-00-00'` and `'2021-12-00'`).
- Set NULL to a NOT NULL column.
- Failed to evaluate a generated column expression.
- Column count mismatch. The number of values in the row does not match the number of columns of the table.
- Any other SQL errors.

The following errors are always fatal, and cannot be skipped by changing `lightning.max-error`:

- Syntax error (such as unclosed quotation marks) in the original CSV, SQL or Parquet file.
- I/O, network or system permission errors.

13.7.14.2 Conflict errors

You can use the `conflict.threshold` configuration item to increase the tolerance of errors related to data conflict. If this configuration item is set to *N*, TiDB Lightning allows and skips up to *N* conflict errors from the data source before it exits. The default value is `10000`, which means that 10000 errors are tolerant.

These errors are recorded in a table. After the import is completed, you can view the errors in the database and process them manually. For more information, see Error Report

13.7.14.3 Error report

If TiDB Lightning encounters errors during the import, it outputs a statistics summary about these errors in both your terminal and the log file when it exits.

- The error report in the terminal is similar to the following table:

#	ERROR TYPE	ERROR COUNT	ERROR DATA TABLE
1	Data Type	1000	`lightning_task_info.type_error_v1`

- The error report in the TiDB Lightning log file is as follows:

```
[2022/03/13 05:33:57.736 +08:00] [WARN] [errormanager.go:459] ["Detect
    ↪ 1000 data type errors in total, please refer to table `lightning_
    ↪ task_info`.`type_error_v1` for more details"]
```

All errors are written to tables in the `lightning_task_info` database in the downstream TiDB cluster. After the import is completed, if the error data is collected, you can view the errors in the database and process them manually.

You can change the database name by configuring `lightning.task-info-schema-name`.

```
[lightning]
task-info-schema-name = 'lightning_task_info'
```

TiDB Lightning creates three tables and one view in this database:

```
CREATE TABLE type_error_v1 (
    task_id    bigint NOT NULL,
    create_time datetime(6) NOT NULL DEFAULT now(6),
    table_name varchar(261) NOT NULL,
    path       varchar(2048) NOT NULL,
    offset     bigint NOT NULL,
    error      text NOT NULL,
    row_data   text NOT NULL
);
CREATE TABLE conflict_error_v3 (
    task_id    bigint NOT NULL,
    create_time datetime(6) NOT NULL DEFAULT now(6),
    table_name varchar(261) NOT NULL,
    index_name varchar(128) NOT NULL,
    key_data   text NOT NULL,
    row_data   text NOT NULL,
    raw_key    mediumblob NOT NULL,
    raw_value  mediumblob NOT NULL,
    raw_handle mediumblob NOT NULL,
    raw_row    mediumblob NOT NULL,
    kv_type    tinyint NOT NULL,
    INDEX (task_id, table_name),
    INDEX (index_name),
    INDEX (table_name, index_name),
    INDEX (kv_type)
```

```
);
CREATE TABLE conflict_records (
    task_id    bigint NOT NULL,
    create_time datetime(6) NOT NULL DEFAULT now(6),
    table_name varchar(261) NOT NULL,
    path       varchar(2048) NOT NULL,
    offset     bigint NOT NULL,
    error      text NOT NULL,
    row_id     bigint NOT NULL COMMENT 'the row id of the conflicted row',
    row_data   text NOT NULL COMMENT 'the row data of the conflicted row',
    KEY (task_id, table_name)
);
CREATE VIEW conflict_view AS
    SELECT 0 AS is_precheck_conflict, task_id, create_time, table_name,
        ↪ index_name, key_data, row_data, raw_key, raw_value, raw_handle,
        ↪ raw_row, kv_type, NULL AS path, NULL AS offset, NULL AS error,
        ↪ NULL AS row_id
    FROM conflict_error_v3
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 1 AS is_precheck_conflict, task_id, create_time, table_name,
        ↪ NULL AS index_name, NULL AS key_data, row_data, NULL AS raw_key,
        ↪ NULL AS raw_value, NULL AS raw_handle, NULL AS raw_row, NULL AS
        ↪ kv_type, path, offset, error, row_id
    FROM conflict_records;
```

The `type_error_v1` table records all type errors managed by `lightning.max-error`. Each error corresponds to one row.

The `conflict_error_v3` table records conflicts detected during postprocess conflict detection, managed by the `conflict` configuration group in the physical import mode. Each pair of conflicts corresponds to two rows.

The `conflict_records` table records conflicts detected during pre-import conflict detection, managed by the `conflict` configuration group in both logical and physical import modes. Each error corresponds to one row.

The `conflict_view` view records conflicts that are detected by both pre-import and postprocess conflict detection, managed by the `conflict` configuration group in both logical and physical import modes. This view is created by performing a `UNION` operation on the `conflict_error_v3` and `conflict_records` tables.

Column	SyntaxType Conflict	Description
task_id		The TiDB Lightning task ID that generates this error
create_time		The time at which the error is recorded
table_name		The name of the table that contains the error, in the form of '`db`.`tbl`'

Column SyntaxType Conflict	Description
path	The path of the file that contains the error
offset	The byte position in the file where the error is found
error	The error message
context	The text that surrounds the error
index_name	The name of the unique key in conflict. It is `'PRIMARY'` for primary key conflicts.
key_data	The formatted key handle of the row that causes the error. The content is for human reference only, and not intended to be machine-readable.
row_data	The formatted row data that causes the error. The content is for human reference only, and not intended to be machine-readable
raw_key	The key of the conflicted KV pair
raw_value	The value of the conflicted KV pair
raw_handle	The row handle of the conflicted row
raw_row	The encoded value of the conflicted row

Note:

The error report records the file offset, not line/column number which is inefficient to obtain. You can quickly jump near a byte position (using 183 as example) using the following commands:

- shell, printing the first several lines.

```
head -c 183 file.csv | tail
```

- shell, printing the next several lines:

```
tail -c +183 file.csv | head
```

- vim — `:goto 183` or `183go`

13.7.14.4 Example

In this example, a data source is prepared with some known errors.

1. Prepare the database and table schema.

```
mkdir example && cd example

echo 'CREATE SCHEMA example;' > example-schema-create.sql
```

```
echo 'CREATE TABLE t(a TINYINT PRIMARY KEY, b VARCHAR(12) NOT NULL
    ↪ UNIQUE);' > example.t-schema.sql
```

2. Prepare the data.

```
cat <<EOF > example.t.1.sql

    INSERT INTO t (a, b) VALUES
    (0, NULL),           -- column is NOT NULL
    (1, 'one'),
    (2, 'two'),
    (40, 'forty'),       -- conflicts with the other 40 below
    (54, 'fifty-four'),  -- conflicts with the other 'fifty-four' below
    (77, 'seventy-seven'), -- the string is longer than 12 characters
    (600, 'six hundred'), -- the number overflows TINYINT
    (40, 'forty'),      -- conflicts with the other 40 above
    (42, 'fifty-four');  -- conflicts with the other 'fifty-four' above

EOF
```

3. Configure TiDB Lightning to enable strict SQL mode, use the Local-backend to import data, replace duplicates, and skip up to 10 errors.

```
cat <<EOF > config.toml

    [lightning]
    max-error = 10

    [tikv-importer]
    backend = 'local'
    sorted-kv-dir = '/tmp/lightning-tmp/'

    [conflict]
    strategy = 'replace'
    [mydumper]
    data-source-dir = '.'
    [tidb]
    host = '127.0.0.1'
    port = 4000
    user = 'root'
    password = ''
    sql-mode = 'STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_ZERO_DATE'

EOF
```

4. Run TiDB Lightning. This command will exit successfully because all errors are skipped.

```
tiup tidb-lightning -c config.toml
```

5. Verify that the imported table only contains the two normal rows:

```
$ mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -e 'select * from example.t'
+---+-----+
| a | b   |
+---+-----+
| 1 | one |
| 2 | two |
+---+-----+
```

6. Check whether the `type_error_v1` table has caught the three rows involving type conversion:

```
$ mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -e 'select * from lightning_task_
   ↪ info.type_error_v1;' -E

*************************** 1. row ***************************
   task_id: 1635888701843303564
create_time: 2021-11-02 21:31:42.620090
 table_name: `example`.`t`
      path: example.t.1.sql
    offset: 46
     error: failed to cast value as varchar(12) CHARACTER SET utf8mb4
        ↪ COLLATE utf8mb4_bin for column `b` (#2): [table:1048]Column
        ↪  'b' cannot be null
  row_data: (0,NULL)

*************************** 2. row ***************************
   task_id: 1635888701843303564
create_time: 2021-11-02 21:31:42.627496
 table_name: `example`.`t`
      path: example.t.1.sql
    offset: 183
     error: failed to cast value as varchar(12) CHARACTER SET utf8mb4
        ↪ COLLATE utf8mb4_bin for column `b` (#2): [types:1406]Data
        ↪ Too Long, field len 12, data len 13
  row_data: (77,'seventy-seven')

*************************** 3. row ***************************
   task_id: 1635888701843303564
create_time: 2021-11-02 21:31:42.629929
```

```
 table_name: `example`.`t`
      path: example.t.1.sql
    offset: 253
     error: failed to cast value as tinyint for column `a` (#1): [
        ↪ types:1690]constant 600 overflows tinyint
  row_data: (600,'six hundred')
```

7. Check whether the `conflict_error_v3` table has caught the four rows that have unique/primary key conflicts:

```
$ mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -e 'select * from lightning_task_
   ↪ info.conflict_error_v3;' --binary-as-hex -E

*************************** 1. row ***************************
    task_id: 1635888701843303564
create_time: 2021-11-02 21:31:42.669601
 table_name: `example`.`t`
 index_name: PRIMARY
   key_data: 40
   row_data: (40, "forty")
    raw_key: 0x7480000000000000C15F728000000000000028
  raw_value: 0x800001000000020500666F727479
 raw_handle: 0x7480000000000000C15F728000000000000028
    raw_row: 0x800001000000020500666F727479

*************************** 2. row ***************************
    task_id: 1635888701843303564
create_time: 2021-11-02 21:31:42.674798
 table_name: `example`.`t`
 index_name: PRIMARY
   key_data: 40
   row_data: (40, "forty")
    raw_key: 0x7480000000000000C15F728000000000000028
  raw_value: 0x800001000000020600666F75727479
 raw_handle: 0x7480000000000000C15F728000000000000028
    raw_row: 0x800001000000020600666F75727479

*************************** 3. row ***************************
    task_id: 1635888701843303564
create_time: 2021-11-02 21:31:42.680332
 table_name: `example`.`t`
 index_name: b
   key_data: 54
   row_data: (54, "fifty-four")
    raw_key: 0
```

```
       ↪ x7480000000000000C15F6980000000000000010166696674792D666FFF7572000000000
       ↪
  raw_value: 0x0000000000000036
 raw_handle: 0x7480000000000000C15F728000000000000036
    raw_row: 0x800001000000020A0066696674792D666F7572

*************************** 4. row ***************************
    task_id: 1635888701843303564
create_time: 2021-11-02 21:31:42.681073
 table_name: `example`.`t`
 index_name: b
   key_data: 42
   row_data: (42, "fifty-four")
    raw_key: 0
       ↪ x7480000000000000C15F6980000000000000010166696674792D666FFF7572000000000
       ↪
  raw_value: 0x000000000000002A
 raw_handle: 0x7480000000000000C15F728000000000000002A
    raw_row: 0x800001000000020A0066696674792D666F7572
```

13.7.15 Troubleshoot TiDB Lightning

This document summarizes the common problems you might encounter when you use TiDB Lightning and their solutions.

13.7.15.1 Import speed is too slow

Normally it takes 2 minutes per thread for TiDB Lightning to import a 256 MB data file. If the speed is much slower than this, there is an error. You can check the time taken for each data file from the log mentioning `restore chunk ⋯ takes`. This can also be observed from metrics on Grafana.

There are several reasons why TiDB Lightning becomes slow:

Cause 1: `region-concurrency` is set too high, which causes thread contention and reduces performance.

1. The setting can be found from the start of the log by searching `region-concurrency`.
2. If TiDB Lightning shares the same machine with other services (for example, TiKV Importer), `region-concurrency` must be **manually** set to 75% of the total number of CPU cores.
3. If there is a quota on CPU (for example, limited by Kubernetes settings), TiDB Lightning may not be able to read this out. In this case, `region-concurrency` must also be **manually** reduced.

Cause 2: The table schema is too complex.

Every additional index introduces a new KV pair for each row. If there are N indices, the actual size to be imported would be approximately (N+1) times the size of the Dumpling output. If the indices are negligible, you may first remove them from the schema, and add them back using `CREATE INDEX` after the import is complete.

Cause 3: Each file is too large.

TiDB Lightning works the best when the data source is broken down into multiple files of size around 256 MB so that the data can be processed in parallel. If each file is too large, TiDB Lightning might not respond.

If the data source is CSV, and all CSV files have no fields containing newline control characters (U+000A and U+000D), you can turn on "strict format" to let TiDB Lightning automatically split the large files.

```
[mydumper]
strict-format = true
```

Cause 4: TiDB Lightning is too old.

Try the latest version. Maybe there is new speed improvement.

13.7.15.2 The `tidb-lightning` process suddenly quits while running in background

It is potentially caused by starting `tidb-lightning` incorrectly, which causes the system to send a SIGHUP signal to stop the `tidb-lightning` process. In this situation, `tidb-lightning.log` usually outputs the following log:

```
[2018/08/10 07:29:08.310 +08:00] [INFO] [main.go:41] ["got signal to exit"]
    ↪ [signal=hangup]
```

It is not recommended to directly use `nohup` in the command line to start `tidb-lightning`. You can start `tidb-lightning` by executing a script.

In addition, if the last log of TiDB Lightning shows that the error is "Context canceled", you need to search for the first "ERROR" level log. This "ERROR" level log is usually followed by "got signal to exit", which indicates that TiDB Lightning received an interrupt signal and then exited.

13.7.15.3 The TiDB cluster uses lots of CPU resources and runs very slowly after using TiDB Lightning

If `tidb-lightning` abnormally exited, the cluster might be stuck in the "import mode", which is not suitable for production. The current mode can be retrieved using the following command:

```
tidb-lightning-ctl --config tidb-lightning.toml --fetch-mode
```

You can force the cluster back to "normal mode" using the following command:

```
tidb-lightning-ctl --config tidb-lightning.toml --fetch-mode
```

13.7.15.4 TiDB Lightning reports an error

13.7.15.4.1 `could not find first pair, this shouldn't happen`

This error occurs possibly because the number of files opened by TiDB Lightning exceeds the system limit when TiDB Lightning reads the sorted local files. In the Linux system, you can use the `ulimit -n` command to confirm whether the value of this system limit is too small. It is recommended that you adjust this value to `1000000` (`ulimit -n 1000000`) during the import.

13.7.15.4.2 `checksum failed: checksum mismatched remote vs local`

Cause: The checksum of a table in the local data source and the remote imported database differ. This error has several deeper reasons. You can further locate the reason by checking the log that contains `checksum mismatched`.

The lines that contain `checksum mismatched` provide the information `total_kvs: x vs y`, where `x` indicates the number of key-value pairs (KV pairs) calculated by the target cluster after the import is completed, and `y` indicates the number of key-value pairs generated by the local data source.

- If `x` is greater, it means that there are more KV pairs in the target cluster.
    - It is possible that this table is not empty before the import and therefore affects the data checksum. It is also possible that TiDB Lightning has previously failed and shut down, but did not restart correctly.
- If `y` is greater, it means that there are more KV pairs in the local data source.
    - If the checksum of the target database is all 0, it means that no import has occurred. It is possible that the cluster is too busy to receive any data.
    - It is possible that the exported data contains duplicate data, such as the UNIQUE and PRIMARY KEYs with duplicate values, or that the downstream table structure is case-insensitive while the data is case-sensitive.
- Other possible reasons
    - If the data source is machine-generated and not backed up by Dumpling, make sure the data conforms to the table limits. For example, the AUTO_INCREMENT column needs to be positive and not 0.

Solutions:

1. Delete the corrupted data using `tidb-lightning-ctl`, check the table structure and the data, and restart TiDB Lightning to import the affected tables again.

```
tidb-lightning-ctl --config conf/tidb-lightning.toml --checkpoint-error
    ↪ -destroy=all
```

2. Consider using an external database to store the checkpoints (change `[checkpoint]` ↪ `dsn`) to reduce the target database's load.

3. If TiDB Lightning was improperly restarted, see also the "How to properly restart TiDB Lightning" section in the FAQ.

13.7.15.4.3 `Checkpoint for … has invalid status:` (error code)

Cause: Checkpoint is enabled, and TiDB Lightning or TiKV Importer has previously abnormally exited. To prevent accidental data corruption, TiDB Lightning will not start until the error is addressed.

The error code is an integer smaller than 25, with possible values of 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, and 21. The integer indicates the step where the unexpected exit occurs in the import process. The larger the integer is, the later step the exit occurs at.

Solutions:

If the error was caused by invalid data source, delete the imported data using `tidb-` ↪ `lightning-ctl` and start Lightning again.

```
tidb-lightning-ctl --config conf/tidb-lightning.toml --checkpoint-error-
    ↪ destroy=all
```

See the Checkpoints control section for other options.

13.7.15.4.4 `cannot guess encoding for input file, please convert to UTF-8 manually`

Cause: TiDB Lightning only recognizes the UTF-8 and GB-18030 encodings for the table schemas. This error is emitted if the file isn't in any of these encodings. It is also possible that the file has mixed encoding, such as containing a string in UTF-8 and another string in GB-18030, due to historical `ALTER TABLE` executions.

Solutions:

1. Fix the schema so that the file is entirely in either UTF-8 or GB-18030.

2. Manually `CREATE` the affected tables in the target database.

3. Set `[mydumper] character-set = "binary"` to skip the check. Note that this might introduce mojibake into the target database.

13.7.15.4.5 [sql2kv] sql encode error = [types:1292]invalid time format: '{1970 1 1 …}'

Cause: A table contains a column with the `timestamp` type, but the time value itself does not exist. This is either because of DST changes or the time value has exceeded the supported range (Jan 1, 1970 to Jan 19, 2038).

Solutions:

1. Ensure TiDB Lightning and the source database are using the same time zone.

   When executing TiDB Lightning directly, the time zone can be forced using the `$TZ` environment variable.

   ```
   # Manual deployment, and force Asia/Shanghai.
   TZ='Asia/Shanghai' bin/tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning.toml
   ```

2. Ensure the entire cluster is using the same and latest version of `tzdata` (version 2018i or above).

   On CentOS, run `yum info tzdata` to check the installed version and whether there is an update. Run `yum upgrade tzdata` to upgrade the package.

13.7.15.4.6 [Error 8025: entry too large, the max entry size is 6291456]

Cause: A single row of key-value pairs generated by TiDB Lightning exceeds the limit set by TiDB.

Solution:

- Use the `tidb_txn_entry_size_limit` system variable to dynamically increase the limit.
- Note that TiKV has a similar limit. If the data size of a single write request exceeds `raft-entry-max-size` (`8MiB` by default), TiKV refuses to process this request. When a table has a row of a large size, you need to modify both configurations.

13.7.15.4.7 Encounter rpc error: code = Unimplemented ... when TiDB Lightning switches the mode

Cause: Some node(s) in the cluster does not support `switch-mode`. For example, if the TiFlash version is earlier than `v4.0.0-rc.2`, `switch-mode` is not supported.

Solutions:

- If there are TiFlash nodes in the cluster, you can update the cluster to `v4.0.0-rc.2` or higher versions.
- Temporarily disable TiFlash if you do not want to upgrade the cluster.

13.7.15.4.8 `tidb lightning encountered error: TiDB version too old, expected '>=4.0.0', found '3.0.18'`

TiDB Lightning Local-backend only supports importing data to TiDB clusters of v4.0.0 and later versions. If you try to use Local-backend to import data to a v2.x or v3.x cluster, the above error is reported. At this time, you can modify the configuration to use Importer-backend or TiDB-backend for data import.

Some `nightly` versions might be similar to v4.0.0-beta.2. These `nightly` versions of TiDB Lightning actually support Local-backend. If you encounter this error when using a `nightly` version, you can skip the version check by setting the configuration `check-requirements = false`. Before setting this parameter, make sure that the configuration of TiDB Lightning supports the corresponding version; otherwise, the import might fail.

13.7.15.4.9 `restore table test.district failed: unknown columns in header [...]`

This error occurs usually because the CSV data file does not contain a header (the first row is not column names but data). Therefore, you need to add the following configuration to the TiDB Lightning configuration file:

```
[mydumper.csv]
header = false
```

13.7.15.4.10 `Unknown character set`

TiDB does not support all MySQL character sets. Therefore, TiDB Lightning reports this error if an unsupported character set is used when creating the table schema during an import. To bypass this error, you can create the table schema in the downstream in advance using the character sets supported by TiDB according to the specific data.

13.7.15.4.11 `invalid compression type ...`

- TiDB Lightning v6.4.0 and later versions only support the following compressed data files: `gzip`, `snappy`, and `zstd`. Other types of compressed files cause errors. If an unsupported compressed file exists in the directory where the source data file is stored, this will cause the task to report an error. You can move those unsupported files out of the import data directory to avoid such errors. For more details, see Compressed files.

> **Note:**
>
> The Snappy compressed file must be in the official Snappy format. Other variants of Snappy compression are not supported.

13.7.15.5 TiDB Lightning Configuration

This document provides samples for global configuration and task configuration, and describes the usage of command-line parameters. You can find a sample configuration file in `lightning/tidb-lightning.toml`.

TiDB Lightning has two configuration classes: "global" and "task", and they have compatible structures. Their distinction arises only when the server mode is enabled. When server mode is disabled (the default), TiDB Lightning will only execute one task, and the same configuration file is used for both global and task configurations.

13.7.15.5.1 TiDB Lightning (Global)

lightning

`status-addr`

- The HTTP port for displaying the task progress on the web interface, pulling Prometheus metrics, exposing debug data, and submitting import tasks (in server mode).
- Setting it to `0` disables the port.

`server-mode`

- Sets the server mode.
- Default value: `false`
- Value options:
  - `false`: an import task starts immediately after you execute the command.
  - `true`: after you execute the command, TiDB Lightning waits until you submit an import task in the web interface. For more information, see TiDB Lightning Web Interface.

`level`

- Example: `"info"`

`file`

- Example: `"tidb-lightning.log"`

`max-size`

- Example: `128`

`max-days`

- Example: `28`

`max-backups`

- Example: `14`

`enable-diagnose-logs` New in v7.3.0

- Controls whether to enable the diagnostic logs.
- Default value: `false`
- Value options:
    - `false`: only the logs related to the import are output, and the logs of other dependent components are not output.
    - `true`: logs from both the import process and other dependent components are output, and GRPC debugging is enabled, which can be used for diagnosis.

13.7.15.5.2 TiDB Lightning (Task)

lightning

`check-requirements`

- Checks whether the cluster meets the minimum requirement before starting the task, and checks whether TiKV has more than 10% free space left during running time.

`index-concurrency`

- The maximum number of index engines to be opened concurrently. Each table is split into one "index engine" to store indices, and multiple "data engines" to store row data. `index-concurrency` and `table-concurrency` settings control the maximum concurrent number for each type of engines. Generally, use the default value.

`table-concurrency`

- The maximum number of data engines to be opened concurrently. Each table is split into one "index engine" to store indices, and multiple "data engines" to store row data. `index-concurrency` and `table-concurrency` settings control the maximum concurrent number for each type of engines. Generally, use the default value.

`region-concurrency`

- The concurrency number of data. When deploying together with other components, you can set it to 75% of the size of logical CPU cores to limit the CPU usage.
- Default value: the number of logical CPU cores

`io-concurrency`

- The maximum I/O concurrency. Excessive I/O concurrency causes an increase in I/O latency because the disk's internal buffer is frequently refreshed, which causes the cache miss and slows down the read speed. Depending on the storage medium, this value might need to be adjusted for optimal performance.

`max-error`

- The maximum number of non-fatal errors to tolerate before stopping TiDB Lightning.
- Non-fatal errors are localized to a few rows, and ignoring those rows allows the import process to continue.
- Setting this to N means that TiDB Lightning will stop as soon as possible when the (N+1)-th error is encountered.
- The skipped rows will be inserted into tables inside the `task info` schema on the target TiDB.
- Default value: `MaxInt64` bytes, that is, `9223372036854775807` bytes.

`task-info-schema-name`

- Specifies the name of the schema or database that stores TiDB Lightning execution results.
- To disable error recording, set this to an empty string.

`meta-schema-name`

- In parallel import mode, the schema name that stores the meta information for each TiDB Lightning instance in the target cluster. Configure this parameter only if parallel import is enabled.
- The value set for this parameter must be the same for each TiDB Lightning instance that participates in the same parallel import; otherwise, the correctness of the imported data cannot be ensured.
- If parallel import mode is enabled, make sure that the user used for import (for the `tidb.user` configuration) has permissions to create and access the databases corresponding to this configuration.
- TiDB Lightning removes this schema after the import is completed. So do not use any existing schema name to configure this parameter.
- Default value: `"lightning_metadata"`

security

The `security` section specifies certificates and keys for TLS connections within the cluster.

`ca-path`

- Specifies the public certificate of the CA. Leave it empty if you want to disable TLS.

`cert-path`

- Specifies the public certificate of this service.

`key-path`

- Specifies the private key of this service.

checkpoint

`enable`

- Controls whether to enable checkpoints.
- While importing data, TiDB Lightning records which tables have been imported, so even if TiDB Lightning or another component crashes, you can start from a known good state instead of restarting from scratch.

`schema`

- Specifies the schema name (database name) to store the checkpoints.

`driver`

- Where to store the checkpoints.
- Value options:
  - `"file"`: store as a local file.
  - `"mysql"`: store into a remote MySQL-compatible database.

`dsn`

- The data source name (DSN) indicating the location of the checkpoint storage.
- For the `file` driver, the DSN is a path. If the path is not specified, TiDB Lightning uses the default value `/tmp/CHECKPOINT_SCHEMA.pb`.
- For the `mysql` driver, the DSN is a URL in the form of `USER:PASS@tcp(HOST:PORT)/`.

- If the URL is not specified, the TiDB server from the `[tidb]` section is used to store the checkpoints.
- It is recommended that you specify a different MySQL-compatible database server to reduce the load of the target TiDB cluster.

`keep-after-success`

- Controls whether to keep the checkpoints after all data are imported. If `false`, the checkpoints will be deleted.
- Keeping the checkpoints can aid debugging but will leak metadata about the data source.

conflict

`strategy`

- Starting from v7.3.0, a new version of strategy is introduced to handle conflicting data. Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB Lightning optimizes the conflict strategy for both physical and logical import modes.
- Default value: `""`
- Value options:
  - `""`:
    - In the physical import mode, TiDB Lightning does not detect or handle conflicting data. If the source file contains conflicting primary or unique key records, the subsequent step reports an error.
    - In the logical import mode, TiDB Lightning converts the `""` strategy to the `"error"` strategy for processing.
  - `"error"`: when detecting conflicting primary or unique key records in the imported data, TiDB Lightning terminates the import and reports an error.
  - `"replace"`: when encountering conflicting primary or unique key records, TiDB Lightning retains the latest data and overwrites the old data.
    - When you use the physical import mode, the conflicting data are recorded in the `lightning_task_info.conflict_view` view of the target TiDB cluster.
    - In the `lightning_task_info.conflict_view` view, if the `is_precheck_conflict` field for a row is `0`, it means that the conflicting data recorded in that row is detected by postprocess conflict detection; if the `is_precheck_conflict` field for a row is `1`, it means that conflicting data recorded in that row is detected by pre-import conflict detection. You can manually insert the correct records into the target table based on your application requirements.
    - Note that the target TiKV must be v5.2.0 or later versions.
  - `"ignore"`: when encountering conflicting primary or unique key records, TiDB Lightning retains the old data and ignores the new data. This option can only be used in the logical import mode.

`precheck-conflict-before-import`

- Controls whether to enable pre-import conflict detection, which checks conflicts in data before importing it to TiDB. This parameter can be used only in the physical import mode.
- In scenarios where the number of conflict records is greater than 1,000,000, it is recommended to set `precheck-conflict-before-import = true` for better performance in conflict detection.
- In other scenarios, it is recommended to disable it.
- Default value: `false`
- Value options:
    - `false`: TiDB Lightning only checks conflicts after the import.
    - `true`: TiDB Lightning checks conflicts both before and after the import.

`threshold`

- Controls the maximum number of conflict errors that can be handled when `strategy` ↪ is `"replace"` or `"ignore"`. You can set it only when `strategy` is `"replace"` or `"ignore"`.
- If you set a value larger than `10000`, the import process might experience performance degradation.
- Default value: `10000`

`max-record-rows`

- Controls the maximum number of records in the `conflict_records` table.
- Starting from v8.1.0, there is no need to configure `max-record-rows` manually, because TiDB Lightning automatically assigns the value of `max-record-rows` with the value of `threshold`, regardless of the user input.
- `max-record-rows` will be deprecated in a future release.
- In the physical import mode, if the strategy is `"replace"`, the conflict records that are overwritten are recorded.
- In the logical import mode, if the strategy is `"ignore"`, the conflict records that are ignored are recorded; if the strategy is `"replace"`, the conflict records are not recorded.
- Default value: `10000`

tikv-importer

`backend`

- Specifies the import mode of TiDB Lightning.
- Default value: `"local"`
- Value options:

- `"local"`: Physical import mode, used by default. It applies to large dataset import, for example, greater than 1 TiB. However, during the import, downstream TiDB is not available to provide services.
- `"tidb"`: Logical import mode. You can use this mode for small dataset import, for example, smaller than 1 TiB. During the import, downstream TiDB is available to provide services.

`parallel-import`

- Controls whether to enable multiple TiDB Lightning instances (in physical import mode) to import data to one or more target tables in parallel. Note that this parameter is only used in scenarios where the target table is empty.
- Default value: `false`
- Value options: `true`, `false`
- When you use parallel import mode, you must set the parameter to `true`, but the premise is that no data exists in the target table, that is, all data can only be imported by TiDB Lightning.

`duplicate-resolution`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v8.0.0, the `duplicate-resolution` parameter is deprecated and will be removed in a future release. For more information, see The old version of conflict detection.

- Controls whether to detect and resolve duplicate records (unique key conflict) in the physical import mode.
- Default value: `'none'`
- Value options:
  - `'none'`: does not detect duplicate records. If there are duplicate records in the data source, it might lead to inconsistent data in the target TiDB. If you set `duplicate-resolution = 'none'` and do not set `conflict.strategy`, TiDB Lightning will automatically assign `""` to `conflict.strategy`.
  - `'remove'`: if you set `duplicate-resolution = 'remove'` and do not set `conflict.strategy`, TiDB Lightning will automatically assign "replace" to `conflict.strategy` and enable the new version of conflict detection.

`send-kv-pairs`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v7.2.0, this parameter is deprecated and no longer takes effect after it is set. If you want to adjust the amount of data sent to TiKV in one request, use the `send-kv-size` parameter instead.

- Specifies the maximum number of KV pairs in one request when sending data to TiKV in physical import mode.

`send-kv-size` New in v7.2.0

- Specifies the maximum size of one request when sending data to TiKV in physical import mode.
- Default value: `"16K"`

`compress-kv-pairs`

- Controls whether to enable compression when sending KV pairs to TiKV in the physical import mode.
- Currently, only the Gzip compression algorithm is supported. To use this algorithm, you can fill in either `"gzip"` or `"gz"` for this parameter.
- Default value: `""`, which means the compression is not enabled.
- Value options: `""`, `"gzip"`, `"gz"`

`sorted-kv-dir`

- Specifies the directory of local KV sorting in the physical import mode. If the disk performance is low (such as in HDD), it is recommended to set the directory on a different disk from `data-source-dir` to improve import speed.

`range-concurrency`

- Specifies the concurrency that TiKV writes KV data in the physical import mode.
- When the network transmission speed between TiDB Lightning and TiKV exceeds 10 Gigabit, you can increase this value accordingly.

`store-write-bwlimit`

- Limits the bandwidth in which TiDB Lightning writes data into each TiKV node in the physical import mode.

- Default value: `0`, which means no limit.

`disk-quota`

- Specifies the disk quota for local temporary files when physical import mode is used.
- When the disk quota is insufficient, TiDB Lightning stops reading source data and writing temporary files, but prioritizes writing the already sorted key-value pairs to TiKV. After TiDB Lightning deletes the local temporary files, the import process continues.
- This option takes effect only when you set the `backend` option to `local`.
- Default value: `MaxInt64` bytes, that is, 9223372036854775807 bytes.

`add-index-by-sql`

- Specifies whether to add indexes via SQL in physical import mode.
- This mechanism is consistent with that of the historical versions. The benefit of adding indexes via SQL is that you can separately import data and import indexes, and import data more quickly. After the data is imported, even if the indexes fail to be added, it does not affect the consistency of the imported data.
- Default value: `false`
- Value options:
    - `false`: TiDB Lightning will encode both row data and index data into KV pairs and import them into TiKV together.
    - `true`: TiDB Lightning adds indexes via the `ADD INDEX` SQL statement after importing the row data.

`keyspace-name`

- When you use TiDB Lightning to import a multi-tenant TiDB cluster, use this parameter to specify the corresponding key space name.
- Default value: `""`, which means TiDB Lightning will automatically get the key space name of the corresponding tenant to import data.
- If you specify a value, the specified key space name will be used to import data.

`pause-pd-scheduler-scope` New in v7.1.0

- In Physical Import Mode, this parameter controls the scope in which TiDB Lightning stops PD scheduling.
- Default value: `"table"`
- Value options:
    - `"table"`: pause scheduling only for the Region that stores the target table data.

- `"global"`: pause global scheduling. When importing data to a cluster without any business traffic, it is recommended to set this parameter to `"global"` to avoid interference from other scheduling.

`region-split-batch-size` New in v7.1.0

- In Physical Import Mode, this parameter controls the number of Regions when splitting Regions in a batch.
- The maximum number of Regions that can be split at the same time per TiDB Lightning instance is: `region-split-batch-size * region-split-concurrency * table-concurrency`
- Default value: `4096`

`region-split-concurrency` New in v7.1.0

- In Physical Import Mode, this parameter controls the concurrency when splitting Regions.
- Default value: the number of CPU cores

`region-check-backoff-limit` New in v7.1.0

- In Physical Import Mode, this parameter controls the number of retries to wait for the Region to come online after the split and scatter operations.
- The maximum retry interval is two seconds. The number of retries will not be increased if any Region becomes online between retries.
- Default value: `1800`

`block-size` New in v7.6.0

- In Physical Import Mode, this parameter controls the I/O block size for sorting local files. When the disk IOPS is a bottleneck, you can increase this value to improve data import performance.
- The value must be greater than or equal to `1B`. Note that if you only specify a number (for example, `16`), the unit is Byte instead of KiB.
- Default value: `"16KiB"`

`logical-import-batch-size` New in v8.0.0

- In Logical Import Mode, this parameter controls the size of each SQL statement executed on the downstream TiDB server.
- It specifies the expected size of the `VALUES` part of each `INSERT` or `REPLACE` statement in a single transaction.

- This parameter is not a hard limit. The actual SQL executed might be longer or shorter, depending on the actual content imported.
- Default value: `"96KiB"`, which is optimized for import speed when TiDB Lightning is the only client of the cluster.
- Due to the implementation details of TiDB Lightning, the value is capped at 96 KiB. Setting a larger value will not take effect. You can decrease this value to reduce the stress on the cluster due to large transactions.

`logical-import-batch-rows` New in v8.0.0

- In Logical Import Mode, this parameter controls the maximum number of rows inserted per transaction.
- When you specify both `logical-import-batch-size` and `logical-import-batch-rows`, the parameter whose value reaches its threshold first will take effect.
- You can decrease this value to reduce the stress on the cluster due to large transactions.
- Default value: `65536`

`logical-import-prep-stmt`

- In Logical Import Mode, this parameter controls whether to use prepared statements and statement cache to improve performance.
- Default value: `false`

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`read-block-size`

- Specifies the block size for file reading. Keep it longer than the longest string of the data source.
- Default value: `"64KiB"`

`batch-import-ratio`

- The engine file needs to be imported sequentially. Due to parallel processing, multiple data engines will be imported at nearly the same time, and this creates a queue and wastes resources. Therefore, TiDB Lightning slightly increases the size of the first few batches to properly distribute resources.
- The scale up factor is controlled by this parameter, which expresses the ratio of duration between the "import" and "write" steps with full concurrency. This can be calculated by using the ratio (import duration/write duration) of a single table of size around 1 GiB. The exact timing can be found in the log.
- If "import" is faster, the batch size variance is smaller, and a ratio of zero means a uniform batch size.

- Range: `[0, 1)`

`data-source-dir`

- Specifies the local source data directory or the URI of the external storage. For more information about the URI of the external storage, see URI format.

`character-set`

- Specifies the character set of the schema files that contains the `CREATE TABLE` statements.
- Default value: `"auto"`
- Value options:
    - `"auto"`: automatically detects whether the schema is UTF-8 or GB-18030. An error is reported if the encoding is neither.
    - `"utf8mb4"`: the schema files must be encoded as UTF-8; otherwise, an error is reported.
    - `"gb18030"`: the schema files must be encoded as GB-18030; otherwise, an error is reported
    - `"latin1"`: the schema files use MySQL latin1 encoding, also known as Code Page 1252.
    - `"binary"`: do not try to decode the schema files

`data-character-set`

- Specifies the character set of the source data file. TiDB Lightning converts the source file from the specified character set to UTF-8 encoding when importing.
- Currently, this configuration only specifies the character set of the CSV files with the following options supported. If left blank, the default value `"binary"` is used, that is to say, Lightning does not convert the encoding.
- TiDB Lightning does not predict about the character set of the source data file and only converts the source file and import the data based on this configuration.
- If the value of this configuration is not the same as the actual encoding of the source data file, a failed import, data loss or data disorder might appear.
- Default value: `"binary"`
- Value options:
    - `"binary"`: indicates that TiDB Lightning does not convert the encoding (by default).
    - `"utf8mb4"`: indicates that the source data file uses UTF-8 encoding.
    - `"GB18030"`: indicates that the source data file uses the GB-18030 encoding.
    - `"GBK"`: the source data file uses GBK encoding (GBK encoding is an extension of the GB-2312 character set, also known as Code Page 936).

- `"latin1"`: the source data file uses MySQL latin1 encoding, also known as Code Page 1252.

`data-invalid-char-replace`

- Specifies the replacement character in case of incompatible characters during the character set conversion of the source data file.
- This configuration must not be duplicated with field separators, quote definers, and line breaks. Changing the default value might result in potential degradation of parsing performance for the source data file.
- Default value: `"\uFFFD"`, which is the "error" Rune or Unicode replacement character in UTF-8 encoding.

`strict-format`

- Specifies the input data in a strict format to speed up processing. The default value is `false` for safety instead of speed.
- Default value: `false`
- Value options: `true`, `false`
- `strict-format = true` requires that:
  - In CSV, every value cannot contain literal new lines (`U+000A` and `U+000D`, or `\r` and `\n`) even when quoted, which means new lines are strictly used to separate rows.
  - The strict format allows TiDB Lightning to quickly locate split positions of a large file for parallel processing. However, if the input data is not "strict", it might split a valid data in half and corrupt the result.

`max-region-size`

- If `strict-format` is `true`, TiDB Lightning splits large CSV files into multiple chunks to process in parallel. `max-region-size` is the maximum size of each chunk after splitting.
- Default value: `"256MiB"`

`filter`

- Only imports tables that match these wildcard rules.

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Configures how CSV files are parsed.

`separator`

- Specifies the separator between fields. It supports one or more characters.
- Default value: `','`

`delimiter`

- Specifies the quoting delimiter. Empty value means no quoting.
- Default value: `'"'`

`terminator`

- Specifies the line terminator.
- Default value: `""`, which means both `"\n"` (LF) and `"\r\n"` (CRLF) are line terminators.

`header`

- Controls whether the CSV files contain a header.
- Value options:
    - `true`: TiDB Lightning treats the first row as a table header and does not import it as data.
    - `false`: the first row is also imported as CSV data.

`header-schema-match`

- Controls whether the column names in the CSV file header are matched to those defined in the target table.
- The default value is `true`, which means that you have confirmed that the column names in the CSV header are consistent with those in the target table, so that even if the order of the columns is different between the two, TiDB Lightning can still import the data successfully by mapping the column names.
- If the column names between the CSV table header and the target table do not match (for example, some column names in the CSV table header cannot be found in the target table) but the column order is the same, set this configuration to `false`. In this scenario, TiDB Lightning will ignore the CSV header to avoid errors and import the data directly in the order of the columns in the target table. Therefore, if the columns are not in the same order, you need to manually adjust the order of the columns in the CSV file to be consistent with that in the target table before importing; otherwise data discrepancies might occur.
- Default value: `true`
- Value options: `true`, `false`

Note:

This parameter only applies if the `header` parameter is set to `true`. If `header` is set to `false`, it means that the CSV file does not contain a header, so this parameter is not relevant.

`not-null`

- Controls whether the CSV contains any NULL value.
- Value options:
  - `true`: all columns from CSV cannot be NULL.
  - `false`: CSV can contain NULL values.

`null`

- When `not-null` is `false` (that is, CSV can contain NULL), fields equal to this value will be treated as NULL.

`backslash-escape`

- Controls whether to interpret backslash escapes inside fields.

`trim-last-separator`

- Controls whether to remove it if a line ends with a separator.

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`pattern`

- Expression used for parsing AWS Aurora parquet files.
- Example: `'(?i)^(?:[^/]*/)*([a-z0-9_]+)\.([a-z0-9_]+)/(?:[^/]*/)*(?:[a-z0-9\-_.]+\.(parquet))$'`

`schema`

- Example: `'$1'`

`table`

- Example: `'$2'`

`type`

- Example: `'$3'`

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`host`

- Configuration of any TiDB server from the cluster.

`port`

- Example: `4000`

`user`

- Example: `"root"`

`password`

- Configure the password to connect to TiDB. The password can either be plaintext or Base64 encoded.

`status-port`

- Fetches the table schema information from TiDB.

`pd-addr`

- Specifies the address of any PD server from the cluster. Starting from v7.6.0, TiDB supports setting multiple PD addresses.

`log-level`

- Controls the log level of the TiDB library. TiDB Lightning imports TiDB as a library and generates some logs itself.

`build-stats-concurrency`

- Sets the TiDB session variable to speed up the Checksum and Analyze operations. For more information, see Control `ANALYZE` concurrency.

`distsql-scan-concurrency`

- Sets the TiDB session variable to speed up the Checksum and Analyze operations. For more information, see Control `ANALYZE` concurrency.
- If `checksum-via-sql` is set to `"true"`, TiDB Lightning will execute the `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE <table>` SQL statement to perform the Checksum operation on TiDB. In this case, the following parameters `distsql-scan-concurrency` and `checksum-table-concurrency` will not take effect.

`index-serial-scan-concurrency`

- Sets the TiDB session variable to speed up the Checksum and Analyze operations. For more information, see Control `ANALYZE` concurrency.

`checksum-table-concurrency`

- Sets the TiDB session variable to speed up the Checksum and `ANALYZE` operations. For more information, see Control `ANALYZE` concurrency.
- If `checksum-via-sql` is set to `"true"`, TiDB Lightning will execute the `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE <table>` SQL statement to perform the Checksum operation on TiDB. In this case, the following parameters `distsql-scan-concurrency` and `checksum-table-concurrency` will not take effect.

`sql-mode`

- Specifies the default SQL mode used to parse and execute the SQL statements.

`max-allowed-packet`

- Sets maximum packet size allowed for SQL connections.
- Set this to `0` to automatically fetch the `max_allowed_packet` variable from server on every connection.

`tls`

- Controls whether to use TLS for SQL connections.
- Value options:
    - `""`: forces TLS (the same as "cluster") if the `[tidb.security]` section is populated. Otherwise, the same as `"false"`.

- `"false"`: disables TLS.
- `"cluster"`: forces TLS and verifies the server's certificate with the CA specified in the `[tidb.security]` section.
- `"skip-verify"`: forces TLS but does not verify the server's certificate. Note that this setting is insecure.
- `"preferred"`: the same as `"skip-verify"`, but if the server does not support TLS, fall back to the unencrypted connection.

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- Specifies certificates and keys for TLS-enabled MySQL connections.
- Default value: the copy of the `security` section.

`ca-path`

- Specifies the public certificate of the CA. Set to the empty string if you want to disable TLS for SQL.

`cert-path`

- Specifies the public certificate of this service.
- Default value: the copy of `security.cert-path`.

`key-path`

- Specifies the private key of this service.
- Default value: the copy of `security.key-path`.

tidb.session-vars

Specifies other TiDB session variables.

post-restore

- In the physical import mode, when data importing is complete, TiDB Lightning can automatically perform the Checksum and `ANALYZE` operations.
- It is recommended to leave these as true in the production environment.
- The execution order: Checksum -> `ANALYZE`.
- Note that in the logical import mode, Checksum and `ANALYZE` operations are not needed, and they are always skipped in the actual operation.

`checksum`

- Specifies whether to perform `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE <table>` for each table to verify data integrity after importing.
- Default value: `"required"`. Starting from v4.0.8, the default value is changed from `"true"` to `"required"`.
- Value options:
    - `"required"`: Perform admin checksum. If checksum fails, TiDB Lightning will exit with failure.
    - `"optional"`: Perform admin checksum. If checksum fails, TiDB Lightning will report a WARN log but ignore any error.
    - `"off"`: Do not perform checksum.
- Checksum failure usually means import exception (data loss or inconsistency). It is recommended to always enable checksum.
- For backward compatibility, bool values `true` and `false` are also allowed for this field. `true` is equivalent to `required` and `false` is equivalent to `off`.

`checksum-via-sql`

- Specifies whether the `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE <table>` operation is executed via TiDB.
- Default value: `"false"`
- Value options:
    - `"false"`: the `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE <table>` command is sent to TiKV for execution via TiDB Lightning.
    - `"true"`: if you want to adjust concurrency when this value is `"true"`, you need to set the `tidb_checksum_table_concurrency` variable in TiDB.
- It is recommended that you set this value to `"true"` to make it easier to locate the problem if checksum fails.

`analyze`

- Specifies whether to perform `ANALYZE TABLE <table>` for each table after checksum is done.
- Default value: `"optional"`
- Value options: `"required"`, `"optional"`, `"off"`

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- Configures the background periodic actions.
- Supported units: h (hour), m (minute), s (second).

`switch-mode`

- Specifies the duration between which TiDB Lightning automatically refreshes the import mode status. Should be shorter than the corresponding TiKV setting.

`log-progress`

- Specifies the duration between which an import progress is printed to the log.

`check-disk-quota`

- Specifies the time interval for checking the local disk quota when you use the physical import mode.
- Default value: `"60s"`, which means 60 seconds.

13.7.15.6 TiDB Lightning Command Line Flags

You can configure TiDB Lightning either using the configuration file or in command line. This document describes the command line flags of TiDB Lightning.

13.7.15.6.1 Command line flags

`tidb-lightning`

You can configure the following parameters using `tidb-lightning`:

Parameter	Description	Corresponding configuration item
`--config <file>`	Read the global configuration from the file. If this parameter is not specified, TiDB Lightning uses the default configuration.	
`-V`	Print the program version.	

Parameter	Description	Corresponding configuration item
`-d <directory>`	Local directory or external storage URI of data files.	`mydumper.data-source-dir`
`-L <level>`	Log level: `debug`, `info`, `warn`, `error`, or `fatal`. `info` by default.	`lightning.level`
`-f <rule>`	Table filter rules. Can be specified multiple times.	`mydumper.filter`

Parameter	Description	Corresponding configuration item
`--backend <backend>`	Select an import mode. `local` refers to physical import mode; `tidb` refers to logical import mode.	`tikv-importer.backend`

Parameter	Description	Corresponding configuration item
`--log` ↪ `-` ↪ `file` ↪ `<` ↪ `file` ↪ `>`	Log file path. By default, it is `/tmp/` ↪ `lightning` ↪ `.` ↪ `log` ↪ `.{` ↪ `timestamp` ↪ `}.` If set to '-', it means that the log files will be output to stdout.	`lightning` ↪ `.` ↪ `log` ↪ `-` ↪ `file` ↪
`--` ↪ `status` ↪ `-` ↪ `addr` ↪ `<` ↪ `ip` ↪ `:` ↪ `port` ↪ `>`	Listening address of the TiDB Lightning server	`lightning` ↪ `.` ↪ `status` ↪ `-` ↪ `port` ↪

Parameter	Description	Corresponding configuration item
--pd- ↪ urls ↪ < ↪ host1 ↪ : ↪ port1 ↪ , ↪ host2 ↪ : ↪ port2 ↪ ,..., ↪ hostn ↪ : ↪ portn ↪ >	PD endpoint address. Starting from v7.6.0, TiDB supports setting multiple PD addresses.	tidb. ↪ pd ↪ - ↪ addr ↪
-- ↪ tidb ↪ - ↪ host ↪ < ↪ host ↪ >	TiDB server host	tidb. ↪ host ↪
-- ↪ tidb ↪ - ↪ port ↪ < ↪ port ↪ >	TiDB server port (default = 4000)	tidb. ↪ port ↪

Parameter	Description	Corresponding configuration item
-- ↪ tidb ↪ - ↪ status ↪ < ↪ port ↪ >	TiDB status port (default = 10080)	tidb. ↪ status ↪ - ↪ port ↪
-- ↪ tidb ↪ - ↪ user ↪ < ↪ user ↪ >	User name to connect to TiDB	tidb. ↪ user ↪
-- ↪ tidb ↪ - ↪ password ↪ < ↪ password ↪ >	Password to connect to TiDB. The password can either be plaintext or Base64 encoded.	tidb. ↪ password ↪

Parameter	Description	Corresponding configuration item
`--enable-checkpoint <bool>`	Whether to enable checkpoints (default = true)	`checkpoint.enable`
`--analyze <level>`	Analyze tables after importing. Available values are "required", "optional" (default value), and "off".	`post-restore.analyze`

Parameter	Description	Corresponding configuration item
`--checksum <level>`	Compare checksum after importing. Available values are "required" (default value), "optional", and "off".	`post-restore.checksum`

Parameter	Description	Corresponding configuration item
`--check-requirements bool`	Check cluster version compatibility before starting the task, and check whether TiKV has more than 10% free space left during running time. (default = true)	`lightning.check-requirements`

Parameter	Description	Corresponding configuration item
`--ca` ↪ `<` ↪ `file` ↪ `>`	CA certificate path for TLS connection	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `ca` ↪ `-` ↪ `path` ↪
`--` ↪ `cert` ↪ `<` ↪ `file` ↪ `>`	Certificate path for TLS connection	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `cert` ↪ `-` ↪ `path` ↪
`--key` ↪ `<` ↪ `file` ↪ `>`	Private key path for TLS connection	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `key` ↪ `-` ↪ `path` ↪
`--` ↪ `server` ↪ `-` ↪ `mode` ↪	Start TiDB Lightning in server mode	`lightning` ↪ `.` ↪ `server` ↪ `-` ↪ `mode` ↪

If you specify both a command line parameter and the corresponding setting in the configuration file, the command line parameter takes precedence. For example, running `tiup tidb ↪ -lightning -L debug --config cfg.toml` would always set the log level to "debug" regardless of the content of `cfg.toml`.

13.7.15.6.2 `tidb-lightning-ctl`

All parameters of `tidb-lightning` apply to `tidb-lightning-ctl`. In addition, you can also configure the following parameters using `tidb-lightning-ctl`:

Parameter	Description
`--compact`	Perform a full compaction.
`--switch-mode <mode>`	Switch every TiKV store to the given mode: normal or import.
`--fetch-mode`	Print the current mode of every TiKV store.
`--import-engine <uuid>`	Import the closed engine file from TiKV Importer into the TiKV cluster.

Parameter	Description
-- ↪ cleanup ↪ - ↪ engine ↪ < ↪ uuid ↪ >	Delete the engine file from TiKV Importer.
-- ↪ checkpoint ↪ - ↪ dump ↪ < ↪ folder ↪ >	Dump current checkpoint as CSVs into the folder.
-- ↪ checkpoint ↪ - ↪ error ↪ - ↪ destroy ↪ < ↪ table ↪ _ ↪ name ↪ >	Remove the checkpoint. If it causes an error, drop the table.
-- ↪ checkpoint ↪ - ↪ error ↪ - ↪ ignore ↪ < ↪ table ↪ _ ↪ name ↪ >	Ignore any error recorded in the checkpoint involving the given table.

Parameter	Description
`--checkpoint-remove <table_name>`	Unconditionally remove the checkpoint of the table.

The `<table_name>` must either be a qualified table name in the form `` `db`.`tbl` `` (including the backquotes), or the keyword `all`.

13.7.15.7 TiDB Lightning Monitoring

`tidb-lightning` supports metrics collection via Prometheus. This document introduces the monitor configuration and monitoring metrics of TiDB Lightning.

13.7.15.7.1 Monitor configuration

If TiDB Lightning is manually installed, follow the instructions below.

The metrics of `tidb-lightning` can be gathered directly by Prometheus as long as it is discovered. You can set the metrics port in `tidb-lightning.toml`:

```
[lightning]
#### HTTP port for debugging and Prometheus metrics pulling (0 to disable)
pprof-port = 8289

...
```

You need to configure Prometheus to make it discover the servers. For instance, you can directly add the server address to the `scrape_configs` section:

```
...
scrape_configs:
  - job_name: 'tidb-lightning'
    static_configs:
      - targets: ['192.168.20.10:8289']
```

13.7.15.7.2 Grafana dashboard

Grafana is a web interface to visualize Prometheus metrics as dashboards.

Row 1: Speed

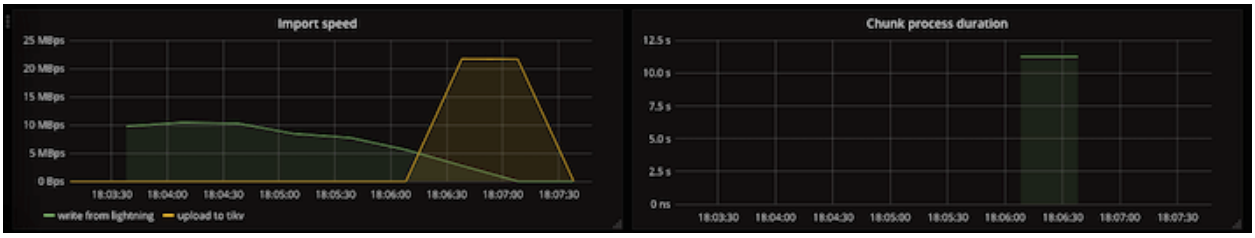

Figure 517: Panels in first row

Panel	Series	Description
Import speed	write from TiDB Lightning	Speed of sending KVs from TiDB Lightning to TiKV Importer, which depends on each table's complexity
Import speed	upload to tikv	Total upload speed from TiKV Importer to all TiKV replicas

Panel	Series	Description
Chunk process duration		Average time needed to completely encode one single data file

Sometimes the import speed will drop to zero allowing other parts to catch up. This is normal.

Row 2: Progress

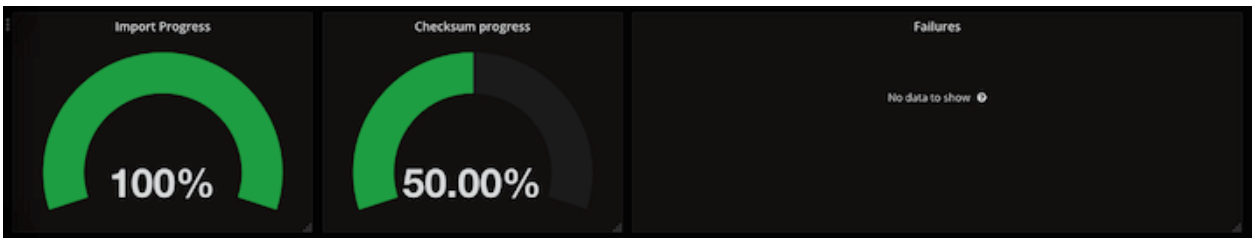

Figure 518: Panels in second row

Panel	Description
Import progress	Percentage of data files encoded so far
Checksum progress	Percentage of tables are verified to be imported successfully
Failures	Number of failed tables and their point of failure, normally empty

Row 3: Resource

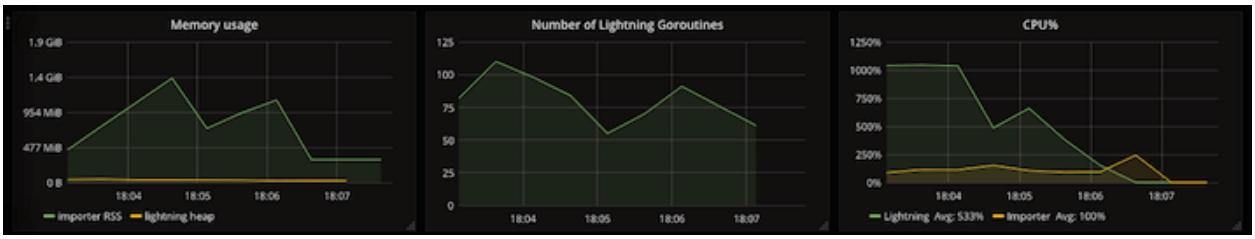

Figure 519: Panels in third row

Panel	Description
Memory usage	Amount of memory occupied by each service
Number of TiDB Lightning Goroutines	Number of running goroutines used by TiDB Lightning
CPU%	Number of logical CPU cores utilized by each service

Row 4: Quota

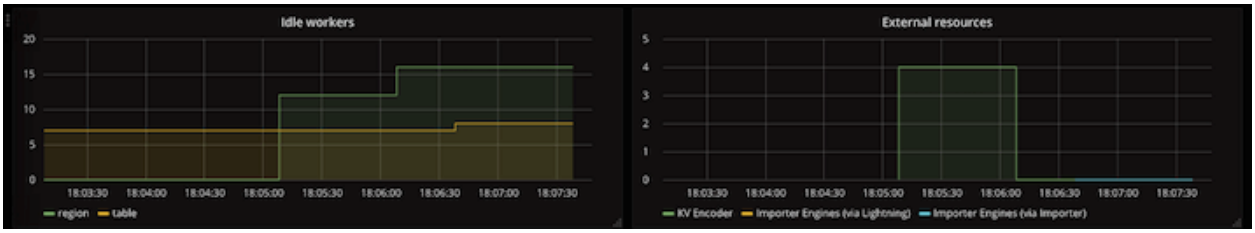

Figure 520: Panels in fourth row

Panel	Series	Description
Idle workers	io	Number of unused `io-concurrency`, normally close to configured value (default 5), and close to 0 means the disk is too slow

Panel	Series	Description
Idle workers	closed-engine	Number of engines which is closed but not yet cleaned up, normally close to index + table-concurrency (default 8), and close to 0 means TiDB Lightning is faster than TiKV Importer, which will cause TiDB Lightning to stall

Panel	Series	Description
Idle workers	table	Number of unused `table-concurrency`, normally 0 until the end of process
Idle workers	index	Number of unused `index-concurrency`, normally 0 until the end of process
Idle workers	region	Number of unused `region-concurrency`, normally 0 until the end of process

Panel	Series	Description
External resources	KV Encoder	Counts active KV encoders, normally the same as `region` ↪ - ↪ `concurrency` ↪ until the end of process
External resources	Importer Engines	Counts opened engine files, should never exceed the `max-` ↪ `open` ↪ - ↪ `engines` ↪ setting

Row 5: Read speed

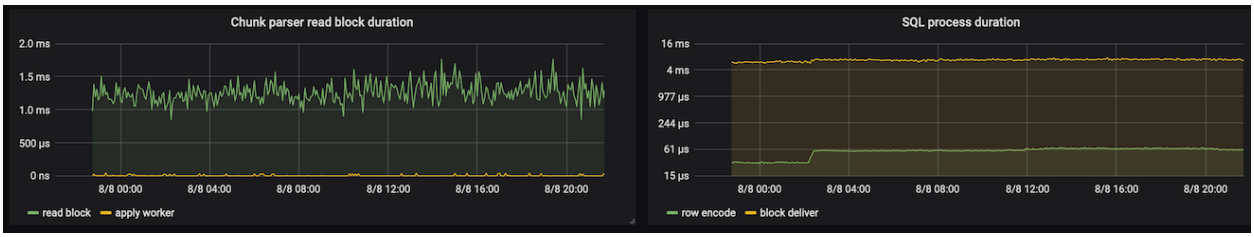

Figure 521: Panels in fifth row

Panel	Series	Description
Chunk parser read block duration	read block	Time taken to read one block of bytes to prepare for parsing
Chunk parser read block duration	apply worker	Time elapsed to wait for an idle io-concurrency
SQL process duration	row encode	Time taken to parse and encode a single row
SQL process duration	block deliver	Time taken to send a block of KV pairs to TiKV Importer

If any of the duration is too high, it indicates that the disk used by TiDB Lightning is too slow or busy with I/O.

Row 6: Storage

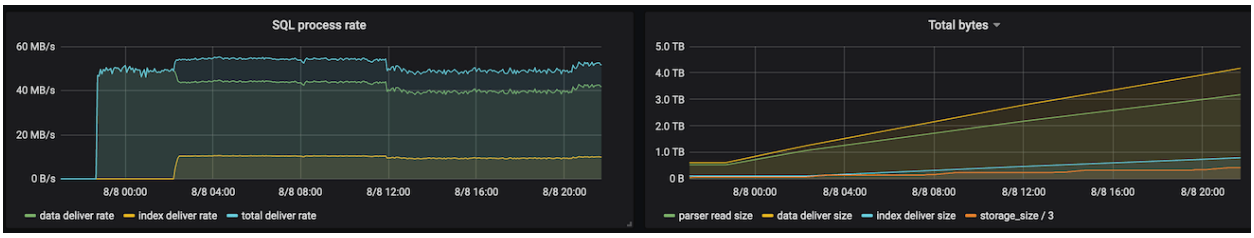

Figure 522: Panels in sixth row

Panel	Series	Description
SQL process rate	data deliver rate	Speed of delivery of data KV pairs to TiKV Importer
SQL process rate	index deliver rate	Speed of delivery of index KV pairs to TiKV Importer
SQL process rate	total deliver rate	The sum of two rates above

Panel	Series	Description
Total bytes	parser read size	Number of bytes being read by TiDB Lightning
Total bytes	data deliver size	Number of bytes of data KV pairs already delivered to TiKV Importer
Total bytes	index deliver size	Number of bytes of index KV pairs already delivered to TiKV Importer

Panel	Series	Description
Total bytes	storage_size / 3	Total size occupied by the TiKV cluster, divided by 3 (the default number of replicas)

Row 7: Import speed



Figure 523: Panels in seventh row

Panel	Series	Description
Delivery duration	Range delivery	Time taken to upload a range of KV pairs to the TiKV cluster

Panel	Series	Description
Delivery duration	SST delivery	Time taken to upload an SST file to the TiKV cluster
SST process duration	Split SST	Time taken to split the stream of KV pairs into SST files
SST process duration	SST upload	Time taken to upload an SST file
SST process duration	SST ingest	Time taken to ingest an uploaded SST file
SST process duration	SST size	File size of an SST file

13.7.15.7.3 Monitoring metrics

This section explains the monitoring metrics of `tidb-lightning`.

Metrics provided by `tidb-lightning` are listed under the namespace `lightning_*`.

- **`lightning_importer_engine`** (Counter)

  Counts open and closed engine files. Labels:

  - **type**:
    - `open`
    - `closed`

- **`lightning_idle_workers`** (Gauge)

  Counts idle workers. Labels:

  - **name**:
    - `table`: the remainder of `table-concurrency`, normally 0 until the end of the process
    - `index`: the remainder of `index-concurrency`, normally 0 until the end of the process
    - `region`: the remainder of `region-concurrency`, normally 0 until the end of the process
    - `io`: the remainder of `io-concurrency`, normally close to configured value (default 5), and close to 0 means the disk is too slow
    - `closed-engine`: number of engines which have been closed but not yet cleaned up, normally close to index + table-concurrency (default 8). A value close to 0 means TiDB Lightning is faster than TiKV Importer, which might cause TiDB Lightning to stall

- **`lightning_kv_encoder`** (Counter)

  Counts open and closed KV encoders. KV encoders are in-memory TiDB instances that convert SQL `INSERT` statements into KV pairs. The net values need to be bounded in a healthy situation. Labels:

  - **type**:
    - `open`
    - `closed`

- **`lightning_tables`** (Counter)

  Counts processed tables and their statuses. Labels:

  - **state**: the status of the table, indicating which phase should be completed
    - `pending`: not yet processed
    - `written`: all data encoded and sent
    - `closed`: all corresponding engine files closed
    - `imported`: all engine files have been imported into the target cluster
    - `altered_auto_inc`: AUTO_INCREMENT ID altered
    - `checksum`: checksum performed

    - `analyzed`: statistics analysis performed
    - `completed`: the table has been fully imported and verified
  - **result**: the result of the current phase
    - `success`: the phase completed successfully
    - `failure`: the phase failed (did not complete)

- **`lightning_engines`** (Counter)

  Counts number of engine files processed and their status. Labels:

  - **state**: the status of the engine, indicating which phase should be completed
    - `pending`: not yet processed
    - `written`: all data encoded and sent
    - `closed`: engine file closed
    - `imported`: the engine file has been imported into the target cluster
    - `completed`: the engine has been fully imported
  - **result**: the result of the current phase
    - `success`: the phase completed successfully
    - `failure`: the phase failed (did not complete)

- **`lightning_chunks`** (Counter)

  Counts number of chunks processed and their status. Labels:

  - **state**: a chunk's status, indicating which phase the chunk is in
    - `estimated`: (not a state) this value gives total number of chunks in current task
    - `pending`: loaded but not yet processed
    - `running`: data are being encoded and sent
    - `finished`: the entire chunk has been processed
    - `failed`: errors happened during processing

- **`lightning_import_seconds`** (Histogram)

  Bucketed histogram for the time needed to import a table.

- **`lightning_row_read_bytes`** (Histogram)

  Bucketed histogram for the size of a single SQL row.

- **`lightning_row_encode_seconds`** (Histogram)

  Bucketed histogram for the time needed to encode a single SQL row into KV pairs.

- **`lightning_row_kv_deliver_seconds`** (Histogram)

  Bucketed histogram for the time needed to deliver a set of KV pairs corresponding to one single SQL row.

- **`lightning_block_deliver_seconds`** (Histogram)

  Bucketed histogram for the time needed to deliver a block of KV pairs to Importer.

- **`lightning_block_deliver_bytes`** (Histogram)

  Bucketed histogram for the uncompressed size of a block of KV pairs delivered to Importer.

- **`lightning_chunk_parser_read_block_seconds`** (Histogram)

  Bucketed histogram for the time needed by the data file parser to read a block.

- **`lightning_checksum_seconds`** (Histogram)

  Bucketed histogram for the time needed to compute the checksum of a table.

- **`lightning_apply_worker_seconds`** (Histogram)

  Bucketed histogram for the time needed to acquire an idle worker (see also the `lightning_idle_workers` gauge). Labels:

  - **name**:
    - `table`
    - `index`
    - `region`
    - `io`
    - `closed-engine`

13.7.15.8 TiDB Lightning Web Interface

TiDB Lightning provides a webpage for viewing the import progress and performing some simple task management. This is called the *server mode*.

To enable server mode, either start `tidb-lightning` with the `--server-mode` flag

```
tiup tidb-lightning --server-mode --status-addr :8289
```

or set the `lightning.server-mode` setting in the configuration file.

```
[lightning]
server-mode = true
status-addr = ':8289'
```

After TiDB Lightning is launched, visit `http://127.0.0.1:8289` to control the program (the actual URL depends on the `status-addr` setting).

In server mode, TiDB Lightning does not start running immediately. Rather, users submit (multiple) *tasks* via the web interface to import data.

13.7.15.8.1 Front page

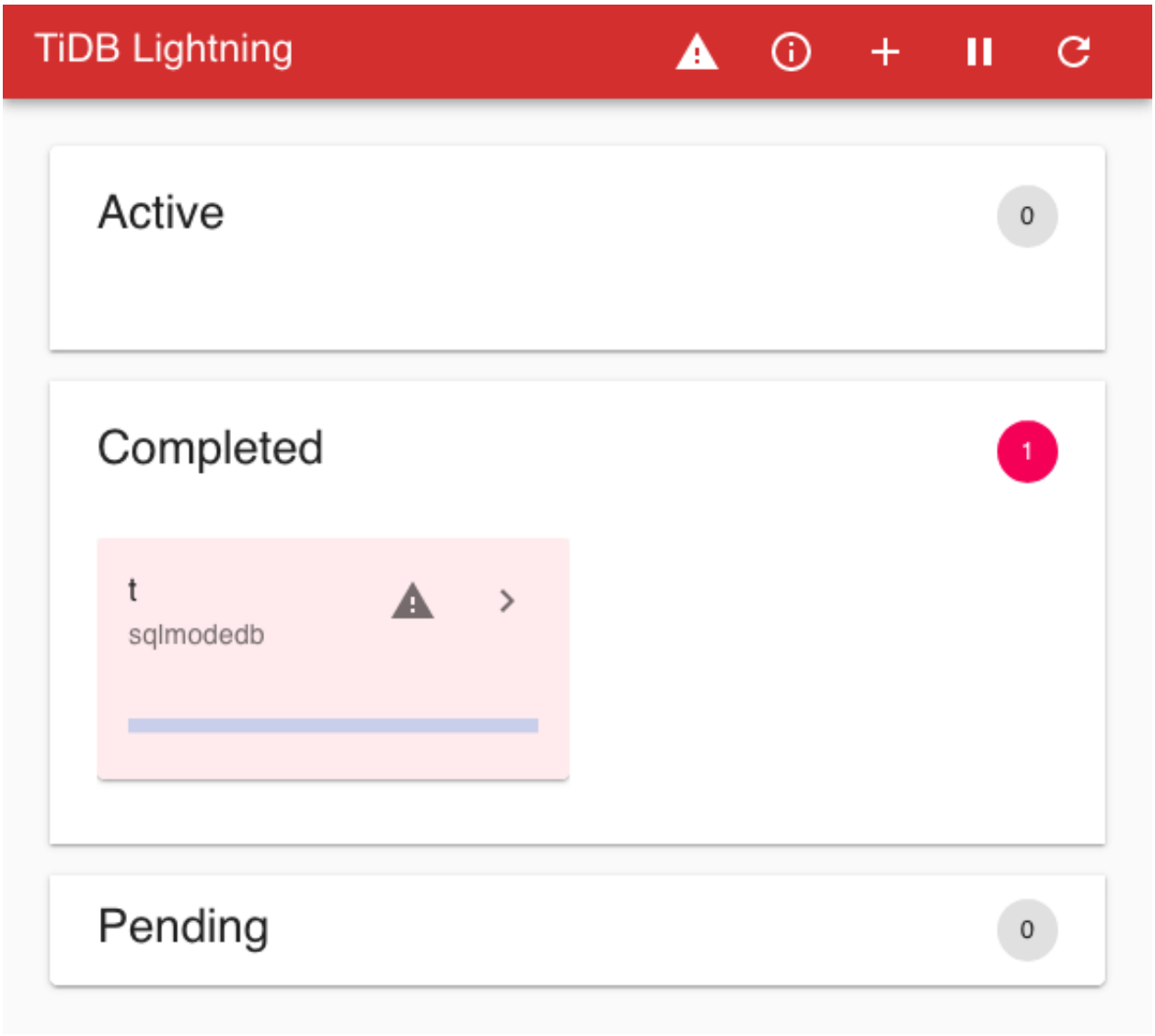

Figure 524: Front page of the web interface

Functions of the title bar, from left to right:

Icon	Function
"TiDB Lightning"	Click to go back to the front page

Icon	Function
	Display any error message from *previous* task
	List current and queued tasks; a badge may appear here to indicate number of queued tasks
+	Submit a task
/	Pause/resume current execution
	Configure auto-refresh of the web page

Three panels below the title bar show all tables in different states:

- Active: these tables are currently being imported
- Completed: these tables have been imported successfully or failed
- Pending: these tables are not yet processed

Each panel contains cards describing the status of the table.

13.7.15.8.2 Submit task

Click the + button on the title bar to submit a task.

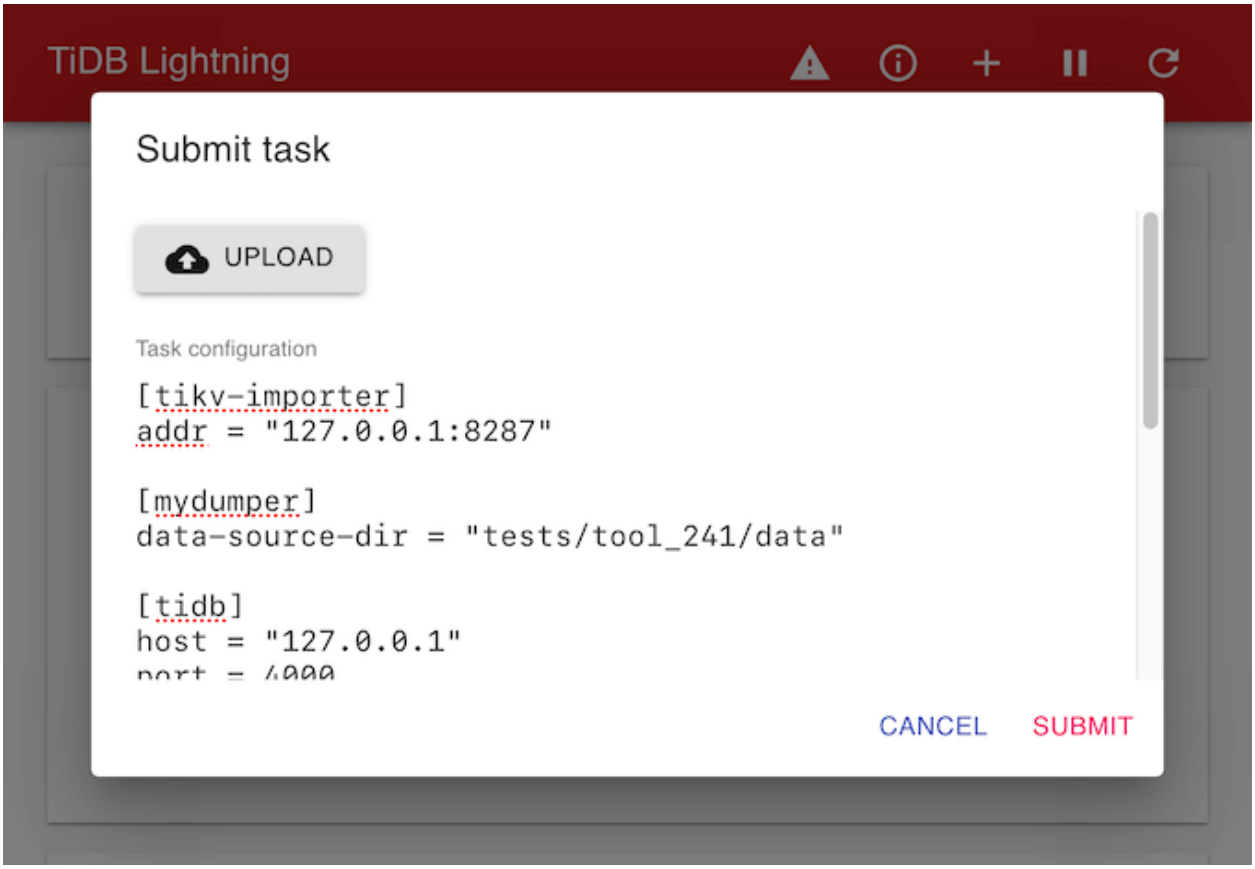

Figure 525: Submit task dialog

Tasks are TOML files described as task configurations. One could also open a local TOML file by clicking **UPLOAD**.

Click **SUBMIT** to run the task. If a task is already running, the new task will be queued and executed after the current task succeeds.

13.7.15.8.3 Table progress

Click the > button of a table card on the front page to view the detailed progress of a table.



Figure 526: Table progress

The page shows the import progress of every engine and data files associated with the table.

Click **TiDB Lightning** on the title bar to go back to the front page.

13.7.15.8.4 Task management

Click the button on the title bar to manage the current and queued tasks.



Figure 527: Task management page

Each task is labeled by the time it was submitted. Clicking the task would show the configuration formatted as JSON.

Manage tasks by clicking the button next to a task. You can stop a task immediately, or reorder queued tasks.

13.7.15.9 TiDB Lightning FAQs

This document lists the frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers about TiDB Lightning.

13.7.15.9.1 What is the minimum TiDB/TiKV/PD cluster version supported by TiDB Lightning?

The version of TiDB Lightning should be the same as the cluster. If you use the Local-backend mode, the earliest available version is 4.0.0. If you use the Importer-backend mode or the TiDB-backend mode, the earliest available version is 2.0.9, but it is recommended to use the 3.0 stable version.

13.7.15.9.2 Does TiDB Lightning support importing multiple schemas (databases)?

Yes.

13.7.15.9.3 What are the privilege requirements for the target database?

For details about the permissions, see Prerequisites for using TiDB Lightning.

13.7.15.9.4 TiDB Lightning encountered an error when importing one table. Will it affect other tables? Will the process be terminated?

If only one table has an error encountered, the rest will still be processed normally.

13.7.15.9.5 How to properly restart TiDB Lightning?

1. Stop the `tidb-lightning` process.
2. Start a new `tidb-lightning` task: execute the previous start command, such as `nohup tiup tidb-lightning -config tidb-lightning.toml`.

13.7.15.9.6 How to ensure the integrity of the imported data?

TiDB Lightning by default performs checksum on the local data source and the imported tables. If there is checksum mismatch, the process would be aborted. These checksum information can be read from the log.

You could also execute the `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE` SQL command on the target table to recompute the checksum of the imported data.

```
ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE `schema`.`table`;
```

```
+---------+------------+--------------------+-----------+-------------+
| Db_name | Table_name | Checksum_crc64_xor | Total_kvs | Total_bytes |
+---------+------------+--------------------+-----------+-------------+
| schema | table     | 5505282386844578743 |     3 |         96 |
+---------+------------+--------------------+-----------+-------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

13.7.15.9.7 What kinds of data source formats are supported by TiDB Lightning?

TiDB Lightning supports:

- Importing files exported by Dumpling, CSV files, and Apache Parquet files generated by Amazon Aurora, Apache Hive, and Snowflake.
- Reading data from a local disk or from the Amazon S3 storage.

13.7.15.9.8 Could TiDB Lightning skip creating schema and tables?

Starting from v5.1, TiDB Lightning can automatically recognize the schema and tables in the downstream. If you use TiDB Lightning earlier than v5.1, you need to set `no-schema = true` in the `[mydumper]` section in `tidb-lightning.toml`. This makes TiDB Lightning skip the `CREATE TABLE` invocations and fetch the metadata directly from the target database. TiDB Lightning will exit with error if a table is actually missing.

13.7.15.9.9 How to prohibit importing invalid data?

You can prohibit importing invalid data by enabling Strict SQL Mode.

By default, the `sql_mode` used by TiDB Lightning is `"ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER"`, which allows invalid data such as the date `1970-00-00`.

To prohibit importing invalid data, you need to change the `sql-mode` setting to `"STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION"` in the `[tidb]` section in `tidb-lightning.toml`.

```
...
[tidb]
sql-mode = "STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION"
...
```

13.7.15.9.10 How to stop the `tidb-lightning` process?

To stop the `tidb-lightning` process, you can choose the corresponding operation according to your deployment method.

- For manual deployment: if `tidb-lightning` is running in foreground, press Ctrl+C to exit. Otherwise, obtain the process ID using the `ps aux | grep tidb-lightning` command and then terminate the process using the `kill -2 ${PID}` command.

13.7.15.9.11 Can TiDB Lightning be used with 1-Gigabit network card?

TiDB Lightning is best used with a 10-Gigabit network card.

1-Gigabit network cards can only provide a total bandwidth of 120 MB/s, which has to be shared among all target TiKV stores. TiDB Lightning can easily saturate all bandwidth of the 1-Gigabit network in physical import mode and bring down the cluster because PD is unable to be contacted anymore.

13.7.15.9.12 Why TiDB Lightning requires so much free space in the target TiKV cluster?

With the default settings of 3 replicas, the space requirement of the target TiKV cluster is 6 times the size of data source. The extra multiple of "2" is a conservative estimation because the following factors are not reflected in the data source:

- The space occupied by indices
- Space amplification in RocksDB

13.7.15.9.13 How to completely destroy all intermediate data associated with TiDB Lightning?

1. Delete the checkpoint file.

```
tidb-lightning-ctl --config conf/tidb-lightning.toml --checkpoint-
    ↪ remove=all
```

   If, for some reason, you cannot run this command, try manually deleting the file `/tmp ↪ /tidb_lightning_checkpoint.pb`.

2. If you are using Local-backend, delete the `sorted-kv-dir` directory in the configuration.

3. Delete all tables and databases created on the TiDB cluster, if needed.

4. Clean up the residual metadata. You need to clean up the metadata schema manually if either of the following conditions exist.

   - For TiDB Lightning v5.1.x and v5.2.x versions, the `tidb-lightning-ctl` command does not clean up the metadata schema in the target cluster. You need to clean it up manually.
   - If you have deleted the checkpoint files manually, you need to clean up the downstream metadata schema manually; otherwise, the correctness of subsequent imports might be affected.

   Use the following command to clean up the metadata:

```
DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS `lightning_metadata`;
```

13.7.15.9.14 How to get the runtime goroutine information of TiDB Lightning

1. If `status-port` has been specified in the configuration file of TiDB Lightning, skip this step. Otherwise, you need to send the USR1 signal to TiDB Lightning to enable `status-port`.

   Get the process ID (PID) of TiDB Lightning using commands like `ps`, and then run the following command:

```
kill -USR1 <lightning-pid>
```

   Check the log of TiDB Lightning. The log of `starting HTTP server` / `start HTTP ↪ server` / `started HTTP server` shows the newly enabled `status-port`.

2. Access `http://<lightning-ip>:<status-port>/debug/pprof/goroutine?debug=2` to get the goroutine information.

13.7.15.9.15 Why is TiDB Lightning not compatible with Placement Rules in SQL?

TiDB Lightning is not compatible with Placement Rules in SQL. When TiDB Lightning imports data that contains placement policies, TiDB Lightning reports an error.

The reason is explained as follows:

The purpose of placement rule in SQL is to control the data location of certain TiKV nodes at the table or partition level. TiDB Lightning imports data in text files into the target TiDB cluster. If the data files is exported with the definition of placement rules, during the import process, TiDB Lightning must create the corresponding placement rule policy in the target cluster based on the definition. When the source cluster and the target cluster have different topology, this might cause problems.

Suppose the source cluster has the following topology:

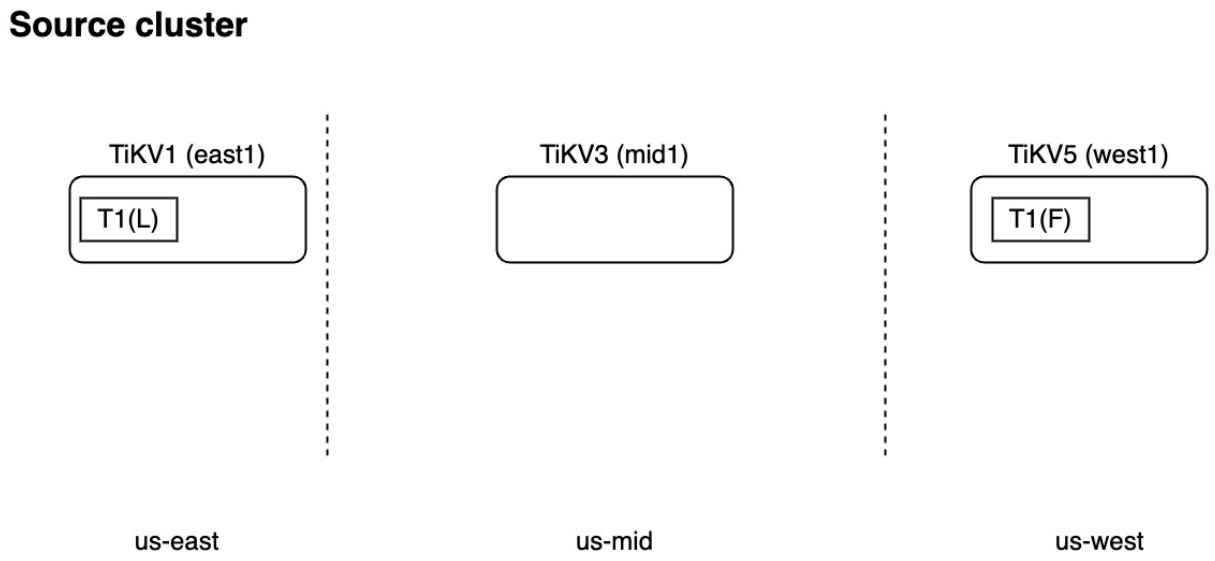

Figure 528: TiDB Lightning FAQ - source cluster topology

The source cluster has the following placement policy:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1 PRIMARY_REGION="us-east" REGIONS="us-east,us-
    ↪ west";
```

Situation 1: The target cluster has 3 replicas, and the topology is different from the source cluster. In such cases, when TiDB Lightning creates the placement policy in the target cluster, it will not report an error. However, the semantics in the target cluster is wrong.

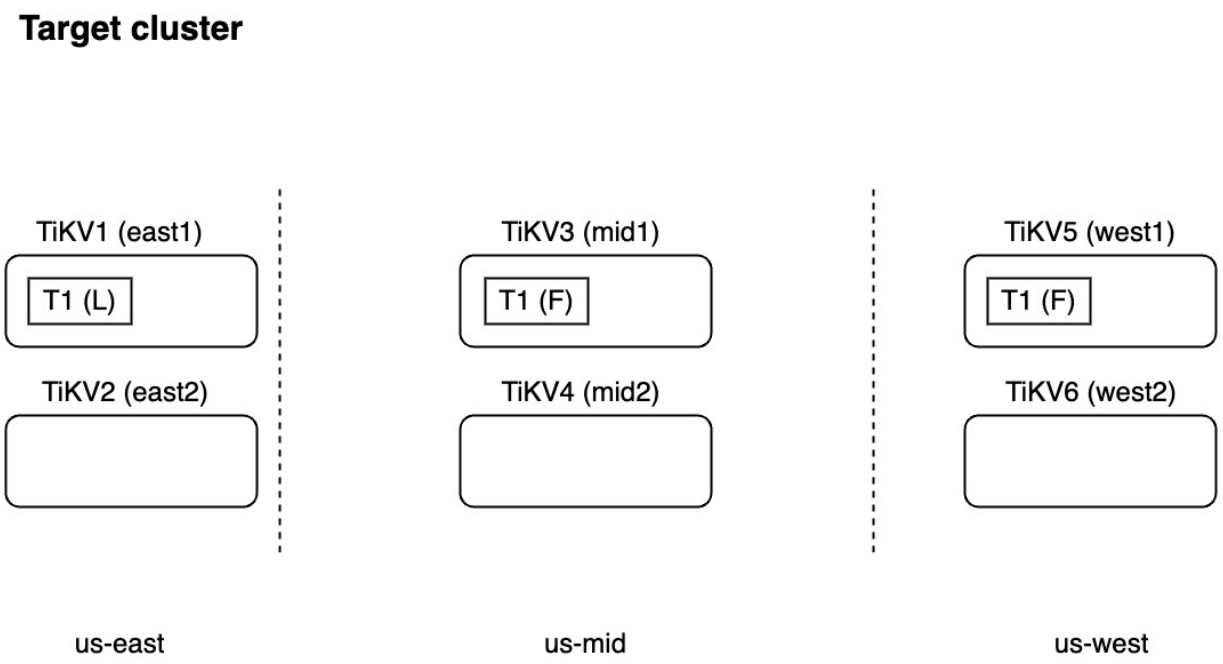

Figure 529: TiDB Lightning FAQ - situation 1

Situation 2: The target cluster locates the follower replica in another TiKV node in region "us-mid" and does not have the region "us-west" in the topology. In such cases, when creating the placement policy in the target cluster, TiDB Lightning will report an error.

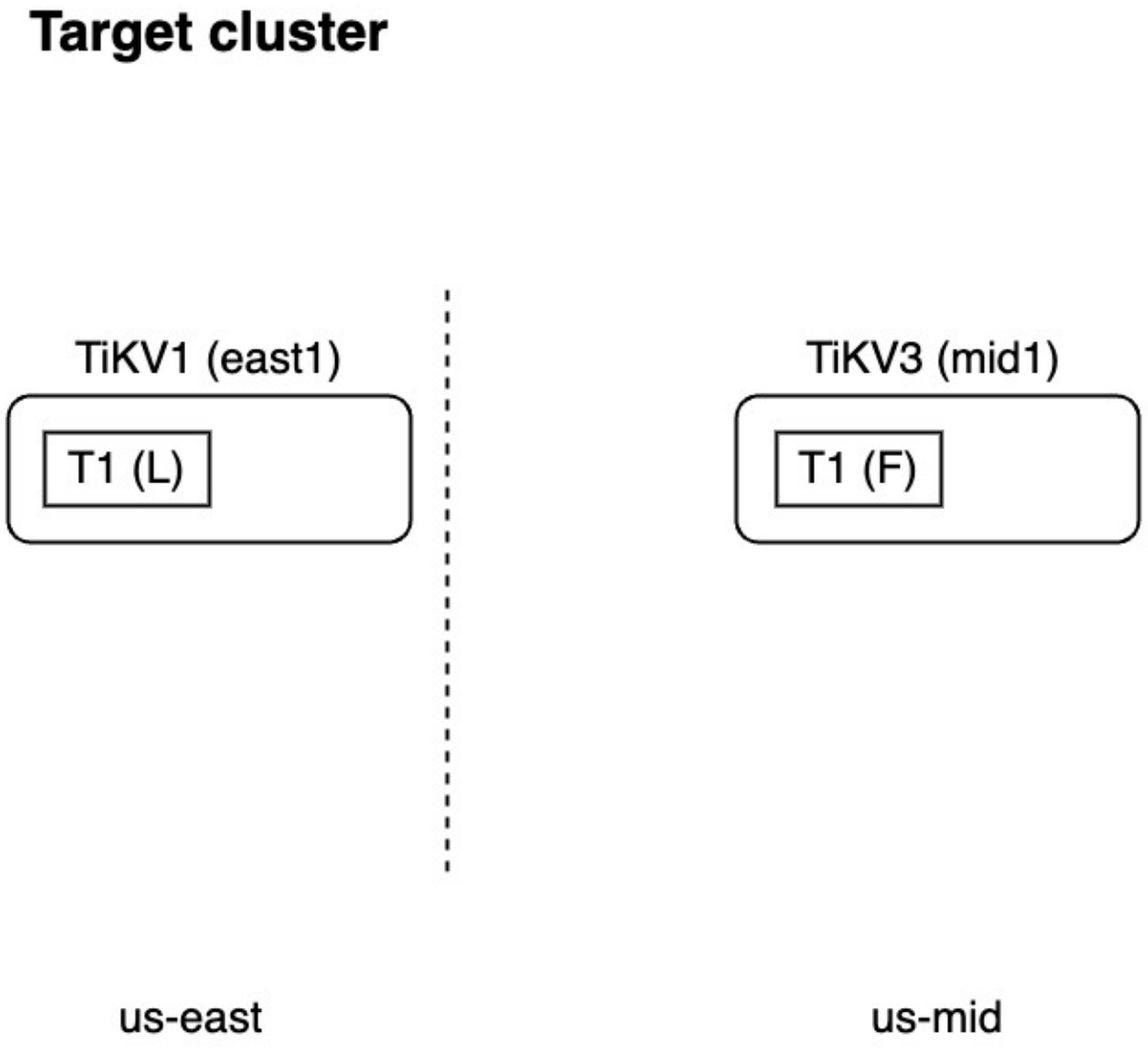

Figure 530: TiDB Lightning FAQ - situation 2

Workaround:

To use placement rules in SQL with TiDB Lightning, you need to make sure that the related labels and objects have been created in the target TiDB cluster **before** you import data into the target table. Because the placement rules in SQL acts at the PD and TiKV layer, TiDB Lightning can get the necessary information to find out which TiKV should be used to store the imported data. In this way, this placement rule in SQL is transparent to TiDB Lightning.

The steps are as follows:

1. Plan the data distribution topology.

2. Configure the required labels for TiKV and PD.
3. Create the placement rule policy and apply the created policy to the target table.
4. Use TiDB Lightning to import data into the target table.

13.7.15.9.16 How can I use TiDB Lightning and Dumpling to copy a schema?

If you want to copy both the schema definition and table data from one schema to a new schema, follow the steps in this section. In this example, you'll learn how to make a copy of the `test` schema into a new schema called `test2`.

1. Create a backup of the original schema with `-B test` to select only the schema that you need.

```
tiup dumpling -B test -o /tmp/bck1
```

2. Create a `/tmp/tidb-lightning.toml` file with the following content:

```
[tidb]
host = "127.0.0.1"
port = 4000
user = "root"

[tikv-importer]
backend = "tidb"

[mydumper]
data-source-dir = "/tmp/bck1"

[[mydumper.files]]
pattern = '^[a-z]*\.(.*)\.[0-9]*\.sql$'
schema = 'test2'
table = '$1'
type = 'sql'

[[mydumper.files]]
pattern = '^[a-z]*\.(.*)\-schema\.sql$'
schema = 'test2'
table = '$1'
type = 'table-schema'
```

   In this configuration file, set `schema = 'test2'` as you want to use a different schema name than the one used in the original dump. The filename is used to determine the name of the table.

3. Use this configuration file to run the import.

```
tiup tidb-lightning -config /tmp/tidb-lightning.toml
```

13.7.15.10 TiDB Lightning Glossary

This page explains the special terms used in TiDB Lightning's logs, monitoring, configurations, and documentation.

For TiDB-related terms and definitions, see TiDB glossary.

13.7.15.10.1 A

Analyze

An operation to rebuild the statistics information of a TiDB table, which is running the `ANALYZE TABLE` statement.

Because TiDB Lightning imports data without going through TiDB, the statistics information is not automatically updated. Therefore, TiDB Lightning explicitly analyzes every table after importing. This step can be omitted by setting the `post-restore.analyze` configuration to `false`.

`AUTO_INCREMENT_ID`

Every table has an associated `AUTO_INCREMENT_ID` counter to provide the default value of an auto-incrementing column. In TiDB, this counter is additionally used to assign row IDs.

Because TiDB Lightning imports data without going through TiDB, the `AUTO_INCREMENT_ID` counter is not automatically updated. Therefore, TiDB Lightning explicitly alters `AUTO_INCREMENT_ID` to a valid value. This step is always performed, even if the table has no `AUTO_INCREMENT` columns.

13.7.15.10.2 B

Back end

Back end is the destination where TiDB Lightning sends the parsed result. Also spelled as "backend".

See TiDB Lightning architecture for details.

13.7.15.10.3 C

Checkpoint

TiDB Lightning continuously saves its progress into a local file or a remote database while importing. This allows it to resume from an intermediate state should it crashes in the process. See the Checkpoints section for details.

Checksum

In TiDB Lightning, the checksum of a table is a set of 3 numbers calculated from the content of each KV pair in that table. These numbers are respectively:

- the number of KV pairs,
- total length of all KV pairs, and
- the bitwise-XOR of CRC-64-ECMA value each pair.

TiDB Lightning validates the imported data by comparing the local and remote checksums of every table. The program would stop if any pair does not match. You can skip this check by setting the `post-restore.checksum` configuration to `false`.

See also the FAQs for how to properly handle checksum mismatch.

Chunk

A continuous range of source data, normally equivalent to a single file in the data source.

When a file is too large, TiDB Lightning might split a file into multiple chunks.

Compaction

An operation that merges multiple small SST files into one large SST file, and cleans up the deleted entries. TiKV automatically compacts data in background while TiDB Lightning is importing.

> **Note:**
>
> For legacy reasons, you can still configure TiDB Lightning to explicitly trigger a compaction every time a table is imported. However, this is not recommended and the corresponding settings are disabled by default.

See RocksDB's wiki page on Compaction for its technical details.

13.7.15.10.4 D

Data engine

An engine for sorting actual row data.

When a table is very large, its data is placed into multiple data engines to improve task pipelining and save space of TiKV Importer. By default, a new data engine is opened for every 100 GB of SQL data, which can be configured through the `mydumper.batch-size` setting.

TiDB Lightning processes multiple data engines concurrently. This is controlled by the `lightning.table-concurrency` setting.

13.7.15.10.5 E

Engine

In TiKV Importer, an engine is a RocksDB instance for sorting KV pairs.

TiDB Lightning transfers data to TiKV Importer through engines. It first opens an engine, sends KV pairs to it (with no particular order), and finally closes the engine. The engine sorts the received KV pairs after it is closed. These closed engines can then be further uploaded to the TiKV stores for ingestion.

Engines use TiKV Importer's `import-dir` as temporary storage, which are sometimes referred to as "engine files".

See also data engine and index engine.

13.7.15.10.6 F

Filter

A configuration list that specifies which tables to be imported or excluded.

See Table Filter for details.

13.7.15.10.7 I

Import mode

A configuration that optimizes TiKV for writing at the cost of degraded read speed and space usage.

TiDB Lightning automatically switches to and off the import mode while running. However, if TiKV gets stuck in import mode, you can use `tidb-lightning-ctl` to force revert to normal mode.

Index engine

An engine for sorting indices.

Regardless of number of indices, every table is associated with exactly one index engine.

TiDB Lightning processes multiple index engines concurrently. This is controlled by the `lightning.index-concurrency` setting. Since every table has exactly one index engine, this also configures the maximum number of tables to process at the same time.

Ingest

An operation which inserts the entire content of an SST file into the RocksDB (TiKV) store.

Ingestion is a very fast operation compared with inserting KV pairs one by one. This operation is the determinant factor for the performance of TiDB Lightning.

See RocksDB's wiki page on Creating and Ingesting SST files for its technical details.

13.7.15.10.8 K

KV pair

Abbreviation of "key-value pair".

KV encoder

A routine which parses SQL or CSV rows to KV pairs. Multiple KV encoders run in parallel to speed up processing.

13.7.15.10.9 L

Local checksum

The checksum of a table calculated by TiDB Lightning itself before sending the KV pairs to TiKV Importer.

13.7.15.10.10 N

Normal mode

The mode where import mode is disabled.

13.7.15.10.11 P

Post-processing

The period of time after the entire data source is parsed and sent to TiKV Importer. TiDB Lightning is waiting for TiKV Importer to upload and ingest the SST files.

13.7.15.10.12 R

Remote checksum

The checksum of a table calculated by TiDB after it has been imported.

13.7.15.10.13 S

Scattering

An operation that randomly reassigns the leader and the peers of a Region. Scattering ensures that the imported data are distributed evenly among TiKV stores. This reduces stress on PD.

Splitting

An engine is typically very large (around 100 GB), which is not friendly to TiKV if treated as a single region. TiKV Importer splits an engine into multiple small SST files (configurable by TiKV Importer's `import.region-split-size` setting) before uploading.

SST file

SST is the abbreviation of "sorted string table". An SST file is RocksDB's (and thus TiKV's) native storage format of a collection of KV pairs.

TiKV Importer produces SST files from a closed engine. These SST files are uploaded and then ingested into TiKV stores.

13.8 Use Dumpling to Export Data

This document introduces the data export tool - Dumpling. Dumpling exports data stored in TiDB/MySQL as SQL or CSV data files and can be used to make a logical full backup or export. Dumpling also supports exporting data to Amazon S3.

You can get Dumpling using TiUP by running `tiup install dumpling`. Afterwards, you can use `tiup dumpling ...` to run Dumpling.

The Dumpling installation package is included in the TiDB Toolkit. To download the TiDB Toolkit, see Download TiDB Tools.

For detailed usage of Dumpling, use the `--help` option or refer to Option list of Dumpling.

When using Dumpling, you need to execute the export command on a running cluster.

TiDB also provides other tools that you can choose to use as needed.

- For backups of SST files (key-value pairs) or backups of incremental data that are not sensitive to latency, refer to BR.
- For real-time backups of incremental data, refer to TiCDC.
- All exported data can be imported back to TiDB using TiDB Lightning.

> **Note:**
>
> PingCAP previously maintained a fork of the mydumper project with enhancements specific to TiDB. Starting from v7.5.0, Mydumper is deprecated and most of its features have been replaced by Dumpling. It is strongly recommended that you use Dumpling instead of mydumper.

Dumpling has the following advantages:

- Support exporting data in multiple formats, including SQL and CSV.
- Support the table-filter feature, which makes it easier to filter data.
- Support exporting data to Amazon S3 cloud storage.
- More optimizations are made for TiDB:
    - Support configuring the memory limit of a single TiDB SQL statement.

- If Dumpling can access the PD address and the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_INFO` table of the TiDB cluster, Dumpling supports automatically adjusting the GC safe point time to block GC for TiDB v4.0.0 and later versions.
- Use TiDB's hidden column `_tidb_rowid` to optimize the performance of concurrent data export from a single table.
- For TiDB, you can set the value of `tidb_snapshot` to specify the time point of the data backup. This ensures the consistency of the backup, instead of using `FLUSH TABLES WITH READ LOCK` to ensure the consistency.

Note:

Dumpling cannot connect to PD in the following scenarios:

- The TiDB cluster is running on Kubernetes (unless Dumpling itself is run inside the Kubernetes environment).
- The TiDB cluster is running on TiDB Cloud.

In such cases, you need to manually adjust the TiDB GC time to avoid export failure.

13.8.1 Export data from TiDB or MySQL

13.8.1.1 Required privileges

- PROCESS: Required to query the cluster information to obtain the PD address and then control GC via the PD.
- SELECT: Required when exporting tables.
- RELOAD: Required when the level of `consistency` is `flush`. When the upstream is an RDS database or a managed service, you can ignore this privilege.
- LOCK TABLES: Required when the level of `consistency` is `lock`. This privilege must be granted for all the databases and tables to be exported.
- REPLICATION CLIENT: Required when exporting metadata to record data snapshot. This privilege is optional and you can ignore it if you do not need to export metadata.

13.8.1.2 Export to SQL files

This document assumes that there is a TiDB instance on the 127.0.0.1:4000 host and that this TiDB instance has a root user without a password.

Dumpling exports data to SQL files by default. You can also export data to SQL files by adding the `--filetype sql` flag:

```
tiup dumpling -u root -P 4000 -h 127.0.0.1 --filetype sql -t 8 -o /tmp/test
    ↪ -r 200000 -F 256MiB
```

In the command above:

- The `-h`, `-P`, and `-u` option respectively mean the address, the port, and the user. If a password is required for authentication, you can use `-p $YOUR_SECRET_PASSWORD` to pass the password to Dumpling.
- The `-o` (or `--output`) option specifies the export directory of the storage, which supports an absolute local file path or an external storage URI.
- The `-t` option specifies the number of threads for the export. Increasing the number of threads improves the concurrency of Dumpling and the export speed, and also increases the database's memory consumption. Therefore, it is not recommended to set the number too large. Usually, it's less than 64.
- The `-r` option enables the in-table concurrency to speed up the export. The default value is `0`, which means disabled. A value greater than 0 means it is enabled, and the value is of `INT` type. When the source database is TiDB, a `-r` value greater than 0 indicates that the TiDB region information is used for splitting, and reduces the memory usage. The specific `-r` value does not affect the split algorithm. When the source database is MySQL and the primary key or the first column of the composite primary key is of the `INT` type, specifying `-r` can also enable the in-table concurrency.
- The `-F` option is used to specify the maximum size of a single file (the unit here is `MiB`; inputs like `5GiB` or `8KB` are also acceptable). It is recommended to keep its value to 256 MiB or less if you plan to use TiDB Lightning to load this file into a TiDB instance.

> **Note:**
>
> If the size of a single exported table exceeds 10 GB, it is **strongly recommended to use** the `-r` and `-F` options.

13.8.1.2.1 URI formats of the storage services

This section describes the URI formats of the storage services, including Amazon S3, GCS, and Azure Blob Storage. The URI format is as follows:

```
[scheme]://[host]/[path]?[parameters]
```

For more information, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

13.8.1.3 Export to CSV files

You can export data to CSV files by adding the `--filetype csv` argument.

When you export data to CSV files, you can use `--sql <SQL>` to filter the records with the SQL statements. For example, you can export all records that match `id < 100` in `test.sbtest1` using the following command:

```
tiup dumpling -u root -P 4000 -h 127.0.0.1 -o /tmp/test --filetype csv --sql
    ↪  'select * from `test`.`sbtest1` where id < 100' -F 100MiB --output-
    ↪ filename-template 'test.sbtest1.{{.Index}}'
```

In the command above:

- The `--sql` option can be used only for exporting to CSV files. The command above executes the `SELECT * FROM <table-name> WHERE id <100` statement on all tables to be exported. If a table does not have the specified field, the export fails.

- When you use the `--sql` option, Dumpling cannot obtain the exported table and schema information. You can specify the file name format of the CSV files using the `--output-filename-template` option, which facilitates the subsequent use of TiDB Lightning to import the data file. For example, `--output-filename-template='
  ↪ test.sbtest1.{{.Index}}'` specifies that the exported CSV files are named as `test.sbtest1.000000000` or `test.sbtest1.000000001`.

- You can use options like `--csv-separator` and `--csv-delimiter` to configure the CSV file format. For details, refer to the Dumpling option list.

> **Note:**
>
> *Strings* and *keywords* are not distinguished by Dumpling. If the imported data is the Boolean type, the value of `true` is converted to `1` and the value of `false` is converted to `0`.

13.8.1.4 Compress the exported data files

You can use the `--compress <format>` option to compress the CSV and SQL data and table structure files exported by Dumpling. This parameter supports the following compression algorithms: `gzip`, `snappy`, and `zstd`. The compression is disabled by default.

- This option only compresses individual data and table structure files. It cannot compress the entire folder and generate a single compressed package.
- This option can save disk space, but it also slows down the export speed and increases CPU consumption. Use this option with caution in scenarios where the export speed is critical.
- For TiDB Lightning v6.5.0 and later versions, you can use compressed files exported by Dumpling as the data source without additional configuration.

Note:

The Snappy compressed file must be in the official Snappy format. Other variants of Snappy compression are not supported.

13.8.1.5 Format of exported files

- `metadata`: The start time of the exported files and the position of the master binary log.

```
cat metadata
```

```
Started dump at: 2020-11-10 10:40:19
SHOW MASTER STATUS:
       Log: tidb-binlog
       Pos: 420747102018863124
Finished dump at: 2020-11-10 10:40:20
```

- `{schema}-schema-create.sql`: The SQL file used to create the schema

```
cat test-schema-create.sql
```

```
CREATE DATABASE `test` /*!40100 DEFAULT CHARACTER SET utf8mb4 */;
```

- `{schema}.{table}-schema.sql`: The SQL file used to create the table

```
cat test.t1-schema.sql
```

```
CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `id` int DEFAULT NULL
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin;
```

- `{schema}.{table}.{0001}.{sql|csv}`: The date source file

```
cat test.t1.0.sql
```

```
/*!40101 SET NAMES binary*/;
INSERT INTO `t1` VALUES
(1);
```

- `*-schema-view.sql`, `*-schema-trigger.sql`, `*-schema-post.sql`: Other exported files

13.8.1.6 Export data to Amazon S3 cloud storage

Starting from v4.0.8, Dumpling supports exporting data to cloud storages. If you need to back up data to Amazon S3, you need to specify the Amazon S3 storage path in the `-o` parameter.

You need to create an Amazon S3 bucket in the specified region (see the Amazon documentation - How do I create an S3 Bucket). If you also need to create a folder in the bucket, see the Amazon documentation - Creating a folder.

Pass `SecretKey` and `AccessKey` of the account with the permission to access the Amazon S3 backend storage to the Dumpling node as environment variables.

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=${AccessKey}
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=${SecretKey}
```

Dumpling also supports reading credential files from `~/.aws/credentials`. For more information about URI parameter descriptions, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

```
tiup dumpling -u root -P 4000 -h 127.0.0.1 -r 200000 -o "s3://${Bucket}/${
    ↪ Folder}"
```

13.8.1.7 Filter the exported data

13.8.1.7.1 Use the `--where` option to filter data

By default, Dumpling exports all databases except system databases (including `mysql` ↪ , `sys`, `INFORMATION_SCHEMA`, `PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA`, `METRICS_SCHEMA`, and `INSPECTION` ↪ `_SCHEMA`). You can use `--where <SQL where expression>` to select the records to be exported.

```
tiup dumpling -u root -P 4000 -h 127.0.0.1 -o /tmp/test --where "id < 100"
```

The above command exports the data that matches `id < 100` from each table. Note that you cannot use the `--where` parameter together with `--sql`.

13.8.1.7.2 Use the `--filter` option to filter data

Dumpling can filter specific databases or tables by specifying the table filter with the `--filter` option. The syntax of table filters is similar to that of `.gitignore`. For details, see Table Filter.

```
tiup dumpling -u root -P 4000 -h 127.0.0.1 -o /tmp/test -r 200000 --filter "
    ↪ employees.*" --filter "*.WorkOrder"
```

The above command exports all the tables in the `employees` database and the `WorkOrder` tables in all databases.

13.8.1.7.3 Use the `-B` or `-T` option to filter data

Dumpling can also export specific databases with the `-B` option or specific tables with the `-T` option.

> **Note:**
>
> - The `--filter` option and the `-T` option cannot be used at the same time.
> - The `-T` option can only accept a complete form of inputs like `database -name.table-name`, and inputs with only the table name are not accepted. Example: Dumpling cannot recognize `-T WorkOrder`.

Examples:

- `-B employees` exports the `employees` database.
- `-T employees.WorkOrder` exports the `employees.WorkOrder` table.

13.8.1.8 Improve export efficiency through concurrency

The exported file is stored in the `./export-<current local time>` directory by default. Commonly used options are as follows:

- The `-t` option specifies the number of threads for the export. Increasing the number of threads improves the concurrency of Dumpling and the export speed, and also increases the database's memory consumption. Therefore, it is not recommended to set the number too large.
- The `-r` option enables the in-table concurrency to speed up the export. The default value is `0`, which means disabled. A value greater than 0 means it is enabled, and the value is of `INT` type. When the source database is TiDB, a `-r` value greater than 0 indicates that the TiDB region information is used for splitting, and reduces the memory usage. The specific `-r` value does not affect the split algorithm. When the source database is MySQL and the primary key or the first column of the composite primary key is of the `INT` type, specifying `-r` can also enable the in-table concurrency.
- The `--compress <format>` option specifies the compression format of the dump. It supports the following compression algorithms: `gzip`, `snappy`, and `zstd`. This option can speed up dumping of data if storage is the bottleneck or if storage capacity is a concern. The drawback is an increase in CPU usage. Each file is compressed individually.

With the above options specified, Dumpling can have a quicker speed of data export.

13.8.1.9 Adjust Dumpling's data consistency options

> **Note:**
>
> The default value is `auto` for the data consistency option. In most scenarios, you do not need to adjust the default data consistency options of Dumpling.

Dumpling uses the `--consistency <consistency level>` option to control the way in which data is exported for "consistency assurance". When using snapshot for consistency, you can use the `--snapshot` option to specify the timestamp to be backed up. You can also use the following levels of consistency:

- `flush`: Use `FLUSH TABLES WITH READ LOCK` to temporarily interrupt the DML and DDL operations of the replica database, to ensure the global consistency of the backup connection, and to record the binlog position (POS) information. The lock is released after all backup connections start transactions. It is recommended to perform full backups during off-peak hours or on the MySQL replica database. Note that TiDB does not support this value.
- `snapshot`: Get a consistent snapshot of the specified timestamp and export it.
- `lock`: Add read locks on all tables to be exported.
- `none`: No guarantee for consistency.
- `auto`: Use `flush` for MySQL and `snapshot` for TiDB.

After everything is done, you can see the exported file in `/tmp/test`:

```
ls -lh /tmp/test | awk '{print $5 "\t" $9}'
```

```
140B metadata
66B  test-schema-create.sql
300B test.sbtest1-schema.sql
190K test.sbtest1.0.sql
300B test.sbtest2-schema.sql
190K test.sbtest2.0.sql
300B test.sbtest3-schema.sql
190K test.sbtest3.0.sql
```

13.8.1.10 Export historical data snapshots of TiDB

Dumpling can export the data of a certain tidb_snapshot with the `--snapshot` option specified.

The `--snapshot` option can be set to a TSO (the `Position` field output by the `SHOW MASTER STATUS` command) or a valid time of the `datetime` data type (in the form of `YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss`), for example:

```
tiup dumpling --snapshot 417773951312461825
tiup dumpling --snapshot "2020-07-02 17:12:45"
```

The TiDB historical data snapshots when the TSO is `417773951312461825` and the time is `2020-07-02 17:12:45` are exported.

13.8.1.11 Control the memory usage of exporting large tables

When Dumpling is exporting a large single table from TiDB, Out of Memory (OOM) might occur because the exported data size is too large, which causes connection abort and export failure. You can use the following parameters to reduce the memory usage of TiDB:

- Setting `-r` to split the data to be exported into chunks. This reduces the memory overhead of TiDB's data scan and enables concurrent table data dump to improve export efficiency. When the upstream database is TiDB v3.0 or later versions, a `-r` value greater than 0 indicates that the TiDB region information is used for splitting and the specific `-r` value does not affect the split algorithm.
- Reduce the value of `--tidb-mem-quota-query` to `8589934592` (8 GB) or lower. `--tidb-mem-quota-query` controls the memory usage of a single query statement in TiDB.
- Adjust the `--params "tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency=5"` parameter. `tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency` is a session variable which controls the concurrency of the scan operations in TiDB.

13.8.1.12 Manually set the TiDB GC time

When exporting data from TiDB (less than 1 TB), if the TiDB version is v4.0.0 or later and Dumpling can access the PD address and the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_INFO` table of the TiDB cluster, Dumpling automatically adjusts the GC safe point to block GC without affecting the original cluster.

However, in either of the following scenarios, Dumpling cannot automatically adjust the GC time:

- The data size is very large (more than 1 TB).
- Dumpling cannot connect directly to PD, for example, if the TiDB cluster is on TiDB Cloud or on Kubernetes that is separated from Dumpling.

In such scenarios, you must manually extend the GC time in advance to avoid export failure due to GC during the export process.

To manually adjust the GC time, use the following SQL statement:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_life_time = '720h';
```

After Dumpling exits, regardless of whether the export is successful or not, you must set the GC time back to its original value (the default value is `10m`).

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_life_time = '10m';
```

13.8.2 Option list of Dumpling

Options	Usage	Default value
`-V` or `--version`	Output the Dumpling version and exit directly	
`-B` or `--database`	Export specified databases	
`-T` or `--tables-list`	Export specified tables	

Options	Usage	Default value
`-f` or `--filter`	Export tables that match the filter pattern. For the filter syntax, see table-filter.	`[\*.\*,!/^(mysql|sys|INFORMATION_SCHEMA|PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA|METRICS_SCHEMA|INSPECTION_SCHEMA)$/.\*]` (export all databases or tables excluding system schemas)
`--case-sensitive`	whether table-filter is case-sensitive	false (case-insensitive)
`-h` or `--host`	The IP address of the connected database host	“127.0.0.1”

Options	Usage	Default value
`-t` or `--threads`	The number of concurrent backup threads	4
`-r` or `--rows`	Enable the in-table concurrency to speed up the export. The default value is `0`, which means disabled. A value greater than 0 means it is enabled, and the value is of `INT` type. When the source database is TiDB, a `-r` value greater than 0 indicates that the TiDB region information is used for splitting, and reduces the memory usage. The specific `-r` value does not affect the split algorithm. When the source database is MySQL and the primary key or the first column of the composite primary key is of the `INT` type, specifying `-r` can also enable the in-table concurrency.	
`-L` or `--logfile`	Log output address. If it is empty, the log will be output to the console	“”
`--loglevel`	Log level {debug,info,warn,error,dpanic,panic,fatal}	“info”
`--logfmt`	Log output format {text,json}	“text”
`-d` or `--no-data`	Do not export data (suitable for scenarios where only the schema is exported)	
`--no-header`	Export CSV files of the tables without generating header	
`-W` or `--no-views`	Do not export the views	true
`-m` or `--no-schemas`	Do not export the schema with only the data exported	

Options	Usage	Default value
`-s` or `--statement-size`	Control the size of the `INSERT` statements; the unit is bytes	
`-F` or `--filesize`	The file size of the divided tables. The unit must be specified such as `128B`, `64KiB`, `32MiB`, and `1.5GiB`.	
`--filetype`	Exported file type (csv/sql)	"sql"
`-o` or `--output`	Specify the absolute local file path or external storage URI for exporting the data.	"./export-${time}"
`-S` or `--sql`	Export data according to the specified SQL statement. This command does not support concurrent export.	
`--consistency`	flush: use FTWRL before the dump snapshot: dump the TiDB data at a specific snapshot of a TSO lock: execute `lock tables read` on all tables to be dumped none: dump without adding locks, which cannot guarantee consistency auto: use –consistency flush for MySQL; use –consistency snapshot for TiDB	"auto"
`--snapshot`	Snapshot TSO; valid only when `consistency=snapshot`	
`--where`	Specify the scope of the table backup through the `where` condition	
`-p` or `--password`	The password of the connected database host	
`-P` or `--port`	The port of the connected database host	4000
`-u` or `--user`	The username of the connected database host	"root"

Options	Usage	Default value
`--dump-empty-database`	Export the `CREATE DATABASE` statements of the empty databases	true
`--ca`	The address of the certificate authority file for TLS connection	
`--cert`	The address of the client certificate file for TLS connection	
`--key`	The address of the client private key file for TLS connection	
`--csv-delimiter`	Delimiter of character type variables in CSV files	'"'
`--csv-separator`	Separator of each value in CSV files. It is not recommended to use the default ','. It is recommended to use '|+|' or other uncommon character combinations	','
`--csv-null-value`	Representation of null values in CSV files	"\N"
`--csv-line-terminator`	The terminator at the end of a line for CSV files. When exporting data to a CSV file, you can specify the desired terminator with this option. This option supports "\r\n" and "\n". The default value is "\r\n", which is consistent with the earlier versions. Because quotes in bash have different escaping rules, if you want to specify LF (linefeed) as a terminator, you can use a syntax similar to `--csv-line-terminator $'\n'`.	"\r\n"

Options	Usage	Default value
`--csv`	Indicates that the source data can be exported to a CSV file in a specific required format for the database. The option value can be `""`, `"snowflake"`, `"redshift"`, or `"bigquery"`. The default value is `""`, which means to encode and export the source data according to UTF-8. If you set the option to `"snowflake"` or `"redshift"`, the binary data type in the source data will be converted to hexadecimal, but the `0x` prefix will be removed. For example, `0x61` will be represented as `61`. If you set the option to `"bigquery"`, the binary data type will be encoded using base64. In some cases, the binary strings might contain garbled characters.	`""`
`--escape-backslash`	Use backslash (\) to escape special characters in the export file	true
`--output-filename-template`	The filename templates represented in the format of golang template Support the `{{.DB}}`, `{{.Table}}`, and `{{.Index}}` arguments The three arguments represent the database name, table name, and chunk ID of the data file	`{{.DB }}.{{. Table }}.{{. Index }}`
`--status-addr`	Dumpling's service address, including the address for Prometheus to pull metrics and pprof debugging	":8281"
`--tidb-mem-quota-query`	The memory limit of exporting SQL statements by a single line of Dumpling command, and the unit is byte. For v4.0.10 or later versions, if you do not set this parameter, TiDB uses the value of the `mem-quota-query` configuration item as the memory limit value by default. For versions earlier than v4.0.10, the parameter value defaults to 32 GB.	34359738368
`--params`	Specifies the session variable for the connection of the database to be exported. The required format is `"character_set_client= latin1,character_set_connection=latin1"`	

Options	Usage	Default value
`-c` or `--compress`	Compresses the CSV and SQL data and table structure files exported by Dumpling. It supports the following compression algorithms: `gzip`, `snappy`, and `zstd`.	""

13.8.3 Output filename template

The `--output-filename-template` argument defines the naming convention for output files, excluding the file extensions. It accepts strings in the Go `text/template` syntax.

The following fields are available for the template:

- `.DB`: the database name
- `.Table`: the table name or the object name
- `.Index`: the 0-based sequence number of the file when a table is split into multiple files, indicating which part is being dumped. For example, `{{printf "%09d" .Index }}` means formatting `.Index` as a 9-digit number with leading zeros.

Database and table names might contain special characters (such as `/`) that are not allowed in file systems. To handle this issue, Dumpling provides the `fn` function to percent-encode these special characters:

- U+0000 to U+001F (control characters)
- `/`, `\`, `<`, `>`, `:`, `"`, `*`, `?` (invalid Windows path characters)
- `.` (database or table name separator)
- `-`, if used as part of `-schema`

For example, using `--output-filename-template '{{fn .Table}}.{{printf "%09d" .Index}}'`, Dumpling will write the table `db.tbl:normal` into files named `tbl%3Anormal.000000000.sql`, `tbl%3Anormal.000000001.sql`, and so on.

In addition to output data files, you can define `--output-filename-template` to replace file names of the schema files. The following table shows the default configurations.

Name	Content
data	`{{fn .DB}}.{{fn .Table}}.{{.Index}}`
schema	`{{fn .DB}}-schema-create`
table	`{{fn .DB}}.{{fn .Table}}-schema`
event	`{{fn .DB}}.{{fn .Table}}-schema-post`
function	`{{fn .DB}}.{{fn .Table}}-schema-post`
procedure	`{{fn .DB}}.{{fn .Table}}-schema-post`
sequence	`{{fn .DB}}.{{fn .Table}}-schema-sequence`
trigger	`{{fn .DB}}.{{fn .Table}}-schema-triggers`
view	`{{fn .DB}}.{{fn .Table}}-schema-view`

For example, using `--output-filename-template '{{define "table"}}{{fn . ↪ Table}}.$schema{{end}}{{define "data"}}{{fn .Table}}.{{printf "%09d" . ↪ Index}}{{end}}'`, Dumpling will write the schema of the table `db.tbl:normal` into a file named `tbl%3Anormal.$schema.sql`, and write the data into files `tbl%3Anormal ↪ .000000000.sql`, `tbl%3Anormal.000000001.sql`, and so on.

13.9 PingCAP Clinic Diagnostic Service

13.9.1 PingCAP Clinic Overview

PingCAP Clinic Diagnostic Service (PingCAP Clinic) is a diagnostic service provided by PingCAP for TiDB clusters that are deployed using either TiUP or TiDB Operator. This service helps to troubleshoot cluster problems remotely and provides a quick check of cluster status locally. With PingCAP Clinic, you can ensure the stable operation of your TiDB cluster for its full life-cycle, predict potential problems, reduce the probability of problems, troubleshoot cluster problems quickly, and fix cluster problems.

PingCAP Clinic provides the following two components to diagnose cluster problems:

- Diag client:

  Diag client (Diag) is an open-source diagnostic tool deployed on the cluster side. Diag is used to collect cluster diagnostic data, upload diagnostic data to the Clinic Server, and perform a quick health check locally on your cluster. For a full list of diagnostic data that can be collected by Diag, see PingCAP Clinic Diagnostic Data.

> **Note:**
> Diag supports TiDB v4.0 and later versions, but **does not support** collecting data from clusters deployed using TiDB Ansible.

- Clinic Server:

  Clinic Server is a cloud service deployed in the cloud. By providing diagnostic services in the SaaS model, the Clinic Server can not only receive uploaded diagnostic data but also work as an online diagnostic environment to store data, view data, and provide cluster diagnostic reports. Clinic Server provides two independent services depending on the storage location:

  - Clinic Server for international users: Data is stored in AWS in US.
  - Clinic Server for users in the Chinese mainland: Data is stored in AWS in China (Beijing) regions.

13.9.1.1 User scenarios

- Troubleshoot cluster problems remotely

  When your cluster has some problems that cannot be fixed quickly, you can get support from PingCAP or the community. When contacting technical support for remote assistance, you need to save various diagnostic data from the cluster and forward the data to the support staff. In this case, you can use Diag to collect diagnostic data with one click. Diag helps you to collect complete diagnostic data quickly, which can avoid complex manual data collection operations. After collecting data, you can upload the data to the Clinic Server for PingCAP technical support staff to troubleshoot cluster problems. The Clinic Server provides secure storage for uploaded diagnostic data and supports the online diagnosis, which greatly improves the troubleshooting efficiency.

- Quickly check cluster status

  Even if your cluster is running stably for now, it is necessary to periodically check the cluster to detect potential stability risks. You can identify potential health risks of a cluster using the local and server-side quick check feature provided by PingCAP Clinic.

13.9.1.2 Implementation principles

This section introduces the implementation principles about how Diag collects diagnostic data from a cluster.

First, Diag gets cluster topology information from the deployment tool TiUP (tiup-cluster) or TiDB Operator (tidb-operator). Then, Diag collects different types of diagnostic data through various data collection methods as follows:

- Transfer server files through SCP

  For clusters deployed using TiUP, Diag can collect log files and configuration files directly from the nodes of the target component through the Secure copy protocol (SCP).

- Collect data by running commands remotely through SSH

  For clusters deployed using TiUP, Diag can connect to the target component system through SSH (Secure Shell) and run commands (such as Insight) to obtain system information, including kernel logs, kernel parameters, and basic information of the system and hardware.

- Collect data through HTTP call

  - By calling the HTTP interface of TiDB components, Diag can get the real-time configuration sampling information and the real-time performance sampling information of TiDB, TiKV, PD, and other components.
  - By calling the HTTP interface of Prometheus, Diag can get alert information and monitoring metrics data.

- Query database parameters through SQL statements

  Using SQL statements, Diag can query system variables and other information of TiDB. To use this method, you need to **additionally provide** the username and password to access TiDB when collecting data.

13.9.1.3 The limitations of Clinic Server

> **Note:**
>
> - Clinic Server is free from July 15, 2022 to April 15, 2025. You will be notified through email before April 15, 2025 if the service starts charging fee afterwards.
> - If you want to adjust the usage limitations, get support from PingCAP.

Service Type	Limitation
Number of clusters	10/organization
Storage capacity	50 GB/cluster
Storage duration	180 days
Data size	3 GB/package
Saving duration of the data rebuild environment	3 days

13.9.1.4 Next step

- Use PingCAP Clinic in an on-premise environment
  - Quick Start with PingCAP Clinic
  - Troubleshoot Clusters using PingCAP Clinic
  - PingCAP Clinic Diagnostic Data
- Use PingCAP Clinic on Kubernetes
  - Troubleshoot TiDB Cluster using PingCAP Clinic
  - PingCAP Clinic Diagnostic Data

13.9.2 Quick Start Guide for PingCAP Clinic

This document describes how to use PingCAP Clinic diagnosis service (PingCAP Clinic) to collect, upload, and view cluster diagnosis data quickly.

PingCAP Clinic consists of two components: Diag client (shorten as Diag) and Clinic Server cloud service (shorten as Clinic Server). For details of these two components, refer to PingCAP Clinic Overview.

13.9.2.1 User scenarios

- To accurately identify and quickly resolve problems in your cluster when seeking help remotely from PingCAP technical support, you can collect diagnostic data with Diag, upload the collected data to the Clinic Server, and provide the data access link to the technical support.
- When the cluster is running properly and you need to check the status of the cluster, you can use Diag to collect diagnostic data, upload the data to Clinic Server, and view the results of Health Report.

> **Note:**
>
> - The following methods to collect and upload data are **only** applicable to clusters deployed using TiUP. For clusters deployed using TiDB Operator on Kubernetes, see PingCAP Clinic for TiDB Operator environments.
> - The diagnostic data collected by PingCAP Clinic is **only** used for troubleshooting cluster problems.

13.9.2.2 Prerequisites

Before using PingCAP Clinic, you need to install Diag and prepare an environment for uploading data.

1. On your control machine with TiUP installed, run the following command to install Diag:

   ```
   tiup install diag
   ```

2. Log in to Clinic Server.

   Go to the Clinic Server for international users and select **Continue with TiDB Account** to enter the TiDB Cloud login page. If you do not have a TiDB Cloud account, create one on that page.

> **Note:**
>
> A TiDB Cloud account is only used for logging in to Clinic Server in SSO mode and is not mandatory for accessing the TiDB Cloud service.

   Go to the Clinic Server for users in the Chinese mainland and select **Continue with AskTUG** to enter the AskTUG community login page. If you do not have an AskTUG account, create one on that page

3. Create an organization on the Clinic Server. Organization is a collection of TiDB clusters. You can upload diagnostic data on the created organization.

4. Get an access token to upload data. When uploading collected data through Diag, you need a token for user authentication to ensure the data is isolated securely. If you already get a token from the Clinic Server, you can reuse the token.

   To get a token, click the icon in the lower-right corner of the Cluster page, select **Get Access Token For Diag Tool**, and click + in the pop-up window. Make sure that you have copied and saved the token that is displayed.

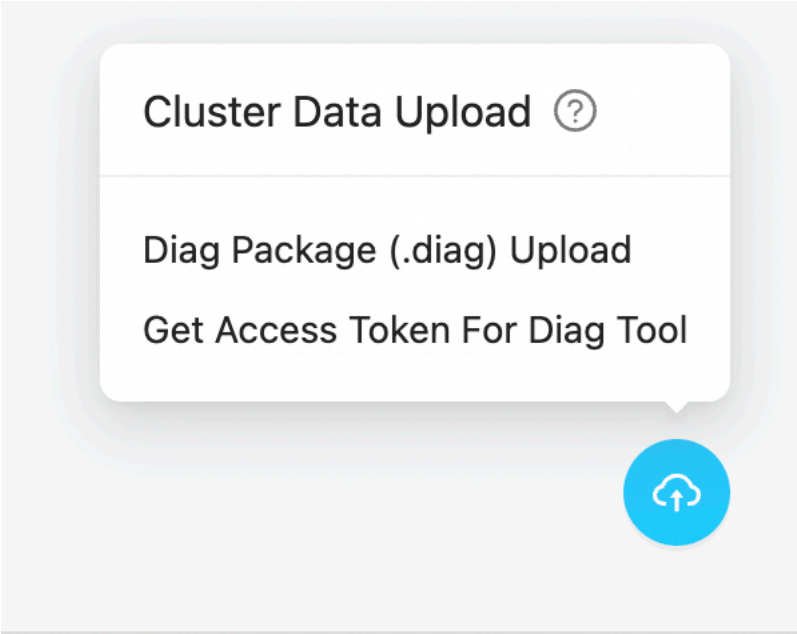

Figure 531: An example of a token

Note:

- For data security, TiDB only displays the token information when it is created. If you lost the information, you can delete the old token and create a new one.
- A token is only used for uploading data.

5. Set the token and `region` in Diag.

   - Run the following command to set the `clinic.token`:

     ```
     tiup diag config clinic.token ${token-value}
     ```

   - Run the following command to set the `clinic.region`:

`region` determines the encryption certificate used for packing data and the target service when uploading the data. For example:

> **Note:**
>
> - Diag v0.9.0 and later versions support setting `region`.
> - For versions earlier than Diag v0.9.0, data is uploaded to Clinic Server in the Chinese region by default. To set `region` in these versions, run the `tiup update diag` command to upgrade Diag to the latest version and then set `region` in Diag.

When using Clinic Server for international users, set `region` to `US` using the following command:

```
tiup diag config clinic.region US
```

When using Clinic Server for users in the Chinese mainland, set `region` to `CN` using the following command:

```
tiup diag config clinic.region CN
```

6. (Optional) Enable log redaction.

   When TiDB provides detailed log information, it might print sensitive information (for example, user data) in the log. If you want to avoid leaking sensitive information in the local log and Clinic Server, you can enable log redaction in the TiDB side. For more information, see log redaction.

13.9.2.3 Steps

1. Run Diag to collect diagnostic data.

   For example, to collect the diagnostic data from 4 hours ago to 2 hours ago based on the current time, run the following command:

   ```
   tiup diag collect ${cluster-name} -f="-4h" -t="-2h"
   ```

   After you run the command, Diag does not start collecting data immediately. Instead, Diag provides the estimated data size and the target data storage path in the output for you to confirm whether to continue. To confirm that you want to start collecting data, enter `Y`.

   After the collection is complete, Diag provides the folder path where the collected data is located.

2. Upload the collected data to Clinic Server.

> **Note:**
> The size of data (the compressed file with collected data) to be uploaded should be **no larger than** 3 GB. Otherwise, the data upload fails.

- If the network where your cluster is located can access the internet, you can directly upload the folder with collected data using the following command:

```
tiup diag upload ${filepath}
```

After the upload is completed, the `Download URL` is displayed in the output.

> **Note:**
> When uploading data using this method, you need to use Diag v0.9.0 or a later version. You can get the Diag version when you run it. If the Diag version is earlier than 0.9.0, you can use the `tiup update diag` command to upgrade Diag to the latest version.

- If the network where your cluster is located cannot access the internet, you need to pack the collected data and upload the package. For details, see Method 2. Pack and upload data.

3. After the upload is complete, get the data access link from `Download URL` in the command output.

   By default, the diagnostic data includes the cluster name, cluster topology information, log content in the collected diagnostic data, and Grafana Dashboard information reorganized based on the metrics in the collected data.

   You can use the data to troubleshoot cluster problems by yourself, or you can provide the data access link to PingCAP technical support staff to facilitate the remote troubleshooting.

4. View the results of Health Report

   After data is uploaded, Clinic Server processes the data automatically in the background. The Health Report is generated in approximately 5 to 15 minutes. You can view the report by opening the diagnostic data link and click the “Health Report”.

13.9.2.4 What’s next

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- Troubleshoot Clusters Using PingCAP Clinic
- PingCAP Clinic Diagnostic Data

13.9.3 Troubleshoot Clusters Using PingCAP Clinic

For TiDB clusters and DM clusters deployed using TiUP, you can use PingCAP Clinic Diagnostic Service (PingCAP Clinic) to troubleshoot cluster problems remotely and perform a quick check on cluster status locally using Diag client (Diag) and Clinic Server.

> **Note:**
>
> - This document **only** applies to clusters deployed using TiUP in a self-hosted environment. For clusters deployed using TiDB Operator on Kubernetes, see PingCAP Clinic for TiDB Operator environments.
> - PingCAP Clinic **does not support** collecting data from clusters deployed using TiDB Ansible.

13.9.3.1 User scenarios

- Troubleshoot cluster problems remotely
  - When your cluster has some problems, if you need to get support from PingCAP, you can perform the following operations to facilitate the remote troubleshooting: collect diagnostic data with Diag, upload the collected data to the Clinic Server, and provide the data access link to the technical support staff.
  - When your cluster has some problems, if you cannot analyze the problems immediately, you can use Diag to collect and save the data for later analysis.
- Perform a quick check on the cluster status locally

  Even if your cluster is running stably for now, it is necessary to periodically check the cluster to detect potential stability risks. You can identify potential health risks of a cluster using the local quick check feature provided by PingCAP Clinic. The local check only checks configuration. To check more items, such as metrics and logs, it is recommended to upload the diagnostic data to the Clinic Server and use the Health Report feature.

13.9.3.2 Prerequisites

Before using PingCAP Clinic, you need to install Diag (a component to collect data provided by PingCAP Clinic) and prepare the environment to upload data.

1. Install Diag.

- If you have installed TiUP on your control machine, run the following command to install Diag:

```
tiup install diag
```

- If you have installed Diag, you can use the following command to upgrade Diag to the latest version:

```
tiup update diag
```

Note:

- For clusters without an internet connection, you need to deploy Diag offline. For details, refer to Deploy TiUP offline: Method 2.
- Diag is **only** provided in the TiDB Server offline mirror package of v5.4.0 or later.

2. Get and set an access token (token) to upload data.

   When uploading collected data through Diag, you need a token for user authentication. If you already set a token Diag, you can reuse the token and skip this step.

   To get a token, perform the following steps:

   - Log in to the Clinic Server.

     Clinic Server for international users: Data is stored in AWS in US regions.

     Clinic Server for users in the Chinese mainland: Data is stored in AWS in China (Beijing) regions.
   - Click the icon in the lower-right corner of the Cluster page, select **Get Access Token For Diag Tool**, and click + in the pop-up window. Make sure that you have copied and saved the token that is displayed.

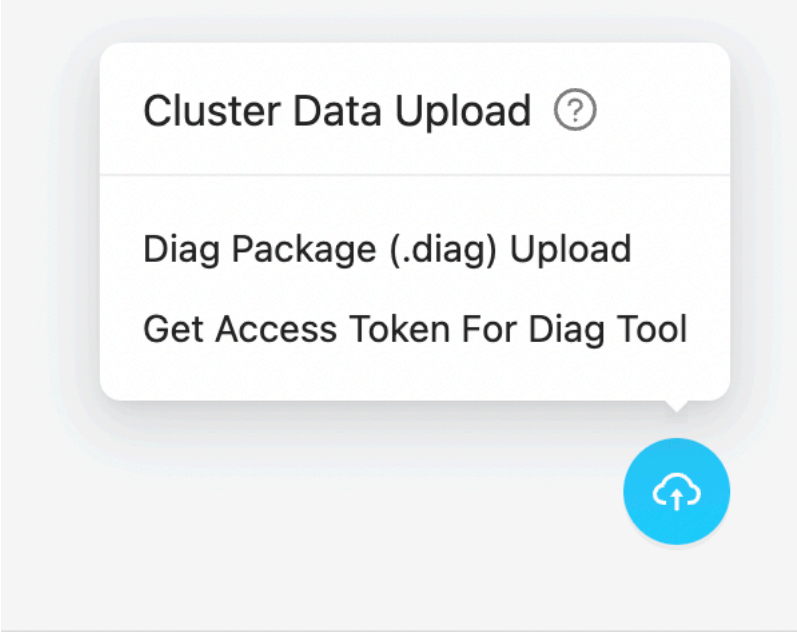

Figure 532: Get the Token

Note:

- When accessing Clinic Server for the first time, before getting a token, you need to prepare the environment by referring to Quick Start with PingCAP Clinic.
- For data security, TiDB only displays the token upon the token creation. If you have lost the token, delete the old token and create a new one.
- A token is only used for uploading data.

- Then, set the token in Diag. For example:

```
tiup diag config clinic.token ${token-value}
```

3. Set the `region` in Diag.

   `region` determines the encryption certificate used for packing data and the target service when uploading the data. For example:

Note:

- Diag v0.9.0 and later versions support setting `region`.
- For versions earlier than Diag v0.9.0, data is uploaded to Clinic Server in the Chinese region by default. To set `region` in these

versions, run the `tiup update diag` command to upgrade Diag to the latest version and then set `region` in Diag.

When using Clinic Server for international users, set `region` to `US` using the following command:

```
tiup diag config clinic.region US
```

When using Clinic Server for users in the Chinese mainland, set `region` to `CN` using the following command:

```
tiup diag config clinic.region CN
```

4. (Optional) Enable log redaction.

   When TiDB provides detailed log information, it might print sensitive information (for example, user data) in the log. If you want to avoid leaking sensitive information in the local log and Clinic Server, you can enable log redaction in the TiDB side. For more information, see log redaction.

13.9.3.3 Troubleshoot cluster problems remotely

You can use Diag to quickly collect diagnostic data from TiDB clusters and DM clusters, including monitoring data and configuration information.

13.9.3.3.1 Step 1. Check the data to be collected

For a full list of data that can be collected by Diag, see PingCAP Clinic Diagnostic Data.

To improve the efficiency of the later diagnosis, you are recommended to collect full diagnostic data including monitoring data and configuration information. For details, see Collect data from clusters.

13.9.3.3.2 Step 2. Collect data

With Diag, you can collect data from the TiDB clusters and the DM clusters deployed using TiUP.

1. Run the data collection command of Diag.

   For example, to collect the diagnostic data from 4 hours ago to 2 hours ago based on the current time, run the following command:

```
tiup diag collect ${cluster-name} -f="-4h" -t="-2h"
```

```
tiup diag collectdm ${dm-cluster-name} -f="-4h" -t="-2h"
```

Descriptions of the parameters for data collection:

- `-f/--from`: specifies the start time of the data collection. If you do not specify this parameter, the default start time is 2 hours before the current time. To modify the time zone, use the `-f="12:30 +0800"` syntax. If you do not specify the time zone information in this parameter, such as `+0800`, the time zone is UTC by default.
- `-t/--to`: specifies the end time of the data collection. If you do not specify this parameter, the default end time is the current moment. To modify the time zone, use the `-f="12:30 +0800"` syntax. If you do not specify the time zone information in this parameter, such as `+0800`, the time zone is UTC by default.

Parameter usage tips:

In addition to specifying the data collection time, you can use Diag to specify more parameters. To get all parameters, run the `tiup diag collect -h` or `tiup diag collectdm -h` command.

Note:

- Diag does not collect system variables data (db_vars) by default. To collect this data, you need to additionally provide a username and password that can access the database. Note that the reading access to system variables should be enabled in this database.
- Diag does not collect performance data (`perf`) and debug data (`debug`) by default.
- To collect full diagnostic data including system variables, use the command `tiup diag collect <cluster-name> --include="system,monitor,log,config,db_vars,perf,debug"`.

- `-l`: the bandwidth limit for transferring files, the unit is Kbit/s, and the default value is `100000` (the `-l` parameter of scp).
- `-N/--node`: only collects data from a specified node. The format is `ip:port`.
- `--include`: only collects specific types of data. The optional values are `system`, `monitor`, `log`, `config`, and `db_vars`. To include two or more types, you can use `,` as a separator between the types.
- `--exclude`: does not collect specific types of data. The optional values are `system`, `monitor`, `log`, `config`, and `db_vars`. To exclude two or more types, you can use `,` as a separator between the types.
- `--metricsfilter`: only collects specified Prometheus metrics. You can specify metrics using a comma-separated list of metric prefixes. For example, `--metricsfilter=tidb,pd` collects metrics that start with `tidb` and metrics that start with `pd`.

Tip:
To get available metric prefixes, you can query the TiDB monitoring API using the following command:

```
curl -s 'http://${prometheus-host}:${prometheus-port}/api
    ↪ /v1/label/__name__/values' | jq -r '.data[]' | cut
    ↪  -d\_ -f1 | uniq -c | sort -rn
```

After you run the command, Diag does not start collecting data immediately. Instead, Diag provides the estimated data size and the target data storage path in the output for you to confirm whether to continue. For example:

```
Estimated size of data to collect:
Host              Size      Target
----              ----      ------
172.16.7.129:9090 43.57 MB 1775 metrics, compressed
172.16.7.87       0 B       /tidb-deploy/tidb-4000/log/tidb_stderr.log
... ...
172.16.7.179      325 B     /tidb-deploy/tikv-20160/conf/tikv.toml
Total             2.01 GB   (inaccurate)
These data will be stored in /home/user/diag-fNTnz5MGhr6
Do you want to continue? [y/N]: (default=N)
```

2. Enter `Y` to confirm that you want to start collecting data.

   Collecting data takes a certain amount of time. The time varies according to the volume of data to be collected. For example, in a test environment, collecting 1 GB of data takes about 10 minutes.

   After the collection is complete, Diag provides the folder path where the collected data is located. For example:

```
Collected data are stored in /home/user/diag-fNTnz5MGhr6
```

13.9.3.3.3 Step 3. View data locally (optional)

The collected data is stored in separate subdirectories based on its data source. These subdirectories are named after machine names and port numbers. The storage locations of the configuration, logs, and other files of each node are the same as their relative storage paths in the real server of your TiDB cluster:

- Basic information of the system and hardware: in `insight.json`
- Contents in the system `/etc/security/limits.conf`: in `limits.conf`
- List of kernel parameters: in `sysctl.conf`

- Kernel logs: in `dmesg.log`
- Network connection during data collection: in `ss.txt`
- Configuration data: in the `config.json` directory of each node
- Meta-information for the cluster itself: in `meta.yaml` (this file is located at the top level of the directory that stores collected data)
- Monitoring data: in the `/monitor` file directory. The monitoring data is compressed by default and cannot be viewed directly. To directly view the JSON files with monitoring data, disable compression with the `--compress-metrics=false` parameter when collecting data.

13.9.3.3.4 Step 4. Upload data

To provide cluster diagnostic data to PingCAP technical support staff, you need to upload the data to the Clinic Server first, and then send the obtained data access link to the staff. The Clinic Server is a cloud service that stores and shares diagnostic data securely.

Depending on the network connection of the cluster, you can choose one of the following methods to upload data:

- Methods 1: if the network where the cluster is located can access the internet, you can directly upload data using the upload command.
- Methods 2: if the network where the cluster is located cannot access the internet, you need to pack the data and then upload it.

> **Note:**
>
> If you did not set a token or `region` in Diag before uploading data, Diag reports the upload failure and reminds you to set a token or `region`. To set a token, see the second step in Prerequisites.

Method 1. Upload directly

If the network where the cluster is located can access the internet, you can directly upload the folder with collected data obtained in Step 2: Collect data using the following command:

```
tiup diag upload
```

After the upload is completed, the `Download URL` is displayed in the output. You can open the link of `Download URL` to see the uploaded data or send the link to the PingCAP technical support staff you contacted before.

Method 2. Pack and upload data

If the network where your cluster is located cannot access the internet, you need to pack the data on your intranet and upload the data package to the Clinic Server using a device with internet access. The detailed operations are as follows:

1. Pack the collected data obtained in Step 2. Collect data by running the following command:

```
tiup diag package ${filepath}
```

   During packaging, Diag encrypts and compresses the data at the same time. In the test environment, 800 MB of data was compressed to 57 MB. The following is an example output:

```
Starting component `diag`: /root/.tiup/components/diag/v0.7.0/diag
    ↪ package diag-fNTnz5MGhr6
packaged data set saved to /home/user/diag-fNTnz5MGhr6.diag
```

   After the packaging is complete, the data is packaged to the `.diag` format. The `.diag` file can only be decrypted and viewed after being uploaded to the Clinic Server. If you want to directly forward the collected data instead of uploading it to the Clinic Server, you can compress the data by your own method and forward it.

2. From a machine with internet access, upload the compressed data package:

```
tiup diag upload ${filepath}
```

   The following is an example output:

```
[root@Copy-of-VM-EE-CentOS76-v1 user]# tiup diag upload /home/user/
    ↪ diag-fNTnz5MGhr6
Starting component `diag`: /root/.tiup/components/diag/v0.7.0/diag
    ↪ upload /home/user/diag-fNTnz5MGhr6
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>><<<<<<<<<
Completed!
Download URL: "https://clinic.pingcap.com.cn/portal/#/orgs/4/clusters/
    ↪ XXXX"
```

3. After the upload is complete, you can open the link of `Download URL` to see the uploaded data or send the link to the PingCAP technical support staff you contacted before.

13.9.3.4 Perform a quick check on the cluster status locally

You can have a quick check on the cluster status locally using Diag. Even if your cluster is running stably for now, it is necessary to periodically check the cluster to detect potential stability risks. You can identify potential health risks of a cluster using the local quick check feature provided by PingCAP Clinic. The local check only checks configuration. To check

more items, such as metrics and logs, it is recommended to upload the diagnostic data to the Clinic Server and use the Health Report feature.

1. Collect configuration data:

```
tiup diag collect ${cluster-name} --include="config"
```

   The data of configuration files are relatively small. After the collection, the collected data is stored in the current path by default. In the test environment, for a cluster with 18 nodes, the data size of configuration files is less than 10 KB.

2. Diagnose configuration data:

```
tiup diag check ${subdir-in-output-data}
```

   `${subdir-in-output-data}` in the above command is the path that stores the collected data, and this path has the `meta.yaml` file.

3. View the diagnostic result:

   The diagnostic result is returned on the command line. For example:

```
Starting component `diag`: /root/.tiup/components/diag/v0.7.0/diag
    ↪ check diag-fNTnz5MGhr6

# Diagnostic result
lili 2022-01-24T09:33:57+08:00

## 1. Cluster basic information
- Cluster ID: 7047403704292855808
- Cluster Name: lili
- Cluster Version: v5.3.0

## 2. Sampling information
- Sample ID: fNTnz5MGhr6
- Sampling Date: 2022-01-24T09:33:57+08:00
- Sample Content:: [system monitor log config]

## 3. Diagnostic result, including potential configuration problems
In this inspection, 22 rules were executed.

The results of **1** rules were abnormal and needed to be further
    ↪ discussed with support team.

The following is the details of the abnormalities.

### Diagnostic result summary
The configuration rules are all derived from PingCAP's OnCall Service.
```

```
If the results of the configuration rules are found to be abnormal,
    ↪ they may cause the cluster to fail.

There were **1** abnormal results.

#### Path to save the diagnostic result file

Rule Name: tidb-max-days
- RuleID: 100
- Variation: TidbConfig.log.file.max-days
- For more information, please visit: https://s.tidb.io/msmo6awg
- Check Result:
  TidbConfig_172.16.7.87:4000 TidbConfig.log.file.max-days:0 warning
  TidbConfig_172.16.7.86:4000 TidbConfig.log.file.max-days:0 warning
  TidbConfig_172.16.7.179:4000 TidbConfig.log.file.max-days:0 warning

Result report and record are saved at diag-fNTnz5MGhr6/report
    ↪ -220125153215
```

In the last section of the diagnostic result (under `#### Path to save the diagnostic result file` in the above example output), for each configuration potential risk found, Diag provides a corresponding knowledge base link with detailed configuration suggestions. In the example above, the relevant link is `https://s.tidb.io/msmo6awg`.

13.9.3.5 FAQ

1. If the data upload fails, can I re-upload it?

   Yes. Data upload supports breakpoint upload. If the upload fails, you can upload it again directly.

2. After uploading data, I cannot open the returned data access link. What should I do?

   Log in to Clinic Server first. If you still cannot open the link after login success, check whether you have access to data. If not, contact the data owner for permission. After getting the permission, log in to Clinic Server and open the link again.

3. How long will the uploaded data be kept on the Clinic Server?

   The longest time is 180 days. You can delete the data you uploaded on the Clinic Server page at any time.

13.9.4 PingCAP Clinic Diagnostic Data

This document provides the types of diagnostic data that can be collected by PingCAP Clinic Diagnostic Service (PingCAP Clinic) from the TiDB and DM clusters deployed using

TiUP. Also, the document lists the parameters for data collection corresponding to each data type. When running a command to collect data using Diag client (Diag), you can add the required parameters to the command according to the types of the data to be collected.

The diagnostic data collected by PingCAP Clinic is **only** used for troubleshooting cluster problems.

A diagnostic service deployed in the cloud, Clinic Server provides two independent services depending on the data storage location:

- Clinic Server for international users: If you upload the collected data to Clinic Server for international users, the data will be stored in the Amazon S3 service deployed by PingCAP in AWS US regions. PingCAP uses strict data access policies and only authorized technical support can access the data.
- Clinic Server for users in the Chinese mainland: If you upload the collected data to Clinic Server for users in the Chinese mainland, the data will be stored in the Amazon S3 service deployed by PingCAP in China (Beijing) regions. PingCAP uses strict data access policies and only authorized technical support can access the data.

13.9.4.1 TiDB clusters

This section lists the types of diagnostic data that can be collected by Diag from the TiDB clusters deployed using TiUP.

13.9.4.1.1 TiDB cluster information

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Basic information of the cluster, including the cluster ID	`cluster` ↪ `.` ↪ `json` ↪	The data is collected per run by default.

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Detailed information of the cluster	`meta.yaml`	The data is collected per run by default.

13.9.4.1.2 TiDB diagnostic data

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Log	`tidb.log`	`--include=log`
Error log	`tidb_stderr.log`	`--include=log`
Slow log	`tidb_slow_query.log`	`--include=log`
Configuration file	`tidb.toml`	`--include=config`
Real-time configuration	`config.json`	`--include=config`

13.9.4.1.3 TiKV diagnostic data

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Log	`tikv.log`	`--include=log`
Error log	`tikv_stderr.log`	`--include=log`
Configuration file	`tikv.toml`	`--include=config`
Real-time configuration	`config.json`	`--include=config`

13.9.4.1.4 PD diagnostic data

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Log	`pd.log`	`--include=log`

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Error log	pd_ ↪ stderr ↪ . ↪ log	-- ↪ include ↪ =log
Configuration file	pd. ↪ toml ↪	-- ↪ include ↪ = ↪ config ↪
Real-time configu-ration	config ↪ . ↪ json ↪	-- ↪ include ↪ = ↪ config ↪

Outputs of the com-mand tiup
↪ ctl
↪ :v<
↪ CLUSTER
↪ _
↪ VERSION
↪ >
↪ pd
↪ -u
↪ http
↪ ://
↪ ${
↪ pd
↪ IP
↪ }:$
↪ {
↪ PORT
↪ }
↪ store
↪
	store.
	↪ json
	↪
		--
		↪ include
		↪ =
		↪ config
		↪

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Outputs of the command `tiup ↪ ctl ↪ :v< ↪ CLUSTER ↪ _ ↪ VERSION ↪ > ↪ pd ↪ -u ↪ http ↪ :// ↪ ${ ↪ pd ↪ IP ↪ }:$ ↪ { ↪ PORT ↪ } ↪ config ↪ ↪ placement ↪ - ↪ rules ↪ ↪ show ↪`	`placement ↪ - ↪ rule ↪ . ↪ json ↪`	`-- ↪ include ↪ = ↪ config ↪`

13.9.4.1.5 TiFlash diagnostic data

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Log	`tiflash` ↪ `.` ↪ `log`	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=log`
Error log	`tiflash` ↪ `_` ↪ `stderr` ↪ `.` ↪ `log`	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=log`
Configuration file	`tiflash` ↪ `-` ↪ `learner` ↪ `.` ↪ `toml` ↪ `,` `tiflash` ↪ `-` ↪ `preprocessed` ↪ `.` ↪ `toml` ↪ `,` `tiflash` ↪ `.` ↪ `toml` ↪	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=` ↪ `config` ↪
Real-time configuration	`config` ↪ `.` ↪ `json` ↪	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=` ↪ `config` ↪

13.9.4.1.6 TiCDC diagnostic data

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Log	`ticdc.` ↪ `log`	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=log`
Error log	`ticdc_` ↪ `stderr` ↪ `.` ↪ `log`	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=log`
Configuration file	`ticdc.` ↪ `toml` ↪	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=` ↪ `config` ↪
Debug data	`info.` ↪ `txt`, `status` ↪ `.` ↪ `txt`, `changefeeds` ↪ `.` ↪ `txt`, `captures` ↪ `.` ↪ `txt`, `processors` ↪ `.` ↪ `txt`	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=` ↪ `debug` (Diag does not collect this data type by default)

13.9.4.1.7 Prometheus monitoring data

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
All metrics data	`{metric_name}.json`	`--include=monitor`
All alerts data	`alerts.json`	`--include=monitor`

13.9.4.1.8 TiDB system variables

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
TiDB system variables	`mysql.` ↪ `tidb` ↪ `.` ↪ `csv`	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=db_` ↪ `vars` (Diag does not collect this data type by default; if you need to collect this data type, database credential is required)
	`global` ↪ `_` ↪ `variables` ↪ `.` ↪ `csv`	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=db_` ↪ `vars` (Diag does not collect this data type by default)

13.9.4.1.9 System information of the cluster node

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Kernel log	`dmesg.log`	`--include=system`
Basic information of the system and hardware	`insight.json`	`--include=system`
Contents in the `/etc/security/limits.conf`	`limits.conf`	`--include=system`
List of kernel parameters	`sysctl.conf`	`--include=system`
Socket system information, which is the output of the `ss` command	`ss.txt`	`--include=system`

13.9.4.2 DM clusters

This section lists the types of diagnostic data that can be collected by Diag from the DM clusters deployed using TiUP.

13.9.4.2.1 DM cluster information

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Basic information of the cluster, including the cluster ID	`cluster` ↪ `.` ↪ `json` ↪	The data is collected per run by default.
Detailed information of the cluster	`meta.` ↪ `yaml` ↪	The data is collected per run by default.

13.9.4.2.2 dm-master diagnostic data

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Log	`dm-master.log`	`--include=log`
Error log	`dm-master_stderr.log`	`--include=log`
Configuration file	`dm-master.toml`	`--include=config`

13.9.4.2.3 dm-worker diagnostic data

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Log	`dm-worker.log`	`--include=log`
Error log	`dm-worker_stderr.log`	`--include=log`
Configuration file	`dm-work.toml`	`--include=config`

13.9.4.2.4 Prometheus monitoring data

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
All metrics data	`{metric_name}.json`	`--include=monitor`
All alerts data	`alerts.json`	`--include=monitor`

13.9.4.2.5 System information of the cluster node

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Kernel log	`dmesg.` ↪ `log`	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=` ↪ `system` ↪
Basic information of the system and hardware	`insight` ↪ `.` ↪ `json` ↪	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=` ↪ `system` ↪
Contents in the `/etc/` ↪ `security` ↪ `/` ↪ `limits` ↪ `.` ↪ `conf` ↪ system	`limits` ↪ `.` ↪ `conf` ↪	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=` ↪ `system` ↪
List of kernel parameters	`sysctl` ↪ `.` ↪ `conf` ↪	`--` ↪ `include` ↪ `=` ↪ `system` ↪

Data type	Exported file	Parameter for data collection by PingCAP Clinic
Socket system information, which is the output of the `ss` command	`ss.txt`	`--include=system`

13.10 TiSpark

13.10.1 TiSpark User Guide

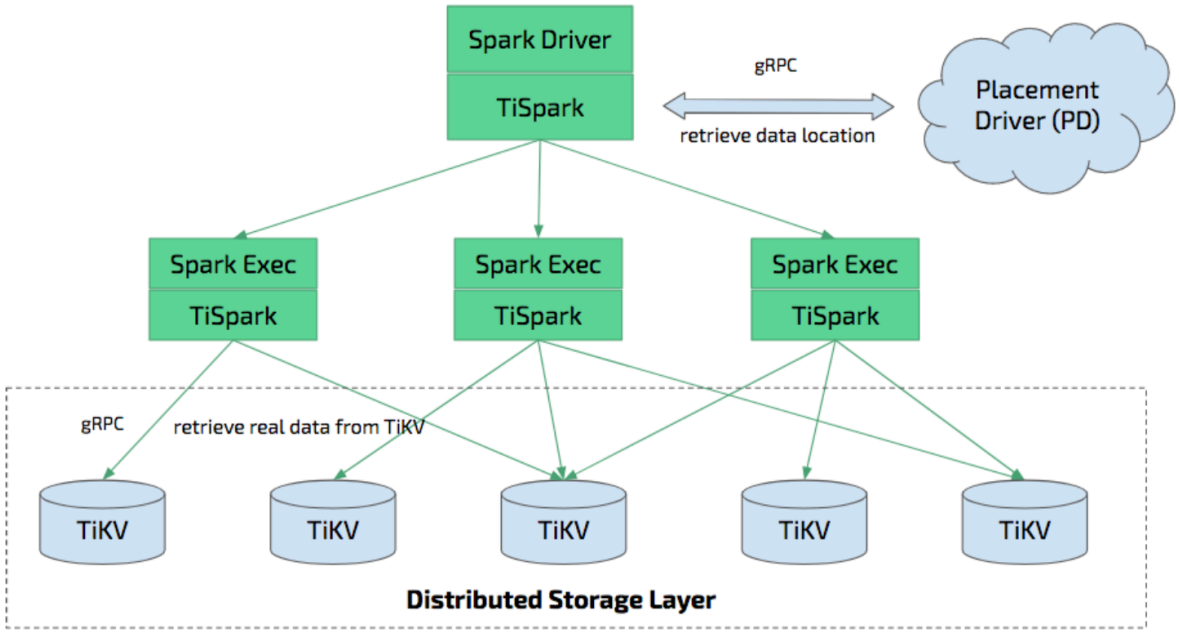

Figure 533: TiSpark architecture

13.10.1.1 TiSpark vs TiFlash

TiSpark is a thin layer built for running Apache Spark on top of TiDB/TiKV to answer the complex OLAP queries. It takes advantages of both the Spark platform and the distributed TiKV cluster and seamlessly glues to TiDB, the distributed OLTP database, to provide a Hybrid Transactional/Analytical Processing (HTAP) solution to serve as a one-stop solution for both online transactions and analysis.

TiFlash is another tool that enables HTAP. Both TiFlash and TiSpark allow the use of multiple hosts to execute OLAP queries on OLTP data. TiFlash stores data in a columnar format, which allows more efficient analytical queries. TiFlash and TiSpark can be used together.

13.10.1.2 What is TiSpark

TiSpark depends on the TiKV cluster and the PD cluster. You also need to set up a Spark cluster. This document provides a brief introduction to how to setup and use TiSpark. It requires some basic knowledge of Apache Spark. For more information, see Apache Spark website.

Deeply integrating with Spark Catalyst Engine, TiSpark provides precise control on computing. This allows Spark to read data from TiKV efficiently. TiSpark also supports index seek, which enables high-speed point query. TiSpark accelerates data queries by pushing computing to TiKV so as to reduce the volume of data to be processed by Spark SQL. Meanwhile, TiSpark can use TiDB built-in statistics to select the best query plan.

With TiSpark and TiDB, you can run both transaction and analysis tasks on the same platform without building and maintaining ETLs. This simplifies the system architecture and reduces the cost of maintenance.

You can use tools of the Spark ecosystem for data processing on TiDB:

- TiSpark: Data analysis and ETLs
- TiKV: Data retrieval
- Scheduling system: Report generation

Also, TiSpark supports distributed writes to TiKV. Compared with writes to TiDB by using Spark and JDBC, distributed writes to TiKV can implement transactions (either all data are written successfully or all writes fail), and the writes are faster.

> **Warning:**
>
> Because TiSpark accesses TiKV directly, the access control mechanisms used by TiDB Server are not applicable to TiSpark. Since TiSpark v2.5.0, TiSpark supports user authentication and authorization, for more information, see Security.

13.10.1.3 Requirements

- TiSpark supports Spark >= 2.3.
- TiSpark requires JDK 1.8 and Scala 2.11/2.12.
- TiSpark runs in any Spark mode such as `YARN`, `Mesos`, and `Standalone`.

13.10.1.4 Recommended deployment configurations of Spark

> **Warning:**
>
> Deploying TiSpark using TiUP as described in this doc has been deprecated.

Since TiSpark is a TiDB connector of Spark, to use it, a running Spark cluster is required.

This document provides basic advice on deploying Spark. Please turn to the Spark official website for detailed hardware recommendations.

For independent deployment of Spark cluster:

- It is recommended to allocate 32 GB memory for Spark. Reserve at least 25% of the memory for the operating system and the buffer cache.
- It is recommended to provision at least 8 to 16 cores per machine for Spark. First, you must assign all the CPU cores to Spark.

The following is an example based on the `spark-env.sh` configuration:

```
SPARK_EXECUTOR_MEMORY = 32g
SPARK_WORKER_MEMORY = 32g
SPARK_WORKER_CORES = 8
```

13.10.1.5 Get TiSpark

TiSpark is a third-party jar package for Spark that provides the ability to read and write TiKV.

13.10.1.5.1 Get mysql-connector-j

The `mysql-connector-java` dependency is no longer provided because of the limit of the GPL license.

The following versions of TiSpark's jar will no longer include `mysql-connector-java`.

- TiSpark > 3.0.1

- TiSpark > 2.5.1 for TiSpark 2.5.x
- TiSpark > 2.4.3 for TiSpark 2.4.x

However, TiSpark needs `mysql-connector-java` for writing and authentication. In such cases, you need to import `mysql-connector-java` manually using either of the following methods:

- Put `mysql-connector-java` into spark jars file.
- Import `mysql-connector-java` when you submit a spark job. See the following example:

```
spark-submit --jars tispark-assembly-3.0_2.12-3.1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar,mysql-
    ↪ connector-java-8.0.29.jar
```

13.10.1.5.2 Choose TiSpark version

You can choose TiSpark version according to your TiDB and Spark version.

TiSpark version	TiDB, TiKV, PD version	Spark version	Scala version
2.4.x-scala_2.11	5.x, 4.x	2.3.x, 2.4.x	2.11
2.4.x-scala_2.12	5.x, 4.x	2.4.x	2.12
2.5.x	5.x, 4.x	3.0.x, 3.1.x	2.12
3.0.x	5.x, 4.x	3.0.x, 3.1.x, 3.2.x	2.12
3.1.x	6.x, 5.x, 4.x	3.0.x, 3.1.x, 3.2.x, 3.3.x	2.12
3.2.x	6.x, 5.x, 4.x	3.0.x, 3.1.x, 3.2.x, 3.3.x	2.12

TiSpark 2.4.4, 2.5.3, 3.0.3, 3.1.7, and 3.2.3 are the latest stable versions and are highly recommended.

> **Note:**
>
> TiSpark does not guarantee compatibility with TiDB v7.0.0 and later versions. TiSpark does not guarantee compatibility with Spark v3.4.0 and later versions.

13.10.1.5.3 Get TiSpark jar

You can get the TiSpark jar using one of the following methods:

- Get from maven central and search for `pingcap`

- Get from TiSpark releases
- Build from source with the steps below

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, java8 is the only choice to build TiSpark, run mvn -version to check.

```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap/tispark.git
```

Run the following command under the TiSpark root directory.

```
// add -Dmaven.test.skip=true to skip the tests
mvn clean install -Dmaven.test.skip=true
// or you can add properties to specify spark version
mvn clean install -Dmaven.test.skip=true -Pspark3.2.1
```

13.10.1.5.4 TiSpark jar's artifact ID

The Artifact ID of TiSpark varies with TiSpark versions.

TiSpark version	Artifact ID
2.4.x-${scala_version}, 2.5.0	tispark-assembly
2.5.1	tispark-assembly-${spark_version}
3.0.x, 3.1.x, 3.2.x	tispark-assembly-${spark_version}-${scala_version}

13.10.1.6 Getting started

This document describes how to use TiSpark in spark-shell.

13.10.1.6.1 Start spark-shell

To use TiSpark in spark-shell:

Add the following configuration in `spark-defaults.conf`:

```
spark.sql.extensions org.apache.spark.sql.TiExtensions
spark.tispark.pd.addresses ${your_pd_address}
spark.sql.catalog.tidb_catalog org.apache.spark.sql.catalyst.catalog.
    ↪ TiCatalog
spark.sql.catalog.tidb_catalog.pd.addresses ${your_pd_address}
```

Start spark-shell with the `--jars` option.

```
spark-shell --jars tispark-assembly-{version}.jar
```

13.10.1.6.2 Get TiSpark version

You can get TiSpark version information by running the following command in spark-shell:

```
spark.sql("select ti_version()").collect
```

13.10.1.6.3 Read data using TiSpark

You can use Spark SQL to read data from TiKV.

```
spark.sql("use tidb_catalog")
spark.sql("select count(*) from ${database}.${table}").show
```

13.10.1.6.4 Write data using TiSpark

You can use the Spark DataSource API to write data to TiKV, for which ACID is guaranteed.

```
val tidbOptions: Map[String, String] = Map(
  "tidb.addr" -> "127.0.0.1",
  "tidb.password" -> "",
  "tidb.port" -> "4000",
  "tidb.user" -> "root"
)

val customerDF = spark.sql("select * from customer limit 100000")

customerDF.write
.format("tidb")
.option("database", "tpch_test")
.option("table", "cust_test_select")
.options(tidbOptions)
.mode("append")
.save()
```

See Data Source API User Guide for more details.

Starting from TiSpark 3.1, you can write data to TiKV using Spark SQL. For more information, see insert SQL.

13.10.1.6.5 Write data using JDBC DataSource

You can also use Spark JDBC to write to TiDB without the use of TiSpark.

This is beyond the scope of TiSpark. This document only provides an example here. For detailed information, see JDBC To Other Databases.

```
import org.apache.spark.sql.execution.datasources.jdbc.JDBCOptions

val customer = spark.sql("select * from customer limit 100000")
// you might need to repartition the source to make it balanced across
   ↪ nodes
// and increase concurrency
val df = customer.repartition(32)
df.write
.mode(saveMode = "append")
.format("jdbc")
.option("driver", "com.mysql.jdbc.Driver")
 // replace the host and port with yours and be sure to use rewrite batch
.option("url", "jdbc:mysql://127.0.0.1:4000/test?rewriteBatchedStatements=
   ↪ true")
.option("useSSL", "false")
// as tested, setting to `150` is a good practice
.option(JDBCOptions.JDBC_BATCH_INSERT_SIZE, 150)
.option("dbtable", s"cust_test_select") // database name and table name
   ↪ here
.option("isolationLevel", "NONE") // set isolationLevel to NONE
.option("user", "root") // TiDB user here
.save()
```

Set `isolationLevel` to `NONE` to avoid large single transactions which might lead to TiDB OOM and also avoid the `ISOLATION LEVEL does not support` error (TiDB currently only supports `REPEATABLE-READ`).

13.10.1.6.6 Delete data using TiSpark

You can use Spark SQL to delete data from TiKV.

```
spark.sql("use tidb_catalog")
spark.sql("delete from ${database}.${table} where xxx")
```

See delete feature for more details.

13.10.1.6.7 Work with other data sources

You can use multiple catalogs to read data from different data sources as follows:

```
// Read from Hive
spark.sql("select * from spark_catalog.default.t").show

// Join Hive tables and TiDB tables
spark.sql("select t1.id,t2.id from spark_catalog.default.t t1 left join tidb
   ↪ _catalog.test.t t2").show
```

13.10.1.7 TiSpark configurations

The configurations in the following table can be put together with `spark-defaults.conf` or passed in the same way as other Spark configuration properties.

Key	Default value	Description
`spark.↪ tispark↪ .pd↪ .↪ addresses↪`	`127.0.0.1:2379`	The addresses of PD clusters, which are split by commas.
`spark.↪ tispark↪ .↪ grpc↪ .↪ framesize↪`	`2147483647`	The maximum frame size of gRPC response in bytes (default to 2G).
`spark.↪ tispark↪ .↪ grpc↪ .↪ timeout↪ _in↪ _↪ sec`	`10`	The gRPC timeout time in seconds.

Key	Default value	Description
spark.tispark.plan.allow_index_read	true	Whether index is enabled in planning (which might cause heavy pressure on TiKV).
spark.tispark.index.scan_batch_size	20000	The number of row keys in a batch for the concurrent index scan.
spark.tispark.index.scan_concurrency	5	The maximum number of threads for index scan that retrieves row keys (shared among tasks inside each JVM).

Key	Default value	Description
`spark.tispark.table.scan_concurrency`	`512`	The maximum number of threads for table scan (shared among tasks inside each JVM).
`spark.tispark.request.command.priority`	`Low`	The value options are `Low`, `Normal`, `High`. This setting impacts the resources allocated in TiKV. `Low` is recommended because the OLTP workload is not disturbed.
`spark.tispark.coprocess.codec_format`	`chblock`	Retain the default codec format for coprocessor. Available options are `default`, `chblock` and `chunk`.
`spark.tispark.coprocess.streaming`	`false`	Whether to use streaming for response fetching (experimental).

Key	Default value	Description
spark.tispark.plan.unsupported_pushdown_exprs		A comma-separated list of expressions. In case you have a very old version of TiKV, you might disable the push down of some expressions if they are not supported.
spark.tispark.plan.downgrade.index_threshold	1000000000	If the range of index scan on one Region exceeds this limit in the original request, downgrade this Region's request to table scan rather than the planned index scan. By default, the downgrade is disabled.
spark.tispark.show.rowid	false	Whether to show row ID if the ID exists.
spark.tispark.db_prefix		The string that indicates the extra prefix for all databases in TiDB. This string distinguishes the databases in TiDB from the Hive databases with the same name.

Key	Default value	Description
spark.tispark.request.isolation.level	SI	Whether to resolve locks for the underlying TiDB clusters. When you use the "RC", you get the latest version of the record smaller than your tso and ignore the locks. When you use "SI", you resolve the locks and get the records depending on whether the resolved lock is committed or aborted.
spark.tispark.coprocessor.chunk_batch_size	1024	Rows fetched from coprocessor.
spark.tispark.isolation_read_engines	tikv,tiflash	List of readable engines of TiSpark, comma separated. Storage engines not listed will not be read.
spark.tispark.stale_read	optional	The stale read timestamp(ms). See here for more details.

Key	Default value	Description
spark.tispark.tikv.tls_enable	false	Whether to enable TiSpark TLS.
spark.tispark.tikv.trust_cert_collection		The trusted certificate for TiKV Client, used for verifying the remote PD's certificate, for example, `/home/tispark/config/root.pem` The file should contain an X.509 certificate collection.
spark.tispark.tikv.key_cert_chain		An X.509 certificate chain file for TiKV Client, for example, `/home/tispark/config/client.pem`.
spark.tispark.tikv.key_file		A PKCS#8 private key file for TiKV Client, for example, `/home/tispark/client_pkcs8.key`.

Key	Default value	Description
spark.tispark.tikv.jks_enable	false	Whether to use the JAVA key store instead of the X.509 certificate.
spark.tispark.tikv.jks_trust_path		A JKS format certificate for TiKV Client, generated by keytool, for example, /home/tispark/config/tikv-truststore.
spark.tispark.tikv.jks_trust_password		The password of spark.tispark.tikv.jks_trust_path.
spark.tispark.tikv.jks_key_path		A JKS format key for TiKV Client, generated by keytool, for example, /home/tispark/config/tikv-clientstore.

Key	Default value	Description
spark.tispark.tikv.jks_key_password		The password of spark.tispark.tikv.jks_key_path.
spark.tispark.jdbc.tls.enable	false	Whether to enable TLS when using the JDBC connector.
spark.tispark.jdbc.server.cert.store		The trusted certificate for JDBC. It is a Java keystore (JKS) format certificate generated by keytool, for example, /home/tispark/config/jdbc-truststore. The default value is "", which means TiSpark does not verify the TiDB server.
spark.tispark.jdbc.server.cert.store_password		The password of spark.tispark.jdbc.server_cert_store.

Key	Default value	Description
spark.tispark.jdbc.client_cert_store		A PKCS#12 certificate for JDBC. It is a JKS format certificate generated by `keytool`, for example, `/home/tispark/config/jdbc-clientstore`. Default is "", which means TiDB server doesn't verify TiSpark.
spark.tispark.jdbc.client_cert_store_password		The password of `spark.tispark.jdbc.client_cert_store`.
spark.tispark.tikv.tls_reload_interval	10	The interval for checking if there is any reloading certificates. The default value is `10s` (10 seconds).

Key	Default value	Description
spark.tispark.tikv.conn.recycle_time	60s	The interval for cleaning expired connections with TiKV. It takes effect only when certificate reloading is enabled. The default value is 60s (60 seconds).
spark.tispark.host_mapping		The route map used to configure the mapping between public IP addresses and intranet IP addresses. When the TiDB cluster is running on the intranet, you can map a set of intranet IP addresses to public IP addresses for an outside Spark cluster to access. The format is {Intranet IP1}:{Public IP1};{Intranet IP2}:{Public IP2}, for example, 192.168.0.2:8.8.8.8;192.168.0.3:9.9.9.9.
spark.tispark.new_collation_enable		When new collation is enabled on TiDB, this configuration can be set to true. If new collation is not enabled on TiDB, this configuration can be set to false. If this item is not configured, TiSpark configures new collation automatically based on the TiDB version. The configuration rule is as follows: If the TiDB version is greater than or equal to v6.0.0, it is true; otherwise, it is false.
spark.tispark.replica_read	leader	The type of the replica to read. Value options are leader, follower, and learner. Multiple types can be specified at the same time and TiSpark selects the type according to the order.

Key	Default value	Description
spark.tispark.replica_read.label		The label of the target TiKV node. The format is label_x=value_x,label_y=value_y, and the items are connected by logical conjunction.

13.10.1.7.1 TLS configurations

TiSpark TLS has two parts: TiKV Client TLS and JDBC connector TLS. To enable TLS in TiSpark, you need to configure both. `spark.tispark.tikv.xxx` is used for TiKV Client to create a TLS connection with PD and TiKV server. `spark.tispark.jdbc.xxx` is used for JDBC to connect with TiDB server in TLS connection.

When TiSpark TLS is enabled, you must configure either the X.509 certificate with `tikv.trust_cert_collection`, `tikv.key_cert_chain` and `tikv.key_file` configurations, or the JKS certificate with `tikv.jks_enable`, `tikv.jks_trust_path` and `tikv.jks_key_path`. `jdbc.server_cert_store` and `jdbc.client_cert_store` are optional.

TiSpark only supports TLSv1.2 and TLSv1.3.

- The following is an example of opening TLS configuration with the X.509 certificate in TiKV Client.

```
spark.tispark.tikv.tls_enable                                   true
spark.tispark.tikv.trust_cert_collection                        /home/tispark/root.
   ↪ pem
spark.tispark.tikv.key_cert_chain                               /home/tispark/client
   ↪ .pem
spark.tispark.tikv.key_file                                     /home/tispark/client
   ↪ .key
```

- The following is an example of enabling TLS with JKS configurations in TiKV Client.

```
spark.tispark.tikv.tls_enable                                   true
spark.tispark.tikv.jks_enable                                   true
spark.tispark.tikv.jks_key_path                                 /home/tispark/config
   ↪ /tikv-truststore
```

```
spark.tispark.tikv.jks_key_password                    tikv_trustore_
    ↪ password
spark.tispark.tikv.jks_trust_path                      /home/tispark/config
    ↪ /tikv-clientstore
spark.tispark.tikv.jks_trust_password                  tikv_clientstore_
    ↪ password
```

When both JKS and X.509 certificates are configured, JKS would have a higher priority. That means TLS builder will use JKS certificate first. Therefore, do not set `spark.tispark ↪ .tikv.jks_enable=true` when you just want to use a common PEM certificate.

- The following is an example of enabling TLS in JDBC connector.

```
spark.tispark.jdbc.tls_enable                          true
spark.tispark.jdbc.server_cert_store                   /home/tispark/jdbc-
    ↪ truststore
spark.tispark.jdbc.server_cert_password                jdbc_truststore_
    ↪ password
spark.tispark.jdbc.client_cert_store                   /home/tispark/jdbc-
    ↪ clientstore
spark.tispark.jdbc.client_cert_password                jdbc_clientstore_
    ↪ password
```

- For details about how to open TiDB TLS, see Enable TLS between TiDB Clients and Servers.
- For details about how to generate a JAVA key store, see Connecting Securely Using SSL.

13.10.1.7.2 Log4j configuration

When you start `spark-shell` or `spark-sql` and run query, you might see the following warnings:

```
Failed to get database ****, returning NoSuchObjectException
Failed to get database ****, returning NoSuchObjectException
```

where `****` is the database name.

The warnings are benign and occurs because Spark cannot find `****` in its own catalog. You can just ignore these warnings.

To mute them, append the following text to `${SPARK_HOME}/conf/log4j.properties`.

```
### tispark disable "WARN ObjectStore:568 - Failed to get database"
log4j.logger.org.apache.hadoop.hive.metastore.ObjectStore=ERROR
```

13.10.1.7.3 Time zone configuration

Set time zone by using the `-Duser.timezone` system property (for example, `-Duser.timezone=GMT-7`), which affects the `Timestamp` type.

Do not use `spark.sql.session.timeZone`.

13.10.1.8 Features

The major features of TiSpark are as follows:

Feature support	TiSpark 2.4.x	TiSpark 2.5.x	TiSpark 3.0.x	TiSpark 3.1.x
SQL select without tidb_catalog				
SQL select with tidb_catalog				
DataFrame append				
DataFrame reads				
SQL show databases				
SQL show tables				
SQL auth				
SQL delete				
SQL insert				
TLS				
DataFrame auth				

13.10.1.8.1 Support for expression index

TiDB v5.0 supports expression index.

TiSpark currently supports retrieving data from tables with `expression index`, but the `expression index` will not be used by the planner of TiSpark.

13.10.1.8.2 Work with TiFlash

TiSpark can read data from TiFlash via the configuration `spark.tispark.isolation_read_engines`.

13.10.1.8.3 Support for partitioned tables

Read partitioned tables from TiDB

TiSpark can read the range and hash partitioned tables from TiDB.

Currently, TiSpark does not support a MySQL/TiDB partition table syntax `select col_name from table_name partition(partition_name)`. However, you can still use the `where` condition to filter the partitions.

TiSpark decides whether to apply partition pruning according to the partition type and the partition expression associated with the table.

TiSpark applies partition pruning on range partitioning only when the partition expression is one of the following:

- column expression
- `YEAR($argument)` where the argument is a column and its type is datetime or string literal that can be parsed as datetime.

If partition pruning is not applicable, TiSpark's reading is equivalent to doing a table scan over all partitions.

Write into partitioned tables

Currently, TiSpark only supports writing data into the range and hash partitioned tables under the following conditions:

- The partition expression is a column expression.
- The partition expression is `YEAR($argument)` where the argument is a column and its type is datetime or string literal that can be parsed as datetime.

There are two ways to write into partitioned tables:

- Use datasource API to write into partition table which supports replace and append semantics.
- Use delete statement with Spark SQL.

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, TiSpark only supports writing into partitioned tables with utf8mb4_bin collation enabled.

13.10.1.8.4 Security

If you are using TiSpark v2.5.0 or a later version, you can authenticate and authorize TiSpark users by using TiDB.

The authentication and authorization feature is disabled by default. To enable it, add the following configurations to the Spark configuration file `spark-defaults.conf`.

```
// Enable authentication and authorization
spark.sql.auth.enable true

// Configure TiDB information
spark.sql.tidb.addr $your_tidb_server_address
spark.sql.tidb.port $your_tidb_server_port
spark.sql.tidb.user $your_tidb_server_user
spark.sql.tidb.password $your_tidb_server_password
```

For more information, see Authorization and authentication through TiDB server.

13.10.1.8.5 Other features

- Push down
- Delete with TiSpark
- Stale read
- TiSpark with multiple catalogs
- TiSpark TLS
- TiSpark plan

13.10.1.9 Statistics information

TiSpark uses the statistic information for:

- Determining which index to use in your query plan with the minimum estimated cost.
- Small table broadcasting, which enables efficient broadcast join.

To allow TiSpark to access statistic information, make sure that relevant tables have been analyzed.

See Introduction to Statistics for more details about how to analyze tables.

Since TiSpark 2.0, statistics information is automatically loaded by default.

13.10.1.10 FAQ

See TiSpark FAQ.

13.11 sync-diff-inspector

13.11.1 sync-diff-inspector User Guide

sync-diff-inspector is a tool used to compare data stored in the databases with the MySQL protocol. For example, it can compare the data in MySQL with that in TiDB, the data in MySQL with that in MySQL, or the data in TiDB with that in TiDB. In addition, you can also use this tool to repair data in the scenario where a small amount of data is inconsistent.

This guide introduces the key features of sync-diff-inspector and describes how to configure and use this tool. To download sync-diff-inspector, use one of the following methods:

- Binary package. The sync-diff-inspector binary package is included in the TiDB Toolkit. To download the TiDB Toolkit, see Download TiDB Tools.
- Docker image. Execute the following command to download:

```
docker pull pingcap/tidb-tools:latest
```

13.11.1.1 Key features

- Compare the table schema and data
- Generate the SQL statements used to repair data if the data inconsistency exists
- Support data check for tables with different schema or table names
- Support data check in the sharding scenario
- Support data check for TiDB upstream-downstream clusters
- Support data check in the DM replication scenario

13.11.1.2 Restrictions of sync-diff-inspector

- Online check is not supported for data migration between MySQL and TiDB. Ensure that no data is written into the upstream-downstream checklist, and that data in a certain range is not changed. You can check data in this range by setting `range`.
- In TiDB and MySQL, `FLOAT`, `DOUBLE` and other floating-point types are implemented differently. `FLOAT` and `DOUBLE` respectively take 6 and 15 significant digits for calculating checksum. If you do not want to use this feature, set `ignore-columns` to skip checking these columns.
- Support checking tables that do not contain the primary key or the unique index. However, if data is inconsistent, the generated SQL statements might not be able to repair the data correctly.

13.11.1.3 Database privileges for sync-diff-inspector

To access table schemas and query data, sync-diff-inspector requires specific database privileges. Grant the following privileges on both the upstream and downstream databases:

- `SELECT`: required to compare data.
- `RELOAD`: required to view table schemas.

> **Note**:
>
> - **DO NOT** grant the `SHOW DATABASES` privilege on all databases (`*.*` ↪). Otherwise, sync-diff-inspector will attempt to access inaccessible databases, which causes errors.
> - For MySQL data sources, ensure that the `skip_show_database` system variable is set to `OFF`. If this variable is set to `ON`, the check might fail.

13.11.1.4 Configuration file description

The configuration of sync-diff-inspector consists of the following parts:

- `Global config`: General configurations, such as number of threads to check, whether to export SQL statement to fix inconsistent tables, whether to compare the data, and whether to skip checking tables that do not exist in the upstream or downstream.
- `Databases config`: Configures the instances of the upstream and downstream databases.
- `Routes`: Rules for upstream multiple schema names to match downstream single schema names **(optional)**.
- `Task config`: Configures the tables for checking. If some tables have a certain mapping relationship between the upstream and downstream databases or have some special requirements, you must configure these tables.
- `Table config`: Special configurations for specific tables, such as specified ranges and columns to be ignored **(optional)**.

Below is the description of a complete configuration file:

- Note: configurations with `s` after their name can have multiple values, so you need to use square brackets `[]` to contain the configuration values.

```
### Diff Configuration.

########################### Global config ###########################
### The number of goroutines created to check data. The number of
   ↪ connections between sync-diff-inspector and upstream/downstream
   ↪ databases is slightly greater than this value.
check-thread-count = 4

### If enabled, SQL statements is exported to fix inconsistent tables.
export-fix-sql = true

### Only compares the data instead of the table structure. This
   ↪ configuration item is an experimental feature. It is not recommended
   ↪ that you use it in the production environment.
check-data-only = false

### Only compares the table structure instead of the data.
check-struct-only = false

### If enabled, sync-diff-inspector skips checking tables that do not exist
   ↪ in the upstream or downstream.
skip-non-existing-table = false
```

```
########################### Datasource config ###########################
[data-sources]
[data-sources.mysql1] # mysql1 is the only custom ID for the database
    ↪ instance. It is used for the following `task.source-instances/task.
    ↪ target-instance` configuration.
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 3306
    user = "root"
    password = "" # The password for connecting to the upstream database. It
        ↪  can be plain text or Base64-encoded.

    # (optional) Use mapping rules to match multiple upstream sharded tables
        ↪ . Rule1 and rule2 are configured in the following Routes section.
    route-rules = ["rule1", "rule2"]

[data-sources.tidb0]
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 4000
    user = "root"
    password = "" # The password for connecting to the downstream database.
        ↪ It can be plain text or Base64-encoded.

    # (optional) Use TLS to connect TiDB.
    # security.ca-path = ".../ca.crt"
    # security.cert-path = ".../cert.crt"
    # security.key-path = ".../key.crt"

    # (optional) Use the snapshot feature. If enabled, historical data is
        ↪ used for comparison.
    # snapshot = "386902609362944000"
    # When "snapshot" is set to "auto", the last syncpoints generated by
        ↪ TiCDC in the upstream and downstream are used for comparison. For
        ↪ details, see <https://github.com/pingcap/tidb-tools/issues/663>.
    # snapshot = "auto"

############################## Routes ##############################
### To compare the data of a large number of tables with different schema
    ↪ names or table names, or check the data of multiple upstream sharded
    ↪ tables and downstream table family, use the table-rule to configure
    ↪ the mapping relationship. You can configure the mapping rule only for
    ↪  the schema or table. Also, you can configure the mapping rules for
    ↪ both the schema and the table.
[routes]
[routes.rule1] # rule1 is the only custom ID for the configuration. It is
```

```
    ↪ used for the above `data-sources.route-rules` configuration.
schema-pattern = "test_*"  # Matches the schema name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
table-pattern = "t_*"      # Matches the table name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
target-schema = "test"     # The name of the schema in the target database
target-table = "t"         # The name of the target table
[routes.rule2]
schema-pattern = "test2_*"  # Matches the schema name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
table-pattern = "t2_*"      # Matches the table name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
target-schema = "test2"     # The name of the schema in the target database
target-table = "t2"         # The name of the target table

############################ task config ##########################
### Configures the tables of the target database that need to be compared.
[task]
    # output-dir saves the following information:
    # 1 sql: The SQL file to fix tables that is generated after error is
        ↪ detected. One chunk corresponds to one SQL file.
    # 2 log: sync-diff.log
    # 3 summary: summary.txt
    # 4 checkpoint: a dir
    output-dir = "./output"
    # The upstream database. The value is the unique ID declared by data-
        ↪ sources.
    source-instances = ["mysql1"]
    # The downstream database. The value is the unique ID declared by data-
        ↪ sources.
    target-instance = "tidb0"
    # The tables of downstream databases to be compared. Each table needs to
        ↪  contain the schema name and the table name, separated by '.'
    # Use "?" to match any character and "*" to match characters of any
        ↪ length.
    # For detailed match rules, refer to golang regexp pkg: https://github.
        ↪ com/google/re2/wiki/Syntax.
    target-check-tables = ["schema*.table*", "!c.*", "test2.t2"]
    # (optional) Extra configurations for some tables, Config1 is defined in
        ↪  the following table config example.
    target-configs = ["config1"]

########################### Table config ##########################
### Special configurations for specific tables. The tables to be configured
    ↪ must be in `task.target-check-tables`.
```

```
[table-configs.config1] # config1 is the only custom ID for this
    ↪ configuration. It is used for the above `task.target-configs`
    ↪ configuration.
### The name of the target table, you can use regular expressions to match
    ↪ multiple tables, but one table is not allowed to be matched by
    ↪ multiple special configurations at the same time.
target-tables = ["schema*.test*", "test2.t2"]
### (optional) Specifies the range of the data to be checked
### It needs to comply with the syntax of the WHERE clause in SQL.
range = "age > 10 AND age < 20"
### (optional) Specifies the column used to divide data into chunks. If you
    ↪ do not configure it,
### sync-diff-inspector chooses an appropriate column (primary key, unique
    ↪ key, or a field with index).
index-fields = ["col1","col2"]
### (optional) Ignores checking some columns such as some types (json, bit,
    ↪ blob, etc.)
### that sync-diff-inspector does not currently support.
### The floating-point data type behaves differently in TiDB and MySQL. You
    ↪ can use
### `ignore-columns` to skip checking these columns.
ignore-columns = ["",""]
### (optional) Specifies the size of the chunk for dividing the table. If
    ↪ not specified, this configuration can be deleted or be set as 0.
chunk-size = 0
### (optional) Specifies the "collation" for the table. If not specified,
    ↪ this configuration can be deleted or be set as an empty string.
collation = ""
```

13.11.1.5 Run sync-diff-inspector

Run the following command:

```
./sync_diff_inspector --config=./config.toml
```

This command outputs a check report `summary.txt` in the `output-dir` of `config.toml` and the log `sync_diff.log`. In the `output-dir`, a folder named by the hash value of the `config. toml` file is also generated. This folder includes the checkpoint node information of breakpoints and the SQL file generated when the data is inconsistent.

13.11.1.5.1 Progress information

sync-diff-inspector sends progress information to `stdout` when running. Progress information includes the comparison results of table structures, comparison results of table data and the progress bar.

> **Note:**
>
> To ensure the display effect, keep the display window width above 80 characters.

```
A total of 2 tables need to be compared

Comparing the table structure of ``sbtest`.`sbtest96`` ... equivalent
Comparing the table structure of ``sbtest`.`sbtest99`` ... equivalent
Comparing the table data of ``sbtest`.`sbtest96`` ... failure
Comparing the table data of ``sbtest`.`sbtest99`` ...
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪ _
Progress [============================================================>--] 98%
    ↪  193/200
```

```
A total of 2 tables need to be compared

Comparing the table structure of ``sbtest`.`sbtest96`` ... equivalent
Comparing the table structure of ``sbtest`.`sbtest99`` ... equivalent
Comparing the table data of ``sbtest`.`sbtest96`` ... failure
Comparing the table data of ``sbtest`.`sbtest99`` ... failure
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪ _
Progress [============================================================>]
    ↪ 100% 0/0
The data of `sbtest`.`sbtest99` is not equal
The data of `sbtest`.`sbtest96` is not equal

The rest of tables are all equal.

A total of 2 tables have been compared, 0 tables finished, 2 tables failed,
    ↪ 0 tables skipped.
The patch file has been generated in
       'output/fix-on-tidb2/'
You can view the comparison details through 'output/sync_diff.log'
```

13.11.1.5.2 Output file

The directory structure of the output file is as follows:

```
output/
```

```
|-- checkpoint # Saves the breakpoint information
| |-- bbfec8cc8d1f58a5800e63aa73e5 # Config hash. The placeholder file which
   ↪  identifies the configuration file corresponding to the output
   ↪ directory (output/)
  |-- DO_NOT_EDIT_THIS_DIR
   -- sync_diff_checkpoints.pb # The breakpoint information
|
|-- fix-on-target # Saves SQL files to fix data inconsistency
| |-- xxx.sql
| |-- xxx.sql
|  -- xxx.sql
|
|-- summary.txt # Saves the summary of the check results
 -- sync_diff.log # Saves the output log information when sync-diff-
   ↪ inspector is running
```

13.11.1.5.3 Log

The log of sync-diff-inspector is saved in `${output}/sync_diff.log`, among which `${output}` is the value of `output-dir` in the `config.toml` file.

13.11.1.5.4 Progress

The running sync-diff-inspector periodically (every 10 seconds) prints the progress in checkpoint, which is located at `${output}/checkpoint/sync_diff_checkpoints.pb`, among which `${output}` is the value of `output-dir` in the `config.toml` file.

13.11.1.5.5 Result

After the check is finished, sync-diff-inspector outputs a report. It is located at `${output}/summary.txt`, and `${output}` is the value of `output-dir` in the `config.toml` file.

```
+--------------------+--------------------+---------------+---------+-----------+
   ↪
|       TABLE        | STRUCTURE EQUALITY | DATA DIFF ROWS | UPCOUNT |
   ↪ DOWNCOUNT |
+--------------------+--------------------+---------------+---------+-----------+
   ↪
| `sbtest`.`sbtest99` | true           | +97/-97       |  999999 |   999999 |
| `sbtest`.`sbtest96` | true           | +0/-101       |  999999 |  1000100 |
+--------------------+--------------------+---------------+---------+-----------+
   ↪
Time Cost: 16.75370462s
Average Speed: 113.277149MB/s
```

- `TABLE`: The corresponding database and table names
- `RESULT`: Whether the check is completed. If you have configured `skip-non-existing = true`, the value of this column is `skipped` for tables that do not exist in the upstream or downstream
- `STRUCTURE EQUALITY`: Checks whether the table structure is the same
- `DATA DIFF ROWS`: `rowAdd/rowDelete`. Indicates the number of rows that need to be added/deleted to fix the table
- `UPCOUNT`: The number of rows in this table in the upstream data source
- `DOWNCOUNT`: The number of rows in this table in the downstream data source

13.11.1.5.6 SQL statements to fix inconsistent data

If different rows exist during the data checking process, the SQL statements will be generated to fix them. If the data inconsistency exists in a chunk, a SQL file named by `chunk.Index` will be generated. The SQL file is located at `${output}/fix-on-${instance}`, and `${instance}` is the value of `task.target-instance` in the `config.toml` file.

A SQL file contains the tale to which the chunk belong and the range information. For the SQL files, you should consider the following three situations:

- If the rows in the downstream database are missing, REPLACE statements will be applied
- If the rows in the downstream database are redundant, DELETE statements will be applied
- If some data of the rows in the downstream database is inconsistent, REPLACE statements will be applied and inconsistent columns will be marked with annotation in the SQL file

```
-- table: sbtest.sbtest99
-- range in sequence: (3690708) < (id) <= (3720581)
/*
  DIFF COLUMNS   `K`                  `C`                                  `PAD`

    ↪
  source data   2501808   'hello'                          'world'

    ↪
  target data   5003616   '0709824117-9809973320-4456050422'
     ↪ '1714066100-7057807621-1425865505'

    ↪
*/
REPLACE INTO `sbtest`.`sbtest99`(`id`,`k`,`c`,`pad`) VALUES
    ↪ (3700000,2501808,'hello','world');
```

13.11.1.6 Note

- sync-diff-inspector consumes a certain amount of server resources when checking data. Avoid using sync-diff-inspector to check data during peak business hours.
- Before comparing the data in MySQL with that in TiDB, check the character set and `collation` configuration of the tables. This is especially important when the primary key or unique key of a table is the `varchar` type. If collation rules differ between upstream and downstream databases, sorting issues might occur, leading to inaccurate verification results. For example, MySQL's default collation is case-insensitive, while TiDB's default collation is case-sensitive. This inconsistency might cause identical delete and insert records in the repair SQL. To avoid this issue, use the `index-fields` configuration to specify index columns that are not affected by case sensitivity. If you configure `collation` in the sync-diff-inspector configuration file and explicitly use the same collation for both upstream and downstream during chunk-based comparison, note that the order of index fields depends on the table's collation configuration. If the collations differ, one side might be unable to use the index. Additionally, if the character sets differ between upstream and downstream (for example, MySQL uses UTF-8 while TiDB uses UTF-8MB4), it is not possible to unify the collation configuration.
- If the primary key differs between upstream and downstream tables, sync-diff-inspector does not use the original primary key column to divide chunks. For example, when sharded tables in MySQL are merged into TiDB using a composite primary key that includes the original primary key and a shard key. In this case, configure the original primary key column using `index-fields` and set `check-data-only` to `true`.
- sync-diff-inspector divides data into chunks first according to TiDB statistics and you need to guarantee the accuracy of the statistics. You can manually run the `analyze ↪ table {table_name}` command when the TiDB server's *workload is light*.
- Pay special attention to `table-rules`. If you configure `schema-pattern="test1"`, `table-pattern = "t_1"`, `target-schema="test2"` and `target-table = "t_2"`, the `test1.t_1` schema in the source database and the `test2.t_2` schema in the target database are compared. Sharding is enabled by default in sync-diff-inspector, so if the source database has a `test2.t_2` table, the `test1.t_1` table and `test2.t_2` table in the source database serving as sharding are compared with the `test2.t_2` table in the target database.
- The generated SQL file is only used as a reference for repairing data, and you need to confirm it before executing these SQL statements to repair data.

13.11.2 Data Check for Tables with Different Schema or Table Names

When using replication tools such as TiDB Data Migration, you can set `route-rules` to replicate data to a specified table in the downstream. sync-diff-inspector enables you to verify tables with different schema names or table names by setting `rules`.

The following is a simple configuration example. To learn the complete configuration, refer to sync-diff-inspector User Guide.

```
########################### Datasource config ############################
[data-sources.mysql1]
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 3306
    user = "root"
    password = ""
    route-rules = ["rule1"]

[data-sources.tidb0]
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 4000
    user = "root"
    password = ""
############################## Routes ############################
[routes.rule1]
schema-pattern = "test_1"  # Matches the schema name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
table-pattern = "t_1"      # Matches the table name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
target-schema = "test_2"   # The name of the schema in the target database
target-table = "t_2"       # The name of the target table
```

This configuration can be used to check `test_2.t_2` in the downstream and `test_1.t_1` in the `mysql1` instance.

To check a large number of tables with different schema names or table names, you can simplify the configuration by setting the mapping relationship by using `rules`. You can configure the mapping relationship of either schema or table, or of both. For example, all the tables in the upstream `test_1` database are replicated to the downstream `test_2` database, which can be checked through the following configuration:

```
########################### Datasource config ############################
[data-sources.mysql1]
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 3306
    user = "root"
    password = ""
    route-rules = ["rule1"]

[data-sources.tidb0]
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 4000
    user = "root"
    password = ""
############################## Routes ############################
[routes.rule1]
```

```
schema-pattern = "test_1"  # Matches the schema name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
table-pattern = "*"        # Matches the table name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
target-schema = "test_2"   # The name of the schema in the target database
target-table = "t_2"       # The name of the target table
```

13.11.2.1 The initialization of table routers and some examples

13.11.2.1.1 The initialization of table routers

- If a `target-schema/target-table` table named `schema.table` exists in the rules, the behavior of sync-diff-inspector is as follows:
    - If there is a rule that matches `schema.table` to `schema.table`, sync-diff-inspector does nothing.
    - If there is no rule that matches `schema.table` to `schema.table`, sync-diff-inspector will add a new rule `schema.table -> _no__exists__db_._no__exists__table_` to the table router. After that, sync-diff-inspector will treat the table `schema.table` as the table `_no__exists__db_._no__exists__table_`.
- If `target-schema` exists only in the rules as follows:

```
[routes.rule1]
schema-pattern = "schema_2" # the schema to match. Support wildcard
    ↪ characters * and ?
target-schema = "schema" # the target schema
```

    - If there is no schema `schema` in the upstream, sync-diff-inspector does nothing.
    - If there is a schema `schema` in the upstream, and a rule matches the schema, sync-diff-inspector does nothing.
    - If there is a schema `schema` in the upstream, but no rule matches the schema, sync-diff-inspector will add a new rule `schema -> _no__exists__db_` to the table router. After that, sync-diff-inspector will treat the table `schema` as the table `_no__exists__db_`.
- If `target-schema.target-table` does not exist in the rules, sync-diff-inspector will add a rule to match `target-schema.target-table` to `target-schema.target-table` to make it case-insensitive, because the table router is case-insensitive.

13.11.2.1.2 Examples

Suppose there are seven tables in the upstream cluster:

- `inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1`
- `Inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1`
- `inspector_mysql_0.Tb_emp1`
- `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`
- `Inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`
- `inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1`
- `Inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1`

In the configuration example, the upstream cluster has a rule `Source.rule1`, and the target table is `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`.

Example 1

If the configuration is as follows:

```
[Source.rule1]
schema-pattern = "inspector_mysql_0"
table-pattern = "tb_emp1"
target-schema = "inspector_mysql_1"
target-table = "tb_emp1"
```

The routing results will be as follows:

- `inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1` is routed to `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`
- `Inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1` is routed to `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`
- `inspector_mysql_0.Tb_emp1` is routed to `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`
- `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1` is routed to `_no__exists__db_._no__exists__table_`
- `Inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1` is routed to `_no__exists__db_._no__exists__table_`
- `inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1` is routed to `_no__exists__db_._no__exists__table_`
- `Inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1` is routed to `_no__exists__db_._no__exists__table_`

Example 2

If the configuration is as follows:

```
[Source.rule1]
schema-pattern = "inspector_mysql_0"
target-schema = "inspector_mysql_1"
```

The routing results will be as follows:

- `inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1` is routed to `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`
- `Inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1` is routed to `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`

- inspector_mysql_0.Tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1
- inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1 is routed to _no__exists__db_._no__exists__table_
- Inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1 is routed to _no__exists__db_._no__exists__table_
- inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1 is routed to _no__exists__db_._no__exists__table_
- Inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1 is routed to _no__exists__db_._no__exists__table_

Example 3

If the configuration is as follows:

```
[Source.rule1]
schema-pattern = "other_schema"
target-schema = "other_schema"
```

The routing results will be as follows:

- inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1
- Inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1 is routed to Inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1
- inspector_mysql_0.Tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_0.Tb_emp1
- inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1
- Inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1
- inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1
- Inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1

Example 4

If the configuration is as follows:

```
[Source.rule1]
schema-pattern = "inspector_mysql_?"
table-pattern = "tb_emp1"
target-schema = "inspector_mysql_1"
target-table = "tb_emp1"
```

The routing results will be as follows:

- inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1
- Inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1
- inspector_mysql_0.Tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1
- inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1
- Inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1
- inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1
- Inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1 is routed to inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1

Example 5

If you do not set any rules, the routing results will be as follows:

- `inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1` is routed to `inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1`
- `Inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1` is routed to `Inspector_mysql_0.tb_emp1`
- `inspector_mysql_0.Tb_emp1` is routed to `inspector_mysql_0.Tb_emp1`
- `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1` is routed to `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`
- `Inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1` is routed to `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`
- `inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1` is routed to `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`
- `Inspector_mysql_1.Tb_emp1` is routed to `inspector_mysql_1.tb_emp1`

13.11.3 Data Check in the Sharding Scenario

sync-diff-inspector supports data check in the sharding scenario. Assume that you use the TiDB Data Migration tool to replicate data from multiple MySQL instances into TiDB, you can use sync-diff-inspector to check upstream and downstream data.

For scenarios where the number of upstream sharded tables is small and the naming rules of sharded tables do not have a pattern as shown below, you can use `Datasource config` to configure `table-0`, set corresponding `rules` and configure the tables that have the mapping relationship between the upstream and downstream databases. This configuration method requires setting all sharded tables.

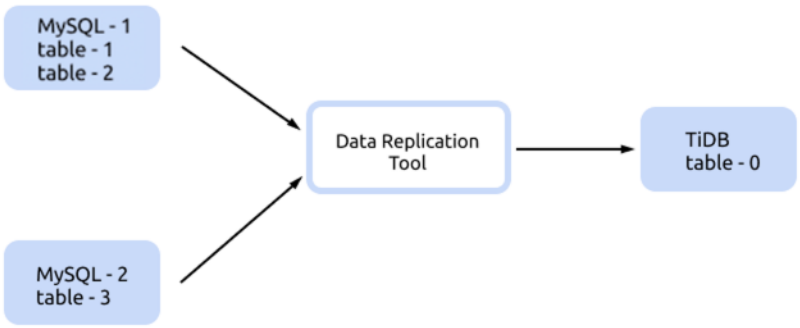

Figure 534: shard-table-replica-1

Below is a complete example of the sync-diff-inspector configuration.

```
### Diff Configuration.

############################ Global config ############################

### The number of goroutines created to check data. The number of
    ↪ connections between upstream and downstream databases are slightly
    ↪ greater than this value
check-thread-count = 4

### If enabled, SQL statements is exported to fix inconsistent tables
```

```
export-fix-sql = true

### Only compares the table structure instead of the data
check-struct-only = false

########################### Datasource config ###########################
[data-sources.mysql1]
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 3306
    user = "root"
    password = ""

    route-rules = ["rule1"]

[data-sources.mysql2]
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 3306
    user = "root"
    password = ""

    route-rules = ["rule2"]

[data-sources.tidb0]
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 4000
    user = "root"
    password = ""

############################## Routes ##############################
[routes.rule1]
schema-pattern = "test"    # Matches the schema name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
table-pattern = "table-[1-2]" # Matches the table name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
target-schema = "test"     # The name of the schema in the target database
target-table = "table-0"   # The name of the target table

[routes.rule2]
schema-pattern = "test"  # Matches the schema name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
table-pattern = "table-3" # Matches the table name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
target-schema = "test"    # The name of the schema in the target database
target-table = "table-0" # The name of the target table
```

```
########################### Task config ###########################
[task]
    output-dir = "./output"

    source-instances = ["mysql1", "mysql2"]

    target-instance = "tidb0"

    # The tables of downstream databases to be compared. Each table needs to
       ↪  contain the schema name and the table name, separated by '.'
    target-check-tables = ["test.table-0"]
```

You can use `table-rules` for configuration when there are a large number of upstream sharded tables and the naming rules of all sharded tables have a pattern, as shown below:

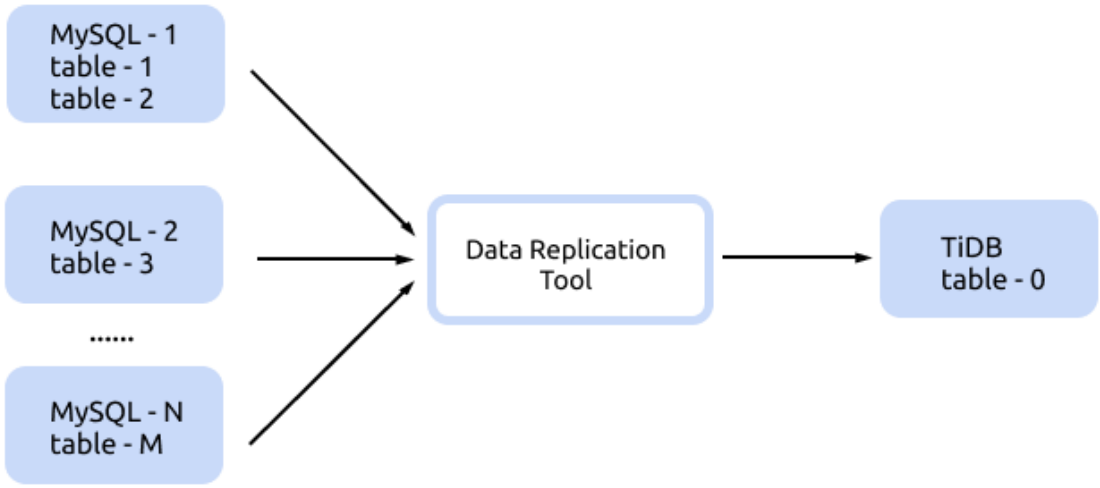

Figure 535: shard-table-replica-2

Below is a complete example of the sync-diff-inspector configuration.

```
### Diff Configuration.
########################### Global config ###########################

### The number of goroutines created to check data. The number of
    ↪ connections between upstream and downstream databases are slightly
    ↪ greater than this value.
check-thread-count = 4

### If enabled, SQL statements is exported to fix inconsistent tables.
export-fix-sql = true
```

```
### Only compares the table structure instead of the data.
check-struct-only = false

############################ Datasource config ############################
[data-sources.mysql1]
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 3306
    user = "root"
    password = ""

[data-sources.mysql2]
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 3306
    user = "root"
    password = ""

[data-sources.tidb0]
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    port = 4000
    user = "root"
    password = ""

############################## Routes ##############################
[routes.rule1]
schema-pattern = "test"   # Matches the schema name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
table-pattern = "table-*" # Matches the table name of the data source.
    ↪ Supports the wildcards "*" and "?"
target-schema = "test"    # The name of the schema in the target database
target-table = "table-0"  # The name of the target table

############################ Task config ############################
[task]
    output-dir = "./output"
    source-instances = ["mysql1", "mysql2"]

    target-instance = "tidb0"

    # The tables of downstream databases to be compared. Each table needs to
        ↪  contain the schema name and the table name, separated by '.'
    target-check-tables = ["test.table-0"]
```

13.11.3.1 Note

If `test.table-0` exists in the upstream database, the downstream database also compares this table.

13.11.4 Data Check in the DM Replication Scenario

When using replication tools such as TiDB Data Migration, you need to check the data consistency before and after the replication process. You can set a specific `task-name` configuration from `DM-master` to perform a data check.

The following is a simple configuration example. To learn the complete configuration, refer to Sync-diff-inspector User Guide.

```
### Diff Configuration.

############################# Global config ############################

### The number of goroutines created to check data. The number of
    ↪ connections between upstream and downstream databases are slightly
    ↪ greater than this value.
check-thread-count = 4

### If enabled, SQL statements is exported to fix inconsistent tables.
export-fix-sql = true

### Only compares the table structure instead of the data.
check-struct-only = false

### The IP address of dm-master and the format is "http://127.0.0.1:8261".
dm-addr = "http://127.0.0.1:8261"

### Specifies the `task-name` of DM.
dm-task = "test"

############################# Task config ##############################
[task]
    output-dir = "./output"

    # The tables of downstream databases to be compared. Each table needs to
        ↪  contain the schema name and the table name, separated by '.'
    target-check-tables = ["hb_test.*"]
```

This example is configured in dm-task = “test”, which checks all the tables of hb_test schema under the “test” task. It automatically gets the regular matching of the schemas between upstream and downstream databases to verify the data consistency after DM replication.

13.12 TiProxy

13.12.1 TiProxy Overview

TiProxy is the official proxy component of PingCAP. It is placed between the client and the TiDB server to provide load balancing, connection persistence, service discovery, and other features for TiDB.

TiProxy is an optional component. You can also use a third-party proxy component or connect directly to the TiDB server without using a proxy.

The following figure shows the architecture of TiProxy:

13.12.1.1 Main features

TiProxy provides connection migration, failover, service discovery, and quick deployment.

13.12.1.1.1 Connection migration

TiProxy can migrate connections from one TiDB server to another without breaking the client connection.

As shown in the following figure, the client originally connects to TiDB 1 through TiProxy. After the connection migration, the client actually connects to TiDB 2. When TiDB 1 is about to be offline or the ratio of connections on TiDB 1 to connections on TiDB 2 exceeds the set threshold, the connection migration is triggered. The client is unaware of the connection migration.

Connection migration usually occurs in the following scenarios:

- When a TiDB server performs scaling in, rolling upgrade, or rolling restart, TiProxy can migrate connections from the TiDB server that is about to be offline to other TiDB servers to keep the client connection alive.
- When a TiDB server performs scaling out, TiProxy can migrate existing connections to the new TiDB server to achieve real-time load balancing without resetting the client connection pool.

13.12.1.1.2 Failover

When a TiDB server is at risk of running out of memory (OOM) or fails to connect to PD or TiKV, TiProxy detects the issue automatically and migrates the connections to another TiDB server, thus ensuring continuous client connectivity.

13.12.1.1.3 Service discovery

When a TiDB server performs scaling in or scaling out, if you use a common load balancer, you need to manually update the TiDB server list. However, TiProxy can automatically discover the TiDB server list without manual intervention.

13.12.1.1.4 Quick deployment

TiProxy is integrated into TiUP, TiDB Operator, TiDB Dashboard, and Grafana, and supports built-in virtual IP management, reducing the deployment, operation, and management costs.

13.12.1.2 User scenarios

TiProxy is suitable for the following scenarios:

- Connection persistence: When a TiDB server performs scaling in, rolling upgrade, or rolling restart, the client connection is broken, resulting in an error. If the client does not have an idempotent error retry mechanism, you need to manually check and fix the error, which greatly increases the labor cost. TiProxy can keep the client connection, so that the client does not report an error.
- Frequent scaling in and scaling out: The workload of an application might change periodically. To save costs, you can deploy TiDB on the cloud and automatically scale in and scale out TiDB servers according to the workload. However, scaling in might cause the client to disconnect, and scaling out might result in unbalanced load. TiProxy can keep the client connection and achieve load balancing.
- CPU load imbalance: When background tasks consume a significant amount of CPU resources or workloads across connections vary significantly, leading to an imbalanced CPU load, TiProxy can migrate connections based on CPU usage to achieve load balancing. For more details, see CPU-based load balancing.
- TiDB server OOM: When a runaway query causes a TiDB server to run out of memory, TiProxy can proactively detect the OOM risk and migrate other healthy connections to a different TiDB server, thus ensuring continuous client connectivity. For more details, see Memory-based load balancing.

TiProxy is not suitable for the following scenarios:

- Sensitive to performance: The performance of TiProxy is lower than that of HAProxy and other load balancers, so using TiProxy requires reserving more CPU resources to maintain similar performance levels. For details, refer to TiProxy Performance Test Report.
- Sensitive to cost: If the TiDB cluster uses hardware load balancers, virtual IP, or the load balancer provided by Kubernetes, adding TiProxy will increase the cost. In addition, if you deploy the TiDB cluster across availability zones on the cloud, adding TiProxy will also increase the traffic cost across availability zones.
- Failover for unexpected TiDB server downtime: TiProxy can keep the client connection only when the TiDB server is offline or restarted as planned. If the TiDB server is offline unexpectedly, the connection is still broken.

It is recommended that you use TiProxy for the scenarios that TiProxy is suitable for and use HAProxy or other proxies when your application is sensitive to performance.

13.12.1.3 Installation and usage

This section describes how to deploy and change TiProxy using TiUP. You can either create a new cluster with TiProxy or enable TiProxy for an existing cluster by scaling out TiProxy.

> **Note:**
>
> Make sure that TiUP is v1.16.1 or later.

For other deployment methods, refer to the following documents:

- To deploy TiProxy using TiDB Operator, see the TiDB Operator documentation.
- To quickly deploy TiProxy locally using TiUP, see Deploy TiProxy.

13.12.1.3.1 Create a cluster with TiProxy

The following steps describe how to deploy TiProxy when creating a new cluster.

1. Configure the TiDB instances.

   When using TiProxy, you need to configure `graceful-wait-before-shutdown` for TiDB. This value must be at least 10 seconds greater than the duration of the longest transaction of your application, which avoids client connection interruption when the TiDB server goes offline. You can view the transaction duration through the Transaction metrics on the TiDB monitoring dashboard. For more information, see Limitations.

   A configuration example is as follows:

   ```
   server_configs:
     tidb:
       graceful-wait-before-shutdown: 30
   ```

2. Configure the TiProxy instances.

   To ensure the high availability of TiProxy, it is recommended to deploy at least two TiProxy instances and configure a virtual IP by setting `ha.virtual-ip` and `ha.interface` to route the traffic to the available TiProxy instance.

   Note the following:

   - Select the model and number of TiProxy instances based on the workload type and maximum QPS. For details, see TiProxy Performance Test Report.

- Because there are usually fewer TiProxy instances than TiDB server instances, the network bandwidth of TiProxy is more likely to become a bottleneck. For example, on AWS, the baseline network bandwidth EC2 instances in the same series is not proportional to the number of CPU cores. When network bandwidth becomes a bottleneck, you can split the TiProxy instance into more and smaller instances to increase QPS. For details, see Network specifications.
- It is recommended to specify the TiProxy version in the topology configuration file. This will prevent TiProxy from being upgraded automatically when you execute `tiup cluster upgrade` to upgrade the TiDB cluster, thus preventing client connections from being disconnected due to the TiProxy upgrade.

For more information about the template for TiProxy, see A simple template for the TiProxy topology.

For detailed descriptions of the configuration items in the TiDB cluster topology file, see Topology Configuration File for TiDB Deployment Using TiUP.

A configuration example is as follows:

```
component_versions:
  tiproxy: "v1.2.0"
server_configs:
  tiproxy:
    ha.virtual-ip: "10.0.1.10/24"
    ha.interface: "eth0"
tiproxy_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.11
    port: 6000
    status_port: 3080
  - host: 10.0.1.12
    port: 6000
    status_port: 3080
```

3. Start the cluster.

   To start the cluster using TiUP, see TiUP documentation.

4. Connect to TiProxy.

   After the cluster is deployed, the TiDB server port and TiProxy port will be exposed at the same time. The client should connect to the TiProxy port instead of directly connecting to the TiDB server.

13.12.1.3.2 Enable TiProxy for an existing cluster

For clusters that do not have TiProxy deployed, you can enable TiProxy by scaling out TiProxy instances.

1. Configure the TiProxy instance.

   Configure TiProxy in a separate topology file, such as `tiproxy.toml`:

```
component_versions:
  tiproxy: "v1.2.0"
server_configs:
  tiproxy:
    ha.virtual-ip: "10.0.1.10/24"
    ha.interface: "eth0"
tiproxy_servers:
  - host: 10.0.1.11
    deploy_dir: "/tiproxy-deploy"
    port: 6000
    status_port: 3080
  - host: 10.0.1.12
    deploy_dir: "/tiproxy-deploy"
    port: 6000
    status_port: 3080
```

2. Scale out TiProxy.

   Use the `tiup cluster scale-out` command to scale out the TiProxy instances. For example:

```
tiup cluster scale-out <cluster-name> tiproxy.toml
```

   When you scale out TiProxy, TiUP automatically configures a self-signed certificate `security.session-token-signing-cert` and `security.session-token-signing-key` for TiDB. The certificate is used for connection migration.

3. Modify the TiDB configuration.

When using TiProxy, you need to configure `graceful-wait-before-shutdown` for TiDB. This value must be at least 10 seconds greater than the duration of the longest transaction of your application to avoid client connection interruption when the TiDB server goes offline. You can view the transaction duration through the Transaction metrics on the TiDB monitoring dashboard. For more information, see Limitations.

A configuration example is as follows:

```
```yaml
server_configs:
  tidb:
    graceful-wait-before-shutdown: 30
```
```

4. Reload TiDB configuration.

   Because TiDB is configured with a self-signed certificate and `graceful-wait-before-shutdown`, you need to use the `tiup cluster reload` command to reload the configuration for them to take effect. Note that after reloading the configuration, TiDB will perform a rolling restart, and the client connection will be disconnected.

   ```
   tiup cluster reload <cluster-name> -R tidb
   ```

5. Connect to TiProxy.

   After you enable TiProxy, the client should connect to the TiProxy port instead of the TiDB server port.

13.12.1.3.3 Modify TiProxy configuration

To ensure that TiProxy keeps the client connection, do not restart TiProxy unless necessary. Therefore, most of the TiProxy configuration items can be modified online. For the list of configuration items that support online change, see TiProxy configuration.

When using TiUP to change the TiProxy configuration, if the configuration item to be changed supports online change, you can use the `--skip-restart` option to avoid restarting TiProxy.

13.12.1.3.4 Upgrade TiProxy

When you deploy TiProxy, it is recommended to specify the version of TiProxy so that TiProxy will not be upgraded when you upgrade the TiDB cluster.

If you need to upgrade TiProxy, add `--tiproxy-version` in the upgrade command to specify the version of TiProxy:

```
tiup cluster upgrade <cluster-name> <version> --tiproxy-version <tiproxy-version>
```

> **Note:**
>
> This command also upgrades and restarts the TiDB cluster, even if the cluster version does not change.

13.12.1.3.5 Restart the TiDB cluster

When you restart the TiDB cluster using `tiup cluster restart`, TiDB servers are not rolling restarted, which causes the client connection to be disconnected. Therefore, avoid using this command.

Instead, when you upgrade the cluster using `tiup cluster upgrade` or reload the configuration using `tiup cluster reload`, TiDB servers are rolling restarted, so the client connection is not affected.

13.12.1.4 Compatibility with other components

- TiProxy only supports TiDB v6.5.0 and later versions.
- TiProxy's TLS connection has incompatible features with TiDB. For details, see Security.
- TiDB Dashboard and Grafana support TiProxy from v7.6.0.
- TiUP supports TiProxy from v1.14.1, and TiDB Operator supports TiProxy from v1.5.1.
- Because the interface provided by the status port of TiProxy is different from that of TiDB server, when you use TiDB Lightning to import data, the target database should be the address of TiDB server, not the address of TiProxy.

13.12.1.5 Security

TiProxy provides TLS connections. The TLS connection between the client and TiProxy is enabled according to the following rules:

- If the `security.server-tls` configuration of TiProxy is set to not use TLS connection, the TLS connection between the client and TiProxy is not enabled regardless of whether the client enables TLS connection.
- If the `security.server-tls` configuration of TiProxy is set to use TLS connection, the TLS connection between the client and TiProxy is enabled only when the client enables TLS connection.

The TLS connection between TiProxy and TiDB server is enabled according to the following rules:

- If TiProxy's `security.require-backend-tls` is set to `true`, TiProxy and TiDB server always enable TLS connection regardless of whether the client enables TLS connection. If TiProxy's `security.sql-tls` is set to not use TLS or TiDB server does not configure TLS certificate, the client reports an error.
- If TiProxy's `security.require-backend-tls` is set to `false`, TiProxy's `security.sql-tls` is configured with TLS and TiDB server is configured with a TLS certificate, TiProxy and TiDB server only enable TLS connection when the client enables TLS connection.
- If TiProxy's `security.require-backend-tls` is set to `false`, TiProxy's `security.sql-tls` is set to not use TLS or TiDB server does not configure a TLS certificate, TiProxy and TiDB server do not enable TLS connection.

TiProxy has the following behaviors incompatible with TiDB:

- The `STATUS` and `SHOW STATUS` statements might return different TLS information. The `STATUS` statement returns the TLS information between the client and TiProxy, while the `SHOW STATUS` statement returns the TLS information between TiProxy and TiDB server.
- TiProxy does not support certificate-based authentication. Otherwise, the client might fail to log in because the TLS certificate between the client and TiProxy is different from that between TiProxy and TiDB server, and TiDB server verifies the TLS certificate based on the TLS certificate on TiProxy.

13.12.1.6 Limitations

TiProxy cannot keep the client connection in the following scenarios:

- TiDB is offline unexpectedly. TiProxy only keeps the client connection when the TiDB server is offline or restarted as planned, and does not support failover of the TiDB server.
- TiProxy performs scaling in, upgrade, or restart. Once TiProxy is offline, the client connection is broken.
- TiDB actively disconnects the connection. For example, when a session does not send a request for a period of time longer than `wait_timeout`, TiDB actively disconnects the connection, and TiProxy also disconnects the client connection.

TiProxy cannot migrate connections in the following scenarios, and thus cause the client connection to be interrupted or the load balancing to fail:

- A long-running single statement or single transaction: the execution time exceeds the value of the `graceful-wait-before-shutdown` configured in the TiDB server minus 10 seconds.
- Using cursors and not completing in time: the session uses a cursor to read data, but does not complete data reading or close the cursor after the value of `graceful-wait-before-shutdown` configured in TiDB server minus 10 seconds.
- The session creates a local temporary table.
- The session holds a user-level lock.
- The session holds a table lock.
- The session creates a prepared statement, and the prepared statement is invalid. For example, the table related to the prepared statement is dropped after the prepared statement is created.
- The session creates a session-level execution plan binding, and the binding is invalid. For example, the table related to the binding is dropped after the binding is created.
- After the session is created, the user used by the session is deleted or the username is changed.

13.12.1.7 Supported connectors

TiProxy requires that the connector used by the client supports authentication plugins. Otherwise, the connection might fail.

The following table lists some supported connectors:

Language	Connector	The minimum supported version
Java	MySQL Connector/J	5.1.19
C	libmysqlclient	5.5.7
Go	Go SQL Driver	1.4.0
JavaScript	MySQL Connector/Node.js	1.0.2
JavaScript	mysqljs/mysql	2.15.0
JavaScript	node-mysql2	1.0.0-rc-6
PHP	mysqlnd	5.4
Python	MySQL Connector/Python	1.0.7
Python	PyMySQL	0.7

Note that some connectors call the common library to connect to the database, and these connectors are not listed in the table. You can refer to the above table for the required version of the corresponding library. For example, MySQL/Ruby uses libmysqlclient to connect to the database, so it requires that the libmysqlclient used by MySQL/Ruby is version 5.5.7 or later.

13.12.1.8 TiProxy resources

- TiProxy Release Notes
- TiProxy Issues: Lists TiProxy GitHub issues

13.12.2 TiProxy Load Balancing Policies

TiProxy v1.0.0 only supports status-based and connection count-based load balancing policies for TiDB servers. Starting from v1.1.0, TiProxy introduces five additional load balancing policies: label-based, health-based, memory-based, CPU-based, and location-based.

By default, TiProxy applies these policies with the following priorities:

1. Status-based load balancing: when a TiDB server is shutting down, TiProxy migrates connections from that TiDB server to an online TiDB server.
2. Label-based load balancing: TiProxy prioritizes routing requests to TiDB servers that share the same label as the TiProxy instance, enabling resource isolation at the computing layer.
3. Health-based load balancing: when the health of a TiDB server is abnormal, TiProxy migrates connections from that TiDB server to a healthy TiDB server.
4. Memory-based load balancing: when a TiDB server is at risk of running out of memory (OOM), TiProxy migrates connections from that TiDB server to a TiDB server with lower memory usage.

5. CPU-based load balancing: when the CPU usage of a TiDB server is much higher than that of other TiDB servers, TiProxy migrates connections from that TiDB server to a TiDB server with lower CPU usage.
6. Location-based load balancing: TiProxy prioritizes routing requests to the TiDB server geographically closest to TiProxy.
7. Connection count-based load balancing: when the connection count of a TiDB server is much higher than that of other TiDB servers, TiProxy migrates connections from that TiDB server to a TiDB server with fewer connections.

To adjust the priorities of load balancing policies, see Configure load balancing policies.

13.12.2.1 Status-based load balancing

TiProxy periodically checks whether a TiDB server is offline or shutting down using the SQL port and status port.

13.12.2.2 Label-based load balancing

Label-based load balancing prioritizes routing connections to TiDB servers that share the same label as TiProxy, enabling resource isolation at the computing layer. This policy is disabled by default and should only be enabled when your workload requires computing resource isolation.

To enable label-based load balancing, you need to:

- Specify the matching label name through `balance.label-name`.
- Configure the `labels` configuration item in TiProxy.
- Configure the `labels` configuration item in TiDB servers.

After configuration, TiProxy uses the label name specified in `balance.label-name` to route connections to TiDB servers with matching label values.

Consider an application that handles both transaction and BI workloads. To prevent these workloads from interfering with each other, configure your cluster as follows:

1. Set `balance.label-name` to `"app"` in TiProxy, indicating that TiDB servers will be matched by the label name `"app"`, and connections will be routed to TiDB servers with matching label values.
2. Configure two TiProxy instances, adding `"app"="Order"` and `"app"="BI"` to their respective `labels` configuration items.
3. Divide TiDB instances into two groups, adding `"app"="Order"` and `"app"="BI"` to their respective `labels` configuration items.
4. Optional: For storage layer isolation, configure Placement Rules or Resource Control.
5. Direct transaction and BI clients to connect to their respective TiProxy instance addresses.

Example configuration for this topology:

```
component_versions:
  tiproxy: "v1.1.0"
server_configs:
  tiproxy:
    balance.label-name: "app"
  tidb:
    graceful-wait-before-shutdown: 30
tiproxy_servers:
  - host: tiproxy-host-1
    config:
      labels: {app: "Order"}
  - host: tiproxy-host-2
    config:
      labels: {app: "BI"}
tidb_servers:
  - host: tidb-host-1
    config:
      labels: {app: "Order"}
  - host: tidb-host-2
    config:
      labels: {app: "Order"}
  - host: tidb-host-3
    config:
      labels: {app: "BI"}
  - host: tidb-host-4
    config:
      labels: {app: "BI"}
tikv_servers:
  - host: tikv-host-1
  - host: tikv-host-2
  - host: tikv-host-3
pd_servers:
  - host: pd-host-1
  - host: pd-host-2
  - host: pd-host-3
```

13.12.2.3 Health-based load balancing

TiProxy determines the health of a TiDB server by querying its error count. When the health of a TiDB server is abnormal while others are normal, TiProxy migrates connections from that server to a healthy TiDB server, achieving automatic failover.

This policy is suitable for the following scenarios:

- A TiDB server frequently fails to send requests to TiKV, causing frequent SQL execution failures.
- A TiDB server frequently fails to send requests to PD, causing frequent SQL execution failures.

13.12.2.4 Memory-based load balancing

TiProxy queries the memory usage of TiDB servers. When the memory usage of a TiDB server is rapidly increasing or reaching a high level, TiProxy migrates connections from that server to a TiDB server with lower memory usage, preventing unnecessary connection termination due to OOM. TiProxy does not guarantee identical memory usage across TiDB servers. This policy only takes effect when a TiDB server is at risk of OOM.

When a TiDB server is at risk of OOM, TiProxy attempts to migrate all connections from it. Usually, if OOM is caused by runaway queries, ongoing runaway queries will not be migrated to another TiDB server for re-execution, because these connections can only be migrated after the transaction is complete.

This policy has the following limitations:

- If the memory usage of a TiDB server grows too quickly and reaches OOM within 30 seconds, TiProxy might not be able to detect the OOM risk in time, potentially leading to connection termination.
- TiProxy aims to maintain client connections without termination, not to reduce the memory usage of TiDB servers to avoid OOM. Therefore, TiDB servers might still encounter OOM.
- This policy applies only to TiDB server v8.0.0 and later versions. For earlier versions of TiDB servers, this policy does not take effect.

13.12.2.5 CPU-based load balancing

TiProxy queries the CPU usage of TiDB servers and migrates connections from a TiDB server with high CPU usage to a server with lower usage, reducing overall query latency. TiProxy does not guarantee identical CPU usage across TiDB servers but ensures that the CPU usage differences are minimized.

This policy is suitable for the following scenarios:

- When background tasks (such as `ANALYZE`) consume a significant amount of CPU resources, the TiDB servers executing these tasks have higher CPU usage.
- When workloads on different connections vary greatly, even if the connection count on each TiDB server is similar, the CPU usage might differ significantly.
- When TiDB servers in the cluster have different CPU resource configurations, even with balanced connection counts, the actual CPU usage might be imbalanced.

13.12.2.6 Location-based load balancing

TiProxy prioritizes routing connections to geographically closer TiDB servers based on the locations of TiProxy and TiDB servers.

This policy is suitable for the following scenarios:

- When a TiDB cluster is deployed across availability zones in the cloud, to reduce cross-availability zone traffic costs between TiProxy and TiDB servers, TiProxy prioritizes routing requests to TiDB servers in the same availability zone.
- When a TiDB cluster is deployed across data centers, to reduce network latency between TiProxy and TiDB servers, TiProxy prioritizes routing requests to TiDB servers in the same data center.

By default, this policy has a lower priority than health-based, memory-based, and CPU-based load balancing policies. You can increase its priority by setting `policy` to `location`. To maintain availability and performance, it is recommended to ensure that at least three TiDB servers are in the same location.

TiProxy determines the locations of itself and TiDB servers based on the `zone` label. You need to set the following configuration items:

- In the `labels` configuration item of the TiDB server, set `zone` to the current availability zone. For configuration details, see Configure labels for TiDB.
- In the `labels` configuration item of TiProxy, set `zone` to the current availability zone.

For clusters deployed using TiDB Operator, see High availability of data.

The following is an example of a cluster configuration:

```
component_versions:
  tiproxy: "v1.1.0"
server_configs:
  tidb:
    graceful-wait-before-shutdown: 30
tiproxy_servers:
  - host: tiproxy-host-1
    config:
      labels:
        zone: east
  - host: tiproxy-host-2
    config:
      labels:
        zone: west
tidb_servers:
  - host: tidb-host-1
    config:
```

```
    labels:
      zone: east
  - host: tidb-host-2
    config:
      labels:
        zone: west
tikv_servers:
  - host: tikv-host-1
  - host: tikv-host-2
  - host: tikv-host-3
pd_servers:
  - host: pd-host-1
  - host: pd-host-2
  - host: pd-host-3
```

In the preceding configuration, the TiProxy instance on `tiproxy-host-1` prioritizes routing requests to the TiDB server on `tidb-host-1` because `tiproxy-host-1` has the same `zone` configuration as `tidb-host-1`. Similarly, the TiProxy instance on `tiproxy-host-2` prioritizes routing requests to the TiDB server on `tidb-host-2`.

13.12.2.7 Connection count-based load balancing

TiProxy migrates connections from a TiDB server with more connections to a server with fewer connections. This policy is not configurable and has the lowest priority.

Typically, TiProxy identifies the load on TiDB servers based on CPU usage. This policy usually takes effect in the following scenarios:

- When the TiDB cluster is just starting up, the CPU usage of all TiDB servers is close to 0. In this case, this policy prevents imbalanced load during startup.
- When the CPU-based load balancing is not enabled, this policy ensures load balancing.

13.12.2.8 Configure load balancing policies

TiProxy lets you configure the combination and priority of load balancing policies through the `policy` configuration item.

- `resource`: the resource priority policy performs load balancing based on the following priority order: status, label, health, memory, CPU, location, and connection count.
- `location`: the location priority policy performs load balancing based on the following priority order: status, label, location, health, memory, CPU, and connection count.
- `connection`: the minimum connection count policy performs load balancing based on the following priority order: status, label, and connection count.

13.12.2.9 More resources

For more information about the load balancing policies of TiProxy, see the design document.

13.12.3 TiProxy Traffic Replay

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, the TiProxy traffic replay feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in production environments. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

Starting from TiProxy v1.3.0, you can use TiProxy to capture access traffic in a TiDB production cluster and replay it in a test cluster at a specified rate. This feature enables you to reproduce actual workloads from the production cluster in a test environment, verifying SQL statement execution results and performance.

13.12.3.1 Use cases

Traffic replay is suitable for the following scenarios:

- **Verify TiDB version upgrades**: Replay production traffic on a test cluster with a new TiDB version to verify that the new TiDB version can successfully execute all SQL statements.
- **Assess change impact**: Simulate production traffic on a test cluster to verify the impact of changes on the cluster. For example, verify the effects before modifying configuration items or system variables, altering table schemas, or enabling new TiDB features.
- **Validate performance before TiDB scaling**: Replay traffic at corresponding rates on a test cluster with a new scale to validate whether the performance meets requirements. For example, to plan a 50% cluster downscale for cost savings, replay traffic at half speed to validate if SQL latency meets requirements after scaling.
- **Test performance limits**: Replay traffic multiple times on a test cluster of the same scale, increasing the replay rate each time to test the throughput limit of that scale and assess whether performance meets future business growth needs.

Traffic replay is not suitable for the following scenarios:

- Verify SQL compatibility between TiDB and MySQL: TiProxy only supports reading traffic files it generates and cannot capture traffic from MySQL for replay on TiDB.
- Compare SQL execution results between TiDB versions: TiProxy only verifies if SQL statements execute successfully but does not compare results.

13.12.3.2 Usage

1. Prepare the test environment:

    1. Create a test cluster. For more information, see Deploy a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.
    2. Install `tiproxyctl` and ensure the host with `tiproxyctl` can connect to TiProxy instances in both production and test clusters. For more information, see Install TiProxy Control.
    3. Replicate data from the production cluster to the test cluster. For more information, see Data Migration Overview.
    4. Run the `ANALYZE` statement in the test cluster to update statistics.

2. Use the `tiproxyctl traffic capture` command to connect to the production cluster's TiProxy instance and start capturing traffic.

> **Note:**
>
> - TiProxy captures traffic on all connections, including existing and newly created ones.
> - In TiProxy primary-secondary mode, connect to the primary TiProxy instance.
> - If TiProxy is configured with a virtual IP, it is recommended to connect to the virtual IP address.
> - The higher the CPU usage of TiProxy, the greater the impact of traffic capture on QPS. To reduce the impact on the production cluster, it is recommended to reserve at least 30% of CPU capacity, which results in an approximately 3% decrease in average QPS. For detailed performance data, see Traffic capture test.
> - TiProxy does not automatically delete previous capture files when capturing traffic again. You need to manually delete them.

For example, the following command connects to the TiProxy instance at `10.0.1.10:3080`, captures traffic for one hour, and saves it to the `/tmp/traffic` directory on the TiProxy instance:

```
tiproxyctl traffic capture --host 10.0.1.10 --port 3080 --output="/tmp/
    ↪ traffic" --duration=1h
```

Traffic files are automatically rotated and compressed. Example files in the `/tmp/traffic` directory:

```
ls /tmp/traffic
# meta   traffic-2024-08-29T17-37-12.477.log.gz traffic-2024-08-29T17
    ↪ -43-11.166.log.gz traffic.log
```

For more information, see `tiproxyctl traffic capture`.

3. Copy the traffic file directory to the test cluster's TiProxy instance.

4. Use `tiproxyctl traffic replay` to connect to the test cluster's TiProxy instance and start replaying traffic.

   By default, SQL statements are executed at the same rate as in the production cluster, and each database connection corresponds to a connection in the production cluster to simulate the production load and ensure consistent transaction execution order.

   For example, the following command connects to the TiProxy instance at `10.0.1.10:3080` using username `u1` and password `123456`, reads traffic files from the `/tmp/traffic` directory on the TiProxy instance, and replays the traffic:

   ```
   tiproxyctl traffic replay --host 10.0.1.10 --port 3080 --username="u1"
      ↪ --password="123456" --input="/tmp/traffic"
   ```

   Because all traffic runs under user `u1`, ensure `u1` can access all databases and tables. If no such user exists, create one.

   For more information, see `tiproxyctl traffic replay`.

5. View the replay report.

   After replay completion, the report is stored in the `tiproxy_traffic_replay` database on the test cluster. This database contains two tables: `fail` and `other_errors`.

   The `fail` table stores failed SQL statements, with the following fields:

   - `cmd_type`: the type of a failed command, such as `Query` (execute an ordinary statement), `Prepare` (prepare a statement), and `Execute` (execute a prepared statement).
   - `digest`: the digest of the failed SQL statement.
   - `sample_stmt`: the SQL text when the statement first failed.
   - `sample_err_msg`: the error message when the SQL statement failed.
   - `sample_conn_id`: the connection ID recorded in the traffic file for the SQL statement. You can use this to view the execution context in the traffic file.
   - `sample_capture_time`: the execution time recorded in the traffic file for the SQL statement. You can use this to view the execution context in the traffic file.
   - `sample_replay_time`: the time when the SQL statement failed during replay. You can use this to view error information in the TiDB log file.
   - `count`: the number of times the SQL statement failed.

   The following is an example output of the `fail` table:

   ```
   SELECT * FROM tiproxy_traffic_replay.fail LIMIT 1\G
   ```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
         cmd_type: StmtExecute
           digest: 89
               ↪ c5c505772b8b7e8d5d1eb49f4d47ed914daa2663ed24a85f762daa3cdff43c
               ↪
      sample_stmt: INSERT INTO new_order (no_o_id, no_d_id, no_w_id)
          ↪ VALUES (?, ?, ?) params=[3077 6 1]
   sample_err_msg: ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry '1-6-3077' for
       ↪  key 'new_order.PRIMARY'
    sample_conn_id: 1356
sample_capture_time: 2024-10-17 12:59:15
 sample_replay_time: 2024-10-17 13:05:05
              count: 4
```

The `other_errors` table stores unexpected errors, such as network errors or database connection errors, with the following fields:

- `err_type`: the type of error, presented as a brief error message. For example, `i/o timeout`.
- `sample_err_msg`: the complete error message when the error first occurred.
- `sample_replay_time`: the time when the error occurred during replay. You can use this to view error information in the TiDB log file.
- `count`: the number of occurrences for this error.

The following is an example output of the `other_errors` table:

```
SELECT * FROM tiproxy_traffic_replay.other_errors LIMIT 1\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
         err_type: failed to read the connection: EOF
   sample_err_msg: this is an error from the backend connection:
       ↪ failed to read the connection: EOF
sample_replay_time: 2024-10-17 12:57:39
             count: 1
```

Note:

- The table schema of `tiproxy_traffic_replay` might change in future versions. It is not recommended to directly read data from `tiproxy_traffic_replay` in your application or tool development.
- Replay does not guarantee that the transaction execution order between connections exactly matches the capture sequence. This might lead to incorrect error reports.

- TiProxy does not automatically delete the previous replay report when replaying traffic. You need to manually delete it.

13.12.3.3 Test throughput

To test cluster throughput, use the `--speed` option to adjust the replay rate.

For example, `--speed=2` executes SQL statements at twice the rate, reducing the total replay time by half:

```
tiproxyctl traffic replay --host 10.0.1.10 --port 3080 --username="u1" --
    ↪ password="123456" --input="/tmp/traffic" --speed=2
```

Increasing the replay rate only reduces idle time between SQL statements and does not increase the number of connections. When session idle time is already short, increasing the speed might not effectively improve throughput. In such cases, you can deploy multiple TiProxy instances to replay the same traffic files simultaneously, increasing concurrency to improve throughput.

13.12.3.4 View and manage tasks

During capture and replay, tasks automatically stop if unknown errors occur. To view the current task progress or error information from the last task, use the `tiproxyctl traffic show` command:

```
tiproxyctl traffic show --host 10.0.1.10 --port 3080
```

For example, the following output indicates a running capture task:

```
[
  {
    "type": "capture",
    "start_time": "2024-09-03T09:10:58.220644+08:00",
    "duration": "2h",
    "output": "/tmp/traffic",
    "progress": "45%",
    "status": "running"
  }
]
```

For more information, see `tiproxyctl traffic show`.

To cancel the current capture or replay task, use the `tiproxyctl traffic cancel` command:

```
tiproxyctl traffic cancel --host 10.0.1.10 --port 3080
```

For more information, see `tiproxyctl traffic cancel`.

13.12.3.5 Limitations

- TiProxy only supports replaying traffic files captured by TiProxy and does not support other file formats. Therefore, make sure to capture traffic from the production cluster using TiProxy first.
- TiProxy traffic replay does not support filtering SQL types and DML and DDL statements are replayed. Therefore, you need to restore the cluster data to its pre-replay state before replaying again.
- TiProxy traffic replay does not support testing Resource Control and privilege management because TiProxy uses the same username to replay traffic.
- TiProxy does not support replaying `LOAD DATA` statements.

13.12.3.6 More resources

For more information about the traffic replay of TiProxy, see the design document.

13.12.4 TiProxy Configuration File

This document introduces the configuration parameters related to the deployment and use of TiProxy. For the configurations of TiUP deployment topology, see tiproxy-servers configurations.

The following is an example configuration:

```
[proxy]
addr = "0.0.0.0:6000"
max-connections = 100

[api]
addr = "0.0.0.0:3080"

[ha]
virtual-ip = "10.0.1.10/24"
interface = "eth0"

[security]
[security.cluster-tls]
skip-ca = true

[security.sql-tls]
skip-ca = true
```

13.12.4.1 Configure the `tiproxy.toml` file

This section introduces the configuration parameters of TiProxy.

Tip:

If you need to adjust the value of a configuration item, refer to Modify the configuration. Normally the modification leads to a restart. Because TiProxy supports hot-reloading, you can skip restart by executing `tiup cluster reload --skip-restart`.

13.12.4.1.1 proxy

Configuration for SQL port.

`addr`

- Default value: `0.0.0.0:6000`
- Support hot-reload: no
- The listening address of the SQL service. The format is `<ip>:<port>`. This configuration item is automatically set when you deploy TiProxy using TiUP or TiDB Operator.

`advertise-addr`

- Default value: `""`
- Support hot-reload: no
- Specifies the address that other components use to connect to this TiProxy instance. This address only contains the host name, not the port. This address might be different from the host name in `addr`. For example, if the `Subject Alternative Name` in TiProxy's TLS certificate contains only the domain name, other components will fail to connect to TiProxy via IP. This configuration item is automatically set when you deploy TiProxy using TiUP or TiDB Operator. If not set, the external IP address of the TiProxy instance is used.

`graceful-wait-before-shutdown`

- Default value: `0`
- Support hot-reload: yes
- Unit: second
- When TiProxy shuts down, the HTTP status returns unhealthy but the SQL port still accepts new connections for `graceful-wait-before-shutdown` seconds. After that, it rejects new connections and drains clients. It is recommended to set it to `0` when there are no other proxies (e.g. NLB) between the client and TiProxy.

`graceful-close-conn-timeout`

- Default value: `15`
- Support hot-reload: yes
- Unit: second
- When TiProxy shuts down, it closes connections when they have completed their current transactions (also known as draining clients) within `graceful-close-conn-timeout` seconds. After that, all the connections are closed at once. `graceful-close-conn-timeout` happens after `graceful-wait-before-shutdown`. It is recommended to set this timeout longer than the lifecycle of a transaction.

`max-connections`

- Default value: `0`
- Support hot-reload: yes
- Each TiProxy instance can accept `max-connections` connections at most. `0` means no limitation.

`conn-buffer-size`

- Default value: `32768`
- Support hot-reload: yes, but only for new connections
- Range: `[1024, 16777216]`
- This configuration item lets you decide the connection buffer size. Each connection uses one read buffer and one write buffer. It is a tradeoff between memory and performance. A larger buffer might yield better performance results but consume more memory. When it is `0`, TiProxy uses the default buffer size.

`pd-addrs`

- Default value: `127.0.0.1:2379`
- Support hot-reload: no
- The PD addresses TiProxy connects to. TiProxy discovers TiDB instances by fetching the TiDB list from the PD. It is set automatically when TiProxy is deployed by TiUP or TiDB Operator.

`proxy-protocol`

- Default value: `""`
- Support hot-reload: yes, but only for new connections
- Possible values: `""`, `"v2"`
- Enable the PROXY protocol on the port. By enabling the PROXY protocol, TiProxy can pass the real client IP address to TiDB. `"v2"` indicates using the PROXY protocol version 2, and `""` indicates disabling the PROXY protocol. If the PROXY protocol is enabled on TiProxy, you need to also enable the PROXY protocol on the TiDB server.

13.12.4.1.2 api

Configurations for HTTP gateway.

`addr`

- Default value: `0.0.0.0:3080`
- Support hot-reload: no
- API gateway address. You can specify `ip:port`.

`proxy-protocol`

- Default value: `""`
- Support hot-reload: no
- Possible values: `""`, `"v2"`
- Enable the PROXY protocol on the port. `"v2"` indicates using the PROXY protocol version 2, and `""` indicates disabling the PROXY protocol.

13.12.4.1.3 balance

Configurations for the load balancing policy of TiProxy.

`label-name`

- Default value: `""`
- Support hot-reload: yes
- Specifies the label name used for label-based load balancing. TiProxy matches the label values of TiDB servers based on this label name and prioritizes routing requests to TiDB servers with the same label value as itself.
- The default value of `label-name` is an empty string, indicating that label-based load balancing is not used. To enable this load balancing policy, you need to set this configuration item to a non-empty string and configure both `labels` in TiProxy and `labels` in TiDB. For more information, see Label-based load balancing.

`policy`

- Default value: `resource`
- Support hot-reload: yes
- Possible values: `resource`, `location`, `connection`
- Specifies the load balancing policy. For the meaning of each possible value, see TiProxy load balancing policies.

13.12.4.1.4 ha

High availability configurations for TiProxy.

`virtual-ip`

- Default value: `""`
- Support hot-reload: no
- Specifies the virtual IP address in the CIDR format, such as `"10.0.1.10/24"`. In a cluster with multiple TiProxy instances, only one instance binds to the virtual IP. If this instance goes offline, another TiProxy instance will automatically bind to the IP, ensuring clients can always connect to an available TiProxy through the virtual IP.

The following is an example configuration:

```
server_configs:
  tiproxy:
    ha.virtual-ip: "10.0.1.10/24"
    ha.interface: "eth0"
```

Note:

- Virtual IP is only supported on Linux operating systems.
- The Linux user running TiProxy must have permission to bind IP addresses.
- The virtual IP and the IPs of all TiProxy instances must be within the same CIDR range.

`interface`

- Default value: `""`
- Support hot-reload: no
- Specifies the network interface to bind the virtual IP to, such as `"eth0"`. The virtual IP will be bound to a TiProxy instance only when both `ha.virtual-ip` and `ha.interface` are set.

13.12.4.1.5 labels

- Default value: `{}`
- Support hot-reload: yes
- Specifies server labels. For example, `{ zone = "us-west-1", dc = "dc1" }`.

13.12.4.1.6 log

`level`

- Default value: `info`
- Support hot-reload: yes
- Possible values: `debug`, `info`, `warn`, `error`, `panic`
- Specify the log level. With the `panic` level, TiProxy will panic on errors.

`encoder`

- Default value: `tidb`
- You can specify:
  - `tidb`: format used by TiDB. For details, refer to Unified Log Format.
  - `json`: structured JSON format.
  - `console`: human-readable log format.

13.12.4.1.7 log.log-file

`filename`

- Default value: `""`
- Support hot-reload: yes
- Log file path. Non empty value will enable logging to file. When TiProxy is deployed with TiUP, the filename is set automatically.

`max-size`

- Default value: `300`
- Support hot-reload: yes
- Unit: MB
- Specifies the maximum size for log files. A log file will be rotated if its size exceeds this limit.

`max-days`

- Default value: `3`
- Support hot-reload: yes
- Specifies the maximum number of days to keep old log files. Outdated log files are deleted after surpassing this period.

`max-backups`

- Default value: `3`
- Support hot-reload: yes
- Specifies the maximum number of log files to be retained. Surplus log files will be automatically deleted when an excessive number is reached.

13.12.4.1.8 security

There are four TLS objects in the `[security]` section with different names. They share the same configuration format and fields, but they are interpreted differently depending on their names.

```
[security]
    [sql-tls]
    skip-ca = true
    [server-tls]
    auto-certs = true
```

All TLS options are hot-reloaded.

TLS object fields:

- `ca`: specifies the CA
- `cert`: specifies the certificate
- `key`: specifies the private key
- `auto-certs`: mostly used for tests. It generates certificates if no certificate or key is specified.
- `skip-ca`: skips verifying certificates using CA on client object or skips server-side verification on server object.
- `min-tls-version`: sets the minimum TLS version. Possible values are `1.0`, `1.1`, `1.2`, and `1.3`. The default value is `1.2`, which allows v1.2 or higher TLS versions.
- `rsa-key-size`: sets the RSA key size when `auto-certs` is enabled.
- `autocert-expire-duration`: sets the default expiration duration for auto-generated certificates.

Objects are classified into client or server objects by their names.

For client TLS object:

- You must set either `ca` or `skip-ca` to skip verifying server certificates.
- Optionally, you can set `cert` or `key` to pass server-side client verification.
- Useless fields: auto-certs.

For server TLS object:

- You can set either `cert` or `key` or `auto-certs` to support TLS connections. Otherwise, TiProxy doesn't support TLS connections.
- Optionally, if `ca` is not empty, it enables server-side client verification. The client must provide their certificates. Alternatively, if both `skip-ca` is true and `ca` is not empty, the server will only verify client certificates if they provide one.

`cluster-tls`

A client TLS object. It is used to access TiDB or PD.

`require-backend-tls`

- Default value: `false`
- Support hot-reload: yes, but only for new connections
- Require TLS between TiProxy and TiDB servers. If the TiDB server does not support TLS, clients will report an error when connecting to TiProxy.

`sql-tls`

A client TLS object. It is used to access TiDB SQL port (4000).

`server-tls`

A server TLS object. It is used to provide TLS on SQL port (6000).

`server-http-tls`

A server TLS object. It is used to provide TLS on HTTP status port (3080).

13.12.5 TiProxy Command-Line Flags

This document introduces the command-line flags that you can use when you launch TiProxy. It also introduces flags of `tiproxyctl`.

13.12.5.1 TiProxy Server

This section lists the flags of the server program `tiproxy`.

13.12.5.1.1 `--advertise-addr`

- Specifies the address that clients use to connect to this TiProxy instance.
- Type: `string`
- Default: `""`
- This flag is automatically set when you deploy TiProxy using TiUP or TiDB Operator. If not set, the external IP address of the TiProxy instance is used.

13.12.5.1.2 `--config`

- Specifies the path of the TiProxy configuration file.
- Type: `string`
- Default: `""`
- You must specify the configuration file. For detailed configuration items, refer to Configure TiProxy. Note that TiProxy automatically reloads the configuration when the configuration file is modified. Therefore, do not directly modify the configuration file. It is recommended to modify the configuration by executing `tiup cluster edit ↪ -config` or `kubectl edit tc`.

13.12.5.2 TiProxy Control

This section introduces the installation methods, syntax, options, and commands of the client program `tiproxyctl`.

13.12.5.2.1 Install TiProxy Control

You can install TiProxy Control using one of the following two methods.

> **Note:**
>
> TiProxy Control is specifically designed for debugging purposes and might not be fully compatible with future capabilities introduced in TiProxy. It's not recommended to include this tool in application or utility development to get information.

Install using TiUP

After installing TiUP, you can use the `tiup install tiproxy` command to download and install the binary programs for TiProxy and TiProxy Control. After installation, you can use `tiup --binary tiproxy` to view the installation path of TiProxy. TiProxy Control is located in the same directory as TiProxy.

For example:

```
tiup install tiproxy
### download https://tiup-mirrors.pingcap.com/tiproxy-v1.3.0-linux-amd64.tar
    ↪ .gz 22.51 MiB / 22.51 MiB 100.00% 13.99 MiB/s
ls `tiup --binary tiproxy`ctl
### /root/.tiup/components/tiproxy/v1.3.0/tiproxyctl
```

Compile from source code

Compilation environment requirement: Go 1.21 or later

Compilation procedures: Go to the root directory of the TiProxy project, use the `make` command to compile and generate `tiproxyctl`.

```
git clone https://github.com/pingcap/tiproxy.git
cd tiproxy
make
ls bin/tiproxyctl
```

13.12.5.2.2 Syntax

```
tiproxyctl [flags] [command]
```

For example:

```
tiproxyctl --host 127.0.0.1 --port 3080 config get
```

13.12.5.2.3 Options

`--host`

- Specifies the TiProxy server address.
- Type: `string`
- Default: `localhost`

`--port`

- Specifies the port number of the TiProxy API gateway.
- Type: `int`
- Default: `3080`

`--log_encoder`

- Specifies the log format of `tiproxyctl`.
- Type: `string`
- Default: `"tidb"`
- It defaults to the same log format of TiDB. However, you can also specify it as one of the following:
  - `console`: a more human-readable format
  - `json`: a structured log format

`--log_level`

- Specifies the log level of tiproxyctl.
- Type: `string`
- Default: `"warn"`
- You can specify `debug`, `info`, `warn`, `error`, `panic`.

`-k, --insecure`

- Specifies whether to skip TLS CA verification when dialing to the server.
- Type: `boolean`
- Default: `false`
- Used for testing.

`--ca`

- Specifies the CA when dialing to the server.
- Type: `string`
- Default: `""`

`--cert`

- Specifies the certificate when dialing to the server.
- Type: `string`
- Default: `""`

13.12.5.2.4 Commands

`config set`

The `tiproxyctl config set` command reads a TOML-formatted configuration file from standard input and sets these configuration items to TiProxy. Unspecified configuration items will remain unchanged, so you only need to specify the items that you want to modify.

The following example sets `log.level` as `'warning'`, while leaving other configuration items unchanged.

```
$ cat test.toml
[log]
level='warning'
$ cat test.toml | tiproxyctl config set
""
$ tiproxyctl config get | grep level
level = 'warning'
```

`config get`

The `tiproxyctl config get` command is used to get the current TiProxy configuration in TOML format.

`health`

The `tiproxyctl health` command is used to get the health status of TiProxy and the checksum of the configuration. When TiProxy is running normally, it returns the checksum of the configuration. When TiProxy is shutting down or offline, it returns an error.

Example output:

```
{"config_checksum":3006078629}
```

`traffic capture`

The `tiproxyctl traffic capture` command is used to capture traffic.

Options:

- `--output`: (required) specifies the directory to store traffic files.
- `--duration`: (required) specifies the duration of capture. The unit is one of `m` (minutes), `h` (hours), or `d` (days). For example, `--duration=1h` captures traffic for one hour.

Example:

The following command connects to the TiProxy instance at `10.0.1.10:3080`, captures traffic for one hour, and saves it to the `/tmp/traffic` directory on the TiProxy instance:

```
tiproxyctl traffic capture --host 10.0.1.10 --port 3080 --output="/tmp/
    ↪ traffic" --duration=1h
```

`traffic replay`

The `tiproxyctl traffic replay` command is used to replay captured traffic.

Options:

- `--username`: (required) specifies the database username for replay.
- `--password`: (optional) specifies the password for the username. The default value is an empty string `""`.
- `--input`: (required) specifies the directory containing traffic files.
- `--speed`: (optional) specifies the replay speed multiplier. The range is `[0.1, 10]`. The default value is `1`, indicating replay at the original speed.

Example:

The following command connects to the TiProxy instance at `10.0.1.10:3080` using username `u1` and password `123456`, reads traffic files from the `/tmp/traffic` directory on the TiProxy instance, and replays the traffic at twice the original speed:

```
tiproxyctl traffic replay --host 10.0.1.10 --port 3080 --username="u1" --
    ↪ password="123456" --input="/tmp/traffic" --speed=2
```

`traffic cancel`

The `tiproxyctl traffic cancel` command is used to cancel the current capture or replay task.

`traffic show`

The `tiproxyctl traffic show` command is used to display historical capture and replay tasks.

The `status` field in the output indicates the task status, with the following possible values:

- `done`: the task completed normally.
- `canceled`: the task was canceled. You can check the `error` field for the reason.
- `running`: the task is running. You can check the `progress` field for the completion percentage.

Example output:

```
[
  {
    "type": "capture",
    "start_time": "2024-09-01T14:30:40.99096+08:00",
    "end_time": "2024-09-01T16:30:40.99096+08:00",
    "duration": "2h",
    "output": "/tmp/traffic",
    "progress": "100%",
    "status": "done"
  },
  {
    "type": "capture",
    "start_time": "2024-09-02T18:30:40.99096+08:00",
    "end_time": "2024-09-02T19:00:40.99096+08:00",
    "duration": "2h",
    "output": "/tmp/traffic",
    "progress": "25%",
    "status": "canceled",
    "error": "canceled manually"
  },
  {
    "type": "capture",
    "start_time": "2024-09-03T13:31:40.99096+08:00",
    "duration": "2h",
    "output": "/tmp/traffic",
    "progress": "45%",
    "status": "running"
  }
]
```

13.12.6 TiProxy Monitoring Metrics

This document describes the monitoring items of TiProxy.

If you use TiUP to deploy the TiDB cluster, the monitoring system (Prometheus & Grafana) is deployed at the same time. For more information, see Overview of the Monitoring Framework.

The Grafana dashboard is divided into a series of sub dashboards which include Overview, PD, TiDB, TiKV, TiProxy, and Node_exporter. A lot of metrics are there to help you diagnose. Each dashboard contains panel groups and their panels.

TiProxy has four panel groups. The metrics on these panels indicate the current status of TiProxy.

- **TiProxy-Server**: instance information.
- **TiProxy-Query-Summary**: SQL query metrics like CPS.
- **TiProxy-Backend**: information on TiDB nodes that TiProxy might connect to.
- **TiProxy-Balance**: load balancing metrics.

13.12.6.1 Server

- CPU Usage: the CPU utilization of each TiProxy instance
- Memory Usage: the memory usage of each TiProxy instance
- Uptime: the runtime of each TiProxy instance since last restart
- Connection Count: the number of clients connected to each TiProxy instance
- Create Connection OPM: the number of connections created on each TiProxy instance every minute
- Disconnection OPM: the number of disconnections for each reason every minute. Reasons include:
    - success: the client disconnects normally
    - client network break: the client does not send a `QUIT` command before it disconnects. It may also be caused by a network problem or the client shutting down
    - client handshake fail: the client fails to handshake with TiProxy
    - auth fail: the access is denied by TiDB
    - SQL error: TiDB returns other SQL errors
    - proxy shutdown: TiProxy is shutting down
    - malformed packet: TiProxy fails to parse the MySQL packet
    - get backend fail: TiProxy fails to find an available backend for the connection
    - proxy error: other TiProxy errors
    - backend network break: fails to read from or write to the TiDB. This may be caused by a network problem or the TiDB server shutting down
    - backend handshake fail: TiProxy fails to handshake with the TiDB server
- Goroutine Count: the number of Goroutines on each TiProxy instance
- Owner: the TiProxy instance that executes various tasks. For example, `10.24.31.1:3080 - vip` indicates that the TiProxy instance at `10.24.31.1:3080` is bound to a virtual IP. The tasks include the following:

- vip: binds a virtual IP
- metric_reader: reads monitoring data from TiDB servers

13.12.6.2 Query-Summary

- Duration: average, P95, P99 SQL statement execution duration. It includes the duration of SQL statement execution on TiDB servers, so it is higher than the duration on the TiDB Grafana panel
- P99 Duration By Instance: P99 statement execution duration of each TiProxy instance
- P99 Duration By Backend: P99 statement execution duration of the statements that are executed on each TiDB instance
- CPS by Instance: command per second of each TiProxy instance
- CPS by Backend: command per second of each TiDB instance
- CPS by CMD: command per second grouped by SQL command type
- Handshake Duration: average, P95, and P99 duration of the handshake phase between the client and TiProxy

13.12.6.3 Balance

- Backend Connections: connection counts between each TiDB instance and each TiProxy instance. For example, `10.24.31.1:6000 | 10.24.31.2:4000` indicates the connections between TiProxy instance `10.24.31.1:6000` and TiDB instance `10.24.31.2:4000`
- Session Migration OPM: the number of session migrations that happened every minute, recording sessions on which TiDB instance migrated to the other. For example, `succeed: 10.24.31.2:4000 => 10.24.31.3:4000` indicates the number of sessions that are successfully migrated from TiDB instance `10.24.31.2:4000` to TiDB instance `10.24.31.3:4000`
- Session Migration Duration: average, P95, P99 session migration duration.
- Session Migration Reasons: the number of session migrations that happened every minute and the reason for them. The reasons include the following:
  - `status`: TiProxy performed status-based load balancing.
  - `label`: TiProxy performed label-based load balancing.
  - `health`: TiProxy performed health-based load balancing.
  - `memory`: TiProxy performed memory-based load balancing.
  - `cpu`: TiProxy performed CPU-based load balancing.
  - `location`: TiProxy performed location-based load balancing.
  - `conn`: TiProxy performed connection count-based load balancing.

13.12.6.4 Backend

- Get Backend Duration: the average, p95, p99 duration of TiProxy connecting to a TiDB instance

- Ping Backend Duration: the network latency between each TiProxy instance and each TiProxy instance. For example, `10.24.31.1:6000 | 10.24.31.2:4000` indicates the network latency between TiProxy instance `10.24.31.1:6000` and TiDB instance `10.24.31.2:4000`
- Health Check Cycle: the duration of a cycle of the health check between a TiProxy instance and all TiDB instances. For example, `10.24.31.1:6000` indicates the duration of the latest health check that TiProxy instance `10.24.31.1:6000` executes on all the TiDB instances. If this duration is higher than 3 seconds, TiProxy may not be timely to refresh the backend TiDB list

13.12.6.5 Traffic

- Bytes/Second from Backends: the amount of data, in bytes, sent from each TiDB instance to each TiProxy instance per second.
- Packets/Second from Backends: the number of MySQL packets sent from each TiDB instance to each TiProxy instance per second.
- Bytes/Second to Backends: the amount of data, in bytes, sent from each TiProxy instance to each TiDB instance per second.
- Packets/Second to Backends: the number of MySQL packets sent from each TiProxy instance to each TiDB instance per second.
- Cross Location Bytes/Second: the amount of data, in bytes, sent from each TiProxy instance to TiDB instances in different locations per second.

13.12.7 TiProxy API

TiProxy provides API endpoints for accessing its configuration, health status, and monitoring data.

> **Note:**
>
> TiProxy API is specifically designed for debugging purposes and might not be fully compatible with future capabilities introduced in TiProxy. It's not recommended to include this tool in application or utility development to get information.

The address for accessing the TiProxy API is `http://${host}:${port}${path}`, where `${host}:${port}` is specified by the TiProxy configuration item `api.addr`, and `${path}` is the specific API endpoint you want to access. For example:

```
curl http://127.0.0.1:3080/api/admin/config/
```

13.12.7.1 Get TiProxy configuration

13.12.7.1.1 Request URI

`GET /api/admin/config/`

13.12.7.1.2 Parameter descriptions

The query parameter is as follows:

- `format`: (optional) specifies the format of the returned configuration. Value options are `json` and `toml`. The default value is `toml`.

13.12.7.1.3 Example

The following example gets the TiProxy configuration in JSON format:

```
curl "http://127.0.0.1:3080/api/admin/config/?format=json"
```

13.12.7.2 Set TiProxy configuration

Currently, you can only use the TOML format to modify TiProxy configuration. Unspecified configuration items will remain unchanged, so you only need to specify the items that you want to modify.

13.12.7.2.1 Request URI

`PUT /api/admin/config/`

13.12.7.2.2 Request body

You need to provide the TiProxy configuration in TOML format. For example:

```
[log]
level='warning'
```

13.12.7.2.3 Example

The following example sets `log.level` as `'warning'`, while leaving other configuration items unchanged.

1. Get the current TiProxy configuration:

   ```
   curl http://127.0.0.1:3080/api/admin/config/
   ```

   The output is as follows:

```
[log]
encoder = 'tidb'
level = 'info'
```

2. Specify the value of `log.level` in the `test.toml` file, and then send a `PUT /api/admin/config/` request to update the value of `log.level`:

```
$ cat test.toml
[log]
level='warning'
$ curl -X PUT --data-binary @test.toml http://127.0.0.1:3080/api/admin/config/
```

3. Get the modified TiProxy configuration:

```
curl http://127.0.0.1:3080/api/admin/config/
```

The output is as follows:

```
[log]
encoder = 'tidb'
level = 'warning'
```

13.12.7.3 Get TiProxy health status

This endpoint is used to get the health status of TiProxy and the checksum of the configuration. When TiProxy is running normally, this endpoint returns the checksum of the configuration. When TiProxy is shutting down or offline, it returns an error.

13.12.7.3.1 Request URI

`GET /api/debug/health`

13.12.7.3.2 Example

```
curl http://127.0.0.1:3080/api/debug/health
```

The output is as follows:

```
{"config_checksum":3006078629}
```

13.12.7.4 Get TiProxy monitoring data

13.12.7.4.1 Request URI

`GET /metrics/`

13.12.7.4.2 Example

```
curl http://127.0.0.1:3080/metrics/
```

13.12.8 Troubleshoot TiProxy

This document describes some common problems, causes, and solutions for TiProxy.

13.12.8.1 Cannot connect to TiProxy

You can troubleshoot the issue by following these steps:

1. Check if the connector version is supported. If the connector is not in the list, check if the connector supports authentication plugins.
2. If the client reports `No available TiDB instances, please make sure TiDB is available`, check if there is a TiDB server and if the SQL port and HTTP status port of the TiDB server can be connected normally.
3. If the client reports `Require TLS enabled on TiProxy when require-backend-tls=true`, check if TiProxy is correctly configured with TLS certificates.
4. If the client reports `Verify TiDB capability failed, please upgrade TiDB`, check if the TiDB server version is v6.5.0 or later.
5. If the client reports `TiProxy fails to connect to TiDB, please make sure TiDB is available`, check if the TiProxy node can connect to the TiDB server.
6. If the client reports `Require TLS enabled on TiDB when require-backend-tls=true`, check if TiDB is correctly configured with TLS certificates.
7. If the client reports `TiProxy fails to connect to TiDB, please make sure TiDB proxy-protocol is set correctly`, check if `proxy.proxy-protocol` is enabled on TiProxy and `proxy-protocol` is not enabled on the TiDB server.
8. Check if TiProxy is configured with `max-connections` and if the number of connections on TiProxy exceeds the maximum connection limit.
9. Check the TiProxy log for error messages.

13.12.8.2 TiProxy does not migrate connections

You can troubleshoot the issue by following these steps:

1. Whether the TiProxy limitations are not met. You can further confirm this by checking the TiProxy log.
2. Whether `security.session-token-signing-cert`, `security.session-token-signing-key`, and `graceful-wait-before-shutdown` are correctly configured on TiDB.

13.12.8.3 Unbalanced CPU usage on TiDB server

You can troubleshoot the issue by following these steps:

1. Check if there is a significant difference in CPU usage among TiDB servers. TiProxy does not guarantee identical CPU usage across TiDB servers. It only performs load balancing when the CPU usage difference is large enough to affect query latency.
2. If the connection count of a TiDB server gradually drops to zero, it might be affected by other load balancing policies. You can check the `Session Migration Reasons` metric in Grafana to see if there are migrations based on other policies.
3. Check if the TiProxy configuration item `policy` is set to `location`. If location-based prioritization is enabled, TiProxy does not balance CPU usage across different locations.
4. Check the version of TiProxy. Only v1.1.0 and later versions support CPU-based load balancing. Earlier versions use a load balancing policy based on minimum connection count.
5. If none of the preceding situations apply, the connection migration might have failed. To troubleshoot further, see TiProxy does not migrate connections.

13.12.8.4 Latency is significantly increased

You can troubleshoot the issue by following these steps:

1. Check the latency on TiProxy through Grafana. If the latency on TiProxy is not high, it means that the client load is high or the network latency between the client and TiProxy is high.
2. Check the latency on the TiDB server through Grafana. If the latency on the TiDB server is high, follow the steps in Latency increases significantly to troubleshoot.
3. Check the network duration between TiProxy and TiDB server through Grafana.
4. Check the CPU usage on TiProxy. If the CPU usage is over 90%, you need to scale out TiProxy.

13.12.9 TiProxy Performance Test Report

This report tests the performance of TiProxy in the OLTP scenario of Sysbench and compares it with HAProxy.

The results are as follows:

- The QPS upper limit of TiProxy is affected by the type of workload. When client concurrency is the same and the TiProxy CPU usage is below 80%, the QPS is less than 5% lower than that of HAProxy. In such cases, you can often increase the client concurrency to improve QPS. Under the same QPS, TiProxy's CPU usage is about 25% higher than HAProxy's. Therefore, you need to reserve more CPU resources.

- The number of TiDB server instances that TiProxy can hold varies according to the type of workload. Under the basic workloads of Sysbench, a TiProxy can hold 5 to 12 TiDB server instances of the same model.
- The row number of the query result set has a significant impact on the QPS of TiProxy, and the impact is the same as that of HAProxy.
- The performance of TiProxy increases almost linearly with the number of vCPUs. Therefore, increasing the number of vCPUs can effectively improve the QPS upper limit.
- The number of long connections and the frequency of creating short connections have minimal impact on the QPS of TiProxy.
- The higher the CPU usage of TiProxy, the greater the impact of enabling traffic capture on QPS. When the CPU usage of TiProxy is about 70%, enabling traffic capture leads to approximately 3% decrease in average QPS and 7% decrease in minimum QPS. The latter decrease is caused by periodic QPS drops during traffic file compression.

13.12.9.1 Test environment

13.12.9.1.1 Hardware configuration

Service	Machine type	CPU model	Instance count
TiProxy	4C8G	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Silver 4214R CPU @ 2.40GHz	1
HAProxy	4C8G	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Silver 4214R CPU @ 2.40GHz	1
PD	4C8G	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Silver 4214R CPU @ 2.40GHz	3
TiDB	8C16G	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Silver 4214R CPU @ 2.40GHz	8
TiKV	8C16G	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Silver 4214R CPU @ 2.40GHz	8
Sysbench	8C16G	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Silver 4214R CPU @ 2.40GHz	1

13.12.9.1.2 Software

Service	Software version
TiProxy	v1.0.0
HAProxy	2.9.0
PD	v8.0.0
TiDB	v8.0.0
TiKV	v8.0.0
Sysbench	1.0.17

13.12.9.1.3 Configuration

TiProxy configuration

In the test, TLS is not enabled between the client and TiProxy, or between TiProxy and TiDB server.

```
proxy.conn-buffer-size: 131072
```

HAProxy configuration - `haproxy.cfg` file

```
global                                  # Global configuration.
    log         127.0.0.1 local2        # Specifies the global syslog server.
       ↪  You can define up to two.
    pidfile     /var/run/haproxy.pid    # Write the PID of the HAProxy
       ↪ process to pidfile.
    maxconn     4096                    # The maximum number of concurrent
       ↪ connections that a single HAProxy process can accept, equivalent
       ↪ to the command line parameter "-n".
    nbthread    4                       # The maximum number of threads. The
       ↪ upper limit of the number of threads is the same as the number of
       ↪ CPUs.
    user        haproxy                 # Same as UID parameter.
    group       haproxy                 # Same as GID parameter. A dedicated
       ↪ user group is recommended.
    daemon                              # Run HAProxy as a daemon in the
       ↪ background, which is equivalent to the command line parameter "-D
       ↪ ". You can also disable it with the "-db" parameter on the command
       ↪  line.
    stats socket /var/lib/haproxy/stats # The location where the statistics
       ↪ are saved.

defaults                                # Default configuration.
    log global                          # Inherit the settings of the global
       ↪ configuration section.
    retries 2                           # The maximum number of times to try
       ↪ to connect to the upstream server. If the number of retries
       ↪ exceeds this value, the backend server is considered unavailable.
    timeout connect 2s                  # The timeout period for HAProxy to
       ↪ connect to the backend server. If the server is located on the
       ↪ same LAN as HAProxy, set it to a shorter time.
    timeout client 30000s               # The timeout period for the client
       ↪ to be inactive after the data transmission is completed.
    timeout server 30000s               # The timeout period for the server
       ↪ to be inactive.

listen tidb-cluster                     # Configure database load balancing.
    bind 0.0.0.0:3390                   # Floating IP address and listening
       ↪ port.
    mode tcp                            # HAProxy uses layer 4, the transport
       ↪  layer.
    balance leastconn                  # The server with the least number of
```

```
    ↪ connections receives the connection first. `leastconn` is
    ↪ recommended for long session services, such as LDAP, SQL, and TSE,
    ↪  rather than short session protocols, such as HTTP. This algorithm
    ↪  is dynamic, and the server weight is adjusted during operation
    ↪ for slow-start servers.
  server tidb-1 10.9.18.229:4000 check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3 # Detects
    ↪ port 4000 at a frequency of once every 2000 milliseconds. If it is
    ↪  detected as successful twice, the server is considered available;
    ↪  if it is detected as failed three times, the server is considered
    ↪  unavailable.
  server tidb-2 10.9.39.208:4000 check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3
  server tidb-3 10.9.64.166:4000 check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3
```

13.12.9.2 Basic workload test

13.12.9.2.1 Test plan

This test aims to compare the QPS of TiProxy and HAProxy under four types of workloads: point select, read only, write only, and read write. Each type of workload is tested with different concurrency to compare the QPS of TiProxy and HAProxy.

The following command is used to perform the test:

```
sysbench $testname \
    --threads=$threads \
    --time=1200 \
    --report-interval=10 \
    --rand-type=uniform \
    --db-driver=mysql \
    --mysql-db=sbtest \
    --mysql-host=$host \
    --mysql-port=$port \
    run --tables=32 --table-size=1000000
```

13.12.9.2.2 Point Select

TiProxy test results:

Threads	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	TiProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage
20	41273	0.48	0.64	190%	900%
50	100255	0.50	0.62	330%	1900%
100	137688	0.73	1.01	400%	2600%

HAProxy test results:

Threads	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	HAProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage
20	44833	0.45	0.61	140%	1000%
50	103631	0.48	0.61	270%	2100%
100	163069	0.61	0.77	360%	3100%

13.12.9.2.3 Read Only

TiProxy test results:

Threads	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	TiProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage
50	72076	11.09	12.75	290%	2500%
100	109704	14.58	17.63	370%	3800%
200	117519	27.21	32.53	400%	4100%

HAProxy test results:

Threads	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	HAProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage
50	75760	10.56	12.08	250%	2600%
100	121730	13.14	15.83	350%	4200%
200	131712	24.27	30.26	370%	4500%

13.12.9.2.4 Write Only

TiProxy test results:

Threads	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	TiProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage
100	81957	7.32	10.27	290%	3900%
300	103040	17.45	31.37	330%	4700%
500	104869	28.59	52.89	340%	4800%

HAProxy test results:

Threads	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	HAProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage
100	81708	7.34	10.65	240%	3700%
300	106008	16.95	31.37	320%	4800%

Threads	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	HAProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage
500	122369	24.45	47.47	350%	5300%

13.12.9.2.5 Read Write

TiProxy test results:

Threads	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	TiProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage
50	58571	17.07	19.65	250%	2600%
100	88432	22.60	29.19	330%	3900%
200	108758	36.73	51.94	380%	4800%

HAProxy test results:

Threads	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	HAProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage
50	61226	16.33	19.65	190%	2800%
100	96569	20.70	26.68	290%	4100%
200	120163	31.28	49.21	340%	5200%

13.12.9.3 Result set test

13.12.9.3.1 Test plan

This test aims to compare the performance of TiProxy and HAProxy under different result set row numbers. This test uses 100 concurrency, and compares the QPS of TiProxy and HAProxy with result set row numbers of 10, 100, 1000, and 10000.

The following command is used to perform the test:

```
sysbench oltp_read_only \
    --threads=100 \
    --time=1200 \
    --report-interval=10 \
    --rand-type=uniform \
    --db-driver=mysql \
    --mysql-db=sbtest \
    --mysql-host=$host \
    --mysql-port=$port \
    --skip_trx=true \
    --point_selects=0 \
```

```
    --sum_ranges=0 \
    --order_ranges=0 \
    --distinct_ranges=0 \
    --simple_ranges=1 \
    --range_size=$range_size
    run --tables=32 --table-size=1000000
```

13.12.9.3.2 Test results

TiProxy test results:

Range size	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	TiProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage	Inbound network (MiB/s)	Outbound network (MiB/s)
10	80157	1.25	1.61	340%	2600%	140	140
100	55936	1.79	2.43	370%	2800%	820	820
1000	10313	9.69	13.70	310%	1500%	1370	1370
10000	1064	93.88	142.39	250%	600%	1430	1430

HAProxy test results:

Range size	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	HAProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage	Inbound network (MiB/s)	Outbound network (MiB/s)
10	94376	1.06	1.30	250%	4000%	150	150
100	70129	1.42	1.76	270%	3300%	890	890
1000	9501	11.18	14.73	240%	1500%	1180	1180
10000	955	104.61	320.17	180%	1200%	1200	1200

13.12.9.4 Scalability test

13.12.9.4.1 Test plan

This test aims to verify that the performance of TiProxy is proportional to its specifications, to ensure that upgrading the specifications of TiProxy can improve its QPS upper limit. This test uses TiProxy instances with different vCPU numbers and concurrency to compare the QPS.

The following command is used to perform the test:

```
sysbench oltp_point_select \
    --threads=$threads \
```

```
    --time=1200 \
    --report-interval=10 \
    --rand-type=uniform \
    --db-driver=mysql \
    --mysql-db=sbtest \
    --mysql-host=$host \
    --mysql-port=$port \
    run --tables=32 --table-size=1000000
```

13.12.9.4.2 Test results

vCPU	Threads	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	TiProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage
2	40	58508	0.68	0.97	190%	1200%
4	80	104890	0.76	1.16	390%	2000%
6	120	155520	0.77	1.14	590%	2900%
8	160	202134	0.79	1.18	800%	3900%

13.12.9.5 Long connection test

13.12.9.5.1 Test plan

This test aims to verify that a large number of idle connections have minimal impact on the QPS when the client uses long connections. This test creates 5000, 10000, and 15000 idle long connections, and then executes `sysbench`.

This test uses the default value for the `conn-buffer-size` configuration:

```
proxy.conn-buffer-size: 32768
```

Use the following command to perform the test:

```
sysbench oltp_point_select \
    --threads=50 \
    --time=1200 \
    --report-interval=10 \
    --rand-type=uniform \
    --db-driver=mysql \
    --mysql-db=sbtest \
    --mysql-host=$host \
    --mysql-port=$port \
    run --tables=32 --table-size=1000000
```

13.12.9.5.2 Test results

Connection count	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	TiProxy CPU usage	TiProxy memory usage (MB)	TiDB overall CPU usage
5000	96620	0.52	0.64	330%	920	1800%
10000	96143	0.52	0.65	330%	1710	1800%
15000	96048	0.52	0.65	330%	2570	1900%

13.12.9.6 Short connection test

13.12.9.6.1 Test plan

This test aims to verify that frequent creation and destruction of connections have minimal impact on the QPS when the client uses short connections. This test starts another client program to create and disconnect 100, 200, and 300 short connections per second while executing `sysbench`.

Use the following command to perform the test:

```
sysbench oltp_point_select \
    --threads=50 \
    --time=1200 \
    --report-interval=10 \
    --rand-type=uniform \
    --db-driver=mysql \
    --mysql-db=sbtest \
    --mysql-host=$host \
    --mysql-port=$port \
    run --tables=32 --table-size=1000000
```

13.12.9.6.2 Test results

New connections per second	QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	TiProxy CPU usage	TiDB overall CPU usage
100	95597	0.52	0.65	330%	1800%
200	94692	0.53	0.67	330%	1800%
300	94102	0.53	0.68	330%	1900%

13.12.9.7 Traffic capture test

13.12.9.7.1 Test plan

This test aims to evaluate the performance impact of traffic capture on TiProxy. It uses TiProxy v1.3.0 and compares QPS and TiProxy CPU usage with traffic capture enabled and

disabled before executing `sysbench` with different concurrency. Due to periodic QPS fluctuations caused by traffic file compression, the test compares both the average and minimum QPS.

Use the following command to perform the test:

```
sysbench oltp_read_write \
    --threads=$threads \
    --time=1200 \
    --report-interval=5 \
    --rand-type=uniform \
    --db-driver=mysql \
    --mysql-db=sbtest \
    --mysql-host=$host \
    --mysql-port=$port \
    run --tables=32 --table-size=1000000
```

13.12.9.7.2 Test results

Connection count	Traffic capture	Avg QPS	Min QPS	Avg latency (ms)	P95 latency (ms)	TiProxy CPU usage
20	Disabled	27653	26999	14.46	16.12	140%
20	Enabled	27519	26922	14.53	16.41	170%
50	Disabled	58014	56416	17.23	20.74	270%
50	Enabled	56211	52236	17.79	21.89	280%
100	Disabled	85107	84369	23.48	30.26	370%
100	Enabled	79819	69503	25.04	31.94	380%

14 Reference

14.1 Cluster Architecture

14.1.1 TiDB Architecture

Compared with the traditional standalone databases, TiDB has the following advantages:

- Has a distributed architecture with flexible and elastic scalability.
- Fully compatible with the MySQL protocol, common features and syntax of MySQL. To migrate your applications to TiDB, you do not need to change a single line of code in many cases.
- Supports high availability with automatic failover when a minority of replicas fail; transparent to applications.

- Supports ACID transactions, suitable for scenarios requiring strong consistency such as bank transfer.

- Provides a rich series of data migration tools for migrating, replicating, or backing up data.

As a distributed database, TiDB is designed to consist of multiple components. These components communicate with each other and form a complete TiDB system. The architecture is as follows:

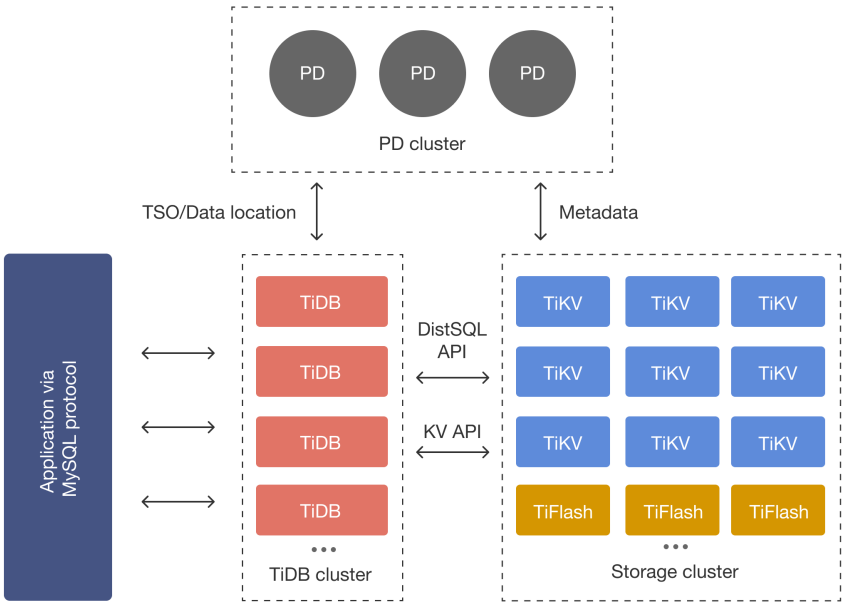

Figure 536: TiDB Architecture

14.1.1.1 TiDB server

The TiDB server is a stateless SQL layer that exposes the connection endpoint of the MySQL protocol to the outside. The TiDB server receives SQL requests, performs SQL parsing and optimization, and ultimately generates a distributed execution plan. It is horizontally scalable and provides the unified interface to the outside through the load balancing components such as TiProxy, Linux Virtual Server (LVS), HAProxy, ProxySQL or F5. It does not store data and is only for computing and SQL analyzing, transmitting actual data read request to TiKV nodes (or TiFlash nodes).

14.1.1.2 Placement Driver (PD) server

The PD server is the metadata managing component of the entire cluster. It stores metadata of real-time data distribution of every single TiKV node and the topology structure

of the entire TiDB cluster, provides the TiDB Dashboard management UI, and allocates transaction IDs to distributed transactions. The PD server is "the brain" of the entire TiDB cluster because it not only stores metadata of the cluster, but also sends data scheduling command to specific TiKV nodes according to the data distribution state reported by TiKV nodes in real time. In addition, the PD server consists of three nodes at least and has high availability. It is recommended to deploy an odd number of PD nodes.

14.1.1.3 Storage servers

14.1.1.3.1 TiKV server

The TiKV server is responsible for storing data. TiKV is a distributed transactional key-value storage engine.

Region is the basic unit to store data. Each Region stores the data for a particular Key Range which is a left-closed and right-open interval from StartKey to EndKey.

Multiple Regions exist in each TiKV node. TiKV APIs provide native support to distributed transactions at the key-value pair level and supports the Snapshot Isolation level isolation by default. This is the core of how TiDB supports distributed transactions at the SQL level. After processing SQL statements, the TiDB server converts the SQL execution plan to an actual call to the TiKV API. Therefore, data is stored in TiKV. All the data in TiKV is automatically maintained in multiple replicas (three replicas by default), so TiKV has native high availability and supports automatic failover.

14.1.1.3.2 TiFlash server

The TiFlash server is a special type of storage server. Unlike ordinary TiKV nodes, TiFlash stores data by column, mainly designed to accelerate analytical processing.

14.1.2 TiDB Storage

This document introduces some design ideas and key concepts of TiKV.

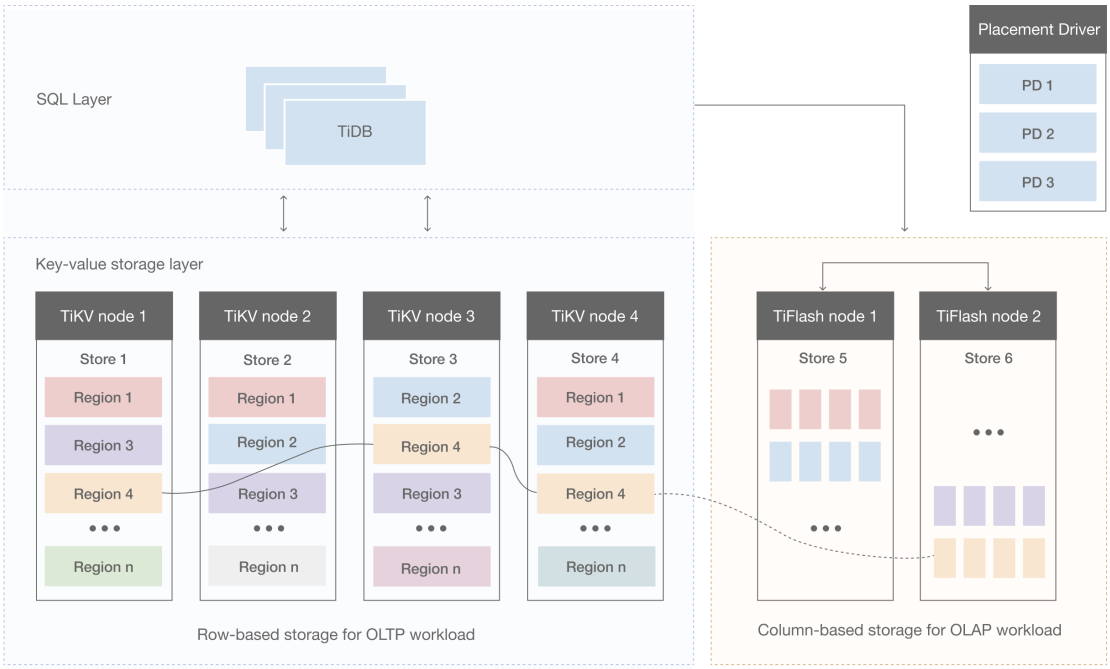

Figure 537: storage-architecture

14.1.2.1 Key-Value pairs

The first thing to decide for a data storage system is the data storage model, that is, in what form the data is saved. TiKV's choice is the Key-Value model and provides an ordered traversal method. There are two key points for TiKV data storage model:

- This is a huge Map (similar to `std::Map` in C++) , which stores Key-Value pairs.
- The Key-Value pair in the Map is ordered according to Keys' binary order, which means you can Seek the position of a particular Key and then call the Next method to get the Key-Value pairs larger than this Key in incremental order.

Note that the KV storage model for TiKV described in this document has nothing to do with tables of SQL. This document does not discuss any concepts related to SQL and only focuses on how to implement a high-performance, high-reliability, distributed Key-Value storage such as TiKV.

14.1.2.2 Local storage (RocksDB)

For any persistent storage engine, data is eventually saved on disk, and TiKV is no exception. TiKV does not write data directly on the disk, but stores data in RocksDB, which is responsible for the data storage. The reason is that it costs a lot to develop a

standalone storage engine, especially a high-performance standalone engine that requires careful optimization.

RocksDB is an excellent standalone storage engine open-sourced by Facebook. This engine can meet various requirements of TiKV for a single engine. Here, you can simply consider RocksDB as a single persistent Key-Value Map.

14.1.2.3 Raft protocol

What's more, the implementation of TiKV faces a more difficult thing: to secure data safety in case a single machine fails.

A simple way is to replicate data to multiple machines, so that even if one machine fails, the replicas on other machines are still available. In other words, you need a data replication scheme that is reliable, efficient, and able to handle the situation of a failed replica. All of these are made possible by the Raft algorithm.

Raft is a consensus algorithm. This document only briefly introduces Raft. For more details, you can see In Search of an Understandable Consensus Algorithm. The Raft has several important features:

- Leader election
- Membership changes (such as adding replicas, deleting replicas, and transferring leaders)
- Log replication

TiKV use Raft to perform data replication. Each data change will be recorded as a Raft log. Through Raft log replication, data is safely and reliably replicated to multiple nodes of the Raft group. However, according to Raft protocol, successful writes only need that data is replicated to the majority of nodes.

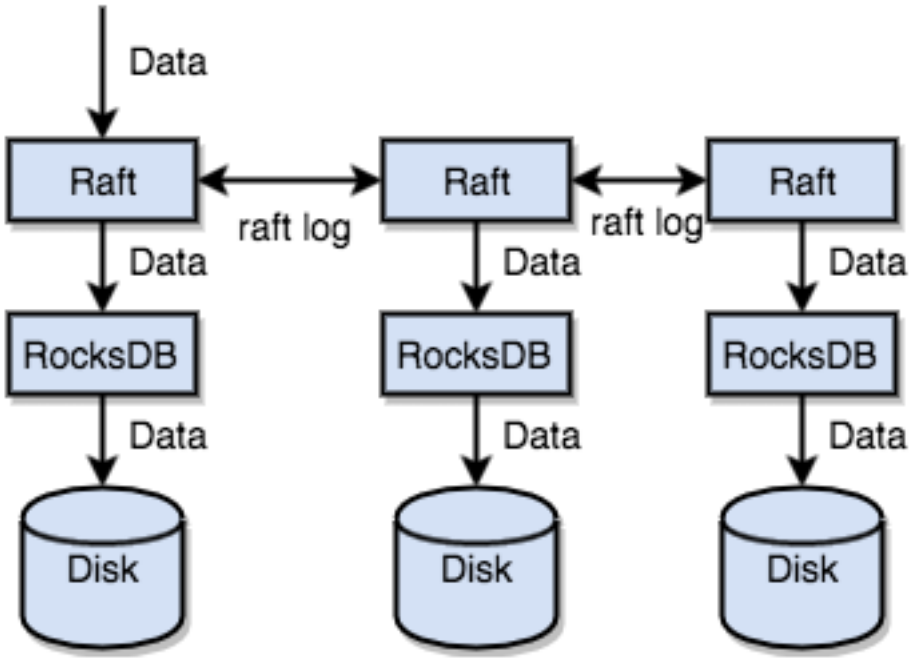

Figure 538: Raft in TiDB

In summary, TiKV can quickly store data on disk via the standalone machine RocksDB, and replicate data to multiple machines via Raft in case of machine failure. Data is written through the interface of Raft instead of to RocksDB. With the implementation of Raft, TiKV becomes a distributed Key-Value storage. Even with a few machine failures, TiKV can automatically complete replicas by virtue of the native Raft protocol, which does not impact the application.

14.1.2.4 Region

To make it easy to understand, let's assume that all data only has one replica. As mentioned earlier, TiKV can be regarded as a large, orderly KV Map, so data is distributed across multiple machines in order to achieve horizontal scalability. For a KV system, there are two typical solutions to distributing data across multiple machines:

- Hash: Create Hash by Key and select the corresponding storage node according to the Hash value.
- Range: Divide ranges by Key, where a segment of serial Key is stored on a node.

TiKV chooses the second solution that divides the whole Key-Value space into a series of consecutive Key segments. Each segment is called a Region. Each Region can be described by `[StartKey, EndKey)`, a left-closed and right-open interval. The default size limit for each Region is 256 MiB and the size can be configured.

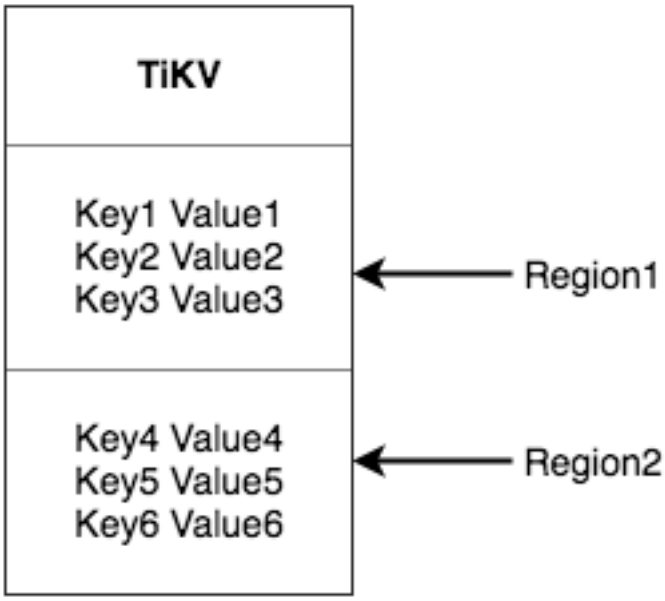

Figure 539: Region in TiDB

Note that the Region here has nothing to do with the table in SQL. In this document, forget about SQL and focus on KV for now. After dividing data into Regions, TiKV will perform two important tasks:

- Distributing data to all nodes in the cluster and use Region as the basic unit. Try its best to ensure that the number of Regions on each node is roughly similar.
- Performing Raft replication and membership management in Region.

These two tasks are very important and will be introduced one by one.

- First, data is divided into many Regions according to Key, and the data for each Region is stored on only one node (ignoring multiple replicas). The TiDB system has a PD component that is responsible for spreading Regions as evenly as possible across all nodes in the cluster. In this way, on one hand, the storage capacity is scaled horizontally (Regions on the other nodes are automatically scheduled to the newly added node); on the other hand, load balancing is achieved (the situation where one node has a lot of data while the others have little will not occur).

  At the same time, in order to ensure that the upper client can access the needed data, there is a component (PD) in the system to record the distribution of Regions on the node, that is, the exact Region of a Key and the node of that Region placed through any Key.

- For the second task, TiKV replicates data in Regions, which means that data in one Region will have multiple replicas with the name "Replica". Multiple Replicas of a

Region are stored on different nodes to form a Raft Group, which is kept consistent through the Raft algorithm.

One of the Replicas serves as the Leader of the Group and other as the Follower. By default, all reads and writes are processed through the Leader, where reads are done and write are replicated to followers. The following diagram shows the whole picture about Region and Raft group.

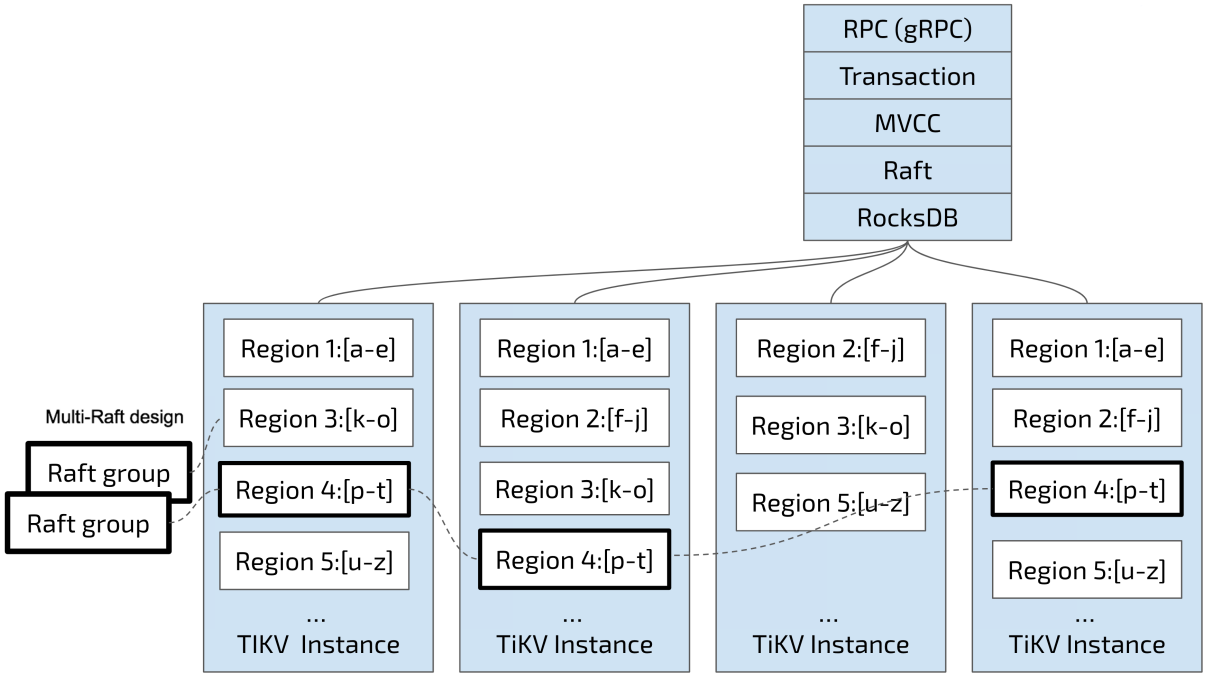

Figure 540: TiDB Storage

As we distribute and replicate data in Regions, we have a distributed Key-Value system that, to some extent, has the capability of disaster recovery. You no longer need to worry about the capacity, or disk failure and data loss.

14.1.2.5 MVCC

TiKV supports multi-version concurrency control (MVCC). Consider a scenario where Client A is writing to a key simultaneously as Client B is reading the same key. Without the MVCC mechanism, these read and write operations would be mutually exclusive, posing performance issues and deadlocks in a distributed scenario. However, With MVCC, as long as Client B performs a read operation at a logical time earlier than the Client A write operation, then Client B can correctly read the original value at the same time Client A performs the write operation. Even if the key is modified multiple times by multiple write operations, Client B can still read the old value according to its logical time.

TiKV MVCC is implemented by appending a version number to the key. Without MVCC, the Key-Value pairs of TiKV are as follows:

```
Key1 -> Value
Key2 -> Value
……
KeyN -> Value
```

With MVCC, the Key-Value pairs of TiKV are as follows:

```
Key1_Version3 -> Value
Key1_Version2 -> Value
Key1_Version1 -> Value
……
Key2_Version4 -> Value
Key2_Version3 -> Value
Key2_Version2 -> Value
Key2_Version1 -> Value
……
KeyN_Version2 -> Value
KeyN_Version1 -> Value
……
```

Note that for multiple versions of the same Key, versions with larger numbers are placed first (see the Key-Value section where Keys are arranged in order), so that when you obtain Value through Key + Version, the Key of MVCC can be constructed with Key and Version, which is `Key_Version`. Then you can directly locate the first position greater than or equal to this `Key_Version` through RocksDB's `SeekPrefix(Key_Version)` API.

14.1.2.6 Distributed ACID transaction

Transaction of TiKV adopts the model used by Google in BigTable: Percolator. TiKV's implementation is inspired by this paper, with a lot of optimizations. See transaction overview for details.

14.1.3 TiDB Computing

Based on the distributed storage provided by TiKV, TiDB builds the computing engine that combines great capability of transactional processing with that of data analysis. This document starts by introducing a data mapping algorithm that maps data from TiDB database tables to (Key, Value) key-value pairs in TiKV, then introduces how TiDB manages metadata, and finally illustrates the architecture of the TiDB SQL layer.

For the storage solution on which the computing layer is dependent, this document only introduces the row-based storage structure of TiKV. For OLAP services, TiDB introduces a column-based storage solution TiFlash as a TiKV extension.

14.1.3.1 Mapping table data to Key-Value

This section describes the scheme for mapping data to (Key, Value) key-value pairs in TiDB. Data to be mapped here includes the following two types:

- Data of each row in the table, hereinafter referred to as table data.
- Data of all indexes in the table, hereinafter referred to as index data.

14.1.3.1.1 Mapping of table data to Key-Value

In a relational database, a table might have many columns. To map the data of each column in a row to a (Key, Value) key-value pair, you need to consider how to construct the Key. First of all, in OLTP scenarios, there are many operations such as adding, deleting, changing, and searching for data on a single or multiple rows, which needs the database to read a row of data quickly. Therefore, each key should have a unique ID (either explicit or implicit) to make it quick to locate. Then, many OLAP queries require a full table scan. If you can encode the keys of all rows in a table into a range, the whole table can be efficiently scanned by range queries.

Based on the considerations above, the mapping of table data to Key-Value in TiDB is designed as follows:

- To ensure that data from the same table is kept together for easy searching, TiDB assigns a table ID to each table represented by `TableID`. Table ID is an integer that is unique throughout the cluster.
- TiDB assigns a row ID, represented by `RowID`, to each row of data in the table. The row ID is also an integer, unique within the table. For row ID, TiDB has made a small optimization: if a table has an integer type primary key, TiDB uses the value of this primary key as the row ID.

Each row of data is encoded as a (Key, Value) key-value pair according to the following rule:

```
Key:   tablePrefix{TableID}_recordPrefixSep{RowID}
Value: [col1, col2, col3, col4]
```

`tablePrefix` and `recordPrefixSep` are both special string constants used to distinguish other data in Key space. The exact values of the string constants are introduced in Summary of mapping relationships.

14.1.3.1.2 Mapping of indexed data to Key-Value

TiDB supports both primary keys and secondary indexes (both unique and non-unique indexes). Similar to the table data mapping scheme, TiDB assigns an index ID to each index of the table represented by `IndexID`.

For primary keys and unique indexes, it is needed to quickly locate the corresponding `RowID` based on the key-value pair, so such a key-value pair is encoded as follows.

```
Key:  tablePrefix{tableID}_indexPrefixSep{indexID}_indexedColumnsValue
Value: RowID
```

For ordinary secondary indexes that do not need to satisfy the uniqueness constraint, a single key might correspond to multiple rows. It needs to query corresponding `RowID` according to the range of keys. Therefore, the key-value pair must be encoded according to the following rule:

```
Key:  tablePrefix{TableID}_indexPrefixSep{IndexID}_indexedColumnsValue_{
    ↪ RowID}
Value: null
```

14.1.3.1.3 Summary of mapping relationships

`tablePrefix`, `recordPrefixSep`, and `indexPrefixSep` in all of the above encoding rules are string constants that are used to distinguish a KV from other data in the Key space, which are defined as follows:

```
tablePrefix   = []byte{'t'}
recordPrefixSep = []byte{'r'}
indexPrefixSep = []byte{'i'}
```

Also note that in the above encoding schemes, no matter table data or index data key encoding scheme, all rows in a table have the same key prefix, and all data of an index also has the same prefix. Data with the same prefixes are thus arranged together in TiKV's key space. Therefore, by carefully designing the encoding scheme of the suffix part to ensure that the pre-encoding and post-encoding comparisons remain the same, the table data or index data can be stored in TiKV in an ordered manner. Using this encoding scheme, all row data in a table is arranged orderly by `RowID` in the TiKV's key space, and the data of a particular index is also arranged sequentially in the key space according to the specific value of the index data (`indexedColumnsValue`).

14.1.3.1.4 Example of Key-Value mapping relationship

This section shows a simple example for you to understand the Key-Value mapping relationship of TiDB. Suppose the following table exists in TiDB.

```
CREATE TABLE User (
    ID int,
    Name varchar(20),
    Role varchar(20),
    Age int,
    PRIMARY KEY (ID),
    KEY idxAge (Age)
);
```

Suppose there are 3 rows of data in the table.

```
1, "TiDB", "SQL Layer", 10
2, "TiKV", "KV Engine", 20
3, "PD", "Manager", 30
```

Each row of data is mapped to a (Key, Value) key-value pair, and the table has an `int` type primary key, so the value of `RowID` is the value of this primary key. Suppose the table's `TableID` is `10`, and then its table data stored on TiKV is:

```
t10_r1 --> ["TiDB", "SQL Layer", 10]
t10_r2 --> ["TiKV", "KV Engine", 20]
t10_r3 --> ["PD", " Manager", 30]
```

In addition to the primary key, the table has a non-unique ordinary secondary index, `idxAge`. Suppose the `IndexID` is `1`, and then its index data stored on TiKV is:

```
t10_i1_10_1 --> null
t10_i1_20_2 --> null
t10_i1_30_3 --> null
```

The above example shows the mapping rule from a relational model to a Key-Value model in TiDB, and the consideration behind this mapping scheme.

14.1.3.2 Metadata management

Each database and table in TiDB has metadata that indicates its definition and various attributes. This information also needs to be persisted, and TiDB stores this information in TiKV as well.

Each database or table is assigned a unique ID. As the unique identifier, when table data is encoded to Key-Value, this ID is encoded in the Key with the `m_` prefix. This constructs a key-value pair with the serialized metadata stored in it.

In addition, TiDB also uses a dedicated (Key, Value) key-value pair to store the latest version number of structure information of all tables. This key-value pair is global, and its version number is increased by `1` each time the state of the DDL operation changes. TiDB stores this key-value pair persistently in the PD server with the key of `/tidb/ddl` ↪ `/global_schema_version`, and Value is the version number value of the `int64` type. Meanwhile, because TiDB applies schema changes online, it keeps a background thread that constantly checks whether the version number of the table structure information stored in the PD server changes. This thread also ensures that the changes of version can be obtained within a certain period of time.

14.1.3.3 SQL layer overview

TiDB's SQL layer, TiDB Server, translates SQL statements into Key-Value operations, forwards the operations to TiKV, the distributed Key-Value storage layer, assembles the results returned by TiKV, and finally returns the query results to the client.

The nodes at this layer are stateless. These nodes themselves do not store data and are completely equivalent.

14.1.3.3.1 SQL computing

The simplest solution to SQL computing is the mapping of table data to Key-Value as described in the previous section, which maps SQL queries to KV queries, acquires the corresponding data through the KV interface, and performs various computations.

For example, to execute the `select count(*)from user where name = "TiDB"` SQL statement, TiDB needs to read all data in the table, then checks whether the `name` field is `TiDB`, and if so, returns this row. The process is as follows:

1. Construct the Key Range: all `RowID` in a table are in `[0, MaxInt64)` range. According to the row data `Key` encoding rule, using `0` and `MaxInt64` can construct a `[StartKey ↪ , EndKey)` range that is left-closed and right-open.
2. Scan Key Range: read the data in TiKV according to the key range constructed above.
3. Filter data: for each row of data read, calculate the `name = "TiDB"` expression. If the result is `true`, return to this row. If not, skip this row.
4. Calculate `Count(*)`: for each row that meets the requirements, add up to the result of `Count(*)`.

The entire process is illustrated as follows:

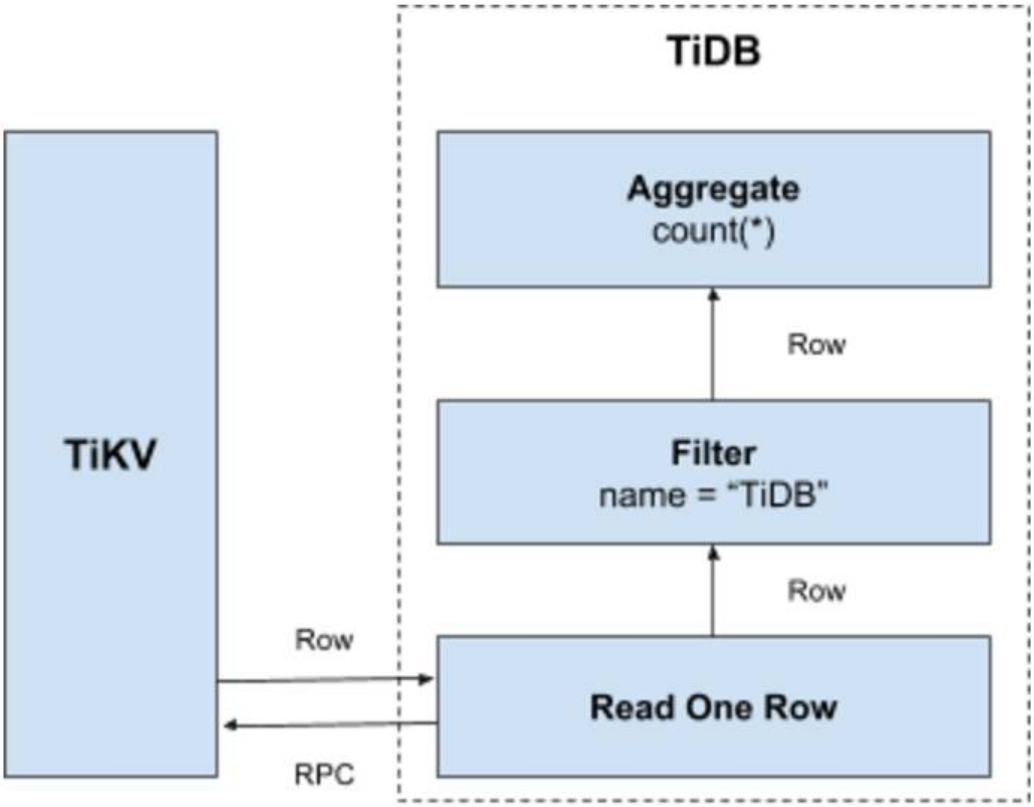

Figure 541: naive sql flow

This solution is intuitive and feasible, but has some obvious problems in a distributed database scenario:

- As the data is being scanned, each row is read from TiKV via a KV operation with at least one RPC overhead, which can be very high if there is a large amount of data to be scanned.
- It is not applicable to all rows. Data that does not meet the conditions does not need to be read.
- From the returned result of this query, only the number of rows that match the requirements is needed, not the value of those rows.

14.1.3.3.2 Distributed SQL operations

To solve the problems above, the computation should be as close to the storage node as possible to avoid a large number of RPC callings. First of all, the SQL predicate condition `name = "TiDB"` should be pushed down to the storage node for computation, so that only valid rows are returned, which avoids meaningless network transfers. Then, the aggregation

function `Count(*)` can also be pushed down to the storage nodes for pre-aggregation, and each node only has to return a result of `Count(*)`. The SQL layer will sum up the `Count(*)` results returned by each node.

The following image shows how data returns layer by layer:

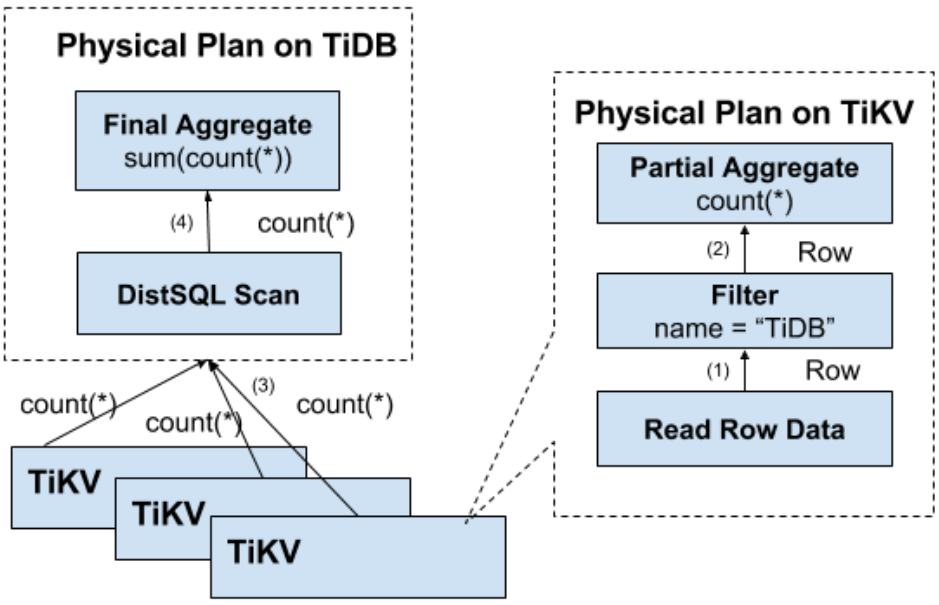

Figure 542: dist sql flow

14.1.3.3.3 Architecture of SQL layer

The previous sections introduce some functions of the SQL layer and I hope you have a basic understanding of how SQL statements are handled. In fact, TiDB's SQL layer is much more complicated, with many modules and layers. The following diagram lists the important modules and calling relationships:

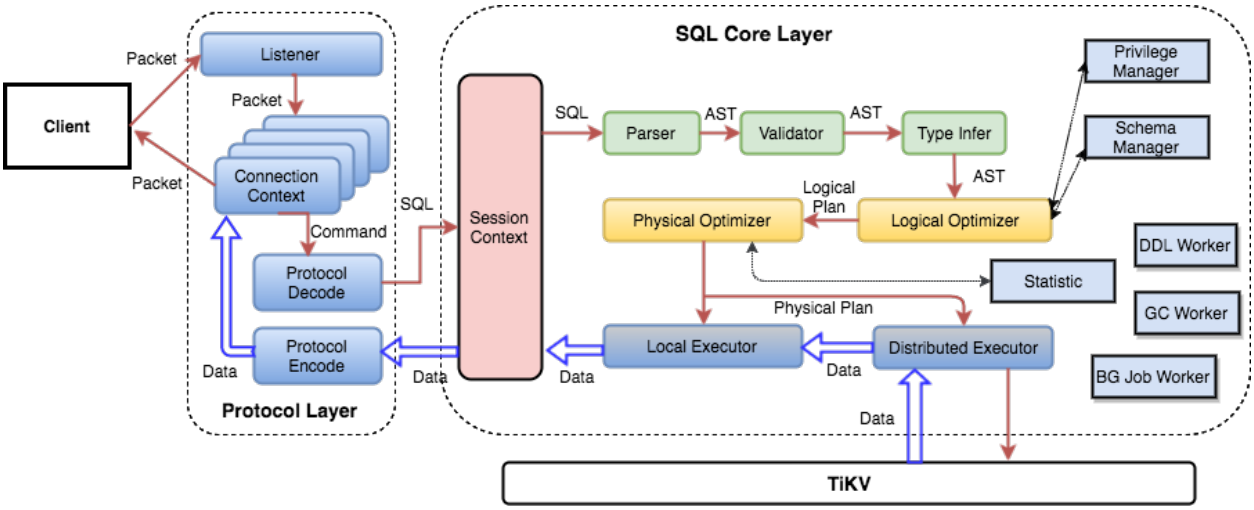

Figure 543: tidb sql layer

The user's SQL request is sent to TiDB Server either directly or via `Load Balancer`. TiDB Server will parse `MySQL Protocol Packet`, get the content of requests, parse the SQL request syntactically and semantically, develop and optimize query plans, execute a query plan, get and process the data. All data is stored in the TiKV cluster, so in this process, TiDB Server needs to interact with TiKV and get the data. Finally, TiDB Server needs to return the query results to the user.

14.1.4 TiDB Scheduling

The Placement Driver (PD) works as the manager in a TiDB cluster, and it also schedules Regions in the cluster. This article introduces the design and core concepts of the PD scheduling component.

14.1.4.1 Scheduling situations

TiKV is the distributed key-value storage engine used by TiDB. In TiKV, data is organized as Regions, which are replicated on several stores. In all replicas, a leader is responsible for reading and writing, and followers are responsible for replicating Raft logs from the leader.

Now consider about the following situations:

- To utilize storage space in a high-efficient way, multiple Replicas of the same Region need to be properly distributed on different nodes according to the Region size;
- For multiple data center topologies, one data center failure only causes one replica to fail for all Regions;
- When a new TiKV store is added, data can be rebalanced to it;
- When a TiKV store fails, PD needs to consider:

    - Recovery time of the failed store.
        - If it's short (for example, the service is restarted), whether scheduling is necessary or not.
        - If it's long (for example, disk fault and data is lost), how to do scheduling.
    - Replicas of all Regions.
        - If the number of replicas is not enough for some Regions, PD needs to complete them.
        - If the number of replicas is more than expected (for example, the failed store re-joins into the cluster after recovery), PD needs to delete them.
- Read/Write operations are performed on leaders, which cannot be distributed only on a few individual stores;
- Not all Regions are hot, so loads of all TiKV stores need to be balanced;
- When Regions are in balancing, data transferring utilizes much network/disk traffic and CPU time, which can influence online services.

These situations can occur at the same time, which makes it harder to resolve. Also, the whole system is changing dynamically, so a scheduler is needed to collect all information about the cluster, and then adjust the cluster. So, PD is introduced into the TiDB cluster.

14.1.4.2 Scheduling requirements

The above situations can be classified into two types:

1. A distributed and highly available storage system must meet the following requirements:

    - The right number of replicas.
    - Replicas need to be distributed on different machines according to different topologies.
    - The cluster can perform automatic disaster recovery from TiKV peers' failure.

2. A good distributed system needs to have the following optimizations:

    - All Region leaders are distributed evenly on stores;
    - Storage capacity of all TiKV peers are balanced;
    - Hot spots are balanced;
    - Speed of load balancing for the Regions needs to be limited to ensure that online services are stable;
    - Maintainers are able to take peers online/offline manually.

After the first type of requirements is satisfied, the system will be failure tolerable. After the second type of requirements is satisfied, resources will be utilized more efficiently and the system will have better scalability.

To achieve the goals, PD needs to collect information firstly, such as state of peers, information about Raft groups and the statistics of accessing the peers. Then we need to specify some strategies for PD, so that PD can make scheduling plans from these information and strategies. Finally, PD distributes some operators to TiKV peers to complete scheduling plans.

14.1.4.3 Basic scheduling operators

All scheduling plans contain three basic operators:

- Add a new replica
- Remove a replica
- Transfer a Region leader between replicas in a Raft group

They are implemented by the Raft commands `AddReplica`, `RemoveReplica`, and `TransferLeader`.

14.1.4.4 Information collection

Scheduling is based on information collection. In short, the PD scheduling component needs to know the states of all TiKV peers and all Regions. TiKV peers report the following information to PD:

- State information reported by each TiKV peer:

  Each TiKV peer sends heartbeats to PD periodically. PD not only checks whether the store is alive, but also collects `StoreState` in the heartbeat message. `StoreState` includes:

  - Total disk space
  - Available disk space
  - The number of Regions
  - Data read/write speed
  - The number of snapshots that are sent/received (The data might be replicated between replicas through snapshots)
  - Whether the store is overloaded
  - Labels (See Perception of Topology)

  You can use PD control to check the status of a TiKV store, which can be Up, Disconnect, Offline, Down, or Tombstone. The following is a description of all statuses and their relationship.

  - **Up**: The TiKV store is in service.
  - **Disconnect**: Heartbeat messages between the PD and the TiKV store are lost for more than 20 seconds. If the lost period exceeds the time specified by `max-store-down-time`, the status "Disconnect" changes to "Down".

- **Down**: Heartbeat messages between the PD and the TiKV store are lost for a time longer than `max-store-down-time` (30 minutes by default). In this status, the TiKV store starts replenishing replicas of each Region on the surviving store.
- **Offline**: A TiKV store is manually taken offline through PD Control. This is only an intermediate status for the store to go offline. The store in this status moves all its Regions to other "Up" stores that meet the relocation conditions. When `leader_count` and `region_count` (obtained through PD Control) both show `0`, the store status changes to "Tombstone" from "Offline". In the "Offline" status, **do not** disable the store service or the physical server where the store is located. During the process that the store goes offline, if the cluster does not have target stores to relocate the Regions (for example, inadequate stores to hold replicas in the cluster), the store is always in the "Offline" status.
- **Tombstone**: The TiKV store is completely offline. You can use the `remove-tombstone` interface to safely clean up TiKV in this status. Starting from v6.5.0, if not manually handled, PD will automatically delete the Tombstone records stored internally one month after the node is converted to Tombstone.

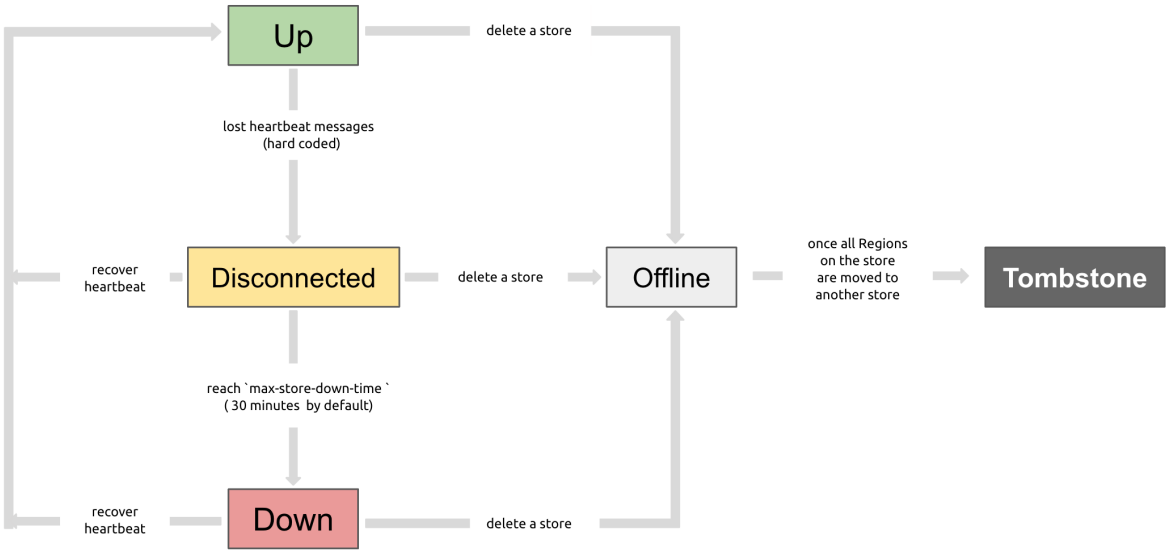

Figure 544: TiKV store status relationship

- Information reported by Region leaders:

  Each Region leader sends heartbeats to PD periodically to report `RegionState`, including:

  - Position of the leader itself

- Positions of other replicas
- The number of offline replicas
- data read/write speed

PD collects cluster information by the two types of heartbeats and then makes decision based on it.

Besides, PD can get more information from an expanded interface to make a more precise decision. For example, if a store's heartbeats are broken, PD can't know whether the peer steps down temporarily or forever. It just waits a while (by default 30min) and then treats the store as offline if there are still no heartbeats received. Then PD balances all regions on the store to other stores.

But sometimes stores are manually set offline by a maintainer, so the maintainer can tell PD this by the PD control interface. Then PD can balance all regions immediately.

14.1.4.5 Scheduling strategies

After collecting the information, PD needs some strategies to make scheduling plans.

Strategy 1: The number of replicas of a Region needs to be correct

PD can know that the replica count of a Region is incorrect from the Region leader's heartbeat. If it happens, PD can adjust the replica count by adding/removing replica(s). The reason for incorrect replica count can be:

- Store failure, so some Region's replica count is less than expected;
- Store recovery after failure, so some Region's replica count could be more than expected;
- `max-replicas` is changed.

Strategy 2: Replicas of a Region need to be at different positions

Note that here "position" is different from "machine". Generally PD can only ensure that replicas of a Region are not at a same peer to avoid that the peer's failure causes more than one replicas to become lost. However in production, you might have the following requirements:

- Multiple TiKV peers are on one machine;
- TiKV peers are on multiple racks, and the system is expected to be available even if a rack fails;
- TiKV peers are in multiple data centers, and the system is expected to be available even if a data center fails;

The key to these requirements is that peers can have the same "position", which is the smallest unit for failure toleration. Replicas of a Region must not be in one unit. So, we can

configure labels for the TiKV peers, and set location-labels on PD to specify which labels are used for marking positions.

Strategy 3: Replicas need to be balanced between stores

The size limit of a Region replica is fixed, so keeping the replicas balanced between stores is helpful for data size balance.

Strategy 4: Leaders need to be balanced between stores

Read and write operations are performed on leaders according to the Raft protocol, so that PD needs to distribute leaders into the whole cluster instead of several peers.

Strategy 5: Hot spots need to be balanced between stores

PD can detect hot spots from store heartbeats and Region heartbeats, so that PD can distribute hot spots.

Strategy 6: Storage size needs to be balanced between stores

When started up, a TiKV store reports `capacity` of storage, which indicates the store's space limit. PD will consider this when scheduling.

Strategy 7: Adjust scheduling speed to stabilize online services

Scheduling utilizes CPU, memory, network and I/O traffic. Too much resource utilization will influence online services. Therefore, PD needs to limit the number of the concurrent scheduling tasks. By default this strategy is conservative, while it can be changed if quicker scheduling is required.

14.1.4.6 Scheduling implementation

PD collects cluster information from store heartbeats and Region heartbeats, and then makes scheduling plans from the information and strategies. Scheduling plans are a sequence of basic operators. Every time PD receives a Region heartbeat from a Region leader, it checks whether there is a pending operator on the Region or not. If PD needs to dispatch a new operator to a Region, it puts the operator into heartbeat responses, and monitors the operator by checking follow-up Region heartbeats.

Note that here "operators" are only suggestions to the Region leader, which can be skipped by Regions. Leader of Regions can decide whether to skip a scheduling operator or not based on its current status.

14.1.5 TimeStamp Oracle (TSO) in TiDB

In TiDB, the Placement Driver (PD) plays a pivotal role in allocating timestamps to various components within a cluster. These timestamps are instrumental in the assignment of temporal markers to transactions and data, a mechanism crucial for enabling the Percolator model within TiDB. The Percolator model is used to support Multi-Version Concurrency Control (MVCC) and transaction management.

The following example shows how to get the current TSO in TiDB:

```
BEGIN; SET @ts := @@tidb_current_ts; ROLLBACK;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.0007 sec)
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.0002 sec)
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.0001 sec)

SELECT @ts;
+--------------------+
| @ts                |
+--------------------+
| 443852055297916932 |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Note that this is done in a transaction with `BEGIN; ...; ROLLBACK` because TSO timestamps are assigned per transaction.

The TSO timestamp you get from the preceding example is a decimal number. You can use the following SQL functions to parse the timestamp:

- `TIDB_PARSE_TSO()`
- `TIDB_PARSE_TSO_LOGICAL()`

```
SELECT TIDB_PARSE_TSO(443852055297916932);
+-----------------------------------+
| TIDB_PARSE_TSO(443852055297916932) |
+-----------------------------------+
| 2023-08-27 20:33:41.687000     |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT TIDB_PARSE_TSO_LOGICAL(443852055297916932);
+-----------------------------------------+
| TIDB_PARSE_TSO_LOGICAL(443852055297916932) |
+-----------------------------------------+
|                                       4 |
+-----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example shows what a TSO timestamp looks like in binary:

```
00000110001010001110000100010111101110001101110000000000000100 ← This is
    ↪ 443852055297916932 in binary
00000110001010001110000100010111101110001101111                 ← The first 46
    ↪ bits are the physical timestamp
```

```
                                                  000000000000000100 ← The last 18
                                                     ↪ bits are the logical
                                                     ↪ timestamp
```

There are two parts in a TSO timestamp:

- The physical timestamp: a UNIX timestamp in milliseconds since 1 January 1970.
- The logical timestamp: an incrementing counter, used in scenarios requiring multiple timestamps within the same millisecond, or in cases where certain events might trigger a reversal of the clock's progression. In such cases, the physical timestamp remains unchanged while the logical timestamp steadily advances. This mechanism ensures the integrity of the TSO timestamp, which always moves forward and never regresses.

With this knowledge, you can inspect the TSO timestamp a bit more in SQL:

```
SELECT @ts, UNIX_TIMESTAMP(NOW(6)), (@ts >> 18)/1000, FROM_UNIXTIME((@ts >>
   ↪  18)/1000), NOW(6), @ts & 0x3FFFF\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
                        @ts: 443852055297916932
        UNIX_TIMESTAMP(NOW(6)): 1693161835.502954
             (@ts >> 18)/1000: 1693161221.6870
FROM_UNIXTIME((@ts >> 18)/1000): 2023-08-27 20:33:41.6870
                     NOW(6): 2023-08-27 20:43:55.502954
                @ts & 0x3FFFF: 4
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The `>> 18` operation signifies a bitwise right shift by 18 bits, which is used to extract the physical timestamp. Because the physical timestamp is expressed in milliseconds, deviating from the more common UNIX timestamp format measured in seconds, you need to divide it by 1000 to convert it into a format compatible with `FROM_UNIXTIME()`. This process aligns with the functionality of `TIDB_PARSE_TSO()`.

You can also extract the logical timestamp `000000000000000100` in binary, which is equivalent to `4` in decimal.

You can also parse the timestamp via the CLI tool as follows:

```
$ tiup ctl:v7.1.0 pd tso 443852055297916932
```

```
system: 2023-08-27 20:33:41.687 +0200 CEST
logic:  4
```

Here you can see the physical timestamp in the line that starts with `system:` and the logical timestamp in the line that starts with `logic:`.

14.2 Storage Engine - TiKV

14.2.1 TiKV Overview

TiKV is a distributed and transactional key-value database, which provides transactional APIs with ACID compliance. With the implementation of the Raft consensus algorithm and consensus state stored in RocksDB, TiKV guarantees data consistency between multiple replicas and high availability. As the storage layer of the TiDB distributed database, TiKV provides the read and write service, and persist the written data from applications. It also stores the statistics data of the TiDB cluster.

14.2.1.1 Architecture Overview

TiKV implements the multi-raft-group replica mechanism based on the design of Google Spanner. A Region is a basic unit of the key-value data movement and refers to a data range in a Store. Each Region is replicated to multiple nodes. These multiple replicas form a Raft group. A replica of a Region is called a Peer. Typically there are 3 peers in a Region. One of them is the leader, which provides the read and write services. The PD component balances all the Regions automatically to guarantee that the read and write throughput is balanced among all the nodes in the TiKV cluster. With PD and carefully designed Raft groups, TiKV excels in horizontal scalability and can easily scale to store more than 100 TBs of data.

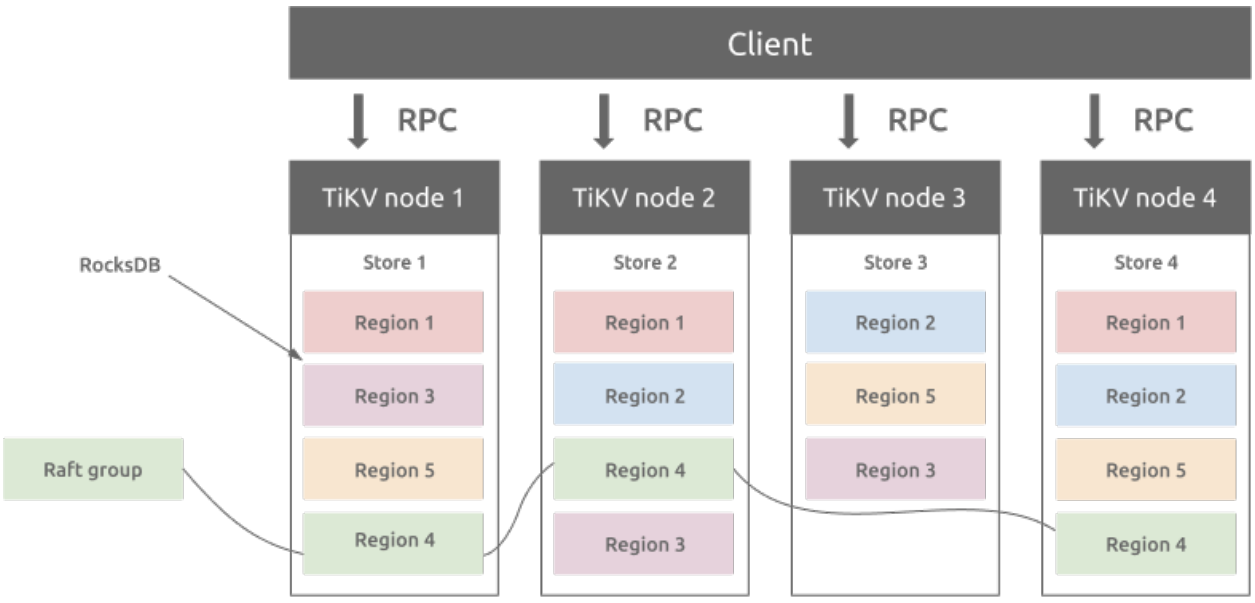

Figure 545: TiKV Architecture

14.2.1.1.1 Region and RocksDB

There is a RocksDB database within each Store and it stores data into the local disk. All the Region data are stored in the same RocksDB instance in each Store. All the logs

used for the Raft consensus algorithm is stored in another RocksDB instance in each Store. This is because the performance of sequential I/O is better than random I/O. With different RocksDB instances storing raft logs and Region data, TiKV combines all the data write operations of raft logs and TiKV Regions into one I/O operation to improve the performance.

14.2.1.1.2 Region and Raft Consensus Algorithm

Data consistency between replicas of a Region is guaranteed by the Raft Consensus Algorithm. Only the leader of the Region can provide the writing service, and only when the data is written to the majority of replicas of a Region, the write operation succeeds.

TiKV tries to keep an appropriate size for each Region in the cluster. The Region size is currently 256 MiB by default. This mechanism helps the PD component to balance Regions among nodes in a TiKV cluster. When the size of a Region exceeds a threshold (384 MiB by default), TiKV splits it into two or more Regions. When the size of a Region is smaller than the threshold (54 MiB by default), TiKV merges the two smaller adjacent Regions into one Region.

When PD moves a replica from one TiKV node to another, it firstly adds a Learner replica on the target node, after the data in the Learner replica is nearly the same as that in the Leader replica, PD changes it to a Follower replica and removes the Follower replica on the source node.

Moving Leader replica from one node to another has a similar mechanism. The difference is that after the Learner replica becomes the Follower replica, there is a "Leader Transfer" operation in which the Follower replica actively proposes an election to elect itself as the Leader. Finally, the new Leader removes the old Leader replica in the source node.

14.2.1.2 Distributed Transaction

TiKV supports distributed transactions. Users (or TiDB) can write multiple key-value pairs without worrying about whether they belong to the same Region. TiKV uses two-phase commit to achieve ACID constraints. See TiDB Optimistic Transaction Model for details.

14.2.1.3 TiKV Coprocessor

TiDB pushes some data computation logic to TiKV Coprocessor. TiKV Coprocessor processes the computation for each Region. Each request sent to TiKV Coprocessor only involves the data of one Region.

14.2.2 RocksDB Overview

RocksDB is an LSM-tree storage engine that provides key-value store and read-write functions. It is developed by Facebook and based on LevelDB. Key-value pairs written by the user are firstly inserted into Write Ahead Log (WAL) and then written to the SkipList in memory (a data structure called MemTable). LSM-tree engines convert the random

modification (insertion) to sequential writes to the WAL file, so they provide better write throughput than B-tree engines.

Once the data in memory reaches a certain size, RocksDB flushes the content into a Sorted String Table (SST) file in the disk. SST files are organized in multiple levels (the default is up to 6 levels). When the total size of a level reaches the threshold, RocksDB chooses part of the SST files and merges them into the next level. Each subsequent level is 10 times larger than the previous one, so 90% of the data is stored in the last layer.

RocksDB allows users to create multiple Column Families (CFs). CFs have their own SkipList and SST files, and they share the same WAL file. In this way, different CFs can have different settings according to the application characteristics. It does not increase the number of writes to WAL at the same time.

14.2.2.1 TiKV architecture

The architecture of TiKV is illustrated as follows:

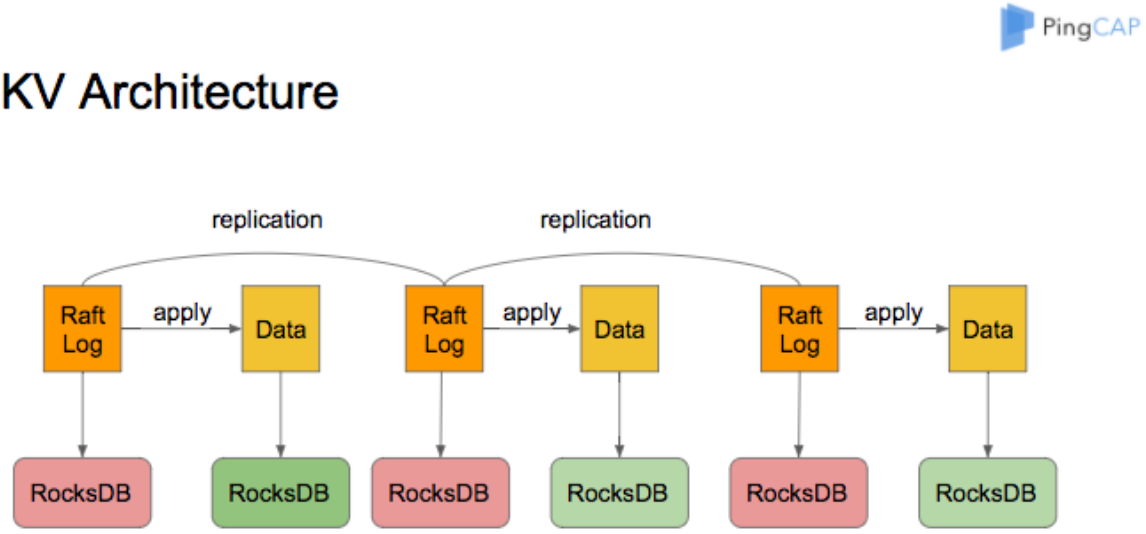

Figure 546: TiKV RocksDB

As the storage engine of TiKV, RocksDB is used to store Raft logs and user data. All data in a TiKV node shares two RocksDB instances. One is for Raft log (often called raftdb), and the other is for user data and MVCC metadata (often called kvdb). There are four CFs in kvdb: raft, lock, default, and write:

- raft CF: Store metadata of each Region. It occupies only a very small amount of space, and users do not need to care.
- lock CF: Store the pessimistic lock of pessimistic transactions and the Prewrite lock for distributed transactions. After the transaction is committed, the corresponding data

in lock CF is deleted quickly. Therefore, the size of data in lock CF is usually very small (less than 1 GB). If the data in lock CF increases a lot, it means that a large number of transactions are waiting to be committed, and that the system meets a bug or failure.

- write CF: Store the user's real written data and MVCC metadata (the start timestamp and commit timestamp of the transaction to which the data belongs). When the user writes a row of data, it is stored in the write CF if the data length is less than or equal to 255 bytes. Otherwise, it is stored in the default CF. In TiDB, the secondary index only occupies the space of write CF, since the value stored in the non-unique index is empty and the value stored in the unique index is the primary key index.
- default CF: Store data longer than 255 bytes.

14.2.2.2 RocksDB memory usage

To improve the reading performance and reduce the reading operations to the disk, RocksDB divides the files stored on the disk into blocks based on a certain size (the default is 64 KB). When reading a block, it first checks if the data already exists in BlockCache in memory. If true, it can read the data directly from memory without accessing the disk.

BlockCache discards the least recently used data according to the LRU algorithm. By default, TiKV devotes 45% of the system memory to BlockCache. Users can also modify the `storage.block-cache.capacity` configuration to an appropriate value by themselves. However, it is not recommended to exceed 60% of the total system memory.

The data written to RocksDB is written to MemTable firstly. When the size of a MemTable exceeds 128 MB, it switches to a new MemTable. There are 2 RocksDB instances in TiKV, a total of 4 CFs. The size limit of a single MemTable for each CF is 128 MB. A maximum of 5 MemTables can exist at the same time; otherwise, the foreground writes is blocked. The memory occupied by this part is at most 2.5 GB (4 x 5 x 128 MB). It is not recommended to change this limit since it costs less memory.

14.2.2.3 RocksDB space usage

- Multi-version: As RocksDB is a key-value storage engine with LSM-tree structure, the data in MemTable is flushed to L0 first. Because the file is arranged in the order of which they are generated, there might be overlap between the ranges of SSTs at the L0. As a result, the same key might have multiple versions in L0. When a file is merged from L0 to L1, it is cut into multiple files in a certain size (the default is 8 MB). The key range of each file on the same level does not overlap with each other, so there is only one version for each key on L1 and subsequent levels.
- Space amplification: The total size of files on each level is x (the default is 10) times that of the previous level, so 90% of the data is stored in the last level. It also means that the space amplification of RocksDB does not exceed 1.11 (L0 has fewer data and can be ignored).
- Space amplification of TiKV: TiKV has it's own MVCC strategy. When a user writes a key, the real data written to RocksDB is key + commit_ts, that is to say, the update

and deletion also write a new key to RocksDB. TiKV deletes the old version of the data (through the Delete interface of RocksDB) at intervals, so it can be considered that the actual space of the data stored by the user on TiKV is enlarged to 1.11 plus the data written in the last 10 minutes (assuming that TiKV cleans up the old data promptly).

14.2.2.4 RocksDB background threads and compaction

In RocksDB, operations such as converting the MemTable into SST files and merging SST files at various levels are performed in the background thread pool. The default size of the background thread pool is 8. When the number of CPUs in the machine is less than or equal to 8, the default size of the background thread pool is the number of CPUs minus one.

Generally speaking, users do not need to change this configuration. If the user deploys multiple TiKV instances on a machine, or the machine has a relatively high read load and a low write load, you can adjust the `rocksdb/max-background-jobs` to 3 or 4 as appropriate.

14.2.2.5 WriteStall

The L0 of RocksDB is different from other levels. The SSTs of L0 are arranged in the order of generation. The key ranges between the SSTs can overlap. Therefore, each SST in L0 must be queried in turn when a query is performed. In order not to affect query performance, WriteStall is triggered to block writing when there are too many files in L0.

When encountering a sudden sharp increase in write delay, you can first check the **WriteStall Reason** metric on the Grafana RocksDB KV panel. If it is a WriteStall caused by too many L0 files, you can adjust the following configurations to 64.

```
rocksdb.defaultcf.level0-slowdown-writes-trigger
rocksdb.writecf.level0-slowdown-writes-trigger
rocksdb.lockcf.level0-slowdown-writes-trigger
rocksdb.defaultcf.level0-stop-writes-trigger
rocksdb.writecf.level0-stop-writes-trigger
rocksdb.lockcf.level0-stop-writes-trigger
```

14.2.3 Titan Overview

Titan is a high-performance RocksDB plugin for key-value separation. Titan can reduce write amplification in RocksDB when large values are used.

When the value size in Key-Value pairs is large (larger than 1 KB or 512 B), Titan performs better than RocksDB in write, update, and point read scenarios. However, Titan gets a higher write performance by sacrificing storage space and range query performance. As the price of SSDs continues to decrease, this trade-off will be more and more meaningful.

14.2.3.1 Key features

- Reduce write amplification by separating values from the log-structured merge-tree (LSM-tree) and storing them independently.
- Seamlessly upgrade RocksDB instances to Titan. The upgrade does not require human intervention and does not impact online services.
- Achieve 100% compatibility with all RocksDB features used by the current TiKV.

14.2.3.2 Usage scenarios

Titan is suitable for the scenarios where a huge volume of data is written to the TiKV foreground:

- RocksDB triggers a large amount of compactions, which consumes a lot of I/O bandwidth or CPU resources. This causes poor read and write performance of the foreground.
- The RocksDB compaction lags much behind (due to the I/O bandwidth limit or CPU bottleneck) and frequently causes write stalls.
- RocksDB triggers a large amount of compactions, which causes a lot of I/O writes and affects the life of the SSD disk.

14.2.3.3 Prerequisites

The prerequisites for enabling Titan are as follows:

- The average size of values is large, or the size of all large values accounts for much of the total value size. Currently, the size of a value greater than 1 KB is considered as a large value. In some situations, this number (1 KB) can be 512 B. Note that a single value written to TiKV cannot exceed 8 MB due to the limitation of the TiKV Raft layer. You can adjust the `raft-entry-max-size` configuration value to relax the limit.
- No range query will be performed or you do not need a high performance of range query. Because the data stored in Titan is not well-ordered, its performance of range query is poorer than that of RocksDB, especially for the query of a large range. According PingCAP's internal test, Titan's range query performance is 40% to a few times lower than that of RocksDB.
- Sufficient disk space (consider reserving a space twice of the RocksDB disk consumption with the same data volume). This is because Titan reduces write amplification at the cost of disk space. In addition, Titan compresses values one by one, and its compression rate is lower than that of RocksDB. RocksDB compresses blocks one by one. Therefore, Titan consumes more storage space than RocksDB, which is expected and normal. In some situations, Titan's storage consumption can be twice that of RocksDB.

Starting from v7.6.0, Titan is enabled by default for newly created clusters. Because small TiKV values remain stored in RocksDB, you can enable Titan in this scenario as well.

If you want to improve the performance of Titan, see the blog post Titan: A RocksDB Plugin to Reduce Write Amplification.

14.2.3.4 Architecture and implementation

The following figure shows the architecture of Titan:

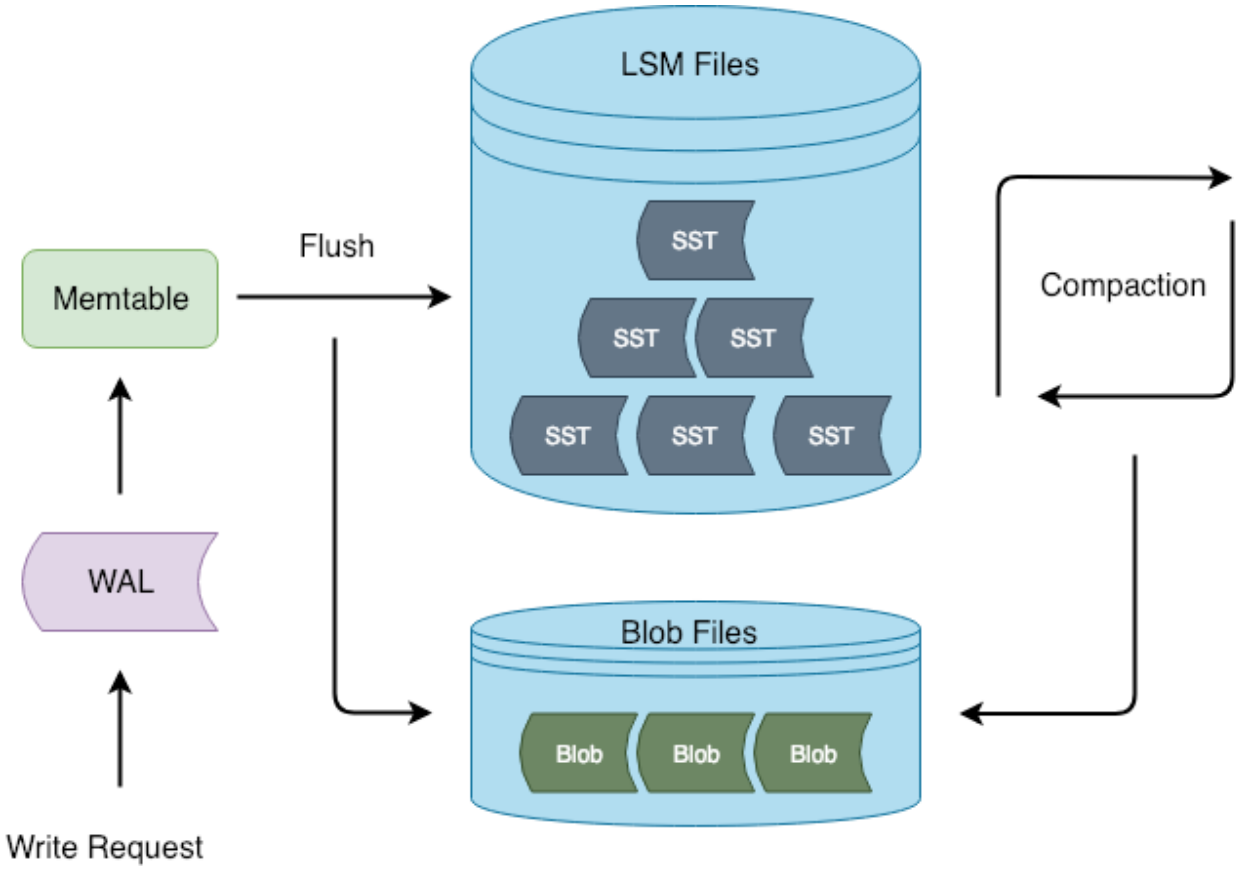

Figure 547: Titan Architecture

During flush and compaction operations, Titan separates values from the LSM-tree. The advantage of this approach is that the write process is consistent with RocksDB, which reduces the chance of invasive changes to RocksDB.

14.2.3.4.1 BlobFile

When Titan separates the value file from the LSM-tree, it stores the value file in the BlobFile. The following figure shows the BlobFile format:

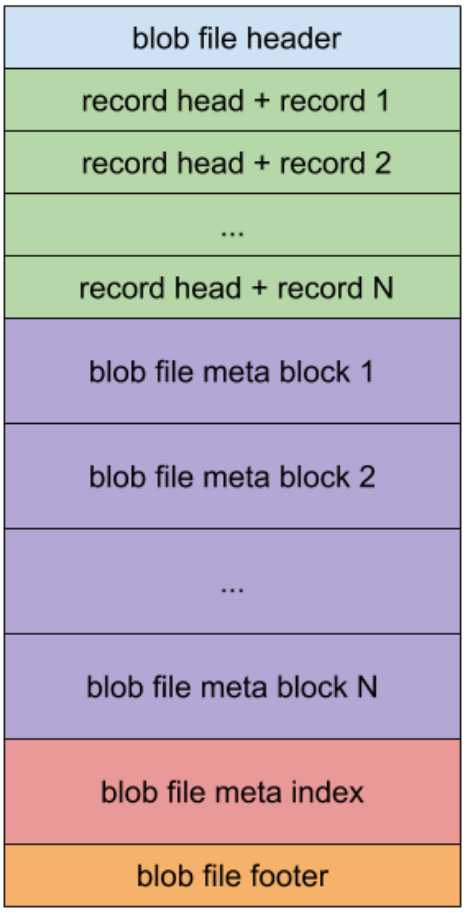

Figure 548: BlobFile Format

A blob file mainly consists of blob records, meta blocks, a meta index block, and a footer. Each block record stores a Key-Value pair. The meta blocks are used for scalability, and store properties related to the blob file. The meta index block is used for meta block searching.

Note:

- The Key-Value pairs in the blob file are stored in order, so that when the Iterator is implemented, the sequential reading performance can be improved via prefetching.
- Each blob record keeps a copy of the user key corresponding to the value. This way, when Titan performs Garbage Collection (GC), it can query the user key and identify whether the corresponding value is outdated. However, this process introduces some write amplification.

- BlobFile supports compression at the blob record level. Titan supports several compression algorithms, such as Snappy, `lz4`, and `zstd`. In versions prior to v7.6.0, the default compression algorithm is `lz4`. Starting from v7.6.0, the default compression algorithm is `zstd`.
- The Snappy compressed file must be in the official Snappy format. Other variants are not supported.

14.2.3.4.2 TitanTableBuilder

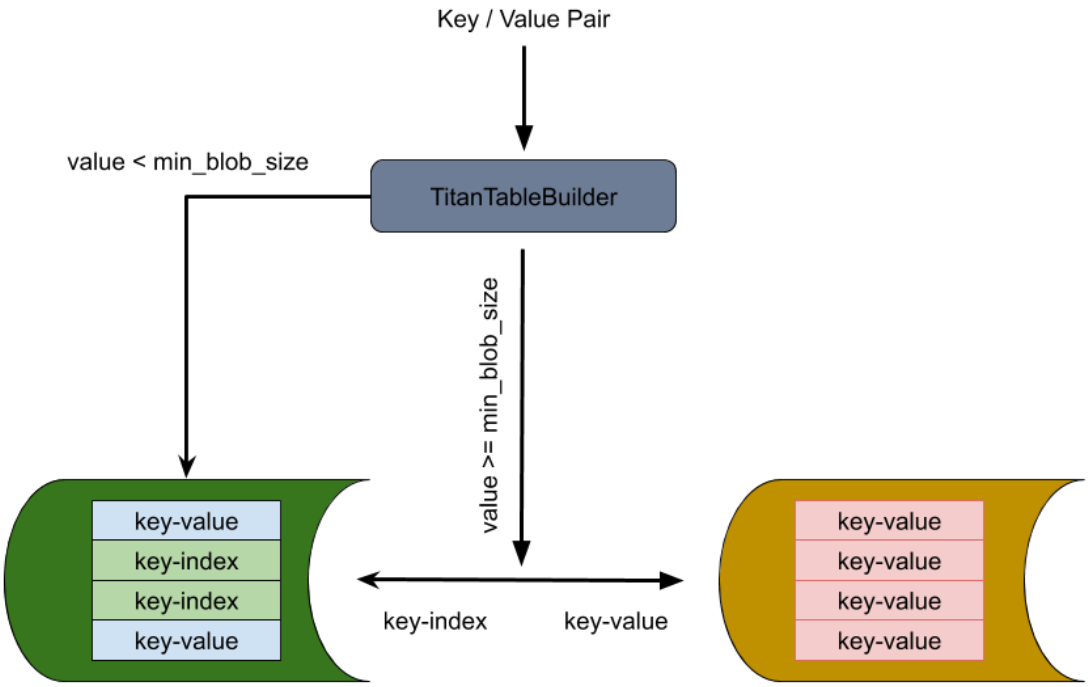

Figure 549: TitanTableBuilder

TitanTableBuilder is the key to achieving Key-Value separation. TitanTableBuilder determines the Key-Pair value size, and based on that, decides whether to separate the value from the Key-Value pair and store it in the blob file.

- If the value size is greater than or equal to `min_blob_size`, TitanTableBuilder separates the value and stores it in the blob file. TitanTableBuilder also generates an index and writes it into the SST.
- If the value size is smaller than `min_blob_size`, TitanTableBuilder writes the value directly into the SST.

Titan can also be downgraded to RocksDB in the process above. When RocksDB is performing compactions, the separated value can be written back to the newly generated SST files.

14.2.3.5 Garbage Collection

Titan uses Garbage Collection (GC) to reclaim space. As the keys are being reclaimed in the LSM-tree compaction, some values stored in blob files are not deleted at the same time. Therefore, Titan needs to perform GC periodically to delete outdated values. Titan provides the following two types of GC:

- Blob files are periodically integrated and rewritten to delete outdated values. This is the regular way of performing GC.
- Blob files are rewritten while the LSM-tree compaction is performed at the same time. This is the feature of Level Merge.

14.2.3.5.1 Regular GC

Titan uses the TablePropertiesCollector and EventListener components of RocksDB to collect the information for GC.

TablePropertiesCollector

RocksDB supports using BlobFileSizeCollector, a custom table property collector, to collect properties from the SST which are written into corresponding SST files. The collected properties are named BlobFileSizeProperties. The following figure shows the BlobFileSizeCollector workflow and data formats:

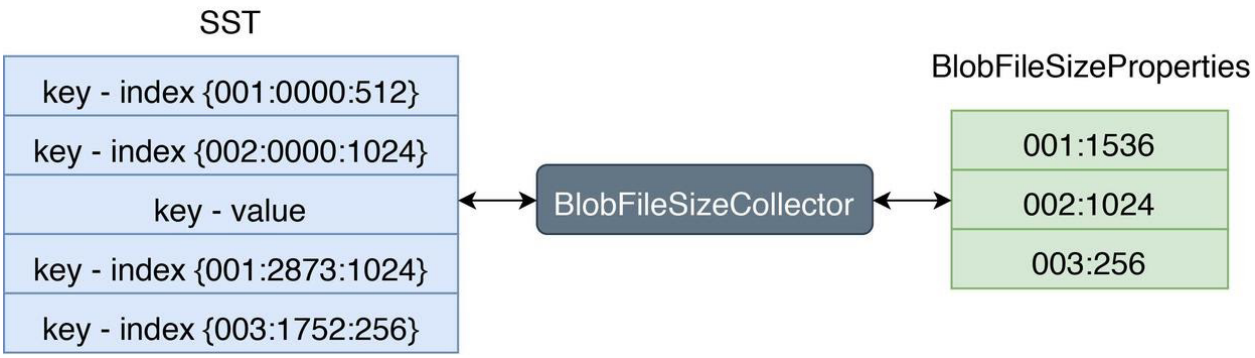

Figure 550: BlobFileSizeProperties

On the left is the SST index format. The first column is the blob file ID; the second column is the offset for the blob record in the blob file; the third column is the blob record size.

On the right is the BlobFileSizeProperties format. Each line represents a blob file and how much data is saved in this blob file. The first column is the blob file ID; the second column is the size of the data.

EventListener

RocksDB uses compaction to discard old data and reclaim space. After each compaction, some blob files in Titan might contain partly or entirely outdated data. Therefore, you can trigger GC by listening to compaction events. During compaction, you can collect and compare the input/output blob file size properties of SST to determine which blob files require GC. The following figure shows the general process:

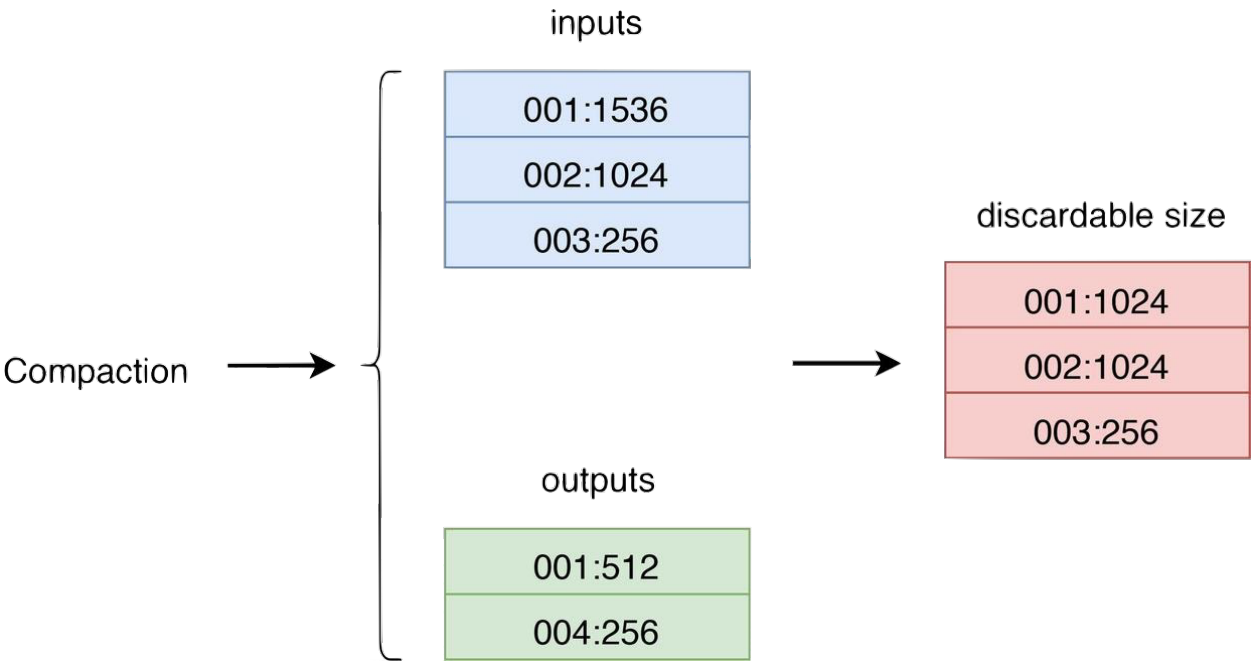

Figure 551: EventListener

- *inputs* stands for the blob file size properties for all SSTs that participate in the compaction.
- *outputs* stands for the blob file size properties for all SSTs generated in the compaction.
- *discardable size* is the size of the file to be discarded for each blob file, calculated based on inputs and outputs. The first column is the blob file ID. The second column is the size of the file to be discarded.

For each valid blob file, Titan maintains a discardable size variable in memory. After each compaction, this variable is accumulated for the corresponding blob file. Each time when GC starts, it picks the blob file with the greatest discardable size as the candidate file for GC. To reduce write amplification, a certain level of space amplification is allowed, which means GC can be started on a blob file only when the discardable file has reached a specific proportion in size.

For the selected blob file, Titan checks whether the blob index of the key corresponding to each value exists or has been updated to determine whether this value is outdated. If the value is not outdated, Titan merges and sorts the value into a new blob file, and writes the updated blob index into SST using WriteCallback or MergeOperator. Then, Titan records the latest sequence number of RocksDB and does not delete the old blob file until the sequence of the oldest snapshot exceeds the recorded sequence number. The reason is that after the blob index is written back to SST, the old blob index is still accessible via the previous snapshot. Therefore, we need to ensure that no snapshot will access the old blob index before GC can safely deletes the corresponding blob file.

14.2.3.5.2 Level Merge

Level Merge is a newly introduced algorithm in Titan. According to the implementation principle of Level Merge, Titan merges and rewrites blob file that corresponds to the SST file, and generates new blob file while compactions are performed in LSM-tree. The following figure shows the general process:

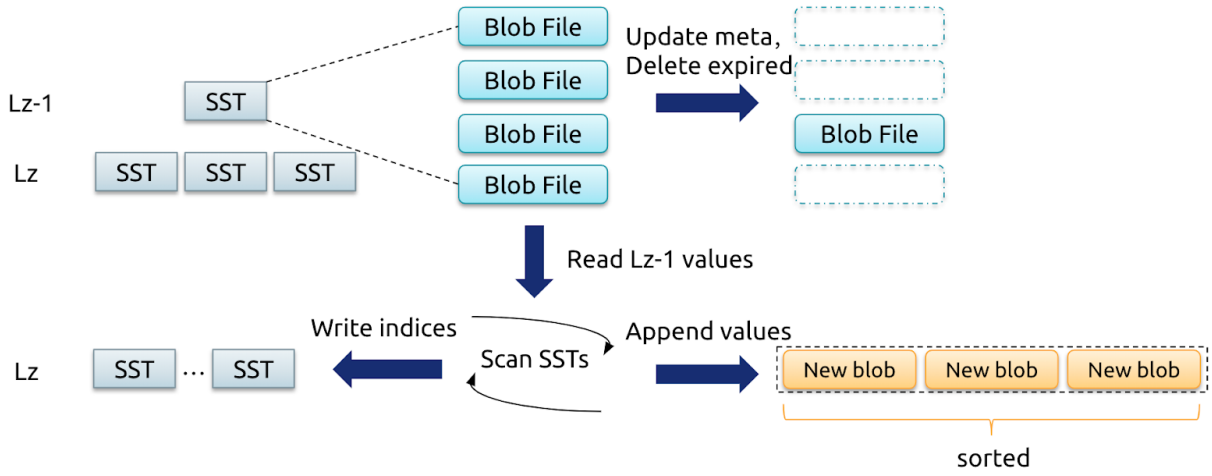

Figure 552: LevelMerge General Process

When compactions are performed on the SSTs of level z-1 and level z, Titan reads and writes Key-Value pairs in order. Then it writes the values of the selected blob files into new blob files in order, and updates the blob indexes of keys when new SSTs are generated. For the keys deleted in compactions, the corresponding values will not be written to the new blob file, which works similar to GC.

Compared with the regular way of GC, the Level Merge approach completes the blob GC while compactions are performed in LSM-tree. In this way, Titan no longer needs to check the status of blob index in LSM-tree or to write the new blob index into LSM-tree. This reduces the impact of GC on the foreground operations. As the blob file is repeatedly

rewritten, fewer files overlap with each other, which makes the whole system in better order and improves the performance of scan.

However, layering blob files similar to tiering compaction brings write amplification. Because 99% of the data in LSM-tree is stored at the lowest two levels, Titan performs the Level Merge operation on the blob files corresponding to the data that is compacted only to the lowest two levels of LSM-tree.

Range Merge

Range Merge is an optimized approach of GC based on Level Merge. However, the bottom level of LSM-tree might be in poorer order in the following situations:

- When `level_compaction_dynamic_level_bytes` is enabled, data volume at each level of LSM-tree dynamically increases, and the sorted runs at the bottom level keep increasing.
- A specific range of data is frequently compacted, and this causes a lot of sorted runs in that range.

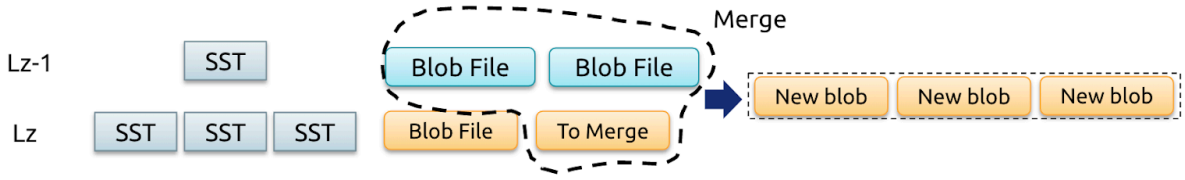

Figure 553: RangeMerge

Therefore, the Range Merge operation is needed to keep the number of sorted runs within a certain level. At the time of OnCompactionComplete, Titan counts the number of sorted runs in a range. If the number is large, Titan marks the corresponding blob file as ToMerge and rewrites it in the next compaction.

14.2.3.5.3 Scale out and scale in

For backward compatibility, the TiKV snapshots are still in the RocksDB format during scaling. Because the scaled nodes are all from RocksDB at the beginning, they carry the characteristics of RocksDB, such as higher compression rate than the old TiKV nodes, smaller store size, and relatively larger write amplification in compaction. These SST files in RocksDB format will be gradually converted to Titan format after compaction.

14.2.3.5.4 Impact of `min-blob-size` on performance

`min-blob-size` determines whether a value is stored in Titan. If the value is greater than or equal to `min-blob-size`, it is stored in Titan. Otherwise, it is stored in the native

RocksDB format. If `min-blob-size` is too small or too large, the performance will be affected.

The following table lists the QPS comparison of the YCSB workload based on different `min-blob-size` values. In each round of testing, the row width of the test data is equal to `min-blob-size`, so that the data is stored in Titan when Titan is enabled.

Row width (Bytes)	`Point_Get`	`Point_Get` (Titan)	scan100	scan100 (Titan)	scan10000	scan10000 (Titan)	`UPDATE`	`UPDATE` (Titan)
1KB	139255	140486	25171	21854	533	175	17913	30767
2KB	114201	124075	12466	11552	249	131	10369	27188
4KB	92385	103811	7918	5937	131	87	5327	22653
8KB	104380	130647	7365	5402	86.6	68	3180	16745
16KB	54234	54600	4937	5174	55.4	58.9	1753	10120
32KB	31035	31052	2705	3422	38	45.3	984	5844

Note:

`scan100` means scanning 100 records, and `scan10000` means scanning 10000 records.

From the table, you can see that when the row width is `16KB`, Titan outperforms RocksDB in all YCSB workloads. However, in some extreme scenarios with heavy scan loads, such as running Dumpling, Titan's performance with a row width of `16KB` decreases by 10%. Therefore, if the workload is mainly write and point read, it is recommended that you set `min-blob-size` to `1KB`. If the workload contains a large number of scans, it is recommended that you set `min-blob-size` to at least `16KB`.

14.2.4 Titan Configuration

This document introduces how to enable and disable Titan using the corresponding configuration items, data conversion mechanism, the relevant parameters, and the Level Merge feature.

14.2.4.1 Enable Titan

Note:

- Starting from TiDB v7.6.0, Titan is enabled by default for new clusters to enhance the performance of writing wide tables and JSON data. The default value of the `min-blob-size` threshold is changed from `1KB` to `32KB`.
- Existing clusters upgraded to v7.6.0 or later versions retain the original configuration, which means that if Titan is not explicitly enabled, it still uses RocksDB.
- If you have enabled Titan before upgrading a cluster to TiDB v7.6.0 or later versions, Titan will be enabled after the upgrade, and the configuration of `min-blob-size` before the upgrade will also be retained. If you do not explicitly configure the value before the upgrade, the default value of the old version `1KB` will be retained to ensure the stability of the cluster configuration after the upgrade.

Titan is compatible with RocksDB, so you can directly enable Titan on the existing TiKV instances that use RocksDB. You can use one of the following methods to enable Titan:

- Method 1: If you have deployed the cluster using TiUP, you can execute the `tiup cluster edit-config ${cluster-name}` command and edit the TiKV configuration file as the following example shows:

```
tikv:
  rocksdb.titan.enabled: true
```

  Reload the configuration and TiKV will be rolling restarted dynamically:

```
tiup cluster reload ${cluster-name} -R tikv
```

  For the detailed command, see Modify the configuration using TiUP.

- Method 2: Directly edit the TiKV configuration file to enable Titan (**NOT** recommended for the production environment).

```
[rocksdb.titan]
enabled = true
```

- Method 3: Edit the `${cluster_name}/tidb-cluster.yaml` configuration file for TiDB Operator:

```
spec:
  tikv:
    ## Base image of the component
    baseImage: pingcap/tikv
```

```
## tikv-server configuration
## Ref: https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/stable/tikv-configuration-
   ↪ file
config: |
  log-level = "info"
  [rocksdb]
    [rocksdb.titan]
      enabled = true
```

Apply the configuration to trigger an online rolling restart of the TiDB cluster for the changes to take effect:

```
kubectl apply -f ${cluster_name} -n ${namespace}
```

For more information, refer to Configuring a TiDB Cluster in Kubernetes.

14.2.4.2 Data conversion

> **Warning:**
>
> When Titan is disabled, RocksDB cannot read data that has been moved to Titan. If Titan is incorrectly disabled on a TiKV instance with Titan already enabled (mistakenly set `rocksdb.titan.enabled` to `false`), TiKV will fail to start, and the `You have disabled titan when its data directory is not empty` error appears in the TiKV log. To correctly disabled Titan, see Disable Titan.

After Titan is enabled, the existing data stored in RocksDB is not immediately moved to the Titan engine. As new data is written to the TiKV and RocksDB performs compaction, **the values are progressively separated from keys and written to Titan**. Similarly, the data restored through BR snapshot/log, the data converted during scaling, or the data imported by TiDB Lightning Physical Import Mode, is not written directly into Titan. As compaction proceeds, the large values exceeding the default value (`32KB`) of `min-blob-size` in the processed SST files are separated into Titan. You can monitor the size of files stored in Titan by observing the **TiKV Details > Titan kv > blob file size** panel to estimate the data size.

If you want to speed up the writing process, you can use tikv-ctl to compact data of the whole TiKV cluster manually. For details, see manual compaction. The data access is continuous during the conversion from RocksDB to Titan, therefore the block cache of RocksDB significantly accelerates the data conversion process. In the test, by using tikv-ctl, a volume of 670 GiB TiKV data can be converted to Titan in one hour.

Note that the values in Titan Blob files are not continuous, and Titan's cache is at the value level, so the Blob Cache does not help during compaction. The conversion speed from Titan to RocksDB is an order of magnitude slower than that from RocksDB to Titan. In the test, it takes 12 hours to convert a volume of 800 GiB Titan data on a TiKV node to RocksDB by tikv-ctl in a full compaction.

14.2.4.3 Parameters

By properly configuring Titan parameters, you can effectively improve database performance and resource utilization. This section introduces some key parameters you can use.

14.2.4.3.1 `min-blob-size`

You can use `min-blob-size` to set the threshold for the value size to determine which data is stored in RocksDB and which in Titan's blob files. According to the test, `32KB` is an appropriate threshold. It ensures that Titan's performance does not regress compared with RocksDB. However, in many scenarios, this value is not optimal. It is recommended that you refer to Impact of `min-blob-size` on performance to choose an appropriate value. If you want to further improve write performance and can tolerate scan performance regression, you can set it to the minimum value `1KB`.

14.2.4.3.2 `blob-file-compression` and `zstd-dict-size`

You can use `blob-file-compression` to specify the compression algorithm used for values in Titan. You can also enable the `zstd` dictionary compression through `zstd-dict-size` to improve the compression rate.

14.2.4.3.3 `blob-cache-size`

You can use `blob-cache-size` to control the cache size of values in Titan. Larger cache size means higher read performance of Titan. However, too large a cache size causes Out of Memory (OOM) issues.

It is recommended to set the value of `storage.block-cache.capacity` to the store size minus the blob file size, and set `blob-cache-size` to `memory size * 50% - block cache size` according to the monitoring metrics when the database is running stably. This maximizes the blob cache size when the block cache is large enough for the whole RocksDB engine.

14.2.4.3.4 `discardable-ratio` and `max-background-gc`

The `discardable-ratio` parameter and `max-background-gc` parameter significantly impact Titan's read performance and garbage collection process.

When the ratio of obsolete data (the corresponding key has been updated or deleted) in a blob file exceeds the threshold set by `discardable-ratio`, Titan GC is triggered.

Reducing this threshold can reduce space amplification but can cause more frequent Titan GC. Increasing this value can reduce Titan GC, I/O bandwidth, and CPU consumption, but increase disk space usage.

If you observe that the Titan GC thread is in full load for a long time from **TiKV Details** - **Thread CPU** - **RocksDB CPU**, consider adjusting `max-background-gc` to increase the Titan GC thread pool size.

14.2.4.3.5 `rate-bytes-per-sec`

You can adjust `rate-bytes-per-sec` to limit the I/O rate of RocksDB compaction, reducing its impact on foreground read and write performance during high traffic.

14.2.4.3.6 `shared-blob-cache` (New in v8.0.0)

You can control whether to enable the shared cache for Titan blob files and RocksDB block files through `shared-blob-cache`. The default value is `true`. When the shared cache is enabled, block files have higher priority. This means that TiKV prioritizes meeting the cache needs of block files and then uses the remaining cache for blob files.

14.2.4.3.7 Titan configuration example

The following is an example of the Titan configuration file. You can either use TiUP to modify the configuration or configure a TiDB cluster on Kubernetes.

```
[rocksdb]
rate-bytes-per-sec = 0

[rocksdb.titan]
enabled = true
max-background-gc = 1

[rocksdb.defaultcf.titan]
min-blob-size = "32KB"
blob-file-compression = "zstd"
zstd-dict-size = "16KB"
discardable-ratio = 0.5
blob-run-mode = "normal"
level-merge = false
```

14.2.4.4 Disable Titan

To disable Titan, you can configure the `rocksdb.defaultcf.titan.blob-run-mode` option. The optional values for `blob-run-mode` are as follows:

- When the option is set to `normal`, Titan performs read and write operations normally.

- When the option is set to `read-only`, all newly written values are written into RocksDB, regardless of the value size.
- When the option is set to `fallback`, all newly written values are written into RocksDB, regardless of the value size. Also, all compacted values stored in the Titan blob file are automatically moved back to RocksDB.

To disable Titan for all existing and future data, you can follow these steps. Note that you can skip Step 2 because it greatly impacts online traffic performance. In fact even without Step 2, the data compaction consumes extra I/O and CPU resources when it moves data from Titan to RocksDB, and performance will degrade (sometimes as much as 50%) when TiKV I/O or CPU resources are limited.

1. Update the configuration of the TiKV nodes you wish to disable Titan for. You can update configuration in two methods:

    - Execute `tiup cluster edit-config`, edit the configuration file, and execute `tiup cluster reload -R tikv`.
    - Manually update the configuration file and restart TiKV.

    ```
    [rocksdb.defaultcf.titan]
    blob-run-mode = "fallback"
    discardable-ratio = 1.0
    ```

> **Note:**
>
> When there is insufficient disk space to accommodate both Titan and RocksDB data, it is recommended to use the default value of `0.5` for `discardable-ratio`. In general, the default value is recommended when available disk space is less than 50%. This is because when `discardable-ratio = 1.0`, the RocksDB data continues to increase. At the same time, the recycling of existing blob files in Titan requires all the data in that file to be converted to RocksDB, which is a slow process. However, if the disk size is large enough, setting `discardable-ratio = 1.0` can reduce the GC of the blob file itself during compaction, which saves bandwidth.

2. (Optional) Perform a full compaction using tikv-ctl. This process will consume a large amount of I/O and CPU resources.

> **Warning:**
>
> When disk space is insufficient, executing the following command might result in the entire cluster running out of available space and thus unable to write data.

```
tikv-ctl --pd <PD_ADDR> compact-cluster --bottommost force
```

3. After the compaction is finished, wait for the **Blob file count** metrics under **TiKV-Details/Titan - kv** to decrease to `0`.

4. For TiDB v8.5.0 or a later version, update the configuration of these TiKV nodes to disable Titan.

> **Warning:**
> For versions earlier than v8.5.0, it is recommended to skip this step, because it might cause TiKV to crash. In these earlier versions, following Step 1 is sufficient to disable Titan. There is no performance difference between the configuration changes in Step 1 and the following changes in this step after the data migration is complete.

```
[rocksdb.titan]
enabled = false
```

14.2.4.5 Level Merge (experimental)

In TiKV 4.0, Level Merge, a new algorithm, is introduced to improve the performance of range query and to reduce the impact of Titan GC on the foreground write operations. You can enable Level Merge using the following option:

```
[rocksdb.defaultcf.titan]
level-merge = true
```

Enabling Level Merge has the following benefits:

- Greatly improve the performance of Titan range query.
- Reduce the impact of Titan GC on the foreground write operations and improve write performance.
- Reduce space amplification of Titan and the disk usage (compared to the disk usage with the default configuration).

Accordingly, the write amplification with Level Merge enabled is slightly higher than that of Titan but is still lower than that of the native RocksDB.

14.2.5 Partitioned Raft KV

> **Warning:**
>
> Partitioned Raft KV is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

Before v6.6.0, TiKV's Raft-based storage engine used a single RocksDB instance to store the data of all Regions of the TiKV instance.

To support larger clusters more stably, starting from TiDB v6.6.0, a new TiKV storage engine is introduced, which uses multiple RocksDB instances to store TiKV Region data, and the data of each Region is independently stored in a separate RocksDB instance.

The new engine can better control the number and level of files in each RocksDB instance, achieve physical isolation of data operations between Regions, and support stably managing more data. You can see it as TiKV managing multiple RocksDB instances through partitioning, which is why the feature is named Partitioned Raft KV.

14.2.5.1 Application scenarios

You can use this feature if your TiKV cluster has the following characteristics:

- A single TiKV instance needs to support more data.
- There are many write requests.
- Scale-in and scale-out operations are frequent.
- The workload has a serious read and write amplification.
- TiKV has sufficient memory.

Advantages of this feature are better write performance, faster scaling speed, and larger volume of data supported with the same hardware. It can also support larger cluster scale.

14.2.5.2 Usage

To enable Partitioned Raft KV, set the configuration item `storage.engine` to `"partitioned-raft-kv"` when creating a cluster. At the same time, you can use the configuration items `rocksdb.write-buffer-flush-oldest-first` and `rocksdb.write-buffer-limit` to control the memory usage of RocksDB when using Raft KV.

14.2.5.3 Restrictions

Partitioned Raft KV has the following restrictions:

- It does not support EBS volume snapshot backup yet.
- It does not support online unsafe recovery or Titan yet.
- It does not support the following subcommands of the tikv-ctl command-line tool:
    - `unsafe-recover`
    - `raw-scan`
    - `remove-fail-stores`
    - `recreate-region`
    - `reset-to-version`
- It is not compatible with TiFlash yet.
- You cannot enable or disable this feature after the cluster is initialized.

14.3 Storage Engine - TiFlash

14.3.1 TiFlash Overview

TiFlash is the key component that makes TiDB essentially a Hybrid Transactional/Analytical Processing (HTAP) database. As a columnar storage extension of TiKV, TiFlash provides both good isolation level and strong consistency guarantee.

In TiFlash, the columnar replicas are asynchronously replicated according to the Raft Learner consensus algorithm. When these replicas are read, the Snapshot Isolation level of consistency is achieved by validating Raft index and multi-version concurrency control (MVCC).

14.3.1.1 Architecture

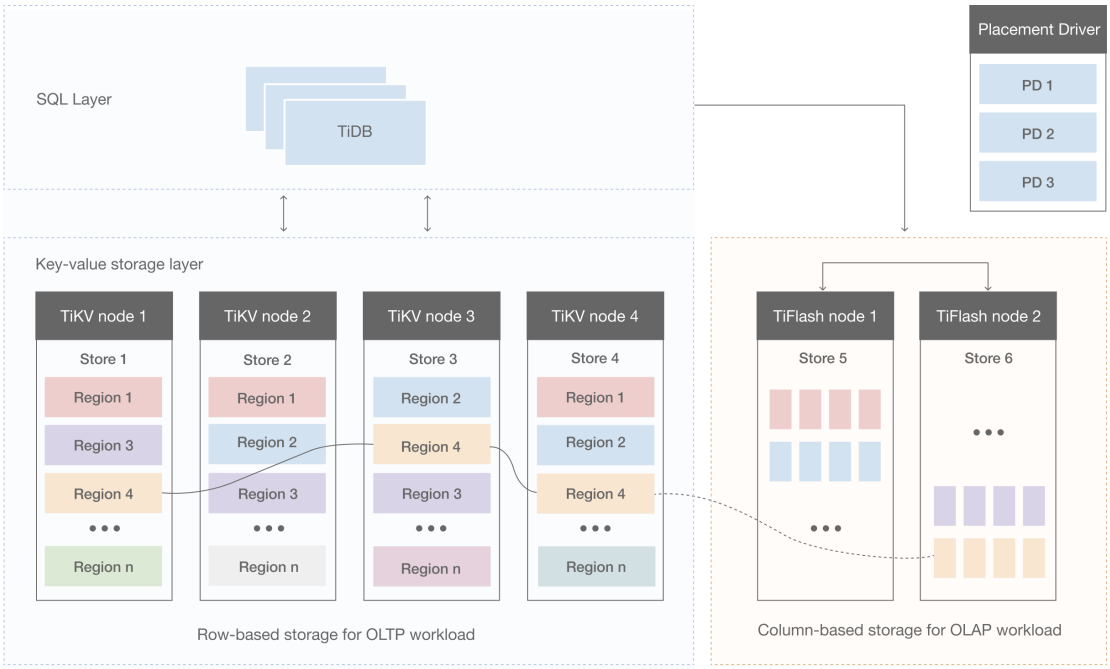

Figure 554: TiFlash Architecture

The above figure is the architecture of TiDB in its HTAP form, including TiFlash nodes.

TiFlash provides the columnar storage, with a layer of coprocessors efficiently implemented by ClickHouse. Similar to TiKV, TiFlash also has a Multi-Raft system, which supports replicating and distributing data in the unit of Region (see Data Storage for details).

TiFlash conducts real-time replication of data in the TiKV nodes at a low cost that does not block writes in TiKV. Meanwhile, it provides the same read consistency as in TiKV and ensures that the latest data is read. The Region replica in TiFlash is logically identical to those in TiKV, and is split and merged along with the Leader replica in TiKV at the same time.

To deploy TiFlash under the Linux AMD64 architecture, the CPU must support the AVX2 instruction set. Ensure that `grep avx2 /proc/cpuinfo` has output. To deploy TiFlash under the Linux ARM64 architecture, the CPU must support the ARMv8 instruction set architecture. Ensure that `grep 'crc32' /proc/cpuinfo | grep 'asimd'` has output. By using the instruction set extensions, TiFlash's vectorization engine can deliver better performance.

TiFlash is compatible with both TiDB and TiSpark, which enables you to freely choose between these two computing engines.

It is recommended that you deploy TiFlash in different nodes from TiKV to ensure workload isolation. It is also acceptable to deploy TiFlash and TiKV in the same node if no

business isolation is required.

Currently, data cannot be written directly into TiFlash. You need to write data in TiKV and then replicate it to TiFlash, because it connects to the TiDB cluster as a Learner role. TiFlash supports data replication in the unit of table, but no data is replicated by default after deployment. To replicate data of a specified table, see Create TiFlash replicas for tables.

TiFlash consists of two main components: the columnar storage component, and the TiFlash proxy component. The TiFlash proxy component is responsible for the communication using the Multi-Raft consensus algorithm.

After receiving a DDL command to create replicas for a table in TiFlash, TiDB automatically creates the corresponding placement rules in PD, and then PD performs the corresponding data scheduling based on these rules.

14.3.1.2 Key features

TiFlash has the following key features:

- Asynchronous replication
- Consistency
- Intelligent choice
- Computing acceleration

14.3.1.2.1 Asynchronous replication

The replica in TiFlash is asynchronously replicated as a special role, Raft Learner. This means when the TiFlash node is down or high network latency occurs, applications in TiKV can still proceed normally.

This replication mechanism inherits two advantages of TiKV: automatic load balancing and high availability.

- TiFlash does not rely on additional replication channels, but directly receives data from TiKV in a many-to-many manner.
- As long as the data is not lost in TiKV, you can restore the replica in TiFlash at any time.

14.3.1.2.2 Consistency

TiFlash provides the same Snapshot Isolation level of consistency as TiKV, and ensures that the latest data is read, which means that you can read the data previously written in TiKV. Such consistency is achieved by validating the data replication progress.

Every time TiFlash receives a read request, the Region replica sends a progress validation request (a lightweight RPC request) to the Leader replica. TiFlash performs the read operation only after the current replication progress includes the data covered by the timestamp of the read request.

14.3.1.2.3 Intelligent choice

TiDB can automatically choose to use TiFlash (column-wise) or TiKV (row-wise), or use both of them in one query to ensure the best performance.

This selection mechanism is similar to that of TiDB which chooses different indexes to execute query. TiDB optimizer makes the appropriate choice based on statistics of the read cost.

14.3.1.2.4 Computing acceleration

TiFlash accelerates the computing of TiDB in two ways:

- The columnar storage engine is more efficient in performing read operation.
- TiFlash shares part of the computing workload of TiDB.

TiFlash shares the computing workload in the same way as the TiKV Coprocessor does: TiDB pushes down the computing that can be completed in the storage layer. Whether the computing can be pushed down depends on the support of TiFlash. For details, see Supported pushdown calculations.

14.3.1.3 Use TiFlash

After TiFlash is deployed, data replication does not automatically begin. You need to manually specify the tables to be replicated.

You can either use TiDB to read TiFlash replicas for medium-scale analytical processing, or use TiSpark to read TiFlash replicas for large-scale analytical processing, which is based on your own needs. See the following sections for details:

- Create TiFlash Replicas
- Use TiDB to Read TiFlash Replicas
- Use TiSpark to Read TiFlash Replicas
- Use MPP Mode

To experience the whole process from importing data to querying in a TPC-H dataset, refer to Quick Start with TiDB HTAP.

14.3.1.4 See also

- To deploy a new cluster with TiFlash nodes, see Deploy a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.
- To add a TiFlash node in a deployed cluster, see Scale out a TiFlash cluster.
- Maintain a TiFlash cluster.
- Tune TiFlash performance.
- Configure TiFlash.
- Monitor the TiFlash cluster.
- Learn TiFlash alert rules.
- Troubleshoot a TiFlash cluster.
- Supported push-down calculations in TiFlash
- Data validation in TiFlash
- TiFlash compatibility

14.3.2 Create TiFlash Replicas

This document introduces how to create TiFlash replicas for tables and for databases, and set available zones for replica scheduling.

14.3.2.1 Create TiFlash replicas for tables

After TiFlash is connected to the TiKV cluster, data replication by default does not begin. You can send a DDL statement to TiDB through a MySQL client to create a TiFlash replica for a specific table:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name SET TIFLASH REPLICA count;
```

The parameter of the above command is described as follows:

- `count` indicates the number of replicas. When the value is `0`, the replica is deleted.

> **Note:**
>
> For a TiDB Cloud Serverless cluster, the `count` of TiFlash replicas can only be `2`. If you set it to `1`, it will be automatically adjusted to `2` for execution. If you set it to a number larger than 2, you will get an error about the replica count.

If you execute multiple DDL statements on the same table, only the last statement is ensured to take effect. In the following example, two DDL statements are executed on the table `tpch50`, but only the second statement (to delete the replica) takes effect.

Create two replicas for the table:

```
ALTER TABLE `tpch50`.`lineitem` SET TIFLASH REPLICA 2;
```

Delete the replica:

```
ALTER TABLE `tpch50`.`lineitem` SET TIFLASH REPLICA 0;
```

Notes:

- If the table `t` is replicated to TiFlash through the above DDL statements, the table created using the following statement will also be automatically replicated to TiFlash:

  ```
  CREATE TABLE table_name like t;
  ```

- For versions earlier than v4.0.6, if you create the TiFlash replica before using TiDB Lightning to import the data, the data import will fail. You must import data to the table before creating the TiFlash replica for the table.
- If TiDB and TiDB Lightning are both v4.0.6 or later, no matter a table has TiFlash replica(s) or not, you can import data to that table using TiDB Lightning. Note that this might slow the TiDB Lightning procedure, which depends on the NIC bandwidth on the lightning host, the CPU and disk load of the TiFlash node, and the number of TiFlash replicas.
- It is recommended that you do not replicate more than 1,000 tables because this lowers the PD scheduling performance. This limit will be removed in later versions.
- In v5.1 and later versions, setting the replicas for the system tables is no longer supported. Before upgrading the cluster, you need to clear the replicas of the relevant system tables. Otherwise, you cannot modify the replica settings of the system tables after you upgrade the cluster to a later version.
- Currently, when you use TiCDC to replicate tables to a downstream TiDB cluster, creating TiFlash replicas for the tables is not supported, which means that TiCDC does not support replicating TiFlash-related DDL statements, such as:
  - `ALTER TABLE table_name SET TIFLASH REPLICA count;`
  - `ALTER DATABASE db_name SET TIFLASH REPLICA count;`

14.3.2.1.1 Check replication progress

You can check the status of the TiFlash replicas of a specific table using the following statement. The table is specified using the `WHERE` clause. If you remove the `WHERE` clause, you will check the replica status of all tables.

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tiflash_replica WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA = '<db_
    ↪ name>' and TABLE_NAME = '<table_name>';
```

In the result of above statement:

- `AVAILABLE` indicates whether the TiFlash replicas of this table are available or not. `1` means available and `0` means unavailable. Once the replicas become available, this status does not change. If you use DDL statements to modify the number of replicas, the replication status will be recalculated.
- `PROGRESS` means the progress of the replication. The value is between `0.0` and `1.0`. `1` means at least one replica is replicated.

14.3.2.2 Create TiFlash replicas for databases

Similar to creating TiFlash replicas for tables, you can send a DDL statement to TiDB through a MySQL client to create a TiFlash replica for all tables in a specific database:

```
ALTER DATABASE db_name SET TIFLASH REPLICA count;
```

In this statement, `count` indicates the number of replicas. When you set it to `0`, replicas are deleted.

Examples:

- Create two replicas for all tables in the database `tpch50`:

```
ALTER DATABASE `tpch50` SET TIFLASH REPLICA 2;
```

- Delete TiFlash replicas created for the database `tpch50`:

```
ALTER DATABASE `tpch50` SET TIFLASH REPLICA 0;
```

Note:

- This statement actually performs a series of DDL operations, which are resource-intensive. If the statement is interrupted during the execution, executed operations are not rolled back and unexecuted operations do not continue.
- After executing the statement, do not set the number of TiFlash replicas or perform DDL operations on this database until **all tables in this database are replicated**. Otherwise, unexpected results might occur, which include:
    - If you set the number of TiFlash replicas to 2 and then change the number to 1 before all tables in the database are replicated, the final number of TiFlash replicas of all the tables is not necessarily 1 or 2.

  - After executing the statement, if you create tables in this database before the completion of the statement execution, TiFlash replicas **might or might not** be created for these new tables.
  - After executing the statement, if you add indexes for tables in the database before the completion of the statement execution, the statement might hang and resume only after the indexes are added.
- If you create tables in this database **after** the completion of the statement execution, TiFlash replicas are not created automatically for these new tables.
- This statement skips system tables, views, temporary tables, and tables with character sets not supported by TiFlash.

- You can control the number of tables allowed to remain unavailable during execution by setting the `tidb_batch_pending_tiflash_count` system variable. Lowering this value helps reduce the pressure on the cluster during replication. Note that this limit is not real-time, so it is still possible for the number of unavailable tables to exceed the limit after the setting is applied.

14.3.2.2.1 Check replication progress

Similar to creating TiFlash replicas for tables, successful execution of the DDL statement does not mean the completion of replication. You can execute the following SQL statement to check the progress of replication on target tables:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tiflash_replica WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA = '<db_
    ↪ name>';
```

To check tables without TiFlash replicas in the database, you can execute the following SQL statement:

```
SELECT TABLE_NAME FROM information_schema.tables where TABLE_SCHEMA = "<db_
    ↪ name>" and TABLE_NAME not in (SELECT TABLE_NAME FROM information_
    ↪ schema.tiflash_replica where TABLE_SCHEMA = "<db_name>");
```

14.3.2.3 Speed up TiFlash replication

Before TiFlash replicas are added, each TiKV instance performs a full table scan and sends the scanned data to TiFlash as a "snapshot" to create replicas. By default, TiFlash

replicas are added slowly with fewer resources usage in order to minimize the impact on the online service. If there are spare CPU and disk IO resources in your TiKV and TiFlash nodes, you can accelerate TiFlash replication by performing the following steps.

1. Temporarily increase the snapshot write speed limit for each TiKV and TiFlash instance by using the Dynamic Config SQL statement:

```
-- The default value for both configurations are 100MiB, i.e. the
   ↪ maximum disk bandwidth used for writing snapshots is no more
   ↪ than 100MiB/s.
SET CONFIG tikv `server.snap-io-max-bytes-per-sec` = '300MiB';
SET CONFIG tiflash `raftstore-proxy.server.snap-io-max-bytes-per-sec` =
   ↪  '300MiB';
```

   After executing these SQL statements, the configuration changes take effect immediately without restarting the cluster. However, since the replication speed is still restricted by the PD limit globally, you cannot observe the acceleration for now.

2. Use PD Control to progressively ease the new replica speed limit.

   The default new replica speed limit is 30, which means, approximately 30 Regions add TiFlash replicas every minute. Executing the following command will adjust the limit to 60 for all TiFlash instances, which doubles the original speed:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://<PD_ADDRESS>:2379 store limit
   ↪ all engine tiflash 60 add-peer
```

   In the preceding command, you need to replace `v<CLUSTER_VERSION>` with the actual cluster version, such as `v8.5.1` and `<PD_ADDRESS>:2379` with the address of any PD node. For example:

```
tiup ctl:v8.5.1 pd -u http://192.168.1.4:2379 store limit
   ↪ all engine tiflash 60 add-peer
```

   Within a few minutes, you will observe a significant increase in CPU and disk IO resource usage of the TiFlash nodes, and TiFlash should create replicas faster. At the same time, the TiKV nodes' CPU and disk IO resource usage increases as well.

   If the TiKV and TiFlash nodes still have spare resources at this point and the latency of your online service does not increase significantly, you can further ease the limit, for example, triple the original speed:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://<PD_ADDRESS>:2379 store limit
   ↪ all engine tiflash 90 add-peer
```

3. After the TiFlash replication is complete, revert to the default configuration to reduce the impact on online services.

   Execute the following PD Control command to restore the default new replica speed limit:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://<PD_ADDRESS>:2379 store limit
   ↪ all engine tiflash 30 add-peer
```

   Execute the following SQL statements to restore the default snapshot write speed limit:

```
SET CONFIG tikv `server.snap-io-max-bytes-per-sec` = '100MiB';
SET CONFIG tiflash `raftstore-proxy.server.snap-io-max-bytes-per-sec` =
   ↪  '100MiB';
```

14.3.2.4 Set available zones

When configuring replicas, if you need to distribute TiFlash replicas to multiple data centers for disaster recovery, you can configure available zones by following the steps below:

1. Specify labels for TiFlash nodes in the cluster configuration file.

```
tiflash_servers:
  - host: 172.16.5.81
      logger.level: "info"
    learner_config:
      server.labels:
        zone: "z1"
  - host: 172.16.5.82
    config:
      logger.level: "info"
    learner_config:
      server.labels:
        zone: "z1"
  - host: 172.16.5.85
    config:
      logger.level: "info"
    learner_config:
      server.labels:
        zone: "z2"
```

   Note that the `flash.proxy.labels` configuration in earlier versions cannot handle special characters in the available zone name correctly. It is recommended to use the `server.labels` in `learner_config` to configure the name of an available zone.

2. After starting a cluster, specify the labels when creating replicas.

```
ALTER TABLE table_name SET TIFLASH REPLICA count LOCATION LABELS
    ↪ location_labels;
```

For example:

```
ALTER TABLE t SET TIFLASH REPLICA 2 LOCATION LABELS "zone";
```

3. PD schedules the replicas based on the labels. In this example, PD respectively schedules two replicas of the table `t` to two available zones. You can use pd-ctl to view the scheduling.

```
> tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://<PD_ADDRESS>:2379 store

    ...
    "address": "172.16.5.82:23913",
    "labels": [
      { "key": "engine", "value": "tiflash"},
      { "key": "zone", "value": "z1" }
    ],
    "region_count": 4,

    ...
    "address": "172.16.5.81:23913",
    "labels": [
      { "key": "engine", "value": "tiflash"},
      { "key": "zone", "value": "z1" }
    ],
    "region_count": 5,
    ...

    "address": "172.16.5.85:23913",
    "labels": [
      { "key": "engine", "value": "tiflash"},
      { "key": "zone", "value": "z2" }
    ],
    "region_count": 9,
    ...
```

For more information about scheduling replicas by using labels, see Schedule Replicas by Topology Labels, Multiple Data Centers in One City Deployment, and Three Data Centers in Two Cities Deployment.

TiFlash supports configuring the replica selection strategy for different zones. For more information, see `tiflash_replica_read`.

14.3.3 Use TiDB to Read TiFlash Replicas

This document introduces how to use TiDB to read TiFlash replicas.

TiDB provides three ways to read TiFlash replicas. If you have added a TiFlash replica without any engine configuration, the CBO (cost-based optimization) mode is used by default.

14.3.3.1 Smart selection

For tables with TiFlash replicas, the TiDB optimizer automatically determines whether to use TiFlash replicas based on the cost estimation. You can use the `desc` or `explain analyze` statement to check whether or not a TiFlash replica is selected. For example:

```
desc select count(*) from test.t;
```

```
+-------------------------+---------+-------------+--------------+-------------------
    ↪
| id                      | estRows | task        | access object | operator
    ↪ info            |
+-------------------------+---------+-------------+--------------+-------------------
    ↪
| StreamAgg_9             | 1.00    | root        |               | funcs:count(1)
    ↪ ->Column#4    |
| └─TableReader_17        | 1.00    | root        |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_16      |
|   └─TableFullScan_16    | 1.00    | cop[tiflash] | table:t      | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
+-------------------------+---------+-------------+--------------+-------------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
explain analyze select count(*) from test.t;
```

```
+-------------------------+---------+---------+-------------+--------------+---------
    ↪
| id                      | estRows | actRows | task        | access object |
    ↪ execution info                                          | operator
    ↪ info               | memory   | disk |
+-------------------------+---------+---------+-------------+--------------+---------
    ↪
| StreamAgg_9             | 1.00    | 1       | root        |               | time
    ↪ :83.8372ms, loops:2                                    | funcs:count
    ↪ (1)->Column#4    | 372 Bytes | N/A |
| └─TableReader_17        | 1.00    | 1       | root        |               | time
    ↪ :83.7776ms, loops:2, rpc num: 1, rpc time:83.5701ms, proc keys:0 |
    ↪ data:TableFullScan_16 | 152 Bytes | N/A |
```

```
|   └─TableFullScan_16   | 1.00   | 1       | cop[tiflash] | table:t    |
   ↪ tiflash_task:{time:43ms, loops:1, threads:1}, tiflash_scan:{...} |
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo | N/A | N/A |
+-------------------------+--------+---------+--------------+--------------+---------
   ↪
```

`cop[tiflash]` means that the task will be sent to TiFlash for processing. If you have not selected a TiFlash replica, you can try to update the statistics using the `analyze table` statement, and then check the result using the `explain analyze` statement.

Note that if a table has only a single TiFlash replica and the related node cannot provide service, queries in the CBO mode will repeatedly retry. In this situation, you need to specify the engine or use the manual hint to read data from the TiKV replica.

14.3.3.2 Engine isolation

Engine isolation is to specify that all queries use a replica of the specified engine by configuring the corresponding variable. The optional engines are "tikv", "tidb" (indicates the internal memory table area of TiDB, which stores some TiDB system tables and cannot be actively used by users), and "tiflash".

You can specify the engines at the following two configuration levels:

- TiDB instance-level, namely, INSTANCE level. Add the following configuration item in the TiDB configuration file:

  ```
  [isolation-read]
  engines = ["tikv", "tidb", "tiflash"]
  ```

  The INSTANCE-level default configuration is `["tikv", "tidb", "tiflash"]` ↪ .

- SESSION level. Use the following statement to configure:

  ```
  set @@session.tidb_isolation_read_engines = "engine list separated by
     ↪ commas";
  ```

  or

  ```
  set SESSION tidb_isolation_read_engines = "engine list separated by
     ↪ commas";
  ```

  The default configuration of the SESSION level inherits from the configuration of the TiDB INSTANCE level.

The final engine configuration is the session-level configuration, that is, the session-level configuration overrides the instance-level configuration. For example, if you have configured "tikv" in the INSTANCE level and "tiflash" in the SESSION level, then the TiFlash replicas

are read. If the final engine configuration is "tikv" and "tiflash", then the TiKV and TiFlash replicas are both read, and the optimizer automatically selects a better engine to execute.

> **Note:**
>
> Because TiDB Dashboard and other components need to read some system tables stored in the TiDB memory table area, it is recommended to always add the "tidb" engine to the instance-level engine configuration.

If the queried table does not have a replica of the specified engine (for example, the engine is configured as "tiflash" but the table does not have a TiFlash replica), the query returns an error.

14.3.3.3 Manual hint

Manual hint can force TiDB to use specified replicas for specific table(s) on the premise of satisfying engine isolation. Here is an example of using the manual hint:

```
select /*+ read_from_storage(tiflash[table_name]) */ ... from table_name;
```

If you set an alias to a table in a query statement, you must use the alias in the statement that includes a hint for the hint to take effect. For example:

```
select /*+ read_from_storage(tiflash[alias_a,alias_b]) */ ... from table_
    ↪ name_1 as alias_a, table_name_2 as alias_b where alias_a.column_1 =
    ↪ alias_b.column_2;
```

In the above statements, `tiflash[]` prompts the optimizer to read the TiFlash replicas. You can also use `tikv[]` to prompt the optimizer to read the TiKV replicas as needed. For hint syntax details, refer to READ_FROM_STORAGE.

If the table specified by a hint does not have a replica of the specified engine, the hint is ignored and a warning is reported. In addition, a hint only takes effect on the premise of engine isolation. If the engine specified in a hint is not in the engine isolation list, the hint is also ignored and a warning is reported.

> **Note:**
>
> The MySQL client of 5.7.7 or earlier versions clears optimizer hints by default. To use the hint syntax in these early versions, start the client with the `--
> ↪ comments` option, for example, `mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -uroot
> ↪ --comments`.

14.3.3.4 The relationship of smart selection, engine isolation, and manual hint

In the above three ways of reading TiFlash replicas, engine isolation specifies the overall range of available replicas of engines; within this range, manual hint provides statement-level and table-level engine selection that is more fine-grained; finally, CBO makes the decision and selects a replica of an engine based on cost estimation within the specified engine list.

Note:

- Before v4.0.3, the behavior of reading from TiFlash replica in a non-read-only SQL statement (for example, `INSERT INTO ... SELECT`, `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE`, `UPDATE ...`, `DELETE ...`) is undefined.
- For versions from v4.0.3 to v6.2.0, internally TiDB ignores the TiFlash replica for a non-read-only SQL statement to guarantee the data correctness. That is, for smart selection, TiDB automatically selects the non-TiFlash replica; for engine isolation that specifies TiFlash replica **only**, TiDB reports an error; and for manual hint, TiDB ignores the hint.
- For versions from v6.3.0 to v7.0.0, if the TiFlash replica is enabled, you can use the `tidb_enable_tiflash_read_for_write_stmt` variable to control whether TiDB uses the TiFlash replica for a non-read-only SQL statement.
- Starting from v7.1.0, if the TiFlash replica is enabled and the SQL Mode of the current session is not strict (which means the `sql_mode` value does not contain `STRICT_TRANS_TABLES` or `STRICT_ALL_TABLES`), TiDB automatically decides whether to use the TiFlash replica for a non-read-only SQL statement based on cost estimation.

14.3.4 Use TiSpark to Read TiFlash Replicas

This document introduces how to use TiSpark to read TiFlash replicas.

Currently, you can use TiSpark to read TiFlash replicas in a method similar to the engine isolation in TiDB. This method is to configure the `spark.tispark.isolation_read_engines` parameter. The parameter value defaults to `tikv,tiflash`, which means that TiDB reads data from TiFlash or from TiKV according to CBO's selection. If you set the parameter value to `tiflash`, it means that TiDB forcibly reads data from TiFlash.

Note:

When this parameter is set to `tiflash`, only the TiFlash replicas of all tables involved in the query are read and these tables must have TiFlash replicas; for tables that do not have TiFlash replicas, an error is reported. When this parameter is set to `tikv`, only the TiKV replica is read.

You can configure this parameter in one of the following ways:

- Add the following item in the `spark-defaults.conf` file:

```
spark.tispark.isolation_read_engines tiflash
```

- Add `--conf spark.tispark.isolation_read_engines=tiflash` in the initialization command when initializing Spark shell or Thrift server.
- Set `spark.conf.set("spark.tispark.isolation_read_engines", "tiflash")` in Spark shell in a real-time manner.
- Set `set spark.tispark.isolation_read_engines=tiflash` in Thrift server after the server is connected via beeline.

14.3.5 Use TiFlash MPP Mode

This document introduces the Massively Parallel Processing (MPP) mode of TiFlash and how to use it.

TiFlash supports using the MPP mode to execute queries, which introduces cross-node data exchange (data shuffle process) into the computation. TiDB automatically determines whether to select the MPP mode using the optimizer's cost estimation. You can change the selection strategy by modifying the values of `tidb_allow_mpp` and `tidb_enforce_mpp`.

The following diagram shows how the MPP mode works.

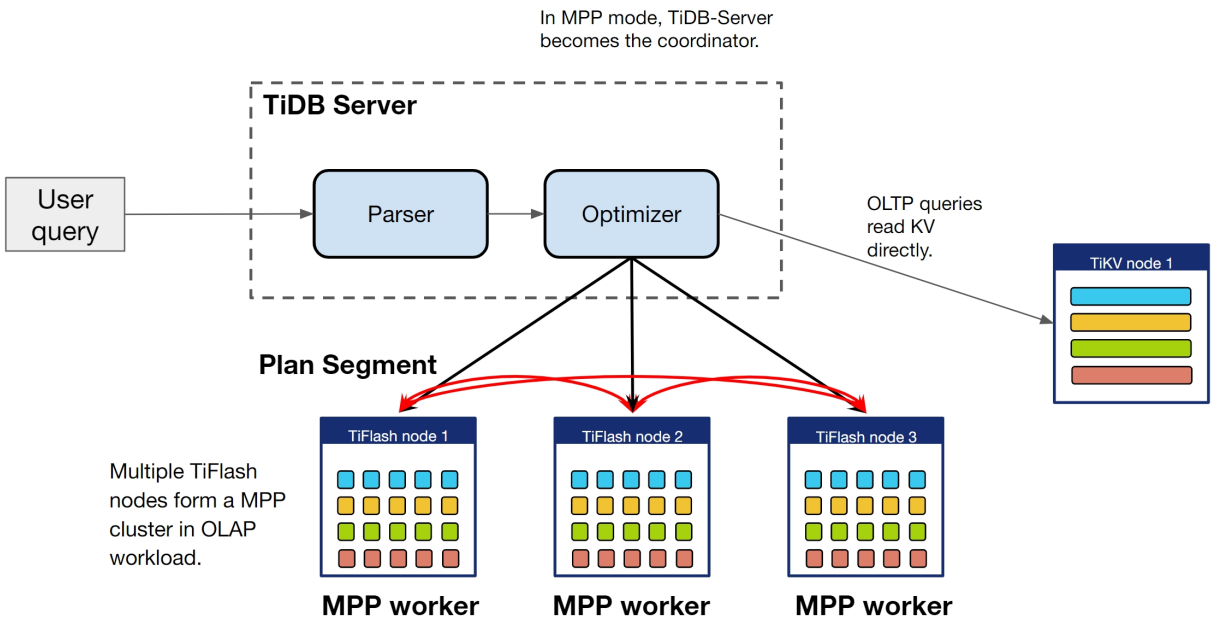

Figure 555: mpp-mode

14.3.5.1 Control whether to select the MPP mode

The `tidb_allow_mpp` variable controls whether TiDB can select the MPP mode to execute queries. The `tidb_enforce_mpp` variable controls whether the optimizer's cost estimation is ignored and the MPP mode of TiFlash is forcibly used to execute queries.

The results corresponding to all values of these two variables are as follows:

	tidb_allow_mpp=off	tidb_allow_mpp=on (by default)
tidb_enforce_mpp=off (by default)	The MPP mode is not used.	The optimizer selects the MPP mode based on cost estimation. (by default)
tidb_enforce_mpp=on	The MPP mode is not used.	TiDB ignores the cost estimation and selects the MPP mode.

For example, if you do not want to use the MPP mode, you can execute the following statements:

```
set @@session.tidb_allow_mpp=0;
```

If you want TiDB's cost-based optimizer to automatically decide whether to use the MPP mode (by default), you can execute the following statements:

```
set @@session.tidb_allow_mpp=1;
set @@session.tidb_enforce_mpp=0;
```

If you want TiDB to ignore the optimizer's cost estimation and to forcibly select the MPP mode, you can execute the following statements:

```
set @@session.tidb_allow_mpp=1;
set @@session.tidb_enforce_mpp=1;
```

The initial value of the `tidb_enforce_mpp` session variable is equal to the `enforce-mpp` configuration value of this tidb-server instance (which is `false` by default). If multiple tidb-server instances in a TiDB cluster only perform analytical queries and you want to make sure that the MPP mode is used on these instances, you can change their `enforce-mpp` configuration values to `true`.

Note:

When `tidb_enforce_mpp=1` takes effect, the TiDB optimizer will ignore the cost estimation to choose the MPP mode. However, if other factors block the MPP mode, TiDB will not select the MPP mode. These factors include the absence of TiFlash replica, unfinished replication of TiFlash replicas, and statements containing operators or functions that are not supported by the MPP mode.

If TiDB optimizer cannot select the MPP mode due to reasons other than cost estimation, when you use the `EXPLAIN` statement to check out the execution plan, a warning is returned to explain the reason. For example:

```
set @@session.tidb_enforce_mpp=1;
create table t(a int);
explain select count(*) from t;
show warnings;
```

```
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
   ↪
   ↪ |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Warning | 1105 | MPP mode may be blocked because there aren't
   ↪  tiflash replicas of table `t`. |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
```

14.3.5.2 Algorithm support for the MPP mode

The MPP mode supports these physical algorithms: Broadcast Hash Join, Shuffled Hash Join, Shuffled Hash Aggregation, Union All, TopN, and Limit. The optimizer automatically determines which algorithm to be used in a query. To check the specific query execution plan, you can execute the `EXPLAIN` statement. If the result of the `EXPLAIN` statement shows ExchangeSender and ExchangeReceiver operators, it indicates that the MPP mode has taken effect.

The following statement takes the table structure in the TPC-H test set as an example:

```
explain select count(*) from customer c join nation n on c.c_nationkey=n.n_
    ↪ nationkey;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+-----------+--------------+----------
    ↪
| id                                    | estRows   | task         | access
    ↪ object | operator info
    ↪                                                                 |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+-----------+--------------+----------
    ↪
| HashAgg_23                            | 1.00      | root         |
    ↪              | funcs:count(Column#16)->Column#15
    ↪                                    |
|  ─TableReader_25                       | 1.00      | root         |
    ↪              | data:ExchangeSender_24
    ↪                                                  |
|    ─ExchangeSender_24                  | 1.00      | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪              | ExchangeType: PassThrough
    ↪                                                |
|      ─HashAgg_12                       | 1.00      | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪              | funcs:count(1)->Column#16
    ↪                                                |
|        ─HashJoin_17                    | 3000000.00 | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪            | inner join, equal:[eq(tpch.nation.n_nationkey, tpch.
    ↪ customer.c_nationkey)] |
|          ─ExchangeReceiver_21(Build)   | 25.00     | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪              |
    ↪                                                                        |
|            ─ExchangeSender_20          | 25.00     | mpp[tiflash] |
    ↪              | ExchangeType: Broadcast
    ↪                                                  |
|              ─TableFullScan_18         | 25.00     | mpp[tiflash] | table:n
    ↪   | keep order:false
    ↪ |
|          ─TableFullScan_22(Probe)      | 3000000.00 | mpp[tiflash] | table:c
    ↪   | keep order:false                                                    |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------+-----------+-------------+----------
    ↪
9 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the example execution plan, the `ExchangeReceiver` and `ExchangeSender` operators are included. The execution plan indicates that after the `nation` table is read, the `ExchangeSender` operator broadcasts the table to each node, the `HashJoin` and `HashAgg` operations are performed on the `nation` table and the `customer` table, and then the results are returned to TiDB.

TiFlash provides the following 3 global/session variables to control whether to use Broadcast Hash Join:

- `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size`: The unit of the value is bytes. If the table size (in the unit of bytes) is less than the value of the variable, the Broadcast Hash Join algorithm is used. Otherwise, the Shuffled Hash Join algorithm is used.
- `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_count`: The unit of the value is rows. If the objects of the join operation belong to a subquery, the optimizer cannot estimate the size of the subquery result set, so the size is determined by the number of rows in the result set. If the estimated number of rows in the subquery is less than the value of this variable, the Broadcast Hash Join algorithm is used. Otherwise, the Shuffled Hash Join algorithm is used.
- `tidb_prefer_broadcast_join_by_exchange_data_size`: controls whether to use the algorithm with the minimum overhead of network transmission. If this variable is enabled, TiDB estimates the size of the data to be exchanged in the network using `Broadcast Hash Join` and `Shuffled Hash Join` respectively, and then chooses the one with the smaller size. `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_count` and `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size` will not take effect after this variable is enabled.

14.3.5.3 Access partitioned tables in the MPP mode

To access partitioned tables in the MPP mode, you need to enable dynamic pruning mode first.

Example:

```
mysql> DROP TABLE if exists test.employees;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

mysql> CREATE TABLE test.employees
(id int NOT NULL,
 fname varchar(30) DEFAULT NULL,
 lname varchar(30) DEFAULT NULL,
 hired date NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
 separated date DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
```

```
 job_code int DEFAULT NULL,
 store_id int NOT NULL) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=
    ↪ utf8mb4_bin
PARTITION BY RANGE (store_id)
(PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN (6),
 PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (11),
 PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (16),
 PARTITION p3 VALUES LESS THAN (MAXVALUE));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

mysql> ALTER table test.employees SET tiflash replica 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)

mysql> SET tidb_partition_prune_mode=static;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

mysql> explain SELECT count(*) FROM test.employees;
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+------------------+----------------
   ↪
| id                           | estRows | task           | access object
   ↪             | operator info                 |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+------------------+----------------
   ↪
| HashAgg_18                   | 1.00    | root           |
   ↪                            | funcs:count(Column#10)->Column#9 |
|  ─PartitionUnion_20          | 4.00    | root           |
   ↪                            |                                  |
|    ─StreamAgg_35             | 1.00    | root           |
   ↪                            | funcs:count(Column#12)->Column#10 |
|      ─TableReader_36         | 1.00    | root           |
   ↪                            | data:StreamAgg_26                |
|        ─StreamAgg_26         | 1.00    | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪                           | funcs:count(1)->Column#12        |
|          ─TableFullScan_34   | 10000.00 | batchCop[tiflash] | table:
   ↪ employees, partition:p0 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|    ─StreamAgg_52             | 1.00    | root           |
   ↪                            | funcs:count(Column#14)->Column#10 |
|      ─TableReader_53         | 1.00    | root           |
   ↪                            | data:StreamAgg_43                |
|        ─StreamAgg_43         | 1.00    | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪                           | funcs:count(1)->Column#14        |
|          ─TableFullScan_51   | 10000.00 | batchCop[tiflash] | table:
   ↪ employees, partition:p1 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
```

```
|   └─StreamAgg_69              | 1.00    | root            |
   ↪                            | funcs:count(Column#16)->Column#10 |
|     └─TableReader_70          | 1.00    | root            |
   ↪                            | data:StreamAgg_60               |
|       └─StreamAgg_60          | 1.00    | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪                           | funcs:count(1)->Column#16       |
|         └─TableFullScan_68    | 10000.00 | batchCop[tiflash] | table:
   ↪ employees, partition:p2 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|   └─StreamAgg_86              | 1.00    | root            |
   ↪                            | funcs:count(Column#18)->Column#10 |
|     └─TableReader_87          | 1.00    | root            |
   ↪                            | data:StreamAgg_77               |
|       └─StreamAgg_77          | 1.00    | batchCop[tiflash] |
   ↪                           | funcs:count(1)->Column#18       |
|         └─TableFullScan_85    | 10000.00 | batchCop[tiflash] | table:
   ↪ employees, partition:p3 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------------+---------------
   ↪
18 rows in set (0,00 sec)

mysql> SET tidb_partition_prune_mode=dynamic;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> explain SELECT count(*) FROM test.employees;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+-------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task        | access object | operator
   ↪  info                                      |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+-------
   ↪
| HashAgg_17                  | 1.00    | root        |               | funcs:
   ↪ count(Column#11)->Column#9                |
|  └─TableReader_19           | 1.00    | root        | partition:all | data:
   ↪ ExchangeSender_18                         |
|    └─ExchangeSender_18      | 1.00    | mpp[tiflash] |              |
   ↪ ExchangeType: PassThrough                    |
|      └─HashAgg_8            | 1.00    | mpp[tiflash] |              | funcs:
   ↪ count(1)->Column#11                          |
|        └─TableFullScan_16   | 10000.00 | mpp[tiflash] | table:employees |
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo, PartitionTableScan:true |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+-------
```

```
    ↪
5 rows in set (0,00 sec)
```

14.3.6 Use FastScan

This document describes how to use FastScan to speed up queries in Online Analytical Processing (OLAP) scenarios.

By default, TiFlash guarantees the precision of query results and data consistency. With the feature FastScan, TiFlash provides more efficient query performance, but does not guarantee the accuracy of query results and data consistency.

Some OLAP scenarios allow for some tolerance to the accuracy of the query results. In these cases, if you need higher query performance, you can enable the FastScan feature at the session or global level. You can choose whether to enable the FastScan feature by configuring the variable `tiflash_fastscan`.

14.3.6.1 Restrictions

When the FastScan feature is enabled, your query results might include old data of a table. This means that you might get multiple historical versions of data with the same primary key or data that has been deleted.

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT PRIMARY KEY, b INT);
ALTER TABLE t1 SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES(1,2);
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES(10,20);
UPDATE t1 SET b = 4 WHERE a = 1;
DELETE FROM t1 WHERE a = 10;
SET SESSION tidb_isolation_read_engines='tiflash';

SELECT * FROM t1;
+------+------+
| a    | b    |
+------+------+
|    1 |    4 |
+------+------+

SET SESSION tiflash_fastscan=ON;
SELECT * FROM t1;
+------+------+
| a    | b    |
+------+------+
|    1 |    2 |
```

```
|    1 |    4 |
|   10 |   20 |
+------+------+
```

Although TiFlash can automatically initiate compaction of old data in the background, the old data will not be cleaned up physically until it has been compacted and its data versions are older than the GC safe point. After the physical cleaning, the cleaned old data will no longer be returned in FastScan mode. The timing of data compaction is automatically triggered by various factors. You can also manually trigger data compaction using the `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` statement.

14.3.6.2 Enable and disable FastScan

By default, the variable is `tiflash_fastscan=OFF` at the session level and global level, that is, the FastScan feature is not enabled. You can view the variable information by using the following statement.

```
show variables like 'tiflash_fastscan';

+------------------+-------+
| Variable_name  | Value |
+------------------+-------+
| tiflash_fastscan | OFF |
+------------------+-------+
```

```
show global variables like 'tiflash_fastscan';

+------------------+-------+
| Variable_name  | Value |
+------------------+-------+
| tiflash_fastscan | OFF |
+------------------+-------+
```

You can configure the variable `tiflash_fastscan` at the session level and global level. If you need to enable FastScan in the current session, you can do so with the following statement:

```
set session tiflash_fastscan=ON;
```

You can also set `tiflash_fastscan` at the global level. The new setting will take effect in new sessions, but will not take effect in the current and previous sessions. Besides, in new sessions, `tiflash_fastscan` of the session level and global level will both take the new value.

```
set global tiflash_fastscan=ON;
```

You can disable FastScan using the following statement.

```
set session tiflash_fastscan=OFF;
set global tiflash_fastscan=OFF;
```

14.3.6.3 Mechanism of FastScan

Data in the storage layer of TiFlash is stored in two layers: Delta layer and Stable layer.

By default, FastScan is not enabled, and the TableScan operator processes data in the following steps:

1. Read data: create separate data streams in the Delta layer and Stable layer to read the respective data.
2. Sort Merge: merge the data streams created in step 1. Then return the data after sorting in the order of (primary key column, timestamp column).
3. Range Filter: according to the data range, filter the data generated in step 2, and then return the data.
4. MVCC + Column Filter: filter the data generated in step 3 through MVCC (that is, filtering the data version according to the primary key column and the timestamp column) and through columns (that is, filtering out unneeded columns), and then return the data.

FastScan gains faster query speed by sacrificing some data consistency. Step 2 and the MVCC part in step 4 in the normal scan process are omitted in FastScan, thus improving query performance.

14.3.7 TiFlash Disaggregated Storage and Compute Architecture and S3 Support

By default, TiFlash is deployed using the coupled storage and compute architecture, in which each TiFlash node acts as both storage and compute node. Starting from TiDB v7.0.0, TiFlash supports the disaggregated storage and compute architecture and allows to store data in Amazon S3 or S3-compatible object storage (such as MinIO).

14.3.7.1 Architecture overview

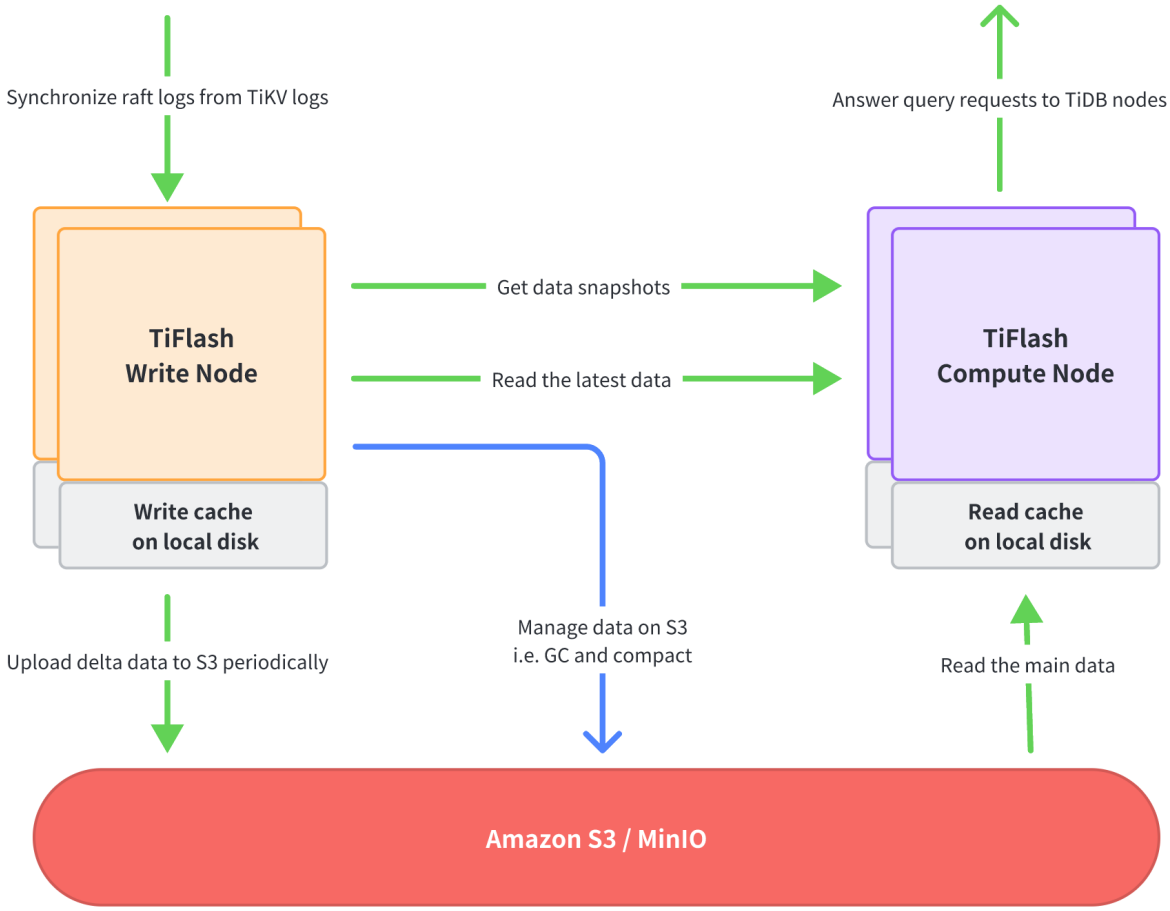

Figure 556: TiFlash Write and Compute Separation Architecture

In the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, different functionalities of the TiFlash process are divided and allocated to two types of nodes: the Write Node and the Compute Node. These two types of nodes can be deployed separately and scaled independently, which means that you can decide the number of Write Nodes and Compute Nodes to be deployed as needed.

- TiFlash Write Node

  The Write Node receives Raft logs data from TiKV, converts the data into the columnar format, and periodically packages and uploads all the updated data within a certain period to S3. In addition, the Write Node manages the data on S3, such as continuously organizing data to improve query performance and deleting useless data.

  The Write Node uses local disks (usually NVMe SSDs) to cache the latest written data to avoid excessive use of memory.

- TiFlash Compute Node

  The Compute Node executes query requests sent from a TiDB node. It first accesses a Write Node to obtain data snapshots, and then reads the latest data (that is, the data not been uploaded to S3 yet) from the Write Node and most of the remaining data from S3.

  The Compute Node uses local disks (usually NVMe SSDs) as a cache for data files to avoid repeatedly reading the same data from remote locations (Write Nodes or S3) and improve query performance.

  The Compute Node is stateless and its scaling speed is at a second level. You can use this feature to reduce costs as follows:

  - When the query workload is low, reduce the number of Compute Nodes to save costs. When there are no queries, you can even stop all Compute Nodes.
  - When the query workload increases, quickly increase the number of Compute Nodes to ensure query performance.

14.3.7.2 Scenarios

TiFlash disaggregated storage and compute architecture is suitable for cost-effective data analysis services. Because storage and compute resources can be scaled separately as needed in this architecture, you can get significant benefits in the following scenarios:

- The amount of data is large, but only a small amount of data is frequently queried. Most of the data is cold data and rarely queried. At this time, the frequently queried data is usually cached on the local SSD of the Compute Node to provide fast query performance, while most of the other cold data is stored in low-cost S3 or other object storage to save storage costs.
- The demand for compute resources has obvious peaks and valleys. For example, intensive reconciliation queries are usually performed at night, which demands high compute resources. In this case, you can consider temporarily adding more Compute Nodes at night. While at other times, you only need fewer Compute Nodes to complete regular query tasks.

14.3.7.3 Prerequisites

1. Prepare an Amazon S3 bucket for storing the TiFlash data.

   You can also use an existing bucket, but you need to reserve dedicated key prefixes for each TiDB cluster. For more information about S3 buckets, see AWS documentation.

   You can also use other S3-compatible object storage, such as MinIO.

   TiFlash needs to use the following S3 APIs for accessing data. Make sure that TiFlash nodes in your TiDB cluster have the necessary permissions for these APIs.

- PutObject
- GetObject
- CopyObject
- DeleteObject
- ListObjectsV2
- GetObjectTagging
- PutBucketLifecycle

2. Make sure that your TiDB cluster has no TiFlash nodes deployed using the coupled storage and compute architecture. If any, set the TiFlash replica count of all tables to 0 and then remove all TiFlash nodes. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_REPLICA; # Query all tables
    ↪ with TiFlash replicas
ALTER TABLE table_name SET TIFLASH REPLICA 0; # Set the TiFlash
    ↪ replica count of all tables to `0`
```

```
tiup cluster scale-in mycluster -N 'node0,node1...' # Remove all
    ↪ TiFlash nodes
tiup cluster display mycluster                # Wait for all TiFlash
    ↪ nodes to enter the Tombstone state
tiup cluster prune mycluster                  # Remove all TiFlash nodes
    ↪  in the Tombstone state
```

14.3.7.4 Usage

By default, TiUP deploys TiFlash in the coupled storage and computation architecture. If you need to deploy TiFlash in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, take the following steps for manual configuration:

1. Prepare a TiFlash topology configuration file, such as `scale-out.topo.yaml`, with the following configuration:

```
tiflash_servers:
  # In the TiFlash topology configuration file, the `storage.s3`
      ↪ configuration indicates that the disaggregated storage and
      ↪ compute architecture is used for deployment.
  # If `flash.disaggregated_mode: tiflash_compute` is configured for a
      ↪ node, it is a Compute Node.
  # If `flash.disaggregated_mode: tiflash_write` is configured for a
      ↪ node, it is a Write Node.

  # 172.31.8.1~2 are TiFlash Write Nodes
  - host: 172.31.8.1
    config:
```

```
    flash.disaggregated_mode: tiflash_write        # This is a Write
       ↪ Node
    storage.s3.endpoint: http://s3.{region}.amazonaws.com # S3
       ↪ endpoint address
    storage.s3.bucket: mybucket                    # TiFlash stores
       ↪ all data in this bucket
    storage.s3.root: /cluster1_data                # Root directory
       ↪ where data is stored in the S3 bucket
    storage.s3.access_key_id: {ACCESS_KEY_ID}      # Access S3 with
       ↪ ACCESS_KEY_ID
    storage.s3.secret_access_key: {SECRET_ACCESS_KEY} # Access S3 with
       ↪  SECRET_ACCESS_KEY
    storage.main.dir: ["/data1/tiflash/data"]      # Local data
       ↪ directory of the Write Node. Configure it in the same way
       ↪ as the directory configuration of the coupled storage and
       ↪ compute architecture
- host: 172.31.8.2
  config:
    flash.disaggregated_mode: tiflash_write        # This is a Write
       ↪ Node
    storage.s3.endpoint: http://s3.{region}.amazonaws.com # S3
       ↪ endpoint address
    storage.s3.bucket: mybucket                    # TiFlash stores
       ↪ all data in this bucket
    storage.s3.root: /cluster1_data                # Root directory
       ↪ where data is stored in the S3 bucket
    storage.s3.access_key_id: {ACCESS_KEY_ID}      # Access S3 with
       ↪ ACCESS_KEY_ID
    storage.s3.secret_access_key: {SECRET_ACCESS_KEY} # Access S3 with
       ↪  SECRET_ACCESS_KEY
    storage.main.dir: ["/data1/tiflash/data"]      # Local data
       ↪ directory of the Write Node. Configure it in the same way
       ↪ as the directory configuration of the coupled storage and
       ↪ compute architecture

# 172.31.9.1~2 are TiFlash Compute Nodes
- host: 172.31.9.1
  config:
    flash.disaggregated_mode: tiflash_compute      # This is a
       ↪ Compute Node
    storage.s3.endpoint: http://s3.{region}.amazonaws.com # S3
       ↪ endpoint address
    storage.s3.bucket: mybucket                    # TiFlash stores
       ↪ all data in this bucket
    storage.s3.root: /cluster1_data                # Root directory
```

```
      ↪ where data is stored in the S3 bucket
    storage.s3.access_key_id: {ACCESS_KEY_ID}      # Access S3 with
      ↪ ACCESS_KEY_ID
    storage.s3.secret_access_key: {SECRET_ACCESS_KEY} # Access S3 with
      ↪  SECRET_ACCESS_KEY
    storage.main.dir: ["/data1/tiflash/data"]      # Local data
      ↪ directory of the Compute Node. Configure it in the same way
      ↪  as the directory configuration of the coupled storage and
      ↪ compute architecture
    storage.remote.cache.dir: /data1/tiflash/cache # Local data cache
      ↪  directory of the Compute Node
    storage.remote.cache.capacity: 858993459200    # 800 GiB
- host: 172.31.9.2
  config:
    flash.disaggregated_mode: tiflash_compute      # This is a
      ↪ Compute Node
    storage.s3.endpoint: http://s3.{region}.amazonaws.com # S3
      ↪ endpoint address
    storage.s3.bucket: mybucket                    # TiFlash stores
      ↪ all data in this bucket
    storage.s3.root: /cluster1_data                # Root directory
      ↪ where data is stored in the S3 bucket
    storage.s3.access_key_id: {ACCESS_KEY_ID}      # Access S3 with
      ↪ ACCESS_KEY_ID
    storage.s3.secret_access_key: {SECRET_ACCESS_KEY} # Access S3 with
      ↪  SECRET_ACCESS_KEY
    storage.main.dir: ["/data1/tiflash/data"]      # Local data
      ↪ directory of the Compute Node. Configure it in the same way
      ↪  as the directory configuration of the coupled storage and
      ↪ compute architecture
    storage.remote.cache.dir: /data1/tiflash/cache # Local data cache
      ↪  directory of the Compute Node
    storage.remote.cache.capacity: 858993459200    # 800 GiB
```

- Note that the above `ACCESS_KEY_ID` and `SECRET_ACCESS_KEY` are directly written in the configuration file. You can also choose to configure them separately using environment variables. If both ways are configured, the environment variables have higher priority.

  To configure `ACCESS_KEY_ID` and `SECRET_ACCESS_KEY` through environment variables, switch to the user environment that starts the TiFlash process (usually `tidb`) on all machines where TiFlash processes are deployed, and then modify `~/.bash_profile` to add the following configurations:

```
export S3_ACCESS_KEY_ID={ACCESS_KEY_ID}
export S3_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY={SECRET_ACCESS_KEY}
```

- `storage.s3.endpoint` supports connecting to S3 using the `http` or `https` mode, and you can set the mode by directly modifying the URL. For example, `https ↪ ://s3.{region}.amazonaws.com`.

2. Add TiFlash nodes and reset the number of TiFlash replicas:

```
tiup cluster scale-out mycluster ./scale-out.topo.yaml
```

```
ALTER TABLE table_name SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
```

3. Modify the TiDB configuration to query TiFlash using the disaggregated storage and compute architecture.

    1. Open the TiDB configuration file in edit mode:

    ```
    shell  tiup cluster edit-config mycluster
    ```

    2. Add the following configuration items to the TiDB configuration file:

    ```
    server_configs:
    tidb:
    disaggregated-tiflash: true # Query TiFlash using the disaggregated
       ↪  storage and compute architecture
    ```

    3. Restart TiDB:

    ```
    tiup cluster reload mycluster -R tidb
    ```

14.3.7.5 Restrictions

- TiFlash does not support in-place switching between the **disaggregated storage and compute architecture** and the **coupled storage and compute architecture**. Before switching to the disaggregated architecture, you must remove all existing TiFlash nodes deployed using the coupled architecture.
- After the migration from one architecture to another, all TiFlash data needs to be replicated again.
- Only TiFlash nodes with the same architecture are allowed in the same TiDB cluster. Two architectures cannot coexist in one cluster.
- The disaggregated storage and compute architecture only supports object storage using the S3 API, while the coupled storage and compute architecture only supports local storage.
- When using S3 storage, TiFlash nodes cannot obtain the keys of files not on their own nodes, so the Encryption at Rest feature cannot be used.

14.3.8 Push-down Calculations Supported by TiFlash

This document introduces the push-down calculations supported by TiFlash.

14.3.8.1 Push-down operators

TiFlash supports the push-down of the following operators:

- TableScan: Reads data from tables.
- Selection: Filters data.
- HashAgg: Performs data aggregation based on the Hash Aggregation algorithm.
- StreamAgg: Performs data aggregation based on the Stream Aggregation algorithm. SteamAgg only supports the aggregation without the `GROUP BY` condition.
- TopN: Performs the TopN calculation.
- Limit: Performs the limit calculation.
- Project: Performs the projection calculation.
- HashJoin: Performs the join calculation using the Hash Join algorithm, but with the following conditions:
  - The operator can be pushed down only in the MPP mode.
  - Supported joins are Inner Join, Left Join, Semi Join, Anti Semi Join, Left Semi Join, and Anti Left Semi Join.
  - The preceding joins support both Equi Join and Non-Equi Join (Cartesian Join or Null-aware Semi Join). When calculating Cartesian Join or Null-aware Semi Join, the Broadcast algorithm, instead of the Shuffle Hash Join algorithm, is used.
- Window functions: Currently, TiFlash supports `ROW_NUMBER()`, `RANK()`, `DENSE_RANK()`, `LEAD()`, `LAG()`, `FIRST_VALUE()`, and `LAST_VALUE()`.

In TiDB, operators are organized in a tree structure. For an operator to be pushed down to TiFlash, all of the following prerequisites must be met:

- All of its child operators can be pushed down to TiFlash.
- If an operator contains expressions (most of the operators contain expressions), all expressions of the operator can be pushed down to TiFlash.

14.3.8.2 Push-down expressions

TiFlash supports the following push-down expressions:

Expression Type	Operations
Numeric functions and operators	`+`, `-`, `/`, `*`, `%`, `>=`, `<=`, `=`, `!=`, `<`, `>`, `ROUND()`, `ABS()`, `FLOOR(int)`, `CEIL(int)`, `CEILING(int)`, `SQRT()`, `LOG()`, `LOG2()`, `LOG10()`, `LN()`, `EXP()`, `POW()`, `POWER()`, `SIGN()`, `RADIANS()`, `DEGREES()`, `CONV()`, `CRC32()`, `GREATEST(int/real)`, `LEAST(int/real)`
Logical functions and operators	`AND`, `OR`, `NOT`, `CASE WHEN`, `IF()`, `IFNULL()`, `ISNULL()`, `IN`, `LIKE`, `ILIKE`, `COALESCE`, `IS`

Expression Type	Operations
Bitwise operations	& (bitand), | (bitor), ~ (bitneg), ^ (bitxor)
String functions	SUBSTR(), CHAR_LENGTH(), REPLACE(), CONCAT(), CONCAT_WS(), LEFT(), RIGHT(), ASCII(), LENGTH(), TRIM(), LTRIM(), RTRIM(), POSITION(), FORMAT(), LOWER(), UCASE(), UPPER(), SUBSTRING_INDEX(), LPAD(), RPAD(), STRCMP()
Regular expression functions and operators	REGEXP, REGEXP_LIKE(), REGEXP_INSTR(), REGEXP_SUBSTR(), REGEXP_REPLACE(), RLIKE
Date functions	DATE_FORMAT(), TIMESTAMPDIFF(), FROM_UNIXTIME(), UNIX_TIMESTAMP(int), UNIX_TIMESTAMP(decimal), STR_TO_DATE(date), STR_TO_DATE(datetime), DATEDIFF(), YEAR(), MONTH(), DAY(), EXTRACT(datetime), DATE(), HOUR(), MICROSECOND(), MINUTE(), SECOND(), SYSDATE(), DATE_ADD/ADDDATE(datetime, int), DATE_ADD/ADDDATE(string, int/real), DATE_SUB/SUBDATE(datetime, int), DATE_SUB/SUBDATE(string, int/real), QUARTER(), DAYNAME(), DAYOFMONTH(), DAYOFWEEK(), DAYOFYEAR(), LAST_DAY(), MONTHNAME(), TO_SECONDS(), TO_DAYS(), FROM_DAYS(), WEEKOFYEAR()
JSON function	JSON_LENGTH(), ->, ->>, JSON_EXTRACT(), JSON_ARRAY(), JSON_DEPTH(), JSON_VALID(), JSON_KEYS(), JSON_CONTAINS_PATH(), JSON_UNQUOTE()
Vector function	VEC_L2_DISTANCE, VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE, VEC_NEGATIVE_INNER_PRODUCT, VEC_L1_DISTANCE, VEC_DIMS, VEC_L2_NORM, VEC_AS_TEXT

Expression Type	Operations
Conversion functions	`CAST(int AS DOUBLE)`, `CAST(int AS DECIMAL)`, `CAST(int AS STRING)`, `CAST(int AS TIME)`, `CAST(double AS INT)`, `CAST(double AS DECIMAL)`, `CAST(double AS STRING)`, `CAST(double AS TIME)`, `CAST(string AS INT)`, `CAST(string AS DOUBLE)`, `CAST(string AS DECIMAL)`, `CAST(string AS TIME)`, `CAST(decimal AS INT)`, `CAST(decimal AS STRING)`, `CAST(decimal AS TIME)`, `CAST(decimal AS DOUBLE)`, `CAST(time AS INT)`, `CAST(time AS DECIMAL)`, `CAST(time AS STRING)`, `CAST(time AS REAL)`, `CAST(json AS JSON)`, `CAST(json AS STRING)`, `CAST(int AS JSON)`, `CAST(real AS JSON)`, `CAST(decimal AS JSON)`, `CAST(string AS JSON)`, `CAST(time AS JSON)`, `CAST(duration AS JSON)`
Aggregate functions	`MIN()`, `MAX()`, `SUM()`, `COUNT()`, `AVG()`, `APPROX_COUNT_DISTINCT()`, `GROUP_CONCAT()`
Miscellaneous functions	`INET_NTOA()`, `INET_ATON()`, `INET6_NTOA()`, `INET6_ATON()`

14.3.8.3 Restrictions

- Expressions that contain the Bit, Set, and Geometry types cannot be pushed down to TiFlash.
- The `DATE_ADD()`, `DATE_SUB()`, `ADDDATE()`, and `SUBDATE()` functions support the following interval types only. If other interval types are used, TiFlash reports errors.
    - DAY
    - WEEK

- MONTH
- YEAR
- HOUR
- MINUTE
- SECOND

If a query encounters unsupported push-down calculations, TiDB needs to complete the remaining calculations, which might greatly affect the TiFlash acceleration effect. The currently unsupported operators and expressions might be supported in future versions.

Functions like `MAX()` are supported for push-down when used as aggregate functions, but not as window functions.

14.3.8.4 Examples

This section provides some examples of pushing down operators and expressions to TiFlash.

14.3.8.4.1 Example 1: Push operators down to TiFlash

```
CREATE TABLE t(id INT PRIMARY KEY, a INT);
ALTER TABLE t SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;

EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t LIMIT 3;

+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+---------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task      | access object | operator
   ↪ info            |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+---------
   ↪
| Limit_9                     | 3.00    | root        |               | offset:0,
   ↪ count:3          |
| └─TableReader_17            | 3.00    | root        |               | data:
   ↪ ExchangeSender_16     |
|   └─ExchangeSender_16       | 3.00    | mpp[tiflash] |              |
   ↪ ExchangeType: PassThrough  |
|     └─Limit_15              | 3.00    | mpp[tiflash] |              | offset:0,
   ↪ count:3          |
|       └─TableFullScan_14    | 3.00    | mpp[tiflash] | table:t      | keep order
   ↪ :false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+---------
   ↪
```

```
5 rows in set (0.18 sec)
```

In the preceding example, the operator `Limit` is pushed down to TiFlash for filtering data, which helps reduce the amount of data to be transferred over the network and reduce the network overhead. This is indicated by the `mpp[tiflash]` value of the `task` column on the row of the `Limit_15` operator.

14.3.8.4.2 Example 2: Push expressions down to TiFlash

```
CREATE TABLE t(id INT PRIMARY KEY, a INT);
ALTER TABLE t SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
INSERT INTO t(id,a) VALUES (1,2),(2,4),(11,2),(12,4),(13,4),(14,7);

EXPLAIN SELECT MAX(id + a) FROM t GROUP BY a;

+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+----
   ↪
| id                            | estRows | task      | access object |
   ↪ operator info                                                 |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+----
   ↪
| TableReader_45                | 4.80   | root       |             | data:
   ↪ ExchangeSender_44                                          |
| ─ExchangeSender_44            | 4.80   | mpp[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ ExchangeType: PassThrough                                      |
|   ─Projection_39              | 4.80   | mpp[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ Column#3                                                       |
|     ─HashAgg_37               | 4.80   | mpp[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ group by:Column#9, funcs:max(Column#8)->Column#3                |
|       ─Projection_46          | 6.00   | mpp[tiflash] |           | plus
   ↪ (test.t.id, test.t.a)->Column#8, test.t.a                    |
|         ─ExchangeReceiver_23  | 6.00   | mpp[tiflash] |           |
   ↪                                                                |
|           ─ExchangeSender_22  | 6.00   | mpp[tiflash] |           |
   ↪ ExchangeType: HashPartition, Hash Cols: [name: test.t.a, collate:
   ↪ binary] |
|             ─TableFullScan_21 | 6.00   | mpp[tiflash] | table:t   | keep
   ↪  order:false, stats:pseudo                                   |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+----
   ↪
8 rows in set (0.18 sec)
```

In the preceding example, the expression `id + a` is pushed down to TiFlash for calculation in advance. This helps reduce the amount of data to be transferred over the network, thus reducing the network transmission overhead and improving the overall calculation performance. This is indicated by the `mpp[tiflash]` value in the `task` column of the row where the `operator` column has the `plus(test.t.id, test.t.a)` value.

14.3.8.4.3 Example 3: Restrictions for pushdown

```
CREATE TABLE t(id INT PRIMARY KEY, a INT);
ALTER TABLE t SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
INSERT INTO t(id,a) VALUES (1,2),(2,4),(11,2),(12,4),(13,4),(14,7);

EXPLAIN SELECT id FROM t WHERE TIME(now()+ a) < '12:00:00';

+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+----------
   ↪
| id                       | estRows | task      | access object | operator
   ↪ info
   ↪                                                                          |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+----------
   ↪
| Projection_4             | 4.80    | root        |               | test.t.id
   ↪
   ↪ |
|  ─Selection_6            | 4.80    | root        |               | lt(cast(
   ↪ time(cast(plus(20230110083056, test.t.a), var_string(20))), var_
   ↪ string(10)), "12:00:00") |
|    ─TableReader_11       | 6.00    | root        |               | data:
   ↪ ExchangeSender_10
   ↪                                                                      |
|      ─ExchangeSender_10  | 6.00    | mpp[tiflash] |              |
   ↪ ExchangeType: PassThrough
   ↪                                                                        |
|        ─TableFullScan_9  | 6.00    | mpp[tiflash] | table:t      | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo
   ↪                                                                 |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+----------
   ↪
5 rows in set, 3 warnings (0.20 sec)
```

The preceding example only performs `TableFullScan` on TiFlash. Other functions are calculated and filtered on `root` and are not pushed down to TiFlash.

You can identify the operators and expressions that cannot be pushed down to TiFlash by running the following command:

```
SHOW WARNINGS;

+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1105 | Scalar function 'time'(signature: Time, return type:
    ↪ time) is not supported to push down to storage layer now.  |
| Warning | 1105 | Scalar function 'cast'(signature: CastDurationAsString,
    ↪ return type: var_string(10)) is not supported to push down to tiflash
    ↪  now. |
| Warning | 1105 | Scalar function 'cast'(signature: CastDurationAsString,
    ↪ return type: var_string(10)) is not supported to push down to tiflash
    ↪  now. |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.18 sec)
```

The expressions in the preceding example cannot be completely pushed down to TiFlash, because the functions `Time` and `Cast` cannot be pushed down to TiFlash.

14.3.8.4.4 Example 4: Window functions

```
CREATE TABLE t(id INT PRIMARY KEY, c1 VARCHAR(100));
ALTER TABLE t SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
INSERT INTO t VALUES(1,"foo"),(2,"bar"),(3,"bar foo"),(10,"foo"),(20,"bar")
    ↪ ,(30,"bar foo");

EXPLAIN SELECT id, ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY id > 10) FROM t;
+--
    ↪ --------------------------------+----------+--------------+---------------+-----
    ↪
| id                              | estRows | task       | access object |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+-----
   ↪
| TableReader_30                | 10000.00 | root      |             |
   ↪ MppVersion: 1, data:ExchangeSender_29
   ↪                                                                  |
|  ─ExchangeSender_29           | 10000.00 | mpp[tiflash] |          |
   ↪ ExchangeType: PassThrough
   ↪
   ↪ |
|    ─Projection_7              | 10000.00 | mpp[tiflash] |          | test.
   ↪ t.id, Column#5, stream_count: 4
   ↪                                                                    |
|      ─Window_28               | 10000.00 | mpp[tiflash] |          | row_
   ↪ number()->Column#5 over(partition by Column#4 rows between current
   ↪ row and current row), stream_count: 4 |
|        ─Sort_14               | 10000.00 | mpp[tiflash] |          |
   ↪ Column#4, stream_count: 4
   ↪
   ↪ |
|          ─ExchangeReceiver_13 | 10000.00 | mpp[tiflash] |          |
   ↪ stream_count: 4
   ↪
   ↪ |
|            ─ExchangeSender_12 | 10000.00 | mpp[tiflash] |          |
   ↪ ExchangeType: HashPartition, Compression: FAST, Hash Cols: [name:
   ↪ Column#4, collate: binary], stream_count: 4 |
|              ─Projection_10   | 10000.00 | mpp[tiflash] |          | test.
   ↪ t.id, gt(test.t.id, 10)->Column#4
   ↪                                                                  |
|                ─TableFullScan_11 | 10000.00 | mpp[tiflash] | table:t | keep
   ↪  order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪                                                                   |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+-----
   ↪
9 rows in set (0.0073 sec)
```

In this output, you can see that the `Window` operation has a value of `mpp[tiflash]` in the `task` column, indicating that the `ROW_NUMBER()OVER (PARTITION BY id > 10)` operation can be pushed down to TiFlash.

```
CREATE TABLE t(id INT PRIMARY KEY, c1 VARCHAR(100));
ALTER TABLE t SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
```

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES(1,"foo"),(2,"bar"),(3,"bar foo"),(10,"foo"),(20,"bar")
    ↪ ,(30,"bar foo");

EXPLAIN SELECT id, MAX(id) OVER (PARTITION BY id > 10) FROM t;
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object | operator
    ↪ info                                  |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
| Projection_6              | 10000.00 | root    |              | test.t1.id,
    ↪ Column#5                                |
|  ─Shuffle_14              | 10000.00 | root    |              | execution
    ↪ info: concurrency:5, data sources:[Projection_8] |
|    ─Window_7              | 10000.00 | root    |              | max(test.t1.
    ↪ id)->Column#5 over(partition by Column#4) |
|      ─Sort_13             | 10000.00 | root    |              | Column#4
    ↪                                          |
|        ─Projection_8      | 10000.00 | root    |              | test.t1.id,
    ↪ gt(test.t1.id, 10)->Column#4            |
|          ─TableReader_10  | 10000.00 | root    |              | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_9                                 |
|            ─TableFullScan_9 | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order
    ↪ :false, stats:pseudo                    |
+--
    ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
7 rows in set (0.0010 sec)
```

In this output, you can see that the `Window` operation has a value of `root` in the `task` ↪ column, indicating that the `MAX(id)OVER (PARTITION BY id > 10)` operation cannot be pushed down to TiFlash. This is because `MAX()` is only supported for push-down as an aggregate function and not as a window function.

14.3.9 TiFlash Query Result Materialization

This document introduces how to save the TiFlash query result to a specified TiDB table in an `INSERT INTO SELECT` transaction.

Starting from v6.5.0, TiDB supports saving TiFlash query results in a table, that is, TiFlash query result materialization. During the execution of the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement, if TiDB pushes down the `SELECT` subquery to TiFlash, the TiFlash query result can be saved to a TiDB table specified in the `INSERT INTO` clause. For TiDB versions earlier

than v6.5.0, the TiFlash query results are read-only, so if you want to save TiFlash query results, you have to obtain them from the application level, and then save them in a separate transaction or process.

Note:

By default (`tidb_allow_mpp = ON`), the optimizer intelligently decides whether to push a query down to TiFlash based on the SQL mode and the cost estimates of the TiFlash replica.

- If the SQL mode of the current session is not strict (which means the `sql_mode` value does not contain `STRICT_TRANS_TABLES`' and `STRICT ↪ _ALL_TABLES`), the optimizer intelligently decides whether to push the `SELECT` subquery in `INSERT INTO SELECT` down to TiFlash based on the cost estimates of the TiFlash replica. In this mode, if you want to ignore the cost estimates of the optimizer and enforce that the queries are pushed down to TiFlash, you can set the `tidb_enforce_mpp` system variable to `ON`.
- If the SQL mode of the current session is strict (which means the `sql ↪ _mode` value contains either `STRICT_TRANS_TABLES` or `STRICT_ALL ↪ _TABLES`), the `SELECT` subquery in `INSERT INTO SELECT` cannot be pushed down to TiFlash.

The syntax of `INSERT INTO SELECT` is as follows.

```
INSERT [LOW_PRIORITY | HIGH_PRIORITY] [IGNORE]
    [INTO] tbl_name
    [PARTITION (partition_name [, partition_name] ...)]
    [(col_name [, col_name] ...)]
    SELECT ...
    [ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE assignment_list]value:
    {expr | DEFAULT}

assignment:
    col_name = valueassignment_list:
    assignment [, assignment] ...
```

For example, you can save the query result from table `t1` in the `SELECT` clause to table `t2` using the following `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement:

```
INSERT INTO t2 (name, country)
SELECT app_name, country FROM t1;
```

14.3.9.1 Typical and recommended usage scenarios

- Efficient BI solutions

  For many BI applications, the analysis query requests are very heavy. For example, when a lot of users access and refresh a report at the same time, a BI application needs to handle a lot of concurrent query requests. To deal with this situation effectively, you can use `INSERT INTO SELECT` to save the query results of the report in a TiDB table. Then, the end users can query data directly from the result table when the report is refreshed, which avoids multiple repeated computations and analyses. Similarly, by saving historical analysis results, you can further reduce the computation volume for long-time historical data analysis. For example, if you have a report `A` that is used to analyze daily sales profit, you can save the results of report `A` to a result table `T` using `INSERT INTO SELECT`. Then, when you need to generate a report `B` to analyze the sales profit of the past month, you can directly use the daily analysis results in table `T`. This way not only greatly reduces the computation volume but also improves the query response speed and reduces the system load.

- Serving online applications with TiFlash

  The number of concurrent requests supported by TiFlash depends on the volume of data and complexity of the queries, but it typically does not exceed 100 QPS. You can use `INSERT INTO SELECT` to save TiFlash query results, and then use the query result table to support highly concurrent online requests. The data in the result table can be updated in the background at a low frequency (for example, at an interval of 0.5 second), which is well below the TiFlash concurrency limit, while still maintaining a high level of data freshness.

14.3.9.2 Execution process

- During the execution of the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement, TiFlash first returns the query results of the `SELECT` clause to a TiDB server in the cluster, and then writes the results to the target table, which can have a TiFlash replica.
- The execution of the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement guarantees ACID properties.

14.3.9.3 Restrictions

- The TiDB memory limit on the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement can be adjusted using the system variable `tidb_mem_quota_query`. Starting from v6.5.0, it is not recommended to use `txn-total-size-limit` to control transaction memory size.

  For more information, see TiDB memory control.

- TiDB has no hard limit on the concurrency of the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement, but it is recommended to consider the following practices:

- When a "write transaction" is large, such as close to 1 GiB, it is recommended to control concurrency to no more than 10.
- When a "write transaction" is small, such as less than 100 MiB, it is recommended to control concurrency to no more than 30.
- Determine the concurrency based on testing results and specific circumstances.

14.3.9.4 Example

Data definition:

```
CREATE TABLE detail_data (
    ts DATETIME,             -- Fee generation time
    customer_id VARCHAR(20), -- Customer ID
    detail_fee DECIMAL(20,2)); -- Amount of fee

CREATE TABLE daily_data (
    rec_date DATE,           -- Date when data is collected
    customer_id VARCHAR(20), -- Customer ID
    daily_fee DECIMAL(20,2)); -- Amount of fee for per day

ALTER TABLE detail_data SET TIFLASH REPLICA 2;
ALTER TABLE daily_data SET TIFLASH REPLICA 2;

-- ... (detail_data table continues updating)
INSERT INTO detail_data(ts,customer_id,detail_fee) VALUES
('2023-1-1 12:2:3', 'cus001', 200.86),
('2023-1-2 12:2:3', 'cus002', 100.86),
('2023-1-3 12:2:3', 'cus002', 2200.86),
('2023-1-4 12:2:3', 'cus003', 2020.86),
('2023-1-5 12:2:3', 'cus003', 1200.86),
('2023-1-6 12:2:3', 'cus002', 20.86),
('2023-1-7 12:2:3', 'cus004', 120.56),
('2023-1-8 12:2:3', 'cus005', 320.16);

-- Execute the following SQL statement 13 times to insert a cumulative
   ↪ total of 65,536 rows into the table.
INSERT INTO detail_data SELECT * FROM detail_data;
```

Save daily analysis results:

```
SET @@sql_mode='NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_ZERO_DATE,ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO';

INSERT INTO daily_data (rec_date, customer_id, daily_fee)
SELECT DATE(ts), customer_id, sum(detail_fee) FROM detail_data WHERE DATE(
   ↪ ts) > DATE('2023-1-1 12:2:3') GROUP BY DATE(ts), customer_id;
```

Analyze monthly data based on daily analysis data:

```
SELECT MONTH(rec_date), customer_id, sum(daily_fee) FROM daily_data GROUP
    ↪ BY MONTH(rec_date), customer_id;
```

The preceding example materializes the daily analysis results and saves them to the daily result table, based on which the monthly data analysis is accelerated, thus improving data analysis efficiency.

14.3.10 TiFlash Late Materialization

> **Note:**
>
> TiFlash late materialization does not take effect in the fast scan mode.

TiFlash late materialization is an optimization method to accelerate queries in OLAP scenarios. You can use the `tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization` system variable to control whether to enable or disable TiFlash late materialization.

- When it is disabled, to process a `SELECT` statement with filter conditions (`WHERE` clause), TiFlash reads all the data from the columns required by the query, and then filters and aggregates the data based on the query conditions.
- When it is enabled, TiFlash supports pushing down part of the filter conditions to the TableScan operator. That is, TiFlash first scans the column data related to the filter conditions that are pushed down to the TableScan operator, filters the rows that meet the condition, and then scans the other column data of these rows for further calculation, thereby reducing IO scans and computations of data processing.

To improve the performance of certain queries in OLAP scenarios, starting from v7.1.0, the TiFlash late materialization feature is enabled by default. The TiDB optimizer can determine which filter conditions to be pushed down based on statistics and filter conditions, and prioritize pushing down the filter conditions with high filtration rates. For detailed algorithms, see the RFC document.

For example:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT a, b, c FROM t1 WHERE a < 1;
```

```
+-------------------------+---------+--------------+--------------+-------------------
    ↪
| id                      | estRows | task         | access object | operator
    ↪ info                                  |
```

```
+------------------------+---------+-------------+--------------+-------------------
   ↪
| TableReader_12       | 12288.00 | root      |              | MppVersion: 1,
   ↪  data:ExchangeSender_11          |
|  ─ExchangeSender_11  | 12288.00 | mpp[tiflash] |          | ExchangeType:
   ↪  PassThrough                      |
|    ─TableFullScan_9  | 12288.00 | mpp[tiflash] | table:t1 | pushed down
   ↪ filter:lt(test.t1.a, 1), keep order:false |
+------------------------+---------+-------------+--------------+-------------------
   ↪
```

In this example, the filter condition `a < 1` is pushed down to the TableScan operator. TiFlash first reads all data from column `a`, and then filters the rows that meet the `a < 1` condition. Next, TiFlash reads columns `b` and `c` from these filtered rows.

14.3.10.1 Enable or disable TiFlash late materialization

By default, the `tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization` system variable is `ON` at both the session and global levels, which means that the TiFlash late materialization feature is enabled. You can use the following statement to view the corresponding variable information:

```
SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization';
```

```
+---------------------------------------+-------+
| Variable_name                         | Value |
+---------------------------------------+-------+
| tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization | ON |
+---------------------------------------+-------+
```

```
SHOW GLOBAL VARIABLES LIKE 'tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization';
```

```
+---------------------------------------+-------+
| Variable_name                         | Value |
+---------------------------------------+-------+
| tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization | ON |
+---------------------------------------+-------+
```

You can modify the `tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization` variable at the session level or at the global level.

- To disable TiFlash late materialization in the current session, use the following statement:

  ```
  SET SESSION tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization=OFF;
  ```

- To disable TiFlash late materialization at the global level, use the following statement:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization=OFF;
```

  After this setting, the `tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization` variable will be enabled by default for both session and global levels in new sessions.

To enable TiFlash late materialization, use the following statements:

```
SET SESSION tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization=ON;
```

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization=ON;
```

14.3.10.2 Implementation mechanism

When filter conditions are pushed down to the TableScan operator, the execution process of the TableScan operator mainly includes the following steps:

1. Reads the three columns `<handle, del_mark, version>`, performs multi-version concurrency control (MVCC) filtering, and then generates the MVCC Bitmap.
2. Reads the columns related to the filter conditions, filters the rows that meet the conditions, and then generates the Filter Bitmap.
3. Performs an `AND` operation between the MVCC Bitmap and Filter Bitmap to generate the Final Bitmap.
4. Reads the corresponding rows of the remaining columns according to the Final Bitmap.
5. Merges the data read in steps 2 and 4, and then returns the results.

14.3.11 TiFlash Spill to Disk

This document introduces how TiFlash spills data to disk during computation.

Starting from v7.0.0, TiFlash supports spilling intermediate data to disk to relieve memory pressure. The following operators are supported:

- Hash Join operators with equi-join conditions
- Hash Aggregation operators with `GROUP BY` keys
- TopN operators, and Sort operators in Window functions

14.3.11.1 Trigger the spilling

TiFlash provides two triggering mechanisms for spilling data to disk.

- Operator-level spilling: by specifying the data spilling threshold for each operator, you can control when TiFlash spills data of that operator to disk.
- Query-level spilling: by specifying the maximum memory usage of a query on a TiFlash node and the memory ratio for spilling, you can control when TiFlash spills data of supported operators in a query to disk as needed.

14.3.11.1.1 Operator-level spilling

Starting from v7.0.0, TiFlash supports automatic spilling at the operator level. You can control the threshold of data spilling for each operator using the following system variables. When the memory usage of an operator exceeds the threshold, TiFlash triggers spilling for the operator.

- tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_group_by
- tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_join
- tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_sort

Example

This example constructs a SQL statement that consumes a lot of memory to demonstrate the spilling of the Hash Aggregation operator.

1. Prepare the environment. Create a TiFlash cluster with 2 nodes and import the TPCH-100 data.
2. Execute the following statements. These statements do not limit the memory usage of the Hash Aggregation operator with `GROUP BY` keys.

```
SET tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_group_by = 0;
SELECT
  l_orderkey,
  MAX(L_COMMENT),
  MAX(L_SHIPMODE),
  MAX(L_SHIPINSTRUCT),
  MAX(L_SHIPDATE),
  MAX(L_EXTENDEDPRICE)
FROM lineitem
GROUP BY l_orderkey
HAVING SUM(l_quantity) > 314;
```

3. From the log of TiFlash, you can see that the query needs to consume 29.55 GiB of memory on a single TiFlash node:

```
[DEBUG] [MemoryTracker.cpp:69] ["Peak memory usage (total): 29.55 GiB
    ↪ ."] [source=MemoryTracker] [thread_id=468]
```

4. Execute the following statement. This statement limits the memory usage of the Hash Aggregation operator with `GROUP BY` keys to 10737418240 (10 GiB).

```
SET tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_group_by = 10737418240;
SELECT
  l_orderkey,
  MAX(L_COMMENT),
```

```
  MAX(L_SHIPMODE),
  MAX(L_SHIPINSTRUCT),
  MAX(L_SHIPDATE),
  MAX(L_EXTENDEDPRICE)
FROM lineitem
GROUP BY l_orderkey
HAVING SUM(l_quantity) > 314;
```

5. From the log of TiFlash, you can see that by configuring `tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_group_by`, TiFlash triggers the spilling of intermediate results, significantly reducing the memory used by the query.

```
[DEBUG] [MemoryTracker.cpp:69] ["Peak memory usage (total): 12.80 GiB."] [source=MemoryTracker] [thread_id=110]
```

14.3.11.1.2 Query-level spilling

Starting from v7.4.0, TiFlash supports automatic spilling at the query level. You can control this feature using the following system variables:

- `tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node`: limits the maximum memory usage for a query on a TiFlash node.
- `tiflash_query_spill_ratio`: controls the memory ratio that triggers data spilling.

If both `tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node` and `tiflash_query_spill_ratio` are set to values greater than 0, TiFlash automatically triggers spilling for supported operators in a query when the memory usage of a query exceeds `tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node * tiflash_query_spill_ratio`.

Example

This example constructs a SQL statement that consumes a lot of memory to demonstrate the query-level spilling.

1. Prepare the environment. Create a TiFlash cluster with 2 nodes and import the TPCH-100 data.

2. Execute the following statements. These statements do not limit the memory usage of the query or the memory usage of the Hash Aggregation operator with `GROUP BY` keys.

```
SET tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_group_by = 0;
SET tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node = 0;
SET tiflash_query_spill_ratio = 0;
SELECT
  l_orderkey,
  MAX(L_COMMENT),
```

```
  MAX(L_SHIPMODE),
  MAX(L_SHIPINSTRUCT),
  MAX(L_SHIPDATE),
  MAX(L_EXTENDEDPRICE)
FROM lineitem
GROUP BY l_orderkey
HAVING SUM(l_quantity) > 314;
```

3. From the log of TiFlash, you can see that the query consumes 29.55 GiB of memory on a single TiFlash node:

```
[DEBUG] [MemoryTracker.cpp:69] ["Peak memory usage (total): 29.55 GiB
    ↪ ."] [source=MemoryTracker] [thread_id=468]
```

4. Execute the following statements. These statements limit the maximum memory usage of the query on a TiFlash node to 5 GiB.

```
SET tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node = 5368709120;
SET tiflash_query_spill_ratio = 0.7;
SELECT
  l_orderkey,
  MAX(L_COMMENT),
  MAX(L_SHIPMODE),
  MAX(L_SHIPINSTRUCT),
  MAX(L_SHIPDATE),
  MAX(L_EXTENDEDPRICE)
FROM lineitem
GROUP BY l_orderkey
HAVING SUM(l_quantity) > 314;
```

5. From the log of TiFlash, you can see that by configuring query-level spilling, TiFlash triggers the spilling of intermediate results, significantly reducing the memory used by the query.

```
[DEBUG] [MemoryTracker.cpp:101] ["Peak memory usage (for query): 3.94
    ↪ GiB."] [source=MemoryTracker] [thread_id=1547]
```

14.3.11.2 Notes

- When the Hash Aggregation operator does not have a `GROUP BY` key, it does not support spilling. Even if the Hash Aggregation operator contains a distinct aggregation function, it does not support spilling.

- Currently, the threshold for operator-level spilling is calculated for each operator separately. For a query containing two Hash Aggregation operators, if the query-level spilling is not configured and the threshold of the aggregation operator is set to 10 GiB, the two Hash Aggregation operators will only spill data when their respective memory usage exceeds 10 GiB.
- Currently, the Hash Aggregation operators and TopN/Sort operators use the merge aggregation and merge sort algorithm during the restore phase. Therefore, these two operators only trigger a single round of spill. If the memory demand is very high and the memory usage during the restore phase still exceeds the threshold, the spill will not be triggered again.
- Currently, the Hash Join operator uses the partition-based spill strategy. If the memory usage during the restore phase still exceeds the threshold, the spill will be triggered again. However, to control the scale of the spill, the number of rounds of spill is limited to three. If the memory usage during the restore phase still exceeds the threshold after the third round of spill, the spill will not be triggered again.
- When query-level spilling is configured (that is, both `tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node` and `tiflash_query_spill_ratio` are greater than 0), TiFlash ignores spilling thresholds of individual operators and automatically triggers spilling for relevant operators in a query based on the query-level spilling thresholds.
- Even when query-level spilling is configured, if none of the operators used in a query support spilling, the intermediate computation results of that query still cannot be spilled to disk. In this case, when the memory usage of that query exceeds the related threshold, TiFlash will return an error and terminate the query.
- Even when query-level spilling is configured and a query contains operators that support spilling, the query might still return an error due to exceeding memory thresholds in either of the following scenarios:
    - Other non-spilling operators in the query consume too much memory.
    - The spilling operators do not spill to disk timely.

To address situations where spilling operators do not spill to disk in time, you can try reducing `tiflash_query_spill_ratio` to avoid memory threshold errors.

14.3.12 TiFlash Data validation

This document introduces the data validation mechanism and tools for TiFlash.

Data corruptions are usually caused by serious hardware failures. In such cases, even if you attempt to manually recover data, your data become less reliable.

To ensure data integrity, by default, TiFlash performs basic data validation on data files, using the `City128` algorithm. In the event of any data validation failure, TiFlash immediately reports an error and exits, avoiding secondary disasters caused by inconsistent data. At this time, you need to manually intervene and replicate the data again before you can restore the TiFlash node.

Starting from v5.4.0, TiFlash introduces more advanced data validation features. TiFlash uses the `XXH3` algorithm by default and allows you to customize the validation frame and algorithm.

14.3.12.1 Validation mechanism

The validation mechanism builds upon the DeltaTree File (DTFile). DTFile is the storage file that persists TiFlash data. DTFile has three formats:

Version	State	Validation mechanism	Notes
V1	Deprecated	Hashes are embedded in data files.	
V2	Default for versions < v6.0.0	Hashes are embedded in data files.	Compared to V1, V2 adds statistics of column data.

Version	State	Validation mechanism	Notes
V3	Default for versions >= v6.0.0	V3 contains metadata and token data checksum, and supports multiple hash algorithms.	New in v5.4.0.

DTFile is stored in the `stable` folder in the data file directory. All formats currently enabled are in folder format, which means the data is stored in multiple files under a folder with a name like `dmf_<file id>`.

14.3.12.1.1 Use data validation

TiFlash supports both automatic and manual data validation:

- Automatic data validation:
  - v6.0.0 and later versions use the V3 validation mechanism by default.
  - Versions earlier than v6.0.0 use the V2 validation mechanism by default.
  - To manually switch the validation mechanism, refer to TiFlash configuration file. However, the default configuration is verified by tests and therefore recommended.
- Manual data validation. Refer to `DTTool inspect`.

Warning:

After you enable the V3 validation mechanism, the newly generated DTFile cannot be directly read by TiFlash earlier than v5.4.0. Since v5.4.0, TiFlash supports both V2 and V3 and does not actively upgrade or downgrade versions. If you need to upgrade or downgrade versions for existing files, you need to manually switch versions.

14.3.12.1.2 Validation tool

In addition to automatic data validation performed when TiFlash reads data, a tool for manually checking data integrity is introduced in v5.4.0. For details, refer to DTTool.

14.3.13 TiFlash MinTSO Scheduler

The TiFlash MinTSO scheduler is a distributed scheduler for MPP tasks in TiFlash. This document describes the implementation principles of the TiFlash MinTSO scheduler.

14.3.13.1 Background

When processing an MPP query, TiDB splits the query into one or more MPP tasks and sends these MPP tasks to the corresponding TiFlash nodes for compilation and execution. Before TiFlash uses the pipeline execution model, TiFlash needs to use several threads to execute each MPP task, with the specific number of threads depending on the complexity of the MPP task and the concurrency parameters set in TiFlash.

In high concurrency scenarios, TiFlash nodes receive multiple MPP tasks simultaneously. If the execution of MPP tasks is not controlled, the number of threads that TiFlash needs to request from the system will increase linearly along with the increasing number of MPP tasks. Too many threads can affect the execution efficiency of TiFlash, and because the operating system itself supports a limited number of threads, TiFlash will encounter errors when it requests more threads than the operating system can provide.

To improve TiFlash's processing capability in high concurrency scenarios, an MPP task scheduler needs to be introduced into TiFlash.

14.3.13.2 Implementation principles

As mentioned in the background, the initial purpose of introducing the TiFlash task scheduler is to control the number of threads used during MPP query execution. A simple scheduling strategy is to specify the maximum number of threads TiFlash can request. For each MPP task, the scheduler decides whether the MPP task can be scheduled based on the

current number of threads used by the system and the expected number of threads the MPP task will use:

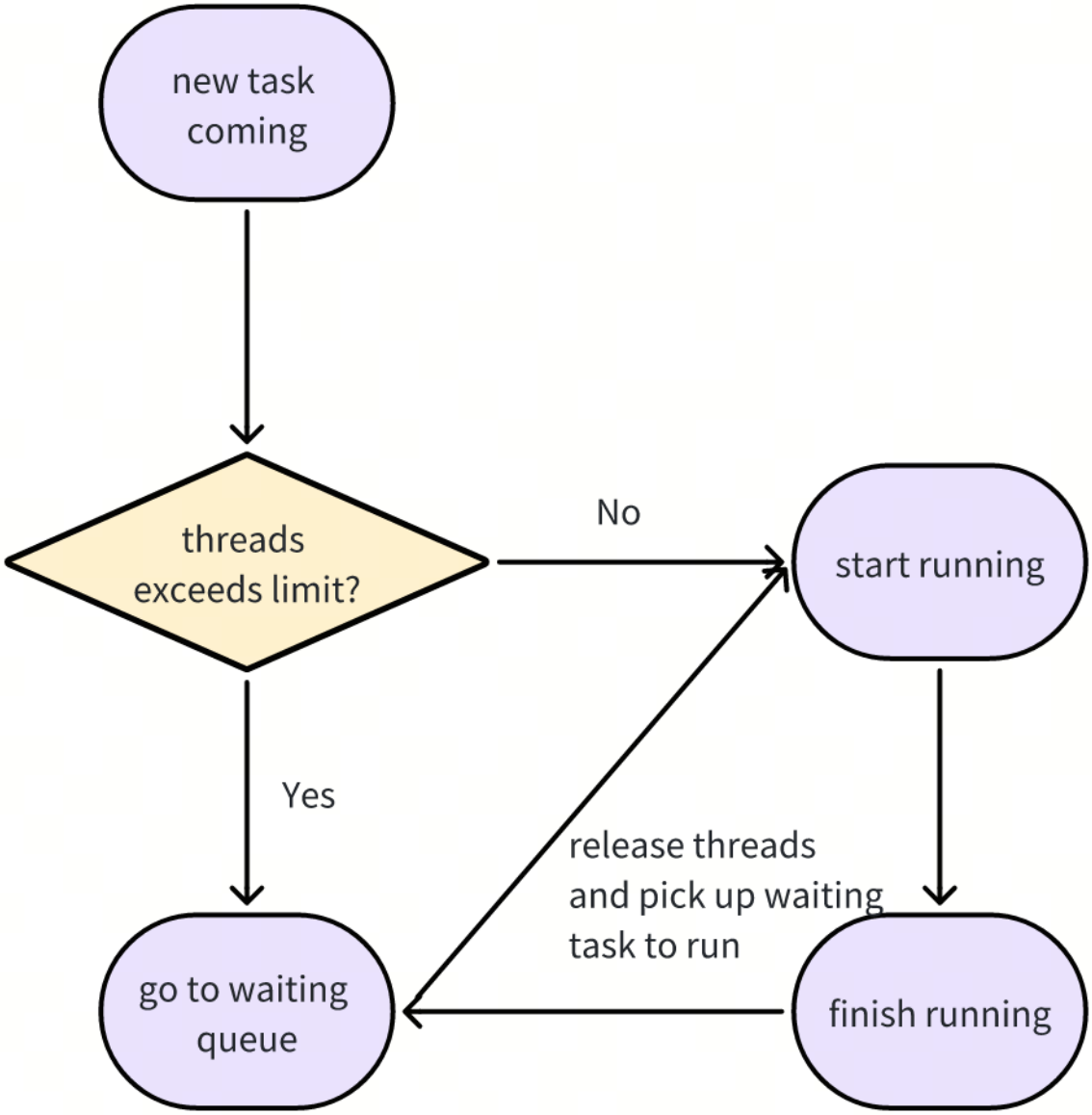

Figure 557: TiFlash MinTSO Scheduler v1

Although the preceding scheduling strategy can effectively control the number of system threads, an MPP task is not the smallest independent execution unit, and dependencies exist between different MPP tasks:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT count(*) FROM t0 a JOIN t0 b ON a.id = b.id;
```

```
+-------------------------------------------+----------+--------------+---------------+
   ↪
| id                                        | estRows | task         | access
   ↪ object | operator info                                          |
+-------------------------------------------+----------+--------------+---------------+
   ↪
| HashAgg_44                                | 1.00    | root         |
   ↪              | funcs:count(Column#8)->Column#7                    |
|  ─TableReader_46                          | 1.00    | root         |
   ↪              | MppVersion: 2, data:ExchangeSender_45              |
|    ─ExchangeSender_45                     | 1.00    | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | ExchangeType: PassThrough                          |
|      ─HashAgg_13                          | 1.00    | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | funcs:count(1)->Column#8                           |
|        ─Projection_43                     | 12487.50 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | test.t0.id                                         |
|          ─HashJoin_42                     | 12487.50 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | inner join, equal:[eq(test.t0.id, test.t0.id)]     |
|            ─ExchangeReceiver_22(Build)    | 9990.00 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              |                                                    |
|              ─ExchangeSender_21           | 9990.00 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | ExchangeType: Broadcast, Compression: FAST         |
|                ─Selection_20              | 9990.00 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | not(isnull(test.t0.id))                            |
|                  ─TableFullScan_19        | 10000.00 | mpp[tiflash] | table:a
   ↪   | pushed down filter:empty, keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|            ─Selection_24(Probe)           | 9990.00 | mpp[tiflash] |
   ↪              | not(isnull(test.t0.id))                            |
|              ─TableFullScan_23            | 10000.00 | mpp[tiflash] | table:b
   ↪   | pushed down filter:empty, keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+-------------------------------------------+----------+--------------+---------------+
   ↪
```

For example, the preceding query generates two MPP tasks on each TiFlash node, where the MPP task containing the `ExchangeSender_45` executor depends on the MPP task containing the `ExchangeSender_21` executor. In high concurrency scenarios, if the scheduler schedules the MPP task containing `ExchangeSender_45` for each query, the system will enter a deadlock state.

To avoid deadlock, TiFlash introduces the following two levels of thread limits:

- thread_soft_limit: used to limit the number of threads used by the system. For specific MPP tasks, this limit can be broken to avoid deadlock.
- thread_hard_limit: used to protect the system. Once the number of threads used by the system exceeds the hard limit, TiFlash will report an error to avoid deadlock.

The soft limit and hard limit work together to avoid deadlock as follows: the soft limit restricts the total number of threads used by all queries, enabling full use of resources while avoiding thread resource exhaustion; the hard limit ensures that in any situation, at least one query in the system can break the soft limit and continue to acquire thread resources and run, thus avoiding deadlock. As long as the number of threads does not exceed the hard limit, there will always be one query in the system where all its MPP tasks can be executed normally, thus preventing deadlock.

The goal of the MinTSO scheduler is to control the number of system threads while ensuring that there is always one and only one special query in the system, where all its MPP tasks can be scheduled. The MinTSO scheduler is a fully distributed scheduler, with each TiFlash node scheduling MPP tasks based only on its own information. Therefore, all MinTSO schedulers on TiFlash nodes need to identify the same "special" query. In TiDB, each query carries a read timestamp (`start_ts`), and the MinTSO scheduler defines the "special" query as the query with the smallest `start_ts` on the current TiFlash node. Based on the principle that the global minimum is also the local minimum, the "special" query selected by all TiFlash nodes must be the same, called the MinTSO query.

The scheduling process of the MinTSO Scheduler is as follows:

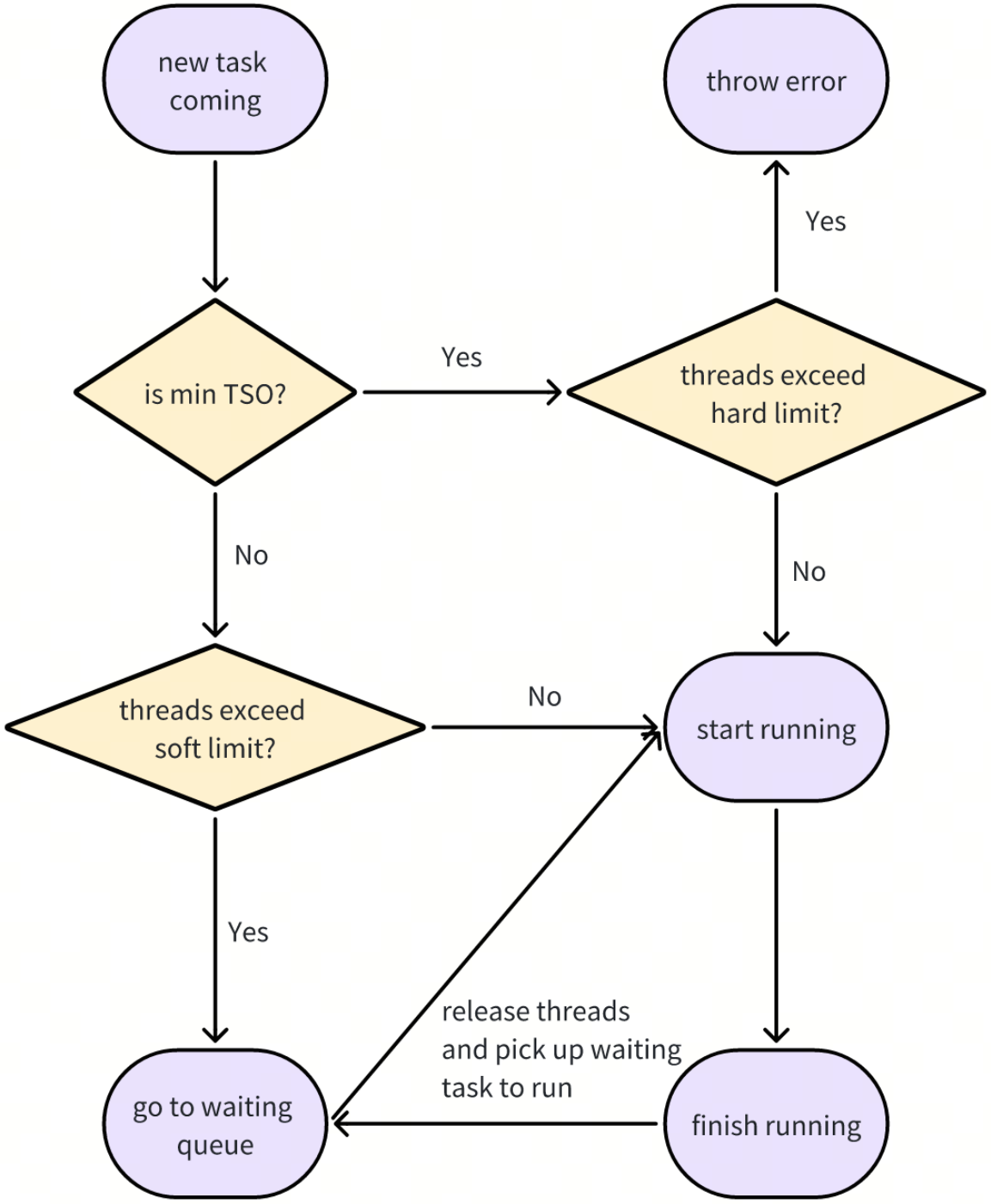

Figure 558: TiFlash MinTSO Scheduler v2

By introducing soft limit and hard limit, the MinTSO scheduler effectively avoids system deadlock while controlling the number of system threads. In high concurrency scenar-

ios, however, most queries might only have part of their MPP tasks scheduled. Queries with only part of MPP tasks scheduled cannot execute normally, leading to low system execution efficiency. To avoid this situation, TiFlash introduces a query-level limit for the MinTSO scheduler, called active_set_soft_limit. This limit allows only MPP tasks of up to active_set_soft_limit queries to participate in scheduling; MPP tasks of other queries do not participate in scheduling, and only after the current queries finish can new queries participate in scheduling. This limit is only a soft limit because for the MinTSO query, all its MPP tasks can be scheduled directly as long as the number of system threads does not exceed the hard limit.

14.3.13.3 See also

- Configure TiFlash: learn how to configure the MinTSO scheduler.

14.3.14 TiFlash Compatibility Notes

TiFlash is incompatible with TiDB in the following situations:

- In the TiFlash computation layer:
  - Checking overflowed numerical values is not supported. For example, adding two maximum values of the `BIGINT` type `9223372036854775807 + 9223372036854775807`. The expected behavior of this calculation in TiDB is to return the `ERROR 1690 (22003): BIGINT value is out of range` error. However, if this calculation is performed in TiFlash, an overflow value of `-2` is returned without any error.
  - Not all window functions are supported for pushdown.
  - Reading data from TiKV is not supported.
  - Currently, the `SUM` function in TiFlash does not support the string-type argument. But TiDB cannot identify whether any string-type argument has been passed into the `SUM` function during the compiling. Therefore, when you execute statements similar to `SELECT SUM(string_col)FROM t`, TiFlash returns the `[FLASH:Coprocessor:Unimplemented] CastStringAsReal is not supported .` error. To avoid such an error in this case, you need to modify this SQL statement to `SELECT SUM(CAST(string_col AS double))FROM t`.
  - Currently, TiFlash's decimal division calculation is incompatible with that of TiDB. For example, when dividing decimal, TiFlash performs the calculation always using the type inferred from the compiling. However, TiDB performs this calculation using a type that is more precise than that inferred from the compiling. Therefore, some SQL statements involving the decimal division return different execution results when executed in TiDB + TiKV and in TiDB + TiFlash. For example:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t (a DECIMAL(3,0), b DECIMAL(10, 0));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.07 sec)
mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES (43, 1044774912);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)
mysql> ALTER TABLE t SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.07 sec)
mysql> SET SESSION tidb_isolation_read_engines='tikv';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> SELECT a/b, a/b + 0.0000000000001 FROM t WHERE a/b;
+--------+-----------------------+
| a/b    | a/b + 0.0000000000001 |
+--------+-----------------------+
| 0.0000 |     0.0000000410001 |
+--------+-----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> SET SESSION tidb_isolation_read_engines='tiflash';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> SELECT a/b, a/b + 0.0000000000001 FROM t WHERE a/b;
Empty set (0.01 sec)
```

In the preceding example, `a/b`'s inferred type from the compiling is `DECIMAL(7,4)` ↪ both in TiDB and in TiFlash. Constrained by `DECIMAL(7,4)`, `a/b`'s returned type is `0.0000`. In TiDB, `a/b`'s runtime precision is higher than `DECIMAL(7,4)`, so the original table data is not filtered by the `WHERE a/b` condition. However, in TiFlash, the calculation of `a/b` uses `DECIMAL(7,4)` as the result type, so the original table data is filtered by the `WHERE a/b` condition.

14.3.15 TiFlash Pipeline Execution Model

This document introduces the TiFlash pipeline execution model.

Starting from v7.2.0, TiFlash supports a new execution model, the pipeline execution model.

- For v7.2.0 and v7.3.0: The pipeline execution model is experimental and is controlled by `tidb_enable_tiflash_pipeline_model`.
- For v7.4.0 and later versions: The pipeline execution model becomes generally available. It is an internal feature of TiFlash and is tightly integrated with TiFlash resource control. When you enable TiFlash resource control, the pipeline execution model is automatically enabled. For more information about how to use TiFlash resource control, refer to Use Resource Control to Achieve Resource Group Limitation and Flow Control. Additionally, starting from v7.4.0, the system variable `tidb_enable_tiflash` ↪ `_pipeline_model` is deprecated.

Inspired by the paper Morsel-Driven Parallelism: A NUMA-Aware Query Evaluation Framework for the Many-Core Age, the TiFlash pipeline execution model provides a fine-grained task scheduling model, which is different from the traditional thread scheduling model. It reduces the overhead of operating system thread application and scheduling and provides a fine-grained scheduling mechanism.

14.3.15.1 Design and implementation

The original TiFlash stream model is a thread scheduling execution model. Each query independently applies for several threads to execute in coordination.

The thread scheduling model has the following two defects:

- In high-concurrency scenarios, too many threads cause a large number of context switches, resulting in high thread scheduling costs.
- The thread scheduling model cannot accurately measure the resource usage of queries or do fine-grained resource control.

The new pipeline execution model makes the following optimizations:

- The queries are divided into multiple pipelines and executed in sequence. In each pipeline, the data blocks are kept in the cache as much as possible to achieve better temporal locality and improve the efficiency of the entire execution process.
- To get rid of the native thread scheduling model of the operating system and implement a more fine-grained scheduling mechanism, each pipeline is instantiated into several tasks and uses the task scheduling model. At the same time, a fixed thread pool is used to reduce the overhead of operating system thread scheduling.

The architecture of the pipeline execution model is as follows:

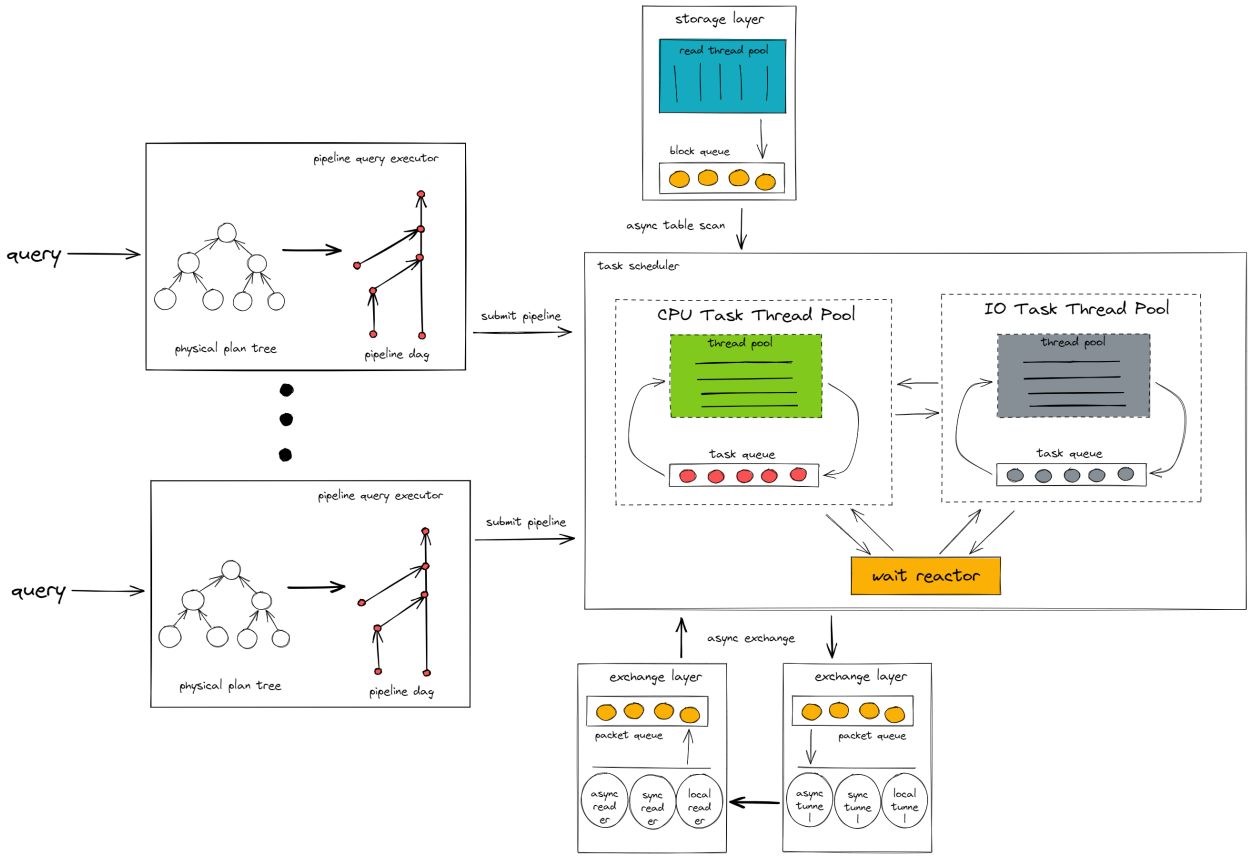

Figure 559: TiFlash pipeline execution model design

As shown in the preceding figure, the pipeline execution model consists of two main components: the pipeline query executor and the task scheduler.

- The pipeline query executor

  The pipeline query executor converts the query request sent from the TiDB node into a pipeline directed acyclic graph (DAG).

  It will find the pipeline breaker operators in the query and split the query into several pipelines according to the pipeline breakers. Then, it assembles the pipelines into a DAG according to the dependency relationship between the pipelines.

  A pipeline breaker is an operator that has a pause/blocking logic. This type of operator continuously receives data blocks from the upstream operator until all data blocks are received, and then return the processing result to the downstream operator. This type of operator breaks the data processing pipeline, so it is called a pipeline breaker. One of the pipeline breakers is the Aggregation operator, which writes all the data of the upstream operator into a hash table before calculating the data in the hash table and returning the result to the downstream operator.

After the query is converted into a pipeline DAG, the pipeline query executor executes each pipeline in sequence according to the dependency relationship. The pipeline is instantiated into several tasks according to the query concurrency and submitted to the task scheduler for execution.

- Task scheduler

  The task scheduler executes the tasks submitted by the pipeline query executor. The tasks are dynamically switched between different components in the task scheduler according to the different execution logic.

  - CPU task thread pool

    Executes the CPU-intensive calculation logic in the task, such as data filtering and function calculation.

  - IO task thread pool

    Executes the IO-intensive calculation logic in the task, such as writing intermediate results to disk.

  - Wait reactor

    Executes the wait logic in the task, such as waiting for the network layer to transfer the data packet to the calculation layer.

14.4 TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF)

14.4.1 TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF)

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

TiDB adopts a computing-storage separation architecture with excellent scalability and elasticity. Starting from v7.1.0, TiDB introduces a **Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF)** to further leverage the resource advantages of the distributed architecture. The goal of the DXF is to implement unified scheduling and distributed execution of tasks, and to provide unified resource management capabilities for both overall and individual tasks, which better meets users' expectations for resource usage.

This document describes the use cases, limitations, usage, and implementation principles of the DXF.

14.4.1.1 Use cases

In a database management system, in addition to the core transactional processing (TP) and analytical processing (AP) workloads, there are other important tasks, such as DDL operations, `IMPORT INTO`, TTL, `ANALYZE`, and Backup/Restore. These tasks need to process a large amount of data in database objects (tables), so they typically have the following characteristics:

- Need to process all data in a schema or a database object (table).
- Might need to be executed periodically, but at a low frequency.
- If the resources are not properly controlled, they are prone to affect TP and AP tasks, lowering the database service quality.

Enabling the DXF can solve the above problems and has the following three advantages:

- The framework provides unified capabilities for high scalability, high availability, and high performance.
- The DXF supports distributed execution of tasks, which can flexibly schedule the available computing resources of the entire TiDB cluster, thereby better utilizing the computing resources in a TiDB cluster.
- The DXF provides unified resource usage and management capabilities for both overall and individual tasks.

Currently, the DXF supports the distributed execution of the `ADD INDEX` and `IMPORT INTO` statements.

- `ADD INDEX` is a DDL statement used to create indexes. For example:

```
ALTER TABLE t1 ADD INDEX idx1(c1);
CREATE INDEX idx1 ON table t1(c1);
```

- `IMPORT INTO` is used to import data in formats such as CSV, SQL, and Parquet into an empty table.

14.4.1.2 Limitation

The DXF can only schedule up to 16 tasks (including `ADD INDEX` tasks and `IMPORT INTO` tasks) simultaneously.

14.4.1.3 Prerequisites

Before using the DXF to execute `ADD INDEX` tasks, you need to enable the Fast Online DDL mode.

1. Adjust the following system variables related to Fast Online DDL:

- `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg`: used to enable Fast Online DDL mode. It is enabled by default starting from TiDB v6.5.0.
- `tidb_ddl_disk_quota`: used to control the maximum quota of local disks that can be used in Fast Online DDL mode.

2. Adjust the following configuration item related to Fast Online DDL:

    - `temp-dir`: specifies the local disk path that can be used in Fast Online DDL mode.

> **Note:**
>
> It is recommended that you prepare at least 100 GiB of free space for the TiDB `temp-dir` directory.

14.4.1.4 Usage

1. To enable the DXF, set the value of `tidb_enable_dist_task` to `ON`. Starting from v8.1.0, this variable is enabled by default. For newly created clusters of v8.1.0 or later versions, you can skip this step.

    ```
    SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_dist_task = ON;
    ```

    When the DXF tasks are running, the statements supported by the framework (such as `ADD INDEX` and `IMPORT INTO`) are executed in a distributed manner. All TiDB nodes run DXF tasks by default.

2. In general, for the following system variables that might affect the distributed execution of DDL tasks, it is recommended that you use their default values:

    - `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt`: use the default value `4`. The recommended maximum value is `16`.
    - `tidb_ddl_reorg_priority`
    - `tidb_ddl_error_count_limit`
    - `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size`: use the default value. The recommended maximum value is `1024`.

14.4.1.5 Task scheduling

By default, the DXF schedules all TiDB nodes to execute distributed tasks. Starting from v7.4.0, for TiDB Self-Managed clusters, you can control which TiDB nodes can be scheduled by the DXF to execute distributed tasks by configuring `tidb_service_scope`.

- For versions from v7.4.0 to v8.0.0, the optional values of `tidb_service_scope` are `''` or `background`. If the current cluster has TiDB nodes with `tidb_service_scope = 'background'`, the DXF schedules tasks to these nodes for execution. If the current cluster does not have TiDB nodes with `tidb_service_scope = 'background'`, whether due to faults or normal scaling in, the DXF schedules tasks to nodes with `tidb_service_scope = ''` for execution.
- Starting from v8.1.0, you can set `tidb_service_scope` to any valid value. When a distributed task is submitted, the task binds to the `tidb_service_scope` value of the currently connected TiDB node, and the DXF only schedules the task to the TiDB nodes with the same `tidb_service_scope` value for execution. However, for configuration compatibility with earlier versions, if a distributed task is submitted on a node with `tidb_service_scope = ''` and the current cluster has TiDB nodes with `tidb_service_scope = 'background'`, the DXF schedules the task to TiDB nodes with `tidb_service_scope = 'background'` for execution.

Starting from v8.1.0, if new nodes are added during task execution, the DXF determines whether to schedule tasks to the new nodes for execution based on the preceding rules. If you do not want newly added nodes to execute tasks, it is recommended to set a different `tidb_service_scope` for those newly added nodes in advance.

Note:

- For versions from v7.4.0 to v8.0.0, in clusters with multiple TiDB nodes, it is strongly recommended to set `tidb_service_scope` to `background` on two or more TiDB nodes. If this variable is set only on a single TiDB node, when that node restarts or fails, tasks will be rescheduled to TiDB nodes with `tidb_service_scope = ''`, which affects applications running on these TiDB nodes.
- During the execution of a distributed task, changes to the `tidb_service_scope` configuration do not take effect for the current task, but take effect from the next task.

14.4.1.6 Implementation principles

The architecture of the DXF is as follows:

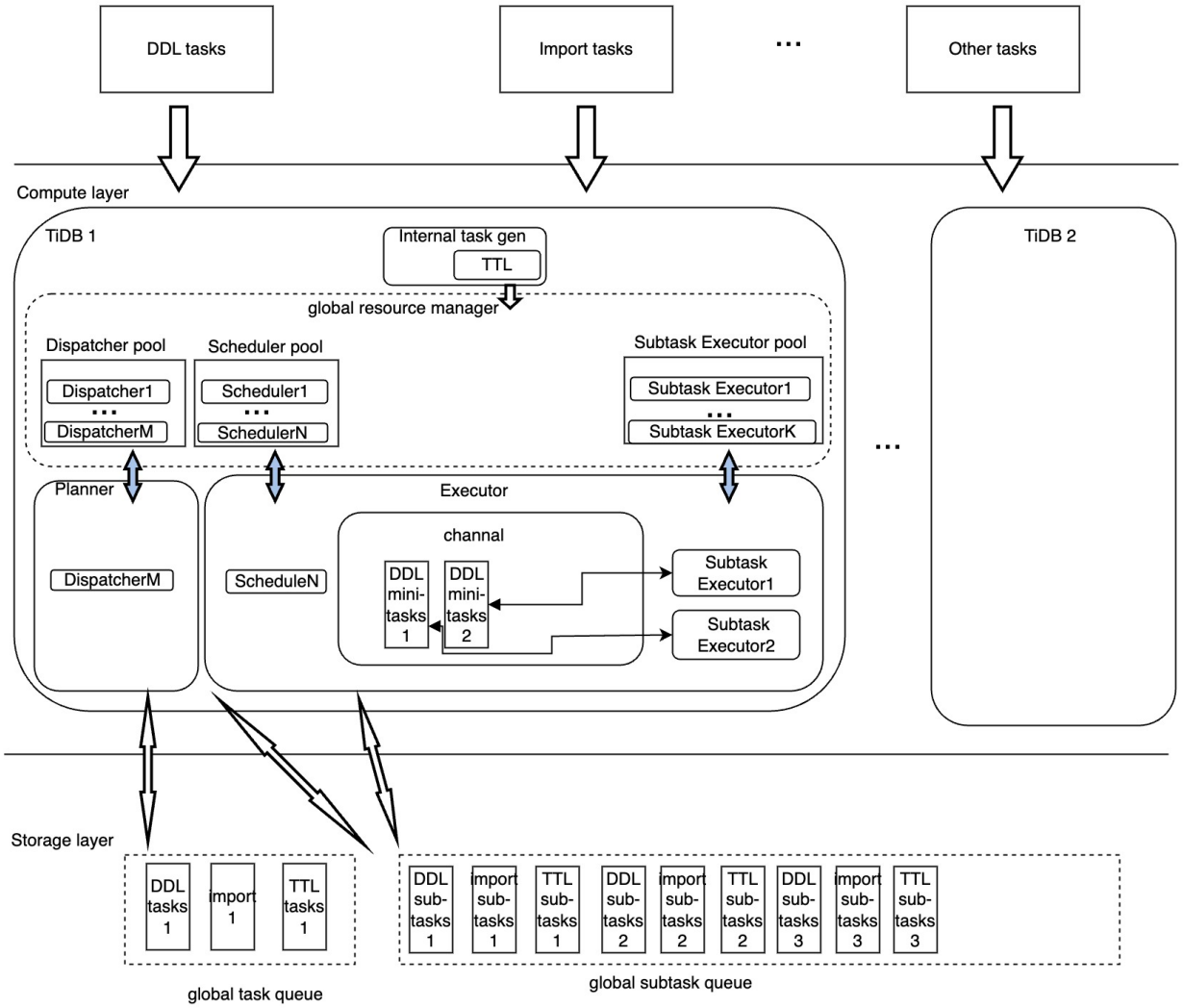

Figure 560: Architecture of the DXF

As shown in the preceding diagram, the execution of tasks in the DXF is mainly handled by the following modules:

- Dispatcher: generates the distributed execution plan for each task, manages the execution process, converts the task status, and collects and feeds back the runtime task information.
- Scheduler: replicates the execution of distributed tasks among TiDB nodes to improve the efficiency of task execution.
- Subtask Executor: the actual executor of distributed subtasks. In addition, the Subtask Executor returns the execution status of subtasks to the Scheduler, and the Scheduler updates the execution status of subtasks in a unified manner.
- Resource pool: provides the basis for quantifying resource usage and management by pooling computing resources of the above modules.

14.4.1.7 See also

- Execution Principles and Best Practices of DDL Statements
- Execution Principles and Best Practices of DDL Statements

14.4.2 TiDB Global Sort

> **Note:**
>
> - Currently, the Global Sort process consumes a large amount of computing and memory resources of TiDB nodes. In scenarios such as adding indexes online while user business applications are running, it is recommended to add new TiDB nodes to the cluster, configure the `tidb_service_scope` variable for these nodes, and connect to these nodes to create tasks. In this way, the distributed framework schedules tasks to these nodes, isolating the workload from other TiDB nodes to reduce the impact of executing backend tasks such as `ADD INDEX` and `IMPORT INTO` on user business applications.
> - When the Global Sort feature is used, it is recommended to use TiDB nodes with at least 16 cores of CPU and 32 GiB of memory to avoid OOM.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.4.2.1 Overview

The TiDB Global Sort feature enhances the stability and efficiency of data import and DDL (Data Definition Language) operations. It serves as a general operator in the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF), providing a global sort service on cloud.

Currently, the Global Sort feature supports using Amazon S3 as cloud storage.

14.4.2.2 Use cases

The Global Sort feature enhances the stability and efficiency of `IMPORT INTO` and `CREATE INDEX`. By globally sorting the data that are processed by the tasks, it improves the

stability, controllability, and scalability of writing data to TiKV. This provides an enhanced user experience for data import and DDL tasks, as well as higher-quality services.

The Global Sort feature executes tasks within the unified DXF, ensuring efficient and parallel sorting of data on a global scale.

14.4.2.3 Limitations

Currently, the Global Sort feature is not used as a component of the query execution process responsible for sorting query results.

14.4.2.4 Usage

To enable Global Sort, follow these steps:

1. Enable the DXF by setting the value of `tidb_enable_dist_task` to `ON`. Starting from v8.1.0, this variable is enabled by default. For newly created clusters of v8.1.0 or later versions, you can skip this step.

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_dist_task = ON;
```

2. Set `tidb_cloud_storage_uri` to a correct cloud storage path. See an example.

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_cloud_storage_uri = 's3://my-bucket/test-data?role-arn=
    ↪ arn:aws:iam::888888888888:role/my-role'
```

> **Note:**
>
> For `IMPORT INTO`, you can also specify the cloud storage path using the `CLOUD_STORAGE_URI` option. If both `tidb_cloud_storage_uri` and `CLOUD ↪ _STORAGE_URI` are configured with a valid cloud storage path, the configuration of `CLOUD_STORAGE_URI` takes effect for `IMPORT INTO`.

14.4.2.5 Implementation principles

The algorithm of the Global Sort feature is as follows:

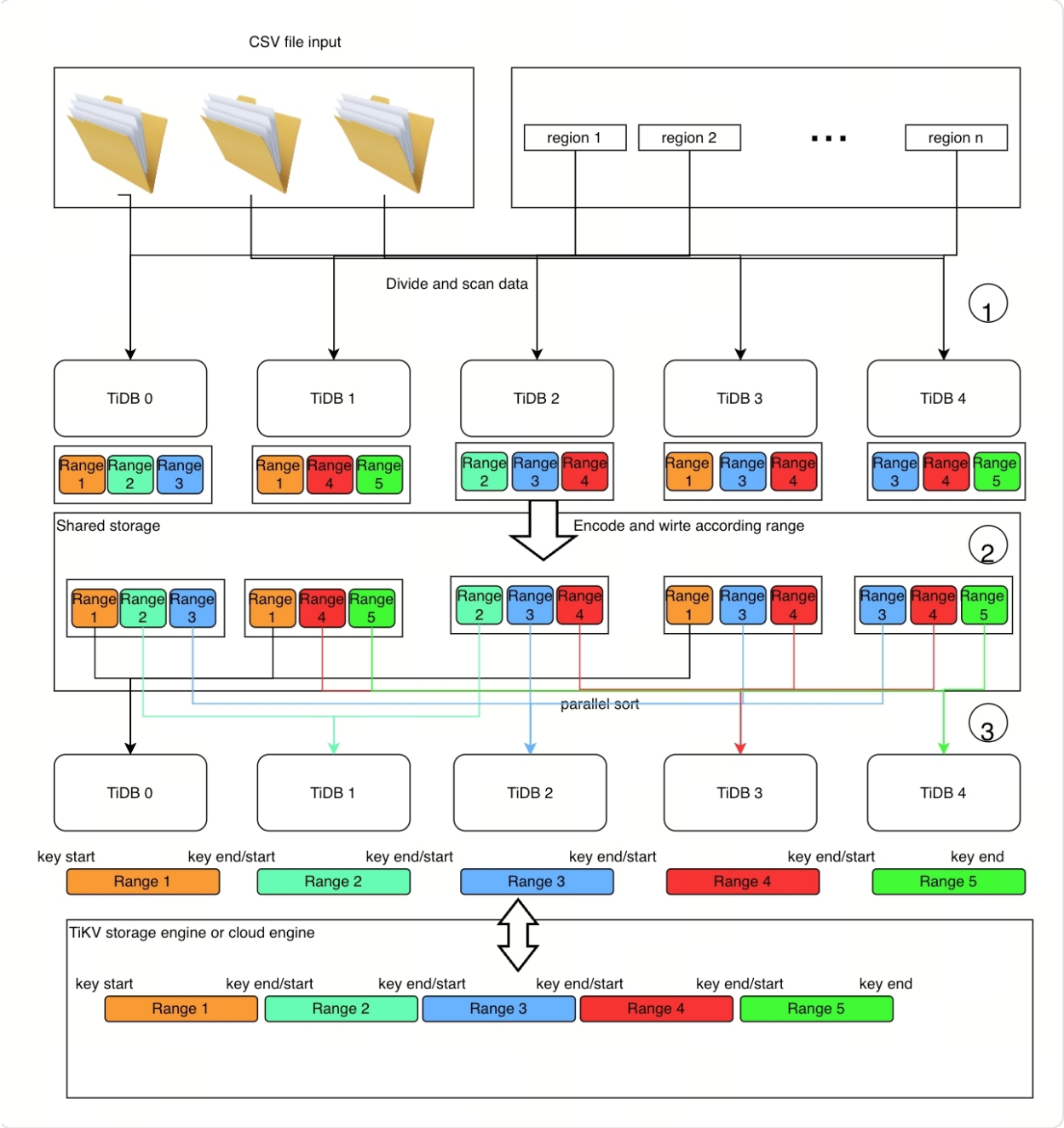

Figure 561: Algorithm of Global Sort

The detailed implementation principles are as follows:

14.4.2.5.1 Step 1: Scan and prepare data

1. After TiDB nodes scan a specific range of data (the data source can be either CSV data or table data in TiKV):

    1. TiDB nodes encode them into Key-Value pairs.
    2. TiDB nodes sort Key-Value pairs into several block data segments (the data segments are locally sorted), where each segment is one file and is uploaded into the cloud storage.

2. The TiDB node also records a serial actual Key-Value ranges for each segment (referred to as a statistics file), which is a key preparation for scalable sort implementation. These files are then uploaded into the cloud storage along with the real data.

14.4.2.5.2 Step 2: Sort and distribute data

From step 1, the Global Sort program obtains a list of sorted blocks and their corresponding statistics files, which provide the number of locally sorted blocks. The program also has a real data scope that can be used by PD to split and scatter. The following steps are performed:

1. Sort the records in the statistics file to divide them into nearly equal-sized ranges, which are subtasks that will be executed in parallel.
2. Distribute the subtasks to TiDB nodes for execution.
3. Each TiDB node independently sorts the data of subtasks into ranges and ingests them into TiKV without overlap.

14.5 System Variables

TiDB system variables behave similar to MySQL, in that settings apply on a `SESSION` or `GLOBAL` scope:

- Changes on a `SESSION` scope will only affect the current session.
- Changes on a `GLOBAL` scope apply immediately. If this variable is also`SESSION` scoped, all sessions (including your session) will continue to use their current session value.
- Changes are made using the `SET` statement:

```
## These two identical statements change a session variable
SET tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency = 10;
SET SESSION tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency = 10;

## These two identical statements change a global variable
SET @@global.tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency = 10;
SET GLOBAL tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency = 10;
```

Note:

Several `GLOBAL` variables persist to the TiDB cluster. Some variables in this document have a `Persists to cluster` setting, which can be configured to `Yes` or `No`.

- For variables with the `Persists to cluster: Yes` setting, when a global variable is changed, a notification is sent to all TiDB servers to refresh their system variable cache. When you add additional TiDB servers or restart existing TiDB servers, the persisted configuration value is automatically used.
- For variables with the `Persists to cluster: No` setting, changes only apply to the local TiDB instance that you are connected to. To retain any values set, you need to specify the variables in your `tidb.toml` configuration file.

Additionally, TiDB presents several MySQL variables as both readable and settable. This is required for compatibility, because it is common for both applications and connectors to read MySQL variables. For example, JDBC connectors both read and set query cache settings, despite not relying on the behavior.

Note:

Larger values do not always yield better performance. It is also important to consider the number of concurrent connections that are executing statements, because most settings apply to each connection.

Consider the unit of a variable when you determine safe values:

- For threads, safe values are typically up to the number of CPU cores.
- For bytes, safe values are typically less than the amount of system memory.
- For time, pay attention that the unit might be seconds or milliseconds.

Variables using the same unit might compete for the same set of resources.

Starting from v7.4.0, you can temporarily modify the value of some `SESSION` variables during statement execution using `SET_VAR`. After the statement is executed, the value of the system variable in the current session is automatically changed back to the original value. This hint can be used to modify some system variables related to the optimizer and

executor. Variables in this document have a `Applies to hint SET_VAR` setting, which can be configured to `Yes` or `No`.

- For variables with the `Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes` setting, you can use the `SET_VAR` hint to modify the value of the system variable in the current session during statement execution.
- For variables with the `Applies to hint SET_VAR: No` setting, you cannot use the `SET_VAR` hint to modify the value of the system variable in the current session during statement execution.

For more information about the `SET_VAR` hint, see SET_VAR.

14.5.1 Variable reference

14.5.1.1 allow_auto_random_explicit_insert New in v4.0.3

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- Determines whether to allow explicitly specifying the values of the column with the `AUTO_RANDOM` attribute in the `INSERT` statement.

14.5.1.2 authentication_ldap_sasl_auth_method_name New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `SCRAM-SHA-1`
- Possible values: `SCRAM-SHA-1`, `SCRAM-SHA-256`, and `GSSAPI`.
- For LDAP SASL authentication, this variable specifies the authentication method name.

14.5.1.3 authentication_ldap_sasl_bind_base_dn New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: “”
- For LDAP SASL authentication, this variable limits the search scope within the search tree. If a user is created without the `AS ...` clause, TiDB will automatically search the `dn` in LDAP server according to the user name.

14.5.1.4 authentication_ldap_sasl_bind_root_dn New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: “”
- For LDAP SASL authentication, this variable specifies the `dn` used to log in to the LDAP server to search users.

14.5.1.5 authentication_ldap_sasl_bind_root_pwd New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: “”
- For LDAP SASL authentication, this variable specifies the password used to log in to the LDAP server to search users.

14.5.1.6 authentication_ldap_sasl_ca_path New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: “”
- For LDAP SASL authentication, this variable specifies the absolute path of the certificate authority file for StartTLS connections.

14.5.1.7 authentication_ldap_sasl_init_pool_size New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `10`
- Range: `[1, 32767]`
- For LDAP SASL authentication, this variable specifies the initial connections in the connection pool to the LDAP server.

14.5.1.8 authentication_ldap_sasl_max_pool_size New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1000`
- Range: `[1, 32767]`
- For LDAP SASL authentication, this variable specifies the maximum connections in the connection pool to the LDAP server.

14.5.1.9 authentication_ldap_sasl_server_host New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: “”
- For LDAP SASL authentication, this variable specifies the LDAP server host name or IP address.

14.5.1.10 authentication_ldap_sasl_server_port New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `389`
- Range: `[1, 65535]`
- For LDAP SASL authentication, this variable specifies the TCP/IP port number of the LDAP server.

14.5.1.11 authentication_ldap_sasl_tls New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- For LDAP SASL authentication, this variable controls whether connections by the plugin to the LDAP server are protected with StartTLS.

14.5.1.12 authentication_ldap_simple_auth_method_name New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `SIMPLE`
- Possible values: `SIMPLE`.
- For LDAP simple authentication, this variable specifies the authentication method name. The only supported value is `SIMPLE`.

14.5.1.13 authentication_ldap_simple_bind_base_dn New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: ""
- For LDAP simple authentication, this variable limits the search scope within the search tree. If a user is created without the `AS ...` clause, TiDB will automatically search the `dn` in LDAP server according to the user name.

14.5.1.14 authentication_ldap_simple_bind_root_dn New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: ""
- For LDAP simple authentication, this variable specifies the `dn` used to log in to the LDAP server to search users.

14.5.1.15 authentication_ldap_simple_bind_root_pwd New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: ""
- For LDAP simple authentication, this variable specifies the password used to log in to the LDAP server to search users.

14.5.1.16 authentication_ldap_simple_ca_path New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: “”
- For LDAP simple authentication, this variable specifies the absolute path of the certificate authority file for StartTLS connections.

14.5.1.17 authentication_ldap_simple_init_pool_size New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `10`
- Range: `[1, 32767]`
- For LDAP simple authentication, this variable specifies the initial connections in the connection pool to the LDAP server.

14.5.1.18 authentication_ldap_simple_max_pool_size New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1000`
- Range: `[1, 32767]`
- For LDAP simple authentication, this variable specifies the maximum connections in the connection pool to the LDAP server.

14.5.1.19 authentication_ldap_simple_server_host New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: “”
- For LDAP simple authentication, this variable specifies the LDAP server host name or IP address.

14.5.1.20 authentication_ldap_simple_server_port New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `389`
- Range: `[1, 65535]`
- For LDAP simple authentication, this variable specifies the TCP/IP port number of the LDAP server.

14.5.1.21 authentication_ldap_simple_tls New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- For LDAP simple authentication, this variable controls whether connections by the plugin to the LDAP server are protected with StartTLS.

14.5.1.22 auto_increment_increment

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[1, 65535]`
- Controls the step size of `AUTO_INCREMENT` values to be allocated to a column, and allocation rules for `AUTO_RANDOM` IDs. It is often used in combination with `auto_increment_offset`.

14.5.1.23 auto_increment_offset

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[1, 65535]`
- Controls the initial offset of `AUTO_INCREMENT` values to be allocated to a column, and allocation rules for `AUTO_RANDOM` IDs. This setting is often used in combination with `auto_increment_increment`. For example:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a int not null primary key auto_increment);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

mysql> set auto_increment_offset=1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> set auto_increment_increment=3;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (),(),(),();
Query OK, 4 rows affected (0.04 sec)
Records: 4 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+
| a  |
+----+
|  1 |
|  4 |
|  7 |
| 10 |
+----+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.5.1.24 autocommit

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- Controls whether statements should automatically commit when not in an explicit transaction. See Transaction Overview for more information.

14.5.1.25 block_encryption_mode

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `aes-128-ecb`

- Value options: `aes-128-ecb`, `aes-192-ecb`, `aes-256-ecb`, `aes-128-cbc`, `aes-192-cbc`, `aes-256-cbc`, `aes-128-ofb`, `aes-192-ofb`, `aes-256-ofb`, `aes-128-cfb`, `aes-192-cfb`, `aes-256-cfb`
- This variable sets the encryption mode for the built-in functions `AES_ENCRYPT()` and `AES_DECRYPT()`.

14.5.1.26 character_set_client

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `utf8mb4`
- The character set for data sent from the client. See Character Set and Collation for details on the use of character sets and collations in TiDB. It is recommended to use `SET NAMES` to change the character set when needed.

14.5.1.27 character_set_connection

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `utf8mb4`
- The character set for string literals that do not have a specified character set.

14.5.1.28 character_set_database

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `utf8mb4`
- This variable indicates the character set of the default database in use. **It is NOT recommended to set this variable**. When a new default database is selected, the server changes the variable value.

14.5.1.29 character_set_results

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `utf8mb4`
- The character set that is used when data is sent to the client.

14.5.1.30 character_set_server

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `utf8mb4`
- The default character set for the server.

14.5.1.31 collation_connection

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `utf8mb4_bin`
- This variable indicates the collation used in the current connection. It is consistent with the MySQL variable `collation_connection`.

14.5.1.32 collation_database

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `utf8mb4_bin`
- This variable indicates the default collation of the database in use. **It is NOT recommended to set this variable**. When a new database is selected, TiDB changes this variable value.

14.5.1.33 collation_server

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `utf8mb4_bin`
- The default collation used when the database is created.

14.5.1.34 cte_max_recursion_depth

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1000`
- Range: `[0, 4294967295]`
- Controls the maximum recursion depth in Common Table Expressions.

14.5.1.35 datadir

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is not supported on TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: it depends on the component and the deployment method.
  - `/tmp/tidb`: when you set `"unistore"` for `--store` or if you don't set `--store`.
  - `${pd-ip}:${pd-port}`: when you use TiKV, which is the default storage engine for TiUP and TiDB Operator for Kubernetes deployments.
- This variable indicates the location where data is stored. This location can be a local path `/tmp/tidb`, or point to a PD server if the data is stored on TiKV. A value in the format of `${pd-ip}:${pd-port}` indicates the PD server that TiDB connects to on startup.

14.5.1.36 ddl_slow_threshold

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `300`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Milliseconds
- Log DDL operations whose execution time exceeds the threshold value.

14.5.1.37 default_authentication_plugin

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `mysql_native_password`
- Possible values: `mysql_native_password`, `caching_sha2_password`, `tidb_sm3_password`, `tidb_auth_token`, `authentication_ldap_sasl`, and `authentication_ldap_simple`.

- This variable sets the authentication method that the server advertises when the server-client connection is being established.
- To authenticate using the `tidb_sm3_password` method, you can connect to TiDB using TiDB-JDBC.

For more possible values of this variable, see Authentication plugin status.

14.5.1.38 default_collation_for_utf8mb4 New in v7.4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL | SESSION
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: `utf8mb4_bin`
- Value options: `utf8mb4_bin`, `utf8mb4_general_ci`, `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci`
- This variable is used to set the default collation for the `utf8mb4` character set. It affects the behavior of the following statements:
  - The default collation displayed in the `SHOW COLLATION` and `SHOW CHARACTER SET` statements.
  - If `CREATE TABLE` and `ALTER TABLE` statements contain the `CHARACTER SET utf8mb4` clause against a table or a column without specifying a collation, the collation specified by this variable is used. This does not affect the behavior when `CHARACTER SET` clause is not used.
  - If `CREATE DATABASE` and `ALTER DATABASE` statements contain `CHARACTER SET utf8mb4` clause without specifying a collation, the collation specified by this variable is used. This does not affect the behavior when `CHARACTER SET` clause is not used.
  - If the `COLLATE` clause is not used, any literal string in the format of `_utf8mb4'string'` uses the collation specified by this variable.

14.5.1.39 default_password_lifetime New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 65535]`
- Sets the global policy for automatic password expiration. The default value `0` indicates that the password never expires. If this system variable is set to a positive integer `N`, it means that the password lifetime is `N` days, and you must change your password within `N` days.

14.5.1.40 default_week_format

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 7]`
- Sets the week format used by the `WEEK()` function.

14.5.1.41 disconnect_on_expired_password New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is read-only. It indicates whether TiDB disconnects the client connection when the password is expired. If the variable is set to `ON`, the client connection is disconnected when the password is expired. If the variable is set to `OFF`, the client connection is restricted to the "sandbox mode" and the user can only execute the password reset operation.

- If you need to change the behavior of the client connection for the expired password, modify the `security.disconnect-on-expired-password` configuration item in the configuration file.

14.5.1.42 div_precision_increment New in v8.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `4`
- Range: `[0, 30]`
- This variable specifies the number of digits by which to increase the scale of the result of a division operation performed using the `/` operator. This variable is the same as MySQL.

14.5.1.43 error_count

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No

- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- A read-only variable that indicates the number of errors that resulted from the last statement that generated messages.

14.5.1.44 foreign_key_checks

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: Before v6.6.0, the default value is `OFF`. Starting from v6.6.0, the default value is `ON`.
- This variable controls whether to enable foreign key constraint checking.

14.5.1.45 group_concat_max_len

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1024`
- Range: `[4, 18446744073709551615]`
- The maximum buffer size for items in the `GROUP_CONCAT()` function.

14.5.1.46 have_openssl

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `DISABLED`
- A read-only variable for MySQL compatibility. Set to `YES` by the server when the server has TLS enabled.

14.5.1.47 have_ssl

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `DISABLED`
- A read-only variable for MySQL compatibility. Set to `YES` by the server when the server has TLS enabled.

14.5.1.48 hostname

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: (system hostname)
- The hostname of the TiDB server as a read-only variable.

14.5.1.49 identity New in v5.3.0

This variable is an alias for `last_insert_id`.

14.5.1.50 init_connect

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: “”
- The `init_connect` feature permits a SQL statement to be automatically executed when you first connect to a TiDB server. If you have the `CONNECTION_ADMIN` or `SUPER` privileges, this `init_connect` statement will not be executed. If the `init_connect` statement results in an error, your user connection will be terminated.

14.5.1.51 innodb_lock_wait_timeout

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `50`
- Range: `[1, 3600]`
- Unit: Seconds
- The lock wait timeout for pessimistic transactions (default).

14.5.1.52 interactive_timeout

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL

- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `28800`
- Range: `[1, 31536000]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable represents the idle timeout of the interactive user session. Interactive user session refers to the session established by calling `mysql_real_connect()` API using the `CLIENT_INTERACTIVE` option (for example, MySQL Shell and MySQL Client). This variable is fully compatible with MySQL.

14.5.1.53 last_insert_id

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 18446744073709551615]`
- This variable returns the last `AUTO_INCREMENT` or `AUTO_RANDOM` value generated by an insert statement.
- The value of `last_insert_id` is the same as the value returned by the function `LAST_INSERT_ID()`.

14.5.1.54 last_plan_from_binding New in v4.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- This variable is used to show whether the execution plan used in the previous statement was influenced by a plan binding

14.5.1.55 last_plan_from_cache New in v4.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- This variable is used to show whether the execution plan used in the previous `execute` statement is taken directly from the plan cache.

14.5.1.56 last_sql_use_alloc New in v6.4.0

- Scope: SESSION

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- This variable is read-only. It is used to show whether the previous statement uses a cached chunk object (chunk allocation).

14.5.1.57 license

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `Apache License 2.0`
- This variable indicates the license of your TiDB server installation.

14.5.1.58 max_allowed_packet New in v6.1.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `67108864`
- Range: `[1024, 1073741824]`
- The value should be an integer multiple of 1024. If the value is not divisible by 1024, a warning will be prompted and the value will be rounded down. For example, when the value is set to 1025, the actual value in TiDB is 1024.
- The maximum packet size allowed by the server and the client in one transmission of packets.
- In the `SESSION` scope, this variable is read-only.
- This variable is compatible with MySQL.

14.5.1.59 password_history New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 4294967295]`

- This variable is used to establish a password reuse policy that allows TiDB to limit password reuse based on the number of password changes. The default value `0` means disabling the password reuse policy based on the number of password changes. When this variable is set to a positive integer `N`, the reuse of the last `N` passwords is not allowed.

14.5.1.60 mpp_exchange_compression_mode New in v6.6.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: `UNSPECIFIED`
- Value options: `NONE`, `FAST`, `HIGH_COMPRESSION`, `UNSPECIFIED`
- This variable is used to specify the data compression mode of the MPP Exchange operator. This variable takes effect when TiDB selects the MPP execution plan with the version number `1`. The meanings of the variable values are as follows:
  - `UNSPECIFIED`: means unspecified. TiDB will automatically select the compression mode. Currently, TiDB automatically selects the `FAST` mode.
  - `NONE`: no data compression is used.
  - `FAST`: fast mode. The overall performance is good and the compression ratio is less than `HIGH_COMPRESSION`.
  - `HIGH_COMPRESSION`: the high compression ratio mode.

14.5.1.61 mpp_version New in v6.6.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: `UNSPECIFIED`
- Value options: `UNSPECIFIED`, `0`, `1`, `2`
- This variable is used to specify different versions of the MPP execution plan. After a version is specified, TiDB selects the specified version of the MPP execution plan. The meanings of the variable values are as follows:
  - `UNSPECIFIED`: means unspecified. TiDB automatically selects the latest version `2`.
  - `0`: compatible with all TiDB cluster versions. Features with the MPP version greater than `0` do not take effect in this mode.
  - `1`: new in v6.6.0, used to enable data exchange with compression on TiFlash. For details, see MPP version and exchange data compression.
  - `2`: new in v7.3.0, used to provide more accurate error messages when MPP tasks encounter errors on TiFlash.

14.5.1.62 password_reuse_interval New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 4294967295]`
- This variable is used to establish a password reuse policy that allows TiDB to limit password reuse based on time elapsed. The default value `0` means disabling the password reuse policy based on time elapsed. When this variable is set to a positive integer `N`, the reuse of any password used in the last `N` days is not allowed.

14.5.1.63 max_connections

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 100000]`
- The maximum number of concurrent connections permitted for a single TiDB instance. This variable can be used for resources control.
- The default value `0` means no limit. When the value of this variable is larger than `0` ↪ , and the number of connections reaches the value, the TiDB server rejects new connections from clients.

14.5.1.64 max_execution_time

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Milliseconds
- The maximum execution time of a statement. The default value is unlimited (zero).

Note:

> Before v6.4.0, the `max_execution_time` system variable takes effect on all types of statements. Starting from v6.4.0, this variable only controls the maximum execution time of read-only statements. The precision of the timeout value is roughly 100ms. This means the statement might not be terminated in exact milliseconds as you specify.

For a SQL statement with the `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME` hint, the maximum execution time of this statement is limited by the hint instead of this variable. The hint can also be used with SQL bindings as described in the SQL FAQ.

14.5.1.65 max_prepared_stmt_count

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[-1, 1048576]`
- Specifies the maximum number of `PREPARE` statements in the current TiDB instance.
- The value of `-1` means no limit on the maximum number of `PREPARE` statements in the current TiDB instance.
- If you set the variable to a value that exceeds the upper limit `1048576`, `1048576` is used instead:

```
mysql> SET GLOBAL max_prepared_stmt_count = 1048577;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message                                                         |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| Warning | 1292 | Truncated incorrect max_prepared_stmt_count value: '
    ↪ 1048577' |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SHOW GLOBAL VARIABLES LIKE 'max_prepared_stmt_count';
+--------------------------+---------+
| Variable_name            | Value   |
+--------------------------+---------+
| max_prepared_stmt_count | 1048576 |
+--------------------------+---------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.5.1.66 pd_enable_follower_handle_region New in v7.6.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to enable the Active PD Follower feature (currently only applicable to requests for Region information). When the value is `OFF`, TiDB only obtains Region information from the PD leader. When the value is `ON`, TiDB evenly distributes requests for Region information to all PD servers, and PD followers can also handle Region requests, thereby reducing the CPU pressure on the PD leader.
- Scenarios for enabling Active PD Follower:
  - In a cluster with a large number of Regions, the PD leader experiences high CPU pressure due to the increased overhead of handling heartbeats and scheduling tasks.
  - In a TiDB cluster with many TiDB instances, the PD leader experiences high CPU pressure due to a high concurrency of requests for Region information.

14.5.1.67 plugin_dir

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is not supported on TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: “”
- Indicates the directory to load plugins as specified by a command-line flag.

14.5.1.68 plugin_load

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is not supported on TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: ""
- Indicates the plugins to load when TiDB is started. These plugins are specified by a command-line flag and separated by commas.

14.5.1.69 port

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `4000`
- Range: `[0, 65535]`
- The port that the `tidb-server` is listening on when speaking the MySQL protocol.

14.5.1.70 rand_seed1

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- This variable is used to seed the random value generator used in the `RAND()` SQL function.
- The behavior of this variable is MySQL compatible.

14.5.1.71 rand_seed2

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`

- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- This variable is used to seed the random value generator used in the `RAND()` SQL function.
- The behavior of this variable is MySQL compatible.

14.5.1.72 require_secure_transport New in v6.1.0

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, this variable is not supported on TiDB Cloud Dedicated. DO **NOT** enable this variable for TiDB Cloud Dedicated clusters. Otherwise, you might get SQL client connection failures. This restriction is a temporary control measure and will be resolved in a future release.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF` for TiDB Self-Managed and TiDB Cloud Dedicated, `ON` for TiDB Cloud Serverless

- This variable ensures that all connections to TiDB are either on a local socket, or using TLS. See Enable TLS between TiDB Clients and Servers for additional details.

- Setting this variable to `ON` requires you to connect to TiDB from a session that has TLS enabled. This helps prevent lock-out scenarios when TLS is not configured correctly.
- This setting was previously a `tidb.toml` option (`security.require-secure-transport`), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.
- Starting from v6.5.6, v7.1.2, v7.5.1, and v8.0.0, when Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) is enabled, setting this variable to `ON` is prohibited to avoid potential connectivity issues for users.

14.5.1.73 skip_name_resolve New in v5.2.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether the `tidb-server` instance resolves hostnames as a part of the connection handshake.
- When the DNS is unreliable, you can enable this option to improve network performance.

> **Note:**
>
> When `skip_name_resolve=ON`, users with a hostname in their identity will no longer be able to log into the server. For example:
>
> ```
> CREATE USER 'appuser'@'apphost' IDENTIFIED BY 'app-password';
> ```
>
> In this example, it is recommended to replace `apphost` with an IP address or the wildcard (`%`).

14.5.1.74 socket

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: ""
- The local unix socket file that the `tidb-server` is listening on when speaking the MySQL protocol.

14.5.1.75 sql_mode

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_ZERO_DATE,ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION`
- This variable controls a number of MySQL compatibility behaviors. See SQL Mode for more information.

14.5.1.76 sql_require_primary_key New in v6.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to enforce the requirement that a table has a primary key. After this variable is enabled, attempting to create or alter a table without a primary key will produce an error.
- This feature is based on the similarly named `sql_require_primary_key` in MySQL 8.0.
- It is strongly recommended to enable this variable when using TiCDC. This is because replicating changes to a MySQL sink requires that tables have a primary key.

- If you enable this variable and are using TiDB Data Migration (DM) to migrate data, it is recommended that you add `sql_require_primary_key` to the `session` part in the DM Task Configuration File and set it to `OFF`. Otherwise, it will cause DM to fail to create tasks.

14.5.1.77 sql_select_limit New in v4.0.2

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `18446744073709551615`
- Range: `[0, 18446744073709551615]`
- Unit: Rows
- The maximum number of rows returned by the `SELECT` statements.

14.5.1.78 ssl_ca

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: “”
- The location of the certificate authority file (if there is one). The value of this variable is defined by the TiDB configuration item `ssl-ca`.

14.5.1.79 ssl_cert

- Scope: NONE

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: “”
- The location of the certificate file (if there is a file) that is used for SSL/TLS connections. The value of this variable is defined by the TiDB configuration item `ssl-cert`.

14.5.1.80 ssl_key

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: “”
- The location of the private key file (if there is one) that is used for SSL/TLS connections. The value of this variable is defined by TiDB configuration item `ssl-key`.

14.5.1.81 system_time_zone

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: (system dependent)
- This variable shows the system time zone from when TiDB was first bootstrapped. See also `time_zone`.

14.5.1.82 tidb_adaptive_closest_read_threshold New in v6.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `4096`
- Range: `[0, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Bytes
- This variable is used to control the threshold at which the TiDB server prefers to send read requests to a replica in the same availability zone as the TiDB server when `tidb_replica_read` is set to `closest-adaptive`. If the estimated result is higher than or equal to this threshold, TiDB prefers to send read requests to a replica in the same availability zone. Otherwise, TiDB sends read requests to the leader replica.

14.5.1.83 tidb_allow_tiflash_cop New in v7.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean

- Default value: `OFF`
- When TiDB pushes computation tasks down to TiFlash, there are three methods (or protocols) to choose from: Cop, BatchCop, and MPP. Compared to Cop and BatchCop, the MPP protocol is more mature and offers better task and resource management. Therefore, it is recommended to use the MPP protocol.
    - `0` or `OFF`: the optimizer only generates plans using the TiFlash MPP protocol.
    - `1` or `ON`: the optimizer determines whether to use the Cop, BatchCop, or MPP protocol to generate execution plans based on the cost estimation.

14.5.1.84 tidb_allow_batch_cop New in v4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[0, 2]`
- This variable is used to control how TiDB sends a coprocessor request to TiFlash. It has the following values:
    - `0`: Never send requests in batches
    - `1`: Aggregation and join requests are sent in batches
    - `2`: All coprocessor requests are sent in batches

14.5.1.85 tidb_allow_fallback_to_tikv New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: “”
- This variable is used to specify a list of storage engines that might fall back to TiKV. If the execution of a SQL statement fails due to a failure of the specified storage engine in the list, TiDB retries executing this SQL statement with TiKV. This variable can be set to “” or “tiflash”. When this variable is set to “tiflash”, if TiFlash returns a timeout error (error code: ErrTiFlashServerTimeout), TiDB retries executing this SQL statement with TiKV.

14.5.1.86 tidb_allow_function_for_expression_index New in v5.2.0

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `json_array, json_array_append, json_array_insert, json_contains, json_contains_path, json_depth, json_extract, json_insert, json_keys, json_length, json_merge_patch, json_merge_preserve, json_object, json_pretty, json_quote, json_remove, json_replace, json_schema_valid, json_search, json_set, json_storage_size, json_type, json_unquote, json_valid, lower, md5, reverse, tidb_shard, upper, vitess_hash`
- This read-only variable is used to show the functions that are allowed to be used for creating expression indexes.

14.5.1.87 tidb_allow_mpp New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- Controls whether to use the MPP mode of TiFlash to execute queries. The value options are as follows:
  - `0` or `OFF`, which means that the MPP mode will not be used. For v7.3.0 or a later version, if you set the value of this variable to `0` or `OFF`, you also need to enable the `tidb_allow_tiflash_cop` variable. Otherwise, queries might return errors.
  - `1` or `ON`, which means that the optimizer determines whether to use the MPP mode based on the cost estimation (by default).

MPP is a distributed computing framework provided by the TiFlash engine, which allows data exchange between nodes and provides high-performance, high-throughput SQL algorithms. For details about the selection of the MPP mode, refer to Control whether to select the MPP mode.

14.5.1.88 tidb_allow_remove_auto_inc New in v2.1.18 and v3.0.4

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to set whether the `AUTO_INCREMENT` property of a column is allowed to be removed by executing `ALTER TABLE MODIFY` or `ALTER TABLE CHANGE` statements. It is not allowed by default.

14.5.1.89 tidb_analyze_column_options New in v8.3.0

> **Note:**
>
> - This variable only works when `tidb_analyze_version` is set to `2`.
> - If you upgrade your TiDB cluster from a version earlier than v8.3.0 to v8.3.0 or later, this variable is set to `ALL` by default to keep the original behavior.
> - Starting from v8.3.0, for a newly deployed TiDB cluster, this variable is set to `PREDICATE` by default.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `PREDICATE`
- Value options:`ALL`, `PREDICATE`
- This variable controls the behavior of the `ANALYZE TABLE` statement. Setting it to `PREDICATE` means only collecting statistics for predicate columns; setting it to `ALL` means collecting statistics for all columns. In scenarios where OLAP queries are used, it is recommended to set it to `ALL`, otherwise collecting statistics can result in a significant drop in query performance.

14.5.1.90 tidb_analyze_distsql_scan_concurrency New in v7.6.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `4`
- Range: `[0, 4294967295]`. In versions earlier than v8.2.0, the minimum value is `1`. When you set it to `0`, it adaptively adjusts the concurrency based on the cluster size.
- This variable is used to set the concurrency of the `scan` operation when executing the `ANALYZE` operation.

14.5.1.91 tidb_analyze_partition_concurrency

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No

- Default value: 2. The default value is 1 for v7.4.0 and earlier versions.
- Range: [1, 128]. Before v8.4.0, the value range is [1, 18446744073709551615].
- This variable specifies the concurrency for writing collected statistics when TiDB analyzes a partitioned table.

14.5.1.92 tidb_analyze_version New in v5.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: 2
- Range: [1, 2]
- Controls how TiDB collects statistics.
    - For TiDB Self-Managed, the default value of this variable changes from 1 to 2 starting from v5.3.0.
    - For TiDB Cloud, the default value of this variable changes from 1 to 2 starting from v6.5.0.
    - If your cluster is upgraded from an earlier version, the default value of tidb_analyze_version does not change after the upgrade.
- For detailed introduction about this variable, see Introduction to Statistics.

14.5.1.93 tidb_analyze_skip_column_types New in v7.2.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: "json,blob,mediumblob,longblob,mediumtext,longtext". Before v8.2.0, the default value is "json,blob,mediumblob,longblob".
- Possible values: "json,blob,mediumblob,longblob,text,mediumtext,longtext"
- This variable controls which types of columns are skipped for statistics collection when executing the ANALYZE command to collect statistics. The variable is only applicable for tidb_analyze_version = 2. Even if you specify a column using ANALYZE TABLE t COLUMNS c1, ... , cn, no statistics will be collected for the specified column if its type is in tidb_analyze_skip_column_types.

```
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE t;
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table | Create Table
    ↪
    ↪ |
```

```
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| t     | CREATE TABLE `t` (
  `a` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `b` varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL,
  `c` json DEFAULT NULL,
  `d` blob DEFAULT NULL,
  `e` longblob DEFAULT NULL
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin |
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT @@tidb_analyze_skip_column_types;
+----------------------------------+
| @@tidb_analyze_skip_column_types |
+----------------------------------+
| json,blob,mediumblob,longblob |
+----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.05 sec)

mysql> SELECT job_info FROM mysql.analyze_jobs ORDER BY end_time DESC LIMIT
    ↪ 1;
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
| job_info                                                          |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
| analyze table columns a, b with 256 buckets, 500 topn, 1 samplerate |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t COLUMNS a, c;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.04 sec)

mysql> SELECT job_info FROM mysql.analyze_jobs ORDER BY end_time DESC LIMIT
    ↪ 1;
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
| job_info                                                          |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
| analyze table columns a with 256 buckets, 500 topn, 1 samplerate |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.5.1.94 tidb_auto_analyze_concurrency New in v8.4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[1, 2147483647]`
- This variable controls the number of concurrent auto-analyze operations that can run in a TiDB cluster. Before v8.4.0, this concurrency is fixed at 1. To accelerate statistics collection tasks, you can increase this concurrency based on the available resources in your cluster.

14.5.1.95 tidb_auto_analyze_end_time

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Time
- Default value: `23:59 +0000`
- This variable is used to restrict the time window that the automatic update of statistics is permitted. For example, to only allow automatic statistics updates between 1 AM and 3 AM in UTC time, set the time as follows:
  - `tidb_auto_analyze_start_time='01:00 +0000'`
  - `tidb_auto_analyze_end_time='03:00 +0000'`
- If the time in the parameter includes the timezone information, that timezone will be used for parsing. Otherwise, the timezone specified by the `time_zone` in the current session will be used. For example, `01:00 +0000` refers to 1:00 AM in UTC.

14.5.1.96 tidb_auto_analyze_partition_batch_size New in v6.4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `8192`. Before v7.6.0, the default value is `1`. For versions from v7.6.0 to v8.1.x, the default value is `128`. Starting from v8.2.0, the default value changes to `8192`.
- Range: `[1, 8192]`. Before v8.2.0, the value range is `[1, 1024]`.

- This variable specifies the number of partitions that TiDB automatically analyzes when analyzing a partitioned table (which means automatically collecting statistics on a partitioned table).
- If the value of this variable is smaller than the number of partitions, TiDB automatically analyzes all partitions of the partitioned table in multiple batches. If the value of this variable is greater than or equal to the number of partitions, TiDB analyzes all partitions of the partitioned table at the same time.
- If the number of partitions of a partitioned table is far greater than this variable value and the auto-analyze takes a long time, you can increase the value of this variable to reduce the time consumption.

14.5.1.97 tidb_auto_analyze_ratio

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0.5`
- Range: `(0, 1]`. The range for v8.0.0 and earlier versions is `[0, 18446744073709551615]` ↪ .
- This variable is used to set the threshold when TiDB automatically executes `ANALYZE` ↪ `TABLE` in a background thread to update table statistics. For example, a value of 0.5 means that auto-analyze is triggered when greater than 50% of the rows in a table have been modified. Auto-analyze can be restricted to only execute during certain hours of the day by specifying `tidb_auto_analyze_start_time` and `tidb_auto_analyze_end` ↪ `_time`.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature requires the system variable `tidb_enable_auto_analyze` set to `ON`.

14.5.1.98 tidb_auto_analyze_start_time

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Time

- Default value: `00:00 +0000`
- This variable is used to restrict the time window that the automatic update of statistics is permitted. For example, to only allow automatic statistics updates between 1 AM and 3 AM in UTC time, set the time as follows:
  - `tidb_auto_analyze_start_time='01:00 +0000'`
  - `tidb_auto_analyze_end_time='03:00 +0000'`
- If the time in the parameter includes the timezone information, that timezone will be used for parsing. Otherwise, the timezone specified by the `time_zone` in the current session will be used. For example, `01:00 +0000` refers to 1:00 AM in UTC.

14.5.1.99 tidb_auto_build_stats_concurrency New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- This variable is used to set the concurrency of executing the automatic update of statistics.

14.5.1.100 tidb_backoff_lock_fast

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `10`
- Range: `[1, 2147483647]`
- This variable is used to set the `backoff` time when the read request meets a lock.

14.5.1.101 tidb_backoff_weight

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `2`

- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- This variable is used to increase the weight of the maximum time of TiDB `backoff`, that is, the maximum retry time for sending a retry request when an internal network or other component (TiKV, PD) failure is encountered. This variable can be used to adjust the maximum retry time and the minimum value is 1.

  For example, the base timeout for TiDB to take TSO from PD is 15 seconds. When `tidb_backoff_weight = 2`, the maximum timeout for taking TSO is: *base time * 2 = 30 seconds*.

  In the case of a poor network environment, appropriately increasing the value of this variable can effectively alleviate error reporting to the application end caused by timeout. If the application end wants to receive the error information more quickly, minimize the value of this variable.

14.5.1.102 tidb_batch_commit

> **Warning:**
>
> It is **NOT** recommended to enable this variable.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- The variable is used to control whether to enable the deprecated batch-commit feature. When this variable is enabled, a transaction might be split into multiple transactions by grouping a few statements and committed non-atomically, which is not recommended.

14.5.1.103 tidb_batch_delete

> **Warning:**
>
> This variable is associated with the deprecated batch-dml feature, which might cause data corruption. Therefore, it is not recommended to enable this variable for batch-dml. Instead, use non-transactional DML.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No

- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the batch-delete feature, which is a part of the deprecated batch-dml feature. When this variable is enabled, `DELETE` statements might be split into multiple transactions and committed non-atomically. To make it work, you also need to enable `tidb_enable_batch_dml` and set a positive value for `tidb_dml_batch_size`, which is not recommended.

14.5.1.104 tidb_batch_insert

> **Warning:**
>
> This variable is associated with the deprecated batch-dml feature, which might cause data corruption. Therefore, it is not recommended to enable this variable for batch-dml. Instead, use non-transactional DML.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the batch-insert feature, which is a part of the deprecated batch-dml feature. When this variable is enabled, `INSERT` statements might be split into multiple transactions and committed non-atomically. To make it work, you also need to enable `tidb_enable_batch_dml` and set a positive value for `tidb_dml_batch_size`, which is not recommended.

14.5.1.105 tidb_batch_pending_tiflash_count New in v6.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `4000`
- Range: `[0, 4294967295]`
- Specifies the maximum number of permitted unavailable tables when you use `ALTER DATABASE SET TIFLASH REPLICA` to add TiFlash replicas. If the number of unavailable tables exceeds this limit, the operation will be stopped or setting TiFlash replicas for the remaining tables will be very slow.

14.5.1.106 tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_count New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `10240`
- Range: `[0, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Rows
- If the objects of the join operation belong to a subquery, the optimizer cannot estimate the size of the subquery result set. In this situation, the size is determined by the number of rows in the result set. If the estimated number of rows in the subquery is less than the value of this variable, the Broadcast Hash Join algorithm is used. Otherwise, the Shuffled Hash Join algorithm is used.
- This variable will not take effect after `tidb_prefer_broadcast_join_by_exchange_data_size` is enabled.

14.5.1.107 tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `104857600` (100 MiB)
- Range: `[0, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Bytes
- If the table size is less than the value of the variable, the Broadcast Hash Join algorithm is used. Otherwise, the Shuffled Hash Join algorithm is used.
- This variable will not take effect after `tidb_prefer_broadcast_join_by_exchange_data_size` is enabled.

14.5.1.108 tidb_build_stats_concurrency

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `2`. The default value is `4` for v7.4.0 and earlier versions.
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable is used to set the concurrency of executing the `ANALYZE` statement.
- When the variable is set to a larger value, the execution performance of other queries is affected.

14.5.1.109 tidb_build_sampling_stats_concurrency New in v7.5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Unit: Threads
- Default value: `2`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- This variable is used to set the sampling concurrency in the `ANALYZE` process.
- When the variable is set to a larger value, the execution performance of other queries is affected.

14.5.1.110 tidb_capture_plan_baselines New in v4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the baseline capturing feature. This feature depends on the statement summary, so you need to enable the statement summary before you use baseline capturing.
- After this feature is enabled, the historical SQL statements in the statement summary are traversed periodically, and bindings are automatically created for SQL statements that appear at least twice.

14.5.1.111 tidb_cdc_write_source New in v6.5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION
- Persists to cluster: No
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 15]`
- When this variable is set to a value other than 0, data written in this session is considered to be written by TiCDC. This variable can only be modified by TiCDC. Do not manually modify this variable in any case.

14.5.1.112 tidb_check_mb4_value_in_utf8

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to enforce that the `utf8` character set only stores values from the Basic Multilingual Plane (BMP). To store characters outside the BMP, it is recommended to use the `utf8mb4` character set.
- You might need to disable this option when upgrading your cluster from an earlier version of TiDB where the `utf8` checking was more relaxed. For details, see FAQs After Upgrade.

14.5.1.113 tidb_checksum_table_concurrency

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `4`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable is used to set the scan index concurrency of executing the `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE` statement.
- When the variable is set to a larger value, the execution performance of other queries is affected.

14.5.1.114 tidb_committer_concurrency New in v6.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `128`
- Range: `[1, 10000]`

- The number of goroutines for requests related to executing commit in the commit phase of the single transaction.
- If the transaction to commit is too large, the waiting time for the flow control queue when the transaction is committed might be too long. In this situation, you can increase the configuration value to speed up the commit.
- This setting was previously a `tidb.toml` option (`performance.committer-concurrency`), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

14.5.1.115 tidb_config

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: ""
- This variable is read-only. It is used to obtain the configuration information of the current TiDB server.

14.5.1.116 tidb_constraint_check_in_place

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable only applies to optimistic transactions. For pessimistic transactions, use `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic` instead.
- When this variable is set to `OFF`, checking for duplicate values in unique indexes is deferred until the transaction commits. This helps improve performance but might be an unexpected behavior for some applications. See Constraints for details.
    - When setting `tidb_constraint_check_in_place` to `OFF` and using optimistic transactions:

```
tidb> create table t (i int key);
tidb> insert into t values (1);
tidb> begin optimistic;
tidb> insert into t values (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected
tidb> commit; -- Check only when a transaction is committed.
ERROR 1062 : Duplicate entry '1' for key 't.PRIMARY'
```

- When setting `tidb_constraint_check_in_place` to `ON` and using optimistic transactions:

```
tidb> set @@tidb_constraint_check_in_place=ON;
tidb> begin optimistic;
tidb> insert into t values (1);
ERROR 1062 : Duplicate entry '1' for key 't.PRIMARY'
```

14.5.1.117 tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic New in v6.3.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean

- Default value: By default, the `pessimistic-txn.constraint-check-in-place-pessimistic` configuration item is `true` so the default value of this variable is `ON`. When `pessimistic-txn.constraint-check-in-place-pessimistic` is set to `false`, the default value of this variable is `OFF`.

- This variable only applies to pessimistic transactions. For optimistic transactions, use `tidb_constraint_check_in_place` instead.

- When this variable is set to `OFF`, TiDB defers the unique constraint check of a unique index (to the next time when executing a statement that requires a lock to the index or to the time when committing the transaction). This helps improve performance but might be an unexpected behavior for some applications. See Constraints for details.

- Disabling this variable might cause TiDB to return a `LazyUniquenessCheckFailure` error in pessimistic transactions. When this error occurs, TiDB rolls back the current transaction.

- When this variable is disabled, you cannot use `SAVEPOINT` in pessimistic transactions.

- When this variable is disabled, committing a pessimistic transaction might return a `Write conflict` or `Duplicate entry` error. When such an error occurs, TiDB rolls back the current transaction.

- When setting `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic` to `OFF` and using pessimistic transactions:

```
set @@tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic=OFF;
create table t (i int key);
insert into t values (1);
begin pessimistic;
insert into t values (1);
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected
```

```
tidb> commit; -- Check only when a transaction is committed.
```

```
ERROR 1062 : Duplicate entry '1' for key 't.PRIMARY'
```

- When setting `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic` to `ON` and using pessimistic transactions:

```
set @@tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic=ON;
begin pessimistic;
insert into t values (1);
```

```
ERROR 1062 : Duplicate entry '1' for key 't.PRIMARY'
```

14.5.1.118 tidb_cost_model_version New in v6.2.0

Note:

- Since TiDB v6.5.0, the newly created cluster uses Cost Model Version 2 by default. If you upgrade from a TiDB version earlier than v6.5.0 to v6.5.0 or later, the `tidb_cost_model_version` value does not change.
- Switching the version of the cost model might cause changes to query plans.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: 2
- Value options:

- `1`: enables the Cost Model Version 1, which is used by default in TiDB v6.4.0 and earlier versions.
- `2`: enables the Cost Model Version 2, which is generally available in TiDB v6.5.0 and is more accurate than the version 1 in internal tests.

- The version of cost model affects the plan decision of optimizer. For more details, see Cost Model.

14.5.1.119 tidb_current_ts

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 9223372036854775807]`
- This variable is read-only. It is used to obtain the timestamp of the current transaction.

14.5.1.120 tidb_ddl_disk_quota New in v6.3.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `107374182400` (100 GiB)
- Range: `[107374182400, 1125899906842624]` ([100 GiB, 1 PiB])
- Unit: Bytes
- This variable only takes effect when `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg` is enabled. It sets the usage limit of local storage during backfilling when creating an index.

14.5.1.121 tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg New in v6.3.0

> **Note:**
>
> - If you are using a TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster, to improve the speed for index creation using this variable, make sure that your TiDB cluster is hosted on AWS and your TiDB node size is at least 8 vCPU.
> - For TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters, this variable is read-only.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether to enable the acceleration of `ADD INDEX` and `CREATE INDEX` to improve the speed of backfilling for index creation. Setting this variable value to `ON` can bring performance improvement for index creation on tables with a large amount of data.
- Starting from v7.1.0, the index acceleration operation supports checkpoints. Even if the TiDB owner node is restarted or changed due to failures, TiDB can still recover progress from checkpoints that are automatically updated on a regular basis.
- To verify whether a completed `ADD INDEX` operation is accelerated, you can execute the `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` statement to see whether `ingest` is displayed in the `JOB_TYPE` column.

Note:

- Index acceleration requires a `temp-dir` that is writable and has enough free space. If the `temp-dir` is unusable, TiDB falls back to non-accelerated index building. It is recommended to put the `temp-dir` on a SSD disk.
- Before you upgrade TiDB to v6.5.0 or later, it is recommended that you check whether the `temp-dir` path of TiDB is correctly mounted to an SSD disk. Make sure that the operating system user that runs TiDB has the read and write permissions for this directory. Otherwise, The DDL operations might experience unpredictable issues. This path is a TiDB configuration item, which takes effect after TiDB is restarted. Therefore, setting this configuration item before upgrading can avoid another restart.

14.5.1.122 tidb_enable_dist_task New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF). After the framework is enabled, the DXF tasks such as DDL and import will be distributedly executed and completed by multiple TiDB nodes in the cluster.

- Starting from TiDB v7.1.0, the DXF supports distributedly executing the `ADD INDEX` statement for partitioned tables.
- Starting from TiDB v7.2.0, the DXF supports distributedly executing the `IMPORT INTO` statement for import jobs.
- Starting from TiDB v8.1.0, this variable is enabled by default. If you want to upgrade a cluster with the DXF enabled to v8.1.0 or later, disable the DXF (by setting `tidb_enable_dist_task` to `OFF`) before the upgrade, which avoids `ADD INDEX` operations during the upgrade causing data index inconsistency. After the upgrade, you can manually enable the DXF.
- This variable is renamed from `tidb_ddl_distribute_reorg`.

14.5.1.123 tidb_cloud_storage_uri New in v7.4.0

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, the Global Sort process consumes a large amount of computing and memory resources of TiDB nodes. In scenarios such as adding indexes online while user business applications are running, it is recommended to add new TiDB nodes to the cluster, configure the `tidb_service_scope` variable for these nodes, and connect to these nodes to create tasks. In this way, the distributed framework schedules tasks to these nodes, isolating the workload from other TiDB nodes to reduce the impact of executing backend tasks such as `ADD INDEX` and `IMPORT INTO` on user business applications.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `""`
- This variable is used to specify the Amazon S3 cloud storage URI to enable Global Sort. After enabling the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF), you can use the Global Sort feature by configuring the URI and pointing it to an appropriate cloud storage path with the necessary permissions to access the storage. For more details, see Amazon S3 URI format.
- The following statements can use the Global Sort feature.
  - The `ADD INDEX` statement.
  - The `IMPORT INTO` statement for import jobs.

14.5.1.124 tidb_ddl_error_count_limit

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `512`
- Range: `[0, 9223372036854775807]`
- This variable is used to set the number of retries when the DDL operation fails. When the number of retries exceeds the parameter value, the wrong DDL operation is canceled.

14.5.1.125 tidb_ddl_flashback_concurrency New in v6.3.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `64`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- This variable controls the concurrency of `FLASHBACK CLUSTER`.

14.5.1.126 tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL

- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `256`
- Range: `[32, 10240]`
- Unit: Rows
- This variable is used to set the batch size during the `re-organize` phase of the DDL operation. For example, when TiDB executes the `ADD INDEX` operation, the index data needs to backfilled by `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` (the number) concurrent workers. Each worker backfills the index data in batches.
    - If `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg` is set to `OFF`, `ADD INDEX` is executed as a transaction. If there are many update operations such as `UPDATE` and `REPLACE` in the target columns during the `ADD INDEX` execution, a larger batch size indicates a larger probability of transaction conflicts. In this case, it is recommended that you set the batch size to a smaller value. The minimum value is 32.
    - If the transaction conflict does not exist, or if `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg` is set to `ON`, you can set the batch size to a large value. This makes data backfilling faster but also increases the write pressure on TiKV. For a proper batch size, you also need to refer to the value of `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt`. See Interaction Test on Online Workloads and `ADD INDEX` Operations for reference.
    - Starting from v8.3.0, this parameter is supported at the SESSION level. Modifying the parameter at the GLOBAL level will not impact currently running DDL statements. It will only apply to DDLs submitted in new sessions.

14.5.1.127 tidb_ddl_reorg_priority

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `PRIORITY_LOW`
- Value options: `PRIORITY_LOW`, `PRIORITY_NORMAL`, `PRIORITY_HIGH`
- This variable is used to set the priority of executing the `ADD INDEX` operation in the `re-organize` phase.
- You can set the value of this variable to `PRIORITY_LOW`, `PRIORITY_NORMAL` or `PRIORITY_HIGH`.

14.5.1.128 tidb_ddl_reorg_max_write_speed New in v6.5.12, v7.5.5, and v8.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 1PiB]`
- This variable limits the write bandwidth for each TiKV node and only takes effect when index creation acceleration is enabled (controlled by the `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg` variable). When the data size in your cluster is quite large (such as billions of rows), limiting the write bandwidth for index creation can effectively reduce the impact on application workloads.
- The default value `0` means no write bandwidth limit.
- You can specify the value of this variable either with a unit or without a unit.
    - When you specify the value without a unit, the default unit is bytes per second. For example, `67108864` represents `64MiB` per second.
    - When you specify the value with a unit, supported units include KiB, MiB, GiB, and TiB. For example, `'1GiB'` represents 1 GiB per second, and `'256MiB'` represents 256 MiB per second.

14.5.1.129 tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `4`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable is used to set the concurrency of the DDL operation in the `re-organize` phase.
- Starting from v8.3.0, this parameter is supported at the SESSION level. Modifying the parameter at the GLOBAL level will not impact currently running DDL statements. It will only apply to DDLs submitted in new sessions.

14.5.1.130 `tidb_enable_fast_create_table` New in v8.0.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`. Before v8.5.0, the default value is `OFF`.
- This variable is used to control whether to enable TiDB Accelerated Table Creation.
- Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB supports accelerating table creation by the `CREATE TABLE` statement using `tidb_enable_fast_create_table`.
- This variable is renamed from the variable `tidb_ddl_version` that is introduced in v7.6.0. Starting from v8.0.0, `tidb_ddl_version` no longer takes effect.
- Starting from TiDB v8.5.0, the accelerated table creation feature is enabled by default for newly created clusters, with `tidb_enable_fast_create_table` set to `ON`. For clusters upgraded from v8.4.0 or earlier versions, the default value of `tidb_enable_fast_create_table` remains unchanged.

14.5.1.131 tidb_default_string_match_selectivity New in v6.2.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0.8`
- Range: `[0, 1]`
- This variable is used to set the default selectivity of `like`, `rlike`, and `regexp` functions in the filter condition when estimating the number of rows. This variable also controls whether to enable TopN to help estimate these functions.
- TiDB tries to estimate `like` in the filter condition using statistics. But when `like` matches a complex string, or when using `rlike` or `regexp`, TiDB often fails to fully use statistics, and the default value `0.8` is set as the selectivity rate instead, resulting in inaccurate estimation.
- This variable is used to change the preceding behavior. If the variable is set to a value other than `0`, the selectivity rate is the specified variable value instead of `0.8`.
- If the variable is set to `0`, TiDB tries to evaluate using TopN in statistics to improve the accuracy and consider the NULL number in statistics when estimating the preceding three functions. The prerequisite is that statistics are collected when `tidb_analyze_version` is set to `2`. Such evaluation might slightly affect the performance.
- If the variable is set to a value other than the `0.8`, TiDB adjusts the estimation for `not like`, `not rlike`, and `not regexp` accordingly.

14.5.1.132 tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry

Warning:

Starting from v8.0.0, this variable is deprecated, and TiDB no longer supports automatic retries of optimistic transactions. As an alternative, when encountering optimistic transaction conflicts, you can capture the error and retry transactions in your application, or use the Pessimistic transaction mode instead.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to set whether to disable the automatic retry of explicit optimistic transactions. The default value of `ON` means that transactions will not automatically retry in TiDB and `COMMIT` statements might return errors that need to be handled in the application layer.

  Setting the value to `OFF` means that TiDB will automatically retry transactions, resulting in fewer errors from `COMMIT` statements. Be careful when making this change, because it might result in lost updates.

  This variable does not affect automatically committed implicit transactions and internally executed transactions in TiDB. The maximum retry count of these transactions is determined by the value of `tidb_retry_limit`.

  For more details, see limits of retry.

  This variable only applies to optimistic transactions, not to pessimistic transactions. The number of retries for pessimistic transactions is controlled by `max_retry_count`.

14.5.1.133 tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `15`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads

- This variable is used to set the concurrency of the `scan` operation.
- Use a bigger value in OLAP scenarios, and a smaller value in OLTP scenarios.
- For OLAP scenarios, the maximum value should not exceed the number of CPU cores of all the TiKV nodes.
- If a table has a lot of partitions, you can reduce the variable value appropriately (determined by the size of the data to be scanned and the frequency of the scan) to avoid TiKV becoming out of memory (OOM).
- For a simple query with only a `LIMIT` clause, if the `LIMIT` value is less than 100000, the scan operation pushed down to TiKV treats the value of this variable as `1` to enhance execution efficiency.
- For the `SELECT MAX/MIN(col)FROM ...` query, if the `col` column has an index sorted in the same order required by the `MAX(col)` or `MIN(col)` function, TiDB will rewrite the query to `SELECT col FROM ... LIMIT 1` for processing, and the value of this variable will also be processed as `1`. For example, for `SELECT MIN(col)FROM ...`, if the `col` column has an ascending index, TiDB can quickly obtain the `MIN(col)` value by rewriting the query to `SELECT col FROM ... LIMIT 1` and directly reading the first row of the index.
- For queries on the SLOW_QUERY table, this variable controls the concurrency for parsing the slow log file.

14.5.1.134 tidb_dml_batch_size

> **Warning:**
>
> This variable is associated with the deprecated batch-dml feature, which might cause data corruption. Therefore, it is not recommended to enable this variable for batch-dml. Instead, use non-transactional DML.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Rows
- When this value is greater than `0`, TiDB will batch commit statements such as `INSERT` ↪ into smaller transactions. This reduces memory usage and helps ensure that the `txn-total-size-limit` is not reached by bulk modifications.
- Only the value `0` provides ACID compliance. Setting this to any other value will break the atomicity and isolation guarantees of TiDB.
- To make this variable work, you also need to enable `tidb_enable_batch_dml` and at least one of `tidb_batch_insert` and `tidb_batch_delete`.

Note:

Starting from v7.0.0, `tidb_dml_batch_size` no longer takes effect on the `LOAD DATA` statement.

14.5.1.135 tidb_dml_type New in v8.0.0

Warning:

The bulk DML execution mode (`tidb_dml_type = "bulk"`) is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue. In the current version, when TiDB performs large transactions using the bulk DML mode, it might affect the memory usage and execution efficiency of TiCDC, TiFlash, and the resolved-ts module of TiKV, and might cause OOM issues. Additionally, BR might be blocked and fail to process when encountering locks. Therefore, it is not recommended to use this mode when these components or features are enabled.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: String
- Default value: `"standard"`
- Value options: `"standard"`, `"bulk"`
- This variable controls the execution mode of DML statements.
    - `"standard"` indicates the standard DML execution mode, where TiDB transactions are cached in memory before being committed. This mode is suitable for high-concurrency transaction scenarios with potential conflicts and is the default recommended execution mode.
    - `"bulk"` indicates the pipelined DML execution mode, which is suitable for scenarios where a large amount of data is written, causing excessive memory usage in TiDB. For more information, see Pipelined DML.

14.5.1.136 tidb_enable_1pc New in v5.0

Note:

This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to specify whether to enable the one-phase commit feature for transactions that only affect one Region. Compared with the often-used two-phase commit, one-phase commit can greatly reduce the latency of transaction commit and increase the throughput.

Note:

- The default value of `ON` only applies to new clusters. if your cluster was upgraded from an earlier version of TiDB, the value `OFF` will be used instead.
- Enabling this parameter only means that one-phase commit becomes an optional mode of transaction commit. In fact, the most suitable mode of transaction commit is determined by TiDB.

14.5.1.137 tidb_enable_analyze_snapshot New in v6.2.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to read historical data or the latest data when performing `ANALYZE`. If this variable is set to `ON`, `ANALYZE` reads the historical data available at the time of `ANALYZE`. If this variable is set to `OFF`, `ANALYZE` reads the latest data.
- Before v5.2, `ANALYZE` reads the latest data. From v5.2 to v6.1, `ANALYZE` reads the historical data available at the time of `ANALYZE`.

Warning:

If `ANALYZE` reads the historical data available at the time of `ANALYZE`, the long duration of `AUTO ANALYZE` might cause the `GC life time is shorter than transaction duration` error because the historical data is garbage-collected.

14.5.1.138 tidb_enable_async_commit New in v5.0

Note:

This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether to enable the async commit feature for the second phase of the two-phase transaction commit to perform asynchronously in the background. Enabling this feature can reduce the latency of transaction commit.

Note:

- The default value of `ON` only applies to new clusters. if your cluster was upgraded from an earlier version of TiDB, the value `OFF` will be used instead.
- Enabling this parameter only means that Async Commit becomes an optional mode of transaction commit. In fact, the most suitable mode of transaction commit is determined by TiDB.

14.5.1.139 tidb_enable_auto_analyze New in v6.1.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- Determines whether TiDB automatically updates table statistics as a background operation.
- This setting was previously a `tidb.toml` option (`performance.run-auto-analyze`), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

14.5.1.140 tidb_enable_auto_analyze_priority_queue New in v8.0.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the priority queue to schedule the tasks of automatically collecting statistics. When this variable is enabled, TiDB prioritizes collecting statistics for tables that are more valuable to collect, such as newly created indexes and partitioned tables with partition changes. Additionally, TiDB prioritizes tables with lower health scores, placing them at the front of the queue.

14.5.1.141 tidb_enable_auto_increment_in_generated

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to determine whether to include the `AUTO_INCREMENT` columns when creating a generated column or an expression index.

14.5.1.142 tidb_enable_batch_dml

> **Warning:**
>
> This variable is associated with the deprecated batch-dml feature, which might cause data corruption. Therefore, it is not recommended to enable this variable for batch-dml. Instead, use non-transactional DML.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to enable the deprecated batch-dml feature. When it is enabled, certain statements might be split into multiple transactions, which is non-atomic and should be used with care. When using batch-dml, you must ensure that there are no concurrent operations on the data you are operating on. To make it work, you must also specify a positive value for `tidb_batch_dml_size` and enable at least one of `tidb_batch_insert` and `tidb_batch_delete`.

14.5.1.143 tidb_enable_cascades_planner

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, cascades planner is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in production environments.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the cascades planner.

14.5.1.144 tidb_enable_check_constraint New in v7.2.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No

- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the `CHECK` constraint feature.

14.5.1.145 tidb_enable_chunk_rpc New in v4.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the `Chunk` data encoding format in Coprocessor.

14.5.1.146 tidb_enable_clustered_index New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `ON`
- Possible values: `OFF`, `ON`, `INT_ONLY`
- This variable is used to control whether to create the primary key as a clustered index by default. "By default" here means that the statement does not explicitly specify the keyword `CLUSTERED`/`NONCLUSTERED`. Supported values are `OFF`, `ON`, and `INT_ONLY`:
    - `OFF` indicates that primary keys are created as non-clustered indexes by default.
    - `ON` indicates that primary keys are created as clustered indexes by default.
    - `INT_ONLY` indicates that the behavior is controlled by the configuration item `alter-primary-key`. If `alter-primary-key` is set to `true`, all primary keys are created as non-clustered indexes by default. If it is set to `false`, only the primary keys which consist of an integer column are created as clustered indexes.

14.5.1.147 tidb_enable_ddl New in v6.3.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `ON`
- Possible values: `OFF`, `ON`
- This variable controls whether the corresponding TiDB instance can become a DDL owner or not. If there is only one TiDB instance in the current TiDB cluster, you cannot prevent it from becoming a DDL owner, which means you cannot set it to `OFF`.

14.5.1.148 tidb_enable_collect_execution_info

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether to record the execution information of each operator in the slow query log and whether to record the usage statistics of indexes.

14.5.1.149 tidb_enable_column_tracking New in v5.4.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v8.3.0, this variable is deprecated. TiDB tracks predicate columns by default. For more information, see `tidb_analyze_column_options`.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`. Before v8.3.0, the default value is `OFF`.
- This variable controls whether to enable TiDB to collect `PREDICATE COLUMNS`. After enabling the collection, if you disable it, the information of previously collected `PREDICATE COLUMNS` is cleared. For details, see Collect statistics on some columns.

14.5.1.150 tidb_enable_enhanced_security

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean

- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable indicates whether the TiDB server you are connected to has the Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) enabled. To change its value, you need to modify the value of `enable-sem` in your TiDB server configuration file and restart the TiDB server.

- SEM is inspired by the design of systems such as Security-Enhanced Linux. It reduces the abilities of users with the MySQL `SUPER` privilege and instead requires `RESTRICTED` fine-grained privileges to be granted as a replacement. These fine-grained privileges include:
    - `RESTRICTED_TABLES_ADMIN`: The ability to write data to system tables in the `mysql` schema and to see sensitive columns on `information_schema` tables.
    - `RESTRICTED_STATUS_ADMIN`: The ability to see sensitive variables in the command `SHOW STATUS`.
    - `RESTRICTED_VARIABLES_ADMIN`: The ability to see and set sensitive variables in `SHOW [GLOBAL] VARIABLES` and `SET`.
    - `RESTRICTED_USER_ADMIN`: The ability to prevent other users from making changes or dropping a user account.

14.5.1.151 tidb_enable_exchange_partition

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether to enable the `exchange partitions with tables` feature. The default value is `ON`, that is, `exchange partitions with tables` is enabled by default.
- This variable is deprecated since v6.3.0. Its value will be fixed to the default value `ON`, that is, `exchange partitions with tables` is enabled by default.

14.5.1.152 tidb_enable_extended_stats

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes

- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable indicates whether TiDB can collect the extended statistic to guide the optimizer. See Introduction to Extended Statistics for more information.

14.5.1.153 tidb_enable_external_ts_read New in v6.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- If this variable is set to `ON`, TiDB reads data with the timestamp specified by `tidb_external_ts`.

14.5.1.154 tidb_external_ts New in v6.4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- If `tidb_enable_external_ts_read` is set to `ON`, TiDB reads data with the timestamp specified by this variable.

14.5.1.155 tidb_enable_fast_analyze

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v7.5.0, this variable is deprecated.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to set whether to enable the statistics `Fast Analyze` feature.
- If the statistics `Fast Analyze` feature is enabled, TiDB randomly samples about 10,000 rows of data as statistics. When the data is distributed unevenly or the data size is small, the statistics accuracy is low. This might lead to a non-optimal execution plan, for example, selecting a wrong index. If the execution time of the regular `Analyze` statement is acceptable, it is recommended to disable the `Fast Analyze` feature.

14.5.1.156 tidb_enable_fast_table_check New in v7.2.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable does not work for multi-valued indexes and prefix indexes.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to the cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to use a checksum-based approach to quickly check the integrity of data and indexes in a table. The default value `ON` means this feature is enabled by default.
- When this variable is enabled, TiDB can execute the `ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]` statement in a faster way.

14.5.1.157 tidb_enable_foreign_key New in v6.3.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: Before v6.6.0, the default value is `OFF`. Starting from v6.6.0, the default value is `ON`.
- This variable controls whether to enable the `FOREIGN KEY` feature.

14.5.1.158 tidb_enable_gc_aware_memory_track

> **Warning:**
>
> This variable is an internal variable for debugging in TiDB. It might be removed in a future release. **Do not** set this variable.

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to enable GC-Aware memory track.

14.5.1.159 tidb_enable_global_index New in v7.6.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether to support creating global indexes for partitioned tables. When this variable is enabled, TiDB allows you to create unique indexes that **do not include all the columns used in the partition expressions** by specifying `GLOBAL` in the index definition.
- This variable is deprecated since v8.4.0. Its value will be fixed to the default value `ON`, that is, global indexes is enabled by default.

14.5.1.160 tidb_enable_lazy_cursor_fetch New in v8.3.0

> **Warning:**
>
> The feature controlled by this variable is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `OFF`, `ON`
- This variable controls the behavior of the Cursor Fetch feature.
    - When Cursor Fetch is enabled and this variable is set to `OFF`, TiDB reads all the data at the start of statement execution, stores the data into TiDB's memory, and returns it to the client based on the client's specified `FetchSize` for subsequent client reads. If the result set is too large, TiDB might temporarily write the result to the hard disk.

    - When Cursor Fetch is enabled and this variable is set to `ON`, TiDB does not read all the data into the TiDB node at once, but reads data into the TiDB node incrementally as the client fetches it.

- The feature controlled by this variable has the following limitations:

    - It does not support statements within explicit transactions.
    - It only supports execution plans that contain and only contain `TableReader`, `IndexReader`, `IndexLookUp`, `Projection`, and `Selection` operators.
    - For statements using Lazy Cursor Fetch, execution information does not appear in the statements summary and slow query log.

- For unsupported scenarios, its behavior is the same as when setting this variable to `OFF`.

14.5.1.161 tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to enable the Non-prepared plan cache feature.
- Enabling this feature might incur additional memory and CPU overhead and might not be suitable for all situations. Please determine whether to enable this feature according to your actual scenario.

14.5.1.162 tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache_for_dml New in v7.1.0

> **Warning:**
>
> The non-prepared execution plan cache for DML statements is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`.
- This variable controls whether to enable the Non-prepared plan cache feature for DML statements.

14.5.1.163 tidb_enable_gogc_tuner New in v6.4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether to enable GOGC Tuner.

14.5.1.164 tidb_enable_historical_stats

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`. Before v8.2.0, the default value is `ON`.
- This variable controls whether to enable historical statistics. The default value is `OFF`, which means that historical statistics are disabled by default.

14.5.1.165 tidb_enable_historical_stats_for_capture

> **Warning:**
>
> The feature controlled by this variable is not fully functional in the current TiDB version. Do not change the default value.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether the information captured by `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` includes historical statistics by default. The default value `OFF` means that historical statistics are not included by default.

14.5.1.166 tidb_enable_index_merge New in v4.0

> **Note:**
>
> - After upgrading a TiDB cluster from versions earlier than v4.0.0 to v5.4.0 or later, this variable is disabled by default to prevent performance regression due to changes of execution plans.
> - After upgrading a TiDB cluster from v4.0.0 or later to v5.4.0 or later, this variable remains the setting before the upgrade.
> - Since v5.4.0, for a newly deployed TiDB cluster, this variable is enabled by default.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the index merge feature.

14.5.1.167 tidb_enable_index_merge_join

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- Specifies whether to enable the `IndexMergeJoin` operator.
- This variable is used only for the internal operation of TiDB. It is **NOT recommended** to adjust it. Otherwise, data correctness might be affected.

14.5.1.168 tidb_enable_legacy_instance_scope New in v6.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable permits `INSTANCE` scoped variables to be set using the `SET SESSION` as well as `SET GLOBAL` syntax.
- This option is enabled by default for compatibility with earlier versions of TiDB.

14.5.1.169 tidb_enable_list_partition New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to set whether to enable the `LIST (COLUMNS)TABLE PARTITION` feature.
- This variable is deprecated since v8.4.0. Its value will be fixed to the default value `ON`, that is, List partitioning is enabled by default.

14.5.1.170 tidb_enable_local_txn

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used for an unreleased feature. **Do not change the variable value**.

14.5.1.171 tidb_enable_metadata_lock New in v6.3.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to set whether to enable the Metadata lock feature. Note that when setting this variable, you need to make sure that there are no running DDL statements in the cluster. Otherwise, the data might be incorrect or inconsistent.

14.5.1.172 tidb_enable_mutation_checker New in v6.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable TiDB mutation checker, which is a tool used to check consistency between data and indexes during the execution of DML statements. If the checker returns an error for a statement, TiDB rolls back the execution of the statement. Enabling this variable causes a slight increase in CPU usage. For more information, see Troubleshoot Inconsistency Between Data and Indexes.
- For new clusters of v6.0.0 or later versions, the default value is `ON`. For existing clusters that upgrade from versions earlier than v6.0.0, the default value is `OFF`.

14.5.1.173 tidb_enable_new_cost_interface New in v6.2.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- TiDB v6.2.0 refactors the implementation of previous cost model. This variable controls whether to enable the refactored Cost Model implementation.
- This variable is enabled by default because the refactored Cost Model uses the same cost formula as before, which does not change the plan decision.
- If your cluster is upgraded from v6.1 to v6.2, this variable remains `OFF`, and it is recommended to enable it manually. If your cluster is upgraded from a version earlier than v6.1, this variable sets to `ON` by default.

14.5.1.174 tidb_enable_new_only_full_group_by_check New in v6.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls the behavior when TiDB performs the `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY` ↪ check. For detailed information about `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY`, see the MySQL documentation. In v6.1.0, TiDB handles this check more strictly and correctly.
- To avoid potential compatibility issues caused by version upgrades, the default value of this variable is `OFF` in v6.1.0.

14.5.1.175 tidb_enable_noop_functions New in v4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL

- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `OFF`, `ON`, `WARN`
- By default, TiDB returns an error when you attempt to use the syntax for functionality that is not yet implemented. When the variable value is set to `ON`, TiDB silently ignores such cases of unavailable functionality, which is helpful if you cannot make changes to the SQL code.
- Enabling `noop` functions controls the following behaviors:
    - `LOCK IN SHARE MODE` syntax
    - `SQL_CALC_FOUND_ROWS` syntax
    - `START TRANSACTION READ ONLY` and `SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY` syntax
    - The `tx_read_only`, `transaction_read_only`, `offline_mode`, `super_read_only` ↪ , `read_only` and `sql_auto_is_null` system variables
    - `GROUP BY <expr> ASC|DESC` syntax

> **Warning:**
>
> Only the default value of `OFF` can be considered safe. Setting `tidb_enable` ↪ `_noop_functions=1` might lead to unexpected behaviors in your application, because it permits TiDB to ignore certain syntax without providing an error. For example, the syntax `START TRANSACTION READ ONLY` is permitted, but the transaction remains in read-write mode.

14.5.1.176 tidb_enable_noop_variables New in v6.2.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `ON`
- If you set the variable value to `OFF`, TiDB behaves as follows:
    - When you use `SET` to set a `noop` variable, TiDB returns the `"setting *variable` ↪ `_name* has no effect in TiDB"` warning.
    - The result of `SHOW [SESSION | GLOBAL] VARIABLES` does not include `noop` variables.
    - When you use `SELECT` to read a `noop` variable, TiDB returns the `"variable *` ↪ `variable_name* has no effect in TiDB"` warning.
- To check whether a TiDB instance has set and read the `noop` variable, you can use the `SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_GLOBAL;` statement.

14.5.1.177 tidb_enable_null_aware_anti_join New in v6.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: Before v7.0.0, the default value is `OFF`. Starting from v7.0.0, the default value is `ON`.
- Type: Boolean
- This variable controls whether TiDB applies Null Aware Hash Join when ANTI JOIN is generated by subqueries led by special set operators `NOT IN` and `!= ALL`.
- When you upgrade from an earlier version to a v7.0.0 or later cluster, the feature is automatically enabled, meaning that this variable is set to `ON`.

14.5.1.178 tidb_enable_outer_join_reorder New in v6.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- Since v6.1.0, the Join Reorder algorithm of TiDB supports Outer Join. This variable controls whether TiDB enables the Join Reorder's support for Outer Join.
- If your cluster is upgraded from an earlier version of TiDB, note the following:
  - If the TiDB version before the upgrade is earlier than v6.1.0, the default value of this variable after the upgrade is `ON`.
  - If the TiDB version before the upgrade is v6.1.0 or later, the default value of the variable after the upgrade follows the value before the upgrade.

14.5.1.179 tidb_enable_inl_join_inner_multi_pattern New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`. The default value is `OFF` for v8.3.0 and earlier versions.
- This variable controls whether Index Join is supported when the inner table has `Selection`, `Aggregation`, or `Projection` operators on it. The default value `OFF` means that Index Join is not supported in this scenario.
- If you upgrade your TiDB cluster from a version earlier than v7.0.0 to v8.4.0 or later, this variable is set to `OFF` by default, indicating that Index Join is not supported in this scenario.

14.5.1.180 tidb_enable_instance_plan_cache New in v8.4.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, Instance Plan Cache is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to enable the Instance Plan Cache feature. This feature implements instance-level execution plan cache, which allows all sessions within the same TiDB instance to share the execution plan cache, thereby improving memory utilization. Before enabling Instance Plan Cache, it is recommended to disable session-level Prepared execution plan cache and Non-prepared execution plan cache.

14.5.1.181 tidb_enable_ordered_result_mode

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- Specifies whether to sort the final output result automatically.
- For example, with this variable enabled, TiDB processes `SELECT a, MAX(b)FROM t GROUP BY a` as `SELECT a, MAX(b)FROM t GROUP BY a ORDER BY a, MAX(b)`.

14.5.1.182 tidb_enable_paging New in v5.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`

- This variable controls whether to use the method of paging to send coprocessor requests. For TiDB versions in [v5.4.0, v6.2.0), this variable only takes effect on the `IndexLookup` operator; for v6.2.0 and later, this variable takes effect globally. Starting from v6.4.0, the default value of this variable is changed from `OFF` to `ON`.
- User scenarios:
  - In all OLTP scenarios, it is recommended to use the method of paging.
  - For read queries that use `IndexLookup` and `Limit` and that `Limit` cannot be pushed down to `IndexScan`, there might be high latency for the read queries and high usage for TiKV `Unified read pool CPU`. In such cases, because the `Limit` operator only requires a small set of data, if you set `tidb_enable_paging` to `ON`, TiDB processes less data, which reduces query latency and resource consumption.
  - In scenarios such as data export using Dumpling and full table scan, enabling paging can effectively reduce the memory consumption of TiDB processes.

> **Note:**
>
> In OLAP scenarios where TiKV is used as the storage engine instead of TiFlash, enabling paging might cause performance regression in some cases. If the regression occurs, consider using this variable to disable paging, or using the `tidb_min_paging_size` and `tidb_max_paging_size` variables to adjust the range of rows for paging size.

14.5.1.183 tidb_enable_parallel_apply New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to enable concurrency for the `Apply` operator. The number of concurrencies is controlled by the `tidb_executor_concurrency` variable. The `Apply` operator processes correlated subqueries and has no concurrency by default, so the execution speed is slow. Setting this variable value to `1` can increase concurrency and speed up execution. Currently, concurrency for `Apply` is disabled by default.

14.5.1.184 tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill New in v8.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether TiDB supports disk spill for the parallel HashAgg algorithm. When it is `ON`, the HashAgg operator can automatically trigger data spill based on memory usage under any parallel conditions, thus balancing performance and data throughput. It is not recommended to set this variable to `OFF`. Starting from v8.2.0, setting it to `OFF` will report an error. This variable will be deprecated in a future release.

14.5.1.185 tidb_enable_pipelined_window_function

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable specifies whether to use the pipeline execution algorithm for window functions.

14.5.1.186 tidb_enable_plan_cache_for_param_limit New in v6.6.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether Prepared Plan Cache caches execution plans with a variable as the `LIMIT` parameter (`LIMIT ?`). The default value is `ON`, which means Prepared Plan Cache supports caching such execution plans. Note that Prepared Plan Cache does not support caching execution plans with a variable that is greater than 10000.

14.5.1.187 tidb_enable_plan_cache_for_subquery New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether Prepared Plan Cache caches queries that contain subqueries.

14.5.1.188 tidb_enable_plan_replayer_capture

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether to enable the `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` feature. The default value `ON` means to enable the `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` feature.

14.5.1.189 tidb_enable_plan_replayer_continuous_capture New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to enable the `PLAN REPLAYER CONTINUOUS CAPTURE` feature. The default value `OFF` means to disable the feature.

14.5.1.190 tidb_enable_point_get_cache

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: YES
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- When you set the table lock type of `LOCK TABLES` to `READ`, setting this variable to `ON` enables caching of point query results, reducing the overhead of repeated queries and improving point query performance.

14.5.1.191 tidb_enable_prepared_plan_cache New in v6.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- Determines whether to enable Prepared Plan Cache. When it is enabled, the execution plans of `Prepare` and `Execute` are cached so that the subsequent executions skip optimizing the execution plans, which brings performance improvement.
- This setting was previously a `tidb.toml` option (`prepared-plan-cache.enabled`), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

14.5.1.192 tidb_enable_prepared_plan_cache_memory_monitor New in v6.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether to count the memory consumed by the execution plans cached in the Prepared Plan Cache. For details, see Memory management of Prepared Plan Cache.

14.5.1.193 tidb_enable_pseudo_for_outdated_stats New in v5.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls the behavior of the optimizer on using statistics of a table when the statistics are outdated.

- The optimizer determines whether the statistics of a table is outdated in this way: since the last time `ANALYZE` is executed on a table to get the statistics, if 80% of the table rows are modified (the modified row count divided by the total row count), the optimizer determines that the statistics of this table is outdated. You can change this ratio using the `pseudo-estimate-ratio` configuration.

- By default (with the variable value `OFF`), when the statistics of a table is outdated, the optimizer still keeps using the statistics of the table. If you set the variable value to `ON`, the optimizer determines that the statistics of the table is no longer reliable except for the total row count. Then, the optimizer uses the pseudo statistics.
- If the data on a table is frequently modified without executing `ANALYZE` on this table in time, to keep the execution plan stable, it is recommended to set the variable value to `OFF`.

14.5.1.194 tidb_enable_rate_limit_action

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`

- This variable controls whether to enable the dynamic memory control feature for the operator that reads data. By default, this operator enables the maximum number of threads that `tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency` allows to read data. When the memory usage of a single SQL statement exceeds `tidb_mem_quota_query` each time, the operator that reads data stops one thread.

- When the operator that reads data has only one thread left and the memory usage of a single SQL statement constantly exceeds `tidb_mem_quota_query`, this SQL statement triggers other memory control behaviors, such as spilling data to disk.
- This variable controls memory usage effectively when an SQL statement only reads data. If computing operations (such as join or aggregation operations) are required, memory usage might not be under the control of `tidb_mem_quota_query`, which increases the risk of OOM.

14.5.1.195 tidb_enable_resource_control New in v6.6.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `ON`
- Type: Boolean
- This variable is a switch for the resource control feature. When this variable is set to `ON`, the TiDB cluster can isolate application resources based on resource groups.

14.5.1.196 tidb_enable_reuse_chunk New in v6.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `ON`
- Value options: `OFF`, `ON`
- This variable controls whether TiDB enables chunk objects cache. If the value is `ON`, TiDB prefers to use the cached chunk object and only requests from the system if the requested object is not in the cache. If the value is `OFF`, TiDB requests chunk objects from the system directly.

14.5.1.197 tidb_enable_shared_lock_promotion New in v8.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to enable the feature of upgrading shared locks to exclusive locks. TiDB does not support `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` by default. When the variable value is `ON`, TiDB tries to upgrade the `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` statement to `SELECT FOR UPDATE` and add a pessimistic lock. The default value of this variable is `OFF`, which means that the feature of upgrading shared locks to exclusive locks is disabled.
- Enabling this variable takes effect on the `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` statement, regardless of whether `tidb_enable_noop_functions` is enabled or not.

14.5.1.198 tidb_enable_slow_log

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the slow log feature.

14.5.1.199 tidb_enable_tmp_storage_on_oom

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `ON`
- Value options: `OFF`, `ON`
- Controls whether to enable the temporary storage for some operators when a single SQL statement exceeds the memory quota specified by the system variable `tidb_mem_quota_query`.

- Before v6.3.0, you can enable or disable this feature by using the TiDB configuration item `oom-use-tmp-storage`. After upgrading the cluster to v6.3.0 or a later version, the TiDB cluster will initialize this variable using the value of `oom-use-tmp-storage` automatically. After that, changing the value of `oom-use-tmp-storage` **does not** take effect anymore.

14.5.1.200 tidb_enable_stats_owner New in v8.4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `ON`
- Possible values: `OFF`, `ON`
- This variable controls whether the corresponding TiDB instance can run automatic statistics update tasks. If there is only one TiDB instance in the current TiDB cluster, you cannot disable automatic statistics update on this instance, which means you cannot set this variable to `OFF`.

14.5.1.201 tidb_enable_stmt_summary New in v3.0.4

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the statement summary feature. If enabled, SQL execution information like time consumption is recorded to the `information_schema.STATEMENTS_SUMMARY` system table to identify and troubleshoot SQL performance issues.

14.5.1.202 tidb_enable_strict_double_type_check New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No

- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control if tables can be created with invalid definitions of type `DOUBLE`. This setting is intended to provide an upgrade path from earlier versions of TiDB, which were less strict in validating types.
- The default value of `ON` is compatible with MySQL.

For example, the type `DOUBLE(10)` is now considered invalid because the precision of floating point types is not guaranteed. After changing `tidb_enable_strict_double_type_check` to `OFF`, the table is created:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id int, c double(10));
ERROR 1149 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MySQL server version for the right syntax to use

mysql> SET tidb_enable_strict_double_type_check = 'OFF';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id int, c double(10));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)
```

> **Note:**
>
> This setting only applies to the type `DOUBLE` since MySQL permits precision for `FLOAT` types. This behavior is deprecated starting with MySQL 8.0.17, and it is not recommended to specify precision for either `FLOAT` or `DOUBLE` types.

14.5.1.203 tidb_enable_table_partition

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is deprecated since v8.4.0. Its value will be fixed to the default value `ON`, that is, table partitioning is enabled by default.

14.5.1.204 tidb_enable_telemetry New in v4.0.2 and deprecated in v8.1.0

Warning:

Starting from v8.1.0, the telemetry feature in TiDB is removed, and this variable is no longer functional. It is retained solely for compatibility with earlier versions.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`

- Before v8.1.0, this variable controls whether to enable the telemetry collection in TiDB.

14.5.1.205 tidb_enable_tiflash_read_for_write_stmt New in v6.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether read operations in SQL statements containing `INSERT`, `DELETE`, and `UPDATE` can be pushed down to TiFlash. For example:
  - `SELECT` queries in `INSERT INTO SELECT` statements (typical usage scenario: TiFlash query result materialization)
  - `WHERE` condition filtering in `UPDATE` and `DELETE` statements
- Starting from v7.1.0, this variable is deprecated. When `tidb_allow_mpp = ON`, the optimizer intelligently decides whether to push a query down to TiFlash based on the SQL mode and the cost estimates of the TiFlash replica. Note that TiDB allows read operations in SQL statements containing `INSERT`, `DELETE`, and `UPDATE` (such as `INSERT INTO SELECT`) to be pushed down to TiFlash only when the SQL Mode of the current session is not strict, which means that the `sql_mode` value does not contain `STRICT_TRANS_TABLES` and `STRICT_ALL_TABLES`.

14.5.1.206 tidb_enable_top_sql New in v5.4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`

- This variable is used to control whether to enable the Top SQL feature.

14.5.1.207 tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy New in v5.3.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to enable the TSO Follower Proxy feature. When the value is `OFF`, TiDB only gets TSO from the PD leader. When the value is `ON`, TiDB evenly distributes requests for TSO to all PD servers, and PD followers can also handle TSO requests, thereby reducing the CPU pressure on the PD leader.
- Scenarios for enabling TSO Follower Proxy:
  - Due to the high pressure of TSO requests, the CPU of the PD leader reaches a bottleneck, which causes high latency of TSO RPC requests.
  - The TiDB cluster has many TiDB instances, and increasing the value of `tidb_tso_client_batch_max_wait_time` cannot alleviate the high latency issue of TSO RPC requests.

Note:

- Suppose that the TSO RPC latency increases for reasons other than a CPU usage bottleneck of the PD leader (such as network issues). In this case, enabling the TSO Follower Proxy might increase the execution latency in TiDB and affect the QPS performance of the cluster.
- This feature is incompatible with `tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode`. If this feature is enabled, `tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode` does not take effect.

14.5.1.208 tidb_enable_unsafe_substitute New in v6.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to replace expressions with generated columns in an unsafe way. The default value is `OFF`, which means that unsafe replacement is disabled by default. For more details, see Generated Columns.

14.5.1.209 tidb_enable_vectorized_expression New in v4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable vectorized execution.

14.5.1.210 tidb_enable_window_function

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the support for window functions. Note that window functions might use reserved keywords. This might cause SQL statements that can be executed normally to fail to be parsed after TiDB is upgraded. In this case, you can set `tidb_enable_window_function` to `OFF`.

14.5.1.211 `tidb_enable_row_level_checksum` New in v7.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`

- This variable is used to control whether to enable the TiCDC data integrity validation for single-row data feature.

- You can use the `TIDB_ROW_CHECKSUM()` function to get the checksum value of a row.

14.5.1.212 tidb_enforce_mpp New in v5.1

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`

- To change this default value, modify the `performance.enforce-mpp` configuration value.

- Controls whether to ignore the optimizer's cost estimation and to forcibly use TiFlash's MPP mode for query execution. The value options are as follows:
  - `0` or `OFF`, which means that the MPP mode is not forcibly used (by default).
  - `1` or `ON`, which means that the cost estimation is ignored and the MPP mode is forcibly used. Note that this setting only takes effect when `tidb_allow_mpp=true`.

MPP is a distributed computing framework provided by the TiFlash engine, which allows data exchange between nodes and provides high-performance, high-throughput SQL algorithms. For details about the selection of the MPP mode, refer to Control whether to select the MPP mode.

14.5.1.213 tidb_evolve_plan_baselines New in v4.0

> **Warning:**
>
> The feature controlled by this variable is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the baseline evolution feature. For detailed introduction or usage , see Baseline Evolution.
- To reduce the impact of baseline evolution on the cluster, use the following configurations:
    - Set `tidb_evolve_plan_task_max_time` to limit the maximum execution time of each execution plan. The default value is 600s.
    - Set `tidb_evolve_plan_task_start_time` and `tidb_evolve_plan_task_end_time` to limit the time window. The default values are respectively `00:00 +0000` and `23:59 +0000`.

14.5.1.214 tidb_evolve_plan_task_end_time New in v4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Time
- Default value: `23:59 +0000`
- This variable is used to set the end time of baseline evolution in a day.

14.5.1.215 tidb_evolve_plan_task_max_time New in v4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `600`
- Range: `[-1, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable is used to limit the maximum execution time of each execution plan in the baseline evolution feature.

14.5.1.216 tidb_evolve_plan_task_start_time New in v4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Time
- Default value: `00:00 +0000`
- This variable is used to set the start time of baseline evolution in a day.

14.5.1.217 tidb_executor_concurrency New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `5`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads

This variable is used to set the concurrency of the following SQL operators (to one value):

- `index lookup`
- `index lookup join`
- `hash join`
- `hash aggregation` (the `partial` and `final` phases)
- `window`
- `projection`
- `sort`

`tidb_executor_concurrency` incorporates the following existing system variables as a whole for easier management:

- `tidb_index_lookup_concurrency`
- `tidb_index_lookup_join_concurrency`
- `tidb_hash_join_concurrency`
- `tidb_hashagg_partial_concurrency`
- `tidb_hashagg_final_concurrency`
- `tidb_projection_concurrency`
- `tidb_window_concurrency`

Since v5.0, you can still separately modify the system variables listed above (with a deprecation warning returned) and your modification only affects the corresponding single operators. After that, if you use `tidb_executor_concurrency` to modify the operator concurrency, the separately modified operators will not be affected. If you want to use `tidb_executor_concurrency` to modify the concurrency of all operators, you can set the values of all variables listed above to `-1`.

For a system upgraded to v5.0 from an earlier version, if you have not modified any value of the variables listed above (which means that the `tidb_hash_join_concurrency` value is `5` and the values of the rest are `4`), the operator concurrency previously managed by these variables will automatically be managed by `tidb_executor_concurrency`. If you have modified any of these variables, the concurrency of the corresponding operators will still be controlled by the modified variables.

14.5.1.218 tidb_expensive_query_time_threshold

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `60`
- Range: `[10, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable is used to set the threshold value that determines whether to print expensive query logs. The difference between expensive query logs and slow query logs is:
    - Slow logs are printed after the statement is executed.
    - Expensive query logs print the statements that are being executed, with execution time exceeding the threshold value, and their related information.

14.5.1.219 tidb_expensive_txn_time_threshold New in v7.2.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `600`
- Range: `[60, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable controls the threshold for logging expensive transactions, which is 600 seconds by default. When the duration of a transaction exceeds the threshold, and the transaction is neither committed nor rolled back, it is considered an expensive transaction and will be logged.

14.5.1.220 tidb_force_priority

Note:

This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `NO_PRIORITY`
- Possible values: `NO_PRIORITY`, `LOW_PRIORITY`, `HIGH_PRIORITY`, `DELAYED`
- This variable is used to change the default priority for statements executed on a TiDB server. A use case is to ensure that a particular user that is performing OLAP queries receives lower priority than users performing OLTP queries.
- The default value `NO_PRIORITY` means that the priority for statements is not forced to change.

Note:

Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports Resource Control. You can use this feature to execute SQL statements with different priorities in different resource groups. By configuring proper quotas and priorities for these resource groups, you can gain better scheduling control for SQL statements with different priorities. When resource control is enabled, statement priority will no longer take effect. It is recommended that you use Resource Control to manage resource usage for different SQL statements.

14.5.1.221 tidb_gc_concurrency New in v5.0

Note:

This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No

- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `-1` or `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable controls the number of concurrent threads during the Resolve Locks step of the Garbage Collection (GC) process.
- Starting from v8.3.0, this variable also controls the number of concurrent threads during the Delete Ranges step of the GC process.
- By default, this variable is `-1`, allowing TiDB to automatically determine the appropriate number of threads based on workloads.
- When this variable is set to a number in the range of `[1, 256]`:
    - Resolve Locks directly uses the value set for this variable as the number of threads.
    - Delete Range uses one-fourth of the value set for this variable as the number of threads.

14.5.1.222 tidb_gc_enable New in v5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- Enables garbage collection for TiKV. Disabling garbage collection will reduce system performance, as old versions of rows will no longer be purged.

14.5.1.223 tidb_gc_life_time New in v5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Duration
- Default value: `10m0s`
- Range: `[10m0s, 8760h0m0s]` for TiDB Self-Managed and TiDB Cloud Dedicated, `[10m0s, 168h0m0s]` for TiDB Cloud Serverless
- The time limit during which data is retained for each GC, in the format of Go Duration. When a GC happens, the current time minus this value is the safe point.

Note:

- In scenarios of frequent updates, a large value (days or even months) for `tidb_gc_life_time` may cause potential issues, such as:
  - Larger storage use
  - A large amount of history data may affect performance to a certain degree, especially for range queries such as `select count(*)from t`
- If there is any transaction that has been running longer than `tidb_gc_life_time`, during GC, the data since `start_ts` is retained for this transaction to continue execution. For example, if `tidb_gc_life_time` is configured to 10 minutes, among all transactions being executed, the transaction that starts earliest has been running for 15 minutes, GC will retain data of the recent 15 minutes.

14.5.1.224 tidb_gc_max_wait_time New in v6.1.0

Note:

This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `86400`
- Range: `[600, 31536000]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable is used to set the maximum time that active transactions block the GC safe point. During each time of GC, the safe point does not exceed the start time of the ongoing transactions by default. If the runtime of active transactions does not exceed this variable value, the GC safe point will be blocked until the runtime exceeds this value.

14.5.1.225 tidb_gc_run_interval New in v5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Duration
- Default value: `10m0s`
- Range: `[10m0s, 8760h0m0s]`
- Specifies the GC interval, in the format of Go Duration, for example, `"1h30m"`, and `"15m"`

14.5.1.226 tidb_gc_scan_lock_mode New in v5.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, Green GC is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in production environments.

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `LEGACY`
- Possible values: `PHYSICAL`, `LEGACY`
  - `LEGACY`: Uses the old way of scanning, that is, disable Green GC.
  - `PHYSICAL`: Uses the physical scanning method, that is, enable Green GC.

- This variable specifies the way of scanning locks in the Resolve Locks step of GC. When the variable value is set to `LEGACY`, TiDB scans locks by Regions. When the

value `PHYSICAL` is used, it enables each TiKV node to bypass the Raft layer and directly scan data, which can effectively mitigate the impact of GC wakening up all Regions when the Hibernate Region feature is enabled, thus improving the execution speed in the Resolve Locks step.

14.5.1.227 tidb_general_log

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`

- This variable is used to set whether to record all SQL statements in the log. This feature is disabled by default. If maintenance personnel needs to trace all SQL statements when locating issues, they can enable this feature.
- If the `log.general-log-file` configuration item is specified, the general log is written to the specified file separately.
- The `log.format` configuration item enables you to configure the log message format, whether the general log is in a separate file or combined with other logs.
- The `tidb_redact_log` variable enables you to redact SQL statements recorded in the general log.
- Only successfully executed statements are logged in the general log. Failed statements are not recorded in the general log but are instead logged in the TiDB log with a `command dispatched failed` message.
- To see all records of this feature in the log, you need to set the TiDB configuration item `log.level` to `"info"` or `"debug"` and then query the `"GENERAL_LOG"` string. The following information is recorded:
  - `time`: The time of the event.
  - `conn`: The ID of the current session.
  - `user`: The current session user.
  - `schemaVersion`: The current schema version.

- `txnStartTS`: The timestamp at which the current transaction starts.
- `forUpdateTS`: In the pessimistic transactional mode, `forUpdateTS` is the current timestamp of the SQL statement. When a write conflict occurs in the pessimistic transaction, TiDB retries the SQL statement currently being executed and updates this timestamp. You can configure the number of retries via `max-retry-count`. In the optimistic transactional model, `forUpdateTS` is equivalent to `txnStartTS`.
- `isReadConsistency`: Indicates whether the current transactional isolation level is Read Committed (RC).
- `current_db`: The name of the current database.
- `txn_mode`: The transactional mode. Value options are `OPTIMISTIC` and `PESSIMISTIC`.
- `sql`: The SQL statement corresponding to the current query.

14.5.1.228 tidb_non_prepared_plan_cache_size

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v7.1.0, this variable is deprecated. Instead, use `tidb_session_plan_cache_size` for setting.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `100`
- Range: `[1, 100000]`
- This variable controls the maximum number of execution plans that can be cached by Non-prepared plan cache.

14.5.1.229 tidb_pre_split_regions New in v8.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 15]`
- This variable is used to set the default number of row split shards for newly created tables. When this variable is set to a non-zero value, TiDB will automatically apply this attribute to tables that allow the use of `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` (for example,

NONCLUSTERED tables) when executing CREATE TABLE statements. For more information, see PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS. This variable is typically used in conjunction with tidb_shard_row_id_bits to shard new tables and pre-split the Regions of new tables.

14.5.1.230 tidb_generate_binary_plan New in v6.2.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: ON
- This variable controls whether to generate binary-encoded execution plans in slow logs and statement summaries.
- When this variable is set to ON, you can view visual execution plans in TiDB Dashboard. Note that TiDB Dashboard only provides visual display for execution plans generated after this variable is enabled.
- You can execute the SELECT tidb_decode_binary_plan('xxx...') statement to parse the specific plan from a binary plan.

14.5.1.231 tidb_gogc_tuner_max_value New in v7.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: 500
- Range: [10, 2147483647]
- The variable is used to control the maximum value of GOGC that the GOGC Tuner can adjust.

14.5.1.232 tidb_gogc_tuner_min_value New in v7.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No

- Type: Integer
- Default value: `100`
- Range: `[10, 2147483647]`
- The variable is used to control the minimum value of GOGC that the GOGC Tuner can adjust.

14.5.1.233 tidb_gogc_tuner_threshold New in v6.4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `0.6`
- Range: `[0, 0.9)`
- This variable specifies the maximum memory threshold for tuning GOGC. When the memory exceeds this threshold, GOGC Tuner stops working.

14.5.1.234 tidb_guarantee_linearizability New in v5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls the way commit TS is calculated for async commit. By default (with the `ON` value), the two-phase commit requests a new TS from the PD server and uses the TS to calculate the final commit TS. In this situation, linearizability is guaranteed for all the concurrent transactions.
- If you set this variable to `OFF`, the process of fetching TS from the PD server is skipped, with the cost that only causal consistency is guaranteed but not linearizability. For more details, see the blog post Async Commit, the Accelerator for Transaction Commit in TiDB 5.0.

- For scenarios that require only causal consistency, you can set this variable to `OFF` to improve performance.

14.5.1.235 tidb_hash_exchange_with_new_collation

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether the MPP hash partition exchange operator is generated in a cluster with new collation enabled. `true` means to generate the operator, and `false` means not to generate it.
- This variable is used for the internal operation of TiDB. It is **NOT recommended** to set this variable.

14.5.1.236 tidb_hash_join_concurrency

> **Warning:**
>
> Since v5.0, this variable is deprecated. Instead, use `tidb_executor_concurrency` for setting.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable is used to set the concurrency of the `hash join` algorithm.
- A value of `-1` means that the value of `tidb_executor_concurrency` will be used instead.

14.5.1.237 tidb_hash_join_version New in v8.4.0

> **Warning:**

> The feature controlled by this variable is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `legacy`
- Possible values: `legacy`, `optimized`
- This variable is used to control whether TiDB uses an optimized version of hash join. The value is `legacy` by default, which means the optimized version is not used. If it is set to `optimized`, TiDB uses the optimized version to execute hash join for better performance.

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, the optimized hash join only supports inner join and outer join, so for other joins, even if `tidb_hash_join_version` is set to `optimized`, TiDB still uses the legacy hash join.

14.5.1.238 tidb_hashagg_final_concurrency

> **Warning:**
>
> Since v5.0, this variable is deprecated. Instead, use `tidb_executor_` ↪ `concurrency` for setting.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads

- This variable is used to set the concurrency of executing the concurrent `hash aggregation` algorithm in the `final` phase.
- When the parameter of the aggregate function is not distinct, `HashAgg` is run concurrently and respectively in two phases - the `partial` phase and the `final` phase.
- A value of `-1` means that the value of `tidb_executor_concurrency` will be used instead.

14.5.1.239 tidb_hashagg_partial_concurrency

> **Warning:**
>
> Since v5.0, this variable is deprecated. Instead, use `tidb_executor_concurrency` for setting.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable is used to set the concurrency of executing the concurrent `hash aggregation` algorithm in the `partial` phase.
- When the parameter of the aggregate function is not distinct, `HashAgg` is run concurrently and respectively in two phases - the `partial` phase and the `final` phase.
- A value of `-1` means that the value of `tidb_executor_concurrency` will be used instead.

14.5.1.240 tidb_historical_stats_duration New in v6.6.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Duration
- Default value: `168h`, which means 7 days
- This variable controls the duration that the historical statistics are retained in the storage.

14.5.1.241 tidb_idle_transaction_timeout New in v7.6.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL

- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 31536000]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable controls the idle timeout for transactions in a user session. When a user session is in a transactional state and remains idle for a duration exceeding the value of this variable, TiDB will terminate the session. An idle user session means that there are no active requests and the session is waiting for new requests.
- The default value `0` means unlimited.

14.5.1.242 tidb_ignore_prepared_cache_close_stmt New in v6.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to set whether to ignore the commands for closing prepared statement cache.
- When this variable is set to `ON`, the `COM_STMT_CLOSE` command of the Binary protocol and the `DEALLOCATE PREPARE` statement of the text protocol are ignored. For details, see Ignore the `COM_STMT_CLOSE` command and the `DEALLOCATE PREPARE` statement.

14.5.1.243 tidb_ignore_inlist_plan_digest New in v7.6.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether TiDB ignores the element differences in the `IN` list across different queries when generating Plan Digests.
    - When it is the default value `OFF`, TiDB does not ignore the element differences (including the difference in the number of elements) in the `IN` list when generating Plan Digests. The element differences in the `IN` list result in different Plan Digests.
    - When it is set to `ON`, TiDB ignores the element differences (including the difference in the number of elements) in the `IN` list and uses `...` to replace elements in the `IN` list in Plan Digests. In this case, TiDB generates the same Plan Digests for `IN` queries of the same type.

14.5.1.244 tidb_index_join_batch_size

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `25000`
- Range: `[1, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Rows
- This variable is used to set the batch size of the `index lookup join` operation.
- Use a bigger value in OLAP scenarios, and a smaller value in OLTP scenarios.

14.5.1.245 tidb_index_join_double_read_penalty_cost_rate New in v6.6.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 18446744073709551615]`
- This variable determines whether to apply a penalty cost to the selection of index join, which reduces the likelihood of the optimizer selecting index join, and increases the likelihood of selecting alternative join methods such as hash join and tiflash join.
- When index join is selected, many table lookup requests are triggered, which consumes too many resources. You can use this variable to reduce the likelihood of the optimizer selecting index join.
- This variable takes effect only when the `tidb_cost_model_version` variable is set to 2.

14.5.1.246 tidb_index_lookup_concurrency

> **Warning:**
>
> Since v5.0, this variable is deprecated. Instead, use `tidb_executor_concurrency` for setting.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer

- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable is used to set the concurrency of the `index lookup` operation.
- Use a bigger value in OLAP scenarios, and a smaller value in OLTP scenarios.
- A value of `-1` means that the value of `tidb_executor_concurrency` will be used instead.

14.5.1.247 tidb_index_lookup_join_concurrency

> **Warning:**
>
> Since v5.0, this variable is deprecated. Instead, use `tidb_executor_concurrency` for setting.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable is used to set the concurrency of the `index lookup join` algorithm.
- A value of `-1` means that the value of `tidb_executor_concurrency` will be used instead.

14.5.1.248 tidb_index_merge_intersection_concurrency New in v6.5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- This variable sets the maximum concurrency for the intersection operations that index merge performs. It is effective only when TiDB accesses partitioned tables in the dynamic pruning mode. The actual concurrency is the smaller value of `tidb_index_merge_intersection_concurrency` and the number of partitions of the partitioned table.
- The default value `-1` means that the value of `tidb_executor_concurrency` is used.

14.5.1.249 tidb_index_lookup_size

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `20000`
- Range: `[1, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Rows
- This variable is used to set the batch size of the `index lookup` operation.
- Use a bigger value in OLAP scenarios, and a smaller value in OLTP scenarios.

14.5.1.250 tidb_index_serial_scan_concurrency

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable is used to set the concurrency of the `serial scan` operation.
- Use a bigger value in OLAP scenarios, and a smaller value in OLTP scenarios.

14.5.1.251 tidb_init_chunk_size

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `32`
- Range: `[1, 32]`
- Unit: Rows
- This variable is used to set the number of rows for the initial chunk during the execution process. The number of rows for a chunk directly affects the amount of memory required for a single query. You can roughly estimate the memory needed for a single chunk by considering the total width of all columns in the query and the number of rows for the chunk. Combining this with the concurrency of the executor, you can make a rough estimation of the total memory required for a single query. It is recommended that the total memory for a single chunk does not exceed 16 MiB.

14.5.1.252 tidb_instance_plan_cache_reserved_percentage New in v8.4.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, Instance Plan Cache is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0.1`
- Range: `[0, 1]`
- This variable controls the percentage of idle memory reserved for Instance Plan Cache after memory eviction. When the memory used by Instance Plan Cache reaches the limit set by `tidb_instance_plan_cache_max_size`, TiDB starts evicting execution plans from memory using the Least Recently Used (LRU) algorithm until the idle memory percentage exceeds the value set by `tidb_instance_plan_cache_reserved_percentage`.

14.5.1.253 tidb_instance_plan_cache_max_size New in v8.4.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, Instance Plan Cache is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `125829120` (which is 120 MiB)
- Unit: Bytes
- This variable sets the maximum memory usage for Instance Plan Cache.

14.5.1.254 tidb_isolation_read_engines New in v4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: `tikv,tiflash,tidb`
- This variable is used to set the storage engine list that TiDB can use when reading data.

14.5.1.255 tidb_last_ddl_info New in v6.0.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: ""
- Type: String
- This is a read-only variable. It is internally used in TiDB to get the information of the last DDL operation within the current session.
    - "query": The last DDL query string.
    - "seq_num": The sequence number for each DDL operation. It is used to identify the order of DDL operations.

14.5.1.256 tidb_last_query_info New in v4.0.14

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: ""
- This is a read-only variable. It is internally used in TiDB to query the transaction information of the last DML statement. The information includes:
    - `txn_scope`: The scope of the transaction, which can be `global` or `local`.
    - `start_ts`: The start timestamp of the transaction.
    - `for_update_ts`: The `for_update_ts` of the previously executed DML statement. This is an internal term of TiDB used for tests. Usually, you can ignore this information.
    - `error`: The error message, if any.
    - `ru_consumption`: Consumed RU for executing the statement.

14.5.1.257 tidb_last_txn_info New in v4.0.9

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- This variable is used to get the last transaction information within the current session. It is a read-only variable. The transaction information includes:
  - The transaction scope.
  - The start and commit TS.
  - The transaction commit mode, which might be a two-phase, one-phase, or async commit.
  - The information of transaction fallback from async commit or one-phase commit to two-phase commit.
  - The error encountered.

14.5.1.258 tidb_last_plan_replayer_token New in v6.3.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- This variable is read-only and is used to obtain the result of the last `PLAN REPLAYER DUMP` execution in the current session.

14.5.1.259 tidb_load_based_replica_read_threshold New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `"1s"`
- Range: `[0s, 1h]`
- Type: String
- This variable is used to set the threshold for triggering load-based replica read. When the estimated queue time of the leader node exceeds the threshold, TiDB prioritizes reading data from the follower node. The format is a time duration, such as `"100ms"` or `"1s"`. For more details, see Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues.

14.5.1.260 tidb_load_binding_timeout New in v8.0.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer

- Default value: `200`
- Range: `(0, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Milliseconds
- This variable is used to control the timeout of loading bindings. If the execution time of loading bindings exceeds this value, the loading will stop.

14.5.1.261 `tidb_lock_unchanged_keys` New in v7.1.1 and v7.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to lock specific keys in the following scenarios. When the value is set to `ON`, these keys are locked. When the value is set to `OFF`, these keys are not locked.
    - Duplicate keys in `INSERT IGNORE` and `REPLACE` statements. Before v6.1.6, these keys were not locked. This issue has been fixed in #42121.
    - Unique keys in `UPDATE` statements when the values of the keys are not changed. Before v6.5.2, these keys were not locked. This issue has been fixed in #36438.
- To maintain the consistency and rationality of the transaction, it is not recommended to change this value. If upgrading TiDB causes severe performance issues due to these two fixes, and the behavior without locks is acceptable (see the preceding issues), you can set this variable to `OFF`.

14.5.1.262 tidb_log_file_max_days New in v5.3.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`

- This variable is used to set the maximum days that the log is retained on the current TiDB instance. Its value defaults to the value of the `max-days` configuration in the configuration file. Changing the variable value only affects the current TiDB instance. After TiDB is restarted, the variable value is reset and the configuration value is not affected.

14.5.1.263 tidb_low_resolution_tso

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to set whether to enable the low-precision TSO feature. After this feature is enabled, TiDB uses the cached timestamp to read data. The cached timestamp is updated every 2 seconds by default. Starting from v8.0.0, you can configure the update interval by `tidb_low_resolution_tso_update_interval`.
- The main applicable scenario is to reduce the overhead of acquiring TSO for small read-only transactions when reading old data is acceptable.
- Starting from v8.3.0, this variable supports the GLOBAL scope.

14.5.1.264 `tidb_low_resolution_tso_update_interval` New in v8.0.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `2000`
- Range: `[10, 60000]`
- Unit: Milliseconds
- This variable is used to set the update interval of the cached timestamp used in the low-precision TSO feature, in milliseconds.
- This variable is only available when `tidb_low_resolution_tso` is enabled.

14.5.1.265 tidb_max_auto_analyze_time New in v6.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `43200` (12 hours)
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Seconds

- This variable is used to specify the maximum execution time of automatic `ANALYZE` tasks. When the execution time of an automatic `ANALYZE` task exceeds the specified time, the task will be terminated. When the value of this variable is `0`, there is no limit to the maximum execution time of automatic `ANALYZE` tasks.

14.5.1.266 tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_group_by New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[-1, 9223372036854775807]`
- This variable is used to specify the maximum memory usage of the Hash Aggregation operator with `GROUP BY` in TiFlash, in bytes. When the memory usage exceeds the specified value, TiFlash triggers the Hash Aggregation operator to spill to disk. When the value of this variable is `-1`, TiDB does not pass this variable to TiFlash. Only when the value of this variable is greater than or equal to `0`, TiDB passes this variable to TiFlash. When the value of this variable is `0`, it means that the memory usage is unlimited, that is, TiFlash Hash Aggregation operator will not trigger spilling. For details, see TiFlash Spill to Disk.

> **Note:**
>
> - If a TiDB cluster has multiple TiFlash nodes, aggregation is usually distributedly executed on multiple TiFlash nodes. This variable controls the maximum memory usage of the aggregation operator on a single TiFlash node.
> - When this variable is set to `-1`, TiFlash determines the maximum memory usage of the aggregation operator based on the value of its own configuration item `max_bytes_before_external_group_by`.

14.5.1.267 tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_join New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`

- Range: `[-1, 9223372036854775807]`
- This variable is used to specify the maximum memory usage of the Hash Join operator with `JOIN` in TiFlash, in bytes. When the memory usage exceeds the specified value, TiFlash triggers the Hash Join operator to spill to disk. When the value of this variable is `-1`, TiDB does not pass this variable to TiFlash. Only when the value of this variable is greater than or equal to `0`, TiDB passes this variable to TiFlash. When the value of this variable is `0`, it means that the memory usage is unlimited, that is, TiFlash Hash Join operator will not trigger spilling. For details, see TiFlash Spill to Disk.

Note:

- If a TiDB cluster has multiple TiFlash nodes, join is usually distributedly executed on multiple TiFlash nodes. This variable controls the maximum memory usage of the join operator on a single TiFlash node.
- When this variable is set to `-1`, TiFlash determines the maximum memory usage of the join operator based on the value of its own configuration item `max_bytes_before_external_join`.

14.5.1.268 tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_sort New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[-1, 9223372036854775807]`
- This variable is used to specify the maximum memory usage of the TopN and Sort operators in TiFlash, in bytes. When the memory usage exceeds the specified value, TiFlash triggers the TopN and Sort operators to spill to disk. When the value of this variable is `-1`, TiDB does not pass this variable to TiFlash. Only when the value of this variable is greater than or equal to `0`, TiDB passes this variable to TiFlash. When the value of this variable is `0`, it means that the memory usage is unlimited, that is, TiFlash TopN and Sort operators will not trigger spilling. For details, see TiFlash Spill to Disk.

Note:

- If a TiDB cluster has multiple TiFlash nodes, TopN and Sort are usually distributedly executed on multiple TiFlash nodes. This variable controls

the maximum memory usage of the TopN and Sort operators on a single TiFlash node.
- When this variable is set to `-1`, TiFlash determines the maximum memory usage of the TopN and Sort operators based on the value of its own configuration item `max_bytes_before_external_sort`.

14.5.1.269 tidb_max_chunk_size

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1024`
- Range: `[32, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Rows
- This variable is used to set the maximum number of rows in a chunk during the execution process. Setting to too large of a value may cause cache locality issues. The recommended value for this variable is no larger than 65536. The number of rows for a chunk directly affects the amount of memory required for a single query. You can roughly estimate the memory needed for a single chunk by considering the total width of all columns in the query and the number of rows for the chunk. Combining this with the concurrency of the executor, you can make a rough estimation of the total memory required for a single query. It is recommended that the total memory for a single chunk does not exceed 16 MiB. When the query involves a large amount of data and a single chunk is insufficient to handle all the data, TiDB processes it multiple times, doubling the chunk size with each processing iteration, starting from `tidb_init_chunk_size` until the chunk size reaches the value of `tidb_max_chunk_size`.

14.5.1.270 tidb_max_delta_schema_count New in v2.1.18 and v3.0.5

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1024`
- Range: `[100, 16384]`
- This variable is used to set the maximum number of schema versions (the table IDs modified for corresponding versions) allowed to be cached. The value range is 100 ~ 16384.

14.5.1.271 tidb_max_paging_size New in v6.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `50000`
- Range: `[1, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Rows
- This variable is used to set the maximum number of rows during the coprocessor paging request process. Setting it to too small a value increases the RPC count between TiDB and TiKV, while setting it to too large a value results in excessive memory usage in some cases, such as loading data and full table scan. The default value of this variable brings better performance in OLTP scenarios than in OLAP scenarios. If the application only uses TiKV as the storage engine, consider increasing the value of this variable when executing OLAP workload queries, which might bring you better performance.

14.5.1.272 tidb_max_tiflash_threads New in v6.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[-1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable is used to set the maximum concurrency for TiFlash to execute a request. The default value is `-1`, indicating that this system variable is invalid and the maximum concurrency depends on the setting of the TiFlash configuration `profiles.default.max_threads`. When the value is `0`, the maximum number of threads is automatically configured by TiFlash.

14.5.1.273 tidb_mem_oom_action New in v6.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `CANCEL`
- Possible values: `CANCEL`, `LOG`

- Specifies what operation TiDB performs when a single SQL statement exceeds the memory quota specified by `tidb_mem_quota_query` and cannot be spilled over to disk. See TiDB Memory Control for details.

- The default value is `CANCEL`, but in TiDB v4.0.2 and earlier versions, the default value is `LOG`.
- This setting was previously a `tidb.toml` option (`oom-action`), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

14.5.1.274 tidb_mem_quota_analyze New in v6.1.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Currently, the `ANALYZE` memory quota is an experimental feature, and the memory statistics might be inaccurate in production environments.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[-1, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Bytes
- This variable controls the maximum memory usage of TiDB updating statistics. Such a memory usage occurs when you manually execute `ANALYZE TABLE` and when TiDB automatically analyzes tasks in the background. When the total memory usage exceeds this threshold, user-executed `ANALYZE` will exit, and an error message is reported that reminds you to try a lower sampling rate or retry later. If the automatic task in the TiDB background exits because the memory threshold is exceeded, and the sampling rate used is higher than the default value, TiDB will retry the update using the default sampling rate. When this variable value is negative or zero, TiDB does not limit the memory usage of both the manual and automatic update tasks.

> **Note:**
>
> `auto_analyze` will be triggered in a TiDB cluster only when `run-auto-analyze` is enabled in the TiDB startup configuration file.

14.5.1.275 tidb_mem_quota_apply_cache New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `33554432` (32 MiB)
- Range: `[0, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Bytes
- This variable is used to set the memory usage threshold of the local cache in the `Apply` operator.
- The local cache in the `Apply` operator is used to speed up the computation of the `Apply` operator. You can set the variable to `0` to disable the `Apply` cache feature.

14.5.1.276 tidb_mem_quota_binding_cache New in v6.0.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `67108864`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Bytes
- This variable is used to set the threshold of the memory used for caching bindings.
- If a system creates or captures excessive bindings, resulting in overuse of memory space, TiDB returns a warning in the log. In this case, the cache cannot hold all available bindings or determine which bindings to store. For this reason, some queries might miss their bindings. To address this problem, you can increase the value of this variable, which increases the memory used for caching bindings. After modifying this parameter, you need to run `admin reload bindings` to reload bindings and validate the modification.

14.5.1.277 tidb_mem_quota_query

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1073741824` (1 GiB)
- Range: `[-1, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Bytes

- For versions earlier than TiDB v6.1.0, this is a session scope variable and uses the value of `mem-quota-query` from `tidb.toml` as an initial value. Starting from v6.1.0, `tidb_mem_quota_query` is a `SESSION | GLOBAL` scope variable.
- For versions earlier than TiDB v6.5.0, this variable is used to set the threshold value of memory quota for **a query**. If the memory quota of a query during execution exceeds the threshold value, TiDB performs the operation defined by `tidb_mem_oom_action`.

- For TiDB v6.5.0 and later versions, this variable is used to set the threshold value of memory quota for **a session**. If the memory quota of a session during execution exceeds the threshold value, TiDB performs the operation defined by `tidb_mem_oom_action`. Note that starting from TiDB v6.5.0, the memory usage of a session contains the memory consumed by the transactions in the session. For the control behavior of transaction memory usage in TiDB v6.5.0 and later versions, see `txn-total-size-limit`.
- When you set the variable value to `0` or `-1`, the memory threshold is positive infinity. When you set a value smaller than 128, the value will be defaulted to `128`.

14.5.1.278 tidb_memory_debug_mode_alarm_ratio

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0`
- This variable represents the memory statistics error value allowed in the TiDB memory debug mode.
- This variable is used for the internal testing of TiDB. It is **NOT recommended** to set this variable.

14.5.1.279 tidb_memory_debug_mode_min_heap_inuse

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- This variable is used for the internal testing of TiDB. It is **NOT recommended** to set this variable. Enabling this variable will affect the performance of TiDB.
- After configuring this parameter, TiDB will enter the memory debug mode to analyze the accuracy of memory tracking. TiDB will frequently trigger GC during the execution of subsequent SQL statements, and compare the actual memory usage and memory statistics. If the current memory usage is greater than `tidb_memory_debug_mode_min_heap_inuse` and the memory statistics error exceeds `tidb_memory_debug_mode_alarm_ratio`, TiDB will output the relevant memory information to the log and file.

14.5.1.280 tidb_memory_usage_alarm_ratio

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0.7`
- Range: `[0.0, 1.0]`

- This variable sets the memory usage ratio that triggers the tidb-server memory alarm. By default, TiDB prints an alarm log when TiDB memory usage exceeds 70% of its total memory and any of the alarm conditions is met.
- When this variable is configured to `0` or `1`, it means the memory threshold alarm feature is disabled.
- When this variable is configured to a value greater than `0` and less than `1`, it means that the memory threshold alarm feature is enabled.
    - If the value of the system variable `tidb_server_memory_limit` is `0`, the memory alarm threshold is `tidb_memory-usage-alarm-ratio * system memory size`.
    - If the value of the system variable `tidb_server_memory_limit` is set to greater than 0, the memory alarm threshold is `tidb_memory-usage-alarm-ratio * tidb_server_memory_limit`.

14.5.1.281 tidb_memory_usage_alarm_keep_record_num New in v6.4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `5`
- Range: `[1, 10000]`
- When the tidb-server memory usage exceeds the memory alarm threshold and triggers an alarm, TiDB only retains the status files generated during the recent 5 alarms by default. You can adjust this number with this variable.

14.5.1.282 tidb_merge_join_concurrency

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Default value: `1`
- This variable sets the concurrency of the `MergeJoin` operator when a query is executed.
- It is **NOT recommended** to set this variable. Modifying the value of this variable might cause data correctness issues.

14.5.1.283 tidb_merge_partition_stats_concurrency

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `1`
- This variable specifies the concurrency of merging statistics for a partitioned table when TiDB analyzes the partitioned table.

14.5.1.284 tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats New in v7.5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`. When you upgrade TiDB from a version earlier than v7.5.0 to v7.5.0 or a later version, the default value is `OFF`.
- This variable is used for TiDB to merge global statistics asynchronously to avoid OOM issues.

14.5.1.285 tidb_metric_query_range_duration New in v4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `60`
- Range: `[10, 216000]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable is used to set the range duration of the Prometheus statement generated when querying `METRICS_SCHEMA`.

14.5.1.286 tidb_metric_query_step New in v4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `60`
- Range: `[10, 216000]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable is used to set the step of the Prometheus statement generated when querying `METRICS_SCHEMA`.

14.5.1.287 tidb_min_paging_size New in v6.2.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `128`
- Range: `[1, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Rows
- This variable is used to set the minimum number of rows during the coprocessor paging request process. Setting it to a too small value increases the RPC request count between TiDB and TiKV, while setting it to a too large value might cause a performance decrease when executing queries using IndexLookup with Limit. The default value of this variable brings better performance in OLTP scenarios than in OLAP scenarios. If the application only uses TiKV as the storage engine, consider increasing the value of this variable when executing OLAP workload queries, which might bring you better performance.

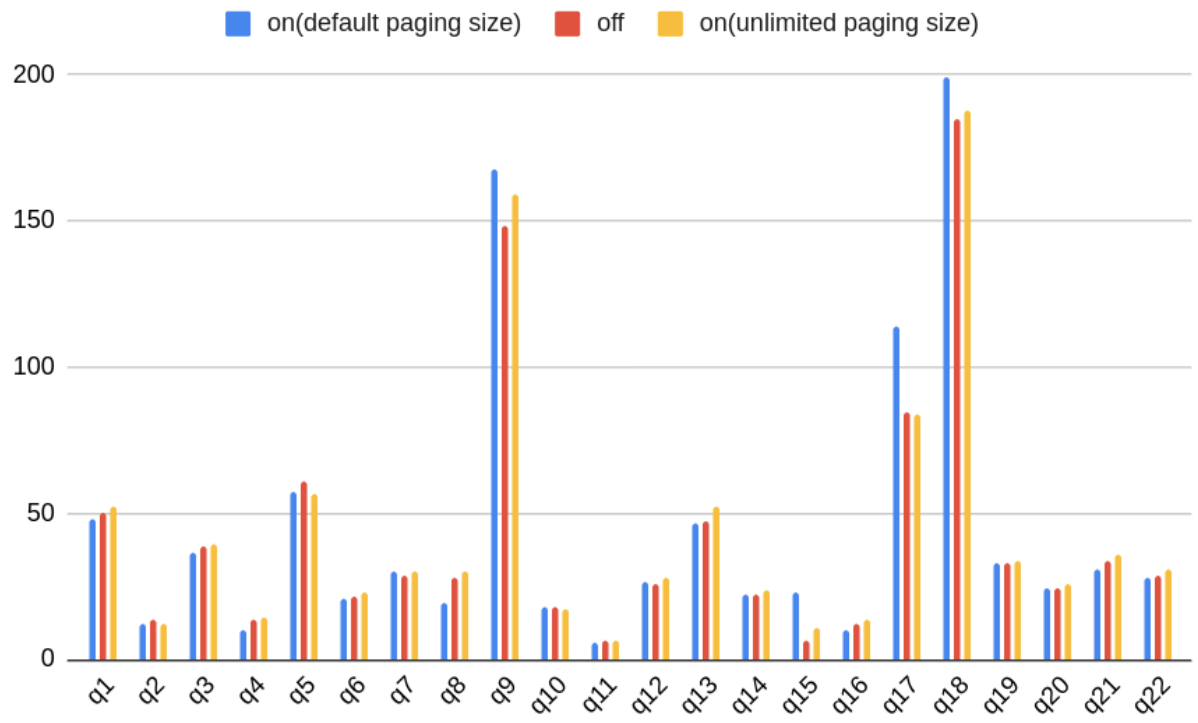

Figure 562: Paging size impact on TPCH

As shown in this diagram, when `tidb_enable_paging` is enabled, the performance of TPCH is affected by the settings of `tidb_min_paging_size` and `tidb_max_paging_size`. The vertical axis is the execution time, and it is the smaller the better.

14.5.1.288 tidb_mpp_store_fail_ttl

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Duration
- Default value: `60s`
- The newly started TiFlash node does not provide services. To prevent queries from failing, TiDB limits the tidb-server sending queries to the newly started TiFlash node. This variable indicates the time range in which the newly started TiFlash node is not sent requests.

14.5.1.289 tidb_multi_statement_mode New in v4.0.11

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL

- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `OFF`, `ON`, `WARN`
- This variable controls whether to allow multiple queries to be executed in the same `COM_QUERY` call.
- To reduce the impact of SQL injection attacks, TiDB now prevents multiple queries from being executed in the same `COM_QUERY` call by default. This variable is intended to be used as part of an upgrade path from earlier versions of TiDB. The following behaviors apply:

Client setting	`tidb_multi_statement_mode` value	Multiple statements permitted?
Multiple Statements = ON	OFF	Yes
Multiple Statements = ON	ON	Yes
Multiple Statements = ON	WARN	Yes
Multiple Statements = OFF	OFF	No
Multiple Statements = OFF	ON	Yes
Multiple Statements = OFF	WARN	Yes (+warning returned)

Note:

Only the default value of `OFF` can be considered safe. Setting `tidb_multi_statement_mode=ON` might be required if your application was specifically designed for an earlier version of TiDB. If your application requires multiple statement support, it is recommended to use the setting provided by your client library instead of the `tidb_multi_statement_mode` option. For example:

- go-sql-driver (`multiStatements`)
- Connector/J (`allowMultiQueries`)
- PHP mysqli (`mysqli_multi_query`)

14.5.1.290 tidb_nontransactional_ignore_error New in v6.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`

- This variable specifies whether to return an error immediately when the error occurs in a non-transactional DML statement.
- When the value is set to `OFF`, the non-transactional DML statement stops immediately at the first error and returns the error. All the following batches are canceled.
- When the value is set to `ON` and an error occurs in a batch, the following batches will continue to be executed until all batches are executed. All errors occurred during the execution process are returned together in the result.

14.5.1.291 tidb_opt_agg_push_down

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to set whether the optimizer executes the optimization operation of pushing down the aggregate function to the position before Join, Projection, and UnionAll.
- When the aggregate operation is slow in query, you can set the variable value to ON.

14.5.1.292 tidb_opt_broadcast_cartesian_join

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[0, 2]`
- Indicates whether to allow the Broadcast Cartesian Join.
- `0` means that the Broadcast Cartesian Join is not allowed. `1` means that it is allowed based on `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_count`. `2` means that it is always allowed even if the table size exceeds the threshold.
- This variable is internally used in TiDB, and it is **NOT** recommended to modify its value.

14.5.1.293 tidb_opt_concurrency_factor

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Range: `[0, 18446744073709551615]`
- Default value: `3.0`
- Indicates the CPU cost of starting a Golang goroutine in TiDB. This variable is internally used in the Cost Model, and it is **NOT** recommended to modify its value.

14.5.1.294 tidb_opt_copcpu_factor

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Range: `[0, 18446744073709551615]`
- Default value: `3.0`
- Indicates the CPU cost for TiKV Coprocessor to process one row. This variable is internally used in the Cost Model, and it is **NOT** recommended to modify its value.

14.5.1.295 tidb_opt_correlation_exp_factor

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- When the method that estimates the number of rows based on column order correlation is not available, the heuristic estimation method is used. This variable is used to control the behavior of the heuristic method.
  - When the value is 0, the heuristic method is not used.
  - When the value is greater than 0:
    - A larger value indicates that an index scan will probably be used in the heuristic method.
    - A smaller value indicates that a table scan will probably be used in the heuristic method.

14.5.1.296 tidb_opt_correlation_threshold

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0.9`
- Range: `[0, 1]`
- This variable is used to set the threshold value that determines whether to enable estimating the row count by using column order correlation. If the order correlation between the current column and the `handle` column exceeds the threshold value, this method is enabled.

14.5.1.297 tidb_opt_cpu_factor

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Default value: `3.0`
- Indicates the CPU cost for TiDB to process one row. This variable is internally used in the Cost Model, and it is **NOT** recommended to modify its value.

14.5.1.298 tidb_opt_derive_topn New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- Controls whether to enable the optimization rule of Deriving TopN or Limit from window functions.

14.5.1.299 tidb_opt_desc_factor

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Range: `[0, 18446744073709551615]`
- Default value: `3.0`
- Indicates the cost for TiKV to scan one row from the disk in descending order. This variable is internally used in the Cost Model, and it is **NOT** recommended to modify its value.

14.5.1.300 tidb_opt_disk_factor

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Range: `[0, 18446744073709551615]`
- Default value: `1.5`
- Indicates the I/O cost for TiDB to read or write one byte of data from or to the temporary disk. This variable is internally used in the Cost Model, and it is **NOT** recommended to modify its value.

14.5.1.301 tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to set whether the optimizer executes the optimization operation of pushing down the aggregate function with `distinct` (such as `select count(distinct a)from t`) to Coprocessor.
- When the aggregate function with the `distinct` operation is slow in the query, you can set the variable value to `1`.

In the following example, before `tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down` is enabled, TiDB needs to read all data from TiKV and execute `distinct` on the TiDB side. After `tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down` is enabled, `distinct a` is pushed down to Coprocessor, and a `group by` column `test.t.a` is added to `HashAgg_5`.

```
mysql> desc select count(distinct a) from test.t;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
    ↪                     |
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    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
| StreamAgg_6           | 1.00    | root    |               | funcs:count(
    ↪ distinct test.t.a)->Column#4 |
|  ─TableReader_10      | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_9                |
|    ─TableFullScan_9   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t   | keep order:false
    ↪ , stats:pseudo      |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> set session tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down = 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> desc select count(distinct a) from test.t;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
| id                     | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
    ↪                      |
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+--
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   ↪
| HashAgg_8              | 1.00    | root     |              | funcs:count(
   ↪ distinct test.t.a)->Column#3 |
| └─TableReader_9        | 1.00    | root     |              | data:HashAgg_5
   ↪                        |
|   └─HashAgg_5          | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |              | group by:test.
   ↪ t.a,                   |
|     └─TableFullScan_7  | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t  | keep order:
   ↪ false, stats:pseudo      |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+---------+----------+--------------+--------------
   ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.5.1.302 tidb_opt_enable_correlation_adjustment

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether the optimizer estimates the number of rows based on column order correlation

14.5.1.303 tidb_opt_enable_hash_join New in v6.5.6, v7.1.2, and v7.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether the optimizer selects hash joins for tables. The value is `ON` by default. If it is set to `OFF`, the optimizer avoids selecting hash joins when generating execution plans, unless no other join algorithm is available.
- If both the system variable `tidb_opt_enable_hash_join` and the `HASH_JOIN` hint are configured, the `HASH_JOIN` hint takes precedence. Even if `tidb_opt_enable_hash_join` is set to `OFF`, when you specify a `HASH_JOIN` hint in a query, the TiDB optimizer still enforces a hash join plan.

14.5.1.304 tidb_opt_enable_non_eval_scalar_subquery New in v7.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to control whether the `EXPLAIN` statement disables the execution of constant subqueries that can be expanded at the optimization stage. When this variable is set to `OFF`, the `EXPLAIN` statement expands the subquery in advance at the optimization stage. When this variable is set to `ON`, the `EXPLAIN` statement does not expand the subquery at the optimization stage. For more information, see Disable subquery expansion.

14.5.1.305 tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the TiFlash late materialization feature. Note that TiFlash late materialization does not take effect in the fast scan mode.
- When this variable is set to `OFF` to disable the TiFlash late materialization feature, to process a `SELECT` statement with filter conditions (`WHERE` clause), TiFlash scans all the data of the required columns before filtering. When this variable is set to `ON` to enable the TiFlash late materialization feature, TiFlash can first scan the column data related to the filter conditions that are pushed down to the TableScan operator, filter the rows that meet the conditions, and then scan the data of other columns of these rows for further calculations, thereby reducing IO scans and computations of data processing.

14.5.1.306 tidb_opt_enable_mpp_shared_cte_execution New in v7.2.0

> **Warning:**
>
> The feature controlled by this variable is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether the non-recursive Common Table Expressions (CTE) can be executed on TiFlash MPP. By default, when this variable is disabled, CTE is executed on TiDB, which has a large performance gap compared with enabling this feature.

14.5.1.307 tidb_opt_enable_fuzzy_binding New in v7.6.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to enable the Cross-database binding feature.

14.5.1.308 tidb_opt_fix_control New in v6.5.3 and v7.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: String
- Default value: `""`
- This variable is used to control some internal behaviors of the optimizer.
- The optimizer's behavior might vary depending on user scenarios or SQL statements. This variable provides a more fine-grained control over the optimizer and helps to prevent performance regression after upgrading caused by behavior changes in the optimizer.
- For a more detailed introduction, see Optimizer Fix Controls.

14.5.1.309 tidb_opt_force_inline_cte New in v6.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to control whether common table expressions (CTEs) in the entire session are inlined or not. The default value is `OFF`, which means that inlining CTE is not enforced by default. However, you can still inline CTE by specifying the `MERGE()` hint. If the variable is set to `ON`, all CTEs (except recursive CTE) in this session are forced to be inlined.

14.5.1.310 tidb_opt_advanced_join_hint New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether the Join Method hint, such as `HASH_JOIN()` hint and `MERGE_JOIN()` hint, affects the Join Reorder optimization process, including the use of `LEADING()` hint. The default value is `ON`, which means that it does not affect. If it is set to `OFF`, there might be conflicts in some scenarios where both Join Method hint and `LEADING()` hint are used at the same time.

> **Note:**
>
> The behavior of versions earlier than v7.0.0 is consistent with that of setting this variable to `OFF`. To ensure forward compatibility, when you upgrade from an earlier version to a v7.0.0 or later cluster, this variable is set to `OFF`. To obtain more flexible hint behavior, it is strongly recommended to switch this variable to `ON` under the condition that there is no performance regression.

14.5.1.311 tidb_opt_insubq_to_join_and_agg

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to set whether to enable the optimization rule that converts a subquery to join and aggregation.
- For example, after you enable this optimization rule, the subquery is converted as follows:

```
select * from t where t.a in (select aa from t1);
```

The subquery is converted to join as follows:

```
select t.* from t, (select aa from t1 group by aa) tmp_t where t.a =
    ↪ tmp_t.aa;
```

If `t1` is limited to be `unique` and `not null` in the `aa` column. You can use the following statement, without aggregation.

```
select t.* from t, t1 where t.a=t1.aa;
```

14.5.1.312 tidb_opt_join_reorder_threshold

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- This variable is used to control the selection of the TiDB Join Reorder algorithm. When the number of nodes participating in Join Reorder is greater than this threshold, TiDB selects the greedy algorithm, and when it is less than this threshold, TiDB selects the dynamic programming algorithm.
- Currently, for OLTP queries, it is recommended to keep the default value. For OLAP queries, it is recommended to set the variable value to 10~15 to get better connection orders in OLAP scenarios.

14.5.1.313 tidb_opt_limit_push_down_threshold

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `100`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- This variable is used to set the threshold that determines whether to push the Limit or TopN operator down to TiKV.
- If the value of the Limit or TopN operator is smaller than or equal to this threshold, these operators are forcibly pushed down to TiKV. This variable resolves the issue that the Limit or TopN operator cannot be pushed down to TiKV partly due to wrong estimation.

14.5.1.314 tidb_opt_memory_factor

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL

- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Default value: `0.001`
- Indicates the memory cost for TiDB to store one row. This variable is internally used in the Cost Model, and it is **NOT** recommended to modify its value.

14.5.1.315 tidb_opt_mpp_outer_join_fixed_build_side New in v5.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- When the variable value is `ON`, the left join operator always uses inner table as the build side and the right join operator always uses outer table as the build side. If you set the value to `OFF`, the outer join operator can use either side of the tables as the build side.

14.5.1.316 tidb_opt_network_factor

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Default value: `1.0`
- Indicates the net cost of transferring 1 byte of data through the network. This variable is internally used in the Cost Model, and it is **NOT** recommended to modify its value.

14.5.1.317 tidb_opt_objective New in v7.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `moderate`
- Possible values: `moderate`, `determinate`
- This variable controls the objective of the optimizer. `moderate` maintains the default behavior in versions prior to TiDB v7.4.0, where the optimizer tries to use more information to generate better execution plans. `determinate` mode tends to be more conservative and makes the execution plan more stable.

- The real-time statistics are the total number of rows and the number of modified rows that are automatically updated based on DML statements. When this variable is set to `moderate` (default), TiDB generates the execution plan based on real-time statistics. When this variable is set to `determinate`, TiDB does not use real-time statistics for generating the execution plan, which will make execution plans more stable.
- For long-term stable OLTP workload, or if the user is affirmative on the existing execution plans, it is recommended to use the `determinate` mode to reduce the possibility of unexpected execution plan changes. Additionally, you can use the `LOCK STATS` to prevent the statistics from being modified and further stabilize the execution plan.

14.5.1.318 tidb_opt_ordering_index_selectivity_ratio New in v8.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[-1, 1]`
- This variable controls the estimated number of rows for an index that matches the SQL statement `ORDER BY` when there are `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT` clauses in a SQL statement, but does not cover some filter conditions.
- This addresses the same query patterns as the system variable tidb_opt_ordering_index_selectivity_
- It differs in implementation by applying a ratio or percentage of the possible range that the qualified rows will be found.
- A value of `-1` (default) or less than `0` disables this ratio. Any value between `0` and `1` applies a ratio of 0% to 100% (for example, `0.5` corresponds to `50%`).
- In the following examples, the table `t` has a total of 1,000,000 rows. The same query is used, but different values for `tidb_opt_ordering_index_selectivity_ratio` are used. The query in the example contains a `WHERE` clause predicate that qualifies a small percentage of rows (9,000 out of 1,000,000). There is an index that supports the `ORDER BY a` (index `ia`), but the filter on `b` is not included in this index. Depending on the actual data distribution, the rows matching the `WHERE` clause and `LIMIT 1` might be found as the first row accessed when scanning the non-filtering index, or at worst, after nearly all the rows have been processed.
- Each example uses an index hint to demonstrate the impact on estRows. The final plan selection depends on the availability and cost of other plans.

- The first example uses the default value `-1`, which uses the existing estimation formula. By default, a small percentage of rows are scanned for estimation before the qualified rows are found.

```
> SET SESSION tidb_opt_ordering_index_selectivity_ratio = -1;

> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t USE INDEX (ia) WHERE b <= 9000 ORDER BY a
   ↪ LIMIT 1;
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
| id                            | estRows | task    | access object
   ↪      | operator info                |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
| Limit_12                      | 1.00    | root     |
   ↪                    | offset:0, count:1           |
|  ─Projection_22               | 1.00    | root     |
   ↪                    | test.t.a, test.t.b, test.t.c |
|    ─IndexLookUp_21            | 1.00    | root     |
   ↪                    |                             |
|      ─IndexFullScan_18(Build) | 109.20 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:
   ↪ ia(a) | keep order:true         |
|      ─Selection_20(Probe)     | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                    | le(test.t.b, 9000)          |
|        ─TableRowIDScan_19     | 109.20 | cop[tikv] | table:t
   ↪           | keep order:false            |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
```

- The second example uses `0`, which assumes that 0% of rows will be scanned before the qualified rows are found.

```
> SET SESSION tidb_opt_ordering_index_selectivity_ratio = 0;

> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t USE INDEX (ia) WHERE b <= 9000 ORDER BY a
   ↪ LIMIT 1;
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
   ↪
| id                            | estRows | task    | access object
   ↪      | operator info                |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
```

```
    ↪
| Limit_12                      | 1.00   | root     |
    ↪                     | offset:0, count:1           |
|  └─Projection_22              | 1.00   | root     |
    ↪                     | test.t.a, test.t.b, test.t.c |
|    └─IndexLookUp_21           | 1.00   | root     |
    ↪                     |                             |
|      ├─IndexFullScan_18(Build)  | 1.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:
    ↪ ia(a) | keep order:true         |
|      └─Selection_20(Probe)      | 1.00   | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                     | le(test.t.b, 9000)          |
|        └─TableRowIDScan_19      | 1.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t
    ↪           | keep order:false            |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
    ↪
```

- The third example uses `0.1`, which assumes that 10% of rows will be scanned before the qualified rows are found. This condition is highly selective, with only 1% of rows meeting the condition. Therefore, in the worst-case scenario, it might be necessary to scan 99% of rows before finding the 1% that qualify. 10% of that 99% is approximately 9.9%, which is reflected in the estRows.

```
> SET SESSION tidb_opt_ordering_index_selectivity_ratio = 0.1;

> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t USE INDEX (ia) WHERE b <= 9000 ORDER BY a
    ↪ LIMIT 1;
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
    ↪
| id                            | estRows | task     | access object
    ↪      | operator info                |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------
    ↪
| Limit_12                      | 1.00    | root     |
    ↪                     | offset:0, count:1           |
|  └─Projection_22              | 1.00    | root     |
    ↪                     | test.t.a, test.t.b, test.t.c |
|    └─IndexLookUp_21           | 1.00    | root     |
    ↪                     |                             |
|      ├─IndexFullScan_18(Build)  | 99085.21 | cop[tikv] | table:t,
    ↪ index:ia(a) | keep order:true         |
|      └─Selection_20(Probe)      | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                     | le(test.t.b, 9000)          |
```

```
|       ─TableRowIDScan_19      | 99085.21 | cop[tikv] | table:t
   ↪          | keep order:false            |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------
   ↪
```

- The fourth example uses `1.0`, which assumes that 100% of rows will be scanned before the qualified rows are found.

```
> SET SESSION tidb_opt_ordering_index_selectivity_ratio = 1;

> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t USE INDEX (ia) WHERE b <= 9000 ORDER BY a
   ↪ LIMIT 1;
+--
   ↪ -------------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------
   ↪
| id                            | estRows  | task      | access object
   ↪       | operator info                |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------
   ↪
| Limit_12                      | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                       | offset:0, count:1            |
|  ─Projection_22               | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                       | test.t.a, test.t.b, test.t.c |
|    ─IndexLookUp_21            | 1.00     | root      |
   ↪                       |                              |
|      ─IndexFullScan_18(Build) | 990843.14 | cop[tikv] | table:t,
   ↪ index:ia(a) | keep order:true         |
|      ─Selection_20(Probe)     | 1.00     | cop[tikv] |
   ↪                     | le(test.t.b, 9000)           |
|        ─TableRowIDScan_19     | 990843.14 | cop[tikv] | table:t
   ↪          | keep order:false            |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------
   ↪
```

- The fifth example also uses `1.0`, but adds a predicate on `a`, limiting the scan range in the worst-case scenario. This is because `WHERE a <= 9000` matches the index, with approximately 9,000 rows would qualify. Given that the filter predicate on `b` is not in the index, all the approximately 9,000 rows are considered to be scanned before finding a row that matches `b <= 9000`.

```
> SET SESSION tidb_opt_ordering_index_selectivity_ratio = 1;
```

```
> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t USE INDEX (ia) WHERE a <= 9000 AND b <= 9000
    ↪  ORDER BY a LIMIT 1;
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------
    ↪
| id                              | estRows | task    | access object
    ↪      | operator info                  |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------
    ↪
| Limit_12                        | 1.00    | root      |
    ↪                      | offset:0, count:1              |
|  ─Projection_22                 | 1.00    | root      |
    ↪                      | test.t.a, test.t.b, test.t.c   |
|    ─IndexLookUp_21              | 1.00    | root      |
    ↪                      |                                |
|      ─IndexRangeScan_18(Build)  | 9074.99 | cop[tikv] | table:t,
    ↪ index:ia(a) | range:[-inf,9000], keep order:true |
|      ─Selection_20(Probe)       | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |
    ↪                    | le(test.t.b, 9000)             |
|        ─TableRowIDScan_19       | 9074.99 | cop[tikv] | table:t
    ↪          | keep order:false               |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------
    ↪
```

14.5.1.319 tidb_opt_ordering_index_selectivity_threshold New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 1]`
- This variable is used to control how the optimizer selects an index when there are `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT` clauses with filter conditions in a SQL statement.
- For such queries, the optimizer considers selecting the corresponding index to satisfy the `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT` clauses (even if this index does not satisfy any filter conditions). However, due to the complexity of data distribution, the optimizer might select a suboptimal index in this scenario.
- This variable represents a threshold. When an index exists that can satisfy filtering conditions and its selectivity estimate is lower than this threshold, the optimizer will avoid selecting an index used to satisfy `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT`. Instead, it prioritizes an index that satisfies the filtering conditions.

- For example, when the variable is set to `0`, the optimizer maintains its default behavior; when it is set to `1`, the optimizer always prioritizes selecting indexes that satisfy the filter conditions and avoids selecting indexes that satisfy both `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT` clauses.
- In the following example, table `t` has a total of 1,000,000 rows. When using an index on column `b`, its estimated row count is approximately 8,748, so its selectivity estimate value is about 0.0087. By default, the optimizer selects an index on column `a`. However, after setting this variable to 0.01, since the selectivity of an index on column `b` (0.0087) is less than 0.01, the optimizer selects an index on column `b`.

```
> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE b <= 9000 ORDER BY a LIMIT 1;
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+-
   ↪
| id                              | estRows | task    | access object      |
   ↪ operator info    |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+-
   ↪
| Limit_12                        | 1.00    | root     |                    |
   ↪ offset:0, count:1 |
|  ─Projection_25                 | 1.00    | root     |                    |
   ↪ test.t.a, test.t.b |
|    ─IndexLookUp_24              | 1.00    | root     |                    |
   ↪                   |
|      ─IndexFullScan_21(Build)   | 114.30 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:ia(a)
   ↪  | keep order:true |
|      ─Selection_23(Probe)       | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |                    | le
   ↪ (test.t.b, 9000) |
|        ─TableRowIDScan_22       | 114.30 | cop[tikv] | table:t            |
   ↪ keep order:false |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+-
   ↪

> SET SESSION tidb_opt_ordering_index_selectivity_threshold = 0.01;

> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE b <= 9000 ORDER BY a LIMIT 1;
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+--
   ↪
| id                              | estRows | task    | access object      |
   ↪ operator info                   |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+--
```

```
    ↪
| TopN_9                        | 1.00   | root     |                    | test
    ↪ .t.a, offset:0, count:1     |
|  ─IndexLookUp_20              | 1.00   | root     |                    |
    ↪                               |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_17(Build)  | 8748.62 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:ib(b)
    ↪  | range:[-inf,9000], keep order:false |
|    ─TopN_19(Probe)            | 1.00   | cop[tikv] |                    |
    ↪ test.t.a, offset:0, count:1     |
|      ─TableRowIDScan_18       | 8748.62 | cop[tikv] | table:t         |
    ↪ keep order:false                |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------+--------+----------+--------------------+--
    ↪
```

14.5.1.320 tidb_opt_prefer_range_scan New in v5.0

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v8.4.0, the default value of this variable is changed from `OFF` to `ON`.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- When the value of this variable is `ON`, the optimizer prefers range scans over full table scans for tables without statistics (pseudo statistics) or empty tables (zero statistics).
- In the following example, before you enable `tidb_opt_prefer_range_scan`, the TiDB optimizer performs a full table scan. After you enable `tidb_opt_prefer_range_scan`, the optimizer selects an index range scan.

```
explain select * from t where age=5;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+-----------+----------+--------------+---------------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows   | task     | access object | operator info
    ↪  |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+-----------+----------+--------------+---------------
    ↪
```

```
| TableReader_7        | 1048576.00 | root   |              | data:Selection_
    ↪ 6 |
|  ─Selection_6        | 1048576.00 | cop[tikv] |          | eq(test.t.age,
    ↪  5) |
|    ─TableFullScan_5  | 1048576.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t  | keep order:
    ↪ false |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+----------+----------+-------------+-------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

set session tidb_opt_prefer_range_scan = 1;

explain select * from t where age=5;
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+----------+-----------------------
    ↪
| id                           | estRows  | task     | access object
    ↪           | operator info              |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+----------+-----------------------
    ↪
| IndexLookUp_7                | 1048576.00 | root   |
    ↪                            |                              |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 1048576.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_
    ↪ age(age) | range:[5,5], keep order:false |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_6(Probe)  | 1048576.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t
    ↪               | keep order:false           |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+----------+-----------------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.5.1.321 tidb_opt_prefix_index_single_scan New in v6.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether the TiDB optimizer pushes down some filter conditions to the prefix index to avoid unnecessary table lookup and to improve query performance.
- When this variable value is set to `ON`, some filter conditions are pushed down to the prefix index. Suppose that the `col` column is the index prefix column in a table. The

`col is null` or `col is not null` condition in the query is handled as a filter condition on the index instead of a filter condition for the table lookup, so that unnecessary table lookup is avoided.

Usage example of tidb_opt_prefix_index_single_scan

Create a table with a prefix index:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT, b VARCHAR(10), c INT, INDEX idx_a_b(a, b(5)));
```

Disable `tidb_opt_prefix_index_single_scan`:

```
SET tidb_opt_prefix_index_single_scan = 'OFF';
```

For the following query, the execution plan uses the prefix index `idx_a_b` but requires a table lookup (the `IndexLookUp` operator appears).

```
EXPLAIN FORMAT='brief' SELECT COUNT(1) FROM t WHERE a = 1 AND b IS NOT NULL
    ↪ ;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object             |
    ↪  operator info                                    |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
| HashAgg                     | 1.00    | root      |                           |
    ↪  funcs:count(Column#8)->Column#5                  |
|  ─IndexLookUp               | 1.00    | root      |
    ↪ |                                                 |
|    ─IndexRangeScan(Build)   | 99.90   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_a_b(a
    ↪ , b) | range:[1 -inf,1 +inf], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|    ─HashAgg(Probe)          | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |
    ↪ | funcs:count(1)->Column#8                        |
|      ─Selection             | 99.90   | cop[tikv] |
    ↪ | not(isnull(test.t.b))                           |
|        ─TableRowIDScan      | 99.90   | cop[tikv] | table:t
    ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo                  |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
    ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Enable `tidb_opt_prefix_index_single_scan`:

```
SET tidb_opt_prefix_index_single_scan = 'ON';
```

After enabling this variable, for the following query, the execution plan uses the prefix index `idx_a_b` but does not require a table lookup.

```
EXPLAIN FORMAT='brief' SELECT COUNT(1) FROM t WHERE a = 1 AND b IS NOT NULL
    ↪ ;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+---------------------------+--
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object             |
    ↪ operator info                                 |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+---------------------------+--
    ↪
| StreamAgg             | 1.00    | root      |                           |
    ↪ funcs:count(Column#7)->Column#5               |
|  ─IndexReader          | 1.00    | root      |                            |
    ↪ index:StreamAgg                               |
|    ─StreamAgg          | 1.00    | cop[tikv] |                            |
    ↪ funcs:count(1)->Column#7                      |
|      ─IndexRangeScan   | 99.90   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_a_b(a, b)
    ↪  | range:[1 -inf,1 +inf], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+---------------------------+--
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.5.1.322 tidb_opt_projection_push_down New in v6.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`. Before v8.3.0, the default value is `OFF`.
- Specifies whether to allow the optimizer to push the `Projection` operator down to the TiKV coprocessor. When enabled, the optimizer might push the following three types of `Projection` operators down to TiKV:
    - The top-level expressions of the operator are all JSON query functions or JSON value attribute functions. For example: `SELECT JSON_EXTRACT(data, '$.name ↪ ')FROM users;`.
    - The top-level expressions of the operator include a mix of JSON query functions or JSON value attribute functions, and direct column reads. For example: `SELECT ↪  JSON_DEPTH(data), name FROM users;`.
    - The top-level expressions of the operator are all direct column reads, and the number of output columns is less than the number of input columns. For example:

`SELECT name FROM users;`.

- The final decision to push down a `Projection` operator also depends on the optimizer's comprehensive evaluation of query cost.
- For TiDB clusters that are upgraded from a version earlier than v8.3.0 to v8.3.0 or later, the default value of this variable is `OFF`.

14.5.1.323 tidb_opt_range_max_size New in v6.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: `67108864` (64 MiB)
- Scope: `[0, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Bytes
- This variable is used to set the upper limit of memory usage for the optimizer to build scan ranges. When the variable value is `0`, there is no memory limit for building scan ranges. If building exact scan ranges consumes memory that exceeds the limit, the optimizer uses more relaxed scan ranges (such as `[[NULL,+inf]]`). If the execution plan does not use exact scan ranges, you can increase the value of this variable to let the optimizer build exact scan ranges.

The usage example of this variable is as follows:

tidb_opt_range_max_size usage examples

View the default value of this variable. From the result, you can see that the optimizer uses up to 64 MiB of memory to build scan ranges.

```
SELECT @@tidb_opt_range_max_size;
```

```
+----------------------------+
| @@tidb_opt_range_max_size |
+----------------------------+
| 67108864                   |
+----------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t use index (idx) WHERE a IN (10,20,30) AND b IN
    ↪ (40,50,60);
```

In the 64 MiB memory upper limit, the optimizer builds the following exact scan ranges `[10 40,10 40]`, `[10 50,10 50]`, `[10 60,10 60]`, `[20 40,20 40]`, `[20 50,20 50]`, ↪ `[20 60,20 60]`, `[30 40,30 40]`, `[30 50,30 50]`, `[30 60,30 60]`, as shown in the following execution plan result.

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------------+-
   ↪
| id                           | estRows | task    | access object          |
   ↪ operator info
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------------+-
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_7                | 0.90    | root      |                        |
   ↪
   ↪ |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5(Build)  | 0.90    | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx(a, b)
   ↪  | range:[10 40,10 40], [10 50,10 50], [10 60,10 60], [20 40,20 40],
   ↪ [20 50,20 50], [20 60,20 60], [30 40,30 40], [30 50,30 50], [30 60,30
   ↪  60], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_6(Probe)  | 0.90    | cop[tikv] | table:t                |
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------------+-
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Now set the upper limit of memory usage for the optimizer to build scan ranges to 1500 bytes.

```
SET @@tidb_opt_range_max_size = 1500;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t USE INDEX (idx) WHERE a IN (10,20,30) AND b IN
   ↪ (40,50,60);
```

In the 1500-byte memory limit, the optimizer builds more relaxed scan ranges `[10,10]`, ↪ `[20,20]`, `[30,30]`, and uses a warning to inform the user that the memory usage required to build exact scan ranges exceeds the limit of `tidb_opt_range_max_size`.

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+------------------------+-
   ↪
| id                           | estRows | task    | access object          |
   ↪ operator info                                          |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------+-
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_8              | 0.09    | root     |                         |
   ↪                                                 |
|  ─Selection_7(Build)       | 0.09    | cop[tikv] |                        | in
   ↪ (test.t.b, 40, 50, 60)                         |
|    ─IndexRangeScan_5       | 30.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx(a, b)
   ↪  | range:[10,10], [20,20], [30,30], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_6(Probe)  | 0.09    | cop[tikv] | table:t                 |
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo                  |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+----------+-------------------------+-
   ↪
4 rows in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```

```
SHOW WARNINGS;
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Warning | 1105 | Memory capacity of 1500 bytes for 'tidb_opt_range_max_
   ↪ size' exceeded when building ranges. Less accurate ranges such as
   ↪ full range are chosen |
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Then set the upper limit of memory usage to 100 bytes:

```
set @@tidb_opt_range_max_size = 100;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t USE INDEX (idx) WHERE a IN (10,20,30) AND b IN
   ↪ (40,50,60);
```

In the 100-byte memory limit, the optimizer chooses `IndexFullScan`, and uses a warning to inform the user that the memory required to build exact scan ranges exceeds the limit of `tidb_opt_range_max_size`.

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object         |
   ↪ operator info                                  |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_8               | 8000.00 | root     |                       |
   ↪                                                |
|  ─Selection_7(Build)        | 8000.00 | cop[tikv] |                      |
   ↪ in(test.t.a, 10, 20, 30), in(test.t.b, 40, 50, 60) |
|    ─IndexFullScan_5         | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx(a,
   ↪  b) | keep order:false, stats:pseudo        |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_6(Probe)   | 8000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t              |
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo                 |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+
   ↪
4 rows in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```

```
SHOW WARNINGS;
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Warning | 1105 | Memory capacity of 100 bytes for 'tidb_opt_range_max_size
   ↪ ' exceeded when building ranges. Less accurate ranges such as full
   ↪ range are chosen |
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.5.1.324 tidb_opt_scan_factor

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Default value: `1.5`
- Indicates the cost for TiKV to scan one row of data from the disk in ascending order. This variable is internally used in the Cost Model, and it is **NOT** recommended to modify its value.

14.5.1.325 tidb_opt_seek_factor

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Default value: `20`
- Indicates the start-up cost for TiDB to request data from TiKV. This variable is internally used in the Cost Model, and it is **NOT** recommended to modify its value.

14.5.1.326 tidb_opt_skew_distinct_agg New in v6.2.0

> **Note:**
>
> The query performance optimization by enabling this variable is effective **only for TiFlash**.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable sets whether the optimizer rewrites the aggregate functions with `DISTINCT` to the two-level aggregate functions, such as rewriting `SELECT b, COUNT(DISTINCT a)FROM t GROUP BY b` to `SELECT b, COUNT(a)FROM (SELECT b, a FROM t GROUP BY b, a)t GROUP BY b`. When the aggregation column has serious skew and the `DISTINCT` column has many different values, this rewriting can avoid the data skew in the query execution and improve the query performance.

14.5.1.327 tidb_opt_three_stage_distinct_agg New in v6.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable specifies whether to rewrite a `COUNT(DISTINCT)` aggregation into a three-stage aggregation in MPP mode.
- This variable currently applies to an aggregation that only contains one `COUNT(DISTINCT)`.

14.5.1.328 tidb_opt_tiflash_concurrency_factor

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: YES
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Float
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Default value: `24.0`
- Indicates the concurrency number of TiFlash computation. This variable is internally used in the Cost Model, and it is NOT recommended to modify its value.

14.5.1.329 tidb_opt_use_invisible_indexes New in v8.0.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether the optimizer can select invisible indexes for query optimization in the current session. Invisible indexes are maintained by DML statements, but will not be used by the query optimizer. This is useful in scenarios where you want to double-check before removing an index permanently. When the variable is set to `ON`, the optimizer can select invisible indexes for query optimization in the session.

14.5.1.330 tidb_opt_write_row_id

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to control whether to allow `INSERT`, `REPLACE`, and `UPDATE` statements to operate on the `_tidb_rowid` column. This variable can be used only when you import data using TiDB tools.

14.5.1.331 tidb_optimizer_selectivity_level

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- This variable controls the iteration of the optimizer's estimation logic. After changing the value of this variable, the estimation logic of the optimizer will change greatly. Currently, `0` is the only valid value. It is not recommended to set it to other values.

14.5.1.332 tidb_partition_prune_mode New in v5.1

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v8.5.0, setting this variable to `static` or `static-only` returns a warning. This variable will be deprecated in a future release.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `dynamic`
- Possible values: `static`, `dynamic`, `static-only`, `dynamic-only`
- Specifies whether to use `dynamic` or `static` mode for partitioned tables. Note that dynamic partitioning is effective only after full table-level statistics, or global statistics, are collected. If you enable the `dynamic` pruning mode before global statistics collection is completed, TiDB remains in the `static` mode until global statistics are fully collected. For detailed information about global statistics, see Collect statistics of partitioned tables in dynamic pruning mode. For details about the dynamic pruning mode, see Dynamic Pruning Mode for Partitioned Tables.

14.5.1.333 tidb_persist_analyze_options New in v5.4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether to enable the ANALYZE configuration persistence feature.

14.5.1.334 tidb_pessimistic_txn_fair_locking New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- Determines whether to use enhanced pessimistic locking wake-up model for pessimistic transactions. This model strictly controls the wake-up order of pessimistic transactions in the pessimistic locking single-point conflict scenarios to avoid unnecessary wake-ups. It greatly reduces the uncertainty brought by the randomness of the existing wake-up mechanism. If you encounter frequent single-point pessimistic locking conflicts in your business scenario (such as frequent updates to the same row of data), and thus cause frequent statement retries, high tail latency, or even occasional `pessimistic lock retry limit reached` errors, you can try to enable this variable to solve the problem.
- This variable is disabled by default for TiDB clusters that are upgraded from versions earlier than v7.0.0 to v7.0.0 or later versions.

Note:

- Depending on the specific business scenario, enabling this option might cause a certain degree of throughput reduction (average latency increase) for transactions with frequent lock conflicts.
- This option only takes effect on statements that need to lock a single key. If a statement needs to lock multiple rows at the same time, this option will not take effect on such statements.
- This feature is introduced in v6.6.0 by the `tidb_pessimistic_txn_aggressive_locking` variable, which is disabled by default.

14.5.1.335 tidb_placement_mode New in v6.0.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `STRICT`
- Possible values: `STRICT`, `IGNORE`
- This variable controls whether DDL statements ignore the placement rules specified in SQL. When the variable value is `IGNORE`, all placement rule options are ignored.
- It is intended to be used by logical dump/restore tools to ensure that tables can always be created even if invalid placement rules are assigned. This is similar to how mysqldump writes `SET FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS=0;` to the start of every dump file.

14.5.1.336 tidb_plan_cache_invalidation_on_fresh_stats New in v7.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether to invalidate the plan cache automatically when statistics on related tables are updated.
- After enabling this variable, plan cache can make use of statistics more sufficiently to generate execution plans. For example:
  - If execution plans are generated before statistics are available, plan cache re-generates execution plans once the statistics are available.
  - If the data distribution of a table changes, causing the previously optimal execution plan to become non-optimal, plan cache re-generates execution plans after the statistics are re-collected.
- This variable is disabled by default for TiDB clusters that are upgraded from a version earlier than v7.1.0 to v7.1.0 or later.

14.5.1.337 tidb_plan_cache_max_plan_size New in v7.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL

- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: `2097152` (which is 2 MiB)
- Range: `[0, 9223372036854775807]`, in bytes. The memory format with the units "KiB|MiB|GiB|TiB" is also supported. `0` means no limit.
- This variable controls the maximum size of a plan that can be cached in prepared or non-prepared plan cache. If the size of a plan exceeds this value, the plan will not be cached. For more details, see Memory management of prepared plan cache and Non-prepared plan cache.

14.5.1.338 tidb_pprof_sql_cpu New in v4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 1]`
- This variable is used to control whether to mark the corresponding SQL statement in the profile output to identify and troubleshoot performance issues.

14.5.1.339 tidb_prefer_broadcast_join_by_exchange_data_size New in v7.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable controls whether to use the algorithm with the minimum overhead of network transmission when TiDB selects the MPP Hash Join algorithm. If this variable is enabled, TiDB estimates the size of the data to be exchanged in the network using `Broadcast Hash Join` and `Shuffled Hash Join` respectively, and then chooses the one with the smaller size.
- `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_count` and `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size` will not take effect after this variable is enabled.

14.5.1.340 tidb_prepared_plan_cache_memory_guard_ratio New in v6.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0.1`
- Range: `[0, 1]`
- The threshold at which the prepared plan cache triggers a memory protection mechanism. For details, see Memory management of Prepared Plan Cache.
- This setting was previously a `tidb.toml` option (`prepared-plan-cache.memory-guard-ratio`), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

14.5.1.341 tidb_prepared_plan_cache_size New in v6.1.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v7.1.0, this variable is deprecated. Instead, use `tidb_session_plan_cache_size` for setting.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `100`
- Range: `[1, 100000]`
- The maximum number of plans that can be cached in a session. For details, see Memory management of Prepared Plan Cache.
- This setting was previously a `tidb.toml` option (`prepared-plan-cache.capacity`), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

14.5.1.342 tidb_projection_concurrency

> **Warning:**
>
> Since v5.0, this variable is deprecated. Instead, use `tidb_executor_concurrency` for setting.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[-1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable is used to set the concurrency of the `Projection` operator.
- A value of `-1` means that the value of `tidb_executor_concurrency` will be used instead.

14.5.1.343 tidb_query_log_max_len

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `4096` (4 KiB)
- Range: `[0, 1073741824]`
- Unit: Bytes
- The maximum length of the SQL statement output. When the output length of a statement is larger than the `tidb_query_log_max_len` value, the statement is truncated to output.
- This setting was previously also available as a `tidb.toml` option (`log.query-log-max-len`), but is only a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

14.5.1.344 tidb_rc_read_check_ts New in v6.0.0

Warning:

- This feature is incompatible with `replica-read`. Do not enable `tidb_rc_read_check_ts` and `replica-read` at the same time.
- If your client uses a cursor, it is not recommended to enable `tidb_rc_read_check_ts` in case that the previous batch of returned data has already been used by the client and the statement eventually fails.
- Starting from v7.0.0, this variable is no longer valid for the cursor fetch read mode that uses the prepared statement protocol.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to optimize the timestamp acquisition, which is suitable for scenarios with read-committed isolation level where read-write conflicts are rare. Enabling this variable can avoid the latency and cost of getting the global timestamp, and can optimize the transaction-level read latency.
- If read-write conflicts are severe, enabling this feature will increase the cost and latency of getting the global timestamp, and might cause performance regression. For details, see Read Committed isolation level.

14.5.1.345 tidb_rc_write_check_ts New in v6.3.0

> **Warning:**
>
> This feature is currently incompatible with `replica-read`. After this variable is enabled, all requests sent by the client cannot use `replica-read`. Therefore, do not enable `tidb_rc_write_check_ts` and `replica-read` at the same time.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to optimize the acquisition of timestamps and is suitable for scenarios with few point-write conflicts in `READ-COMMITTED` isolation level of pessimistic transactions. Enabling this variable can avoid the latency and overhead brought by obtaining the global timestamps during the execution of point-write statements. Currently, this variable is applicable to three types of point-write statements: `UPDATE`, `DELETE`, and `SELECT ..... FOR UPDATE`. A point-write statement refers to a write statement that uses the primary key or unique key as a filter condition and the final execution operator contains `POINT-GET`.
- If the point-write conflicts are severe, enabling this variable will increase extra overhead and latency, resulting in performance regression. For details, see Read Committed isolation level.

14.5.1.346 tidb_read_consistency New in v5.4.0

- Scope: SESSION

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes (Note that if non-transactional DML statements exist, modifying the value of this variable using hint might not take effect.)
- Type: String
- Default value: `strict`
- This variable is used to control the read consistency for an auto-commit read statement.
- If the variable value is set to `weak`, the locks encountered by the read statement are skipped directly and the read execution might be faster, which is the weak consistency read mode. However, the transaction semantics (such as atomicity) and distributed consistency (such as linearizability) are not guaranteed.
- For user scenarios where the auto-commit read needs to return fast and weak consistency read results are acceptable, you can use the weak consistency read mode.

14.5.1.347 tidb_read_staleness New in v5.4.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[-2147483648, 0]`
- This variable is used to set the time range of historical data that TiDB can read in the current session. After setting the value, TiDB selects a timestamp as new as possible from the range allowed by this variable, and all subsequent read operations are performed against this timestamp. For example, if the value of this variable is set to `-5`, on the condition that TiKV has the corresponding historical version's data, TiDB selects a timestamp as new as possible within a 5-second time range.

14.5.1.348 tidb_record_plan_in_slow_log

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to include the execution plan of slow queries in the slow log.

14.5.1.349 tidb_redact_log

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `OFF`, `ON`, `MARKER`
- This variable controls whether to hide the user information in the SQL statement being recorded into the TiDB log and slow log.
- The default value is `OFF`, which means that the user information is not processed in any way.
- When you set the variable to `ON`, the user information is hidden. For example, if the executed SQL statement is `INSERT INTO t VALUES (1,2)`, the statement is recorded as `INSERT INTO t VALUES (?,?)` in the log.
- When you set the variable to `MARKER`, the user information is wrapped in `‹ ›`. For example, if the executed SQL statement is `INSERT INTO t VALUES (1,2)`, the statement is recorded as `INSERT INTO t VALUES (‹1›,‹2›)` in the log. If user data contains `‹` or `›`, `‹` is escaped as `‹‹`, and `›` is escaped as `››`. Based on the marked logs, you can decide whether to desensitize the marked information when the logs are displayed.

14.5.1.350 tidb_regard_null_as_point New in v5.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether the optimizer can use a query condition including null equivalence as a prefix condition for index access.
- This variable is enabled by default. When it is enabled, the optimizer can reduce the volume of index data to be accessed, which accelerates query execution. For example, if a query involves multiple-column indexes `index(a, b)` and the query condition contains `a<=>null and b=1`, the optimizer can use both `a<=>null` and `b=1` in the query condition for index access. If the variable is disabled, because `a<=>null and b =1` includes the null equivalence condition, the optimizer does not use `b=1` for index access.

14.5.1.351 tidb_remove_orderby_in_subquery New in v6.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: Before v7.2.0, the default value is `OFF`. Starting from v7.2.0, the default value is `ON`.
- Specifies whether to remove `ORDER BY` clause in a subquery.
- In the ISO/IEC SQL standard, `ORDER BY` is mainly used to sort the results of top-level queries. For subqueries, the standard does not require that the results be sorted by `ORDER BY`.
- To sort subquery results, you can usually handle it in the outer query, such as using the window function or using `ORDER BY` again in the outer query. Doing so ensures the order of the final result set.

14.5.1.352 tidb_replica_read New in v4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `leader`
- Possible values: `leader`, `follower`, `leader-and-follower`, `prefer-leader`, `closest-replicas`, `closest-adaptive`, and `learner`. The `learner` value is introduced in v6.6.0.
- This variable is used to control where TiDB reads data.
- For more details about usage and implementation, see Follower read.

14.5.1.353 tidb_restricted_read_only New in v5.2.0

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`

- `tidb_restricted_read_only` and `tidb_super_read_only` behave similarly. In most cases, you should use `tidb_super_read_only` only.
- Users with the `SUPER` or `SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN` privilege can modify this variable. However, if the Security Enhanced Mode is enabled, the additional `RESTRICTED_VARIABLES_ADMIN` privilege is required to read or modify this variable.
- `tidb_restricted_read_only` affects `tidb_super_read_only` in the following cases:
    - Setting `tidb_restricted_read_only` to `ON` will update `tidb_super_read_only` to `ON`.
    - Setting `tidb_restricted_read_only` to `OFF` leaves `tidb_super_read_only` unchanged.
    - If `tidb_restricted_read_only` is `ON`, `tidb_super_read_only` cannot be set to `OFF`.
- For DBaaS providers of TiDB, if a TiDB cluster is a downstream database of another database, to make the TiDB cluster read-only, you might need to use `tidb_restricted_read_only` with Security Enhanced Mode enabled, which prevents your customers from using `tidb_super_read_only` to make the cluster writable. To achieve this, you need to enable Security Enhanced Mode, use an admin user with the `SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN` and `RESTRICTED_VARIABLES_ADMIN` privileges to control `tidb_restricted_read_only`, and let your database users use the root user with the `SUPER` privilege to control `tidb_super_read_only` only.
- This variable controls the read-only status of the entire cluster. When the variable is `ON`, all TiDB servers in the entire cluster are in the read-only mode. In this case, TiDB only executes the statements that do not modify data, such as `SELECT`, `USE`, and `SHOW`. For other statements such as `INSERT` and `UPDATE`, TiDB rejects executing those statements in the read-only mode.
- Enabling the read-only mode using this variable only ensures that the entire cluster finally enters the read-only status. If you have changed the value of this variable in a TiDB cluster but the change has not yet propagated to other TiDB servers, the un-updated TiDB servers are still **not** in the read-only mode.
- TiDB checks the read-only flag before SQL statements are executed. Since v6.2.0, the flag is also checked before SQL statements are committed. This helps prevent the case where long-running auto commit statements might modify data after the server has been placed in read-only mode.
- When this variable is enabled, TiDB handles the uncommitted transactions in the following ways:
    - For uncommitted read-only transactions, you can commit the transactions normally.
    - For uncommitted transactions that are not read-only, SQL statements that perform write operations in these transactions are rejected.
    - For uncommitted read-only transactions with modified data, the commit of these transactions is rejected.
- After the read-only mode is enabled, all users (including the users with the `SUPER` privilege) cannot execute the SQL statements that might write data unless the user is

explicitly granted the `RESTRICTED_REPLICA_WRITER_ADMIN` privilege.

14.5.1.354 tidb_request_source_type New in v7.4.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: `""`
- Possible values: `"ddl"`, `"stats"`, `"br"`, `"lightning"`, `"background"`
- This variable is used to explicitly specify the task type for the current session, which is identified and controlled by Resource Control. For example: `SET @@tidb_request_source_type = "background"`.

14.5.1.355 tidb_resource_control_strict_mode New in v8.2.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether privilege control is applied to the `SET RESOURCE GROUP` statement and the `RESOURCE_GROUP()` optimizer hint. When this system variable is set to `ON`, you need to have the `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_USER` privilege to change the bound resource group of the current session or current statement via these two ways. When it is set to `OFF`, none of these privileges are required, and the behavior is the same as earlier TiDB versions without this variable.
- When you upgrade your TiDB cluster from an earlier version to v8.2.0 or later, the default value of this variable is set to `OFF`, which means this feature is disabled by default.

14.5.1.356 tidb_retry_limit

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `10`
- Range: `[-1, 9223372036854775807]`
- This variable is used to set the maximum number of the retries for optimistic transactions. When a transaction encounters retryable errors (such as transaction conflicts, very slow transaction commit, or table schema changes), this transaction is re-executed according to this variable. Note that setting `tidb_retry_limit` to `0` disables the automatic retry. This variable only applies to optimistic transactions, not to pessimistic transactions.

14.5.1.357 tidb_row_format_version

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `2`
- Range: `[1, 2]`
- Controls the format version of the newly saved data in the table. In TiDB v4.0, the new storage row format version `2` is used by default to save new data.
- If you upgrade from a TiDB version earlier than v4.0.0 to v4.0.0 or later versions, the format version is not changed, and TiDB continues to use the old format of version `1` to write data to the table, which means that **only newly created clusters use the new data format by default**.
- Note that modifying this variable does not affect the old data that has been saved, but applies the corresponding version format only to the newly written data after modifying this variable.

14.5.1.358 tidb_runtime_filter_mode New in v7.2.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `OFF`
- Possible values: `OFF`, `LOCAL`
- Controls the mode of Runtime Filter, that is, the relationship between the **Filter Sender operator** and **Filter Receiver operator**. There are two modes: `OFF` and `LOCAL`. `OFF` means disabling Runtime Filter. `LOCAL` means enabling Runtime Filter in the local mode. For more information, see Runtime Filter mode.

14.5.1.359 tidb_runtime_filter_type New in v7.2.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Enumeration

- Default value: `IN`
- Possible values: `IN`
- Controls the type of predicate used by the generated Filter operator. Currently, only one type is supported: `IN`. For more information, see Runtime Filter type.

14.5.1.360 tidb_scatter_region

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `""`
- Possible values: `""`, `table`, `global`
- If the `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` and `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` parameters are set during table creation, then the system automatically splits the table into a specified number of Regions upon successful creation. This variable controls the scattering strategy for these split Regions. TiDB processes the Regions based on the selected scattering strategy. It is important to note that because the table creation operation waits for the scattering process to complete before returning a success status, enabling this variable might significantly increase the execution time of the `CREATE TABLE` statement. Compared to the scenario where this variable is disabled, the execution time could be several times longer. Descriptions of possible values are as follows:
  - `""`: the default value, indicating that the Regions of the table are not scattered after table creation.
  - `table`: indicates that if you set the `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` or `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` ↪ attribute when you create a table, in the scenario of pre-splitting multiple Regions, the Regions of these tables are scattered according to the granularity of the tables. However, if you do not set the preceding attribute when you create a table, in the scenario of creating a large number of tables rapidly, it will cause the Regions of these tables to be concentrated on a few TiKV nodes, resulting in an uneven distribution of Regions.
  - `global`: indicates that TiDB scatters the Regions of newly created tables according to the data distribution of the entire cluster. Especially when creating a large number of tables rapidly, using the `global` option helps prevent Regions from becoming overly concentrated on a few TiKV nodes, ensuring a more balanced distribution of Regions across the cluster.

14.5.1.361 tidb_schema_cache_size New in v8.0.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `536870912` (512 MiB)
- Range: `0` or `[67108864, 9223372036854775807]`
- Before TiDB v8.4.0, the default value of this variable is `0`.
- Starting from TiDB v8.4.0, the default value is `536870912`. When you upgrade from an earlier version to v8.4.0 or later, the old value set in the earlier version is used.
- This variable controls the size of the schema cache in TiDB. The unit is byte. Setting this variable to `0` means the cache limit feature is disabled. To enable this feature, you need to set a value within the range `[67108864, 9223372036854775807]`. TiDB will use this value as the maximum available memory limit and apply the Least Recently Used (LRU) algorithm to cache the required tables, effectively reducing the memory used by schema information.

14.5.1.362 tidb_schema_version_cache_limit New in v7.4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `16`
- Range: `[2, 255]`
- This variable limits how many historical schema versions can be cached in a TiDB instance. The default value is `16`, which means that TiDB caches 16 historical schema versions by default.
- Generally, you do not need to modify this variable. When the Stale Read feature is used and DDL operations are executed very frequently, it will cause the schema version to change very frequently. Consequently, when Stale Read tries to obtain schema information from a snapshot, it might take a lot of time to rebuild the information due to schema cache misses. In this case, you can increase the value of `tidb_schema_version_cache_limit` (for example, `32`) to avoid the problem of schema cache misses.
- Modifying this variable causes the memory usage of TiDB to increase slightly. Monitor the memory usage of TiDB to avoid OOM problems.

14.5.1.363 tidb_server_memory_limit New in v6.4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `80%`
- Range:
    - You can set the value in the percentage format, which means the percentage of the memory usage relative to the total memory. The value range is `[1%, 99%]`.
    - You can also set the value in memory size. The value range is `0` and `[536870912, 9223372036854775807]` in bytes. The memory format with the units "KiB|MiB|GiB|TiB" is supported. `0` means no memory limit.
    - If this variable is set to a memory size that is less than 512 MiB but not `0`, TiDB uses 512 MiB as the actual size.
- This variable specifies the memory limit for a TiDB instance. When the memory usage of TiDB reaches the limit, TiDB cancels the currently running SQL statement with the highest memory usage. After the SQL statement is successfully canceled, TiDB tries to call Golang GC to immediately reclaim memory to relieve memory stress as soon as possible.
- Only the SQL statements with more memory usage than the `tidb_server_memory_limit_sess_min_size` limit are selected as the SQL statements to be canceled first.
- Currently, TiDB cancels only one SQL statement at a time. After TiDB completely cancels a SQL statement and recovers resources, if the memory usage is still greater than the limit set by this variable, TiDB starts the next cancel operation.

14.5.1.364 tidb_server_memory_limit_gc_trigger New in v6.4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `70%`
- Range: `[50%, 99%]`
- The threshold at which TiDB tries to trigger GC. When the memory usage of TiDB reaches the value of `tidb_server_memory_limit` * the value of `tidb_server_memory_limit_gc_trigger`, TiDB will actively trigger a Golang GC operation. Only one GC operation will be triggered in one minute.

14.5.1.365 tidb_server_memory_limit_sess_min_size New in v6.4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `134217728` (which is 128 MiB)
- Range: `[128, 9223372036854775807]`, in bytes. The memory format with the units "KiB|MiB|GiB|TiB" is also supported.
- After you enable the memory limit, TiDB will terminate the SQL statement with the highest memory usage on the current instance. This variable specifies the minimum memory usage of the SQL statement to be terminated. If the memory usage of a TiDB instance that exceeds the limit is caused by too many sessions with low memory usage, you can properly lower the value of this variable to allow more sessions to be canceled.

14.5.1.366 tidb_service_scope New in v7.4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: ""
- Optional value: a string with a length of up to 64 characters. Valid characters include digits `0-9`, letters `a-zA-Z`, underscores `_`, and hyphens `-`.
- This variable is an instance-level system variable. You can use it to control the service scope of each TiDB node under the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF). The DXF determines which TiDB nodes can be scheduled to execute distributed tasks based on the value of this variable. For specific rules, see Task scheduling.

14.5.1.367 tidb_session_alias New in v7.4.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Persists to cluster: No
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: “”
- You can use this variable to customize the value of the `session_alias` column in the logs related to the current session, which helps identify the session in troubleshooting. This setting affects the logs of multiple nodes involved in the statement execution (including TiKV). The maximum length of this variable is limited to 64 characters, and any characters exceeding the length will be truncated automatically. Spaces at the end of the value will also be removed automatically.

14.5.1.368 tidb_session_plan_cache_size New in v7.1.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `100`
- Range: `[1, 100000]`
- This variable controls the maximum number of plans that can be cached. Prepared plan cache and non-prepared plan cache share the same cache.
- When you upgrade from an earlier version to a v7.1.0 or later version, this variable remains the same value as `tidb_prepared_plan_cache_size`

14.5.1.369 tidb_shard_allocate_step New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `9223372036854775807`
- Range: `[1, 9223372036854775807]`
- This variable controls the maximum number of continuous IDs to be allocated for the `AUTO_RANDOM` or `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` attribute. Generally, `AUTO_RANDOM` IDs or the `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` annotated row IDs are incremental and continuous in one transaction. You can use this variable to solve the hotspot issue in large transaction scenarios.

14.5.1.370 tidb_shard_row_id_bits New in v8.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL

- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 15]`
- This variable is used to set the default number of row ID shards for newly created tables. When this variable is set to a non-zero value, TiDB will automatically apply this attribute to tables that allow the use of `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` (for example, `NONCLUSTERED` tables) when executing `CREATE TABLE` statements. For more information, see `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS`.

14.5.1.371 tidb_simplified_metrics

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- When this variable is enabled, TiDB does not collect or record the metrics that are not used in the Grafana panels.

14.5.1.372 tidb_skip_ascii_check New in v5.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to set whether to skip ASCII validation.
- Validating ASCII characters affects the performance. When you are sure that the input characters are valid ASCII characters, you can set the variable value to `ON`.

14.5.1.373 tidb_skip_isolation_level_check

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- After this switch is enabled, if an isolation level unsupported by TiDB is assigned to `tx_isolation`, no error is reported. This helps improve compatibility with applications that set (but do not depend on) a different isolation level.

```
tidb> set tx_isolation='serializable';
ERROR 8048 (HY000): The isolation level 'serializable' is not supported.
    ↪ Set tidb_skip_isolation_level_check=1 to skip this error
tidb> set tidb_skip_isolation_level_check=1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

tidb> set tx_isolation='serializable';
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```

14.5.1.374 tidb_skip_missing_partition_stats New in v7.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- When accessing a partitioned table in dynamic pruning mode, TiDB aggregates the statistics of each partition to generate global statistics. This variable controls the generation of global statistics when partition statistics are missing.
    - If this variable is `ON`, TiDB skips missing partition statistics when generating global statistics so the generation of global statistics is not affected.
    - If this variable is `OFF`, TiDB stops generating global statistics when it detects any missing partition statistics.

14.5.1.375 tidb_skip_utf8_check

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`

- This variable is used to set whether to skip UTF-8 validation.
- Validating UTF-8 characters affects the performance. When you are sure that the input characters are valid UTF-8 characters, you can set the variable value to `ON`.

> **Note:**
>
> If the character check is skipped, TiDB might fail to detect illegal UTF-8 characters written by the application, cause decoding errors when `ANALYZE` is executed, and introduce other unknown encoding issues. If your application cannot guarantee the validity of the written string, it is not recommended to skip the character check.

14.5.1.376 tidb_slow_log_threshold

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: No, only applicable to the current TiDB instance that you are connecting to.
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `300`
- Range: `[-1, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Milliseconds
- This variable outputs the threshold value of the time consumed by the slow log, and is set to 300 milliseconds by default. When the time consumed by a query is larger than this value, this query is considered as a slow query and its log is output to the slow query log. Note that when the output level of `log.level` is `"debug"`, all queries are recorded in the slow query log, regardless of the setting of this variable.

14.5.1.377 tidb_slow_query_file

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: ""
- When `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SLOW_QUERY` is queried, only the slow query log name set by `slow-query-file` in the configuration file is parsed. The default slow query log name is "tidb-slow.log". To parse other logs, set the `tidb_slow_query_file` session variable to a specific file path, and then query `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SLOW_QUERY` to parse the slow query log based on the set file path.

For details, see Identify Slow Queries.

14.5.1.378 tidb_slow_txn_log_threshold New in v7.0.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Unsigned integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Milliseconds
- This variable sets the threshold for slow transaction logging. When the execution time of a transaction exceeds this threshold, TiDB logs detailed information about the transaction. When the value is set to `0`, this feature is disabled.

14.5.1.379 tidb_snapshot

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: ""
- This variable is used to set the time point at which the data is read by the session. For example, when you set the variable to "2017-11-11 20:20:20" or a TSO number like "400036290571534337", the current session reads the data of this moment.

14.5.1.380 tidb_source_id New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[1, 15]`

- This variable is used to configure the different cluster IDs in a bi-directional replication cluster.

14.5.1.381 tidb_stats_cache_mem_quota New in v6.1.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Unit: Byte
- Default value: `0`, which means the memory quota for the TiDB statistics cache is 20% of the TiDB instance's total memory. Before v8.5.1, `0` means the memory quota is 50% of the TiDB instance's total memory.
- Range: `[0, 1099511627776]`
- This variable sets the memory quota for the TiDB statistics cache.

14.5.1.382 tidb_stats_load_pseudo_timeout New in v5.4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls how TiDB behaves when the waiting time of SQL optimization reaches the timeout to synchronously load complete column statistics. The default value `ON` means that the SQL optimization gets back to using pseudo statistics after the timeout. If this variable to `OFF`, SQL execution fails after the timeout.

14.5.1.383 tidb_stats_load_sync_wait New in v5.4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `100`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Milliseconds
- This variable controls whether to enable the synchronously loading statistics feature. The value `0` means that the feature is disabled. To enable the feature, you can set this variable to a timeout (in milliseconds) that SQL optimization can wait for at most to synchronously load complete column statistics. For details, see Load statistics.

14.5.1.384 tidb_stmt_summary_enable_persistent New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Statements summary persistence is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is read-only. It controls whether to enable statements summary persistence.

- The value of this variable is the same as that of the configuration item `tidb_stmt_summary_enable_persistent`.

14.5.1.385 tidb_stmt_summary_filename New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Statements summary persistence is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: String
- Default value: `"tidb-statements.log"`
- This variable is read-only. It specifies the file to which persistent data is written when statements summary persistence is enabled.

- The value of this variable is the same as that of the configuration item `tidb_stmt_summary_filename`.

14.5.1.386 tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_backups New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Statements summary persistence is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- This variable is read-only. It specifies the maximum number of data files that can be persisted when statements summary persistence is enabled.

- The value of this variable is the same as that of the configuration item `tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_backups`.

14.5.1.387 tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_days New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Statements summary persistence is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `3`
- Unit: day
- This variable is read-only. It specifies the maximum number of days to keep persistent data files when statements summary persistence is enabled.

- The value of this variable is the same as that of the configuration item `tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_days`.

14.5.1.388 tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_size New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Statements summary persistence is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `64`
- Unit: MiB
- This variable is read-only. It specifies the maximum size of a persistent data file when statements summary persistence is enabled.

- The value of this variable is the same as that of the configuration item `tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_size`.

14.5.1.389 tidb_stmt_summary_history_size New in v4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `24`
- Range: `[0, 255]`
- This variable is used to set the history capacity of statement summary tables.

14.5.1.390 tidb_stmt_summary_internal_query New in v4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to control whether to include the SQL information of TiDB in statement summary tables.

14.5.1.391 tidb_stmt_summary_max_sql_length New in v4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `4096`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Bytes

- This variable is used to control the length of the SQL string in statement summary tables and the TiDB Dashboard.

14.5.1.392 tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count New in v4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `3000`
- Range: `[1, 32767]`
- This variable is used to limit the number of SQL digests that the `statements_summary` and `statements_summary_history` tables can store in memory totally.

> **Note:**
>
> When `tidb_stmt_summary_enable_persistent` is enabled, `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` only limits the number of SQL digests that the `statements_summary` table can store in memory.

14.5.1.393 tidb_stmt_summary_refresh_interval New in v4.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1800`
- Range: `[1, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable is used to set the refresh time of statement summary tables.

14.5.1.394 tidb_store_batch_size

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `4`
- Range: `[0, 25000]`

- This variable is used to control the batch size of the Coprocessor Tasks of the `IndexLookUp` operator. `0` means to disable batch. When the number of tasks is relatively large and slow queries occur, you can increase this variable to optimize the query.

14.5.1.395 tidb_store_limit New in v3.0.4 and v4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 9223372036854775807]`
- This variable is used to limit the maximum number of requests TiDB can send to TiKV at the same time. 0 means no limit.

14.5.1.396 tidb_streamagg_concurrency

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- This variable sets the concurrency of the `StreamAgg` operator when queries are executed.
- It is **NOT recommended** to set this variable. Modifying the variable value might cause data correctness issues.

14.5.1.397 tidb_super_read_only New in v5.3.1

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- `tidb_super_read_only` aims to be implemented as a replacement of the MySQL variable `super_read_only`. However, because TiDB is a distributed database, `tidb_super_read_only` does not make the database read-only immediately after execution, but eventually.
- Users with the `SUPER` or `SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN` privilege can modify this variable.
- This variable controls the read-only status of the entire cluster. When the variable is `ON`, all TiDB servers in the entire cluster are in the read-only mode. In this case, TiDB only executes the statements that do not modify data, such as `SELECT`, `USE`, and

`SHOW`. For other statements such as `INSERT` and `UPDATE`, TiDB rejects executing those statements in the read-only mode.

- Enabling the read-only mode using this variable only ensures that the entire cluster finally enters the read-only status. If you have changed the value of this variable in a TiDB cluster but the change has not yet propagated to other TiDB servers, the un-updated TiDB servers are still **not** in the read-only mode.
- TiDB checks the read-only flag before SQL statements are executed. Since v6.2.0, the flag is also checked before SQL statements are committed. This helps prevent the case where long-running auto commit statements might modify data after the server has been placed in read-only mode.
- When this variable is enabled, TiDB handles the uncommitted transactions in the following ways:
    - For uncommitted read-only transactions, you can commit the transactions normally.
    - For uncommitted transactions that are not read-only, SQL statements that perform write operations in these transactions are rejected.
    - For uncommitted read-only transactions with modified data, the commit of these transactions is rejected.
- After the read-only mode is enabled, all users (including the users with the `SUPER` privilege) cannot execute the SQL statements that might write data unless the user is explicitly granted the `RESTRICTED_REPLICA_WRITER_ADMIN` privilege.
- When the `tidb_restricted_read_only` system variable is set to `ON`, `tidb_super_read_only` is affected by `tidb_restricted_read_only` in some cases. For detailed impact, see the description of `tidb_restricted_read_only`.

14.5.1.398 tidb_sysdate_is_now New in v6.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `OFF`
- This variable is used to control whether the `SYSDATE` function can be replaced by the `NOW` function. This configuration item has the same effect as the MySQL option `sysdate-is-now`.

14.5.1.399 tidb_sysproc_scan_concurrency New in v6.5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[0, 4294967295]`. The maximum value for v7.5.0 and earlier versions is `256`. Before v8.2.0, the minimum value is `1`. When you set it to `0`, it adaptively adjusts the concurrency based on the cluster size.
- This variable is used to set the concurrency of scan operations performed when TiDB executes internal SQL statements (such as an automatic update of statistics).

14.5.1.400 tidb_table_cache_lease New in v6.0.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `3`
- Range: `[1, 10]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable is used to control the lease time of cached tables with a default value of `3`. The value of this variable affects the modification to cached tables. After a modification is made to cached tables, the longest waiting time might be `tidb_table_cache_lease` seconds. If the table is read-only or can accept a high write latency, you can increase the value of this variable to increase the valid time for caching tables and to reduce the frequency of lease renewal.

14.5.1.401 tidb_tmp_table_max_size New in v5.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `67108864`
- Range: `[1048576, 137438953472]`
- Unit: Bytes
- This variable is used to set the maximum size of a single temporary table. Any temporary table with a size larger than this variable value causes error.

14.5.1.402 tidb_top_sql_max_meta_count New in v6.0.0

Note:

This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `5000`
- Range: `[1, 10000]`

- This variable is used to control the maximum number of SQL statement types collected by Top SQL per minute.

14.5.1.403 tidb_top_sql_max_time_series_count New in v6.0.0

Note:

This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

Note:

Currently, the Top SQL page in TiDB Dashboard only displays the top 5 types of SQL queries that contribute the most to the load, which is irrelevant with the configuration of `tidb_top_sql_max_time_series_count`.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `100`
- Range: `[1, 5000]`

- This variable is used to control how many SQL statements that contribute the most to the load (that is, top N) can be recorded by Top SQL per minute.

14.5.1.404 tidb_track_aggregate_memory_usage

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether TiDB tracks the memory usage of aggregate functions.

> **Warning:**
>
> If you disable this variable, TiDB might not accurately track the memory usage and cannot control the memory usage of the corresponding SQL statements.

14.5.1.405 tidb_tso_client_batch_max_wait_time New in v5.3.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 10]`
- Unit: Milliseconds
- This variable is used to set the maximum waiting time for a batch operation when TiDB requests TSO from PD. The default value is `0`, which means no extra waiting time.
- When obtaining TSO requests from PD each time, PD Client, used by TiDB, collects as many TSO requests received at the same time as possible. Then, PD Client merges the collected requests in batch into one RPC request and sends the request to PD. This helps reduce the pressure on PD.
- After setting this variable to a value greater than `0`, TiDB waits for the maximum duration of this value before the end of each batch merge. This is to collect more TSO requests and improve the effect of batch operations.

- Scenarios for increasing the value of this variable:
  - Due to the high pressure of TSO requests, the CPU of the PD leader reaches a bottleneck, which causes high latency of TSO RPC requests.
  - There are not many TiDB instances in the cluster, but every TiDB instance is in high concurrency.
- It is recommended to set this variable to a value as small as possible.

Note:

- Suppose that the TSO RPC latency increases for reasons other than a CPU usage bottleneck of the PD leader (such as network issues). In this case, increasing the value of `tidb_tso_client_batch_max_wait_time` ↪ might increase the execution latency in TiDB and affect the QPS performance of the cluster.
- This feature is incompatible with `tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode`. If this variable is set to a non-zero value, `tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode` does not take effect.

14.5.1.406 tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode New in v8.4.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `DEFAULT`
- Value options: `DEFAULT`, `PARALLEL`, `PARALLEL-FAST`
- This variable switches the mode in which TiDB sends TSO RPC requests to PD. The mode determines whether TSO RPC requests are processed in parallel and affects the time spent on batch-waiting for each TS retrieval operation, thereby helping reduce the wait time for retrieving TS during query execution in certain scenarios.
  - `DEFAULT`: TiDB collects TS retrieval operations over a specific period into a single TSO RPC request and sends it to PD to get timestamps in a batch. Therefore, the duration of each TS retrieval operation consists of the time spent waiting to be batched and the time spent performing the RPC. In `DEFAULT` mode, different TSO RPC requests are processed serially, and the average duration of each TS retrieval operation is about 1.5 times the actual time cost of a TSO RPC request.

- `PARALLEL`: In this mode, TiDB attempts to reduce the duration for collecting each batch to half of that in `DEFAULT` mode and tries to maintain two concurrent TSO RPC requests. In this way, the average duration of each TS retrieval operation can theoretically be reduced to about 1.25 times the TSO RPC duration, which is about 83% of the time cost in `DEFAULT` mode. However, the effect of batching will be reduced, and the number of TSO RPC requests will increase to roughly double that in `DEFAULT` mode.
- `PARALLEL-FAST`: Similar to `PARALLEL` mode, in this mode, TiDB attempts to reduce the duration for collecting each batch to a quarter of that in `DEFAULT` mode and tries to maintain four concurrent TSO RPC requests. In this way, the average duration of each TS retrieval operation can theoretically be reduced to about 1.125 times the TSO RPC duration, which is about 75% of the time cost in `DEFAULT` mode. However, the effect of batching will be further reduced, and the number of TSO RPC requests will increase to roughly four times that in `DEFAULT` mode.

- When the following conditions are met, you can consider switching this variable to `PARALLEL` or `PARALLEL-FAST` for potential performance improvements:

  - TSO waiting time constitutes a significant portion of the total execution time of SQL queries.
  - The TSO allocation in PD has not reached its bottleneck.
  - PD and TiDB nodes have sufficient CPU resources.
  - The network latency between TiDB and PD is significantly higher than the time PD takes to allocate TSO (that is, network latency accounts for the majority of TSO RPC duration).
    - To get the duration of TSO RPC requests, check the **PD TSO RPC Duration** panel in the PD Client section of the Grafana TiDB dashboard.
    - To get the duration of PD TSO allocation, check the **PD server TSO handle duration** panel in the TiDB section of the Grafana PD dashboard.
  - The additional network traffic resulting from more TSO RPC requests between TiDB and PD (twice for `PARALLEL` or four times for `PARALLEL-FAST`) is acceptable.

Note:

- `PARALLEL` and `PARALLEL-FAST` modes are incompatible with `tidb_tso_client_batch_max_wait_time` and `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy`. If either `tidb_tso_client_batch_max_wait_time` is set to a non-zero value or `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy` is enabled, configuring `tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode` does not take effect, and TiDB always works in `DEFAULT` mode.

- `PARALLEL` and `PARALLEL-FAST` modes are designed to reduce the average time for retrieving TS in TiDB. In situations with significant latency fluctuations, such as long-tail latency or latency spikes, these two modes might not provide any remarkable performance improvements.

14.5.1.407 tidb_ttl_delete_rate_limit New in v6.5.0

Note:

This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 9223372036854775807]`
- This variable is used to limit the rate of `DELETE` statements in TTL jobs on each TiDB node. The value represents the maximum number of `DELETE` statements allowed per second in a single node in a TTL job. When this variable is set to `0`, no limit is applied. For more information, refer to Time to Live.

14.5.1.408 tidb_ttl_delete_batch_size New in v6.5.0

Note:

This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `100`
- Range: `[1, 10240]`
- This variable is used to set the maximum number of rows that can be deleted in a single `DELETE` transaction in a TTL job. For more information, refer to Time to Live.

14.5.1.409 tidb_ttl_delete_worker_count New in v6.5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `4`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- This variable is used to set the maximum concurrency of TTL jobs on each TiDB node. For more information, refer to Time to Live.

14.5.1.410 tidb_ttl_job_enable New in v6.5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `ON`
- Type: Boolean
- This variable is used to control whether TTL jobs are enabled. If it is set to `OFF`, all tables with TTL attributes automatically stop cleaning up expired data. For more information, refer to Time to Live.

14.5.1.411 tidb_ttl_scan_batch_size New in v6.5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL

- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `500`
- Range: `[1, 10240]`
- This variable is used to set the `LIMIT` value of each `SELECT` statement used to scan expired data in a TTL job. For more information, refer to Time to Live.

14.5.1.412 tidb_ttl_scan_worker_count New in v6.5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `4`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- This variable is used to set the maximum concurrency of TTL scan jobs on each TiDB node. For more information, refer to Time to Live.

14.5.1.413 tidb_ttl_job_schedule_window_start_time New in v6.5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Time
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Default value: `00:00 +0000`
- This variable is used to control the start time of the scheduling window of TTL jobs in the background. When you modify the value of this variable, be cautious that a small window might cause the cleanup of expired data to fail. For more information, refer to Time to Live.

14.5.1.414 tidb_ttl_job_schedule_window_end_time New in v6.5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Time
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Default value: `23:59 +0000`
- This variable is used to control the end time of the scheduling window of TTL jobs in the background. When you modify the value of this variable, be cautious that a small window might cause the cleanup of expired data to fail. For more information, refer to Time to Live.

14.5.1.415 tidb_ttl_running_tasks New in v7.0.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `-1` and `[1, 256]`
- Specifies the maximum number of running TTL tasks in the entire cluster. `-1` means the number of TTL tasks is equivalent to the number of TiKV nodes. For more information, refer to Time to Live.

14.5.1.416 tidb_txn_assertion_level New in v6.0.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No

- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `FAST`
- Possible values: `OFF`, `FAST`, `STRICT`
- This variable is used to control the assertion level. Assertion is a consistency check between data and indexes, which checks whether a key being written exists in the transaction commit process. For more information, see Troubleshoot Inconsistency Between Data and Indexes.
    - `OFF`: Disable this check.
    - `FAST`: Enable most of the check items, with almost no impact on performance.
    - `STRICT`: Enable all check items, with a minor impact on pessimistic transaction performance when the system workload is high.
- For new clusters of v6.0.0 or later versions, the default value is `FAST`. For existing clusters that upgrade from versions earlier than v6.0.0, the default value is `OFF`.

14.5.1.417 tidb_txn_commit_batch_size New in v6.2.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `16384`
- Range: `[1, 1073741824]`
- Unit: Bytes

- This variable is used to control the batch size of transaction commit requests that TiDB sends to TiKV. If most of the transactions in the application workload have a large number of write operations, adjusting this variable to a larger value can improve the performance of batch processing. However, if this variable is set to too large a value and exceeds the limit of TiKV's `raft-entry-max-size`, the commits might fail.

14.5.1.418 tidb_txn_entry_size_limit New in v7.6.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 125829120]`
- Unit: Bytes

- This variable is used to dynamically modify the TiDB configuration item `performance ↪ .txn-entry-size-limit`. It limits the size of a single row of data in TiDB, which is equivalent to the configuration item. The default value of this variable is `0`, which means that TiDB uses the value of the configuration item `txn-entry-size-limit` by default. When this variable is set to a non-zero value, `txn-entry-size-limit` is also set to the same value.

> **Note:**
>
> Modifying this variable with the SESSION scope only affects the current user session, not the internal TiDB session. This might lead to transaction failure if the entry size of an internal TiDB transaction exceeds the limit of the configuration item. Therefore, to dynamically increase the limit, it is recommended that you modify the variable with the GLOBAL scope.

14.5.1.419 tidb_txn_mode

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `pessimistic`
- Possible values: `pessimistic`, `optimistic`
- This variable is used to set the transaction mode. TiDB 3.0 supports the pessimistic transactions. Since TiDB 3.0.8, the pessimistic transaction mode is enabled by default.
- If you upgrade TiDB from v3.0.7 or earlier versions to v3.0.8 or later versions, the default transaction mode does not change. **Only the newly created clusters use the pessimistic transaction mode by default**.
- If this variable is set to "optimistic" or "", TiDB uses the optimistic transaction mode.

14.5.1.420 tidb_use_plan_baselines New in v4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable is used to control whether to enable the execution plan binding feature. It is enabled by default, and can be disabled by assigning the `OFF` value. For the use of the execution plan binding, see Execution Plan Binding.

14.5.1.421 tidb_wait_split_region_finish

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- It usually takes a long time to scatter Regions, which is determined by PD scheduling and TiKV loads. This variable is used to set whether to return the result to the client after all Regions are scattered completely when the `SPLIT REGION` statement is being executed:
    - `ON` requires that the `SPLIT REGIONS` statement waits until all Regions are scattered.
    - `OFF` permits the `SPLIT REGIONS` statement to return before finishing scattering all Regions.
- Note that when scattering Regions, the write and read performances for the Region that is being scattered might be affected. In batch-write or data importing scenarios, it is recommended to import data after Regions scattering is finished.

14.5.1.422 tidb_wait_split_region_timeout

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No

- Type: Integer
- Default value: `300`
- Range: `[1, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable is used to set the timeout for executing the `SPLIT REGION` statement. If a statement is not executed completely within the specified time value, a timeout error is returned.

14.5.1.423 tidb_window_concurrency New in v4.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Since v5.0, this variable is deprecated. Instead, use `tidb_executor_concurrency` for setting.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `-1`
- Range: `[1, 256]`
- Unit: Threads
- This variable is used to set the concurrency degree of the window operator.
- A value of `-1` means that the value of `tidb_executor_concurrency` will be used instead.

14.5.1.424 tiflash_fastscan New in v6.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: `OFF`
- Type: Boolean
- If FastScan is enabled (set to `ON`), TiFlash provides more efficient query performance, but does not guarantee the accuracy of the query results or data consistency.

14.5.1.425 tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_batch_size New in v6.2.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Default value: `8192`

- Range: `[1, 18446744073709551615]`
- When Fine Grained Shuffle is enabled, the window function pushed down to TiFlash can be executed in parallel. This variable controls the batch size of the data sent by the sender.
- Impact on performance: set a reasonable size according to your business requirements. Improper setting affects the performance. If the value is set too small, for example `1`, it causes one network transfer per Block. If the value is set too large, for example, the total number of rows of the table, it causes the receiving end to spend most of the time waiting for data, and the pipelined computation cannot work. To set a proper value, you can observe the distribution of the number of rows received by the TiFlash receiver. If most threads receive only a few rows, for example a few hundred, you can increase this value to reduce the network overhead.

14.5.1.426 tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count New in v6.2.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[-1, 1024]`
- When the window function is pushed down to TiFlash for execution, you can use this variable to control the concurrency level of the window function execution. The possible values are as follows:
  - -1: the Fine Grained Shuffle feature is disabled. The window function pushed down to TiFlash is executed in a single thread.
  - 0: the Fine Grained Shuffle feature is enabled. If `tidb_max_tiflash_threads` is set to a valid value (greater than 0), then `tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count` is set to the value of `tidb_max_tiflash_threads`. Otherwise, it is automatically estimated based on the CPU resources of the TiFlash compute node. The actual concurrency level of the window function on TiFlash is: min(`tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count`, the number of physical threads on TiFlash nodes).
  - Integer greater than 0: the Fine Grained Shuffle feature is enabled. The window function pushed down to TiFlash is executed in multiple threads. The concurrency level is: min(`tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count`, the number of physical threads on TiFlash nodes).
- Theoretically, the performance of the window function increases linearly with this value. However, if the value exceeds the actual number of physical threads, it instead leads to performance degradation.

14.5.1.427 tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node New in v7.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[-1, 9223372036854775807]`
- This variable limits the maximum memory usage for a query on a TiFlash node. When the memory usage of a query exceeds this limit, TiFlash returns an error and terminates the query. Setting this variable to `-1` or `0` means no limit. When this variable is set to a value greater than `0` and `tiflash_query_spill_ratio` is set to a valid value, TiFlash enables query-level spilling.

14.5.1.428 tiflash_query_spill_ratio New in v7.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0.7`
- Range: `[0, 0.85]`
- This variable controls the threshold for TiFlash query-level spilling. `0` means disabling the automatic query-level spilling. When this variable is greater than `0` and the memory usage of a query exceeds `tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node` * `tiflash_query_spill_ratio`, TiFlash triggers query-level spilling, which spills data of supported operators in the query as needed.

Note:

- This variable only takes effect when `tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node` is greater than `0`. In other words, if tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node is `0` or `-1`, query-level spilling will not be enabled even if `tiflash_query_spill_ratio` is greater than `0`.
- When TiFlash query-level spilling is enabled, the spilling thresholds for individual TiFlash operators automatically become invalidated. In other words, if both `tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node` and `tiflash_query_spill_ratio` are greater than 0, the three variables tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_sort, tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_group_by, and tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_join become invalidated automatically, equivalent to setting them to `0`.

14.5.1.429 tiflash_replica_read New in v7.3.0

> **Note:**
>
> This TiDB variable is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `all_replicas`
- Value options: `all_replicas`, `closest_adaptive`, or `closest_replicas`
- This variable is used to set the strategy for selecting TiFlash replicas when a query requires the TiFlash engine.
    - `all_replicas` means using all available TiFlash replicas for analytical computing.
    - `closest_adaptive` means preferring to use TiFlash replicas in the same zone as the TiDB node initiating the query. If replicas in this zone do not contain all the required data, the query will involve TiFlash replicas from other zones along with their corresponding TiFlash nodes.
    - `closest_replicas` means using only TiFlash replicas in the same zone as the TiDB node initiating the query. If replicas in this zone do not contain all the required data, the query will return an error.

> **Note:**
>
> - If TiDB nodes do not have zone attributes configured and `tiflash_replica_read` is not set to `all_replicas`, TiFlash ignores the replica selection strategy. Instead, it uses all TiFlash replicas for queries and returns the `The variable tiflash_replica_read is ignored.` warning.
> - If TiFlash nodes do not have zone attributes configured, they are treated as nodes not belonging to any zone.

14.5.1.430 tiflash_hashagg_preaggregation_mode New in v8.3.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: Yes
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `force_preagg`
- Value options: `force_preagg`, `force_streaming`, `auto`
- This variable controls the pre-aggregation strategy used during the first stage of two-stage or three-stage HashAgg operations pushed down to TiFlash:
    - `force_preagg`: TiFlash forces pre-aggregation during the first stage of HashAgg. This behavior is consistent with the behavior before v8.3.0.
    - `force_streaming`: TiFlash directly sends data to the next stage of HashAgg without pre-aggregation.
    - `auto`: TiFlash automatically chooses whether to perform pre-aggregation based on the current workload's aggregation degree.

14.5.1.431 tikv_client_read_timeout New in v7.4.0

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Millisecond
- You can use `tikv_client_read_timeout` to set the timeout for TiDB to send a TiKV RPC read request in a query. When a TiDB cluster is in an environment with unstable network or serious TiKV I/O latency jitter, and your application is sensitive to the latency of the SQL queries, you can set `tikv_client_read_timeout` to reduce the timeout of the TiKV RPC read requests. In this case, when a TiKV node has I/O latency jitter, TiDB can time out quickly and re-send the RPC request to the TiKV node where the next TiKV Region Peer is located. If the requests of all TiKV Region Peers time out, TiDB will retry with the default timeout (usually 40 seconds).
- You can also use the optimizer hint `/*+ SET_VAR(TIKV_CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT=N)*/` in a query to set the timeout for TiDB to send a TiKV RPC read request. If both the optimizer hint and this system variable are set, the optimizer hint takes higher priority.
- The default value `0` indicates that the default timeout (usually 40 seconds) is used.

Note:

- Normally, a regular query takes a few milliseconds, but occasionally when a TiKV node is in unstable network or gets I/O jitter, the query can take more than 1 second or even 10 seconds. In this case, you can set the TiKV RPC read request timeout to 100 milliseconds for a specific query

by using the optimizer hint `/*+ SET_VAR(TIKV_CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT =100)*/`. In this way, even if the response of a TiKV node is slow, TiDB can quickly time out and then re-send the RPC request to the TiKV node where the next TiKV Region Peer is located. Because the probability of two TiKV nodes getting I/O jitter simultaneously is low, the query can be completed usually within a few milliseconds to 110 milliseconds.

- Do not set too small values (for example, 1 millisecond) for `tikv_client_read_timeout`. Otherwise, the requests might time out easily when the workload of a TiDB cluster is high, and subsequent retries will further increase the load on the TiDB cluster.
- If you need to set different timeout values for different types of queries, it is recommended to use optimizer hints.

14.5.1.432 time_zone

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `SYSTEM`
- This variable returns the current time zone. Values can be specified as either an offset such as '-8:00' or a named zone 'America/Los_Angeles'.
- The value `SYSTEM` means that the time zone should be the same as the system host, which is available via the `system_time_zone` variable.

14.5.1.433 timestamp

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Float
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]`
- A non-empty value of this variable indicates the UNIX epoch that is used as the timestamp for `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP()`, `NOW()`, and other functions. This variable might be used in data restore or replication.

14.5.1.434 transaction_isolation

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes

- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `REPEATABLE-READ`
- Possible values: `READ-UNCOMMITTED`, `READ-COMMITTED`, `REPEATABLE-READ`, `SERIALIZABLE`
- This variable sets the transaction isolation. TiDB advertises `REPEATABLE-READ` for compatibility with MySQL, but the actual isolation level is Snapshot Isolation. See transaction isolation levels for further details.

14.5.1.435 tx_isolation

This variable is an alias for `transaction_isolation`.

14.5.1.436 tx_isolation_one_shot

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is internally used in TiDB. You are not expected to use it.

Internally, the TiDB parser transforms the `SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL [READ COMMITTED| REPEATABLE READ | ...]` statements to `SET @@SESSION.TX_ISOLATION_ONE_SHOT = [READ COMMITTED| REPEATABLE READ | ...]`.

14.5.1.437 tx_read_ts

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: ""
- In the Stale Read scenarios, this session variable is used to help record the Stable Read timestamp value.
- This variable is used for the internal operation of TiDB. It is **NOT recommended** to set this variable.

14.5.1.438 txn_scope

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `global`
- Value options: `global` and `local`
- This variable is used to set whether the current session transaction is a global transaction or a local transaction.
- This variable is used for the internal operation of TiDB. It is **NOT recommended** to set this variable.

14.5.1.439 validate_password.check_user_name New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `ON`
- Type: Boolean
- This variable is a check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password matches the username. This variable takes effect only when `validate_password.enable` is enabled.
- When this variable is effective and set to `ON`, if you set a password, TiDB compares the password with the username (excluding the hostname). If the password matches the username, the password is rejected.
- This variable is independent of `validate_password.policy` and not affected by the password complexity check level.

14.5.1.440 validate_password.dictionary New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `""`
- Type: String
- This variable is a check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password matches the dictionary. This variable takes effect only when `validate_password.enable` is enabled and `validate_password.policy` is set to 2 (STRONG).
- This variable is a string not longer than 1024 characters. It contains a list of words that cannot exist in the password. Each word is separated by semicolon (`;`).
- This variable is set to an empty string by default, which means no dictionary check is performed. To perform the dictionary check, you need to include the words to be matched in the string. If this variable is configured, when you set a password, TiDB compares each substring (length in 4 to 100 characters) of the password with the words in the dictionary. If any substring of the password matches a word in the dictionary, the password is rejected. The comparison is case-insensitive.

14.5.1.441 validate_password.enable New in v6.5.0

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is always enabled for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `OFF`
- Type: Boolean
- This variable controls whether to perform password complexity check. If this variable is set to `ON`, TiDB performs the password complexity check when you set a password.

14.5.1.442 validate_password.length New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `8`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]` for TiDB Self-Managed and TiDB Cloud Dedicated, `[8, 2147483647]` for TiDB Cloud Serverless
- This variable is a check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password length is sufficient. By default, the minimum password length is `8`. This variable takes effect only when `validate_password.enable` is enabled.
- The value of this variable must not be smaller than the expression: `validate_password.number_count + validate_password.special_char_count + (2 * validate_password.mixed_case_count)`.
- If you change the value of `validate_password.number_count`, `validate_password.special_char_count`, or `validate_password.mixed_case_count` such that the expression value is larger than `validate_password.length`, the value of `validate_password.length` is automatically changed to match the expression value.

14.5.1.443 validate_password.mixed_case_count New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`

- Range: `[0, 2147483647]` for TiDB Self-Managed and TiDB Cloud Dedicated, `[1, 2147483647]` for TiDB Cloud Serverless
- This variable is a check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password contains sufficient uppercase and lowercase letters. This variable takes effect only when `validate_password.enable` is enabled and `validate_password.policy` is set to `1` (MEDIUM) or larger.
- Neither the number of uppercase letters nor the number of lowercase letters in the password can be fewer than the value of `validate_password.mixed_case_count`. For example, when the variable is set to `1`, the password must contain at least one uppercase letter and one lowercase letter.

14.5.1.444 validate_password.number_count New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]` for TiDB Self-Managed and TiDB Cloud Dedicated, `[1, 2147483647]` for TiDB Cloud Serverless
- This variable is a check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password contains sufficient numbers. This variable takes effect only when `validate_password.enable` is enabled and `validate_password.policy` is set to `1` (MEDIUM) or larger.

14.5.1.445 validate_password.policy New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Enumeration
- Default value: `1`
- Value options: `0`, `1`, and `2` for TiDB Self-Managed and TiDB Cloud Dedicated; `1` and `2` for TiDB Cloud Serverless
- This variable controls the policy for the password complexity check. This variable takes effect only when `validate_password.enable` is enabled. The value of this variable determines whether other `validate-password` variables take effect in the password complexity check, except for `validate_password.check_user_name`.
- This value of this variable can be `0`, `1`, or `2` (corresponds to LOW, MEDIUM, or STRONG). Different policy levels have different checks:
    - 0 or LOW: password length.
    - 1 or MEDIUM: password length, uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters.

- 2 or STRONG: password length, uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, special characters, and dictionary match.

14.5.1.446 validate_password.special_char_count New in v6.5.0

- Scope: GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1`
- Range: `[0, 2147483647]` for TiDB Self-Managed and TiDB Cloud Dedicated, `[1, 2147483647]` for TiDB Cloud Serverless
- This variable is a check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password contains sufficient special characters. This variable takes effect only when `validate_password.enable` is enabled and `validate_password.policy` is set to `1` (MEDIUM) or larger.

14.5.1.447 version

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `8.0.11-TiDB-`(tidb version)
- This variable returns the MySQL version, followed by the TiDB version. For example '8.0.11-TiDB-v8.5.1'.

14.5.1.448 version_comment

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: (string)
- This variable returns additional details about the TiDB version. For example, 'TiDB Server (Apache License 2.0) Community Edition, MySQL 8.0 compatible'.

14.5.1.449 version_compile_machine

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: (string)
- This variable returns the name of the CPU architecture on which TiDB is running.

14.5.1.450 version_compile_os

- Scope: NONE
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: (string)
- This variable returns the name of the OS on which TiDB is running.

14.5.1.451 wait_timeout

> **Note:**
>
> This variable is read-only for TiDB Cloud Serverless.

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `28800`
- Range: `[0, 31536000]`
- Unit: Seconds
- This variable controls the idle timeout of user sessions. A zero-value means unlimited.

14.5.1.452 warning_count

- Scope: SESSION
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Default value: `0`
- This read-only variable indicates the number of warnings that occurred in the statement that was previously executed.

14.5.1.453 windowing_use_high_precision

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Persists to cluster: Yes
- Applies to hint SET_VAR: No
- Type: Boolean
- Default value: `ON`
- This variable controls whether to use the high precision mode when computing the window functions.

14.6 System Variable Reference

This page lists all TiDB system variables and the documents that reference them in the documentation. You can view System Variables for more details of each variable.

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- VARIABLES_INFO

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Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.3 authentication_ldap_sasl_bind_base_dn

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.4 authentication_ldap_sasl_bind_root_dn

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.5 authentication_ldap_sasl_bind_root_pwd

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.6 authentication_ldap_sasl_ca_path

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.7 authentication_ldap_sasl_init_pool_size

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.8 authentication_ldap_sasl_max_pool_size

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.9 authentication_ldap_sasl_server_host

Referenced in:

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- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.10 authentication_ldap_sasl_server_port

Referenced in:

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- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.11 authentication_ldap_sasl_tls

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.12 authentication_ldap_simple_auth_method_name

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.13 authentication_ldap_simple_bind_base_dn

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.14 authentication_ldap_simple_bind_root_dn

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.15 authentication_ldap_simple_bind_root_pwd

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.16 authentication_ldap_simple_ca_path

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.17 authentication_ldap_simple_init_pool_size

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.18 authentication_ldap_simple_max_pool_size

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.19 authentication_ldap_simple_server_host

Referenced in:

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- TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.20 authentication_ldap_simple_server_port

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- System Variables
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14.6.1.21 authentication_ldap_simple_tls

Referenced in:

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14.6.1.22 auto_increment_increment

Referenced in:

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- AUTO_RANDOM
- Bidirectional Replication
- Error Codes and Troubleshooting
- SESSION_VARIABLES
- System Variables
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14.6.1.23 auto_increment_offset

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14.6.1.24 autocommit

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14.6.1.25 block_encryption_mode

Referenced in:

- Encryption and Compression Functions
- System Variables

14.6.1.26 character_set_client

Referenced in:

- Character Set and Collation
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14.6.1.27 character_set_connection

Referenced in:

- Character Set and Collation
- GBK
- SET [NAMES|CHARACTER SET]
- System Variables
- Use Dumpling to Export Data

14.6.1.28 character_set_database

Referenced in:

- Character Set and Collation
- SET [NAMES|CHARACTER SET]
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14.6.1.29 character_set_results

Referenced in:

- Character Set and Collation
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14.6.1.30 character_set_server

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14.6.1.31 collation_connection

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14.6.1.32 collation_database

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14.6.1.33 collation_server

Referenced in:

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14.6.1.34 cte_max_recursion_depth

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14.6.1.35 datadir

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14.6.1.36 ddl_slow_threshold

Referenced in:

- SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] VARIABLES
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14.6.1.37 default_authentication_plugin

Referenced in:

- Security Compatibility with MySQL
- System Variables
- TiDB Features
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14.6.1.38 default_collation_for_utf8mb4

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- TiDB 8.1.2 Release Notes
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14.6.1.39 default_password_lifetime

Referenced in:

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14.6.1.40 default_week_format

Referenced in:

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14.6.1.41 disconnect_on_expired_password

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14.6.1.42 div_precision_increment

Referenced in:

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- System Variables
- TiDB 8.0.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.43 error_count

Referenced in:

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14.6.1.44 foreign_key_checks

Referenced in:

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- System Variables
- TiDB 6.6.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.45 group_concat_max_len

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14.6.1.46 have_openssl

Referenced in:

- Certificate-Based Authentication for Login
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14.6.1.48 hostname

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14.6.1.50 init_connect

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14.6.1.54 last_plan_from_binding

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14.6.1.55 last_plan_from_cache

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14.6.1.56 last_sql_use_alloc

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14.6.1.64 password_history

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- System Variables
- Use FastScan
- TiDB 7.0.0 Release Notes
- TiDB 6.3.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.422 tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_batch_size

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 6.2.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.423 tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- Tune TiFlash Performance
- TiDB 6.2.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.424 tiflash_hashagg_preaggregation_mode

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 8.3.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.425 tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiFlash Spill to Disk
- TiDB 7.4.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.426 tiflash_query_spill_ratio

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiFlash Spill to Disk
- TiDB 7.4.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.427 tiflash_replica_read

Referenced in:

- Create TiFlash Replicas
- System Variables
- TiDB Features
- TiDB 7.3.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.428 tikv_client_read_timeout

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 7.5.1 Release Notes
- TiDB 7.4.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.429 time_zone

Referenced in:

- Date and Time Types
- SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] VARIABLES
- SQL Prepared Execution Plan Cache
- System Variables
- Time Zone Support
- TiDB 6.0.0 Release Notes
- TiDB 2.1.8 Release Notes

14.6.1.430 timestamp

Referenced in:

- System Variables

14.6.1.431 transaction_isolation

Referenced in:

- Known Incompatibility Issues with Third-Party Tools
- SET TRANSACTION
- System Variables
- TiDB 6.0.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.432 tx_isolation

Referenced in:

- Performance Tuning Practices for OLTP Scenarios
- System Variables

14.6.1.433 tx_isolation_one_shot

Referenced in:

- System Variables

14.6.1.434 tx_read_ts

Referenced in:

- System Variables

14.6.1.435 txn_scope

Referenced in:

- Limited SQL features on TiDB Cloud
- System Variables
- TiDB Configuration File
- Use Resource Control to Achieve Resource Group Limitation and Flow Control

14.6.1.436 validate_password.check_user_name

Referenced in:

- Encryption and Compression Functions
- System Variables
- TiDB Password Management
- TiDB 6.5.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.437 validate_password.dictionary

Referenced in:

- Encryption and Compression Functions
- Security Compatibility with MySQL
- System Variables
- TiDB Password Management
- TiDB 6.5.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.438 validate_password.enable

Referenced in:

- Encryption and Compression Functions
- Limited SQL features on TiDB Cloud
- Security Compatibility with MySQL
- System Variables
- TiDB Password Management
- TiDB 6.5.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.439 validate_password.length

Referenced in:

- Encryption and Compression Functions
- Limited SQL features on TiDB Cloud
- System Variables
- TiDB Password Management
- TiDB 6.5.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.440 validate_password.mixed_case_count

Referenced in:

- Encryption and Compression Functions

- Limited SQL features on TiDB Cloud
- System Variables
- TiDB Password Management
- TiDB 6.5.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.441 validate_password.number_count

Referenced in:

- Encryption and Compression Functions
- Limited SQL features on TiDB Cloud
- System Variables
- TiDB Password Management
- TiDB 6.5.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.442 validate_password.policy

Referenced in:

- Encryption and Compression Functions
- Limited SQL features on TiDB Cloud
- System Variables
- TiDB Password Management
- TiDB 6.5.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.443 validate_password.special_char_count

Referenced in:

- Encryption and Compression Functions
- Limited SQL features on TiDB Cloud
- System Variables
- TiDB Password Management
- TiDB 6.5.0 Release Notes

14.6.1.444 version

Referenced in:

- System Variables

14.6.1.445 version_comment

Referenced in:

- System Variables

14.6.1.446 version_compile_machine

Referenced in:

- System Variables

14.6.1.447 version_compile_os

Referenced in:

- System Variables

14.6.1.448 wait_timeout

Referenced in:

- Best Practices for Developing Java Applications with TiDB
- Connection Pools and Connection Parameters
- Limited SQL features on TiDB Cloud
- System Variables
- TiDB Cluster Management FAQs
- TiProxy Overview
- Timeouts in TiDB
- Troubleshoot TiDB OOM Issues
- TiDB 3.0 Beta Release Notes
- TiDB 3.0 GA Release Notes

14.6.1.449 warning_count

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- TiDB 2.1 RC1 Release Notes

14.6.1.450 windowing_use_high_precision

Referenced in:

- System Variables
- Window Functions

14.7 Server Status Variables

Server status variables provide information about the global status of the server and the status of the current session in TiDB. Most of these variables are designed to be compatible with MySQL.

You can retrieve the global status using the SHOW GLOBAL STATUS command, and the status of the current session using the SHOW SESSION STATUS command.

Additionally, the FLUSH STATUS command is supported for MySQL compatibility.

14.7.1 Variable reference

14.7.1.1 Compression

- Scope: SESSION
- Type: Boolean
- Indicates if the MySQL Protocol uses compression or not.

14.7.1.2 Compression_algorithm

- Scope: SESSION
- Type: String
- Indicates the compression algorithm that is used for the MySQL Protocol.

14.7.1.3 Compression_level

- Scope: SESSION
- Type: Integer
- The compression level that is used for the MySQL Protocol.

14.7.1.4 Ssl_cipher

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: String
- TLS Cipher that is in use.

14.7.1.5 Ssl_cipher_list

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: String
- The list of TLS Ciphers that the server supports.

14.7.1.6 Ssl_server_not_after

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: Date
- The expiration date of the X.509 certificate of the server that is used for TLS connections.

14.7.1.7 Ssl_server_not_before

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: String
- The start date of the X.509 certificate of the server that is used for TLS connections.

14.7.1.8 Ssl_verify_mode

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: Integer
- The TLS verification mode bitmask.

14.7.1.9 Ssl_version

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: String
- The version of the TLS protocol that is used

14.7.1.10 Uptime

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: Integer
- Uptime of the server in seconds.

14.7.1.11 ddl_schema_version

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: Integer
- The version of the DDL schema that is used.

14.7.1.12 last_plan_binding_update_time New in v5.2.0

- Scope: SESSION
- Type: Timestamp
- The time and date of the last plan binding update.

14.7.1.13 server_id

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: String
- The UUID of the server.

14.7.1.14 tidb_gc_last_run_time

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: String
- The timestamp of the last run of GC.

14.7.1.15 tidb_gc_leader_desc

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: String
- Information about GC leader, including the hostname and process id (pid).

14.7.1.16 tidb_gc_leader_lease

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: String
- The timestamp of the GC lease.

14.7.1.17 tidb_gc_leader_uuid

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: String
- The UUID of the GC leader.

14.7.1.18 tidb_gc_safe_point

- Scope: SESSION | GLOBAL
- Type: String
- The timestamp of the GC safe point.

14.8 Configuration File Parameters

14.8.1 TiDB Configuration File

The TiDB configuration file supports more options than command-line parameters. You can download the default configuration file `config.toml.example` and rename it to `config.toml`. This document describes only the options that are not involved in command line options.

> **Tip:**
>
> If you need to adjust the value of a configuration item, refer to Modify the configuration.

14.8.1.0.1 `split-table`

- Determines whether to create a separate Region for each table.
- Default value: `true`
- It is recommended to set it to `false` if you need to create a large number of tables (for example, more than 100 thousand tables).

14.8.1.0.2 `tidb-max-reuse-chunk` New in v6.4.0

- Controls the maximum cached chunk objects of chunk allocation. Setting this configuration item to too large a value might increase the risk of OOM.
- Default value: `64`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Maximum value: `2147483647`

14.8.1.0.3 `tidb-max-reuse-column` New in v6.4.0

- Controls the maximum cached column objects of chunk allocation. Setting this configuration item to too large a value might increase the risk of OOM.
- Default value: `256`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Maximum value: `2147483647`

14.8.1.0.4 `token-limit`

- The number of sessions that can execute requests concurrently.
- Type: Integer
- Default value: `1000`
- Minimum value: `1`
- Maximum value: `1048576`

14.8.1.0.5 `temp-dir` New in v6.3.0

- File system location used by TiDB to store temporary data. If a feature requires local storage in TiDB nodes, TiDB stores the corresponding temporary data in this location.
- When creating an index, if `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg` is enabled, data that needs to be backfilled for a newly created index will be at first stored in the TiDB local temporary directory, and then imported into TiKV in batches, thus accelerating the index creation.
- When `IMPORT INTO` is used to import data, the sorted data is first stored in the TiDB local temporary directory, and then imported into TiKV in batches.
- Default value: `"/tmp/tidb"`

> **Note:**
>
> If the directory does not exist, TiDB will automatically create it upon startup. If the directory creation fails or TiDB does not have the read and write permissions on that directory, `Fast Online DDL` might experience unpredictable issues.

14.8.1.0.6 `oom-use-tmp-storage`

> **Warning:**
>
> Since v6.3.0, this configuration item is deprecated and superseded by the system variable `tidb_enable_tmp_storage_on_oom`. When the TiDB cluster is upgraded to v6.3.0 or a later version, it will automatically initialize the variable with the value of `oom-use-tmp-storage`. After that, changing the value of `oom-use-tmp-storage` **does not** take effect anymore.

- Controls whether to enable the temporary storage for some operators when a single SQL statement exceeds the memory quota specified by the system variable tidb_mem_quota_query.
- Default value: true

14.8.1.0.7 tmp-storage-path

- Specifies the temporary storage path for some operators when a single SQL statement exceeds the memory quota specified by the system variable tidb_mem_quota_query.
- Default value: <temporary directory of OS>/<OS user ID>_tidb/MC4wLjAuMDo0MDAwLzAuMC4wL=/tmp-storage. MC4wLjAuMDo0MDAwLzAuMC4wLjA6MTAwODA= is the Base64 encoding result of <host>:<port>/<statusHost>:<statusPort>.
- This configuration takes effect only when the system variable tidb_enable_tmp_storage_on_oom is ON.

14.8.1.0.8 tmp-storage-quota

- Specifies the quota for the storage in tmp-storage-path. The unit is byte.
- When a single SQL statement uses a temporary disk and the total volume of the temporary disk of the TiDB server exceeds this configuration value, the current SQL operation is cancelled and the Out of Global Storage Quota! error is returned.
- When the value of this configuration is smaller than 0, the above check and limit do not apply.
- Default value: -1
- When the remaining available storage in tmp-storage-path is lower than the value defined by tmp-storage-quota, the TiDB server reports an error when it is started, and exits.

14.8.1.0.9 lease

- The timeout of the DDL lease.
- Default value: 45s
- Unit: second

14.8.1.0.10 compatible-kill-query

- Determines whether to set the KILL statement to be MySQL compatible.
- Default value: false
- compatible-kill-query takes effect only when enable-global-kill is set to false.
- When enable-global-kill is false, compatible-kill-query controls whether you need to append the TIDB keyword when killing a query.

  - When `compatible-kill-query` is `false`, the behavior of `KILL xxx` in TiDB is different from that in MySQL. To kill a query in TiDB, you need to append the `TIDB` keyword, such as `KILL TIDB xxx`.
  - When `compatible-kill-query` is `true`, to kill a query in TiDB, there is no need to append the `TIDB` keyword. It is **STRONGLY NOT RECOMMENDED** to set `compatible-kill-query` to `true` in your configuration file UNLESS you are certain that clients will be always connected to the same TiDB instance. This is because pressing Control+C in the default MySQL client opens a new connection in which `KILL` is executed. If there is a proxy between the client and the TiDB cluster, the new connection might be routed to a different TiDB instance, which possibly kills a different session by mistake.

- When `enable-global-kill` is `true`, `KILL xxx` and `KILL TIDB xxx` have the same effect.
- For more information about the `KILL` statement, see KILL [TIDB].

14.8.1.0.11 `check-mb4-value-in-utf8`

- Determines whether to enable the `utf8mb4` character check. When this feature is enabled, if the character set is `utf8` and the `mb4` characters are inserted in `utf8`, an error is returned.
- Default value: `false`
- Since v6.1.0, whether to enable the `utf8mb4` character check is determined by the TiDB configuration item `instance.tidb_check_mb4_value_in_utf8` or the system variable `tidb_check_mb4_value_in_utf8`. `check-mb4-value-in-utf8` still takes effect. But if both `check-mb4-value-in-utf8` and `instance.tidb_check_mb4_value_in_utf8` are set, the latter takes effect.

14.8.1.0.12 `treat-old-version-utf8-as-utf8mb4`

- Determines whether to treat the `utf8` character set in old tables as `utf8mb4`.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.1.0.13 `alter-primary-key` (Deprecated)

- Determines whether to add or remove the primary key constraint to or from a column.
- Default value: `false`
- With this default setting, adding or removing the primary key constraint is not supported. You can enable this feature by setting `alter-primary-key` to `true`. However, if a table already exists before the switch is on, and the data type of its primary key column is an integer, dropping the primary key from the column is not possible even if you set this configuration item to `true`.

Note:

This configuration item has been deprecated, and currently takes effect only when the value of `@tidb_enable_clustered_index` is `INT_ONLY`. If you need to add or remove the primary key, use the `NONCLUSTERED` keyword instead when creating the table. For more details about the primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type, refer to clustered index.

14.8.1.0.14 `server-version`

- Modifies the version string returned by TiDB in the following situations:
  - When the built-in `VERSION()` function is used.
  - When TiDB establishes the initial connection to the client and returns the initial handshake packet with version string of the server. For details, see MySQL Initial Handshake Packet.
- Default value: ""
- By default, the format of the TiDB version string is `8.0.11-TiDB-${tidb_version}`.

Note:

TiDB nodes use the value of `server-version` to verify the current TiDB version. Therefore, to avoid unexpected behaviors, before upgrading the TiDB cluster, you need to set the value of `server-version` to empty or the real version of the current TiDB cluster.

14.8.1.0.15 `repair-mode`

- Determines whether to enable the untrusted repair mode. When the `repair-mode` is set to `true`, bad tables in the `repair-table-list` cannot be loaded.
- Default value: `false`
- The `repair` syntax is not supported by default. This means that all tables are loaded when TiDB is started.

14.8.1.0.16 `repair-table-list`

- `repair-table-list` is only valid when `repair-mode` is set to `true`. `repair-table-list` is a list of bad tables that need to be repaired in an instance. An example of the list is: ["db.table1","db.table2"...].
- Default value: []
- The list is empty by default. This means that there are no bad tables that need to be repaired.

14.8.1.0.17 `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap`

- Enables or disables the new collation support.
- Default value: `true`
- Note: This configuration takes effect only for the TiDB cluster that is first initialized. After the initialization, you cannot use this configuration item to enable or disable the new collation support.

14.8.1.0.18 `max-server-connections`

- The maximum number of concurrent client connections allowed in TiDB. It is used to control resources.
- Default value: `0`
- By default, TiDB does not set limit on the number of concurrent client connections. When the value of this configuration item is greater than `0` and the number of actual client connections reaches this value, the TiDB server rejects new client connections.
- Since v6.2.0, the TiDB configuration item `instance.max_connections` or the system variable `max_connections` is used to set the maximum number of concurrent client connections allowed in TiDB. `max-server-connections` still takes effect. But if `max-server-connections` and `instance.max_connections` are set at the same time, the latter takes effect.

14.8.1.0.19 `max-index-length`

- Sets the maximum allowable length of the newly created index.
- Default value: `3072`
- Unit: byte
- Currently, the valid value range is `[3072, 3072*4]`. MySQL and TiDB (version < v3.0.11) do not have this configuration item, but both limit the length of the newly created index. This limit in MySQL is `3072`. In TiDB (version =< 3.0.7), this limit is `3072*4`. In TiDB (3.0.7 < version < 3.0.11), this limit is `3072`. This configuration is added to be compatible with MySQL and earlier versions of TiDB.

14.8.1.0.20 `table-column-count-limit` New in v5.0

- Sets the limit on the number of columns in a single table.
- Default value: `1017`
- Currently, the valid value range is `[1017, 4096]`.

14.8.1.0.21 `index-limit` New in v5.0

- Sets the limit on the number of indexes in a single table.
- Default value: `64`
- Currently, the valid value range is `[64, 512]`.

14.8.1.0.22 `enable-telemetry` New in v4.0.2 and deprecated in v8.1.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v8.1.0, the telemetry feature in TiDB is removed, and this configuration item is no longer functional. It is retained solely for compatibility with earlier versions.

- Before v8.1.0, this configuration item controls whether to enable telemetry collection in a TiDB instance.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.1.0.23 `deprecate-integer-display-length`

- Deprecates the display width for integer types when this configuration item is set to `true`.
- Default value: `true`. Before v8.5.0, the default value is `false`.

14.8.1.0.24 `enable-tcp4-only` New in v5.0

- Enables or disables listening on TCP4 only.
- Default value: `false`
- Enabling this option is useful when TiDB is used with LVS for load balancing because the real client IP from the TCP header can be correctly parsed by the "tcp4" protocol.

14.8.1.0.25 `enable-enum-length-limit` New in v5.0

- Determines whether to limit the maximum length of a single `ENUM` element and a single `SET` element.
- Default value: `true`
- When this configuration value is `true`, the maximum length of a single `ENUM` element and a single `SET` element is 255 characters, which is compatible with MySQL 8.0. When this configuration value is `false`, there is no limit on the length of a single element, which is compatible with TiDB (earlier than v5.0).

14.8.1.0.26 `graceful-wait-before-shutdown` New in v5.0

- Specifies the number of seconds that TiDB waits when you shut down the server, which allows the clients to disconnect.
- Default value: `0`
- When TiDB is waiting for shutdown (in the grace period), the HTTP status will indicate a failure, which allows the load balancers to reroute traffic.

> **Note:**
>
> The duration that TiDB waits before shutting down the server is also affected by the following parameters:
>
> - When you use a platform that employs SystemD, the default stop timeout is 90 seconds. If you need a longer timeout, you can set `TimeoutStopSec=`.
> - When you use the TiUP Cluster component, the default `--wait-timeout` is 120 seconds.
> - When you use Kubernetes, the default `terminationGracePeriodSeconds` is 30 seconds.

14.8.1.0.27 `enable-global-kill` New in v6.1.0

- Controls whether to enable the Global Kill (terminating queries or connections across instances) feature.
- Default value: `true`
- When the value is `true`, both `KILL` and `KILL TIDB` statements can terminate queries or connections across instances so you do not need to worry about erroneously terminating queries or connections. When you use a client to connect to any TiDB instance and execute the `KILL` or `KILL TIDB` statement, the statement will be forwarded to the target TiDB instance. If there is a proxy between the client and the TiDB cluster, the `KILL` and `KILL TIDB` statements will also be forwarded to the target TiDB instance for execution.
- Starting from v7.3.0, you can terminate a query or connection using the MySQL command line Control+C when both `enable-global-kill` and `enable-32bits-connection-id` are set to `true`. For more information, see `KILL`.

14.8.1.0.28 `enable-32bits-connection-id` New in v7.3.0

- Controls whether to enable the 32-bit connection ID feature.

- Default value: `true`
- When both this configuration item and `enable-global-kill` are set to `true`, TiDB generates 32-bit connection IDs. This enables you to terminate queries or connections by the MySQL command-line Control+C.

> **Warning:**
>
> When the number of TiDB instances in the cluster exceeds 2048 or the concurrent connection count of a single TiDB instance exceeds 1048576, the 32-bit connection ID space becomes insufficient and is automatically upgraded to 64-bit connection IDs. During the upgrade process, existing business and established connections are unaffected. However, subsequent new connections cannot be terminated using Control+C in the MySQL command-line.

14.8.1.0.29 `initialize-sql-file` New in v6.6.0

- Specifies the SQL script to be executed when the TiDB cluster is started for the first time.
- Default value: `""`
- All SQL statements in this script are executed with the highest privilege without any privilege check. If the specified SQL script fails to execute, the TiDB cluster might fail to start.
- This configuration item is used to perform such operations as modifying the value of a system variable, creating a user, or granting privileges.

14.8.1.0.30 `enable-forwarding` New in v5.0.0

- Controls whether the PD client and TiKV client in TiDB forward requests to the leader via the followers in the case of possible network isolation.
- Default value: `false`
- If the environment might have isolated network, enabling this parameter can reduce the window of service unavailability.
- If you cannot accurately determine whether isolation, network interruption, or downtime has occurred, using this mechanism has the risk of misjudgment and causes reduced availability and performance. If network failure has never occurred, it is not recommended to enable this parameter.

14.8.1.0.31 `enable-table-lock` New in v4.0.0

Warning:

The table lock is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment.

- Controls whether to enable the table lock feature.
- Default value: `false`
- The table lock is used to coordinate concurrent access to the same table among multiple sessions. Currently, the `READ`, `WRITE`, and `WRITE LOCAL` lock types are supported. When the configuration item is set to `false`, executing the `LOCK TABLES` or `UNLOCK TABLES` statement does not take effect and returns the "LOCK/UNLOCK TABLES is not supported" warning. For more information, see `LOCK TABLES` and `UNLOCK TABLES`.

14.8.1.0.32 `labels`

- Specify server labels. For example, `{ zone = "us-west-1", dc = "dc1", rack = "rack1", host = "tidb1" }`.
- Default value: `{}`

Note:

- In TiDB, the `zone` label is specially used to specify the zone where a server is located. If `zone` is set to a non-null value, the corresponding value is automatically used by features such as `txn-score` and `Follower read`.
- The `group` label has a special use in TiDB Operator. For clusters deployed using TiDB Operator, it is **NOT** recommended that you specify the `group` label manually.

14.8.1.1 log

Configuration items related to log.

14.8.1.1.1 `level`

- Specifies the log output level.
- Value options: `debug`, `info`, `warn`, `error`, and `fatal`.
- Default value: `info`

14.8.1.1.2 `format`

- Specifies the log output format.
- Value options: `json` and `text`.
- Default value: `text`

14.8.1.1.3 `enable-timestamp`

- Determines whether to enable timestamp output in the log.
- Default value: `null`
- If you set the value to `false`, the log does not output timestamp.

> **Note:**
>
> - To be backward compatible, the initial `disable-timestamp` configuration item remains valid. But if the value of `disable-timestamp` semantically conflicts with the value of `enable-timestamp` (for example, if both `enable-timestamp` and `disable-timestamp` are set to `true`), TiDB ignores the value for `disable-timestamp`.
> - Currently, TiDB use `disable-timestamp` to determine whether to output timestamps in the log. In this situation, the value of `enable-timestamp` is `null`.
> - In later versions, the `disable-timestamp` configuration will be removed. Discard `disable-timestamp` and use `enable-timestamp` which is semantically easier to understand.

14.8.1.1.4 `enable-slow-log`

- Determines whether to enable the slow query log.
- Default value: `true`
- To enable the slow query log, set `enable-slow-log` to `true`. Otherwise, set it to `false`.
- Since v6.1.0, whether to enable slow query log is determined by the TiDB configuration item `instance.tidb_enable_slow_log` or the system variable `tidb_enable_slow_log`. `enable-slow-log` still takes effect. But if `enable-slow-log` and `instance.tidb_enable_slow_log` are set at the same time, the latter takes effect.

14.8.1.1.5 slow-query-file

- The file name of the slow query log.
- Default value: `tidb-slow.log`
- The format of the slow log is updated in TiDB v2.1.8, so the slow log is output to the slow log file separately. In versions before v2.1.8, this variable is set to "" by default.
- After you set it, the slow query log is output to this file separately.

14.8.1.1.6 slow-threshold

- Outputs the threshold value of consumed time in the slow log.
- Default value: `300`
- Unit: Milliseconds
- When the time consumed by a query is larger than this value, this query is considered as a slow query and its log is output to the slow query log. Note that when the output level of `log.level` is `"debug"`, all queries are recorded in the slow query log, regardless of the setting of this parameter.
- Since v6.1.0, the threshold value of consumed time in the slow log is specified by the TiDB configuration item `instance.tidb_slow_log_threshold` or the system variable `tidb_slow_log_threshold`. `slow-threshold` still takes effect. But if `slow-threshold` and `instance.tidb_slow_log_threshold` are set at the same time, the latter takes effect.

14.8.1.1.7 record-plan-in-slow-log

- Determines whether to record execution plans in the slow log.
- Default value: `1`
- Since v6.1.0, whether to record execution plans in the slow log is determined by the TiDB configuration item `instance.tidb_record_plan_in_slow_log` or the system variable `tidb_record_plan_in_slow_log`. `record-plan-in-slow-log` still takes effect. But if `record-plan-in-slow-log` and `instance.tidb_record_plan_in_slow_log` are set at the same time, the latter takes effect.

14.8.1.1.8 expensive-threshold

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v5.4.0, the `expensive-threshold` configuration item is deprecated and replaced by the system variable `tidb_expensive_query_time_threshold`.

- Outputs the threshold value of the number of rows for the `expensive` operation.
- Default value: `10000`
- When the number of query rows (including the intermediate results based on statistics) is larger than this value, it is an `expensive` operation and outputs log with the `[ ↪ EXPENSIVE_QUERY]` prefix.

14.8.1.1.9 `general-log-file` New in v8.0.0

- The filename of the general log.
- Default value: `""`
- If you specify a filename, the general log is written to this specified file. If the value is blank, the general log is written to the server log of the TiDB instance. You can specify the name of the server log using `filename`.

14.8.1.1.10 `timeout` New in v7.1.0

- Sets the timeout for log-writing operations in TiDB. In case of a disk failure that prevents logs from being written, this configuration item can trigger the TiDB process to panic instead of hang.
- Default value: `0`, indicating no timeout is set.
- Unit: second
- In some user scenarios, TiDB logs might be stored on hot-pluggable or network-attached disks, which might become permanently unavailable. In these cases, TiDB cannot recover automatically from such disaster and the log-writing operations will be permanently blocked. Although the TiDB process might seem to be running, it does not respond to any requests. This configuration item is designed to handle such situations.

14.8.1.2 log.file

Configuration items related to log files.

`filename`

- The file name of the general log file.
- Default value: “”
- If you set it, the log is output to this file.

`max-size`

- The size limit of the log file.
- Default value: 300
- Unit: MB
- The maximum value is 4096.

`max-days`

- The maximum number of days that the log is retained.
- Default value: `0`
- The log is retained by default. If you set the value, the expired log is cleaned up after `max-days`.

`max-backups`

- The maximum number of retained logs.
- Default value: `0`
- All the log files are retained by default. If you set it to `7`, seven log files are retained at maximum.

`compression` New in v8.0.0

- The compression method for the log.
- Default value: `""`
- Value options: `""`, `"gzip"`
- The default value is `""`, which means no compression. To enable the gzip compression, set this value to `"gzip"`. After compression is enabled, all log files are affected, such as `slow-query-file` and `general-log-file`.

14.8.1.3 security

Configuration items related to security.

14.8.1.3.1 enable-sem

- Enables the Security Enhanced Mode (SEM).
- Default value: `false`
- The status of SEM is available via the system variable `tidb_enable_enhanced_security`.

14.8.1.3.2 ssl-ca

- The file path of the trusted CA certificate in the PEM format.
- Default value: “”
- If you set this option and `--ssl-cert`, `--ssl-key` at the same time, TiDB authenticates the client certificate based on the list of trusted CAs specified by this option when the client presents the certificate. If the authentication fails, the connection is terminated.
- If you set this option but the client does not present the certificate, the secure connection continues without client certificate authentication.

14.8.1.3.3 `ssl-cert`

- The file path of the SSL certificate in the PEM format.
- Default value: “”
- If you set this option and `--ssl-key` at the same time, TiDB allows (but not forces) the client to securely connect to TiDB using TLS.
- If the specified certificate or private key is invalid, TiDB starts as usual but cannot receive secure connection.

14.8.1.3.4 `ssl-key`

- The file path of the SSL certificate key in the PEM format, that is, the private key of the certificate specified by `--ssl-cert`.
- Default value: “”
- Currently, TiDB does not support loading the private keys protected by passwords.

14.8.1.3.5 `cluster-ssl-ca`

- The CA root certificate used to connect TiKV or PD with TLS.
- Default value: “”

14.8.1.3.6 `cluster-ssl-cert`

- The path of the SSL certificate file used to connect TiKV or PD with TLS.
- Default value: “”

14.8.1.3.7 `cluster-ssl-key`

- The path of the SSL private key file used to connect TiKV or PD with TLS.
- Default value: “”

14.8.1.3.8 `cluster-verify-cn`

- A list of acceptable X.509 Common Names in certificates presented by clients. Requests are permitted only when the presented Common Name is an exact match with one of the entries in the list.
- Default value: [], which means that the client certificate CN check is disabled.

14.8.1.3.9 `spilled-file-encryption-method`

- Determines the encryption method used for saving the spilled files to disk.
- Default value: `"plaintext"`, which disables encryption.
- Optional values: `"plaintext"` and `"aes128-ctr"`

14.8.1.3.10 `auto-tls`

- Determines whether to automatically generate the TLS certificates on startup.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.1.3.11 `tls-version`

> **Warning:**
>
> `"TLSv1.0"` and `"TLSv1.1"` protocols are deprecated in TiDB v7.6.0, and will be removed in v8.0.0.

- Set the minimum TLS version for MySQL Protocol connections.
- Default value: "", which allows TLSv1.2 or later versions. Before TiDB v7.6.0, the default value allows TLSv1.1 or later versions.
- Optional values: `"TLSv1.2"` and `"TLSv1.3"`. Before TiDB v8.0.0, `"TLSv1.0"` and `"TLSv1.1"` are also allowed.

14.8.1.3.12 `auth-token-jwks` New in v6.4.0

- Set the local file path of the JSON Web Key Sets (JWKS) for the `tidb_auth_token` authentication method.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.1.3.13 `auth-token-refresh-interval` New in v6.4.0

- Set the JWKS refresh interval for the `tidb_auth_token` authentication method.
- Default value: `1h`

14.8.1.3.14 `disconnect-on-expired-password` New in v6.5.0

- Determines whether TiDB disconnects the client connection when the password is expired.
- Default value: `true`
- Optional values: `true`, `false`
- If you set it to `true`, the client connection is disconnected when the password is expired. If you set it to `false`, the client connection is restricted to the "sandbox mode" and the user can only execute the password reset operation.

14.8.1.3.15 `session-token-signing-cert` New in v6.4.0

- The certificate file path, which is used by TiProxy for session migration.
- Default value: ""
- Empty value will cause TiProxy session migration to fail. To enable session migration, all TiDB nodes must set this to the same certificate and key. This means that you should store the same certificate and key on every TiDB node.

14.8.1.3.16 `session-token-signing-key` New in v6.4.0

- The key file path used by TiProxy for session migration.
- Default value: ""
- Refer to the descriptions of `session-token-signing-cert`.

14.8.1.4 performance

Configuration items related to performance.

14.8.1.4.1 `max-procs`

- The number of CPUs used by TiDB.
- Default value: `0`
- The default `0` indicates using all the CPUs on the machine. You can also set it to n, and then TiDB uses n CPUs.

14.8.1.4.2 `server-memory-quota` New in v4.0.9

> **Warning:**
>
> Since v6.5.0, the `server-memory-quota` configuration item is deprecated and replaced by the system variable `tidb_server_memory_limit`.

- The memory usage limit of tidb-server instances.
- Default value: `0` (in bytes), which means no memory limit.

14.8.1.4.3 `max-txn-ttl`

- The longest time that a single transaction can hold locks. If this time is exceeded, the locks of a transaction might be cleared by other transactions so that this transaction cannot be successfully committed.

- Default value: `3600000`
- Unit: Millisecond
- The transaction that holds locks longer than this time can only be committed or rolled back. The commit might not be successful.
- For transactions executed using the `"bulk"` DML mode, the maximum TTL can exceed the limit of this configuration item. The maximum value is the greater value between this configuration item and 24 hours.

14.8.1.4.4 `stmt-count-limit`

- The maximum number of statements allowed in a single TiDB transaction.
- Default value: `5000`
- If a transaction does not roll back or commit after the number of statements exceeds `stmt-count-limit`, TiDB returns the `statement count 5001 exceeds the transaction limitation, autocommit = false` error. This configuration takes effect **only** in the retryable optimistic transaction. If you use the pessimistic transaction or have disabled the transaction retry, the number of statements in a transaction is not limited by this configuration.

14.8.1.4.5 `txn-entry-size-limit` New in v4.0.10 and v5.0.0

- The size limit of a single row of data in TiDB.
- Default value: `6291456` (in bytes)
- The size limit of a single key-value record in a transaction. If the size limit is exceeded, TiDB returns the `entry too large` error. The maximum value of this configuration item does not exceed `125829120` (120 MB).
- Starting from v7.6.0, you can use the system variable `tidb_txn_entry_size_limit` to dynamically modify the value of this configuration item.
- Note that TiKV has a similar limit. If the data size of a single write request exceeds `raft-entry-max-size`, which is 8 MB by default, TiKV refuses to process this request. When a table has a row of large size, you need to modify both configurations at the same time.
- The default value of `max_allowed_packet` (the maximum size of a packet for the MySQL protocol) is 67108864 (64 MiB). If a row is larger than `max_allowed_packet`, the row gets truncated.
- The default value of `txn-total-size-limit` (the size limit of a single transaction in TiDB) is 100 MiB. If you increase the `txn-entry-size-limit` value to be over 100 MiB, you need to increase the `txn-total-size-limit` value accordingly.

14.8.1.4.6 `txn-total-size-limit`

- The size limit of a single transaction in TiDB.
- Default value: `104857600` (in bytes)

- In a single transaction, the total size of key-value records cannot exceed this value. The maximum value of this parameter is `1099511627776` (1 TB).
- In TiDB v6.5.0 and later versions, this configuration is no longer recommended. The memory size of a transaction will be accumulated into the memory usage of the session, and the `tidb_mem_quota_query` variable will take effect when the session memory threshold is exceeded. To be compatible with previous versions, this configuration works as follows when you upgrade from an earlier version to TiDB v6.5.0 or later:
    - If this configuration is not set or is set to the default value (`104857600`), after an upgrade, the memory size of a transaction will be accumulated into the memory usage of the session, and the `tidb_mem_quota_query` variable will take effect.
    - If this configuration is not defaulted (`104857600`), it still takes effect and its behavior on controlling the size of a single transaction remains unchanged before and after the upgrade. This means that the memory size of the transaction is not controlled by the `tidb_mem_quota_query` variable.
- When TiDB executes transactions in the `tidb_dml_type` `"bulk"` mode, transaction size is not limited by the TiDB configuration item `txn-total-size-limit`.

14.8.1.4.7 `tcp-keep-alive`

- Determines whether to enable `keepalive` in the TCP layer.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.1.4.8 `tcp-no-delay`

- Determines whether to enable TCP_NODELAY at the TCP layer. After it is enabled, TiDB disables the Nagle algorithm in the TCP/IP protocol and allows sending small data packets to reduce network latency. This is suitable for latency-sensitive applications with a small transmission volume of data.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.1.4.9 `cross-join`

- Default value: `true`
- TiDB supports executing the `JOIN` statement without any condition (the `WHERE` field) of both sides tables by default; if you set the value to `false`, the server refuses to execute when such a `JOIN` statement appears.

> **Note:**
>
> When creating a cluster, **DO NOT** set `cross-join` to false. Otherwise, the cluster will fail to start up.

14.8.1.4.10 `stats-lease`

- The time interval of reloading statistics, updating the number of table rows, checking whether it is needed to perform the automatic analysis, using feedback to update statistics and loading statistics of columns.
- Default value: `3s`
    - At intervals of `stats-lease` time, TiDB checks the statistics for updates and updates them to the memory if updates exist.
    - At intervals of `20 * stats-lease` time, TiDB updates the total number of rows generated by DML and the number of modified rows to the system table.
    - At intervals of `stats-lease`, TiDB checks for tables and indexes that need to be automatically analyzed.
    - At intervals of `stats-lease`, TiDB checks for column statistics that need to be loaded to the memory.
    - At intervals of `200 * stats-lease`, TiDB writes the feedback cached in the memory to the system table.
    - At intervals of `5 * stats-lease`, TiDB reads the feedback in the system table, and updates the statistics cached in the memory.
- When `stats-lease` is set to 0s, TiDB periodically reads the feedback in the system table, and updates the statistics cached in the memory every three seconds. But TiDB no longer automatically modifies the following statistics-related system tables:
    - `mysql.stats_meta`: TiDB no longer automatically records the number of table rows that are modified by the transaction and updates it to this system table.
    - `mysql.stats_histograms`/`mysql.stats_buckets` and `mysql.stats_top_n`: TiDB no longer automatically analyzes and proactively updates statistics.
    - `mysql.stats_feedback`: TiDB no longer updates the statistics of the tables and indexes according to a part of statistics returned by the queried data.

14.8.1.4.11 `pseudo-estimate-ratio`

- The ratio of (number of modified rows)/(total number of rows) in a table. If the value is exceeded, the system assumes that the statistics have expired and the pseudo statistics will be used.
- Default value: `0.8`
- The minimum value is `0` and the maximum value is `1`.

14.8.1.4.12 `force-priority`

- Sets the priority for all statements.
- Default value: `NO_PRIORITY`
- Value options: The default value `NO_PRIORITY` means that the priority for statements is not forced to change. Other options are `LOW_PRIORITY`, `DELAYED`, and `HIGH_PRIORITY` in ascending order.

- Since v6.1.0, the priority for all statements is determined by the TiDB configuration item instance.tidb_force_priority or the system variable tidb_force_priority. force-priority still takes effect. But if force-priority and instance.tidb_force_priority are set at the same time, the latter takes effect.

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports Resource Control. You can use this feature to execute SQL statements with different priorities in different resource groups. By configuring proper quotas and priorities for these resource groups, you can gain better scheduling control for SQL statements with different priorities. When resource control is enabled, statement priority will no longer take effect. It is recommended that you use Resource Control to manage resource usage for different SQL statements.

14.8.1.4.13 distinct-agg-push-down

- Determines whether the optimizer executes the operation that pushes down the aggregation function with Distinct (such as select count(distinct a)from t) to Coprocessors.
- Default: false
- This variable is the initial value of the system variable tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down.

14.8.1.4.14 enforce-mpp

- Determines whether to ignore the optimizer's cost estimation and to forcibly use TiFlash's MPP mode for query execution.
- Default value: false
- This configuration item controls the initial value of tidb_enforce_mpp. For example, when this configuration item is set to true, the default value of tidb_enforce_mpp is ON.

14.8.1.4.15 enable-stats-cache-mem-quota New in v6.1.0

- Controls whether to enable the memory quota for the statistics cache.
- Default value: true

14.8.1.4.16 `stats-load-concurrency` New in v5.4.0

- The maximum number of columns that the TiDB synchronously loading statistics feature can process concurrently.
- Default value: `0`. Before v8.2.0, the default value is `5`.
- Currently, the valid value range is `[0, 128]`. The value `0` means the automatic mode, which automatically adjusts concurrency based on the configuration of the server. Before v8.2.0, the minimum value is `1`.

14.8.1.4.17 `stats-load-queue-size` New in v5.4.0

- The maximum number of column requests that the TiDB synchronously loading statistics feature can cache.
- Default value: `1000`
- Currently, the valid value range is `[1, 100000]`.

14.8.1.4.18 `concurrently-init-stats` New in v8.1.0 and v7.5.2

- Controls whether to initialize statistics concurrently during TiDB startup. This configuration item takes effect only when `lite-init-stats` is set to `false`.
- Default value: `false` for versions earlier than v8.2.0, `true` for v8.2.0 and later versions.

14.8.1.4.19 `lite-init-stats` New in v7.1.0

- Controls whether to use lightweight statistics initialization during TiDB startup.
- Default value: `false` for versions earlier than v7.2.0, `true` for v7.2.0 and later versions.
- When the value of `lite-init-stats` is `true`, statistics initialization does not load any histogram, TopN, or Count-Min Sketch of indexes and columns into memory. When the value of `lite-init-stats` is `false`, statistics initialization loads histograms, TopN, and Count-Min Sketch of indexes into memory but does not load any histogram, TopN, or Count-Min Sketch of primary keys and columns into memory. When the optimizer needs the histogram, TopN, and Count-Min Sketch of a specific primary key or column, the necessary statistics are loaded into memory synchronously or asynchronously (controlled by `tidb_stats_load_sync_wait`).
- Setting `lite-init-stats` to `true` speeds up statistics initialization and reduces TiDB memory usage by avoiding unnecessary statistics loading. For details, see Load statistics.

14.8.1.4.20 `force-init-stats` New in v6.5.7 and v7.1.0

- Controls whether to wait for statistics initialization to finish before providing services during TiDB startup.

- Default value: `false` for versions earlier than v7.2.0, `true` for v7.2.0 and later versions.
- When the value of `force-init-stats` is `true`, TiDB needs to wait until statistics initialization is finished before providing services upon startup. Note that if there are a large number of tables and partitions and the value of `lite-init-stats` is `false`, setting `force-init-stats` to `true` might prolong the time it takes for TiDB to start providing services.
- When the value of `force-init-stats` is `false`, TiDB can still provide services before statistics initialization is finished, but the optimizer uses pseudo statistics to make decisions, which might result in suboptimal execution plans.

14.8.1.5 opentracing

Configuration items related to opentracing.

14.8.1.5.1 `enable`

- Enables opentracing to trace the call overhead of some TiDB components. Note that enabling opentracing causes some performance loss.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.1.5.2 `rpc-metrics`

- Enables RPC metrics.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.1.6 opentracing.sampler

Configuration items related to opentracing.sampler.

14.8.1.6.1 `type`

- Specifies the type of the opentracing sampler. The string value is case-insensitive.
- Default value: `"const"`
- Value options: `"const"`, `"probabilistic"`, `"ratelimiting"`, `"remote"`

14.8.1.6.2 `param`

- The parameter of the opentracing sampler.
  - For the `const` type, the value can be `0` or `1`, which indicates whether to enable the `const` sampler.
  - For the `probabilistic` type, the parameter specifies the sampling probability, which can be a float number between `0` and `1`.

- For the `ratelimiting` type, the parameter specifies the number of spans sampled per second.
- For the `remote` type, the parameter specifies the sampling probability, which can be a float number between `0` and `1`.

- Default value: `1.0`

14.8.1.6.3 `sampling-server-url`

- The HTTP URL of the jaeger-agent sampling server.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.1.6.4 `max-operations`

- The maximum number of operations that the sampler can trace. If an operation is not traced, the default probabilistic sampler is used.
- Default value: `0`

14.8.1.6.5 `sampling-refresh-interval`

- Controls the frequency of polling the jaeger-agent sampling policy.
- Default value: `0`

14.8.1.7 opentracing.reporter

Configuration items related to opentracing.reporter.

14.8.1.7.1 `queue-size`

- The queue size with which the reporter records spans in memory.
- Default value: `0`

14.8.1.7.2 `buffer-flush-interval`

- The interval at which the reporter flushes the spans in memory to the storage.
- Default value: `0`

14.8.1.7.3 `log-spans`

- Determines whether to print the log for all submitted spans.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.1.7.4 local-agent-host-port

- The address at which the reporter sends spans to the jaeger-agent.
- Default value: ""

14.8.1.8 tikv-client

14.8.1.8.1 grpc-connection-count

- The maximum number of connections established with each TiKV.
- Default value: 4

14.8.1.8.2 grpc-keepalive-time

- The keepalive time interval of the RPC connection between TiDB and TiKV nodes. If there is no network packet within the specified time interval, the gRPC client executes ping command to TiKV to see if it is alive.
- Default: 10
- Minimum value: 1
- Unit: second

14.8.1.8.3 grpc-keepalive-timeout

- The timeout of the RPC keepalive check between TiDB and TiKV nodes.
- Default value: 3
- Minimum value: 0.05
- Unit: second

14.8.1.8.4 grpc-compression-type

- Specifies the compression type used for data transfer from TiDB nodes to TiKV nodes. The default value is "none", which means no compression. To enable the gzip compression, set this value to "gzip".
- Default value: "none"
- Value options: "none", "gzip"

> **Note:**
>
> The compression algorithm for response messages returned from TiKV nodes to TiDB nodes is controlled by the TiKV configuration item grpc-↪ compression-type.

14.8.1.8.5 `commit-timeout`

- The maximum timeout when executing a transaction commit.
- Default value: `41s`
- It is required to set this value larger than twice of the Raft election timeout.

14.8.1.8.6 `batch-policy` New in v8.3.0

- Controls the batching strategy for requests from TiDB to TiKV. When sending requests to TiKV, TiDB always encapsulates the requests in the current waiting queue into a `BatchCommandsRequest` and sends it to TiKV as a packet. This is the basic batching strategy. When the TiKV load throughput is high, TiDB decides whether to wait for an additional period after the basic batching based on the value of `batch-policy` ↪ . This additional batching allows more requests to be encapsulated in a single `BatchCommandsRequest`.
- Default value: `"standard"`
- Value options:
  - `"basic"`: the behavior is consistent with versions before v8.3.0, where TiDB performs additional batching only if `tikv-client.max-batch-wait-time` is greater than 0 and the load of TiKV exceeds the value of `tikv-client.overload-` ↪ `threshold`.
  - `"standard"`: TiDB dynamically batches requests based on the arrival time intervals of recent requests, suitable for high-throughput scenarios.
  - `"positive"`: TiDB always performs additional batching, suitable for high-throughput testing scenarios to achieve optimal performance. However, in low-load scenarios, this strategy might introduce unnecessary batching wait time, potentially reducing performance.
  - `"custom{...}"`: allows customization of batching strategy parameters. This option is intended for the internal testing of TiDB and is **NOT recommended** for general use.

14.8.1.8.7 `max-batch-size`

- The maximum number of RPC packets sent in batch. If the value is not `0`, the `BatchCommands` API is used to send requests to TiKV, and the RPC latency can be reduced in the case of high concurrency. It is recommended that you do not modify this value.
- Default value: `128`

14.8.1.8.8 `max-batch-wait-time`

- Waits for `max-batch-wait-time` to encapsulate the data packets into a large packet in batch and send it to the TiKV node. It is valid only when the value of `tikv-client.max-batch-size` is greater than `0`. It is recommended not to modify this value.
- Default value: `0`
- Unit: nanoseconds

14.8.1.8.9 `batch-wait-size`

- The maximum number of packets sent to TiKV in batch. It is recommended not to modify this value.
- Default value: `8`
- If the value is `0`, this feature is disabled.

14.8.1.8.10 `overload-threshold`

- The threshold of the TiKV load. If the TiKV load exceeds this threshold, more `batch` packets are collected to relieve the pressure of TiKV. It is valid only when the value of `tikv-client.max-batch-size` is greater than `0`. It is recommended not to modify this value.
- Default value: `200`

14.8.1.8.11 `copr-req-timeout` New in v7.5.0

> **Warning:**
>
> This configuration parameter might be deprecated in future versions. **DO NOT** change the value of it.

- The timeout of a single Coprocessor request.
- Default value: `60`
- Unit: second

14.8.1.8.12 `enable-replica-selector-v2` New in v8.0.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v8.2.0, this configuration item is deprecated. The new version of the Region replica selector is used by default when sending RPC requests to TiKV.

- Whether to use the new version of the Region replica selector when sending RPC requests to TiKV.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.1.9 tikv-client.copr-cache New in v4.0.0

This section introduces configuration items related to the Coprocessor Cache feature.

14.8.1.9.1 `capacity-mb`

- The total size of the cached data. When the cache space is full, old cache entries are evicted. When the value is `0.0`, the Coprocessor Cache feature is disabled.
- Default value: `1000.0`
- Unit: MB
- Type: Float

14.8.1.10 txn-local-latches

Configuration items related to the transaction latch. These configuration items might be deprecated in the future. It is not recommended to use them.

14.8.1.10.1 `enabled`

- Determines whether to enable the memory lock of transactions.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.1.10.2 `capacity`

- The number of slots corresponding to Hash, which automatically adjusts upward to an exponential multiple of 2. Each slot occupies 32 Bytes of memory. If set too small, it might result in slower running speed and poor performance in the scenario where data writing covers a relatively large range (such as importing data).
- Default value: `2048000`

14.8.1.11 status

Configuration related to the status of TiDB service.

14.8.1.11.1 `report-status`

- Enables or disables the HTTP API service.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.1.11.2 `record-db-qps`

- Determines whether to transmit the database-related QPS metrics to Prometheus.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.1.11.3 `record-db-label`

- Determines whether to transmit the database-related QPS metrics to Prometheus.
- Supports more metrics types than `record-db-qps`, for example, duration and statements.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.1.12 pessimistic-txn

For pessimistic transaction usage, refer to TiDB Pessimistic Transaction Mode.

14.8.1.12.1 max-retry-count

- The maximum number of retries of each statement in pessimistic transactions. If the number of retries exceeds this limit, an error occurs.
- Default value: `256`

14.8.1.12.2 deadlock-history-capacity

- The maximum number of deadlock events that can be recorded in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.DEADLOCKS` table of a single TiDB server. If this table is in full volume and an additional deadlock event occurs, the earliest record in the table will be removed to make place for the newest error.
- Default value: `10`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Maximum value: `10000`

14.8.1.12.3 deadlock-history-collect-retryable

- Controls whether the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.DEADLOCKS` table collects the information of retryable deadlock errors. For the description of retryable deadlock errors, see Retryable deadlock errors.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.1.12.4 pessimistic-auto-commit New in v6.0.0

- Determines the transaction mode that the auto-commit transaction uses when the pessimistic transaction mode is globally enabled (`tidb_txn_mode='pessimistic'`). By default, even if the pessimistic transaction mode is globally enabled, the auto-commit transaction still uses the optimistic transaction mode. After enabling `pessimistic-auto-commit` (set to `true`), the auto-commit transaction also uses pessimistic mode, which is consistent with the other explicitly committed pessimistic transactions.
- For scenarios with conflicts, after enabling this configuration, TiDB includes auto-commit transactions into the global lock-waiting management, which avoids deadlocks and mitigates the latency spike brought by deadlock-causing conflicts.
- For scenarios with no conflicts, if there are many auto-commit transactions (the specific number is determined by the real scenarios. For example, the number of auto-commit transactions accounts for more than half of the total number of applications), and a single transaction operates a large data volume, enabling this configuration causes performance regression. For example, the auto-commit `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement.
- When the session-level system variable `tidb_dml_type` is set to `"bulk"`, the effect of this configuration in the session is equivalent to setting it to `false`.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.1.12.5 constraint-check-in-place-pessimistic New in v6.4.0

- Controls the default value of the system variable `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic`.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.1.13 isolation-read

Configuration items related to read isolation.

14.8.1.13.1 engines

- Controls from which engine TiDB allows to read data.
- Default value: ["tikv", "tiflash", "tidb"], indicating that the engine is automatically selected by the optimizer.
- Value options: Any combinations of "tikv", "tiflash", and "tidb", for example, ["tikv", "tidb"] or ["tiflash", "tidb"]

14.8.1.14 instance

14.8.1.14.1 `tidb_enable_collect_execution_info`

- This configuration controls whether to record the execution information of each operator in the slow query log and whether to record the usage statistics of indexes.
- Default value: `true`
- Before v6.1.0, this configuration is set by `enable-collect-execution-info`.

14.8.1.14.2 `tidb_enable_slow_log`

- This configuration is used to control whether to enable the slow log feature.
- Default value: `true`
- Value options: `true` or `false`
- Before v6.1.0, this configuration is set by `enable-slow-log`.

14.8.1.14.3 `tidb_slow_log_threshold`

- Outputs the threshold value of the time consumed by the slow log.
- Default value: `300`
- Range: `[-1, 9223372036854775807]`
- Unit: Milliseconds
- When the time consumed by a query is larger than this value, this query is considered as a slow query and its log is output to the slow query log. Note that when the output level of `log.level` is `"debug"`, all queries are recorded in the slow query log, regardless of the setting of this parameter.
- Before v6.1.0, this configuration is set by `slow-threshold`.

14.8.1.14.4 `in-mem-slow-query-topn-num` New in v7.3.0

- The configuration controls the number of slowest queries that are cached in memory.
- Default value: 30

14.8.1.14.5 `in-mem-slow-query-recent-num` New in v7.3.0

- The configuration controls the number of recently used slow queries that are cached in memory.
- Default value: 500

14.8.1.14.6 `tidb_expensive_query_time_threshold`

- This configuration is used to set the threshold value that determines whether to print expensive query logs. The difference between expensive query logs and slow query logs is:
  - Slow logs are printed after the statement is executed.
  - Expensive query logs print the statements that are being executed, with execution time exceeding the threshold value, and their related information.
- Default value: `60`
- Range: `[10, 2147483647]`
- Unit: Seconds
- Before v5.4.0, this configuration is set by `expensive-threshold`.

14.8.1.14.7 `tidb_record_plan_in_slow_log`

- This configuration is used to control whether to include the execution plan of slow queries in the slow log.
- Default value: `1`
- Value options: `1` (enabled, default) or `0` (disabled).
- The value of this configuration will initialize the value of system variable `tidb_record_plan_in_slow_log`
- Before v6.1.0, this configuration is set by `record-plan-in-slow-log`.

14.8.1.14.8 `tidb_force_priority`

- This configuration is used to change the default priority for statements executed on a TiDB server.
- Default value: `NO_PRIORITY`
- The default value `NO_PRIORITY` means that the priority for statements is not forced to change. Other options are `LOW_PRIORITY`, `DELAYED`, and `HIGH_PRIORITY` in ascending order.
- Before v6.1.0, this configuration is set by `force-priority`.

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports Resource Control. You can use this feature to execute SQL statements with different priorities in different resource groups. By configuring proper quotas and priorities for these resource groups, you can gain better scheduling control for SQL statements with different priorities. When resource control is enabled, statement priority will no longer take effect. It is recommended that you use Resource Control to manage resource usage for different SQL statements.

14.8.1.14.9 `max_connections`

- The maximum number of connections permitted for a single TiDB instance. It can be used for resources control.
- Default value: `0`
- Range: `[0, 100000]`
- The default value `0` means no limit. When the value of this variable is larger than `0`, and the number of connections reaches the value, the TiDB server will reject new connections from clients.
- The value of this configuration will initialize the value of system variable `max_connections`
- Before v6.2.0, this configuration is set by `max-server-connections`.

14.8.1.14.10 `tidb_enable_ddl`

- This configuration controls whether the corresponding TiDB instance can become a DDL owner or not.
- Default value: `true`
- Possible values: `OFF`, `ON`
- The value of this configuration will initialize the value of the system variable `tidb_enable_ddl`
- Before v6.3.0, this configuration is set by `run-ddl`.

14.8.1.14.11 `tidb_enable_stats_owner` New in v8.4.0

- This configuration controls whether the corresponding TiDB instance can run automatic statistics update tasks.
- Default value: `true`
- Possible values: `true`, `false`
- The value of this configuration will initialize the value of the system variable `tidb_enable_stats_owner`.

14.8.1.14.12 `tidb_stmt_summary_enable_persistent` New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Statements summary persistence is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Controls whether to enable statements summary persistence.
- Default value: `false`
- For more details, see Persist statements summary.

14.8.1.14.13 `tidb_stmt_summary_filename` New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Statements summary persistence is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- When statements summary persistence is enabled, this configuration specifies the file to which persistent data is written.
- Default value: `tidb-statements.log`

14.8.1.14.14 `tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_days` New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Statements summary persistence is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- When statements summary persistence is enabled, this configuration specifies the maximum number of days to keep persistent data files.
- Default value: `3`
- Unit: day
- You can adjust the value based on the data retention requirements and disk space usage.

14.8.1.14.15 `tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_size` New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Statements summary persistence is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- When statements summary persistence is enabled, this configuration specifies the maximum size of a persistent data file.
- Default value: `64`
- Unit: MiB
- You can adjust the value based on the data retention requirements and disk space usage.

14.8.1.14.16 `tidb_stmt_summary_file_max_backups` New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Statements summary persistence is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- When statements summary persistence is enabled, this configuration specifies the maximum number of data files that can be persisted. `0` means no limit on the number of files.
- Default value: `0`
- You can adjust the value based on the data retention requirements and disk space usage.

14.8.1.15 proxy-protocol

Configuration items related to the PROXY protocol.

14.8.1.15.1 `networks`

- The list of proxy server's IP addresses allowed to connect to TiDB using the PROXY protocol
- Default value: ""

- In general cases, when you access TiDB behind a reverse proxy, TiDB takes the IP address of the reverse proxy server as the IP address of the client. By enabling the PROXY protocol, reverse proxies that support this protocol, such as HAProxy, can pass the real client IP address to TiDB.
- After configuring this parameter, TiDB allows the configured source IP address to connect to TiDB using the PROXY protocol; if a protocol other than PROXY is used, this connection will be denied. If this parameter is left empty, no IP address can connect to TiDB using the PROXY protocol. The value can be an IP address (192.168.1.50) or CIDR (192.168.1.0/24) with `,` as the separator. `*` means any IP addresses.

> **Warning:**
>
> Use `*` with caution because it might introduce security risks by allowing a client of any IP address to report its IP address. In addition, using `*` might also cause the internal component that directly connects to TiDB (such as TiDB Dashboard) to be unavailable.

14.8.1.15.2 `fallbackable` New in v6.5.1

- Controls whether to enable the PROXY protocol fallback mode. If this configuration item is set to `true`, TiDB can accept clients that belong to `proxy-protocol.networks` ↪ to connect to TiDB without using the PROXY protocol specification or without sending the PROXY protocol header. By default, TiDB only accepts client connections that belong to `proxy-protocol.networks` and send a PROXY protocol header.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.1.16 experimental

The `experimental` section, introduced in v3.1.0, describes the configurations related to the experimental features of TiDB.

14.8.1.16.1 `allow-expression-index` New in v4.0.0

- Controls whether an expression index can be created. Since TiDB v5.2.0, if the function in an expression is safe, you can create an expression index directly based on this function without enabling this configuration. If you want to create an expression index based on other functions, you can enable this configuration, but correctness issues might exist. By querying the `tidb_allow_function_for_expression_index` variable, you can get the functions that are safe to be directly used for creating an expression.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2 TiKV Configuration File

The TiKV configuration file supports more options than command-line parameters. You can find the default configuration file in etc/config-template.toml and rename it to `config.toml`.

This document only describes the parameters that are not included in command-line parameters. For more details, see command-line parameter.

> **Tip:**
>
> If you need to adjust the value of a configuration item, refer to Modify the configuration.

14.8.2.1 Global configuration

14.8.2.1.1 `abort-on-panic`

- Sets whether to call `abort()` to exit the process when TiKV panics. This option affects whether TiKV allows the system to generate core dump files.
  - If the value of this configuration item is `false`, when TiKV panics, it calls `exit()` to exit the process.
  - If the value of this configuration item is `true`, when TiKV panics, TiKV calls `abort()` to exit the process. At this time, TiKV allows the system to generate core dump files when exiting. To generate the core dump file, you also need to perform the system configuration related to core dump (for example, setting the size limit of the core dump file via `ulimit -c` command, and configure the core dump path. Different operating systems have different related configurations). To avoid the core dump files occupying too much disk space and causing insufficient TiKV disk space, it is recommended to set the core dump generation path to a disk partition different to that of TiKV data.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.1.2 `slow-log-file`

- The file that stores slow logs
- If this configuration item is not set, but `log.file.filename` is set, slow logs are output to the log file specified by `log.file.filename`.
- If neither `slow-log-file` nor `log.file.filename` are set, all logs are output to "stderr" by default.

- If both configuration items are set, ordinary logs are output to the log file specified by `log.file.filename`, and slow logs are output to the log file set by `slow-log-file`.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.1.3 `slow-log-threshold`

- The threshold for outputting slow logs. If the processing time is longer than this threshold, slow logs are output.
- Default value: `"1s"`

14.8.2.1.4 `memory-usage-limit`

- The limit on memory usage of the TiKV instance. When the memory usage of TiKV almost reaches this threshold, internal cache will be evicted to release memory.
- In most cases, the TiKV instance is set to use 75% of the total available system memory, so you do not need to explicitly specify this configuration item. The rest 25% of the memory is reserved for the OS page cache. See `storage.block-cache.capacity` for details.
- When deploying multiple TiKV nodes on a single physical machine, you still do not need to set this configuration item. In this case, the TiKV instance uses `5/3 * block -cache.capacity` of memory.
- The default value for different system memory capacity is as follows:
  - system=8G block-cache=3.6G memory-usage-limit=6G page-cache=2G
  - system=16G block-cache=7.2G memory-usage-limit=12G page-cache=4G
  - system=32G block-cache=14.4G memory-usage-limit=24G page-cache=8G

14.8.2.2 log New in v5.4.0

- Configuration items related to the log.
- From v5.4.0, to make the log configuration items of TiKV and TiDB consistent, TiKV deprecates the former configuration item `log-rotation-timespan` and changes `log-level`, `log-format`, `log-file`, `log-rotation-size` to the following ones. If you only set the old configuration items, and their values are set to non-default values, the old items remain compatible with the new items. If both old and new configuration items are set, the new items take effect.

14.8.2.2.1 `level` New in v5.4.0

- The log level
- Optional values: `"debug"`, `"info"`, `"warn"`, `"error"`, `"fatal"`
- Default value: `"info"`

14.8.2.2.2 `format` New in v5.4.0

- The log format
- Optional values: `"json"`, `"text"`
- Default value: `"text"`

14.8.2.2.3 `enable-timestamp` New in v5.4.0

- Determines whether to enable or disable the timestamp in the log
- Optional values: `true`, `false`
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.3 log.file New in v5.4.0

- Configuration items related to the log file.

14.8.2.3.1 `filename` New in v5.4.0

- The log file. If this configuration item is not set, logs are output to "stderr" by default. If this configuration item is set, logs are output to the corresponding file.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.3.2 `max-size` New in v5.4.0

- The maximum size of a single log file. When the file size is larger than the value set by this configuration item, the system automatically splits the single file into multiple files.
- Default value: `300`
- Maximum value: `4096`
- Unit: MiB

14.8.2.3.3 `max-days` New in v5.4.0

- The maximum number of days that TiKV keeps log files.
    - If the configuration item is not set, or the value of it is set to the default value `0`, TiKV does not clean log files.
    - If the parameter is set to a value other than `0`, TiKV cleans up the expired log files after `max-days`.
- Default value: `0`

14.8.2.3.4 `max-backups` New in v5.4.0

- The maximum number of log files that TiKV keeps.
  - If the configuration item is not set, or the value of it is set to the default value `0`, TiKV keeps all log files.
  - If the configuration item is set to a value other than `0`, TiKV keeps at most the number of old log files specified by `max-backups`. For example, if the value is set to `7`, TiKV keeps up to 7 old log files.
- Default value: `0`

14.8.2.4 server

- Configuration items related to the server.

14.8.2.4.1 `addr`

- The listening IP address and the listening port
- Default value: `"127.0.0.1:20160"`

14.8.2.4.2 `advertise-addr`

- Advertise the listening address for client communication
- If this configuration item is not set, the value of `addr` is used.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.4.3 `status-addr`

- The configuration item reports TiKV status directly through the `HTTP` address

> **Warning:**
> If this value is exposed to the public, the status information of the TiKV server might be leaked.

- To disable the status address, set the value to `""`.
- Default value: `"127.0.0.1:20180"`

14.8.2.4.4 status-thread-pool-size

- The number of worker threads for the HTTP API service
- Default value: 1
- Minimum value: 1

14.8.2.4.5 grpc-compression-type

- The compression algorithm for gRPC messages. It affects gRPC messages between TiKV nodes. Starting from v6.5.11, v7.1.6, v7.5.3, v8.1.1, and v8.2.0, it also affects gRPC response messages sent from TiKV to TiDB.
- Optional values: "none", "deflate", "gzip"

> **Note:**
> TiDB does not support "deflate". Therefore, if you want to compress gRPC response messages sent from TiKV to TiDB, set this configuration item to "gzip".

- Default value: "none"

14.8.2.4.6 grpc-concurrency

- The number of gRPC worker threads. When you modify the size of the gRPC thread pool, refer to Performance tuning for TiKV thread pools.
- Default value: 5
- Minimum value: 1

14.8.2.4.7 grpc-concurrent-stream

- The maximum number of concurrent requests allowed in a gRPC stream
- Default value: 1024
- Minimum value: 1

14.8.2.4.8 grpc-memory-pool-quota

- Limits the memory size that can be used by gRPC
- Default value: No limit
- Limit the memory in case OOM is observed. Note that limit the usage can lead to potential stall

14.8.2.4.9 `grpc-raft-conn-num`

- The maximum number of connections between TiKV nodes for Raft communication
- Default value: `1`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.4.10 `max-grpc-send-msg-len`

- Sets the maximum length of a gRPC message that can be sent
- Default value: `10485760`
- Unit: Bytes
- Maximum value: `2147483647`

14.8.2.4.11 `grpc-stream-initial-window-size`

- The window size of the gRPC stream
- Default value: `2MiB`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB
- Minimum value: `"1KiB"`

14.8.2.4.12 `grpc-keepalive-time`

- The time interval at which that gRPC sends `keepalive` Ping messages
- Default value: `"10s"`
- Minimum value: `"1s"`

14.8.2.4.13 `grpc-keepalive-timeout`

- Disables the timeout for gRPC streams
- Default value: `"3s"`
- Minimum value: `"1s"`

14.8.2.4.14 `concurrent-send-snap-limit`

- The maximum number of snapshots sent at the same time
- Default value: `32`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.4.15 `concurrent-recv-snap-limit`

- The maximum number of snapshots received at the same time
- Default value: `32`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.4.16 `end-point-recursion-limit`

- The maximum number of recursive levels allowed when TiKV decodes the Coprocessor DAG expression
- Default value: `1000`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.4.17 `end-point-request-max-handle-duration`

- The longest duration allowed for a TiDB's push down request to TiKV for processing tasks
- Default value: `"60s"`
- Minimum value: `"1s"`

14.8.2.4.18 `end-point-memory-quota` New in v8.2.0

- The maximum amount of memory that TiKV Coprocessor requests can use. If this limit is exceeded, subsequent Coprocessor requests are rejected with the error "server is busy."
- Default value: 45% of the total system memory. If 45% of the total system memory exceeds 500 MiB, the default value is 500 MiB.

14.8.2.4.19 `snap-io-max-bytes-per-sec`

- The maximum allowable disk bandwidth when processing snapshots
- Default value: `"100MiB"`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB
- Minimum value: `"1KiB"`

14.8.2.4.20 `snap-min-ingest-size` New in v8.1.2

- Specifies the minimum threshold for whether TiKV adopts the ingest method when processing snapshots.
    - When the snapshot size exceeds this threshold, TiKV adopts the ingest method, which imports SST files from the snapshot into RocksDB. This method is faster for large files.
    - When the snapshot size does not exceed this threshold, TiKV adopts the direct write method, which writes each piece of data into RocksDB individually. This method is more efficient for small files.
- Default value: `"2MiB"`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.4.21 `enable-request-batch`

- Determines whether to process requests in batches
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.4.22 `labels`

- Specifies server attributes, such as `{ zone = "us-west-1", disk = "ssd" }`.
- Default value: `{}`

14.8.2.4.23 `background-thread-count`

- The working thread count of the background pool, including endpoint threads, BR threads, split-check threads, Region threads, and other threads of delay-insensitive tasks.
- Default value: when the number of CPU cores is less than 16, the default value is `2`; otherwise, the default value is `3`.

14.8.2.4.24 `end-point-slow-log-threshold`

- The time threshold for a TiDB's push-down request to output slow log. If the processing time is longer than this threshold, the slow logs are output.
- Default value: `"1s"`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.4.25 `raft-client-queue-size`

- Specifies the queue size of the Raft messages in TiKV. If too many messages not sent in time result in a full buffer, or messages discarded, you can specify a greater value to improve system stability.
- Default value: `16384`

14.8.2.4.26 `simplify-metrics` New in v6.2.0

- Specifies whether to simplify the returned monitoring metrics. After you set the value to `true`, TiKV reduces the amount of data returned for each request by filtering out some metrics.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.4.27 `forward-max-connections-per-address` New in v5.0.0

- Sets the size of the connection pool for service and forwarding requests to the server. Setting it to too small a value affects the request latency and load balancing.
- Default value: `4`

14.8.2.5 readpool.unified

Configuration items related to the single thread pool serving read requests. This thread pool supersedes the original storage thread pool and coprocessor thread pool since the 4.0 version.

14.8.2.5.1 `min-thread-count`

- The minimal working thread count of the unified read pool
- Default value: `1`

14.8.2.5.2 `max-thread-count`

- The maximum working thread count of the unified read pool or the UnifyReadPool thread pool. When you modify the size of this thread pool, refer to Performance tuning for TiKV thread pools.
- Value range: `[min-thread-count, MAX(4, CPU quota * 10)]`. `MAX(4, CPU quota * 10)` takes the greater value out of `4` and the `CPU quota * 10`.
- Default value: MAX(4, CPU * 0.8)

> **Note:**
>
> Increasing the thread count will lead to more context switches, which might cause a performance decrease. It is not recommended to modify the value of this configuration item.

14.8.2.5.3 `stack-size`

- The stack size of the threads in the unified thread pool
- Type: Integer + Unit
- Default value: `"10MiB"`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB
- Minimum value: `"2MiB"`
- Maximum value: The number of Kbytes output in the result of the `ulimit -sH` command executed in the system.

14.8.2.5.4 max-tasks-per-worker

- The maximum number of tasks allowed for a single thread in the unified read pool. `Server Is Busy` is returned when the value is exceeded.
- Default value: `2000`
- Minimum value: `2`

14.8.2.5.5 auto-adjust-pool-size New in v6.3.0

- Controls whether to automatically adjust the thread pool size. When it is enabled, the read performance of TiKV is optimized by automatically adjusting the UnifyReadPool thread pool size based on the current CPU usage. The possible range of the thread pool is `[max-thread-count, MAX(4, CPU)]`. The maximum value is the same as the one of `max-thread-count`.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.6 readpool.storage

Configuration items related to storage thread pool.

14.8.2.6.1 use-unified-pool

- Determines whether to use the unified thread pool (configured in `readpool.unified`) for storage requests. If the value of this parameter is `false`, a separate thread pool is used, which is configured through the rest parameters in this section (`readpool.storage`).
- Default value: If this section (`readpool.storage`) has no other configurations, the default value is `true`. Otherwise, for the backward compatibility, the default value is `false`. Change the configuration in `readpool.unified` as needed before enabling this option.

14.8.2.6.2 high-concurrency

- The allowable number of concurrent threads that handle high-priority `read` requests
- When `8 cpu num 16`, the default value is `cpu_num * 0.5`; when `cpu num` is smaller than `8`, the default value is `4`; when `cpu num` is greater than `16`, the default value is `8`.
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.6.3 normal-concurrency

- The allowable number of concurrent threads that handle normal-priority `read` requests
- When `8 cpu num 16`, the default value is `cpu_num * 0.5`; when `cpu num` is smaller than `8`, the default value is `4`; when `cpu num` is greater than `16`, the default value is `8`.
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.6.4 low-concurrency

- The allowable number of concurrent threads that handle low-priority `read` requests
- When `8 cpu num 16`, the default value is `cpu_num * 0.5`; when `cpu num` is smaller than `8`, the default value is `4`; when `cpu num` is greater than `16`, the default value is `8`.
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.6.5 max-tasks-per-worker-high

- The maximum number of tasks allowed for a single thread in a high-priority thread pool. `Server Is Busy` is returned when the value is exceeded.
- Default value: `2000`
- Minimum value: `2`

14.8.2.6.6 max-tasks-per-worker-normal

- The maximum number of tasks allowed for a single thread in a normal-priority thread pool. `Server Is Busy` is returned when the value is exceeded.
- Default value: `2000`
- Minimum value: `2`

14.8.2.6.7 max-tasks-per-worker-low

- The maximum number of tasks allowed for a single thread in a low-priority thread pool. `Server Is Busy` is returned when the value is exceeded.
- Default value: `2000`
- Minimum value: `2`

14.8.2.6.8 stack-size

- The stack size of threads in the Storage read thread pool
- Type: Integer + Unit
- Default value: `"10MiB"`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB
- Minimum value: `"2MiB"`
- Maximum value: The number of Kbytes output in the result of the `ulimit -sH` command executed in the system.

14.8.2.7 readpool.coprocessor

Configuration items related to the Coprocessor thread pool.

14.8.2.7.1 use-unified-pool

- Determines whether to use the unified thread pool (configured in readpool.unified ↪) for coprocessor requests. If the value of this parameter is false, a separate thread pool is used, which is configured through the rest parameters in this section (readpool.coprocessor).
- Default value: If none of the parameters in this section (readpool.coprocessor) are set, the default value is true. Otherwise, the default value is false for the backward compatibility. Adjust the configuration items in readpool.unified before enabling this parameter.

14.8.2.7.2 high-concurrency

- The allowable number of concurrent threads that handle high-priority Coprocessor requests, such as checkpoints
- Default value: CPU * 0.8
- Minimum value: 1

14.8.2.7.3 normal-concurrency

- The allowable number of concurrent threads that handle normal-priority Coprocessor requests
- Default value: CPU * 0.8
- Minimum value: 1

14.8.2.7.4 low-concurrency

- The allowable number of concurrent threads that handle low-priority Coprocessor requests, such as table scan
- Default value: CPU * 0.8
- Minimum value: 1

14.8.2.7.5 max-tasks-per-worker-high

- The number of tasks allowed for a single thread in a high-priority thread pool. When this number is exceeded, Server Is Busy is returned.
- Default value: 2000
- Minimum value: 2

14.8.2.7.6 max-tasks-per-worker-normal

- The number of tasks allowed for a single thread in a normal-priority thread pool. When this number is exceeded, Server Is Busy is returned.
- Default value: 2000
- Minimum value: 2

14.8.2.7.7 `max-tasks-per-worker-low`

- The number of tasks allowed for a single thread in a low-priority thread pool. When this number is exceeded, `Server Is Busy` is returned.
- Default value: `2000`
- Minimum value: `2`

14.8.2.7.8 `stack-size`

- The stack size of the thread in the Coprocessor thread pool
- Type: Integer + Unit
- Default value: `"10MiB"`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB
- Minimum value: `"2MiB"`
- Maximum value: The number of Kbytes output in the result of the `ulimit -sH` command executed in the system.

14.8.2.8 storage

Configuration items related to storage.

14.8.2.8.1 `data-dir`

- The storage path of the RocksDB directory
- Default value: `"./"`

14.8.2.8.2 `engine` New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> This feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Specifies the engine type. This configuration can only be specified when creating a new cluster and cannot be modified once being specified.
- Default value: `"raft-kv"`
- Value options:
  - `"raft-kv"`: The default engine type in versions earlier than TiDB v6.6.0.
  - `"partitioned-raft-kv"`: The new storage engine type introduced in TiDB v6.6.0.

14.8.2.8.3 `scheduler-concurrency`

- A built-in memory lock mechanism to prevent simultaneous operations on a key. Each key has a hash in a different slot.
- Default value: `524288`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.8.4 `scheduler-worker-pool-size`

- The number of threads in the Scheduler thread pool. Scheduler threads are mainly used for checking transaction consistency before data writing. If the number of CPU cores is greater than or equal to `16`, the default value is `8`; otherwise, the default value is `4`. When you modify the size of the Scheduler thread pool, refer to Performance tuning for TiKV thread pools.
- Default value: `4`
- Value range: `[1, MAX(4, CPU)]`. In `MAX(4, CPU)`, `CPU` means the number of your CPU cores. `MAX(4, CPU)` takes the greater value out of `4` and the `CPU`.

14.8.2.8.5 `scheduler-pending-write-threshold`

- The maximum size of the write queue. A `Server Is Busy` error is returned for a new write to TiKV when this value is exceeded.
- Default value: `"100MiB"`
- Unit: MiB|GiB

14.8.2.8.6 `enable-async-apply-prewrite`

- Determines whether Async Commit transactions respond to the TiKV client before applying prewrite requests. After enabling this configuration item, latency can be easily reduced when the apply duration is high, or the delay jitter can be reduced when the apply duration is not stable.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.8.7 `reserve-space`

- When TiKV is started, some space is reserved on the disk as disk protection. When the remaining disk space is less than the reserved space, TiKV restricts some write operations. The reserved space is divided into two parts: 80% of the reserved space is used as the extra disk space required for operations when the disk space is insufficient, and the other 20% is used to store the temporary file. In the process of reclaiming space, if the storage is exhausted by using too much extra disk space, this temporary file serves as the last protection for restoring services.

- The name of the temporary file is `space_placeholder_file`, located in the `storage.data-dir` directory. When TiKV goes offline because its disk space ran out, if you restart TiKV, the temporary file is automatically deleted and TiKV tries to reclaim the space.
- When the remaining space is insufficient, TiKV does not create the temporary file. The effectiveness of the protection is related to the size of the reserved space. The size of the reserved space is the larger value between 5% of the disk capacity and this configuration value. When the value of this configuration item is `"0MiB"`, TiKV disables this disk protection feature.
- Default value: `"5GiB"`
- Unit: MiB|GiB

14.8.2.8.8 `enable-ttl`

Warning:

- Set `enable-ttl` to `true` or `false` **ONLY WHEN** deploying a new TiKV cluster. **DO NOT** modify the value of this configuration item in an existing TiKV cluster. TiKV clusters with different `enable-ttl` values use different data formats. Therefore, if you modify the value of this item in an existing TiKV cluster, the cluster will store data in different formats, which causes the "can't enable TTL on a non-ttl" error when you restart the TiKV cluster.
- Use `enable-ttl` **ONLY IN** a TiKV cluster. **DO NOT** use this configuration item in a cluster that has TiDB nodes (which means setting `enable-ttl` to `true` in such clusters) unless `storage.api-version = 2` is configured. Otherwise, critical issues such as data corruption and the upgrade failure of TiDB clusters will occur.

- TTL is short for "Time to live". If this item is enabled, TiKV automatically deletes data that reaches its TTL. To set the value of TTL, you need to specify it in the requests when writing data via the client. If the TTL is not specified, it means that TiKV does not automatically delete the corresponding data.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.8.9 `ttl-check-poll-interval`

- The interval of checking data to reclaim physical spaces. If data reaches its TTL, TiKV forcibly reclaims its physical space during the check.
- Default value: `"12h"`
- Minimum value: `"0s"`

14.8.2.8.10 `background-error-recovery-window` New in v6.1.0

- The maximum allowable time for TiKV to recover after RocksDB detects a recoverable background error. If some background SST files are damaged, RocksDB will report to PD via heartbeat after locating the Peer to which the damaged SST files belong. PD then performs scheduling operations to remove this Peer. Finally, the damaged SST files are deleted directly, and the TiKV background will work as normal again.
- The damaged SST files still exist before the recovery finishes. During such a period, RocksDB can continue writing data, but an error will be reported when the damaged part of the data is read.
- If the recovery fails to finish within this time window, TiKV will panic.
- Default value: 1h

14.8.2.8.11 `api-version` New in v6.1.0

- The storage format and interface version used by TiKV when TiKV serves as the RawKV store.
- Value options:
  - `1`: Uses API V1, does not encode the data passed from the client, and stores data as it is. In versions earlier than v6.1.0, TiKV uses API V1 by default.
  - `2`: Uses API V2:
    - The data is stored in the Multi-Version Concurrency Control (MVCC) format, where the timestamp is obtained from PD (which is TSO) by tikv-server.
    - Data is scoped according to different usage and API V2 supports co-existence of TiDB, Transactional KV, and RawKV applications in a single cluster.
    - When API V2 is used, you are expected to set `storage.enable-ttl = true` at the same time. Because API V2 supports the TTL feature, you must turn on `enable-ttl` explicitly. Otherwise, it will be in conflict because `storage.enable-ttl` defaults to `false`.
    - When API V2 is enabled, you need to deploy at least one tidb-server instance to reclaim obsolete data. This tidb-server instance can provide read and write services at the same time. To ensure high availability, you can deploy multiple tidb-server instances.
    - Client support is required for API V2. For details, see the corresponding instruction of the client for the API V2.
    - Since v6.2.0, Change Data Capture (CDC) for RawKV is supported. Refer to RawKV CDC.
- Default value: `1`

Warning:

- API V1 and API V2 are different from each other in the storage format. You can enable or disable API V2 directly **only** when TiKV contains only TiDB data. In other scenarios, you need to deploy a new cluster, and migrate data using RawKV Backup & Restore.
- After API V2 is enabled, you **cannot** downgrade the TiKV cluster to a version earlier than v6.1.0. Otherwise, data corruption might occur.

14.8.2.9 `txn-status-cache-capacity` New in v7.6.0

- Sets the capacity of the transaction status cache in TiKV. Do not modify this parameter.
- Default value: `5120000`

14.8.2.10 storage.block-cache

Configuration items related to the sharing of block cache among multiple RocksDB Column Families (CF).

14.8.2.10.1 `capacity`

- The size of the shared block cache.
- Default value:
  - When `storage.engine="raft-kv"`, the default value is 45% of the size of total system memory.
  - When `storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`, the default value is 30% of the size of total system memory.
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.10.2 `low-pri-pool-ratio` New in v8.0.0

- Controls the proportion of the entire block cache that the Titan component can use.
- Default value: `0.2`

14.8.2.11 storage.flow-control

Configuration items related to the flow control mechanism in TiKV. This mechanism replaces the write stall mechanism in RocksDB and controls flow at the scheduler layer, which avoids secondary disasters caused by the stuck Raftstore or Apply threads.

14.8.2.11.1 `enable`

- Determines whether to enable the flow control mechanism. After it is enabled, TiKV automatically disables the write stall mechanism of KvDB and the write stall mechanism of RaftDB (excluding memtable).
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.11.2 `memtables-threshold`

- When the number of kvDB memtables reaches this threshold, the flow control mechanism starts to work. When `enable` is set to `true`, this configuration item overrides `rocksdb.(defaultcf|writecf|lockcf).max-write-buffer-number`.
- Default value: `5`

14.8.2.11.3 `l0-files-threshold`

- When the number of kvDB L0 files reaches this threshold, the flow control mechanism starts to work. When `enable` is set to `true`, this configuration item overrides `rocksdb` ↪ `.(defaultcf|writecf|lockcf).level0-slowdown-writes-trigger`.
- Default value: `20`

14.8.2.11.4 `soft-pending-compaction-bytes-limit`

- When the pending compaction bytes in KvDB reach this threshold, the flow control mechanism starts to reject some write requests and reports the `ServerIsBusy` error. When `enable` is set to `true`, this configuration item overrides `rocksdb.(defaultcf|` ↪ `writecf|lockcf).soft-pending-compaction-bytes-limit`.
- Default value: `"192GiB"`

14.8.2.11.5 `hard-pending-compaction-bytes-limit`

- When the pending compaction bytes in KvDB reach this threshold, the flow control mechanism rejects all write requests and reports the `ServerIsBusy` error. When `enable` is set to `true`, this configuration item overrides `rocksdb.(defaultcf|writecf` ↪ `|lockcf).hard-pending-compaction-bytes-limit`.
- Default value: `"1024GiB"`

14.8.2.12 storage.io-rate-limit

Configuration items related to the I/O rate limiter.

14.8.2.12.1 `max-bytes-per-sec`

- Limits the maximum I/O bytes that a server can write to or read from the disk (determined by the `mode` configuration item below) in one second. When this limit is reached, TiKV prefers throttling background operations over foreground ones. The value of this configuration item should be set to the disk's optimal I/O bandwidth, for example, the maximum I/O bandwidth specified by your cloud disk vendor. When this configuration value is set to zero, disk I/O operations are not limited.
- Default value: `"0MiB"`

14.8.2.12.2 `mode`

- Determines which types of I/O operations are counted and restrained below the `max-bytes-per-sec` threshold. Currently, only the write-only mode is supported.
- Value options: `"read-only"`, `"write-only"`, and `"all-io"`
- Default value: `"write-only"`

14.8.2.13 pd

14.8.2.13.1 `enable-forwarding` New in v5.0.0

- Controls whether the PD client in TiKV forwards requests to the leader via the followers in the case of possible network isolation.
- Default value: `false`
- If the environment might have isolated network, enabling this parameter can reduce the window of service unavailability.
- If you cannot accurately determine whether isolation, network interruption, or downtime has occurred, using this mechanism has the risk of misjudgment and causes reduced availability and performance. If network failure has never occurred, it is not recommended to enable this parameter.

14.8.2.13.2 `endpoints`

- The endpoints of PD. When multiple endpoints are specified, you need to separate them using commas.
- Default value: `["127.0.0.1:2379"]`

14.8.2.13.3 `retry-interval`

- The interval for retrying the PD connection.
- Default value: `"300ms"`

14.8.2.13.4 `retry-log-every`

- Specified the frequency at which the PD client skips reporting errors when the client observes errors. For example, when the value is `5`, after the PD client observes errors, the client skips reporting errors every 4 times and reports errors every 5th time.
- To disable this feature, set the value to `1`.
- Default value: `10`

14.8.2.13.5 `retry-max-count`

- The maximum number of times to retry to initialize PD connection
- To disable the retry, set its value to `0`. To release the limit on the number of retries, set the value to `-1`.
- Default value: `-1`

14.8.2.14 raftstore

Configuration items related to Raftstore.

14.8.2.14.1 `prevote`

- Enables or disables `prevote`. Enabling this feature helps reduce jitter on the system after recovery from network partition.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.14.2 `capacity`

- The storage capacity, which is the maximum size allowed to store data. If `capacity` is left unspecified, the capacity of the current disk prevails. To deploy multiple TiKV instances on the same physical disk, add this parameter to the TiKV configuration. For details, see Key parameters of the hybrid deployment.
- Default value: `0`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.14.3 `raftdb-path`

- The path to the Raft library, which is `storage.data-dir/raft` by default
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.14.4 `raft-base-tick-interval`

> **Note:**
>
> This configuration item cannot be queried via SQL statements but can be configured in the configuration file.

- The time interval at which the Raft state machine ticks
- Default value: `"1s"`
- Minimum value: greater than `0`

14.8.2.14.5 `raft-heartbeat-ticks`

> **Note:**
>
> This configuration item cannot be queried via SQL statements but can be configured in the configuration file.

- The number of passed ticks when the heartbeat is sent. This means that a heartbeat is sent at the time interval of `raft-base-tick-interval` * `raft-heartbeat-ticks`.
- Default value: `2`
- Minimum value: greater than `0`

14.8.2.14.6 `raft-election-timeout-ticks`

> **Note:**
>
> This configuration item cannot be queried via SQL statements but can be configured in the configuration file.

- The number of passed ticks when Raft election is initiated. This means that if Raft group is missing the leader, a leader election is initiated approximately after the time interval of `raft-base-tick-interval` * `raft-election-timeout-ticks`.
- Default value: `10`
- Minimum value: `raft-heartbeat-ticks`

14.8.2.14.7 `raft-min-election-timeout-ticks`

> **Note:**
>
> This configuration item cannot be queried via SQL statements but can be configured in the configuration file.

- The minimum number of ticks during which the Raft election is initiated. If the number is `0`, the value of `raft-election-timeout-ticks` is used. The value of this parameter must be greater than or equal to `raft-election-timeout-ticks`.
- Default value: `0`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.8 `raft-max-election-timeout-ticks`

> **Note:**
>
> This configuration item cannot be queried via SQL statements but can be configured in the configuration file.

- The maximum number of ticks during which the Raft election is initiated. If the number is `0`, the value of `raft-election-timeout-ticks` * `2` is used.
- Default value: `0`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.9 `raft-max-size-per-msg`

- The soft limit on the size of a single message packet
- Default value: `"1MiB"`
- Minimum value: greater than `0`
- Maximum value: `3GiB`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.14.10 `raft-max-inflight-msgs`

- The number of Raft logs to be confirmed. If this number is exceeded, the Raft state machine slows down log sending.
- Default value: `256`
- Minimum value: greater than `0`
- Maximum value: `16384`

14.8.2.14.11 `raft-entry-max-size`

- The hard limit on the maximum size of a single log
- Default value: `"8MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: MiB|GiB

14.8.2.14.12 `raft-log-compact-sync-interval` New in v5.3

- The time interval to compact unnecessary Raft logs
- Default value: `"2s"`
- Minimum value: `"0s"`

14.8.2.14.13 `raft-log-gc-tick-interval`

- The time interval at which the polling task of deleting Raft logs is scheduled. `0` means that this feature is disabled.
- Default value: `"3s"`
- Minimum value: `"0s"`

14.8.2.14.14 `raft-log-gc-threshold`

- The soft limit on the maximum allowable count of residual Raft logs
- Default value: `50`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.14.15 `raft-log-gc-count-limit`

- The hard limit on the allowable number of residual Raft logs
- Default value: the log number that can be accommodated in the 3/4 Region size (calculated as 1MiB for each log)
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.16 `raft-log-gc-size-limit`

- The hard limit on the allowable size of residual Raft logs
- Default value: 3/4 of the Region size
- Minimum value: greater than `0`

14.8.2.14.17 `raft-log-reserve-max-ticks` New in v5.3

- After the number of ticks set by this configuration item passes, even if the number of residual Raft logs does not reach the value set by `raft-log-gc-threshold`, TiKV still performs garbage collection (GC) to these logs.
- Default value: `6`
- Minimum value: greater than `0`

14.8.2.14.18 `raft-engine-purge-interval`

- The interval for purging old TiKV log files to recycle disk space as soon as possible. Raft engine is a replaceable component, so the purging process is needed for some implementations.
- Default value: `"10s"`

14.8.2.14.19 `raft-entry-cache-life-time`

- The maximum remaining time allowed for the log cache in memory
- Default value: `"30s"`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.20 `max-apply-unpersisted-log-limit` New in v8.1.0

- The maximum number of committed but not persisted Raft logs that can be applied.
    - Setting this configuration item to a value greater than `0` enables the TiKV node to apply committed but not persisted Raft logs in advance, effectively reducing long-tail latency caused by IO jitter on that node. However, it might also increase the memory usage of TiKV and the disk space occupied by Raft logs.
    - Setting this configuration item to `0` disables this feature, meaning that TiKV must wait until Raft logs are both committed and persisted before applying them. This behavior is consistent with the behavior before v8.2.0.
- Default value: `1024`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.21 `hibernate-regions`

- Enables or disables Hibernate Region. When this option is enabled, a Region idle for a long time is automatically set as hibernated. This reduces the extra overhead caused by heartbeat messages between the Raft leader and the followers for idle Regions. You can use `peer-stale-state-check-interval` to modify the heartbeat interval between the leader and the followers of hibernated Regions.
- Default value: `true` in v5.0.2 and later versions; `false` in versions before v5.0.2

14.8.2.14.22 `split-region-check-tick-interval`

- Specifies the interval at which to check whether the Region split is needed. `0` means that this feature is disabled.
- Default value: `"10s"`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.23 `region-split-check-diff`

- The maximum value by which the Region data is allowed to exceed before Region split
- Default value: 1/16 of the Region size.
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.24 `region-compact-check-interval`

- The time interval at which to check whether it is necessary to manually trigger RocksDB compaction. `0` means that this feature is disabled.
- Default value: `"5m"`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.25 `region-compact-check-step`

- The number of Regions checked at one time for each round of manual compaction
- Default value:
  - When `storage.engine="raft-kv"`, the default value is `100`.
  - When `storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`, the default value is `5`.
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.26 `region-compact-min-tombstones`

- The number of tombstones required to trigger RocksDB compaction
- Default value: `10000`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.27 `region-compact-tombstones-percent`

- The proportion of tombstone required to trigger RocksDB compaction
- Default value: `30`
- Minimum value: `1`
- Maximum value: `100`

14.8.2.14.28 `region-compact-min-redundant-rows` New in v7.1.0

- The number of redundant MVCC rows required to trigger RocksDB compaction.
- Default value: `50000`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.29 `region-compact-redundant-rows-percent` New in v7.1.0

- The percentage of redundant MVCC rows required to trigger RocksDB compaction.
- Default value: `20`
- Minimum value: `1`
- Maximum value: `100`

14.8.2.14.30 `report-region-buckets-tick-interval` New in v6.1.0

> **Warning:**
>
> `report-region-buckets-tick-interval` is an experimental feature introduced in TiDB v6.1.0. It is not recommended that you use it in production environments.

- The interval at which TiKV reports bucket information to PD when `enable-region-bucket` is true.
- Default value: `10s`

14.8.2.14.31 `pd-heartbeat-tick-interval`

- The time interval at which a Region's heartbeat to PD is triggered. `0` means that this feature is disabled.
- Default value: `"1m"`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.32 `pd-store-heartbeat-tick-interval`

- The time interval at which a store's heartbeat to PD is triggered. `0` means that this feature is disabled.
- Default value: `"10s"`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.33 `pd-report-min-resolved-ts-interval` New in v7.6.0

> **Note:**
>
> This configuration item is renamed from `report-min-resolved-ts-interval`. Starting from v7.6.0, `report-min-resolved-ts-interval` is no longer effective.

- Specifies the minimum interval for TiKV to report Resolved TS to the PD leader. Setting it to `0` disables the reporting.
- Default value: `"1s"`, which is the minimum positive value. Before v6.3.0, the default value is `"0s"`.
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: second

14.8.2.14.34 `snap-mgr-gc-tick-interval`

- The time interval at which the recycle of expired snapshot files is triggered. `0` means that this feature is disabled.
- Default value: `"1m"`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.35 `snap-gc-timeout`

- The longest time for which a snapshot file is saved
- Default value: `"4h"`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.36 `snap-generator-pool-size` New in v5.4.0

- Configures the size of the `snap-generator` thread pool.
- To make Regions generate snapshot faster in TiKV in recovery scenarios, you need to increase the count of the `snap-generator` threads of the corresponding worker. You can use this configuration item to increase the size of the `snap-generator` thread pool.
- Default value: `2`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.14.37 `lock-cf-compact-interval`

- The time interval at which TiKV triggers a manual compaction for the Lock Column Family
- Default value: `"10m"`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.38 `lock-cf-compact-bytes-threshold`

- The size out of which TiKV triggers a manual compaction for the Lock Column Family
- Default value: `"256MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: MiB

14.8.2.14.39 `notify-capacity`

- The longest length of the Region message queue.
- Default value: `40960`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.40 `messages-per-tick`

- The maximum number of messages processed per batch
- Default value: `4096`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.41 `max-peer-down-duration`

- The longest inactive duration allowed for a peer. A peer with timeout is marked as `down`, and PD tries to delete it later.
- Default value: `"10m"`
- Minimum value: When Hibernate Region is enabled, the minimum value is `peer-stale-state-check-interval * 2`; when Hibernate Region is disabled, the minimum value is `0`.

14.8.2.14.42 `max-leader-missing-duration`

- The longest duration allowed for a peer to be in the state where a Raft group is missing the leader. If this value is exceeded, the peer verifies with PD whether the peer has been deleted.
- Default value: `"2h"`
- Minimum value: greater than `abnormal-leader-missing-duration`

14.8.2.14.43 `abnormal-leader-missing-duration`

- The longest duration allowed for a peer to be in the state where a Raft group is missing the leader. If this value is exceeded, the peer is seen as abnormal and marked in metrics and logs.
- Default value: `"10m"`
- Minimum value: greater than `peer-stale-state-check-interval`

14.8.2.14.44 `peer-stale-state-check-interval`

- The time interval to trigger the check for whether a peer is in the state where a Raft group is missing the leader.
- Default value: `"5m"`
- Minimum value: greater than `2 * election-timeout`

14.8.2.14.45 `leader-transfer-max-log-lag`

- The maximum number of missing logs allowed for the transferee during a Raft leader transfer
- Default value: `128`
- Minimum value: `10`

14.8.2.14.46 `max-snapshot-file-raw-size` New in v6.1.0

- When the size of a snapshot file exceeds this configuration value, this file will be split into multiple files.
- Default value: `100MiB`
- Minimum value: `100MiB`

14.8.2.14.47 `snap-apply-batch-size`

- The memory cache size required when the imported snapshot file is written into the disk
- Default value: `"10MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: MiB

14.8.2.14.48 `consistency-check-interval`

> **Warning:**
>
> It is **NOT** recommended to enable the consistency check in production environments, because it affects cluster performance and is incompatible with the garbage collection in TiDB.

- The time interval at which the consistency check is triggered. `0` means that this feature is disabled.
- Default value: `"0s"`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.49 raft-store-max-leader-lease

- The longest trusted period of a Raft leader
- Default value: "9s"
- Minimum value: 0

14.8.2.14.50 right-derive-when-split

- Specifies the start key of the new Region when a Region is split. When this configuration item is set to true, the start key is the maximum split key. When this configuration item is set to false, the start key is the original Region's start key.
- Default value: true

14.8.2.14.51 merge-max-log-gap

- The maximum number of missing logs allowed when merge is performed
- Default value: 10
- Minimum value: greater than raft-log-gc-count-limit

14.8.2.14.52 merge-check-tick-interval

- The time interval at which TiKV checks whether a Region needs merge
- Default value: "2s"
- Minimum value: greater than 0

14.8.2.14.53 use-delete-range

- Determines whether to delete data from the rocksdb delete_range interface
- Default value: false

14.8.2.14.54 cleanup-import-sst-interval

- The time interval at which the expired SST file is checked. 0 means that this feature is disabled.
- Default value: "10m"
- Minimum value: 0

14.8.2.14.55 local-read-batch-size

- The maximum number of read requests processed in one batch
- Default value: 1024
- Minimum value: greater than 0

14.8.2.14.56 `apply-yield-write-size` New in v6.4.0

- The maximum number of bytes that the Apply thread can write for one FSM (Finite-state Machine) in one round of poll. This is a soft limit.
- Default value: `"32KiB"`
- Minimum value: greater than `0`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.14.57 `apply-max-batch-size`

- Raft state machines process data write requests in batches by the BatchSystem. This configuration item specifies the maximum number of Raft state machines that can process the requests in one batch.
- Default value: `256`
- Minimum value: greater than `0`
- Maximum value: `10240`

14.8.2.14.58 `apply-pool-size`

- The allowable number of threads in the pool that flushes data to the disk, which is the size of the Apply thread pool. When you modify the size of this thread pool, refer to Performance tuning for TiKV thread pools.
- Default value: `2`
- Value ranges: `[1, CPU * 10]`. `CPU` means the number of your CPU cores.

14.8.2.14.59 `store-max-batch-size`

- Raft state machines process requests for flushing logs into the disk in batches by the BatchSystem. This configuration item specifies the maximum number of Raft state machines that can process the requests in one batch.
- If `hibernate-regions` is enabled, the default value is `256`. If `hibernate-regions` is disabled, the default value is `1024`.
- Minimum value: greater than `0`
- Maximum value: `10240`

14.8.2.14.60 `store-pool-size`

- The allowable number of threads in the pool that processes Raft, which is the size of the Raftstore thread pool. When you modify the size of this thread pool, refer to Performance tuning for TiKV thread pools.
- Default value: `2`
- Value ranges: `[1, CPU * 10]`. `CPU` means the number of your CPU cores.

14.8.2.14.61 `store-io-pool-size` New in v5.3.0

- The allowable number of threads that process Raft I/O tasks, which is the size of the StoreWriter thread pool. When you modify the size of this thread pool, refer to Performance tuning for TiKV thread pools.
- Default value: `1` (Before v8.0.0, the default value is `0`)
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.62 `future-poll-size`

- The allowable number of threads that drive `future`
- Default value: `1`
- Minimum value: greater than `0`

14.8.2.14.63 `cmd-batch`

- Controls whether to enable batch processing of the requests. When it is enabled, the write performance is significantly improved.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.14.64 `inspect-interval`

- At a certain interval, TiKV inspects the latency of the Raftstore component. This parameter specifies the interval of the inspection. If the latency exceeds this value, this inspection is marked as timeout.
- Judges whether the TiKV node is slow based on the ratio of timeout inspection.
- Default value: `"100ms"`
- Minimum value: `"1ms"`

14.8.2.14.65 `raft-write-size-limit` New in v5.3.0

- Determines the threshold at which Raft data is written into the disk. If the data size is larger than the value of this configuration item, the data is written to the disk. When the value of `store-io-pool-size` is `0`, this configuration item does not take effect.
- Default value: `1MiB`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.66 `evict-cache-on-memory-ratio` New in v7.5.0

- When the memory usage of TiKV exceeds 90% of the system available memory, and the memory occupied by Raft entry cache exceeds the used memory * `evict-cache-on-memory-ratio`, TiKV evicts the Raft entry cache.
- If this value is set to `0`, it means that this feature is disabled.
- Default value: `0.1`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.14.67 `periodic-full-compact-start-times` New in v7.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Periodic full compaction is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Set the specific times that TiKV initiates periodic full compaction. You can specify multiple time schedules in an array. For example:
  - `periodic-full-compact-start-times = ["03:00", "23:00"]` indicates that TiKV performs full compaction daily at 03:00 AM and 11:00 PM, based on the local time zone of the TiKV node.
  - `periodic-full-compact-start-times = ["03:00 +0000", "23:00 +0000"]` indicates that TiKV performs full compaction daily at 03:00 AM and 11:00 PM in UTC timezone.
  - `periodic-full-compact-start-times = ["03:00 +0800", "23:00 +0800"]` indicates that TiKV performs full compaction daily at 03:00 AM and 11:00 PM in UTC+08:00 timezone.
- Default value: `[]`, which means periodic full compaction is disabled by default.

14.8.2.14.68 `periodic-full-compact-start-max-cpu` New in v7.6.0

- Limits the maximum CPU usage rate for TiKV periodic full compaction.
- Default value: `0.1`, which means that the maximum CPU usage for periodic compaction processes is 10%.

14.8.2.14.69 `follower-read-max-log-gap` New in v7.4.0

- The maximum number of logs a follower is allowed to lag behind when processing read requests. If this limit is exceeded, the read request is rejected.
- Default value: `100`

14.8.2.14.70 `inspect-cpu-util-thd` New in v7.6.0

- The CPU utilization threshold for determining whether a TiKV node is busy during slow node detection.
- Value range: `[0, 1]`
- Default value: `0.4`, which means `40%`.

14.8.2.14.71 `inspect-kvdb-interval` New in v8.1.2

- The interval and timeout for checking the KV disk during slow node detection in TiKV. If KVDB and RaftDB share the same mount path, this value is overridden by `0` (no detection).
- Default value: `2s`

14.8.2.14.72 `min-pending-apply-region-count` New in v8.0.0

- The maximum number of Regions in the busy state of applying Raft logs when TiKV starts. Raftstore accepts leader transfers only when the number of such Regions is below this value, reducing availability degradation during rolling restarts.
- Default value: `10`

14.8.2.14.73 `request-voter-replicated-index-interval` New in v6.6.0

- Controls the interval at which the Witness node periodically retrieves the replicated Raft log position from voter nodes.
- Default value: `5m`, which means 5 minutes.

14.8.2.14.74 `slow-trend-unsensitive-cause` New in v6.6.0

- When TiKV uses the SlowTrend detection algorithm, this configuration item controls the sensitivity of latency detection. A higher value indicates lower sensitivity.
- Default value: `10`

14.8.2.14.75 `slow-trend-unsensitive-result` New in v6.6.0

- When TiKV uses the SlowTrend detection algorithm, this configuration item controls the sensitivity of QPS detection. A higher value indicates lower sensitivity.
- Default value: `0.5`

14.8.2.15 coprocessor

Configuration items related to Coprocessor.

14.8.2.15.1 `split-region-on-table`

- Determines whether to split Region by table. It is recommended for you to use the feature only in TiDB mode.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.15.2 batch-split-limit

- The threshold of Region split in batches. Increasing this value speeds up Region split.
- Default value: 10
- Minimum value: 1

14.8.2.15.3 region-max-size

- The maximum size of a Region. When the value is exceeded, the Region splits into many.
- Default value: region-split-size / 2 * 3
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.15.4 region-split-size

- The size of the newly split Region. This value is an estimate.
- Default value: "256MiB". Before v8.4.0, the default value is "96MiB".
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.15.5 region-max-keys

- The maximum allowable number of keys in a Region. When this value is exceeded, the Region splits into many.
- Default value: region-split-keys / 2 * 3

14.8.2.15.6 region-split-keys

- The number of keys in the newly split Region. This value is an estimate.
- Default value: 2560000. Before v8.4.0, the default value is 960000.

14.8.2.15.7 consistency-check-method

- Specifies the method of data consistency check
- For the consistency check of MVCC data, set the value to "mvcc". For the consistency check of raw data, set the value to "raw".
- Default value: "mvcc"

14.8.2.16 coprocessor-v2

14.8.2.16.1 `coprocessor-plugin-directory`

- The path of the directory where compiled coprocessor plugins are located. Plugins in this directory are automatically loaded by TiKV.
- If this configuration item is not set, the coprocessor plugin is disabled.
- Default value: None

14.8.2.16.2 `enable-region-bucket` New in v6.1.0

- Determines whether to divide a Region into smaller ranges called buckets. The bucket is used as the unit of the concurrent query to improve the scan concurrency. For more about the design of the bucket, refer to Dynamic size Region.
- Default value: None, which means disabled by default.

> **Warning:**
>
> - `enable-region-bucket` is an experimental feature introduced in TiDB v6.1.0. It is not recommended that you use it in production environments.
> - This configuration makes sense only when `region-split-size` is twice of `region-bucket-size` or above; otherwise, no bucket is actually generated.
> - Adjusting `region-split-size` to a larger value might have the risk of performance regression and slow scheduling.

14.8.2.16.3 `region-bucket-size` New in v6.1.0

- The size of a bucket when `enable-region-bucket` is true.
- Default value: Starting from v7.3.0, the default value is changed from `96MiB` to `50MiB`.

> **Warning:**
>
> `region-bucket-size` is an experimental feature introduced in TiDB v6.1.0. It is not recommended that you use it in production environments.

14.8.2.17 rocksdb

Configuration items related to RocksDB

14.8.2.17.1 `max-background-jobs`

- The number of background threads in RocksDB. When you modify the size of the RocksDB thread pool, refer to Performance tuning for TiKV thread pools.
- Default value:
  - When the number of CPU cores is 10, the default value is `9`.
  - When the number of CPU cores is 8, the default value is `7`.
  - When the number of CPU cores is `N`, the default value is `max(2, min(N - 1, 9))`.
- Minimum value: `2`

14.8.2.17.2 `max-background-flushes`

- The maximum number of concurrent background memtable flush jobs
- Default value:
  - When the number of CPU cores is 10, the default value is `3`.
  - When the number of CPU cores is 8, the default value is `2`.
  - When the number of CPU cores is `N`, the default value is `[(max-background-jobs + 3)/ 4]`.
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.17.3 `max-sub-compactions`

- The number of sub-compaction operations performed concurrently in RocksDB
- Default value: `3`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.17.4 `max-open-files`

- The total number of files that RocksDB can open
- Default value: `40960`
- Minimum value: `-1`

14.8.2.17.5 `max-manifest-file-size`

- The maximum size of a RocksDB Manifest file
- Default value: `"128MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.17.6 `create-if-missing`

- Determines whether to automatically create a DB switch
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.17.7 `wal-recovery-mode`

- WAL recovery mode
- Optional values:
  - `"tolerate-corrupted-tail-records"`: tolerates and discards the records that have incomplete trailing data on all logs
  - `"absolute-consistency"`: abandons recovery when corrupted logs are found
  - `"point-in-time"`: recovers logs sequentially until the first corrupted log is encountered
  - `"skip-any-corrupted-records"`: post-disaster recovery. The data is recovered as much as possible, and corrupted records are skipped.
- Default value: `"point-in-time"`

14.8.2.17.8 `wal-dir`

- The directory in which WAL files are stored. If not specified, the WAL files will be stored in the same directory as the data.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.17.9 `wal-ttl-seconds`

- The living time of the archived WAL files. When the value is exceeded, the system deletes these files.
- Default value: `0`
- Minimum value: `0`
- unit: second

14.8.2.17.10 `wal-size-limit`

- The size limit of the archived WAL files. When the value is exceeded, the system deletes these files.
- Default value: `0`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.17.11 `max-total-wal-size`

- The maximum RocksDB WAL size in total, which is the size of `*.log` files in the `data-dir`.
- Default value:
  - When `storage.engine="raft-kv"`, the default value is `"4GiB"`.
  - When `storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`, the default value is `1`.

14.8.2.17.12 `stats-dump-period`

- The interval at which statistics are output to the log.
- Default value:
  - When `storage.engine="raft-kv"`, the default value is `"10m"`.
  - When `storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`, the default value is `"0"`.

14.8.2.17.13 `compaction-readahead-size`

- Enables the readahead feature during RocksDB compaction and specifies the size of readahead data. If you are using mechanical disks, it is recommended to set the value to 2MiB at least.
- Default value: `0`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.17.14 `writable-file-max-buffer-size`

- The maximum buffer size used in WritableFileWrite
- Default value: `"1MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.17.15 `use-direct-io-for-flush-and-compaction`

- Determines whether to use `O_DIRECT` for both reads and writes in the background flush and compactions. The performance impact of this option: enabling `O_DIRECT` bypasses and prevents contamination of the OS buffer cache, but the subsequent file reads require re-reading the contents to the buffer cache.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.17.16 `rate-bytes-per-sec`

- When Titan is disabled, this configuration item limits the I/O rate of RocksDB compaction to reduce the impact of RocksDB compaction on the foreground read and write performance during traffic peaks. When Titan is enabled, this configuration item limits the summed I/O rates of RocksDB compaction and Titan GC. If you find that the I/O or CPU consumption of RocksDB compaction and Titan GC is too large, set this configuration item to an appropriate value according the disk I/O bandwidth and the actual write traffic.
- Default value: `10GiB`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.17.17 `rate-limiter-refill-period`

- Controls how often I/O tokens are refilled. A smaller value reduces I/O bursts but causes more CPU overhead.
- Default value: `"100ms"`

14.8.2.17.18 `rate-limiter-mode`

- RocksDB's compaction rate limiter mode
- Optional values: `"read-only"`, `"write-only"`, `"all-io"`
- Default value: `"write-only"`

14.8.2.17.19 `rate-limiter-auto-tuned` New in v5.0

- Determines whether to automatically optimize the configuration of the RocksDB's compaction rate limiter based on recent workload. When this configuration is enabled, compaction pending bytes will be slightly higher than usual.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.17.20 `enable-pipelined-write`

- Controls whether to enable Pipelined Write. When this configuration is enabled, the previous Pipelined Write is used. When this configuration is disabled, the new Pipelined Commit mechanism is used.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.17.21 `bytes-per-sync`

- The rate at which OS incrementally synchronizes files to disk while these files are being written asynchronously
- Default value: `"1MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.17.22 `wal-bytes-per-sync`

- The rate at which OS incrementally synchronizes WAL files to disk while the WAL files are being written
- Default value: `"512KiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.17.23 `info-log-max-size`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v5.4.0, RocksDB logs are managed by the logging module of TiKV. Therefore, this configuration item is deprecated, and its function is replaced by the configuration item `log.file.max-size`.

- The maximum size of Info log
- Default value: `"1GiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.17.24 `info-log-roll-time`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v5.4.0, RocksDB logs are managed by the logging module of TiKV. Therefore, this configuration item is deprecated. TiKV no longer supports automatic log splitting based on time. Instead, you can use the configuration item `log.file.max-size` to set the threshold for automatic log splitting based on file size.

- The time interval at which Info logs are truncated. If the value is `0s`, logs are not truncated.
- Default value: `"0s"`

14.8.2.17.25 `info-log-keep-log-file-num`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v5.4.0, RocksDB logs are managed by the logging module of TiKV. Therefore, this configuration item is deprecated, and its function is replaced by the configuration item `log.file.max-backups`.

- The maximum number of kept log files
- Default value: `10`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.17.26 `info-log-dir`

- The directory in which logs are stored
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.17.27 `info-log-level`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v5.4.0, RocksDB logs are managed by the logging module of TiKV. Therefore, this configuration item is deprecated, and its function is replaced by the configuration item `log.level`.

- Log levels of RocksDB
- Default value: `"info"`

14.8.2.17.28 `write-buffer-flush-oldest-first` New in v6.6.0

Warning:

This feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Specifies the flush strategy used when the memory usage of `memtable` of the current RocksDB reaches the threshold.
- Default value: `false`
- Value options:
    - `false`: `memtable` with the largest data volume is flushed to SST files.
    - `true`: The earliest `memtable` is flushed to SST files. This strategy can clear the `memtable` of cold data, which is suitable for scenarios with obvious cold and hot data.

14.8.2.17.29 `write-buffer-limit` New in v6.6.0

Warning:

This feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Specifies the total memory limit of `memtable` for all RocksDB instances in a single TiKV. `0` means no limit.
- Default value:
    - When `storage.engine="raft-kv"`, the default value is none, which means no limit.
    - When `storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`, the default value is 20% of the size of total system memory.
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.17.30 `track-and-verify-wals-in-manifest` New in v6.5.9, v7.1.5, v7.5.2, and v8.0.0

- Controls whether to record information about Write Ahead Log (WAL) files in the RocksDB MANIFEST file and whether to verify the integrity of WAL files during startup. For more information, see RocksDB Track WAL in MANIFEST.
- Default value: `true`
- Value options:
    - `true`: records information about WAL files in the MANIFEST file and verifies the integrity of WAL files during startup.
    - `false`: does not record information about WAL files in the MANIFEST file and does not verify the integrity of WAL files during startup.

14.8.2.17.31 `enable-multi-batch-write` New in v6.2.0

- Controls whether to enable RocksDB write optimization, allowing the contents of WriteBatch to be written concurrently to the memtable, reducing write latency.
- Default value: None. However, it is enabled by default unless explicitly set to `false` ↪ or if `rocksdb.enable-pipelined-write` or `rocksdb.enable-unordered-write` is enabled.

14.8.2.18 rocksdb.titan

Configuration items related to Titan.

14.8.2.18.1 `enabled`

Note:

- To enhance the performance of wide table and JSON data writing and point query, starting from TiDB v7.6.0, the default value changes from `false` to `true`, which means that Titan is enabled by default.
- Existing clusters upgraded to v7.6.0 or later versions retain the original configuration, which means that if Titan is not explicitly enabled, it still uses RocksDB.
- If the cluster has enabled Titan before upgrading to TiDB v7.6.0 or later versions, Titan will be retained after the upgrade, and the `min-blob-` ↪ `size` configuration before the upgrade will be retained. If you do not explicitly configure the value before the upgrade, the default value of the previous version `1KiB` will be retained to ensure the stability of the cluster configuration after the upgrade.

- Enables or disables Titan.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.18.2 `dirname`

- The directory in which the Titan Blob file is stored
- Default value: `"titandb"`

14.8.2.18.3 `disable-gc`

- Determines whether to disable Garbage Collection (GC) that Titan performs to Blob files
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.18.4 `max-background-gc`

- The maximum number of GC threads in Titan. From the **TiKV Details** > **Thread CPU** > **RocksDB CPU** panel, if you observe that the Titan GC threads are at full capacity for a long time, consider increasing the size of the Titan GC thread pool.
- Default value: `1`. Before v8.0.0, the default value is `4`.
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.19 rocksdb.defaultcf | rocksdb.writecf | rocksdb.lockcf | rocksdb.raftcf

Configuration items related to `rocksdb.defaultcf`, `rocksdb.writecf`, and `rocksdb.lockcf`.

14.8.2.19.1 `block-size`

- The default size of a RocksDB block
- Default value for `defaultcf` and `writecf`: `"32KiB"`
- Default value for `lockcf`: `"16KiB"`
- Minimum value: `"1KiB"`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.19.2 `block-cache-size`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v6.6.0, this configuration is deprecated.

- The cache size of a RocksDB block.
- Default value for `defaultcf`: `Total machine memory * 25%`
- Default value for `writecf`: `Total machine memory * 15%`
- Default value for `lockcf`: `Total machine memory * 2%`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.19.3 `disable-block-cache`

- Enables or disables block cache
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.19.4 `cache-index-and-filter-blocks`

- Enables or disables caching index and filter
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.19.5 `pin-l0-filter-and-index-blocks`

- Determines whether to pin the index and filter blocks of the level 0 SST files in memory.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.19.6 `use-bloom-filter`

- Enables or disables bloom filter
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.19.7 `optimize-filters-for-hits`

- Determines whether to optimize the hit ratio of filters
- Default value for `defaultcf`: `true`
- Default value for `writecf` and `lockcf`: `false`

14.8.2.19.8 `optimize-filters-for-memory` New in v7.2.0

- Determines whether to generate Bloom/Ribbon filters that minimize memory internal fragmentation.
- Note that this configuration item takes effect only when `format-version` >= 5.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.19.9 `whole-key-filtering`

- Determines whether to put the entire key to bloom filter
- Default value for `defaultcf` and `lockcf`: `true`
- Default value for `writecf`: `false`

14.8.2.19.10 `bloom-filter-bits-per-key`

- The length that bloom filter reserves for each key
- Default value: `10`
- Unit: byte

14.8.2.19.11 `block-based-bloom-filter`

- Determines whether each block creates a bloom filter
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.19.12 `ribbon-filter-above-level` New in v7.2.0

- Determines whether to use Ribbon filters for levels greater than or equal to this value and use non-block-based bloom filters for levels less than this value. When this configuration item is set, `block-based-bloom-filter` will be ignored.
- Note that this configuration item takes effect only when `format-version` >= 5.
- Default value: None, which means disabled by default.

14.8.2.19.13 `read-amp-bytes-per-bit`

- Enables or disables statistics of read amplification.
- Optional values: `0` (disabled), > `0` (enabled).
- Default value: `0`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.19.14 `compression-per-level`

- The default compression algorithm for each level
- Default value for `defaultcf`: [“no”, “no”, “lz4”, “lz4”, “lz4”, “zstd”, “zstd”]
- Default value for `writecf`: [“no”, “no”, “lz4”, “lz4”, “lz4”, “zstd”, “zstd”]
- Default value for `lockcf`: [“no”, “no”, “no”, “no”, “no”, “no”, “no”]

14.8.2.19.15 `bottommost-level-compression`

- Sets the compression algorithm of the bottommost layer. This configuration item overrides the `compression-per-level` setting.
- Ever since data is written to LSM-tree, RocksDB does not directly adopt the last compression algorithm specified in the `compression-per-level` array for the bottommost layer. `bottommost-level-compression` enables the bottommost layer to use the compression algorithm of the best compression effect from the beginning.
- If you do not want to set the compression algorithm for the bottommost layer, set the value of this configuration item to `disable`.
- Default value: `"zstd"`

14.8.2.19.16 `write-buffer-size`

- Memtable size
- Default value for `defaultcf` and `writecf`: `"128MiB"`
- Default value for `lockcf`:
  - When `storage.engine="raft-kv"`, the default value is `"32MiB"`.
  - When `storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`, the default value is `"4MiB"`.
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.19.17 `max-write-buffer-number`

- The maximum number of memtables. When `storage.flow-control.enable` is set to `true`, `storage.flow-control.memtables-threshold` overrides this configuration item.
- Default value: `5`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.19.18 `min-write-buffer-number-to-merge`

- The minimum number of memtables required to trigger flush
- Default value: `1`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.19.19 `max-bytes-for-level-base`

- The maximum number of bytes at base level (level-1). Generally, it is set to 4 times the size of a memtable. When the level-1 data size reaches the limit value of `max-bytes-for-level-base`, the SST files of level-1 and their overlapping SST files of level-2 will be compacted.

- Default value for `defaultcf` and `writecf`: `"512MiB"`
- Default value for `lockcf`: `"128MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB
- It is recommended that the value of `max-bytes-for-level-base` is set approximately equal to the data volume in L0 to reduce unnecessary compaction. For example, if the compression method is "no:no:lz4:lz4:lz4:lz4:lz4", the value of `max-bytes-for-level-base` should be `write-buffer-size * 4`, because there is no compression of L0 and L1 and the trigger condition of compaction for L0 is that the number of the SST files reaches 4 (the default value). When L0 and L1 both adopt compaction, you need to analyze RocksDB logs to understand the size of an SST file compressed from a memtable. For example, if the file size is 32 MiB, it is recommended to set the value of `max-bytes-for-level-base` to 128 MiB (`32 MiB * 4`).

14.8.2.19.20 `target-file-size-base`

- The size of the target file at base level. This value is overridden by `compaction-guard-max-output-file-size` when the `enable-compaction-guard` value is `true`.
- Default value: None, which means `"8MiB"` by default.
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.19.21 `level0-file-num-compaction-trigger`

- The maximum number of files at L0 that trigger compaction
- Default value for `defaultcf` and `writecf`: `4`
- Default value for `lockcf`: `1`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.19.22 `level0-slowdown-writes-trigger`

- The maximum number of files at L0 that trigger write stall. When `storage.flow-control.enable` is set to `true`, `storage.flow-control.l0-files-threshold` overrides this configuration item.
- Default value: `20`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.19.23 `level0-stop-writes-trigger`

- The maximum number of files at L0 required to completely block write
- Default value: `36`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.19.24 `max-compaction-bytes`

- The maximum number of bytes written into disk per compaction
- Default value: `"2GiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.19.25 `compaction-pri`

- The priority type of compaction
- Optional values:
    - `"by-compensated-size"`: compact files in order of file size and large files are compacted with higher priority.
    - `"oldest-largest-seq-first"`: prioritize compaction on files with the oldest update time. Use this value **only** when updating hot keys in small ranges.
    - `"oldest-smallest-seq-first"`: prioritize compaction on files with ranges that are not compacted to the next level for a long time. If you randomly update hot keys across the key space, this value can slightly reduce write amplification.
    - `"min-overlapping-ratio"`: prioritize compaction on files with a high overlap ratio. When a file is small in different levels (the result of `the file size in the next level ÷ the file size in this level` is small), TiKV compacts this file first. In many cases, this value can effectively reduce write amplification.
- Default value for `defaultcf` and `writecf`: `"min-overlapping-ratio"`
- Default value for `lockcf`: `"by-compensated-size"`

14.8.2.19.26 `dynamic-level-bytes`

- Determines whether to optimize dynamic level bytes
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.19.27 `num-levels`

- The maximum number of levels in a RocksDB file
- Default value: `7`

14.8.2.19.28 `max-bytes-for-level-multiplier`

- The default amplification multiple for each layer
- Default value: `10`

14.8.2.19.29 `compaction-style`

- Compaction method
- Optional values: `"level"`, `"universal"`, `"fifo"`
- Default value: `"level"`

14.8.2.19.30 `disable-auto-compactions`

- Determines whether to disable auto compaction.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.19.31 `soft-pending-compaction-bytes-limit`

- The soft limit on the pending compaction bytes. When `storage.flow-control.enable` is set to `true`, `storage.flow-control.soft-pending-compaction-bytes-limit` overrides this configuration item.
- Default value: `"192GiB"`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.19.32 `hard-pending-compaction-bytes-limit`

- The hard limit on the pending compaction bytes. When `storage.flow-control.enable` is set to `true`, `storage.flow-control.hard-pending-compaction-bytes-limit` overrides this configuration item.
- Default value: `"256GiB"`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.19.33 `enable-compaction-guard`

- Enables or disables the compaction guard, which is an optimization to split SST files at TiKV Region boundaries. This optimization can help reduce compaction I/O and allows TiKV to use larger SST file size (thus less SST files overall) and at the time efficiently clean up stale data when migrating Regions.
- Default value for `defaultcf` and `writecf`: `true`
- Default value for `lockcf`: None, which means disabled by default.

14.8.2.19.34 `compaction-guard-min-output-file-size`

- The minimum SST file size when the compaction guard is enabled. This configuration prevents SST files from being too small when the compaction guard is enabled.
- Default value: `"8MiB"`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.19.35 `compaction-guard-max-output-file-size`

- The maximum SST file size when the compaction guard is enabled. The configuration prevents SST files from being too large when the compaction guard is enabled. This configuration overrides `target-file-size-base` for the same column family.
- Default value: `"128MiB"`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.19.36 `format-version` New in v6.2.0

- The format version of SST files. This configuration item only affects newly written tables. For existing tables, the version information is read from the footer.
- Optional values:
    - `0`: Can be read by all TiKV versions. The default checksum type is CRC32 and this version does not support changing the checksum type.
    - `1`: Can be read by all TiKV versions. Supports non-default checksum types like xxHash. RocksDB only writes data when the checksum type is not CRC32. (version `0` is automatically upgraded)
    - `2`: Can be read by all TiKV versions. Changes the encoding of compressed blocks using LZ4, BZip2 and Zlib compression.
    - `3`: Can be read by TiKV v2.1 and later versions. Changes the encoding of the keys in index blocks.
    - `4`: Can be read by TiKV v3.0 and later versions. Changes the encoding of the values in index blocks.
    - `5`: Can be read by TiKV v6.1 and later versions. Full and partitioned filters use a faster and more accurate Bloom filter implementation with a different schema.
- Default value:
    - When `storage.engine="raft-kv"`, the default value is `2`.
    - When `storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`, the default value is `5`.

14.8.2.19.37 `ttl` New in v7.2.0

- SST files with updates older than the TTL will be automatically selected for compaction. These SST files will go through the compaction in a cascading way so that they can be compacted to the bottommost level or file.
- Default value: None, meaning that no SST file is selected by default.
- Unit: s(second)|h(hour)|d(day)

14.8.2.19.38 `periodic-compaction-seconds` New in v7.2.0

- The time interval for periodic compaction. SST files with updates older than this value will be selected for compaction and rewritten to the same level where these SST files originally reside.
- Default value: None, meaning that periodic compaction is disabled by default.
- Unit: s(second)|h(hour)|d(day)

14.8.2.19.39 `max-compactions` New in v6.6.0

- The maximum number of concurrent compaction tasks. The value `0` means no limit.
- Default value: `0`

14.8.2.20 rocksdb.defaultcf.titan

> **Note:**
>
> Titan can only be enabled in `rocksdb.defaultcf`. It is not supported to enable Titan in `rocksdb.writecf`.

Configuration items related to `rocksdb.defaultcf.titan`.

14.8.2.20.1 `min-blob-size`

> **Note:**
>
> - Starting from TiDB v7.6.0, Titan is enabled by default to enhance the performance of wide table and JSON data writing and point query. The default value of `min-blob-size` changes from `1KiB` to `32KiB`. This means that values exceeding `32KiB` is stored in Titan, while other data continues to be stored in RocksDB.
> - To ensure configuration consistency, for existing clusters upgrading to TiDB v7.6.0 or later versions, if you do not explicitly set `min-blob-size` before the upgrade, TiDB retains the previous default value of `1KiB`.
> - A value smaller than `32KiB` might affect the performance of range scans. However, if the workload primarily involves heavy writes and point queries, you can consider decreasing the value of `min-blob-size` for better performance.

- The smallest value stored in a Blob file. Values smaller than the specified size are stored in the LSM-Tree.
- Default value: None, which means `"32KiB"` by default.
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.20.2 `blob-file-compression`

Note:

- Snappy compressed files must be in the official Snappy format. Other variants of Snappy compression are not supported.
- Starting from TiDB v7.6.0, the default value of `blob-file-compression` changes from `"lz4"` to `"zstd"`.

- The compression algorithm used in a Blob file
- Optional values: `"no"`, `"snappy"`, `"zlib"`, `"bzip2"`, `"lz4"`, `"lz4hc"`, `"zstd"`
- Default value: `"zstd"`

14.8.2.20.3 `zstd-dict-size`

- The zstd dictionary compression size. The default value is `"0KiB"`, which means to disable the zstd dictionary compression. In this case, Titan compresses data based on single values, whereas RocksDB compresses data based on blocks (`32KiB` by default). When the average size of Titan values is less than `32KiB`, Titan's compression ratio is lower than that of RocksDB. Taking JSON as an example, the store size in Titan can be 30% to 50% larger than that of RocksDB. The actual compression ratio depends on whether the value content is suitable for compression and the similarity among different values. You can enable the zstd dictionary compression to increase the compression ratio by configuring `zstd-dict-size` (for example, set it to `16KiB`). The actual store size can be lower than that of RocksDB. But the zstd dictionary compression might lead to about 10% performance regression in specific workloads.
- Default value: `"0KiB"`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.20.4 `blob-cache-size`

- The cache size of a Blob file
- Default value: `"0GiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`

- Recommended value: `0`. Starting from v8.0.0, TiKV introduces the `shared-blob-cache` configuration item and enables it by default, so there is no need to set `blob-cache-size` separately. The configuration of `blob-cache-size` only takes effect when `shared-blob-cache` is set to `false`.
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.20.5 `shared-blob-cache` New in v8.0.0

- Controls whether to enable the shared cache for Titan blob files and RocksDB block files.
- Default value: `true`. When the shared cache is enabled, block files have higher priority. This means that TiKV prioritizes meeting the cache needs of block files and then uses the remaining cache for blob files.

14.8.2.20.6 `min-gc-batch-size`

- The minimum total size of Blob files required to perform GC for one time
- Default value: `"16MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.20.7 `max-gc-batch-size`

- The maximum total size of Blob files allowed to perform GC for one time
- Default value: `"64MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.20.8 `discardable-ratio`

- When the ratio of obsolete data (the corresponding key has been updated or deleted) in a Blob file exceeds the following threshold, Titan GC is triggered. When Titan writes the valid data of this Blob file to another file, you can use the `discardable-ratio` value to estimate the upper limits of write amplification and space amplification (assuming the compression is disabled).

  Upper limit of write amplification = 1 / `discardable-ratio`

  Upper limit of space amplification = 1 / (1 - `discardable-ratio`)

  From these two equations, you can see that decreasing the value of `discardable_ratio` can reduce space amplification but results in more frequent GC in Titan. Increasing the value reduces the frequency of Titan GC, thereby lowering the corresponding I/O bandwidth and CPU usage, but increases disk usage.

- Default value: `0.5`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Maximum value: `1`

14.8.2.20.9 `sample-ratio`

- The ratio of (data read from a Blob file/the entire Blob file) when sampling the file during GC
- Default value: `0.1`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Maximum value: `1`

14.8.2.20.10 `merge-small-file-threshold`

- When the size of a Blob file is smaller than this value, the Blob file might still be selected for GC. In this situation, `discardable-ratio` is ignored.
- Default value: `"8MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.20.11 `blob-run-mode`

- Specifies the running mode of Titan.
- Optional values:
  - `normal`: Writes data to the blob file when the value size exceeds `min-blob-size`.
  - `read-only`: Refuses to write new data to the blob file, but still reads the original data from the blob file.
  - `fallback`: Writes data in the blob file back to LSM.
- Default value: `normal`

14.8.2.20.12 `level-merge`

- Determines whether to optimize the read performance. When `level-merge` is enabled, there is more write amplification.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.21 raftdb

Configuration items related to `raftdb`

14.8.2.21.1 `max-background-jobs`

- The number of background threads in RocksDB. When you modify the size of the RocksDB thread pool, refer to Performance tuning for TiKV thread pools.
- Default value: `4`
- Minimum value: `2`

14.8.2.21.2 `max-sub-compactions`

- The number of concurrent sub-compaction operations performed in RocksDB
- Default value: `2`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.21.3 `max-open-files`

- The total number of files that RocksDB can open
- Default value: `40960`
- Minimum value: `-1`

14.8.2.21.4 `max-manifest-file-size`

- The maximum size of a RocksDB Manifest file
- Default value: `"20MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.21.5 `create-if-missing`

- If the value is `true`, the database will be created if it is missing
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.21.6 `stats-dump-period`

- The interval at which statistics are output to the log
- Default value: `10m`

14.8.2.21.7 `wal-dir`

- The directory in which Raft RocksDB WAL files are stored, which is the absolute directory path for WAL. **Do not** set this configuration item to the same value as `rocksdb.wal-dir`.
- If this configuration item is not set, the log files are stored in the same directory as data.
- If there are two disks on the machine, storing RocksDB data and WAL logs on different disks can improve performance.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.21.8 `wal-ttl-seconds`

- Specifies how long the archived WAL files are retained. When the value is exceeded, the system deletes these files.
- Default value: `0`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: second

14.8.2.21.9 `wal-size-limit`

- The size limit of the archived WAL files. When the value is exceeded, the system deletes these files.
- Default value: `0`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.21.10 `max-total-wal-size`

- The maximum RocksDB WAL size in total
- Default value:
  - When `storage.engine="raft-kv"`, the default value is `"4GiB"`.
  - When `storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`, the default value is `1`.

14.8.2.21.11 `compaction-readahead-size`

- Controls whether to enable the readahead feature during RocksDB compaction and specify the size of readahead data.
- If you use mechanical disks, it is recommended to set the value to `2MiB` at least.
- Default value: `0`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.21.12 `writable-file-max-buffer-size`

- The maximum buffer size used in WritableFileWrite
- Default value: `"1MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.21.13 `use-direct-io-for-flush-and-compaction`

- Determines whether to use `O_DIRECT` for both reads and writes in the background flush and compactions. The performance impact of this option: enabling `O_DIRECT` bypasses and prevents contamination of the OS buffer cache, but the subsequent file reads require re-reading the contents to the buffer cache.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.21.14 `enable-pipelined-write`

- Controls whether to enable Pipelined Write. When this configuration is enabled, the previous Pipelined Write is used. When this configuration is disabled, the new Pipelined Commit mechanism is used.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.21.15 `allow-concurrent-memtable-write`

- Controls whether to enable concurrent memtable write.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.21.16 `bytes-per-sync`

- The rate at which OS incrementally synchronizes files to disk while these files are being written asynchronously
- Default value: `"1MiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.21.17 `wal-bytes-per-sync`

- The rate at which OS incrementally synchronizes WAL files to disk when the WAL files are being written
- Default value: `"512KiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.21.18 `info-log-max-size`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v5.4.0, RocksDB logs are managed by the logging module of TiKV. Therefore, this configuration item is deprecated, and its function is replaced by the configuration item `log.file.max-size`.

- The maximum size of Info logs
- Default value: `"1GiB"`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: B|KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.21.19 `info-log-roll-time`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v5.4.0, RocksDB logs are managed by the logging module of TiKV. Therefore, this configuration item is deprecated. TiKV no longer supports automatic log splitting based on time. Instead, you can use the configuration item `log.file.max-size` to set the threshold for automatic log splitting based on file size.

- The interval at which Info logs are truncated. If the value is `0s`, logs are not truncated.
- Default value: `"0s"` (which means logs are not truncated)

14.8.2.21.20 `info-log-keep-log-file-num`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v5.4.0, RocksDB logs are managed by the logging module of TiKV. Therefore, this configuration item is deprecated, and its function is replaced by the configuration item `log.file.max-backups`.

- The maximum number of Info log files kept in RaftDB
- Default value: `10`
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.2.21.21 `info-log-dir`

- The directory in which Info logs are stored
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.21.22 `info-log-level`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v5.4.0, RocksDB logs are managed by the logging module of TiKV. Therefore, this configuration item is deprecated, and its function is replaced by the configuration item `log.level`.

- Log levels of RaftDB
- Default value: `"info"`

14.8.2.22 raft-engine

Configuration items related to Raft Engine.

> **Note:**
>
> - When you enable Raft Engine for the first time, TiKV transfers its data from RocksDB to Raft Engine. Therefore, you need to wait extra tens of seconds for TiKV to start.
> - The data format of Raft Engine in TiDB v5.4.0 is not compatible with earlier TiDB versions. Therefore, if you need to downgrade a TiDB cluster from v5.4.0 to an earlier version, **before** downgrading, disable Raft Engine by setting `enable` to `false` and restart TiKV for the configuration to take effect.

14.8.2.22.1 `enable`

- Determines whether to use Raft Engine to store Raft logs. When it is enabled, configurations of `raftdb` are ignored.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.22.2 `dir`

- The directory at which raft log files are stored. If the directory does not exist, it will be created when TiKV is started.
- If this configuration item is not set, `{data-dir}/raft-engine` is used.
- If there are multiple disks on your machine, it is recommended to store the data of Raft Engine on a different disk to improve TiKV performance.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.22.3 `spill-dir` New in v8.4.0

- The auxiliary directory for storing Raft log files. When the disk for the `dir` directory is full, new Raft logs will be stored under this directory. If this auxiliary directory does not exist after configuration, it will be automatically created when TiKV is started.
- If this configuration is not set, the auxiliary directory is not enabled.

Note:

- This configuration takes effect only when the `dir` and `spill-dir` of the Raft Engine are set to different disk drives.
- After enabling this feature, if you want to disable it, you need to perform the following operations before restarting TiKV. Otherwise, TiKV will fail to start.
  1. Stop TiKV.
  2. Copy all the Raft Logs from the `spill-dir` directory to the `dir` directory.
  3. Remove this configuration from the TiKV configuration file.
  4. Restart TiKV.

14.8.2.22.4 `batch-compression-threshold`

- Specifies the threshold size of a log batch. A log batch larger than this configuration is compressed. If you set this configuration item to `0`, compression is disabled.
- Default value: `"8KiB"`

14.8.2.22.5 `bytes-per-sync`

Warning:

Starting from v6.5.0, Raft Engine writes logs to disk directly without buffering. Therefore, this configuration item is deprecated and no longer functional.

- Specifies the maximum accumulative size of buffered writes. When this configuration value is exceeded, buffered writes are flushed to the disk.
- If you set this configuration item to `0`, incremental sync is disabled.
- Before v6.5.0, the default value is `"4MiB"`.

14.8.2.22.6 `target-file-size`

- Specifies the maximum size of log files. When a log file is larger than this value, it is rotated.
- Default value: `"128MiB"`

14.8.2.22.7 `purge-threshold`

- Specifies the threshold size of the main log queue. When this configuration value is exceeded, the main log queue is purged.
- This configuration can be used to adjust the disk space usage of Raft Engine.
- Default value: `"10GiB"`

14.8.2.22.8 `recovery-mode`

- Determines how to deal with file corruption during recovery.
- Value options: `"absolute-consistency"`, `"tolerate-tail-corruption"`, `"tolerate-any-corruption"`
- Default value: `"tolerate-tail-corruption"`

14.8.2.22.9 `recovery-read-block-size`

- The minimum I/O size for reading log files during recovery.
- Default value: `"16KiB"`
- Minimum value: `"512B"`

14.8.2.22.10 `recovery-threads`

- The number of threads used to scan and recover log files.
- Default value: `4`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.22.11 `memory-limit`

- Specifies the limit on the memory usage of Raft Engine.
- When this configuration value is not set, 15% of the available system memory is used.
- Default value: `Total machine memory * 15%`

14.8.2.22.12 `format-version` New in v6.3.0

> **Note:**
>
> After `format-version` is set to `2`, if you need to downgrade a TiKV cluster from v6.3.0 to an earlier version, take the following steps **before** the downgrade:
>
> 1. Disable Raft Engine by setting `enable` to `false` and restart TiKV to make the configuration take effect.
> 2. Set `format-version` to `1`.
> 3. Enable Raft Engine by setting `enable` to `true` and restart TiKV to make the configuration take effect.

- Specifies the version of log files in Raft Engine.
- Value options:
  - `1`: Default log file version for TiKV earlier than v6.3.0. Can be read by TiKV >= v6.1.0.
  - `2`: Supports log recycling. Can be read by TiKV >= v6.3.0.
- Default value:
  - When `storage.engine="raft-kv"`, the default value is `2`.
  - When `storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`, the default value is `5`.

14.8.2.22.13 `enable-log-recycle` New in v6.3.0

> **Note:**
>
> This configuration item is only available when `format-version` >= 2.

- Determines whether to recycle stale log files in Raft Engine. When it is enabled, logically purged log files will be reserved for recycling. This reduces the long tail latency on write workloads.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.22.14 `prefill-for-recycle` New in v7.0.0

> **Note:**
>
> This configuration item only takes effect when `enable-log-recycle` is set to `true`.

- Determines whether to generate empty log files for log recycling in Raft Engine. When it is enabled, Raft Engine will automatically fill a batch of empty log files for log recycling during initialization, making log recycling effective immediately after initialization.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.2.22.15 `compression-level` New in v7.4.0

- Sets the compression efficiency of the LZ4 algorithm used by Raft Engine when writing Raft log files. A lower value indicates faster compression speed but lower compression ratio.
- Range: `[1, 16]`
- Default value: `1`

14.8.2.23 security

Configuration items related to security.

14.8.2.23.1 `ca-path`

- The path of the CA file
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.23.2 `cert-path`

- The path of the Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) file that contains the X.509 certificate
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.23.3 `key-path`

- The path of the PEM file that contains the X.509 key
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.23.4 `cert-allowed-cn`

- A list of acceptable X.509 Common Names in certificates presented by clients. Requests are permitted only when the presented Common Name is an exact match with one of the entries in the list.
- Default value: `[]`. This means that the client certificate CN check is disabled by default.

14.8.2.23.5 `redact-info-log` New in v4.0.8

- This configuration item enables or disables log redaction. Value options: `true`, `false`, `"on"`, `"off"`, and `"marker"`. The `"on"`, `"off"`, and `"marker"` options are introduced in v8.3.0.
- If the configuration item is set to `false` or `"off"`, log redaction is disabled.
- If the configuration item is set to `true` or `"on"`, all user data in the log is replaced by `?`.
- If the configuration item is set to `"marker"`, all user data in the log is wrapped in `‹ ›`. If user data contains `‹` or `›`, `‹` is escaped as `‹‹`, and `›` is escaped as `››`. Based on the marked logs, you can decide whether to desensitize the marked information when the logs are displayed.
- Default value: `false`
- For details on how to use it, see Log redaction in TiKV side.

14.8.2.24 security.encryption

Configuration items related to encryption at rest (TDE).

14.8.2.24.1 `data-encryption-method`

- The encryption method for data files
- Value options: “plaintext”, “aes128-ctr”, “aes192-ctr”, “aes256-ctr”, and “sm4-ctr” (supported since v6.3.0)
- A value other than “plaintext” means that encryption is enabled, in which case the master key must be specified.
- Default value: `"plaintext"`

14.8.2.24.2 `data-key-rotation-period`

- Specifies how often TiKV rotates the data encryption key.
- Default value: `7d`

14.8.2.24.3 `enable-file-dictionary-log`

- Enables the optimization to reduce I/O and mutex contention when TiKV manages the encryption metadata.
- To avoid possible compatibility issues when this configuration parameter is enabled (by default), see Encryption at Rest - Compatibility between TiKV versions for details.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.24.4 `master-key`

- Specifies the master key if encryption is enabled. To learn how to configure a master key, see Encryption at Rest - Configure encryption.

14.8.2.24.5 `previous-master-key`

- Specifies the old master key when rotating the new master key. The configuration format is the same as that of `master-key`. To learn how to configure a master key, see Encryption at Rest - Configure encryption.

14.8.2.25 import

Configuration items related to TiDB Lightning import and BR restore.

14.8.2.25.1 `num-threads`

- The number of threads to process RPC requests
- Default value: `8`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.25.2 `stream-channel-window`

- The window size of Stream channel. When the channel is full, the stream is blocked.
- Default value: `128`

14.8.2.25.3 `memory-use-ratio` New in v6.5.0

- Starting from v6.5.0, PITR supports directly accessing backup log files in memory and restoring data. This configuration item specifies the ratio of memory available for PITR to the total memory of TiKV.
- Value range: [0.0, 0.5]

- Default value: `0.3`, which means that 30% of the system memory is available for PITR. When the value is `0.0`, PITR is performed through downloading log files to a local directory.

> **Note:**
>
> In versions earlier than v6.5.0, point-in-time recovery (PITR) only supports restoring data by downloading backup files to a local directory.

14.8.2.26 gc

14.8.2.26.1 `batch-keys`

- The number of keys to be garbage-collected in one batch
- Default value: `512`

14.8.2.26.2 `max-write-bytes-per-sec`

- The maximum bytes that GC worker can write to RocksDB in one second.
- If the value is set to `0`, there is no limit.
- Default value: `"0"`

14.8.2.26.3 `enable-compaction-filter` New in v5.0

- Controls whether to enable the GC in Compaction Filter feature
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.26.4 `ratio-threshold`

- The garbage ratio threshold to trigger GC.
- Default value: `1.1`

14.8.2.26.5 `num-threads` New in v6.5.8, v7.1.4, v7.5.1, and v7.6.0

- The number of GC threads when `enable-compaction-filter` is `false`.
- Default value: `1`

14.8.2.27 backup

Configuration items related to BR backup.

14.8.2.27.1 num-threads

- The number of worker threads to process backup
- Default value: `MIN(CPU * 0.5, 8)`
- Value range: `[1, CPU]`
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.2.27.2 batch-size

- The number of data ranges to back up in one batch
- Default value: `8`

14.8.2.27.3 sst-max-size

- The threshold of the backup SST file size. If the size of a backup file in a TiKV Region exceeds this threshold, the file is backed up to several files with the TiKV Region split into multiple Region ranges. Each of the files in the split Regions is the same size as `sst-max-size` (or slightly larger).
- For example, when the size of a backup file in the Region of `[a,e)` is larger than `sst-max-size`, the file is backed up to several files with regions `[a,b)`, `[b,c)`, `[c,d)` and `[d,e)`, and the size of `[a,b)`, `[b,c)`, `[c,d)` is the same as that of `sst-max-size` (or slightly larger).
- Default value: `"384MiB"`. Before v8.4.0, the default value is `"144MiB"`.

14.8.2.27.4 enable-auto-tune New in v5.4.0

- Controls whether to limit the resources used by backup tasks to reduce the impact on the cluster when the cluster resource utilization is high. For more information, refer to BR Auto-Tune.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.27.5 s3-multi-part-size New in v5.3.2

> **Note:**
>
> This configuration is introduced to address backup failures caused by S3 rate limiting. This problem has been fixed by refining the backup data storage structure. Therefore, this configuration is deprecated from v6.1.1 and is no longer recommended.

- The part size used when you perform multipart upload to S3 during backup. You can adjust the value of this configuration to control the number of requests sent to S3.
- If data is backed up to S3 and the backup file is larger than the value of this configuration item, multipart upload is automatically enabled. Based on the compression ratio, the backup file generated by a 96-MiB Region is approximately 10 MiB to 30 MiB.
- Default value: 5MiB

14.8.2.28 backup.hadoop

14.8.2.28.1 `home`

- Specifies the location of the HDFS shell command and allows TiKV to find the shell command. This configuration item has the same effect as the environment variable `$HADOOP_HOME`.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.28.2 `linux-user`

- Specifies the Linux user with which TiKV runs HDFS shell commands.
- If this configuration item is not set, TiKV uses the current linux user.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.2.29 log-backup

Configuration items related to log backup.

14.8.2.29.1 `enable` New in v6.2.0

- Determines whether to enable log backup.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.29.2 `file-size-limit` New in v6.2.0

- The size limit on backup log data to be stored.
- Default value: 256MiB
- Note: Generally, the value of `file-size-limit` is greater than the backup file size displayed in external storage. This is because the backup files are compressed before being uploaded to external storage.

14.8.2.29.3 `initial-scan-pending-memory-quota` New in v6.2.0

- The quota of cache used for storing incremental scan data during log backup.
- Default value: `min(Total machine memory * 10%, 512 MiB)`

14.8.2.29.4 `initial-scan-rate-limit` New in v6.2.0

- The rate limit on throughput in an incremental data scan during log backup, which means the maximum amount of data that can be read from the disk per second. Note that if you only specify a number (for example, `60`), the unit is Byte instead of KiB.
- Default value: 60MiB
- Minimum value: 1MiB

14.8.2.29.5 `max-flush-interval` New in v6.2.0

- The maximum interval for writing backup data to external storage in log backup.
- Default value: 3min

14.8.2.29.6 `num-threads` New in v6.2.0

- The number of threads used in log backup.
- Default value: CPU * 0.5
- Value range: [2, 12]

14.8.2.29.7 `temp-path` New in v6.2.0

- The temporary path to which log files are written before being flushed to external storage.
- Default value: `${deploy-dir}/data/log-backup-temp`

14.8.2.30 cdc

Configuration items related to TiCDC.

14.8.2.30.1 `min-ts-interval`

- The interval at which Resolved TS is calculated and forwarded.
- Default value: `"1s"`.

> **Note:**
>
> In v6.5.0, the default value of `min-ts-interval` is changed from `"1s"` to `"200ms"` to reduce CDC latency. Starting from v6.5.1, this default value is changed back to `"1s"` to reduce network traffic.

14.8.2.30.2 `old-value-cache-memory-quota`

- The upper limit of memory usage by TiCDC old values.
- Default value: `512MiB`

14.8.2.30.3 `sink-memory-quota`

- The upper limit of memory usage by TiCDC data change events.
- Default value: `512MiB`

14.8.2.30.4 `incremental-scan-speed-limit`

- The maximum speed at which historical data is incrementally scanned.
- Default value: `"128MiB"`, which means 128 MiB per second.

14.8.2.30.5 `incremental-scan-threads`

- The number of threads for the task of incrementally scanning historical data.
- Default value: `4`, which means 4 threads.

14.8.2.30.6 `incremental-scan-concurrency`

- The maximum number of concurrent executions for the tasks of incrementally scanning historical data.
- Default value: `6`, which means 6 tasks can be concurrent executed at most.
- Note: The value of `incremental-scan-concurrency` must be greater than or equal to that of `incremental-scan-threads`; otherwise, TiKV will report an error at startup.

14.8.2.30.7 `incremental-scan-concurrency-limit` New in v7.6.0

- The maximum queue length for the tasks of incrementally scanning historical data waiting to be executed. When the number of tasks waiting to be executed exceeds this limit, new tasks will be rejected.
- Default value: `10000`, which means that at most 10000 tasks can be queued for execution.
- Note: `incremental-scan-concurrency-limit` must be greater than or equal to `incremental-scan-concurrency`; otherwise, TiKV uses `incremental-scan-concurrency` to override this configuration.

14.8.2.31 resolved-ts

Configuration items related to maintaining the Resolved TS to serve Stale Read requests.

14.8.2.31.1 `enable`

- Determines whether to maintain the Resolved TS for all Regions.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.31.2 `advance-ts-interval`

- The interval at which Resolved TS is calculated and forwarded.
- Default value: `"20s"`

14.8.2.31.3 `scan-lock-pool-size`

- The number of threads that TiKV uses to scan the MVCC (multi-version concurrency control) lock data when initializing the Resolved TS.
- Default value: `2`, which means 2 threads.

14.8.2.32 pessimistic-txn

For pessimistic transaction usage, refer to TiDB Pessimistic Transaction Mode.

14.8.2.32.1 `wait-for-lock-timeout`

- The longest time that a pessimistic transaction in TiKV waits for other transactions to release the lock. If the time is out, an error is returned to TiDB, and TiDB retries to add a lock. The lock wait timeout is set by `innodb_lock_wait_timeout`.
- Default value: `"1s"`
- Minimum value: `"1ms"`

14.8.2.32.2 `wake-up-delay-duration`

- When pessimistic transactions release the lock, among all the transactions waiting for lock, only the transaction with the smallest `start_ts` is woken up. Other transactions will be woken up after `wake-up-delay-duration`.
- Default value: `"20ms"`

14.8.2.32.3 `pipelined`

- This configuration item enables the pipelined process of adding the pessimistic lock. With this feature enabled, after detecting that data can be locked, TiKV immediately notifies TiDB to execute the subsequent requests and write the pessimistic lock asynchronously, which reduces most of the latency and significantly improves the performance of pessimistic transactions. But there is a still low probability that the asynchronous write of the pessimistic lock fails, which might cause the failure of pessimistic transaction commits.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.32.4 `in-memory` New in v6.0.0

- Enables the in-memory pessimistic lock feature. With this feature enabled, pessimistic transactions try to store their locks in memory, instead of writing the locks to disk or replicating the locks to other replicas. This improves the performance of pessimistic transactions. However, there is a still low probability that the pessimistic lock gets lost and causes the pessimistic transaction commits to fail.
- Default value: `true`
- Note that `in-memory` takes effect only when the value of `pipelined` is `true`.

14.8.2.32.5 `in-memory-peer-size-limit` New in v8.4.0

- Controls the memory usage limit for in-memory pessimistic locks in a Region. When this limit is exceeded, TiKV writes pessimistic locks persistently.
- Default value: `512KiB`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.32.6 `in-memory-instance-size-limit` New in v8.4.0

- Controls the memory usage limit for in-memory pessimistic locks in a TiKV instance. When this limit is exceeded, TiKV writes pessimistic locks persistently.
- Default value: `100MiB`
- Unit: KiB|MiB|GiB

14.8.2.33 quota

Configuration items related to Quota Limiter.

14.8.2.33.1 `max-delay-duration` New in v6.0.0

- The maximum time that a single read or write request is forced to wait before it is processed in the foreground.
- Default value: `500ms`
- Recommended setting: It is recommended to use the default value in most cases. If out of memory (OOM) or violent performance jitter occurs in the instance, you can set the value to 1S to make the request waiting time shorter than 1 second.

14.8.2.33.2 Foreground Quota Limiter

Configuration items related to foreground Quota Limiter.

Suppose that your machine on which TiKV is deployed has limited resources, for example, with only 4v CPU and 16 G memory. In this situation, the foreground of TiKV might process too many read and write requests so that the CPU resources used by the background are

occupied to help process such requests, which affects the performance stability of TiKV. To avoid this situation, you can use the foreground quota-related configuration items to limit the CPU resources to be used by the foreground. When a request triggers Quota Limiter, the request is forced to wait for a while for TiKV to free up CPU resources. The exact waiting time depends on the number of requests, and the maximum waiting time is no longer than the value of `max-delay-duration`.

`foreground-cpu-time` New in v6.0.0

- The soft limit on the CPU resources used by TiKV foreground to process read and write requests.
- Default value: `0` (which means no limit)
- Unit: millicpu (for example, `1500` means that the foreground requests consume 1.5v CPU)
- Recommended setting: For the instance with more than 4 cores, use the default value `0`. For the instance with 4 cores, setting the value to the range of `1000` and `1500` can make a balance. For the instance with 2 cores, keep the value smaller than `1200`.

`foreground-write-bandwidth` New in v6.0.0

- The soft limit on the bandwidth with which transactions write data.
- Default value: `0KiB` (which means no limit)
- Recommended setting: Use the default value `0` in most cases unless the `foreground-cpu-time` setting is not enough to limit the write bandwidth. For such an exception, it is recommended to set the value smaller than `50MiB` in the instance with 4 or less cores.

`foreground-read-bandwidth` New in v6.0.0

- The soft limit on the bandwidth with which transactions and the Coprocessor read data.
- Default value: `0KiB` (which means no limit)
- Recommended setting: Use the default value `0` in most cases unless the `foreground-cpu-time` setting is not enough to limit the read bandwidth. For such an exception, it is recommended to set the value smaller than `20MiB` in the instance with 4 or less cores.

14.8.2.33.3 Background Quota Limiter

Configuration items related to background Quota Limiter.

Suppose that your machine on which TiKV is deployed has limited resources, for example, with only 4v CPU and 16 G memory. In this situation, the background of TiKV might process too many calculations and read and write requests, so that the CPU resources used by the foreground are occupied to help process such requests, which affects the performance stability

of TiKV. To avoid this situation, you can use the background quota-related configuration items to limit the CPU resources to be used by the background. When a request triggers Quota Limiter, the request is forced to wait for a while for TiKV to free up CPU resources. The exact waiting time depends on the number of requests, and the maximum waiting time is no longer than the value of `max-delay-duration`.

> **Warning:**
>
> - Background Quota Limiter is an experimental feature introduced in TiDB v6.2.0, and it is **NOT** recommended to use it in the production environment.
> - This feature is only suitable for environments with limited resources to ensure that TiKV can run stably in those environments. If you enable this feature in an environment with rich resources, performance degradation might occur when the amount of requests reaches a peak.

`background-cpu-time` New in v6.2.0

- The soft limit on the CPU resources used by TiKV background to process read and write requests.
- Default value: `0` (which means no limit)
- Unit: millicpu (for example, `1500` means that the background requests consume 1.5v CPU)

`background-write-bandwidth` New in v6.2.0

- The soft limit on the bandwidth with which background transactions write data.
- Default value: `0KiB` (which means no limit)

`background-read-bandwidth` New in v6.2.0

- The soft limit on the bandwidth with which background transactions and the Coprocessor read data.
- Default value: `0KiB` (which means no limit)

`enable-auto-tune` New in v6.2.0

- Determines whether to enable the auto-tuning of quota. If this configuration item is enabled, TiKV dynamically adjusts the quota for the background requests based on the load of TiKV instances.
- Default value: `false` (which means that the auto-tuning is disabled)

14.8.2.34 causal-ts New in v6.1.0

Configuration items related to getting the timestamp when TiKV API V2 is enabled (`storage.api-version = 2`).

To reduce write latency, TiKV periodically fetches and caches a batch of timestamps locally. Cached timestamps help avoid frequent access to PD and allow short-term TSO service failure.

14.8.2.34.1 `alloc-ahead-buffer` New in v6.4.0

- The pre-allocated TSO cache size (in duration).
- Indicates that TiKV pre-allocates the TSO cache based on the duration specified by this configuration item. TiKV estimates the TSO usage based on the previous period, and requests and caches TSOs satisfying `alloc-ahead-buffer` locally.
- This configuration item is often used to increase the tolerance of PD failures when TiKV API V2 is enabled (`storage.api-version = 2`).
- Increasing the value of this configuration item might result in more TSO consumption and memory overhead of TiKV. To obtain enough TSOs, it is recommended to decrease the `tso-update-physical-interval` configuration item of PD.
- According to the test, when `alloc-ahead-buffer` is in its default value, and the PD leader fails and switches to another node, the write request will experience a short-term increase in latency and a decrease in QPS (about 15%).
- To avoid the impact on the business, you can configure `tso-update-physical-interval = "1ms"` in PD and the following configuration items in TiKV:
  - `causal-ts.alloc-ahead-buffer = "6s"`
  - `causal-ts.renew-batch-max-size = 65536`
  - `causal-ts.renew-batch-min-size = 2048`
- Default value: `3s`

14.8.2.34.2 `renew-interval`

- The interval at which the locally cached timestamps are updated.
- At an interval of `renew-interval`, TiKV starts a batch of timestamp refresh and adjusts the number of cached timestamps according to the timestamp consumption in the previous period and the setting of `alloc-ahead-buffer`. If you set this parameter to too large a value, the latest TiKV workload changes are not reflected in time. If you set this parameter to too small a value, the load of PD increases. If the write traffic is strongly fluctuating, if timestamps are frequently exhausted, and if write latency increases, you can set this parameter to a smaller value. At the same time, you should also consider the load of PD.
- Default value: `"100ms"`

14.8.2.34.3 `renew-batch-min-size`

- The minimum number of TSOs in a timestamp request.
- TiKV adjusts the number of cached timestamps according to the timestamp consumption in the previous period. If only a few TSOs are required, TiKV reduces the TSOs requested until the number reaches `renew-batch-min-size`. If large bursty write traffic often occurs in your application, you can set this parameter to a larger value as appropriate. Note that this parameter is the cache size for a single tikv-server. If you set the parameter to too large a value and the cluster contains many tikv-servers, the TSO consumption will be too fast.
- In the **TiKV-RAW** > **Causal timestamp** panel in Grafana, **TSO batch size** is the number of locally cached timestamps that has been dynamically adjusted according to the application workload. You can refer to this metric to adjust `renew-batch-min-size`.
- Default value: `100`

14.8.2.34.4 `renew-batch-max-size` New in v6.4.0

- The maximum number of TSOs in a timestamp request.
- In a default TSO physical time update interval (`50ms`), PD provides at most 262144 TSOs. When requested TSOs exceed this number, PD provides no more TSOs. This configuration item is used to avoid exhausting TSOs and the reverse impact of TSO exhaustion on other businesses. If you increase the value of this configuration item to improve high availability, you need to decrease the value of `tso-update-physical-interval` at the same time to get enough TSOs.
- Default value: `8192`

14.8.2.35 resource-control

Configuration items related to resource control of the TiKV storage layer.

14.8.2.35.1 `enabled` New in v6.6.0

- Controls whether to enable scheduling for user foreground read/write requests according to Request Unit (RU) of the corresponding resource groups. For information about TiDB resource groups and resource control, see Use Resource Control to Achieve Resource Group Limitation and Flow Control.
- Enabling this configuration item only works when 'tidb_enable_resource_control is enabled on TiDB. When this configuration item is enabled, TiKV will use the priority queue to schedule the queued read/write requests from foreground users. The scheduling priority of a request is inversely related to the amount of resources already consumed by the resource group that receives this request, and positively related to the quota of the corresponding resource group.
- Default value: `true`, which means scheduling based on the RU of the resource group is enabled.

14.8.2.35.2 `priority-ctl-strategy` New in v8.4.0

Specifies the flow control strategy for low-priority tasks. TiKV ensures that higher priority tasks are prioritized for execution by applying flow control to low-priority tasks.

- Value options:
  - `aggressive`: this policy prioritizes the performance of high-priority tasks, ensuring that the throughput and latency of high-priority tasks are largely unaffected, but low-priority tasks will run slower.
  - `moderate`: this policy imposes a balanced flow control on low-priority tasks and has a lower impact on high-priority tasks.
  - `conservative`: this policy prioritizes ensuring that system resources are fully utilized, allowing low-priority tasks to fully utilize system available resources as needed, and therefore has a greater performance impact on high-priority tasks.
- Default value: `moderate`.

14.8.2.36 split

Configuration items related to Load Base Split.

14.8.2.36.1 `byte-threshold` New in v5.0

- Controls the traffic threshold at which a Region is identified as a hotspot.
- Default value:
  - `30MiB` per second when `region-split-size` is less than 4 GiB.
  - `100MiB` per second when `region-split-size` is greater than or equal to 4 GiB.

14.8.2.36.2 `qps-threshold`

- Controls the QPS threshold at which a Region is identified as a hotspot.
- Default value:
  - `3000` when `region-split-size` is less than 4 GiB.
  - `7000` when `region-split-size` is greater than or equal to 4 GiB.

14.8.2.36.3 `region-cpu-overload-threshold-ratio` New in v6.2.0

- Controls the CPU usage threshold at which a Region is identified as a hotspot.
- Default value:
  - `0.25` when `region-split-size` is less than 4 GiB.
  - `0.75` when `region-split-size` is greater than or equal to 4 GiB.

14.8.2.37 memory New in v7.5.0

14.8.2.37.1 `enable-heap-profiling` New in v7.5.0

- Controls whether to enable Heap Profiling to track the memory usage of TiKV.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.37.2 `profiling-sample-per-bytes` New in v7.5.0

- Specifies the amount of data sampled by Heap Profiling each time, rounding up to the nearest power of 2.
- Default value: `512KiB`

14.8.2.37.3 `enable-thread-exclusive-arena` New in v8.1.0

- Controls whether to display the memory allocation status at the TiKV thread level to track the memory usage of each TiKV thread.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.2.38 in-memory-engine New in v8.5.0

TiKV MVCC in-memory engine (IME) configuration items related to the storage layer.

14.8.2.38.1 `enable` New in v8.5.0

> **Note:**
>
> You can configure this configuration item in the configuration file, but cannot query it via SQL statements.

- Whether to enable the in-memory engine to accelerate multi-version queries. For more information about the in-memory engine, see TiKV MVCC In-Memory Engine
- Default value: `false` (in-memory engine is disabled)
- It is recommended to configure at least 8 GiB of memory for the TiKV node, with 32 GiB or more for optimal performance.
- If the available memory for the TiKV node is insufficient, the in-memory engine will not be enabled even if this configuration item is set to `true`. In such cases, check the TiKV log file for messages containing `"in-memory engine is disabled because"` to learn why the in-memory engine is not enabled.

14.8.2.38.2 `capacity` New in v8.5.0

> **Note:**
>
> - After the in-memory engine is enabled, `block-cache.capacity` automatically decreases by 10%.
> - If you manually configure `capacity`, `block-cache.capacity` does not automatically decrease. In this case, you need to manually adjust its value to avoid OOM.

- Controls the maximum memory size that the in-memory engine can use. The maximum value is 5 GiB. You can manually configure it to use more memory.
- Default value: 10% of the system memory.

14.8.2.38.3 `gc-run-interval` New in v8.5.0

- Controls the time interval that the in-memory engine GC caches MVCC versions. Reducing this parameter can increase the GC frequency, and decrease the number of MVCC versions, but will increase CPU consumption for GC and increase the probability of in-memory engine cache miss.
- Default value: `"3m"`

14.8.2.38.4 `mvcc-amplification-threshold` New in v8.5.0

- Controls the threshold for MVCC read amplification when the in-memory engine selects and loads Regions. The default value is `10`, indicating that if reading a single row in a Region requires processing more than 10 MVCC versions, this Region might be loaded into the in-memory engine.
- Default value: `10`

14.8.3 Configure TiFlash

This document introduces the configuration parameters related to the deployment and use of TiFlash.

14.8.3.1 PD scheduling parameters

You can adjust the PD scheduling parameters using pd-ctl. Note that you can use `tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd` to replace `pd-ctl -u <pd_ip:pd_port>` when using tiup to deploy and manage your cluster.

- `replica-schedule-limit`: determines the rate at which the replica-related operator is generated. The parameter affects operations such as making nodes offline and add replicas.

> **Note:**
>
> The value of this parameter should be less than that of `region-schedule-limit`. Otherwise, the normal Region scheduling among TiKV nodes is affected.

- `store-balance-rate`: limits the rate at which Regions of each TiKV/TiFlash store are scheduled. Note that this parameter takes effect only when the stores have newly joined the cluster. If you want to change the setting for existing stores, use the following command.

> **Note:**
>
> Since v4.0.2, the `store-balance-rate` parameter has been deprecated and changes have been made to the `store limit` command. See store-limit for details.

```
- Execute the `pd-ctl -u <pd_ip:pd_port> store limit <store_id> <value>`
    ↪ command to set the scheduling rate of a specified store. To get `
    ↪ store_id`, you can execute the `pd-ctl -u <pd_ip:pd_port> store`
    ↪ command.
- If you do not set the scheduling rate for Regions of a specified store,
    ↪ this store inherits the setting of `store-balance-rate`.
- You can execute the `pd-ctl -u <pd_ip:pd_port> store limit` command to
    ↪ view the current setting value of `store-balance-rate`.
```

- `replication.location-labels`: indicates the topological relationship of TiKV instances. The order of the keys indicates the layering relationship of different labels. If TiFlash is enabled, you need to use `pd-ctl config placement-rules` to set the default value. For details, see geo-distributed-deployment-topology.

14.8.3.2 TiFlash configuration parameters

This section introduces the configuration parameters of TiFlash.

Tip:

If you need to adjust the value of a configuration item, refer to Modify the configuration.

14.8.3.2.1 Configure the `tiflash.toml` file

`listen_host`

- The listening host for supporting services such as TPC/HTTP.
- It is recommended to configure it as `"0.0.0.0"`, which means listening on all IP addresses of this machine.

`tcp_port`

- The TiFlash TCP service port. This port is used for internal testing and is set to 9000 by default.
- Before TiFlash v7.1.0, this port is enabled by default with a security risk. To enhance security, it is recommended to apply access control on this port to only allow access from whitelisted IP addresses. Starting from TiFlash v7.1.0, you can avoid the security risk by commenting out the configuration of this port. When the TiFlash configuration file does not specify this port, it will be disabled.
- It is **NOT** recommended to configure this port in any TiFlash deployment. (Note: Starting from TiFlash v7.1.0, TiFlash deployed by TiUP >= v1.12.5 or TiDB Operator >= v1.5.0 disables the port by default and is more secure.)
- Default value: `9000`

`mark_cache_size`

- The cache size limit of the metadata of a data block. Generally, you do not need to change this value.
- Default value: `1073741824`

`minmax_index_cache_size`

- The cache size limit of the min-max index of a data block. Generally, you do not need to change this value.
- Default value: `1073741824`

`delta_index_cache_size`

- The cache size limit of the DeltaIndex.
- Default value: `0`, which means no limit.

`path`

- The storage path of TiFlash data. If there are multiple directories, separate each directory with a comma.
- Starting from TiDB v4.0.9, `path` and `path_realtime_mode` are deprecated. Use the configurations in the `storage` section to get better performance in the multi-disk deployment scenarios.
- Starting from TiDB v5.2.0, if you need to use the `storage.io_rate_limit` configuration, you need to set the storage path of TiFlash data to `storage.main.dir` at the same time.
- When the `storage` configurations exist, both `path` and `path_realtime_mode` configurations are ignored.

`path_realtime_mode`

- If you set it to `true` and multiple directories are set in the `path`, the latest data is stored in the first directory and older data is stored in the rest directories.
- Starting from TiDB v4.0.9, `path` and `path_realtime_mode` are deprecated. Use the configurations in the `storage` section to get better performance in the multi-disk deployment scenarios.
- When the `storage` configurations exist, both `path` and `path_realtime_mode` configurations are ignored.
- Default value: `false`

`tmp_path`

- The path in which the TiFlash temporary files are stored.
- By default, it is the first directory in `path` or in `storage.latest.dir` appended with `"/tmp"`.

storage New in v4.0.9

Configure storage path related settings.

`format_version`

- The DTFile format.
- Default value: `7`
- Value options: `2`, `3`, `4`, `5`, `6`, `7`
    - `format_version = 2`: the default format for versions < v6.0.0.

- `format_version = 3`: the default format for v6.0.0 and v6.1.x, which provides more data validation features.
- `format_version = 4`: the default format for versions from v6.2.0 to v7.3.0, which reduces write amplification and background task resource consumption.
- `format_version = 5`: introduced in v7.3.0, the default format for versions from v7.4.0 to v8.3.0, which reduces the number of physical files by merging smaller files.
- `format_version = 6`: introduced in v8.4.0, which partially supports the building and storage of vector indexes.
- `format_version = 7`: introduced in v8.4.0, the default format for v8.4.0 and later versions, which supports the build and storage of vector indexes.

storage.main

`dir`

- The list of directories to store the main data. For example: `[ "/tidb-data/tiflash-9000" ]` or `[ "/ssd0/tidb-data/tiflash", "/ssd1/tidb-data/tiflash" ]`.
- More than 90% of the total data is stored in the directory list.

`capacity`

- The maximum storage capacity of each directory in `storage.main.dir`. For example `[10737418240, 10737418240]`.
- If it is not set, or is set to multiple `0`, the actual disk (the disk where the directory is located) capacity is used.
- Unit: Byte. Note that human-readable numbers such as `"10GB"` are not supported yet.
- The size of the `capacity` list should be the same with the `storage.main.dir` size.

storage.latest

`dir`

- The list of directories to store the latest data. About 10% of the total data is stored in the directory list. The directories (or directory) listed here require higher IOPS metrics than those `storage.main.dir`.
- If it is not set (by default), the values of `storage.main.dir` are used.

`capacity`

- The maximum storage capacity of each directory in `storage.latest.dir`. If it is not set, or is set to multiple `0`, the actual disk (the disk where the directory is located) capacity is used.

storage.io_rate_limit New in v5.2.0

Configure the I/O traffic limit settings.

`max_bytes_per_sec`

- The total I/O bandwidth for disk reads and writes. This configuration item determines whether to limit the I/O traffic, which is disabled by default. This traffic limit in TiFlash is suitable for cloud storage that has the disk bandwidth of a small and specific size.
- Default value: `0`, which means the I/O traffic is not limited by default.
- Unit: Byte

`max_read_bytes_per_sec`

- The total I/O bandwidth for disk reads.
- `max_read_bytes_per_sec` and `max_write_bytes_per_sec` configuration items limit I/O bandwidth for disk reads and writes separately. You can use them for cloud storage that calculates the limit of I/O bandwidth for disk reads and writes separately, such as the Persistent Disk provided by Google Cloud.
- When the value of `max_bytes_per_sec` is not `0`, `max_bytes_per_sec` is prioritized.
- Default value: `0`

`max_write_bytes_per_sec`

- The total I/O bandwidth for disk writes.
- `max_read_bytes_per_sec` and `max_write_bytes_per_sec` configuration items limit I/O bandwidth for disk reads and writes separately. You can use them for cloud storage that calculates the limit of I/O bandwidth for disk reads and writes separately, such as the Persistent Disk provided by Google Cloud.
- When the value of `max_bytes_per_sec` is not `0`, `max_bytes_per_sec` is prioritized.
- Default value: `0`

`foreground_write_weight`

- TiFlash internally divides I/O requests into four types: foreground writes, background writes, foreground reads, background reads. `foreground_write_weight` controls the bandwidth weights assigned to foreground write I/O traffic type. Generally, you do not need to adjust these parameters.
- When the I/O traffic limit is initialized, TiFlash allocates bandwidth for these four types of requests according to the ratio of `foreground_write_weight`, `background_write_weight`, `foreground_read_weight`, and `background_read_weight`.
- If the weight is configured to `0`, the corresponding I/O traffic is not limited.
- Default value: `25`, representing an allocation of 25% of the bandwidth.

`background_write_weight`

- TiFlash internally divides I/O requests into four types: foreground writes, background writes, foreground reads, background reads. `background_write_weight` controls the bandwidth weights assigned to background write I/O traffic type. Generally, you do not need to adjust these parameters.
- When the I/O traffic limit is initialized, TiFlash allocates bandwidth for these four types of requests according to the ratio of `foreground_write_weight`, `background_write_weight`, `foreground_read_weight`, and `background_read_weight`.
- If the weight is configured to `0`, the corresponding I/O traffic is not limited.
- Default value: `25`, representing an allocation of 25% of the bandwidth.

`foreground_read_weight`

- TiFlash internally divides I/O requests into four types: foreground writes, background writes, foreground reads, background reads. `foreground_read_weight` controls the bandwidth weights assigned to foreground read I/O traffic type. Generally, you do not need to adjust these parameters.
- When the I/O traffic limit is initialized, TiFlash allocates bandwidth for these four types of requests according to the ratio of `foreground_write_weight`, `background_write_weight`, `foreground_read_weight`, and `background_read_weight`.
- If the weight is configured to `0`, the corresponding I/O traffic is not limited.
- Default value: `25`, representing an allocation of 25% of the bandwidth.

`background_read_weight`

- TiFlash internally divides I/O requests into four types: foreground writes, background writes, foreground reads, background reads. `background_read_weight` controls the bandwidth weights assigned to background read I/O traffic type. Generally, you do not need to adjust these parameters.
- When the I/O traffic limit is initialized, TiFlash allocates bandwidth for these four types of requests according to the ratio of `foreground_write_weight`, `background_write_weight`, `foreground_read_weight`, and `background_read_weight`.
- If the weight is configured to `0`, the corresponding I/O traffic is not limited.
- Default value: `25`, representing an allocation of 25% of the bandwidth.

`auto_tune_sec`

- TiFlash supports automatically tuning the traffic limit for different I/O types according to the current I/O load. Sometimes, the tuned bandwidth might exceed the weight ratio set above.
- `auto_tune_sec` indicates the interval of automatic tuning. If the value of auto_tune_sec is `0`, the automatic tuning is disabled.

- Default value: `5`
- Unit: Seconds

storage.s3

The following configuration items only take effect for the TiFlash disaggregated storage and compute architecture mode. For details, see TiFlash Disaggregated Storage and Compute Architecture and S3 Support.

`endpoint`

- The S3 endpoint address. For example: `http://s3.{region}.amazonaws.com`.

`bucket`

- TiFlash stores all data in this bucket.

`root`

- The root directory where data is stored in the S3 bucket. For example: `/cluster1_data`.

`access_key_id`

- The ACCESS_KEY_ID used to access S3.

`secret_access_key`

- The SECRET_ACCESS_KEY used to access S3.

storage.remote.cache

`dir`

- The local data cache directory of the Compute Node in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture.

`capacity`

- Example: `858993459200` (800 GiB)

flash

`service_addr`

- The listening address of TiFlash coprocessor services.

`compact_log_min_gap` New in v7.4.0

- When the gap between the `applied_index` advanced by the current Raft state machine and the `applied_index` at the last disk spilling exceeds `compact_log_min_gap`, TiFlash executes the `CompactLog` command from TiKV and spills data to disk.
- Increasing this gap might reduce the disk spilling frequency of TiFlash, thus reducing read latency in random write scenarios, but it might also increase memory overhead. Decreasing this gap might increase the disk spilling frequency of TiFlash, thus alleviating memory pressure in TiFlash. However, at this stage, the disk spilling frequency of TiFlash will not be higher than that of TiKV, even if this gap is set to `0`.
- It is recommended to keep the default value.
- Default value: `200`

`compact_log_min_rows` New in v5.0

- When the number or the size of rows in the Regions cached by TiFlash exceeds either `compact_log_min_rows` or `compact_log_min_bytes`, TiFlash executes the `CompactLog` command from TiKV and spills data to disk.
- It is recommended to keep the default value.
- Default value: `40960`

`compact_log_min_bytes` New in v5.0

- When the number or the size of rows in the Regions cached by TiFlash exceeds either `compact_log_min_rows` or `compact_log_min_bytes`, TiFlash executes the `CompactLog` command from TiKV and spills data to disk.
- It is recommended to keep the default value.
- Default value: `33554432`

`disaggregated_mode`

- This configuration item only takes effect for the TiFlash disaggregated storage and compute architecture mode. For details, see TiFlash Disaggregated Storage and Compute Architecture and S3 Support.
- Value options: `"tiflash_write"`, `"tiflash_compute"`

flash.proxy

`addr`

- The listening address of proxy.

- Default value: `"127.0.0.1:20170"`

`advertise-addr`

- The external access address of `addr`. If it is left empty, `addr` is used by default.
- You should guarantee that other nodes can access through `advertise-addr` when you deploy the cluster on multiple nodes.

`status-addr`

- The listening address from which the proxy pulls metrics or status information.
- Default value: `"127.0.0.1:20292"`

`advertise-status-addr`

- The external access address of status-addr. If it is left empty, the value of `status-addr` is used by default.
- You should guarantee that other nodes can access it through `advertise-status-addr` when you deploy the cluster on multiple nodes.

`engine-addr`

- The external access address of the TiFlash coprocessor service.

`data-dir`

- The data storage path of proxy.

`config`

- The configuration file path of proxy.

`log-file`

- The log path of proxy.

logger

Note that the following parameters only take effect in TiFlash logs and TiFlash error logs. If you need to configure log parameters of TiFlash Proxy, specify them in `tiflash-learner.toml`.

`level`

- The log level.
- Default value: `"info"`
- Value options: `"trace"`, `"debug"`, `"info"`, `"warn"`, `"error"`

`log`

- The log of TiFlash.

`errorlog`

- The error log of TiFlash. The `"warn"` and `"error"` level logs are also output to this log file.

`size`

- The size of a single log file.
- Default value: `"100M"`

`count`

- The maximum number of log files to save. For TiFlash logs and TiFlash error logs, the maximum number of log files to save is `count` respectively.
- Default value: `10`

raft

`pd_addr`

- The PD service address.
- Multiple addresses are separated with commas. For example, `"10.0.1.11:2379,10.0.1.12:2379,10`
  ↪ .

status

`metrics_port`

- The port through which Prometheus pulls metrics information.
- Default value: `8234`

profiles.default

`dt_enable_logical_split`

- Determines whether the segment of DeltaTree Storage Engine uses logical split. Using the logical split can reduce the write amplification. However, these are at the cost of disk space waste.
- It is strongly recommended to keep the default value `false` and not to change it to `true` in v6.2.0 and later versions. For details, see known issue #5576.
- Default value: `false`

`max_threads`

- `max_threads` indicates the internal thread concurrency when TiFlash executes an MPP task. When it is set to `0`, TiFlash uses the number of logical CPU cores as the execution concurrency.
- This parameter only takes effect when the system variable `tidb_max_tiflash_threads` is set to `-1`.
- Default value: `0`

`max_memory_usage`

- The memory usage limit for the generated intermediate data in a single query.
- When the value is an integer, the unit is byte. For example, `34359738368` means 32 GiB of memory limit.
- When the value is a floating-point number in the range of `[0.0, 1.0)`, it means the ratio of the allowed memory usage to the total memory of the node. For example, `0.8` means 80% of the total memory, and `0.0` means no limit.
- When a query attempts to consume memory that exceeds this limit, the query is terminated and an error is reported.
- Default value: `0`, which means no limit.

`max_memory_usage_for_all_queries`

- The memory usage limit for the generated intermediate data in all queries.
- When the value is an integer, the unit is byte. For example, `34359738368` means 32 GiB of memory limit, and `0` means no limit.
- Starting from v6.6.0, you can set the value to a floating-point number in the range of `[0.0, 1.0)`. This number represents the ratio of the allowed memory usage to the total node memory. For example, `0.8` means 80% of the total memory, and `0.0` means no limit.
- When the queries attempt to consume memory that exceeds this limit, the queries are terminated and an error is reported.
- Default value: `0.8`, which means 80% of the total memory. Before v6.6.0, the default value is `0`, which means no limit.

`cop_pool_size` New in v5.0

- Specifies the maximum number of cop requests that TiFlash Coprocessor executes at the same time. If the number of requests exceeds the specified value, the exceeded requests will queue. If the configuration value is set to `0` or not set, the default value is used, which is twice the number of physical cores.
- Default value: twice the number of physical cores

`cop_pool_handle_limit` New in v5.0

- Specifies the maximum number of cop requests that TiFlash Coprocessor handles at the same time, including the requests being executed and the requests waiting in the queue. If the number of requests exceeds the specified value, the error `TiFlash Server is Busy` is returned.
- `-1` indicates no limit; `0` indicates using the default value, which is `10 * cop_pool_size`.

`cop_pool_max_queued_seconds` New in v5.0

- Specifies the maximum time that a cop request can queue in TiFlash. If a cop request waits in the queue for a time longer than the value specified by this configuration, the error `TiFlash Server is Busy` is returned.
- A value less than or equal to `0` indicates no limit.
- Default value: `15`

`batch_cop_pool_size` New in v5.0

- Specifies the maximum number of batch requests that TiFlash Coprocessor executes at the same time. If the number of requests exceeds the specified value, the exceeded requests will queue. If the configuration value is set to `0` or not set, the default value is used, which is twice the number of physical cores.
- Default value: twice the number of physical cores

`manual_compact_pool_size` New in v6.1

- Specifies the number of requests that TiFlash can concurrently process when it receives `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` from TiDB.
- If the value is set to `0`, the default value `1` prevails.
- Default value: `1`

`enable_elastic_threadpool` New in v5.4.0

- Controls whether to enable the elastic thread pool feature, which significantly improves CPU utilization in high concurrency scenarios of TiFlash.

- Default value: `true`

`dt_compression_method`

- Compression algorithm of the TiFlash storage engine.
- Default value: `LZ4`
- Value options: `LZ4`, `zstd`, `LZ4HC`. The value is case-insensitive.

`dt_compression_level`

- Compression level of the TiFlash storage engine.
- It is recommended that you set this value to `1` if `dt_compression_method` is `LZ4`.
- It is recommended that you set this value to `-1` (smaller compression rate, but better read performance) or `1` if `dt_compression_method` is `zstd`.
- It is recommended that you set this value to `9` if `dt_compression_method` is `LZ4HC`.
- Default value: `1`

`dt_page_gc_threshold` New in v6.2.0

- Specifies the minimum ratio of valid data in a PageStorage data file. When the ratio of valid data in a PageStorage data file is less than the value of this configuration, GC is triggered to compact data in the file.
- Default value: `0.5`

`max_bytes_before_external_group_by` New in v7.0.0

- Specifies the maximum memory available for the Hash Aggregation operator with the `GROUP BY` key before a disk spill is triggered. When the memory usage exceeds the threshold, Hash Aggregation reduces memory usage by spilling to disk.
- Default value: `0`, which means that the memory usage is unlimited and spill to disk is never used for Hash Aggregation.

`max_bytes_before_external_sort` New in v7.0.0

- Specifies the maximum memory available for the sort or topN operator before a disk spill is triggered. When the memory usage exceeds the threshold, the sort or topN operator reduces memory usage by spilling to disk.
- Default value: `0`, which means that the memory usage is unlimited and spill to disk is never used for sort or topN.

`max_bytes_before_external_join` New in v7.0.0

- Specifies the maximum memory available for the Hash Join operator with equi-join conditions before a disk spill is triggered. When the memory usage exceeds the threshold, HashJoin reduces memory usage by spilling to disk.
- Default value: `0`, which means that the memory usage is unlimited and spill to disk is never used for Hash Join with equi-join conditions.

`enable_resource_control` New in v7.4.0

- Controls whether to enable the TiFlash resource control feature. When it is set to `true`, TiFlash uses the pipeline execution model.

`task_scheduler_thread_soft_limit` New in v6.0.0

- This item is used for the MinTSO scheduler. It specifies the maximum number of threads that one resource group can use. For more information, see TiFlash MinTSO Scheduler.
- Default value: `5000`

`task_scheduler_thread_hard_limit` New in v6.0.0

- This item is used for the MinTSO scheduler. It specifies the maximum number of threads in the global scope. For more information, see TiFlash MinTSO Scheduler.
- Default value: `10000`

`task_scheduler_active_set_soft_limit` New in v6.4.0

- This item is used for the MinTSO scheduler. It specifies the maximum number of queries that can run simultaneously in a TiFlash instance. For more information, see TiFlash MinTSO Scheduler.
- Default value: Before v7.4.0, the default value is `vcpu * 0.25`, which means a quarter of the number of vCPUs. Starting from v7.4.0, the default value is `vcpu * 2`, which means twice the number of vCPUs.

security New in v4.0.5

Configure security related settings.

`redact_info_log` New in v5.0

- Controls whether to enable log redaction.
- Default value: `false`
- Value options: `true`, `false`, `"on"`, `"off"`, and `"marker"`. The `"on"`, `"off"`, and `"marker"` options are introduced in v8.2.0.
- If the configuration item is set to `false` or `"off"`, log redaction is disabled.

- If the configuration item is set to `true` or `"on"`, all user data in the log is replaced by `?`.
- If the configuration item is set to `"marker"`, all user data in the log is wrapped in `‹ ›`. If user data contains `‹` or `›`, `‹` is escaped as `‹‹`, and `›` is escaped as `››`. Based on the marked logs, you can decide whether to desensitize the marked information when the logs are displayed.
- Note that you also need to set `security.redact-info-log` for tiflash-learner's logging in `tiflash-learner.toml`.

`ca_path`

- Path of the file that contains a list of trusted SSL CAs. If set, `cert_path` and `key_path` are also needed.

`cert_path`

- Path of the file that contains X509 certificate in PEM format.

`key_path`

- Path of the file that contains X509 key in PEM format.

14.8.3.2.2 Configure the `tiflash-learner.toml` file

The parameters in `tiflash-learner.toml` are basically the same as those in TiKV. You can refer to TiKV configuration for TiFlash Proxy configuration. The following are only commonly used parameters. Note that:

- Compared with TiKV, TiFlash Proxy has an extra `raftstore.snap-handle-pool-size` parameter.
- The `label` whose key is `engine` is reserved and cannot be configured manually.

log

`level` New in v5.4.0

- The log level of TiFlash Proxy.
- Default value: `"info"`
- Value options: `"trace"`, `"debug"`, `"info"`, `"warn"`, `"error"`

log.file

`max-backups` New in v5.4.0

- The maximum number of log files to save.
- If this parameter is not set or set to the default value `0`, TiFlash Proxy saves all log files.
- If this parameter is set to a non-zero value, TiFlash Proxy retains at most the number of old log files specified by `max-backups`. For example, if you set it to `7`, TiFlash Proxy retains at most 7 old log files.
- Default value: `0`

`max-days` New in v5.4.0

- The maximum number of days that the log files are retained.
- If this parameter is not set or set to the default value `0`, TiFlash Proxy retains all log files.
- If this parameter is set to a non-zero value, TiFlash Proxy cleans up outdated log files after the number of days specified by `max-days`.
- Default value: `0`

raftstore

`apply-pool-size`

- The allowable number of threads in the pool that flushes Raft data to storage.

`store-pool-size`

- The allowable number of threads that process Raft, which is the size of the Raftstore thread pool.

`snap-handle-pool-size` New in v4.0.0

- The number of threads that handle snapshots. If you set it to `0`, the multi-thread optimization is disabled.
- Default value: `2`

security

`redact-info-log` New in v5.0

- Controls whether to enable log redaction.
- Default value: `false`
- Value options: `true`, `false`, `"on"`, `"off"`, and `"marker"`. The `"on"`, `"off"`, and `"marker"` options are introduced in v8.3.0.
- If the configuration item is set to `false` or `"off"`, log redaction is disabled.

- If the configuration item is set to `true` or `"on"`, all user data in the log is replaced by `?`.
- If the configuration item is set to `"marker"`, all user data in the log is wrapped in `‹ ›`. If user data contains `‹` or `›`, `‹` is escaped as `‹‹`, and `›` is escaped as `››`. Based on the marked logs, you can decide whether to desensitize the marked information when the logs are displayed.

security.encryption

`data-encryption-method`

- The encryption method for data files. A value other than `"plaintext"` means that encryption is enabled, in which case the master key must be specified.
- Default value: `"plaintext"`, which means encryption is disabled by default.
- Value options: `"aes128-ctr"`, `"aes192-ctr"`, `"aes256-ctr"`, `"sm4-ctr"`, `"plaintext"`. `"sm4-ctr"` is introduced in v6.4.0.

`data-key-rotation-period`

- Specifies how often the data encryption key is rotated.
- Default value: `7d`

security.encryption.master-key

- Specifies the master key if encryption is enabled. To learn how to configure a master key, see Configure encryption.

security.encryption.previous-master-key

- Specifies the old master key when rotating the new master key. The configuration format is the same as that of `master-key`. To learn how to configure a master key, see Configure encryption.

14.8.3.2.3 Schedule replicas by topology labels

See Set available zones.

14.8.3.2.4 Multi-disk deployment

TiFlash supports multi-disk deployment. If there are multiple disks in your TiFlash node, you can make full use of those disks by configuring the parameters described in the following sections. For TiFlash's configuration template to be used for TiUP, see The complex template for the TiFlash topology.

Multi-disk deployment with TiDB version earlier than v4.0.9

For TiDB clusters earlier than v4.0.9, TiFlash only supports storing the main data of the storage engine on multiple disks. You can set up a TiFlash node on multiple disks by specifying the `path` (`data_dir` in TiUP) and `path_realtime_mode` configuration.

If there are multiple data storage directories in `path`, separate each with a comma. For example, `/nvme_ssd_a/data/tiflash,/sata_ssd_b/data/tiflash,/sata_ssd_c/data/tiflash`. If there are multiple disks in your environment, it is recommended that each directory corresponds to one disk and you put disks with the best performance at the front to maximize the performance of all disks.

If there are multiple disks with similar I/O metrics on your TiFlash node, you can leave the `path_realtime_mode` parameter to the default value (or you can explicitly set it to `false`). It means that data will be evenly distributed among all storage directories. However, the latest data is written only to the first directory, so the corresponding disk is busier than other disks.

If there are multiple disks with different I/O metrics on your TiFlash node, it is recommended to set `path_realtime_mode` to `true` and put disks with the best I/O metrics at the front of `path`. It means that the first directory only stores the latest data, and the older data are evenly distributed among the other directories. Note that in this case, the capacity of the first directory should be planned as 10% of the total capacity of all directories.

Multi-disk deployment with TiDB v4.0.9 or later

For TiDB clusters with v4.0.9 or later versions, TiFlash supports storing the main data and the latest data of the storage engine on multiple disks. If you want to deploy a TiFlash node on multiple disks, it is recommended to specify your storage directories in the `[storage]` section to make full use of your node. Note that the configurations earlier than v4.0.9 (`path` and `path_realtime_mode`) are still supported.

If there are multiple disks with similar I/O metrics on your TiFlash node, it is recommended to specify corresponding directories in the `storage.main.dir` list and leave `storage.latest.dir` empty. TiFlash will distribute I/O pressure and data among all directories.

If there are multiple disks with different I/O metrics on your TiFlash node, it is recommended to specify directories with higher metrics in the `storage.latest.dir` list, and specify directories with lower metrics in the `storage.main.dir` list. For example, for one NVMe-SSD and two SATA-SSDs, you can set `storage.latest.dir` to `["/nvme_ssd_a/data/tiflash"]` and `storage.main.dir` to `["/sata_ssd_b/data/tiflash", "/sata_ssd_c/data/tiflash"]`. TiFlash will distribute I/O pressure and data among these two directories list respectively. Note that in this case, the capacity of `storage.latest.dir` should be planned as 10% of the total planned capacity.

Warning:

The `[storage]` configuration is supported in TiUP since v1.2.5. If your TiDB cluster version is v4.0.9 or later, make sure that your TiUP version is v1.2.5 or later. Otherwise, the data directories defined in `[storage]` will not be managed by TiUP.

14.8.4 PD Configuration File

The PD configuration file supports more options than command-line parameters. You can find the default configuration file here.

This document only describes parameters that are not included in command-line parameters. Check here for the command line parameters.

Tip:

If you need to adjust the value of a configuration item, refer to Modify the configuration.

14.8.4.0.1 `name`

- The unique name of a PD node
- Default value: `"pd"`
- To start multiply PD nodes, use a unique name for each node.

14.8.4.0.2 `data-dir`

- The directory in which PD stores data
- Default value: `default.${name}"`

14.8.4.0.3 `client-urls`

- The list of client URLs to be listened to by PD
- Default value: `"http://127.0.0.1:2379"`
- When you deploy a cluster, you must specify the IP address of the current host as `client-urls` (for example, `"http://192.168.100.113:2379"`). If the cluster runs on Docker, specify the IP address of Docker as `"http://0.0.0.0:2379"`.

14.8.4.0.4 `advertise-client-urls`

- The list of advertise URLs for the client to access PD
- Default value: `"${client-urls}"`
- In some situations such as in the Docker or NAT network environment, if a client cannot access PD through the default client URLs listened to by PD, you must manually set the advertise client URLs.
- For example, the internal IP address of Docker is `172.17.0.1`, while the IP address of the host is `192.168.100.113` and the port mapping is set to `-p 2380:2380`. In this case, you can set `advertise-client-urls` to `"http://192.168.100.113:2380"`. The client can find this service through `"http://192.168.100.113:2380"`.

14.8.4.0.5 `peer-urls`

- The list of peer URLs to be listened to by a PD node
- Default value: `"http://127.0.0.1:2380"`
- When you deploy a cluster, you must specify `peer-urls` as the IP address of the current host, such as `"http://192.168.100.113:2380"`. If the cluster runs on Docker, specify the IP address of Docker as `"http://0.0.0.0:2380"`.

14.8.4.0.6 `advertise-peer-urls`

- The list of advertise URLs for other PD nodes (peers) to access a PD node
- Default: `"${peer-urls}"`
- In some situations such as in the Docker or NAT network environment, if the other nodes (peers) cannot access the PD node through the default peer URLs listened to by this PD node, you must manually set the advertise peer URLs.
- For example, the internal IP address of Docker is `172.17.0.1`, while the IP address of the host is `192.168.100.113` and the port mapping is set to `-p 2380:2380`. In this case, you can set `advertise-peer-urls` to `"http://192.168.100.113:2380"`. The other PD nodes can find this service through `"http://192.168.100.113:2380"`.

14.8.4.0.7 `initial-cluster`

- The initial cluster configuration for bootstrapping
- Default value: `"{name}=http://{advertise-peer-url}"`
- For example, if `name` is "pd", and `advertise-peer-urls` is `"http://192.168.100.113:2380"` ↪ , the `initial-cluster` is `"pd=http://192.168.100.113:2380"`.
- If you need to start three PD servers, the `initial-cluster` might be:

```
pd1=http://192.168.100.113:2380, pd2=http://192.168.100.114:2380, pd3
    ↪ =192.168.100.115:2380
```

14.8.4.0.8 `initial-cluster-state`

- The initial state of the cluster
- Default value: `"new"`

14.8.4.0.9 `initial-cluster-token`

- Identifies different clusters during the bootstrap phase
- Default value: `"pd-cluster"`
- If multiple clusters that have nodes with same configurations are deployed successively, you must specify different tokens to isolate different cluster nodes.

14.8.4.0.10 `lease`

- The timeout of the PD Leader Key lease. After the timeout, the system re-elects a Leader.
- Default value: Starting from v8.5.2, the default value is `5`. Before v8.5.2, the default value is `3`.
- Unit: second

14.8.4.0.11 `quota-backend-bytes`

- The storage size of the meta-information database, which is 8GiB by default
- Default value: `8589934592`

14.8.4.0.12 `auto-compaction-mod`

- The automatic compaction modes of the meta-information database
- Available options: `periodic` (by cycle) and `revision` (by version number).
- Default value: `periodic`

14.8.4.0.13 `auto-compaction-retention`

- The time interval for automatic compaction of the meta-information database when `auto-compaction-retention` is `periodic`. When the compaction mode is set to `revision`, this parameter indicates the version number for the automatic compaction.
- Default value: 1h

14.8.4.0.14 `tick-interval`

- Equivalent to the `heartbeat-interval` configuration item of etcd. It controls the Raft heartbeat interval between embedded etcd instances in different PD nodes. A smaller value accelerates failure detection but increases network load.
- Default value: `500ms`

14.8.4.0.15 `election-interval`

- Equivalent to the `election-timeout` configuration item of etcd. It controls the election timeout for embedded etcd instances in PD nodes. If an etcd instance does not receive a valid heartbeat from other etcd instances within this period, it initiates a Raft election.
- Default value: `3000ms`
- This value must be at least five times the `tick-interval`. For example, if `tick-interval` is `500ms`, `election-interval` must be greater than or equal to `2500ms`.

14.8.4.0.16 `enable-prevote`

- Equivalent to the `pre-vote` configuration item of etcd. It controls whether the embedded etcd in the PD node enables Raft pre-vote. When enabled, etcd performs an additional election phase to check whether enough votes can be obtained to win the election, minimizing service disruption.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.4.0.17 `force-new-cluster`

- Determines whether to force PD to start as a new cluster and modify the number of Raft members to `1`
- Default value: `false`

14.8.4.0.18 `tso-update-physical-interval`

- The interval at which PD updates the physical time of TSO.
- In a default update interval of TSO physical time, PD provides at most 262144 TSOs. To get more TSOs, you can reduce the value of this configuration item. The minimum value is `1ms`.
- Decreasing this configuration item might increase the CPU usage of PD. According to the test, compared with the interval of `50ms`, the CPU usage of PD will increase by about 10% when the interval is `1ms`.
- Default value: `50ms`
- Minimum value: `1ms`

14.8.4.1 pd-server

Configuration items related to pd-server

14.8.4.1.1 `server-memory-limit` New in v6.6.0

Warning:

This configuration is an experimental feature. It is not recommended to use it in production environments.

- The memory limit ratio for a PD instance. The value `0` means no memory limit.
- Default value: `0`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Maximum value: `0.99`

14.8.4.1.2 `server-memory-limit-gc-trigger` New in v6.6.0

Warning:

This configuration is an experimental feature. It is not recommended to use it in production environments.

- The threshold ratio at which PD tries to trigger GC. When the memory usage of PD reaches the value of `server-memory-limit` * the value of `server-memory-limit-gc-trigger`, PD triggers a Golang GC. Only one GC is triggered in one minute.
- Default value: `0.7`
- Minimum value: `0.5`
- Maximum value: `0.99`

14.8.4.1.3 `enable-gogc-tuner` New in v6.6.0

Warning:

This configuration is an experimental feature. It is not recommended to use it in production environments.

- Controls whether to enable the GOGC Tuner.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.4.1.4 `gc-tuner-threshold` New in v6.6.0

> **Warning:**
>
> This configuration is an experimental feature. It is not recommended to use it in production environments.

- The maximum memory threshold ratio for tuning GOGC. When the memory exceeds this threshold, i.e. the value of `server-memory-limit` * the value of `gc-tuner-threshold`, GOGC Tuner stops working.
- Default value: `0.6`
- Minimum value: `0`
- Maximum value: `0.9`

14.8.4.1.5 `flow-round-by-digit` New in TiDB 5.1

- Default value: 3
- PD rounds the lowest digits of the flow number, which reduces the update of statistics caused by the changes of the Region flow information. This configuration item is used to specify the number of lowest digits to round for the Region flow information. For example, the flow `100512` will be rounded to `101000` because the default value is `3`. This configuration replaces `trace-region-flow`.

> **Note:**
>
> If you have upgraded your cluster from a TiDB 4.0 version to the current version, the behavior of `flow-round-by-digit` after the upgrading and the behavior of `trace-region-flow` before the upgrading are consistent by default. This means that if the value of `trace-region-flow` is false before the upgrading, the value of `flow-round-by-digit` after the upgrading is 127; if the value of `trace-region-flow` is `true` before the upgrading, the value of `flow-round-by-digit` after the upgrading is `3`.

14.8.4.1.6 `min-resolved-ts-persistence-interval` New in v6.0.0

- Determines the interval at which the minimum resolved timestamp is persistent to the PD. If this value is set to `0`, it means that the persistence is disabled.

- Default value: Before v6.3.0, the default value is `"0s"`. Starting from v6.3.0, the default value is `"1s"`, which is the smallest positive value.
- Minimum value: `0`
- Unit: second

> **Note:**
>
> For clusters upgraded from v6.0.0~v6.2.0, the default value of `min-resolved-ts-persistence-interval` does not change after the upgrade, which means that it will remain `"0s"`. To enable this feature, you need to manually change the value of this configuration item.

14.8.4.2 security

Configuration items related to security

14.8.4.2.1 cacert-path

- The path of the CA file
- Default value: ""

14.8.4.2.2 cert-path

- The path of the Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) file that contains the X509 certificate
- Default value: ""

14.8.4.2.3 key-path

- The path of the PEM file that contains the X509 key
- Default value: ""

14.8.4.2.4 redact-info-log New in v5.0

- Controls whether to enable log redaction in the PD log
- Optional value: `false`, `true`, `"marker"`
- Default value: `false`
- For details on how to use it, see Log redaction in PD side.

14.8.4.3 log

Configuration items related to log

14.8.4.3.1 `level`

- Specifies the level of the output log
- Optional value: `"debug"`, `"info"`, `"warn"`, `"error"`, `"fatal"`
- Default value: `"info"`

14.8.4.3.2 `format`

- The log format
- Optional value: `"text"`, `"json"`
- Default value: `"text"`

14.8.4.3.3 `disable-timestamp`

- Whether to disable the automatically generated timestamp in the log
- Default value: `false`

14.8.4.4 `log.file`

Configuration items related to the log file

14.8.4.4.1 `max-size`

- The maximum size of a single log file. When this value is exceeded, the system automatically splits the log into several files.
- Default value: `300`
- Unit: MiB
- Minimum value: `1`

14.8.4.4.2 `max-days`

- The maximum number of days in which a log is kept
- If the configuration item is not set, or the value of it is set to the default value 0, PD does not clean log files.
- Default value: `0`

14.8.4.4.3 `max-backups`

- The maximum number of log files to keep
- If the configuration item is not set, or the value of it is set to the default value 0, PD keeps all log files.
- Default value: `0`

14.8.4.5 `metric`

Configuration items related to monitoring

14.8.4.5.1 `interval`

- The interval at which monitoring metric data is pushed to Prometheus
- Default value: `15s`

14.8.4.6 `schedule`

Configuration items related to scheduling

> **Note:**
>
> To modify these PD configuration items related to `schedule`, choose one of the following methods based on your cluster status:
>
> - For clusters to be newly deployed, you can modify the PD configuration file directly.
> - For existing clusters, use the command-line tool PD Control to make changes instead. Direct modifications to these PD configuration items related to `schedule` in the configuration file do not take effect on existing clusters.

14.8.4.6.1 `max-merge-region-size`

- Controls the size limit of `Region Merge`. When the Region size is greater than the specified value, PD does not merge the Region with the adjacent Regions.
- Default value: `54`. Before v8.4.0, the default value is `20`. Starting from v8.4.0, the default value is `54`.
- Unit: MiB

14.8.4.6.2 `max-merge-region-keys`

- Specifies the upper limit of the `Region Merge` key. When the Region key is greater than the specified value, the PD does not merge the Region with its adjacent Regions.
- Default value: `540000`. Before v8.4.0, the default value is `200000`. Starting from v8.4.0, the default value is `540000`.

14.8.4.6.3 `patrol-region-interval`

- Controls the running frequency at which the checker inspects the health state of a Region. The smaller this value is, the faster the checker runs. Normally, you do not need to adjust this configuration.
- Default value: `10ms`

14.8.4.6.4 `patrol-region-worker-count` New in v8.5.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Setting this configuration item to a value greater than 1 enables concurrent checks. This is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

- Controls the number of concurrent operators created by the checker when inspecting the health state of a Region. Normally, you do not need to adjust this configuration.
- Default value: `1`

14.8.4.6.5 `split-merge-interval`

- Controls the time interval between the `split` and `merge` operations on the same Region. That means a newly split Region will not be merged for a while.
- Default value: `1h`

14.8.4.6.6 `max-movable-hot-peer-size` New in v6.1.0

- Controls the maximum Region size that can be scheduled for hot Region scheduling.
- Default value: `512`
- Unit: MiB

14.8.4.6.7 `max-snapshot-count`

- Controls the maximum number of snapshots that a single store receives or sends at the same time. PD schedulers depend on this configuration to prevent the resources used for normal traffic from being preempted.
- Default value value: `64`

14.8.4.6.8 `max-pending-peer-count`

- Controls the maximum number of pending peers in a single store. PD schedulers depend on this configuration to prevent too many Regions with outdated logs from being generated on some nodes.
- Default value: `64`

14.8.4.6.9 `max-store-down-time`

- The downtime after which PD judges that the disconnected store cannot be recovered. When PD fails to receive the heartbeat from a store after the specified period of time, it adds replicas at other nodes.
- Default value: `30m`

14.8.4.6.10 `max-store-preparing-time` New in v6.1.0

- Controls the maximum waiting time for the store to go online. During the online stage of a store, PD can query the online progress of the store. When the specified time is exceeded, PD assumes that the store has been online and cannot query the online progress of the store again. But this does not prevent Regions from transferring to the new online store. In most scenarios, you do not need to adjust this parameter.
- Default value: `48h`

14.8.4.6.11 `leader-schedule-limit`

- The number of Leader scheduling tasks performed at the same time
- Default value: `4`

14.8.4.6.12 `region-schedule-limit`

- The number of Region scheduling tasks performed at the same time
- Default value: `2048`

14.8.4.6.13 `enable-diagnostic` New in v6.3.0

- Controls whether to enable the diagnostic feature. When it is enabled, PD records the state during scheduling to help diagnose. If enabled, it might slightly affect the scheduling speed and consume more memory when there are many stores.
- Default value: Starting from v7.1.0, the default value is changed from `false` to `true`. If your cluster is upgraded from a version earlier than v7.1.0 to v7.1.0 or later, the default value does not change.

14.8.4.6.14 `hot-region-schedule-limit`

- Controls the hot Region scheduling tasks that are running at the same time. It is independent of the Region scheduling.
- Default value: `4`

14.8.4.6.15 `hot-region-cache-hits-threshold`

- The threshold used to set the number of minutes required to identify a hot Region. PD can participate in the hotspot scheduling only after the Region is in the hotspot state for more than this number of minutes.
- Default value: `3`

14.8.4.6.16 `replica-schedule-limit`

- The number of Replica scheduling tasks performed at the same time
- Default value: `64`

14.8.4.6.17 `merge-schedule-limit`

- The number of the `Region Merge` scheduling tasks performed at the same time. Set this parameter to `0` to disable `Region Merge`.
- Default value: `8`

14.8.4.6.18 `high-space-ratio`

- The threshold ratio below which the capacity of the store is sufficient. If the space occupancy ratio of the store is smaller than this threshold value, PD ignores the remaining space of the store when performing scheduling, and balances load mainly based on the Region size. This configuration takes effect only when `region-score-formula-version` is set to `v1`.
- Default value: `0.7`
- Minimum value: greater than `0`
- Maximum value: less than `1`

14.8.4.6.19 `low-space-ratio`

- The threshold ratio above which the capacity of the store is insufficient. If the space occupancy ratio of a store exceeds this threshold value, PD avoids migrating data to this store as much as possible. Meanwhile, to avoid the disk space of the corresponding store being exhausted, PD performs scheduling mainly based on the remaining space of the store.
- Default value: `0.8`
- Minimum value: greater than `0`
- Maximum value: less than `1`

14.8.4.6.20 `tolerant-size-ratio`

- Controls the `balance` buffer size
- Default value: `0` (automatically adjusts the buffer size)
- Minimum value: `0`

14.8.4.6.21 `enable-cross-table-merge`

- Determines whether to enable the merging of cross-table Regions
- Default value: `true`

14.8.4.6.22 `region-score-formula-version` New in v5.0

- Controls the version of the Region score formula
- Default value: `v2`
- Optional values: `v1` and `v2`. Compared to v1, the changes in v2 are smoother, and the scheduling jitter caused by space reclaim is improved.

> **Note:**
>
> If you have upgraded your cluster from a TiDB 4.0 version to the current version, the new formula version is automatically disabled by default to ensure consistent PD behavior before and after the upgrading. If you want to change the formula version, you need to manually switch through the `pd-ctl` setting. For details, refer to PD Control.

14.8.4.6.23 `store-limit-version` New in v7.1.0

- Controls the version of the store limit formula
- Default value: `v1`
- Value options:
  - `v1`: In v1 mode, you can manually modify the `store limit` to limit the scheduling speed of a single TiKV.
  - `v2`: In v2 mode, you do not need to manually set the `store limit` value, as PD dynamically adjusts it based on the capability of TiKV snapshots. For more details, refer to Principles of store limit v2.

14.8.4.6.24 `enable-joint-consensus` New in v5.0

- Controls whether to use Joint Consensus for replica scheduling. If this configuration is disabled, PD schedules one replica at a time.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.4.6.25 `hot-regions-write-interval` New in v5.4.0

- The time interval at which PD stores hot Region information.
- Default value: `10m`

> **Note:**
>
> The information about hot Regions is updated every three minutes. If the interval is set to less than three minutes, updates during the interval might be meaningless.

14.8.4.6.26 `hot-regions-reserved-days` New in v5.4.0

- Specifies how many days the hot Region information is retained.
- Default value: `7`

14.8.4.6.27 `enable-heartbeat-breakdown-metrics` New in v8.0.0

- Controls whether to enable breakdown metrics for Region heartbeats. These metrics measure the time consumed in each stage of Region heartbeat processing, facilitating analysis through monitoring.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.4.6.28 `enable-heartbeat-concurrent-runner` New in v8.0.0

- Controls whether to enable asynchronous concurrent processing for Region heartbeats. When enabled, an independent executor handles Region heartbeat requests asynchronously and concurrently, which can improve heartbeat processing throughput and reduce latency.
- Default value: `true`

14.8.4.7 `replication`

Configuration items related to replicas

14.8.4.7.1 `max-replicas`

- The number of replicas, that is, the sum of the number of leaders and followers. The default value `3` means 1 leader and 2 followers. When this configuration is modified dynamically, PD will schedule Regions in the background so that the number of replicas matches this configuration.
- Default value: `3`

14.8.4.7.2 `location-labels`

- The topology information of a TiKV cluster
- Default value: `[]`
- Cluster topology configuration

14.8.4.7.3 `isolation-level`

- The minimum topological isolation level of a TiKV cluster
- Default value: `""`
- Cluster topology configuration

14.8.4.7.4 `strictly-match-label`

- Enables the strict check for whether the TiKV label matches PD's `location-labels`.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.4.7.5 `enable-placement-rules`

- Enables `placement-rules`.
- Default value: `true`
- See Placement Rules.

14.8.4.8 `label-property` (deprecated)

Configuration items related to labels, which only support the `reject-leader` type.

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v5.2, the configuration items related to labels are deprecated. It is recommended to use Placement Rules to configure the replica policy.

14.8.4.8.1 `key` (deprecated)

- The label key for the store that rejected the Leader
- Default value: `""`

14.8.4.8.2 `value` (deprecated)

- The label value for the store that rejected the Leader
- Default value: `""`

14.8.4.9 `dashboard`

Configuration items related to the TiDB Dashboard built in PD.

14.8.4.9.1 `disable-custom-prom-addr`

- Whether to disable configuring a custom Prometheus data source address in TiDB Dashboard.
- Default value: `false`
- When it is set to `true`, if you configure a custom Prometheus data source address in TiDB Dashboard, TiDB Dashboard reports an error.

14.8.4.9.2 `tidb-cacert-path`

- The path of the root CA certificate file. You can configure this path when you connect to TiDB's SQL services using TLS.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.4.9.3 `tidb-cert-path`

- The path of the SSL certificate file. You can configure this path when you connect to TiDB's SQL services using TLS.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.4.9.4 `tidb-key-path`

- The path of the SSL private key file. You can configure this path when you connect to TiDB's SQL services using TLS.
- Default value: `""`

14.8.4.9.5 `public-path-prefix`

- When TiDB Dashboard is accessed behind a reverse proxy, this item sets the public URL path prefix for all web resources.
- Default value: `/dashboard`
- Do **not** modify this configuration item when TiDB Dashboard is accessed not behind a reverse proxy; otherwise, access issues might occur. See Use TiDB Dashboard behind a Reverse Proxy for details.

14.8.4.9.6 `enable-telemetry`

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v8.1.0, the telemetry feature in TiDB Dashboard is removed, and this configuration item is no longer functional. It is retained solely for compatibility with earlier versions.

- Before v8.1.0, this configuration item controls whether to enable telemetry collection in TiDB Dashboard.
- Default value: `false`

14.8.4.10 `replication-mode`

Configuration items related to the replication mode of all Regions. See Enable the DR Auto-Sync mode for details.

14.8.4.11 controller

This section describes the configuration items that are built into PD for Resource Control.

14.8.4.11.1 `degraded-mode-wait-duration`

- Time to wait to trigger the degradation mode. Degradation mode means that when the Local Token Bucket (LTB) and Global Token Bucket (GTB) are lost, the LTB falls back to the default resource group configuration and no longer has a GTB authorization token, thus ensuring that the service is not affected in the event of network isolation or anomalies.
- Default value: 0s
- The degradation mode is disabled by default.

14.8.4.11.2 `request-unit`

The following are the configuration items about the Request Unit (RU).

`read-base-cost`

- Basis factor for conversion from a read request to RU
- Default value: 0.125

`write-base-cost`

- Basis factor for conversion from a write request to RU
- Default value: 1

`read-cost-per-byte`

- Basis factor for conversion from read flow to RU
- Default value: 1/(64 * 1024)
- 1 RU = 64 KiB read bytes

`write-cost-per-byte`

- Basis factor for conversion from write flow to RU
- Default value: 1/1024
- 1 RU = 1 KiB write bytes

`read-cpu-ms-cost`

- Basis factor for conversion from CPU to RU
- Default value: 1/3
- 1 RU = 3 millisecond CPU time

14.9 CLI

14.9.1 TiKV Control User Guide

TiKV Control (`tikv-ctl`) is a command line tool of TiKV, used to manage the cluster. Its installation directory is as follows:

- If the cluster is deployed using TiUP, `tikv-ctl` directory is in the in `~/.tiup/components/ctl/{VERSION}/` directory.

14.9.1.1 Use TiKV Control in TiUP

Note:

It is recommended that the version of the Control tool you use is consistent with the version of the cluster.

`tikv-ctl` is also integrated in the `tiup` command. Execute the following command to call the `tikv-ctl` tool:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> tikv
```

```
Starting component `ctl`: /home/tidb/.tiup/components/ctl/v4.0.8/ctl tikv
TiKV Control (tikv-ctl)
Release Version: 4.0.8
Edition:         Community
Git Commit Hash: 83091173e960e5a0f5f417e921a0801d2f6635ae
Git Commit Branch: heads/refs/tags/v4.0.8
UTC Build Time:  2020-10-30 08:40:33
Rust Version:    rustc 1.42.0-nightly (0de96d37f 2019-12-19)
Enable Features: jemalloc mem-profiling portable sse protobuf-codec
Profile:         dist_release

A tool for interacting with TiKV deployments.
USAGE:
    TiKV Control (tikv-ctl) [FLAGS] [OPTIONS] [SUBCOMMAND]
FLAGS:
    -h, --help                Prints help information
        --skip-paranoid-checks Skip paranoid checks when open rocksdb
    -V, --version             Prints version information
OPTIONS:
        --ca-path <ca-path>          Set the CA certificate path
        --cert-path <cert-path>      Set the certificate path
        --config <config>            TiKV config path, by default it's <
            ↪ deploy-dir>/conf/tikv.toml
        --data-dir <data-dir>        TiKV data directory path, check <deploy-
            ↪ dir>/scripts/run.sh to get it
        --decode <decode>            Decode a key in escaped format
        --encode <encode>            Encode a key in escaped format
        --to-hex <escaped-to-hex>    Convert an escaped key to hex key
        --to-escaped <hex-to-escaped> Convert a hex key to escaped key
        --host <host>                Set the remote host
        --key-path <key-path>        Set the private key path
        --log-level <log-level>      Set the log level [default: warn]
```

```
        --pd <pd>                    Set the address of pd
SUBCOMMANDS:
    bad-regions         Get all regions with corrupt raft
    cluster             Print the cluster id
    compact             Compact a column family in a specified range
    compact-cluster     Compact the whole cluster in a specified range in one
        ↪  or more column families
    consistency-check   Force a consistency-check for a specified region
    decrypt-file        Decrypt an encrypted file
    diff                Calculate difference of region keys from different
        ↪ dbs
    dump-snap-meta      Dump snapshot meta file
    encryption-meta     Dump encryption metadata
    fail                Inject failures to TiKV and recovery
    help                Prints this message or the help of the given
        ↪ subcommand(s)
    metrics             Print the metrics
    modify-tikv-config Modify tikv config, eg. tikv-ctl --host ip:port
        ↪ modify-tikv-config -n
                        rocksdb.defaultcf.disable-auto-compactions -v true
    mvcc                Print the mvcc value
    print               Print the raw value
    raft                Print a raft log entry
    raw-scan            Print all raw keys in the range
    recover-mvcc        Recover mvcc data on one node by deleting corrupted
        ↪ keys
    recreate-region     Recreate a region with given metadata, but alloc new
        ↪ id for it
    region-properties   Show region properties
    scan                Print the range db range
    size                Print region size
    split-region        Split the region
    store               Print the store id
    tombstone           Set some regions on the node to tombstone by manual
    unsafe-recover      Unsafely recover the cluster when the majority
        ↪ replicas are failed
```

You can add corresponding parameters and subcommands after `tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> tikv`.

14.9.1.2 General options

`tikv-ctl` provides two operation modes:

- Remote mode: use the `--host` option to accept the service address of TiKV as the

argument

For this mode, if SSL is enabled in TiKV, `tikv-ctl` also needs to specify the related certificate file. For example:

```
tikv-ctl --ca-path ca.pem --cert-path client.pem --key-path client-key.
    ↪ pem --host 127.0.0.1:20160 <subcommands>
```

However, sometimes `tikv-ctl` communicates with PD instead of TiKV. In this case, you need to use the `--pd` option instead of `--host`. Here is an example:

```
tikv-ctl --pd 127.0.0.1:2379 compact-cluster
```

```
store:"127.0.0.1:20160" compact db:KV cf:default range:([], []) success
    ↪ !
```

- Local mode:
    - Use the `--data-dir` option to specify the local TiKV data directory path.
    - Use the `--config` option to specify the local TiKV configuration file path.

In this mode, you need to stop the running TiKV instance.

Unless otherwise noted, all commands support both the remote mode and the local mode.

Additionally, `tikv-ctl` has two simple commands `--to-hex` and `--to-escaped`, which are used to make simple changes to the form of the key.

Generally, use the `escaped` form of the key. For example:

```
tikv-ctl --to-escaped 0xaaff
\252\377
tikv-ctl --to-hex "\252\377"
AAFF
```

> **Note:**
>
> When you specify the `escaped` form of the key in a command line, it is required to enclose it in double quotes. Otherwise, bash eats the backslash and a wrong result is returned.

14.9.1.3 Subcommands, some options and flags

This section describes the subcommands that `tikv-ctl` supports in detail. Some subcommands support a lot of options. For all details, run `tikv-ctl --help <subcommand>`.

14.9.1.3.1 View information of the Raft state machine

Use the `raft` subcommand to view the status of the Raft state machine at a specific moment. The status information includes two parts: three structs (**RegionLocalState**, **RaftLocalState**, and **RegionApplyState**) and the corresponding Entries of a certain piece of log.

Use the `region` and `log` subcommands to obtain the above information respectively. The two subcommands both support the remote mode and the local mode at the same time.

For the `region` subcommand:

- To specify the Regions to be viewed, use the `-r` option. Multiple Regions are separated by `,`. You can also use the `--all-regions` option to view all Regions. Note that `-r` and `--all-regions` cannot be used at the same time.
- To limit the number of Regions to be printed, use the `--limit` option (default: `16`).
- To query which Regions are included in a certain key range, use the `--start` and `--end` options (default: no range limit, in Hex format).

For example, to print the Region with the ID `1239`, use the following command:

```
tikv-ctl --host 127.0.0.1:20160 raft region -r 1239
```

The output is as follows:

```
"region id": 1239
"region state": {
    id: 1239,
    start_key: 7480000000000000FF4E5F728000000000FF1443770000000000FA,
    end_key: 7480000000000000FF4E5F728000000000FF21C4420000000000FA,
    region_epoch: {conf_ver: 1 version: 43},
    peers: [ {id: 1240 store_id: 1 role: Voter} ]
}
"raft state": {
    hard_state {term: 8 vote: 5 commit: 7}
    last_index: 8)
}
"apply state": {
    applied_index: 8 commit_index: 8 commit_term: 8
    truncated_state {index: 5 term: 5}
}
```

To query which Regions are included in a certain key range, use the following command:

- If the key range is in a Region range, the Region information is output.

- If the key range is the same as a Region range, for example, when the given key range is the same as the Region `1239`, because the Region range is a left-closed and right-open interval, and Region `1009` takes the `end_key` of Region `1239` as the `start_key`, the Region `1009` information is also output.

```
tikv-ctl --host 127.0.0.1:20160 raft region --start 7480000000000000
    ↪ FF4E5F728000000000FF1443770000000000FA --end 7480000000000000
    ↪ FF4E5F728000000000FF21C4420000000000FA
```

The output is as follows:

```
"region state": {
    id: 1009
    start_key: 7480000000000000FF4E5F728000000000FF21C4420000000000FA,
    end_key: 7480000000000000FF5000000000000000F8,
    ...
}
"region state": {
    id: 1239
    start_key: 7480000000000000FF4E5F728000000000FF06C6D60000000000FA,
    end_key: 7480000000000000FF4E5F728000000000FF1443770000000000FA,
    ...
}
```

14.9.1.3.2 View the Region size

Use the `size` command to view the Region size:

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /path/to/tikv size -r 2
```

The output is as follows:

```
region id: 2
cf default region size: 799.703 MB
cf write region size: 41.250 MB
cf lock region size: 27616
```

14.9.1.3.3 Scan to view MVCC of a specific range

The `--from` and `--to` options of the `scan` command accept two escaped forms of raw key, and use the `--show-cf` flag to specify the column families that you need to view.

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /path/to/tikv scan --from 'zm' --limit 2 --show-cf lock,
    ↪ default,write
```

```
key: zmBootstr\377a\377pKey
    ↪ \000\000\377\000\000\373\000\000\000\000\000\377\000\000s
    ↪ \000\000\000\000\000\372
        write cf value: start_ts: 399650102814441473 commit_ts:
            ↪ 399650102814441475 short_value: "20"
key: zmDB:29\000\000\377\000\374\000\000\000\000\000\000\377\000H
    ↪ \000\000\000\000\000\000\371
        write cf value: start_ts: 399650105239273474 commit_ts:
            ↪ 399650105239273475 short_value:
            ↪ "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000\002"
        write cf value: start_ts: 399650105199951882 commit_ts:
            ↪ 399650105213059076 short_value:
            ↪ "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000\001"
```

14.9.1.3.4 View MVCC of a given key

Similar to the `scan` command, the `mvcc` command can be used to view MVCC of a given key.

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /path/to/tikv mvcc -k "zmDB
    ↪ :29\000\000\377\000\374\000\000\000\000\000\000\377\000H
    ↪ \000\000\000\000\000\000\371" --show-cf=lock,write,default
```

```
key: zmDB:29\000\000\377\000\374\000\000\000\000\000\000\377\000H
    ↪ \000\000\000\000\000\000\371
        write cf value: start_ts: 399650105239273474 commit_ts:
            ↪ 399650105239273475 short_value:
            ↪ "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000\002"
        write cf value: start_ts: 399650105199951882 commit_ts:
            ↪ 399650105213059076 short_value:
            ↪ "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000\001"
```

In this command, the key is also the escaped form of raw key.

14.9.1.3.5 Scan raw keys

The `raw-scan` command scans directly from the RocksDB. Note that to scan data keys you need to add a `'z'` prefix to keys.

Use `--from` and `--to` options to specify the range to scan (unbounded by default). Use `--limit` to limit at most how many keys to print out (30 by default). Use `--cf` to specify which cf to scan (can be `default`, `write` or `lock`).

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /var/lib/tikv raw-scan --from 'zt' --limit 2 --cf
    ↪ default
```

```
key: "zt\200\000\000\000\000\000\000\377\005_r
    ↪ \200\000\000\000\000\377\000\000\001\000\000\000\000\000\372\372b2
    ↪ ,^\033\377\364", value: "\010\002\002\002%\010\004\002\010root
    ↪ \010\006\002\000\010\010\t\002\010\n\t\002\010\014\t\002\010\016\t
    ↪ \002\010\020\t\002\010\022\t\002\010\024\t\002\010\026\t\002\010\030\
    ↪ t\002\010\032\t\002\010\034\t\002\010\036\t\002\010 \t\002\010\"\t
    ↪ \002\010s\t\002\010&\t\002\010(\t\002\010*\t\002\010,\t\002\010.\t
    ↪ \002\0100\t\002\0102\t\002\0104\t\002"
key: "zt\200\000\000\000\000\000\000\377\025_r
    ↪ \200\000\000\000\000\377\000\000\023\000\000\000\000\000\372\372b2
    ↪ ,^\033\377\364", value: "\010\002\002&slow_query_log_file\010\004\002
    ↪ P/usr/local/mysql/data/localhost-slow.log"

Total scanned keys: 2
```

14.9.1.3.6 Print a specific key value

To print the value of a key, use the `print` command.

14.9.1.3.7 Print some properties about Region

In order to record Region state details, TiKV writes some statistics into the SST files of Regions. To view these properties, run `tikv-ctl` with the `region-properties` sub-command:

```
tikv-ctl --host localhost:20160 region-properties -r 2
```

```
num_files: 0
num_entries: 0
num_deletes: 0
mvcc.min_ts: 18446744073709551615
mvcc.max_ts: 0
mvcc.num_rows: 0
mvcc.num_puts: 0
mvcc.num_versions: 0
mvcc.max_row_versions: 0
middle_key_by_approximate_size:
```

The properties can be used to check whether the Region is healthy or not. If not, you can use them to fix the Region. For example, splitting the Region manually by `middle_key_approximate_size`.

14.9.1.3.8 Compact data of each TiKV manually

Use the `compact` command to manually compact data of each TiKV.

- Use the `--from` and `--to` options to specify the compaction range in the form of escaped raw key. If not set, the whole range will be compacted.
- Use the `--region` option to compact the range of a specific region. If set, `--from` and `--to` will be ignored.
- Use the `-c` option to specify the column family name. The default value is `default`. The optional values are `default`, `lock`, and `write`.
- Use the `-d` option to specify the RocksDB that performs compaction. The default value is `kv`. The optional values are `kv` and `raft`.
- Use the `--threads` option allows you to specify the concurrency for the TiKV compaction and its default value is `8`. Generally, a higher concurrency comes with a faster compaction speed, which might yet affect the service. You need to choose an appropriate concurrency count based on your scenario.
- Use the `--bottommost` option to include or exclude the bottommost files when TiKV performs compaction. The value options are `default`, `skip`, and `force`. The default value is `default`.
    - `default` means that the bottommost files are included only when the Compaction Filter feature is enabled.
    - `skip` means that the bottommost files are excluded when TiKV performs compaction.
    - `force` means that the bottommost files are always included when TiKV performs compaction.
- To compact data in the local mode, use the following command:

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /path/to/tikv compact -d kv
```

- To compact data in the remote mode, use the following command:

```
tikv-ctl --host ip:port compact -d kv
```

14.9.1.3.9 Compact data of the whole TiKV cluster manually

Use the `compact-cluster` command to manually compact data of the whole TiKV cluster. The flags of this command have the same meanings and usage as those of the `compact` command. The only difference is as follows:

- For the `compact-cluster` command, use `--pd` to specify the address of the PD, so that `tikv-ctl` can locate all TiKV nodes in the cluster as the compact target.
- For the `compact` command, use `--data-dir` or `--host` to specify a single TiKV as the compact target.

14.9.1.3.10 Set a Region to tombstone

The `tombstone` command is usually used in circumstances where some data written in the Raft state machine is lost caused by power down.

In a TiKV instance, you can use this command to set the status of some Regions to tombstone. Then when you restart the instance, those Regions are skipped to avoid the restart failure caused by damaged Raft state machines of those Regions. Those Regions need to have enough healthy replicas in other TiKV instances to be able to continue the reads and writes through the Raft mechanism.

In general cases, you can remove the corresponding Peer of this Region using the `remove -peer` command:

```
pd-ctl operator add remove-peer <region_id> <store_id>
```

Then use the `tikv-ctl` tool to set a Region to tombstone on the corresponding TiKV instance to skip the health check for this Region at startup:

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /path/to/tikv tombstone -p 127.0.0.1:2379 -r <region_id>
```

```
success!
```

However, in some cases, you cannot easily remove this Peer of this Region from PD, so you can specify the `--force` option in `tikv-ctl` to forcibly set the Peer to tombstone:

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /path/to/tikv tombstone -p 127.0.0.1:2379 -r <region_id
    ↪ >,<region_id> --force
```

```
success!
```

Note:

- The `tombstone` command only supports the local mode.
- The argument of the `-p` option specifies the PD endpoints without the `http` prefix. Specifying the PD endpoints is to query whether PD can safely switch to Tombstone.

14.9.1.3.11 Send a `consistency-check` request to TiKV

Use the `consistency-check` command to execute a consistency check among replicas in the corresponding Raft of a specific Region. If the check fails, TiKV itself panics. If the TiKV instance specified by `--host` is not the Region leader, an error is reported.

```
tikv-ctl --host 127.0.0.1:20160 consistency-check -r 2
success!
tikv-ctl --host 127.0.0.1:20161 consistency-check -r 2
DebugClient::check_region_consistency: RpcFailure(RpcStatus { status:
    ↪ Unknown, details: Some("StringError(\"Leader is on store 1\")") })
```

Note:

- It is **NOT** recommended to use the `consistency-check` command, because it is incompatible with the garbage collection in TiDB and might mistakenly report an error.
- This command only supports the remote mode.
- Even if this command returns `success!`, you need to check whether TiKV panics. This is because this command is only a proposal that requests a consistency check for the leader, and you cannot know from the client whether the whole check process is successful or not.

14.9.1.3.12 Dump snapshot meta

This sub-command is used to parse a snapshot meta file at given path and print the result.

14.9.1.3.13 Print the Regions where the Raft state machine corrupts

To avoid checking the Regions while TiKV is started, you can use the `tombstone` command to set the Regions where the Raft state machine reports an error to Tombstone. Before running this command, use the `bad-regions` command to find out the Regions with errors, so as to combine multiple tools for automated processing.

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /path/to/tikv bad-regions
```

```
all regions are healthy
```

If the command is successfully executed, it prints the above information. If the command fails, it prints the list of bad Regions. Currently, the errors that can be detected include the mismatches between `last index`, `commit index` and `apply index`, and the loss of Raft log. Other conditions like the damage of snapshot files still need further support.

14.9.1.3.14 View Region properties

- To view in local the properties of Region 2 on the TiKV instance that is deployed in `/path/to/tikv`:

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /path/to/tikv/data region-properties -r 2
```

- To view online the properties of Region 2 on the TiKV instance that is running on `127.0.0.1:20160`:

```
tikv-ctl --host 127.0.0.1:20160 region-properties -r 2
```

14.9.1.3.15 Modify the TiKV configuration dynamically

You can use the `modify-tikv-config` command to dynamically modify the configuration arguments. Currently, the TiKV configuration items that can be dynamically modified and the detailed modification are consistent with modifying configuration using SQL statements. For details, see Modify TiKV configuration dynamically.

- `-n` is used to specify the full name of the configuration item. For the list of configuration items that can be modified dynamically, see Modify TiKV configuration dynamically.
- `-v` is used to specify the configuration value.

Set the size of `shared block cache`:

```
tikv-ctl --host ip:port modify-tikv-config -n storage.block-cache.capacity -
    ↪ v 10GB
```

```
success
```

When `shared block cache` is disabled, set `block cache size` for the `write` CF:

```
tikv-ctl --host ip:port modify-tikv-config -n rocksdb.writecf.block-cache-
    ↪ size -v 256MB
```

```
success
```

```
tikv-ctl --host ip:port modify-tikv-config -n raftdb.defaultcf.disable-auto-
    ↪ compactions -v true
```

```
success
```

When the compaction rate limit causes accumulated compaction pending bytes, disable the `rate-limiter-auto-tuned` mode or set a higher limit for the compaction flow:

```
tikv-ctl --host ip:port modify-tikv-config -n rocksdb.rate-limiter-auto-
    ↪ tuned -v false
```

```
success
```

```
tikv-ctl --host ip:port modify-tikv-config -n rocksdb.rate-bytes-per-sec -v
    ↪ "1GB"
```

```
success
```

14.9.1.3.16 Force Regions to recover services from failure of multiple replicas (deprecated)

> **Warning:**
>
> It is not recommended to use this feature. Instead, you can use Online Unsafe Recovery in `pd-ctl` which provides one-stop automatic recovery capabilities. Extra operations such as stopping services are not needed. For detailed introduction, see Online Unsafe Recovery.

You can use the `unsafe-recover remove-fail-stores` command to remove the failed machines from the peer list of Regions. Before running this command, you need to stop the service of the target TiKV store to release file locks.

The `-s` option accepts multiple `store_id` separated by comma and uses the `-r` flag to specify involved Regions. If you need to perform this operation on all Regions in a specific store, you can simply specify `--all-regions`.

> **Warning:**
>
> - If any misoperation is performed, it might be hard to recover the cluster. Be aware of the potential risks and avoid using this feature in a production environment.
> - If the `--all-regions` option is used, you are expected to run this command on all the remaining stores connected to the cluster. You need to ensure that these healthy stores stop providing services before recovering the damaged stores. Otherwise, the inconsistent peer lists in Region replicas will cause errors when you run `split-region` or `remove-peer`. This further causes inconsistency between other metadata, and finally, the Regions will become unavailable.
> - Once you have run `remove-fail-stores`, you cannot restart the removed nodes or add these nodes to the cluster. Otherwise, the metadata will be inconsistent, and finally, the Regions will be unavailable.

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /path/to/tikv unsafe-recover remove-fail-stores -s 3 -r
    ↪ 1001,1002
```

```
success!
```

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /path/to/tikv unsafe-recover remove-fail-stores -s 4,5
    ↪ --all-regions
```

Then, after you restart TiKV, the Regions can continue providing services with the remaining healthy replicas. This command is commonly used when multiple TiKV stores are damaged or deleted.

Note:

- You are expected to run this command for all stores where the specified Regions' peers are located.
- This command only supports the local mode. It prints `success!` when successfully run.

14.9.1.3.17 Recover from MVCC data corruption

Use the `recover-mvcc` command in circumstances where TiKV cannot run normally caused by MVCC data corruption. It cross-checks 3 CFs ("default", "write", "lock") to recover from various kinds of inconsistency.

- Use the `-r` option to specify involved Regions by `region_id`.
- Use the `-p` option to specify PD endpoints.

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir /path/to/tikv recover-mvcc -r 1001,1002 -p
    ↪ 127.0.0.1:2379
success!
```

Note:

- This command only supports the local mode. It prints `success!` when successfully run.

- The argument of the `-p` option specifies the PD endpoints without the `http` prefix. Specifying the PD endpoints is to query whether the specified `region_id` is validated or not.
- You need to run this command for all stores where specified Regions' peers are located.

14.9.1.3.18 Ldb Command

The `ldb` command line tool offers multiple data access and database administration commands. Some examples are listed below. For more information, refer to the help message displayed when running `tikv-ctl ldb` or check the documents from RocksDB.

Examples of data access sequence:

To dump an existing RocksDB in HEX:

```
tikv-ctl ldb --hex --db=/tmp/db dump
```

To dump the manifest of an existing RocksDB:

```
tikv-ctl ldb --hex manifest_dump --path=/tmp/db/MANIFEST-000001
```

You can specify the column family that your query is against using the `--column_family =<string>` command line.

`--try_load_options` loads the database options file to open the database. It is recommended to always keep this option on when the database is running. If you open the database with default options, the LSM-tree might be messed up, which cannot be recovered automatically.

14.9.1.3.19 Dump encryption metadata

Use the `encryption-meta` subcommand to dump encryption metadata. The subcommand can dump two types of metadata: encryption info for data files, and the list of data encryption keys used.

To dump encryption info for data files, use the `encryption-meta dump-file` subcommand. You need to create a TiKV config file to specify `data-dir` for the TiKV deployment:

```
### conf.toml
[storage]
data-dir = "/path/to/tikv/data"
```

The `--path` option can be used to specify an absolute or relative path to the data file of interest. The command might give empty output if the data file is not encrypted. If `--path` is not provided, encryption info for all data files will be printed.

```
tikv-ctl --config=./conf.toml encryption-meta dump-file --path=/path/to/tikv
    ↪ /data/db/CURRENT
```

```
/path/to/tikv/data/db/CURRENT: key_id: 9291156302549018620 iv:
    ↪ E3C2FDBF63FC03BFC28F265D7E78283F method: Aes128Ctr
```

To dump data encryption keys, use the `encryption-meta dump-key` subcommand. In additional to `data-dir`, you also need to specify the current master key used in the config file. For how to config master key, refer to Encryption-At-Rest. Also with this command, the `security.encryption.previous-master-key` config will be ignored, and the master key rotation will not be triggered.

```
### conf.toml
[storage]
data-dir = "/path/to/tikv/data"

[security.encryption.master-key]
type = "kms"
key-id = "0987dcba-09fe-87dc-65ba-ab0987654321"
region = "us-west-2"
```

Note if the master key is a AWS KMS key, `tikv-ctl` needs to have access to the KMS key. Access to a AWS KMS key can be granted to `tikv-ctl` via environment variable, AWS default config file, or IAM role, whichever is suitable. Refer to AWS document for usage.

The `--ids` option can be used to specified a list of comma-separated data encryption key ids to print. If `--ids` is not provided, all data encryption keys will be printed, along with current key id, which is the id of the latest active data encryption key.

When using the command, you will see a prompt warning that the action will expose sensitive information. Type "I consent" to continue.

```
tikv-ctl --config=./conf.toml encryption-meta dump-key
```

```
This action will expose encryption key(s) as plaintext. Do not output the
    ↪ result in file on disk.
Type "I consent" to continue, anything else to exit: I consent
current key id: 9291156302549018620
9291156302549018620: key: 8B6B6B8F83D36BE2467ED55D72AE808B method: Aes128Ctr
    ↪  creation_time: 1592938357
```

```
tikv-ctl --config=./conf.toml encryption-meta dump-key --ids
    ↪ =9291156302549018620
```

```
This action will expose encryption key(s) as plaintext. Do not output the
    ↪ result in file on disk.
```

```
Type "I consent" to continue, anything else to exit: I consent
9291156302549018620: key: 8B6B6B8F83D36BE2467ED55D72AE808B method: Aes128Ctr
    ↪  creation_time: 1592938357
```

> **Note:**
>
> The command will expose data encryption keys as plaintext. In production, DO NOT redirect the output to a file. Even deleting the output file afterward may not cleanly wipe out the content from disk.

14.9.1.3.20 Print information related to damaged SST files

Damaged SST files in TiKV might cause TiKV processes to panic. Before TiDB v6.1.0, these files cause TiKV to panic immediately. Since TiDB v6.1.0, TiKV processes panic 1 hour after SST files are damaged.

To clean up the damaged SST files, you can run the `bad-ssts` command in TiKV Control to show the needed information. The following is an example command and output.

> **Note:**
>
> Before running this command, stop the running TiKV instance.

```
tikv-ctl --data-dir </path/to/tikv> bad-ssts --pd <endpoint>
```

```
--------------------------------------------------------
corruption info:
data/tikv-21107/db/000014.sst: Corruption: Bad table magic number: expected
    ↪ 9863518390377041911, found 759105309091689679 in data/tikv-21107/db
    ↪ /000014.sst

sst meta:
14:552997[1 .. 5520]['0101' seq:1, type:1 .. '7
    ↪ A7480000000000000FF0F5F728000000000FF0002160000000000FAFA13AB33020BFFFA
    ↪ ' seq:2032, type:1] at level 0 for Column family "default" (ID 0)
it isn't easy to handle local data, start key:0101

overlap region:
```

```
RegionInfo { region: id: 4 end_key: 7480000000000000FF0500000000000000F8
    ↪ region_epoch { conf_ver: 1 version: 2 } peers { id: 5 store_id: 1 },
    ↪ leader: Some(id: 5 store_id: 1) }

refer operations:
tikv-ctl ldb --db=/path/to/tikv/db unsafe_remove_sst_file 000014
tikv-ctl --data-dir=/path/to/tikv tombstone -r 4 --pd <endpoint>
------------------------------------------------------------
corruption analysis has completed
```

From the output above, you can see that the information of the damaged SST file is printed first and then the meta-information is printed.

- In the `sst meta` part, `14` means the SST file number; `552997` means the file size, followed by the smallest and largest sequence numbers and other meta-information.
- The `overlap region` part shows the information of the Region involved. This information is obtained through the PD server.
- The `suggested operations` part provides you suggestion to clean up the damaged SST file. You can take the suggestion to clean up files and restart the TiKV instance.

14.9.1.3.21 Get the state of a Region's `RegionReadProgress`

Starting from v6.5.4 and v7.3.0, TiKV introduces the `get-region-read-progress` subcommand to get up-to-date details of the resolver and `RegionReadProgress`. You need to specify a Region ID and a TiKV, which can be obtained from Grafana (`Min Resolved TS Region` and `Min Safe TS Region`) or `DataIsNotReady` logs.

- `--log` (optional): If specified, TiKV logs the smallest `start_ts` of locks in the Region's resolver in this TiKV at `INFO` level. This option helps you identify locks that might block resolved-ts in advance.
- `--min-start-ts` (optional): If specified, TiKV filters out locks with smaller `start_ts` than this value in logs. You can use this to specify a transaction of interest for logging. It defaults to `0`, which means no filter.

The following is an example:

```
./tikv-ctl --host 127.0.0.1:20160 get-region-read-progress -r 14 --log --min
    ↪ -start-ts 0
```

The output is as follows:

```
Region read progress:
    exist: true,
    safe_ts: 0,
    applied_index: 92,
```

```
    pending front item (oldest) ts: 0,
    pending front item (oldest) applied index: 0,
    pending back item (latest) ts: 0,
    pending back item (latest) applied index: 0,
    paused: false,
Resolver:
    exist: true,
    resolved_ts: 0,
    tracked index: 92,
    number of locks: 0,
    number of transactions: 0,
    stopped: false,
```

The subcommand is useful in diagnosing issues related to Stale Read and safe-ts. For details, see Understanding Stale Read and safe-ts in TiKV.

14.9.2 PD Control User Guide

As a command line tool of PD, PD Control obtains the state information of the cluster and tunes the cluster.

14.9.2.1 Install PD Control

> **Note:**
>
> It is recommended that the version of the Control tool you use is consistent with the version of the cluster.

14.9.2.1.1 Use TiUP command

To use PD Control, execute the `tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u http://<pd_ip>:<pd_port> [-i]` command.

14.9.2.1.2 Download the installation package

To obtain `pd-ctl` of the latest version, download the TiDB server installation package. `pd-ctl` is included in the `ctl-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz` package.

Installation package	OS	Architecture	SHA256 checksum
https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-server-{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz (pd-ctl)	Linux	amd64	https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-server-{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz.sha256
https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-server-{version}-linux-arm64.tar.gz (pd-ctl)	Linux	arm64	https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-server-{version}-linux-arm64.tar.gz.sha256

Note:

`{version}` in the link indicates the version number of TiDB. For example, the download link for `v8.5.1` in the `amd64` architecture is `https://download.pingcap.org/tidb-community-server-v8.5.1-linux-amd64.tar.gz`.

14.9.2.1.3 Compile from source code

1. Go 1.23 or later is required because the Go modules are used.
2. In the root directory of the PD project, use the `make` or `make pd-ctl` command to compile and generate `bin/pd-ctl`.

14.9.2.2 Usage

Single-command mode:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd store -u http://127.0.0.1:2379
```

Interactive mode:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -i -u http://127.0.0.1:2379
```

Use environment variables:

```
export PD_ADDR=http://127.0.0.1:2379
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd
```

Use TLS to encrypt:

```
tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> pd -u https://127.0.0.1:2379 --cacert="path/to/ca" --cert="path/to/cert" --key="path/to/key"
```

14.9.2.3 Command line flags

14.9.2.3.1 `--cacert`

- Specifies the path to the certificate file of the trusted CA in PEM format
- Default: “”

14.9.2.3.2 `--cert`

- Specifies the path to the certificate of SSL in PEM format
- Default: “”

14.9.2.3.3 `--detach` / `-d`

- Uses the single command line mode (not entering readline)
- Default: true

14.9.2.3.4 `--help` / `-h`

- Outputs the help information
- Default: false

14.9.2.3.5 `--interact` / `-i`

- Uses the interactive mode (entering readline)
- Default: false

14.9.2.3.6 `--key`

- Specifies the path to the certificate key file of SSL in PEM format, which is the private key of the certificate specified by `--cert`
- Default: “”

14.9.2.3.7 `--pd` / `-u`

- Specifies the PD address
- Default address: `http://127.0.0.1:2379`
- Environment variable: `PD_ADDR`

14.9.2.3.8 `--version` / `-V`

- Prints the version information and exit
- Default: false

14.9.2.4 Command

14.9.2.4.1 `cluster`

Use this command to view the basic information of the cluster.

Usage:

```
>> cluster                                  // To show the cluster information
{
  "id": 6493707687106161130,
  "max_peer_count": 3
}
```

14.9.2.4.2 `config [show | set <option> <value> | placement-rules]`

Use this command to view or modify the configuration information.

Usage:

```
>> config show                              // Display the config information
   ↪ of the scheduling
{
  "replication": {
    "enable-placement-rules": "true",
    "isolation-level": "",
    "location-labels": "",
    "max-replicas": 3,
    "strictly-match-label": "false"
  },
  "schedule": {
    "enable-cross-table-merge": "true",
    "high-space-ratio": 0.7,
    "hot-region-cache-hits-threshold": 3,
    "hot-region-schedule-limit": 4,
    "leader-schedule-limit": 4,
    "leader-schedule-policy": "count",
    "low-space-ratio": 0.8,
    "max-merge-region-keys": 540000,
    "max-merge-region-size": 54,
    "max-pending-peer-count": 64,
```

```
    "max-snapshot-count": 64,
    "max-store-down-time": "30m0s",
    "merge-schedule-limit": 8,
    "patrol-region-interval": "10ms",
    "region-schedule-limit": 2048,
    "region-score-formula-version": "v2",
    "replica-schedule-limit": 64,
    "scheduler-max-waiting-operator": 5,
    "split-merge-interval": "1h0m0s",
    "tolerant-size-ratio": 0
  }
}
>> config show all                          // Display all config information
>> config show replication                  // Display the config information
   ↪ of replication
{
  "max-replicas": 3,
  "location-labels": "",
  "isolation-level": "",
  "strictly-match-label": "false",
  "enable-placement-rules": "true"
}

>> config show cluster-version              // Display the current version of
   ↪ the cluster, which is the current minimum version of TiKV nodes in
   ↪ the cluster and does not correspond to the binary version.
"8.5.1"
```

- `max-snapshot-count` controls the maximum number of snapshots that a single store receives or sends out at the same time. The scheduler is restricted by this configuration to avoid taking up normal application resources. When you need to improve the speed of adding replicas or balancing, increase this value.

```
config set max-snapshot-count 64 // Set the maximum number of snapshots
   ↪  to 64
```

- `max-pending-peer-count` controls the maximum number of pending peers in a single store. The scheduler is restricted by this configuration to avoid producing a large number of Regions without the latest log in some nodes. When you need to improve the speed of adding replicas or balancing, increase this value. Setting it to 0 indicates no limit.

```
config set max-pending-peer-count 64 // Set the maximum number of
   ↪ pending peers to 64
```

- `max-merge-region-size` controls the upper limit on the size of Region Merge (the unit is MiB). When `regionSize` exceeds the specified value, PD does not merge it with the adjacent Region. Setting it to 0 indicates disabling Region Merge.

```
config set max-merge-region-size 16 // Set the upper limit on the size
    ↪ of Region Merge to 16 MiB
```

- `max-merge-region-keys` controls the upper limit on the key count of Region Merge. When `regionKeyCount` exceeds the specified value, PD does not merge it with the adjacent Region.

```
config set max-merge-region-keys 50000 // Set the upper limit on
    ↪ keyCount to 50000
```

- `split-merge-interval` controls the interval between the `split` and `merge` operations on a same Region. This means the newly split Region won't be merged within a period of time.

```
config set split-merge-interval 24h // Set the interval between `split`
    ↪  and `merge` to one day
```

- `enable-one-way-merge` controls whether PD only allows a Region to merge with the next Region. When you set it to `false`, PD allows a Region to merge with the adjacent two Regions.

```
config set enable-one-way-merge true // Enables one-way merging.
```

- `enable-cross-table-merge` is used to enable the merging of cross-table Regions. When you set it to `false`, PD does not merge the Regions from different tables. This option only works when key type is "table".

```
config set enable-cross-table-merge true // Enable cross table merge.
```

- `key-type` specifies the key encoding type used for the cluster. The supported options are ["table", "raw", "txn"], and the default value is "table".

    - If no TiDB instance exists in the cluster, `key-type` will be "raw" or "txn", and PD is allowed to merge Regions across tables regardless of the `enable-cross-table-merge` setting.
    - If any TiDB instance exists in the cluster, `key-type` should be "table". Whether PD can merge Regions across tables is determined by `enable-cross-table-merge`. If `key-type` is "raw", placement rules do not work.

```
config set key-type raw // Enable cross table merge.
```

- `region-score-formula-version` controls the version of the Region score formula. The value options are `v1` and `v2`. The version 2 of the formula helps to reduce redundant balance Region scheduling in some scenarios, such as taking TiKV nodes online or offline.

```
config set region-score-formula-version v2
```

- `patrol-region-interval` controls the execution frequency that the checker inspects the health status of Regions. A shorter interval indicates a higher execution frequency. Generally, you do not need to adjust it.

```
config set patrol-region-interval 10ms // Set the execution frequency
    ↪ of the checker to 10ms
```

- `patrol-region-worker-count` controls the number of concurrent operators created by the checker when inspecting the health state of a Region. Normally, you do not need to adjust this configuration. Setting this configuration item to a value greater than 1 enables concurrent checks. Currently, this feature is experimental, and it is not recommended that you use it in the production environment.

```
config set patrol-region-worker-count 2 // Set the checker concurrency
    ↪ to 2
```

- `max-store-down-time` controls the time that PD decides the disconnected store cannot be restored if exceeded. If PD does not receive heartbeats from a store within the specified period of time, PD adds replicas in other nodes.

```
config set max-store-down-time 30m // Set the time within which PD
    ↪ receives no heartbeats and after which PD starts to add replicas
    ↪ to 30 minutes
```

- `max-store-preparing-time` controls the maximum waiting time for the store to go online. During the online stage of a store, PD can query the online progress of the store. When the specified time is exceeded, PD assumes that the store has been online and cannot query the online progress of the store again. But this does not prevent Regions from transferring to the new online store. In most scenarios, you do not need to adjust this parameter.

  The following command specifies that the maximum waiting time for the store to go online is 4 hours.

```
config set max-store-preparing-time 4h
```

- `leader-schedule-limit` controls the number of tasks scheduling the leader at the same time. This value affects the speed of leader balance. A larger value means a higher speed and setting the value to 0 closes the scheduling. Usually the leader scheduling has a small load, and you can increase the value in need.

```
config set leader-schedule-limit 4    // 4 tasks of leader scheduling
    ↪ at the same time at most
```

- `region-schedule-limit` controls the number of tasks of scheduling Regions at the same time. This value avoids too many Region balance operators being created. The default value is `2048` which is enough for all sizes of clusters, and setting the value to `0` closes the scheduling. Usually, the Region scheduling speed is limited by `store-limit`, but it is recommended that you do not customize this value unless you know exactly what you are doing.

```
config set region-schedule-limit 2    // 2 tasks of Region scheduling
    ↪ at the same time at most
```

- `replica-schedule-limit` controls the number of tasks scheduling the replica at the same time. This value affects the scheduling speed when the node is down or removed. A larger value means a higher speed and setting the value to 0 closes the scheduling. Usually the replica scheduling has a large load, so do not set a too large value. Note that this configuration item is usually kept at the default value. If you want to change the value, you need to try a few values to see which one works best according to the real situation.

```
config set replica-schedule-limit 4   // 4 tasks of replica scheduling
    ↪ at the same time at most
```

- `merge-schedule-limit` controls the number of Region Merge scheduling tasks. Setting the value to 0 closes Region Merge. Usually the Merge scheduling has a large load, so do not set a too large value. Note that this configuration item is usually kept at the default value. If you want to change the value, you need to try a few values to see which one works best according to the real situation.

```
config set merge-schedule-limit 16  // 16 tasks of Merge scheduling at
    ↪ the same time at most
```

- `hot-region-schedule-limit` controls the hot Region scheduling tasks that are running at the same time. Setting its value to `0` means disabling the scheduling. It is not recommended to set a too large value. Otherwise, it might affect the system performance. Note that this configuration item is usually kept at the default value. If you want to change the value, you need to try a few values to see which one works best according to the real situation.

```
config set hot-region-schedule-limit 4 // 4 tasks of hot Region
    ↪ scheduling at the same time at most
```

- `hot-region-cache-hits-threshold` is used to set the number of minutes required to identify a hot Region. PD can participate in the hotspot scheduling only after the Region is in the hotspot state for more than this number of minutes.

- `tolerant-size-ratio` controls the size of the balance buffer area. When the score difference between the leader or Region of the two stores is less than specified multiple times of the Region size, it is considered in balance by PD.

```
config set tolerant-size-ratio 20   // Set the size of the buffer area
    ↪ to about 20 times of the average Region Size
```

- `low-space-ratio` controls the threshold value that is considered as insufficient store space. When the ratio of the space occupied by the node exceeds the specified value, PD tries to avoid migrating data to the corresponding node as much as possible. At the same time, PD mainly schedules the remaining space to avoid using up the disk space of the corresponding node.

```
config set low-space-ratio 0.9         // Set the threshold value of
    ↪ insufficient space to 0.9
```

- `high-space-ratio` controls the threshold value that is considered as sufficient store space. This configuration takes effect only when `region-score-formula-version` is set to `v1`. When the ratio of the space occupied by the node is less than the specified value, PD ignores the remaining space and mainly schedules the actual data volume.

```
config set high-space-ratio 0.5        // Set the threshold value of
    ↪ sufficient space to 0.5
```

- `cluster-version` is the version of the cluster, which is used to enable or disable some features and to deal with the compatibility issues. By default, it is the minimum version of all normally running TiKV nodes in the cluster. You can set it manually only when you need to roll it back to an earlier version.

```
config set cluster-version 8.5.1         // Set the version of the
    ↪ cluster to 8.5.1
```

- `replication-mode` controls the replication mode of Regions in the dual data center scenario. See Enable the DR Auto-Sync mode for details.

- `leader-schedule-policy` is used to select the scheduling strategy for the leader. You can schedule the leader according to `size` or `count`.

- `scheduler-max-waiting-operator` is used to control the number of waiting operators in each scheduler.

- `enable-remove-down-replica` is used to enable the feature of automatically deleting DownReplica. When you set it to `false`, PD does not automatically clean up the downtime replicas.

- `enable-replace-offline-replica` is used to enable the feature of migrating OfflineReplica. When you set it to `false`, PD does not migrate the offline replicas.

- `enable-make-up-replica` is used to enable the feature of making up replicas. When you set it to `false`, PD does not add replicas for Regions without sufficient replicas.
- `enable-remove-extra-replica` is used to enable the feature of removing extra replicas. When you set it to `false`, PD does not remove extra replicas for Regions with redundant replicas.
- `enable-location-replacement` is used to enable the isolation level checking. When you set it to `false`, PD does not increase the isolation level of a Region replica through scheduling.
- `enable-debug-metrics` is used to enable the metrics for debugging. When you set it to `true`, PD enables some metrics such as `balance-tolerant-size`.
- `enable-placement-rules` is used to enable placement rules, which is enabled by default in v5.0 and later versions.
- `store-limit-mode` is used to control the mode of limiting the store speed. The optional modes are `auto` and `manual`. In `auto` mode, the stores are automatically balanced according to the load (deprecated).
- `store-limit-version` controls the version of the store limit formula. In v1 mode, you can manually modify the `store limit` to limit the scheduling speed of a single TiKV. In v2 mode, you do not need to manually set the `store limit` value, as PD dynamically adjusts it based on the capability of TiKV snapshots. For more details, refer to Principles of store limit v2.

```
config set store-limit-version v2  // using store limit v2
```

- PD rounds the lowest digits of the flow number, which reduces the update of statistics caused by the changes of the Region flow information. This configuration item is used to specify the number of lowest digits to round for the Region flow information. For example, the flow `100512` will be rounded to `101000` because the default value is `3`. This configuration replaces `trace-region-flow`.
- For example, set the value of `flow-round-by-digit` to `4`:

```
config set flow-round-by-digit 4
```

14.9.2.4.3 config [show | set service-middleware <option> [<key> <value> | <label> <qps|concurrency> <value>]]

`service-middleware` is a configuration module in PD, mainly used to manage and control middleware functions of PD services, such as audit logging, request rate limiting, and concurrency limiting. Starting from v8.5.0, you can modify the following configurations of `service-middleware` using `pd-ctl`:

- `audit`: controls whether to enable audit logging for HTTP requests processed by PD (enabled by default). When enabled, `service-middleware` logs information about HTTP requests in PD logs.
- `rate-limit`: limits the maximum rate and concurrency of HTTP API requests processed by PD.
- `grpc-rate-limit`: limits the maximum rate and concurrency of gRPC API requests processed by PD.

> **Note:**
>
> To avoid the impact of request rate limiting and concurrency limiting on PD performance, it is not recommended to modify configurations in `service-middleware`.

Display the configuration information of `service-middleware`:

```
config show service-middleware
```

```
{
  "audit": {
    "enable-audit": "true"
  },
  "rate-limit": {
    "enable-rate-limit": "true",
    "limiter-config": {}
  },
  "grpc-rate-limit": {
    "enable-grpc-rate-limit": "true",
    "grpc-limiter-config": {}
  }
}
```

`service-middleware audit` enables or disables the audit logging function for HTTP requests. For example, to disable this function, run the following command:

```
config set service-middleware audit enable-audit false
```

`service-middleware grpc-rate-limit` controls the maximum rate and concurrency of the following gRPC API requests:

- `GetRegion`: get information about a specified Region
- `GetStore`: get information about a specified store

- `GetMembers`: get information about PD cluster members

To control the maximum rate of gRPC API requests, such as `GetRegion` API requests, run the following command:

```
config set service-middleware grpc-rate-limit GetRegion qps 100
```

To control the maximum concurrency of gRPC API requests, such as `GetRegion` API requests, run the following command:

```
config set service-middleware grpc-rate-limit GetRegion concurrency 10
```

View the modified configuration:

```
config show service-middleware
```

```
{
  "audit": {
    "enable-audit": "true"
  },
  "rate-limit": {
    "enable-rate-limit": "true",
    "limiter-config": {}
  },
  "grpc-rate-limit": {
    "enable-grpc-rate-limit": "true",
    "grpc-limiter-config": {
      "GetRegion": {
        "QPS": 100,
        "QPSBurst": 100, // Automatically adjusted based on QPS, for display
            ↪ only
        "ConcurrencyLimit": 10
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Reset the preceding settings:

```
config set service-middleware grpc-rate-limit GetRegion qps 0
config set service-middleware grpc-rate-limit GetRegion concurrency 0
```

`service-middleware rate-limit` controls the maximum rate and concurrency of the following HTTP API requests:

- `GetRegion`: get information about a specified Region

- `GetStore`: get information about a specified store

To control the maximum rate of HTTP API requests, such as `GetRegion` API requests, run the following command:

```
config set service-middleware rate-limit GetRegion qps 100
```

To control the maximum concurrency of HTTP API requests, such as `GetRegion` API requests, run the following command:

```
config set service-middleware rate-limit GetRegion concurrency 10
```

Reset the preceding settings:

```
config set service-middleware rate-limit GetRegion qps 0
config set service-middleware rate-limit GetRegion concurrency 0
```

14.9.2.4.4 config placement-rules [disable | enable | load | save | show | rule-group]

For the usage of `config placement-rules [disable | enable | load | save | show | rule-group]`, see Configure placement rules.

14.9.2.4.5 health

Use this command to view the health information of the cluster.

Usage:

```
>> health                              // Display the health information
[
  {
    "name": "pd",
    "member_id": 13195394291058371180,
    "client_urls": [
      "http://127.0.0.1:2379"
      ......
    ],
    "health": true
  }
  ......
]
```

14.9.2.4.6 hot [read | write | store| history <start_time> <end_time> [<key> <value>]]

Use this command to view the hot spot information of the cluster.

Usage:

```
>> hot read                              // Display hot spot for the read
   ↪ operation
>> hot write                             // Display hot spot for the write
   ↪ operation
>> hot store                             // Display hot spot for all the read
   ↪ and write operations
>> hot history 1629294000000 1631980800000 // Display history hot spot for
   ↪ the specified period (milliseconds). 1629294000000 is the start time
   ↪ and 1631980800000 is the end time.
{
  "history_hot_region": [
    {
      "update_time": 1630864801948,
      "region_id": 103,
      "peer_id": 1369002,
      "store_id": 3,
      "is_leader": true,
      "is_learner": false,
      "hot_region_type": "read",
      "hot_degree": 152,
      "flow_bytes": 0,
      "key_rate": 0,
      "query_rate": 305,
      "start_key": "7480000000000000FF5300000000000000F8",
      "end_key": "7480000000000000FF5600000000000000F8"
    },
    ...
  ]
}
>> hot history 1629294000000 1631980800000 hot_region_type read region_id
   ↪ 1,2,3 store_id 1,2,3 peer_id 1,2,3 is_leader true is_learner true //
   ↪ Display history hotspot for the specified period with more conditions
{
  "history_hot_region": [
    {
      "update_time": 1630864801948,
      "region_id": 103,
      "peer_id": 1369002,
      "store_id": 3,
      "is_leader": true,
```

```
      "is_learner": false,
      "hot_region_type": "read",
      "hot_degree": 152,
      "flow_bytes": 0,
      "key_rate": 0,
      "query_rate": 305,
      "start_key": "7480000000000000FF5300000000000000F8",
      "end_key": "7480000000000000FF5600000000000000F8"
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

14.9.2.4.7 label [store <name> <value>]

Use this command to view the label information of the cluster.

Usage:

```
>> label                              // Display all labels
>> label store zone cn                // Display all stores including the "zone
   ↪ ":"cn" label
```

14.9.2.4.8 member [delete | leader_priority | leader [show | resign | transfer <member_name>]]

Use this command to view the PD members, remove a specified member, or configure the priority of leader.

Usage:

```
>> member                             // Display the information of all members
{
  "header": {......},
  "members": [......],
  "leader": {......},
  "etcd_leader": {......},
}
>> member delete name pd2             // Delete "pd2"
Success!
>> member delete id 1319539429105371180 // Delete a node using ID
Success!
>> member leader show                 // Display the leader information
{
  "name": "pd",
  "member_id": 13155432540099656863,
```

```
  "peer_urls": [......],
  "client_urls": [......]
}
>> member leader resign // Move leader away from the current member
......
>> member leader transfer pd3 // Migrate leader to a specified member
......
```

Specify the priority of PD leader:

```
member leader_priority pd-1 4
member leader_priority pd-2 3
member leader_priority pd-3 2
member leader_priority pd-4 1
member leader_priority pd-5 0
```

Note:

In all available PD nodes, the node with the highest priority number becomes the leader.

14.9.2.4.9 `operator [check | show | add | remove]`

Use this command to view and control the scheduling operation.

Usage:

```
>> operator show                                  // Display all operators
>> operator show admin                            // Display all admin
   ↪ operators
>> operator show leader                           // Display all leader
   ↪ operators
>> operator show region                           // Display all Region
   ↪ operators
>> operator add add-peer 1 2                      // Add a replica of Region
   ↪ 1 on store 2
>> operator add add-learner 1 2                   // Add a learner replica of
   ↪  Region 1 on store 2
>> operator add remove-peer 1 2                   // Remove a replica of
   ↪ Region 1 on store 2
>> operator add transfer-leader 1 2               // Schedule the leader of
   ↪ Region 1 to store 2
>> operator add transfer-region 1 2 3 4           // Schedule Region 1 to
   ↪ stores 2,3,4
```

```
>> operator add transfer-peer 1 2 3              // Schedule the replica of
   ↪ Region 1 on store 2 to store 3
>> operator add merge-region 1 2                 // Merge Region 1 with
   ↪ Region 2
>> operator add split-region 1 --policy=approximate // Split Region 1 into
   ↪ two Regions in halves, based on approximately estimated value
>> operator add split-region 1 --policy=scan     // Split Region 1 into two
   ↪ Regions in halves, based on accurate scan value
>> operator remove 1                             // Remove the scheduling
   ↪ operation of Region 1
>> operator check 1                              // Check the status of the
   ↪ operators related to Region 1
```

The splitting of Regions starts from the position as close as possible to the middle. You can locate this position using two strategies, namely "scan" and "approximate". The difference between them is that the former determines the middle key by scanning the Region, and the latter obtains the approximate position by checking the statistics recorded in the SST file. Generally, the former is more accurate, while the latter consumes less I/O and can be completed faster.

14.9.2.4.10 `ping`

Use this command to view the time that `ping` PD takes.

Usage:

```
>> ping
time: 43.12698ms
```

14.9.2.4.11 `region <region_id> [--jq="<query string>"]`

Use this command to view the Region information. For a jq formatted output, see jq-formatted-json-output-usage.

Usage:

```
>> region                           //  Display the information of all
   ↪ Regions
{
  "count": 1,
  "regions": [......]
}

>> region 2                         // Display the information of the Region
   ↪ with the ID of 2
{
  "id": 2,
```

```
  "start_key": "7480000000000000FF1D00000000000000F8",
  "end_key": "7480000000000000FF1F00000000000000F8",
  "epoch": {
    "conf_ver": 1,
    "version": 15
  },
  "peers": [
    {
      "id": 40,
      "store_id": 3
    }
  ],
  "leader": {
    "id": 40,
    "store_id": 3
  },
  "written_bytes": 0,
  "read_bytes": 0,
  "written_keys": 0,
  "read_keys": 0,
  "approximate_size": 1,
  "approximate_keys": 0
}
```

14.9.2.4.12 region key [--format=raw|encode|hex] <key>

Use this command to query the Region that a specific key resides in. It supports the raw, encoding, and hex formats. And you need to use single quotes around the key when it is in the encoding format.

Hex format usage (default):

```
>> region key 7480000000000000FF1300000000000000F8
{
  "region": {
    "id": 2,
    ......
  }
}
```

Raw format usage:

```
>> region key --format=raw abc
{
  "region": {
    "id": 2,
```

```
    ......
  }
}
```

Encoding format usage:

```
>> region key --format=encode 't\200\000\000\000\000\000\000\377\035_r
   ↪ \200\000\000\000\000\377\017U\320\000\000\000\000\000\000\372'
{
  "region": {
    "id": 2,
    ......
  }
}
```

14.9.2.4.13 `region scan`

Use this command to get all Regions.

Usage:

```
>> region scan
{
  "count": 20,
  "regions": [......],
}
```

14.9.2.4.14 `region sibling <region_id>`

Use this command to check the adjacent Regions of a specific Region.

Usage:

```
>> region sibling 2
{
  "count": 2,
  "regions": [......],
}
```

14.9.2.4.15 `region keys [--format=raw|encode|hex] <start_key> <end_key> <limit>`

Use this command to query all Regions in a given range `[startkey, endkey)`. Ranges without `endKeys` are supported.

The `limit` parameter limits the number of keys. The default value of `limit` is `16`, and the value of `-1` means unlimited keys.

Usage:

```
>> region keys --format=raw a    // Display all Regions that start from the
   ↪  key a with a default limit count of 16
{
  "count": 16,
  "regions": [......],
}

>> region keys --format=raw a z // Display all Regions in the range [a, z)
   ↪ with a default limit count of 16
{
  "count": 16,
  "regions": [......],
}

>> region keys --format=raw a z -1 // Display all Regions in the range [a,
   ↪ z) without a limit count
{
  "count": ...,
  "regions": [......],
}

>> region keys --format=raw a "" 20 // Display all Regions that start from
   ↪ the key a with a limit count of 20
{
  "count": 20,
  "regions": [......],
}
```

14.9.2.4.16 region store <store_id>

Use this command to list all Regions of a specific store.

Usage:

```
>> region store 2
{
  "count": 10,
  "regions": [......],
}
```

14.9.2.4.17 region topread [limit]

Use this command to list Regions with top read flow. The default value of the limit is 16.

Usage:

```
>> region topread
{
  "count": 16,
  "regions": [......],
}
```

14.9.2.4.18 region topwrite [limit]

Use this command to list Regions with top write flow. The default value of the limit is 16.

Usage:

```
>> region topwrite
{
  "count": 16,
  "regions": [......],
}
```

14.9.2.4.19 region topconfver [limit]

Use this command to list Regions with top conf version. The default value of the limit is 16.

Usage:

```
>> region topconfver
{
  "count": 16,
  "regions": [......],
}
```

14.9.2.4.20 region topversion [limit]

Use this command to list Regions with top version. The default value of the limit is 16.

Usage:

```
>> region topversion
{
  "count": 16,
  "regions": [......],
}
```

14.9.2.4.21 region topsize [limit]

Use this command to list Regions with top approximate size. The default value of the limit is 16.

Usage:

```
>> region topsize
{
  "count": 16,
  "regions": [......],
}
```

14.9.2.4.22 region check [miss-peer | extra-peer | down-peer | pending-peer | offline-peer | empty-region | hist-size | hist-keys] [--jq="<query string>"]

Use this command to check the Regions in abnormal conditions. For a jq formatted output, see jq formatted JSON output usage.

Description of various types:

- miss-peer: the Region without enough replicas
- extra-peer: the Region with extra replicas
- down-peer: the Region in which some replicas are Down
- pending-peer: the Region in which some replicas are Pending

Usage:

```
>> region check miss-peer
{
  "count": 2,
  "regions": [......],
}
```

14.9.2.4.23 resource-manager [command]

View the controller configuration of Resource Control

```
resource-manager config controller show
```

```
{
    "degraded-mode-wait-duration": "0s",
    "ltb-max-wait-duration": "30s",
    "request-unit": {               # Configurations of RU. Do not modify.
        "read-base-cost": 0.125,
        "read-per-batch-base-cost": 0.5,
```

```
        "read-cost-per-byte": 0.0000152587890625,
        "write-base-cost": 1,
        "write-per-batch-base-cost": 1,
        "write-cost-per-byte": 0.0009765625,
        "read-cpu-ms-cost": 0.3333333333333333
    },
    "enable-controller-trace-log": "false"
}
```

- `ltb-max-wait-duration`: the maximum waiting time of Local Token Bucket (LTB). The default value is `30s`, and the value range is `[0, 24h]`. If the estimated Request Unit (RU) consumption of the SQL request exceeds the current accumulated RU of LTB, the request needs to wait for a certain period of time. If the estimated waiting time exceeds this maximum value, an error message `ERROR 8252 (HY000): Exceeded resource group quota limitation` is returned to the application in advance. Increasing this value can reduce the occurrence of encountering `ERROR 8252` in cases of sudden concurrency increase, large transactions, and large queries.
- `enable-controller-trace-log`: control whether to enable the controller diagnostic log.

Modify the controller configuration of Resource Control

To modify the `ltb-max-wait-duration` configuration, use the following command:

```
pd-ctl resource-manager config controller set ltb-max-wait-duration 30m
```

14.9.2.4.24 scheduler [show | add | remove | pause | resume | config | describe]

Use this command to view and control the scheduling policy.

Usage:

```
>> scheduler show                                    // Display all created schedulers
>> scheduler add grant-leader-scheduler 1           // Schedule all the leaders of the Regions on store 1 to store 1
>> scheduler add evict-leader-scheduler 1           // Move all the Region leaders on store 1 out
>> scheduler config evict-leader-scheduler          // Display the stores in which the scheduler is located since v4.0.0
>> scheduler config evict-leader-scheduler add-store 2 // Add leader eviction scheduling for store 2
>> scheduler config evict-leader-scheduler delete-store 2 // Remove leader eviction scheduling for store 2
```

```
>> scheduler add evict-slow-store-scheduler        // When there is one and
   ↪  only one slow store, evict all Region leaders of that store
>> scheduler remove grant-leader-scheduler-1       // Remove the
   ↪ corresponding scheduler, and `-1` corresponds to the store ID
>> scheduler pause balance-region-scheduler 10     // Pause the balance-
   ↪ region scheduler for 10 seconds
>> scheduler pause all 10                          // Pause all schedulers
   ↪ for 10 seconds
>> scheduler resume balance-region-scheduler       // Continue to run the
   ↪ balance-region scheduler
>> scheduler resume all                            // Continue to run all
   ↪ schedulers
>> scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler   // Display the
   ↪ configuration of the balance-hot-region scheduler
>> scheduler describe balance-region-scheduler     // Display the running
   ↪ state and related diagnostic information of the balance-region
   ↪ scheduler
```

14.9.2.4.25 `scheduler describe balance-region-scheduler`

Use this command to view the running state and related diagnostic information of the `balance-region-scheduler`.

Since TiDB v6.3.0, PD provides the running state and brief diagnostic information for `balance-region-scheduler` and `balance-leader-scheduler`. Other schedulers and checkers are not supported yet. To enable this feature, you can modify the `enable-diagnostic` configuration item using `pd-ctl`.

The state of the scheduler can be one of the following:

- `disabled`: the scheduler is unavailable or removed.
- `paused`: the scheduler is paused.
- `scheduling`: the scheduler is generating scheduling operators.
- `pending`: the scheduler cannot generate scheduling operators. For a scheduler in the `pending` state, brief diagnostic information is returned. The brief information describes the state of stores and explains why these stores cannot be selected for scheduling.
- `normal`: there is no need to generate scheduling operators.

14.9.2.4.26 `scheduler config balance-leader-scheduler`

Use this command to view and control the `balance-leader-scheduler` policy.

Since TiDB v6.0.0, PD introduces the `Batch` parameter for `balance-leader-scheduler` to control the speed at which the balance-leader processes tasks. To use this parameter, you can modify the `balance-leader batch` configuration item using pd-ctl.

Before v6.0.0, PD does not have this configuration item, which means `balance-leader batch=1`. In v6.0.0 or later versions, the default value of `balance-leader batch` is `4`. To set this configuration item to a value greater than `4`, you need to set a greater value for `scheduler-max-waiting-operator` (whose default value is `5`) at the same time. You can get the expected acceleration effect only after modifying both configuration items.

```
scheduler config balance-leader-scheduler set batch 3 // Set the size of
    ↪ the operator that the balance-leader scheduler can execute in a batch
    ↪  to 3
```

`scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler`

Use this command to view and control the `balance-hot-region-scheduler` policy.

Usage:

```
>> scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler // Display all
    ↪ configuration of the balance-hot-region scheduler
{
  "min-hot-byte-rate": 100,
  "min-hot-key-rate": 10,
  "min-hot-query-rate": 10,
  "max-zombie-rounds": 3,
  "max-peer-number": 1000,
  "byte-rate-rank-step-ratio": 0.05,
  "key-rate-rank-step-ratio": 0.05,
  "query-rate-rank-step-ratio": 0.05,
  "count-rank-step-ratio": 0.01,
  "great-dec-ratio": 0.95,
  "minor-dec-ratio": 0.99,
  "src-tolerance-ratio": 1.05,
  "dst-tolerance-ratio": 1.05,
  "read-priorities": [
    "query",
    "byte"
  ],
  "write-leader-priorities": [
    "key",
    "byte"
  ],
  "write-peer-priorities": [
    "byte",
    "key"
  ],
  "strict-picking-store": "true",
  "enable-for-tiflash": "true",
  "rank-formula-version": "v2"
```

```
}
```

- `min-hot-byte-rate` means the smallest number of bytes to be counted, which is usually 100.

```
scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler set min-hot-byte-rate 100
```

- `min-hot-key-rate` means the smallest number of keys to be counted, which is usually 10.

```
scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler set min-hot-key-rate 10
```

- `min-hot-query-rate` means the smallest number of queries to be counted, which is usually 10.

```
scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler set min-hot-query-rate 10
```

- `max-zombie-rounds` means the maximum number of heartbeats with which an operator can be considered as the pending influence. If you set it to a larger value, more operators might be included in the pending influence. Usually, you do not need to adjust its value. Pending influence refers to the operator influence that is generated during scheduling but still has an effect.

```
scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler set max-zombie-rounds 3
```

- `max-peer-number` means the maximum number of peers to be solved, which prevents the scheduler from being too slow.

```
scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler set max-peer-number 1000
```

- `byte-rate-rank-step-ratio`, `key-rate-rank-step-ratio`, `query-rate-rank-step-ratio`, and `count-rank-step-ratio` respectively mean the step ranks of byte, key, query, and count. The rank-step-ratio decides the step when the rank is calculated. `great-dec-ratio` and `minor-dec-ratio` are used to determine the `dec` rank. Usually, you do not need to modify these items.

```
scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler set byte-rate-rank-step-
    ↪ ratio 0.05
```

- `src-tolerance-ratio` and `dst-tolerance-ratio` are configuration items for the expectation scheduler. The smaller the `tolerance-ratio`, the easier it is for scheduling. When redundant scheduling occurs, you can appropriately increase this value.

```
scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler set src-tolerance-ratio
    ↪ 1.1
```

- `read-priorities`, `write-leader-priorities`, and `write-peer-priorities` control which dimension the scheduler prioritizes for hot Region scheduling. Two dimensions are supported for configuration.

    - `read-priorities` and `write-leader-priorities` control which dimensions the scheduler prioritizes for scheduling hot Regions of the read and write-leader types. The dimension options are `query`, `byte`, and `key`.
    - `write-peer-priorities` controls which dimensions the scheduler prioritizes for scheduling hot Regions of the write-peer type. The dimension options are `byte` and `key`.

> **Note:**
>
> If a cluster component is earlier than v5.2, the configuration of `query` dimension does not take effect. If some components are upgraded to v5.2 or later, the `byte` and `key` dimensions still by default have the priority for hot Region scheduling. After all components of the cluster are upgraded to v5.2 or later, such a configuration still takes effect for compatibility. You can view the real-time configuration using the `pd-ctl` command. Usually, you do not need to modify these configurations.

```
scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler set read-priorities query
    ↪ ,byte
```

- `strict-picking-store` controls the search space of hot Region scheduling. Usually, it is enabled. This configuration item only affects the behavior when `rank-formula-version` is `v1`. When it is enabled, hot Region scheduling ensures hot Region balance on the two configured dimensions. When it is disabled, hot Region scheduling only ensures the balance on the dimension with the first priority, which might reduce balance on other dimensions. Usually, you do not need to modify this configuration.

```
scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler set strict-picking-store
    ↪ true
```

- `rank-formula-version` controls which scheduler algorithm version is used in hot Region scheduling. Value options are `v1` and `v2`. The default value is `v2`.

    - The `v1` algorithm is the scheduler strategy used in TiDB v6.3.0 and earlier versions. This algorithm mainly focuses on reducing load difference between stores and avoids introducing side effects in the other dimension.
    - The `v2` algorithm is an experimental scheduler strategy introduced in TiDB v6.3.0 and is in General Availability (GA) in TiDB v6.4.0. This algorithm mainly focuses on improving the rate of the equitability between stores and factors in few side

effects. Compared with the `v1` algorithm with `strict-picking-store` being `true` ↪ , the `v2` algorithm pays more attention to the priority equalization of the first dimension. Compared with the `v1` algorithm with `strict-picking-store` being `false`, the `v2` algorithm considers the balance of the second dimension.

- The `v1` algorithm with `strict-picking-store` being `true` is conservative and scheduling can only be generated when there is a store with a high load in both dimensions. In certain scenarios, it might be impossible to continue balancing due to dimensional conflicts. To achieve better balancing in the first dimension, it is necessary to set the `strict-picking-store` to `false`. The `v2` algorithm can achieve better balancing in both dimensions and reduce invalid scheduling.

```
bash  scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler set rank-formula-
↪ version v2
```

- `enable-for-tiflash` controls whether hot Region scheduling takes effect for TiFlash instances. Usually, it is enabled. When it is disabled, the hot Region scheduling between TiFlash instances is not performed.

```
scheduler config balance-hot-region-scheduler set enable-for-tiflash
    ↪ true
```

14.9.2.4.27 `scheduler config evict-leader-scheduler`

Use this command to view and manage the configuration of the `evict-leader-` ↪ `scheduler`.

- When an `evict-leader-scheduler` already exists, use the `add-store` subcommand to add leader eviction scheduling for the specified store:

```
scheduler config evict-leader-scheduler add-store 2 // Add leader
    ↪ eviction scheduling for store 2
```

- When an `evict-leader-scheduler` already exists, use the `delete-store` subcommand to remove leader eviction scheduling for the specified store:

```
scheduler config evict-leader-scheduler delete-store 2 // Remove leader
    ↪  eviction scheduling for store 2
```

If all store configurations of an `evict-leader-scheduler` are removed, the scheduler itself is automatically removed.

- When an `evict-leader-scheduler` already exists, use the `set batch` subcommand to modify the `batch` value. `batch` controls the number of Operators generated during a single scheduling process. The default value is `3`, and the range is `[1, 10]`. The larger the `batch` value, the faster the scheduling speed.

```
scheduler config evict-leader-scheduler set batch 10 // Set the batch
    ↪ value to 10
```

14.9.2.4.28 `service-gc-safepoint`

Use this command to query the current GC safepoint and service GC safepoint. The output is as follows:

```
{
  "service_gc_safe_points": [
    {
      "service_id": "gc_worker",
      "expired_at": 9223372036854775807,
      "safe_point": 439923410637160448
    }
  ],
  "gc_safe_point": 0
}
```

14.9.2.4.29 `store [delete | cancel-delete | label | weight | remove-tombstone | limit ] <store_id> [--jq="<query string>"]`

For a jq formatted output, see jq-formatted-json-output-usage.

Get a store

To display the information of all stores, run the following command:

```
store
```

```
{
  "count": 3,
  "stores": [...]
}
```

To get the store with ID of 1, run the following command:

```
store 1
```

```
......
```

Delete a store

To delete the store with ID of 1, run the following command:

```
store delete 1
```

To cancel deleting `Offline` state stores which are deleted using `store delete`, run the `store cancel-delete` command. After canceling, the store changes from `Offline` to `Up`. Note that the `store cancel-delete` command cannot change a `Tombstone` state store to the `Up` state.

To cancel deleting the store with ID of 1, run the following command:

```
store cancel-delete 1
```

To delete all stores in `Tombstone` state, run the following command:

```
store remove-tombstone
```

Note:

If the PD leader changes during store deletion, you need to modify the store limit manually using the `store limit` command.

Manage store labels

To manage the labels of a store, run the `store label` command.

- To set a label with the key being `"zone"` and value being `"cn"` to the store with ID of 1, run the following command:

```
store label 1 zone=cn
```

- To update the label of a store, for example, changing the value of the key `"zone"` from `"cn"` to `"us"` for the store with ID of 1, run the following command:

```
store label 1 zone=us
```

- To rewrite all labels of a store with ID of 1, use the `--rewrite` option. Note that this option overwrites all existing labels:

```
store label 1 region=us-est-1 disk=ssd --rewrite
```

- To delete the `"disk"` label for the store with ID 1, use the `--delete` option:

```
store label 1 disk --delete
```

Note:

- The label of a store is updated by a merge strategy. After a TiKV process is restarted, the store labels in its configuration file will be merged with the store labels stored by PD, and the merged result will be persisted. During the merging process, if there are duplicate store labels

between the PD side and the TiKV configuration file, the TiKV store label configuration will overwrite the PD label. For example, if the store label for store 1 is set to `"zone=cn"` through `store label 1 zone=cn`, but TiKV's configuration file has `zone = "us"`, after TiKV restarts, the `"zone"` will be updated to `"us"`.

- To manage labels of a store using TiUP, you can run the `store label <id> --force` command to empty the labels stored in PD before restarting the cluster.

Configure store weight

To set the leader weight to `5` and Region weight to `10` for the store with ID of 1, run the following command:

```
store weight 1 5 10
```

Configure store scheduling speed

You can set the scheduling speed of stores by using `store limit`. For more details about the principles and usage of `store limit`, see store limit.

```
>> store limit                    // Show the speed limit of adding-peer
   ↪ operations and the limit of removing-peer operations per minute in
   ↪ all stores
>> store limit add-peer           // Show the speed limit of adding-peer
   ↪ operations per minute in all stores
>> store limit remove-peer        // Show the limit of removing-peer
   ↪ operations per minute in all stores
>> store limit all 5              // Set the limit of adding-peer
   ↪ operations to 5 and the limit of removing-peer operations to 5 per
   ↪ minute for all stores
>> store limit 1 5                // Set the limit of adding-peer
   ↪ operations to 5 and the limit of removing-peer operations to 5 per
   ↪ minute for store 1
>> store limit all 5 add-peer     // Set the limit of adding-peer
   ↪ operations to 5 per minute for all stores
>> store limit 1 5 add-peer       // Set the limit of adding-peer
   ↪ operations to 5 per minute for store 1
>> store limit 1 5 remove-peer    // Set the limit of removing-peer
   ↪ operations to 5 per minute for store 1
>> store limit all 5 remove-peer  // Set the limit of removing-peer
   ↪ operations to 5 per minute for all stores
```

Note:

You can use `pd-ctl` to check the state (`Up`, `Disconnect`, `Offline`, `Down`, or `Tombstone`) of a TiKV store. For the relationship between each state, see Relationship between each state of a TiKV store.

14.9.2.4.30 `log [fatal | error | warn | info | debug]`

Use this command to set the log level of the PD leader.

Usage:

```
log warn
```

14.9.2.4.31 `tso`

Use this command to parse the physical and logical time of TSO.

Usage:

```
>> tso 395181938313123110    // Parse TSO
system: 2017-10-09 05:50:59 +0800 CST
logic: 120102
```

14.9.2.4.32 `unsafe remove-failed-stores [store-ids | show]`

Warning:

- This feature is a lossy recovery, so TiKV cannot guarantee data integrity and data indexes integrity after using the feature.
- It is recommended to perform the feature-related operations with the support from the TiDB team. If any misoperation is performed, it might be hard to recover the cluster.

Use this command to perform lossy recovery operations when permanently damaged replicas cause data to be unavailable. See the following example. The details are described in Online Unsafe Recovery

Execute Online Unsafe Recovery to remove permanently damaged stores:

```
unsafe remove-failed-stores 101,102,103
```

```
Success!
```

Show the current or historical state of Online Unsafe Recovery:

```
unsafe remove-failed-stores show
```

```
[
  "Collecting cluster info from all alive stores, 10/12.",
  "Stores that have reports to PD: 1, 2, 3, ...",
  "Stores that have not reported to PD: 11, 12",
]
```

14.9.2.5 Jq formatted JSON output usage

14.9.2.5.1 Simplify the output of `store`

```
>> store --jq=".stores[].store | {id, address, state_name}"
{"id":1,"address":"127.0.0.1:20161","state_name":"Up"}
{"id":30,"address":"127.0.0.1:20162","state_name":"Up"}
...
```

14.9.2.5.2 Query the remaining space of the node

```
>> store --jq=".stores[] | {id: .store.id, available: .status.available}"
{"id":1,"available":"10 GiB"}
{"id":30,"available":"10 GiB"}
...
```

14.9.2.5.3 Query all nodes whose status is not `Up`

```
store --jq='.stores[].store | select(.state_name!="Up") | {id, address,
    ↪ state_name}'
```

```
{"id":1,"address":"127.0.0.1:20161""state_name":"Offline"}
{"id":5,"address":"127.0.0.1:20162""state_name":"Offline"}
...
```

14.9.2.5.4 Query all TiFlash nodes

```
store --jq='.stores[].store | select(.labels | length>0 and contains([{"key
    ↪ ":"engine","value":"tiflash"}])) | {id, address, state_name}'
```

```
{"id":1,"address":"127.0.0.1:20161""state_name":"Up"}
{"id":5,"address":"127.0.0.1:20162""state_name":"Up"}
...
```

14.9.2.5.5 Query the distribution status of the Region replicas

```
>> region --jq=".regions[] | {id: .id, peer_stores: [.peers[].store_id]}"
{"id":2,"peer_stores":[1,30,31]}
{"id":4,"peer_stores":[1,31,34]}
...
```

14.9.2.5.6 Filter Regions according to the number of replicas

For example, to filter out all Regions whose number of replicas is not 3:

```
>> region --jq=".regions[] | {id: .id, peer_stores: [.peers[].store_id] |
   ↪ select(length != 3)}"
{"id":12,"peer_stores":[30,32]}
{"id":2,"peer_stores":[1,30,31,32]}
```

14.9.2.5.7 Filter Regions according to the store ID of replicas

For example, to filter out all Regions that have a replica on store30:

```
>> region --jq=".regions[] | {id: .id, peer_stores: [.peers[].store_id] |
   ↪ select(any(.==30))}"
{"id":6,"peer_stores":[1,30,31]}
{"id":22,"peer_stores":[1,30,32]}
...
```

You can also find out all Regions that have a replica on store30 or store31 in the same way:

```
>> region --jq=".regions[] | {id: .id, peer_stores: [.peers[].store_id] |
   ↪ select(any(.==(30,31)))}"
{"id":16,"peer_stores":[1,30,34]}
{"id":28,"peer_stores":[1,30,32]}
{"id":12,"peer_stores":[30,32]}
...
```

14.9.2.5.8 Look for relevant Regions when restoring data

For example, when `[store1, store30, store31]` is unavailable at its downtime, you can find all Regions whose Down replicas are more than normal replicas:

```
>> region --jq=".regions[] | {id: .id, peer_stores: [.peers[].store_id] |
   ↪ select(length as $total | map(if .==(1,30,31) then . else empty end)
   ↪ | length>=$total-length) }"
{"id":2,"peer_stores":[1,30,31,32]}
{"id":12,"peer_stores":[30,32]}
{"id":14,"peer_stores":[1,30,32]}
...
```

Or when `[store1, store30, store31]` fails to start, you can find Regions where the data can be manually removed safely on store1. In this way, you can filter out all Regions that have a replica on store1 but don't have other DownPeers:

```
>> region --jq=".regions[] | {id: .id, peer_stores: [.peers[].store_id] |
   ↪ select(length>1 and any(.==1) and all(.!=(30,31)))}"
{"id":24,"peer_stores":[1,32,33]}
```

When `[store30, store31]` is down, find out all Regions that can be safely processed by creating the `remove-peer` Operator, that is, Regions with one and only DownPeer:

```
>> region --jq=".regions[] | {id: .id, remove_peer: [.peers[].store_id] |
   ↪ select(length>1) | map(if .==(30,31) then . else empty end) | select(
   ↪ length==1)}"
{"id":12,"remove_peer":[30]}
{"id":4,"remove_peer":[31]}
{"id":22,"remove_peer":[30]}
...
```

14.9.3 TiDB Control User Guide

TiDB Control is a command-line tool of TiDB, usually used to obtain the status information of TiDB for debugging. This document introduces the features of TiDB Control and how to use these features.

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB Control is specifically designed for debugging purposes and might not be fully compatible with future capabilities introduced in TiDB. It's not recommended to include this tool in applications or utilities development to get information.

14.9.3.1 Get TiDB Control

You can get TiDB Control by installing it using TiUP or by compiling it from source code.

> **Note:**
>
> It is recommended that the version of the Control tool you use is consistent with the version of the cluster.

14.9.3.1.1 Install TiDB Control using TiUP

After installing TiUP, you can use `tiup ctl:v<CLUSTER_VERSION> tidb` command to get and execute TiDB Control.

14.9.3.1.2 Compile from source code

- Compilation environment requirement: Go 1.23 or later
- Compilation procedures: Go to the root directory of the TiDB Control project, use the `make` command to compile, and generate `tidb-ctl`.
- Compilation documentation: you can find the help files in the `doc` directory; if the help files are lost or you want to update them, use the `make doc` command to generate the help files.

14.9.3.2 Usage introduction

This section describes how to use commands, subcommands, options, and flags in `tidb-ctl`.

- command: characters without `-` or `--`
- subcommand: characters without `-` or `--` that follow a command
- option: characters with `-` or `--`
- flag: characters exactly following a command/subcommand or option, passing value to the command/subcommand or option

Usage example: `tidb-ctl schema in mysql -n db`

- `schema`: the command
- `in`: the subcommand of `schema`
- `mysql`: the flag of `in`
- `-n`: the option
- `db`: the flag of `-n`

Currently, TiDB Control has the following subcommands:

- `tidb-ctl base64decode`: used for `BASE64` decoding
- `tidb-ctl decoder`: used for `KEY` decoding
- `tidb-ctl etcd`: used for operating etcd
- `tidb-ctl log`: used to format the log file to expand the single-line stack information
- `tidb-ctl mvcc`: used to get the MVCC information
- `tidb-ctl region`: used to get the Region information
- `tidb-ctl schema`: used to get the schema information
- `tidb-ctl table`: used to get the table information

14.9.3.2.1 Get help

Use `tidb-ctl -h/--help` to get usage information.

TiDB Control consists of multiple layers of commands. You can use `-h/--help` after each command/subcommand to get its respective usage information.

The following example shows how to obtain the schema information:

Use `tidb-ctl schema -h` to get usage details. The `schema` command itself has two subcommands: `in` and `tid`.

- `in` is used to obtain the table schema of all tables in the database through the database name.
- `tid` is used to obtain the table schema by using the unique `table_id` in the whole database.

14.9.3.2.2 Global options

`tidb-ctl` has the following connection-related global options:

- `--host`: TiDB Service address (default 127.0.0.1)
- `--port`: TiDB status port (default 10080)
- `--pdhost`: PD Service address (default 127.0.0.1)
- `--pdport`: PD Service port (default 2379)
- `--ca`: The CA file path used for the TLS connection
- `--ssl-key`: The key file path used for the TLS connection
- `--ssl-cert`: The certificate file path used for the TLS connection

`--pdhost` and `--pdport` are mainly used in the `etcd` subcommand. For example, `tidb-ctl etcd ddlinfo`. If you do not specify the address and the port, the following default value is used:

- The default service address of TiDB and PD: `127.0.0.1`. The service address must be an IP address.
- The default service port of TiDB: `10080`.
- The default service port of PD: `2379`.

14.9.3.2.3 The `schema` command

The `in` subcommand

`in` is used to obtain the table schema of all tables in the database through the database name.

```
tidb-ctl schema in <database name>
```

For example, running `tidb-ctl schema in mysql` returns the following result:

```
[
    {
        "id": 13,
        "name": {
            "O": "columns_priv",
            "L": "columns_priv"
        },
              ...
        "update_timestamp": 399494726837600268,
        "ShardRowIDBits": 0,
        "Partition": null
    }
]
```

The result is displayed in the JSON format. (The above output is truncated.)

- If you want to specify the table name, use `tidb-ctl schema in <database> -n <table name>` to filter.

  For example, `tidb-ctl schema in mysql -n db` returns the table schema of the `db` table in the `mysql` database:

  ```
  {
      "id": 9,
      "name": {
          "O": "db",
          "L": "db"
      },
      ...
      "Partition": null
  }
  ```

  (The above output is also truncated.)

  If you do not want to use the default TiDB service address and port, use the `--host` and `--port` options to configure. For example, `tidb-ctl --host 172.16.55.88 --port 8898 schema in mysql -n db`.

The `tid` subcommand

`tid` is used to obtain the table schema by using the unique `table_id` in the whole database. You can use the `in` subcommand to get all table IDs of certain schema and use the `tid` subcommand to get the detailed table information.

For example, the table ID of `mysql.stat_meta` is `21`. You can use `tidb-ctl schema tid -i 21` to obtain the detail of `mysql.stat_meta`.

```
{
 "id": 21,
 "name": {
  "O": "stats_meta",
  "L": "stats_meta"
 },
 "charset": "utf8mb4",
 "collate": "utf8mb4_bin",
  ...
}
```

Like the `in` subcommand, if you do not want to use the default TiDB service address and status port, use the `--host` and `--port` options to specify the host and port.

The `base64decode` command

`base64decode` is used to decode `base64` data.

```
tidb-ctl base64decode [base64_data]
tidb-ctl base64decode [db_name.table_name] [base64_data]
tidb-ctl base64decode [table_id] [base64_data]
```

1. Execute the following SQL statement to prepare the environment:

```
use test;
create table t (a int, b varchar(20),c datetime default current_
    ↪ timestamp , d timestamp default current_timestamp, unique index(
    ↪ a));
insert into t (a,b,c) values(1,"哈哈 hello",NULL);
alter table t add column e varchar(20);
```

2. Obtain MVCC data using the HTTP API interface:

```
$ curl "http://$IP:10080/mvcc/index/test/t/a/1?a=1"
{
 "info": {
  "writes": [
   {
    "start_ts": 407306449994645510,
```

```
    "commit_ts": 407306449994645513,
    "short_value": "AAAAAAAAAAE=" # The unique index a stores the
       ↪ handle id of the corresponding row.
   }
  ]
 }
}%

$ curl "http://$IP:10080/mvcc/key/test/t/1"
{
 "info": {
  "writes": [
   {
    "start_ts": 407306588892692486,
    "commit_ts": 407306588892692489,
    "short_value": "CAIIAggEAhjlk4jlk4ggaGVsbG8IBgAICAmAgIDwjYuu0Rk=" #
       ↪  Row data that handle id is 1.
   }
  ]
 }
}%
```

3. Decode `handle id (uint64)using `base64decode``.

```
$ tidb-ctl base64decode AAAAAAAAAAE=
hex: 0000000000000001
uint64: 1
```

4. Decode row data using `base64decode`.

```
$ ./tidb-ctl base64decode test.t
   ↪ CAIIAggEAhjlk4jlk4ggaGVsbG8IBgAICAmAgIDwjYuu0Rk=
a:     1
b:     哈哈 hello
c is NULL
d:     2019-03-28 05:35:30
e not found in data

# if the table id of test.t is 60, you can also use below command to do
   ↪  the same thing.
$ ./tidb-ctl base64decode 60
   ↪ CAIIAggEAhjlk4jlk4ggaGVsbG8IBgAICAmAgIDwjYuu0Rk=
a:     1
b:     哈哈 hello
c is NULL
```

```
d:     2019-03-28 05:35:30
e not found in data
```

14.9.3.2.4 The `decoder` command

- The following example shows how to decode the row key, similar to decoding the index key.

```
$ ./tidb-ctl decoder "t\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x1c_r\x00\x00\x00\
   ↪ x00\x00\x00\x00\xfa"
format: table_row
table_id: -9223372036854775780  table_id: -9223372036854775780
row_id: -9223372036854775558    row_id: -9223372036854775558
```

- The following example shows how to decode `value`.

```
$ ./tidb-ctl decoder AhZoZWxsbyB3b3JsZAiAEA==
format: index_value
type: bigint, value: 1024   index_value[0]: {type: bytes, value: hello
   ↪ world}
index_value[1]: {type: bigint, value: 1024}
```

14.9.3.2.5 The `etcd` command

- `tidb-ctl etcd ddlinfo` is used to obtain DDL information.
- `tidb-ctl etcd putkey KEY VALUE` is used to add KEY VALUE to etcd (All the KEYs are added to the `/tidb/ddl/all_schema_versions/` directory).

```
tidb-ctl etcd putkey "foo" "bar"
```

  In fact, a key-value pair is added to the etcd whose KEY is `/tidb/ddl/all_schema_` ↪ `versions/foo` and VALUE is `bar`.

- `tidb-ctl etcd delkey` deletes the KEY in etcd. Only those KEYs with the `/tidb/` ↪ `ddl/fg/owner/` or `/tidb/ddl/all_schema_versions/` prefix can be deleted.

```
tidb-ctl etcd delkey "/tidb/ddl/fg/owner/foo"
tidb-ctl etcd delkey "/tidb/ddl/all_schema_versions/bar"
```

14.9.3.2.6 The `log` command

The stack information for the TiDB error log is in one line format. You could use `tidb-ctl log` to change its format to multiple lines.

14.9.3.2.7 The `keyrange` command

The `keyrange` subcommand is used to query the global or table-related key range information, which is output in the hexadecimal form.

- Execute the `tidb-ctl keyrange` command to check the global key range information:

```
tidb-ctl keyrange
```

```
global ranges:
  meta: (6d, 6e)
  table: (74, 75)
```

- Add the `--encode` option to display encoded keys (in the same format as in TiKV and PD):

```
tidb-ctl keyrange --encode
```

```
global ranges:
  meta: (6d00000000000000f8, 6e00000000000000f8)
  table: (7400000000000000f8, 7500000000000000f8)
```

- Execute the `tidb-ctl keyrange --database={db} --table={tbl}` command to check the global and table-related key range information:

```
tidb-ctl keyrange --database test --table ttt
```

```
global ranges:
  meta: (6d, 6e)
  table: (74, 75)
table ttt ranges: (NOTE: key range might be changed after DDL)
  table: (748000000000002f, 748000000000000030)
  table indexes: (74800000000000002f5f69, 74800000000000002f5f72)
    index c2: (74800000000000002f5f698000000000000001,
       ↪ 74800000000000002f5f698000000000000002)
    index c3: (74800000000000002f5f698000000000000002,
       ↪ 74800000000000002f5f698000000000000003)
    index c4: (74800000000000002f5f698000000000000003,
       ↪ 74800000000000002f5f698000000000000004)
  table rows: (74800000000000002f5f72, 748000000000000030)
```

14.9.4 PD Recover User Guide

PD Recover is a disaster recovery tool of PD, used to recover the PD cluster which cannot start or provide services normally.

14.9.4.1 Compile from source code

- Go 1.23 or later is required because the Go modules are used.
- In the root directory of the PD project, use the `make pd-recover` command to compile and generate `bin/pd-recover`.

> **Note:**
>
> Generally, you do not need to compile source code because the PD Control tool already exists in the released binary or Docker. However, developer users can refer to the instructions above for compiling source code.

14.9.4.2 Download TiDB Toolkit

The PD Recover installation package is included in the TiDB Toolkit. To download the TiDB Toolkit, see Download TiDB Tools.

The following sections introduce two methods to recover a PD cluster: recover from a surviving PD node and rebuild a PD cluster entirely.

14.9.4.3 Method 1: Recover a PD cluster using a surviving PD node

When a majority of PD nodes in a cluster experience an unrecoverable error, the cluster becomes unable to provide services. If there are any surviving PD nodes, you can recover the service by selecting a surviving PD node and forcibly modifying the members of the Raft Group. The steps are as follows:

14.9.4.3.1 Step 1: Stop all nodes

To prevent data corruption or other unrecoverable errors caused by interactions with PD parameters during the recovery process, stop the TiDB, TiKV, and TiFlash processes in the cluster.

14.9.4.3.2 Step 2: Start the surviving PD node

Start the surviving PD node using the `--force-new-cluster` startup parameter. The following is an example:

```
./bin/pd-server --force-new-cluster --name=pd-127.0.0.10-2379 --client-urls=
    ↪ http://0.0.0.0:2379 --advertise-client-urls=http://127.0.0.1:2379 --
    ↪ peer-urls=http://0.0.0.0:2380 --advertise-peer-urls=http
    ↪ ://127.0.0.1:2380 --config=conf/pd.toml
```

14.9.4.3.3 Step 3: Repair metadata using `pd-recover`

Since this method relies on a minority PD node to recover the service, the node might contain outdated data. If the `alloc_id` and `tso` data roll back, the cluster data might be corrupted or unavailable. To prevent this, you need to use `pd-recover` to modify the metadata to ensure that the node can provide correct allocation IDs and TSO services. The following is an example:

```
./bin/pd-recover --from-old-member --endpoints=http://127.0.0.1:2379 #
    ↪ Specify the corresponding PD address
```

> **Note:**
>
> In this step, the `alloc_id` in the storage automatically increases by a safe value of `100000000`. As a result, the subsequent cluster will allocate larger IDs.
>
> Additionally, `pd-recover` does not modify the TSO. Therefore, before performing this step, make sure that the local time is later than the time when the failure occurs, and verify that the NTP clock synchronization service is enabled between the PD components before the failure. If it is not enabled, you need to adjust the local clock to a future time to prevent the TSO from rolling back.

14.9.4.3.4 Step 4: Restart the PD node

Once you see the prompt message `recovery is successful`, restart the PD node.

14.9.4.3.5 Step 5: Scale out PD and start the cluster

Scale out the PD cluster using the deployment tool and start the other components in the cluster. At this point, the PD service is available.

14.9.4.4 Method 2: Entirely rebuild a PD cluster

This method is applicable to scenarios in which all PD data is lost, but the data of other components, such as TiDB, TiKV, and TiFlash, still exists.

14.9.4.4.1 Step 1: Get cluster ID

The cluster ID can be obtained from the log of PD, TiKV, or TiDB. To get the cluster ID, you can view the log directly on the server.

Get cluster ID from PD log (recommended)

To get the cluster ID from the PD log, run the following command:

```
grep "init cluster id" {{/path/to}}/pd.log
```

```
[2019/10/14 10:35:38.880 +00:00] [INFO] [server.go:212] ["init cluster id"]
    ↪ [cluster-id=6747551640615446306]
...
```

Get cluster ID from TiDB log

To get the cluster ID from the TiDB log, run the following command:

```
grep "init cluster id" {{/path/to}}/tidb.log
```

```
2019/10/14 19:23:04.688 client.go:161: [info] [pd] init cluster id
    ↪ 6747551640615446306
...
```

Get cluster ID from TiKV log

To get the cluster ID from the TiKV log, run the following command:

```
grep "connect to PD cluster" {{/path/to}}/tikv.log
```

```
[2019/10/14 07:06:35.278 +00:00] [INFO] [tikv-server.rs:464] ["connect to PD
    ↪  cluster 6747551640615446306"]
...
```

14.9.4.4.2 Step 2: Get allocated ID

The allocated ID value you specify must be larger than the currently largest allocated ID value. To get allocated ID, you can either get it from the monitor, or view the log directly on the server.

Get allocated ID from the monitor (recommended)

To get allocated ID from the monitor, you need to make sure that the metrics you are viewing are the metrics of **the last PD leader**, and you can get the largest allocated ID from the **Current ID allocation** panel in PD dashboard.

Get allocated ID from PD log

To get the allocated ID from the PD log, you need to make sure that the log you are viewing is the log of **the last PD leader**, and you can get the maximum allocated ID by running the following command:

```
grep "idAllocator allocates a new id" {{/path/to}}/pd*.log | awk -F'=' '{
    ↪ print $2}' | awk -F']' '{print $1}' | sort -r -n | head -n 1
```

```
4000
...
```

Or you can simply run the above command in all PD servers to find the largest one.

14.9.4.4.3 Step 3: Deploy a new PD cluster

Before deploying a new PD cluster, you need to stop the existing PD cluster and then delete the previous data directory or specify a new data directory using `--data-dir`.

14.9.4.4.4 Step 4: Use pd-recover

You only need to run `pd-recover` on one PD node. Note that to avoid reallocation, it is recommended to set the `-alloc-id` parameter to a value larger than the allocated ID. For example, if the maximum allocated ID obtained from monitoring or logs is `9000`, it is recommended to pass `10000` or a larger value to the `-alloc-id` parameter.

```
./pd-recover -endpoints http://10.0.1.13:2379 -cluster-id
    ↪ 6747551640615446306 -alloc-id 10000
```

14.9.4.4.5 Step 5: Restart the whole cluster

When you see the prompted information that the recovery is successful, restart the whole cluster.

14.9.4.5 FAQ

14.9.4.5.1 Multiple cluster IDs are found when getting the cluster ID

When a PD cluster is created, a new cluster ID is generated. You can determine the cluster ID of the old cluster by viewing the log.

14.9.4.5.2 The error `dial tcp 10.0.1.13:2379: connect: connection refused` is returned when executing `pd-recover`

The PD service is required when you execute `pd-recover`. Deploy and start the PD cluster before you use PD Recover.

14.10 Command Line Flags

14.10.1 Configuration Options

When you start the TiDB cluster, you can use command-line options or environment variables to configure it. This document introduces TiDB's command options. The default TiDB ports are `4000` for client requests and `10080` for status report.

14.10.1.1 `--advertise-address`

- The IP address through which to log into the TiDB server
- Default: `""`
- This address must be accessible by the rest of the TiDB cluster and the user.

14.10.1.2 `--config`

- The configuration file
- Default: `""`
- If you have specified the configuration file, TiDB reads the configuration file. If the corresponding configuration also exists in the command line options, TiDB uses the configuration in the command line options to overwrite that in the configuration file. For detailed configuration information, see TiDB Configuration File Description.

14.10.1.3 `--config-check`

- Checks the validity of the configuration file and exits
- Default: `false`

14.10.1.4 `--config-strict`

- Enforces the validity of the configuration file
- Default: `false`

14.10.1.5 `--cors`

- Specifies the `Access-Control-Allow-Origin` value for Cross-Origin Request Sharing (CORS) request of the TiDB HTTP status service
- Default: `""`

14.10.1.6 `--host`

- The host address that the TiDB server monitors
- Default: `"0.0.0.0"`
- The TiDB server monitors this address.
- The `"0.0.0.0"` address monitors all network cards by default. If you have multiple network cards, specify the network card that provides service, such as `192.168.100.113`.

14.10.1.7 `--initialize-insecure`

- Bootstraps tidb-server in insecure mode
- Default: `true`

14.10.1.8 `--initialize-secure`

- Bootstraps tidb-server in secure mode
- Default: `false`

14.10.1.9 `--initialize-sql-file`

- The SQL script to be executed when the TiDB cluster is started for the first time. For details, see configuration item `initialize-sql-file`
- Default: `""`

14.10.1.10 `-L`

- The log level
- Default: `"info"`
- Optional values: `"debug"`, `"info"`, `"warn"`, `"error"`, `"fatal"`

14.10.1.11 `--lease`

- The duration of the schema lease. It is **dangerous** to change the value unless you know what you do.
- Default: `45s`

14.10.1.12 `--log-file`

- The log file
- Default: `""`
- If this option is not set, logs are output to "stderr". If this option is set, logs are output to the corresponding file.

14.10.1.13 `--log-general`

- The filename of the General Log
- Default: `""`
- If this option is not set, the general log is written to the file specified by `--log-file` by default.

14.10.1.14 `--log-slow-query`

- The directory for the slow query log
- Default: `""`
- If this option is not set, logs are output to the file specified by `--log-file` by default.

14.10.1.15 `--metrics-addr`

- The Prometheus Pushgateway address
- Default: `""`
- Leaving it empty stops the Prometheus client from pushing.
- The format is `--metrics-addr=192.168.100.115:9091`.

14.10.1.16 `--metrics-interval`

- The Prometheus client push interval in seconds
- Default: `15s`
- Setting the value to 0 stops the Prometheus client from pushing.

14.10.1.17 `-P`

- The monitoring port of TiDB services
- Default: `"4000"`
- The TiDB server accepts MySQL client requests from this port.

14.10.1.18 `--path`

- The path to the data directory for local storage engine like "unistore"
- For `--store = tikv`, you must specify the path; for `--store = unistore`, the default value is used if you do not specify the path.
- For the distributed storage engine like TiKV, `--path` specifies the actual PD address. Assuming that you deploy the PD server on 192.168.100.113:2379, 192.168.100.114:2379 and 192.168.100.115:2379, the value of `--path` is "192.168.100.113:2379, 192.168.100.114:2379, 192.168.100.115:2379".
- Default: `"/tmp/tidb"`
- You can use `tidb-server --store=unistore --path=""` to enable a pure in-memory TiDB.

14.10.1.19 `--proxy-protocol-fallbackable`

- Controls whether to enable PROXY protocol fallback mode. When this parameter is set to `true`, TiDB accepts client connections that belong to `--proxy-protocol-networks` without using the PROXY protocol specification or without sending a PROXY protocol header. By default, TiDB only accepts client connections that belong to `--proxy-protocol-networks` and send a PROXY protocol header.
- Default value: `false`

14.10.1.20 `--proxy-protocol-networks`

- The list of proxy server's IP addresses allowed to connect to TiDB using the PROXY protocol.
- Default: `""`
- In general cases, when you access TiDB behind a reverse proxy, TiDB takes the IP address of the reverse proxy server as the IP address of the client. By enabling the PROXY protocol, reverse proxies that support this protocol such as HAProxy can pass the real client IP address to TiDB.

- After configuring this flag, TiDB allows the configured source IP address to connect to TiDB using the PROXY protocol; if a protocol other than PROXY is used, this connection will be denied; other addresses are allowed to connect to TiDB without the PROXY protocol. If this flag is left empty, no IP address can connect to TiDB using the PROXY protocol. The value can be the IP address (192.168.1.50) or CIDR (192.168.1.0/24) with `,` as the separator. `*` means any IP addresses.

> **Warning:**
>
> Use `*` with caution because it might introduce security risks by allowing a client of any IP address to report its IP address. In addition, using `*` ↪ might also cause the internal component that directly connects to TiDB (such as TiDB Dashboard) to be unavailable unless `--proxy-protocol-` ↪ `fallbackable` is set to `true`.

> **Note:**
>
> To use an AWS Network Load Balancer (NLB) with the PROXY protocol enabled, you need to configure the `target group` property of NLB. Specifically, set `proxy_protocol_v2.client_to_server.header_place` to `on_first_ack`. At the same time, you need to submit a ticket to AWS Support. Note that after the PROXY protocol is enabled, the client will fail to obtain handshake packets from the server and the packets are blocked until the client times out. This is because NLB sends proxy packets only after the client sends data. However, before the client sends any data packets, data packets sent by the server are dropped in the internal network.

14.10.1.21 `--proxy-protocol-header-timeout`

- Timeout for the PROXY protocol header read
- Default: `5` (seconds)

> **Warning:**
>
> Since v6.3.0, this parameter is deprecated. It is no longer used because the PROXY protocol header will be read upon the first time network data is read. Deprecating this parameter avoids affecting the timeout set when network data is read for the first time.

Note:

Do not set the value to `0`. Use the default value except for special situations.

14.10.1.22 `--report-status`

- Enables (`true`) or disables (`false`) the status report and pprof tool
- Default: `true`
- When set to `true`, this parameter enables metrics and pprof. When set to `false`, this parameter disables metrics and pprof.

14.10.1.23 `--run-ddl`

- To see whether the `tidb-server` runs DDL statements, and set when the number of `tidb-server` is over two in the cluster
- Default: `true`
- The value can be (true) or (false). (true) indicates the `tidb-server` runs DDL itself. (false) indicates the `tidb-server` does not run DDL itself.

14.10.1.24 `--socket string`

- The TiDB services use the unix socket file for external connections.
- Default: `""`
- Use `/tmp/tidb.sock` to open the unix socket file.

14.10.1.25 `--status`

- The status report port for TiDB server
- Default: `"10080"`
- This port is used to get server internal data. The data includes Prometheus metrics and pprof.
- Prometheus metrics can be accessed by `"http://host:status_port/metrics"`.
- pprof data can be accessed by `"http://host:status_port/debug/pprof"`.

14.10.1.26 `--status-host`

- The `HOST` used to monitor the status of TiDB service
- Default: `0.0.0.0`

14.10.1.27 `--store`

- Specifies the storage engine used by TiDB in the bottom layer
- Default: `"unistore"`
- You can choose "unistore" or "tikv". ("unistore" is the local storage engine; "tikv" is a distributed storage engine)

14.10.1.28 `--temp-dir`

- The temporary directory of TiDB
- Default: `"/tmp/tidb"`

14.10.1.29 `--tidb-service-scope`

- Specifies the initial value of `tidb_service_scope` for the current TiDB instance.
- Default: `""`

14.10.1.30 `--token-limit`

- The number of sessions allowed to run concurrently in TiDB. It is used for traffic control.
- Default: `1000`
- If the number of the concurrent sessions is larger than `token-limit`, the request is blocked and waiting for the operations which have been finished to release tokens.

14.10.1.31 `-V`

- Outputs the version of TiDB
- Default: `""`

14.10.1.32 `--plugin-dir`

- The storage directory for plugins.
- Default: `"/data/deploy/plugin"`

14.10.1.33 `--plugin-load`

- The names of the plugins to be loaded, each separated by a comma.
- Default: `""`

14.10.1.34 `--affinity-cpus`

- Sets the CPU affinity of TiDB servers, which is separated by commas. For example, "1,2,3".
- Default: `""`

14.10.1.35 `--redact`

- Determines whether the TiDB server desensitizes log files when using the subcommand `collect-log`.
- Default: false
- When the value is `true`, it is a masking operation, and all fields wrapped in `<` `>` mark symbols are replaced with `?`. When the value is `false`, it is a restore operation, and all mark symbols are removed. To use this feature, execute `./tidb-server --redact =xxx collect-log <input> <output>` to desensitize or restore the TiDB server log file specified by `<input>` and output it to `<output>`. For more information, see the system variable tidb_redact_log.

14.10.1.36 `--repair-mode`

- Determines whether to enable the repair mode, which is only used in the data repair scenario.
- Default: `false`

14.10.1.37 `--repair-list`

- The names of the tables to be repaired in the repair mode.
- Default: `""`

14.10.2 TiKV Configuration Flags

TiKV supports some readable unit conversions for command line parameters.

- File size (based on byte): KB, MB, GB, TB, PB (or lowercase)
- Time (based on ms): ms, s, m, h

14.10.2.1 `-A, --addr`

- The address that the TiKV server monitors
- Default: `"127.0.0.1:20160"`
- To deploy a cluster, you must use `--addr` to specify the IP address of the current host, such as `"192.168.100.113:20160"`. If the cluster is run on Docker, specify the IP address of Docker as `"0.0.0.0:20160"`.

14.10.2.2 `--advertise-addr`

- The server advertise address for client traffic from outside
- Default: `${addr}`
- If the client cannot connect to TiKV through the `--addr` address because of Docker or NAT network, you must manually set the `--advertise-addr` address.
- For example, the internal IP address of Docker is 172.17.0.1, while the IP address of the host is 192.168.100.113 and the port mapping is set to `-p 20160:20160`. In this case, you can set `--advertise-addr` to "192.168.100.113:20160". The client can find this service through 192.168.100.113:20160.

14.10.2.3 `--status-addr`

- The port through which the TiKV service status is listened
- Default: `"20180"`
- The Prometheus can access this status information via `http://host:status_port/metrics`.
- The Profile can access this status information via `http://host:status_port/debug/pprof/profile`.

14.10.2.4 `--advertise-status-addr`

- The address through which TiKV accesses service status from outside.
- Default: The value of `--status-addr` is used.
- If the client cannot connect to TiKV through the `--status-addr` address because of Docker or NAT network, you must manually set the `--advertise-status-addr` address.
- For example, the internal IP address of Docker is `172.17.0.1`, while the IP address of the host is `192.168.100.113` and the port mapping is set to `-p 20180:20180`. In this case, set `--advertise-status-addr="192.168.100.113:20180"`. The client can find this service through `192.168.100.113:20180`.

14.10.2.5 `-C, --config`

- The config file
- Default: `""`
- If you set the configuration using the command line, the same setting in the config file will be overwritten.

14.10.2.6 `--capacity`

- The store capacity
- Default: `0` (unlimited)
- PD uses this flag to determine how to balance the TiKV servers. (Tip: you can use 10GB instead of 1073741824)

14.10.2.7 `--config-info <FORMAT>`

- When this flag is used, available configuration values are listed according to `FORMAT` and then exit.
- Value option for `FORMAT`: `json`. Currently, only JSON format is supported.
- Only the configuration name (Name), default value (DefaultValue) and current value (ValueInFile) are listed in the output JSON. If the `-C` or `--config` is specified, the current value and the default value of configuration items in the file are listed together, and other items without `-C` or `--config` specified only have default values. The following is an example:

```
{
"Component": "TiKV Server",
"Version": "6.2.0",
"Parameters": [
    {
    "Name": "log-level",
    "DefaultValue": "info",
    "ValueInFile": "warn"
    },
    {
    "Name": "log-file",
    "DefaultValue": ""
    },
    ...
]
}
```

14.10.2.8 `--data-dir`

- The path to the data directory
- Default: `"/tmp/tikv/store"`

14.10.2.9 `-L`

- The log level
- Default: `"info"`
- Optional values: `"debug"`, `"info"`, `"warn"`, `"error"`, `"fatal"`

14.10.2.10 `--log-file`

- The log file
- Default: `""`
- If this flag is not set, logs will be written to "stderr". If this flag is set, logs are output to the corresponding file.

14.10.2.11 `--pd`

- The address list of PD servers
- Default: `""`
- To make TiKV work, you must use the value of `--pd` to connect the TiKV server to the PD server. Separate multiple PD addresses using comma, for example "192.168.100.113:2379, 192.168.100.114:2379, 192.168.100.115:2379".

14.10.3 TiFlash Command-Line Flags

This document introduces the command-line flags that you can use when you launch TiFlash.

14.10.3.1 `server --config-file`

- Specifies the path of the TiFlash configuration file
- Default: ""
- You must specify the configuration file. For detailed configuration items, refer to TiFlash configuration parameters.

14.10.3.2 `dttool migrate`

- Migrates the file format of DTFile (for testing or downgrading). Data is migrated in the unit of a single DTFile. If you want to migrate the whole table, you need to locate all the paths similar to `<data dir>/t_<table id>/stable/dmf_<file id>` and migrate them one by one. You can use scripts to automate the migration.
- User scenarios:
  - If you need to downgrade TiFlash from a version >= v5.4.0 that has enabled data validation to a version < v5.4.0, you can use this tool to downgrade the data format of the DTFile.
  - If you upgrade TiFlash to a version >= v5.4.0, and if you hope to enable data validation for existing data, you can use this tool to upgrade the data format of the DTFile.
  - Test the space usage and read speed of the DTFile in different configurations.

  - If you need to downgrade TiFlash from a version >= v7.3.0 that has enabled small file merging (that is, `storage.format_version` >= 5) to a version < v7.3.0, you can use this tool to downgrade the data format of the DTFile.

- Parameters:

  - `--imitative`: When you do not use the encryption feature of the DTFile, you can use this flag to avoid using the configuration file and connecting to PD.
  - `--version`: The target version of DTFile. The value options are `1`, `2` (default), and `3`. `1` is the old version, `2` is the version corresponding to the new checksum, and `3` is the version that supports merging small files.
  - `--algorithm`: The hash algorithm used for data validation. The value options are `xxh3` (default), `city128`, `crc32`, `crc64`, and `none`. This parameter is effective only when `version` is `2`.
  - `--frame`: The size of the validation frame. The default value is `1048576`. This parameter is effective only when `version` is `2`.
  - `--compression`: The target compression algorithm. The value options are `LZ4` (default), `LZ4HC`, `zstd`, and `none`.
  - `--level`: The target compression level. If not specified, the recommended compression level is used by default according to the compression algorithm. If `compression` is set to `LZ4` or `zstd`, the default level is 1. If `compression` is set to `LZ4HC`, the default level is 9.
  - `--config-file`: The configuration file of `dttool migrate` is the same as the configuration file of `server`. For more information, see `--imitative`.
  - `--file-id`: The ID of the DTFile. For example, the ID of the DTFile `dmf_123` is `123`.
  - `--workdir`: The parent directory of `dmf_xxx`.
  - `--dry`: The dry run mode. Only the migration process is output.
  - `--nokeep`: Does not keep the original data. When this option is not enabled, `dmf_xxx.old` files are created.

Warning:

TiFlash can read DTFile that uses custom compression algorithms and compression levels. However, only the `lz4` algorithm with the default compression level is officially supported. Custom compression parameters have not been thoroughly tested and are only experimental.

Note:

For security reasons, DTTool attempts to add a lock to the working directory in the migration mode. Therefore, in the same directory, only one DTTool can perform the migration task at the same time. If you forcibly stop DTTool where the lock is not released, then when you try to rerun DTTool later, it might refuse to perform the migration task.

If you encounter this situation, and if you are aware that removing the LOCK file does not cause any data corruption, you can manually delete the LOCK file in the working directory to release the lock.

14.10.3.3 `dttool bench`

- Provides a basic I/O speed test for the DTFile.
- Parameters:
  - `--version`: The version of DTFile. See `--version` in `dttool migrate`.
  - `--algorithm`: The hash algorithm used for data validation. See `--algorithm` in `dttool migrate`.
  - `--frame`: The size of the validation frame. See `--frame` in `dttool migrate`.
  - `--column`: The columns of the table to be tested. The default value is `100`.
  - `--size`: The rows of the table to be tested. The default value is `1000`.
  - `--field`: The field length limit of the table to be tested. The default value is `1024`.
  - `--random`: The random seed. If you do not specify this parameter, the random seed is drawn from the system entropy pool.
  - `--encryption`: Enables the encryption feature.
  - `--repeat`: The number of times to repeat the test. The default value is `5`.
  - `--workdir`: The temporary data directory, which points to a path in the file system to be tested. The default value is `/tmp/test`.

14.10.3.4 `dttool inspect`

- Checks the integrity of the DTFile. Data validation is performed in the unit of a single DTFile. If you want to validate the whole table, you need to locate all the paths similar to `<data dir>/t_<table id>/stable/dmf_<file id>` and validate them one by one. You can use scripts to automate the validation.
- User scenarios:
  - After you perform a format upgrade or downgrade, you can validate the data integrity of the DTFile.

    - After you migrate the DTFile to a new environment, you can validate the data integrity of the DTFile.

- Parameters:

    - `--config-file`: The configuration file of `dttool bench`. See `--config-file` in `dttool migrate`.
    - `--check`: Performs hash validation.
    - `--file-id`: The ID of the DTFile. See `--file-id` in `dttool migrate`.
    - `--imitative`: Imitates the database context. See `--imitative` in `dttool migrate`.
    - `--workdir`: The data directory. See `--workdir` in `dttool migrate`.

14.10.4 PD Configuration Flags

PD is configurable using command-line flags and environment variables.

14.10.4.1 `--advertise-client-urls`

- The list of advertise URLs for the client to access PD
- Default: `"${client-urls}"`
- In some situations such as in the Docker or NAT network environment, if a client cannot access PD through the default client URLs listened to by PD, you must manually set the advertise client URLs.
- For example, the internal IP address of Docker is `172.17.0.1`, while the IP address of the host is `192.168.100.113` and the port mapping is set to `-p 2379:2379`. In this case, you can set `--advertise-client-urls` to `"http://192.168.100.113:2379"`. The client can find this service through `"http://192.168.100.113:2379"`.

14.10.4.2 `--advertise-peer-urls`

- The list of advertise URLs for other PD nodes (peers) to access a PD node
- Default: `"${peer-urls}"`
- In some situations such as in the Docker or NAT network environment, if the other nodes (peers) cannot access the PD node through the default peer URLs listened to by this PD node, you must manually set the advertise peer URLs.
- For example, the internal IP address of Docker is `172.17.0.1`, while the IP address of the host is `192.168.100.113` and the port mapping is set to `-p 2380:2380`. In this case, you can set `--advertise-peer-urls` to `"http://192.168.100.113:2380"`. The other PD nodes can find this service through `"http://192.168.100.113:2380"`.

14.10.4.3 `--client-urls`

- The list of client URLs to be listened to by PD
- Default: `"http://127.0.0.1:2379"`
- When you deploy a cluster, you must specify the IP address of the current host as `--client-urls` (for example, `"http://192.168.100.113:2379"`). If the cluster runs on Docker, specify the IP address of Docker as `"http://0.0.0.0:2379"`.

14.10.4.4 `--peer-urls`

- The list of peer URLs to be listened to by a PD node
- Default: `"http://127.0.0.1:2380"`
- When you deploy a cluster, you must specify `--peer-urls` as the IP address of the current host, such as `"http://192.168.100.113:2380"`. If the cluster runs on Docker, specify the IP address of Docker as `"http://0.0.0.0:2380"`.

14.10.4.5 `--config`

- The configuration file
- Default: `""`
- If you set the configuration using the command line, the same setting in the configuration file will be overwritten.

14.10.4.6 `--data-dir`

- The path to the data directory
- Default: `"default.${name}"`

14.10.4.7 `--initial-cluster`

- The initial cluster configuration for bootstrapping
- Default: `"{name}=http://{advertise-peer-url}"`
- For example, if `name` is "pd", and `advertise-peer-urls` is `"http://192.168.100.113:2380"` ↪ , the `initial-cluster` is `"pd=http://192.168.100.113:2380"`.
- If you need to start three PD servers, the `initial-cluster` might be:

```
pd1=http://192.168.100.113:2380, pd2=http://192.168.100.114:2380, pd3
    ↪ =192.168.100.115:2380
```

14.10.4.8 `--join`

- Join the cluster dynamically
- Default: `""`
- If you want to join an existing cluster, you can use `--join="${advertise-client-urls}"`, the `advertise-client-url` is any existing PD's, multiply advertise client urls are separated by comma.

14.10.4.9 `-L`

- The log level
- Default: `"info"`
- Optional values: `"debug"`, `"info"`, `"warn"`, `"error"`, `"fatal"`

14.10.4.10 `--log-file`

- The log file
- Default: `""`
- If this flag is not set, logs will be written to "stderr". If this flag is set, logs are output to the corresponding file.

14.10.4.11 `--log-rotate`

- To enable or disable log rotation
- Default: `true`
- When the value is true, follow the `[log.file]` in PD configuration files.

14.10.4.12 `--name`

- The human-readable unique name for this PD member
- Default: `"pd-${hostname}"`
- If you want to start multiply PDs, you must use different name for each one.

14.10.4.13 `--cacert`

- The file path of CA, used to enable TLS
- Default: `""`

14.10.4.14 `--cert`

- The path of the PEM file including the X509 certificate, used to enable TLS
- Default: `""`

14.10.4.15 `--key`

- The path of the PEM file including the X509 key, used to enable TLS
- Default: `""`

14.10.4.16 `--metrics-addr`

- The address of Prometheus Pushgateway, which does not push data to Prometheus by default.
- Default: `""`

14.11 Key Monitoring Metrics

14.11.1 Key Metrics

If you use TiUP to deploy the TiDB cluster, the monitoring system (Prometheus & Grafana) is deployed at the same time. For more information, see TiDB Monitoring Framework Overview.

The Grafana dashboard is divided into a series of sub dashboards which include Overview, PD, TiDB, TiKV, Node_exporter, Disk Performance, and Performance_overview. A lot of metrics are there to help you diagnose.

For routine operations, you can get an overview of the component (PD, TiDB, TiKV) status and the entire cluster from the Overview dashboard, where the key metrics are displayed. This document provides a detailed description of these key metrics.

14.11.1.1 Key metrics description

To understand the key metrics displayed on the Overview dashboard, check the following table:

Service	Panel Name	Description	Normal Range
Services Port Status	Services Up	The online nodes number of each service.	
PD	PD role	The role of the current PD.	
PD	Storage capacity	The total storage capacity of the TiDB cluster.	
PD	Current storage size	The occupied storage capacity of the TiDB cluster, including the space occupied by TiKV replicas.	
PD	Normal stores	The number of nodes in the normal state.	

Service	Panel Name	Description	Normal Range
PD	Abnormal stores	The number of nodes in the abnormal state.	0
PD	Number of Regions	The total number of Regions in the current cluster. Note that the number of Regions has nothing to do with the number of replicas.	
PD	99% completed_cmds_duration_seconds	The 99th percentile duration to complete a pd-server request.	less than 5ms
PD	Handle_requests_duration_seconds	The total duration of a PD request.	
PD	Region health	The state of each Region.	Generally, the number of pending peers is less than 100, and that of the missing peers cannot always be greater than `0`.
PD	Hot write Region's leader distribution	The total number of leaders who are the write hotspots on each TiKV instance.	
PD	Hot read Region's leader distribution	The total number of leaders who are the read hotspots on each TiKV instance.	
PD	Region heartbeat report	The count of heartbeats reported to PD per instance.	
PD	99% Region heartbeat latency	The heartbeat latency per TiKV instance (P99).	
TiDB	Statement OPS	The number of different types of SQL statements executed per second, which is counted according to `SELECT`, `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and other types of statements.	

Service	Panel Name	Description	Normal Range
TiDB	Duration	The execution time.1. The duration between the time that the client's network request is sent to TiDB and the time that the request is returned to the client after TiDB has executed the request. In general, client requests are sent in the form of SQL statements; however, this duration can include the execution time of commands such as `COM_PING`, `COM_SLEEP`, `COM_STMT_FETCH`, and `COM_SEND_LONG_DATA`.2. Because TiDB supports Multi-Query, TiDB supports sending multiple SQL statements at one time, such as `select 1; select 1; select 1;`. In this case, the total execution time of this query includes the execution time of all SQL statements.	
TiDB	CPS By Instance	CPS By Instance: the command statistics on each TiDB instance, which is classified according to the success or failure of command execution results.	
TiDB	Failed Query OPM	The statistics of error types (such as syntax errors and primary key conflicts) based on the errors occurred when executing SQL statements per second on each TiDB instance. The module in which the error occurs and the error code are included.	
TiDB	Connection Count	The connection number of each TiDB instance.	
TiDB	Memory Usage	The memory usage statistics of each TiDB instance, which is divided into the memory occupied by processes and the memory applied by Golang on the heap.	
TiDB	Transaction OPS	The number of transactions executed per second.	

Service	Panel Name	Description	Normal Range
TiDB	Transaction Duration	The execution time of a transaction	
TiDB	KV Cmd OPS	The number of executed KV commands.	
TiDB	KV Cmd Duration 99	The execution time of the KV command.	
TiDB	PD TSO OPS	The number of gRPC requests per second that TiDB sends to PD (cmd) and the number of TSO requests (request); each gRPC request contains a batch of TSO requests.	
TiDB	PD TSO Wait Duration	The duration that TiDB waits for PD to return TSO.	
TiDB	TiClient Region Error OPS	The number of Region related errors returned by TiKV.	
TiDB	Lock Resolve OPS	The number of TiDB operations that resolve locks. When TiDB's read or write request encounters a lock, it tries to resolve the lock.	
TiDB	KV Backoff OPS	The number of errors returned by TiKV.	
TiKV	leader	The number of leaders on each TiKV node.	
TiKV	region	The number of Regions on each TiKV node.	
TiKV	CPU	The CPU usage ratio on each TiKV node.	
TiKV	Memory	The memory usage on each TiKV node.	
TiKV	store size	The size of storage space used by each TiKV instance.	
TiKV	cf size	The size of each column family (CF for short).	
TiKV	channel full	The number of "channel full" errors on each TiKV instance.	0
TiKV	server report failures	The number of error messages reported by each TiKV instance.	0
TiKV	scheduler pending commands	The number of pending commands on each TiKV instance.	

Service	Panel Name	Description	Normal Range
TiKV	coprocessor executor count	The number of coprocessor operations received by TiKV per second. Each type of coprocessor is counted separately.	
TiKV	coprocessor request duration	The time consumed to process read requests of coprocessor.	
TiKV	raft store CPU	The CPU usage ratio of the raftstore thread	The default number of threads is 2 (configured by `raftstore.store-pool-size`). A value of over 80% for a single thread indicates that the CPU usage ratio is very high.
TiKV	Coprocessor CPU	The CPU usage ratio of the coprocessor thread.	
System Info	Vcores	The number of CPU cores.	
System Info	Memory	The total memory.	
System Info	CPU Usage	The CPU usage ratio, 100% at a maximum.	
System Info	Load [1m]	The overload within 1 minute.	
System Info	Memory Available	The size of the available memory.	
System Info	Network Traffic	The statistics of the network traffic.	
System Info	TCP Retrans	The frequency of the TOC retransmission.	
System Info	IO Util	The disk usage ratio, 100% at a maximum; generally you need to consider adding a new node when the usage ratio is up to 80% ~ 90%.	

14.11.1.2 Interface of the Overview dashboard



Figure 563: overview

14.11.2 Key Metrics on Performance Overview

If you use TiUP to deploy the TiDB cluster, the monitoring system (Prometheus & Grafana) is deployed at the same time. For more information, see TiDB Monitoring Framework Overview.

The Grafana dashboard is divided into a series of sub dashboards which include PD, TiDB, TiKV, Node_exporter, Overview, and Performance Overview. A lot of metrics are there to help you diagnose.

The Performance Overview dashboard orchestrates the metrics of TiDB, PD, and TiKV, and presents each of them in the following sections:

- Overview: Database time and SQL execution time summary. By checking different colors in the overview, you can quickly identify the database workload profile and the performance bottleneck.

- Load profile: Key metrics and resource usage, including database QPS, connection information, the MySQL command types the application interacts with TiDB, database internal TSO and KV request OPS, and resource usage of the TiKV and TiDB.
- Top-down latency breakdown: Query latency versus connection idle time ratio, query latency breakdown, TSO/KV request latency during execution, breakdown of write latency within TiKV.

With the Performance Overview Dashboard, you can analyze performance efficiently, and confirm whether the bottleneck of user response time is in the database. If the bottleneck is in the database, you can identify the bottleneck inside the database, with database time overview, workload profile and SQL latency breakdown. For details, see Performance Analysis and Tuning.

The following sections illustrate the metrics on the Performance Overview dashboard.

14.11.2.1 Performance Overview

14.11.2.1.1 Database Time by SQL Type

- database time: Total database time per second
- sql_type: Database time consumed by each type of SQL statements per second

14.11.2.1.2 Database Time by SQL Phase

- database time: Total database time per second
- get token/parse/compile/execute: Database time consumed in four SQL processing phases

The SQL execution phase is in green and other phases are in red on general. If non-green areas are large, it means much database time is consumed in other phases than the execution phase and further cause analysis is required.

14.11.2.1.3 SQL Execute Time Overview

- execute time: Database time consumed during SQL execution per second
- tso_wait: Concurrent TSO waiting time per second during SQL execution
- kv request type: Time waiting for each KV request type per second during SQL execution. The total KV request wait time might exceed SQL execution time, because KV requests are concurrent.
- tiflash_mpp: Time of processing TiFlash requests per second during SQL execution.

Green metrics stand for common KV write requests (such as prewrite and commit), blue metrics stand for common read requests, purple metrics stand for TiFlash MPP requests, and metrics in other colors stand for unexpected situations which you need to pay attention to. For example, pessimistic lock KV requests are marked red and TSO waiting is marked dark brown.

If non-blue or non-green areas are large, it means there is a bottleneck during SQL execution. For example:

- If serious lock conflicts occur, the red area will take a large proportion.
- If excessive time is consumed in waiting TSO, the dark brown area will take a large proportion.

14.11.2.1.4 QPS

Number of SQL statements executed per second in all TiDB instances, collected by type: such as `SELECT`, `INSERT`, and `UPDATE`

14.11.2.1.5 CPS By Type

Number of commands processed by all TiDB instances per second based on type

14.11.2.1.6 Queries Using Plan Cache OPS

- avg-hit: The number of queries using the execution plan cache per second for all TiDB instances
- avg-miss: The number of queries not using the execution plan cache per second for all TiDB instances

`avg-hit + avg-miss` is equal to `StmtExecute`, which is the number of all queries executed per second.

14.11.2.1.7 KV/TSO Request OPS

- kv request total: Total number of KV requests per second in all TiDB instances
- kv request by type: Number of KV requests per second in all TiDB instances based on such types as `Get`, `Prewrite`, and `Commit`
- tso - cmd: Number of gRPC requests per second that TiDB sends to PD in all TiDB instances; each gRPC request contains a batch of TSO requests
- tso - request: Number of TSO requests per second in all TiDB instances

Generally, `tso - request` divided by `tso - cmd` is the average size of TSO request batches per second.

14.11.2.1.8 KV Request Time By Source

- kv request total time: Total time of processing KV and TiFlash requests per second in all TiDB instances
- Each KV request and the corresponding request source form a stacked bar chart, in which `external` identifies normal business requests and `internal` identifies internal activity requests (such as DDL and auto analyze requests)

14.11.2.1.9 TiDB CPU

- avg: Average CPU utilization across all TiDB instances
- delta: Maximum CPU utilization of all TiDB instances minus minimum CPU utilization of all TiDB instances
- max: Maximum CPU utilization across all TiDB instances

14.11.2.1.10 TiKV CPU/IO MBps

- CPU-Avg: Average CPU utilization of all TiKV instances
- CPU-Delta: Maximum CPU utilization of all TiKV instances minus minimum CPU utilization of all TiKV instances
- CPU-MAX: Maximum CPU utilization among all TiKV instances
- IO-Avg: Average MBps of all TiKV instances
- IO-Delt: Maximum MBps of all TiKV instances minus minimum MBps of all TiKV instances
- IO-MAX: Maximum MBps of all TiKV instances

14.11.2.1.11 Duration

- Duration: Execution time
    - The duration from receiving a request from the client to TiDB till TiDB executing the request and returning the result to the client. In general, client requests are sent in the form of SQL statements; however, this duration can include the execution time of commands such as `COM_PING`, `COM_SLEEP`, `COM_STMT_FETCH`, and `COM_SEND_LONG_DATA`.
    - TiDB supports Multi-Query, which means the client can send multiple SQL statements at one time, such as `select 1; select 1; select 1;`. In this case, the total execution time of this query includes the execution time of all SQL statements.
- avg: Average time to execute all requests
- 99: P99 duration to execute all requests
- avg by type: Average time to execute all requests in all TiDB instances, collected by type: `SELECT`, `INSERT`, and `UPDATE`

14.11.2.1.12 Connection Idle Duration

Connection Idle Duration indicates the duration of a connection being idle.

- avg-in-txn: Average connection idle duration when the connection is within a transaction
- avg-not-in-txn: Average connection idle duration when the connection is not within a transaction
- 99-in-txn: P99 connection idle duration when the connection is within a transaction

14.11.2.1.13 Connection Count

- total: Number of connections to all TiDB instances
- active connections: Number of active connections to all TiDB instances
- tidb-{node-number}-peer: Number of connections to each TiDB instance
- disconnection/s: Number of disconnections in a TiDB cluster
- 99-not-in-txn: P99 connection idle duration when the connection is not within a transaction

14.11.2.1.14 Parse Duration, Compile Duration, and Execute Duration

- Parse Duration: Time consumed in parsing SQL statements
- Compile Duration: Time consumed in compiling the parsed SQL AST to execution plans
- Execution Duration: Time consumed in executing execution plans of SQL statements

All these three metrics include the average duration and the 99th percentile duration in all TiDB instances.

14.11.2.1.15 Avg TiDB KV Request Duration

Average time consumed in executing KV requests in all TiDB instances based on the type, including `Get`, `Prewrite`, and `Commit`.

14.11.2.1.16 Avg TiKV GRPC Duration

Average time consumed in executing gRPC requests in all TiKV instances based on the type, including `kv_get`, `kv_prewrite`, and `kv_commit`.

14.11.2.1.17 PD TSO Wait/RPC Duration

- wait - avg: Average duration of waiting for PD to return TSO in all TiDB instances
- rpc - avg: Average duration from the time that TiDB sends gRPC requests to PD to get TSO to the time that TiDB receives TSO in all TiDB instances
- wait - 99: P99 duration of waiting for PD to return TSO in all TiDB instances
- rpc - 99: P99 duration from the time that TiDB sends gRPC requests to PD to get TSO to the time that TiDB receives TSO in all TiDB instances

14.11.2.1.18 Storage Async Write Duration, Store Duration, and Apply Duration

- Storage Async Write Duration: Time consumed in asynchronous write
- Store Duration: Time consumed in store loop during asynchronously write
- Apply Duration: Time consumed in apply loop during asynchronously write

All these three metrics include the average duration and P99 duration in all TiKV instances.

Average storage async write duration = Average store duration + Average apply duration

14.11.2.1.19 Append Log Duration, Commit Log Duration, and Apply Log Duration

- Append Log Duration: Time consumed by Raft to append logs
- Commit Log Duration: Time consumed by Raft to commit logs
- Apply Log Duration: Time consumed by Raft to apply logs

All these three metrics include the average duration and P99 duration in all TiKV instances.

14.11.2.1.20 Interface of the Performance Overview panels



Figure 564: performance overview

14.11.2.2 TiFlash

- CPU: The CPU utilization per TiFlash instance.
- Memory: The memory usage per TiFlash instance.
- IO utilization: The IO utilization per TiFlash instance.
- MPP Query count: The number of TiFlash MPP queries per second per TiFlash instance.
- Request QPS: The number of coprocessor requests received by all TiFlash instances.
    - `batch`: Number of batch requests.
    - `batch_cop`: Number of coprocessor requests in the batch requests.
    - `cop`: Number of coprocessor requests that are sent directly via the coprocessor interface.
    - `cop_dag`: Number of dag requests in all coprocessor requests.
    - `super_batch`: Number of requests that enable the Super Batch feature.
- Executor QPS: The number of each type of dag executors in the requests received by all TiFlash instances. `table_scan` is the table scan executor. `selection` is the selection executor. `aggregation` is the aggregation executor. `top_n` is the `TopN` executor. `limit` is the limit executor.
- Request Duration Overview: Provides a stacked chart of total processing time per second for all request types in all TiFlash instances.
- Request Duration: The total processing duration for each MPP and coprocessor request type in all TiFlash instances. It is from the time that the coprocessor request is received to the time that the response of the request is completed, which includes the average latency and p99 latency.
- Request Handle Duration: The actual processing duration for each MPP and coprocessor request type in all TiFlash instances. It is from the start of executing the coprocessor request to the completion of the execution, which includes the average latency and p99 latency.
- Raft Wait Index Duration: The time used by `wait_index` for all TiFlash instances, namely the time used to wait until Region index >= `read_index` after the `read_index` request is received.
- Raft Batch Read Index Duration: The time used by `read_index` for all TiFlash instances. Most time is used for interaction with the Region leader and retry.
- Write Throughput By Instance: The throughput of write by instance. It includes the throughput by applying the Raft write commands and Raft snapshots.
- Write flow: The traffic of disk writes by all TiFlash instances.
- Read flow: The traffic of disk reads by all TiFlash instances.

14.11.2.3 CDC

- CPU usage: The CPU usage per TiCDC node.
- Memory usage: The memory usage per TiCDC node.
- Goroutine count: The number of goroutines per TiCDC node.
- Changefeed checkpoint lag: The progress lag of data replication (the unit is second) between the upstream and the downstream.
- Changefeed resolved ts lag: The progress lag of data replication (the unit is second) between the upstream and TiCDC nodes.
- The status of changefeeds:
    - 0: Normal
    - 1: Error
    - 2: Failed
    - 3: Stopped
    - 4: Finished
    - -1: Unknown
- Puller output events/s: The number of rows that the Puller module of TiCDC nodes sends to the Sorter module per second.
- Sorter output events/s: The number of rows that the Sorter module of TiCDC nodes sends to the Mounter module per second.
- Mounter output events/s: The number of rows that the Mounter module of TiCDC nodes sends to the Sink module per second.
- Table sink output events/s: The number of rows that the Table Sorter module of the TiCDC nodes sends to the Sink module per second.
- SinkV2 - Sink flush rows/s: The number of rows that the Sink module in the TiCDC node sends to the downstream per second.
- Transaction Sink Full Flush Duration: The average latency and p999 latency of writing downstream transactions by the MySQL Sink of TiCDC nodes.
- MQ Worker Send Message Duration Percentile: The latency of sending messages by MQ worker when the downstream is Kafka.
- Kafka Outgoing Bytes: The traffic of writing downstream transactions in MQ Workload.

14.11.3 TiDB Monitoring Metrics

If you use TiUP to deploy the TiDB cluster, the monitoring system (Prometheus & Grafana) is deployed at the same time. For the monitoring architecture, see TiDB Monitoring Framework Overview.

The Grafana dashboard is divided into a series of sub dashboards which include Overview, PD, TiDB, TiKV, Node_exporter, Disk Performance, and Performance_overview. The TiDB dashboard consists of the TiDB panel and the TiDB Summary panel. The differences between the two panels are different in the following aspects:

- TiDB panel: provides as comprehensive information as possible for troubleshooting cluster anomalies.
- TiDB Summary Panel: extracts parts of the TiDB panel information with which users are most concerned, with some modifications. It provides data (such as QPS, TPS, response delay) that users care about in the daily database operations, which serves as the monitoring information to be displayed or reported.

This document describes some key monitoring metrics displayed on the TiDB dashboard.

14.11.3.1 Key metrics description

To understand the key metrics displayed on the TiDB dashboard, check the following sections:

14.11.3.1.1 Query Summary

- Duration: execution time
    - The duration between the time that the client's network request is sent to TiDB and the time that the request is returned to the client after TiDB has executed it. In general, client requests are sent in the form of SQL statements, but can also include the execution time of commands such as `COM_PING`, `COM_SLEEP`, `COM_STMT_FETCH`, and `COM_SEND_LONG_DATA`
    - Because TiDB supports Multi-Query, it supports sending multiple SQL statements at one time, such as `select 1; select 1; select 1;`. In this case, the total execution time of this query includes the execution time of all SQL statements
- Command Per Second: the number of commands processed by TiDB per second, which is classified according to the success or failure of command execution results
- QPS: the number of SQL statements executed per second on all TiDB instances, which is counted according to `SELECT`, `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and other types of statements
- CPS By Instance: the command statistics on each TiDB instance, which is classified according to the success or failure of command execution results

- Failed Query OPM: the statistics of error types (such as syntax errors and primary key conflicts) according to the errors occurred when executing SQL statements per minute on each TiDB instance. It contains the module in which the error occurs and the error code
- Slow query: the statistics of the processing time of slow queries (the time cost of the entire slow query, the time cost of Coprocessor, and the waiting time for Coprocessor scheduling). Slow queries are classified into internal and general SQL statements
- Connection Idle Duration: the duration of idle connections
- 999/99/95/80 Duration: the statistics of the execution time for different types of SQL statements (different percentiles)

14.11.3.1.2 Query Detail

- Duration 80/95/99/999 By Instance: the statistics of the execution time for SQL statements on each TiDB instance (different percentiles)
- Failed Query OPM Detail: the statistics of error types (such as syntax errors and primary key conflicts) according to the errors occurred when executing SQL statements per minute on each TiDB instance
- Internal SQL OPS: the internal SQL statements executed per second in the entire TiDB cluster. The internal SQL statements are internally executed and are generally triggered by user SQL statements or internally scheduled tasks.

14.11.3.1.3 Server

- Uptime: the runtime of each TiDB instance
- Memory Usage: the memory usage statistics of each TiDB instance, which is divided into the memory occupied by processes and the memory applied by Golang on the heap
- CPU Usage: the statistics of CPU usage of each TiDB instance
- Connection Count: the number of clients connected to each TiDB instance
- Open FD Count: the statistics of opened file descriptors of each TiDB instance
- Disconnection Count: the number of clients disconnected to each TiDB instance
- Events OPM: the statistics of key events, such as “start”, “close”, “graceful-shutdown”,“kill”, and “hang”
- Goroutine Count: the number of Goroutines on each TiDB instance
- Prepare Statement Count: the number of `Prepare` statements that are executed on each TiDB instance and the total count of them
- Keep Alive OPM: the number of times that the metrics are refreshed every minute on each TiDB instance. It usually needs no attention.
- Panic And Critical Error: the number of panics and critical errors occurred in TiDB
- Time Jump Back OPS: the number of times that the operating system rewinds every second on each TiDB instance
- Get Token Duration: the time cost of getting Token on each connection

- Skip Binlog Count: the number of binlog write failures in TiDB; starting from v8.4.0, TiDB Binlog is removed, and this metric has no value
- Client Data Traffic: data traffic statistics of TiDB and the client

14.11.3.1.4 Transaction

- Transaction OPS: the number of transactions executed per second
- Duration: the execution duration of a transaction
- Transaction Statement Num: the number of SQL statements in a transaction
- Transaction Retry Num: the number of times that a transaction retries
- Session Retry Error OPS: the number of errors encountered during the transaction retry per second. This metric includes two error types: retry failure and exceeding the maximum number of retries
- Commit Token Wait Duration: the wait duration in the flow control queue during the transaction commit. If the wait duration is long, it means that the transaction to commit is too large and the flow is controlled. If the system still has resources available, you can speed up the commit process by increasing the system variable `tidb_committer_concurrency`.
- KV Transaction OPS: the number of transactions executed per second within each TiDB instance
    - A user transaction might trigger multiple transaction executions in TiDB, including reading internal metadata and atomic retries of the user transaction
    - TiDB's internally scheduled tasks also operate on the database through transactions, which are also included in this panel
- KV Transaction Duration: the time spent on executing transactions within each TiDB
- Transaction Regions Num: the number of Regions operated in the transaction
- Transaction Write KV Num Rate and Sum: the rate at which KVs are written and the sum of these written KVs in the transaction
- Transaction Write KV Num: the number of KVs operated in the transaction
- Statement Lock Keys: the number of locks for a single statement
- Send HeartBeat Duration: the duration for the transaction to send heartbeats
- Transaction Write Size Bytes Rate and sum: the rate at which bytes are written and the sum of these written bytes in the transaction
- Transaction Write Size Bytes: the size of the data written in the transaction
- Acquire Pessimistic Locks Duration: the time consumed by adding locks
- TTL Lifetime Reach Counter: the number of transactions that reach the upper limit of TTL. The default value of the TTL upper limit is 1 hour. It means that 1 hour has passed since the first lock of a pessimistic transaction or the first prewrite of an optimistic transaction. The default value of the upper limit of TTL is 1 hour. The upper limit of TTL life can be changed by modifying `max-txn-TTL` in the TiDB configuration file
- Load Safepoint OPS: the number of times that `Safepoint` is loaded. `Safepoint` is to ensure that the data before `Safepoint` is not read when the transaction reads data, thus ensuring data safety. The data before `Safepoint` might be cleaned up by the GC

- Pessimistic Statement Retry OPS: the number of retry attempts for pessimistic statements. When the statement tries to add lock, it might encounter a write conflict. At this time, the statement will acquire a new snapshot and add lock again
- Transaction Types Per Seconds: the number of transactions committed per second using the two-phase commit (2PC), async commit, and one-phase commit (1PC) mechanisms, including both success and failure transactions

14.11.3.1.5 Executor

- Parse Duration: the statistics of the parsing time of SQL statements
- Compile Duration: the statistics of the time of compiling the parsed SQL AST to the execution plan
- Execution Duration: the statistics of the execution time for SQL statements
- Expensive Executor OPS: the statistics of the operators that consume many system resources per second, including `Merge Join`, `Hash Join`, `Index Look Up Join`, `Hash Agg`, `Stream Agg`, `Sort`, and `TopN`
- Queries Using Plan Cache OPS: the statistics of queries using the Plan Cache per second
- Plan Cache Miss OPS: the statistics of the number of times that the Plan Cache is missed per second
- Plan Cache Memory Usage: the total memory consumed by the execution plan cached in each TiDB instance
- Plan Cache Plan Num: the total number of execution plans cached in each TiDB instance

14.11.3.1.6 Distsql

- Distsql Duration: the processing time of Distsql statements
- Distsql QPS: the statistics of Distsql statements
- Distsql Partial QPS: the number of Partial results every second
- Scan Keys Num: the number of keys that each query scans
- Scan Keys Partial Num: the number of keys that each Partial result scans
- Partial Num: the number of Partial results for each SQL statement

14.11.3.1.7 KV Errors

- KV Backoff Duration: the total duration that a KV retry request lasts. TiDB might encounter an error when sending a request to TiKV. TiDB has a retry mechanism for every request to TiKV. This `KV Backoff Duration` item records the total time of a request retry.
- TiClient Region Error OPS: the number of Region related error messages returned by TiKV
- KV Backoff OPS: the number of error messages returned by TiKV

- Lock Resolve OPS: the number of TiDB operations to resolve locks. When TiDB's read or write request encounters a lock, it tries to resolve the lock
- Other Errors OPS: the number of other types of errors, including clearing locks and updating `SafePoint`

14.11.3.1.8 KV Request

The following metrics relate to requests sent to TiKV. Retry requests are counted multiple times.

- KV Request OPS: the execution times of a KV request, displayed according to TiKV
- KV Request Duration 99 by store: the execution time of a KV request, displayed according to TiKV
- KV Request Duration 99 by type: the execution time of a KV request, displayed according to the request type
- Stale Read Hit/Miss Ops
    - **hit**: the number of requests per second that successfully execute a stale read
    - **miss**: the number of requests per second that attempt a stale read but fail
- Stale Read Req Ops:
    - **cross-zone**: the number of requests per second that attempt a stale read in a remote zone
    - **local**: the number of requests per second that attempt a stale read in the local zone
- Stale Read Req Traffic:
    - **cross-zone-in**: the incoming traffic of responses to requests that attempt a stale read in a remote zone
    - **cross-zone-out**: the outgoing traffic of requests that attempt a stale read in a remote zone
    - **local-in**: the incoming traffic of responses to requests that attempt a stale read in the local zone
    - **local-out**: the outgoing traffic of requests that attempt a stale read in the local zone

14.11.3.1.9 PD Client

- PD Client CMD OPS: the statistics of commands executed by PD Client per second
- PD Client CMD Duration: the time it takes for PD Client to execute commands
- PD Client CMD Fail OPS: the statistics of failed commands executed by PD Client per second
- PD TSO OPS: the number of gRPC requests per second that TiDB sends to PD (cmd) and the number of TSO requests (request); each gRPC request contains a batch of TSO requests

- PD TSO Wait Duration: the time that TiDB waits for PD to return TSO
- PD TSO RPC duration: the duration from the time that TiDB sends gRPC requests to PD to get TSO to the time that TiDB receives the gRPC response from PD
- Async TSO Duration: the duration from the time that TiDB prepares to get TSO to the time that TiDB actually starts to wait for PD to return TSO

14.11.3.1.10 Schema Load

- Load Schema Duration: the time it takes TiDB to obtain the schema from TiKV
- Load Schema OPS: the statistics of the schemas that TiDB obtains from TiKV per second
- Schema Lease Error OPM: the Schema Lease errors include two types: `change` and `outdate`. `change` means that the schema has changed, and `outdate` means that the schema cannot be updated, which is a more serious error and triggers an alert.
- Load Privilege OPS: the statistics of the number of privilege information obtained by TiDB from TiKV per second

14.11.3.1.11 DDL

- DDL Duration 95: 95% quantile of DDL statement processing time
- Batch Add Index Duration 100: statistics of the maximum time spent by each Batch on creating an index
- DDL Waiting Jobs Count: the number of DDL tasks that are waiting
- DDL META OPM: the number of times that a DDL obtains META every minute
- DDL Worker Duration 99: 99% quantile of the execution time of each DDL worker
- Deploy Syncer Duration: the time consumed by Schema Version Syncer initialization, restart, and clearing up operations
- Owner Handle Syncer Duration: the time that it takes the DDL Owner to update, obtain, and check the Schema Version
- Update Self Version Duration: the time consumed by updating the version information of Schema Version Syncer
- DDL OPM: the number of DDL executions per second
- DDL backfill progress in percentage: the progress of backfilling DDL tasks

14.11.3.1.12 Statistics

- Auto Analyze Duration 95: the time consumed by automatic `ANALYZE`
- Auto Analyze QPS: the statistics of automatic `ANALYZE`
- Stats Inaccuracy Rate: the information of the statistics inaccuracy rate
- Pseudo Estimation OPS: the number of the SQL statements optimized using pseudo statistics
- Dump Feedback OPS: the number of stored statistical feedbacks

- Store Query Feedback QPS: the number of operations per second to store the feedback information of the union query, which is performed in TiDB memory
- Significant Feedback: the number of significant feedback pieces that update the statistics information
- Update Stats OPS: the number of operations of updating statistics with feedback

14.11.3.1.13 Owner

- New ETCD Session Duration 95: the time it takes to create a new etcd session. TiDB connects to etcd in PD through etcd client to save/read some metadata information. This records the time spent creating the session
- Owner Watcher OPS: the number of Goroutine operations per second of DDL owner watch PD's etcd metadata

14.11.3.1.14 Meta

- AutoID QPS: AutoID related statistics, including three operations (global ID allocation, a single table AutoID allocation, a single table AutoID Rebase)
- AutoID Duration: the time consumed by AutoID related operations
- Region Cache Error OPS: the number of errors encountered per second by the cached Region information in TiDB
- Meta Operations Duration 99: the latency of Meta operations

14.11.3.1.15 GC

- Worker Action OPM: the number of GC related operations, including `run_job`, `resolve_lock`, and `delete_range`
- Duration 99: the time consumed by GC related operations
- Config: the configuration of GC data life time and GC running interval
- GC Failure OPM: the number of failed GC related operations
- Delete Range Failure OPM: the number of times the `Delete Range` has failed
- Too Many Locks Error OPM: the number of the error that GC clears up too many locks
- Action Result OPM: the number of results of GC-related operations
- Delete Range Task Status: the task status of `Delete Range`, including completion and failure
- Push Task Duration 95: the time spent pushing GC subtasks to GC workers

14.11.3.1.16 Batch Client

- Pending Request Count by TiKV: the number of Batch messages that are pending processing
- Batch Client Unavailable Duration 95: the unavailable time of the Batch client
- No Available Connection Counter: the number of times the Batch client cannot find an available link

14.11.3.1.17 TTL

- TiDB CPU Usage: the CPU usage of each TiDB instance.
- TiKV IO MBps: the total bytes of I/O in each TiKV instance.
- TiKV CPU: the CPU usage of each TiKV instance.
- TTL QPS By Type: the QPS information of different types of statements generated by TTL jobs.
- TTL Insert Rows Per Second: the number of rows inserted into TTL tables per second.
- TTL Processed Rows Per Second: the number of expired rows processed by TTL jobs per second.
- TTL Insert Rows Per Hour: the number of rows inserted into TTL tables for every hour.
- TTL Delete Rows Per Hour: the number of expired rows deleted by TTL jobs for every hour.
- TTL Scan/Delete Query Duration: the execution time of TTL scan/delete statements.
- TTL Scan/Delete Worker Time By Phase: the time consumed by different phases of TTL internal worker threads.
- TTL Job Count By Status: the number of TTL jobs currently being executed.
- TTL Task Count By Status: the number of TTL tasks currently being executed.

14.11.4 Key Monitoring Metrics of PD

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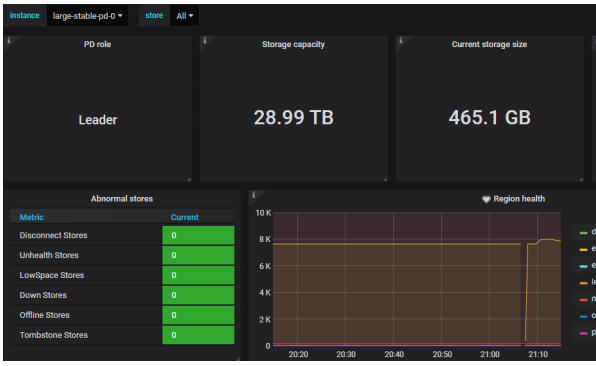
The Grafana dashboard is divided into a series of sub dashboards which include Overview, PD, TiDB, TiKV, Node_exporter, Disk Performance, and Performance_overview. A lot of metrics are there to help you diagnose.

You can get an overview of the component PD status from the PD dashboard, where the key metrics are displayed. This document provides a detailed description of these key metrics.

The following is the description of PD Dashboard metrics items:

- PD role: The role of the current PD instance
- Storage capacity: The total storage capacity for this TiDB cluster
- Current storage size: The storage size that is currently used by the TiDB cluster
- Current storage usage: The current storage usage rate
- Normal stores: The count of healthy storage instances
- Number of Regions: The total count of cluster Regions
- Abnormal stores: The count of unhealthy stores. The normal value is `0`. If the number is bigger than `0`, it means at least one instance is abnormal.
- Region health: The health status of Regions indicated via the count of unusual Regions including pending peers, down peers, extra peers, offline peers, missing peers, learner

peers and incorrect namespaces. Generally, the number of pending peers should be less than `100`. The missing peers should not be persistently greater than `0`. If many empty Regions exist, enable Region Merge in time.



- Current peer count: The current count of all cluster peers

14.11.4.1 Key metrics description

14.11.4.2 Cluster

- PD scheduler config: The list of PD scheduler configurations
- Cluster ID: The unique identifier of the cluster
- Current TSO: The physical part of current allocated TSO
- Current ID allocation: The maximum allocatable ID for new store/peer
- Region label isolation level: The number of Regions in different label levels
- Label distribution: The distribution status of the labels in the cluster
- Store Limit: The flow control limitation of scheduling on the Store

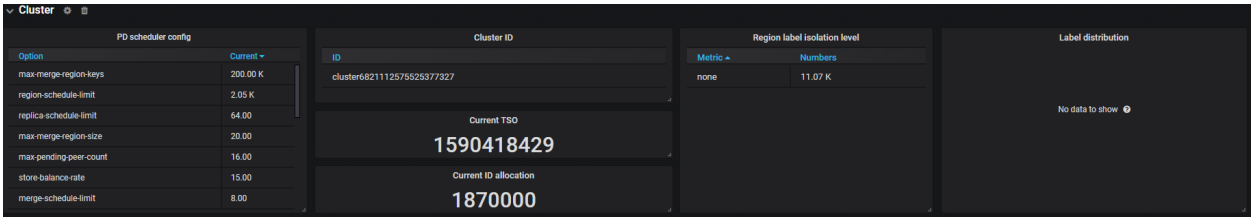


Figure 565: PD Dashboard - Cluster metrics

14.11.4.3 Operator

- Schedule operator create: The number of newly created operators per type
- Schedule operator check: The number of checked operator per type. It mainly checks whether the current step is finished; if yes, it returns the next step to be executed
- Schedule operator finish: The number of finished operators per type
- Schedule operator timeout: The number of timeout operators per type

- Schedule operator replaced or canceled: The number of replaced or canceled operators per type
- Schedule operators count by state: The number of operators per state
- Operator finish duration: The maximum duration of finished operators
- Operator step duration: The maximum duration of finished operator steps

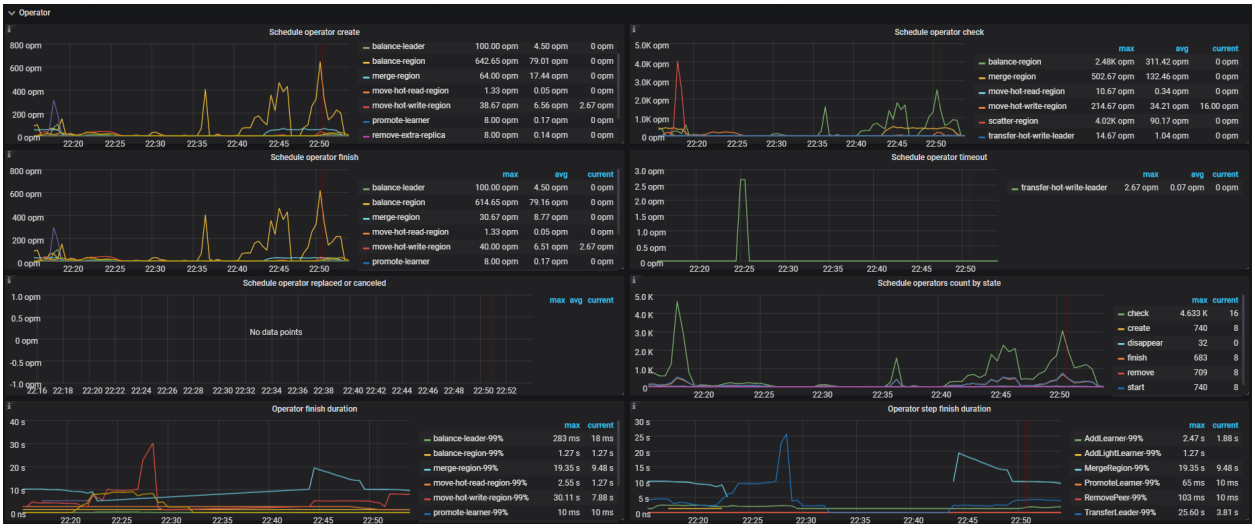


Figure 566: PD Dashboard - Operator metrics

14.11.4.4 Statistics - Balance

- Store capacity: The capacity size per TiKV instance
- Store available: The available capacity size per TiKV instance
- Store used: The used capacity size per TiKV instance
- Size amplification: The size amplification ratio per TiKV instance, which is equal to (Store Region size)/(Store used capacity size)
- Size available ratio: The size availability ratio per TiKV instance, which is equal to (Store available capacity size)/(Store capacity size)
- Store leader score: The leader score per TiKV instance
- Store Region score: The Region score per TiKV instance
- Store leader size: The total leader size per TiKV instance
- Store Region size: The total Region size per TiKV instance
- Store leader count: The leader count per TiKV instance
- Store Region count: The Region count per TiKV instance



Figure 567: PD Dashboard - Balance metrics

14.11.4.5 Statistics - hot write

- Hot Region's leader distribution: The total number of leader Regions that have become write hotspots on each TiKV instance
- Total written bytes on hot leader Regions: The total written bytes by leader Regions that have become write hotspots on each TiKV instance
- Hot write Region's peer distribution: The total number of peer Regions that have become write hotspots on each TiKV instance
- Total written bytes on hot peer Regions: The written bytes of all peer Regions that have become write hotspots on each TiKV instance
- Store Write rate bytes: The total written bytes on each TiKV instance
- Store Write rate keys: The total written keys on each TiKV instance
- Hot cache write entry number: The number of peers on each TiKV instance that are in the write hotspot statistics module
- Selector events: The event count of Selector in the hotspot scheduling module
- Direction of hotspot move leader: The direction of leader movement in the hotspot scheduling. The positive number means scheduling into the instance. The negative number means scheduling out of the instance

- Direction of hotspot move peer: The direction of peer movement in the hotspot scheduling. The positive number means scheduling into the instance. The negative number means scheduling out of the instance



Figure 568: PD Dashboard - Hot write metrics

14.11.4.6 Statistics - hot read

- Hot Region's peer distribution: The total number of peer Regions that have become read hotspots on each TiKV instance
- Total read bytes on hot peer Regions: The total read bytes of peers that have become read hotspots on each TiKV instance
- Store read rate bytes: The total read bytes of each TiKV instance
- Store read rate keys: The total read keys of each TiKV instance
- Hot cache read entry number: The number of peers that are in the read hotspot statistics module on each TiKV instance



Figure 569: PD Dashboard - Hot read metrics

14.11.4.7 Scheduler

- Scheduler is running: The current running schedulers
- Balance leader movement: The leader movement details among TiKV instances
- Balance Region movement: The Region movement details among TiKV instances
- Balance leader event: The count of balance leader events
- Balance Region event: The count of balance Region events
- Balance leader scheduler: The inner status of balance leader scheduler
- Balance Region scheduler: The inner status of balance Region scheduler
- Replica checker: The replica checker's status
- Rule checker: The rule checker's status
- Region merge checker: The merge checker's status
- Filter target: The number of attempts that the store is selected as the scheduling target but failed to pass the filter
- Filter source: The number of attempts that the store is selected as the scheduling source but failed to pass the filter
- Balance Direction: The number of times that the Store is selected as the target or source of scheduling

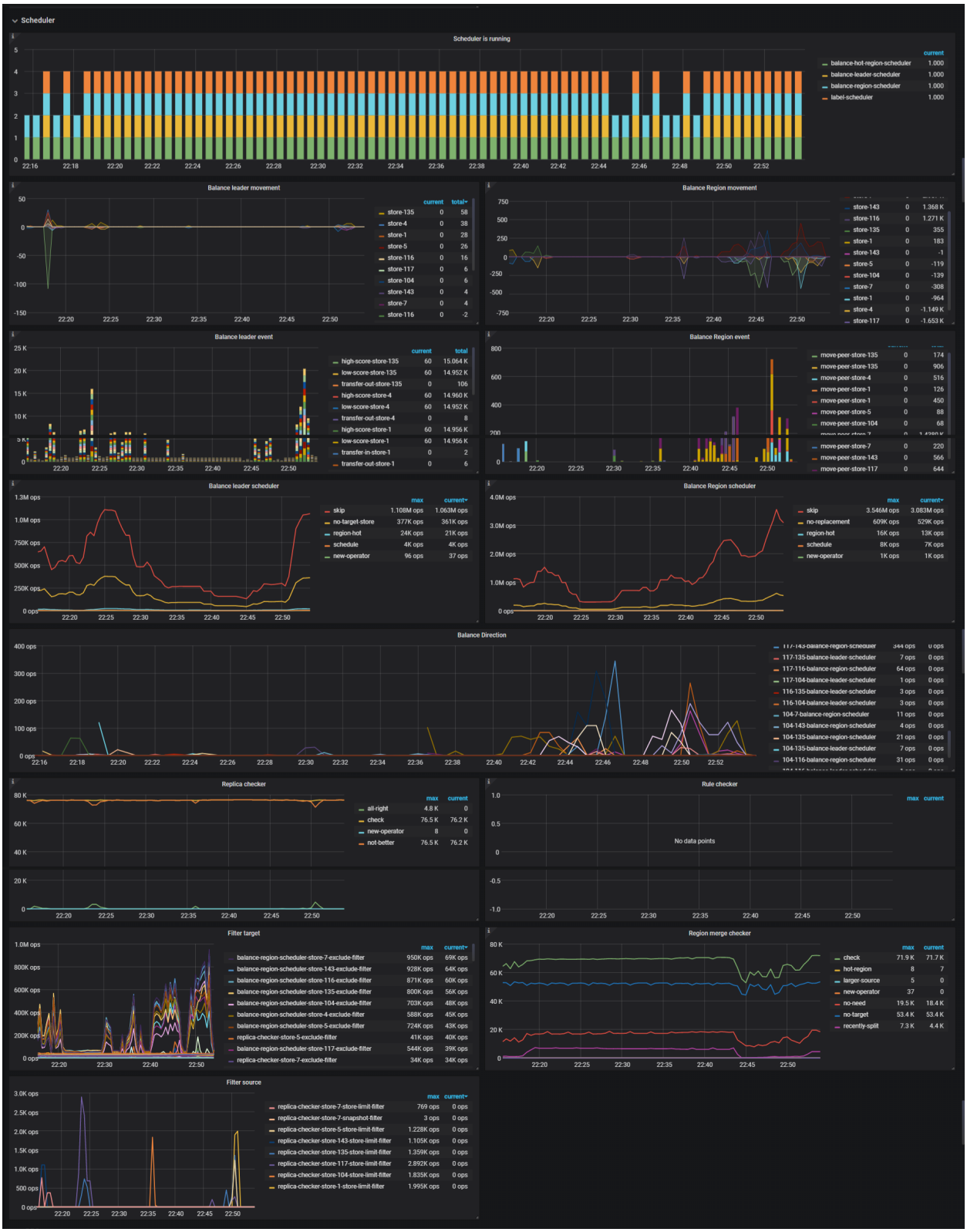


Figure 570: PD Dashboard - Scheduler metrics

14.11.4.8 gRPC

- Completed commands rate: The rate per command type at which gRPC commands are completed
- 99% Completed commands duration: The rate per command type at which gRPC commands are completed (P99)



Figure 571: PD Dashboard - gRPC metrics

14.11.4.9 etcd

- Handle transactions count: The rate at which etcd handles transactions
- 99% Handle transactions duration: The transaction handling rate (P99)
- 99% WAL fsync duration: The time consumed for writing WAL into the persistent storage. It is less than `1s` (P99)
- 99% Peer round trip time seconds: The network latency for etcd (P99) | The value is less than `1s`
- etcd disk WAL fsync rate: The rate of writing WAL into the persistent storage
- Raft term: The current term of Raft
- Raft committed index: The last committed index of Raft
- Raft applied index: The last applied index of Raft



Figure 572: PD Dashboard - etcd metrics

14.11.4.10 TiDB

- PD Server TSO handle time and Client recv time: The duration between PD receiving the TSO request and the PD client getting the TSO response
- Handle requests count: The count of TiDB requests
- Handle requests duration: The time consumed for handling TiDB requests. It should be less than `100ms` (P99)

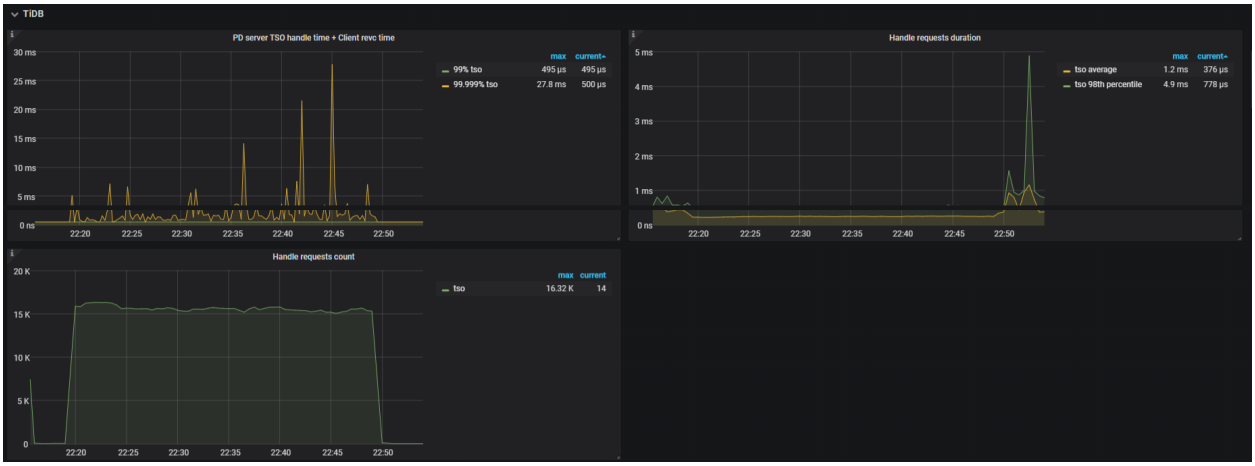


Figure 573: PD Dashboard - TiDB metrics

14.11.4.11 Heartbeat

- Heartbeat region event QPS: The QPS of handling heartbeat messages, including updating the cache and persisting data
- Region heartbeat report: The count of heartbeats reported to PD per instance
- Region heartbeat report error: The count of heartbeats with the `error` status
- Region heartbeat report active: The count of heartbeats with the `ok` status
- Region schedule push: The count of corresponding schedule commands sent from PD per TiKV instance
- 99% Region heartbeat latency: The heartbeat latency per TiKV instance (P99)

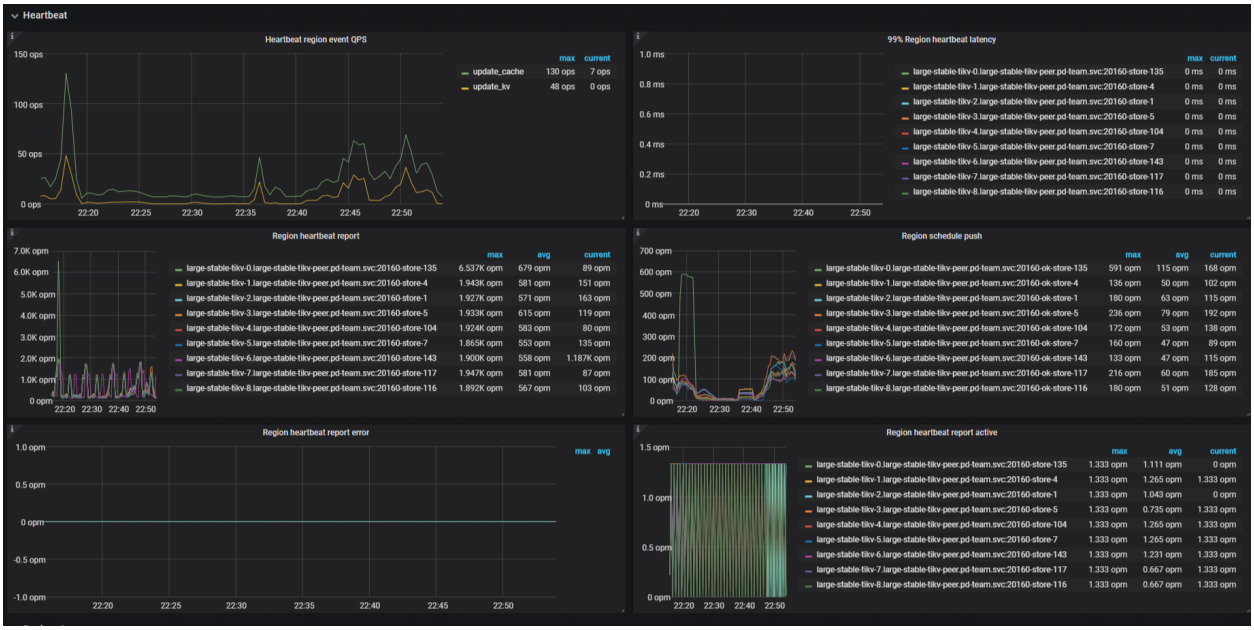


Figure 574: PD Dashboard - Heartbeat metrics

14.11.4.12 Region storage

- Syncer Index: The maximum index in the Region change history recorded by the leader
- history last index: The last index where the Region change history is synchronized successfully with the follower



Figure 575: PD Dashboard - Region storage

14.11.5 Key Monitoring Metrics of TiKV

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14.11.5.1 TiKV-Details dashboard

You can get an overview of the component TiKV status from the **TiKV-Details** dashboard, where the key metrics are displayed. According to the Performance Map, you can check whether the status of the cluster is as expected.

This section provides a detailed description of these key metrics on the **TiKV-Details** dashboard.

14.11.5.1.1 Cluster

- Store size: The storage size per TiKV instance
- Available size: The available capacity per TiKV instance
- Capacity size: The capacity size per TiKV instance
- CPU: The CPU utilization per TiKV instance
- Memory: The memory usage per TiKV instance
- IO utilization: The I/O utilization per TiKV instance
- MBps: The total bytes of read and write in each TiKV instance
- QPS: The QPS per command in each TiKV instance
- Errps: The rate of gRPC message failures
- leader: The number of leaders per TiKV instance
- Region: The number of Regions per TiKV instance
- Uptime: The runtime of TiKV since last restart

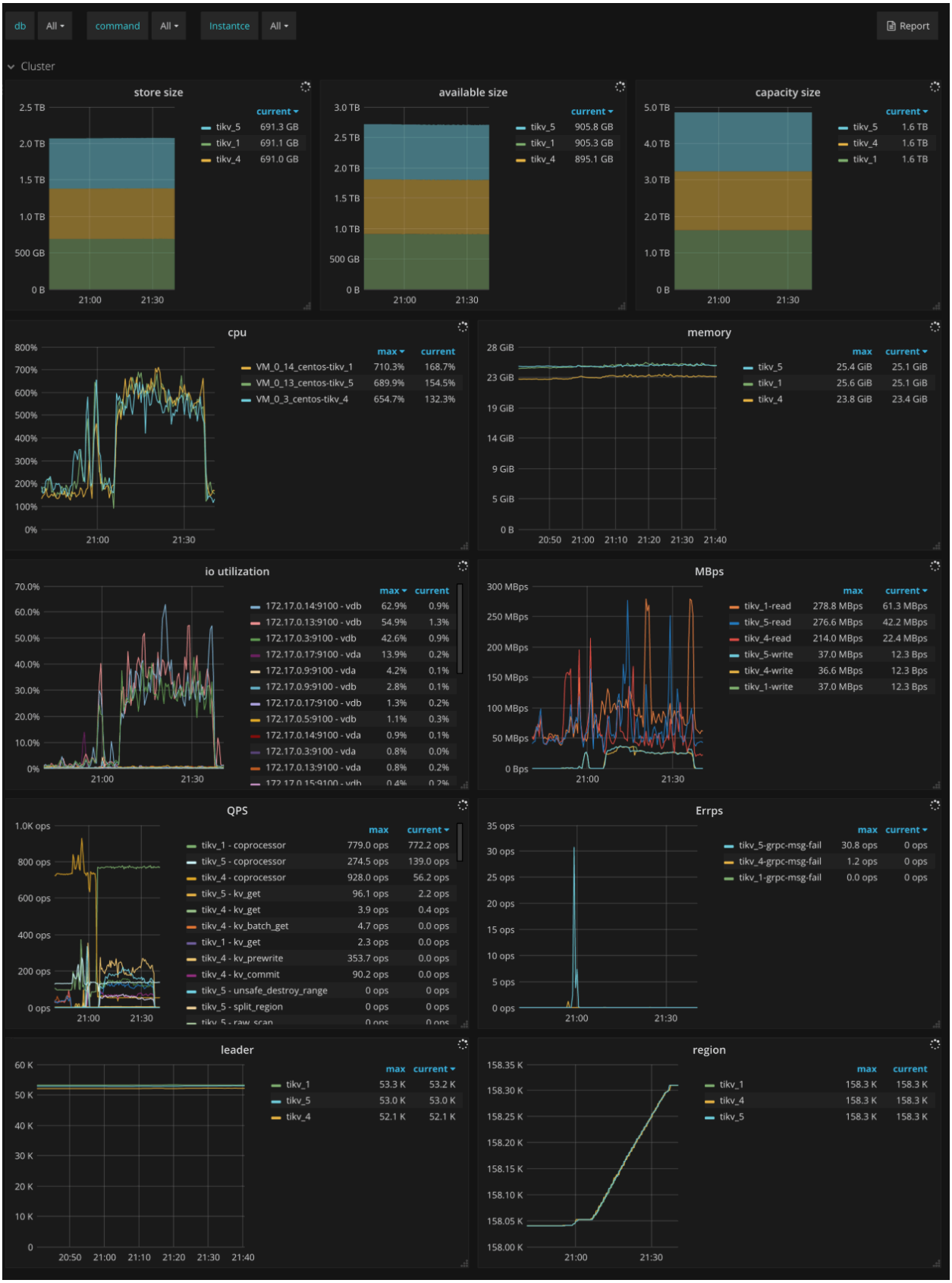

Figure 576: TiKV Dashboard - Cluster metrics

14.11.5.1.2 Errors

- Critical error: The number of critical errors
- Server is busy: Indicates occurrences of events that make the TiKV instance unavailable temporarily, such as Write Stall, and Channel Full. It should be `0` in normal case.
- Server report failures: The number of error messages reported by server. It should be `0` in normal case.
- Raftstore error: The number of Raftstore errors per type on each TiKV instance
- Scheduler error: The number of scheduler errors per type on each TiKV instance
- Coprocessor error: The number of coprocessor errors per type on each TiKV instance
- gRPC message error: The number of gRPC message errors per type on each TiKV instance
- Leader drop: The count of dropped leaders per TiKV instance
- Leader missing: The count of missing leaders per TiKV instance
- Log Replication Reject: The number of logappend messages rejected due to insufficient memory on each TiKV instance



Figure 577: TiKV Dashboard - Errors metrics

14.11.5.1.3 Server

- CF size: The size of each column family
- Store size: The storage size per TiKV instance
- Channel full: The number of Channel Full errors per TiKV instance. It should be `0` in normal case.
- Active written leaders: The number of leaders being written on each TiKV instance

- Approximate Region size: The approximate Region size
- Approximate Region size Histogram: The histogram of each approximate Region size
- Region average written keys: The average number of written keys to Regions per TiKV instance
- Region average written bytes: The average written bytes to Regions per TiKV instance

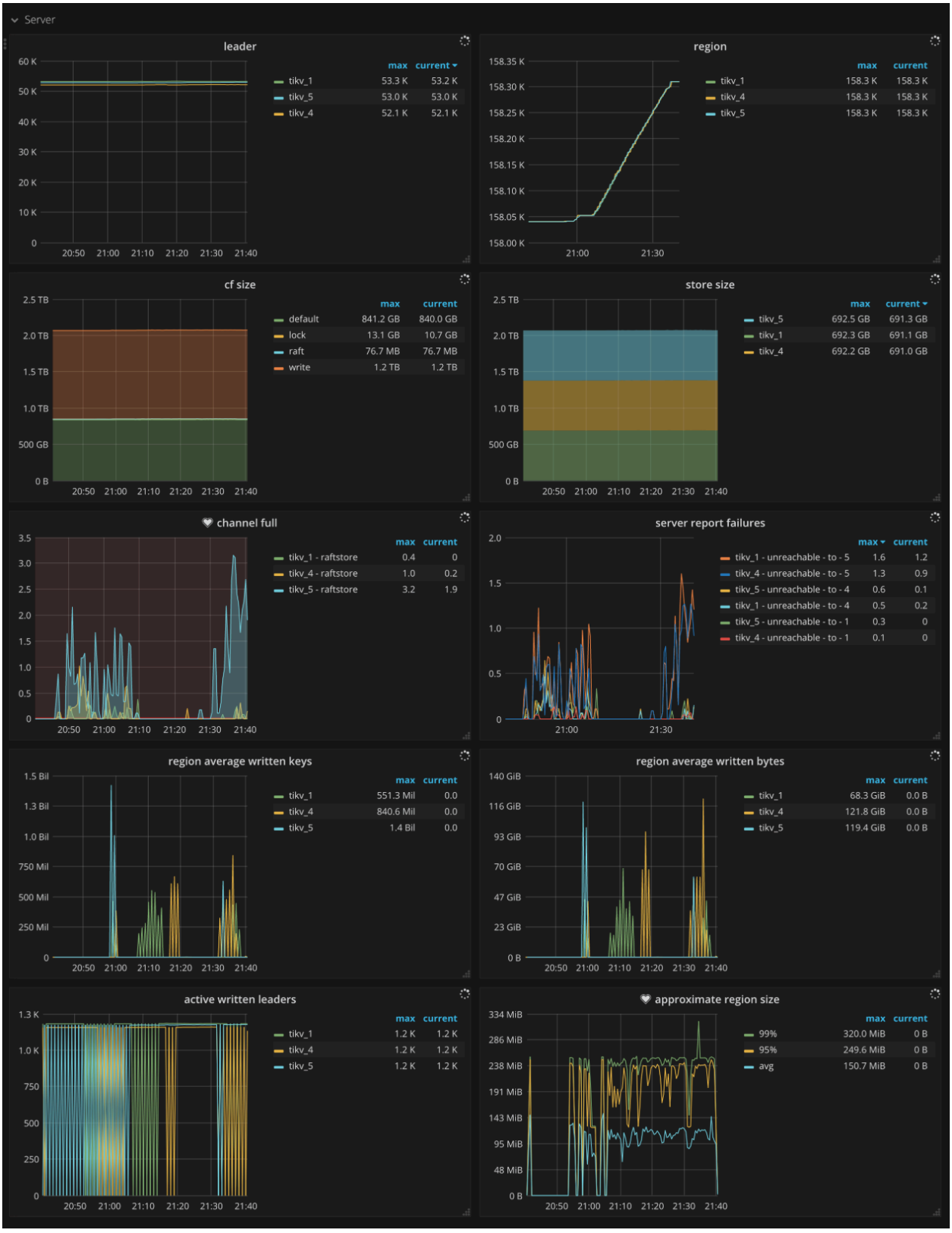

Figure 578: TiKV Dashboard - Server metrics

14.11.5.1.4 gRPC

- gRPC message count: The rate of gRPC messages per type
- gRPC message failed: The rate of failed gRPC messages
- 99% gRPC message duration: The gRPC message duration per message type (P99)
- Average gRPC message duration: The average execution time of gRPC messages
- gRPC batch size: The batch size of gRPC messages between TiDB and TiKV
- Raft message batch size: The batch size of Raft messages between TiKV instances
- gRPC request sources QPS: The QPS of gRPC request sources
- gRPC request sources duration: The execution time of gRPC request sources
- gRPC resource group QPS: The QPS of gRPC request sources by resource groups

14.11.5.1.5 Thread CPU

- Raft store CPU: The CPU utilization of the `raftstore` thread. The CPU utilization should be less than 80% * `raftstore.store-pool-size` in normal case.
- Async apply CPU: The CPU utilization of the `async apply` thread. The CPU utilization should be less than 90% * `raftstore.apply-pool-size` in normal cases.
- Store writer CPU: The CPU utilization of the async IO thread. The CPU utilization should be less than 90% * `raftstore.store-io-pool-size` in normal cases.
- gRPC poll CPU: The CPU utilization of the `gRPC` thread. The CPU utilization should be less than 80% * `server.grpc-concurrency` in normal cases.
- Scheduler worker CPU: The CPU utilization of the `scheduler worker` thread. The CPU utilization should be less than 90% * `storage.scheduler-worker-pool-size` in normal cases.
- Storage ReadPool CPU: The CPU utilization of the `storage read pool` thread
- Unified read pool CPU: The CPU utilization of the `unified read pool` thread
- RocksDB CPU: The CPU utilization of the RocksDB thread
- Coprocessor CPU: The CPU utilization of the `coprocessor` thread
- GC worker CPU: The CPU utilization of the `GC worker` thread
- BackGround worker CPU: The CPU utilization of the `background worker` thread
- Import CPU: The CPU utilization of the `import` thread
- Backup Worker CPU: The CPU utilization of the `backup` thread
- CDC Worker CPU: The CPU utilization of the `CDC worker` thread
- CDC endpoint CPU: The CPU utilization of the `CDC endpoint` thread
- Raftlog fetch worker CPU: The CPU utilization of the async raft log fetcher worker
- TSO Worker CPU: The CPU utilization of the `TSO worker` thread

14.11.5.1.6 PD

- PD requests: The rate at which TiKV sends to PD
- PD request duration (average): The average duration of processing requests that TiKV sends to PD

- PD heartbeats: The rate at which heartbeat messages are sent from TiKV to PD
- PD validate peers: The rate at which messages are sent from TiKV to PD to validate TiKV peers

14.11.5.1.7 Raft IO

- Apply log duration: The time consumed for Raft to apply logs
- Apply log duration per server: The time consumed for Raft to apply logs per TiKV instance
- Append log duration: The time consumed for Raft to append logs
- Append log duration per server: The time consumed for Raft to append logs per TiKV instance
- Commit log duration: The time consumed by Raft to commit logs
- Commit log duration per server: The time consumed by Raft to commit logs per TiKV instance

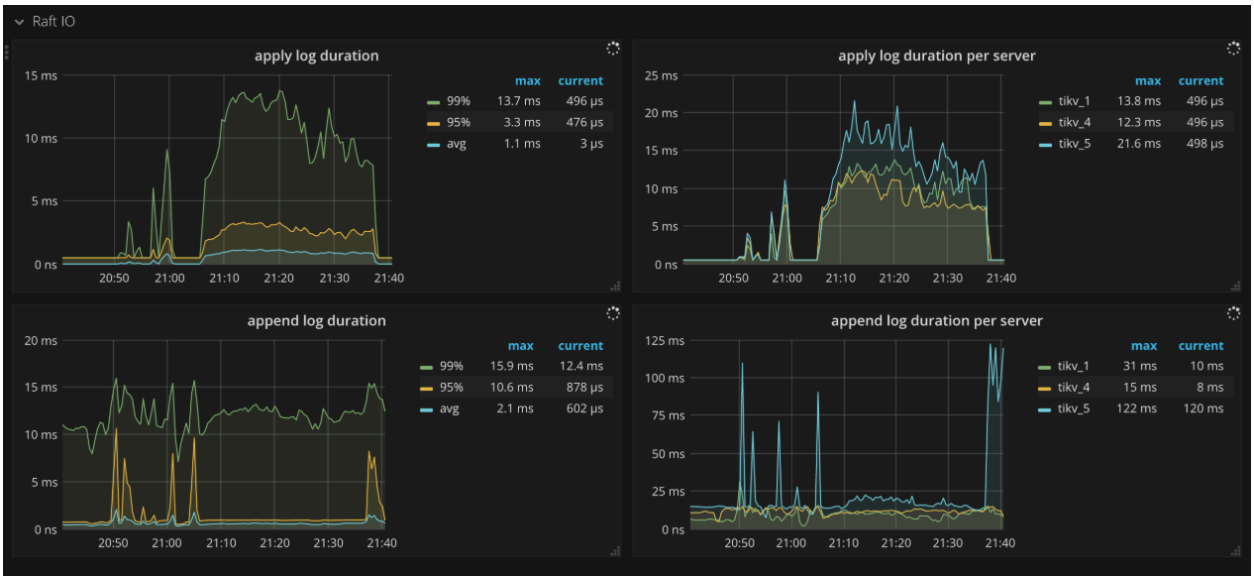

Figure 579: TiKV Dashboard - Raft IO metrics

14.11.5.1.8 Raft process

- Ready handled: The number of handled ready operations per type per second
    - count: The number of handled ready operations per second
    - has_ready_region: The number of Regions that have ready per second
    - pending_region: The operations per second of the Regions being checked for whether it has ready. This metric is deprecated since v3.0.0

  - message: The number of messages that the ready operations per second contain
  - append: The number of Raft log entries that the ready operations per second contain
  - commit: The number of committed Raft log entries that the ready operations per second contain
  - snapshot: The number of snapshots that the ready operations per second contains

- 0.99 Duration of Raft store events: The time consumed by Raftstore events (P99)
- Process ready duration: The time consumed for processes to be ready in Raft
- Process ready duration per server: The time consumed for peer processes to be ready in Raft per TiKV instance. It should be less than 2 seconds (P99.99).
- Max Duration of Raft store events: The time consumed by the slowest Raftstore event.
- Replica read lock checking duration: The time consumed for checking locks when processing Replica Read.
- Peer msg length distribution: The number of messages processed by each Region in each TiKV instance at a time. The more messages, the busier the peer is.

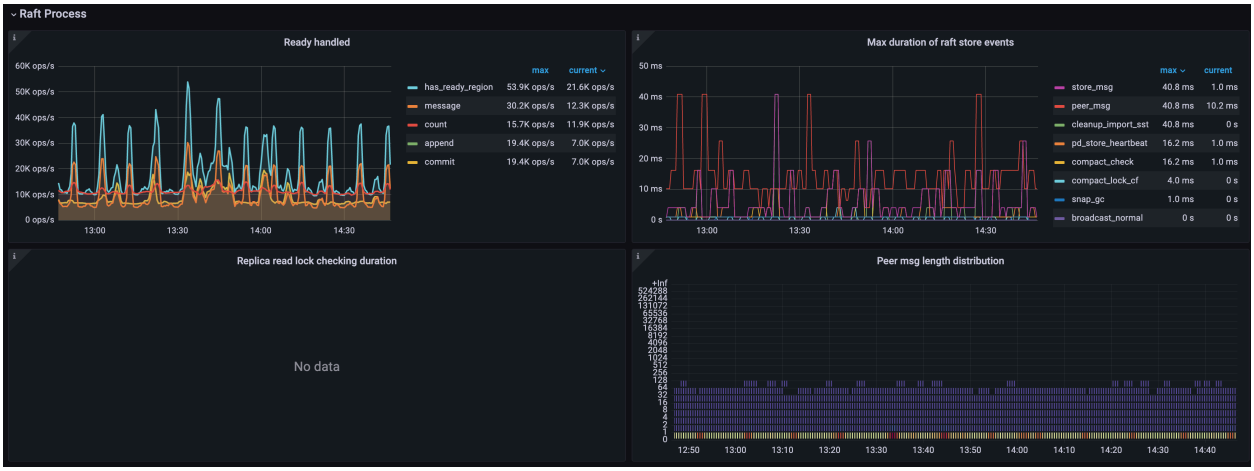

Figure 580: TiKV Dashboard - Raft process metrics

14.11.5.1.9 Raft message

- Sent messages per server: The number of Raft messages sent by each TiKV instance per second
- Flush messages per server: The number of Raft messages flushed by the Raft client in each TiKV instance per second
- Receive messages per server: The number of Raft messages received by each TiKV instance per second
- Messages: The number of Raft messages sent per type per second
- Vote: The number of Vote messages sent in Raft per second
- Raft dropped messages: The number of dropped Raft messages per type per second

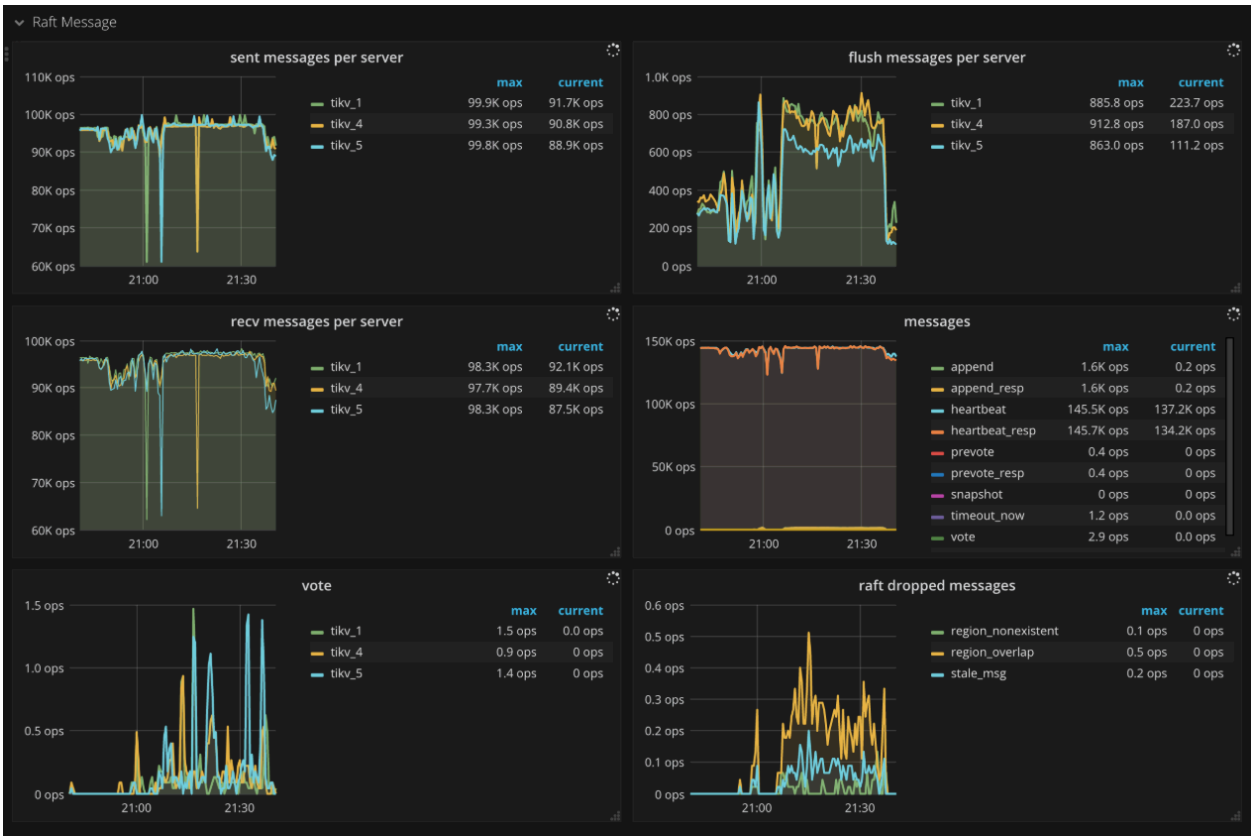

Figure 581: TiKV Dashboard - Raft message metrics

14.11.5.1.10 Raft propose

- Raft apply proposals per ready: The histogram of the number of proposals that each ready operation contains in a batch while applying proposal.
- Raft read/write proposals: The number of proposals per type per second
- Raft read proposals per server: The number of read proposals made by each TiKV instance per second
- Raft write proposals per server: The number of write proposals made by each TiKV instance per second
- Propose wait duration: The histogram of waiting time of each proposal
- Propose wait duration per server: The histogram of waiting time of each proposal per TiKV instance
- Apply wait duration: The histogram of apply time of each proposal
- Apply wait duration per server: The histogram of apply time of each proposal per TiKV instance
- Raft log speed: The average rate at which peers propose logs

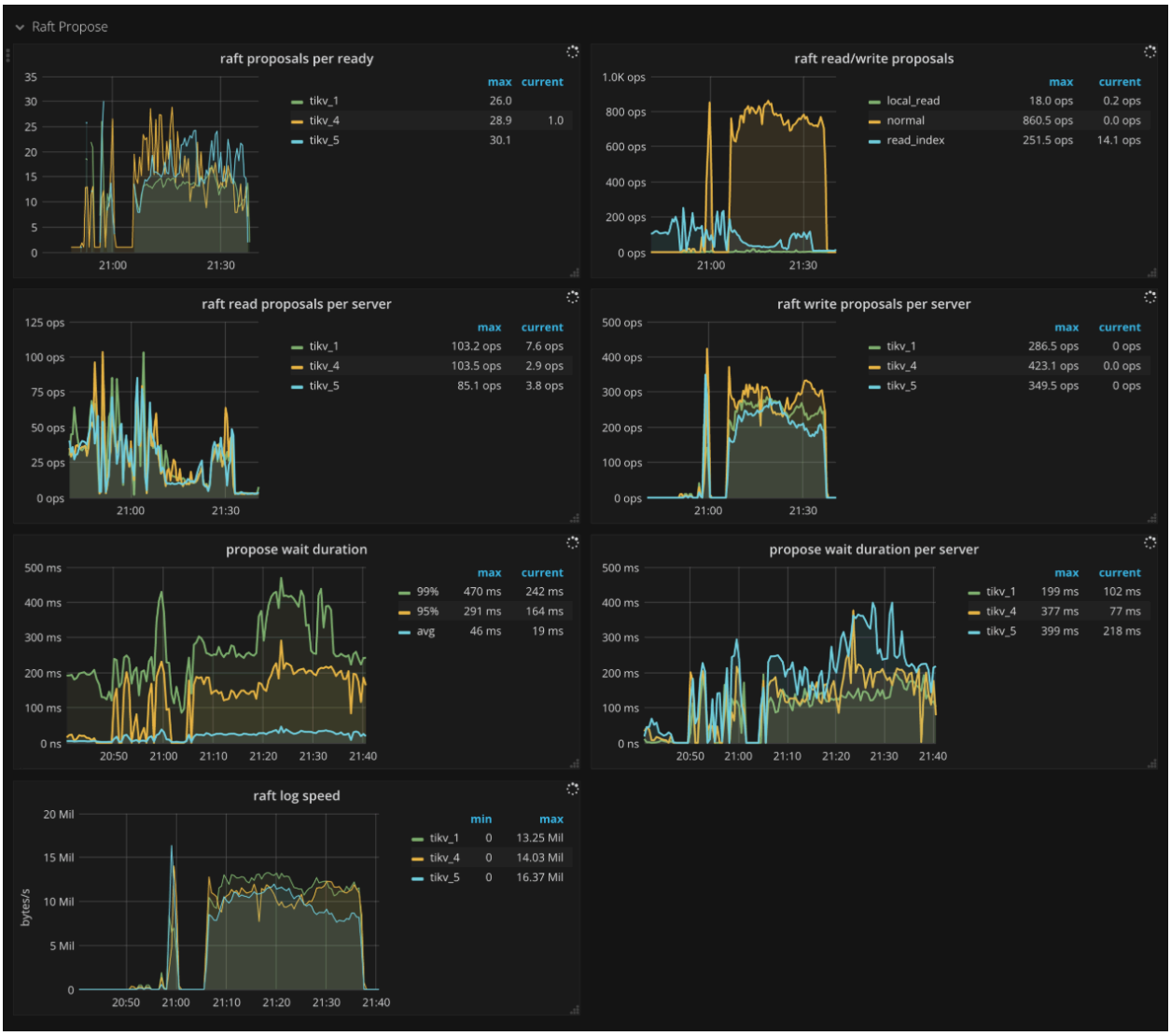

Figure 582: TiKV Dashboard - Raft propose metrics

14.11.5.1.11 Raft admin

- Admin proposals: The number of admin proposals per second
- Admin apply: The number of processed apply commands per second
- Check split: The number of Raftstore split check commands per second
- 99.99% Check split duration: The time consumed when running split check commands (P99.99)

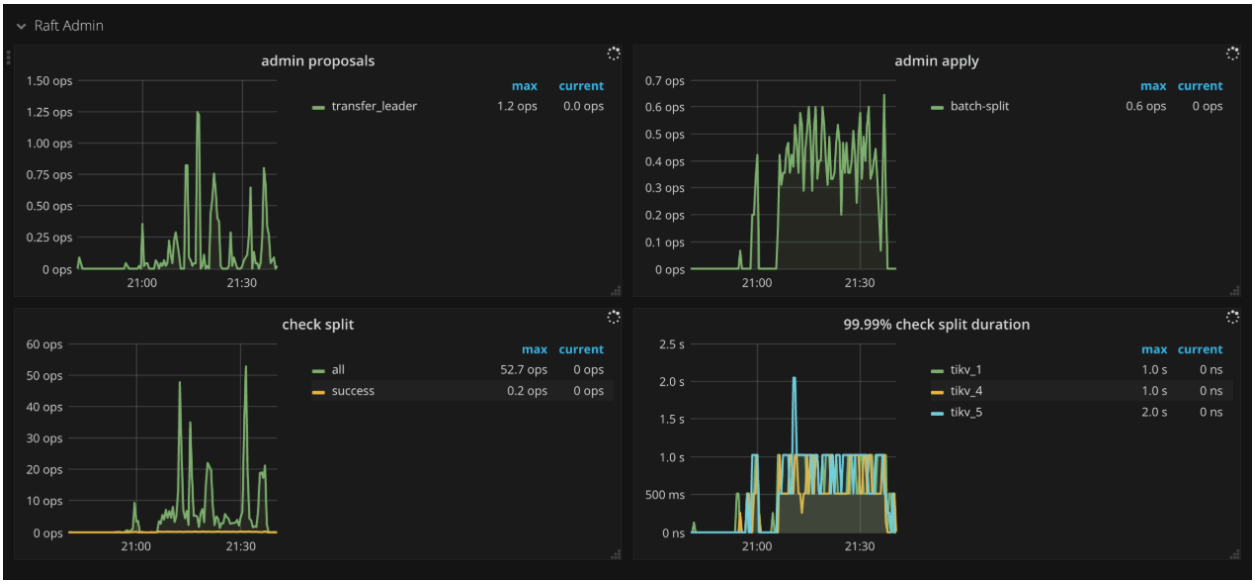

Figure 583: TiKV Dashboard - Raft admin metrics

14.11.5.1.12 Local reader

- Local reader requests: The number of total requests and the number of rejections from the local read thread



Figure 584: TiKV Dashboard - Local reader metrics

14.11.5.1.13 Unified Read Pool

- Time used by level: The time consumed for each level in the unified read pool. Level 0 means small queries.
- Level 0 chance: The proportion of level 0 tasks in unified read pool
- Running tasks: The number of tasks running concurrently in the unified read pool

14.11.5.1.14 Storage

- Storage command total: The number of received command by type per second
- Storage async request error: The number of engine asynchronous request errors per second
- Storage async snapshot duration: The time consumed by processing asynchronous snapshot requests. It should be less than `1s` in `.99`.
- Storage async write duration: The time consumed by processing asynchronous write requests. It should be less than `1s` in `.99`.

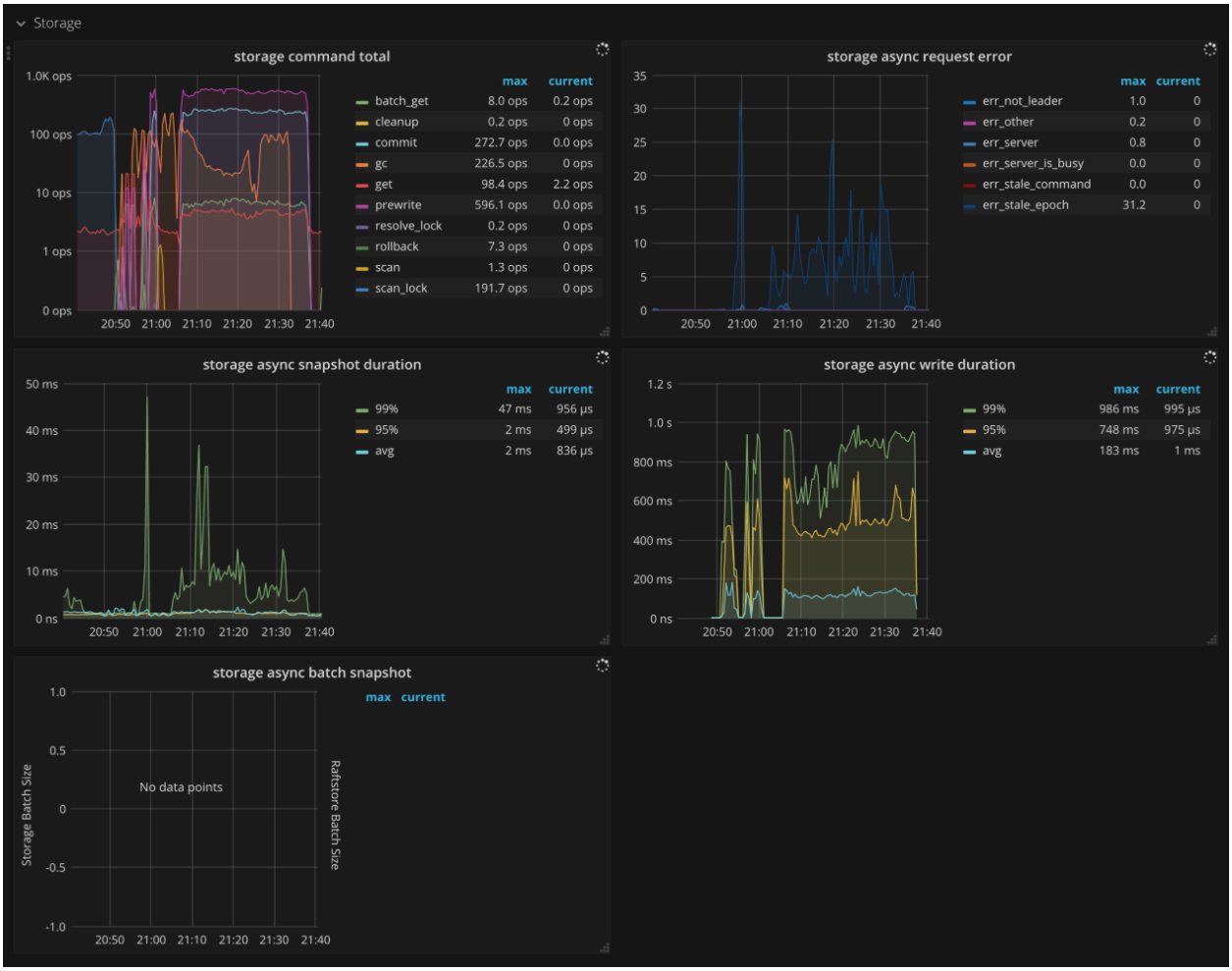

Figure 585: TiKV Dashboard - Storage metrics

14.11.5.1.15 Flow Control

- Scheduler flow: The scheduler traffic on each TiKV instance in real time.
- Scheduler discard ratio: The rejection ratio of scheduler requests on each TiKV instance. If this ratio is greater than 0, it indicates that flow control exists. When `Compaction pending bytes` exceeds its threshold, TiKV will linearly increase the `Scheduler discard ratio` based on the exceeded portion. The client will retry the rejected requests automatically.
- Throttle duration: The blocked duration for the execution of the scheduler requests when flow control is triggered due to too many L0 files. If this metric has values, it indicates that flow control exists.
- Scheduler throttled CF: The CF that triggers RocksDB throttling when the flow control threshold is reached.
- Flow controller actions: The actions that trigger RocksDB throttling when the flow control threshold is reached.

- Flush/L0 flow: The traffic of flush and L0 compaction for different CFs of RocksDB on each TiKV instance.
- Flow control factors: The factors related to triggering RocksDB throttling.
- Compaction pending bytes: The size of the RocksDB data awaiting compaction in real time on each TiKV instance.
- Txn command throttled duration: The blocked duration for commands related to transactions due to throttling. Under normal circumstances, this metric is 0.
- Non-txn command throttled duration: The blocked duration for other commands due to throttling. Under normal circumstances, this metric is 0.



Figure 586: TiKV Dashboard - Flow Control metrics

14.11.5.1.16 Scheduler

- Scheduler stage total: The number of commands at each stage per second. There should not be a lot of errors in a short time.
- Scheduler writing bytes: The total written bytes by commands processed on each TiKV instance
- Scheduler priority commands: The count of different priority commands per second

- Scheduler pending commands: The count of pending commands per TiKV instance per second

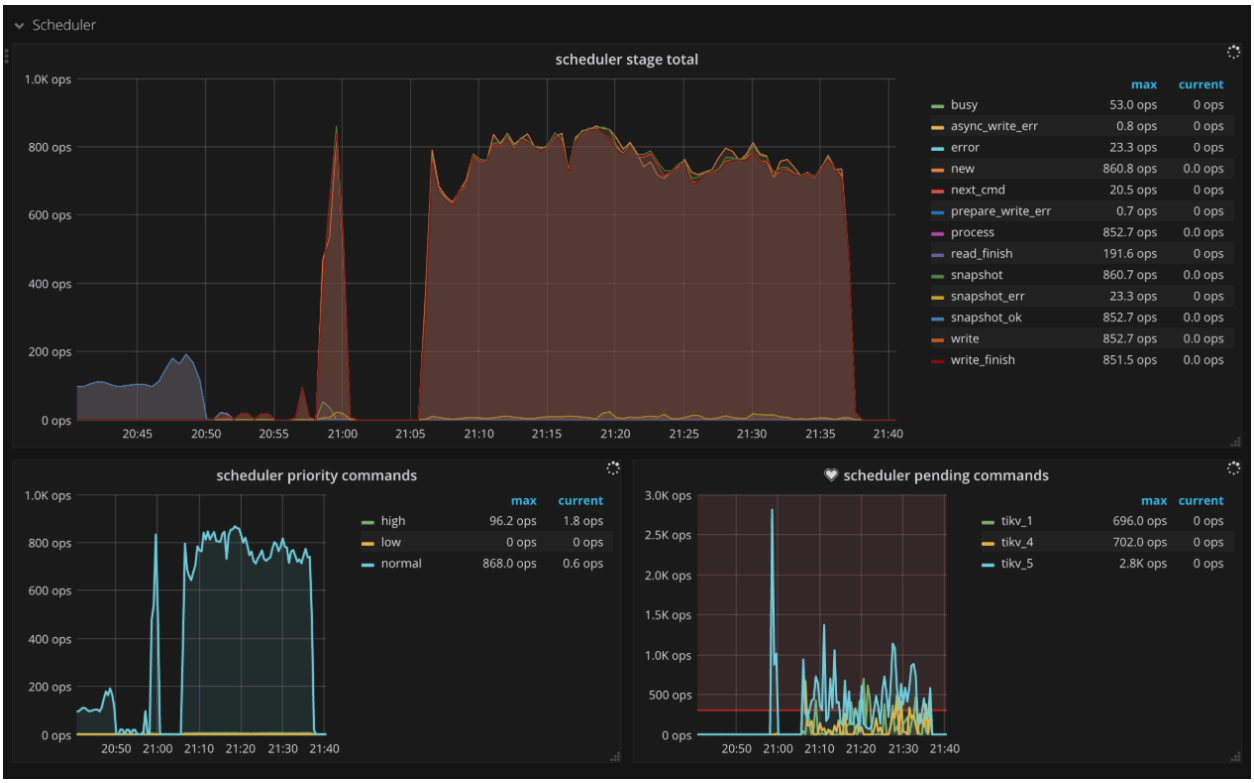

Figure 587: TiKV Dashboard - Scheduler metrics

14.11.5.1.17 Scheduler - commit

- Scheduler stage total: The number of commands at each stage per second when executing the commit command. There should not be a lot of errors in a short time.
- Scheduler command duration: The time consumed when executing the commit command. It should be less than `1s`.
- Scheduler latch wait duration: The waiting time caused by latch when executing the commit command. It should be less than `1s`.
- Scheduler keys read: The count of keys read by a commit command
- Scheduler keys written: The count of keys written by a commit command
- Scheduler scan details: The keys scan details of each CF when executing the commit command.
- Scheduler scan details lock: The keys scan details of lock CF when executing the commit command
- Scheduler scan details write: The keys scan details of write CF when executing the commit command

- Scheduler scan details [default]: The keys scan details of default CF when executing the commit command



Figure 588: TiKV Dashboard - Scheduler commit metrics

14.11.5.1.18 Scheduler - pessimistic_rollback

- Scheduler stage total: The number of commands at each stage per second when executing the `pessimistic_rollback` command. There should not be a lot of errors in a short time.

- Scheduler command duration: The time consumed when executing the `pessimistic_rollback` command. It should be less than `1s`.
- Scheduler latch wait duration: The waiting time caused by latch when executing the `pessimistic_rollback` command. It should be less than `1s`.
- Scheduler keys read: The count of keys read by a `pessimistic_rollback` command
- Scheduler keys written: The count of keys written by a `pessimistic_rollback` command
- Scheduler scan details: The keys scan details of each CF when executing the `pessimistic_rollback` command.
- Scheduler scan details lock: The keys scan details of lock CF when executing the `pessimistic_rollback` command
- Scheduler scan details write: The keys scan details of write CF when executing the `pessimistic_rollback` command
- Scheduler scan details [default]: The keys scan details of default CF when executing the `pessimistic_rollback` command

14.11.5.1.19 Scheduler - prewrite

- Scheduler stage total: The number of commands at each stage per second when executing the prewrite command. There should not be a lot of errors in a short time.
- Scheduler command duration: The time consumed when executing the prewrite command. It should be less than `1s`.
- Scheduler latch wait duration: The waiting time caused by latch when executing the prewrite command. It should be less than `1s`.
- Scheduler keys read: The count of keys read by a prewrite command
- Scheduler keys written: The count of keys written by a prewrite command
- Scheduler scan details: The keys scan details of each CF when executing the prewrite command.
- Scheduler scan details lock: The keys scan details of lock CF when executing the prewrite command
- Scheduler scan details write: The keys scan details of write CF when executing the prewrite command
- Scheduler scan details [default]: The keys scan details of default CF when executing the prewrite command

14.11.5.1.20 Scheduler - rollback

- Scheduler stage total: The number of commands at each stage per second when executing the rollback command. There should not be a lot of errors in a short time.
- Scheduler command duration: The time consumed when executing the rollback command. It should be less than `1s`.
- Scheduler latch wait duration: The waiting time caused by latch when executing the rollback command. It should be less than `1s`.
- Scheduler keys read: The count of keys read by a rollback command

- Scheduler keys written: The count of keys written by a rollback command
- Scheduler scan details: The keys scan details of each CF when executing the rollback command.
- Scheduler scan details lock: The keys scan details of lock CF when executing the rollback command
- Scheduler scan details write: The keys scan details of write CF when executing the rollback command
- Scheduler scan details [default]: The keys scan details of default CF when executing the rollback command

14.11.5.1.21 GC

- GC tasks: The count of GC tasks processed by gc_worker
- GC tasks Duration: The time consumed when executing GC tasks
- TiDB GC seconds: The GC duration
- TiDB GC worker actions: The count of TiDB GC worker actions
- ResolveLocks Progress: The progress of the first phase of GC (Resolve Locks)
- TiKV Auto GC Progress: The progress of the second phase of GC
- GC speed: The number of keys deleted by GC per second
- TiKV Auto GC SafePoint: The value of TiKV GC safe point. The safe point is the current GC timestamp
- GC lifetime: The lifetime of TiDB GC
- GC interval: The interval of TiDB GC
- GC in Compaction Filter: The count of filtered versions in the compaction filter of write CF.

14.11.5.1.22 Snapshot

- Rate snapshot message: The rate at which Raft snapshot messages are sent
- 99% Handle snapshot duration: The time consumed to handle snapshots (P99)
- Snapshot state count: The number of snapshots per state
- 99.99% Snapshot size: The snapshot size (P99.99)
- 99.99% Snapshot KV count: The number of KV within a snapshot (P99.99)

14.11.5.1.23 Task

- Worker handled tasks: The number of tasks handled by worker per second
- Worker pending tasks: Current number of pending and running tasks of worker per second. It should be less than `1000` in normal case.
- FuturePool handled tasks: The number of tasks handled by future pool per second
- FuturePool pending tasks: Current number of pending and running tasks of future pool per second

14.11.5.1.24 Coprocessor Overview

- Request duration: The total duration from the time of receiving the coprocessor request to the time of finishing processing the request
- Total Requests: The number of requests by type per second
- Handle duration: The histogram of time spent actually processing coprocessor requests per minute
- Total Request Errors: The number of request errors of Coprocessor per second. There should not be a lot of errors in a short time.
- Total KV Cursor Operations: The total number of the KV cursor operations by type per second, such as `select`, `index`, `analyze_table`, `analyze_index`, `checksum_table` ↪ , and `checksum_index`.
- KV Cursor Operations: The histogram of KV cursor operations by type per second
- Total RocksDB Perf Statistics: The statistics of RocksDB performance
- Total Response Size: The total size of coprocessor response

14.11.5.1.25 Coprocessor Detail

- Handle duration: The histogram of time spent actually processing coprocessor requests per minute
- 95% Handle duration by store: The time consumed to handle coprocessor requests per TiKV instance per second (P95)
- Wait duration: The time consumed when coprocessor requests are waiting to be handled. It should be less than `10s` (P99.99).
- 95% Wait duration by store: The time consumed when coprocessor requests are waiting to be handled per TiKV instance per second (P95)
- Total DAG Requests: The total number of DAG requests per second
- Total DAG Executors: The total number of DAG executors per second
- Total Ops Details (Table Scan): The number of RocksDB internal operations per second when executing select scan in coprocessor
- Total Ops Details (Index Scan): The number of RocksDB internal operations per second when executing index scan in coprocessor
- Total Ops Details by CF (Table Scan): The number of RocksDB internal operations for each CF per second when executing select scan in coprocessor
- Total Ops Details by CF (Index Scan): The number of RocksDB internal operations for each CF per second when executing index scan in coprocessor

14.11.5.1.26 Threads

- Threads state: The state of TiKV threads
- Threads IO: The I/O traffic of each TiKV thread
- Thread Voluntary Context Switches: The number of TiKV threads voluntary context switches
- Thread Nonvoluntary Context Switches: The number of TiKV threads nonvoluntary context switches

14.11.5.1.27 RocksDB - kv/raft

- Get operations: The count of get operations per second
- Get duration: The time consumed when executing get operations
- Seek operations: The count of seek operations per second
- Seek duration: The time consumed when executing seek operations
- Write operations: The count of write operations per second
- Write duration: The time consumed when executing write operations
- WAL sync operations: The count of WAL sync operations per second
- Write WAL duration: The time consumed for writing WAL
- WAL sync duration: The time consumed when executing WAL sync operations
- Compaction operations: The count of compaction and flush operations per second
- Compaction duration: The time consumed when executing the compaction and flush operations
- SST read duration: The time consumed when reading SST files
- Write stall duration: Write stall duration. It should be `0` in normal case.
- Memtable size: The memtable size of each column family
- Memtable hit: The hit rate of memtable
- Block cache size: The block cache size. Broken down by column family if shared block cache is disabled.
- Block cache hit: The hit rate of block cache
- Block cache flow: The flow rate of block cache operations per type
- Block cache operations: The count of block cache operations per type
- Keys flow: The flow rate of operations on keys per type
- Total keys: The count of keys in each column family
- Read flow: The flow rate of read operations per type
- Bytes / Read: The bytes per read operation
- Write flow: The flow rate of write operations per type
- Bytes / Write: The bytes per write operation
- Compaction flow: The flow rate of compaction operations per type
- Compaction pending bytes: The pending bytes to be compacted
- Compaction Job Size(files): The number of SST files involved in a single compaction job
- Read amplification: The read amplification per TiKV instance
- Compression ratio: The compression ratio of each level
- Number of snapshots: The number of snapshots per TiKV instance
- Oldest snapshots duration: The time that the oldest unreleased snapshot survivals
- Number files at each level: The number of SST files for different column families in each level
- Ingest SST duration seconds: The time consumed to ingest SST files
- Stall conditions changed of each CF: Stall conditions changed of each column family

14.11.5.1.28 Raft Engine

- Operations

    - write: the number of write operations by Raft Engine per second
    - read_entry: the number of raft log read operations by Raft Engine per second
    - read_message: the number of raft metadata read operations by Raft Engine per second

- Write duration: the duration of write operations by Raft Engine. This duration is close to the sum of the latency of disk IOs involved in writing these data.
- Flow
    - write: the write traffic of Raft Engine
    - rewrite append: the traffic of rewriting append logs
    - rewrite rewrite: the traffic of rewriting rewrite logs
- Write Duration Breakdown (99%)
    - wal: the latency of writing Raft Engine WAL
    - wait: the waiting time before writing
    - apply: the time consumed for applying data to memory
- Bytes/Written: the bytes written by Raft Engine every time
- WAL Duration Breakdown (P99%): the time consumed for each stage of writing Raft Engine WAL
- File Count
    - append: the number of files used for appending data by Raft Engine
    - rewrite: the number of files used for rewriting data by Raft Engine (rewrite is similar to RocksDB compaction)
- Entry Count
    - rewrite: the number of entries rewritten by Raft Engine
    - append: the number of entries appended by Raft Engine

14.11.5.1.29 Titan - All

- Blob file count: The number of Titan blob files
- Blob file size: The total size of Titan blob file
- Live blob size: The total size of valid blob record
- Blob cache hit: The hit rate of Titan block cache
- Iter touched blob file count: The number of blob file involved in a single iterator
- Blob file discardable ratio distribution: The ratio distribution of blob record failure of blob files
- Blob key size: The size of Titan blob keys
- Blob value size: The size of Titan blob values
- Blob get operations: The count of get operations in Titan blob
- Blob get duration: The time consumed when executing get operations in Titan blob
- Blob iter operations: The time consumed when executing iter operations in Titan blob
- Blob seek duration: The time consumed when executing seek operations in Titan blob

- Blob next duration: The time consumed when executing next operations in Titan blob
- Blob prev duration: The time consumed when executing prev operations in Titan blob
- Blob keys flow: The flow rate of operations on Titan blob keys
- Blob bytes flow: The flow rate of bytes on Titan blob keys
- Blob file read duration: The time consumed when reading Titan blob file
- Blob file write duration: The time consumed when writing Titan blob file
- Blob file sync operations: The count of blob file sync operations
- Blob file sync duration: The time consumed when synchronizing blob file
- Blob GC action: The count of Titan GC actions
- Blob GC duration: The Titan GC duration
- Blob GC keys flow: The flow rate of keys read and written by Titan GC
- Blob GC bytes flow: The flow rate of bytes read and written by Titan GC
- Blob GC input file size: The size of Titan GC input file
- Blob GC output file size: The size of Titan GC output file
- Blob GC file count: The count of blob files involved in Titan GC

14.11.5.1.30 In Memory Engine

The following metrics are related to TiKV MVCC In-Memory Engine (IME).

- Ops: The number of operations per second for column families
- Read MBps: The total bytes of read traffic in RocksDB and the in-memory engine
- Coprocessor Handle duration: The time consumed for handling coprocessor requests
- Region Cache Hit: The number of times data is successfully retrieved from the Region cache
- Region Cache Hit Rate: The hit rate of Region cache
- Region Cache Miss Reason: The reasons why data is not retrieved from the Region cache
- Memory Usage: The memory usage of the in-memory engine
- Region Count: The count of different types of Regions
- GC Filter: The information about the filtering process during garbage collection (GC)
- Region GC Duration: The time consumed for Region GC
- Region Load Duration: The time consumed for loading Regions
- Region Load Count: The number of Regions loaded per second
- Region Eviction Duration: The time consumed for evicting Regions
- Region Eviction Count: The number of Regions evicted per second
- Write duration: The time consumed for write operations in the Region cache engine
- 99% In-memory engine write duration per server: The 99th percentile of write duration per TiKV server for the in-memory engine
- Prepare for write duration: The time consumed for preparing write operations in the in-memory engine
- 99% In-memory engine prepare for write duration per server: The 99th percentile of time consumed for preparing write operations per TiKV server in the in-memory engine
- Iterator operations: The number of different types of iterator operations
- Seek duration: The time consumed for seek operations

- Oldest Auto GC SafePoint: The oldest automatic GC safepoint for Regions cached in the in-memory engine
- Newest Auto GC SafePoint: The newest automatic GC safepoint for Regions cached in the in-memory engine
- Auto GC SafePoint Gap: The time gap between the newest automatic GC safepoint and the oldest automatic GC safepoint for Regions cached in the in-memory engine
- Auto GC SafePoint Gap With TiKV: The gap between the TiKV automatic GC safepoint and the oldest automatic GC safepoint for Regions cached in the in-memory engine

14.11.5.1.31 Pessimistic Locking

- Lock Manager Thread CPU: The CPU utilization of the lock manager thread
- Lock Manager Handled tasks: The number of tasks handled by lock manager
- Waiter lifetime duration: The waiting time of the transaction for the lock to be released
- Wait table: The status information of wait table, including the number of locks and the number of transactions waiting for the lock
- Deadlock detect duration: The time consumed for detecting deadlock
- Detect error: The number of errors encountered when detecting deadlock, including the number of deadlocks
- Deadlock detector leader: The information of the node where the deadlock detector leader is located
- Total pessimistic locks memory size: The memory size occupied by the in-memory pessimistic locks
- In-memory pessimistic locking result: The result of only saving pessimistic locks to memory. `full` means the number of times that the pessimistic lock is not saved to memory because the memory limit is exceeded.

14.11.5.1.32 Resolved-TS

- Resolved-TS worker CPU: The CPU utilization of the resolved-ts worker threads
- Advance-TS worker CPU: The CPU utilization of the advance-ts worker threads
- Scan lock worker CPU: The CPU utilization of the scan lock worker threads
- Max gap of resolved-ts: The maximum time difference between the resolved-ts of all active Regions in this TiKV and the current time
- Max gap of safe-ts: The maximum time difference between the safe-ts of all active Regions in this TiKV and the current time
- Min Resolved TS Region: The ID of the Region whose resolved-ts is the minimal
- Min Safe TS Region: The ID of the Region whose safe-ts is the minimal
- Check Leader Duration: The distribution of time spent on processing leader requests. The duration is from sending requests to receiving responses in leader
- Max gap of resolved-ts in Region leaders: The maximum time difference between the resolved-ts of all active Regions in this TiKV and the current time, only for Region leaders

- Min Leader Resolved TS Region: The ID of the Region whose resolved-ts is the minimal, only for Region leaders
- Lock heap size: The size of the heap that tracks locks in the resolved-ts module

14.11.5.1.33 Memory

- Allocator Stats: The statistics of the memory allocator

14.11.5.1.34 Backup

- Backup CPU: The CPU utilization of the backup thread
- Range Size: The histogram of backup range size
- Backup Duration: The time consumed for backup
- Backup Flow: The total bytes of backup
- Disk Throughput: The disk throughput per instance
- Backup Range Duration: The time consumed for backing up a range
- Backup Errors: The number of errors encountered during a backup

14.11.5.1.35 Encryption

- Encryption data keys: The total number of encrypted data keys
- Encrypted files: The number of encrypted files
- Encryption initialized: Shows whether encryption is enabled. `1` means enabled.
- Encryption meta files size: The size of the encryption meta file
- Encrypt/decrypt data nanos: The histogram of duration on encrypting/decrypting data each time
- Read/write encryption meta duration: The time consumed for reading/writing encryption meta files

14.11.5.1.36 Log Backup

- Handle Event Rate: The speed of handling write events
- Initial Scan Generate Event Throughput: Incremental scanning speed when generating a new listener stream
- Abnormal Checkpoint TS Lag: The lag of the current checkpoint TS to the present time for each task
- Memory Of Events: An estimated amount of memory occupied by temporary data generated by incremental scanning
- Observed Region Count: The number of Regions currently listened to
- Errors: The number and type of retryable and non-fatal errors
- Fatal Errors: The number and type of fatal errors. Usually, fatal errors cause the task to be paused.

- Checkpoint TS of Tasks: Checkpoint TS for each task
- Flush Duration: The heat map of how long it takes for moving cached data to external storage
- Initial Scanning Duration: The heat map of how long it takes for incremental scanning when creating a new listening stream
- Convert Raft Event Duration: The heat map of how long it takes to transform a Raft log entry into backup data after creating a listening stream
- Command Batch Size: The batch size (within a single Raft group) of the listening Raft command
- Save to Temp File Duration: The heat map of how long it takes to temporarily store a batch of backup data (spanning several tasks) into the temporary file area
- Write to Temp File Duration: The heat map of how long it takes to temporarily store a batch of backup data (from a particular task) into the temporary file area
- System Write Call Duration: The heat map of how long it takes to write a batch of backup data (from a Region) to a temporary file
- Internal Message Type: The type of messages received by the actor responsible for the log backup within TiKV
- Internal Message Handling Duration (P90|P99): The speed of consuming and processing each type of messages
- Initial Scan RocksDB Throughput: The read traffic generated by RocksDB internal logging during incremental scanning
- Initial Scan RocksDB Operation: The number of individual operations logged internally by RocksDB during incremental scanning
- Initial Scanning Trigger Reason: The reason for triggering incremental scanning
- Region Checkpoint Key Putting: The number of checkpoint operations logged to the PD

> **Note:**
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> The following monitoring metrics all use TiDB nodes as their data source, but they have some impact on the log backup process. Therefore, they are placed in the **TiKV Details** dashboard for ease of reference. TiKV actively pushes progress most of the time, but it is normal for some of the following monitoring metrics to occasionally not have sampled data.

- Request Checkpoint Batch Size: The request batch size when the log backup coordinator requests checkpoint information for each TiKV
- Tick Duration [P99|P90]: The time taken by the tick inside the coordinator
- Region Checkpoint Failure Reason: The reason why a Region checkpoint cannot advance within the coordinator
- Request Result: The record of the coordinator's success or failure in advancing the Region checkpoint

- Get Region Operation Count: The number of times the coordinator requests Region information from the PD
- Try Advance Trigger Time: The time taken for the coordinator to attempt to advance the checkpoint

14.11.5.1.37 Backup & Import

- Import CPU Utilization: The CPU utilization aggregated by SST importer.
- Import Thread Count: The number of threads used by SST importer.
- Import Errors: The number of errors encountered during SST import.
- Import RPC Duration: The time spent on various RPC calls in SST importer.
- Import RPC Ops: The total number of RPC calls in SST importer.
- Import RPC Count: The number of RPC calls being processed by SST importer.
- Import Write/Download RPC Duration: The RPC time for write or download operations in SST importer.
- Import Wait Duration: The time spent waiting in queue for download task execution.
- Import Read SST Duration: The time spent reading an SST file from external storage and downloading it to TiKV.
- Import Rewrite SST Duration: The time spent rewriting the SST file based on rewrite rules.
- Import Ingest RPC Duration: The time spent handling ingest RPC requests on TiKV.
- Import Ingest SST Duration: The time spent ingesting the SST file into RocksDB.
- Import Ingest SST Bytes: The number of bytes ingested.
- Import Download SST Throughput: The SST download throughput in bytes per second.
- cloud request: The number of requests to cloud providers.

14.11.5.1.38 Point In Time Restore

- CPU Usage: The CPU utilization by point-in-time recovery (PITR).
- P99 RPC Duration: The 99th percentile of RPC request duration.
- Import RPC Ops: The total number of RPC calls in SST importer.
- Import RPC Count: The number of RPC calls being processed by SST importer.
- Cache Events: The number of events in the file cache during SST import.
- Overall RPC Duration: The time spent on RPC calls.
- Read File into Memory Duration: The time spent downloading files from external storage and loading them into memory.
- Queuing Time: The time spent waiting to be scheduled on a thread.
- Apply Request Throughput: The rate of applying requests in bytes.
- Downloaded File Size: The size of downloaded file in bytes.
- Apply Batch Size: The number of bytes for applying to Raft store in one batch.
- Blocked by Concurrency Time: The time spent waiting for execution due to concurrency constraints.
- Apply Request Speed: The speed of applying request to Raft store.

- Cached File in Memory: The files cached by the applying requests of SST importer.
- Engine Requests Unfinished: The number of pending requests to Raft store.
- Apply Time: The time spent writing data to Raft store.
- Raft Store Memory Usage: The memory usage for Raft store.

14.11.5.1.39 Explanation of Common Parameters

gRPC Message Type

1. Transactional API:

    - kv_get: The command of getting the latest version of data specified by `ts`
    - kv_scan: The command of scanning a range of data
    - kv_prewrite: The command of prewriting the data to be committed at first phase of 2PC
    - kv_pessimistic_lock: The command of adding a pessimistic lock to the key to prevent other transaction from modifying this key
    - kv_pessimistic_rollback: The command of deleting the pessimistic lock on the key
    - kv_txn_heart_beat: The command of updating `lock_ttl` for pessimistic transactions or large transactions to prevent them from rolling back
    - kv_check_txn_status: The command of checking the status of the transaction
    - kv_commit: The command of committing the data written by the prewrite command
    - kv_cleanup: The command of rolling back a transaction, which is deprecated in v4.0
    - kv_batch_get: The command of getting the value of batch key at once, similar to `kv_get`
    - kv_batch_rollback: The command of batch rollback of multiple prewrite transactions
    - kv_scan_lock: The command of scanning all locks with a version number before `max_version` to clean up expired transactions
    - kv_resolve_lock: The command of committing or rollback the transaction lock, according to the transaction status.
    - kv_gc: The command of GC
    - kv_delete_range: The command of deleting a range of data from TiKV

2. Raw API:

    - raw_get: The command of getting the value of key
    - raw_batch_get: The command of getting the value of batch keys
    - raw_scan: The command of scanning a range of data
    - raw_batch_scan: The command of scanning multiple consecutive data range
    - raw_put: The command of writing a key/value pair
    - raw_batch_put: The command of writing a batch of key/value pairs

- raw_delete: The command of deleting a key/value pair
- raw_batch_delete: The command of a batch of key/value pairs
- raw_delete_range: The command of deleting a range of data

14.11.5.2 TiKV-FastTune dashboard

If performance issues of TiKV occur, such as QPS jitter, latency jitter, and latency increasing trend, you can check the **TiKV-FastTune** dashboard. This dashboard contains a set of panels that help you with diagnostics, especially when the write workload in your cluster is medium or large.

When write-related performance issues occur, you can first check the TiDB-related dashboards. If the issues are at the storage side, open the **TiKV-FastTune** page, browse and check every panel on it.

In the **TiKV-FastTune** dashboard, you can see a title that suggests a possible cause of the performance issues. To check whether the suggested cause is true, check the graph on the page.

The left-Y-axis of the graph represents the write-RPC QPS of the storage side, and a set of graphs on the right-Y-axis are drawn upside down. If the shape of the left graph matches that of the right graphs, the suggested cause is true.

For detailed metrics and descriptions, see the dashboard user manual.

14.11.6 Monitor the TiFlash Cluster

This document describes the monitoring items of TiFlash.

If you use TiUP to deploy the TiDB cluster, the monitoring system (Prometheus & Grafana) is deployed at the same time. For more information, see Overview of the Monitoring Framework.

The Grafana dashboard is divided into a series of sub dashboards which include Overview, PD, TiDB, TiKV, and Node_exporter. A lot of metrics are there to help you diagnose.

TiFlash has three dashboard panels: **TiFlash-Summary**, **TiFlash-Proxy-Summary**, and **TiFlash-Proxy-Details**. The metrics on these panels indicate the current status of TiFlash. The **TiFlash-Proxy-Summary** and **TiFlash-Proxy-Details** panels mainly show the information of the Raft layer and the metrics are detailed in Key Monitoring Metrics of TiKV.

> **Note:**
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> It is recommended that you use TiDB v4.0.5 or later versions for improved monitor on TiFlash.

The following sections introduce the default monitoring information of **TiFlash-Summary**.

14.11.6.1 Server

- Store size: The storage size used by each TiFlash instance.
- Available size: The storage size available for each TiFlash instance.
- Capacity size: The storage capacity for each TiFlash instance.
- Uptime: The runtime of TiFlash since last restart.
- Memory: The memory usage per TiFlash instance.
- CPU Usage: The CPU utilization per TiFlash instance.
- FSync OPS: The number of fsync operations per TiFlash instance per second.
- File Open OPS: The number of `open` operations per TiFlash instance per second.
- Opened File Count: The number of file descriptors currently opened by each TiFlash instance.

> **Note:**
>
> Store size, FSync OPS, File Open OPS, and Opened File Count currently only cover the monitoring information of the TiFlash storage layer and do not cover that in TiFlash-Proxy.

14.11.6.2 Coprocessor

- Request QPS: The number of coprocessor requests received by all TiFlash instances. `batch` is the number of batch requests. `batch_cop` is the number of coprocessor requests in the batch requests. `cop` is the number of coprocessor requests that are sent directly via the coprocessor interface. `cop_dag` is the number of dag requests in all coprocessor requests. `super_batch` is the number of requests to enable the Super Batch feature.
- Executor QPS: The number of each type of dag executors in the requests received by all TiFlash instances. `table_scan` is the table scan executor. `selection` is the selection executor. `aggregation` is the aggregation executor. `top_n` is the `TopN` executor. `limit` is the limit executor.
- Request Duration: The total duration of all TiFlash instances processing coprocessor requests. The total duration is from the time that the coprocessor request is received to the time that the response to the request is completed.
- Error QPS: The number of errors of all TiFlash instances processing coprocessor requests. `meet_lock` means that the read data is locked. `region_not_found` means that the Region does not exist. `epoch_not_match` means the read Region epoch is inconsistent with the local epoch. `kv_client_error` means that the communication

with TiKV returns an error. `internal_error` is the internal system error of TiFlash. `other` is other types of errors.
- Request Handle Duration: The duration of all TiFlash instances processing coprocessor requests. The processing time is from starting to execute the coprocessor request to completing the execution.
- Response Bytes/Seconds: The total bytes of the response from all TiFlash instances.
- Cop task memory usage: The total memory usage of all TiFlash instances processing coprocessor requests.
- Handling Request Number: The total number of all TiFlash instances processing coprocessor requests. The classification of the requests is the same as that of Request QPS.
- Threads of RPC: The real-time number of RPC threads used in each TiFlash instance.
- Max Threads of RPC: The maximum number of RPC threads recently used in each TiFlash instance.
- Threads: The real-time number of threads used in each TiFlash instance.
- Max Threads: The maximum number of threads recently used in each TiFlash instance.

14.11.6.3 Task Scheduler

- Min TSO: The minimum TSO among all queries running on each TiFlash instance. This value ensures that queries with the minimum TSO can be scheduled to run. When no queries are running, this value is the maximum unsigned 64-bit integer.
- Estimated Thread Usage and Limit: The estimated amount of threads used by all queries running on each TiFlash instance, and the soft and hard limits on the amount.
- Active and Waiting Queries Count: The amount of running queries and that of waiting queries on each TiFlash instance.
- Active and Waiting Tasks Count: The amount of running tasks and that of waiting tasks on each TiFlash instance.
- Hard Limit Exceeded Count: Times that the estimated amount of threads used by queries running on each TiFlash instance exceeds the hard limit.
- Task Waiting Duration: The duration from task initialization to task scheduling on each TiFlash instance.

14.11.6.4 DDL

- Schema Version: The version of the schema currently cached in each TiFlash instance.
- Schema Apply OPM: The number of TiDB `schema diff` synchronized in `apply` operations by all TiFlash instances per minute. This item includes the count of three types of `apply`: `diff apply`, `full apply`, and `failed apply`. `diff apply` is the normal process of a single apply. If `diff apply` fails, `failed apply` increases by `1`, and TiFlash rolls back to `full apply` and pulls the latest schema information to update the schema version of TiFlash.
- Schema Internal DDL OPM: The number of specific DDL operations executed per minute in all TiFlash instances.

- Schema Apply Duration: The time used for a single `apply schema` operation in all TiFlash instances.

14.11.6.5 Storage

- Write Command OPS: The number of write requests received per second by the storage layer of all TiFlash instances.
- Write Amplification: Write amplification of each TiFlash instance (the actual bytes of disk writes divided by the written bytes of logical data). `total` is the write amplification since this start, and `5min` is the write amplification in the last 5 minutes.
- Read Tasks OPS: The number of read tasks in the storage layer per second for each TiFlash instance.
- Rough Set Filter Rate: The proportion of the number of packets read by each TiFlash instance in the last minute that are filtered by the rough set index of the storage layer.
- Internal Tasks OPS: The number of times that all TiFlash instances perform internal data sorting tasks per second.
- Internal Tasks Duration: The time consumed by all TiFlash instances for internal data sorting tasks.
- Page GC Tasks OPM: The number of times that all TiFlash instances perform Delta data sorting tasks per minute.
- Page GC Tasks Duration: The distribution of time consumed by all TiFlash instances to perform Delta data sorting tasks.
- Disk Write OPS: The number of disk writes per second by all TiFlash instances.
- Disk Read OPS: The number of disk reads per second by all TiFlash instances.
- Write flow: The traffic of disk writes by all TiFlash instances.
- Read flow: The traffic of disk reads by all TiFlash instances.

> **Note:**
>
> These metrics only cover the monitoring information of the TiFlash storage layer and do not cover that in TiFlash-Proxy.

14.11.6.6 Storage Write Stall

- Write & Delta Management Throughput: The throughput of write and data compaction for all instances.
  - `throughput_write` means the throughput of data synchronization through Raft.
  - `throughput_delta-management` means the throughput of data compaction.
  - `total_write` means the total bytes written since the last start.

    - `total_delta-management` means the total bytes of data compacted since the last start.

- Write Stall Duration: The stall duration of write and removing Region data (deleting ranges) by instance.
- Write Throughput By Instance: The throughput of write by instance. It includes the throughput by applying the Raft write commands and Raft snapshots.
- Write Command OPS By Instance: The total count of different kinds of commands received by instance.

    - `write block` means the data logs synchronized through Raft.
    - `delete_range` means that some Regions are removed from or moved to this instance.
    - `ingest` means some Region snapshots are applied to this instance.

14.11.6.7 Raft

- Read Index OPS: The number of times that each TiFlash instance triggers the `read_index` request per second, which equals to the number of Regions triggered.
- Read Index Duration: The time used by `read_index` for all TiFlash instances. Most time is used for interaction with the Region leader and retry.
- Wait Index Duration: The time used by `wait_index` for all TiFlash instances, namely the time used to wait until local index >= read_index after the `read_index` request is received.

14.11.7 Key Monitoring Metrics of Resource Control

If you use TiUP to deploy the TiDB cluster, the monitoring system (Prometheus & Grafana) is deployed at the same time. For more information, see Overview of the Monitoring Framework.

The Grafana dashboard is divided into a series of sub dashboards which include Overview, PD, TiDB, TiKV, Node_exporter, Disk Performance, and Performance_overview.

If your cluster has used the Resource Control feature, you can get an overview of the resource consumption status from the Resource Control dashboard.

TiDB uses the token bucket algorithm for flow control. As described in the RFC: Global Resource Control in TiDB, a TiDB node might have multiple Resource Groups, which are flow controlled by GAC (Global Admission Control) on the PD side. The Local Token Buckets in each TiDB node periodically (5 seconds by default) communicate with the GAC on the PD side to reconfigure the local tokens. In TiDB, the Local Token Buckets are implemented as Resource Controller Clients.

This document describes some key monitoring metrics displayed on the Resource Control dashboard.

14.11.7.1 Metrics about Request Unit

- RU: the Request Unit (RU) consumption information of each resource group, calculated in real time. `total` is the sum of the Request Units consumed by all Resource Groups. The Request Unit consumption of each resource group should be equal to the sum of its read consumption (Read Request Unit) and write consumption (Write Request Unit).
- RU Per Query: the average number of Request Units consumed by each SQL statement per second. It is obtained by dividing the above RU metric by the number of SQL statements executed per second.
- RRU: the Read Request Unit consumption information of each resource group, calculated in real time. `total` is the sum of the Read Request Units consumed by all Resource Groups.
- RRU Per Query: the average number of Read Request Units consumed by each SQL statement per second. It is obtained by dividing the above RRU metric by the number of SQL statements executed per second.
- WRU: the Write Request Unit consumption information of each resource group, calculated in real time. `total` is the sum of the Write Request Units consumed by all Resource Groups.
- WRU Per Query: the average number of Write Request Units consumed by each SQL statement per second. It is obtained by dividing the above WRU metric by the number of SQL statements executed per second.
- Available RU: the available tokens in the RU token bucket of each resource group. When it is `0`, this resource group consumes tokens at the rate of `RU_PER_SEC` and can be considered to be in a rate-limited state.
- Query Max Duration: the maximum Query Duration in terms of resource groups.

14.11.7.2 Metrics about resources

- KV Request Count: the number of KV requests for each resource group, calculated per second. The requests are divided into read and write types. `total` is the sum of the KV requests for all Resource Groups.
- KV Request Count Per Query: the average number of read and write KV requests by each SQL statement per second. It is obtained by dividing the above KV Request Count metric by the number of SQL statements executed per second.
- Bytes Read: the amount of data read by each Resource Group, calculated per second. `total` is the sum of the data read by all Resource Groups.
- Bytes Read Per Query: the average amount of data read by each SQL statement per second. It is obtained by dividing the above Bytes Read metric by the number of SQL statements executed per second.
- Bytes Written: the amount of data written by each Resource Group, calculated in real time. `total` is the sum of the data written by all Resource Groups.
- Bytes Written Per Query: the average amount of data written by each SQL statement per second. It is obtained by dividing the above Bytes Written metric by the number of SQL statements executed per second.

- KV CPU Time: the KV layer CPU time consumed by each Resource Group, calculated in real time. `total` is the sum of the KV layer CPU time consumed by all Resource Groups.
- SQL CPU Time: the SQL layer CPU time consumed by each Resource Group, calculated in real time. `total` is the sum of the SQL layer CPU time consumed by all Resource Groups.

14.11.7.3 Metrics about Resource Controller Client

- Active Resource Groups: the number of resource groups for each Resource Controller Client, calculated in real time.
- Total KV Request Count: the number of KV requests for each Resource Controller Client, calculated in real time and by resource groups. `total` is the sum of the KV requests for all Resource Controller Clients.
- Failed KV Request Count: the number of failed KV requests for each Resource Controller Client, calculated in real time and by resource groups. `total` is the sum of the failed KV requests for all Resource Controller Clients.
- Successful KV Request Count: the number of successful KV requests for each Resource Controller Client, calculated in real time and by resource groups. `total` is the sum of the successful KV requests for all Resource Controller Clients.
- Successful KV Request Wait Duration (99/90): the waiting time (at different percentiles) for successful KV requests for each Resource Controller Client, calculated in real time and by resource groups.
- Token Request Handle Duration (999/99): the waiting time (at different percentiles) for token requests from the server side for each Resource Controller Client, calculated in real time and by resource groups.
- Token Request Count: the number of token requests from the server side for each Resource Controller Client, calculated in real time and by resource groups. `successful` and `failed` are the sums of the successful and failed token requests for all Resource Controller Clients.

14.12 Privileges

14.12.1 Security Compatibility with MySQL

TiDB supports security features similar to MySQL 5.7, and also supports some security features of MySQL 8.0. The security features of TiDB are different from MySQL in implementation.

14.12.1.1 Unsupported security features

- Column level permissions.

- These permission attributes: `max_questions`, `max_updated`, and `max_user_connections`.
- Password verification policy, which requires you to verify the current password when you change it.
- Dual password policy.
- Random password generation.
- Multi-factor authentication.

14.12.1.2 Differences with MySQL

14.12.1.2.1 Password expiration policy

The password expiration policies of TiDB and MySQL have the following differences:

- MySQL supports password expiration policy in v5.7 and v8.0.
- TiDB supports password expiration policy starting from v6.5.0.

The expiration mechanism of TiDB is different from MySQL in the following aspects:

- In MySQL v5.7 and v8.0, the configuration of the client and the server combined together determines whether to enable "sandbox mode" for the client connection.
- In TiDB, the `security.disconnect-on-expired-password` configuration item alone determines whether to enable "sandbox mode" for the client connection.

14.12.1.2.2 Password complexity policy

The password complexity policies of TiDB and MySQL have the following differences:

- MySQL v5.7 implements the password complexity policy by using the `validate_password` plugin.
- MySQL v8.0 re-implements the password complexity policy by using the `validate_password` component.
- TiDB introduces a built-in password complexity management feature starting from v6.5.0.

The feature implementation has the following differences:

- Enable the feature:
    - In MySQL v5.7, the feature is implemented by using the `validate_password` plugin. You can enable the feature by installing the plugin.
    - In MySQL v8.0, the feature is implemented by using the `validate_password` component. You can enable the feature by installing the component.

    - For TiDB, this feature is built-in. You can enable the feature using the system variable `validate_password.enable`.

- Dictionary check:

    - In MySQL v5.7, you can specify a file path using the `validate_password_dictionary_file` variable. The file contains a list of words that are not allowed to exist in passwords.
    - In MySQL v8.0, you can specify a file path using the `validate_password.dictionary_file` variable. The file contains a list of words that are not allowed to exist in passwords.
    - In TiDB, you can specify a string using the `validate_password.dictionary` system variable. The string contains a list of words that are not allowed to exist in passwords.

14.12.1.2.3 Password failure tracking

The password failure tracking policies of TiDB and MySQL have the following differences:

- MySQL v5.7 does not support password failure tracking.
- MySQL v8.0 supports password failure tracking.
- TiDB supports password failure tracking starting from v6.5.0.

Because the number of failed attempts and lock status of accounts need to be globally consistent, and as a distributed database, TiDB cannot record the number of failed attempts and lock status in the server memory like MySQL, so the implementation mechanisms are different between TiDB and MySQL.

- For users that are not locked automatically, the count of failed attempts is reset in the following scenarios:

    - MySQL 8.0:
        - When the server is restarted, the count of failed attempts for all accounts is reset.
        - When `FLUSH PRIVILEGES` is executed, the count of failed attempts for all accounts is reset.
        - When you run `ALTER USER ... ACCOUNT UNLOCK` to unlock an account, the count is reset.
        - When an account logs in successfully, the count is reset.
    - TiDB:
        - When you run `ALTER USER ... ACCOUNT UNLOCK` to unlock an account, the count is reset.
        - When an account logs in successfully, the count is reset.

- For users that are locked automatically, the count of failed attempts is reset in the following scenarios:

    - MySQL 8.0:

        - When the server is restarted, the temporary locking for all accounts is reset.
        - When `FLUSH PRIVILEGES` is executed, the temporary locking for all accounts is reset.
        - If the lock time of an account ends, the temporary locking for the account is reset on the next login attempt.
        - When you run `ALTER USER ... ACCOUNT UNLOCK` to unlock an account, the temporary locking for the account is reset.

    - TiDB:

        - If the lock time of an account ends, the temporary locking for the account is reset on the next login attempt.
        - When you run `ALTER USER ... ACCOUNT UNLOCK` to unlock an account, the temporary locking for the account is reset.

14.12.1.2.4 Password reuse policy

The password reuse policies of TiDB and MySQL have the following differences:

- MySQL v5.7 does not support password reuse management.
- MySQL v8.0 supports password reuse management.
- TiDB supports password reuse management starting from v6.5.0.

The implementation mechanisms are consistent between TiDB and MySQL. Both use the `mysql.password_history` system table to implement the password reuse management feature. However, when deleting a user that does not exist in the `mysql.user` system table, TiDB and MySQL have different behaviors:

- Scenario: A user (`user01`) is not created in a normal way; instead, it is created by using the `INSERT INTO mysql.password_history VALUES (...)` statement to append a record of `user01` to the `mysql.password_history` system table. In such cases, because the record of `user01` does not exist in the `mysql.user` system table, when you run `DROP USER` on `user01`, TiDB and MySQL have different behaviors.

    - MySQL: When you run `DROP USER user01`, MySQL tries to find `user01` in `mysql.user` and `mysql.password_history`. If either system table contains `user01`, the `DROP USER` statement is executed successfully and no error is reported.
    - TiDB: When you run `DROP USER user01`, TiDB tries to find `user01` only in `mysql.user`. If no related record is found, the `DROP USER` statement fails and an error is reported. If you want to execute the statement successfully and delete the `user01` record from `mysql.password_history`, use `DROP USER IF EXISTS user01` instead.

14.12.1.3 Authentication plugin status

TiDB supports multiple authentication methods. These methods can be specified on a per user basis using `CREATE USER` and `ALTER USER`. These methods are compatible with the authentication methods of MySQL with the same names.

You can use one of the following supported authentication methods in the table. To specify a default method that the server advertises when the client-server connection is being established, set the `default_authentication_plugin` variable. `tidb_sm3_password` is the SM3 authentication method only supported in TiDB. Therefore, to authenticate using this method, you must connect to TiDB using TiDB-JDBC. `tidb_auth_token` is a JSON Web Token (JWT)-based authentication method used in TiDB Cloud, and you can also configure it for use in TiDB Self-Managed.

The support for TLS authentication is configured differently. For detailed information, see Enable TLS between TiDB Clients and Servers.

Authentication Method	Supported
`mysql_native_password`	Yes
`sha256_password`	No
`caching_sha2_password`	Yes, since 5.2.0
`auth_socket`	Yes, since 5.3.0
`tidb_sm3_password`	Yes, since 6.3.0
`tidb_auth_token`	Yes, since 6.4.0
`authentication_ldap_sasl`	Yes, since 7.1.0
`authentication_ldap_simple`	Yes, since 7.1.0
TLS Certificates	Yes
LDAP	Yes, since 7.1.0
PAM	No
ed25519 (MariaDB)	No
GSSAPI (MariaDB)	No
FIDO	No

14.12.1.3.1 `tidb_auth_token`

`tidb_auth_token` is a passwordless authentication method based on JSON Web Token (JWT). In v6.4.0, `tidb_auth_token` is only used for user authentication in TiDB Cloud. Starting from v6.5.0, you can also configure `tidb_auth_token` as a user authentication method for TiDB Self-Managed. Different from password-based authentication methods such as `mysql_native_password` and `caching_sha2_password`, when you create users using `tidb_auth_token`, there is no need to set or store custom passwords. To log into TiDB, users only need to use a signed token instead of a password, which simplifies the authentication process and improves security.

JWT

JWT consists of three parts: Header, Payload, and Signature. After being encoded using

base64, they are concatenated into a string separated by dots (`.`) for transmission between the client and server.

The Header describes the metadata of the JWT, including 3 parameters:

- `alg`: the algorithm for signature, which is `RS256` by default.
- `typ`: the type of token, which is `JWT`.
- `kid`: the key ID for generating token signature.

Here is an example for Header:

```
{
  "alg": "RS256",
  "kid": "the-key-id-0",
  "typ": "JWT"
}
```

Payload is the main part of JWT, which stores the user information. Each field in the Payload is called a claim. The claims required for TiDB user authentication are as follows:

- `iss`: if `TOKEN_ISSUER` is not specified or set to empty when `CREATE USER`, this claim is not required; otherwise, `iss` should use the same value as `TOKEN_ISSUER`.
- `sub`: this claim is required to be the same as the username to be authenticated.
- `iat`: it means `issued at`, the timestamp when the token is issued. In TiDB, this value must not be later than the authentication time or earlier than 15 minutes before authentication.
- `exp`: the timestamp when the token expires. If it is earlier than the time of authentication, the authentication fails.
- `email`: the email can be specified when creating a user by `ATTRIBUTE '{"email": "xxxx@pingcap.com"}`. If no email is specified when a user is created, this claim must be set as an empty string; otherwise, this claim must be the same as the specified value when the user is created.

Here is an example for Payload:

```
{
  "email": "user@pingcap.com",
  "exp": 1703305494,
  "iat": 1703304594,
  "iss": "issuer-abc",
  "sub": "user@pingcap.com"
}
```

Signature is used to sign the Header and Payload data.

Warning:

- The encoding of the Header and Payload in base64 is reversible. Do **Not** attach any sensitive information to them.
- The `tidb_auth_token` authentication method requires clients to support the `mysql_clear_password` plugin to send the token to TiDB in plain text. Therefore, you need to enable TLS between clients and servers before using `tidb_auth_token`.

Usage

To configure and use `tidb_auth_token` as the authentication method for TiDB Self-Managed users, take the following steps:

1. Configure `auth-token-jwks` and `auth-token-refresh-interval` in the TiDB configuration file.

   For example, you can get an example JWKS using the following command:

   ```
   wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/CbcWestwolf/generate_jwt/master/
   ↪ JWKS.json
   ```

   Then, configure the path of the example JWKS in `config.toml`:

   ```
   [security]
   auth-token-jwks = "JWKS.json"
   ```

2. Start `tidb-server` and periodically update and save the JWKS to the path specified by `auth-token-jwks`.

3. Create a user with `tidb_auth_token`, and specify `iss` and `email` as needed using `REQUIRE TOKEN_ISSUER` and `ATTRIBUTE '{"email": "xxxx@pingcap.com"}`.

   For example, create a user `user@pingcap.com` with `tidb_auth_token`:

   ```
   CREATE USER 'user@pingcap.com' IDENTIFIED WITH 'tidb_auth_token'
   ↪ REQUIRE TOKEN_ISSUER 'issuer-abc' ATTRIBUTE '{"email": "
   ↪ user@pingcap.com"}';
   ```

4. Generate and sign a token for authentication, and authenticate using the `mysql_clear_text` plugin of the MySQL client.

   Install the JWT generation tool via `go install github.com/cbcwestwolf/generate_jwt` (this tool is only used for testing `tidb_auth_token`). For example:

```
generate_jwt --kid "the-key-id-0" --sub "user@pingcap.com" --email "
    ↪ user@pingcap.com" --iss "issuer-abc"
```

It prints the public key and token as follows:

```
-----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----
MIIBCgKCAQEAq8G5n9XBidxmBMVJKLOBsmdOHrCqGf17y9+VUXingwDUZxRp2Xbu
LZLbJtLgcln1lC0L9BsogrWf7+pDhAzWovO6Ai4Aybu00tJ2u0g4j1aLiDdsy0gy
vSb5FBoL08jFIH7t/JzMt4JpF487AjzvITwZZcnsrB9a9sdn2E5B/aZmpDGi2+Is
f5osnlw0zvveTwiMo9ba416VIzjntAVEvqMFHK7vyHqXbfqUPAyhjLO+iee99Tg5
AlGfjo1s6FjeML4xX7sAMGEy8FVBWNfpRU7ryTWoSn2adzyA/FVmtBvJNQBCMrrA
hXDTMJ5FNi8zHhvzyBKHU0kBTS1UNUbP9wIDAQAB
-----END PUBLIC KEY-----

eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsImtpZCI6InRoZS1rZXktaWQtMCIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.
    ↪ eyJlbWFpbCI6InVzZXJAcGluZ2NhcC5jb20iLCJleHAiOjE3MDMzMDU0OTQsImlhdCI6MTcwMzMwN
    ↪ .T4QPh2hTB5on5xCuvtWiZiDTuuKvckggNHtNaovm1F4RvwUv15GyOqj9yMstE-
    ↪ wSoV5eLEcPC2HgE6eN1C6yH_f4CU-A6n3dm9F1w-
    ↪ oLbjts7aYCl8OHycVYnq609fNnb8JLsQAmd1Zn9C0JW899-WSOQtvjLqVSPe9prH-
    ↪ cWaBVDQXzUJKxwywQzk9v-Z1Njt9H3Rn9vvwwJEEPI16VnaNK38I7YG-1
    ↪ LN4fAG9jZ6Zwvz7vb_s4TW7xccFf3dIhWTEwOQ5jDPCeYkwraRXU8NC6DPF_
    ↪ duSrYJc7d7Nu9Z2cr-E4i1Rt_IiRTuIIzzKlcQGg7jd9AGEfGe_SowsA-w
```

Copy the preceding token in the last line for login:

```
mycli -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u 'user@pingcap.com' -p '<the-token-
    ↪ generated>'
```

Ensure that the MySQL client here supports the `mysql_clear_password` plugin. mycli supports and enables this plugin by default. If you are using the mysql command-line client, you need to use the `--enable-cleartext-plugin` option to enable this plugin:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u 'user@pingcap.com' -p'<the-token-
    ↪ generated>' --enable-cleartext-plugin
```

If an incorrect `--sub` is specified when the token is generated (such as `--sub "
↪ wronguser@pingcap.com"`), the authentication using this token would fail.

You can encode and decode a token using the debugger provided by jwt.io.

14.12.2 Privilege Management

TiDB supports MySQL 5.7's privilege management system, including the syntax and privilege types. The following features from MySQL 8.0 are also supported:

- SQL Roles, starting with TiDB 3.0.

- Dynamic privileges, starting with TiDB 5.1.

This document introduces privilege-related TiDB operations, privileges required for TiDB operations and implementation of the privilege system.

14.12.2.1 Privilege-related operations

14.12.2.1.1 Grant privileges

The GRANT statement grants privileges to the user accounts.

For example, use the following statement to grant the `xxx` user the privilege to read the `test` database.

```
GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO 'xxx'@'%';
```

Use the following statement to grant the `xxx` user all privileges on all databases:

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* TO 'xxx'@'%';
```

By default, GRANT statements will return an error if the user specified does not exist. This behavior depends on if the SQL mode `NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER` is specified:

```
SET sql_mode=DEFAULT;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT @@sql_mode;
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| @@sql_mode
    ↪
    ↪ |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_ZERO_DATE,ERROR_
    ↪ FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM mysql.user WHERE user='idontexist';
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON test.* TO 'idontexist';
```

```
ERROR 1105 (HY000): You are not allowed to create a user with GRANT
```

```
SELECT user,host,authentication_string FROM mysql.user WHERE user='
    ↪ idontexist';
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, the user `idontexist` is automatically created with an empty password because the SQL Mode `NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER` was not set. This is **not recommended** since it presents a security risk: miss-spelling a username will result in a new user created with an empty password:

```
SET @@sql_mode='ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_
    ↪ ZERO_DATE,ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT @@sql_mode;
```

```
+--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| @@sql_mode
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_ZERO_DATE,ERROR_
    ↪ FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION |
+--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM mysql.user WHERE user='idontexist';
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON test.* TO 'idontexist';
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.05 sec)
```

```
SELECT user,host,authentication_string FROM mysql.user WHERE user='
    ↪ idontexist';
```

```
+------------+------+----------------------+
| user       | host | authentication_string |
+------------+------+----------------------+
| idontexist | %    |                      |
+------------+------+----------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

You can use fuzzy matching in GRANT to grant privileges to databases.

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON `te%`.* TO genius;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT user,host,db FROM mysql.db WHERE user='genius';
```

```
+--------|------|-----+
| user   | host | db  |
+--------|------|-----+
| genius | %    | te% |
+--------|------|-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this example, because of the % in te%, all the databases starting with te are granted the privilege.

14.12.2.1.2 Revoke privileges

The REVOKE statement enables system administrators to revoke privileges from the user accounts.

The REVOKE statement corresponds with the GRANT statement:

```
REVOKE ALL PRIVILEGES ON `test`.* FROM 'genius'@'localhost';
```

> **Note:**
>
> To revoke privileges, you need the exact match. If the matching result cannot be found, an error will be displayed:

```
REVOKE ALL PRIVILEGES ON `te%`.* FROM 'genius'@'%';
```

```
ERROR 1141 (42000): There is no such grant defined for user 'genius' on host
    ↪  '%'
```

About fuzzy matching, escape, string and identifier:

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON `te\%`.* TO 'genius'@'localhost';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

This example uses exact match to find the database named `te%`. Note that the `%` uses the `\` escape character so that `%` is not considered as a wildcard.

A string is enclosed in single quotation marks(”), while an identifier is enclosed in backticks (“). See the differences below:

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON 'test'.* TO 'genius'@'localhost';
```

```
ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the
manual that corresponds to your MySQL server version for the right
syntax to use near ''test'.* to 'genius'@'localhost'' at line 1
```

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON `test`.* TO 'genius'@'localhost';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

If you want to use special keywords as table names, enclose them in backticks (“). For example:

```
CREATE TABLE `select` (id int);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.27 sec)
```

14.12.2.1.3 Check privileges granted to users

You can use the `SHOW GRANTS` statement to see what privileges are granted to a user. For example:

```
SHOW GRANTS; -- show grants for the current user
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                                             |
+-------------------------------------------------------------+
| GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* TO 'root'@'%' WITH GRANT OPTION |
+-------------------------------------------------------------+
```

```
SHOW GRANTS FOR 'root'@'%'; -- show grants for a specific user
```

For example, create a user `rw_user@192.168.%` and grant the user with write privilege on the `test.write_table` table and global read privilege.

```
CREATE USER `rw_user`@`192.168.%`;
GRANT SELECT ON *.* TO `rw_user`@`192.168.%`;
GRANT INSERT, UPDATE ON `test`.`write_table` TO `rw_user`@`192.168.%`;
```

Show granted privileges of the `rw_user@192.168.%` user:

```
SHOW GRANTS FOR `rw_user`@`192.168.%`;
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
| Grants for rw_user@192.168.%                                      |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
| GRANT Select ON *.* TO 'rw_user'@'192.168.%'                      |
| GRANT Insert,Update ON test.write_table TO 'rw_user'@'192.168.%' |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
```

14.12.2.1.4 Dynamic privileges

Since v5.1, TiDB features support dynamic privileges, a feature borrowed from MySQL 8.0. Dynamic privileges are intended to replace the `SUPER` privilege by implementing more fine-grained access to certain operations. For example, using dynamic privileges, system administrators can create a user account that can only perform `BACKUP` and `RESTORE` operations.

Dynamic privileges include:

- `BACKUP_ADMIN`
- `RESTORE_ADMIN`
- `SYSTEM_USER`
- `SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN`
- `ROLE_ADMIN`
- `CONNECTION_ADMIN`
- `PLACEMENT_ADMIN` allows privilege owners to create, modify, and remove placement policies.
- `DASHBOARD_CLIENT` allows privilege owners to log in to TiDB Dashboard.
- `RESTRICTED_TABLES_ADMIN` allows privilege owners to view system tables when SEM is enabled.
- `RESTRICTED_STATUS_ADMIN` allows privilege owners to view all status variables in `SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] STATUS` when SEM is enabled.
- `RESTRICTED_VARIABLES_ADMIN` allows privilege owners to view all system variables when SEM is enabled.

- `RESTRICTED_USER_ADMIN` prohibits privilege owners to have their access revoked by SUPER users when SEM is enabled.
- `RESTRICTED_CONNECTION_ADMIN` allows privilege owners to kill connections of `RESTRICTED_USER_ADMIN` users. This privilege affects `KILL` and `KILL TIDB` statements.
- `RESTRICTED_REPLICA_WRITER_ADMIN` allows privilege owners to perform write or update operations without being affected when the read-only mode is enabled in the TiDB cluster. For details, see `tidb_restricted_read_only`.

To see the full set of dynamic privileges, execute the `SHOW PRIVILEGES` statement. Because plugins are permitted to add new privileges, the list of privileges that are assignable might differ based on your TiDB installation.

14.12.2.2 `SUPER` privilege

- The `SUPER` privilege allows the user to perform almost any operation. By default, only the `root` user is granted with this privilege. Be careful when granting this privilege to other users.
- The `SUPER` privilege is considered deprecated in MySQL 8.0 and can be replaced by dynamic privileges to provide more fine-grained access control.

14.12.2.3 Privileges required for TiDB operations

You can check privileges of TiDB users in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.USER_PRIVILEGES` table. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.USER_PRIVILEGES WHERE grantee = "'root'@
    ↪ '%'";
```

```
+------------+---------------+-----------------------+--------------+
| GRANTEE    | TABLE_CATALOG | PRIVILEGE_TYPE        | IS_GRANTABLE |
+------------+---------------+-----------------------+--------------+
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Select                | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Insert                | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Update                | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Delete                | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Create                | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Drop                  | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Process               | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | References            | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Alter                 | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Show Databases        | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Super                 | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Execute               | YES          |
| 'root'@'%' | def           | Index                 | YES          |
```

```
| 'root'@'%' | def       | Create User          | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | Create Tablespace    | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | Trigger              | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | Create View          | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | Show View            | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | Create Role          | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | Drop Role            | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | CREATE TEMPORARY TABLES | YES     |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | LOCK TABLES          | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | CREATE ROUTINE       | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | ALTER ROUTINE        | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | EVENT                | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | SHUTDOWN             | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | RELOAD               | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | FILE                 | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | CONFIG               | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | REPLICATION CLIENT   | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def       | REPLICATION SLAVE    | YES        |
+------------+---------------+------------------------+--------------+
31 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.12.2.3.1 ALTER

- For all `ALTER` statements, users must have the `ALTER` privilege for the corresponding table.
- For statements except `ALTER...DROP` and `ALTER...RENAME TO`, users must have the `INSERT` and `CREATE` privileges for the corresponding table.
- For the `ALTER...DROP` statement, users must have the `DROP` privilege for the corresponding table.
- For the `ALTER...RENAME TO` statement, users must have the `DROP` privilege for the table before renaming, and the `CREATE` and `INSERT` privileges for the table after renaming.

> **Note:**
>
> In MySQL 5.7 documentation, users need `INSERT` and `CREATE` privileges to perform the `ALTER` operation on a table. But in reality for MySQL 5.7.25, only the `ALTER` privilege is required in this case. Currently, the `ALTER` privilege in TiDB is consistent with the actual behavior in MySQL.

14.12.2.3.2 BACKUP

Requires the `SUPER` or `BACKUP_ADMIN` privilege.

14.12.2.3.3 CANCEL IMPORT JOB

Requires the `SUPER` privilege to cancel jobs created by other users. Otherwise, only jobs created by the current user can be canceled.

14.12.2.3.4 CREATE DATABASE

Requires the `CREATE` privilege for the database.

14.12.2.3.5 CREATE INDEX

Requires the `INDEX` privilege for the table.

14.12.2.3.6 CREATE TABLE

Requires the `CREATE` privilege for the table.

To execute the `CREATE TABLE...LIKE...` statement, the `SELECT` privilege for the table is required.

14.12.2.3.7 CREATE VIEW

Requires the `CREATE VIEW` privilege.

> **Note:**
>
> If the current user is not the user that creates the View, both the `CREATE VIEW` and `SUPER` privileges are required.

14.12.2.3.8 DROP DATABASE

Requires the `DROP` privilege for the database.

14.12.2.3.9 DROP INDEX

Requires the `INDEX` privilege for the table.

14.12.2.3.10 DROP TABLES

Requires the `DROP` privilege for the table.

14.12.2.3.11 IMPORT INTO

Requires the `SELECT`, `UPDATE`, `INSERT`, `DELETE`, and `ALTER` privileges for the target table. To import files stored locally in TiDB, the `FILE` privilege is also required.

14.12.2.3.12 LOAD DATA

Requires the `INSERT` privilege for the table. When you use `REPLACE INTO`, the `DELETE` privilege is also required.

14.12.2.3.13 TRUNCATE TABLE

Requires the `DROP` privilege for the table.

14.12.2.3.14 RENAME TABLE

Requires the `ALTER` and `DROP` privileges for the table before renaming and the `CREATE` and `INSERT` privileges for the table after renaming.

14.12.2.3.15 ANALYZE TABLE

Requires the `INSERT` and `SELECT` privileges for the table.

14.12.2.3.16 LOCK STATS

Requires the `INSERT` and `SELECT` privileges for the table.

14.12.2.3.17 UNLOCK STATS

Requires the `INSERT` and `SELECT` privileges for the table.

14.12.2.3.18 SHOW

`SHOW CREATE TABLE` requires any single privilege to the table.

`SHOW CREATE VIEW` requires the `SHOW VIEW` privilege.

`SHOW GRANTS` requires the `SELECT` privilege to the `mysql` database. If the target user is current user, `SHOW GRANTS` does not require any privilege.

`SHOW PROCESSLIST` requires the `PROCESS` privilege to show connections belonging to other users.

`SHOW IMPORT JOB` requires the `SUPER` privilege to show connections belonging to other users. Otherwise, it only shows jobs created by the current user.

`SHOW STATS_LOCKED` requires the `SELECT` privilege to the `mysql.stats_table_locked` table.

14.12.2.3.19 CREATE ROLE/USER

`CREATE ROLE` requires the `CREATE ROLE` privilege.

`CREATE USER` requires the `CREATE USER` privilege.

14.12.2.3.20 DROP ROLE/USER

`DROP ROLE` requires the `DROP ROLE` privilege.

`DROP USER` requires the `CREATE USER` privilege.

14.12.2.3.21 ALTER USER

Requires the `CREATE USER` privilege.

14.12.2.3.22 GRANT

Requires the `GRANT` privilege with the privileges granted by `GRANT`.

Requires additional `CREATE USER` privilege to create a user implicitly.

`GRANT ROLE` requires `SUPER` or `ROLE_ADMIN` privilege.

14.12.2.3.23 REVOKE

Requires the `GRANT` privilege and those privileges targeted by the `REVOKE` statement.

`REVOKE ROLE` requires `SUPER` or `ROLE_ADMIN` privilege.

14.12.2.3.24 SET GLOBAL

Requires `SUPER` or `SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN` privilege to set global variables.

14.12.2.3.25 ADMIN

Requires `SUPER` privilege.

14.12.2.3.26 SET DEFAULT ROLE

Requires `SUPER` privilege.

14.12.2.3.27 KILL

Requires `SUPER` or `CONNECTION_ADMIN` privilege to kill other user sessions.

14.12.2.3.28 CREATE RESOURCE GROUP

Requires `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` privilege.

14.12.2.3.29 ALTER RESOURCE GROUP

Requires `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` privilege.

14.12.2.3.30 DROP RESOURCE GROUP

Requires `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` privilege.

14.12.2.3.31 CALIBRATE RESOURCE

Requires `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` privilege.

14.12.2.3.32 SET RESOURCE GROUP

When the system variable `tidb_resource_control_strict_mode` is set to `ON`, you need to have the `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_USER` privilege to execute this statement.

14.12.2.4 Implementation of the privilege system

14.12.2.4.1 Privilege table

The following `mysql` system tables are special because all the privilege-related data is stored in them:

- `mysql.user` (user account, global privilege)
- `mysql.db` (database-level privilege)
- `mysql.tables_priv` (table-level privilege)
- `mysql.columns_priv` (column-level privilege; not currently supported)

These tables contain the effective range and privilege information of the data. For example, in the `mysql.user` table:

```
SELECT User,Host,Select_priv,Insert_priv FROM mysql.user LIMIT 1;
```

```
+------|------|-------------|-------------+
| User | Host | Select_priv | Insert_priv |
+------|------|-------------|-------------+
| root | %    | Y           | Y           |
+------|------|-------------|-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this record, `Host` and `User` determine that the connection request sent by the `root` user from any host (`%`) can be accepted. `Select_priv` and `Insert_priv` mean that the user has global `Select` and `Insert` privilege. The effective range in the `mysql.user` table is global.

`Host` and `User` in `mysql.db` determine which databases users can access. The effective range is the database.

Note:

It is recommended to only update the privilege tables via the supplied syntax such as `GRANT`, `CREATE USER` and `DROP USER`. Making direct edits to the underlying privilege tables will not automatically update the privilege cache, leading to unpredictable behavior until `FLUSH PRIVILEGES` is executed.

14.12.2.4.2 Connection verification

When the client sends a connection request, TiDB server will verify the login operation. TiDB server first checks the `mysql.user` table. If a record of `User` and `Host` matches the connection request, TiDB server then verifies the `authentication_string`.

User identity is based on two pieces of information: `Host`, the host that initiates the connection, and `User`, the user name. If the user name is not empty, the exact match of user named is a must.

`User`+`Host` may match several rows in `user` table. To deal with this scenario, the rows in the `user` table are sorted. The table rows will be checked one by one when the client connects; the first matched row will be used to verify. When sorting, Host is ranked before User.

14.12.2.4.3 Request verification

When the connection is successful, the request verification process checks whether the operation has the privilege.

For database-related requests (`INSERT`, `UPDATE`), the request verification process first checks the user's global privileges in the `mysql.user` table. If the privilege is granted, you can access directly. If not, check the `mysql.db` table.

The `user` table has global privileges regardless of the default database. For example, the `DELETE` privilege in `user` can apply to any row, table, or database.

In the `db` table, an empty user is to match the anonymous user name. Wildcards are not allowed in the `User` column. The value for the `Host` and `Db` columns can use `%` and `_`, which can use pattern matching.

Data in the `user` and `db` tables is also sorted when loaded into memory.

The use of `%` in `tables_priv` and `columns_priv` is similar, but column value in `Db`, `Table_name` and `Column_name` cannot contain `%`. The sorting is also similar when loaded.

14.12.2.4.4 Time of effect

When TiDB starts, some privilege-check tables are loaded into memory, and then the cached data is used to verify the privileges. Executing privilege management statements such as `GRANT`, `REVOKE`, `CREATE USER`, `DROP USER` will take effect immediately.

Manually editing tables such as `mysql.user` with statements such as `INSERT`, `DELETE`, `UPDATE` will not take effect immediately. This behavior is compatible with MySQL, and privilege cache can be updated with the `FLUSH PRIVILEGES` statement.

14.12.3 TiDB User Account Management

This document describes how to manage a TiDB user account.

14.12.3.1 User names and passwords

TiDB stores the user accounts in the table of the `mysql.user` system table. Each account is identified by a user name and the client host. Each account may have a password.

You can connect to the TiDB server using the MySQL client, and use the specified account and password to login. For each user name, make sure that it contains no more than 32 characters.

```
mysql --port 4000 --user xxx --password
```

Or use the abbreviation of command line parameters:

```
mysql -P 4000 -u xxx -p
```

14.12.3.2 Add user accounts

You can create TiDB accounts in two ways:

- By using the standard account-management SQL statements intended for creating accounts and establishing their privileges, such as `CREATE USER` and `GRANT`.
- By manipulating the privilege tables directly with statements such as `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, or `DELETE` and running `FLUSH PRIVILEGES`. It is not recommended to use this method to create or modify accounts, because it might lead to incomplete updates.

You can also create accounts by using third party GUI tools.

```
CREATE USER [IF NOT EXISTS] user [IDENTIFIED BY 'auth_string'];
```

After you assign the password, TiDB hashes and stores the `auth_string` in the `mysql.user` table.

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'127.0.0.1' IDENTIFIED BY 'xxx';
```

The name of a TiDB account consists of a user name and a hostname. The syntax of the account name is 'user_name'@'host_name'.

- `user_name` is case sensitive.

- `host_name` is a hostname or IP address, which supports the wild card `%` or `_`. For example, the hostname `'%'` matches all hosts, and the hostname `'192.168.1.%'` matches all hosts in the subnet.

The host supports fuzzy matching:

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'192.168.10.%';
```

The `test` user is allowed to log in from any hosts on the `192.168.10` subnet.

If the host is not specified, the user is allowed to log in from any IP. If no password is specified, the default is empty password:

```
CREATE USER 'test';
```

Equivalent to:

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY '';
```

If the specified user does not exist, the behavior of automatically creating users depends on `sql_mode`. If the `sql_mode` includes `NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER`, the `GRANT` statement will not create users with an error returned.

For example, assume that the `sql_mode` does not include `NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER`, and you use the following `CREATE USER` and `GRANT` statements to create four accounts:

```
CREATE USER 'finley'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'some_pass';
```

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* TO 'finley'@'localhost' WITH GRANT OPTION;
```

```
CREATE USER 'finley'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY 'some_pass';
```

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* TO 'finley'@'%' WITH GRANT OPTION;
```

```
CREATE USER 'admin'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'admin_pass';
```

```
GRANT RELOAD,PROCESS ON *.* TO 'admin'@'localhost';
```

```
CREATE USER 'dummy'@'localhost';
```

To see the privileges granted for an account, use the `SHOW GRANTS` statement:

```
SHOW GRANTS FOR 'admin'@'localhost';
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| Grants for admin@localhost                          |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| GRANT RELOAD, PROCESS ON *.* TO 'admin'@'localhost' |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
```

To see the account definition for an account, use the `SHOW CREATE USER` statement:

```
SHOW CREATE USER 'admin'@'localhost';
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| CREATE USER for admin@localhost
   ↪
   ↪ |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| CREATE USER 'admin'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED WITH 'mysql_native_password' AS
   ↪  '*14E65567ABDB5135D0CFD9A70B3032C179A49EE7' REQUIRE NONE PASSWORD
   ↪ EXPIRE DEFAULT ACCOUNT UNLOCK PASSWORD HISTORY DEFAULT PASSWORD REUSE
   ↪  INTERVAL DEFAULT |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.12.3.3 Remove user accounts

To remove a user account, use the `DROP USER` statement:

```
DROP USER 'test'@'localhost';
```

This operation clears the user's records in the `mysql.user` table and the related records in the privilege table.

14.12.3.4 Reserved user accounts

TiDB creates the `'root'@'%'` default account during the database initialization.

14.12.3.5 Set account resource limits

TiDB can limit the resources consumed by users using resource groups. For more information, see Use Resource Control to Achieve Resource Group Limitation and Flow Control.

14.12.3.6 Assign account passwords

TiDB stores passwords in the `mysql.user` system table. Operations that assign or update passwords are permitted only to users with the `CREATE USER` privilege, or, alternatively, privileges for the `mysql` database (`INSERT` privilege to create new accounts, `UPDATE` privilege to update existing accounts).

- To assign a password when you create a new account, use `CREATE USER` and include an `IDENTIFIED BY` clause:

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'mypass';
```

- To assign or change a password for an existing account, use `SET PASSWORD FOR` or `ALTER USER`:

```
SET PASSWORD FOR 'root'@'%' = 'xxx';
```

Or:

```
ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'mypass';
```

14.12.3.7 Forget the root password

1. Modify the configuration file:

    1. Log in to the machine where one of the tidb-server instances is located.
    2. Enter the `conf` directory under the TiDB node deployment directory, and find the `tidb.toml` configuration file.
    3. Add the configuration item `skip-grant-table` in the `security` section of the configuration file. If there is no `security` section, add the following two lines to the end of the `tidb.toml` configuration file:

    ```
    [security]
    skip-grant-table = true
    ```

2. Stop the tidb-server process:

    1. View the tidb-server process:

    ```
    ps aux | grep tidb-server
    ```

    2. Find the process ID (PID) corresponding to tidb-server and use the `kill` command to stop the process:

    ```
    kill -9 <pid>
    ```

3. Start TiDB using the modified configuration:

> **Note:**
> If you set `skip-grant-table` before starting the TiDB process, a check on the operating system user will be initiated. Only the `root` user of the operating system can start the TiDB process.

1. Enter the `scripts` directory under the TiDB node deployment directory.
2. Switch to the `root` account of the operating system.
3. Run the `run_tidb.sh` script in the directory in the foreground.
4. Log in as `root` in a new terminal window and change the password.

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

4. Stop running the `run_tidb.sh` script, remove the content added in the TiDB configuration file in step 1, and wait for tidb-server to start automatically.

14.12.3.8 `FLUSH PRIVILEGES`

Information related to users and privileges is stored in the TiKV server, and TiDB caches this information inside the process. Generally, modification of the related information through `CREATE USER`, `GRANT`, and other statements takes effect quickly within the entire cluster. If the operation is affected by some factors such as temporarily unavailable network, the modification will take effect in about 15 minutes because TiDB will periodically reload the cache information.

If you modified the privilege tables directly, run the `FLUSH PRIVILEGES` to apply changes immediately.

For details, see Privilege Management.

14.12.4 TiDB Password Management

To protect the security of user passwords, TiDB supports the following password management policies starting from v6.5.0:

- Password complexity policy: require users to set strong passwords to prevent empty and weak passwords.
- Password expiration policy: require users to change their passwords periodically.
- Password reuse policy: prevent users from reusing old passwords.
- Failed-login tracking and temporary account locking policy: temporarily lock a user account to prevent the same user from trying to log in after multiple login failures caused by wrong passwords.

14.12.4.1 TiDB authentication credential storage

To ensure the authenticity of user identity, TiDB uses passwords as credentials to authenticate users when they log in to the TiDB server.

The *password* described in this document refers to the internal credentials generated, stored, and verified by TiDB. TiDB stores user passwords in the `mysql.user` system table.

The following authentication plugins are related to TiDB password management:

- `mysql_native_password`
- `caching_sha2_password`
- `tidb_sm3_password`

For more information about TiDB authentication plugins, see Authentication plugin status.

14.12.4.2 Password complexity policy

Password complexity check is disabled by default in TiDB. By configuring system variables related to password complexity, you can enable the password complexity check and make sure the user passwords comply with the password complexity policy.

The password complexity policy has the following features:

- For SQL statements that set user passwords in plaintext (including `CREATE USER`, `ALTER USER`, and `SET PASSWORD`), TiDB checks the passwords against the password complexity policy. If a password does not meet the requirements, the password is rejected.
- You can use the SQL function `VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH()` to validate the password strength.

> **Note:**
>
> - For the `CREATE USER` statement, even if you can lock the account upon creation, you must set an acceptable password. Otherwise, when the account is unlocked, this account can log in to TiDB using a password that does not comply with the password complexity policy.
> - The modification to the password complexity policy does not affect the passwords that already exist and only affects the newly set passwords.

You can view all system variables related to the password complexity policy by executing the following SQL statement:

```
mysql> SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'validate_password.%';

+--------------------------------------+--------+
| Variable_name                        | Value  |
+--------------------------------------+--------+
| validate_password.check_user_name    | ON     |
| validate_password.dictionary         |        |
| validate_password.enable             | OFF    |
```

```
| validate_password.length          | 8      |
| validate_password.mixed_case_count | 1   |
| validate_password.number_count    | 1      |
| validate_password.policy          | MEDIUM |
| validate_password.special_char_count | 1 |
+-------------------------------------+--------+
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

For a detailed description of each system variable, see System Variables.

14.12.4.2.1 Configure password complexity policy

This section shows examples of configuring system variables related to the password complexity policy.

Enable the password complexity check:

```
SET GLOBAL validate_password.enable = ON;
```

Do not allow users to use a password that is the same as the user name:

```
SET GLOBAL validate_password.check_user_name = ON;
```

Set the password complexity level to `LOW`:

```
SET GLOBAL validate_password.policy = LOW;
```

Set the minimum password length to `10`:

```
SET GLOBAL validate_password.length = 10;
```

Require a password to contain at least two numbers, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter, and one special character:

```
SET GLOBAL validate_password.number_count = 2;
SET GLOBAL validate_password.mixed_case_count = 1;
SET GLOBAL validate_password.special_char_count = 1;
```

Enable the dictionary check that prevents a password from containing words like `mysql` or `abcd`:

```
SET GLOBAL validate_password.dictionary = 'mysql;abcd';
```

Note:

- The value of `validate_password.dictionary` is a string, no longer than 1024 characters. It contains a list of words that must not exist in the password. Each word is separated by semicolon (;).
- The dictionary check is case-insensitive.

14.12.4.2.2 Password complexity check examples

When the system variable `validate_password.enable` is set to `ON`, TiDB enables the password complexity check. The following are examples of the check results:

TiDB checks the user's plaintext password against the default password complexity policy. If the set password does not meet the policy, the password is rejected.

```
mysql> ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'abc';
ERROR 1819 (HY000): Require Password Length: 8
```

TiDB does not check the hashed password against the password complexity policy.

```
mysql> ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED WITH mysql_native_password
    ↪ AS '*0D3CED9BEC10A777AEC23CCC353A8C08A633045E';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

When creating an account initially locked, you must also set a password that matches the password complexity policy, or the creation will fail.

```
mysql> CREATE USER 'user02'@'localhost' ACCOUNT LOCK;
ERROR 1819 (HY000): Require Password Length: 8
```

14.12.4.2.3 Password strength validation function

To check the password strength, you can use the `VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH()` function. This function accepts a password argument and returns an integer from 0 (weak) to 100 (strong).

Note:

This function evaluates the password strength based on the current password complexity policy. If the password complexity policy is changed, the same password might get different evaluation results.

The following example shows how to use the `VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH()` function:

```
mysql> SELECT VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('weak');
+-----------------------------------+
| VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('weak') |
+-----------------------------------+
|                                25 |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('lessweak$_@123');
+---------------------------------------------+
| VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('lessweak$_@123') |
+---------------------------------------------+
|                                          50 |
+---------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('NOTweak$_@123!');
+---------------------------------------------+
| VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('NOTweak$_@123!') |
+---------------------------------------------+
|                                         100 |
+---------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.12.4.3 Password expiration policy

TiDB supports configuring a password expiration policy so that users must change their passwords periodically to improve password security. You can manually make account passwords expire or establish a policy for automatic password expiration.

The automatic password expiration policy can be set at the global level and at the account level. As a database administrator, you can establish an automatic password expiration policy at the global level, and also use an account-level policy to override the global policy.

The privileges for setting the password expiration policy are as follows:

- Database administrator with `SUPER` or `CREATE USER` privileges can manually make passwords expire.
- Database administrator with `SUPER` or `CREATE USER` privileges can set the account-level password expiration policy.
- Database administrator with `SUPER` or `SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMINR` privileges can set the global-level password expiration policy.

14.12.4.3.1 Manual expiration

To manually make an account password expire, use the `CREATE USER` or `ALTER USER` statements.

```
ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost' PASSWORD EXPIRE;
```

When the account password is set to expire by a database administrator, you must change the password before you can log in to TiDB. The manual expiration cannot be revoked.

For roles created using the `CREATE ROLE` statement, since the role does not require a password, the password field for the role is empty. In such case, TiDB sets the `password_expired` attribute to `'Y'`, which means that the role's password is manually expired. The purpose of this design is to prevent the role from being unlocked and logged into TiDB with an empty password. When the role is unlocked by the `ALTER USER ... ACCOUNT UNLOCK` statement, you can log in with this account even though the password is empty. Therefore, TiDB makes the password manually expired using the `password_expired` attribute so that the user must set a valid password for the account.

```
mysql> CREATE ROLE testrole;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT user,password_expired,Account_locked FROM mysql.user WHERE
    ↪ user = 'testrole';
+----------+------------------+----------------+
| user     | password_expired | Account_locked |
+----------+------------------+----------------+
| testrole | Y                | Y              |
+----------+------------------+----------------+
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
```

14.12.4.3.2 Automatic expiration

Automatic password expiration is based on the **password age** and the **password lifetime**.

- Password age: the time interval from the last password change date to the current date. The time of the last password change is recorded in the `mysql.user` system table.
- Password lifetime: the number of days the password can be used to log in to TiDB.

If a password is used for a longer period than it is allowed to live, the server automatically treats the password as expired.

TiDB supports automatic password expiration at the global level and at the account level.

- The global level

  You can set the system variable `default_password_lifetime` to control the password lifetime. The default value `0` indicates that the password never expires. If this system variable is set to a positive integer `N`, it means that the password lifetime is `N` days, and you must change your password every `N` days.

  The global automatic password expiration policy applies to all accounts that do not have an account-level override.

  The following example establishes a global automatic password expiration policy with a password lifetime of 180 days:

```
SET GLOBAL default_password_lifetime = 180;
```

- The account level

  To establish an automatic password expiration policy for an individual account, use the `PASSWORD EXPIRE` option in the `CREATE USER` or `ALTER USER` statement.

  The following examples require that the user password is changed every 90 days:

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'localhost' PASSWORD EXPIRE INTERVAL 90 DAY;
ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost' PASSWORD EXPIRE INTERVAL 90 DAY;
```

  The following examples disable the automatic password expiration policy for an individual account:

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'localhost' PASSWORD EXPIRE NEVER;
ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost' PASSWORD EXPIRE NEVER;
```

  Remove the account-level automatic password expiration policy for a specified account so that it follows the global automatic password expiration policy:

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'localhost' PASSWORD EXPIRE DEFAULT;
ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost' PASSWORD EXPIRE DEFAULT;
```

14.12.4.3.3 Password expiration check mechanism

When a client connects to the TiDB server, the server checks whether the password is expired in the following order:

1. The server checks whether the password has been set as expired manually.
2. If the password is not manually expired, the server checks whether the password age is longer than its configured lifetime. If so, the server treats the password as expired.

14.12.4.3.4 Handle an expired password

You can control the behavior of the TiDB server for password expiration. When a password is expired, the server either disconnects the client or restricts the client to the "sandbox mode". In a "sandbox mode", the TiDB server allows connections from the expired account. However, in such connections, the user is only allowed to reset the password.

The TiDB server can control whether to restrict the user with an expired password in the "sandbox mode". To control the behavior of the TiDB server when a password is expired, configure the `security.disconnect-on-expired-password` parameter in the TiDB configuration file:

```
[security]
disconnect-on-expired-password = true
```

- If `disconnect-on-expired-password` is set to `true` (default), the server disconnects the client when the password is expired.
- If `disconnect-on-expired-password` is set to `false`, the server enables the "sandbox mode" and allows the user to connect to the server. However, the user can only reset the password. After the password is reset, the user can execute SQL statements normally.

When `disconnect-on-expired-password` is enabled, if an account password is expired, TiDB rejects the connection from the account. In such cases, you can modify the password in the following ways:

- If the password for a normal account is expired, the administrator can change the password for the account by using SQL statements.
- If the password for an administrator account is expired, another administrator can change the password for the account by using SQL statements.
- If the password for an administrator account is expired and no other administrator is available to help change the password, you can use the `skip-grant-table` mechanism to change the password for the account. For details, see Forgot password process.

14.12.4.4 Password reuse policy

TiDB can limit the reuse of previous passwords. The password reuse policy can be based on the number of password changes or time elapsed, or both.

The password reuse policy can be set at the global level and at the account level. You can establish a password reuse policy at the global level, and also use an account-level policy to override the global policy.

TiDB records the password history for an account and limits the selection of a new password from the history:

- If a password reuse policy is based on the number of password changes, a new password must not be the same as any of the specified number of most recent passwords. For

example, if the minimum number of password changes is set to 3, the new password cannot be the same as any of the previous 3 passwords.

- If a password reuse policy is based on time elapsed, a new password must not be the same as any of the passwords used within the specified number of days. For example, if the password reuse interval is set to 60, the new password cannot be the same as any of the passwords used within the last 60 days.

> **Note:**
>
> Empty passwords are not recorded in the password history and can be reused at any time.

14.12.4.4.1 Global-level password reuse policy

To establish a global password reuse policy, use the `password_history` and `password_reuse_interval` system variables.

For example, to establish a global password reuse policy that prohibits the reuse of the last 6 passwords and passwords used within the last 365 days:

```
SET GLOBAL password_history = 6;
SET GLOBAL password_reuse_interval = 365;
```

The global password reuse policy applies to all accounts that do not have an account-level override.

14.12.4.4.2 Account-level password reuse policy

To establish an account-level password reuse policy, use the `PASSWORD HISTORY` and `PASSWORD REUSE INTERVAL` options in the `CREATE USER` or `ALTER USER` statement.

For example:

To prohibit the reuse of the last 5 passwords:

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'localhost' PASSWORD HISTORY 5;
ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost' PASSWORD HISTORY 5;
```

To prohibit the reuse of passwords used within the last 365 days:

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'localhost' PASSWORD REUSE INTERVAL 365 DAY;
ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost' PASSWORD REUSE INTERVAL 365 DAY;
```

To combine the two types of reuse policies, use both `PASSWORD HISTORY` and `PASSWORD REUSE INTERVAL`:

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'localhost'
  PASSWORD HISTORY 5
  PASSWORD REUSE INTERVAL 365 DAY;
ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost'
  PASSWORD HISTORY 5
  PASSWORD REUSE INTERVAL 365 DAY;
```

To remove the account-level password reuse policy for a specified account so that it follows the global password reuse policy:

```
CREATE USER 'test'@'localhost'
  PASSWORD HISTORY DEFAULT
  PASSWORD REUSE INTERVAL DEFAULT;
ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost'
  PASSWORD HISTORY DEFAULT
  PASSWORD REUSE INTERVAL DEFAULT;
```

Note:

- If you set the password reuse policy multiple times, the last set value takes effect.
- The default value of the `PASSWORD HISTORY` and `PASSWORD REUSE INTERVAL` options is 0, which means that the reuse policy is disabled.
- When you modify a username, TiDB migrates the corresponding password history in the `mysql.password_history` system table from the original username to the new username.

14.12.4.5 Failed-login tracking and temporary account locking policy

TiDB can track the number of failed login attempts for an account. To prevent the password from being cracked by brute force, TiDB can lock the account after a specified number of failed login attempts.

Note:

- TiDB only supports failed-login tracking and temporary account locking at the account level, but not at the global level.

- Failed-login means that the client fails to provide the correct password during the connection attempt, and does not include connection failures due to unknown users or network issues.
- When you enable the failed-login tracking and temporary account locking for an account, the account is subject to additional checks when the account attempts to log in. This affects the performance of the login operation, especially in high-concurrency login scenarios.

14.12.4.5.1 Configure the login failure tracking policy

You can configure the number of failed login attempts and the lock time for each account by using the `FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS` and `PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME` options in the `CREATE USER` or `ALTER USER` statement. The available value options are as follows:

- `FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS`: N. The account is temporarily locked after `N` consecutive login failures. The value of N ranges from 0 to 32767.
- `PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME`: N | UNBOUNDED.
  - N means that the account will be temporarily locked for `N` days after consecutive failed login attempts. The value of N ranges from 0 to 32767.
  - `UNBOUNDED` means that the lock time is unlimited and the account must be manually unlocked. The value of N ranges from 0 to 32767.

Note:

- You can configure only `FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS` or `PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME` in a single SQL statement. In this case, the account locking does not take effect.
- The account locking takes effect only when both `FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS` and `PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME` are not 0.

You can configure the account locking policy as follows:

Create a user and configure the account locking policy. When the password is entered incorrectly for 3 consecutive times, the account will be temporarily locked for 3 days:

```
CREATE USER 'test1'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'password' FAILED_LOGIN_
    ↪ ATTEMPTS 3 PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME 3;
```

Modify the account locking policy for an existing user. When the password is entered incorrectly for 4 consecutive times, the account will be locked indefinitely until it is manually unlocked:

```
ALTER USER 'test2'@'localhost' FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS 4 PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME
    ↪ UNBOUNDED;
```

Disable the account locking policy for an existing user:

```
ALTER USER 'test3'@'localhost' FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS 0 PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME
    ↪ 0;
```

14.12.4.5.2 Unlock the locked account

In the following scenarios, the count of consecutive password errors can be reset:

- When you execute the `ALTER USER ... ACCOUNT UNLOCK` statement.
- When you log in successfully.

In the following scenarios, the locked account can be unlocked:

- When the lock time ends, the automatic lock flag of the account will be reset at the next login attempt.
- When you execute the `ALTER USER ... ACCOUNT UNLOCK` statement.

> **Note:**
>
> When an account is locked due to consecutive login failures, modifying the account locking policy has the following effects:
>
> - When you modify `FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS`, the lock status of the account does not change. The modified `FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS` takes effect after the account is unlocked and attempts to log in again.
> - When you modify `PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME`, the lock status of the account does not change. The modified `PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME` takes effect when the account attempts to log in again. At that time, TiDB checks whether the new lock time has reached. If yes, TiDB will unlock the user.

14.12.5 Role-Based Access Control

The implementation of TiDB's role-based access control (RBAC) system is similar to that of MySQL 8.0. TiDB is compatible with most RBAC syntax of MySQL.

This document introduces TiDB RBAC-related operations and implementation.

14.12.5.1 RBAC operations

A role is a collection of a series of privileges. You can do the following operations:

- Create a role.
- Delete a role.
- Grant a privilege to a role.
- Grant a role to another user. That user can obtain the privileges involved in the role, after enabling the role.

14.12.5.1.1 Create a role

For example, you can use the following statement to create the roles `app_developer`, `app_read`, and `app_write`:

```
CREATE ROLE 'app_developer', 'app_read', 'app_write';
```

For the role naming format and rule, see TiDB User Account Management.

Roles are stored in the `mysql.user` table and the host name part of the role name (if omitted) defaults to `'%'`. The name of the role you are trying to create must be unique; otherwise, an error is reported.

To create a role, you need the `CREATE ROLE` or `CREATE USER` privilege.

14.12.5.1.2 Grant a privilege to a role

The operation of granting a privilege to a role is the same with that of granting a privilege to a user. For details, see TiDB Privilege Management.

For example, you can use the following statement to grant the `app_read` role the privilege to read the `app_db` database:

```
GRANT SELECT ON app_db.* TO 'app_read'@'%';
```

You can use the following statement to grant the `app_write` role the privilege to write data to the `app_db` database:

```
GRANT INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON app_db.* TO 'app_write'@'%';
```

You can use the following statement to grant the `app_developer` role all privileges on the `app_db` database:

```
GRANT ALL ON app_db.* TO 'app_developer';
```

14.12.5.1.3 Grant a role to a user

Assume that a user `dev1` has the developer role with all the privileges on `app_db`; two users `read_user1` and `read_user2` have the read-only privilege on `app_db`; and a user `rw_user1` has read and write privileges on `app_db`.

Use `CREATE USER` to create the users:

```
CREATE USER 'dev1'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'dev1pass';
CREATE USER 'read_user1'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'read_user1pass';
CREATE USER 'read_user2'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'read_user2pass';
CREATE USER 'rw_user1'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'rw_user1pass';
```

Then use `GRANT` to grant roles to users

```
GRANT 'app_developer' TO 'dev1'@'localhost';
GRANT 'app_read' TO 'read_user1'@'localhost', 'read_user2'@'localhost';
GRANT 'app_read', 'app_write' TO 'rw_user1'@'localhost';
```

To grant a role to another user or revoke a role, you need the `SUPER` privilege.

Granting a role to a user does not mean enabling the role immediately. Enabling a role is another operation.

The following operations might form a "relation loop:"

```
CREATE USER 'u1', 'u2';
CREATE ROLE 'r1', 'r2';

GRANT 'u1' TO 'u1';
GRANT 'r1' TO 'r1';

GRANT 'r2' TO 'u2';
GRANT 'u2' TO 'r2';
```

TiDB supports this multi-level authorization relationship. You can use it to implement privilege inheritance.

14.12.5.1.4 Check a role's privileges

You can use the `SHOW GRANTS` statement to check what privileges have been granted to the user.

To check privilege-related information of another user, you need the `SELECT` privilege on the `mysql` database.

```
SHOW GRANTS FOR 'dev1'@'localhost';
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------+
| Grants for dev1@localhost                       |
+-------------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO `dev1`@`localhost`  |
| GRANT `app_developer`@`%` TO `dev1`@`localhost` |
+-------------------------------------------------+
```

You can use the `USING` option in `SHOW GRANTS` to check a role's privileges:

```
SHOW GRANTS FOR 'dev1'@'localhost' USING 'app_developer';
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| Grants for dev1@localhost                                 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO `dev1`@`localhost`                  |
| GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON `app_db`.* TO `dev1`@`localhost` |
| GRANT `app_developer`@`%` TO `dev1`@`localhost`   |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
```

```
SHOW GRANTS FOR 'rw_user1'@'localhost' USING 'app_read', 'app_write';
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| Grants for rw_user1@localhost                                                 |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO `rw_user1`@`localhost`                                  |
| GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON `app_db`.* TO `rw_user1`@`
   ↪ localhost` |
| GRANT `app_read`@`%`,`app_write`@`%` TO `rw_user1`@`localhost`     |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
```

```
SHOW GRANTS FOR 'read_user1'@'localhost' USING 'app_read';
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| Grants for read_user1@localhost                     |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO `read_user1`@`localhost`  |
| GRANT SELECT ON `app_db`.* TO `read_user1`@`localhost` |
| GRANT `app_read`@`%` TO `read_user1`@`localhost` |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
```

You can use `SHOW GRANTS` or `SHOW GRANTS FOR CURRENT_USER()` to check the current user's privileges. `SHOW GRANTS` and `SHOW GRANTS FOR CURRENT_USER()` are different in the following aspects:

- `SHOW GRANTS` shows the privilege of the enabled role for the current user.
- `SHOW GRANTS FOR CURRENT_USER()` does not show the enabled role's privilege.

14.12.5.1.5 Set the default role

After a role is granted to a user, it does not take effect immediately. Only after the user enables this role, he can use the privilege the role owns.

You can set default roles for a user. When the user logs in, the default roles are automatically enabled.

```
SET DEFAULT ROLE
    {NONE | ALL | role [, role ] ...}
    TO user [, user ]
```

For example, you can use the following statement to set default roles of `rw_user1@localhost` to `app_read` and `app_write`:

```
SET DEFAULT ROLE app_read, app_write TO 'rw_user1'@'localhost';
```

You can use the following statement to set default roles of `dev1@localhost` to all roles:

```
SET DEFAULT ROLE ALL TO 'dev1'@'localhost';
```

You can use the following statement to disable all default roles of `dev1@localhost`:

```
SET DEFAULT ROLE NONE TO 'dev1'@'localhost';
```

> **Note:**
>
> You need to grant the role to the user before you set the default role to this role.

14.12.5.1.6 Enable a role in the current session

You can enable some role(s) in the current session.

```
SET ROLE {
    DEFAULT
  | NONE
  | ALL
```

```
  | ALL EXCEPT role [, role ] ...
  | role [, role ] ...
}
```

For example, after `rw_user1` logs in, you can use the following statement to enable roles `app_read` and `app_write` that are valid only in the current session:

```
SET ROLE 'app_read', 'app_write';
```

You can use the following statement to enable the default role of the current user:

```
SET ROLE DEFAULT
```

You can use the following statement to enable all roles granted to the current user:

```
SET ROLE ALL
```

You can use the following statement to disable all roles:

```
SET ROLE NONE
```

You can use the following statement to enable roles except `app_read`:

```
SET ROLE ALL EXCEPT 'app_read'
```

> **Note:**
>
> If you use `SET ROLE` to enable a role, this role is valid only in the current session.

14.12.5.1.7 Check the current enabled role

The current user can use the `CURRENT_ROLE()` function to check which role has been enabled by the current user.

For example, you can grant default roles to `rw_user1'@'localhost`:

```
SET DEFAULT ROLE ALL TO 'rw_user1'@'localhost';
```

After `rw_user1@localhost` logs in, you can execute the following statement:

```
SELECT CURRENT_ROLE();
```

```
+--------------------------------+
| CURRENT_ROLE()                 |
+--------------------------------+
| `app_read`@`%`,`app_write`@`%` |
+--------------------------------+
```

```
SET ROLE 'app_read'; SELECT CURRENT_ROLE();
```

```
+----------------+
| CURRENT_ROLE() |
+----------------+
| `app_read`@`%` |
+----------------+
```

14.12.5.1.8 Revoke a role

You can use the following statement to revoke the `app_read` role granted to the users `read_user1@localhost` and `read_user2@localhost`:

```
REVOKE 'app_read' FROM 'read_user1'@'localhost', 'read_user2'@'localhost';
```

You can use the following statement to revoke the roles `app_read` and `app_write` granted to the `rw_user1@localhost` user:

```
REVOKE 'app_read', 'app_write' FROM 'rw_user1'@'localhost';
```

The operation of revoking a role from a user is atomic. If you fail to revoke a role, this operation rolls back.

14.12.5.1.9 Revoke a privilege

The `REVOKE` statement is reverse to `GRANT`. You can use `REVOKE` to revoke the privileges of `app_write`.

```
REVOKE INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON app_db.* FROM 'app_write';
```

For details, see TiDB Privilege Management.

14.12.5.1.10 Delete a role

You can use the following statement to delete roles `app_read` and `app_write`:

```
DROP ROLE 'app_read', 'app_write';
```

This operation deletes the role records of `app_read` and `app_write` in the `mysql.user` table and related records in the authorization table, and terminates the authorization related to the two roles.

To delete a role, you need the `DROP ROLE` or `DROP USER` privilege.

14.12.5.1.11 Authorization table

In addition to four system privilege tables, the RBAC system introduces two new system privilege tables:

- `mysql.role_edges`: records the authorization relationship of the role and user.
- `mysql.default_roles`: records default roles of each user.

`mysql.role_edges`

`mysql.role_edges` contains the following data:

```
SELECT * FROM mysql.role_edges;
```

```
+-----------+-----------+---------+---------+-------------------+
| FROM_HOST | FROM_USER | TO_HOST | TO_USER | WITH_ADMIN_OPTION |
+-----------+-----------+---------+---------+-------------------+
| %         | r_1       | %       | u_1     | N                 |
+-----------+-----------+---------+---------+-------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- `FROM_HOST` and `FROM_USER` indicate the role's host name and user name respectively.
- `TO_HOST` and `TO_USER` indicate the host name and user name of the user to which a role is granted.

`mysql.default_roles`

`mysql.default_roles` shows which roles have been enabled by default for each user.

```
SELECT * FROM mysql.default_roles;
```

```
+------+------+--------------------+--------------------+
| HOST | USER | DEFAULT_ROLE_HOST | DEFAULT_ROLE_USER |
+------+------+--------------------+--------------------+
| %    | u_1 | %                  | r_1                |
| %    | u_1 | %                  | r_2                |
+------+------+--------------------+--------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

- `HOST` and `USER` indicate the user's host name and user name respectively.
- `DEFAULT_ROLE_HOST` and `DEFAULT_ROLE_USER` indicate the host name and user name of the default role respectively.

14.12.5.1.12 References

Because RBAC, user management, and privilege management are closely related, you can refer to operation details in the following resources:

- TiDB Privilege Management
- TiDB User Account Management

14.12.6 Certificate-Based Authentication for Login

TiDB supports a certificate-based authentication method for users to log into TiDB. With this method, TiDB issues certificates to different users, uses encrypted connections to transfer data, and verifies certificates when users log in. This approach is more secure than the traditional password-based authentication method commonly used by MySQL users and is thus adopted by an increasing number of users.

To use certificate-based authentication, you might need to perform the following operations:

- Create security keys and certificates
- Configure certificates for TiDB and the client
- Configure the user certificate information to be verified when the user logs in
- Update and replace certificates

The rest of the document introduces in detail how to perform these operations.

14.12.6.1 Create security keys and certificates

It is recommended that you use OpenSSL to create keys and certificates. The certificate generation process is similar to the process described in Enable TLS Between TiDB Clients and Servers. The following paragraphs demonstrate how to configure more attribute fields that need to be verified in the certificate.

14.12.6.1.1 Generate CA key and certificate

1. Execute the following command to generate the CA key:

```
sudo openssl genrsa 2048 > ca-key.pem
```

The output of the above command:

```
Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus (2 primes)
.....................+++++
.............................................+++++
e is 65537 (0x010001)
```

2. Execute the following command to generate the certificate corresponding to the CA key:

```
sudo openssl req -new -x509 -nodes -days 365000 -key ca-key.pem -out ca
    ↪ -cert.pem
```

3. Enter detailed certificate information. For example:

```
Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:US
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:California
Locality Name (e.g. city) []:San Francisco
Organization Name (e.g. company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:PingCAP Inc
    ↪ .
Organizational Unit Name (e.g. section) []:TiDB
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:TiDB admin
Email Address []:s@pingcap.com
```

> **Note:**
> In the above certificate details, texts after : are the entered information.

14.12.6.1.2 Generate server key and certificate

1. Execute the following command to generate the server key:

```
sudo openssl req -newkey rsa:2048 -days 365000 -nodes -keyout server-
    ↪ key.pem -out server-req.pem
```

2. Enter detailed certificate information. For example:

```
Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:US
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:California
Locality Name (e.g. city) []:San Francisco
Organization Name (e.g. company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:PingCAP Inc
    ↪ .
Organizational Unit Name (e.g. section) []:TiKV
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:TiKV Test Server
Email Address []:k@pingcap.com

Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
to be sent with your certificate request
A challenge password []:
An optional company name []:
```

3. Execute the following command to generate the RSA key of the server:

```
sudo openssl rsa -in server-key.pem -out server-key.pem
```

The output of the above command:

```
writing RSA key
```

4. Use the CA certificate signature to generate the signed server certificate:

```
sudo openssl x509 -req -in server-req.pem -days 365000 -CA ca-cert.pem
    ↪ -CAkey ca-key.pem -set_serial 01 -out server-cert.pem
```

The output of the above command (for example):

```
Signature ok
subject=C = US, ST = California, L = San Francisco, O = PingCAP Inc.,
    ↪ OU = TiKV, CN = TiKV Test Server, emailAddress = k@pingcap.com
Getting CA Private Key
```

> **Note:**
> When you log in, TiDB checks whether the information in the `subject` section of the above output is consistent or not.

14.12.6.1.3 Generate client key and certificate

After generating the server key and certificate, you need to generate the key and certificate for the client. It is often necessary to generate different keys and certificates for different users.

1. Execute the following command to generate the client key:

```
sudo openssl req -newkey rsa:2048 -days 365000 -nodes -keyout client-
    ↪ key.pem -out client-req.pem
```

2. Enter detailed certificate information. For example:

```
Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:US
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:California
Locality Name (e.g. city) []:San Francisco
Organization Name (e.g. company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:PingCAP Inc
    ↪ .
Organizational Unit Name (e.g. section) []:TiDB
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:tpch-user1
Email Address []:zz@pingcap.com
```

```
Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
to be sent with your certificate request
A challenge password []:
An optional company name []:
```

3. Execute the following command to generate the RSA key of the client:

```
sudo openssl rsa -in client-key.pem -out client-key.pem
```

The output of the above command:

```
writing RSA key
```

4. Use the CA certificate signature to generate the client certificate:

```
sudo openssl x509 -req -in client-req.pem -days 365000 -CA ca-cert.pem
    ↪ -CAkey ca-key.pem -set_serial 01 -out client-cert.pem
```

The output of the above command (for example):

```
Signature ok
subject=C = US, ST = California, L = San Francisco, O = PingCAP Inc.,
    ↪ OU = TiDB, CN = tpch-user1, emailAddress = zz@pingcap.com
Getting CA Private Key
```

> **Note:**
> The information of the `subject` section in the above output is used for certificate configuration for login verification in the `require` section.

14.12.6.1.4 Verify certificate

Execute the following command to verify certificate:

```
openssl verify -CAfile ca-cert.pem server-cert.pem client-cert.pem
```

If the certificate is verified, you will see the following result:

```
server-cert.pem: OK
client-cert.pem: OK
```

14.12.6.2 Configure TiDB and the client to use certificates

After generating the certificates, you need to configure the TiDB server and the client to use the corresponding server certificate or client certificate.

14.12.6.2.1 Configure TiDB to use server certificate

Modify the `[security]` section in the TiDB configuration file. This step specifies the directory in which the CA certificate, the server key, and the server certificate are stored. You can replace `path/to/server-cert.pem`, `path/to/server-key.pem`, `path/to/ca-cert.pem` with your own directory.

```
[security]
ssl-cert ="path/to/server-cert.pem"
ssl-key ="path/to/server-key.pem"
ssl-ca="path/to/ca-cert.pem"
```

Start TiDB and check logs. If the following information is displayed in the log, the configuration is successful:

```
[INFO] [server.go:286] ["mysql protocol server secure connection is enabled
    ↪ "] ["client verification enabled"=true]
```

14.12.6.2.2 Configure the client to use client certificate

Configure the client so that the client uses the client key and certificate for login.

Taking the MySQL client as an example, you can use the newly created client certificate, client key and CA by specifying `ssl-cert`, `ssl-key`, and `ssl-ca`:

```
mysql -utest -h0.0.0.0 -P4000 --ssl-cert /path/to/client-cert.new.pem --ssl-
    ↪ key /path/to/client-key.new.pem --ssl-ca /path/to/ca-cert.pem
```

> **Note:**
>
> `/path/to/client-cert.new.pem`, `/path/to/client-key.new.pem`, and `/path/to/ca-cert.pem` are the directory of the CA certificate, client key, and client certificate. You can replace them with your own directory.

14.12.6.3 Configure the user certificate information for login verification

First, connect TiDB using the client to configure the login verification. Then, you can get and configure the user certificate information to be verified.

14.12.6.3.1 Get user certificate information

The user certificate information can be specified by `REQUIRE SUBJECT`, `REQUIRE ISSUER`, `REQUIRE SAN`, and `REQUIRE CIPHER`, which are used to check the X.509 certificate attributes.

- `REQUIRE SUBJECT`: Specifies the subject information of the client certificate when you log in. With this option specified, you do not need to configure `require ssl` or x509. The information to be specified is consistent with the entered subject information in Generate client keys and certificates.

  To get this option, execute the following command:

```
openssl x509 -noout -subject -in client-cert.pem | sed 's/.\{8\}//' |
    ↪ sed 's/, /\//g' | sed 's/ = /=/g' | sed 's/^/\//'
```

- `require issuer`: Specifies the `subject` information of the CA certificate that issues the user certificate. The information to be specified is consistent with the entered `subject` information in Generate CA key and certificate.

  To get this option, execute the following command:

```
openssl x509 -noout -subject -in ca-cert.pem | sed 's/.\{8\}//' | sed '
    ↪ s/, /\//g' | sed 's/ = /=/g' | sed 's/^/\//'
```

- `require san`: Specifies the `Subject Alternative Name` information of the CA certificate that issues the user certificate. The information to be specified is consistent with the `alt_names` of the `openssl.cnf` configuration file used to generate the client certificate.

  - Execute the following command to get the information of the `REQUIRE SAN` item in the generated certificate:

```
openssl x509 -noout -extensions subjectAltName -in client.crt
```

  - `REQUIRE SAN` currently supports the following `Subject Alternative Name` check items:

    - URI
    - IP
    - DNS

  - Multiple check items can be configured after they are connected by commas. For example, configure `REQUIRE SAN` as follows for the `u1` user:

```
CREATE USER 'u1'@'%' REQUIRE SAN 'DNS:d1,URI:spiffe://example.org/
    ↪ myservice1,URI:spiffe://example.org/myservice2';
```

    The above configuration only allows the `u1` user to log in to TiDB using the certificate with the URI item `spiffe://example.org/myservice1` or `spiffe://
    ↪ example.org/myservice2` and the DNS item `d1`.

- `REQUIRE CIPHER`: Checks the cipher method supported by the client. Use the following statement to check the list of supported cipher methods:

```
SHOW SESSION STATUS LIKE 'Ssl_cipher_list';
```

14.12.6.3.2 Configure user certificate information

After getting the user certificate information (`REQUIRE SUBJECT`, `REQUIRE ISSUER`, `REQUIRE SAN`, `REQUIRE CIPHER`), configure these information to be verified when creating a user, granting privileges, or altering a user. Replace `<replaceable>` with the corresponding information in the following statements.

You can configure one option or multiple options using the space or `and` as the separator.

- Configure user certificate when creating a user (`CREATE USER`):

```
CREATE USER 'u1'@'%' REQUIRE ISSUER '<replaceable>' SUBJECT '<
    ↪ replaceable>' SAN '<replaceable>' CIPHER '<replaceable>';
```

- Configure user certificate when altering a user:

```
ALTER USER 'u1'@'%' REQUIRE ISSUER '<replaceable>' SUBJECT '<
    ↪ replaceable>' SAN '<replaceable>' CIPHER '<replaceable>';
```

After the above configuration, the following items will be verified when you log in:

- SSL is used; the CA that issues the client certificate is consistent with the CA configured in the server.
- The `issuer` information of the client certificate matches the information specified in `REQUIRE ISSUER`.
- The `subject` information of the client certificate matches the information specified in `REQUIRE CIPHER`.
- The `Subject Alternative Name` information of the client certificate matches the information specified in `REQUIRE SAN`.

You can log into TiDB only after all the above items are verified. Otherwise, the `ERROR 1045 (28000): Access denied` error is returned. You can use the following command to check the TLS version, the cipher algorithm and whether the current connection uses the certificate for the login.

Connect the MySQL client and execute the following statement:

```
\s
```

The output:

```
--------------
mysql  Ver 8.5.1 for Linux on x86_64 (MySQL Community Server - GPL)

Connection id:    1
Current database: test
Current user:     root@127.0.0.1
SSL:              Cipher in use is TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
```

Then execute the following statement:

```
SHOW VARIABLES LIKE '%ssl%';
```

The output:

```
+---------------+---------------------------------+
| Variable_name | Value                           |
+---------------+---------------------------------+
| have_openssl | YES                              |
| have_ssl     | YES                              |
| ssl_ca       | /path/to/ca-cert.pem             |
| ssl_cert     | /path/to/server-cert.pem         |
| ssl_cipher   |                                  |
| ssl_key      | /path/to/server-key.pem          |
+---------------+---------------------------------+
6 rows in set (0.06 sec)
```

14.12.6.4 Update and replace certificate

The key and certificate are updated regularly. The following sections introduce how to update the key and certificate.

The CA certificate is the basis for mutual verification between the client and server. To replace the CA certificate, generate a combined certificate that supports the authentication for both old and new certificates. On the client and server, first replace the CA certificate, then replace the client/server key and certificate.

14.12.6.4.1 Update CA key and certificate

1. Back up the old CA key and certificate (suppose that `ca-key.pem` is stolen):

   ```
   mv ca-key.pem ca-key.old.pem && \
   mv ca-cert.pem ca-cert.old.pem
   ```

2. Generate the new CA key:

   ```
   sudo openssl genrsa 2048 > ca-key.pem
   ```

3. Generate the new CA certificate using the newly generated CA key:

   ```
   sudo openssl req -new -x509 -nodes -days 365000 -key ca-key.pem -out ca
      ↪ -cert.new.pem
   ```

> **Note:**
>
> Generating the new CA certificate is to replace the keys and certificates on the client and server, and to ensure that online users are not affected. Therefore, the appended information in the above command must be consistent with the `require issuer` information.

4. Generate the combined CA certificate:

```
cat ca-cert.new.pem ca-cert.old.pem > ca-cert.pem
```

After the above operations, restart the TiDB server with the newly created combined CA certificate. Then the server accepts both the new and old CA certificates.

Also replace the old CA certificate with the combined certificate so that the client accepts both the old and new CA certificates.

14.12.6.4.2 Update client key and certificate

> **Note:**
>
> Perform the following steps **only after** you have replaced the old CA certificate on the client and server with the combined CA certificate.

1. Generate the new RSA key of the client:

```
sudo openssl req -newkey rsa:2048 -days 365000 -nodes -keyout client-
    ↪ key.new.pem -out client-req.new.pem && \
sudo openssl rsa -in client-key.new.pem -out client-key.new.pem
```

> **Note:**
>
> The above command is to replace the client key and certificate, and to ensure that the online users are not affected. Therefore, the appended information in the above command must be consistent with the `require subject` information.

2. Use the combined certificate and the new CA key to generate the new client certificate:

```
sudo openssl x509 -req -in client-req.new.pem -days 365000 -CA ca-cert.
    ↪ pem -CAkey ca-key.pem -set_serial 01 -out client-cert.new.pem
```

3. Make the client (for example, MySQL) connect TiDB with the new client key and certificate:

```
mysql -utest -h0.0.0.0 -P4000 --ssl-cert /path/to/client-cert.new.pem
    ↪ --ssl-key /path/to/client-key.new.pem --ssl-ca /path/to/ca-cert.
    ↪ pem
```

> **Note:**
>
> `/path/to/client-cert.new.pem`, `/path/to/client-key.new.pem`, and `/path/to/ca-cert.pem` specify the directory of the CA certificate, client key, and client certificate. You can replace them with your own directory.

14.12.6.4.3 Update the server key and certificate

1. Generate the new RSA key of the server:

```
sudo openssl req -newkey rsa:2048 -days 365000 -nodes -keyout server-
    ↪ key.new.pem -out server-req.new.pem && \
sudo openssl rsa -in server-key.new.pem -out server-key.new.pem
```

2. Use the combined CA certificate and the new CA key to generate the new server certificate:

```
sudo openssl x509 -req -in server-req.new.pem -days 365000 -CA ca-cert.
    ↪ pem -CAkey ca-key.pem -set_serial 01 -out server-cert.new.pem
```

3. Configure the TiDB server to use the new server key and certificate. See Configure TiDB server for details.

14.12.6.5 Policy-based access control for certificates

TiDB supports policy-based access control (PBAC) for certificates, leveraging policies defined by the underlying key management server. This enables fine-grained control over access based on various criteria, such as time-based policies (for example, certificates only valid during specific hours), location-based policies (for example, restricting access to certain geographic locations), and other customizable conditions, ensuring enhanced security and flexibility in certificate management.

14.13 SQL

14.13.1 SQL Language Structure and Syntax

14.13.1.1 Attributes

14.13.1.1.1 AUTO_INCREMENT

This document introduces the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column attribute, including its concept, implementation principles, auto-increment related features, and restrictions.

> **Note:**
>
> The `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute might cause hotspot in production environments. See Troubleshoot HotSpot Issues for details. It is recommended to use `AUTO_RANDOM` instead.

You can also use the `AUTO_INCREMENT` parameter in the `CREATE TABLE` statement to specify the initial value of the increment field.

Concept

`AUTO_INCREMENT` is a column attribute that is used to automatically fill in default column values. When the `INSERT` statement does not specify values for the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column, the system automatically assigns values to this column.

For performance reasons, `AUTO_INCREMENT` numbers are allocated in a batch of values (30 thousand by default) to each TiDB server. This means that while `AUTO_INCREMENT` numbers are guaranteed to be unique, values assigned to an `INSERT` statement will only be monotonic on a per TiDB server basis.

> **Note:**
>
> If you want the `AUTO_INCREMENT` numbers to be monotonic on all TiDB servers and your TiDB version is v6.5.0 or later, it is recommended to enable the MySQL compatibility mode.

The following is a basic example of `AUTO_INCREMENT`:

```
CREATE TABLE t(id int PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c int);
```

```
INSERT INTO t(c) VALUES (1);
INSERT INTO t(c) VALUES (2);
INSERT INTO t(c) VALUES (3), (4), (5);
```

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM t;
+----+---+
| id | c |
+----+---+
| 1  | 1 |
| 2  | 2 |
| 3  | 3 |
| 4  | 4 |
| 5  | 5 |
+----+---+
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

In addition, `AUTO_INCREMENT` also supports the `INSERT` statements that explicitly specify column values. In such cases, TiDB stores the explicitly specified values:

```
INSERT INTO t(id, c) VALUES (6, 6);
```

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM t;
+----+---+
| id | c |
+----+---+
| 1  | 1 |
| 2  | 2 |
| 3  | 3 |
| 4  | 4 |
| 5  | 5 |
| 6  | 6 |
+----+---+
6 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

The usage above is the same as that of `AUTO_INCREMENT` in MySQL. However, in terms of the specific value that is implicitly assigned, TiDB differs from MySQL significantly.

Implementation principles

TiDB implements the `AUTO_INCREMENT` implicit assignment in the following way:

For each auto-increment column, a globally visible key-value pair is used to record the maximum ID that has been assigned. In a distributed environment, communication between nodes has some overhead. Therefore, to avoid the issue of write amplification, each TiDB node applies for a batch of consecutive IDs as caches when assigning IDs, and then applies for the next batch of IDs after the first batch is assigned. Therefore, TiDB nodes do not apply to the storage node for IDs when assigning IDs each time. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t(id int UNIQUE KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c int);
```

Assume two TiDB instances, `A` and `B`, in the cluster. If you execute an `INSERT` statement on the `t` table on `A` and `B` respectively:

```
INSERT INTO t (c) VALUES (1)
```

Instance `A` might cache the auto-increment IDs of `[1,30000]`, and instance `B` might cache the auto-increment IDs of `[30001,60000]`. In `INSERT` statements to be executed, these cached IDs of each instance will be assigned to the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column as the default values.

Basic Features

Uniqueness

> **Warning:**
>
> When the cluster has multiple TiDB instances, if the table schema contains the auto-increment IDs, it is recommended not to use explicit insert and implicit assignment at the same time, which means using the default values of the auto-increment column and the custom values. Otherwise, it might break the uniqueness of implicitly assigned values.

In the example above, perform the following operations in order:

1. The client inserts a statement `INSERT INTO t VALUES (2, 1)` to instance `B`, which sets `id` to `2`. The statement is successfully executed.
2. The client sends a statement `INSERT INTO t (c)(1)` to instance `A`. This statement does not specify the value of `id`, so the ID is assigned by `A`. At present, because `A` caches the IDs of `[1, 30000]`, it might assign `2` as the value of the auto-increment ID, and increases the local counter by `1`. At this time, the data whose ID is `2` already exists in the database, so the `Duplicated Error` error is returned.

Monotonicity

TiDB guarantees that `AUTO_INCREMENT` values are monotonic (always increasing) on a per-server basis. Consider the following example where consecutive `AUTO_INCREMENT` values of 1-3 are generated:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a int PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, b timestamp NOT NULL
    ↪ DEFAULT NOW());
INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES (NULL), (NULL), (NULL);
SELECT * FROM t;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

+---+---------------------+
| a | b                   |
+---+---------------------+
| 1 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
| 2 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
| 3 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
+---+---------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Monotonicity is not the same guarantee as consecutive. Consider the following example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment, a VARCHAR(10),
    ↪ cnt INT NOT NULL DEFAULT 1, UNIQUE KEY (a));
INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES ('A'), ('B');
SELECT * FROM t;
INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES ('A'), ('C') ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE cnt = cnt +
    ↪ 1;
SELECT * FROM t;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

+----+------+-----+
| id | a    | cnt |
+----+------+-----+
|  1 | A    |   1 |
|  2 | B    |   1 |
+----+------+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 1 Warnings: 0

+----+------+-----+
| id | a    | cnt |
+----+------+-----+
|  1 | A    |   2 |
|  2 | B    |   1 |
```

```
| 4 | C    |   1 |
+----+------+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this example, the AUTO_INCREMENT value of 3 is allocated for the INSERT of the key A in INSERT INTO t (a)VALUES ('A'), ('C')ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE cnt = cnt + 1; but never used because this INSERT statement contains a duplicate key A. This leads to a gap where the sequence is non-consecutive. This behavior is considered legal, even though it differs from MySQL. MySQL will also have gaps in the sequence in other scenarios such as transactions being aborted and rolled back.

AUTO_ID_CACHE

The AUTO_INCREMENT sequence might appear to *jump* dramatically if an INSERT operation is performed against a different TiDB server. This is caused by the fact that each server has its own cache of AUTO_INCREMENT values:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a int PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, b timestamp NOT NULL
    ↪ DEFAULT NOW());
INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES (NULL), (NULL), (NULL);
INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES (NULL);
SELECT * FROM t;
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)

+---------+---------------------+
| a       | b                   |
+---------+---------------------+
|       1 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
|       2 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
|       3 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
| 2000001 | 2020-09-09 20:43:43 |
+---------+---------------------+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

A new INSERT operation against the initial TiDB server generates the AUTO_INCREMENT value of 4. This is because the initial TiDB server still has space left in the AUTO_INCREMENT ↪ cache for allocation. In this case, the sequence of values cannot be considered globally monotonic, because the value of 4 is inserted after the value of 2000001:

```
mysql> INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES (NULL);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t ORDER BY b;
+---------+---------------------+
| a       | b                   |
+---------+---------------------+
```

```
|      1 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
|      2 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
|      3 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
| 2000001 | 2020-09-09 20:43:43 |
|      4 | 2020-09-09 20:44:43 |
+---------+---------------------+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The `AUTO_INCREMENT` cache does not persist across TiDB server restarts. The following `INSERT` statement is performed after the initial TiDB server is restarted:

```
mysql> INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES (NULL);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t ORDER BY b;
+---------+---------------------+
| a       | b                   |
+---------+---------------------+
|      1 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
|      2 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
|      3 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
| 2000001 | 2020-09-09 20:43:43 |
|      4 | 2020-09-09 20:44:43 |
| 2030001 | 2020-09-09 20:54:11 |
+---------+---------------------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

A high rate of TiDB server restarts might contribute to the exhaustion of `AUTO_INCREMENT` values. In the above example, the initial TiDB server still has values `[5-30000]` free in its cache. These values are lost, and will not be reallocated.

It is not recommended to rely on`AUTO_INCREMENT` values being continuous. Consider the following example, where a TiDB server has a cache of values `[2000001-2030000]`. By manually inserting the value `2029998`, you can see the behavior as a new cache range is retrieved:

```
mysql> INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES (2029998);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES (NULL);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES (NULL);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES (NULL);
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t (a) VALUES (NULL);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t ORDER BY b;
+---------+---------------------+
| a       | b                   |
+---------+---------------------+
|       1 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
|       2 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
|       3 | 2020-09-09 20:38:22 |
| 2000001 | 2020-09-09 20:43:43 |
|       4 | 2020-09-09 20:44:43 |
| 2030001 | 2020-09-09 20:54:11 |
| 2029998 | 2020-09-09 21:08:11 |
| 2029999 | 2020-09-09 21:08:11 |
| 2030000 | 2020-09-09 21:08:11 |
| 2060001 | 2020-09-09 21:08:11 |
| 2060002 | 2020-09-09 21:08:11 |
+---------+---------------------+
11 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

After the value 2030000 is inserted, the next value is 2060001. This jump in sequence is due to another TiDB server obtaining the intermediate cache range of [2030001-2060000] ↪ . When multiple TiDB servers are deployed, there will be gaps in the AUTO_INCREMENT sequence because cache requests are interleaved.

Cache size control

In earlier versions of TiDB, the cache size of the auto-increment ID was transparent to users. Starting from v3.0.14, v3.1.2, and v4.0.rc-2, TiDB has introduced the AUTO_ID_CACHE table option to allow users to set the cache size for allocating the auto-increment ID.

```
CREATE TABLE t(a int AUTO_INCREMENT key) AUTO_ID_CACHE 100;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

INSERT INTO t values();
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

SELECT * FROM t;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
+---+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE t;
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table | Create Table
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| t     | CREATE TABLE `t` (
  `a` int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  PRIMARY KEY (`a`) /*T![clustered_index] CLUSTERED */
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin AUTO_INCREMENT
    ↪ =101 /*T![auto_id_cache] AUTO_ID_CACHE=100 */ |
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

At this time, if you restart TiDB, the auto-increment ID cache will be lost, and new insert operations will allocate IDs starting from a higher value beyond the previously cached range.

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES();
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

SELECT * FROM t;
+-----+
| a   |
+-----+
|   1 |
| 101 |
+-----+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

The newly allocated value is `101`. This shows that the size of cache for allocating auto-increment IDs is `100`.

In addition, when the length of consecutive IDs in a batch `INSERT` statement exceeds the length of `AUTO_ID_CACHE`, TiDB increases the cache size accordingly to ensure that the statement can insert data properly.

Clear the auto-increment ID cache

In some scenarios, you might need to clear the auto-increment ID cache to ensure data

consistency. For example:

- In the scenario of incremental replication using Data Migration (DM), once the replication is complete, data writing to the downstream TiDB switches from DM to your application's write operations. Meanwhile, the ID writing mode of the auto-increment column usually switches from explicit insertion to implicit allocation.
- After TiDB Lightning completes the data import, it automatically clears the auto-increment ID cache. However, TiCDC does not automatically clear the cache after incremental data synchronization. Therefore, you need to manually clear the auto-increment ID cache in the downstream cluster after stopping TiCDC, and before performing the failover.

- When your application involves both explicit ID insertion and implicit ID allocation, you need to clear the auto-increment ID cache to avoid conflicts between future implicitly allocated IDs and previously explicitly inserted IDs, which could result in primary key conflict errors. For more information, see Uniqueness.

To clear the auto-increment ID cache on all TiDB nodes in the cluster, you can execute the `ALTER TABLE` statement with `AUTO_INCREMENT = 0`. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a int AUTO_INCREMENT key) AUTO_ID_CACHE 100;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

INSERT INTO t VALUES();
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

INSERT INTO t VALUES(50);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

SELECT * FROM t;
+----+
| a  |
+----+
|  1 |
| 50 |
+----+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
ALTER TABLE t AUTO_INCREMENT = 0;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.07 sec)

SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

```
| Level  | Code | Message
   ↪                                                                  |
+--
   ↪ -------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Warning | 1105 | Can't reset AUTO_INCREMENT to 0 without FORCE option,
   ↪ using 101 instead |
+---------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

INSERT INTO t VALUES();
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

SELECT * FROM t;
+-----+
| a   |
+-----+
|   1 |
|  50 |
| 101 |
+-----+
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Auto-increment step size and offset

Starting from v3.0.9 and v4.0.0-rc.1, similar to the behavior of MySQL, the value implicitly assigned to the auto-increment column is controlled by the `@@auto_increment_increment` and `@@auto_increment_offset` session variables.

The value (ID) implicitly assigned to auto-increment columns satisfies the following equation:

```
(ID - auto_increment_offset)% auto_increment_increment == 0
```

MySQL compatibility mode

TiDB provides a MySQL-compatible mode for auto-increment columns that ensures strictly increasing IDs with minimal gaps. To enable this mode, set `AUTO_ID_CACHE` to `1` when creating a table:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a int AUTO_INCREMENT key) AUTO_ID_CACHE 1;
```

When `AUTO_ID_CACHE` is set to `1`, IDs are strictly increasing across all TiDB instances, each ID is guaranteed to be unique, and gaps between IDs are minimal compared to the default cache mode (`AUTO_ID_CACHE 0` with 30000 cached values).

For example, with `AUTO_ID_CACHE 1`, you might see a sequence as follows:

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES (); -- Returns ID 1
INSERT INTO t VALUES (); -- Returns ID 2
INSERT INTO t VALUES (); -- Returns ID 3
-- After failover
INSERT INTO t VALUES (); -- Might return ID 5
```

In contrast, with the default cache (`AUTO_ID_CACHE 0`), larger gaps can occur:

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES (); -- Returns ID 1
INSERT INTO t VALUES (); -- Returns ID 2
-- New TiDB instance allocates next batch
INSERT INTO t VALUES (); -- Returns ID 30001
```

While IDs are always increasing and without significant gaps like those seen with `AUTO_ID_CACHE 0`, small gaps in the sequence might still occur in the following scenarios. These gaps are necessary to maintain both uniqueness and the strictly increasing property of the IDs.

- During failover when the primary instance exits or crashes

  After you enable the MySQL compatibility mode, the allocated IDs are **unique** and **monotonically increasing**, and the behavior is almost the same as MySQL. Even when accessing across multiple TiDB instances, ID monotonicity is maintained. However, if the primary instance of the centralized service crashes, a few IDs might become non-continuous. This occurs because the secondary instance discards some IDs allocated by the primary instance during failover to ensure ID uniqueness.

- During rolling upgrades of TiDB nodes
- During normal concurrent transactions (similar to MySQL)

Note:

The behavior and performance of `AUTO_ID_CACHE 1` has evolved across TiDB versions:

- Before v6.4.0, each ID allocation requires a TiKV transaction, which affects performance.
- In v6.4.0, TiDB introduces a centralized allocating service that performs ID allocation as an in-memory operation, significantly improving performance.
- Starting from v8.1.0, TiDB removes the automatic `forceRebase` operation during primary node exits to enable faster restarts. While this might result in additional non-consecutive IDs during failover, it prevents potential write blocking when many tables use `AUTO_ID_CACHE 1`.

Restrictions

Currently, AUTO_INCREMENT has the following restrictions when used in TiDB:

- For TiDB v6.6.0 and earlier versions, the defined column must be either primary key or index prefixes.
- It must be defined on the column of INTEGER, FLOAT, or DOUBLE type.
- It cannot be specified on the same column with the DEFAULT column value.
- ALTER TABLE cannot be used to add or modify columns with the AUTO_INCREMENT attribute, including using ALTER TABLE ... MODIFY/CHANGE COLUMN to add the AUTO_INCREMENT attribute to an existing column, or using ALTER TABLE ... ADD COLUMN to add a column with the AUTO_INCREMENT attribute.
- ALTER TABLE can be used to remove the AUTO_INCREMENT attribute. However, starting from v2.1.18 and v3.0.4, TiDB uses the session variable @@tidb_allow_remove_auto_inc to control whether ALTER TABLE MODIFY or ALTER TABLE CHANGE can be used to remove the AUTO_INCREMENT attribute of a column. By default, you cannot use ALTER TABLE MODIFY or ALTER TABLE CHANGE to remove the AUTO_INCREMENT attribute.
- ALTER TABLE requires the FORCE option to set the AUTO_INCREMENT value to a smaller value.
- Setting the AUTO_INCREMENT to a value smaller than MAX(<auto_increment_column>) leads to duplicate keys because pre-existing values are not skipped.

14.13.1.1.2 AUTO_RANDOM New in v3.1.0

User scenario

Since the value of AUTO_RANDOM is random and unique, AUTO_RANDOM is often used in place of AUTO_INCREMENT to avoid write hotspot in a single storage node caused by TiDB assigning consecutive IDs. If the current AUTO_INCREMENT column is a primary key and the type is BIGINT, you can execute the ALTER TABLE t MODIFY COLUMN id BIGINT AUTO_RANDOM(5); statement to switch from AUTO_INCREMENT to AUTO_RANDOM.

For more information about how to handle highly concurrent write-heavy workloads in TiDB, see Highly concurrent write best practices.

The AUTO_RANDOM_BASE parameter in the CREATE TABLE statement is used to set the initial incremental part value of auto_random. This option can be considered as a part of the internal interface. You can ignore this parameter.

Basic concepts

AUTO_RANDOM is a column attribute that is used to automatically assign values to a BIGINT column. Values assigned automatically are **random** and **unique**.

To create a table with an AUTO_RANDOM column, you can use the following statements. The AUTO_RANDOM column must be included in a primary key, and the AUTO_RANDOM column is the first column in the primary key.

```
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT AUTO_RANDOM, b VARCHAR(255), PRIMARY KEY (a));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_RANDOM, b VARCHAR(255));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT AUTO_RANDOM(6), b VARCHAR(255), PRIMARY KEY (a));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT AUTO_RANDOM(5, 54), b VARCHAR(255), PRIMARY KEY (a
    ↪ ));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT AUTO_RANDOM(5, 54), b VARCHAR(255), PRIMARY KEY (a
    ↪ , b));
```

You can wrap the keyword `AUTO_RANDOM` in an executable comment. For more details, refer to TiDB specific comment syntax.

```
CREATE TABLE t (a bigint /*T![auto_rand] AUTO_RANDOM */, b VARCHAR(255),
    ↪ PRIMARY KEY (a));
CREATE TABLE t (a bigint PRIMARY KEY /*T![auto_rand] AUTO_RANDOM */, b
    ↪ VARCHAR(255));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT /*T![auto_rand] AUTO_RANDOM(6) */, b VARCHAR(255),
    ↪  PRIMARY KEY (a));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT /*T![auto_rand] AUTO_RANDOM(5, 54) */, b VARCHAR
    ↪ (255), PRIMARY KEY (a));
```

When you execute an `INSERT` statement:

- If you explicitly specify the value of the `AUTO_RANDOM` column, it is inserted into the table as is.
- If you do not explicitly specify the value of the `AUTO_RANDOM` column, TiDB generates a random value and inserts it into the table.

```
tidb> CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_RANDOM, b VARCHAR(255)) /*T
    ↪ ! PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS=2 */ ;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.01 sec)

tidb> INSERT INTO t(a, b) VALUES (1, 'string');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

tidb> SELECT * FROM t;
+---+--------+
| a | b      |
+---+--------+
| 1 | string |
+---+--------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

tidb> INSERT INTO t(b) VALUES ('string2');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
tidb> INSERT INTO t(b) VALUES ('string3');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

tidb> SELECT * FROM t;
+--------------------+---------+
| a                  | b       |
+--------------------+---------+
|                  1 | string  |
| 1152921504606846978 | string2 |
| 4899916394579099651 | string3 |
+--------------------+---------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

tidb> SHOW CREATE TABLE t;
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table | Create Table
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| t     | CREATE TABLE `t` (
  `a` bigint NOT NULL /*T![auto_rand] AUTO_RANDOM(5) */,
  `b` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`a`) /*T![clustered_index] CLUSTERED */
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin /*T! PRE_SPLIT_
    ↪ REGIONS=2 */ |
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

tidb> SHOW TABLE t REGIONS;
+--
    ↪ ---------+----------------------------+----------------------------+----------
    ↪
| REGION_ID | START_KEY                | END_KEY                    | LEADER_ID |
    ↪  LEADER_STORE_ID | PEERS          | SCATTERING | WRITTEN_BYTES | READ_
    ↪ BYTES | APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB) | APPROXIMATE_KEYS | SCHEDULING_
    ↪ CONSTRAINTS | SCHEDULING_STATE |
+--
    ↪ ---------+----------------------------+----------------------------+----------
```

```
    ↪
|    62798 | t_158_                   | t_158_r_2305843009213693952 | 62810 |
    ↪            28 | 62811, 62812, 62810 |      0 |          151 |         0
    ↪ |                 1 |             0 |                      |
    ↪                |
|    62802 | t_158_r_2305843009213693952 | t_158_r_4611686018427387904 |
    ↪ 62803 |       1 | 62803, 62804, 62805 |      0 |           39 |
    ↪        0 |                 1 |             0 |                      |
    ↪                |
|    62806 | t_158_r_4611686018427387904 | t_158_r_6917529027641081856 |
    ↪ 62813 |       4 | 62813, 62814, 62815 |      0 |          160 |
    ↪        0 |                 1 |             0 |                      |
    ↪                |
|     9289 | t_158_r_6917529027641081856 | 78000000            |     48268 |
    ↪              1 | 48268, 58951, 62791 |      0 |        10628 |     43639
    ↪  |                 2 |           7999 |                      |
    ↪                |
+--
    ↪ ---------+-----------------------------+-----------------------------+----------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The `AUTO_RANDOM(S, R)` column value automatically assigned by TiDB has a total of 64 bits:

- `S` is the number of shard bits. The value ranges from `1` to `15`. The default value is `5`.
- `R` is the total length of the automatic allocation range. The value ranges from `32` to `64`. The default value is `64`.

The structure of an `AUTO_RANDOM` value with a signed bit is as follows:

Signed bit	Reserved bits	Shard bits	Auto-increment bits
1 bit	`64-R` bits	`S` bits	`R-1-S` bits

The structure of an `AUTO_RANDOM` value without a signed bit is as follows:

Reserved bits	Shard bits	Auto-increment bits
`64-R` bits	`S` bits	`R-S` bits

- Whether a value has a signed bit depends on whether the corresponding column has the `UNSIGNED` attribute.
- The length of the sign bit is determined by the existence of an `UNSIGNED` attribute. If

there is an `UNSIGNED` attribute, the length is `0`. Otherwise, the length is `1`.
- The length of the reserved bits is `64-R`. The reserved bits are always `0`.
- The content of the shard bits is obtained by calculating the hash value of the starting time of the current transaction. To use a different length of shard bits (such as 10), you can specify `AUTO_RANDOM(10)` when creating the table.
- The value of the auto-increment bits is stored in the storage engine and allocated sequentially. Each time a new value is allocated, the value is incremented by 1. The auto-increment bits ensure that the values of `AUTO_RANDOM` are unique globally. When the auto-increment bits are exhausted, an error `Failed to read auto-increment value from storage engine` is reported when the value is allocated again.
- Value range: the maximum number of bits for the final generated value = shard bits + auto-increment bits. The range of a signed column is `[-(2^(R-1))+1, (2^(R-1))-1]`, and the range of an unsigned column is `[0, (2^R)-1]`.
- You can use `AUTO_RANDOM` with `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS`. When a table is created successfully, `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` pre-splits data in the table into the number of Regions as specified by `2^(PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS)`.

Note:

Selection of shard bits (`S`):

- Since there is a total of 64 available bits, the shard bits length affects the auto-increment bits length. That is, as the shard bits length increases, the length of auto-increment bits decreases, and vice versa. Therefore, you need to balance the randomness of allocated values and available space.
- The best practice is to set the shard bits as `log(2, x)`, in which `x` is the current number of storage engines. For example, if there are 16 TiKV nodes in a TiDB cluster, you can set the shard bits as `log(2, 16)`, that is `4`. After all regions are evenly scheduled to each TiKV node, the load of bulk writes can be uniformly distributed to different TiKV nodes to maximize resource utilization.

Selection of range (`R`):

- Typically, the `R` parameter needs to be set when the numeric type of the application cannot represent a full 64-bit integer.
- For example, the range of JSON number is `[-(2^53)+1, (2^53)-1]`. TiDB can easily assign an integer beyond this range to a column defined as `AUTO_RANDOM(5)`, causing unexpected behaviors when the application reads the column. In such cases, you can replace `AUTO_RANDOM(5)` with `AUTO_RANDOM(5, 54)` for signed columns, and replace `AUTO_RANDOM(5)` with `AUTO_RANDOM(5, 53)` for unsigned columns, ensuring that TiDB

> does not assign integers greater than 9007199254740991 (2^53-1) to the column.

Values allocated implicitly to the AUTO_RANDOM column affect last_insert_id(). To get the ID that TiDB last implicitly allocates, you can use the SELECT last_insert_id () statement.

To view the shard bits number of the table with an AUTO_RANDOM column, you can execute the SHOW CREATE TABLE statement. You can also see the value of the PK_AUTO_RANDOM_BITS=x mode in the TIDB_ROW_ID_SHARDING_INFO column in the information_schema.tables system table. x is the number of shard bits.

After creating a table with an AUTO_RANDOM column, you can use SHOW WARNINGS to view the maximum implicit allocation times:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT AUTO_RANDOM, b VARCHAR(255), PRIMARY KEY (a));
SHOW WARNINGS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| Level | Code | Message                                                   |
+-------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| Note | 1105 | Available implicit allocation times: 288230376151711743 |
+-------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Implicit allocation rules of IDs

TiDB implicitly allocates values to AUTO_RANDOM columns similarly to AUTO_INCREMENT columns. They are also controlled by the session-level system variables auto_increment_increment and auto_increment_offset. The auto-increment bits (ID) of implicitly allocated values conform to the equation (ID - auto_increment_offset)% auto_increment_increment == 0.

Clear the auto-increment ID cache

When you insert data with explicit values into an AUTO_RANDOM column in a deployment with multiple TiDB server instances, potential ID collisions can occur, similar to an AUTO_INCREMENT column. If explicit inserts happen to use ID values that conflict with the internal counter TiDB uses for automatic generation, this can lead to errors.

Here's how the collision can happen: each AUTO_RANDOM ID consists of random bits and an auto-incrementing part. TiDB uses an internal counter for this auto-incrementing part. If you explicitly insert an ID where the auto-incrementing part matches the counter's next value, a duplicate key error might occur when TiDB later attempts to generate the same ID automatically. For more details, see AUTO_INCREMENT Uniqueness.

With a single TiDB instance, this issue doesn't occur because the node automatically adjusts its internal counter when processing explicit insertions, preventing any future collisions. In contrast, with multiple TiDB nodes, each node maintains its own cache of IDs, which needs to be cleared to prevent collisions after explicit insertions. To clear these unallocated cached IDs and avoid potential collisions, you have two options:

Option 1: Automatically rebase (Recommended)

```
ALTER TABLE t AUTO_RANDOM_BASE=0;
```

This statement automatically determines an appropriate base value. Although it produces a warning message similar to `Can't reset AUTO_INCREMENT to 0 without FORCE option, using XXX instead`, the base value **will** change and you can safely ignore this warning.

> **Note:**
>
> You cannot set `AUTO_RANDOM_BASE` to `0` with the `FORCE` keyword. Attempting this results in an error.

Option 2: Manually set a specific base value

If you need to set a specific base value (for example, `1000`), use the `FORCE` keyword:

```
ALTER TABLE t FORCE AUTO_RANDOM_BASE = 1000;
```

This approach is less convenient because it requires you to determine an appropriate base value yourself.

> **Note:**
>
> When using `FORCE`, you must specify a non-zero positive integer.

Both commands modify the starting point for the auto-increment bits used in subsequent `AUTO_RANDOM` value generations across all TiDB nodes. They do not affect already allocated IDs.

Restrictions

Pay attention to the following restrictions when you use `AUTO_RANDOM`:

- To insert values explicitly, you need to set the value of the `@@allow_auto_random_explicit_insert` system variable to `1` (`0` by default). It is **not** recommended that

you explicitly specify a value for the column with the AUTO_RANDOM attribute when you insert data. Otherwise, the numeral values that can be automatically allocated for this table might be used up in advance.

- Specify this attribute for the primary key column **ONLY** as the BIGINT type. Otherwise, an error occurs. In addition, when the attribute of the primary key is NONCLUSTERED, AUTO_RANDOM is not supported even on the integer primary key. For more details about the primary key of the CLUSTERED type, refer to clustered index.
- You cannot use ALTER TABLE to modify the AUTO_RANDOM attribute, including adding or removing this attribute.
- You cannot use ALTER TABLE to change from AUTO_INCREMENT to AUTO_RANDOM if the maximum value is close to the maximum value of the column type.
- You cannot change the column type of the primary key column that is specified with AUTO_RANDOM attribute.
- You cannot specify AUTO_RANDOM and AUTO_INCREMENT for the same column at the same time.
- You cannot specify AUTO_RANDOM and DEFAULT (the default value of a column) for the same column at the same time.
- WhenAUTO_RANDOM is used on a column, it is difficult to change the column attribute back to AUTO_INCREMENT because the auto-generated values might be very large.

14.13.1.1.3 SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS

This document introduces the SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS table attribute, which is used to set the number of bits of the shards after the implicit _tidb_rowid is sharded.

Concept

For the tables with a non-clustered primary key or no primary key, TiDB uses an implicit auto-increment row ID. When a large number of INSERT operations are performed, the data is written into a single Region, causing a write hot spot.

To mitigate the hot spot issue, you can configure SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS. The row IDs are scattered and the data are written into multiple different Regions.

- SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 4 indicates 16 shards
- SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 6 indicates 64 shards
- SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 0 indicates the default 1 shard

For details on the usage, see the Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues guide.

Examples

```
CREATE TABLE t (
    id INT PRIMARY KEY NONCLUSTERED
) SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 4;
```

```
ALTER TABLE t SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 4;
```

14.13.1.2 Literal Values

TiDB literal values include character literals, numeric literals, time and date literals, hexadecimal, binary literals, and NULL literals. This document introduces each of these literal values.

This document describes String literals, Numeric literals, NULL values, Hexadecimal literals, Date and time literals, Boolean literals, and Bit-value literals.

14.13.1.2.1 String literals

A string is a sequence of bytes or characters, enclosed within either single quote `'` or double quote `"` characters. For example:

```
'example string'
"example string"
```

Quoted strings placed next to each other are concatenated to a single string. The following lines are equivalent:

```
'a string'
'a' ' ' 'string'
"a" ' ' "string"
```

If the `ANSI_QUOTES` SQL MODE is enabled, string literals can be quoted only within single quotation marks because a string quoted within double quotation marks is interpreted as an identifier.

The string is divided into the following two types:

- Binary string: It consists of a sequence of bytes, whose charset and collation are both `binary`, and uses **byte** as the unit when compared with each other.
- Non-binary string: It consists of a sequence of characters and has various charsets and collations other than `binary`. When compared with each other, non-binary strings use **characters** as the unit. A character might contain multiple bytes, depending on the charset.

A string literal may have an optional `character set introducer` and `COLLATE clause`, to designate it as a string that uses a specific character set and collation.

```
[_charset_name]'string' [COLLATE collation_name]
```

For example:

```
SELECT _latin1'string';
SELECT _binary'string';
SELECT _utf8'string' COLLATE utf8_bin;
```

You can use N'literal' (or n'literal') to create a string in the national character set. The following statements are equivalent:

```
SELECT N'some text';
SELECT n'some text';
SELECT _utf8'some text';
```

To represent some special characters in a string, you can use escape characters to escape:

Escape Characters	Meaning
\0	An ASCII NUL (X'00') character
\'	A single quote ' character
\"	A double quote " character
\b	A backspace character
\n	A line break (newline) character
\r	A carriage return character
\t	A tab character
\z	ASCII 26 (Ctrl + Z)
\\	A backslash \ character
\%	A % character
_	A _ character

If you want to represent " in the string surrounded by ', or ' in the string surrounded by ", you do not need to use escape characters.

For more information, see String Literals in MySQL.

14.13.1.2.2 Numeric literals

Numeric literals include integer and DECIMAL literals and floating-point literals.

Integer may include `.` as a decimal separator. Numbers may be preceded by `-` or `+` to indicate a negative or positive value respectively.

Exact-value numeric literals can be represented as `1, .2, 3.4, -5, -6.78, +9.10`.

Numeric literals can also be represented in scientific notation, such as `1.2E3, 1.2E-3, -1.2E3, -1.2E-3`.

For more information, see Numeric Literals in MySQL.

14.13.1.2.3 Date and time literals

Date and time literal values can be represented in several formats, such as quoted strings or as numbers. When TiDB expects a date, it interprets any of `'2017-08-24'`, `'20170824'` and `20170824` as a date.

TiDB supports the following date formats:

- `'YYYY-MM-DD'` or `'YY-MM-DD'`: The `-` delimiter here is not strict. It can be any punctuation. For example, `'2017-08-24'`, `'2017&08&24'`, `'2012@12^31'` are all valid date formats. The only special punctuation is '.', which is treated as a decimal point to separate the integer and fractional parts. Date and time can be separated by `T` or a white space. For example, `2017-8-24 10:42:00` and `2017-8-24T10:42:00` represents the same date and time.
- `'YYYYMMDDHHMMSS'` or `'YYMMDDHHMMSS'`: For example, `'20170824104520'` and `'170824104520'` are regarded as `'2017-08-24 10:45:20'`. However, if you provide a value out of range, such as `'170824304520'`, it is not treated as a valid date. Note that incorrect formats such as `YYYYMMDD HHMMSS`, `YYYYMMDD HH:MM:DD`, or `YYYY-MM-DD HHMMSS` will fail to insert.
- `YYYYMMDDHHMMSS` or `YYMMDDHHMMSS`: Note that these formats have no single or double quotes, but a number. For example, `20170824104520` is interpreted as `'2017-08-24 10:45:20'`.

DATETIME or TIMESTAMP values can be followed by a fractional part, used to represent microseconds precision (6 digits). The fractional part should always be separated from the rest of the time by a decimal point `.`.

The year value containing only two digits is ambiguous. It is recommended to use the four-digit year format. TiDB interprets the two-digit year value according to the following rules:

- If the year value is in the range of `70-99`, it is converted to `1970-1999`.
- If the year value is in the range of `00-69`, it is converted to `2000-2069`.

For month or day values less than 10, `'2017-8-4'` is the same as `'2017-08-04'`. The same is true for Time. For example, `'2017-08-24 1:2:3'` is the same as `'2017-08-24 01:02:03'`.

When the date or time value is required, TiDB selects the specified format according to the length of the value:

- 6 digits: `YYMMDD`.
- 12 digits: `YYMMDDHHMMSS`.
- 8 digits: `YYYYMMDD`.
- 14 digits: `YYYYMMDDHHMMSS`.

TiDB supports the following formats for time values:

- `'D HH:MM:SS'`, or `'HH:MM:SS'`, `'HH:MM'`, `'D HH:MM'`, `'D HH'`, `'SS'`: `D` means days and the valid value range is `0-34`.
- A number in `HHMMSS` format: For example, `231010` is interpreted as `'23:10:10'`.
- A number in any of `SS`, `MMSS`, and `HHMMSS`formats can be regarded as time.

The decimal point of the Time type is also `.`, with a precision of up to 6 digits after the decimal point.

See MySQL date and time literals for more details.

14.13.1.2.4 Boolean Literals

The constants `TRUE` and `FALSE` are equal to 1 and 0 respectively, which are not case sensitive.

```
SELECT TRUE, true, tRuE, FALSE, FaLsE, false;
```

```
+------+------+------+-------+-------+-------+
| TRUE | true | tRuE | FALSE | FaLsE | false |
+------+------+------+-------+-------+-------+
|    1 |    1 |    1 |     0 |     0 |     0 |
+------+------+------+-------+-------+-------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.1.2.5 Hexadecimal literals

Hexadecimal literal values are written using `X'val'` or `0xval` notation, where `val` contains hexadecimal digits. A leading `0x` is case sensitive and cannot be written as `0X`.

Legal hexadecimal literals:

```
X'ac12'
X'12AC'
x'ac12'
x'12AC'
0xac12
0x12AC
```

Illegal hexadecimal literals:

```
X'1z' (z is not a hexadecimal legal digit)
0X12AC (0X must be written as 0x)
```

Hexadecimal literals written using `X'val'` notation must contain an even number of digits. If the length of `val` is an odd number (for example, `X'A'` or `X'11A'`), to avoid the syntax error, pad the value with a leading zero:

```
mysql> select X'aff';
ERROR 1105 (HY000): line 0 column 13 near ""hex literal: invalid
    ↪ hexadecimal format, must even numbers, but 3 (total length 13)
mysql> select X'0aff';
+---------+
| X'0aff' |
+---------+
| 0x0aff |
+---------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

By default, a hexadecimal literal is a binary string.

To convert a string or a number to a string in hexadecimal format, use the `HEX()` function:

```
mysql> SELECT HEX('TiDB');
+-------------+
| HEX('TiDB') |
+-------------+
| 54694442    |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT X'54694442';
+-------------+
| X'54694442' |
+-------------+
| TiDB        |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.1.2.6 Bit-value literals

Bit-value literals are written using `b'val'` or `0bval` notation. The `val` is a binary value written using zeros and ones. A leading `0b` is case sensitive and cannot be written as `0B`.

Legal bit-value literals:

```
b'01'
B'01'
0b01
```

Illegal bit-value literals:

```
b'2' (2 is not a binary digit; it must be 0 or 1)
0B01 (0B must be written as 0b)
```

By default, a bit-value literal is a binary string.

Bit values are returned as binary values, which may not display well in the MySQL client. To convert a bit value to printable form, you can use a conversion function such as `BIN()` or `HEX()`.

```
CREATE TABLE t (b BIT(8));
INSERT INTO t SET b = b'00010011';
INSERT INTO t SET b = b'1110';
INSERT INTO t SET b = b'100101';

mysql> SELECT b+0, BIN(b), HEX(b) FROM t;
```

```
+------+--------+--------+
| b+0  | BIN(b) | HEX(b) |
+------+--------+--------+
|   19 | 10011  | 13     |
|   14 | 1110   | E      |
|   37 | 100101 | 25     |
+------+--------+--------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.1.2.7 NULL Values

`NULL` means the data is empty, which is case-insensitive, and is synonymous with `\N` (case-sensitive).

> **Note:**
>
> `NULL` is not the same as `0`, nor the empty string `''`.

14.13.1.3 Schema Object Names

This document introduces schema object names in TiDB SQL statements.

Schema object names are used to name all schema objects in TiDB, including database, table, index, column, and alias. You can quote these objects using identifiers in SQL statements.

You can use backticks to enclose the identifier. For example, `SELECT * FROM t` can also be written as `SELECT * FROM `t``. But if the identifier includes one or more special characters or is a reserved keyword, it must be enclosed in backticks to quote the schema object it represents.

```
SELECT * FROM `table` WHERE `table`.id = 20;
```

If you set `ANSI_QUOTES` in SQL MODE, TiDB will recognize the string enclosed in double quotation marks `"` as an identifier.

```
CREATE TABLE "test" (a varchar(10));
```

```
ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual
    ↪ that corresponds to your TiDB version for the right syntax to use
    ↪ line 1 column 19 near ""test" (a varchar(10))"
```

```
SET SESSION sql_mode='ANSI_QUOTES';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.000 sec)
```

```
CREATE TABLE "test" (a varchar(10));
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.012 sec)
```

If you want to use the backtick character in the quoted identifier, repeat the backtick twice. For example, to create a table a‘b:

```
CREATE TABLE `a``b` (a int);
```

In a SELECT statement, you can use an identifier or a string to specify an alias:

```
SELECT 1 AS `identifier`, 2 AS 'string';
```

```
+------------+--------+
| identifier | string |
+------------+--------+
|          1 |      2 |
+------------+--------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

For more information, see MySQL Schema Object Names.

14.13.1.3.1 Identifier qualifiers

Object names can be unqualified or qualified. For example, the following statement creates a table without a qualified name:

```
CREATE TABLE t (i int);
```

If you have not used the USE statement or the connection parameter to configure the database, the ERROR 1046 (3D000): No database selected error is displayed. At this time, you can specify the database qualified name:

```
CREATE TABLE test.t (i int);
```

White spaces can exist around .. table_name.col_name and table_name . col_name are equivalent.

To quote this identifier, use:

```
`table_name`.`col_name`
```

Instead of:

```
`table_name.col_name`
```

For more information, see MySQL Identifier Qualifiers.

14.13.1.4 Keywords

This article introduces the keywords in TiDB, the differences between reserved words and non-reserved words and summarizes all keywords for the query.

Keywords are words that have special meanings in SQL statements, such as SELECT, UPDATE, and DELETE. Some of them can be used as identifiers directly, which are called **non-reserved keywords**. Some of them require special treatment before being used as identifiers, which are called **reserved keywords**.

To use the reserved keywords as identifiers, you must enclose them in backticks `:

```
CREATE TABLE select (a INT);
```

```
ERROR 1105 (HY000): line 0 column 19 near " (a INT)" (total length 27)
```

```
CREATE TABLE `select` (a INT);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)
```

The non-reserved keywords do not require backticks, such as BEGIN and END, which can be successfully used as identifiers in the following statement:

```
CREATE TABLE `select` (BEGIN int, END int);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)
```

In the special case, the reserved keywords do not need backticks if they are used with the . delimiter:

```
CREATE TABLE test.select (BEGIN int, END int);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

Starting from v7.5.3 and v7.6.0, TiDB provides a full list of keywords in the INFORMATION_SCHEMA.KEYWORDS table.

You can use the tidb_enable_window_function system variable to control whether the keywords in the window function take effect in the syntax tree. If you set tidb_enable_window_function to OFF, the words in the window function will no longer be treated as keywords.

14.13.1.4.1 Keyword list

The following list shows the keywords in TiDB. Reserved keywords are marked with (R). Reserved keywords for Window Functions are marked with (R-Window).

A

- ACCOUNT
- ACTION
- ADD (R)
- ADMIN
- ADVISE
- AFTER
- AGAINST
- AGO
- ALGORITHM
- ALL (R)
- ALTER (R)
- ALWAYS
- ANALYZE (R)
- AND (R)
- ANY
- APPLY
- ARRAY (R)
- AS (R)
- ASC (R)
- ASCII
- ATTRIBUTE
- ATTRIBUTES
- AUTO_ID_CACHE
- AUTO_INCREMENT
- AUTO_RANDOM
- AUTO_RANDOM_BASE
- AVG
- AVG_ROW_LENGTH

B

- BACKEND
- BACKUP
- BACKUPS
- BATCH
- BDR
- BEGIN
- BERNOULLI
- BETWEEN (R)
- BIGINT (R)
- BINARY (R)
- BINDING
- BINDINGS
- BINDING_CACHE

- BINLOG
- BIT
- BLOB (R)
- BLOCK
- BOOL
- BOOLEAN
- BOTH (R)
- BTREE
- BUCKETS
- BUILTINS
- BY (R)
- BYTE

C

- CACHE
- CALIBRATE
- CALL (R)
- CANCEL
- CAPTURE
- CARDINALITY
- CASCADE (R)
- CASCADED
- CASE (R)
- CAUSAL
- CHAIN
- CHANGE (R)
- CHAR (R)
- CHARACTER (R)
- CHARSET
- CHECK (R)
- CHECKPOINT
- CHECKSUM
- CHECKSUM_CONCURRENCY
- CIPHER
- CLEANUP
- CLIENT
- CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY
- CLOSE
- CLUSTER
- CLUSTERED
- CMSKETCH
- COALESCE
- COLLATE (R)

- COLLATION
- COLUMN (R)
- COLUMN_FORMAT
- COLUMN_STATS_USAGE
- COLUMNS
- COMMENT
- COMMIT
- COMMITTED
- COMPACT
- COMPRESSED
- COMPRESSION
- COMPRESSION_LEVEL
- COMPRESSION_TYPE
- CONCURRENCY
- CONFIG
- CONNECTION
- CONSISTENCY
- CONSISTENT
- CONSTRAINT (R)
- CONTEXT
- CONTINUE (R)
- CONVERT (R)
- CORRELATION
- CPU
- CREATE (R)
- CROSS (R)
- CSV_BACKSLASH_ESCAPE
- CSV_DELIMITER
- CSV_HEADER
- CSV_NOT_NULL
- CSV_NULL
- CSV_SEPARATOR
- CSV_TRIM_LAST_SEPARATORS
- CUME_DIST (R-Window)
- CURRENT
- CURRENT_DATE (R)
- CURRENT_ROLE (R)
- CURRENT_TIME (R)
- CURRENT_TIMESTAMP (R)
- CURRENT_USER (R)
- CURSOR (R)
- CYCLE

D

- DATA
- DATABASE (R)
- DATABASES (R)
- DATE
- DATETIME
- DAY
- DAY_HOUR (R)
- DAY_MICROSECOND (R)
- DAY_MINUTE (R)
- DAY_SECOND (R)
- DDL
- DEALLOCATE
- DECIMAL (R)
- DECLARE
- DEFAULT (R)
- DEFINER
- DELAY_KEY_WRITE
- DELAYED (R)
- DELETE (R)
- DENSE_RANK (R-Window)
- DEPENDENCY
- DEPTH
- DESC (R)
- DESCRIBE (R)
- DIGEST
- DIRECTORY
- DISABLE
- DISABLED
- DISCARD
- DISK
- DISTINCT (R)
- DISTINCTROW (R)
- DIV (R)
- DO
- DOUBLE (R)
- DRAINER
- DROP (R)
- DRY
- DUAL (R)
- DUPLICATE
- DYNAMIC

E

- ELSE (R)

- ELSEIF (R)
- ENABLE
- ENABLED
- ENCLOSED (R)
- ENCRYPTION
- ENCRYPTION_KEYFILE
- ENCRYPTION_METHOD
- END
- ENFORCED
- ENGINE
- ENGINES
- ENUM
- ERROR
- ERRORS
- ESCAPE
- ESCAPED (R)
- EVENT
- EVENTS
- EVOLVE
- EXCEPT (R)
- EXCHANGE
- EXCLUSIVE
- EXECUTE
- EXISTS (R)
- EXIT (R)
- EXPANSION
- EXPIRE
- EXPLAIN (R)
- EXTENDED

F

- FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS
- FALSE (R)
- FAULTS
- FETCH (R)
- FIELDS
- FILE
- FIRST
- FIRST_VALUE (R-Window)
- FIXED
- FLOAT (R)
- FLOAT4 (R)
- FLOAT8 (R)

- FLUSH
- FOLLOWING
- FOR (R)
- FORCE (R)
- FOREIGN (R)
- FORMAT
- FOUND
- FROM (R)
- FULL
- FULLTEXT (R)
- FUNCTION

G

- GENERAL
- GENERATED (R)
- GLOBAL
- GRANT (R)
- GRANTS
- GROUP (R)
- GROUPS (R-Window)

H

- HANDLER
- HASH
- HAVING (R)
- HELP
- HIGH_PRIORITY (R)
- HISTOGRAM
- HISTOGRAMS_IN_FLIGHT
- HISTORY
- HOSTS
- HOUR
- HOUR_MICROSECOND (R)
- HOUR_MINUTE (R)
- HOUR_SECOND (R)
- HYPO

I

- IDENTIFIED
- IF (R)

- IGNORE (R)
- IGNORE_STATS
- ILIKE (R)
- IMPORT
- IMPORTS
- IN (R)
- INCREMENT
- INCREMENTAL
- INDEX (R)
- INDEXES
- INFILE (R)
- INNER (R)
- INOUT (R)
- INSERT (R)
- INSERT_METHOD
- INSTANCE
- INT (R)
- INT1 (R)
- INT2 (R)
- INT3 (R)
- INT4 (R)
- INT8 (R)
- INTEGER (R)
- INTERSECT (R)
- INTERVAL (R)
- INTO (R)
- INVISIBLE
- INVOKER
- IO
- IPC
- IS (R)
- ISOLATION
- ISSUER
- ITERATE (R)

J

- JOB
- JOBS
- JOIN (R)
- JSON

K

- KEY (R)

- KEYS (R)
- KEY_BLOCK_SIZE
- KILL (R)

L

- LABELS
- LAG (R-Window)
- LANGUAGE
- LAST
- LAST_BACKUP
- LAST_VALUE (R-Window)
- LASTVAL
- LEAD (R-Window)
- LEADING (R)
- LEAVE (R)
- LEFT (R)
- LESS
- LEVEL
- LIKE (R)
- LIMIT (R)
- LINEAR (R)
- LINES (R)
- LIST
- LOAD (R)
- LOAD_STATS
- LOCAL
- LOCALTIME (R)
- LOCALTIMESTAMP (R)
- LOCATION
- LOCK (R)
- LOCKED
- LOGS
- LONG (R)
- LONGBLOB (R)
- LONGTEXT (R)
- LOW_PRIORITY (R)

M

- MASTER
- MATCH (R)
- MAXVALUE (R)
- MAX_CONNECTIONS_PER_HOUR

- MAX_IDXNUM
- MAX_MINUTES
- MAX_QUERIES_PER_HOUR
- MAX_ROWS
- MAX_UPDATES_PER_HOUR
- MAX_USER_CONNECTIONS
- MB
- MEDIUMBLOB (R)
- MEDIUMINT (R)
- MEDIUMTEXT (R)
- MEMBER
- MEMORY
- MERGE
- MICROSECOND
- MIDDLEINT (R)
- MINUTE
- MINUTE_MICROSECOND (R)
- MINUTE_SECOND (R)
- MINVALUE
- MIN_ROWS
- MOD (R)
- MODE
- MODIFY
- MONTH

N

- NAMES
- NATIONAL
- NATURAL (R)
- NCHAR
- NEVER
- NEXT
- NEXTVAL
- NO
- NOCACHE
- NOCYCLE
- NODEGROUP
- NODE_ID
- NODE_STATE
- NOMAXVALUE
- NOMINVALUE
- NONCLUSTERED
- NONE

- NOT (R)
- NOWAIT
- NO_WRITE_TO_BINLOG (R)
- NTH_VALUE (R-Window)
- NTILE (R-Window)
- NULL (R)
- NULLS
- NUMERIC (R)
- NVARCHAR

O

- OF (R)
- OFF
- OFFSET
- OLTP_READ_ONLY
- OLTP_READ_WRITE
- OLTP_WRITE_ONLY
- ON (R)
- ON_DUPLICATE
- ONLINE
- ONLY
- OPEN
- OPTIMISTIC
- OPTIMIZE (R)
- OPTION (R)
- OPTIONAL
- OPTIONALLY (R)
- OR (R)
- ORDER (R)
- OUT (R)
- OUTER (R)
- OUTFILE (R)
- OVER (R-Window)

P

- PACK_KEYS
- PAGE
- PARSER
- PARTIAL
- PARTITION (R)
- PARTITIONING
- PARTITIONS

- PASSWORD
- PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME
- PAUSE
- PERCENT
- PERCENT_RANK (R-Window)
- PER_DB
- PER_TABLE
- PESSIMISTIC
- PLUGINS
- POINT
- POLICY
- PRECEDING
- PRECISION (R)
- PREPARE
- PRESERVE
- PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS
- PRIMARY (R)
- PRIVILEGES
- PROCEDURE (R)
- PROCESS
- PROCESSLIST
- PROFILE
- PROFILES
- PROXY
- PUMP
- PURGE

Q

- QUARTER
- QUERIES
- QUERY
- QUICK

R

- RANGE (R)
- RANK (R-Window)
- RATE_LIMIT
- READ (R)
- REAL (R)
- REBUILD
- RECOMMEND
- RECOVER

- RECURSIVE (R)
- REDUNDANT
- REFERENCES (R)
- REGEXP (R)
- REGION
- REGIONS
- RELEASE (R)
- RELOAD
- REMOVE
- RENAME (R)
- REORGANIZE
- REPAIR
- REPEAT (R)
- REPEATABLE
- REPLACE (R)
- REPLICA
- REPLICAS
- REPLICATION
- REQUIRE (R)
- REQUIRED
- RESET
- RESOURCE
- RESPECT
- RESTART
- RESTORE
- RESTORES
- RESTRICT (R)
- RESUME
- REUSE
- REVERSE
- REVOKE (R)
- RIGHT (R)
- RLIKE (R)
- ROLE
- ROLLBACK
- ROLLUP
- ROUTINE
- ROW (R)
- ROW_COUNT
- ROW_FORMAT
- ROW_NUMBER (R-Window)
- ROWS (R-Window)
- RTREE
- RUN

S

- SAMPLERATE
- SAMPLES
- SAN
- SAVEPOINT
- SECOND
- SECOND_MICROSECOND (R)
- SECONDARY
- SECONDARY_ENGINE
- SECONDARY_LOAD
- SECONDARY_UNLOAD
- SECURITY
- SELECT (R)
- SEND_CREDENTIALS_TO_TIKV
- SEPARATOR
- SEQUENCE
- SERIAL
- SERIALIZABLE
- SESSION
- SESSION_STATES
- SET (R)
- SETVAL
- SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS
- SHARE
- SHARED
- SHOW (R)
- SHUTDOWN
- SIGNED
- SIMPLE
- SKIP
- SKIP_SCHEMA_FILES
- SLAVE
- SLOW
- SMALLINT (R)
- SNAPSHOT
- SOME
- SOURCE
- SPATIAL (R)
- SPLIT
- SQL (R)
- SQL_BIG_RESULT (R)
- SQL_BUFFER_RESULT
- SQL_CACHE
- SQL_CALC_FOUND_ROWS (R)

- SQL_NO_CACHE
- SQL_SMALL_RESULT (R)
- SQL_TSI_DAY
- SQL_TSI_HOUR
- SQL_TSI_MINUTE
- SQL_TSI_MONTH
- SQL_TSI_QUARTER
- SQL_TSI_SECOND
- SQL_TSI_WEEK
- SQL_TSI_YEAR
- SQLEXCEPTION (R)
- SQLSTATE (R)
- SQLWARNING (R)
- SSL (R)
- START
- STARTING (R)
- STATISTICS
- STATS
- STATS_AUTO_RECALC
- STATS_BUCKETS
- STATS_COL_CHOICE
- STATS_COL_LIST
- STATS_EXTENDED
- STATS_HEALTHY
- STATS_HISTOGRAMS
- STATS_LOCKED
- STATS_META
- STATS_OPTIONS
- STATS_PERSISTENT
- STATS_SAMPLE_PAGES
- STATS_SAMPLE_RATE
- STATS_TOPN
- STATUS
- STORAGE
- STORED (R)
- STRAIGHT_JOIN (R)
- STRICT_FORMAT
- SUBJECT
- SUBPARTITION
- SUBPARTITIONS
- SUPER
- SWAPS
- SWITCHES
- SYSTEM
- SYSTEM_TIME

T

- TABLE (R)
- TABLES
- TABLESAMPLE (R)
- TABLESPACE
- TABLE_CHECKSUM
- TEMPORARY
- TEMPTABLE
- TERMINATED (R)
- TEXT
- THAN
- THEN (R)
- TIDB
- TIDB_CURRENT_TSO (R)
- TIFLASH
- TIKV_IMPORTER
- TIME
- TIMESTAMP
- TINYBLOB (R)
- TINYINT (R)
- TINYTEXT (R)
- TO (R)
- TOKEN_ISSUER
- TOPN
- TPCC
- TPCH_10
- TRACE
- TRADITIONAL
- TRAILING (R)
- TRANSACTION
- TRIGGER (R)
- TRIGGERS
- TRUE (R)
- TRUNCATE
- TSO
- TTL
- TTL_ENABLE
- TTL_JOB_INTERVAL
- TYPE

U

- UNBOUNDED

- UNCOMMITTED
- UNDEFINED
- UNICODE
- UNION (R)
- UNIQUE (R)
- UNKNOWN
- UNLOCK (R)
- UNSET
- UNSIGNED (R)
- UNTIL (R)
- UPDATE (R)
- USAGE (R)
- USE (R)
- USER
- USING (R)
- UTC_DATE (R)
- UTC_TIME (R)
- UTC_TIMESTAMP (R)

V

- VALIDATION
- VALUE
- VALUES (R)
- VARBINARY (R)
- VARCHAR (R)
- VARCHARACTER (R)
- VARIABLES
- VARYING (R)
- VECTOR
- VIEW
- VIRTUAL (R)
- VISIBLE

W

- WAIT
- WAIT_TIFLASH_READY
- WARNINGS
- WEEK
- WEIGHT_STRING
- WHEN (R)
- WHERE (R)
- WHILE (R)

- WIDTH
- WINDOW (R-Window)
- WITH (R)
- WITH_SYS_TABLE
- WITHOUT
- WORKLOAD
- WRITE (R)

X

- X509
- XOR (R)

Y

- YEAR
- YEAR_MONTH (R)

Z

- ZEROFILL (R)

14.13.1.5 User-Defined Variables

This document describes the concept of user-defined variables in TiDB and the methods to set and read the user-defined variables.

> **Warning:**
>
> User-defined variables are still an experimental feature. It is **NOT** recommended that you use them in the production environment.

The format of the user-defined variables is `@var_name`. The characters that compose `var_name` can be any characters that can compose an identifier, including the numbers `0-9` ↪ , the letters `a-zA-Z`, the underscore `_`, the dollar sign `$`, and the UTF-8 characters. In addition, it also includes the English period `.`. The user-defined variables are case-insensitive.

The user-defined variables are session-specific, which means a user variable defined by one client connection cannot be seen or used by other client connections.

14.13.1.5.1 Set the user-defined variables

You can use the SET statement to set a user-defined variable, and the syntax is `SET @var_name = expr [, @var_name = expr] ...;`. For example:

```
SET @favorite_db = 'TiDB';
```

```
SET @a = 'a', @b = 'b', @c = 'c';
```

For the assignment operator, you can also use `:=`. For example:

```
SET @favorite_db := 'TiDB';
```

The content to the right of the assignment operator can be any valid expression. For example:

```
SET @c = @a + @b;
```

```
SET @c = b'1000001' + b'1000001';
```

14.13.1.5.2 Read the user-defined variables

To read a user-defined variable, you can use the `SELECT` statement to query:

```
SELECT @a1, @a2, @a3
```

```
+------+------+------+
| @a1 | @a2 | @a3 |
+------+------+------+
|    1 |    2 |    4 |
+------+------+------+
```

You can also assign values in the `SELECT` statement:

```
SELECT @a1, @a2, @a3, @a4 := @a1+@a2+@a3;
```

```
+------+------+------+--------------------+
| @a1 | @a2 | @a3 | @a4 := @a1+@a2+@a3 |
+------+------+------+--------------------+
|    1 |    2 |    4 |                  7 |
+------+------+------+--------------------+
```

Before the variable `@a4` is modified or the connection is closed, its value is always `7`.

If a hexadecimal literal or binary literal is used when setting the user-defined variable, TiDB will treat it as a binary string. If you want to set it to a number, you can manually add the `CAST` conversion, or use the numeric operator in the expression:

```
SET @v1 = b'1000001';
SET @v2 = b'1000001'+0;
SET @v3 = CAST(b'1000001' AS UNSIGNED);
```

```
SELECT @v1, @v2, @v3;
```

```
+------+------+------+
| @v1 | @v2 | @v3 |
+------+------+------+
| A    | 65   | 65   |
+------+------+------+
```

If you refer to a user-defined variable that has not been initialized, it has a value of NULL and a type of string.

```
SELECT @not_exist;
```

```
+------------+
| @not_exist |
+------------+
| NULL       |
+------------+
```

In addition to using the `SELECT` statement to read the user-defined variables, another common usage is the `PREPARE` statement. For example:

```
SET @s = 'SELECT SQRT(POW(?,2) + POW(?,2)) AS hypotenuse';
PREPARE stmt FROM @s;
SET @a = 6;
SET @b = 8;
EXECUTE stmt USING @a, @b;
```

```
+------------+
| hypotenuse |
+------------+
|         10 |
+------------+
```

The contents of the user-defined variables are not recognized as identifiers in the SQL statements. For example:

```
SELECT * from t;
```

```
+---+
| a |
```

```
+---+
| 1 |
+---+
```

```
SET @col = "`a`";
SELECT @col FROM t;
```

```
+------+
| @col |
+------+
| `a` |
+------+
```

14.13.1.5.3 MySQL compatibility

Except for `SELECT ... INTO <variable>`, the syntax supported in MySQL and TiDB is identical.

For more information, see User-Defined Variables in MySQL.

14.13.1.6 Expression Syntax

An expression is a combination of one or more values, operators, or functions. In TiDB, expressions are mainly used in various clauses of the `SELECT` statement, including Group by clause, Where clause, Having clause, Join condition and window function. In addition, some DDL statements also use expressions, such as the setting of the default values, columns, and partition rules when creating tables.

The expressions can be divided into the following types:

- Identifier. For reference, see Schema object names.
- Predicates, numeric values, strings, date expressions. The Literal values of these types are also expressions.
- Function calls and window functions. For reference, see Functions and operators overview and Window functions
- ParamMarker (`?`), system variables, user variables and CASE expressions.

The following rules are the expression syntax, which is based on the `parser.y` rules of TiDB parser.

```
Expression ::=
    ( singleAtIdentifier assignmentEq | 'NOT' | Expression ( logOr | 'XOR' |
        ↪ logAnd ) ) Expression
```

```
|   'MATCH' '(' ColumnNameList ')' 'AGAINST' '(' BitExpr
    ↪ FulltextSearchModifierOpt ')'
|   PredicateExpr ( IsOrNotOp 'NULL' | CompareOp ( ( singleAtIdentifier
    ↪ assignmentEq )? PredicateExpr | AnyOrAll SubSelect ) )* ( IsOrNotOp (
    ↪  trueKwd | falseKwd | 'UNKNOWN' ) )?

PredicateExpr ::=
    BitExpr ( BetweenOrNotOp BitExpr 'AND' BitExpr )* ( InOrNotOp ( '('
        ↪ ExpressionList ')' | SubSelect ) | LikeOrNotOp SimpleExpr
        ↪ LikeEscapeOpt | RegexpOrNotOp SimpleExpr )?

BitExpr ::=
    BitExpr ( ( '|' | '&' | '<<' | '>>' | '*' | '/' | '%' | 'DIV' | 'MOD' |
        ↪ '^' ) BitExpr | ( '+' | '-' ) ( BitExpr | "INTERVAL" Expression
        ↪ TimeUnit ) )
|   SimpleExpr

SimpleExpr ::=
    SimpleIdent ( ( '->' | '->>' ) stringLit )?
|   FunctionCallKeyword
|   FunctionCallNonKeyword
|   FunctionCallGeneric
|   SimpleExpr ( 'COLLATE' CollationName | pipes SimpleExpr )
|   WindowFuncCall
|   Literal
|   paramMarker
|   Variable
|   SumExpr
|   ( '!' | '~' | '-' | '+' | 'NOT' | 'BINARY' ) SimpleExpr
|   'EXISTS'? SubSelect
|   ( ( '(' ( ExpressionList ',' )? | 'ROW' '(' ExpressionList ',' )
    ↪ Expression | builtinCast '(' Expression 'AS' CastType | ( 'DEFAULT' |
    ↪  'VALUES' ) '(' SimpleIdent | 'CONVERT' '(' Expression ( ',' CastType
    ↪  | 'USING' CharsetName ) ) ')'
|   'CASE' ExpressionOpt WhenClause+ ElseOpt 'END'
```

14.13.1.7 Comment Syntax

This document describes the comment syntax supported by TiDB.

TiDB supports three comment styles:

- Use # to comment a line:

```
SELECT 1+1;   # comments
```

```
+------+
| 1+1  |
+------+
|    2 |
+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Use -- to comment a line:

```
SELECT 1+1;    -- comments
```

```
+------+
| 1+1  |
+------+
|    2 |
+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

And this style requires at least one whitespace after --:

```
SELECT 1+1--1;
```

```
+--------+
| 1+1--1 |
+--------+
|      3 |
+--------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

- Use /* */ to comment a block or multiple lines:

```
SELECT 1 /* this is an in-line comment */ + 1;
```

```
+--------+
| 1  + 1 |
+--------+
|      2 |
+--------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
SELECT 1+
/*
/*> this is a
/*> multiple-line comment
/*> */
    1;
```

```
+-------------------+
| 1+
       1 |
+-------------------+
|               2 |
+-------------------+
1 row in set (0.001 sec)
```

14.13.1.7.1 MySQL-compatible comment syntax

The same as MySQL, TiDB supports a variant of C comment style:

```
/*! Specific code */
```

or

```
/*!50110 Specific code */
```

In this style, TiDB runs the statements in the comment.

For example:

```
SELECT /*! STRAIGHT_JOIN */ col1 FROM table1,table2 WHERE ...
```

In TiDB, you can also use another version:

```
SELECT STRAIGHT_JOIN col1 FROM table1,table2 WHERE ...
```

If the server version number is specified in the comment, for example, `/*!50110 KEY_BLOCK_SIZE=1024 */`, in MySQL it means that the contents in this comment are processed only when the MySQL version is or higher than 5.1.10. But in TiDB, the MySQL version number does not work and all contents in the comment are processed.

14.13.1.7.2 TiDB specific comment syntax

TiDB has its own comment syntax (that is, TiDB specific comment syntax), which can be divided into the following two types:

- `/*T! Specific code */`: This syntax can only be parsed and executed by TiDB, and be ignored in other databases.
- `/*T![feature_id] Specific code */`: This syntax is used to ensure compatibility between different versions of TiDB. TiDB can parse the SQL fragment in this comment only if it implements the corresponding feature of `feature_id` in the current version. For example, as the `AUTO_RANDOM` feature is introduced in v3.1.1, this version of TiDB can parse `/*T![auto_rand] auto_random */` into `auto_random`. Because the `AUTO_RANDOM` feature is not implemented in v3.0.0, the SQL statement fragment above is ignored. **Do not leave any space inside the `/*T![` characters**.

14.13.1.7.3 Optimizer comment syntax

Another type of comment is specially treated as an optimizer hint:

```
SELECT /*+ hint */ FROM ...;
```

For details about the optimizer hints that TiDB supports, see Optimizer hints.

> **Note:**
>
> In MySQL client, the TiDB-specific comment syntax is treated as comments and cleared by default. In MySQL client before 5.7.7, hints are also seen as comments and are cleared by default. It is recommended to use the `--comments` option when you start the client. For example, `mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -uroot --comments`.

For more information, see Comment Syntax.

14.13.2 SQL Statements

14.13.2.1 SQL Statement Overview

TiDB uses SQL statements that aim to follow ISO/IEC SQL standards, with extensions for MySQL and TiDB-specific statements where necessary.

14.13.2.1.1 Schema management / Data definition statements (DDL)

SQL Statement	Description
ALTER DATABASE	Modifies a database.
ALTER SEQUENCE	Modifies a sequence.
ALTER TABLE ... ADD COLUMN	Adds a column to an existing table.
ALTER TABLE ... ADD INDEX	Adds an index to an existing table.
ALTER TABLE ... ALTER INDEX	Changes an index definition.

SQL Statement	Description
`ALTER TABLE ... CHANGE COLUMN`	Changes a column definition.
`ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT`	Compacts a table.
`ALTER TABLE ... DROP COLUMN`	Drops a column from a table.
`ALTER TABLE ... MODIFY COLUMN`	Modifies a column definition.
`ALTER TABLE ... RENAME INDEX`	Renames an index.
`ALTER TABLE`	Changes a table definition.
`CREATE DATABASE`	Creates a new database.
`CREATE INDEX`	Creates a new index on a table.
`CREATE SEQUENCE`	Creates a new sequence object.
`CREATE TABLE LIKE`	Copies the definition of an existing table, without copying any data.
`CREATE TABLE`	Creates a new table.
`CREATE VIEW`	Creates a new view.
`DROP DATABASE`	Drops an existing database.
`DROP INDEX`	Drops an index from a table.

SQL Statement	Description
DROP SEQUENCE	Drops a sequence object.
DROP TABLE	Drops an existing table.
DROP VIEW	Drops an existing view.
RENAME TABLE	Renames a table.
SHOW COLUMNS ↪ FROM	Shows the columns from a table.
SHOW CREATE ↪ DATABASE	Shows the CREATE statement for a database.
SHOW CREATE ↪ SEQUENCE	Shows the CREATE statement for a sequence.
SHOW CREATE ↪ TABLE	Shows the CREATE statement for a table.
SHOW DATABASES	Shows a list of databases that the current user has privileges to.
SHOW FIELDS ↪ FROM	Shows columns of a table.
[SHOW INDEXES ↪](#show-indexes-[from	in])

SQL Statement	Description
SHOW SCHEMAS	An alias to SHOW ↪ DATABASES ↪ , which shows a list of databases that the current user has privileges to.
SHOW TABLE ↪ NEXT_ROW_ID	Shows the next row ID for a table.
SHOW TABLE ↪ REGIONS	Shows the Region information of a table in TiDB.
SHOW TABLE ↪ STATUS	Shows various statistics about tables in TiDB.
SHOW TABLES	Shows tables in a database.
TRUNCATE	Truncates all data from a table.

14.13.2.1.2 Data manipulation statements (DML)

SQL Statement	Description
BATCH	Splits a DML statement into multiple statements in TiDB for execution.
DELETE	Deletes rows from a table.
INSERT	Inserts new rows into a table.
REPLACE	Replaces existing rows or inserts new rows.
SELECT	Reads data from a table.
TABLE	Retrieves rows from a table.
UPDATE	Updates existing rows in a table.
WITH	Defines common table expressions.

14.13.2.1.3 Transaction statements

SQL Statement	Description
BEGIN	Begins a new transaction.
COMMIT	Commits the current transaction.
ROLLBACK	Rolls back the current transaction.
SAVEPOINT	Sets a savepoint within a transaction.
SET TRANSACTION	Changes the current isolation level on a GLOBAL or SESSION basis.
START TRANSACTION	Starts a new transaction.

14.13.2.1.4 Prepared statements

SQL Statement	Description
DEALLOCATE	Deallocates a prepared statement, freeing associated resources.
EXECUTE	Executes a prepared statement with specific parameter values.
PREPARE	Creates a prepared statement with placeholders.

14.13.2.1.5 Administrative statements

SQL Statement	Description
ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS	Modifies the parameter of a single ru
ADMIN CANCEL DDL	Cancels a DDL job.
[ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]](#admin-check-[table	index])
ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE	Computes the checksum of a table.
ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX	Cleans up indexes from a table.
ADMIN PAUSE DDL	Pauses DDL operations.
ADMIN RESUME DDL	Resumes DDL operations.
[ADMIN SHOW DDL [JOBS|JOB QUERIES]](#admin-show-ddl-[jobs	job-queries])
ADMIN	Performs various administrative task
FLUSH TABLES	Included for MySQL compatibility. I
SET <variable>	Modifies a system variable or user va
[SET [NAMES|CHARACTER SET]](#set-[names	character-set])
SPLIT REGION	Splits a Region into smaller Regions.

14.13.2.1.6 Data import and export

SQL Statement	Description
CANCEL IMPORT ↪ JOB	Cancels an ongoing import job.

SQL Statement	Description
IMPORT INTO	Imports data into a table via the Physical Import Mode of TiDB Lightning.
LOAD DATA	Loads data into a table from Amazon S3 or Google Cloud Storage.
SHOW IMPORT ↪ JOB	Shows the status of an import job.

14.13.2.1.7 Backup & restore

SQL Statement	Description
BACKUP	Performs a distributed backup of the TiDB cluster.
FLASHBACK ↪ CLUSTER	Restores the cluster to a specific snapshot.
FLASHBACK ↪ DATABASE	Restores a database and its data deleted by the DROP statement.
FLASHBACK ↪ TABLE	Restore the tables and data dropped by the DROP or TRUNCATE operation.

SQL Statement	Description
RECOVER TABLE	Recovers a deleted table and the data on it.
RESTORE	Restores a database from a backup.
[SHOW BACKUPS ↪](#show-[backups	restores])
[SHOW RESTORES ↪](#show-[backups	restores])

14.13.2.1.8 Placement policy

SQL Statement	Description
ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY	Modifies a placement policy.
ALTER RANGE	Modifies the range of a placement policy.
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY	Creates a new placement policy.
DROP PLACEMENT POLICY	Drops an existing placement policy.
SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY	Shows the CREATE statement for a placement policy.
SHOW PLACEMENT FOR	Shows placement rules for a specific table.
SHOW PLACEMENT LABELS	Shows available placement labels.
SHOW PLACEMENT	Shows placement rules.

14.13.2.1.9 Resource groups

SQL Statement	Description
ALTER RESOURCE ↪ GROUP	Modifies a resource group.
CALIBRATE ↪ RESOURCE	Estimates and outputs the Request Unit (RU) capacity of the current cluster.
CREATE ↪ RESOURCE ↪ GROUP	Creates a new resource group.

SQL Statement	Description
DROP RESOURCE ↪ GROUP	Drops a resource group.
QUERY WATCH	Manages the runaway query watch list.
SET RESOURCE ↪ GROUP	Sets a resource group.
SHOW CREATE ↪ RESOURCE ↪ GROUP	Shows the CREATE statement for a resource group.

14.13.2.1.10 Utility statements

SQL Statement	Description
DESC	An alias to DESCRIBE, which shows the structure of a table.
DESCRIBE	Shows the structure of a table.
DO	Executes an expression but does not return any results.
EXPLAIN	Shows the execution plan of a query.
TRACE	Provides detailed information about query execution.
USE	Sets the current database.

14.13.2.1.11 Show statements

SQL Statement	Description
SHOW BUILTINS	Lists builtin functions.
SHOW CHARACTER SET	Lists character sets.
SHOW COLLATIONS	Lists collations.
SHOW ERRORS	Shows errors from previously executed statements.
[SHOW STATUS](#show-[global	session]-status)
[SHOW VARIABLES](#show-[global	session]-variables)
SHOW WARNINGS	Shows warnings and notes from previously executed statements.

14.13.2.1.12 Instance management

SQL Statement	Description
`ALTER INSTANCE`	Modifies an instance.
`FLUSH STATUS`	Included for compatibility with MySQL. TiDB uses Prometheus and Grafana for centralized metrics collection instead of `SHOW STATUS` for most metrics.
`KILL`	Kills a connection in any TiDB instance in the current TiDB cluster.
`SHOW CONFIG`	Shows the configuration of various components of TiDB.
`SHOW ENGINES`	Shows available storage engines.
`SHOW PLUGINS`	Shows installed plugins.
`SHOW` ↪ `PROCESSLIST`	Shows the current sessions connected to the same TiDB server.

SQL Statement	Description
SHOW PROFILES	Included for compatibility with MySQL. Currently, it only returns an empty result.
SHUTDOWN	Stops the client-connected TiDB instance, not the entire TiDB cluster.

14.13.2.1.13 Locking statements

SQL Statement	Description
LOCK STATS	Locks statistics of tables or partitions.
LOCK TABLES	Locks tables for the current session.
UNLOCK STATS	Unlocks statistics of tables or partitions.
UNLOCK TABLES	Unlocks tables.

14.13.2.1.14 Account management / Data Control Language

SQL Statement	Description
ALTER USER	Modifies a user.
CREATE ROLE	Creates a role.
CREATE USER	Creates a new user.
DROP ROLE	Drops an existing role.
DROP USER	Drops an existing user.

SQL Statement	Description
FLUSH ↪ PRIVILEGES	Reloads the in-memory copy of privileges from the privilege tables.
GRANT < ↪ privileges>	Grants privileges.
GRANT <role>	Grants a role.
RENAME USER	Renames an existing user.
REVOKE < ↪ privileges>	Revokes privileges.
REVOKE <role>	Revokes a role.
SET DEFAULT ↪ ROLE	Sets a default role.
SET PASSWORD	Changes a password.
SET ROLE	Enables roles in the current session.
SHOW CREATE ↪ USER	Shows the CREATE statement for a user.
SHOW GRANTS	Shows privileges associated with a user.
SHOW ↪ PRIVILEGES	Shows available privileges.

14.13.2.1.15 TiCDC

SQL Statement	Description
[ADMIN [SET|SHOW|UNSET] BDR ROLE](#admin-[set	show
SHOW MASTER STATUS	Shows the latest TSO in the cluster.

14.13.2.1.16 Statistics and plan management

SQL Statement	Description
ANALYZE TABLE	Collects statistics about a table.
[CREATE ↪ BINDING ↪](#create-[global	session]-binding)
[DROP BINDING ↪](#drop-[global	session]-binding)
DROP STATS	Drops statistics from a table.
EXPLAIN ↪ ANALYZE	Works similar to EXPLAIN, with the major difference that it will execute the statement.
LOAD STATS	Loads statistics into TiDB.
SHOW ANALYZE ↪ STATUS	Shows statistics collection tasks.
[SHOW BINDINGS ↪](#show-[global	session]-bindings)
SHOW COLUMN_ ↪ STATS_USAGE	Shows the last usage time and collection time of column statistics.
SHOW STATS_ ↪ BUCKETS	Shows the bucket information in statistics.

SQL Statement	Description
`SHOW STATS_ HEALTHY`	Shows an estimation of how accurate statistics are believed to be.
`SHOW STATS_ HISTOGRAMS`	Shows the histogram information in statistics.
`SHOW STATS_ LOCKED`	Shows the tables whose statistics are locked.
`SHOW STATS_ META`	Shows how many rows are in a table and how many rows are changed in that table.
`SHOW STATS_ TOPN`	Shows the Top-N information in statistics.

14.13.2.2 ADMIN

This statement is a TiDB extension syntax, used to view the status of TiDB and check the data of tables in TiDB. This document introduces the following `ADMIN` related statements:

- `ADMIN RELOAD`
- `ADMIN PLUGINS`
- `ADMIN ... BINDINGS`
- `ADMIN REPAIR`
- `ADMIN SHOW NEXT_ROW_ID`
- `ADMIN SHOW SLOW`

14.13.2.2.1 DDL related statement

Statement	Description
`ADMIN CANCEL DDL JOBS`	Cancels a currently running DDL job
`ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE`	Calculates the CRC64 of all rows + i

Statement	Description
[ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]](#admin-check-[table	index])
[ADMIN SHOW DDL [JOBS|QUERIES]](#admin-show-ddl-[jobs	job-queries])

14.13.2.2.2 `ADMIN RELOAD` statement

```
ADMIN RELOAD expr_pushdown_blacklist;
```

The above statement is used to reload the blocklist pushed down by the expression.

```
ADMIN RELOAD opt_rule_blacklist;
```

The above statement is used to reload the blocklist of logic optimization rules.

14.13.2.2.3 `ADMIN PLUGINS` related statement

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

```
ADMIN PLUGINS ENABLE plugin_name [, plugin_name] ...;
```

The above statement is used to enable the `plugin_name` plugin.

```
ADMIN PLUGINS DISABLE plugin_name [, plugin_name] ...;
```

The above statement is used to disable the `plugin_name` plugin.

14.13.2.2.4 `ADMIN BINDINGS` related statement

```
ADMIN FLUSH BINDINGS;
```

The above statement is used to persist SQL Plan binding information.

```
ADMIN CAPTURE BINDINGS;
```

The above statement can generate the binding of SQL Plan from the `SELECT` statement that occurs more than once.

```
ADMIN EVOLVE BINDINGS;
```

After the automatic binding feature is enabled, the evolution of SQL Plan binding information is triggered every `bind-info-leave` (the default value is `3s`). The above statement is used to proactively trigger this evolution.

```
ADMIN RELOAD BINDINGS;
```

The above statement is used to reload SQL Plan binding information.

14.13.2.2.5 ADMIN REPAIR statement

To overwrite the metadata of the stored table in an untrusted way in extreme cases, use `ADMIN REPAIR TABLE`:

```
ADMIN REPAIR TABLE tbl_name CREATE TABLE STATEMENT;
```

Here "untrusted" means that you need to manually ensure that the metadata of the original table can be covered by the `CREATE TABLE STATEMENT` operation. To use this `REPAIR` statement, enable the `repair-mode` configuration item, and make sure that the tables to be repaired are listed in the `repair-table-list`.

14.13.2.2.6 ADMIN SHOW NEXT_ROW_ID statement

```
ADMIN SHOW t NEXT_ROW_ID;
```

The above statement is used to view the details of some special columns of a table. The output is the same as SHOW TABLE NEXT_ROW_ID.

14.13.2.2.7 ADMIN SHOW SLOW statement

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

```
ADMIN SHOW SLOW RECENT N;
```

```
ADMIN SHOW SLOW TOP [INTERNAL | ALL] N;
```

For details, refer to ADMIN SHOW SLOW command.

14.13.2.2.8 Synopsis

```
AdminStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' (
        'SHOW' (
            'DDL' (
                'JOBS' Int64Num? WhereClauseOptional
```

```
                | 'JOB' 'QUERIES' (NumList | AdminStmtLimitOpt)
            )?
            | TableName 'NEXT_ROW_ID'
            | 'SLOW' AdminShowSlow
            | 'BDR' 'ROLE'
        )
        | 'CHECK' (
            'TABLE' TableNameList
            | 'INDEX' TableName Identifier ( HandleRange ( ',' HandleRange )*
                ↪ )?
        )
        | 'RECOVER' 'INDEX' TableName Identifier
        | 'CLEANUP' (
            'INDEX' TableName Identifier
            | 'TABLE' 'LOCK' TableNameList )
        | 'CHECKSUM' 'TABLE' TableNameList | 'CANCEL' 'DDL' 'JOBS' NumList
        | ( 'CANCEL' | 'PAUSE' | 'RESUME' ) 'DDL' 'JOBS' NumList
        | 'RELOAD' (
            'EXPR_PUSHDOWN_BLACKLIST'
            | 'OPT_RULE_BLACKLIST'
            | 'BINDINGS'
            | 'STATS_EXTENDED'
            | 'STATISTICS'
        )
        | 'PLUGINS' ( 'ENABLE' | 'DISABLE' ) PluginNameList
        | 'REPAIR' 'TABLE' TableName CreateTableStmt
        | ( 'FLUSH' | 'CAPTURE' | 'EVOLVE' ) 'BINDINGS'
        | 'FLUSH' ('SESSION' | 'INSTANCE') 'PLAN_CACHE'
        | 'SET' 'BDR' 'ROLE' ( 'PRIMARY' | 'SECONDARY' )
        | 'UNSET' 'BDR' 'ROLE'
    )

NumList ::=
    Int64Num ( ',' Int64Num )*

AdminStmtLimitOpt ::=
    'LIMIT' LengthNum
|    'LIMIT' LengthNum ',' LengthNum
|    'LIMIT' LengthNum 'OFFSET' LengthNum

TableNameList ::=
    TableName ( ',' TableName )*
```

14.13.2.2.9 Examples

Run the following command to view the last 10 completed DDL jobs in the currently running DDL job queue. When `NUM` is not specified, only the last 10 completed DDL jobs is presented by default.

```
ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS;
```

```
+--------+---------+-----------+---------------------+----------------+-----------+----
   ↪
| JOB_ID | DB_NAME | TABLE_NAME | JOB_TYPE      | SCHEMA_STATE | SCHEMA_ID |
   ↪  TABLE_ID | ROW_COUNT | START_TIME                | END_TIME
   ↪                        | STATE       |
+--------+---------+-----------+---------------------+----------------+-----------+----
   ↪
| 45    | test   | t1        | add index    | write reorganization | 32    |
   ↪ 37      | 0        | 2019-01-10 12:38:36.501 +0800 CST |
   ↪                            | running     |
| 44    | test   | t1        | add index    | none                 | 32       |
   ↪ 37      | 0        | 2019-01-10 12:36:55.18 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
   ↪ 12:36:55.852 +0800 CST | rollback done |
| 43    | test   | t1        | add index    | public               | 32       |
   ↪ 37      | 6        | 2019-01-10 12:35:13.66 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
   ↪ 12:35:14.925 +0800 CST | synced |
| 42    | test   | t1        | drop index   | none                 | 32       |
   ↪ 37      | 0        | 2019-01-10 12:34:35.204 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
   ↪ 12:34:36.958 +0800 CST | synced |
| 41    | test   | t1        | add index    | public               | 32       |
   ↪ 37      | 0        | 2019-01-10 12:33:22.62 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
   ↪ 12:33:24.625 +0800 CST | synced |
| 40    | test   | t1        | drop column | none                 | 32       |
   ↪ 37      | 0        | 2019-01-10 12:33:08.212 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
   ↪ 12:33:09.78 +0800 CST | synced |
| 39    | test   | t1        | add column   | public               | 32       |
   ↪ 37      | 0        | 2019-01-10 12:32:55.42 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
   ↪ 12:32:56.24 +0800 CST | synced |
| 38    | test   | t1        | create table | public               | 32       |
   ↪ 37      | 0        | 2019-01-10 12:32:41.956 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
   ↪ 12:32:43.956 +0800 CST | synced |
| 36    | test   |           | drop table   | none                 | 32       |
   ↪ 34      | 0        | 2019-01-10 11:29:59.982 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
   ↪ 11:30:00.45 +0800 CST | synced |
| 35    | test   |           | create table | public               | 32       |
   ↪ 34      | 0        | 2019-01-10 11:29:40.741 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
   ↪ 11:29:41.682 +0800 CST | synced |
| 33    | test   |           | create schema | public              | 32       | 0
   ↪        | 0        | 2019-01-10 11:29:22.813 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
```

```
    ↪ 11:29:23.954 +0800 CST | synced |
+--------+---------+-----------+--------------------+---------------+-----------+----
    ↪
```

Run the following command to view the last 5 completed DDL jobs in the currently running DDL job queue:

```
ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS 5;
```

```
+--------+---------+-----------+--------------------+---------------+-----------+----
    ↪
| JOB_ID | DB_NAME | TABLE_NAME | JOB_TYPE      | SCHEMA_STATE | SCHEMA_ID |
    ↪  TABLE_ID | ROW_COUNT | START_TIME                | END_TIME
    ↪                        | STATE       |
+--------+---------+-----------+--------------------+---------------+-----------+----
    ↪
| 45     | test    | t1        | add index    | write reorganization | 32     |
    ↪ 37      | 0         | 2019-01-10 12:38:36.501 +0800 CST |
    ↪                             | running     |
| 44     | test    | t1        | add index    | none                 | 32       |
    ↪ 37      | 0         | 2019-01-10 12:36:55.18 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
    ↪ 12:36:55.852 +0800 CST | rollback done |
| 43     | test    | t1        | add index    | public               | 32       |
    ↪ 37      | 6         | 2019-01-10 12:35:13.66 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
    ↪ 12:35:14.925 +0800 CST | synced |
| 42     | test    | t1        | drop index   | none                 | 32       |
    ↪ 37      | 0         | 2019-01-10 12:34:35.204 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
    ↪ 12:34:36.958 +0800 CST | synced |
| 41     | test    | t1        | add index    | public               | 32       |
    ↪ 37      | 0         | 2019-01-10 12:33:22.62 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
    ↪ 12:33:24.625 +0800 CST | synced |
| 40     | test    | t1        | drop column | none                 | 32       |
    ↪ 37      | 0         | 2019-01-10 12:33:08.212 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
    ↪ 12:33:09.78 +0800 CST | synced |
+--------+---------+-----------+--------------------+---------------+-----------+----
    ↪
```

Run the following command to view the details of some special columns of a table. The output is the same as SHOW TABLE NEXT_ROW_ID.

```
ADMIN SHOW t NEXT_ROW_ID;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------------+-------------+--------------------+---------------+
    ↪
| DB_NAME | TABLE_NAME | COLUMN_NAME | NEXT_GLOBAL_ROW_ID | ID_TYPE |
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+-------------+--------------------+---------------+
    ↪
| test   | t         | _tidb_rowid |             101 | _TIDB_ROWID |
| test   | t         | _tidb_rowid |               1 | AUTO_INCREMENT |
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+-------------+--------------------+---------------+
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Run the following command to view the uncompleted DDL jobs in the test database. The results include the DDL jobs that are running and the last 5 DDL jobs that are completed but failed.

```
ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS 5 WHERE state != 'synced' AND db_name = 'test';
```

```
+--------+---------+-----------+---------------------+---------------+-----------+----
    ↪
| JOB_ID | DB_NAME | TABLE_NAME | JOB_TYPE      | SCHEMA_STATE | SCHEMA_ID |
    ↪  TABLE_ID | ROW_COUNT | START_TIME                | END_TIME
    ↪                         | STATE       |
+--------+---------+-----------+---------------------+---------------+-----------+----
    ↪
| 45     | test    | t1        | add index    | write reorganization | 32    |
    ↪ 37      | 0         | 2019-01-10 12:38:36.501 +0800 CST |
    ↪                             | running     |
| 44     | test    | t1        | add index    | none                 | 32       |
    ↪ 37      | 0         | 2019-01-10 12:36:55.18 +0800 CST | 2019-01-10
    ↪ 12:36:55.852 +0800 CST | rollback done |
+--------+---------+-----------+---------------------+---------------+-----------+----
    ↪
```

- `JOB_ID`: each DDL operation corresponds to one DDL job. `JOB_ID` is globally unique.
- `DB_NAME`: the name of the database on which the DDL operations are performed.
- `TABLE_NAME`: the name of the table on which the DDL operations are performed.
- `JOB_TYPE`: the type of the DDL operations.
- `SCHEMA_STATE`: the current state of the schema. If the `JOB_TYPE` is `add index`, it is the state of the index; if the `JOB_TYPE` is `add column`, it is the state of the column; if the `JOB_TYPE` is `create table`, it is the state of the table. The common states include:
    - `none`: it indicates not existing. When the `drop` or `create` operation fails and rolls back, it usually becomes the `none` state.
    - `delete only`, `write only`, `delete reorganization`, `write reorganization`: these four states are intermediate states. These states are not visible in common operations, because the conversion from the intermediate states is so quick. You

can see the `write reorganization` state only in `add index` operations, which means that the index data is being added.
- `public`: it indicates existing and usable. When operations like `create table` and `add index/column` are finished, it usually becomes the `public` state, which means that the created table/column/index can be normally read and written now.

- `SCHEMA_ID`: the ID of the database on which the DDL operations are performed.
- `TABLE_ID`: the ID of the table on which the DDL operations are performed.
- `ROW_COUNT`: the number of the data rows that have been added when running the `add index` operation.
- `START_TIME`: the start time of the DDL operations.
- `END_TIME`: the end time of the DDL operations.
- `STATE`: the state of the DDL operations. The common states include:
  - `none`: it indicates that the operation task has been put in the DDL job queue but has not been performed yet, because it is waiting for the previous tasks to complete. Another reason might be that it becomes the `none` state after running the drop operation, but it will soon be updated to the `synced` state, which means that all TiDB instances have been synced to this state.
  - `running`: it indicates that the operation is being performed.
  - `synced`: it indicates that the operation has been performed successfully and all TiDB instances have been synced to this state.
  - `rollback done`: it indicates that the operation has failed and has finished rolling back.
  - `rollingback`: it indicates that the operation has failed and is rolling back.
  - `cancelling`: it indicates that the operation is being cancelled. This state only occurs when you cancel DDL jobs using the `ADMIN CANCEL DDL JOBS` command.
  - `paused`: it indicates that the operation has been paused. This state only appears when you use the `ADMIN PAUSED DDL JOBS` command to pause the DDL job. You can use the `ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS` command to resume the DDL job.

14.13.2.2.10 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.3 ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS

The `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS` statement allows you to modify the parameter of a single running DDL job. For example:

```
ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS 101 THREAD = 8;
```

- `101`: indicates the ID of the DDL job. You can obtain the ID by executing `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS`.

- `THREAD`: indicates the concurrency of the DDL job. You can configure its initial value using the system variable `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt`.

The DDL job types supported by the `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS` statement include `ADD INDEX`, `MODIFY COLUMN`, and `REORGANIZE PARTITION`. For other DDL job types, executing `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS` returns the `unsupported DDL operation` error.

Currently, you can only modify the parameters of a single DDL job by executing `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS`. Modifying the parameters of multiple DDL job IDs at the same time is not supported.

The following are the supported parameters for different DDL jobs and their corresponding system variables:

- `ADD INDEX`:
    - `THREAD`: the concurrency of the DDL job. The initial value is set by `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt`.
    - `BATCH_SIZE`: the batch size. The initial value is set by `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size`.
    - `MAX_WRITE_SPEED`: the maximum bandwidth limit for importing index records into each TiKV. The initial value is set by `tidb_ddl_reorg_max_write_speed`.

Currently, the preceding parameters only work for `ADD INDEX` jobs that are submitted and running after `tidb_enable_dist_task` is disabled.

- `MODIFY COLUMN`:
    - `THREAD`: the concurrency of the DDL job. The initial value is set by `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt`.
    - `BATCH_SIZE`: the batch size. The initial value is set by `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size`.
- `REORGANIZE PARTITION`:
    - `THREAD`: the concurrency of the DDL job. The initial value is set by `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt`.
    - `BATCH_SIZE`: the batch size. The initial value is set by `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size`.

The value ranges of the preceding parameters are consistent with those of the corresponding system variables.

`ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS` takes effect only on running DDL jobs. If the DDL job does not exist or has already completed, executing this statement returns the `ddl job is not running` error.

The following are some examples of this statement:

```
ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS 101 THREAD = 8;
ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS 101 BATCH_SIZE = 256;
ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS 101 MAX_WRITE_SPEED = '200MiB';
ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS 101 THREAD = 8, BATCH_SIZE = 256;
```

To view the current parameter values for a specific DDL job, you can execute `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS`. The results are displayed in the `COMMENTS` column:

```
ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS 1;
```

```
+--------+---------+-----------+----------+--------------+----------+----------+-----
    ↪
| JOB_ID | DB_NAME | TABLE_NAME | JOB_TYPE | SCHEMA_STATE | SCHEMA_ID |
    ↪ TABLE_ID | ROW_COUNT | CREATE_TIME | START_TIME              | END_
    ↪ TIME                | STATE | COMMENTS           |
+--------+---------+-----------+----------+--------------+----------+----------+-----
    ↪
|    124 | test    | t         | add index | public     |         2 |      122 |
    ↪        3 | 2024-11-15 11:17:06.213000 | 2024-11-15 11:17:06.213000 |
    ↪ 2024-11-15 11:17:08.363000 | synced | ingest, DXF, thread=8 |
+--------+---------+-----------+----------+--------------+----------+----------+-----
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.3.1 Synopsis

```
AdminAlterDDLStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'ALTER' 'DDL' 'JOBS' Int64Num AlterJobOptionList

AlterJobOptionList ::=
    AlterJobOption ( ',' AlterJobOption )*

AlterJobOption ::=
    identifier "=" SignedLiteral
```

14.13.2.3.2 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.3.3 See also

- ADMIN SHOW DDL [JOBS|QUERIES]
- ADMIN CANCEL DDL
- ADMIN PAUSE DDL
- ADMIN RESUME DDL

14.13.2.4 ADMIN CANCEL DDL

The `ADMIN CANCEL DDL` statement allows you to cancel a running DDL job. The `job_id` can be found by running `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS`.

The `ADMIN CANCEL DDL` statement also allows you to cancel a DDL job that is committed but not yet completed executing. After the cancellation, the SQL statement that executes the DDL job returns the `ERROR 8214 (HY000): Cancelled DDL job` error. If you cancel a DDL job that has already been completed, you will see the `DDL Job:90 not found` error in the `RESULT` column, which indicates that the job has been removed from the DDL waiting queue.

14.13.2.4.1 Synopsis

```
AdminCancelDDLStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'CANCEL' 'DDL' 'JOBS' NumList

NumList ::=
    Int64Num ( ',' Int64Num )*
```

14.13.2.4.2 Examples

To cancel the currently running DDL jobs and return whether the corresponding jobs are successfully cancelled, use `ADMIN CANCEL DDL JOBS`:

```
ADMIN CANCEL DDL JOBS job_id [, job_id] ...;
```

If the operation fails to cancel the jobs, specific reasons are displayed.

Note:

- Before v6.2.0, only this operation can cancel DDL jobs, and all other operations and environment changes (such as machine restart and cluster restart) cannot cancel these jobs. Starting from v6.2.0, `KILL` statements can also be used to cancel ongoing DDL jobs by killing them.
- This operation can cancel multiple DDL jobs at the same time. You can get the ID of DDL jobs using the `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` statement.
- If the jobs you want to cancel are finished, the cancellation operation fails.

14.13.2.4.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.4.4 See also

- ADMIN SHOW DDL [JOBS|JOB QUERIES]

14.13.2.5 ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE

The `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE` statement calculates a CRC64 checksum for the data and indexes of a table.

The checksum is calculated based on table data and properties such as `table_id`. This means that two tables with the same data but different `table_id` values will get different checksums.

After importing a table using TiDB Lightning, TiDB Data Migration, or `IMPORT INTO`, `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE <table>` is executed by default to validate data integrity.

14.13.2.5.1 Synopsis

```
AdminChecksumTableStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'CHECKSUM' 'TABLE' TableNameList

TableNameList ::=
    TableName ( ',' TableName )*
```

14.13.2.5.2 Examples

Create table `t1`:

```
CREATE TABLE t1(id INT PRIMARY KEY);
```

Insert some data into `t1`:

```
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1),(2),(3);
```

Calculate the checksum for `t1`:

```
ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE t1;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+---------+------------+---------------------+-----------+-------------+
| Db_name | Table_name | Checksum_crc64_xor | Total_kvs | Total_bytes |
+---------+------------+---------------------+-----------+-------------+
| test    | t1         | 10909174369497628533 |     3 |         75 |
+---------+------------+---------------------+-----------+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.5.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.6 ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]

The `ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]` statement checks for data consistency of tables and indexes.

It does not support the following:

- Checking FOREIGN KEY constraints.
- Checking the PRIMARY KEY index if a clustered primary key is used.

If `ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]` finds any issues, you can resolve them by dropping and recreating the index. If the issue is not resolved, you can report a bug.

14.13.2.6.1 Principles

The `ADMIN CHECK TABLE` statement takes the following steps to check the table:

1. For each index, it checks if the number of records in the index is the same as that in the table.
2. For each index, it loops over the values in each row and compares the values with that in the table.

If you use the `ADMIN CHECK INDEX` statement, it only checks the specified index.

14.13.2.6.2 Synopsis

```
AdminCheckStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'CHECK' ( 'TABLE' TableNameList | 'INDEX' TableName Identifier (
       ↪ HandleRange ( ',' HandleRange )* )? )

TableNameList ::=
    TableName ( ',' TableName )*

HandleRange ::= '(' Int64Num ',' Int64Num ')'
```

14.13.2.6.3 Examples

To check the consistency of all the data and corresponding indexes in the `tbl_name` table, use `ADMIN CHECK TABLE`:

```
ADMIN CHECK TABLE tbl_name [, tbl_name] ...;
```

If the consistency check is passed, an empty result is returned. Otherwise, an error message is returned indicating that the data is inconsistent.

```
ADMIN CHECK INDEX tbl_name idx_name;
```

The above statement is used to check the consistency of the column data and index data corresponding to the `idx_name` index in the `tbl_name` table. If the consistency check is passed, an empty result is returned; otherwise, an error message is returned indicating that the data is inconsistent.

```
ADMIN CHECK INDEX tbl_name idx_name (lower_val, upper_val) [, (lower_val,
    ↪ upper_val)] ...;
```

The above statement is used to check the consistency of the column data and index data corresponding to the `idx_name` index in the `tbl_name` table, with the data range (to be checked) specified. If the consistency check is passed, an empty result is returned. Otherwise, an error message is returned indicating that the data is inconsistent.

14.13.2.6.4 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.6.5 See also

- ADMIN REPAIR

14.13.2.7 ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX

The `ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX` statement is used to delete redundant indexes from a table when the table has inconsistent data and index. Note that this syntax does not support foreign key constraints yet.

14.13.2.7.1 Synopsis

```
AdminCleanupStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'CLEANUP' ( 'INDEX' TableName IndexName | 'TABLE' 'LOCK'
       ↪ TableNameList )

TableNameList ::=
    TableName ( ',' TableName )*
```

14.13.2.7.2 Examples

Assume that the `tbl` table in a database has inconsistent data and index due to some reasons (for example, some row data is lost in the cluster in a disaster recovery scenario):

```
SELECT * FROM tbl;
ERROR 1105 (HY000): inconsistent index idx handle count 3 isn't equal to
    ↪ value count 2

ADMIN CHECK INDEX tbl idx ;
ERROR 1105 (HY000): handle &kv.CommonHandle{encoded:[]uint8{0x1, 0x0, 0x0, 0
    ↪ x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0xf8}, colEndOffsets:[]uint16{0xa}},
    ↪ index:types.Datum{k:0x5, decimal:0x0, length:0x0, i:0, collation:"
    ↪ utf8mb4_bin", b:[]uint8{0x0}, x:interface {}(nil)} != record:<nil>
```

It can be seen from the error message of the `SELECT` query that, the `tbl` table contains two rows of data and three rows of index data, which means inconsistent row and index data. At the same time, at least one index is in dangling state. In this case, you can use the `ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX` statement to delete the dangling index:

```
ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX tbl idx;
```

The execution result is as follows:

```
ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX tbl idx;
+---------------+
| REMOVED_COUNT |
+---------------+
|             1 |
+---------------+
```

You can execute the `ADMIN CHECK INDEX` statement again to check the consistency of data and index, and verify whether the data has been restored to a normal state:

```
ADMIN CHECK INDEX tbl idx;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Note:

When the data and index are inconsistent due to the loss of replicas:

- There might be a loss of both row data and index data. To restore the consistency, use the `ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX` and `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX` statements together.

- The `ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX` statement is always executed in a single thread. When the table data is large, it is recommended to recover the index data by rebuilding the index.
- When you execute the `ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX` statement, the corresponding table or index is not locked and TiDB allows other sessions to modify the table records at the same time. However, in this case, `ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX` might not be able to handle all table records correctly. Therefore, when you execute `ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX`, avoid modifying the table data at the same time.
- If you use the enterprise edition of TiDB, you can submit a request to contact the support engineer for help.

The `ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX` statement is not atomic: if the statement is interrupted during execution, it is recommended to execute it again until it succeeds.

14.13.2.7.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.7.4 See also

- `ADMIN CHECK TABLE/INDEX`
- `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX`

14.13.2.8 ADMIN PAUSE DDL JOBS

`ADMIN PAUSE DDL` allows you to pause a running DDL job. The `job_id` can be found by running `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS`.

You can use this statement to pause a DDL job that is issued but not yet completed executing. After the pause, the SQL statement that executes the DDL job does not return immediately, but looks like it is still running. If you try to pause a DDL job that has already been completed, you will see the `DDL Job:90 not found` error in the `RESULT` column, which indicates that the job has been removed from the DDL waiting queue.

14.13.2.8.1 Synopsis

```
AdminPauseDDLStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'PAUSE' 'DDL' 'JOBS' NumList

NumList ::=
    Int64Num ( ',' Int64Num )*
```

14.13.2.8.2 Examples

`ADMIN PAUSE DDL JOBS` pauses the currently running DDL job and returns whether the job is paused successfully. The job can be resumed by `ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS`.

```
ADMIN PAUSE DDL JOBS job_id [, job_id] ...;
```

If the pause fails, the specific reason for the failure is displayed.

Note:

- This statement can pause a DDL job, but other operations and environment changes (such as machine restarts and cluster restarts) do not pause DDL jobs except for cluster upgrades.
- During the cluster upgrade, the ongoing DDL jobs are paused, and the DDL jobs initiated during the upgrade are also paused. After the upgrade, all paused DDL jobs will resume. The pause and resume operations during the upgrade are taken automatically. For details, see TiDB Smooth Upgrade.
- This statement can pause multiple DDL jobs. You can use the `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` statement to obtain the `job_id` of a DDL job.

14.13.2.8.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.8.4 See also

- `ADMIN SHOW DDL [JOBS|QUERIES]`
- `ADMIN CANCEL DDL`
- `ADMIN RESUME DDL`
- `ADMIN ALTER DDL`

14.13.2.9 ADMIN RECOVER INDEX

When the row data and index data are inconsistent, you can use the `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX` statement to recover the consistency based on the redundant indexes. Note that this syntax does not support foreign key constraints yet.

14.13.2.9.1 Synopsis

```
AdminRecoverStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'RECOVER' 'INDEX' TableName IndexName
```

14.13.2.9.2 Examples

Assume that the `tbl` table in a database has inconsistent row data and index due to some reasons (for example, some row data is lost in the cluster in a disaster recovery scenario):

```
SELECT * FROM tbl;
ERROR 1105 (HY000): inconsistent index idx handle count 2 isn't equal to
    ↪ value count 3

ADMIN CHECK INDEX tbl idx ;
ERROR 1105 (HY000): handle &kv.CommonHandle{encoded:[]uint8{0x1, 0x0, 0x0, 0
    ↪ x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0xf8}, colEndOffsets:[]uint16{0xa}},
    ↪ index:types.Datum{k:0x5, decimal:0x0, length:0x0, i:0, collation:"
    ↪ utf8mb4_bin", b:[]uint8{0x0}, x:interface {}(nil)} != record:<nil>
```

It can be seen from the error message of the `SELECT` query that, the `tbl` table contains three rows of data and two rows of index data, which means inconsistent row data and index data. At the same time, at least one row of data has no corresponding index. In this case, you can use the `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX` statement to supplement the missing index:

```
ADMIN RECOVER INDEX tbl idx;
```

The execution result is as follows:

```
ADMIN RECOVER INDEX tbl idx;
+-------------+------------+
| ADDED_COUNT | SCAN_COUNT |
+-------------+------------+
|           1 |          3 |
+-------------+------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

You can execute the `ADMIN CHECK INDEX` statement again to check the consistency of data and index, and verify whether the data has been restored to normal state:

```
ADMIN CHECK INDEX tbl idx;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Note:

When the data and index are inconsistent due to the loss of replicas:

- There might be a loss of both row data and index data. To address the issue, use the `ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX` and `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX` statements together to recover the consistency of row data and index data.

- The `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX` statement is always executed in a single thread. When the table data is large, it is recommended to recover the index data by rebuilding the index.
- When you execute the `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX` statement, the corresponding table or index is not locked and TiDB allows other sessions to modify the table records at the same time. However, in this case, `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX` might not be able to handle all table records correctly. Therefore, when you execute `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX`, avoid modifying the table data at the same time.
- If you use the enterprise edition of TiDB, you can submit a request to contact the support engineer for help.

The `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX` statement is not atomic: if the statement is interrupted during execution, it is recommended to execute it again until it succeeds.

14.13.2.9.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.9.4 See also

- ADMIN CHECK TABLE/INDEX
- ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX

14.13.2.10 ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS

`ADMIN RESUME DDL` allows you to resume a paused DDL job. You can find the `job_id` by running ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS.

You can use this statement to resume a paused DDL job. After the resume is completed, the SQL statement that executes the DDL job continues to show as being executed. If you try to resume a DDL job that has already been completed, you will see the `DDL Job:90 not found` error in the `RESULT` column, which indicates that the job has been removed from the DDL waiting queue.

14.13.2.10.1 Synopsis

```
AdminResumeDDLStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'RESUME' 'DDL' 'JOBS' NumList

NumList ::=
    Int64Num ( ',' Int64Num )*
```

14.13.2.10.2 Examples

`ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS` resumes the currently paused DDL job and returns whether the job is resumed successfully.

```
ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS job_id [, job_id] ...;
```

If the resume fails, the specific reason for the failure is displayed.

Note:

- During the cluster upgrade, the ongoing DDL jobs are paused, and the DDL jobs initiated during the upgrade are also paused. After the upgrade, all paused DDL jobs will resume. The pause and resume operations during the upgrade are taken automatically. For details, see TiDB Smooth Upgrade.
- This statement can resume multiple DDL jobs. You can use the `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` statement to obtain the `job_id` of a DDL job.
- A DDL job in other status (other than `paused`) cannot be resumed and the resume operation will fail.
- If you try to resume a job more than once, TiDB reports an error `Error Number: 8261`.

14.13.2.10.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.10.4 See also

- `ADMIN SHOW DDL [JOBS|QUERIES]`
- `ADMIN CANCEL DDL`
- `ADMIN PAUSE DDL`
- `ADMIN ALTER DDL`

14.13.2.11 ADMIN [SET|SHOW|UNSET] BDR ROLE

- Use `ADMIN SET BDR ROLE` to set the BDR role of the cluster. Currently, you can set the following BDR roles for a TiDB cluster: `PRIMARY` and `SECONDARY`. For more information about BDR roles, see DDL Synchronization in TiCDC Bidirectional Replication.
- Use `ADMIN SHOW BDR ROLE` to show the BDR role of the cluster.
- Use `ADMIN UNSET BDR ROLE` to unset the BDR role of the cluster.

14.13.2.11.1 Synopsis

```
AdminShowBDRRoleStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'SHOW' 'BDR' 'ROLE'

AdminSetBDRRoleStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'SET' 'BDR' 'ROLE' ('PRIMARY' | 'SECONDARY')

AdminUnsetBDRRoleStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'UNSET' 'BDR' 'ROLE'
```

14.13.2.11.2 Examples

By default, a TiDB cluster has no BDR role. Run the following command to show the BDR role of the cluster.

```
ADMIN SHOW BDR ROLE;
```

```
+------------+
| BDR_ROLE   |
+------------+
|            |
+------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

Run the following command to set the BDR role to `PRIMARY`.

```
ADMIN SET BDR ROLE PRIMARY;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
ADMIN SHOW BDR ROLE;
+----------+
| BDR_ROLE |
+----------+
| primary  |
+----------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Run the following command to unset the BDR role of the cluster.

```
ADMIN UNSET BDR ROLE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
ADMIN SHOW BDR ROLE;
+----------+
| BDR_ROLE |
+----------+
|          |
+----------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.11.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.12 ADMIN SHOW DDL [JOBS|JOB QUERIES]

The `ADMIN SHOW DDL [JOBS|JOB QUERIES]` statement shows information about running and recently completed DDL jobs.

14.13.2.12.1 Synopsis

```
AdminShowDDLStmt ::=
    'ADMIN' 'SHOW' 'DDL'
    (
        'JOBS' Int64Num? WhereClauseOptional
    |   'JOB' 'QUERIES' NumList
    |   'JOB' 'QUERIES' 'LIMIT' m ( ('OFFSET' | ',') n )?
    )?

NumList ::=
    Int64Num ( ',' Int64Num )*

WhereClauseOptional ::=
    WhereClause?
```

14.13.2.12.2 Examples

`ADMIN SHOW DDL`

To view the status of the currently running DDL jobs, use `ADMIN SHOW DDL`. The output includes the current schema version, the DDL ID and address of the owner, the running DDL jobs and SQL statements, and the DDL ID of the current TiDB instance. The returned result fields are described as follows:

- `SCHEMA_VER`: a number indicating the version of the schema.
- `OWNER_ID`: the UUID of the DDL owner. See also `TIDB_IS_DDL_OWNER()`.

- `OWNER_ADDRESS`: the IP address of the DDL owner.
- `RUNNING_JOBS`: details about the running DDL job.
- `SELF_ID`: the UUID of the TiDB node to which you are currently connected. If `SELF_ID` is the same as the `OWNER_ID`, it means that you are connected to the DDL owner.
- `QUERY`: the statements of the queries.

```
ADMIN SHOW DDL\G;
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
   SCHEMA_VER: 26
     OWNER_ID: 2d1982af-fa63-43ad-a3d5-73710683cc63
OWNER_ADDRESS: 0.0.0.0:4000
 RUNNING_JOBS:
     SELF_ID: 2d1982af-fa63-43ad-a3d5-73710683cc63
       QUERY:
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS

The `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` statement is used to view the 10 jobs in the current DDL job queue, including running and pending jobs (if any), and the last 10 jobs in the executed DDL job queue (if any). The returned result fields are described as follows:

- `JOB_ID`: each DDL operation corresponds to a DDL job. `JOB_ID` is globally unique.
- `DB_NAME`: the name of the database where the DDL operation is performed.
- `TABLE_NAME`: the name of the table where the DDL operation is performed.
- `JOB_TYPE`: the type of DDL operation. Common job types include the following:
  - `create schema`: for `CREATE SCHEMA` operations.
  - `create table`: for `CREATE TABLE` operations.
  - `create view`: for `CREATE VIEW` operations.
  - `add index`: for `ADD INDEX` operations.
- `SCHEMA_STATE`: the current state of the schema object that the DDL operates on. If `JOB_TYPE` is `ADD INDEX`, it is the state of the index; if `JOB_TYPE` is `ADD COLUMN`, it is the state of the column; if `JOB_TYPE` is `CREATE TABLE`, it is the state of the table. Common states include the following:
  - `none`: indicates that it does not exist. Generally, after the `DROP` operation or after the `CREATE` operation fails and rolls back, it will become the `none` state.
  - `delete only`, `write only`, `delete reorganization`, `write reorganization`: these four states are intermediate states. For their specific meanings, see How the Online DDL Asynchronous Change Works in TiDB. As the intermediate state conversion is fast, these states are generally not visible during operation. Only when performing `ADD INDEX` operation can the `write reorganization` state be seen, indicating that index data is being added.

    - `public`: indicates that it exists and is available to users. Generally, after `CREATE TABLE` and `ADD INDEX` (or `ADD COLUMN`) operations are completed, it will become the `public` state, indicating that the newly created table, column, and index can be read and written normally.

- `SCHEMA_ID`: the ID of the database where the DDL operation is performed.
- `TABLE_ID`: the ID of the table where the DDL operation is performed.
- `ROW_COUNT`: when performing the `ADD INDEX` operation, it is the number of data rows that have been added.
- `CREATE_TIME`: the creation time of the DDL operation.
- `START_TIME`: the start time of the DDL operation.
- `END_TIME`: the end time of the DDL operation.
- `STATE`: the state of the DDL operation. Common states include the following:

    - `none`: indicates that the operation has not started yet.
    - `queueing`: indicates that the operation job has entered the DDL job queue but has not been executed because it is still waiting for an earlier DDL job to complete. Another reason might be that after executing the `DROP` operation, the `queueing` state will become the `done` state, but it will soon be updated to the `synced` state, indicating that all TiDB instances have been synchronized to that state.
    - `running`: indicates that the operation is being executed.
    - `synced`: indicates that the operation has been executed successfully and all TiDB instances have been synchronized to this state.
    - `rollback done`: indicates that the operation has failed and the rollback has been completed.
    - `rollingback`: indicates that the operation has failed and is rolling back.
    - `cancelling`: indicates that the operation is being canceled. This state only appears when you use the `ADMIN CANCEL DDL JOBS` command to cancel the DDL job.
    - `cancelled`: indicates that the operation has been canceled.
    - `pausing`: indicates that the operation is being paused.
    - `paused`: indicates that the operation has been paused. This state only appears when you use the `ADMIN PAUSED DDL JOBS` command to pause the DDL job. You can use the `ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS` command to resume the DDL job.
    - `done`: indicates that the operation has been successfully executed on the TiDB owner node, but other TiDB nodes have not yet synchronized the changes performed by this DDL job.

- `COMMENTS`: contains additional information for diagnostic purposes.

    - `ingest`: ingest tasks for accelerated adding index backfill configured via `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg`.
    - `txn`: transaction-based index backfill after `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg` is disabled.
    - `txn-merge`: transactional backfilling with a temporary index that gets merged with the original index when the backfilling is finished.

- `DXF`: tasks executed with Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) configured via `tidb_enable_dist_task`.
- `service_scope`: the service scope of the TiDB node configured via `tidb_service_scope`.
- `thread`: the concurrency of backfill tasks. You can set the initial value by `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt`. It supports dynamic modification via `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS`.
- `batch_size`: the batch size of backfill tasks. You can set the initial value by `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size`. It supports dynamic modification via `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS`.
- `max_write_speed`: flow control during ingest task import. The initial value can be set with `tidb_ddl_reorg_max_write_speed`. It supports dynamic modification via `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS`.

The following example shows the results of `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS`:

```
ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------+---------+------------+---------------------------------+---------------
   ↪
| JOB_ID | DB_NAME | TABLE_NAME | JOB_TYPE                        | SCHEMA_STATE
   ↪       | SCHEMA_ID | TABLE_ID | ROW_COUNT | CREATE_TIME         | START_
   ↪ TIME              | END_TIME                | STATE   | COMMENTS   |
+--
   ↪ ------+---------+------------+---------------------------------+---------------
   ↪
|    565 | test    | sbtest1    | add index                       | write
   ↪ reorganization |    554 |     556 |        0 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:39:25.475000 | 2024-11-22 12:39:25.524000 | NULL            |
   ↪ running | ingest, DXF |
|    566 | test    | sbtest1    | add index                       | none
   ↪                |      554 |     556 |        0 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:39:26.425000 | NULL                | NULL                      |
   ↪ queueing |           |
|    564 | test    | sbtest1    | alter table multi-schema change | none
   ↪          |      554 |     556 |        0 | 2024-11-22 12:39:02.925000 |
   ↪  2024-11-22 12:39:02.925000 | 2024-11-22 12:39:03.275000 | synced | |
|    564 | test    | sbtest1    | drop index /* subjob */         | none
   ↪                |      554 |     556 |        0 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:39:02.925000 | 2024-11-22 12:39:02.925000 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:39:03.275000 | done |    |
|    564 | test    | sbtest1    | drop index /* subjob */         | none
   ↪                |      554 |     556 |        0 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:39:02.925000 | 2024-11-22 12:39:02.975000 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:39:03.275000 | done |    |
```

```
|    563 | test   | sbtest1   | modify column               | public
   ↪             |      554 |     556 |       0 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:38:35.624000 | 2024-11-22 12:38:35.624000 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:38:35.674000 | synced | |
|    562 | test   | sbtest1   | add index                   | public
   ↪             |      554 |     556 |  1580334 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:36:58.471000 | 2024-11-22 12:37:05.271000 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:37:13.374000 | synced | ingest, DXF |
|    561 | test   | sbtest1   | add index                   | public
   ↪             |      554 |     556 |  1580334 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:36:57.771000 | 2024-11-22 12:36:57.771000 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:37:04.671000 | synced | ingest, DXF |
|    560 | test   | sbtest1   | add index                   | public
   ↪             |      554 |     556 |  1580334 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:34:53.314000 | 2024-11-22 12:34:53.314000 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:34:57.114000 | synced | ingest |
|    559 | test   | sbtest1   | drop index                  | none
   ↪               |      554 |     556 |       0 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:34:43.565000 | 2024-11-22 12:34:43.565000 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:34:43.764000 | synced | |
|    558 | test   | sbtest1   | add index                   | public
   ↪             |      554 |     556 |  1580334 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:34:06.215000 | 2024-11-22 12:34:06.215000 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:34:14.314000 | synced | ingest, DXF |
|    557 | test   | sbtest1   | create table                | public
   ↪             |      554 |     556 |       0 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:32:09.515000 | 2024-11-22 12:32:09.915000 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:32:10.015000 | synced | |
|    555 | test   |           | create schema               | public
   ↪             |      554 |       0 |       0 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:31:51.215000 | 2024-11-22 12:31:51.264000 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:31:51.264000 | synced | |
|    553 | test   |           | drop schema                 | none
   ↪               |        2 |       0 |       0 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:31:48.615000 | 2024-11-22 12:31:48.615000 | 2024-11-22
   ↪ 12:31:48.865000 | synced | |
+--
   ↪ ------+---------+-----------+---------------------------------+----------------
   ↪
14 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

From the output above:

- Job 565 is currently in progress (`STATE` of `running`). The schema state is currently in `write reorganization`, but will switch to `public` once the job is completed to note

that the change can be observed publicly by user sessions. The `end_time` column is also `NULL` indicating that the completion time for the job is currently not known.

- The `STATE` for `job_id` 566 is shown as `queueing`, indicating that it is queuing. When job 565 completes and job 566 begins execution, the `STATE` for job 566 will change to `running`.
- For destructive changes such as dropping an index or dropping a table, the `SCHEMA_STATE` will change to `none` when the job is complete. For additive changes, the `SCHEMA_STATE` will change to `public`.

To limit the number of rows shown, specify a number and a where condition:

```
ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS [NUM] [WHERE where_condition];
```

- `NUM`: to view the last `NUM` results in the completed DDL job queue. If not specified, `NUM` is by default 10.
- `WHERE`: to add filter conditions.

`ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES`

To view the original SQL statements of the DDL job corresponding to `job_id`, use `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES`:

```
ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS;
ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES 51;
```

```
mysql> ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES 51;
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| QUERY                                                     |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment) |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
```

You can only search the running DDL job corresponding to `job_id` within the last ten results in the DDL history job queue.

`ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES LIMIT m OFFSET n`

To view the original SQL statements of the DDL job within a specified range `[n+1, n+m]` corresponding to `job_id`, use `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES LIMIT m OFFSET n`:

```
sql ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES LIMIT m; # Retrieve first m rows ADMIN
↪ SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES LIMIT n, m; # Retrieve rows [n+1, n+m] ADMIN SHOW
↪ DDL JOB QUERIES LIMIT m OFFSET n; # Retrieve rows [n+1, n+m]
```

where `n` and `m` are integers greater or equal to 0.

```
   sql  ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES LIMIT 3; # Retrieve first 3 rows +--------+----------
↪  | JOB_ID | QUERY                                  |  +--------+----------------------
↪  | 59 | ALTER TABLE t1 ADD INDEX index2 (col2)          |  |     60 |
↪ ALTER TABLE t2 ADD INDEX index1 (col1)               |  |     58 | CREATE
↪ TABLE t2 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment)| +--------+--------------------
↪  3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

   sql  ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES LIMIT 6, 2; # Retrieve rows 7-8 +--------+-----------
↪  | JOB_ID | QUERY                                          |  +--------+------------
↪  | 52 | ALTER TABLE t1 ADD INDEX index1 (col1)                |  |
↪    51 | CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_
↪ increment)| +--------+-------------------------------------------------------------
↪  3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

   sql  ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES LIMIT 3 OFFSET 4; # Retrieve rows 5-7
↪ +--------+----------------------------------------+ | JOB_ID | QUERY
↪                | +--------+----------------------------------------+
↪ | 54 | DROP TABLE IF EXISTS t3        |  |     53 | ALTER TABLE t1 DROP
↪  INDEX index1  |  |     52 | ALTER TABLE t1 ADD INDEX index1 (col1)|
↪ +--------+----------------------------------------+ 3 rows in set (0.00
↪ sec)
```

You can search the running DDL job corresponding to `job_id` within an arbitrarily specified range of results in the DDL history job queue. This syntax does not have the limitation of the last ten results of `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES`.

14.13.2.12.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.12.4 See also

- DDL introduction
- `ADMIN CANCEL DDL`
- `ADMIN PAUSE DDL`
- `ADMIN RESUME DDL`
- `ADMIN ALTER DDL`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.DDL_JOBS`

14.13.2.13 ALTER DATABASE

`ALTER DATABASE` is used to specify or modify the default character set and collation of the current database. `ALTER SCHEMA` has the same effect as `ALTER DATABASE`.

14.13.2.13.1 Synopsis

```
AlterDatabaseStmt ::=
    'ALTER' 'DATABASE' DBName? DatabaseOptionList

DatabaseOption ::=
    DefaultKwdOpt ( CharsetKw '='? CharsetName | 'COLLATE' '='?
        ↪ CollationName | 'ENCRYPTION' '='? EncryptionOpt )
```

14.13.2.13.2 Examples

Modify the test database schema to use the utf8mb4 character set:

```
ALTER DATABASE test DEFAULT CHARACTER SET = utf8mb4;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

Currently, TiDB only supports some character sets and collations. See Character Set and Collation Support for details.

14.13.2.13.3 MySQL compatibility

The `ALTER DATABASE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.13.4 See also

- CREATE DATABASE
- SHOW DATABASES

14.13.2.14 ALTER INSTANCE

The `ALTER INSTANCE` statement is used to make changes to a single TiDB instance. Currently, TiDB only supports the `RELOAD TLS` clause.

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB Cloud Serverless can automatically refresh the TLS certificate, so this feature is not applicable to TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.14.1 RELOAD TLS

You can execute the `ALTER INSTANCE RELOAD TLS` statement to reload the certificate (`ssl-cert`), the key (`ssl-key`), and the CA (`ssl-ca`) from the original configuration path.

The newly loaded certificate, key, and CA take effect on the connection that is established after the statement is successfully executed. The connection established before this statement execution is not affected.

When an error occurs during reloading, by default, this error message is returned and the previous key and certificate continue to be used. However, if you have added the optional `NO ROLLBACK ON ERROR`, when an error occurs during reloading, the error is not returned, and the subsequent requests are handled with the TLS security connection disabled.

14.13.2.14.2 Syntax diagram

AlterInstanceStmt:

```
AlterInstanceStmt ::=
    'ALTER' 'INSTANCE' InstanceOption

InstanceOption ::=
    'RELOAD' 'TLS' ('NO' 'ROLLBACK' 'ON' 'ERROR')?
```

14.13.2.14.3 Example

```
ALTER INSTANCE RELOAD TLS;
```

14.13.2.14.4 MySQL compatibility

The `ALTER INSTANCE RELOAD TLS` statement only supports reloading from the original configuration path. It does not support dynamically modifying the loading path or dynamically enabling the TLS encrypted connection feature when TiDB is started. This feature is disabled by default when you restart TiDB.

14.13.2.14.5 See also

Enable TLS Between TiDB Clients and Servers.

Enable TLS Between TiDB Clients and Servers.

14.13.2.15 ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY

`ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY` is used to modify existing placement policies that have previously been created. All the tables and partitions which use the placement policy will automatically be updated.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

`ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY` *replaces* the previous policy with the new definition. It does not *merge* the old policy with the new one. In the following example, `FOLLOWERS=4` is lost when the `ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY` is executed:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1 FOLLOWERS=4;
ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY p1 PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us-
    ↪ west-1";
```

14.13.2.15.1 Synopsis

```
AlterPolicyStmt ::=
    "ALTER" "PLACEMENT" "POLICY" IfExists PolicyName PlacementOptionList

PolicyName ::=
    Identifier

PlacementOptionList ::=
    PlacementOption
|   PlacementOptionList PlacementOption
|   PlacementOptionList ',' PlacementOption

PlacementOption ::=
    CommonPlacementOption
|   SugarPlacementOption
|   AdvancedPlacementOption

CommonPlacementOption ::=
    "FOLLOWERS" EqOpt LengthNum

SugarPlacementOption ::=
    "PRIMARY_REGION" EqOpt stringLit
|   "REGIONS" EqOpt stringLit
|   "SCHEDULE" EqOpt stringLit

AdvancedPlacementOption ::=
    "LEARNERS" EqOpt LengthNum
|   "CONSTRAINTS" EqOpt stringLit
|   "LEADER_CONSTRAINTS" EqOpt stringLit
```

```
|   "FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS" EqOpt stringLit
|   "LEARNER_CONSTRAINTS" EqOpt stringLit
|   "SURVIVAL_PREFERENCES" EqOpt stringLit
```

14.13.2.15.2 Examples

> **Note:**
>
> To know which regions are available in your cluster, see SHOW PLACEMENT LABELS.
>
> If you do not see any available regions, your TiKV installation might not have labels set correctly.

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1 PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us
    -> -west-1";
CREATE TABLE t1 (i INT) PLACEMENT POLICY=p1; -- Assign policy p1 to table
    -> t1
ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY p1 PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us-
    -> west-1,us-west-2" FOLLOWERS=4; -- The rules of t1 will be updated
    -> automatically.
SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1\G
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
Policy      | p1
Create Policy | CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY `p1` PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1"
    -> REGIONS="us-east-1,us-west-1,us-west-2" FOLLOWERS=4
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.15.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.15.4 See also

- Placement Rules in SQL

- SHOW PLACEMENT
- CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY
- DROP PLACEMENT POLICY

14.13.2.16 ALTER RANGE

Currently, the `ALTER RANGE` statement can only be used to modify the range of a specific placement policy in TiDB.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.16.1 Synopsis

```
AlterRangeStmt ::=
    'ALTER' 'RANGE' Identifier PlacementPolicyOption
```

`ALTER RANGE` supports the following two parameters:

- `global`: indicates the range of all data in a cluster.
- `meta`: indicates the range of internal metadata stored in TiDB.

14.13.2.16.2 Examples

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY `deploy111` CONSTRAINTS='{"+region=us-east-1":1, "+
    ↪ region=us-east-2": 1, "+region=us-west-1": 1}';
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY `five_replicas` FOLLOWERS=4;

ALTER RANGE global PLACEMENT POLICY = "deploy111";
ALTER RANGE meta PLACEMENT POLICY = "five_replicas";
```

The preceding example creates two placement policies (`deploy111` and `five_replicas`), specifies constraints for different regions, and then applies the `deploy111` placement policy to all data in the cluster range and the `five_replicas` placement policy to the metadata range.

14.13.2.17 ALTER RESOURCE GROUP

The `ALTER RESOURCE GROUP` statement is used to modify a resource group in a database.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.17.1 Synopsis

```
AlterResourceGroupStmt ::=
   "ALTER" "RESOURCE" "GROUP" IfExists ResourceGroupName
      ↪ ResourceGroupOptionList

IfExists ::=
    ('IF' 'EXISTS')?

ResourceGroupName ::=
    Identifier
|   "DEFAULT"

ResourceGroupOptionList ::=
    DirectResourceGroupOption
|   ResourceGroupOptionList DirectResourceGroupOption
|   ResourceGroupOptionList ',' DirectResourceGroupOption

DirectResourceGroupOption ::=
    "RU_PER_SEC" EqOpt LengthNum
|   "PRIORITY" EqOpt ResourceGroupPriorityOption
|   "BURSTABLE"
|   "BURSTABLE" EqOpt Boolean
|   "QUERY_LIMIT" EqOpt '(' ResourceGroupRunawayOptionList ')'
|   "QUERY_LIMIT" EqOpt '(' ')'
|   "QUERY_LIMIT" EqOpt "NULL"
|   "BACKGROUND" EqOpt '(' BackgroundOptionList ')'
|   "BACKGROUND" EqOpt '(' ')'
|   "BACKGROUND" EqOpt "NULL"

ResourceGroupPriorityOption ::=
    LOW
|   MEDIUM
|   HIGH

ResourceGroupRunawayOptionList ::=
    DirectResourceGroupRunawayOption
|   ResourceGroupRunawayOptionList DirectResourceGroupRunawayOption
```

```
|   ResourceGroupRunawayOptionList ',' DirectResourceGroupRunawayOption

DirectResourceGroupRunawayOption ::=
    "EXEC_ELAPSED" EqOpt stringLit
|   "PROCESSED_KEYS" EqOpt intLit
|   "RU" EqOpt intLit
|   "ACTION" EqOpt ResourceGroupRunawayActionOption
|   "WATCH" EqOpt ResourceGroupRunawayWatchOption "DURATION" EqOpt stringLit

ResourceGroupRunawayWatchOption ::=
    EXACT
|   SIMILAR

ResourceGroupRunawayActionOption ::=
    DRYRUN
|   COOLDOWN
|   KILL
| "SWITCH_GROUP" '(' ResourceGroupName ')'

BackgroundOptionList ::=
    DirectBackgroundOption
|   BackgroundOptionList DirectBackgroundOption
|   BackgroundOptionList ',' DirectBackgroundOption

DirectBackgroundOption ::=
    "TASK_TYPES" EqOpt stringLit
|   "UTILIZATION_LIMIT" EqOpt LengthNum
```

TiDB supports the following `DirectResourceGroupOption`, where Request Unit (RU) is a unified abstraction unit in TiDB for CPU, IO, and other system resources.

Option	Description	Example
`RU_PER_SEC`	Rate of RU backfilling per second	`RU_PER_SEC = 500` indicates that this resource group is backfilled with 500 RUs per second
`PRIORITY`	The absolute priority of tasks to be processed on TiKV	`PRIORITY = HIGH` indicates that the priority is high. If not specified, the default value is `MEDIUM`.

Option	Description	Example
`BURSTABLE`	If the `BURSTABLE` attribute is set, TiDB allows the corresponding resource group to use the available system resources when the quota is exceeded.	
`QUERY_LIMIT`	When the query execution meets this condition, the query is identified as a runaway query and the corresponding action is executed.	`QUERY_LIMIT=(EXEC_ELAPSED='60s', ACTION=KILL, WATCH=EXACT DURATION='10m')` indicates that the query is identified as a runaway query when the execution time exceeds 60 seconds. The query is terminated. All SQL statements with the same SQL text will be terminated immediately in the coming 10 minutes. `QUERY_LIMIT=()` or `QUERY_LIMIT=NULL` means that runaway control is not enabled. See Runaway Queries.
`BACKGROUND`	Configure the background tasks. For more details, see Manage background tasks.	`BACKGROUND=(TASK_TYPES="br,stats", UTILIZATION_LIMIT=30)` indicates that the backup and restore and statistics collection related tasks are scheduled as background tasks, and background tasks can consume 30% of the TiKV resources at most.

Note:

- The `ALTER RESOURCE GROUP` statement can only be executed when the global variable `tidb_enable_resource_control` is set to `ON`.

- The `ALTER RESOURCE GROUP` statement supports incremental changes, leaving unspecified parameters unchanged. However, both `QUERY_LIMIT` and `BACKGROUND` are used as a whole and cannot be partially modified.
- Currently, only the `default` resource group supports modifying the `BACKGROUND` configuration.

14.13.2.17.2 Examples

Create a resource group named `rg1` and modify its properties.

```
DROP RESOURCE GROUP IF EXISTS rg1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.22 sec)
```

```
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP IF NOT EXISTS rg1
  RU_PER_SEC = 100
  BURSTABLE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.resource_groups WHERE NAME ='rg1';
```

```
+------+------------+----------+-----------+-------------+------------+
| NAME | RU_PER_SEC | PRIORITY | BURSTABLE | QUERY_LIMIT | BACKGROUND |
+------+------------+----------+-----------+-------------+------------+
| rg1  | 100        | MEDIUM   | NO        | NULL        | NULL       |
+------+------------+----------+-----------+-------------+------------+
1 rows in set (1.30 sec)
```

```
ALTER RESOURCE GROUP rg1
  RU_PER_SEC = 200
  PRIORITY = LOW
  QUERY_LIMIT = (EXEC_ELAPSED='1s' ACTION=COOLDOWN WATCH=EXACT DURATION '30
    ↪ s');
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.resource_groups WHERE NAME ='rg1';
```

```
+--
  ↪ ----+------------+----------+-----------+-------------------------------------
  ↪
```

```
| NAME | RU_PER_SEC | PRIORITY | BURSTABLE | QUERY_LIMIT
   ↪                                          | BACKGROUND |
+--
   ↪ ----+-----------+----------+-----------+-------------------------------------
   ↪
| rg1 | 200        | LOW      | NO        | EXEC_ELAPSED='1s', ACTION=COOLDOWN,
   ↪ WATCH=EXACT DURATION='30s' | NULL |
+--
   ↪ ----+-----------+----------+-----------+-------------------------------------
   ↪
1 rows in set (1.30 sec)
```

Modify the BACKGROUND option for the `default` resource group.

```
ALTER RESOURCE GROUP default BACKGROUND = (TASK_TYPES = "br,ddl",
   ↪ UTILIZATION_LIMIT=30);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.resource_groups WHERE NAME ='default';
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+----------+-----------+------------+---------------------
   ↪
| NAME    | RU_PER_SEC | PRIORITY | BURSTABLE | QUERY_LIMIT | BACKGROUND
   ↪                      |
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+----------+-----------+------------+---------------------
   ↪
| default | UNLIMITED | MEDIUM | YES     | NULL       | TASK_TYPES='br,ddl',
   ↪ UTILIZATION_LIMIT=30 |
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+----------+-----------+------------+---------------------
   ↪
1 rows in set (1.30 sec)
```

14.13.2.17.3 MySQL compatibility

MySQL also supports ALTER RESOURCE GROUP. However, the acceptable parameters are different from that of TiDB so that they are not compatible.

14.13.2.17.4 See also

- DROP RESOURCE GROUP
- CREATE RESOURCE GROUP
- Request Unit (RU)

14.13.2.18 ALTER SEQUENCE

The `ALTER SEQUENCE` statement alters sequence objects in TiDB. The sequence is a database object that is on a par with the `Table` and the `View` object. The sequence is used to generate serialized IDs in a customized way.

14.13.2.18.1 Synopsis

```
CreateSequenceStmt ::=
    'ALTER' 'SEQUENCE' TableName CreateSequenceOptionListOpt

TableName ::=
    Identifier ('.' Identifier)?

CreateSequenceOptionListOpt ::=
    SequenceOption*

SequenceOptionList ::=
    SequenceOption

SequenceOption ::=
    ( 'INCREMENT' ( '='? | 'BY' ) | 'START' ( '='? | 'WITH' ) | ( 'MINVALUE'
       ↪  | 'MAXVALUE' | 'CACHE' ) '='? ) SignedNum
|   'COMMENT' '='? stringLit
|   'NOMINVALUE'
|   'NO' ( 'MINVALUE' | 'MAXVALUE' | 'CACHE' | 'CYCLE' )
|   'NOMAXVALUE'
|   'NOCACHE'
|   'CYCLE'
|   'NOCYCLE'
|   'RESTART' ( ( '='? | 'WITH' ) SignedNum )?
```

14.13.2.18.2 Syntax

```
ALTER SEQUENCE sequence_name
    [ INCREMENT [ BY | = ] increment ]
    [ MINVALUE [=] minvalue | NO MINVALUE | NOMINVALUE ]
    [ MAXVALUE [=] maxvalue | NO MAXVALUE | NOMAXVALUE ]
    [ START [ WITH | = ] start ]
    [ CACHE [=] cache | NOCACHE | NO CACHE]
    [ CYCLE | NOCYCLE | NO CYCLE]
    [table_options]
```

14.13.2.18.3 Parameters

Parameters	Default value	Description
`INCREMENT` ↪	`1`	Specifies the increment of a sequence. Its positive or negative values can control the growth direction of the sequence.

Parameters	Default value	Description
`MINVALUE` ↪	`1` or `-9223372036854775807` ↪	Specifies the minimum value of a sequence. When `INCREMENT` ↪ `> 0`, the default value is `1`. When `INCREMENT` ↪ `< 0`, the default value is `-922337203685477` ↪ .

Parameters	Default value	Description
`MAXVALUE` ↪	`9223372036854775806` ↪ or `-1`	Specifies the maximum value of a sequence. When `INCREMENT` ↪ `> 0`, the default value is `922337203685477` ↪ . When `INCREMENT` ↪ `< 0`, the default value is `-1`.

Parameters	Default value	Description
`START` ↪	`MINVALUE` ↪ or `MAXVALUE` ↪	Specifies the initial value of a sequence. When `INCREMENT` ↪ > 0, the default value is `MINVALUE` ↪ . When `INCREMENT` ↪ < 0, the default value is `MAXVALUE` ↪ .
`CACHE` ↪	`1000` ↪	Specifies the local cache size of a sequence in TiDB.

Parameters	Default value	Description
`CYCLE` ↪	`NO` ↪ `CYCLE` ↪	Specifies whether a sequence restarts from the minimum value (or maximum for the descending sequence). When `INCREMENT` ↪ > `0`, the default value is `MINVALUE` ↪ . When `INCREMENT` ↪ < `0`, the default value is `MAXVALUE` ↪ .

Parameters	Default value	Description

> **Note:**
>
> Changing the `START` value does not affect the generated values until you execute `ALTER SEQUENCE ... RESTART`.

14.13.2.18.4 `SEQUENCE` function

You can control a sequence through the following expression functions:

- `NEXTVAL` or `NEXT VALUE FOR`

  Essentially, both are the `NEXTVAL()` function that gets the next valid value of a sequence object. The parameter of the `NEXTVAL()` function is the `identifier` of the sequence.

- `LASTVAL`

  This function gets the last used value of this session. If the value does not exist, `NULL` is used. The parameter of this function is the `identifier` of the sequence.

- `SETVAL`

  This function sets the progression of the current value for a sequence. The first parameter of this function is the `identifier` of the sequence; the second parameter is `num`.

> **Note:**
>
> In the implementation of a sequence in TiDB, the `SETVAL` function cannot change the initial progression or cycle progression of this sequence. This function only returns the next valid value based on this progression.

14.13.2.18.5 Examples

Create a sequence named `s1`:

```
CREATE SEQUENCE s1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.15 sec)
```

Get the next two values from the sequence by executing the following SQL statement twice:

```
SELECT NEXTVAL(s1);
```

```
+-------------+
| NEXTVAL(s1) |
+-------------+
|           1 |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
SELECT NEXTVAL(s1);
```

```
+-------------+
| NEXTVAL(s1) |
+-------------+
|           2 |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Change the increment of the sequence to 2:

```
ALTER SEQUENCE s1 INCREMENT=2;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.18 sec)
```

Now, get the next two values from the sequence again:

```
SELECT NEXTVAL(s1);
```

```
+-------------+
| NEXTVAL(s1) |
+-------------+
|        1001 |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
```

```
SELECT NEXTVAL(s1);
```

```
+-------------+
| NEXTVAL(s1) |
+-------------+
|        1003 |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

As you can see from the output, the values now increase by two, following the `ALTER SEQUENCE` statement.

You can also change other parameters of the sequence. For example, you can change the `MAXVALUE` of the sequence as follows:

```
CREATE SEQUENCE s2 MAXVALUE=10;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.17 sec)
```

```
ALTER SEQUENCE s2 MAXVALUE=100;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.15 sec)
```

```
SHOW CREATE SEQUENCE s2\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Sequence: s2
Create Sequence: CREATE SEQUENCE `s2` start with 1 minvalue 1 maxvalue 100
    ↪ increment by 1 cache 1000 nocycle ENGINE=InnoDB
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.18.6 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension. The implementation is modeled on sequences available in MariaDB.

Except for the `SETVAL` function, all other functions have the same *progressions* as MariaDB. Here "progression" means that the numbers in a sequence follow a certain arithmetic progression rule defined by the sequence. Although you can use `SETVAL` to set the current value of a sequence, the subsequent values of the sequence still follow the original progression rule.

For example:

```
1, 3, 5, ...          // The sequence starts from 1 and increments by 2.
SELECT SETVAL(seq, 6) // Sets the current value of a sequence to 6.
7, 9, 11, ...         // Subsequent values still follow the progression rule.
```

In the `CYCLE` mode, the initial value of a sequence in the first round is the value of the `START` parameter, and the initial value in the subsequent rounds is the value of `MinValue` (`INCREMENT` > 0) or `MaxValue` (`INCREMENT` < 0).

14.13.2.18.7 See also

- CREATE SEQUENCE
- DROP SEQUENCE
- SHOW CREATE SEQUENCE
- Sequence Functions

14.13.2.19 ALTER TABLE

14.13.2.19.1 ALTER TABLE

This statement modifies an existing table to conform to a new table structure. The statement `ALTER TABLE` can be used to:

- `ADD`, `DROP`, or `RENAME` indexes
- `ADD`, `DROP`, `MODIFY` or `CHANGE` columns
- `COMPACT` table data

Synopsis

```
AlterTableStmt ::=
    'ALTER' IgnoreOptional 'TABLE' TableName (
        AlterTableSpecListOpt AlterTablePartitionOpt |
        'ANALYZE' 'PARTITION' PartitionNameList ( 'INDEX' IndexNameList )?
            ↪ AnalyzeOptionListOpt |
        'COMPACT' ( 'PARTITION' PartitionNameList )? 'TIFLASH' 'REPLICA'
    )

TableName ::=
    Identifier ('.' Identifier)?

AlterTableSpec ::=
    TableOptionList
|   'SET' 'TIFLASH' 'REPLICA' LengthNum LocationLabelList
|   'CONVERT' 'TO' CharsetKw ( CharsetName | 'DEFAULT' ) OptCollate
|   'ADD' ( ColumnKeywordOpt IfNotExists ( ColumnDef ColumnPosition | '('
    ↪ TableElementList ')' ) | Constraint | 'PARTITION' IfNotExists
    ↪ NoWriteToBinLogAliasOpt ( PartitionDefinitionListOpt | 'PARTITIONS'
    ↪ NUM ) )
|   ( ( 'CHECK' | 'TRUNCATE' ) 'PARTITION' | ( 'OPTIMIZE' | 'REPAIR' | '
    ↪ REBUILD' ) 'PARTITION' NoWriteToBinLogAliasOpt )
    ↪ AllOrPartitionNameList
|   'COALESCE' 'PARTITION' NoWriteToBinLogAliasOpt NUM
|   'DROP' ( ColumnKeywordOpt IfExists ColumnName RestrictOrCascadeOpt | '
    ↪ PRIMARY' 'KEY' | 'PARTITION' IfExists PartitionNameList | (
    ↪ KeyOrIndex IfExists | 'CHECK' ) Identifier | 'FOREIGN' 'KEY' Symbol )
|   'EXCHANGE' 'PARTITION' Identifier 'WITH' 'TABLE' TableName
    ↪ WithValidationOpt
|   ( 'IMPORT' | 'DISCARD' ) ( 'PARTITION' AllOrPartitionNameList )? '
    ↪ TABLESPACE'
|   'REORGANIZE' 'PARTITION' NoWriteToBinLogAliasOpt
    ↪ ReorganizePartitionRuleOpt
```

```
|   'ORDER' 'BY' AlterOrderItem ( ',' AlterOrderItem )*
|   ( 'DISABLE' | 'ENABLE' ) 'KEYS'
|   ( 'MODIFY' ColumnKeywordOpt IfExists | 'CHANGE' ColumnKeywordOpt
    ↪ IfExists ColumnName ) ColumnDef ColumnPosition
|   'ALTER' ( ColumnKeywordOpt ColumnName ( 'SET' 'DEFAULT' ( SignedLiteral
    ↪ | '(' Expression ')' ) | 'DROP' 'DEFAULT' ) | 'CHECK' Identifier
    ↪ EnforcedOrNot | 'INDEX' Identifier ("VISIBLE" | "INVISIBLE") )
|   'RENAME' ( ( 'COLUMN' | KeyOrIndex ) Identifier 'TO' Identifier | ( 'TO'
    ↪  | '='? | 'AS' ) TableName )
|   LockClause
|   AlgorithmClause
|   'FORCE'
|   ( 'WITH' | 'WITHOUT' ) 'VALIDATION'
|   'SECONDARY_LOAD'
|   'SECONDARY_UNLOAD'
|   ( 'AUTO_INCREMENT' | 'AUTO_ID_CACHE' | 'AUTO_RANDOM_BASE' | 'SHARD_ROW_
    ↪ ID_BITS' ) EqOpt LengthNum
|   ( 'CACHE' | 'NOCACHE' )
|   (
        'TTL' EqOpt TimeColumnName '+' 'INTERVAL' Expression TimeUnit (
            ↪ TTLEnable EqOpt ( 'ON' | 'OFF' ))?
        | 'REMOVE' 'TTL'
        | TTLEnable EqOpt ( 'ON' | 'OFF' )
        | TTLJobInterval EqOpt stringLit
    )
|   PlacementPolicyOption

PlacementPolicyOption ::=
    "PLACEMENT" "POLICY" EqOpt PolicyName
|   "PLACEMENT" "POLICY" (EqOpt | "SET") "DEFAULT"
```

Examples

Create a table with some initial data:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT NOT
    ↪ NULL);
INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.03 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

The following query requires a full table scan because the column c1 is not indexed:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 = 3;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
   ↪            |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
   ↪
| TableReader_7         | 10.00   | root     |               | data:Selection_6
   ↪           |
| └─Selection_6         | 10.00   | cop[tikv] |              | eq(test.t1.c1,
   ↪ 3)          |
|   └─TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:false
   ↪ , stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+----------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The statement ALTER TABLE .. ADD INDEX can be used to add an index on the table t1. EXPLAIN confirms that the original query now uses an index range scan, which is more efficient:

```
ALTER TABLE t1 ADD INDEX (c1);
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 = 3;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.30 sec)

+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object         | operator
   ↪ info                           |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---------
   ↪
| IndexReader_6         | 10.00   | root     |                       | index:
   ↪ IndexRangeScan_5                |
| └─IndexRangeScan_5    | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:c1(c1) | range
   ↪ :[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---------
   ↪
```

```
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

TiDB supports the ability to assert that DDL changes use a particular `ALTER` algorithm. Note that this is only an assertion, and does not change the actual algorithm used to modify the table:

```
ALTER TABLE t1 DROP INDEX c1, ALGORITHM=INSTANT;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.24 sec)
```

Using the `ALGORITHM=INSTANT` assertion on an operation that requires the `INPLACE` algorithm results in a statement error:

```
ALTER TABLE t1 ADD INDEX (c1), ALGORITHM=INSTANT;
```

```
ERROR 1846 (0A000): ALGORITHM=INSTANT is not supported. Reason: Cannot
    ↪ alter table by INSTANT. Try ALGORITHM=INPLACE.
```

However, using the `ALGORITHM=COPY` assertion for an `INPLACE` operation generates a warning instead of an error. This is because TiDB interprets the assertion as *this algorithm or better*. This behavior difference is useful for MySQL compatibility because the algorithm TiDB uses might differ from MySQL:

```
ALTER TABLE t1 ADD INDEX (c1), ALGORITHM=COPY;
SHOW WARNINGS;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.25 sec)

+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Error | 1846 | ALGORITHM=COPY is not supported. Reason: Cannot alter
    ↪ table by COPY. Try ALGORITHM=INPLACE. |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

MySQL compatibility

The following major restrictions apply to `ALTER TABLE` in TiDB:

- When altering multiple schema objects in a single `ALTER TABLE` statement:
    - Modifying the same object in multiple changes is not supported.
    - TiDB validates statements according to the table schema **before execution**. For example, an error returns when `ALTER TABLE t ADD COLUMN c1 INT, ADD COLUMN c2 INT AFTER c1;` is executed because column `c1` does not exist in the table.
    - For an `ALTER TABLE` statement, the order of execution in TiDB is one change after another from left to right, which is incompatible with MySQL in some cases.
- Changes of the Reorg-Data types on primary key columns are not supported.
- Changes of column types on partitioned tables are not supported.
- Changes of column types on generated columns are not supported.
- Changes of some data types (for example, some TIME, Bit, Set, Enum, and JSON types) are not supported due to the compatibility issues of the `CAST` function's behavior between TiDB and MySQL.
- Spatial data types are not supported.
- `ALTER TABLE t CACHE | NOCACHE` is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax. For details, see Cached Tables.

For further restrictions, see MySQL Compatibility.

See also

- MySQL Compatibility
- ADD COLUMN
- DROP COLUMN
- ADD INDEX
- DROP INDEX
- RENAME INDEX
- ALTER INDEX
- CREATE TABLE
- DROP TABLE
- SHOW CREATE TABLE

14.13.2.19.2 ADD COLUMN

The `ALTER TABLE.. ADD COLUMN` statement adds a column to an existing table. This operation is online in TiDB, which means that neither reads or writes to the table are blocked by adding a column.

Synopsis

```
AlterTableStmt
        ::= 'ALTER' 'IGNORE'? 'TABLE' TableName AddColumnSpec ( ','
           ↪ AddColumnSpec )*

TableName ::=
    Identifier ('.' Identifier)?

AddColumnSpec
        ::= 'ADD' 'COLUMN' 'IF NOT EXISTS'? ColumnName ColumnType
           ↪ ColumnOption+ ( 'FIRST' | 'AFTER' ColumnName )?

ColumnType
        ::= NumericType
          | StringType
          | DateAndTimeType
          | 'SERIAL'

ColumnOption
        ::= 'NOT'? 'NULL'
          | 'AUTO_INCREMENT'
          | 'PRIMARY'? 'KEY' ( 'CLUSTERED' | 'NONCLUSTERED' )? ( 'GLOBAL' |
             ↪ 'LOCAL' )?
          | 'UNIQUE' 'KEY'? ( 'GLOBAL' | 'LOCAL' )?
          | 'DEFAULT' ( NowSymOptionFraction | SignedLiteral |
             ↪ NextValueForSequence )
          | 'SERIAL' 'DEFAULT' 'VALUE'
          | 'ON' 'UPDATE' NowSymOptionFraction
          | 'COMMENT' stringLit
          | ( 'CONSTRAINT' Identifier? )? 'CHECK' '(' Expression ')' ( 'NOT
             ↪ '? ( 'ENFORCED' | 'NULL' ) )?
          | 'GENERATED' 'ALWAYS' 'AS' '(' Expression ')' ( 'VIRTUAL' | '
             ↪ STORED' )?
          | 'REFERENCES' TableName ( '(' IndexPartSpecificationList ')' )?
             ↪ Match? OnDeleteUpdateOpt
          | 'COLLATE' CollationName
          | 'COLUMN_FORMAT' ColumnFormat
          | 'STORAGE' StorageMedia
          | 'AUTO_RANDOM' ( '(' LengthNum ')' )?
```

Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (NULL);
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+
| id |
+----+
|  1 |
+----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ALTER TABLE t1 ADD COLUMN c1 INT NOT NULL;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.28 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  1 |  0 |
+----+----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ALTER TABLE t1 ADD c2 INT NOT NULL AFTER c1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.28 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+----+
| id | c1 | c2 |
+----+----+----+
|  1 |  0 |  0 |
+----+----+----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

MySQL compatibility

- Adding a new column and setting it to the `PRIMARY KEY` is not supported.
- Adding a new column and setting it to `AUTO_INCREMENT` is not supported.
- There are limitations on adding generated columns, refer to: generated column limitations.
- Setting a global index by specifying `PRIMARY KEY` or `UNIQUE INDEX` as `GLOBAL` when you add a new column is a TiDB extension for partitioned tables and is not compatible with MySQL.

See also

- ADD INDEX
- CREATE TABLE

14.13.2.19.3 ADD INDEX

The `ALTER TABLE.. ADD INDEX` statement adds an index to an existing table. This operation is online in TiDB, which means that neither reads or writes to the table are blocked by adding an index.

Tip:

The TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) can be used to speed up the operation of this statement.

Warning:

- **DO NOT** upgrade a TiDB cluster when a DDL statement is being executed in the cluster (usually for the time-consuming DDL statements such as `ADD INDEX` and the column type changes).
- Before the upgrade, it is recommended to use the `ADMIN SHOW DDL` command to check whether the TiDB cluster has an ongoing DDL job. If the cluster has a DDL job, to upgrade the cluster, wait until the DDL execution is finished or use the `ADMIN CANCEL DDL` command to cancel the DDL job before you upgrade the cluster.
- In addition, during the cluster upgrade, **DO NOT** execute any DDL statement. Otherwise, the issue of undefined behavior might occur.

When you upgrade TiDB from v7.1.0 to a later version, you can ignore the preceding limitations. For details, see the limitations of TiDB smooth upgrade.

Synopsis

```
AlterTableStmt
        ::= 'ALTER' 'IGNORE'? 'TABLE' TableName AddIndexSpec ( ','
           ↪ AddIndexSpec )*

AddIndexSpec
        ::= 'ADD' ( ( 'PRIMARY' 'KEY' | ( 'KEY' | 'INDEX' ) 'IF NOT EXISTS'?
           ↪  | 'UNIQUE' ( 'KEY' | 'INDEX' )? ) ( ( Identifier? 'USING' |
           ↪ Identifier 'TYPE' ) IndexType )? | 'FULLTEXT' ( 'KEY' | '
           ↪ INDEX' )? IndexName ) '(' IndexPartSpecification ( ','
           ↪ IndexPartSpecification )* ')' IndexOption*
```

```
IndexPartSpecification
        ::= ( ColumnName ( '(' LengthNum ')' )? | '(' Expression ')' ) ( '
           ↪ ASC' | 'DESC' )

IndexOption
        ::= 'KEY_BLOCK_SIZE' '='? LengthNum
          | 'USING' IndexType
          | 'WITH' 'PARSER' Identifier
          | 'COMMENT' stringLit
          | 'VISIBLE'
          | 'INVISIBLE'
          | 'GLOBAL'
          | 'LOCAL'

IndexType
        ::= 'BTREE'
          | 'HASH'
          | 'RTREE'
```

Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
   ↪ NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.03 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 = 3;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
   ↪           |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
   ↪
| TableReader_7         | 10.00   | root    |               | data:Selection_6
   ↪           |
| └─Selection_6         | 10.00   | cop[tikv] |               | eq(test.t1.c1,
   ↪ 3)          |
|   └─TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:false
   ↪ , stats:pseudo |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ALTER TABLE t1 ADD INDEX (c1);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.30 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 = 3;
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+----------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object         | operator
    ↪ info                              |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+----------
    ↪
| IndexReader_6         | 0.01    | root     |                       | index:
    ↪ IndexRangeScan_5                  |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5    | 0.01    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:c1(c1) | range
    ↪ :[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+----------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

MySQL compatibility

- TiDB accepts index types such as `HASH`, `BTREE` and `RTREE` in syntax for compatibility with MySQL, but ignores them.
- `SPATIAL` indexes are not supported.
- TiDB supports parsing the `FULLTEXT` syntax but does not support using the `FULLTEXT` indexes.
- Descending indexes are not supported (similar to MySQL 5.7).
- Adding the primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type to a table is not supported. For more details about the primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type, refer to clustered index.
- Setting a `PRIMARY KEY` or `UNIQUE INDEX` as a global index with the `GLOBAL` index option is a TiDB extension for partitioned tables and is not compatible with MySQL.

See also

- Index Selection
- Wrong Index Solution
- CREATE INDEX

- DROP INDEX
- RENAME INDEX
- ALTER INDEX
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14.13.2.19.4 ALTER INDEX

The `ALTER INDEX` statement is used to modify the visibility of the index to `Visible` or `Invisible`. Invisible indexes are maintained by DML statements, but will not be used by the query optimizer. This is useful in scenarios where you want to double-check before removing an index permanently. Starting from TiDB v8.0.0, you can make the optimizer select invisible indexes by modifying the system variable `tidb_opt_use_invisible_indexes`.

Synopsis

```
AlterTableStmt
        ::= 'ALTER' 'IGNORE'? 'TABLE' TableName AlterIndexSpec ( ','
           ↪ AlterIndexSpec )*

AlterIndexSpec
        ::= 'ALTER' 'INDEX' Identifier ( 'VISIBLE' | 'INVISIBLE' )
```

Examples

You can modify the visibility of an index using the `ALTER TABLE ... ALTER INDEX ...` statement.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (c1 INT, UNIQUE(c1));
ALTER TABLE t1 ALTER INDEX c1 INVISIBLE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE t1;
```

```
+--
   ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Table | Create Table
                                  |
+--
   ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| t1    | CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `c1` int DEFAULT NULL,
```

```
  UNIQUE KEY `c1` (`c1`) /*!80000 INVISIBLE */
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin |
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The optimizer cannot use the **invisible index** of c1.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT c1 FROM t1 ORDER BY c1;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
    ↪            |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
    ↪
| Sort_4                | 10000.00 | root    |               | test.t1.c1:asc
    ↪             |
|  ─TableReader_8       | 10000.00 | root    |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_7       |
|    ─TableFullScan_7   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:false
    ↪ , stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+---------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

By comparison, c2 is a **visible index** and can be used by the optimizer.

```
EXPLAIN SELECT c2 FROM t1 ORDER BY c2;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+--------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object        | operator
    ↪ info             |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+----------------------+--------
    ↪
| IndexReader_13       | 10000.00 | root    |                      | index:
    ↪ IndexFullScan_12    |
|  ─IndexFullScan_12   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:c2(c2) |
    ↪ keep order:true, stats:pseudo |
```

```
+--
    ↪ --------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------------+---------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Even if you use the `USE INDEX` SQL hint to forcibly use indexes, the optimizer still cannot use invisible indexes; otherwise, an error is returned.

```
SELECT * FROM t1 USE INDEX(c1);
```

```
ERROR 1176 (42000): Key 'c1' doesn't exist in table 't1'
```

> **Note:**
>
> "Invisible" here means invisible only to the optimizer. You can still modify or delete invisible indexes.

```
ALTER TABLE t1 DROP INDEX c1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

MySQL compatibility

- Invisible indexes in TiDB are modeled on the equivalent feature from MySQL 8.0.
- Similar to MySQL, TiDB does not permit `PRIMARY KEY` indexes to be made invisible.

See also

- CREATE TABLE
- CREATE INDEX
- ADD INDEX
- DROP INDEX
- RENAME INDEX

14.13.2.19.5 CHANGE COLUMN

The `ALTER TABLE.. CHANGE COLUMN` statement changes a column on an existing table. The change can include both renaming the column, and changing the data type to a compatible type.

Since v5.1.0, TiDB has supported changing the Reorg data type, including but not limited to:

- Changing `VARCHAR` to `BIGINT`
- Modifying the `DECIMAL` precision
- Compressing the length of `VARCHAR(10)` to `VARCHAR(5)`

Synopsis

```
AlterTableStmt
        ::= 'ALTER' 'IGNORE'? 'TABLE' TableName ChangeColumnSpec ( ','
           ↪ ChangeColumnSpec )*

ChangeColumnSpec
        ::= 'CHANGE' ColumnKeywordOpt 'IF EXISTS' ColumnName ColumnName
           ↪ ColumnType ColumnOption* ( 'FIRST' | 'AFTER' ColumnName )?

ColumnType
        ::= NumericType
          | StringType
          | DateAndTimeType
          | 'SERIAL'

ColumnOption
        ::= 'NOT'? 'NULL'
          | 'AUTO_INCREMENT'
          | 'PRIMARY'? 'KEY' ( 'CLUSTERED' | 'NONCLUSTERED' )?
          | 'UNIQUE' 'KEY'?
          | 'DEFAULT' ( NowSymOptionFraction | SignedLiteral |
             ↪ NextValueForSequence )
          | 'SERIAL' 'DEFAULT' 'VALUE'
          | 'ON' 'UPDATE' NowSymOptionFraction
          | 'COMMENT' stringLit
          | ( 'CONSTRAINT' Identifier? )? 'CHECK' '(' Expression ')' ( 'NOT
             ↪ '? ( 'ENFORCED' | 'NULL' ) )?
          | 'GENERATED' 'ALWAYS' 'AS' '(' Expression ')' ( 'VIRTUAL' | '
             ↪ STORED' )?
          | 'REFERENCES' TableName ( '(' IndexPartSpecificationList ')' )?
             ↪ Match? OnDeleteUpdateOpt
          | 'COLLATE' CollationName
          | 'COLUMN_FORMAT' ColumnFormat
          | 'STORAGE' StorageMedia
          | 'AUTO_RANDOM' ( '(' LengthNum ')' )?

ColumnName ::=
    Identifier ( '.' Identifier ( '.' Identifier )? )?
```

Examples

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id int not null primary key AUTO_INCREMENT, col1 INT);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO t1 (col1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
```

```
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
ALTER TABLE t1 CHANGE col1 col2 INT;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)
```

```
ALTER TABLE t1 CHANGE col2 col3 BIGINT, ALGORITHM=INSTANT;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

```
ALTER TABLE t1 CHANGE col3 col4 BIGINT, CHANGE id id2 INT NOT NULL;
```

```
ERROR 1105 (HY000): can't run multi schema change
```

```
CREATE TABLE t (a int primary key);
ALTER TABLE t CHANGE COLUMN a a VARCHAR(10);
```

```
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported modify column: column has primary key flag
```

```
CREATE TABLE t (c1 INT, c2 INT, c3 INT) partition by range columns(c1) (
    ↪ partition p0 values less than (10), partition p1 values less than (
    ↪ maxvalue));
ALTER TABLE t CHANGE COLUMN c1 c1 DATETIME;
```

```
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported modify column: table is partition table
```

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT, b INT as (a+1));
ALTER TABLE t CHANGE COLUMN b b VARCHAR(10);
```

```
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported modify column: column is generated
```

```
CREATE TABLE t (a DECIMAL(13, 7));
ALTER TABLE t CHANGE COLUMN a a DATETIME;
```

```
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported modify column: change from original type
    ↪ decimal(13,7) to datetime is currently unsupported yet
```

MySQL compatibility

- Changes of Reorg-Data types on primary key columns are not supported.
- Changes of column types on partitioned tables are not supported.
- Changes of column types on generated columns are not supported.
- Changes from some data types (for example, TIME, BIT, SET, ENUM, and JSON types) to some other types are not supported due to the compatibility issues of the `CAST` function's behavior between TiDB and MySQL.

See also

- CREATE TABLE
- SHOW CREATE TABLE
- ADD COLUMN
- DROP COLUMN
- MODIFY COLUMN

14.13.2.19.6 ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT

To enhance read performance and reduce disk usage, TiDB automatically schedules data compaction on storage nodes in the background. During the compaction, storage nodes rewrite physical data, including cleaning up deleted rows and merging multiple versions of data caused by updates. The `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` statement allows you to initiate compaction for a specific table immediately, without waiting until compaction is triggered in the background.

The execution of this statement does not block existing SQL statements or affect any TiDB features, such as transactions, DDL, and GC. Data that can be selected via SQL statements will not be changed either. Executing this statement consumes some IO and CPU resources. Be careful to choose an appropriate timing for execution, such as when resources are available, to avoid negative impact on the business.

The compaction statement will be finished and returned when all replicas of a table are compacted. During the execution process, you can safely interrupt the compaction by executing the `KILL` statement. Interrupting a compaction does not break data consistency or lead to data loss, nor does it affect subsequent manual or background compactions.

This data compaction statement is currently supported only for TiFlash replicas, not for TiKV replicas.

Synopsis

```
AlterTableCompactStmt ::=
    'ALTER' 'TABLE' TableName 'COMPACT' ( 'PARTITION' PartitionNameList )? (
        ↪ 'TIFLASH' 'REPLICA' )?
```

Since v6.2.0, the `TIFLASH REPLICA` part of the syntax can be omitted. When omitted, the semantic of the statement remains unchanged, and takes effect only for TiFlash.

Examples

Compact TiFlash replicas in a table

The following takes an `employees` table as an example, which has 4 partitions with 2 TiFlash replicas:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    store_id INT
)
PARTITION BY LIST (store_id) (
    PARTITION pNorth VALUES IN (1, 2, 3, 4, 5),
    PARTITION pEast VALUES IN (6, 7, 8, 9, 10),
    PARTITION pWest VALUES IN (11, 12, 13, 14, 15),
    PARTITION pCentral VALUES IN (16, 17, 18, 19, 20)
);
ALTER TABLE employees SET TIFLASH REPLICA 2;
```

You can execute the following statement to immediately initiate the compaction for the 2 TiFlash replicas for all partitions in the `employees` table:

```
ALTER TABLE employees COMPACT TIFLASH REPLICA;
```

Compact TiFlash replicas of specified partitions in a table

The following takes an `employees` table as an example, which has 4 partitions with 2 TiFlash replicas:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    store_id INT
)
PARTITION BY LIST (store_id) (
    PARTITION pNorth VALUES IN (1, 2, 3, 4, 5),
    PARTITION pEast VALUES IN (6, 7, 8, 9, 10),
    PARTITION pWest VALUES IN (11, 12, 13, 14, 15),
    PARTITION pCentral VALUES IN (16, 17, 18, 19, 20)
);

ALTER TABLE employees SET TIFLASH REPLICA 2;
```

You can execute the following statement to immediately initiate the compaction for the 2 TiFlash replicas of the `pNorth` and `pEast` partitions in the `employees` table:

```
ALTER TABLE employees COMPACT PARTITION pNorth, pEast TIFLASH REPLICA;
```

Concurrency

The `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` statement compacts all replicas in a table simultaneously.

To avoid a significant impact on online business, each TiFlash instance only compacts data in one table at a time by default (except for the compaction triggered in the background). This means that if you execute the `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` statement on multiple tables at the same time, their executions will be queued on the same TiFlash instance, rather than being executed simultaneously.

To obtain greater table-level concurrency with higher resource usage, you can modify the TiFlash configuration `manual_compact_pool_size`. For example, when `manual_compact_pool_size` is set to 2, compaction for 2 tables can be processed simultaneously.

Observe data compaction progress

You can observe the progress of data compaction or determine whether to initiate compaction for a table by checking the `TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS` column in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_TABLES` table. The larger the value of `TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS`, the more data that can be compacted. If `TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS` is `0`, all data in the table is in the best state and does not need to be compacted.

Example: Check the compaction state of a non-partitioned table

```
USE test;

CREATE TABLE foo(id INT);

ALTER TABLE foo SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;

SELECT TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS, TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_
    ↪ TABLES
    WHERE IS_TOMBSTONE = 0 AND
    `TIDB_DATABASE` = "test" AND `TIDB_TABLE` = "foo";
+------------------+------------------+
| TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS | TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS |
+------------------+------------------+
|                0 |                0 |
+------------------+------------------+

INSERT INTO foo VALUES (1), (3), (7);

SELECT TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS, TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_
    ↪ TABLES
    WHERE IS_TOMBSTONE = 0 AND
```

```
    `TIDB_DATABASE` = "test" AND `TIDB_TABLE` = "foo";
+------------------+------------------+
| TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS | TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS |
+------------------+------------------+
|                3 |                0 |
+------------------+------------------+
-- Newly written data can be compacted

ALTER TABLE foo COMPACT TIFLASH REPLICA;

SELECT TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS, TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_
    ↪ TABLES
    WHERE IS_TOMBSTONE = 0 AND
    `TIDB_DATABASE` = "test" AND `TIDB_TABLE` = "foo";
+------------------+------------------+
| TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS | TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS |
+------------------+------------------+
|                0 |                3 |
+------------------+------------------+
-- All data is in the best state and no compaction is needed
```

Example: Check the compaction state of a partitioned table

```
USE test;

CREATE TABLE employees
    (id INT NOT NULL, store_id INT)
    PARTITION BY LIST (store_id) (
        PARTITION pNorth VALUES IN (1, 2, 3, 4, 5),
        PARTITION pEast VALUES IN (6, 7, 8, 9, 10),
        PARTITION pWest VALUES IN (11, 12, 13, 14, 15),
        PARTITION pCentral VALUES IN (16, 17, 18, 19, 20)
    );

ALTER TABLE employees SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;

INSERT INTO employees VALUES (1, 1), (6, 6), (10, 10);

SELECT PARTITION_NAME, TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS, TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS
    FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_TABLES t, INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PARTITIONS
        ↪ p
    WHERE t.IS_TOMBSTONE = 0 AND t.TABLE_ID = p.TIDB_PARTITION_ID AND
    p.TABLE_SCHEMA = "test" AND p.TABLE_NAME = "employees";
+----------------+------------------+------------------+
| PARTITION_NAME | TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS | TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS |
```

```
+---------------+-----------------+------------------+
| pNorth        |               1 |                0 |
| pEast         |               2 |                0 |
| pWest         |               0 |                0 |
| pCentral      |               0 |                0 |
+---------------+-----------------+------------------+
-- Some partitions can be compacted

ALTER TABLE employees COMPACT TIFLASH REPLICA;

SELECT PARTITION_NAME, TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS, TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS
    FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_TABLES t, INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PARTITIONS
        ↪ p
    WHERE t.IS_TOMBSTONE = 0 AND t.TABLE_ID = p.TIDB_PARTITION_ID AND
    p.TABLE_SCHEMA = "test" AND p.TABLE_NAME = "employees";
+---------------+-----------------+------------------+
| PARTITION_NAME | TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS | TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS |
+---------------+-----------------+------------------+
| pNorth        |               0 |                1 |
| pEast         |               0 |                2 |
| pWest         |               0 |                0 |
| pCentral      |               0 |                0 |
+---------------+-----------------+------------------+
-- Data in all partitions is in the best state and no compaction is needed
```

Note:

- If data is updated during compaction, `TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS` might still be a non-zero value after compaction is done. This is normal and indicates that these updates have not been compacted. To compact these updates, execute the `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` statement again.
- `TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS` indicates the data version, not the number of rows. For example, if you insert a row and then delete it, `TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS` will increase by 2.

Compatibility

MySQL compatibility

The `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` syntax is TiDB specific, which is an extension to the standard SQL syntax. Although there is no equivalent MySQL syntax, you can still execute

this statement by using MySQL clients or various database drivers that comply with the MySQL protocol.

TiCDC compatibility

The `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` statement does not result in logical data changes and are therefore not replicated to downstream by TiCDC.

See also

- ALTER TABLE
- KILL TIDB

14.13.2.19.7 DROP COLUMN

This statement drops a column from a specified table. `DROP COLUMN` is online in TiDB, which means that it does not block read or write operations.

Synopsis

```
AlterTableStmt
        ::= 'ALTER' 'IGNORE'? 'TABLE' TableName DropColumnSpec ( ','
           ↪ DropColumnSpec )*

DropColumnSpec
        ::= 'DROP' 'COLUMN'? 'IF EXISTS'? ColumnName ( 'RESTRICT' | 'CASCADE
           ↪ ' )?

ColumnName
        ::= Identifier ( '.' Identifier ( '.' Identifier )? )?
```

Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, col1
   ↪ INT NOT NULL, col2 INT NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (col1,col2) VALUES (1,1),(2,2),(3,3),(4,4),(5,5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+------+------+
| id | col1 | col2 |
+----+------+------+
|  1 |    1 |    1 |
|  2 |    2 |    2 |
|  3 |    3 |    3 |
```

```
|  4 |    4 |    4 |
|  5 |    5 |    5 |
+----+------+------+
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> ALTER TABLE t1 DROP COLUMN col1, DROP COLUMN col2;
ERROR 1105 (HY000): can't run multi schema change
mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+------+------+
| id | col1 | col2 |
+----+------+------+
|  1 |    1 |    1 |
|  2 |    2 |    2 |
|  3 |    3 |    3 |
|  4 |    4 |    4 |
|  5 |    5 |    5 |
+----+------+------+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ALTER TABLE t1 DROP COLUMN col1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.27 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+------+
| id | col2 |
+----+------+
|  1 |    1 |
|  2 |    2 |
|  3 |    3 |
|  4 |    4 |
|  5 |    5 |
+----+------+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

MySQL compatibility

- Dropping primary key columns or columns covered by the composite index is not supported.

See also

- ADD COLUMN
- SHOW CREATE TABLE
- CREATE TABLE

14.13.2.19.8 DROP INDEX

This statement removes an index from a specified table, marking space as free in TiKV.

Synopsis

```
DropIndexStmt ::=
    "DROP" "INDEX" IfExists Identifier "ON" TableName
        ↪ IndexLockAndAlgorithmOpt

IfExists ::=
    ( 'IF' 'EXISTS' )?

IndexLockAndAlgorithmOpt ::=
    ( LockClause AlgorithmClause? | AlgorithmClause LockClause? )?
```

Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
    ↪ NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 = 3;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task      | access object | operator info
    ↪            |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
| TableReader_7         | 10.00   | root      |               | data:Selection_6
    ↪           |
| └─Selection_6         | 10.00   | cop[tikv] |               | eq(test.t1.c1,
    ↪ 3)          |
|   └─TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:false
    ↪ , stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> CREATE INDEX c1 ON t1 (c1);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.30 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 = 3;
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object         | operator
    ↪ info                           |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---------
    ↪
| IndexReader_6         | 0.01    | root     |                       | index:
    ↪ IndexRangeScan_5                 |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5    | 0.01    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:c1(c1) | range
    ↪ :[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DROP INDEX c1 ON t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.30 sec)
```

MySQL compatibility

- Dropping the primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type is not supported. For more details about the primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type, refer to clustered index.

See also

- SHOW INDEXES
- CREATE INDEX
- ADD INDEX
- RENAME INDEX
- ALTER INDEX

14.13.2.19.9 MODIFY COLUMN

The `ALTER TABLE.. MODIFY COLUMN` statement modifies a column on an existing table. The modification can include changing the data type and attributes. To rename at the same time, use the `CHANGE COLUMN` statement instead.

Since v5.1.0, TiDB has supported changes of data types for Reorg data, including but not limited to:

- Changing `VARCHAR` to `BIGINT`
- Modifying the `DECIMAL` precision
- Compressing the length of `VARCHAR(10)` to `VARCHAR(5)`

Synopsis

```
AlterTableStmt
        ::= 'ALTER' 'IGNORE'? 'TABLE' TableName ModifyColumnSpec ( ','
           ↪ ModifyColumnSpec )*

ModifyColumnSpec
        ::= 'MODIFY' ColumnKeywordOpt 'IF EXISTS' ColumnName ColumnType
           ↪ ColumnOption* ( 'FIRST' | 'AFTER' ColumnName )?

ColumnType
        ::= NumericType
          | StringType
          | DateAndTimeType
          | 'SERIAL'

ColumnOption
        ::= 'NOT'? 'NULL'
          | 'AUTO_INCREMENT'
          | 'PRIMARY'? 'KEY' ( 'CLUSTERED' | 'NONCLUSTERED' )?
          | 'UNIQUE' 'KEY'?
          | 'DEFAULT' ( NowSymOptionFraction | SignedLiteral |
             ↪ NextValueForSequence )
          | 'SERIAL' 'DEFAULT' 'VALUE'
          | 'ON' 'UPDATE' NowSymOptionFraction
          | 'COMMENT' stringLit
          | ( 'CONSTRAINT' Identifier? )? 'CHECK' '(' Expression ')' ( 'NOT
             ↪ '? ( 'ENFORCED' | 'NULL' ) )?
          | 'GENERATED' 'ALWAYS' 'AS' '(' Expression ')' ( 'VIRTUAL' | '
             ↪ STORED' )?
          | 'REFERENCES' TableName ( '(' IndexPartSpecificationList ')' )?
             ↪ Match? OnDeleteUpdateOpt
          | 'COLLATE' CollationName
          | 'COLUMN_FORMAT' ColumnFormat
          | 'STORAGE' StorageMedia
          | 'AUTO_RANDOM' ( '(' LengthNum ')' )?

ColumnName ::=
    Identifier ( '.' Identifier ( '.' Identifier )? )?
```

Examples

Meta-Only Change

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id int not null primary key AUTO_INCREMENT, col1 INT);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO t1 (col1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
```

```
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
ALTER TABLE t1 MODIFY col1 BIGINT;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)
```

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE t1\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: t1
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `id` int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  `col1` bigint DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin AUTO_INCREMENT
    ↪ =30001
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Reorg-Data Change

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id int not null primary key AUTO_INCREMENT, col1 INT);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO t1 (col1) VALUES (12345),(67890);
```

```
Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
ALTER TABLE t1 MODIFY col1 VARCHAR(5);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (2.52 sec)
```

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE t1\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: t1
CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `id` int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  `col1` varchar(5) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`) /*T![clustered_index] CLUSTERED */
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin AUTO_INCREMENT
    ↪ =30001
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Note:

- TiDB returns an error when the changed data type conflicts with an existing data row. In the above example, TiDB returns the following error:

```
alter table t1 modify column col1 varchar(4); ERROR 1406
↪ (22001): Data Too Long, field len 4, data len 5
```

- Due to the compatibility with the Async Commit feature, the DDL statement waits for a period of time (about 2.5s) before starting to process into Reorg Data.

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (2.52 sec)
```

MySQL compatibility

- Does not support modifying the Reorg-Data types on the primary key columns but supports modifying the Meta-Only types. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a int primary key);
ALTER TABLE t MODIFY COLUMN a VARCHAR(10);
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported modify column: column has primary key
    ↪ flag
```

```
CREATE TABLE t (a int primary key);
ALTER TABLE t MODIFY COLUMN a int UNSIGNED;
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported modify column: column has primary key
    ↪ flag
```

```
CREATE TABLE t (a int primary key);
ALTER TABLE t MODIFY COLUMN a bigint;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

- Does not support modifying the column types on generated columns. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT, b INT as (a+1));
ALTER TABLE t MODIFY COLUMN b VARCHAR(10);
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported modify column: column is generated
```

- Does not support modifying the column types on the partitioned tables. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (c1 INT, c2 INT, c3 INT) partition by range columns(c1)
    ↪  ( partition p0 values less than (10), partition p1 values less
    ↪ than (maxvalue));
ALTER TABLE t MODIFY COLUMN c1 DATETIME;
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported modify column: table is partition
    ↪ table
```

- Does not support modifying from some data types (for example, some TIME types, BIT, SET, ENUM, JSON) to some other types due to some compatibility issues of the `cast` function's behavior between TiDB and MySQL.

```
CREATE TABLE t (a DECIMAL(13, 7));
ALTER TABLE t MODIFY COLUMN a DATETIME;
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported modify column: change from original
    ↪ type decimal(13,7) to datetime is currently unsupported yet
```

See also

- CREATE TABLE
- SHOW CREATE TABLE
- ADD COLUMN
- DROP COLUMN
- CHANGE COLUMN

14.13.2.19.10 RENAME INDEX

The statement `ALTER TABLE .. RENAME INDEX` renames an existing index to a new name. This operation is instant in TiDB, and requires only a meta data change.

Synopsis

```
AlterTableStmt
        ::= 'ALTER' 'IGNORE'? 'TABLE' TableName RenameIndexSpec ( ','
           ↪ RenameIndexSpec )*

RenameIndexSpec
        ::= 'RENAME' ( 'KEY' | 'INDEX' ) Identifier 'TO' Identifier
```

Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
   ↪ NOT NULL, INDEX col1 (c1));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE t1\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: t1
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `id` int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  `c1` int NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`),
  KEY `col1` (`c1`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ALTER TABLE t1 RENAME INDEX col1 TO c1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)

mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE t1\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: t1
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `id` int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  `c1` int NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`),
  KEY `c1` (`c1`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

MySQL compatibility

The `RENAME INDEX` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

See also

- SHOW CREATE TABLE

- CREATE INDEX
- DROP INDEX
- SHOW INDEXES
- ALTER INDEX

14.13.2.20 ALTER USER

This statement changes an existing user inside the TiDB privilege system. In the MySQL privilege system, a user is the combination of a username and the host from which they are connecting from. Thus, it is possible to create a user `'newuser2'@'192.168.1.1'` who is only able to connect from the IP address `192.168.1.1`. It is also possible to have two users have the same user-portion, and different permissions as they login from different hosts.

14.13.2.20.1 Synopsis

```
AlterUserStmt ::=
    'ALTER' 'USER' IfExists (UserSpecList RequireClauseOpt ConnectionOptions
       ↪  PasswordOption LockOption AttributeOption | 'USER' '(' ')' '
       ↪ IDENTIFIED' 'BY' AuthString) ResourceGroupNameOption

UserSpecList ::=
    UserSpec ( ',' UserSpec )*

UserSpec ::=
    Username AuthOption

RequireClauseOpt ::=
    ( 'REQUIRE' 'NONE' | 'REQUIRE' 'SSL' | 'REQUIRE' 'X509' | 'REQUIRE'
       ↪ RequireList )?

RequireList ::=
    ( "ISSUER" stringLit | "SUBJECT" stringLit | "CIPHER" stringLit | "SAN"
       ↪ stringLit | "TOKEN_ISSUER" stringLit )*

Username ::=
    StringName ('@' StringName | singleAtIdentifier)? | 'CURRENT_USER'
       ↪ OptionalBraces

AuthOption ::=
    ( 'IDENTIFIED' ( 'BY' ( AuthString | 'PASSWORD' HashString ) | 'WITH'
       ↪ StringName ( 'BY' AuthString | 'AS' HashString )? ) )?

PasswordOption ::= ( 'PASSWORD' 'EXPIRE' ( 'DEFAULT' | 'NEVER' | 'INTERVAL'
    ↪ N 'DAY' )? | 'PASSWORD' 'HISTORY' ( 'DEFAULT' | N ) | 'PASSWORD' '
    ↪ REUSE' 'INTERVAL' ( 'DEFAULT' | N 'DAY' ) | 'FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS' N
```

```
    ↪  | 'PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME' ( N | 'UNBOUNDED' ) )*

LockOption ::= ( 'ACCOUNT' 'LOCK' | 'ACCOUNT' 'UNLOCK' )?

AttributeOption ::= ( 'COMMENT' CommentString | 'ATTRIBUTE' AttributeString
    ↪ )?

ResourceGroupNameOption::= ( 'RESOURCE' 'GROUP' Identifier)?

RequireClauseOpt ::= ('REQUIRE' ('NONE' | 'SSL' | 'X509' |
    ↪ RequireListElement ('AND'? RequireListElement)*))?

RequireListElement ::= 'ISSUER' Issuer | 'SUBJECT' Subject | 'CIPHER' Cipher
    ↪  | 'SAN' SAN | 'TOKEN_ISSUER' TokenIssuer
```

14.13.2.20.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE USER 'newuser' IDENTIFIED BY 'newuserpassword';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW CREATE USER 'newuser';
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| CREATE USER for newuser@%
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| CREATE USER 'newuser'@'%' IDENTIFIED WITH 'mysql_native_password' AS '
    ↪ *5806E04BBEE79E1899964C6A04D68BCA69B1A879' REQUIRE NONE PASSWORD
    ↪ EXPIRE DEFAULT ACCOUNT UNLOCK |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Modify basic user information

Change the password for user `newuser`:

```
mysql> ALTER USER 'newuser' IDENTIFIED BY 'newnewpassword';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

```
mysql> SHOW CREATE USER 'newuser';
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| CREATE USER for newuser@%
   ↪
   ↪ |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| CREATE USER 'newuser'@'%' IDENTIFIED WITH 'mysql_native_password' AS '*
   ↪ FB8A1EA1353E8775CA836233E367FBDFCB37BE73' REQUIRE NONE PASSWORD
   ↪ EXPIRE DEFAULT ACCOUNT UNLOCK |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Lock the user `newuser`:

```
ALTER USER 'newuser' ACCOUNT LOCK;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

Modify the attributes of `newuser`:

```
ALTER USER 'newuser' ATTRIBUTE '{"newAttr": "value", "deprecatedAttr": null
   ↪ }';
SELECT * FROM information_schema.user_attributes;
```

```
+----------+------+-------------------------+
| USER     | HOST | ATTRIBUTE               |
+----------+------+-------------------------+
| newuser  | %    | {"newAttr": "value"}  |
+----------+------+-------------------------+
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Modify the comment of `newuser` using `ALTER USER ... COMMENT`:

```
ALTER USER 'newuser' COMMENT 'Here is the comment';
SELECT * FROM information_schema.user_attributes;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| USER     | HOST | ATTRIBUTE                                                 |
+--
   ↪ ---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
```

```
| newuser  | %    | {"comment": "Here is the comment", "newAttr": "value"} |
+--
    ↪ ---------+------+--------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Remove the comment of `newuser` using `ALTER USER ... ATTRIBUTE`:

```
ALTER USER 'newuser' ATTRIBUTE '{"comment": null}';
SELECT * FROM information_schema.user_attributes;
```

```
+-----------+------+---------------------------+
| USER      | HOST | ATTRIBUTE                 |
+-----------+------+---------------------------+
| newuser  | %    | {"newAttr": "value"}   |
+-----------+------+---------------------------+
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Change the automatic password expiration policy for `newuser` to never expire via `ALTER USER ... PASSWORD EXPIRE NEVER`:

```
ALTER USER 'newuser' PASSWORD EXPIRE NEVER;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

Modify the password reuse policy for `newuser` to disallow the reuse of any password used within the last 90 days using `ALTER USER ... PASSWORD REUSE INTERVAL ... DAY`:

```
ALTER USER 'newuser' PASSWORD REUSE INTERVAL 90 DAY;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

Modify the resource group bound to the user

Use `ALTER USER ... RESOURCE GROUP` to modify the resource group of the user `newuser` to `rg1`.

```
ALTER USER 'newuser' RESOURCE GROUP rg1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

View the resource group bound to the current user:

```
SELECT USER, JSON_EXTRACT(User_attributes, "$.resource_group") FROM mysql.
    ↪ user WHERE user = "newuser";
```

```
+---------+-----------------------------------------------------+
| USER    | JSON_EXTRACT(User_attributes, "$.resource_group") |
+---------+-----------------------------------------------------+
| newuser | "rg1"                                               |
+---------+-----------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
```

Unbind the user to a resource group, that is, bind the user to the `default` resource group.

```
ALTER USER 'newuser' RESOURCE GROUP `default`;
SELECT USER, JSON_EXTRACT(User_attributes, "$.resource_group") FROM mysql.
    ↪ user WHERE user = "newuser";
```

```
+---------+-----------------------------------------------------+
| USER    | JSON_EXTRACT(User_attributes, "$.resource_group") |
+---------+-----------------------------------------------------+
| newuser | "default"                                           |
+---------+-----------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
```

14.13.2.20.3 See also

- TiDB User Account Management
- Security Compatibility with MySQL

- CREATE USER
- DROP USER
- SHOW CREATE USER

14.13.2.21 ANALYZE

This statement updates the statistics that TiDB builds on tables and indexes. It is recommended to run `ANALYZE` after performing a large batch update or import of records, or when you notice that query execution plans are sub-optimal.

TiDB will also automatically update its statistics over time as it discovers that they are inconsistent with its own estimates.

Currently, TiDB collects statistical information as a full collection by using the `ANALYZE TABLE` statement. For more information, see Introduction to statistics.

14.13.2.21.1 Synopsis

```
AnalyzeTableStmt ::=
    'ANALYZE' ( 'TABLE' ( TableNameList ( 'ALL COLUMNS' | 'PREDICATE COLUMNS
       ↪ ' ) | TableName ( 'INDEX' IndexNameList? | AnalyzeColumnOption | '
       ↪ PARTITION' PartitionNameList ( 'INDEX' IndexNameList? |
       ↪ AnalyzeColumnOption )? )? ) ) AnalyzeOptionListOpt

AnalyzeOptionListOpt ::=
( WITH AnalyzeOptionList )?

AnalyzeOptionList ::=
AnalyzeOption ( ',' AnalyzeOption )*

AnalyzeOption ::=
( NUM ( 'BUCKETS' | 'TOPN' | ( 'CMSKETCH' ( 'DEPTH' | 'WIDTH' ) ) | 'SAMPLES
    ↪ ' ) ) | ( FLOATNUM 'SAMPLERATE' )

AnalyzeColumnOption ::=
( 'ALL COLUMNS' | 'PREDICATE COLUMNS' | 'COLUMNS' ColumnNameList )

TableNameList ::=
    TableName (',' TableName)*

TableName ::=
    Identifier ( '.' Identifier )?

ColumnNameList ::=
    Identifier ( ',' Identifier )*

IndexNameList ::=
    Identifier ( ',' Identifier )*

PartitionNameList ::=
    Identifier ( ',' Identifier )*
```

14.13.2.21.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
    ↪ NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)
```

```
mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.03 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
mysql> ALTER TABLE t1 ADD INDEX (c1);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.30 sec)
```

```
mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 = 3;
+--
   ↪ --------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+----------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object         | operator
   ↪ info                            |
+--
   ↪ --------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+----------
   ↪
| IndexReader_6         | 10.00   | root     |                       | index:
   ↪ IndexRangeScan_5                |
| └─IndexRangeScan_5    | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:c1(c1) | range
   ↪ :[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ --------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+----------
   ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The status of the current statistics is pseudo, which means the statistics is inaccurate.

```
mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.13 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 = 3;
+--
   ↪ --------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+----------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object         | operator
   ↪ info              |
+--
   ↪ --------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+----------
   ↪
| IndexReader_6         | 1.00    | root     |                       | index:
   ↪ IndexRangeScan_5    |
| └─IndexRangeScan_5    | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:c1(c1) | range
   ↪ :[3,3], keep order:false |
+--
   ↪ --------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+----------
   ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The statistics is now correctly updated and loaded.

14.13.2.21.3 MySQL compatibility

TiDB differs from MySQL in **both** the statistics it collects and how it makes use of statistics during query execution. While this statement is syntactically similar to MySQL, the following differences apply:

- TiDB might not include very recently committed changes when running `ANALYZE TABLE`. After a batch update of rows, you might need to `sleep(1)` before executing `ANALYZE TABLE` in order for the statistics update to reflect these changes. See #16570.
- `ANALYZE TABLE` takes significantly longer to execute in TiDB than MySQL.

14.13.2.21.4 See also

- EXPLAIN
- EXPLAIN ANALYZE

14.13.2.22 BACKUP

This statement is used to perform a distributed backup of the TiDB cluster.

> **Warning:**
>
> - This feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.
> - This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

The `BACKUP` statement uses the same engine as the BR tool does, except that the backup process is driven by TiDB itself rather than a separate BR tool. All benefits and warnings of BR also apply to this statement.

Executing `BACKUP` requires either the `BACKUP_ADMIN` or `SUPER` privilege. Additionally, both the TiDB node executing the backup and all TiKV nodes in the cluster must have read or write permission to the destination. Local storage (storage paths starting with `local://`) is not permitted when Security Enhanced Mode is enabled.

The `BACKUP` statement is blocked until the entire backup task is finished, failed, or canceled. A long-lasting connection should be prepared for executing `BACKUP`. The task can be canceled using the `KILL TIDB QUERY` statement.

Only one `BACKUP` and `RESTORE` task can be executed at a time. If a `BACKUP` or `RESTORE` statement is already being executed on the same TiDB server, the new `BACKUP` execution will wait until all previous tasks are finished.

`BACKUP` can only be used with "tikv" storage engine. Using `BACKUP` with the "unistore" engine will fail.

14.13.2.22.1 Synopsis

```
BackupStmt ::=
    "BACKUP" BRIETables "TO" stringLit BackupOption*

BRIETables ::=
    "DATABASE" ( '*' | DBName (',' DBName)* )
|   "TABLE" TableNameList

BackupOption ::=
    "CHECKSUM" '='? Boolean
|   "CHECKSUM_CONCURRENCY" '='? LengthNum
|   "COMPRESSION_LEVEL" '='? LengthNum
|   "COMPRESSION_TYPE" '='? stringLit
|   "CONCURRENCY" '='? LengthNum
|   "IGNORE_STATS" '='? Boolean
|   "LAST_BACKUP" '='? BackupTSO
|   "RATE_LIMIT" '='? LengthNum "MB" '/' "SECOND"
|   "SEND_CREDENTIALS_TO_TIKV" '='? Boolean
|   "SNAPSHOT" '='? ( BackupTSO | LengthNum TimestampUnit "AGO" )

Boolean ::=
    NUM | "TRUE" | "FALSE"

BackupTSO ::=
    LengthNum | stringLit
```

14.13.2.22.2 Examples

Back up databases

```
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 'local:///mnt/backup/2020/04/';
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+----------+----------------+--------------------
    ↪
| Destination                | Size     | BackupTS       | Queue Time         |
    ↪ Execution Time    |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+----------+----------------+--------------------
    ↪
```

```
| local:///mnt/backup/2020/04/ | 248665063 | 416099531454472 | 2020-04-12
    ↪ 23:09:48 | 2020-04-12 23:09:48 |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+----------+----------------+--------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (58.453 sec)
```

In the example above, the `test` database is backed up into the local filesystem. The data is saved as SST files in the `/mnt/backup/2020/04/` directories distributed among all TiDB and TiKV nodes.

The first row of the result above is described as follows:

Column	Description
`Destination` ↪	The destination URL
`Size`	The total size of the backup archive, in bytes
`BackupTS`	The TSO of the snapshot when the backup is created (useful for incremental backup)
`Queue` ↪ `Time`	The timestamp (in current time zone) when the `BACKUP` task is queued.

Column	Description
`Execution Time`	The timestamp (in current time zone) when the `BACKUP` task starts to run.

Back up tables

```
BACKUP TABLE `test`.`sbtest01` TO 'local:///mnt/backup/sbtest01/';
```

```
BACKUP TABLE sbtest02, sbtest03, sbtest04 TO 'local:///mnt/backup/sbtest/';
```

Back up the entire cluster

```
BACKUP DATABASE * TO 'local:///mnt/backup/full/';
```

Note that the system tables (`mysql.*`, `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.*`, `PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA.*`, …) will not be included into the backup.

External storages

BR supports backing up data to S3 or GCS:

```
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 's3://example-bucket-2020/backup-05/?access-key={YOUR_ACCESS_KEY}&secret-access-key={YOUR_SECRET_KEY}';
```

The URL syntax is further explained in URI Formats of External Storage Services.

When running on cloud environment where credentials should not be distributed, set the `SEND_CREDENTIALS_TO_TIKV` option to `FALSE`:

```
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 's3://example-bucket-2020/backup-05/'
    SEND_CREDENTIALS_TO_TIKV = FALSE;
```

Performance fine-tuning

Use `RATE_LIMIT` to limit the average upload speed per TiKV node to reduce network bandwidth.

Before the backup is completed, `BACKUP` would perform a checksum against the data on the cluster to verify correctness by default. The default concurrency for checksum tasks on a single table is 4, which you can adjust using the `CHECKSUM_CONCURRENCY` parameter. If you are confident that the data verification is unnecessary, you can disable the check by setting the `CHECKSUM` parameter to `FALSE`.

To specify the number of concurrent tasks that BR can execute for backing up tables and indices, use the `CONCURRENCY` parameter. This parameter controls the thread pool size within BR, optimizing the performance and efficiency of backup operations.

One task represents one table range or one index range, according to the backup schemas. For one table with one index, two tasks are used to back up this table. The default value of `CONCURRENCY` is `4`. If you need to back up lots of tables or indices, increase its value.

Statistics are not backed up by default. To back up statistics, you need to set the `IGNORE_STATS` parameter to `FALSE`.

By default, the SST files generated by backup use the `zstd` compression algorithm. If needed, you can specify a different compression algorithm using the `COMPRESSION_TYPE` parameter. Supported algorithms include `lz4`, `zstd`, and `snappy`. You can also adjust the compression level with the `COMPRESSION_LEVEL` parameter; the higher the level number, the higher the compression ratio, but the higher the CPU consumption.

```
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 's3://example-bucket-2020/backup-06/'
    RATE_LIMIT = 120 MB/SECOND
    CONCURRENCY = 8
    CHECKSUM = FALSE;
```

Snapshot

Specify a timestamp, TSO or relative time to backup historical data.

```
-- relative time
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 'local:///mnt/backup/hist01'
    SNAPSHOT = 36 HOUR AGO;

-- timestamp (in current time zone)
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 'local:///mnt/backup/hist02'
    SNAPSHOT = '2020-04-01 12:00:00';

-- timestamp oracle
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 'local:///mnt/backup/hist03'
    SNAPSHOT = 415685305958400;
```

The supported units for relative time are:

- MICROSECOND
- SECOND
- MINUTE
- HOUR
- DAY
- WEEK

Note that, following SQL standard, the units are always singular.

Incremental backup

Supply the `LAST_BACKUP` option to only backup the changes between the last backup to the current snapshot.

```
-- timestamp (in current time zone)
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 'local:///mnt/backup/hist02'
    LAST_BACKUP = '2020-04-01 12:00:00';

-- timestamp oracle
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 'local:///mnt/backup/hist03'
    LAST_BACKUP = 415685305958400;
```

14.13.2.22.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.22.4 See also

- RESTORE
- SHOW BACKUPS

14.13.2.23 BATCH

The `BATCH` syntax splits a DML statement into multiple statements in TiDB for execution. This means that there are **no guarantees** of transactional atomicity and isolation. Therefore, it is a "non-transactional" statement.

Currently, `INSERT`, `REPLACE`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE` are supported in `BATCH`.

Based on a column, the `BATCH` syntax divides a DML statement into multiple ranges of scope for execution. In each range, a single SQL statement is executed.

For details about the usage and restrictions, see Non-transactional DML statements.

When you use multi-table join in a `BATCH` statement, you need to specify the full path of the column to avoid ambiguity:

```
BATCH ON test.t2.id LIMIT 1 INSERT INTO t SELECT t2.id, t2.v, t3.v FROM t2
    ↪ JOIN t3 ON t2.k = t3.k;
```

The preceding statement specifies the column to be split as `test.t2.id`, which is unambiguous. If you use the `id` as follows, an error is reported:

```
BATCH ON id LIMIT 1 INSERT INTO t SELECT t2.id, t2.v, t3.v FROM t2 JOIN t3
    ↪ ON t2.k = t3.k;

Non-transactional DML, shard column must be fully specified
```

14.13.2.23.1 Synopsis

```
NonTransactionalDMLStmt ::=
    'BATCH' ( 'ON' ColumnName )? 'LIMIT' NUM DryRunOptions? ShardableStmt

DryRunOptions ::=
    'DRY' 'RUN' 'QUERY'?

ShardableStmt ::=
    DeleteFromStmt
|   UpdateStmt
|   InsertIntoStmt
|   ReplaceIntoStmt
```

14.13.2.23.2 MySQL compatibility

The `BATCH` syntax is TiDB-specific and not compatible with MySQL.

14.13.2.23.3 See also

- Non-transactional DML statements

14.13.2.24 BEGIN

This statement starts a new transaction inside of TiDB. It is similar to the statements `START TRANSACTION` and `SET autocommit=0`.

In the absence of a `BEGIN` statement, every statement will by default autocommit in its own transaction. This behavior ensures MySQL compatibility.

14.13.2.24.1 Synopsis

```
BeginTransactionStmt ::=
    'BEGIN' ( 'PESSIMISTIC' | 'OPTIMISTIC' )?
|   'START' 'TRANSACTION' ( 'READ' ( 'WRITE' | 'ONLY' ( 'WITH' 'TIMESTAMP' '
    ↪ BOUND' TimestampBound )? ) | 'WITH' 'CONSISTENT' 'SNAPSHOT' )?
```

14.13.2.24.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a int NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)

mysql> BEGIN;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> COMMIT;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.24.3 MySQL compatibility

TiDB supports the syntax extension of `BEGIN PESSIMISTIC` or `BEGIN OPTIMISTIC`. This enables you to override the default transactional model for your transaction.

14.13.2.24.4 See also

- COMMIT
- ROLLBACK
- START TRANSACTION
- TiDB optimistic transaction model
- TiDB pessimistic transaction mode

14.13.2.25 `CALIBRATE RESOURCE`

The `CALIBRATE RESOURCE` statement is used to estimate and output the 'Request Unit (RU)' capacity of the current cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

14.13.2.25.1 Synopsis

```
CalibrateResourceStmt ::= 'CALIBRATE' 'RESOURCE' WorkloadOption

WorkloadOption ::=
( 'WORKLOAD' ('TPCC' | 'OLTP_READ_WRITE' | 'OLTP_READ_ONLY' | 'OLTP_WRITE_
   ↪ ONLY') )
| ( 'START_TIME' 'TIMESTAMP' ('DURATION' stringLit | 'END_TIME' 'TIMESTAMP')
   ↪ ?)?
```

14.13.2.25.2 Privileges

To execute this command, make sure that the following requirements are met:

- You have enabled `tidb_enable_resource_control`.
- The user has `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` privilege.
- To estimate capacity based on actual workload, the user must have the `SELECT` privilege for all tables in the `METRICS_SCHEMA` schema.

14.13.2.25.3 Methods for estimating capacity

TiDB provides two methods for estimation:

Estimate capacity based on actual workload

If your application is already running in a production environment, or you can run actual business tests, it is recommended to use the actual workload over a period of time to estimate the total capacity. To improve the accuracy of the estimation, observe the following constraints:

- Use the `START_TIME` parameter to specify the time point at which the estimation starts, in the format of `2006-01-02 15:04:05`. The default estimation end time is the current time.
- After specifying the `START_TIME` parameter, you can use the `END_TIME` parameter to specify the estimation end time, or use the `DURATION` parameter to specify the estimation time window from `START_TIME`.
- The time window ranges from 10 minutes to 24 hours.
- In the specified time window, if the CPU utilization of TiDB and TiKV is too low, you cannot estimate the capacity.

> **Note:**
>
> TiKV does not monitor CPU usage metrics on macOS. It does not support capacity estimation based on the actual workload on macOS.

Estimate capacity based on hardware deployment

This method mainly estimates capacity based on the current cluster configuration, combined with the empirical values observed for different workloads. Because different types of workloads require different ratios of hardware, the output capacity of the same configuration of hardware might be different. The `WORKLOAD` parameter here accepts the following different workload types. The default value is `TPCC`.

- `TPCC`: applies to workloads with heavy data write. It is estimated based on a workload model similar to `TPC-C`.

- `OLTP_WRITE_ONLY`: applies to workloads with heavy data write. It is estimated based on a workload model similar to `sysbench oltp_write_only`.
- `OLTP_READ_WRITE`: applies to workloads with even data read and write. It is estimated based on a workload model similar to `sysbench oltp_read_write`.
- `OLTP_READ_ONLY`: applies to workloads with heavy data read. It is estimated based on a workload model similar to `sysbench oltp_read_only`.
- `TPCH_10`: applies to AP queries. It is estimated based on 22 queries from `TPCH-10G`.

> **Note:**
>
> The RU capacity of a cluster varies with the topology of the cluster and the hardware and software configuration of each component. The actual RU that each cluster can provide is also related to the actual workload. The estimated value based on hardware deployment is for reference only and might differ from the actual maximum value. It is recommended to estimate capacity based on actual workload.

14.13.2.25.4 Examples

Specify the start time `START_TIME` and the time window `DURATION` to view the RU capacity according to the actual workload.

```
CALIBRATE RESOURCE START_TIME '2023-04-18 08:00:00' DURATION '20m';
+-------+
| QUOTA |
+-------+
| 27969 |
+-------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

Specify the start time `START_TIME` and the end time `END_TIME` to view the RU capacity according to the actual workload.

```
CALIBRATE RESOURCE START_TIME '2023-04-18 08:00:00' END_TIME '2023-04-18
    ↪ 08:20:00';
+-------+
| QUOTA |
+-------+
| 27969 |
+-------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

When the time window range `DURATION` does not fall between 10 minutes and 24 hours, an error occurs.

```
CALIBRATE RESOURCE START_TIME '2023-04-18 08:00:00' DURATION '25h';
ERROR 1105 (HY000): the duration of calibration is too long, which could
    ↪ lead to inaccurate output. Please make the duration between 10m0s and
    ↪  24h0m0s
CALIBRATE RESOURCE START_TIME '2023-04-18 08:00:00' DURATION '9m';
ERROR 1105 (HY000): the duration of calibration is too short, which could
    ↪ lead to inaccurate output. Please make the duration between 10m0s and
    ↪  24h0m0s
```

The monitoring metrics for the capacity estimation based on the actual workload feature include `tikv_cpu_quota`, `tidb_server_maxprocs`, `resource_manager_resource_unit`, `process_cpu_usage`, `tiflash_cpu_quota`, `tiflash_resource_manager_resource_unit`, and `tiflash_process_cpu_usage`. If the CPU quota monitoring data is empty, there will be an error with the corresponding monitoring metric name, as shown in the following example:

```
CALIBRATE RESOURCE START_TIME '2023-04-18 08:00:00' DURATION '60m';
Error 1105 (HY000): There is no CPU quota metrics, metrics 'tikv_cpu_quota'
    ↪  is empty
```

If the workload in the time window is too low, or the `resource_manager_resource_unit` and `process_cpu_usage` monitoring data is missing, the following error will be reported. In addition, because TiKV does not monitor CPU utilization on macOS, it does not support capacity estimation based on the actual workload, and will also report this error.

```
CALIBRATE RESOURCE START_TIME '2023-04-18 08:00:00' DURATION '60m';
ERROR 1105 (HY000): The workload in selected time window is too low, with
    ↪ which TiDB is unable to reach a capacity estimation; please select
    ↪ another time window with higher workload, or calibrate resource by
    ↪ hardware instead
```

Specify `WORKLOAD` to view the RU capacity. The default value is `TPCC`.

```
CALIBRATE RESOURCE;
+-------+
| QUOTA |
+-------+
| 190470 |
+-------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

CALIBRATE RESOURCE WORKLOAD OLTP_WRITE_ONLY;
+-------+
| QUOTA |
+-------+
| 27444 |
```

```
+-------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.26 CANCEL IMPORT

The `CANCEL IMPORT` statement is used to cancel a data import job created in TiDB.

14.13.2.26.1 Required privileges

To cancel a data import job, you need to be the creator of the import job or have the `SUPER` privilege.

14.13.2.26.2 Synopsis

```
CancelImportJobsStmt ::=
    'CANCEL' 'IMPORT' 'JOB' JobID
```

14.13.2.26.3 Example

To cancel an import job with the ID as `1`, execute the following statement:

```
CANCEL IMPORT JOB 1;
```

The output is as follows:

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.26.4 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.26.5 See also

- `IMPORT INTO`
- `SHOW IMPORT JOB`

14.13.2.27 COMMIT

This statement commits a transaction inside of the TiDB server.

In the absence of a `BEGIN` or `START TRANSACTION` statement, the default behavior of TiDB is that every statement will be its own transaction and autocommit. This behavior ensures MySQL compatibility.

14.13.2.27.1 Synopsis

```
CommitStmt ::=
    'COMMIT' CompletionTypeWithinTransaction?

CompletionTypeWithinTransaction ::=
    'AND' ( 'CHAIN' ( 'NO' 'RELEASE' )? | 'NO' 'CHAIN' ( 'NO'? 'RELEASE' )?
       ↪ )
|   'NO'? 'RELEASE'
```

14.13.2.27.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a int NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)

mysql> START TRANSACTION;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> COMMIT;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.27.3 MySQL compatibility

- Currently, TiDB use Metadata Locking (MDL) to prevent DDL statements from modifying tables used by transactions by default. The behavior of metadata lock is different between TiDB and MySQL. For more details, see Metadata Lock.
- By default, TiDB 3.0.8 and later versions use Pessimistic Locking. When using Optimistic Locking, it is important to consider that a `COMMIT` statement might fail because rows have been modified by another transaction.
- When Optimistic Locking is enabled, `UNIQUE` and `PRIMARY KEY` constraint checks are deferred until statement commit. This results in additional situations where a `COMMIT` statement might fail. This behavior can be changed by setting `tidb_constraint_check_in_place=ON`.
- TiDB parses but ignores the syntax `ROLLBACK AND [NO] RELEASE`. This functionality is used in MySQL to disconnect the client session immediately after committing the transaction. In TiDB, it is recommended to instead use the `mysql_close()` functionality of your client driver.
- TiDB parses but ignores the syntax `ROLLBACK AND [NO] CHAIN`. This functionality is used in MySQL to immediately start a new transaction with the same isolation level while the current transaction is being committed. In TiDB, it is recommended to instead start a new transaction.

14.13.2.27.4 See also

- START TRANSACTION
- ROLLBACK
- BEGIN
- Lazy checking of constraints

14.13.2.28 CREATE [GLOBAL|SESSION] BINDING

This statement creates a new execution plan binding in TiDB. Binding can be used to inject a hint into a statement without requiring changes to the underlying query.

A `BINDING` can be on either a `GLOBAL` or `SESSION` basis. The default is `SESSION`.

The bound SQL statement is parameterized and stored in the system table. When a SQL query is processed, as long as the parameterized SQL statement and a bound one in the system table are consistent and the system variable `tidb_use_plan_baselines` is set to `ON` (default), the corresponding optimizer hint is available. If multiple execution plans are available, the optimizer chooses to bind the plan with the least cost. For more information, see Create a binding.

14.13.2.28.1 Synopsis

```
CreateBindingStmt ::=
    'CREATE' GlobalScope 'BINDING' ( 'FOR' BindableStmt 'USING' BindableStmt
|   'FROM' 'HISTORY' 'USING' 'PLAN' 'DIGEST' StringLiteralOrUserVariableList
    ↪  )

GlobalScope ::=
    ( 'GLOBAL' | 'SESSION' )?

BindableStmt ::=
    ( SelectStmt | UpdateStmt | InsertIntoStmt | ReplaceIntoStmt |
       ↪ DeleteStmt )

StringLiteralOrUserVariableList ::=
    ( StringLitOrUserVariable | StringLiteralOrUserVariableList ','
       ↪ StringLitOrUserVariable )

StringLiteralOrUserVariable ::=
    ( stringLiteral | UserVariable )
```

14.13.2.28.2 Examples

You can create a binding according to a SQL statement or a historical execution plan.

When you create a binding according to a historical execution plan, you need to specify the corresponding Plan Digest:

- You can use either the string literal or user variable of the string type to specify the Plan Digest.
- You can specify multiple Plan Digests to create bindings for multiple statements at the same time. In this case, you can specify multiple strings, and include multiple digests in each string. Note that the strings or digests need to be separated by commas.

The following example shows how to create a binding according to a SQL statement.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (
    id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment,
    b INT NOT NULL,
    pad VARBINARY(255),
    INDEX(b)
   );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.07 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM dual;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 1 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 1 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 8 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 8 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 1000 rows affected (0.04 sec)
Records: 1000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 100000 rows affected (1.74 sec)
```

```
Records: 100000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 100000 rows affected (2.15 sec)
Records: 100000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 100000 rows affected (2.64 sec)
Records: 100000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT SLEEP(1);
+----------+
| SLEEP(1) |
+----------+
|        0 |
+----------+
1 row in set (1.00 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (1.33 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | actRows | task  | access object
    ↪     | execution info
    ↪                                                     | operator info
    ↪                 | memory       | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
    ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 583.00 | 297    | root     |
    ↪                    | time:10.545072ms, loops:2, rpc num: 1, rpc time
    ↪ :398.359µs, proc keys:297 |                       | 109.1484375 KB | N/
    ↪ A |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 583.00 | 297    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index
    ↪ :b(b) | time:0s, loops:4                                                |
    ↪  range:[123,123], keep order:false | N/A      | N/A |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 583.00 | 297    | cop[tikv] | table:t1
    ↪         | time:12ms, loops:4
    ↪                                                 | keep order:false
    ↪              | N/A          | N/A |
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.02 sec)

mysql> CREATE SESSION BINDING FOR
        SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123
       USING
        SELECT * FROM t1 IGNORE INDEX (b) WHERE b = 123;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+---------+----------+--------------+------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows  | actRows | task    | access object |
   ↪ execution info                                                          |
   ↪ operator info    | memory      | disk |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+---------+----------+--------------+------
   ↪
| TableReader_7         | 583.00   | 297     | root     |               | time
   ↪ :222.32506ms, loops:2, rpc num: 1, rpc time:222.078952ms, proc keys
   ↪ :301010 | data:Selection_6 | 88.6640625 KB | N/A |
| └─Selection_6         | 583.00   | 297     | cop[tikv] |              | time
   ↪ :224ms, loops:298                                                        | eq(
   ↪ test.t1.b, 123) | N/A       | N/A |
|   └─TableFullScan_5   | 301010.00 | 301010 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | time
   ↪ :220ms, loops:298                                                        |
   ↪ keep order:false | N/A         | N/A |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+---------+----------+--------------+------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.22 sec)

mysql> SHOW SESSION BINDINGS\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
Original_sql: select * from t1 where b = ?
   Bind_sql: SELECT * FROM t1 IGNORE INDEX (b) WHERE b = 123
  Default_db: test
      Status: using
 Create_time: 2020-05-22 14:38:03.456
 Update_time: 2020-05-22 14:38:03.456
     Charset: utf8mb4
   Collation: utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci
```

```
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DROP SESSION BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | actRows | task  | access object
   ↪     | execution info
   ↪ | operator info                 | memory       | disk |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 583.00 | 297    | root     |
   ↪                    | time:5.31206ms, loops:2, rpc num: 1, rpc time
   ↪ :665.927µs, proc keys:297 |                       | 109.1484375 KB | N
   ↪ /A |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 583.00 | 297    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index
   ↪ :b(b) | time:0s, loops:4                                          |
   ↪ range:[123,123], keep order:false | N/A      | N/A |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 583.00 | 297    | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪         | time:0s, loops:4
   ↪                                                | keep order:false
   ↪              | N/A          | N/A |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

The following example shows how to create a binding according to a historical execution plan.

```
USE test;
CREATE TABLE t1(a INT, b INT, c INT, INDEX ia(a));
CREATE TABLE t2(a INT, b INT, c INT, INDEX ia(a));
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT * FROM t2 WHERE a = 1;
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
UPDATE /*+ INL_JOIN(t2) */ t1, t2 SET t1.a = 1 WHERE t1.b = t2.a;
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
DELETE /*+ HASH_JOIN(t1) */ t1 FROM t1 JOIN t2 WHERE t1.b = t2.a;
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE t1.a IN (SELECT a FROM t2);
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
```

Method 1:

```
SELECT query_sample_text, stmt_type, table_names, plan_digest FROM
    ↪ information_schema.statements_summary_history WHERE table_names LIKE
    ↪ '%test.t1%' AND stmt_type != 'CreateTable';
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FROM HISTORY USING PLAN DIGEST '
    ↪ e72819cf99932f63a548156dbf433adda60e10337e89dcaa8638b4caf16f64d8,
    ↪ c291edc36b2482738d3389d335f37efc76290be2930330fe5034c5f4c42eeb36,8
    ↪ dc146249484f4a6ab219bfe9effa6b7a18aeed3764d49b610da61ac347ab914,73
    ↪ b2dec866595688ea416675f88ccb3456eb8e7443a79cd816695b688e07ac6b';
```

Method 2:

```
SELECT @digests:=GROUP_CONCAT(plan_digest) FROM information_schema.
    ↪ statements_summary_history WHERE table_names LIKE '%test.t1%' AND
    ↪ stmt_type != 'CreateTable';
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FROM HISTORY USING PLAN DIGEST @digests;
```

```
SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT * FROM t2 WHERE a = 1;
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
UPDATE t1, t2 SET t1.a = 1 WHERE t1.b = t2.a;
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
DELETE t1 FROM t1 JOIN t2 WHERE t1.b = t2.a;
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE t1.a IN (SELECT a FROM t2);
SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
```

```
> CREATE TABLE t1(a INT, b INT, c INT, INDEX ia(a));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.048 sec)

> CREATE TABLE t2(a INT, b INT, c INT, INDEX ia(a));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.035 sec)

> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT * FROM t2 WHERE a = 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.002 sec)
Records: 0 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

> SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+-------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+-------------------------+
|                       0 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.001 sec)
```

```
> UPDATE /*+ INL_JOIN(t2) */ t1, t2 SET t1.a = 1 WHERE t1.b = t2.a;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.005 sec)
Rows matched: 0 Changed: 0 Warnings: 0

> SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+-------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+-------------------------+
|                       0 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.000 sec)

> DELETE /*+ HASH_JOIN(t1) */ t1 FROM t1 JOIN t2 WHERE t1.b = t2.a;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.003 sec)

> SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+-------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+-------------------------+
|                       0 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.000 sec)

> SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE t1.a IN (SELECT a FROM t2);
Empty set (0.002 sec)

> SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+-------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+-------------------------+
|                       0 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.001 sec)

> SELECT @digests:=GROUP_CONCAT(plan_digest) FROM information_schema.
   ↪ statements_summary_history WHERE table_names LIKE '%test.t1%' AND
   ↪ stmt_type != 'CreateTable';
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| @digests:=GROUP_CONCAT(plan_digest)
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
```

```
    ↪
| 73b2dec866595688ea416675f88ccb3456eb8e7443a79cd816695b688e07ac6b,8
    ↪ dc146249484f4a6ab219bfe9effa6b7a18aeed3764d49b610da61ac347ab914,
    ↪ c291edc36b2482738d3389d335f37efc76290be2930330fe5034c5f4c42eeb36,
    ↪ e72819cf99932f63a548156dbf433adda60e10337e89dcaa8638b4caf16f64d8 |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.001 sec)

> CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FROM HISTORY USING PLAN DIGEST @digests;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.060 sec)

> SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Original_sql
    ↪                                                                          |
    ↪  Bind_sql
    ↪
    ↪ | Default_db | Status | Create_time        | Update_time          |
    ↪ Charset | Collation    | Source | Sql_digest
    ↪                                                 | Plan_digest
    ↪                                                |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| insert into `test` . `t1` select * from `test` . `t2` where `a` = ?
    ↪              | INSERT INTO `test`.`t1` SELECT /*+ use_index(@`sel_1`
    ↪ `test`.`t2` `ia`) no_order_index(@`sel_1` `test`.`t2` `ia`)*/ * FROM
    ↪  `test`.`t2` WHERE `a` = 1
    ↪                                                          | test      |
    ↪ enabled | 2024-08-11 05:27:19.669 | 2024-08-11 05:27:19.669 | utf8 |
    ↪ utf8_general_ci | history |
    ↪ bd23e6af17e7b77b25383e50e258f0dece18583d19772f08caacb2021945a300 |
    ↪ e72819cf99932f63a548156dbf433adda60e10337e89dcaa8638b4caf16f64d8 |
| update ( `test` . `t1` ) join `test` . `t2` set `t1` . `a` = ? where `t1`
    ↪  . `b` = `t2` . `a` | UPDATE /*+ inl_join(`test`.`t2`) use_index(@`
    ↪ upd_1` `test`.`t1` ) use_index(@`upd_1` `test`.`t2` `ia`) no_order_
    ↪ index(@`upd_1` `test`.`t2` `ia`)*/ (`test`.`t1`) JOIN `test`.`t2`
    ↪ SET `t1`.`a`=1 WHERE `t1`.`b` = `t2`.`a` | test | enabled |
    ↪ 2024-08-11 05:27:19.667 | 2024-08-11 05:27:19.667 | utf8 | utf8_
    ↪ general_ci | history | 987
    ↪ e91af17eb40e36fecfc0634cce0b6a736de02bb009091810f932804fc02e9 |
```

```
   ↪ c291edc36b2482738d3389d335f37efc76290be2930330fe5034c5f4c42eeb36 |
| delete `test` . `t1` from `test` . `t1` join `test` . `t2` where `t1` . `
   ↪ b` = `t2` . `a` | DELETE /*+ hash_join_build(`test`.`t2`) use_index(
   ↪ @`del_1` `test`.`t1` ) use_index(@`del_1` `test`.`t2` )*/ `test`.`t1
   ↪ ` FROM `test`.`t1` JOIN `test`.`t2` WHERE `t1`.`b` = `t2`.`a`
   ↪             | test     | enabled | 2024-08-11 05:27:19.664 |
   ↪ 2024-08-11 05:27:19.664 | utf8 | utf8_general_ci | history | 70
   ↪ ef3d442d95c51020a76c7c86a3ab674258606d4dd24bbd16ac6f69d87a4316 | 8
   ↪ dc146249484f4a6ab219bfe9effa6b7a18aeed3764d49b610da61ac347ab914 |
| select * from `test` . `t1` where `t1` . `a` in ( select `a` from `test`
   ↪ . `t2` ) | SELECT /*+ use_index(@`sel_1` `test`.`t1` ) stream_agg(@`
   ↪ sel_2`) use_index(@`sel_2` `test`.`t2` `ia`) order_index(@`sel_2` `
   ↪ test`.`t2` `ia`) agg_to_cop(@`sel_2`)*/ * FROM `test`.`t1` WHERE `t1
   ↪ `.`a` IN (SELECT `a` FROM `test`.`t2`) | test | enabled | 2024-08-11
   ↪ 05:27:19.649 | 2024-08-11 05:27:19.649 | utf8 | utf8_general_ci |
   ↪ history |
   ↪ b58508a5e29d7889adf98cad50343d7a575fd32ad55dbdaa88e14ecde54f3d93 | 73
   ↪ b2dec866595688ea416675f88ccb3456eb8e7443a79cd816695b688e07ac6b |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
4 rows in set (0.001 sec)

> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT * FROM t2 WHERE a = 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.002 sec)
Records: 0 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

> SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+--------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+--------------------------+
|                        1 |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.000 sec)

> UPDATE t1, t2 SET t1.a = 1 WHERE t1.b = t2.a;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.002 sec)
Rows matched: 0 Changed: 0 Warnings: 0

> SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+--------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+--------------------------+
|                        1 |
+--------------------------+
```

```
1 row in set (0.000 sec)

> DELETE t1 FROM t1 JOIN t2 WHERE t1.b = t2.a;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.002 sec)

> SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+--------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+--------------------------+
|                        1 |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.000 sec)

> SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE t1.a IN (SELECT a FROM t2);
Empty set (0.002 sec)

> SELECT @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING;
+--------------------------+
| @@LAST_PLAN_FROM_BINDING |
+--------------------------+
|                        1 |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.002 sec)
```

14.13.2.28.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.28.4 See also

- DROP [GLOBAL|SESSION] BINDING
- SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] BINDINGS
- ANALYZE TABLE
- Optimizer Hints
- SQL Plan Management

14.13.2.29 CREATE DATABASE

This statement creates a new database in TiDB. The MySQL terminology for 'database' most closely maps to a schema in the SQL standard.

14.13.2.29.1 Synopsis

```
CreateDatabaseStmt ::=
    'CREATE' 'DATABASE' IfNotExists DBName DatabaseOptionListOpt

IfNotExists ::=
    ( 'IF' 'NOT' 'EXISTS' )?

DBName ::=
    Identifier

DatabaseOptionListOpt ::=
    DatabaseOptionList?

DatabaseOptionList ::=
    DatabaseOption ( ','? DatabaseOption )*

DatabaseOption ::=
    DefaultKwdOpt ( CharsetKw '='? CharsetName | 'COLLATE' '='?
        ↪ CollationName | 'ENCRYPTION' '='? EncryptionOpt )
|   DefaultKwdOpt PlacementPolicyOption

PlacementPolicyOption ::=
    "PLACEMENT" "POLICY" EqOpt PolicyName
|   "PLACEMENT" "POLICY" (EqOpt | "SET") "DEFAULT"
```

14.13.2.29.2 Syntax

The `CREATE DATABASE` statement is used to create a database, and to specify the default properties of the database, such as the default character set and collation. `CREATE SCHEMA` is a synonym for `CREATE DATABASE`.

```
CREATE {DATABASE | SCHEMA} [IF NOT EXISTS] db_name
    [create_specification] ...

create_specification:
    [DEFAULT] CHARACTER SET [=] charset_name
  | [DEFAULT] COLLATE [=] collation_name
```

If you create an existing database and does not specify `IF NOT EXISTS`, an error is displayed.

The `create_specification` option is used to specify the specific `CHARACTER SET` and `COLLATE` in the database. Currently, TiDB only supports some of the character sets and collations. For details, see Character Set and Collation Support.

14.13.2.29.3 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE DATABASE mynewdatabase;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)

mysql> USE mynewdatabase;
Database changed
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> SHOW TABLES;
+------------------------+
| Tables_in_mynewdatabase |
+------------------------+
| t1                     |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.29.4 MySQL compatibility

The `CREATE DATABASE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.29.5 See also

- USE
- ALTER DATABASE
- DROP DATABASE
- SHOW DATABASES

14.13.2.30 CREATE INDEX

This statement adds a new index to an existing table. It is an alternative syntax to `ALTER TABLE .. ADD INDEX`, and included for MySQL compatibility.

14.13.2.30.1 Synopsis

```
CreateIndexStmt ::=
    'CREATE' IndexKeyTypeOpt 'INDEX' IfNotExists Identifier IndexTypeOpt 'ON
       ↪ ' TableName '(' IndexPartSpecificationList ')' IndexOptionList
       ↪ IndexLockAndAlgorithmOpt

IndexKeyTypeOpt ::=
    ( 'UNIQUE' | 'SPATIAL' | 'FULLTEXT' )?
```

```
IfNotExists ::=
    ( 'IF' 'NOT' 'EXISTS' )?

IndexTypeOpt ::=
    IndexType?

IndexPartSpecificationList ::=
    IndexPartSpecification ( ',' IndexPartSpecification )*

IndexOptionList ::=
    IndexOption*

IndexLockAndAlgorithmOpt ::=
    ( LockClause AlgorithmClause? | AlgorithmClause LockClause? )?

IndexType ::=
    ( 'USING' | 'TYPE' ) IndexTypeName

IndexPartSpecification ::=
    ( ColumnName OptFieldLen | '(' Expression ')' ) Order

IndexOption ::=
    'KEY_BLOCK_SIZE' '='? LengthNum
|   IndexType
|   'WITH' 'PARSER' Identifier
|   'COMMENT' stringLit
|   ("VISIBLE" | "INVISIBLE")
|   ("GLOBAL" | "LOCAL")

IndexTypeName ::=
    'BTREE'
|   'HASH'
|   'RTREE'

ColumnName ::=
    Identifier ( '.' Identifier ( '.' Identifier )? )?

OptFieldLen ::=
    FieldLen?

IndexNameList ::=
    ( Identifier | 'PRIMARY' )? ( ',' ( Identifier | 'PRIMARY' ) )*

KeyOrIndex ::=
    'Key' | 'Index'
```

14.13.2.30.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
    ↪ NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 = 3;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task      | access object | operator info
    ↪            |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
| TableReader_7         | 10.00   | root      |               | data:Selection_6
    ↪           |
| └─Selection_6         | 10.00   | cop[tikv] |               | eq(test.t1.c1,
    ↪ 3)          |
|   └─TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | keep order:false
    ↪ , stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+---------------+----------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> CREATE INDEX c1 ON t1 (c1);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.30 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 = 3;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------+----------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task      | access object         | operator
    ↪ info                          |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+-----------------------+----------
    ↪
```

```
| IndexReader_6       | 10.00  | root     |                       | index:
    ↪ IndexRangeScan_5                |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5  | 10.00  | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:c1(c1) | range
    ↪ :[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ --------------------+---------+----------+------------------------+----------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ALTER TABLE t1 DROP INDEX c1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.30 sec)

mysql> CREATE UNIQUE INDEX c1 ON t1 (c1);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.31 sec)
```

14.13.2.30.3 Expression index

In some scenarios, the filtering condition of a query is based on a certain expression. In these scenarios, the query performance is relatively poor because ordinary indexes cannot take effect, the query can only be executed by scanning the entire table. The expression index is a type of special index that can be created on an expression. Once an expression index is created, TiDB can use the index for the expression-based query, which significantly improves the query performance.

For example, if you want to create an index based on `LOWER(col1)`, execute the following SQL statement:

```
CREATE INDEX idx1 ON t1 ((LOWER(col1)));
```

Or you can execute the following equivalent statement:

```
ALTER TABLE t1 ADD INDEX idx1((LOWER(col1)));
```

You can also specify the expression index when you create the table:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    col1 CHAR(10),
    col2 CHAR(10),
    INDEX ((LOWER(col1)))
);
```

> **Note:**
>
> The expression in an expression index must be surrounded by `(` and `)`. Otherwise, a syntax error is reported.

You can drop an expression index in the same way as dropping an ordinary index:

```
DROP INDEX idx1 ON t1;
```

Expression index involves various kinds of expressions. To ensure correctness, only some fully tested functions are allowed for creating an expression index. This means that only these functions are allowed in expressions in a production environment. You can get these functions by querying the `tidb_allow_function_for_expression_index` variable. Currently, the allowed functions are as follows:

- `JSON_ARRAY()`
- `JSON_ARRAY_APPEND()`
- `JSON_ARRAY_INSERT()`
- `JSON_CONTAINS()`
- `JSON_CONTAINS_PATH()`
- `JSON_DEPTH()`
- `JSON_EXTRACT()`
- `JSON_INSERT()`
- `JSON_KEYS()`
- `JSON_LENGTH()`
- `JSON_MERGE_PATCH()`
- `JSON_MERGE_PRESERVE()`
- `JSON_OBJECT()`
- `JSON_PRETTY()`
- `JSON_QUOTE()`
- `JSON_REMOVE()`
- `JSON_REPLACE()`
- `JSON_SCHEMA_VALID()`
- `JSON_SEARCH()`
- `JSON_SET()`
- `JSON_STORAGE_SIZE()`
- `JSON_TYPE()`
- `JSON_UNQUOTE()`
- `JSON_VALID()`
- `LOWER()`
- `MD5()`
- `REVERSE()`
- `TIDB_SHARD()`
- `UPPER()`
- `VITESS_HASH()`

For the functions that are not included in the above list, those functions are not fully tested and not recommended for a production environment, which can be seen as experimental. Other expressions such as operators, `CAST`, and `CASE WHEN` are also seen as experimental and not recommended for production.

If you still want to use those expressions, you can make the following configuration in the TiDB configuration file:

```
allow-expression-index = true
```

Note:

An expression index cannot be created on a primary key.

The expression in an expression index cannot contain the following content:

- Volatile functions, such as `RAND()` and `NOW()`.
- System variables and user variables.
- Subqueries.
- `AUTO_INCREMENT` columns. You can remove this restriction by setting the value of `tidb_enable_auto_increment_in_generated` (system variable) to `true`.
- Window functions.
- ROW functions, such as `CREATE TABLE t (j JSON, INDEX k (((j,j) ↪ )));`.
- Aggregate functions.

An expression index implicitly takes up a name (for example, `_V$_{index ↪ _name}_{index_offset}`). If you try to create a new expression index with the name that a column has already had, an error occurs. In addition, if you add a new column with the same name, an error also occurs.

Make sure that the number of function parameters in the expression of an expression index is correct.

When the expression of an index contains a string-related function, affected by the returned type and the length, creating the expression index might fail. In this situation, you can use the `CAST()` function to explicitly specify the returned type and the length. For example, to create an expression index based on the `REPEAT(a, 3)` expression, you need to modify this expression to `CAST(REPEAT(a, 3)AS CHAR(20))`.

When the expression in a query statement matches the expression in an expression index, the optimizer can choose the expression index for the query. In some cases, the optimizer might not choose an expression index depending on statistics. In this situation, you can force the optimizer to select an expression index by using optimizer hints.

In the following examples, suppose that you create the expression index `idx` on the expression `LOWER(col1)`:

If the results of the query statement are the same expressions, the expression index applies. Take the following statement as an example:

```
SELECT LOWER(col1) FROM t;
```

If the same expression is included in the filtering conditions, the expression index applies. Take the following statements as an example:

```
SELECT * FROM t WHERE LOWER(col1) = "a";
SELECT * FROM t WHERE LOWER(col1) > "a";
SELECT * FROM t WHERE LOWER(col1) BETWEEN "a" AND "b";
SELECT * FROM t WHERE LOWER(col1) IN ("a", "b");
SELECT * FROM t WHERE LOWER(col1) > "a" AND LOWER(col1) < "b";
SELECT * FROM t WHERE LOWER(col1) > "b" OR LOWER(col1) < "a";
```

When the queries are sorted by the same expression, the expression index applies. Take the following statement as an example:

```
SELECT * FROM t ORDER BY LOWER(col1);
```

If the same expression is included in the aggregate (`GROUP BY`) functions, the expression index applies. Take the following statements as an example:

```
SELECT MAX(LOWER(col1)) FROM t;
SELECT MIN(col1) FROM t GROUP BY LOWER(col1);
```

To see the expression corresponding to the expression index, execute `SHOW INDEX`, or check the system tables `information_schema.tidb_indexes` and the table `information_schema.STATISTICS`. The `Expression` column in the output indicates the corresponded expression. For the non-expression indexes, the column shows `NULL`.

The cost of maintaining an expression index is higher than that of maintaining other indexes, because the value of the expression needs to be calculated whenever a row is inserted or updated. The value of the expression is already stored in the index, so this value does not require recalculation when the optimizer selects the expression index.

Therefore, when the query performance outweighs the insert and update performance, you can consider indexing the expressions.

Expression indexes have the same syntax and limitations as in MySQL. They are implemented by creating indexes on generated virtual columns that are invisible, so the supported expressions inherit all limitations of virtual generated columns.

14.13.2.30.4 Multi-valued indexes

Multi-valued indexes are a kind of secondary index defined on an array column. In a normal index, one index record corresponds to one data record (1:1). In a multi-valued index, multiple index records correspond to one data record (N:1). Multi-valued indexes are used to index JSON arrays. For example, a multi-valued index defined on the `zipcode` field will generate one index record for each element in the `zipcode` array.

```
{
    "user":"Bob",
    "user_id":31,
    "zipcode":[94477,94536]
}
```

Create multi-valued indexes

You can create multi-valued indexes by using the `CAST(... AS ... ARRAY)` function in the index definition, as creating an expression index.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE customers (
    id BIGINT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name CHAR(10),
    custinfo JSON,
    INDEX zips((CAST(custinfo->'$.zipcode' AS UNSIGNED ARRAY)))
);
```

You can define a multi-valued index as a unique index.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE customers (
    id BIGINT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name CHAR(10),
    custinfo JSON,
    UNIQUE INDEX zips( (CAST(custinfo->'$.zipcode' AS UNSIGNED ARRAY)))
);
```

When a multi-valued index is defined as a unique index, an error is reported if you try to insert duplicate data.

```
mysql> INSERT INTO customers VALUES (1, 'pingcap', '{"zipcode": [1,2]}');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO customers VALUES (1, 'pingcap', '{"zipcode": [2,3]}');
ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry '2' for key 'customers.zips'
```

The same record can have duplicate values, but when different records have duplicate values, an error is reported.

```
-- Insert succeeded
mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES('[1,1,2]');
mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES('[3,3,3,4,4,4]');

-- Insert failed
mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES('[1,2]');
mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES('[2,3]');
```

You can also define a multi-valued index as a composite index:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE customers (
    id BIGINT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name CHAR(10),
    custinfo JSON,
    INDEX zips(name, (CAST(custinfo->'$.zipcode' AS UNSIGNED ARRAY)))
);
```

When a multi-valued index is defined as a composite index, the multi-valued part can appear in any position, but only once.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE customers (
    id BIGINT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name CHAR(10),
    custinfo JSON,
    INDEX zips(name, (CAST(custinfo->'$.zipcode' AS UNSIGNED ARRAY)), (CAST(
        ↪ custinfo->'$.zipcode' AS UNSIGNED ARRAY)))
);
ERROR 1235 (42000): This version of TiDB doesn't yet support 'more than one
    ↪ multi-valued key part per index'.
```

The written data must exactly match the type defined by the multi-valued index; otherwise, the data write fails:

```
-- All elements in the zipcode field must be the UNSIGNED type.
mysql> INSERT INTO customers VALUES (1, 'pingcap', '{"zipcode": [-1]}');
ERROR 3752 (HY000): Value is out of range for expression index 'zips' at
    ↪ row 1

mysql> INSERT INTO customers VALUES (1, 'pingcap', '{"zipcode": ["1"]}');
    ↪ -- Incompatible with MySQL
ERROR 3903 (HY000): Invalid JSON value for CAST for expression index 'zips'

mysql> INSERT INTO customers VALUES (1, 'pingcap', '{"zipcode": [1]}');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

Use multi-valued indexes

See Index Selection - Use multi-valued indexes for more details.

Limitations

- For an empty JSON array, no corresponding index record is generated.
- The target type in `CAST(... AS ... ARRAY)` cannot be any of `BINARY`, `JSON`, `YEAR`, `FLOAT`, and `DECIMAL`. The source type must be JSON.
- You cannot use multi-valued indexes for sorting.

- You can only create multi-valued indexes on a JSON array.
- A multi-valued index cannot be a primary key or a foreign key.
- The extra storage space used by a multi-valued index = the average number of array elements per row * the space used by a normal secondary index.
- Compared with normal indexes, DML operations will modify more index records for multi-valued indexes, so multi-valued indexes will have a greater performance impact than normal indexes.
- Because multi-valued indexes are a special type of expression index, multi-valued indexes have the same limitations as expression indexes.
- If a table uses multi-valued indexes, you cannot back up, replicate, or import the table using BR, TiCDC, or TiDB Lightning to a TiDB cluster earlier than v6.6.0.
- For a query with complex conditions, TiDB might not be able to select multi-valued indexes. For information on the condition patterns supported by multi-valued indexes, refer to Use multi-valued indexes.

14.13.2.30.5 Invisible index

By default, invisible indexes are indexes that are ignored by the query optimizer:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (c1 INT, c2 INT, UNIQUE(c2));
CREATE UNIQUE INDEX c1 ON t1 (c1) INVISIBLE;
```

Starting from TiDB v8.0.0, you can make the optimizer select invisible indexes by modifying the system variable `tidb_opt_use_invisible_indexes`.

For details, see `ALTER INDEX`.

14.13.2.30.6 Associated system variables

The system variables associated with the `CREATE INDEX` statement are `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg`, `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt`, `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size`, `tidb_enable_auto_increment_in_generated`, and `tidb_ddl_reorg_priority`. Refer to system variables for details.

14.13.2.30.7 MySQL compatibility

- TiDB supports parsing the `FULLTEXT` syntax but does not support using the `FULLTEXT`, `HASH`, and `SPATIAL` indexes.
- TiDB accepts index types such as `HASH`, `BTREE` and `RTREE` in syntax for compatibility with MySQL, but ignores them.
- Descending indexes are not supported (similar to MySQL 5.7).
- Adding the primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type to a table is not supported. For more details about the primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type, refer to clustered index.
- Expression indexes are incompatible with views. When a query is executed using a view, the expression index cannot be used at the same time.

- Expression indexes have compatibility issues with bindings. When the expression of an expression index has a constant, the binding created for the corresponding query expands its scope. For example, suppose that the expression in the expression index is `a+1`, and the corresponding query condition is `a+1 > 2`. In this case, the created binding is `a+? > ?`, which means that the query with the condition such as `a+2 > 2` is also forced to use the expression index and results in a poor execution plan. In addition, this also affects the baseline capturing and baseline evolution in SQL Plan Management (SPM).
- The data written with multi-valued indexes must exactly match the defined data type. Otherwise, data writes fail. For details, see create multi-valued indexes.
- Setting a `UNIQUE KEY` as a global index with the `GLOBAL` index option is a TiDB extension for partitioned tables and is not compatible with MySQL.

14.13.2.30.8 See also

- Index Selection
- Wrong Index Solution
- ADD INDEX
- DROP INDEX
- RENAME INDEX
- ALTER INDEX
- ADD COLUMN
- CREATE TABLE
- EXPLAIN

14.13.2.31 CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY

`CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY` is used to create a named placement policy that can later be assigned to tables, partitions, or database schemas.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.31.1 Synopsis

```
CreatePolicyStmt ::=
    "CREATE" "PLACEMENT" "POLICY" IfNotExists PolicyName PlacementOptionList

PolicyName ::=
    Identifier
```

```
PlacementOptionList ::=
    PlacementOption
|   PlacementOptionList PlacementOption
|   PlacementOptionList ',' PlacementOption

PlacementOption ::=
    CommonPlacementOption
|   SugarPlacementOption
|   AdvancedPlacementOption

CommonPlacementOption ::=
    "FOLLOWERS" EqOpt LengthNum

SugarPlacementOption ::=
    "PRIMARY_REGION" EqOpt stringLit
|   "REGIONS" EqOpt stringLit
|   "SCHEDULE" EqOpt stringLit

AdvancedPlacementOption ::=
    "LEARNERS" EqOpt LengthNum
|   "CONSTRAINTS" EqOpt stringLit
|   "LEADER_CONSTRAINTS" EqOpt stringLit
|   "FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS" EqOpt stringLit
|   "LEARNER_CONSTRAINTS" EqOpt stringLit
|   "SURVIVAL_PREFERENCES" EqOpt stringLit
```

14.13.2.31.2 Examples

> **Note:**
>
> To know which regions are available in your cluster, see SHOW PLACEMENT LABELS.
>
> If you do not see any available regions, your TiKV installation might not have labels set correctly.

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1 PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us
    -west-1" FOLLOWERS=4;
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT) PLACEMENT POLICY=p1;
SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

+--------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Policy | Create Policy
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| p1     | CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY `p1` PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="
    ↪ us-east-1,us-west-1" FOLLOWERS=4 |
+--------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.31.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.31.4 See also

- Placement Rules in SQL
- SHOW PLACEMENT
- ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY
- DROP PLACEMENT POLICY

14.13.2.32 CREATE RESOURCE GROUP

You can use the `CREATE RESOURCE GROUP` statement to create a resource group.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.32.1 Synopsis

```
CreateResourceGroupStmt ::=
   "CREATE" "RESOURCE" "GROUP" IfNotExists ResourceGroupName
      ↪ ResourceGroupOptionList
```

```
IfNotExists ::=
    ('IF' 'NOT' 'EXISTS')?

ResourceGroupName ::=
    Identifier
|   "DEFAULT"

ResourceGroupOptionList ::=
    DirectResourceGroupOption
|   ResourceGroupOptionList DirectResourceGroupOption
|   ResourceGroupOptionList ',' DirectResourceGroupOption

DirectResourceGroupOption ::=
    "RU_PER_SEC" EqOpt stringLit
|   "PRIORITY" EqOpt ResourceGroupPriorityOption
|   "BURSTABLE"
|   "BURSTABLE" EqOpt Boolean
|   "QUERY_LIMIT" EqOpt '(' ResourceGroupRunawayOptionList ')'
|   "QUERY_LIMIT" EqOpt '(' ')'
|   "QUERY_LIMIT" EqOpt "NULL"
|   "BACKGROUND" EqOpt '(' BackgroundOptionList ')'
|   "BACKGROUND" EqOpt '(' ')'
|   "BACKGROUND" EqOpt "NULL"

ResourceGroupPriorityOption ::=
    LOW
|   MEDIUM
|   HIGH

ResourceGroupRunawayOptionList ::=
    DirectResourceGroupRunawayOption
|   ResourceGroupRunawayOptionList DirectResourceGroupRunawayOption
|   ResourceGroupRunawayOptionList ',' DirectResourceGroupRunawayOption

DirectResourceGroupRunawayOption ::=
    "EXEC_ELAPSED" EqOpt stringLit
|   "PROCESSED_KEYS" EqOpt intLit
|   "RU" EqOpt intLit
|   "ACTION" EqOpt ResourceGroupRunawayActionOption
|   "WATCH" EqOpt ResourceGroupRunawayWatchOption WatchDurationOption

WatchDurationOption ::=
    ("DURATION" EqOpt stringLit | "DURATION" EqOpt "UNLIMITED")?
```

```
ResourceGroupRunawayWatchOption ::=
    EXACT
|   SIMILAR
|   PLAN

ResourceGroupRunawayActionOption ::=
    DRYRUN
|   COOLDOWN
|   KILL
| "SWITCH_GROUP" '(' ResourceGroupName ')'
```

The resource group name parameter (`ResourceGroupName`) must be globally unique.

TiDB supports the following `DirectResourceGroupOption`, where Request Unit (RU) is a unified abstraction unit in TiDB for CPU, IO, and other system resources.

Option	Description	Example
`RU_PER_SEC`	Rate of RU backfilling per second	`RU_PER_SEC = 500` indicates that this resource group is backfilled with 500 RUs per second
`PRIORITY`	The absolute priority of tasks to be processed on TiKV	`PRIORITY = HIGH` indicates that the priority is high. If not specified, the default value is `MEDIUM`.
`BURSTABLE`	If the `BURSTABLE` attribute is set, TiDB allows the corresponding resource group to use the available system resources when the quota is exceeded.	

Option	Description	Example
`QUERY_LIMIT`	When the query execution meets this condition, the query is identified as a runaway query and the corresponding action is executed.	`QUERY_LIMIT=(EXEC_ELAPSED='60s', ACTION=KILL, WATCH=EXACT DURATION='10m')` indicates that the query is identified as a runaway query when the execution time exceeds 60 seconds. The query is terminated. All SQL statements with the same SQL text will be terminated immediately in the coming 10 minutes. `QUERY_LIMIT=()` or `QUERY_LIMIT=NULL` means that runaway control is not enabled. See Runaway Queries.

Note:

- The `CREATE RESOURCE GROUP` statement can only be executed when the global variable `tidb_enable_resource_control` is set to `ON`. TiDB automatically creates a `default` resource group during cluster initialization. For this resource group, the default value of `RU_PER_SEC` is `UNLIMITED` (equivalent to the maximum value of the `INT` type, that is, `2147483647`) and it is in `BURSTABLE` mode. All requests that are not bound to any resource group are automatically bound to this `default` resource group. When you create a new configuration for another resource group, it is recommended to modify the `default` resource group configuration as needed.
- Currently, only the `default` resource group supports modifying the `BACKGROUND` configuration.

14.13.2.32.2 Examples

Create two resource groups `rg1` and `rg2`.

```
DROP RESOURCE GROUP IF EXISTS rg1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.22 sec)
```

```
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP IF NOT EXISTS rg1
  RU_PER_SEC = 100
  PRIORITY = HIGH
  BURSTABLE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

```
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP IF NOT EXISTS rg2
  RU_PER_SEC = 200 QUERY_LIMIT=(EXEC_ELAPSED='100ms', ACTION=KILL);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.resource_groups WHERE NAME ='rg1' or NAME
    ↪ = 'rg2';
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----+------------+----------+-----------+------------------------------+
    ↪
| NAME | RU_PER_SEC | PRIORITY | BURSTABLE | QUERY_LIMIT                  |
+--
    ↪ ----+------------+----------+-----------+------------------------------+
    ↪
| rg1  | 100        | HIGH     | YES       | NULL                         |
| rg2  | 200        | MEDIUM   | NO        | EXEC_ELAPSED=100ms, ACTION=KILL |
+--
    ↪ ----+------------+----------+-----------+------------------------------+
    ↪
2 rows in set (1.30 sec)
```

14.13.2.32.3 MySQL compatibility

MySQL also supports CREATE RESOURCE GROUP. However, the acceptable parameters are different from that of TiDB so that they are not compatible.

14.13.2.32.4 See also

- DROP RESOURCE GROUP
- ALTER RESOURCE GROUP
- ALTER USER RESOURCE GROUP
- Request Unit (RU)

14.13.2.33 CREATE ROLE

This statement creates a new role, which can be assigned to users as part of role-based access control.

14.13.2.33.1 Synopsis

```
CreateRoleStmt ::=
    'CREATE' 'ROLE' IfNotExists RoleSpec (',' RoleSpec)*

IfNotExists ::=
    ('IF' 'NOT' 'EXISTS')?

RoleSpec ::=
    Rolename
```

14.13.2.33.2 Examples

Connect to TiDB as the `root` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

Create a new role `analyticsteam` and a new user `jennifer`:

```
CREATE ROLE analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

CREATE USER jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

GRANT analyticsteam TO jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `jennifer` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

Note that by default `jennifer` needs to execute `SET ROLE analyticsteam` in order to be able to use the privileges associated with the `analyticsteam` role:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+-----------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                         |
+-----------------------------------------+
```

```
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'  |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+---------------------------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES in test;
ERROR 1044 (42000): Access denied for user 'jennifer'@'%' to database 'test'
SET ROLE analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

SHOW GRANTS;
+---------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                             |
+---------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'  |
| GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+---------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES IN test;
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `root` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

The statement `SET DEFAULT ROLE` can be used to associate the role `analyticsteam` to `jennifer`:

```
SET DEFAULT ROLE analyticsteam TO jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `jennifer` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

After this, the user `jennifer` has the privileges associated with the role `analyticsteam` and `jennifer` does not have to execute the statement `SET ROLE`:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+---------------------------------------------+
```

```
| Grants for User                                |
+------------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'           |
| GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'       |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%'    |
+------------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES IN test;
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.33.3 MySQL compatibility

The `CREATE ROLE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with the roles feature in MySQL 8.0. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.33.4 See also

- DROP ROLE
- GRANT <role>
- REVOKE <role>
- SET ROLE
- SET DEFAULT ROLE

- Role-Based Access Control

14.13.2.34 CREATE SEQUENCE

The `CREATE SEQUENCE` statement creates sequence objects in TiDB. The sequence is a database object that is on a par with the table and the `View` object. The sequence is used to generate serialized IDs in a customized way.

14.13.2.34.1 Synopsis

```
CreateSequenceStmt ::=
    'CREATE' 'SEQUENCE' IfNotExists TableName CreateSequenceOptionListOpt

IfNotExists ::=
    ('IF' 'NOT' 'EXISTS')?
```

```
TableName ::=
    Identifier ('.' Identifier)?

CreateSequenceOptionListOpt ::=
    SequenceOption*

SequenceOptionList ::=
    SequenceOption

SequenceOption ::=
    ( 'INCREMENT' ( '='? | 'BY' ) | 'START' ( '='? | 'WITH' ) | ( 'MINVALUE'
       ↪  | 'MAXVALUE' | 'CACHE' ) '='? ) SignedNum
|   'COMMENT' '='? stringLit
|   'NOMINVALUE'
|   'NO' ( 'MINVALUE' | 'MAXVALUE' | 'CACHE' | 'CYCLE' )
|   'NOMAXVALUE'
|   'NOCACHE'
|   'CYCLE'
|   'NOCYCLE'
```

14.13.2.34.2 Syntax

```
CREATE [TEMPORARY] SEQUENCE [IF NOT EXISTS] sequence_name
    [ INCREMENT [ BY | = ] increment ]
    [ MINVALUE [=] minvalue | NO MINVALUE | NOMINVALUE ]
    [ MAXVALUE [=] maxvalue | NO MAXVALUE | NOMAXVALUE ]
    [ START [ WITH | = ] start ]
    [ CACHE [=] cache | NOCACHE | NO CACHE]
    [ CYCLE | NOCYCLE | NO CYCLE]
    [table_options]
```

14.13.2.34.3 Parameters

Parameters	Default value	Description
`TEMPORARY` ↪	`false` ↪	TiDB currently does not support the `TEMPORARY` ↪ option and provides only syntax compatibility for it.

Parameters	Default value	Description
`INCREMENT` ↪	`1`	Specifies the increment of a sequence. Its positive or negative values can control the growth direction of the sequence.

Parameters	Default value	Description
`MINVALUE` ↪	`1` or `-9223372036854775807` ↪	Specifies the minimum value of a sequence. When `INCREMENT` ↪ `> 0`, the default value is `1`. When `INCREMENT` ↪ `< 0`, the default value is `-922337203685477` ↪ .

Parameters	Default value	Description
`MAXVALUE` ↪	`9223372036854775806` ↪ or `-1`	Specifies the maximum value of a sequence. When `INCREMENT` ↪ `> 0`, the default value is `922337203685477` ↪ . When `INCREMENT` ↪ `< 0`, the default value is `-1`.

Parameters	Default value	Description
`START` ↪	`MINVALUE` ↪ or `MAXVALUE` ↪	Specifies the initial value of a sequence. When `INCREMENT` ↪ > 0, the default value is `MINVALUE` ↪ . When `INCREMENT` ↪ < 0, the default value is `MAXVALUE` ↪ .
`CACHE` ↪	`1000` ↪	Specifies the local cache size of a sequence in TiDB.

Parameters	Default value	Description
`CYCLE` ↪	`NO` ↪ `CYCLE` ↪	Specifies whether a sequence restarts from the minimum value (or maximum for the descending sequence). When `INCREMENT` ↪ > `0`, the default value is `MINVALUE` ↪ . When `INCREMENT` ↪ < `0`, the default value is `MAXVALUE` ↪ .

Parameters	Default value	Description

14.13.2.34.4 `SEQUENCE` function

You can control a sequence through the following expression functions:

- `NEXTVAL` or `NEXT VALUE FOR`

  Essentially, both are the `NEXTVAL()` function that gets the next valid value of a sequence object. The parameter of the `NEXTVAL()` function is the `identifier` of the sequence.

- `LASTVAL`

  This function gets the last used value of this session. If the value does not exist, `NULL` is used. The parameter of this function is the `identifier` of the sequence.

- `SETVAL`

  This function sets the progression of the current value for a sequence. The first parameter of this function is the `identifier` of the sequence; the second parameter is `num`.

> **Note:**
>
> In the implementation of a sequence in TiDB, the `SETVAL` function cannot change the initial progression or cycle progression of this sequence. This function only returns the next valid value based on this progression.

14.13.2.34.5 Examples

- Create a sequence object with the default parameter:

```
CREATE SEQUENCE seq;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.06 sec)
```

- Use the `NEXTVAL()` function to get the next value of the sequence object:

```
SELECT NEXTVAL(seq);
```

```
+--------------+
| NEXTVAL(seq) |
+--------------+
|            1 |
+--------------+
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
```

- Use the `LASTVAL()` function to get the value generated by the last call to a sequence object in this session:

```
SELECT LASTVAL(seq);
```

```
+--------------+
| LASTVAL(seq) |
+--------------+
|            1 |
+--------------+
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
```

- Use the `SETVAL()` function to set the current value (or the current position) of the sequence object:

```
SELECT SETVAL(seq, 10);
```

```
+-----------------+
| SETVAL(seq, 10) |
+-----------------+
|              10 |
+-----------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

- You can also use the `next value for` syntax to get the next value of the sequence:

```
SELECT next value for seq;
```

```
+--------------------+
| next value for seq |
+--------------------+
|                 11 |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Create a sequence object with default custom parameters:

```
CREATE SEQUENCE seq2 start 3 increment 2 minvalue 1 maxvalue 10 cache
    ↪ 3;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

- When the sequence object has not been used in this session, the `LASTVAL()` function returns a `NULL` value.

```
SELECT LASTVAL(seq2);
```

```
+---------------+
| LASTVAL(seq2) |
+---------------+
|          NULL |
+---------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

- The first valid value of the `NEXTVAL()` function for the sequence object is the value of `START` parameter.

```
SELECT NEXTVAL(seq2);
```

```
+---------------+
| NEXTVAL(seq2) |
+---------------+
|             3 |
+---------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Although the `SETVAL()` function can change the current value of the sequence object, it cannot change the arithmetic progression rule for the next value.

```
SELECT SETVAL(seq2, 6);
```

```
+-----------------+
| SETVAL(seq2, 6) |
+-----------------+
|               6 |
+-----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- When you use `NEXTVAL()` to get the next value, the next value will follow the arithmetic progression rule defined by the sequence.

```
SELECT next value for seq2;
```

```
+---------------------+
| next value for seq2 |
+---------------------+
|                   7 |
+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- You can use the next value of the sequence as the default value for the column, as in the following example.

```
CREATE table t(a int default next value for seq2);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

- In the following example, the value is not specified, so the default value of `seq2` is used.

```
INSERT into t values();
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * from t;
```

```
+------+
| a    |
+------+
|    9 |
+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- In the following example, the value is not specified, so the default value of `seq2` is used. But the next value of `seq2` is not within the range defined in the above example (`CREATE SEQUENCE seq2 start 3 increment 2 minvalue 1 maxvalue 10 cache 3;`), so an error is returned.

```
INSERT into t values();
```

```
ERROR 4135 (HY000): Sequence 'test.seq2' has run out
```

14.13.2.34.6 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension. The implementation is modeled on sequences available in MariaDB.

Except for the `SETVAL` function, all other functions have the same *progressions* as MariaDB. Here "progression" means that the numbers in a sequence follow a certain arithmetic

progression rule defined by the sequence. Although you can use `SETVAL` to set the current value of a sequence, the subsequent values of the sequence still follow the original progression rule.

For example:

```
1, 3, 5, ...          // The sequence starts from 1 and increments by 2.
select SETVAL(seq, 6) // Sets the current value of a sequence to 6.
7, 9, 11, ...         // Subsequent values still follow the progression rule.
```

In the `CYCLE` mode, the initial value of a sequence in the first round is the value of the `START` parameter, and the initial value in the subsequent rounds is the value of `MinValue` (`INCREMENT` > 0) or `MaxValue` (`INCREMENT` < 0).

14.13.2.34.7 See also

- ALTER SEQUENCE
- DROP SEQUENCE
- SHOW CREATE SEQUENCE
- Sequence Functions

14.13.2.35 CREATE TABLE LIKE

This statement copies the definition of an existing table, without copying any data.

14.13.2.35.1 Synopsis

```
CreateTableLikeStmt ::=
    'CREATE' OptTemporary 'TABLE' IfNotExists TableName
       ↪ LikeTableWithOrWithoutParen OnCommitOpt

OptTemporary ::=
    ( 'TEMPORARY' | ('GLOBAL' 'TEMPORARY') )?

LikeTableWithOrWithoutParen ::=
    'LIKE' TableName
|   '(' 'LIKE' TableName ')'

OnCommitOpt ::=
    ('ON' 'COMMIT' 'DELETE' 'ROWS')?
```

14.13.2.35.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.13 sec)
```

```
mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
| 2 |
| 3 |
| 4 |
| 5 |
+---+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> CREATE TABLE t2 LIKE t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t2;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.35.3 Pre-split region

If the table to be copied is defined with the `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` attribute, the table created using the `CREATE TABLE LIKE` statement inherits this attribute, and the Region on the new table will be split. For details of `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS`, see `CREATE TABLE` Statement.

14.13.2.35.4 MySQL compatibility

The `CREATE TABLE LIKE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.35.5 See also

- CREATE TABLE
- SHOW CREATE TABLE

14.13.2.36 CREATE TABLE

This statement creates a new table in the currently selected database. It behaves similarly to the `CREATE TABLE` statement in MySQL.

14.13.2.36.1 Synopsis

```
CreateTableStmt ::=
    'CREATE' OptTemporary 'TABLE' IfNotExists TableName (
       ↪ TableElementListOpt CreateTableOptionListOpt PartitionOpt
       ↪ DuplicateOpt AsOpt CreateTableSelectOpt |
       ↪ LikeTableWithOrWithoutParen ) OnCommitOpt

OptTemporary ::=
    ( 'TEMPORARY' | ('GLOBAL' 'TEMPORARY') )?

IfNotExists ::=
    ('IF' 'NOT' 'EXISTS')?

TableName ::=
    Identifier ('.' Identifier)?

TableElementListOpt ::=
    ( '(' TableElementList ')' )?

TableElementList ::=
    TableElement ( ',' TableElement )*

TableElement ::=
    ColumnDef
|   Constraint

ColumnDef ::=
    ColumnName ( Type | 'SERIAL' ) ColumnOptionListOpt

ColumnOptionListOpt ::=
    ColumnOption*

ColumnOptionList ::=
    ColumnOption*

ColumnOption ::=
    'NOT'? 'NULL'
|   'AUTO_INCREMENT'
|   PrimaryOpt 'KEY' ( 'GLOBAL' | 'LOCAL' )?
|   'UNIQUE' 'KEY'? ( 'GLOBAL' | 'LOCAL' )?
|   'DEFAULT' DefaultValueExpr
|   'SERIAL' 'DEFAULT' 'VALUE'
|   'ON' 'UPDATE' NowSymOptionFraction
|   'COMMENT' stringLit
```

```
|   ConstraintKeywordOpt 'CHECK' '(' Expression ')'
    ↪ EnforcedOrNotOrNotNullOpt
|   GeneratedAlways 'AS' '(' Expression ')' VirtualOrStored
|   ReferDef
|   'COLLATE' CollationName
|   'COLUMN_FORMAT' ColumnFormat
|   'STORAGE' StorageMedia
|   'AUTO_RANDOM' OptFieldLen

Constraint ::=
    IndexDef
|   ForeignKeyDef

IndexDef ::=
    ( 'INDEX' | 'KEY' ) IndexName? '(' KeyPartList ')' IndexOption?

KeyPartList ::=
    KeyPart ( ',' KeyPart )*

KeyPart ::=
    ColumnName ( '(' Length ')')? ( 'ASC' | 'DESC' )?
|   '(' Expression ')' ( 'ASC' | 'DESC' )?

IndexOption ::=
    'COMMENT' String
|   ( 'VISIBLE' | 'INVISIBLE' )
|   ('USING' | 'TYPE') ('BTREE' | 'RTREE' | 'HASH')
|   ( 'GLOBAL' | 'LOCAL' )

ForeignKeyDef
        ::= ( 'CONSTRAINT' Identifier )? 'FOREIGN' 'KEY'
            Identifier? '(' ColumnName ( ',' ColumnName )* ')'
            'REFERENCES' TableName '(' ColumnName ( ',' ColumnName )* ')'
            ( 'ON' 'DELETE' ReferenceOption )?
            ( 'ON' 'UPDATE' ReferenceOption )?

ReferenceOption
        ::= 'RESTRICT'
          | 'CASCADE'
          | 'SET' 'NULL'
          | 'SET' 'DEFAULT'
          | 'NO' 'ACTION'

CreateTableOptionListOpt ::=
    TableOptionList?
```

```
PartitionOpt ::=
    ( 'PARTITION' 'BY' PartitionMethod PartitionNumOpt SubPartitionOpt
       ↪ PartitionDefinitionListOpt )?

DuplicateOpt ::=
    ( 'IGNORE' | 'REPLACE' )?

TableOptionList ::=
    TableOption ( ','? TableOption )*

TableOption ::=
    PartDefOption
|   DefaultKwdOpt ( CharsetKw EqOpt CharsetName | 'COLLATE' EqOpt
    ↪ CollationName )
|   ( 'AUTO_INCREMENT' | 'AUTO_ID_CACHE' | 'AUTO_RANDOM_BASE' | 'AVG_ROW_
    ↪ LENGTH' | 'CHECKSUM' | 'TABLE_CHECKSUM' | 'KEY_BLOCK_SIZE' | 'DELAY_
    ↪ KEY_WRITE' | 'SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS' | 'PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS' ) EqOpt
    ↪ LengthNum
|   ( 'CONNECTION' | 'PASSWORD' | 'COMPRESSION' ) EqOpt stringLit
|   RowFormat
|   ( 'STATS_PERSISTENT' | 'PACK_KEYS' ) EqOpt StatsPersistentVal
|   ( 'STATS_AUTO_RECALC' | 'STATS_SAMPLE_PAGES' ) EqOpt ( LengthNum | '
    ↪ DEFAULT' )
|   'STORAGE' ( 'MEMORY' | 'DISK' )
|   'SECONDARY_ENGINE' EqOpt ( 'NULL' | StringName )
|   'UNION' EqOpt '(' TableNameListOpt ')'
|   'ENCRYPTION' EqOpt EncryptionOpt
|    'TTL' EqOpt TimeColumnName '+' 'INTERVAL' Expression TimeUnit (
    ↪ TTLEnable EqOpt ( 'ON' | 'OFF' ))? (TTLJobInterval EqOpt stringLit)?
|   PlacementPolicyOption

OnCommitOpt ::=
    ('ON' 'COMMIT' 'DELETE' 'ROWS')?

PlacementPolicyOption ::=
    "PLACEMENT" "POLICY" EqOpt PolicyName
|   "PLACEMENT" "POLICY" (EqOpt | "SET") "DEFAULT"

DefaultValueExpr ::=
    NowSymOptionFractionParentheses
|   SignedLiteral
|   NextValueForSequenceParentheses
|   BuiltinFunction
```

```
BuiltinFunction ::=
    '(' BuiltinFunction ')'
|   identifier '(' ')'
|   identifier '(' ExpressionList ')'
|   "REPLACE" '(' ExpressionList ')'

NowSymOptionFractionParentheses ::=
    '(' NowSymOptionFractionParentheses ')'
|   NowSymOptionFraction

NowSymOptionFraction ::=
    NowSym
|   NowSymFunc '(' ')'
|   NowSymFunc '(' NUM ')'
|   CurdateSym '(' ')'
|   "CURRENT_DATE"

NextValueForSequenceParentheses ::=
    '(' NextValueForSequenceParentheses ')'
|   NextValueForSequence

NextValueForSequence ::=
    "NEXT" "VALUE" forKwd TableName
|   "NEXTVAL" '(' TableName ')'
```

The following *table_options* are supported. Other options such as `AVG_ROW_LENGTH`, `CHECKSUM`, `COMPRESSION`, `CONNECTION`, `DELAY_KEY_WRITE`, `ENGINE`, `KEY_BLOCK_SIZE`, `MAX_ROWS`, `MIN_ROWS`, `ROW_FORMAT` and `STATS_PERSISTENT` are parsed but ignored.

Options	Description	Example
`AUTO_INCREMENT`	The initial value of the increment field	`AUTO_INCREMENT = 5`
`SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS`	To set the number of bits for the implicit `_tidb_rowid` shards	`SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 4`

Options	Description	Example
PRE_SPLIT ↪ _ ↪ REGIONS ↪	To pre-split 2^(PRE_ ↪ SPLIT_ ↪ REGIONS ↪) Regions when creating a table	PRE_ ↪ SPLIT ↪ _ ↪ REGIONS ↪ = 4
AUTO_ID_ ↪ CACHE	To set the auto ID cache size in a TiDB instance. By default, TiDB automatically changes this size according to allocation speed of auto ID	AUTO_ ↪ ID_ ↪ CACHE ↪ = 200
AUTO_ ↪ RANDOM ↪ _BASE	To set the initial incremental part value of auto_random. This option can be considered as a part of the internal interface. Users can ignore this parameter	AUTO_ ↪ RANDOM ↪ _ ↪ BASE ↪ = 0

Options	Description	Example
CHARACTER SET	To specify the character set for the table	CHARACTER SET = 'utf8mb4'
COMMENT	The comment information	COMMENT = 'comment info'

Note:

The `split-table` configuration option is enabled by default. When it is enabled, a separate Region is created for each newly created table. For details, see TiDB configuration file.

14.13.2.36.2 Examples

Creating a simple table and inserting one row:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (a int);
DESC t1;
SHOW CREATE TABLE t1\G
INSERT INTO t1 (a) VALUES (1);
SELECT * FROM t1;
```

```
mysql> drop table if exists t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.23 sec)

mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)

mysql> DESC t1;
+-------+------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------+------+------+------+---------+-------+
| a     | int | YES |     | NULL   |       |
+-------+------+------+------+---------+-------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE t1\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: t1
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `a` int DEFAULT NULL
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (a) VALUES (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+------+
| a    |
+------+
|    1 |
+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Dropping a table if it exists, and conditionally creating a table if it does not exist:

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS t1;
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS t1 (
 id BIGINT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment,
 b VARCHAR(200) NOT NULL
);
DESC t1;
```

```
mysql> DROP TABLE IF EXISTS t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.22 sec)

mysql> CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS t1 (
        id BIGINT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment,
        b VARCHAR(200) NOT NULL
       );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)

mysql> DESC t1;
+-------+--------------+------+------+---------+----------------+
| Field | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra          |
+-------+--------------+------+------+---------+----------------+
| id    | bigint       | NO   | PRI | NULL    | auto_increment |
| b     | varchar(200) | NO |     | NULL    |                |
+-------+--------------+------+------+---------+----------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.36.3 MySQL compatibility

- All of the data types except spatial types are supported.
- TiDB accepts index types such as `HASH`, `BTREE` and `RTREE` in syntax for compatibility with MySQL, but ignores them.
- TiDB supports parsing the `FULLTEXT` syntax but does not support using the `FULLTEXT` indexes.
- Setting a `PRIMARY KEY` or `UNIQUE INDEX` as a global index with the `GLOBAL` index option is a TiDB extension for partitioned tables and is not compatible with MySQL.

- For compatibility, the `index_col_name` attribute supports the length option with a maximum length limit of 3072 bytes by default. The length limit can be changed through the `max-index-length` configuration option. For details, see TiDB configuration file.

- The `[ASC | DESC]` in `index_col_name` is currently parsed but ignored (MySQL 5.7 compatible behavior).
- The `COMMENT` attribute does not support the `WITH PARSER` option.
- TiDB supports 1017 columns in a single table by default and 4096 columns at most. The corresponding number limit in InnoDB is 1017 columns, and the hard limit in MySQL is 4096 columns. For details, see TiDB Limitations.
- TiDB supports `HASH`, `RANGE`, `LIST`, and `KEY` partitioning types. For an unsupported partition type, TiDB returns `Warning: Unsupported partition type %s, treat` ↪ `as normal table`, where `%s` is the specific unsupported partition type.

14.13.2.36.4 See also

- Data Types
- DROP TABLE
- CREATE TABLE LIKE
- SHOW CREATE TABLE

14.13.2.37 CREATE USER

This statement creates a new user, specified with a password. In the MySQL privilege system, a user is the combination of a username and the host from which they are connecting from. Thus, it is possible to create a user `'newuser2'@'192.168.1.1'` who is only able to connect from the IP address `192.168.1.1`. It is also possible to have two users have the same user-portion, and different permissions as they login from different hosts.

14.13.2.37.1 Synopsis

```
CreateUserStmt ::=
    'CREATE' 'USER' IfNotExists UserSpecList RequireClauseOpt
       ↪ ConnectionOptions PasswordOption LockOption AttributeOption
       ↪ ResourceGroupNameOption

IfNotExists ::=
    ('IF' 'NOT' 'EXISTS')?

UserSpecList ::=
    UserSpec ( ',' UserSpec )*

RequireClauseOpt ::=
    ( 'REQUIRE' 'NONE' | 'REQUIRE' 'SSL' | 'REQUIRE' 'X509' | 'REQUIRE'
       ↪ RequireList )?

RequireList ::=
    ( "ISSUER" stringLit | "SUBJECT" stringLit | "CIPHER" stringLit | "SAN"
       ↪ stringLit | "TOKEN_ISSUER" stringLit )*

UserSpec ::=
    Username AuthOption

AuthOption ::=
    ( 'IDENTIFIED' ( 'BY' ( AuthString | 'PASSWORD' HashString ) | 'WITH'
       ↪ StringName ( 'BY' AuthString | 'AS' HashString )? ) )?

StringName ::=
    stringLit
|   Identifier

PasswordOption ::= ( 'PASSWORD' 'EXPIRE' ( 'DEFAULT' | 'NEVER' | 'INTERVAL'
    ↪ N 'DAY' )?
| 'PASSWORD' 'HISTORY' ( 'DEFAULT' | N )
| 'PASSWORD' 'REUSE' 'INTERVAL' ( 'DEFAULT' | N 'DAY' )
| 'PASSWORD' 'REQUIRE' 'CURRENT' 'DEFAULT'
| 'FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS' N
| 'PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME' ( N | 'UNBOUNDED' ) )*

LockOption ::= ( 'ACCOUNT' 'LOCK' | 'ACCOUNT' 'UNLOCK' )?

AttributeOption ::= ( 'COMMENT' CommentString | 'ATTRIBUTE' AttributeString
    ↪ )?

ResourceGroupNameOption::= ( 'RESOURCE' 'GROUP' Identifier)?
```

```
RequireClauseOpt ::= ('REQUIRE' ('NONE' | 'SSL' | 'X509' |
    ↪ RequireListElement ('AND'? RequireListElement)*))?

RequireListElement ::= 'ISSUER' Issuer | 'SUBJECT' Subject | 'CIPHER' Cipher
    ↪  | 'SAN' SAN | 'TOKEN_ISSUER' TokenIssuer
```

14.13.2.37.2 Examples

Create a user with the `newuserpassword` password.

```
mysql> CREATE USER 'newuser' IDENTIFIED BY 'newuserpassword';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.04 sec)
```

Create a user who can only log in to `192.168.1.1`.

```
mysql> CREATE USER 'newuser2'@'192.168.1.1' IDENTIFIED BY 'newuserpassword'
    ↪ ;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
```

Create a user who is enforced to log in using TLS connection.

```
CREATE USER 'newuser3'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY 'newuserpassword' REQUIRE SSL;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
```

Create a user who is required to use X.509 certificate at login.

```
CREATE USER 'newuser4'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY 'newuserpassword' REQUIRE ISSUER '
    ↪ /C=US/ST=California/L=San Francisco/O=PingCAP';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
```

Create a user who is locked upon creation.

```
CREATE USER 'newuser5'@'%' ACCOUNT LOCK;
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
```

Create a user with a comment.

```
CREATE USER 'newuser6'@'%' COMMENT 'This user is created only for test';
SELECT * FROM information_schema.user_attributes;
```

```
+-----------+------+-----------------------------------------------------+
| USER      | HOST | ATTRIBUTE                                           |
+-----------+------+-----------------------------------------------------+
| newuser6 | %    | {"comment": "This user is created only for test"} |
+-----------+------+-----------------------------------------------------+
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Create a user with an `email` attribute.

```
CREATE USER 'newuser7'@'%' ATTRIBUTE '{"email": "user@pingcap.com"}';
SELECT * FROM information_schema.user_attributes;
```

```
+----------+------+-----------------------------------------------------+
| USER     | HOST | ATTRIBUTE                                           |
+----------+------+-----------------------------------------------------+
| newuser7 | %    | {"email": "user@pingcap.com"}                       |
+----------+------+-----------------------------------------------------+
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Create a user who is not allowed to reuse the last 5 passwords:

```
CREATE USER 'newuser8'@'%' PASSWORD HISTORY 5;
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
```

Create a user whose password is manually expired:

```
CREATE USER 'newuser9'@'%' PASSWORD EXPIRE;
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
```

Create a user that uses the resource group `rg1`.

```
CREATE USER 'newuser7'@'%' RESOURCE GROUP rg1;
SELECT USER, HOST, USER_ATTRIBUTES FROM MYSQL.USER WHERE USER='newuser7';
```

```
+----------+------+--------------------------+
| USER     | HOST | USER_ATTRIBUTES          |
+----------+------+--------------------------+
| newuser7 | %    | {"resource_group": "rg1"} |
+----------+------+--------------------------+
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.37.3 MySQL compatibility

The following `CREATE USER` options are not yet supported by TiDB, and will be parsed but ignored:

- `PASSWORD REQUIRE CURRENT DEFAULT`
- `WITH MAX_QUERIES_PER_HOUR`
- `WITH MAX_UPDATES_PER_HOUR`
- `WITH MAX_USER_CONNECTIONS`

The following `CREATE USER` options are not supported by TiDB either, and are *not* accepted by the parser:

- `DEFAULT ROLE`
- `PASSWORD REQUIRE CURRENT OPTIONAL`

14.13.2.37.4 See also

- Security Compatibility with MySQL
- Privilege Management

- DROP USER
- SHOW CREATE USER
- ALTER USER

14.13.2.38 CREATE VIEW

The `CREATE VIEW` statement saves a `SELECT` statement as a queryable object, similar to a table. Views in TiDB are non-materialized. This means that as a view is queried, TiDB will internally rewrite the query to combine the view definition with the SQL query.

14.13.2.38.1 Synopsis

```
CreateViewStmt ::=
    'CREATE' OrReplace ViewAlgorithm ViewDefiner ViewSQLSecurity 'VIEW'
       ↪ ViewName ViewFieldList 'AS' CreateViewSelectOpt ViewCheckOption

OrReplace ::=
    ( 'OR' 'REPLACE' )?

ViewAlgorithm ::=
    ( 'ALGORITHM' '=' ( 'UNDEFINED' | 'MERGE' | 'TEMPTABLE' ) )?

ViewDefiner ::=
    ( 'DEFINER' '=' Username )?

ViewSQLSecurity ::=
    ( 'SQL' 'SECURITY' ( 'DEFINER' | 'INVOKER' ) )?

ViewName ::= TableName

ViewFieldList ::=
    ( '(' Identifier ( ',' Identifier )* ')' )?
```

```
ViewCheckOption ::=
    ( 'WITH' ( 'CASCADED' | 'LOCAL' ) 'CHECK' 'OPTION' )?
```

14.13.2.38.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
    ↪ NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.03 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> CREATE VIEW v1 AS SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 > 2;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  1 |  1 |
|  2 |  2 |
|  3 |  3 |
|  4 |  4 |
|  5 |  5 |
+----+----+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM v1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  3 |  3 |
|  4 |  4 |
|  5 |  5 |
+----+----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (6);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM v1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
```

```
+----+----+
|  3 |  3 |
|  4 |  4 |
|  5 |  5 |
|  6 |  6 |
+----+----+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO v1 (c1) VALUES (7);
ERROR 1105 (HY000): insert into view v1 is not supported now.
```

14.13.2.38.3 MySQL compatibility

- Currently, any view in TiDB cannot be inserted or updated (that is, `INSERT VIEW` and `UPDATE VIEW` are not supported). `WITH CHECK OPTION` is only syntactically compatible but does not take effect.
- Currently, the view in TiDB does not support `ALTER VIEW`, but you can use `CREATE OR REPLACE` instead.
- Currently, the `ALGORITHM` field is only syntactically compatible in TiDB but does not take effect. TiDB currently only supports the MERGE algorithm.

14.13.2.38.4 See also

- DROP VIEW
- CREATE TABLE
- SHOW CREATE TABLE
- DROP TABLE

14.13.2.39 DEALLOCATE

The `DEALLOCATE` statement provides an SQL interface to server-side prepared statements.

14.13.2.39.1 Synopsis

```
DeallocateStmt ::=
    DeallocateSym 'PREPARE' Identifier

DeallocateSym ::=
    'DEALLOCATE'
|   'DROP'

Identifier ::=
    identifier
```

```
|   UnReservedKeyword
|   NotKeywordToken
|   TiDBKeyword
```

14.13.2.39.2 Examples

```
mysql> PREPARE mystmt FROM 'SELECT ? as num FROM DUAL';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET @number = 5;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXECUTE mystmt USING @number;
+------+
| num |
+------+
| 5   |
+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DEALLOCATE PREPARE mystmt;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.39.3 MySQL compatibility

The `DEALLOCATE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.39.4 See also

- PREPARE
- EXECUTE

14.13.2.40 DELETE

The `DELETE` statement removes rows from a specified table.

14.13.2.40.1 Synopsis

```
DeleteFromStmt ::=
    'DELETE' TableOptimizerHints PriorityOpt QuickOptional IgnoreOptional (
        ↪ 'FROM' ( TableName TableAsNameOpt IndexHintListOpt
        ↪ WhereClauseOptional OrderByOptional LimitClause |
        ↪ TableAliasRefList 'USING' TableRefs WhereClauseOptional ) |
        ↪ TableAliasRefList 'FROM' TableRefs WhereClauseOptional )
```

14.13.2.40.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
    ↪ NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.03 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  1 |  1 |
|  2 |  2 |
|  3 |  3 |
|  4 |  4 |
|  5 |  5 |
+----+----+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DELETE FROM t1 WHERE id = 4;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  1 |  1 |
|  2 |  2 |
|  3 |  3 |
|  5 |  5 |
+----+----+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.40.3 MySQL compatibility

The `DELETE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.40.4 See also

- INSERT

- SELECT
- UPDATE
- REPLACE

14.13.2.41 DESC

This statement is an alias to `EXPLAIN`. It is included for compatibility with MySQL.

14.13.2.42 DESCRIBE

This statement is an alias to `EXPLAIN`. It is included for compatibility with MySQL.

14.13.2.43 DO

`DO` executes the expressions but does not return any results. In most cases, `DO` is equivalent to `SELECT expr, ...` that does not return a result.

> **Note:**
>
> `DO` only executes expressions. It cannot be used in all cases where `SELECT` can be used. For example, `DO id FROM t1` is invalid because it references a table.

In MySQL, a common use case is to execute stored procedure or trigger. Since TiDB does not provide stored procedure or trigger, this function has a limited use.

14.13.2.43.1 Synopsis

```
DoStmt  ::= 'DO' ExpressionList

ExpressionList ::=
    Expression ( ',' Expression )*

Expression ::=
    ( singleAtIdentifier assignmentEq | 'NOT' | Expression ( logOr | 'XOR' |
       ↪  logAnd ) ) Expression
|   'MATCH' '(' ColumnNameList ')' 'AGAINST' '(' BitExpr
    ↪ FulltextSearchModifierOpt ')'
|   PredicateExpr ( IsOrNotOp 'NULL' | CompareOp ( ( singleAtIdentifier
    ↪ assignmentEq )? PredicateExpr | AnyOrAll SubSelect ) )* ( IsOrNotOp (
    ↪  trueKwd | falseKwd | 'UNKNOWN' ) )?
```

14.13.2.43.2 Examples

This SELECT statement pauses, but also produces a result set.

```
mysql> SELECT SLEEP(5);
+----------+
| SLEEP(5) |
+----------+
|        0 |
+----------+
1 row in set (5.00 sec)
```

DO, on the other hand, pauses without producing a result set.

```
mysql> DO SLEEP(5);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (5.00 sec)

mysql> DO SLEEP(1), SLEEP(1.5);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (2.50 sec)
```

14.13.2.43.3 MySQL compatibility

The `DO` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.43.4 See also

- SELECT

14.13.2.44 DROP [GLOBAL|SESSION] BINDING

This statement removes a binding from a specific SQL statement. Bindings can be used to inject a hint into a statement without requiring changes to the underlying query.

A `BINDING` can be on either a `GLOBAL` or `SESSION` basis. The default is `SESSION`.

14.13.2.44.1 Synopsis

```
DropBindingStmt ::=
    'DROP' GlobalScope 'BINDING' 'FOR' ( BindableStmt ( 'USING' BindableStmt
       ↪ )?
|   'SQL' 'DIGEST' StringLiteralOrUserVariableList )

GlobalScope ::=
    ( 'GLOBAL' | 'SESSION' )?
```

```
BindableStmt ::=
    ( SelectStmt | UpdateStmt | InsertIntoStmt | ReplaceIntoStmt |
       ↪ DeleteStmt )

StringLiteralOrUserVariableList ::=
    ( StringLitOrUserVariable | StringLiteralOrUserVariableList ','
       ↪ StringLitOrUserVariable )

StringLiteralOrUserVariable ::=
    ( stringLiteral | UserVariable )
```

14.13.2.44.2 Examples

You can remove a binding according to a SQL statement or SQL Digest.

When you remove a binding according to SQL Digest, you need to specify the corresponding SQL Digest:

- You can use either the string literal or user variable of the string type to specify the Plan Digest.
- You can specify multiple string values, and include multiple digests in each string. Note that the strings or digests need to be separated by commas.

The following example shows how to remove a binding according to a SQL statement.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (
        id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment,
        b INT NOT NULL,
        pad VARBINARY(255),
        INDEX(b)
       );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.07 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM dual;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 1 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 1 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
```

```
Query OK, 8 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 8 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 1000 rows affected (0.04 sec)
Records: 1000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 100000 rows affected (1.74 sec)
Records: 100000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 100000 rows affected (2.15 sec)
Records: 100000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 100000 rows affected (2.64 sec)
Records: 100000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT SLEEP(1);
+----------+
| SLEEP(1) |
+----------+
|        0 |
+----------+
1 row in set (1.00 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (1.33 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | actRows | task  | access object
    ↪     | execution info
    ↪                                                          | operator info
    ↪                  | memory       | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
    ↪
```

```
| IndexLookUp_10              | 583.00 | 297    | root     |
    ↪                    | time:10.545072ms, loops:2, rpc num: 1, rpc time
    ↪ :398.359µs, proc keys:297 |                       | 109.1484375 KB | N/
    ↪ A |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 583.00 | 297    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index
    ↪ :b(b) | time:0s, loops:4                                              |
    ↪  range:[123,123], keep order:false | N/A      | N/A |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 583.00 | 297    | cop[tikv] | table:t1
    ↪         | time:12ms, loops:4
    ↪                                                | keep order:false
    ↪              | N/A          | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+--------+--------+----------+----------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.02 sec)

mysql> CREATE SESSION BINDING FOR
        SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123
       USING
        SELECT * FROM t1 IGNORE INDEX (b) WHERE b = 123;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+--------+----------+-------------+------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows  | actRows | task    | access object |
    ↪ execution info                                                    |
    ↪ operator info    | memory      | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+--------+----------+-------------+------
    ↪
| TableReader_7         | 583.00   | 297    | root     |             | time
    ↪ :222.32506ms, loops:2, rpc num: 1, rpc time:222.078952ms, proc keys
    ↪ :301010 | data:Selection_6 | 88.6640625 KB | N/A |
|  ─Selection_6         | 583.00   | 297    | cop[tikv] |             | time
    ↪ :224ms, loops:298                                                  | eq(
    ↪ test.t1.b, 123) | N/A       | N/A |
|    ─TableFullScan_5   | 301010.00 | 301010 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | time
    ↪ :220ms, loops:298                                                  |
    ↪ keep order:false | N/A        | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------+--------+----------+-------------+------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.22 sec)
```

```
mysql> SHOW SESSION BINDINGS\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
Original_sql: select * from t1 where b = ?
    Bind_sql: SELECT * FROM t1 IGNORE INDEX (b) WHERE b = 123
  Default_db: test
      Status: using
 Create_time: 2020-05-22 14:38:03.456
 Update_time: 2020-05-22 14:38:03.456
     Charset: utf8mb4
   Collation: utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DROP SESSION BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | actRows | task  | access object
   ↪     | execution info
   ↪ | operator info                 | memory       | disk |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
   ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 583.00 | 297    | root     |
   ↪                    | time:5.31206ms, loops:2, rpc num: 1, rpc time
   ↪ :665.927µs, proc keys:297 |                       | 109.1484375 KB | N
   ↪ /A |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 583.00 | 297    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index
   ↪ :b(b) | time:0s, loops:4                                              |
   ↪ range:[123,123], keep order:false | N/A      | N/A |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 583.00 | 297    | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪         | time:0s, loops:4
   ↪                                                | keep order:false
   ↪              | N/A          | N/A |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-----------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW SESSION BINDINGS\G
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example shows how to remove a binding according to SQL Digest.

```
CREATE TABLE t1(a INT, b INT, c INT, INDEX ia(a));
CREATE TABLE t2(a INT, b INT, c INT, INDEX ia(a));
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE a > 1 USING SELECT * FROM
    ↪ t1 USE INDEX (ia) WHERE a > 1;
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t2 WHERE a < 1 USING SELECT * FROM
    ↪ t2 USE INDEX (ia) WHERE a < 1;
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t1 JOIN t2 ON t1.b = t2.a USING
    ↪ SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN(t1) */ * FROM t1 JOIN t2 ON t1.b = t2.a;
SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
```

Method 1:

```
DROP GLOBAL BINDING FOR SQL DIGEST '31026623
    ↪ c8f22264fe0dfc26f29c69c5c457d6b85960c578ebcf17a967ed7893', '0
    ↪ f38b2e769927ae37981c66f0988c6299b602e03f029e38aa071e656fc321593', '3
    ↪ c8dfc451b0e36afd904cefca5137e68fb051f02964e1958ed60afdadc25f57e';
SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
```

Method 2:

```
SET @digests='31026623
    ↪ c8f22264fe0dfc26f29c69c5c457d6b85960c578ebcf17a967ed7893, 0
    ↪ f38b2e769927ae37981c66f0988c6299b602e03f029e38aa071e656fc321593, 3
    ↪ c8dfc451b0e36afd904cefca5137e68fb051f02964e1958ed60afdadc25f57e';
DROP GLOBAL BINDING FOR SQL DIGEST @digests;
SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
```

```
> CREATE TABLE t1(a INT, b INT, c INT, INDEX ia(a));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.044 sec)

> CREATE TABLE t2(a INT, b INT, c INT, INDEX ia(a));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.035 sec)

> CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE a > 1 USING SELECT *
    ↪ FROM t1 USE INDEX (ia) WHERE a > 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.011 sec)

> CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t2 WHERE a < 1 USING SELECT *
    ↪ FROM t2 USE INDEX (ia) WHERE a < 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.013 sec)

> CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FOR SELECT * FROM t1 JOIN t2 ON t1.b = t2.a USING
    ↪ SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN(t1) */ * FROM t1 JOIN t2 ON t1.b = t2.a;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.012 sec)
```

```
> SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------+------
   ↪
| Original_sql                                                          | Bind_
   ↪ sql
   ↪                                                                        |
   ↪ Default_db | Status | Create_time        | Update_time          |
   ↪ Charset | Collation    | Source | Sql_digest
   ↪                                                 | Plan_digest |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------+------
   ↪
| select * from `test` . `t1` join `test` . `t2` on `t1` . `b` = `t2` . `a`
   ↪  | SELECT /*+ HASH_JOIN(`t1`)*/ * FROM `test`.`t1` JOIN `test`.`t2`
   ↪ ON `t1`.`b` = `t2`.`a` | test | enabled | 2024-08-11 04:06:49.953 |
   ↪ 2024-08-11 04:06:49.953 | utf8 | utf8_general_ci | manual | 31026623
   ↪ c8f22264fe0dfc26f29c69c5c457d6b85960c578ebcf17a967ed7893 | |
| select * from `test` . `t2` where `a` < ?                             | SELECT
   ↪ * FROM `test`.`t2` USE INDEX (`ia`) WHERE `a` < 1
   ↪ | test      | enabled | 2024-08-11 04:06:49.937 | 2024-08-11
   ↪ 04:06:49.937 | utf8 | utf8_general_ci | manual | 0
   ↪ f38b2e769927ae37981c66f0988c6299b602e03f029e38aa071e656fc321593 | |
| select * from `test` . `t1` where `a` > ?                             | SELECT
   ↪ * FROM `test`.`t1` USE INDEX (`ia`) WHERE `a` > 1
   ↪ | test      | enabled | 2024-08-11 04:06:49.924 | 2024-08-11
   ↪ 04:06:49.924 | utf8 | utf8_general_ci | manual | 3
   ↪ c8dfc451b0e36afd904cefca5137e68fb051f02964e1958ed60afdadc25f57e | |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------+------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.001 sec)

> DROP GLOBAL BINDING FOR SQL DIGEST '31026623
   ↪ c8f22264fe0dfc26f29c69c5c457d6b85960c578ebcf17a967ed7893', '0
   ↪ f38b2e769927ae37981c66f0988c6299b602e03f029e38aa071e656fc321593', '3
   ↪ c8dfc451b0e36afd904cefca5137e68fb051f02964e1958ed60afdadc25f57e';
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.019 sec)

> SHOW GLOBAL BINDINGS;
Empty set (0.002 sec)
```

14.13.2.44.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.44.4 See also

- CREATE [GLOBAL|SESSION] BINDING
- SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] BINDINGS
- ANALYZE TABLE
- Optimizer Hints
- SQL Plan Management

14.13.2.45 DROP DATABASE

The `DROP DATABASE` statement permanently removes a specified database schema, and all of the tables and views that were created inside. User privileges that are associated with the dropped database remain unaffected.

14.13.2.45.1 Synopsis

```
DropDatabaseStmt ::=
    'DROP' 'DATABASE' IfExists DBName

IfExists ::= ( 'IF' 'EXISTS' )?
```

14.13.2.45.2 Examples

```
mysql> SHOW DATABASES;
+--------------------+
| Database           |
+--------------------+
| INFORMATION_SCHEMA |
| PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA |
| mysql              |
| test               |
+--------------------+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DROP DATABASE test;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.25 sec)

mysql> SHOW DATABASES;
+--------------------+
| Database           |
+--------------------+
| INFORMATION_SCHEMA |
```

```
| PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA |
| mysql              |
+--------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.45.3 MySQL compatibility

The `DROP DATABASE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.45.4 See also

- CREATE DATABASE
- ALTER DATABASE

14.13.2.46 DROP PLACEMENT POLICY

`DROP PLACEMENT POLICY` is used to drop a previously created placement policy.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.46.1 Synopsis

```
DropPolicyStmt ::=
    "DROP" "PLACEMENT" "POLICY" IfExists PolicyName

PolicyName ::=
    Identifier
```

14.13.2.46.2 Examples

Placement policies can only be dropped when they are not referenced by any tables or partitions.

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1 FOLLOWERS=4;
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT PRIMARY KEY) PLACEMENT POLICY=p1;
DROP PLACEMENT POLICY p1; -- This statement fails because the placement
    ↪ policy p1 is referenced.

-- Finds which tables and partitions reference the placement policy.
```

```
SELECT table_schema, table_name FROM information_schema.tables WHERE tidb_
    ↪ placement_policy_name='p1';
SELECT table_schema, table_name FROM information_schema.partitions WHERE
    ↪ tidb_placement_policy_name='p1';

ALTER TABLE t1 PLACEMENT POLICY=default; -- Removes the placement policy
    ↪ from t1.
DROP PLACEMENT POLICY p1; -- Succeeds.
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

ERROR 8241 (HY000): Placement policy 'p1' is still in use

+--------------+------------+
| table_schema | table_name |
+--------------+------------+
| test         | t1         |
+--------------+------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

Empty set (0.01 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.21 sec)
```

14.13.2.46.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.46.4 See also

- Placement Rules in SQL
- SHOW PLACEMENT
- CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY
- ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY

14.13.2.47 DROP RESOURCE GROUP

You can use the `DROP RESOURCE GROUP` statement to drop a resource group.

Note:

This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.47.1 Synopsis

```
DropResourceGroupStmt ::=
    "DROP" "RESOURCE" "GROUP" IfExists ResourceGroupName

IfExists ::=
    ('IF' 'EXISTS')?

ResourceGroupName ::=
    Identifier
|   "DEFAULT"
```

Note:

- The `DROP RESOURCE GROUP` statement can only be executed when the global variable `tidb_enable_resource_control` is set to `ON`.
- The `default` resource group is reserved and cannot be dropped.

14.13.2.47.2 Examples

Drop a resource group named `rg1`.

```
DROP RESOURCE GROUP IF EXISTS rg1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.22 sec)
```

```
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP IF NOT EXISTS rg1 RU_PER_SEC = 500 BURSTABLE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.resource_groups WHERE NAME ='rg1';
```

```
+------+------------+----------+-----------+-------------+
| NAME | RU_PER_SEC | PRIORITY | BURSTABLE | QUERY_LIMIT |
```

```
+------+------------+----------+----------+-------------+
| rg1  | 500        | MEDIUM   | YES      | NULL        |
+------+------------+----------+----------+-------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
DROP RESOURCE GROUP IF EXISTS rg1;
```

```
Query OK, 1 rows affected (0.09 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.resource_groups WHERE NAME ='rg1';
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.47.3 MySQL compatibility

MySQL also supports DROP RESOURCE GROUP, but TiDB does not support the `FORCE` parameter.

14.13.2.47.4 See also

- ALTER RESOURCE GROUP
- CREATE RESOURCE GROUP
- Request Unit (RU)

14.13.2.48 DROP ROLE

This statement removes a role, that was previously created with `CREATE ROLE`.

14.13.2.48.1 Synopsis

```
DropRoleStmt ::=
    'DROP' 'ROLE' ( 'IF' 'EXISTS' )? RolenameList

RolenameList ::=
    Rolename ( ',' Rolename )*
```

14.13.2.48.2 Examples

Connect to TiDB as the `root` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

Create a new role `analyticsteam` and a new user `jennifer`:

```
CREATE ROLE analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

CREATE USER jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

GRANT analyticsteam TO jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `jennifer` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

Note that by default `jennifer` needs to execute `SET ROLE analyticsteam` in order to be able to use the privileges associated with the `analyticsteam` role:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+-----------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                               |
+-----------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'          |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%'   |
+-----------------------------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES in test;
ERROR 1044 (42000): Access denied for user 'jennifer'@'%' to database 'test'
SET ROLE analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

SHOW GRANTS;
+-----------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                               |
+-----------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'          |
| GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'      |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%'   |
+-----------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES IN test;
+----------------+
```

```
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `root` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

The statement `SET DEFAULT ROLE` can be used to associate the role `analyticsteam` to `jennifer`:

```
SET DEFAULT ROLE analyticsteam TO jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `jennifer` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

After this, the user `jennifer` has the privileges associated with the role `analyticsteam` and `jennifer` does not have to execute the statement `SET ROLE`:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+-------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                           |
+-------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'      |
| GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'  |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+-------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES IN test;
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `root` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

Drop the role for the `analyticsteam`:

```
DROP ROLE analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

`jennifer` no longer has the default role of `analyticsteam` associated, nor can set the role to `analyticsteam`.

Connect to TiDB as the `jennifer` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

Show the privileges of `jennifer`:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+-------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                     |
+-------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

SET ROLE analyticsteam;
ERROR 3530 (HY000): `analyticsteam`@`%` is is not granted to jennifer@%
```

14.13.2.48.3 MySQL compatibility

The `DROP ROLE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with the roles feature in MySQL 8.0. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.48.4 See also

- CREATE ROLE
- GRANT <role>
- REVOKE <role>
- SET ROLE
- SET DEFAULT ROLE

- Role-Based Access Control

14.13.2.49 DROP SEQUENCE

The `DROP SEQUENCE` statement drops the sequence object in TiDB.

14.13.2.49.1 Synopsis

```
DropSequenceStmt ::=
    'DROP' 'SEQUENCE' IfExists TableNameList

IfExists ::= ( 'IF' 'EXISTS' )?

TableNameList ::=
    TableName ( ',' TableName )*

TableName ::=
    Identifier ('.' Identifier)?
```

14.13.2.49.2 Examples

```
DROP SEQUENCE seq;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)
```

```
DROP SEQUENCE seq, seq2;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)
```

14.13.2.49.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension. The implementation is modeled on sequences available in MariaDB.

14.13.2.49.4 See also

- CREATE SEQUENCE
- ALTER SEQUENCE
- SHOW CREATE SEQUENCE

14.13.2.50 DROP STATS

The `DROP STATS` statement is used to delete the statistics of the selected table from the selected database.

14.13.2.50.1 Synopsis

```
DropStatsStmt ::=
    'DROP' 'STATS' TableName ("PARTITION" partition | "GLOBAL")? ( ','
       ↪ TableName )*

TableName ::=
    Identifier ('.' Identifier)?
```

14.13.2.50.2 Usage

The following statement deletes all statistics of `TableName`. If a partitioned table is specified, this statement deletes statistics of all partitions in this table as well as global statistics generated in dynamic pruning mode.

```
DROP STATS TableName
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

The following statement only deletes statistics of the specified partitions in `PartitionNameList` ↪ .

```
DROP STATS TableName PARTITION PartitionNameList;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

The following statement only deletes global statistics generated in dynamic pruning mode of the specified table.

```
DROP STATS TableName GLOBAL;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.50.3 Examples

```
CREATE TABLE t(a INT);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
SHOW STATS_META WHERE db_name='test' and table_name='t';
```

```
+---------+------------+----------------+---------------------+--------------+----------
   ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Update_time | Modify_count | Row_
   ↪ count |
```

```
+---------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+-------------+---------
    ↪
| test    | t         |               | 2020-05-25 20:34:33 |        0 |
    ↪        0 |
+---------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+-------------+---------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
DROP STATS t;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SHOW STATS_META WHERE db_name='test' and table_name='t';
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.50.4 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.50.5 See also

- Introduction to Statistics

14.13.2.51 DROP TABLE

This statement drops a table from the currently selected database. An error is returned if the table does not exist, unless the `IF EXISTS` modifier is used.

14.13.2.51.1 Synopsis

```
DropTableStmt ::=
    'DROP' OptTemporary TableOrTables IfExists TableNameList
        ↪ RestrictOrCascadeOpt

OptTemporary ::=
    ( 'TEMPORARY' | ('GLOBAL' 'TEMPORARY') )?

TableOrTables ::=
    'TABLE'
|   'TABLES'

TableNameList ::=
    TableName ( ',' TableName )*
```

14.13.2.51.2 Drop temporary tables

You can use the following syntax to drop ordinary tables and temporary tables:

- Use `DROP TEMPORARY TABLE` to drop local temporary tables.
- Use `DROP GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE` to drop global temporary tables.
- Use `DROP TABLE` to drop ordinary tables or temporary tables.

14.13.2.51.3 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> DROP TABLE t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.22 sec)

mysql> DROP TABLE table_not_exists;
ERROR 1051 (42S02): Unknown table 'test.table_not_exists'

mysql> DROP TABLE IF EXISTS table_not_exists;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+-------+------+----------------------------------------+
| Level | Code | Message                                |
+-------+------+----------------------------------------+
| Note | 1051 | Unknown table 'test.table_not_exists' |
+-------+------+----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> CREATE VIEW v1 AS SELECT 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

mysql> DROP TABLE v1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.23 sec)
```

14.13.2.51.4 MySQL compatibility

Currently, `RESTRICT` and `CASCADE` are only supported syntactically.

14.13.2.51.5 See also

- CREATE TABLE
- SHOW CREATE TABLE
- SHOW TABLES

14.13.2.52 DROP USER

This statement removes a user from the TiDB system database. The optional keyword `IF EXISTS` can be used to silence an error if the user does not exist. This statement requires the `CREATE USER` privilege.

14.13.2.52.1 Synopsis

```
DropUserStmt ::=
    'DROP' 'USER' ( 'IF' 'EXISTS' )? UsernameList

Username ::=
    StringName ('@' StringName | singleAtIdentifier)? | 'CURRENT_USER'
        ↪ OptionalBraces
```

14.13.2.52.2 Examples

```
mysql> DROP USER idontexist;
ERROR 1396 (HY000): Operation DROP USER failed for idontexist@%

mysql> DROP USER IF EXISTS 'idontexist';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> CREATE USER 'newuser' IDENTIFIED BY 'mypassword';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> GRANT ALL ON test.* TO 'newuser';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'newuser';
+-------------------------------------------------+
| Grants for newuser@%                            |
+-------------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'newuser'@'%'             |
| GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON test.* TO 'newuser'@'%' |
+-------------------------------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> REVOKE ALL ON test.* FROM 'newuser';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'newuser';
+---------------------------------+
| Grants for newuser@%            |
+---------------------------------+
```

```
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'newuser'@'%' |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DROP USER 'newuser';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.14 sec)

mysql> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'newuser';
ERROR 1141 (42000): There is no such grant defined for user 'newuser' on
    ↪ host '%'
```

14.13.2.52.3 MySQL compatibility

- Dropping a user that does not exist with `IF EXISTS` will not create a warning in TiDB. Issue #10196.

14.13.2.52.4 See also

- CREATE USER
- ALTER USER
- SHOW CREATE USER

- Privilege Management

14.13.2.53 DROP VIEW

This statement drops a view object from the currently selected database. It does not affect any base tables that a view references.

14.13.2.53.1 Synopsis

```
DropViewStmt ::=
    'DROP' 'VIEW' ( 'IF' 'EXISTS' )? TableNameList RestrictOrCascadeOpt

TableNameList ::=
    TableName ( ',' TableName )*

TableName ::=
    Identifier ('.' Identifier)?
```

14.13.2.53.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
    ↪ NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.03 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> CREATE VIEW v1 AS SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE c1 > 2;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  1 |  1 |
|  2 |  2 |
|  3 |  3 |
|  4 |  4 |
|  5 |  5 |
+----+----+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM v1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  3 |  3 |
|  4 |  4 |
|  5 |  5 |
+----+----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DROP VIEW v1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.23 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  1 |  1 |
|  2 |  2 |
|  3 |  3 |
```

```
|  4 |  4 |
|  5 |  5 |
+----+----+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.53.3 MySQL compatibility

The `DROP VIEW` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.53.4 See also

- CREATE VIEW
- DROP TABLE

14.13.2.54 EXECUTE

The `EXECUTE` statement provides an SQL interface to server-side prepared statements.

14.13.2.54.1 Synopsis

```
ExecuteStmt ::=
    'EXECUTE' Identifier ( 'USING' UserVariable ( ',' UserVariable )* )?
```

14.13.2.54.2 Examples

```
mysql> PREPARE mystmt FROM 'SELECT ? as num FROM DUAL';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET @number = 5;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXECUTE mystmt USING @number;
+------+
| num |
+------+
| 5   |
+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DEALLOCATE PREPARE mystmt;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.54.3 MySQL compatibility

The `EXECUTE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.54.4 See also

- PREPARE
- DEALLOCATE

14.13.2.55 EXPLAIN ANALYZE

The `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement works similar to `EXPLAIN`, with the major difference being that it will actually execute the statement. This allows you to compare the estimates used as part of query planning to actual values encountered during execution. If the estimates differ significantly from the actual values, you should consider running `ANALYZE TABLE` on the affected tables.

> **Note:**
>
> When you use `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` to execute DML statements, modification to data is normally executed. Currently, the execution plan for DML statements **cannot** be shown yet.

14.13.2.55.1 Synopsis

```
ExplainSym ::=
    'EXPLAIN'
|   'DESCRIBE'
|    'DESC'

ExplainStmt ::=
    ExplainSym ( TableName ColumnName? | 'ANALYZE'? ExplainableStmt | 'FOR'
        ↪ 'CONNECTION' NUM | 'FORMAT' '=' ( stringLit | ExplainFormatType )
        ↪ ( 'FOR' 'CONNECTION' NUM | ExplainableStmt ) )

ExplainableStmt ::=
    SelectStmt
|   DeleteFromStmt
|   UpdateStmt
|   InsertIntoStmt
|   ReplaceIntoStmt
|   UnionStmt
```

14.13.2.55.2 EXPLAIN ANALYZE output format

Different from `EXPLAIN`, `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` executes the corresponding SQL statement, records its runtime information, and returns the information together with the execution plan. Therefore, you can regard `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` as an extension of the `EXPLAIN` statement. Compared to `EXPLAIN` (for debugging query execution), the return results of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` also include columns of information such as `actRows`, `execution info`, `memory`, and `disk`. The details of these columns are shown as follows:

attribute name	description
actRows	Number of rows output by the operator.
execution info	Execution information of the operator. `time` represents the total `wall time` from entering the operator to leaving the operator, including the total execution time of all sub-operators. If the operator is called many times by the parent operator (in loops), then the time refers to the accumulated time. `loops` is the number of times the current operator is called by the parent operator.
memory	Memory space occupied by the operator.
disk	Disk space occupied by the operator.

14.13.2.55.3 Examples

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT NOT
    ↪ NULL);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1), (2), (3);
```

```
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE id = 1;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------+---------+---------+------+--------------+----------------------
    ↪
```

```
| id         | estRows | actRows | task | access object | execution info
    ↪                                    | operator info | memory | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------+---------+---------+------+---------------+--------------------
    ↪
| Point_Get_1 | 1.00 | 1       | root | table:t1    | time:757.205µs, loops:2,
    ↪  Get:{num_rpc:1, total_time:697.051µs} | handle:1 | N/A | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ----------+---------+---------+------+---------------+--------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+---------+----------+---------------+----------
    ↪
| id                | estRows | actRows | task    | access object | execution
    ↪ info
    ↪
    ↪ | operator info                | memory   | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+---------+----------+---------------+----------
    ↪
| TableReader_5     | 10000.00 | 3     | root     |               | time:278.2µs,
    ↪  loops:2, cop_task: {num: 1, max: 437.6µs, proc_keys: 3, copr_cache_
    ↪ hit_ratio: 0.00}, rpc_info:{Cop:{num_rpc:1, total_time:423.9µs}}
    ↪                                                              | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_4       | 251 Bytes | N/A |
|  ─TableFullScan_4 | 10000.00 | 3   | cop[tikv] | table:t1   | tikv_task:{
    ↪ time:0s, loops:1}, scan_detail: {total_process_keys: 3, total_process
    ↪ _keys_size: 111, total_keys: 4, rocksdb: {delete_skipped_count: 0,
    ↪ key_skipped_count: 3, block: {cache_hit_count: 0, read_count: 0, read
    ↪ _byte: 0 Bytes}}} | keep order:false, stats:pseudo | N/A | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ----------------+---------+---------+----------+---------------+----------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.55.4 Execution information of operators

In addition to the basic `time` and `loop` execution information, `execution info` also contains operator-specific execution information, which mainly includes the time consumed for the operator to send RPC requests and the duration of other steps.

Point_Get

The execution information from a `Point_Get` operator will typically contain the following information:

- `Get:{num_rpc:1, total_time:697.051µs}`: The number of the `Get` RPC requests (`num_rpc`) sent to TiKV and the total duration (`total_time`) of all RPC requests.
- `ResolveLock:{num_rpc:1, total_time:12.117495ms}`: If TiDB encounters a lock when reading data, it has to resolve the lock first, which generally occurs in the scenario of read-write conflict. This information indicates the duration of resolving locks.
- `regionMiss_backoff:{num:11, total_time:2010 ms},tikvRPC_backoff:{num :11, total_time:10691 ms}`: When an RPC request fails, TiDB will wait the backoff time before retrying the request. Backoff statistics include the type of backoff (such as `regionMiss` and `tikvRPC`), the total waiting time (`total_time`), and the total number of backoffs (`num`).

Batch_Point_Get

The execution information of the `Batch_Point_Get` operator is similar to that of the `Point_Get` operator, but `Batch_Point_Get` generally sends `BatchGet` RPC requests to TiKV to read data.

`BatchGet:{num_rpc:2, total_time:83.13µs}`: The number of RPC requests (`num_rpc`) of the `BatchGet` type sent to TiKV and the total time consumed (`total_time`) for all RPC requests.

TableReader

The execution information of a `TableReader` operator is typically as follows:

```
cop_task: {num: 6, max: 1.07587ms, min: 844.312µs, avg: 919.601µs, p95:
    ↪ 1.07587ms, max_proc_keys: 16, p95_proc_keys: 16, tot_proc: 1ms, tot_
    ↪ wait: 1ms, copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00}, rpc_info:{Cop:{num_rpc:6,
    ↪ total_time:5.313996ms}}
```

- `cop_task`: Contains the execution information of `cop` tasks. For example:
  - `num`: The number of cop tasks.
  - `max`, `min`, `avg`, `p95`: The maximum, minimum, average, and P95 values of the execution time consumed for executing cop tasks.
  - `max_proc_keys` and `p95_proc_keys`: The maximum and P95 key-values scanned by TiKV in all cop tasks. If the difference between the maximum value and the P95 value is large, the data distribution might be imbalanced.
  - `copr_cache_hit_ratio`: The hit rate of Coprocessor Cache for `cop` task requests.
- `rpc_info`: The total number and total time of RPC requests sent to TiKV aggregated by request type.
- `backoff`: Contains different types of backoff and the total waiting time of backoff.

Insert

The execution information of an `Insert` operator is typically as follows:

```
prepare:109.616µs, check_insert:{total_time:1.431678ms, mem_insert_time
    ↪ :667.878µs, prefetch:763.8µs, rpc:{BatchGet:{num_rpc:1, total_time
    ↪ :699.166µs},Get:{num_rpc:1, total_time:378.276µs }}}
```

- `prepare`: The time consumed for preparing to write, including expression, default value and auto-increment value calculations.
- `check_insert`: This information generally appears in `insert ignore` and `insert ↪ on duplicate` statements, including conflict checking and the time consumed for writing data to TiDB transaction cache. Note that this time consumption does not include the time consumed for transaction commit. It contains the following information:
    - `total_time`: The total time spent on the `check_insert` step.
    - `mem_insert_time`: The time consumed for writing data to the TiDB transaction cache.
    - `prefetch`: The duration of retrieving the data that needs to be checked for conflicts from TiKV. This step sends a `Batch_Get` RPC request to TiKV to retrieve data.
    - `rpc`: The total time consumed for sending RPC requests to TiKV, which generally includes two types of RPC time, `BatchGet` and `Get`, among which:
        - `BatchGet` RPC request is sent in the `prefetch` step.
        - `Get` RPC request is sent when the `insert on duplicate` statement executes `duplicate update`.
- `backoff`: Contains different types of backoff and the total waiting time of backoff.

IndexJoin

The `IndexJoin` operator has 1 outer worker and N inner workers for concurrent execution. The join result preserves the order of the outer table. The detailed execution process is as follows:

1. The outer worker reads N outer rows, then wraps it into a task, and sends it to the result channel and the inner worker channel.
2. The inner worker receives the task, build key ranges from the task, and fetches inner rows according to the key ranges. It then builds the inner row hash table.
3. The main `IndexJoin` thread receives the task from the result channel and waits for the inner worker to finish handling the task.
4. The main `IndexJoin` thread joins each outer row by looking up to the inner rows' hash table.

The `IndexJoin` operator contains the following execution information:

```
inner:{total:4.297515932s, concurrency:5, task:17, construct:97.96291ms,
    ↪ fetch:4.164310088s, build:35.219574ms}, probe:53.574945ms
```

- `Inner`: The execution information of inner worker:
  - `total`: The total time consumed by the inner worker.
  - `concurrency`: The number of concurrent inner workers.
  - `task`: The total number of tasks processed by the inner worker.
  - `construct`: The preparation time before the inner worker reads the inner table rows corresponding to the task.
  - `fetch`: The total time consumed for it takes for the inner worker to read inner table rows.
  - `Build`: The total time consumed for it takes for the inner worker to construct the hash table of the corresponding inner table rows.
- `probe`: The total time consumed by the main `IndexJoin` thread to perform join operations with the hash table of the outer table rows and the inner table rows.

IndexHashJoin

The execution process of the `IndexHashJoin` operator is similar to that of the `IndexJoin` operator. `IndexHashJoin` operator also has 1 outer worker and N inner workers to execute in parallel, but the output order is not guaranteed to be consistent with that of the outer table. The detailed execution process is as follows:

1. The outer worker reads N outer rows, builds a task, and sends it to the inner worker channel.
2. The inner worker receives the tasks from the inner worker channel and performs the following three operations in order for every task:

a. Build a hash table from the outer rows
b. Build key ranges from outer rows and fetches inner rows
c. Probe the hash table and sends the join result to the result channel. Note: step a and step b are running concurrently.

3. The main thread of `IndexHashJoin` receives the join results from the result channel.

The `IndexHashJoin` operator contains the following execution information:

```
inner:{total:4.429220003s, concurrency:5, task:17, construct:96.207725ms,
    ↪ fetch:4.239324006s, build:24.567801ms, join:93.607362ms}
```

- `Inner`: the execution information of inner worker:

- `total`: the total time consumed by the inner worker.
- `concurrency`: the number of inner workers.
- `task`: The total number of tasks processed by the inner worker.
- `construct`: The preparation time before the inner worker reads the inner table rows.
- `fetch`: The total time consumed for inner worker to read inner table rows.
- `Build`: The total time consumed for inner worker to construct the hash table of the outer table rows.
- `join`: The total time consumed for inner worker to do join with the inner table rows and the hash table of outer table rows.

HashJoin

The `HashJoin` operator has an inner worker, an outer worker, and N join workers. The detailed execution process is as follows:

1. The inner worker reads inner table rows and constructs a hash table.
2. The outer worker reads the outer table rows, then wraps it into a task and sends it to the join worker.
3. The join worker waits for the hash table construction in step 1 to finish.
4. The join worker uses the outer table rows and hash table in the task to perform join operations, and then sends the join result to the result channel.
5. The main thread of `HashJoin` receives the join result from the result channel.

The `HashJoin` operator contains the following execution information:

```
build_hash_table:{total:146.071334ms, fetch:110.338509ms, build:35.732825ms
    ↪ }, probe:{concurrency:5, total:857.162518ms, max:171.48271ms, probe
    ↪ :125.341665ms, fetch:731.820853ms}
```

- `build_hash_table`: Reads the data of the inner table and constructs the execution information of the hash table:
    - `total`: The total time consumption.
    - `fetch`: The total time spent reading inner table data.
    - `build`: The total time spent constructing a hash table.
- `probe`: The execution information of join workers:
    - `concurrency`: The number of join workers.
    - `total`: The total time consumed by all join workers.
    - `max`: The longest time for a single join worker to execute.
    - `probe`: The total time consumed for joining with outer table rows and the hash table.
    - `fetch`: The total time that the join worker waits to read the outer table rows data.

TableFullScan (TiFlash)

The `TableFullScan` operator executed on a TiFlash node contains the following execution information:

```
tiflash_scan: {
  dtfile: {
    total_scanned_packs: 2,
    total_skipped_packs: 1,
    total_scanned_rows: 16000,
    total_skipped_rows: 8192,
    total_rough_set_index_load_time: 2ms,
    total_read_time: 20ms
  },
  total_create_snapshot_time: 1ms
}
```

- `dtfile`: the DTFile (DeltaTree File) related information during the table scan, which reflects the data scan status of the TiFlash Stable layer.
    - `total_scanned_packs`: the total number of packs that have been scanned in the DTFile. A pack is the minimum unit that can be read in the TiFlash DTFile. By default, every 8192 rows constitute a pack.
    - `total_skipped_packs`: the total number of packs that have been skipped by the scan in the DTFile. When a `WHERE` clause hits rough set indexes or matches the range filtering of a primary key, the irrelevant packs are skipped.
    - `total_scanned_rows`: the total number of rows that have been scanned in the DTFile. If there are multiple versions of updates or deletions because of MVCC, each version is counted independently.
    - `total_skipped_rows`: the total number of rows that are skipped by the scan in the DTFile.
    - `total_rs_index_load_time`: the total time used to read DTFile rough set indexes.
    - `total_read_time`: the total time used to read DTFile data.
- `total_create_snapshot_time`: the total time used to create snapshots during the table scan.

lock_keys execution information

When a DML statement is executed in a pessimistic transaction, the execution information of the operator might also include the execution information of `lock_keys`. For example:

```
lock_keys: {time:94.096168ms, region:6, keys:8, lock_rpc:274.503214ms, rpc_
    ↪ count:6}
```

- `time`: The total duration of executing the `lock_keys` operation.
- `region`: The number of Regions involved in executing the `lock_keys` operation.
- `keys`: The number of `Keys` that need `Lock`.
- `lock_rpc`: The total time spent sending an RPC request of the `Lock` type to TiKV. Because multiple RPC requests can be sent in parallel, the total RPC time consumption might be greater than the total time consumption of the `lock_keys` operation.
- `rpc_count`: The total number of RPC requests of the `Lock` type sent to TiKV.

commit_txn execution information

When a write-type DML statement is executed in a transaction with `autocommit=1`, the execution information of the write operator will also include the duration information of the transaction commit. For example:

```
commit_txn: {prewrite:48.564544ms, wait_prewrite_binlog:47.821579, get_
    ↪ commit_ts:4.277455ms, commit:50.431774ms, region_num:7, write_keys
    ↪ :16, write_byte:536}
```

- `prewrite`: The time consumed for the `prewrite` phase of the 2PC commit of the transaction.
- `wait_prewrite_binlog`:: The time consumed for waiting to write the prewrite Binlog.
- `get_commit_ts`: The time consumed for getting the transaction commit timestamp.
- `commit`: The time consumed for the `commit` phase during the 2PC commit of the transaction.
- `write_keys`: The total `keys` written in the transaction.
- `write_byte`: The total bytes of `key-value` written in the transaction, and the unit is byte.

RU (Request Unit) consumption

Request Unit (RU) is a unified abstraction unit of system resources, which is defined in TiDB resource control. The `execution info` of the top-level operator shows the overall RU consumption of this particular SQL statement.

```
RU:273.842670
```

> **Note:**
>
> This value shows the actual RUs consumed by this execution. The same SQL statement might consume different amounts of RUs each time it is executed due to the effects of caching (for example, coprocessor cache).

You can calculate the RU from the other values in `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`, specifically the `execution info` column. For example:

```
'executeInfo':
  time:2.55ms,
  loops:2,
  RU:0.329460,
  Get:{
      num_rpc:1,
      total_time:2.13ms
  },
  total_process_time: 231.5µs,
  total_wait_time: 732.9µs,
  tikv_wall_time: 995.8µs,
  scan_detail: {
     total_process_keys: 1,
     total_process_keys_size: 150,
     total_keys: 1,
     get_snapshot_time: 691.7µs,
     rocksdb: {
         block: {
             cache_hit_count: 2,
             read_count: 1,
             read_byte: 8.19 KB,
             read_time: 10.3µs
         }
     }
 },
```

The base costs are defined in the `tikv/pd` source code and the calculations are performed in the `model.go` file.

If you are using TiDB v7.1, the calculation is the sum of `BeforeKVRequest()` and `AfterKVRequest()` in `pd/pd-client/model.go`, that is:

```
before key/value request is processed:
     consumption.RRU += float64(kc.ReadBaseCost) -> kv.ReadBaseCost * rpc_
        ↪ nums

after key/value request is processed:
     consumption.RRU += float64(kc.ReadBytesCost) * readBytes -> kc.
        ↪ ReadBytesCost * total_process_keys_size
     consumption.RRU += float64(kc.CPUMsCost) * kvCPUMs -> kc.CPUMsCost *
        ↪ total_process_time
```

For writes and batch gets, the calculation is similar with different base costs.

Other common execution information

The Coprocessor operators usually contain two parts of execution time information: `cop_task` and `tikv_task`. `cop_task` is the time recorded by TiDB, and it is from the moment that the request is sent to the server to the moment that the response is received. `tikv_task` is the time recorded by TiKV Coprocessor itself. If there is much difference between the two, it might indicate that the time spent waiting for the response is too long, or the time spent on gRPC or network is too long.

14.13.2.55.5 MySQL compatibility

`EXPLAIN ANALYZE` is a feature of MySQL 8.0, but both the output format and the potential execution plans in TiDB differ substantially from MySQL.

14.13.2.55.6 See also

- Understanding the Query Execution Plan
- EXPLAIN
- ANALYZE TABLE
- TRACE

14.13.2.56 `EXPLAIN`

The `EXPLAIN` statement shows the execution plan for a query without executing it. It complements the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement, which executes the query. If the output of `EXPLAIN` does not match the expected result, consider executing `ANALYZE TABLE` on each table in the query to make sure the table statistics are up to date.

> **Note:**
>
> Certain subqueries are pre-executed during the optimization phase to generate optimal execution plans, even in the `EXPLAIN` statement. For more information on this behavior and how to disable it, see `tidb_opt_enable_non_eval_scalar_subquery` and Disable the early execution of subqueries.

The statements `DESC` and `DESCRIBE` are aliases of the `EXPLAIN` statement. The alternative usage of `EXPLAIN <tableName>` is documented in `SHOW [FULL] COLUMNS FROM`.

TiDB supports the `EXPLAIN [options] FOR CONNECTION connection_id` statement. However, this statement is different from the `EXPLAIN FOR` statement in MySQL. For more details, see `EXPLAIN FOR CONNECTION`.

14.13.2.56.1 Synopsis

```
ExplainSym ::=
    'EXPLAIN'
|   'DESCRIBE'
|   'DESC'

ExplainStmt ::=
    ExplainSym ( TableName ColumnName? | 'ANALYZE'? ExplainableStmt | 'FOR'
        ↪ 'CONNECTION' NUM | 'FORMAT' '=' ( stringLit | ExplainFormatType )
        ↪ ( 'FOR' 'CONNECTION' NUM | ExplainableStmt ) )

ExplainableStmt ::=
    SelectStmt
|   DeleteFromStmt
|   UpdateStmt
|   InsertIntoStmt
|   ReplaceIntoStmt
|   UnionStmt
```

14.13.2.56.2 `EXPLAIN` output format

> **Note:**
>
> When you use the MySQL client to connect to TiDB, to read the output result in a clearer way without line wrapping, you can use the `pager less -S` command. Then, after the `EXPLAIN` result is output, you can press the right arrow → button on your keyboard to horizontally scroll through the output.

> **Note:**
>
> In the returned execution plan, for all probe-side child nodes of `IndexJoin` and `Apply` operators, the meaning of `estRows` since v6.4.0 is different from that before v6.4.0. You can find details in TiDB Query Execution Plan Overview.

Currently, `EXPLAIN` in TiDB outputs 5 columns: `id`, `estRows`, `task`, `access object`, `operator info`. Each operator in the execution plan is described by these attributes, with

each row in the `EXPLAIN` output describing an operator. The description of each attribute is as follows:

Attribute name	Description
id	The operator ID is the unique identifier of the operator in the entire execution plan. In TiDB 2.1, the ID is formatted to display the tree structure of the operator. Data flows from the child node to the parent node. One and only one parent node for each operator.
estRows	The number of rows that the operator is expected to output. This number is estimated according to the statistics and the operator's logic. `estRows` is called `count` in the earlier versions of TiDB 4.0.
task	The type of task the operator belongs to. Currently, the execution plans are divided into two tasks: **root** task, which is executed on tidb-server, and **cop** task, which is performed in parallel on TiKV or TiFlash. The topology of the execution plan at the task level is that a root task followed by many cop tasks. The root task uses the output of cop tasks as input. The cop tasks refer to tasks that TiDB pushes down to TiKV or TiFlash. Each cop task is distributed in the TiKV cluster or the TiFlash cluster, and is executed by multiple processes.
access object	Data item information accessed by the operator. The information includes `table`, `partition`, and `index` (if any). Only operators that directly access the data have such information.
operator info	Other information about the operator. `operator info` of each operator is different. You can refer to the following examples.

14.13.2.56.3 Examples

```
EXPLAIN SELECT 1;
```

```
+------------------+---------+------+---------------+---------------+
| id               | estRows | task | access object | operator info |
+------------------+---------+------+---------------+---------------+
| Projection_3     | 1.00    | root |               | 1->Column#1   |
| └─TableDual_4    | 1.00    | root |               | rows:1        |
+------------------+---------+------+---------------+---------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT NOT
    ↪ NULL);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1), (2), (3);
```

```
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE id = 1;
```

```
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
| id          | estRows | task | access object | operator info |
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
| Point_Get_1 | 1.00 | root | table:t1    | handle:1     |
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
DESC SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE id = 1;
```

```
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
| id          | estRows | task | access object | operator info |
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
| Point_Get_1 | 1.00 | root | table:t1    | handle:1     |
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
DESCRIBE SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE id = 1;
```

```
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
| id          | estRows | task | access object | operator info |
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
| Point_Get_1 | 1.00 | root | table:t1    | handle:1     |
+-------------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
EXPLAIN INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (4);
```

```
+----------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
| id       | estRows | task | access object | operator info |
+----------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
| Insert_1 | N/A   | root |              | N/A          |
+----------+---------+------+--------------+--------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
EXPLAIN UPDATE t1 SET c1=5 WHERE c1=3;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+-----------------
    ↪
```

```
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
    ↪            |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+---------------
    ↪
| Update_4              | N/A     | root     |               | N/A
    ↪                       |
|  -TableReader_8        | 0.00    | root     |               | data:Selection_
    ↪ 7           |
|    -Selection_7        | 0.00    | cop[tikv] |              | eq(test.t1.c1,
    ↪ 3)          |
|      -TableFullScan_6  | 3.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1    | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+---------------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
EXPLAIN DELETE FROM t1 WHERE c1=3;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+---------------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
    ↪            |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+---------------
    ↪
| Delete_4              | N/A     | root     |               | N/A
    ↪                       |
|  -TableReader_8        | 0.00    | root     |               | data:Selection_
    ↪ 7           |
|    -Selection_7        | 0.00    | cop[tikv] |              | eq(test.t1.c1,
    ↪ 3)          |
|      -TableFullScan_6  | 3.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1    | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+---------------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

To specify the format of the `EXPLAIN` output, you can use the `FORMAT = xxx` syntax. Currently, TiDB supports the following formats:

FORMAT	Description
Not specified	If the format is not specified, `EXPLAIN` uses the default format `row`.
`brief`	The operator IDs in the output of the `EXPLAIN` statement are simplified, compared with those when `FORMAT` is left unspecified.

FORMAT	Description
`dot`	The `EXPLAIN` statement outputs DOT execution plans, which can be used to generate PNG files through a `dot` program (in the `graphviz` package).

FORMAT	Description
`row`	The `EXPLAIN` statement outputs results in a tabular format. See Understand the Query Execution Plan for more information.

FORMAT	Description
`tidb_json`	The `EXPLAIN` statement outputs execution plans in JSON and stores the operator information in a JSON array.

FORMAT	Description
`verbose` ↪	The `EXPLAIN` ↪ statement outputs results in the `row` format, with an additional `estCost` ↪ column for the estimated cost of the query in the results. For more information about how to use this format, see SQL Plan Management.

FORMAT	Description
plan_cache	The EXPLAIN statement outputs results in the row format, with the Plan Cache information as a warning.

The following is an example when FORMAT is "brief" in EXPLAIN:

```
EXPLAIN FORMAT = "brief" DELETE FROM t1 WHERE c1 = 3;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+-----------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
   ↪            |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+-----------------
   ↪
| Delete                | N/A     | root      |               | N/A
   ↪                        |
|  -TableReader         | 0.00    | root      |               | data:Selection
   ↪              |
|    -Selection         | 0.00    | cop[tikv] |               | eq(test.t1.c1, 3)
   ↪           |
|      -TableFullScan   | 3.00    | cop[tikv] | table:t1      | keep order:false,
   ↪  stats:pseudo |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+-----------------
   ↪
```

```
4 rows in set (0.001 sec)
```

In addition to the MySQL standard result format, TiDB also supports DotGraph and you need to specify `FORMAT = "dot"` as in the following example:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a bigint, b bigint);
EXPLAIN format = "dot" SELECT A.a, B.b FROM t A JOIN t B ON A.a > B.b WHERE
    ↪  A.a < 10;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| dot contents
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
|
digraph Projection_8 {
subgraph cluster8{
node [style=filled, color=lightgrey]
color=black
label = "root"
"Projection_8" -> "HashJoin_9"
"HashJoin_9" -> "TableReader_13"
"HashJoin_9" -> "Selection_14"
"Selection_14" -> "TableReader_17"
}
subgraph cluster12{
node [style=filled, color=lightgrey]
color=black
label = "cop"
"Selection_12" -> "TableFullScan_11"
}
subgraph cluster16{
node [style=filled, color=lightgrey]
color=black
label = "cop"
"Selection_16" -> "TableFullScan_15"
}
"TableReader_13" -> "Selection_12"
"TableReader_17" -> "Selection_16"
}
 |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

If your computer has a `dot` program, you can generate a PNG file using the following method:

```
dot xx.dot -T png -O

The xx.dot is the result returned by the above statement.
```

If your computer has no `dot` program, copy the result to this website to get a tree diagram:

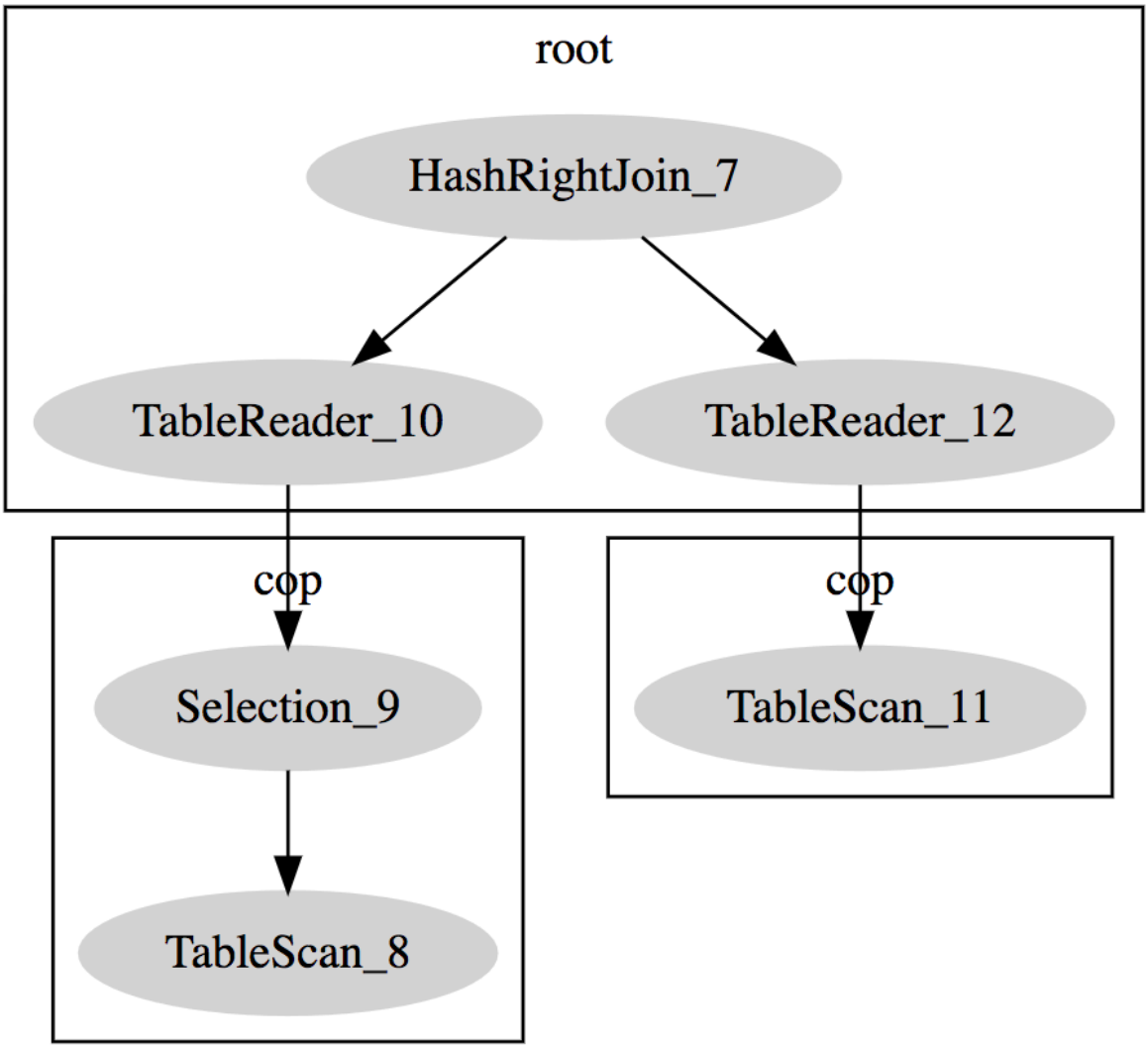

Figure 589: Explain Dot

To get the output in JSON, specify `FORMAT = "tidb_json"` in the `EXPLAIN` statement. The following is an example:

```
CREATE TABLE t(id int primary key, a int, b int, key(a));
EXPLAIN FORMAT = "tidb_json" SELECT id FROM t WHERE a = 1;
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| TiDB_JSON
    ↪
    ↪ |
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| [
    {
        "id": "Projection_4",
        "estRows": "10.00",
        "taskType": "root",
        "operatorInfo": "test.t.id",
        "subOperators": [
            {
                "id": "IndexReader_6",
                "estRows": "10.00",
                "taskType": "root",
                "operatorInfo": "index:IndexRangeScan_5",
                "subOperators": [
                    {
                        "id": "IndexRangeScan_5",
                        "estRows": "10.00",
                        "taskType": "cop[tikv]",
                        "accessObject": "table:t, index:a(a)",
                        "operatorInfo": "range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:
                            ↪ pseudo"
                    }
                ]
            }
        ]
    }
]
 |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

In the output, `id`, `estRows`, `taskType`, `accessObject`, and `operatorInfo` have the same meaning as the columns in the default format. `subOperators` is an array that stores the sub-nodes. The fields and meanings of the sub-nodes are the same as the parent node. If a field is missing, it means that the field is empty.

14.13.2.56.4 MySQL compatibility

- Both the format of `EXPLAIN` and the potential execution plans in TiDB differ substantially from MySQL.
- TiDB does not support the `FORMAT=JSON` or `FORMAT=TREE` options.
- `FORMAT=tidb_json` in TiDB is the JSON format output of the default `EXPLAIN` result. The format and fields are different from the `FORMAT=JSON` output in MySQL.

`EXPLAIN FOR CONNECTION`

`EXPLAIN FOR CONNECTION` is used to get the execution plan of the currently executed SQL query or the last executed SQL query in a connection. The output format is the same as that of `EXPLAIN`. However, the implementation of `EXPLAIN FOR CONNECTION` in TiDB is different from that in MySQL. Their differences (apart from the output format) are listed as follows:

- If the connection is sleeping, MySQL returns an empty result, while TiDB returns the last executed query plan.
- If you try to get the execution plan of the current session, MySQL returns an error, while TiDB returns the result normally.
- MySQL requires the login user to be the same as the connection being queried, or the login user has the **`PROCESS`** privilege; while TiDB requires the login user to be the same as the connection being queried, or the login user has the **`SUPER`** privilege.

14.13.2.56.5 See also

- Understanding the Query Execution Plan
- EXPLAIN ANALYZE
- ANALYZE TABLE
- TRACE

14.13.2.57 FLASHBACK CLUSTER

TiDB v6.4.0 introduces the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` syntax. You can use it to restore a cluster to a specific point in time. When specifying the timestamp, you can either set a datetime value or use a time function. The format of datetime is like '2016-10-08 16:45:26.999', with millisecond as the minimum time unit. But in most cases, specifying the timestamp with second as the time unit is sufficient, for example, '2016-10-08 16:45:26'.

Starting from v6.5.6, v7.1.3, v7.5.1, and v7.6.0, TiDB introduces the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TSO` syntax. This syntax enables you to use TSO to specify a more precise recovery point in time, thereby enhancing flexibility in data recovery.

> **Warning:**
>
> The `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO [TIMESTAMP|TSO]` syntax is not applicable to TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters. To avoid unexpected results, do not execute this statement on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

Warning:

- When specifying a recovery point in time, make sure to check the validity of your target timestamp or TSO and avoid specifying a future time that exceeds the maximum TSO currently allocated by PD (see `Current TSO` ↪ on the Grafana PD panel). Otherwise, concurrent processing linear consistency and transaction isolation levels might be violated, leading to serious data correctness issues.
- During `FLASHBACK CLUSTER` execution, the data cleanup process does not guarantee transaction consistency. After `FLASHBACK CLUSTER` completes, if you intend to use any historical version reading features in TiDB (such as Stale Read or `tidb_snapshot`), make sure that the specified historical timestamp falls outside the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER` execution period. Reading a historical version that includes data not fully restored by FLASHBACK might violate concurrent processing linear consistency and transaction isolation levels, leading to serious data correctness issues.

Warning:

When you use this feature in TiDB v7.1.0, some Regions might remain in the FLASHBACK process even after the completion of the FLASHBACK operation. It is recommended to avoid using this feature in v7.1.0. For more information, see issue #44292.

If you have encountered this issue, you can use the TiDB snapshot backup and restore feature to restore data.

Note:

The working principle of `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO [TIMESTAMP|TSO]` is to write the old data of a specific point in time with the latest timestamp, and will not delete the current data. So before using this feature, you need to ensure that there is enough storage space for the old data and the current data.

14.13.2.57.1 Syntax

```
FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP '2022-09-21 16:02:50';
FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TSO 445494839813079041;
```

Synopsis

```
FlashbackToTimestampStmt
        ::= 'FLASHBACK' 'CLUSTER' 'TO' ('TIMESTAMP' stringLit | 'TSO'
           ↪ LengthNum)
```

14.13.2.57.2 Notes

- The time specified in the `FLASHBACK` statement must be within the Garbage Collection (GC) lifetime. The system variable `tidb_gc_life_time` (default: `10m0s`) defines the retention time of earlier versions of rows. The current `safePoint` of where garbage collection has been performed up to can be obtained with the following query:

  ```
  SELECT * FROM mysql.tidb WHERE variable_name = 'tikv_gc_safe_point';
  ```

- Only a user with the `SUPER` privilege can execute the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER` SQL statement.
- `FLASHBACK CLUSTER` does not support rolling back DDL statements that modify PD-related information, such as `ALTER TABLE ATTRIBUTE`, `ALTER TABLE REPLICA`, and `CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY`.
- At the time specified in the `FLASHBACK` statement, there cannot be a DDL statement that is not completely executed. If such a DDL exists, TiDB will reject it.
- Before executing `FLASHBACK CLUSTER`, TiDB disconnects all related connections and prohibits read and write operations on these tables until the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER` statement is completed.
- The `FLASHBACK CLUSTER` statement cannot be canceled after being executed. TiDB will keep retrying until it succeeds.
- During the execution of `FLASHBACK CLUSTER`, if you need to back up data, you can only use Backup & Restore and specify a `BackupTS` that is earlier than the start time of `FLASHBACK CLUSTER`. In addition, during the execution of `FLASHBACK CLUSTER`, enabling log backup will fail. Therefore, try to enable log backup after `FLASHBACK CLUSTER` is completed.
- If the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER` statement causes the rollback of metadata (table structure, database structure), the related modifications will **not** be replicated by TiCDC. Therefore, you need to pause the task manually, wait for the completion of `FLASHBACK CLUSTER`, and manually replicate the schema definitions of the upstream and downstream to make sure that they are consistent. After that, you need to recreate the TiCDC changefeed.

14.13.2.57.3 Example

The following example shows how to flashback a cluster to a specific timestamp to restore newly inserted data:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t(a INT);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t;
Empty set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT now();
+---------------------+
| now()               |
+---------------------+
| 2022-09-28 17:24:16 |
+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.02 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t;
+------+
| a    |
+------+
|    1 |
+------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP '2022-09-28 17:24:16';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.20 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example shows how to flashback a cluster to a specific TSO to precisely restore mistakenly deleted data:

```
mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t;
+------+
| a    |
+------+
|    1 |
```

```
+------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)


mysql> BEGIN;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT @@tidb_current_ts; -- Get the current TSO
+--------------------+
| @@tidb_current_ts |
+--------------------+
| 446113975683252225 |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ROLLBACK;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)


mysql> DELETE FROM t;
Query OK, 1 rows affected (0.00 sec)


mysql> FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TSO 446113975683252225;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.20 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t;
+------+
| a    |
+------+
|    1 |
+------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

If there is a DDL statement that is not completely executed at the time specified in the `FLASHBACK` statement, the `FLASHBACK` statement fails:

```
mysql> ALTER TABLE t ADD INDEX k(a);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.56 sec)

mysql> ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS 1;
+--
    ↪ ------+---------+----------------------+----------------------+-------------
    ↪
| JOB_ID | DB_NAME | TABLE_NAME       | JOB_TYPE             | SCHEMA_STATE |
```

```
    ↪  SCHEMA_ID | TABLE_ID | ROW_COUNT | CREATE_TIME | START_TIME      |
    ↪ END_TIME          | STATE |
+--
    ↪ ------+---------+---------------------+---------------------+-------------
    ↪
|    84 | test   | t                   | add index /* ingest */ | public  |
    ↪        2 |      82 |        0 | 2023-01-29 14:33:11 | 2023-01-29
    ↪ 14:33:11 | 2023-01-29 14:33:12 | synced |
+--
    ↪ ------+---------+---------------------+---------------------+-------------
    ↪
1 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP '2023-01-29 14:33:12';
ERROR 1105 (HY000): Detected another DDL job at 2023-01-29 14:33:12 +0800
    ↪ CST, can't do flashback
```

Through the log, you can obtain the execution progress of `FLASHBACK`. The following is an example:

```
[2022/10/09 17:25:59.316 +08:00] [INFO] [cluster.go:463] ["flashback cluster
    ↪  stats"] ["complete regions"=9] ["total regions"=10] []
```

14.13.2.57.4 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.58 FLASHBACK DATABASE

TiDB v6.4.0 introduces the `FLASHBACK DATABASE` syntax. You can use `FLASHBACK ↪ DATABASE` to restore a database and its data that are deleted by the `DROP` statement within the Garbage Collection (GC) life time.

You can set the retention time of historical data by configuring the `tidb_gc_life_time` system variable. The default value is `10m0s`. You can query the current `safePoint`, that is, the time point GC has been performed up to, using the following SQL statement:

```
SELECT * FROM mysql.tidb WHERE variable_name = 'tikv_gc_safe_point';
```

As long as a database is deleted by `DROP` after the `tikv_gc_safe_point` time, you can use `FLASHBACK DATABASE` to restore the database.

14.13.2.58.1 Syntax

```
FLASHBACK DATABASE DBName [TO newDBName]
```

Synopsis

```
FlashbackDatabaseStmt ::=
    'FLASHBACK' DatabaseSym DBName FlashbackToNewName
FlashbackToNewName ::=
    ( 'TO' Identifier )?
```

14.13.2.58.2 Notes

- If the database is deleted before the `tikv_gc_safe_point` time, you cannot restore the data using the `FLASHBACK DATABASE` statement. The `FLASHBACK DATABASE` statement returns an error similar to `ERROR 1105 (HY000): Can't find dropped database ' ↪ test' in GC safe point 2022-11-06 16:10:10 +0800 CST`.
- You cannot restore the same database multiple times using the `FLASHBACK DATABASE` ↪ statement. Because the database restored by `FLASHBACK DATABASE` has the same schema ID as the original database, restoring the same database multiple times leads to duplicate schema IDs. In TiDB, the database schema ID must be globally unique.

14.13.2.58.3 Example

- Restore the `test` database that is deleted by `DROP`:

```
DROP DATABASE test;
```

```
FLASHBACK DATABASE test;
```

- Restore the `test` database that is deleted by `DROP` and rename it to `test1`:

```
DROP DATABASE test;
```

```
FLASHBACK DATABASE test TO test1;
```

14.13.2.58.4 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.59 FLASHBACK TABLE

The `FLASHBACK TABLE` syntax is introduced since TiDB 4.0. You can use the `FLASHBACK` ↪ `TABLE` statement to restore the tables and data dropped by the `DROP` or `TRUNCATE` operation within the Garbage Collection (GC) lifetime.

The system variable `tidb_gc_life_time` (default: `10m0s`) defines the retention time of earlier versions of rows. The current `safePoint` of where garbage collection has been performed up to can be obtained with the following query:

```
SELECT * FROM mysql.tidb WHERE variable_name = 'tikv_gc_safe_point';
```

As long as the table is dropped by `DROP` or `TRUNCATE` statements after the `tikv_gc_safe_point` time, you can restore the table using the `FLASHBACK TABLE` statement.

14.13.2.59.1 Syntax

```
FLASHBACK TABLE table_name [TO other_table_name]
```

14.13.2.59.2 Synopsis

```
FlashbackTableStmt ::=
    'FLASHBACK' 'TABLE' TableName FlashbackToNewName

TableName ::=
    Identifier ( '.' Identifier )?

FlashbackToNewName ::=
    ( 'TO' Identifier )?
```

14.13.2.59.3 Notes

If a table is dropped and the GC lifetime has passed, you can no longer use the `FLASHBACK TABLE` statement to recover the dropped data. Otherwise, an error like `Can't find dropped / truncated table 't' in GC safe point 2020-03-16 16:34:52 +0800 CST` will be returned.

14.13.2.59.4 Example

- Recover the table data dropped by the `DROP` operation:

```
DROP TABLE t;
```

```
FLASHBACK TABLE t;
```

- Recover the table data dropped by the `TRUNCATE` operation. Because the truncated table `t` still exists, you need to rename the table `t` to be recovered. Otherwise, an error will be returned because the table `t` already exists.

```
TRUNCATE TABLE t;
```

```
FLASHBACK TABLE t TO t1;
```

14.13.2.59.5 Implementation principle

When deleting a table, TiDB only deletes the table metadata, and writes the table data (row data and index data) to be deleted to the `mysql.gc_delete_range` table. The GC Worker in the TiDB background periodically removes from the `mysql.gc_delete_range` table the keys that exceed the GC lifetime.

Therefore, to recover a table, you only need to recover the table metadata and delete the corresponding row record in the `mysql.gc_delete_range` table before the GC Worker deletes the table data. You can use a snapshot read of TiDB to recover the table metadata. For details of snapshot read, refer to Read Historical Data.

The following is the working process of `FLASHBACK TABLE t TO t1`:

1. TiDB searches the recent DDL history jobs and locates the first DDL operation of the `DROP TABLE` or the `truncate table` type on table `t`. If TiDB fails to locate one, an error is returned.
2. TiDB checks whether the starting time of the DDL job is before `tikv_gc_safe_point`. If it is before `tikv_gc_safe_point`, it means that the table dropped by the `DROP` or `TRUNCATE` operation has been cleaned up by the GC and an error is returned.
3. TiDB uses the starting time of the DDL job as the snapshot to read historical data and read table metadata.
4. TiDB deletes GC tasks related to table `t` in `mysql.gc_delete_range`.
5. TiDB changes `name` in the table's metadata to `t1`, and uses this metadata to create a new table. Note that only the table name is changed but not the table ID. The table ID is the same as that of the previously dropped table `t`.

From the above process, you can see that TiDB always operates on the metadata of the table, and the user data of the table has never been modified. The restored table `t1` has the same ID as the previously dropped table `t`, so `t1` can read the user data of `t`.

> **Note:**
>
> You cannot use `FLASHBACK` statements to restore the same deleted table multiple times, because the ID of the restored table is the same ID of the dropped table, and TiDB requires that all existing tables must have a globally unique table ID.

The `FLASHBACK TABLE` operation is done by TiDB obtaining the table metadata through snapshot read, and then going through the process of table creation similar to `CREATE TABLE`. Therefore, `FLASHBACK TABLE` is, in essence, a kind of DDL operation.

14.13.2.59.6 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.60 FLUSH PRIVILEGES

The statement `FLUSH PRIVILEGES` instructs TiDB to reload the in-memory copy of privileges from the privilege tables. You must execute this statement after manually editing tables such as `mysql.user`. However, executing this statement is not necessary after using privilege statements like `GRANT` or `REVOKE`. To execute this statement, the `RELOAD` privilege is required.

14.13.2.60.1 Synopsis

```
FlushStmt ::=
    'FLUSH' NoWriteToBinLogAliasOpt FlushOption

NoWriteToBinLogAliasOpt ::=
    ( 'NO_WRITE_TO_BINLOG' | 'LOCAL' )?

FlushOption ::=
    'PRIVILEGES'
|   'STATUS'
|    'TIDB' 'PLUGINS' PluginNameList
|    'HOSTS'
|   LogTypeOpt 'LOGS'
|   TableOrTables TableNameListOpt WithReadLockOpt
```

14.13.2.60.2 Examples

```
mysql> FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.60.3 MySQL compatibility

The `FLUSH PRIVILEGES` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.60.4 See also

- SHOW GRANTS
- Privilege Management

14.13.2.61 FLUSH STATUS

This statement is included for compatibility with MySQL. It has no effect on TiDB, which uses Prometheus and Grafana for centralized metrics collection instead of `SHOW STATUS`.

14.13.2.61.1 Synopsis

```
FlushStmt ::=
    'FLUSH' NoWriteToBinLogAliasOpt FlushOption

NoWriteToBinLogAliasOpt ::=
    ( 'NO_WRITE_TO_BINLOG' | 'LOCAL' )?

FlushOption ::=
    'PRIVILEGES'
|   'STATUS'
|    'TIDB' 'PLUGINS' PluginNameList
|    'HOSTS'
|   LogTypeOpt 'LOGS'
|   TableOrTables TableNameListOpt WithReadLockOpt
```

14.13.2.61.2 Examples

```
mysql> show status;
+-------------------+--------------------------------------+
| Variable_name     | Value                                |
+-------------------+--------------------------------------+
| Ssl_cipher_list   |                                      |
| server_id         | 93e2e07d-6bb4-4a1b-90b7-e035fae154fe |
| ddl_schema_version | 141                                 |
| Ssl_verify_mode   | 0                                    |
| Ssl_version       |                                      |
| Ssl_cipher        |                                      |
+-------------------+--------------------------------------+
6 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> show global status;
+-------------------+--------------------------------------+
| Variable_name     | Value                                |
+-------------------+--------------------------------------+
| Ssl_cipher        |                                      |
| Ssl_cipher_list   |                                      |
| Ssl_verify_mode   | 0                                    |
| Ssl_version       |                                      |
| server_id         | 93e2e07d-6bb4-4a1b-90b7-e035fae154fe |
| ddl_schema_version | 141                                 |
+-------------------+--------------------------------------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> flush status;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> show status;
+-------------------+--------------------------------------+
| Variable_name     | Value                                |
+-------------------+--------------------------------------+
| Ssl_cipher        |                                      |
| Ssl_cipher_list   |                                      |
| Ssl_verify_mode   | 0                                    |
| Ssl_version       |                                      |
| ddl_schema_version | 141                                  |
| server_id         | 93e2e07d-6bb4-4a1b-90b7-e035fae154fe |
+-------------------+--------------------------------------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.61.3 MySQL compatibility

- This statement is compatible with MySQL.

14.13.2.61.4 See also

- SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] STATUS
- Server Status Variables

14.13.2.62 FLUSH TABLES

This statement is included for compatibility with MySQL. It has no effective usage in TiDB.

14.13.2.62.1 Synopsis

```
FlushStmt ::=
    'FLUSH' NoWriteToBinLogAliasOpt FlushOption

NoWriteToBinLogAliasOpt ::=
    ( 'NO_WRITE_TO_BINLOG' | 'LOCAL' )?

FlushOption ::=
    'PRIVILEGES'
|   'STATUS'
|    'TIDB' 'PLUGINS' PluginNameList
|    'HOSTS'
|    LogTypeOpt 'LOGS'
```

```
|    TableOrTables TableNameListOpt WithReadLockOpt

LogTypeOpt ::=
    ( 'BINARY' | 'ENGINE' | 'ERROR' | 'GENERAL' | 'SLOW' )?

TableOrTables ::=
    'TABLE'
|   'TABLES'

TableNameListOpt ::=
    TableNameList?

WithReadLockOpt ::=
    ( 'WITH' 'READ' 'LOCK' )?
```

14.13.2.62.2 Examples

```
mysql> FLUSH TABLES;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> FLUSH TABLES WITH READ LOCK;
ERROR 1105 (HY000): FLUSH TABLES WITH READ LOCK is not supported. Please
    ↪ use @@tidb_snapshot
```

14.13.2.62.3 MySQL compatibility

- TiDB does not have a concept of table cache as in MySQL. Thus, `FLUSH TABLES` is parsed but ignored in TiDB for compatibility.
- The statement `FLUSH TABLES WITH READ LOCK` produces an error, as TiDB does not currently support locking tables. It is recommended to use Historical reads for this purpose instead.

14.13.2.62.4 See also

- Read historical data

14.13.2.63 `GRANT <privileges>`

This statement allocates privileges to a pre-existing user in TiDB. The privilege system in TiDB follows MySQL, where credentials are assigned based on a database/table pattern. Executing this statement requires the `GRANT OPTION` privilege and all privileges you allocate.

14.13.2.63.1 Synopsis

```
GrantStmt ::=
    'GRANT' PrivElemList 'ON' ObjectType PrivLevel 'TO' UserSpecList
       ↪ RequireClauseOpt WithGrantOptionOpt

PrivElemList ::=
    PrivElem ( ',' PrivElem )*

PrivElem ::=
    PrivType ( '(' ColumnNameList ')' )?

PrivType ::=
    'ALL' 'PRIVILEGES'?
|    'ALTER' 'ROUTINE'?
|   'CREATE' ( 'USER' | 'TEMPORARY' 'TABLES' | 'VIEW' | 'ROLE' | 'ROUTINE' )
    ↪ ?
|   'TRIGGER'
|   'DELETE'
|   'DROP' 'ROLE'?
|    'PROCESS'
|   'EXECUTE'
|   'INDEX'
|   'INSERT'
|   'SELECT'
|   'SUPER'
|   'SHOW' ( 'DATABASES' | 'VIEW' )
|   'UPDATE'
|    'GRANT' 'OPTION'
|    'REFERENCES'
|    'REPLICATION' ( 'SLAVE' | 'CLIENT' )
|    'USAGE'
|   'RELOAD'
|   'FILE'
|   'CONFIG'
|   'LOCK' 'TABLES'
|   'EVENT'
|   'SHUTDOWN'

ObjectType ::=
    'TABLE'?

PrivLevel ::=
    '*' ( '.' '*' )?
|    Identifier ( '.' ( '*' | Identifier ) )?
```

```
UserSpecList ::=
    UserSpec ( ',' UserSpec )*

RequireClauseOpt ::= ('REQUIRE' ('NONE' | 'SSL' | 'X509' |
    ↪ RequireListElement ('AND'? RequireListElement)*))?

RequireListElement ::= 'ISSUER' Issuer | 'SUBJECT' Subject | 'CIPHER' Cipher
    ↪  | 'SAN' SAN | 'TOKEN_ISSUER' TokenIssuer
```

14.13.2.63.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE USER 'newuser' IDENTIFIED BY 'mypassword';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> GRANT ALL ON test.* TO 'newuser';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'newuser';
+-------------------------------------------------+
| Grants for newuser@%                            |
+-------------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'newuser'@'%'             |
| GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON test.* TO 'newuser'@'%' |
+-------------------------------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.63.3 MySQL compatibility

- Similar to MySQL, the `USAGE` privilege denotes the ability to log into a TiDB server.
- Column level privileges are not currently supported.
- Similar to MySQL, when the `NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER` sql mode is not present, the `GRANT` statement will automatically create a new user with an empty password when a user does not exist. Removing this sql-mode (it is enabled by default) presents a security risk.
- In TiDB, after the `GRANT <privileges>` statement is executed successfully, the execution result takes effect immediately on the current connection. Whereas in MySQL, for some privileges, the execution results take effect only on subsequent connections. See TiDB #39356 for details.

14.13.2.63.4 See also

- GRANT <role>

- REVOKE <privileges>
- SHOW GRANTS

- Privilege Management

14.13.2.64 GRANT <role>

Assigns a previously created role to an existing user. The user can use then use the statement SET ROLE <rolename> to assume the privileges of the role, or SET ROLE ALL to assume all roles that have been assigned.

14.13.2.64.1 Synopsis

```
GrantRoleStmt ::=
    'GRANT' RolenameList 'TO' UsernameList

RolenameList ::=
    Rolename ( ',' Rolename )*

UsernameList ::=
    Username ( ',' Username )*
```

14.13.2.64.2 Examples

Connect to TiDB as the root user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

Create a new role analyticsteam and a new user jennifer:

```
CREATE ROLE analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

CREATE USER jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

GRANT analyticsteam TO jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the jennifer user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

Note that by default `jennifer` needs to execute `SET ROLE analyticsteam` in order to be able to use the privileges associated with the `analyticsteam` role:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+-----------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                               |
+-----------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'          |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+-----------------------------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES in test;
ERROR 1044 (42000): Access denied for user 'jennifer'@'%' to database 'test'
SET ROLE analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

SHOW GRANTS;
+-----------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                               |
+-----------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'          |
| GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+-----------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES IN test;
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `root` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

The statement `SET DEFAULT ROLE` can be used to associate the role `analyticsteam` to `jennifer`:

```
SET DEFAULT ROLE analyticsteam TO jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `jennifer` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

After this, the user `jennifer` has the privileges associated with the role `analyticsteam` and `jennifer` does not have to execute the statement `SET ROLE`:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+-------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                           |
+-------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'      |
| GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'  |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+-------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES IN test;
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.64.3 MySQL compatibility

The `GRANT <role>` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with the roles feature in MySQL 8.0. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.64.4 See also

- `GRANT <privileges>`
- `CREATE ROLE`
- `DROP ROLE`
- `REVOKE <role>`
- `SET ROLE`
- `SET DEFAULT ROLE`

- Role-Based Access Control

14.13.2.65 IMPORT INTO

The `IMPORT INTO` statement lets you import data to TiDB via the Physical Import Mode of TiDB Lightning. You can use `IMPORT INTO` in the following two ways:

- `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE`: imports data files in formats such as `CSV`, `SQL`, and `PARQUET` into an empty table in TiDB.
- `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT`: imports the query result of a `SELECT` statement into an empty table in TiDB. You can also use it to import historical data queried with `AS OF TIMESTAMP`.

> **Note:**
>
> Compared with TiDB Lightning, `IMPORT INTO` can be directly executed on TiDB nodes, supports automated distributed task scheduling and TiDB Global Sort, and offers significant improvements in deployment, resource utilization, task configuration convenience, ease of invocation and integration, high availability, and scalability. It is recommended that you consider using `IMPORT INTO` instead of TiDB Lightning in appropriate scenarios.

14.13.2.65.1 Restrictions

- `IMPORT INTO` only supports importing data into existing empty tables in the database.
- `IMPORT INTO` does not support importing data into an empty partition if other partitions of the same table already contain data. The target table must be completely empty for import operations.
- `IMPORT INTO` does not support importing data into a temporary table or a cached table.
- `IMPORT INTO` does not support transactions or rollback. Executing `IMPORT INTO` within an explicit transaction (`BEGIN`/`END`) will return an error.
- `IMPORT INTO` does not support working simultaneously with features such as Backup & Restore, `FLASHBACK CLUSTER`, acceleration of adding indexes, data import using TiDB Lightning, data replication using TiCDC, or Point-in-Time Recovery (PITR). For more compatibility information, see Compatibility of TiDB Lightning and `IMPORT INTO` with TiCDC and Log Backup.
- During the data import process, do not perform DDL or DML operations on the target table, and do not execute `FLASHBACK DATABASE` for the target database. These operations can lead to import failures or data inconsistencies. In addition, it is **NOT** recommended to perform read operations during the import process, as the data being read might be inconsistent. Perform read and write operations only after the import is completed.
- The import process consumes system resources significantly. For TiDB Self-Managed, to get better performance, it is recommended to use TiDB nodes with at least 32 cores and 64 GiB of memory. TiDB writes sorted data to the TiDB temporary directory during import, so it is recommended to configure high-performance storage media for TiDB Self-Managed, such as flash memory. For more information, see Physical Import Mode limitations.

- For TiDB Self-Managed, the TiDB temporary directory is expected to have at least 90 GiB of available space. It is recommended to allocate storage space that is equal to or greater than the volume of data to be imported.
- One import job supports importing data into one target table only.
- `IMPORT INTO` is not supported during TiDB cluster upgrades.
- Ensure that the data to be imported does not contain any records with primary key or non-null unique index conflicts. Otherwise, the conflicts can result in import task failures.
- Known issue: the `IMPORT INTO` task might fail if the PD address in the TiDB node configuration file is inconsistent with the current PD topology of the cluster. This inconsistency can arise in situations such as that PD was scaled in previously, but the TiDB configuration file was not updated accordingly or the TiDB node was not restarted after the configuration file update.

`IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` restrictions

- For TiDB Self-Managed, each `IMPORT INTO` task supports importing data within 10 TiB. If you enable the Global Sort feature, each `IMPORT INTO` task supports importing data within 40 TiB.
- For TiDB Cloud Dedicated, if your data to be imported exceeds 500 GiB, it is recommended to use TiDB nodes with at least 16 cores and enable the Global Sort feature, then each `IMPORT INTO` task supports importing data within 40 TiB. If your data to be imported is within 500 GiB or if the cores of your TiDB nodes are less than 16, it is not recommended to enable the Global Sort feature.
- The execution of `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` blocks the current connection until the import is completed. To execute the statement asynchronously, you can add the `DETACHED` option.
- Up to 16 `IMPORT INTO` tasks can run simultaneously on each cluster (see TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) usage limitations). When a cluster lacks sufficient resources or reaches the maximum number of tasks, newly submitted import tasks are queued for execution.
- When the Global Sort feature is used for data import, the value of the `THREAD` option must be at least `8`.
- When the Global Sort feature is used for data import, the data size of a single row after encoding must not exceed 32 MiB.
- All `IMPORT INTO` tasks that are created when TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) is not enabled run directly on the nodes where the tasks are submitted, and these tasks will not be scheduled for execution on other TiDB nodes even after DXF is enabled later. After DXF is enabled, only newly created `IMPORT INTO` tasks that import data from S3 or GCS are automatically scheduled or failed over to other TiDB nodes for execution.

`IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` restrictions

- `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` can only be executed on the TiDB node that the current user is connected to, and it blocks the current connection until the import is complete.
- `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` only supports two import options: `THREAD` and `DISABLE_PRECHECK`.
- `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` does not support the task management statements such as `SHOW IMPORT JOB(s)` and `CANCEL IMPORT JOB <job-id>`.
- The temporary directory of TiDB requires sufficient space to store the entire query result of the `SELECT` statement (configuring the `DISK_QUOTA` option is not supported currently).
- Importing historical data using `tidb_snapshot` is not supported.
- Because the syntax of the `SELECT` clause is complex, the `WITH` parameter in `IMPORT INTO` might conflict with it and cause parsing errors, such as `GROUP BY ... [WITH ROLLUP]`. It is recommended to create a view for complex `SELECT` statements and then use `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT * FROM view_name` for importing. Alternatively, you can clarify the scope of the `SELECT` clause with parentheses, such as `IMPORT INTO ... FROM (SELECT ...)WITH ....`

14.13.2.65.2 Prerequisites for import

Before using `IMPORT INTO` to import data, make sure the following requirements are met:

- The target table to be imported is already created in TiDB and it is empty.
- The target cluster has sufficient space to store the data to be imported.
- For TiDB Self-Managed, the temporary directory of the TiDB node connected to the current session has at least 90 GiB of available space. If `tidb_enable_dist_task` is enabled and the data for import is from S3 or GCS, also make sure that the temporary directory of each TiDB node in the cluster has sufficient disk space.

14.13.2.65.3 Required privileges

Executing `IMPORT INTO` requires the `SELECT`, `UPDATE`, `INSERT`, `DELETE`, and `ALTER` privileges on the target table. To import files in TiDB local storage, the `FILE` privilege is also required.

14.13.2.65.4 Synopsis

```
ImportIntoStmt ::=
    'IMPORT' 'INTO' TableName ColumnNameOrUserVarList? SetClause? FROM
       ↪ fileLocation Format? WithOptions?
    |
    'IMPORT' 'INTO' TableName ColumnNameList? FROM SelectStatement
       ↪ WithOptions?

ColumnNameOrUserVarList ::=
```

```
    '(' ColumnNameOrUserVar (',' ColumnNameOrUserVar)* ')'

ColumnNameList ::=
    '(' ColumnName (',' ColumnName)* ')'

SetClause ::=
    'SET' SetItem (',' SetItem)*

SetItem ::=
    ColumnName '=' Expr

Format ::=
    'CSV' | 'SQL' | 'PARQUET'

WithOptions ::=
    'WITH' OptionItem (',' OptionItem)*

OptionItem ::=
    optionName '=' optionVal | optionName
```

14.13.2.65.5 Parameter description

ColumnNameOrUserVarList

It specifies how each field in the data file corresponds to the columns in the target table. You can also use it to map fields to variables to skip certain fields for the import, or use it in `SetClause`.

- If this parameter is not specified, the number of fields in each row of the data file must match the number of columns in the target table, and the fields will be imported to the corresponding columns in order.
- If this parameter is specified, the number of specified columns or variables must match the number of fields in each row of the data file.

SetClause

It specifies how the values of target columns are calculated. In the right side of the `SET` expression, you can reference the variables specified in `ColumnNameOrUserVarList`.

In the left side of the `SET` expression, you can only reference a column name that is not included in `ColumnNameOrUserVarList`. If the target column name already exists in `ColumnNameOrUserVarList`, the `SET` expression is invalid.

fileLocation

It specifies the storage location of the data file, which can be an Amazon S3 or GCS URI path, or a TiDB local file path.

- Amazon S3 or GCS URI path: for URI configuration details, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.
- TiDB local file path: it must be an absolute path, and the file extension must be `.csv`, `.sql`, or `.parquet`. Make sure that the files corresponding to this path are stored on the TiDB node connected by the current user, and the user has the `FILE` privilege.

> **Note:**
>
> If SEM is enabled in the target cluster, the `fileLocation` cannot be specified as a local file path.

In the `fileLocation` parameter, you can specify a single file, or use the `*` and `[]` wildcards to match multiple files for import. Note that the wildcard can only be used in the file name, because it does not match directories or recursively match files in subdirectories. Taking files stored on Amazon S3 as examples, you can configure the parameter as follows:

- Import a single file: `s3://<bucket-name>/path/to/data/foo.csv`
- Import all files in a specified path: `s3://<bucket-name>/path/to/data/*`
- Import all files with the `.csv` suffix in a specified path: `s3://<bucket-name>/path/to/data/*.csv`
- Import all files with the `foo` prefix in a specified path: `s3://<bucket-name>/path/to/data/foo*`
- Import all files with the `foo` prefix and the `.csv` suffix in a specified path: `s3://<bucket-name>/path/to/data/foo*.csv`
- Import `1.csv` and `2.csv` in a specified path: `s3://<bucket-name>/path/to/data/[12].csv`

Format

The `IMPORT INTO` statement supports three data file formats: `CSV`, `SQL`, and `PARQUET`. If not specified, the default format is `CSV`.

WithOptions

You can use `WithOptions` to specify import options and control the data import process. For example, to execute the import of data files asynchronously in the backend, you can enable the `DETACHED` mode for the import by adding the `WITH DETACHED` option to the `IMPORT INTO` statement.

The supported options are described as follows:

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`CHARACTER_SET='string'`	CSV	Specifies the character set of the data file. The default character set is `utf8mb4`. The supported character sets include `binary`, `utf8`, `utf8mb4`, `gb18030`, `gbk`, `latin1`, and `ascii`.

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`FIELDS ↪ _ ↪ TERMINATED ↪ _ ↪ BY ↪ ='< ↪ string ↪ >' ↪`	CSV	Specifies the field separator. The default separator is `,`.
`FIELDS ↪ _ ↪ ENCLOSED ↪ _ ↪ BY ↪ ='< ↪ char ↪ >' ↪`	CSV	Specifies the field delimiter. The default delimiter is `"`.

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`FIELDS ESCAPED BY '<char>'`	CSV	Specifies the escape character for fields. The default escape character is \.
`FIELDS DEFINED BY '<string>'`	CSV	Specifies the value that represents `NULL` in the fields. The default value is `\N`.

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`LINES_TERMINATED_BY='string'`	CSV	Specifies the line terminator. By default, `IMPORT INTO` automatically identifies `\n`, `\r`, or `\r\n` as line terminators. If the line terminator is one of these three, you do not need to explicitly

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`SKIP_ROWS=number`	CSV	Specifies the number of rows to skip. The default value is `0`. You can use this option to skip the header in a CSV file. If you use a wildcard to specify the source files for import, this option

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`SPLIT_FILE`	CSV	Splits a single CSV file into multiple smaller chunks of around 256 MiB for parallel processing to improve import efficiency. This parameter only works for **non-compressed** CSV files and has the same usage

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`DISK_QUOTA='<string>'`	All file formats	Specifies the disk space threshold that can be used during data sorting. The default value is 80% of the disk space in the TiDB temporary directory. If the total disk size cannot be obtained, the

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`DISABLE_TIKV_IMPORT_MODE`	All file formats	Specifies whether to disable switching TiKV to import mode during the import process. By default, switching TiKV to import mode is not disabled. If there are ongoing read-write operations

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`THREAD` ↪ `=<` ↪ `number` ↪ `>`	All file formats and query results of `SELECT` ↪	Specifies the concurrency for import. For `IMPORT` ↪ ↪ `INTO` ↪ ↪ `...` ↪ ↪ `FROM` ↪ ↪ `FILE` ↪ , the default value of `THREAD` ↪ is 50% of the number of CPU cores on the TiDB node, the minimum value

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`MAX_WRITE_SPEED='string'`	All file formats	Controls the write speed to a TiKV node. By default, there is no speed limit. For example, you can specify this option as `1MiB` to limit the write speed to 1 MiB/s.

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`CHECKSUM_TABLE='string'`	All file formats	Configures whether to perform a checksum check on the target table after the import to validate the import integrity. The supported values include `"required"` (default), `"optional"`, and `"off"`

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`DETACHED` ↪	All file formats	Controls whether to execute `IMPORT` ↪ ↪ `INTO` ↪ asynchronously. When this option is enabled, executing `IMPORT` ↪ ↪ `INTO` ↪ immediately returns the information of the import job (such as the `Job_` ↪ `ID` ↪),

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`CLOUD_STORAGE_URI`	All file formats	Specifies the target address where encoded KV data for Global Sort is stored. When `CLOUD_STORAGE_URI` is not specified, `IMPORT INTO` determines whether to use Global Sort based on the value of

Option name	Supported data sources and formats	Description
`DISABLE_PRECHECK`	All file formats and query results of `SELECT`	Setting this option disables prechecks of non-critical items, such as checking whether there are CDC or PITR tasks.

14.13.2.65.6 `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` usage

For TiDB Self-Managed, `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` supports importing data from files stored in Amazon S3, GCS, and the TiDB local storage. For TiDB Cloud Dedicated, `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` supports importing data from files stored in Amazon S3 and GCS. For TiDB Cloud Serverless, `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` supports importing data from files stored in Amazon S3 and Alibaba Cloud OSS.

- For data files stored in Amazon S3 or GCS, `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` supports running in the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF).
    - When the DXF is enabled (tidb_enable_dist_task is `ON`), `IMPORT INTO` splits a data import job into multiple sub-jobs and distributes these sub-jobs to different TiDB nodes for execution to improve the import efficiency.

    - When the DXF is disabled, `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` only supports running on the TiDB node where the current user is connected.

- For data files stored locally in TiDB, `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` only supports running on the TiDB node where the current user is connected. Therefore, the data files need to be placed on the TiDB node where the current user is connected. If you access TiDB through a proxy or load balancer, you cannot import data files stored locally in TiDB.

Compressed files

`IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` supports importing compressed `CSV` and `SQL` files. It can automatically determine whether a file is compressed and the compression format based on the file extension:

Extension	Compression format
`.gz`, `.gzip`	gzip compression format
`.zstd`, `.zst`	ZStd compression format
`.snappy`	snappy compression format

Note:

- The Snappy compressed file must be in the official Snappy format. Other variants of Snappy compression are not supported.
- Because TiDB Lightning cannot concurrently decompress a single large compressed file, the size of the compressed file affects the import speed. It is recommended that a source file is no greater than 256 MiB after decompression.

Global Sort

Note:

Global Sort is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

`IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` splits the data import job of a source data file into multiple sub-jobs, each sub-job independently encoding and sorting data before importing. If the encoded KV ranges of these sub-jobs have significant overlap (to learn how TiDB encodes

data to KV, see TiDB computing), TiKV needs to keep compaction during import, leading to a decrease in import performance and stability.

In the following scenarios, there can be significant overlap in KV ranges:

- If rows in the data file assigned to each sub-job have overlapping primary key ranges, the data KV generated by the encoding of each sub-job will also overlap.
    - `IMPORT INTO` splits sub-jobs based on the traversal order of data files, usually sorted by file name in lexicographic order.
- If the target table has many indexes, or the index column values are scattered in the data file, the index KV generated by the encoding of each sub-job will also overlap.

When the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) is enabled, you can enable Global Sort by specifying the `CLOUD_STORAGE_URI` option in the `IMPORT INTO` statement or by specifying the target storage address for encoded KV data using the system variable `tidb_cloud_storage_uri`. Currently, Global Sort supports using Amazon S3 as the storage address. When Global Sort is enabled, `IMPORT INTO` writes encoded KV data to the cloud storage, performs Global Sort in the cloud storage, and then parallelly imports the globally sorted index and table data into TiKV. This prevents problems caused by KV overlap and enhances import stability and performance.

Global Sort consumes a significant amount of memory resources. Before the data import, it is recommended to configure the `tidb_server_memory_limit_gc_trigger` and `tidb_server_memory_limit` variables, which avoids golang GC being frequently triggered and thus affecting the import efficiency.

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_server_memory_limit_gc_trigger=1;
SET GLOBAL tidb_server_memory_limit='75%';
```

Note:

- If the KV range overlap in a source data file is low, enabling Global Sort might decrease import performance. This is because when Global Sort is enabled, TiDB needs to wait for the completion of local sorting in all sub-jobs before proceeding with the Global Sort operations and subsequent import.
- After an import job using Global Sort completes, the files stored in the cloud storage for Global Sort are cleaned up asynchronously in a background thread.

Output

When `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` completes the import or when the `DETACHED` mode is enabled, TiDB returns the current job information in the output, as shown in the following examples. For the description of each field, see `SHOW IMPORT JOB(s)`.

When `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` completes the import, the example output is as follows:

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM '/path/to/small.csv';
+--
   ↪ ------+--------------------+-------------+---------+-------+----------+-------
   ↪
| Job_ID | Data_Source     | Target_Table | Table_ID | Phase | Status |
   ↪ Source_File_Size | Imported_Rows | Result_Message | Create_Time  |
   ↪ Start_Time              | End_Time                   | Created_By |
+--
   ↪ ------+--------------------+-------------+---------+-------+----------+-------
   ↪
|  60002 | /path/to/small.csv | `test`.`t` |  363 |      | finished | 16B
   ↪           |            2 |              | 2023-06-08 16:01:22.095698 |
   ↪ 2023-06-08 16:01:22.394418 | 2023-06-08 16:01:26.531821 | root@% |
+--
   ↪ ------+--------------------+-------------+---------+-------+----------+-------
   ↪
```

When the `DETACHED` mode is enabled, executing the `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` statement will immediately return the job information in the output. From the output, you can see that the status of the job is `pending`, which means waiting for execution.

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM '/path/to/small.csv' WITH DETACHED;
+--
   ↪ ------+--------------------+-------------+---------+-------+----------+-------
   ↪
| Job_ID | Data_Source     | Target_Table | Table_ID | Phase | Status |
   ↪ Source_File_Size | Imported_Rows | Result_Message | Create_Time |
   ↪ Start_Time | End_Time | Created_By |
+--
   ↪ ------+--------------------+-------------+---------+-------+----------+-------
   ↪
|  60001 | /path/to/small.csv | `test`.`t` |  361 |      | pending | 16B
   ↪           |         NULL |              | 2023-06-08 15:59:37.047703 |
   ↪ NULL  | NULL    | root@%    |
+--
   ↪ ------+--------------------+-------------+---------+-------+----------+-------
   ↪
```

View and manage import jobs

For an import job with the DETACHED mode enabled, you can use SHOW IMPORT to view its current job progress.

After an import job is started, you can cancel it using CANCEL IMPORT JOB <job-id>.

Examples

Import a CSV file with headers

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM '/path/to/file.csv' WITH skip_rows=1;
```

Import a file asynchronously in the DETACHED mode

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM '/path/to/file.csv' WITH DETACHED;
```

Skip importing a specific field in your data file

Assume that your data file is in the CSV format and its content is as follows:

```
id,name,age
1,Tom,23
2,Jack,44
```

And assume that the target table schema for the import is CREATE TABLE t(id int primary key, name varchar(100)). To skip importing the age field in the data file to the table t, you can execute the following SQL statement:

```
IMPORT INTO t(id, name, @1) FROM '/path/to/file.csv' WITH skip_rows=1;
```

Import multiple data files using wildcards

Assume that there are three files named file-01.csv, file-02.csv, and file-03.csv in the /path/to/ directory. To import these three files into a target table t using IMPORT INTO, you can execute the following SQL statement:

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM '/path/to/file-*.csv';
```

If you only need to import file-01.csv and file-03.csv into the target table, execute the following SQL statement:

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM '/path/to/file-0[13].csv';
```

Import data files from Amazon S3 or GCS

- Import data files from Amazon S3:

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM 's3://bucket-name/test.csv?access-key=XXX&secret-access-key=XXX';
```

- Import data files from GCS:

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM 'gs://import/test.csv?credentials-file=${credentials
    ↪ -file-path}';
```

For details about the URI path configuration for Amazon S3 or GCS, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

Calculate column values using SetClause

Assume that your data file is in the CSV format and its content is as follows:

```
id,name,val
1,phone,230
2,book,440
```

And assume that the target table schema for the import is `CREATE TABLE t(id int ↪ primary key, name varchar(100), val int)`. If you want to multiply the `val` column values by 100 during the import, you can execute the following SQL statement:

```
IMPORT INTO t(id, name, @1) SET val=@1*100 FROM '/path/to/file.csv' WITH
    ↪ skip_rows=1;
```

Import a data file in the SQL format

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM '/path/to/file.sql' FORMAT 'sql';
```

Limit the write speed to TiKV

To limit the write speed to a TiKV node to 10 MiB/s, execute the following SQL statement:

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM 's3://bucket/path/to/file.parquet?access-key=XXX&secret-
    ↪ access-key=XXX' FORMAT 'parquet' WITH MAX_WRITE_SPEED='10MiB';
```

14.13.2.65.7 `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` usage

`IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` lets you import the query result of a `SELECT` statement to an empty table in TiDB. You can also use it to import historical data queried with `AS OF TIMESTAMP`.

Import the query result of `SELECT`

To import the `UNION` result to the target table `t`, with the import concurrency specified as `8` and precheck of non-critical items configured as disabled, execute the following SQL statement:

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM SELECT * FROM src UNION SELECT * FROM src2 WITH THREAD =
    ↪  8, DISABLE_PRECHECK;
```

Import historical data at a specified time point

To import historical data at a specified time point to the target table `t`, execute the following SQL statement:

```
IMPORT INTO t FROM SELECT * FROM src AS OF TIMESTAMP '2024-02-27 11:38:00';
```

14.13.2.65.8 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.65.9 See also

- ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE
- CANCEL IMPORT JOB
- SHOW IMPORT JOB(s)
- TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF)

14.13.2.66 INSERT

This statement inserts new rows into a table.

14.13.2.66.1 Synopsis

```
InsertIntoStmt ::=
    'INSERT' TableOptimizerHints PriorityOpt IgnoreOptional IntoOpt
       ↪ TableName PartitionNameListOpt InsertValues OnDuplicateKeyUpdate

TableOptimizerHints ::=
    hintComment?

PriorityOpt ::=
    ( 'LOW_PRIORITY' | 'HIGH_PRIORITY' | 'DELAYED' )?

IgnoreOptional ::=
    'IGNORE'?

IntoOpt ::= 'INTO'?

TableName ::=
    Identifier ( '.' Identifier )?

PartitionNameListOpt ::=
    ( 'PARTITION' '(' Identifier ( ',' Identifier )* ')' )?
```

```
InsertValues ::=
    '(' ( ColumnNameListOpt ')' ( ValueSym ValuesList | SelectStmt | '('
       ↪ SelectStmt ')' | UnionStmt ) | SelectStmt ')' )
|   ValueSym ValuesList
|   SelectStmt
|   UnionStmt
|   'SET' ColumnSetValue? ( ',' ColumnSetValue )*

OnDuplicateKeyUpdate ::=
    ( 'ON' 'DUPLICATE' 'KEY' 'UPDATE' AssignmentList )?
```

Note:

Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports Resource Control. You can use this feature to execute SQL statements with different priorities in different resource groups. By configuring proper quotas and priorities for these resource groups, you can gain better scheduling control for SQL statements with different priorities. When resource control is enabled, statement priority (`PriorityOpt`) will no longer take effect. It is recommended that you use Resource Control to manage resource usage for different SQL statements.

14.13.2.66.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> CREATE TABLE t2 LIKE t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (a) VALUES (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t2 SELECT * FROM t1;
Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+------+
| a    |
```

```
+------+
|    1 |
|    1 |
+------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t2;
+------+
| a    |
+------+
|    1 |
|    1 |
+------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t2 VALUES (2),(3),(4);
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT * FROM t2;
+------+
| a    |
+------+
|    1 |
|    1 |
|    2 |
|    3 |
|    4 |
+------+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.66.3 MySQL compatibility

The `INSERT` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.66.4 See also

- DELETE
- SELECT
- UPDATE
- REPLACE

14.13.2.67 KILL

The KILL statement is used to terminate a connection in any TiDB instance in the current TiDB cluster. Starting from TiDB v6.2.0, you can also use the KILL statement to terminate ongoing DDL jobs.

14.13.2.67.1 Synopsis

```
KillStmt ::= 'KILL' 'TIDB'? ( 'CONNECTION' | 'QUERY' )? CONNECTION_ID
```

14.13.2.67.2 Examples

The following example shows how to get all active queries in the current cluster and terminate any one of them.

```
SELECT ID, USER, INSTANCE, INFO FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_PROCESSLIST
    ↪ ;
```

```
+--------------------+------+-----------------+-------------------------------------
    ↪
| ID                 | USER | INSTANCE        | INFO
    ↪                                                                              |
+--------------------+------+-----------------+-------------------------------------
    ↪
| 8306449708033769879 | root | 127.0.0.1:10082 | select sleep(30), 'foo'
    ↪                                                 |
| 5857102839209263511 | root | 127.0.0.1:10080 | select sleep(50)
    ↪                                                  |
| 5857102839209263513 | root | 127.0.0.1:10080 | SELECT ID, USER, INSTANCE,
    ↪ INFO FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_PROCESSLIST |
+--------------------+------+-----------------+-------------------------------------
    ↪
```

```
KILL 5857102839209263511;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.67.3 MySQL compatibility

- The KILL statement of MySQL can only terminate a connection in the currently connected MySQL instance, while the KILL statement of TiDB can terminate a connection in any TiDB instance in the entire cluster.
- In v7.2.0 and earlier versions, using the MySQL command line Control+C to terminate a query or connection in TiDB is not supported.

14.13.2.67.4 Behavior change descriptions

Starting from v7.3.0, TiDB supports generating 32-bit connection IDs, which is enabled by default and controlled by the `enable-32bits-connection-id` configuration item. When both the Global Kill feature and 32-bit connection ID are enabled, TiDB generates a 32-bit connection ID and you can terminate queries or connections in the MySQL command-line using Control+C.

> **Warning:**
>
> When the number of TiDB instances in the cluster exceeds 2048 or the concurrent connection count of a single TiDB instance exceeds 1048576, the 32-bit connection ID space becomes insufficient and is automatically upgraded to 64-bit connection IDs. During the upgrade process, existing business and established connections are unaffected. However, subsequent new connections cannot be terminated using Control+C in the MySQL command-line.

Starting from v6.1.0, TiDB supports the Global Kill feature, which is enabled by default and controlled by the `enable-global-kill` configuration.

When the Global Kill feature is enabled, both `KILL` and `KILL TIDB` statements can terminate queries or connections across instances so you do not need to worry about erroneously terminating queries or connections. When you use a client to connect to any TiDB instance and execute the `KILL` or `KILL TIDB` statement, the statement will be forwarded to the target TiDB instance. If there is a proxy between the client and the TiDB cluster, the `KILL` and `KILL TIDB` statements will also be forwarded to the target TiDB instance for execution.

If the Global Kill feature is not enabled or you are using a TiDB version earlier than v6.1.0, note the following:

- By default, `KILL` is not compatible with MySQL. This helps prevent against a case of a connection being terminated by a wrong TiDB server, because it is common to place multiple TiDB servers behind a load balancer. To terminate other connections on the currently connected TiDB instance, you need to add the `TIDB` suffix explicitly by executing the `KILL TIDB` statement.

- It is **STRONGLY NOT RECOMMENDED** to set `compatible-kill-query = true` in your configuration file UNLESS you are certain that clients will be always connected to the same TiDB instance. This is because pressing Control+C in the default MySQL client opens a new connection in which `KILL` is executed. If there is a proxy between the client and the TiDB cluster, the new connection might be routed to a different TiDB instance, which possibly kills a different session by mistake.

- The `KILL TIDB` statement is a TiDB extension. The feature of this statement is similar to the MySQL `KILL [CONNECTION|QUERY]` command and the MySQL command line Control+C. It is safe to use `KILL TIDB` on the same TiDB instance.

14.13.2.67.5 See also

- SHOW [FULL] PROCESSLIST
- CLUSTER_PROCESSLIST

14.13.2.68 LOAD DATA

The `LOAD DATA` statement batch loads data into a TiDB table.

Starting from TiDB v7.0.0, the `LOAD DATA` SQL statement supports the following features:

- Support importing data from S3 and GCS
- Add a new parameter `FIELDS DEFINED NULL BY`

> **Warning:**
>
> The new parameter `FIELDS DEFINED NULL BY` and support for importing data from S3 and GCS are experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

14.13.2.68.1 Synopsis

```
LoadDataStmt ::=
    'LOAD' 'DATA' LocalOpt 'INFILE' stringLit DuplicateOpt 'INTO' 'TABLE'
       ↪ TableName CharsetOpt Fields Lines IgnoreLines
       ↪ ColumnNameOrUserVarListOptWithBrackets LoadDataSetSpecOpt

LocalOpt ::= ('LOCAL')?

Fields ::=
    ('TERMINATED' 'BY' stringLit
    | ('OPTIONALLY')? 'ENCLOSED' 'BY' stringLit
    | 'ESCAPED' 'BY' stringLit
    | 'DEFINED' 'NULL' 'BY' stringLit ('OPTIONALLY' 'ENCLOSED')?)?
```

14.13.2.68.2 Parameters

`LOCAL`

You can use `LOCAL` to specify data files on the client to be imported, where the file parameter must be the file system path on the client.

If you are using TiDB Cloud, to use the `LOAD DATA` statement to load local data files, you need to add the `--local-infile` option to the connection string when you connect to TiDB Cloud.

- The following is an example connection string for TiDB Cloud Serverless:

```
mysql --connect-timeout 15 -u '<user_name>' -h <host_name> -P 4000 -D
    ↪ test --ssl-mode=VERIFY_IDENTITY --ssl-ca=/etc/ssl/cert.pem -p<
    ↪ your_password> --local-infile
```

- The following is an example connection string for TiDB Cloud Dedicated:

```
mysql --connect-timeout 15 --ssl-mode=VERIFY_IDENTITY --ssl-ca=<CA_path
    ↪ > --tls-version="TLSv1.2" -u root -h <host_name> -P 4000 -D test
    ↪ -p<your_password> --local-infile
```

S3 and GCS storage

If you do not specify `LOCAL`, the file parameter must be a valid S3 or GCS path, as detailed in external storage.

When the data files are stored on S3 or GCS, you can import individual files or use the wildcard character `*` to match multiple files to be imported. Note that wildcards do not recursively process files in subdirectories. The following are some examples:

- Import a single file: `s3://<bucket-name>/path/to/data/foo.csv`
- Import all files in the specified path: `s3://<bucket-name>/path/to/data/*`
- Import all files ending with `.csv` under the specified path: `s3://<bucket-name>/path ↪ /to/data/*.csv`
- Import all files prefixed with `foo` under the specified path: `s3://<bucket-name>/path ↪ /to/data/foo*`
- Import all files prefixed with `foo` and ending with `.csv` under the specified path: `s3://<bucket-name>/path/to/data/foo*.csv`

`Fields`, `Lines`, and `Ignore Lines`

You can use the `Fields` and `Lines` parameters to specify how to handle the data format.

- `FIELDS TERMINATED BY`: specifies the data delimiter.
- `FIELDS ENCLOSED BY`: specifies the enclosing character of the data.

- `LINES TERMINATED BY`: specifies the line terminator, if you want to end a line with a certain character.

You can use `DEFINED NULL BY` to specify how NULL values are represented in the data file.

- Consistent with MySQL behavior, if `ESCAPED BY` is not null, for example, if the default value `\` is used, then `\N` will be considered a NULL value.
- If you use `DEFINED NULL BY`, such as `DEFINED NULL BY 'my-null'`, `my-null` is considered a NULL value.
- If you use `DEFINED NULL BY ... OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED`, such as `DEFINED NULL BY 'my-null' OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED`, `my-null` and `"my-null"` (assuming `ENCLOSED BY '"'`) are considered NULL values.
- If you do not use `DEFINED NULL BY` or `DEFINED NULL BY ... OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED`, but use `ENCLOSED BY`, such as `ENCLOSED BY '"'`, then `NULL` is considered a NULL value. This behavior is consistent with MySQL.
- In other cases, it is not considered a NULL value.

Take the following data format as an example:

```
"bob","20","street 1"\r\n
"alice","33","street 1"\r\n
```

If you want to extract `bob`, `20`, and `street 1`, specify the field delimiter as `','`, and the enclosing character as `'\"'`:

```
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',' ENCLOSED BY '\"' LINES TERMINATED BY '\r\n'
```

If you do not specify the preceding parameters, the imported data is processed in the following way by default:

```
FIELDS TERMINATED BY '\t' ENCLOSED BY '' ESCAPED BY '\\'
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n' STARTING BY ''
```

You can ignore the first `number` lines of a file by configuring the `IGNORE <number> LINES` parameter. For example, if you configure `IGNORE 1 LINES`, the first line of a file is ignored.

14.13.2.68.3 Examples

The following example imports data using `LOAD DATA`. Comma is specified as the field delimiter. The double quotation marks that enclose the data are ignored. The first line of the file is ignored.

If you see `ERROR 1148 (42000): the used command is not allowed with this TiDB version`, refer to ERROR 1148 (42000): the used command is not allowed with this TiDB version for troubleshooting.

```
LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE '/mnt/evo970/data-sets/bikeshare-data/2017Q4-
    ↪ capitalbikeshare-tripdata.csv' INTO TABLE trips FIELDS TERMINATED BY
    ↪ ',' ENCLOSED BY '\"' LINES TERMINATED BY '\r\n' IGNORE 1 LINES (
    ↪ duration, start_date, end_date, start_station_number, start_station,
    ↪ end_station_number, end_station, bike_number, member_type);
```

```
Query OK, 815264 rows affected (39.63 sec)
Records: 815264 Deleted: 0 Skipped: 0 Warnings: 0
```

`LOAD DATA` also supports using hexadecimal ASCII character expressions or binary ASCII character expressions as the parameters for `FIELDS ENCLOSED BY` and `FIELDS TERMINATED BY`. See the following example:

```
LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE '/mnt/evo970/data-sets/bikeshare-data/2017Q4-
    ↪ capitalbikeshare-tripdata.csv' INTO TABLE trips FIELDS TERMINATED BY
    ↪ x'2c' ENCLOSED BY b'100010' LINES TERMINATED BY '\r\n' IGNORE 1 LINES
    ↪  (duration, start_date, end_date, start_station_number, start_station
    ↪ , end_station_number, end_station, bike_number, member_type);
```

In the above example, `x'2c'` is the hexadecimal representation of the `,` character, and `b'100010'` is the binary representation of the `"` character.

14.13.2.68.4 MySQL compatibility

The syntax of the `LOAD DATA` statement is compatible with that of MySQL, except for character set options which are parsed but ignored. If you find any syntax compatibility difference, you can report a bug.

Note:

- For versions earlier than TiDB v4.0.0, `LOAD DATA` commits every 20000 rows, which cannot be configured.
- For versions from TiDB v4.0.0 to v6.6.0, TiDB commits all rows in one transaction by default. But if you need the `LOAD DATA` statement to commit every fixed number of rows, you can set `tidb_dml_batch_size` to the desired number of rows.
- Starting from TiDB v7.0.0, `tidb_dml_batch_size` no longer takes effect on `LOAD DATA`, and TiDB commits all rows in one transaction.
- After upgrading from TiDB v4.0.0 or earlier versions, `ERROR 8004 (HY000)at line 1: Transaction is too large, size: 100000058` might occur. The recommended way to resolve this error is to increase the `txn-total-size-limit` value in your `tidb.toml` file.

- For versions earlier than TiDB v7.6.0, no matter how many rows are committed in a transaction, `LOAD DATA` is not rolled back by the `ROLLBACK` statement in an explicit transaction.
- For versions earlier than TiDB v7.6.0, the `LOAD DATA` statement is always executed in optimistic transaction mode, regardless of the TiDB transaction mode configuration.
- Starting from v7.6.0, TiDB processes `LOAD DATA` in transactions in the same way as other DML statements:
  - The `LOAD DATA` statement does not commit the current transaction or start a new transaction.
  - The `LOAD DATA` statement is affected by the TiDB transaction mode setting (optimistic or pessimistic transaction).
  - The `LOAD DATA` statement in a transaction can be rolled back by the `ROLLBACK` statement in the transaction.

14.13.2.68.5 See also

- INSERT
- TiDB Optimistic Transaction Model
- TiDB Pessimistic Transaction Mode

14.13.2.69 LOAD STATS

The `LOAD STATS` statement is used to load the statistics into TiDB.

Note:

This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.69.1 Synopsis

```
LoadStatsStmt ::=
    'LOAD' 'STATS' stringLit
```

14.13.2.69.2 Examples

You can access the address `http://${tidb-server-ip}:${tidb-server-status-port}/stats/dump/${db_name}/${table_name}` to download the TiDB instance's statistics.

You can also use `LOAD STATS ${stats_path}` to load the specific statistics file.

The `${stats_path}` can be an absolute path or a relative path. If you use a relative path, the corresponding file is found starting from the path where `tidb-server` is started. Here is an example:

```
LOAD STATS '/tmp/stats.json';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.69.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.69.4 See also

- Statistics

14.13.2.70 LOCK STATS

`LOCK STATS` is used to lock the statistics of tables or partitions. When the statistics is locked, TiDB does not automatically update the statistics of the table or partition. For details on the behavior, see Behaviors of locking statistics.

14.13.2.70.1 Synopsis

```
LockStatsStmt ::=
    'LOCK' 'STATS' (TableNameList) | (TableName 'PARTITION'
       ↪ PartitionNameList)

TableNameList ::=
    TableName (',' TableName)*

TableName ::=
    Identifier ( '.' Identifier )?

PartitionNameList ::=
    Identifier ( ',' Identifier )*
```

14.13.2.70.2 Examples

Create table `t`, and insert data into it. When the statistics of table `t` are not locked, the `ANALYZE` statement can be successfully executed.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)
```

```
mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES (1,2), (3,4), (5,6), (7,8);
Query OK, 4 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 4 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.02 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
   ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Level | Code | Message
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Note | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
   ↪ test.t, reason to use this rate is "Row count in stats_meta is much
   ↪ smaller compared with the row count got by PD, use min(1, 15000/4) as
   ↪  the sample-rate=1" |
+--
   ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Lock the statistics of table `t` and execute `ANALYZE`. From the output of `SHOW STATS_LOCKED`, you can see that the statistics of table `t` have been locked. The warning message shows that the `ANALYZE` statement has skipped table `t`.

```
mysql> LOCK STATS t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW STATS_LOCKED;
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Status |
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
| test    | t          |                | locked |
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 2 warnings (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Note    | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
    ↪ test.t, reason to use this rate is "use min(1, 110000/8) as the
    ↪ sample-rate=1" |
| Warning | 1105 | skip analyze locked table: test.t
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In addition, you can also lock the statistics of a partition using `LOCK STATS`. For example:

Create a partition table `t`, and insert data into it. When the statistics of partition `p1` are not locked, the `ANALYZE` statement can be successfully executed.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT) PARTITION BY RANGE (a) (PARTITION p0
    ↪ VALUES LESS THAN (10), PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (20), PARTITION
    ↪ p2 VALUES LESS THAN (30));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES (1,2), (3,4), (5,6), (7,8);
Query OK, 4 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 4 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 6 warning (0.02 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
```

```
   ↪
| Warning | 1105 | disable dynamic pruning due to t has no global stats
   ↪
   ↪ |
| Note    | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
   ↪ test.t's partition p0, reason to use this rate is "Row count in stats
   ↪ _meta is much smaller compared with the row count got by PD, use min
   ↪ (1, 15000/4) as the sample-rate=1" |
| Warning | 1105 | disable dynamic pruning due to t has no global stats
   ↪
   ↪ |
| Note    | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
   ↪ test.t's partition p1, reason to use this rate is "TiDB assumes that
   ↪ the table is empty, use sample-rate=1"
   ↪                                          |
| Warning | 1105 | disable dynamic pruning due to t has no global stats
   ↪
   ↪ |
| Note    | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
   ↪ test.t's partition p2, reason to use this rate is "TiDB assumes that
   ↪ the table is empty, use sample-rate=1"
   ↪                                          |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
6 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Lock the statistics of partition `p1` and execute `ANALYZE`. The warning message shows that the `ANALYZE` statement has skipped partition `p1`.

```
mysql> LOCK STATS t PARTITION p1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW STATS_LOCKED;
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Status |
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
| test    | t          | p1             | locked |
+---------+------------+----------------+--------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t PARTITION p1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 2 warnings (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
```

```
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level  | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Note   | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
    ↪ test.t's partition p1, reason to use this rate is "TiDB assumes that
    ↪ the table is empty, use sample-rate=1" |
| Warning | 1105 | skip analyze locked table: test.t partition (p1)
    ↪
    ↪ |
+---------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

For information on unlock statistics, see UNLOCK STATS.

14.13.2.70.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.70.4 See also

- Statistics
- UNLOCK STATS
- SHOW STATS_LOCKED

14.13.2.71 LOCK TABLES and UNLOCK TABLES

> **Warning:**
>
> `LOCK TABLES` and `UNLOCK TABLES` are experimental features for the current version. It is not recommended to use it in the production environment.

TiDB enables client sessions to acquire table locks for the purpose of cooperating with other sessions for access to tables, or to prevent other sessions from modifying tables. A session can acquire or release locks only for itself. One session cannot acquire locks for another session or release locks held by another session.

`LOCK TABLES` acquires table locks for the current client session. If you have the `LOCK TABLES` and `SELECT` privileges for each object to be locked, you can acquire table locks for common tables.

`UNLOCK TABLES` explicitly releases any table locks held by the current session. `LOCK TABLES` implicitly releases all table locks held by the current session before acquiring new locks.

A table lock protects against reads or writes by other sessions. A session that holds a `WRITE` lock can perform table-level operations such as `DROP TABLE` or `TRUNCATE TABLE`.

> **Note:**
>
> The table locks feature is disabled by default.
>
> - For TiDB Self-Managed, to enable the table locks feature, you need to set `enable-table-lock` to `true` in the configuration files of all TiDB instances.
> - For TiDB Cloud Dedicated, to enable the table locks feature, you need to contact TiDB Cloud Support to set `enable-table-lock` to `true`.
> - For TiDB Cloud Serverless, setting `enable-table-lock` to `true` is not supported.

14.13.2.71.1 Synopsis

```
LockTablesDef
        ::= 'LOCK' ( 'TABLES' | 'TABLE' ) TableName LockType ( ',' TableName
            ↪  LockType)*


UnlockTablesDef
        ::= 'UNLOCK' 'TABLES'

LockType
        ::= 'READ' ('LOCAL')?
          | 'WRITE' ('LOCAL')?
```

14.13.2.71.2 Acquire table locks

You can acquire table locks within the current session by using the `LOCK TABLES` statement. The following lock types are available:

`READ` lock:

- The session that holds this lock can read the table, but cannot write it.
- Multiple sessions can acquire a `READ` lock from the same table at the same time.
- Other sessions can read the table without explicitly acquiring a `READ` lock.

The `READ LOCAL` lock is only for syntax compatibility with MySQL and is not supported.

`WRITE` lock:

- The session that holds this lock can read and write the table.
- Only the session that holds this lock can access the table. No other sessions can access it until the lock is released.

`WRITE LOCAL` lock:

- The session that holds this lock can read and write the table.
- Only the session that holds this lock can access the table. Other sessions can read the table, but cannot write it.

If the lock that the `LOCK TABLES` statement needs is held by another session, the `LOCK TABLES` statement must wait, and an error is returned upon the execution of this statement, for example:

```
> LOCK TABLES t1 READ;
ERROR 8020 (HY000): Table 't1' was locked in WRITE by server: f4799bcb-cad7
    ↪ -4285-8a6d-23d3555173f1_session: 2199023255959
```

The preceding error message indicates that the session with ID `2199023255959` in TiDB `f4799bcb-cad7-4285-8a6d-23d3555173f1` already holds a `WRITE` lock on table `t1`. Therefore, the current session cannot acquire a `READ` lock on table `t1`.

You cannot acquire the same table lock multiple times in a single `LOCK TABLES` statement.

```
> LOCK TABLES t WRITE, t READ;
ERROR 1066 (42000): Not unique table/alias: 't'
```

14.13.2.71.3 Release table locks

When the table locks held by a session are released, they are all released at the same time. A session can release its locks explicitly or implicitly.

- A session can release its locks explicitly with `UNLOCK TABLES`.
- If a session issues a `LOCK TABLES` statement to acquire a lock while already holding locks, its existing locks are released implicitly before the new locks are acquired.

If the connection for a client session terminates, whether normally or abnormally, TiDB implicitly releases all table locks held by the session. If the client reconnects, the locks are no longer in effect. For this reason, it is not recommended to enable auto-reconnection on the client. If you enable auto-reconnection, the client is not notified when reconnection occurs, and all table locks or current transactions are lost. By contrast, with auto-reconnection disabled, if the connection drops, an error occurs when the next statement is issued. The client can detect the error and take appropriate action such as reacquiring the locks or redoing the transaction.

14.13.2.71.4 Table-locking restrictions and conditions

You can safely use `KILL` to terminate a session that holds a table lock.

You cannot acquire table locks on tables in the following databases:

- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA`
- `PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA`
- `METRICS_SCHEMA`
- `mysql`

14.13.2.71.5 MySQL compatibility

Table lock acquisition

- In TiDB, if session A has already held a table lock, an error is returned if session B attempts to write to the table. In MySQL, the write request of session B is blocked until session A releases the table lock, and requests for locking the table from other sessions are blocked until the current session releases the `WRITE` lock.
- In TiDB, if the lock that the `LOCK TABLES` statement needs is held by another session, the `LOCK TABLES` statement must wait, and an error is returned upon the execution of this statement. In MySQL, this statement is blocked until the lock is acquired.
- In TiDB, the `LOCK TABLES` statement is effective in the whole cluster. In MySQL, this statement is effective only in the current MySQL server, and is not compatible with the NDB cluster.

Table lock release

When a transaction is explicitly started in a TiDB session (for example, with the `BEGIN` statement), TiDB does not implicitly release the table locks held by the session; but MySQL does.

14.13.2.72 PREPARE

The `PREPARE` statement provides an SQL interface to server-side prepared statements.

14.13.2.72.1 Synopsis

```
PreparedStmt ::=
    'PREPARE' Identifier 'FROM' PrepareSQL

PrepareSQL ::=
    stringLit
|   UserVariable
```

> **Note:**
>
> For each `PREPARE` statement, the maximum number of placeholders is 65535.

To limit the number of `PREPARE` statements in the current TiDB instance, you can use the `max_prepared_stmt_count` system variable.

14.13.2.72.2 Examples

```
mysql> PREPARE mystmt FROM 'SELECT ? as num FROM DUAL';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET @number = 5;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXECUTE mystmt USING @number;
+------+
| num |
+------+
| 5   |
+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DEALLOCATE PREPARE mystmt;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.72.3 MySQL compatibility

The `PREPARE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.72.4 See also

- EXECUTE
- DEALLOCATE

14.13.2.73 QUERY WATCH

The `QUERY WATCH` statement is used to manually manage the watch list of runaway queries in a resource group.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.73.1 Synopsis

```
AddQueryWatchStmt ::=
    "QUERY" "WATCH" "ADD" QueryWatchOptionList

QueryWatchOptionList ::=
    QueryWatchOption
|   QueryWatchOptionList QueryWatchOption
|   QueryWatchOptionList ',' QueryWatchOption

QueryWatchOption ::=
    "RESOURCE" "GROUP" ResourceGroupName
|   "RESOURCE" "GROUP" UserVariable
|   "ACTION" EqOpt ResourceGroupRunawayActionOption
|   QueryWatchTextOption

ResourceGroupName ::=
    Identifier
|   "DEFAULT"

ResourceGroupRunawayActionOption ::=
    DRYRUN
|   COOLDOWN
|   KILL
|   "SWITCH_GROUP" '(' ResourceGroupName ')'

QueryWatchTextOption ::=
    "SQL" "DIGEST" SimpleExpr
```

```
|   "PLAN" "DIGEST" SimpleExpr
|   "SQL" "TEXT" ResourceGroupRunawayWatchOption "TO" SimpleExpr

ResourceGroupRunawayWatchOption ::=
    "EXACT"
|   "SIMILAR"
|   "PLAN"

DropQueryWatchStmt ::=
    "QUERY" "WATCH" "REMOVE" NUM
```

14.13.2.73.2 Parameters

See QUERY WATCH parameters.

14.13.2.73.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.73.4 See also

- Runaway Queries

14.13.2.74 RECOVER TABLE

`RECOVER TABLE` is used to recover a deleted table and the data on it within the GC (Garbage Collection) life time after the `DROP TABLE` statement is executed.

14.13.2.74.1 Syntax

```
RECOVER TABLE table_name;
```

```
RECOVER TABLE BY JOB JOB_ID;
```

14.13.2.74.2 Synopsis

```
RecoverTableStmt ::=
    'RECOVER' 'TABLE' ( 'BY' 'JOB' Int64Num | TableName Int64Num? )

TableName ::=
    Identifier ( '.' Identifier )?

Int64Num ::= NUM

NUM ::= intLit
```

Note:

If a table is deleted and the GC lifetime is out, the table cannot be recovered with `RECOVER TABLE`. Execution of `RECOVER TABLE` in this scenario returns an error like: `snapshot is older than GC safe point 2019-07-10 13:45:57 +0800 CST`.

14.13.2.74.3 Examples

- Recover the deleted table according to the table name.

```
DROP TABLE t;
```

```
RECOVER TABLE t;
```

This method searches the recent DDL job history and locates the first DDL operation of the `DROP TABLE` type, and then recovers the deleted table with the name identical to the one table name specified in the `RECOVER TABLE` statement.

- Recover the deleted table according to the table's `DDL JOB ID` used.

Suppose that you had deleted the table `t` and created another `t`, and again you deleted the newly created `t`. Then, if you want to recover the `t` deleted in the first place, you must use the method that specifies the `DDL JOB ID`.

```
DROP TABLE t;
```

```
ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS 1;
```

The second statement above is used to search for the table's `DDL JOB ID` to delete `t`. In the following example, the ID is `53`.

```
+--------+---------+------------+------------+--------------+-----------+----------
   ↪
| JOB_ID | DB_NAME | TABLE_NAME | JOB_TYPE | SCHEMA_STATE | SCHEMA_ID |
   ↪  TABLE_ID | ROW_COUNT | START_TIME          | STATE |
+--------+---------+------------+------------+--------------+-----------+----------
   ↪
| 53     | test    |            | drop table | none         | 1         | 41
   ↪      | 0         | 2019-07-10 13:23:18.277 +0800 CST | synced |
+--------+---------+------------+------------+--------------+-----------+----------
   ↪
```

```
RECOVER TABLE BY JOB 53;
```

This method recovers the deleted table via the `DDL JOB ID`. If the corresponding DDL job is not of the `DROP TABLE` type, an error occurs.

14.13.2.74.4 Implementation principle

When deleting a table, TiDB only deletes the table metadata, and writes the table data (row data and index data) to be deleted to the `mysql.gc_delete_range` table. The GC Worker in the TiDB background periodically removes from the `mysql.gc_delete_range` table the keys that exceed the GC life time.

Therefore, to recover a table, you only need to recover the table metadata and delete the corresponding row record in the `mysql.gc_delete_range` table before the GC Worker deletes the table data. You can use a snapshot read of TiDB to recover the table metadata. Refer to Read Historical Data for details.

Table recovery is done by TiDB obtaining the table metadata through snapshot read, and then going through the process of table creation similar to `CREATE TABLE`. Therefore, `RECOVER TABLE` itself is, in essence, a kind of DDL operation.

14.13.2.74.5 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.75 RENAME USER

`RENAME USER` is used to rename an existing user.

14.13.2.75.1 Synopsis

```
RenameUserStmt ::=
    'RENAME' 'USER' UserToUser ( ',' UserToUser )*
UserToUser ::=
    Username 'TO' Username
Username ::=
    StringName ('@' StringName | singleAtIdentifier)? | 'CURRENT_USER'
        ↪ OptionalBraces
```

14.13.2.75.2 Examples

```
CREATE USER 'newuser' IDENTIFIED BY 'mypassword';
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
```

```
SHOW GRANTS FOR 'newuser';
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| Grants for newuser@%              |
+-----------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'newuser'@'%' |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
RENAME USER 'newuser' TO 'testuser';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

```
SHOW GRANTS FOR 'testuser';
```

```
+-------------------------------------+
| Grants for testuser@%               |
+-------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'testuser'@'%' |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SHOW GRANTS FOR 'newuser';
```

```
ERROR 1141 (42000): There is no such grant defined for user 'newuser' on
    ↪ host '%'
```

14.13.2.75.3 MySQL compatibility

`RENAME USER` is expected to be fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility difference, you can report a bug.

14.13.2.75.4 See also

- CREATE USER
- SHOW GRANTS
- DROP USER

14.13.2.76 RENAME TABLE

This statement is used to rename existing tables and views, supporting renaming multiple tables at once and renaming across databases.

14.13.2.76.1 Synopsis

```
RenameTableStmt ::=
    'RENAME' 'TABLE' TableToTable ( ',' TableToTable )*

TableToTable ::=
    TableName 'TO' TableName
```

14.13.2.76.2 Examples

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (a int);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)
```

```
SHOW TABLES;
```

```
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
RENAME TABLE t1 TO t2;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

```
SHOW TABLES;
```

```
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t2             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example demonstrates how to rename multiple tables across databases, assuming that the databases `db1`, `db2`, `db3`, and `db4` already exist, and that the tables `db1.t1` and `db3.t3` already exist:

```
RENAME TABLE db1.t1 To db2.t2, db3.t3 To db4.t4;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

```
USE db1; SHOW TABLES;
```

```
Database changed
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

```
USE db2; SHOW TABLES;
```

```
Database changed
+---------------+
| Tables_in_db2 |
+---------------+
| t2            |
+---------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
USE db3; SHOW TABLES;
```

```
Database changed
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

```
USE db4; SHOW TABLES;
```

```
Database changed
+---------------+
| Tables_in_db4 |
+---------------+
| t4            |
+---------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The atomic rename can be used to swap out a table without having any moment in which the table does not exist.

```
CREATE TABLE t1(id int PRIMARY KEY);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.04 sec)
```

```
CREATE TABLE t1_new(id int PRIMARY KEY, n CHAR(0));
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.04 sec)
```

```
RENAME TABLE t1 TO t1_old, t1_new TO t1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.07 sec)
```

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE t1\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: t1
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `id` int NOT NULL,
  `n` char(0) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`) /*T![clustered_index] CLUSTERED */
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.76.3 MySQL compatibility

The `RENAME TABLE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.76.4 See also

- CREATE TABLE
- SHOW TABLES
- ALTER TABLE

14.13.2.77 REPLACE

The `REPLACE` statement is semantically a combined `DELETE`+`INSERT` statement. It can be used to simplify application code.

14.13.2.77.1 Synopsis

```
ReplaceIntoStmt ::=
    'REPLACE' PriorityOpt IntoOpt TableName PartitionNameListOpt
       ↪ InsertValues

PriorityOpt ::=
    ( 'LOW_PRIORITY' | 'HIGH_PRIORITY' | 'DELAYED' )?

IntoOpt ::= 'INTO'?

TableName ::=
    Identifier ( '.' Identifier )?
```

```
PartitionNameListOpt ::=
    ( 'PARTITION' '(' Identifier ( ',' Identifier )* ')' )?

InsertValues ::=
    '(' ( ColumnNameListOpt ')' ( ValueSym ValuesList | SelectStmt | '('
        ↪ SelectStmt ')' | UnionStmt ) | SelectStmt ')' )
|   ValueSym ValuesList
|   SelectStmt
|   UnionStmt
|   'SET' ColumnSetValue? ( ',' ColumnSetValue )*
```

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports Resource Control. You can use this feature to execute SQL statements with different priorities in different resource groups. By configuring proper quotas and priorities for these resource groups, you can gain better scheduling control for SQL statements with different priorities. When resource control is enabled, statement priority (`PriorityOpt`) will no longer take effect. It is recommended that you use Resource Control to manage resource usage for different SQL statements.

14.13.2.77.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
    ↪ NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1), (2), (3);
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  1 |  1 |
|  2 |  2 |
|  3 |  3 |
+----+----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> REPLACE INTO t1 (id, c1) VALUES(3, 99);
```

```
Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  1 |  1 |
|  2 |  2 |
|  3 | 99 |
+----+----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.77.3 MySQL compatibility

The `REPLACE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.77.4 See also

- DELETE
- INSERT
- SELECT
- UPDATE

14.13.2.78 RESTORE

This statement performs a distributed restore from a backup archive previously produced by a `BACKUP` statement.

> **Warning:**
>
> - This feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.
> - This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

The `RESTORE` statement uses the same engine as the BR tool, except that the restore process is driven by TiDB itself rather than a separate BR tool. All benefits and caveats of BR also apply here. In particular, **`RESTORE` is currently not ACID-compliant**. Before running `RESTORE`, ensure that the following requirements are met:

- The cluster is "offline", and the current TiDB session is the only active SQL connection to access all tables being restored.
- When a full restore is being performed, the tables being restored should not already exist, because existing data might be overridden and causes inconsistency between the data and indices.
- When an incremental restore is being performed, the tables should be at the exact same state as the `LAST_BACKUP` timestamp when the backup is created.

Running `RESTORE` requires either the `RESTORE_ADMIN` or `SUPER` privilege. Additionally, both the TiDB node executing the restore and all TiKV nodes in the cluster must have read permission from the destination.

The `RESTORE` statement is blocking, and will finish only after the entire restore task is finished, failed, or canceled. A long-lasting connection should be prepared for running `RESTORE`. The task can be canceled using the `KILL TIDB QUERY` statement.

Only one `BACKUP` and `RESTORE` task can be executed at a time. If a `BACKUP` or `RESTORE` task is already running on the same TiDB server, the new `RESTORE` execution will wait until all previous tasks are done.

`RESTORE` can only be used with "tikv" storage engine. Using `RESTORE` with the "unistore" engine will fail.

14.13.2.78.1 Synopsis

```
RestoreStmt ::=
    "RESTORE" BRIETables "FROM" stringLit RestoreOption*

BRIETables ::=
    "DATABASE" ( '*' | DBName (',' DBName)* )
|   "TABLE" TableNameList

RestoreOption ::=
    "CHECKSUM_CONCURRENCY" '='? LengthNum
|   "CONCURRENCY" '='? LengthNum
|   "CHECKSUM" '='? Boolean
|   "LOAD_STATS" '='? Boolean
|   "RATE_LIMIT" '='? LengthNum "MB" '/' "SECOND"
|   "SEND_CREDENTIALS_TO_TIKV" '='? Boolean
|   "WAIT_TIFLASH_READY" '='? Boolean
|   "WITH_SYS_TABLE" '='? Boolean

Boolean ::=
    NUM | "TRUE" | "FALSE"
```

14.13.2.78.2 Examples

Restore from backup archive

```
RESTORE DATABASE * FROM 'local:///mnt/backup/2020/04/';
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+---------+--------------------+------
    ↪
| Destination                | Size     | BackupTS | Queue Time         |
    ↪ Execution Time    |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+---------+--------------------+------
    ↪
| local:///mnt/backup/2020/04/ | 248665063 | 0 | 2020-04-21 17:16:55 |
    ↪ 2020-04-21 17:16:55 |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+----------+---------+--------------------+------
    ↪
1 row in set (28.961 sec)
```

In the example above, all data is restored from a backup archive at the local filesystem. The data is read as SST files from the `/mnt/backup/2020/04/` directories distributed among all TiDB and TiKV nodes.

The first row of the result above is described as follows:

Column	Description
`Destination` ↪	The destination URL to read from
`Size`	The total size of the backup archive, in bytes
`BackupTS`	(not used)
`Queue` ↪ `Time`	The timestamp (in current time zone) when the `RESTORE` task was queued.

Column	Description
`Execution Time`	The timestamp (in current time zone) when the `RESTORE` task starts to run.

Partial restore

You can specify which databases or tables to restore. If some databases or tables are missing from the backup archive, they will be ignored, and thus `RESTORE` would complete without doing anything.

```
RESTORE DATABASE `test` FROM 'local:///mnt/backup/2020/04/';
```

```
RESTORE TABLE `test`.`sbtest01`, `test`.`sbtest02` FROM 'local:///mnt/
    ↪ backup/2020/04/';
```

External storages

BR supports restoring data from S3 or GCS:

```
RESTORE DATABASE * FROM 's3://example-bucket-2020/backup-05/';
```

The URL syntax is further explained in URI Formats of External Storage Services.

When running on cloud environment where credentials should not be distributed, set the `SEND_CREDENTIALS_TO_TIKV` option to `FALSE`:

```
RESTORE DATABASE * FROM 's3://example-bucket-2020/backup-05/'
    SEND_CREDENTIALS_TO_TIKV = FALSE;
```

Performance fine-tuning

Use `RATE_LIMIT` to limit the average download speed per TiKV node to reduce network bandwidth.

Before the restore is completed, `RESTORE` would perform a checksum against the data in the backup files to verify correctness by default. The default concurrency for checksum tasks on a single table is 4, which you can adjust using the `CHECKSUM_CONCURRENCY` parameter. If you are confident that the data verification is unnecessary, you can disable the check by setting the `CHECKSUM` parameter to `FALSE`.

If statistics have been backed up, they are restored by default during the restore. If you do not need to restore the statistics, you can set the `LOAD_STATS` parameter to `FALSE`.

System privilege tables are restored by default. If you do not need to restore system privilege tables, you can set the `WITH_SYS_TABLE` parameter to `FALSE`.

By default, the restore task does not wait for TiFlash replicas to be fully created before completing. If you need the restore task to wait, you can set the `WAIT_TIFLASH_READY` parameter to `TRUE`.

```
RESTORE DATABASE * FROM 's3://example-bucket-2020/backup-06/'
    RATE_LIMIT = 120 MB/SECOND
    CONCURRENCY = 64
    CHECKSUM = FALSE;
```

Incremental restore

There is no special syntax to perform incremental restore. TiDB will recognize whether the backup archive is full or incremental and take appropriate action. You only need to apply each incremental restore in correct order.

For instance, if a backup task is created as follows:

```
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 's3://example-bucket/full-backup' SNAPSHOT =
    ↪ 413612900352000;
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 's3://example-bucket/inc-backup-1' SNAPSHOT =
    ↪ 414971854848000 LAST_BACKUP = 413612900352000;
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 's3://example-bucket/inc-backup-2' SNAPSHOT =
    ↪ 416353458585600 LAST_BACKUP = 414971854848000;
```

then the same order should be applied in the restore:

```
RESTORE DATABASE * FROM 's3://example-bucket/full-backup';
RESTORE DATABASE * FROM 's3://example-bucket/inc-backup-1';
RESTORE DATABASE * FROM 's3://example-bucket/inc-backup-2';
```

14.13.2.78.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.78.4 See also

- BACKUP
- SHOW RESTORES

14.13.2.79 `REVOKE <privileges>`

This statement removes privileges from an existing user. Executing this statement requires the `GRANT OPTION` privilege and all privileges you revoke.

14.13.2.79.1 Synopsis

```
RevokeStmt ::=
    'REVOKE' PrivElemList 'ON' ObjectType PrivLevel 'FROM' UserSpecList

PrivElemList ::=
    PrivElem ( ',' PrivElem )*

PrivElem ::=
    PrivType ( '(' ColumnNameList ')' )?

PrivType ::=
    'ALL' 'PRIVILEGES'?
|   'ALTER' 'ROUTINE'?
|   'CREATE' ( 'USER' | 'TEMPORARY' 'TABLES' | 'VIEW' | 'ROLE' | 'ROUTINE' )
    ↪ ?
|    'TRIGGER'
|   'DELETE'
|    'DROP' 'ROLE'?
|    'PROCESS'
|    'EXECUTE'
|   'INDEX'
|   'INSERT'
|   'SELECT'
|   'SUPER'
|    'SHOW' ( 'DATABASES' | 'VIEW' )
|   'UPDATE'
|   'GRANT' 'OPTION'
|   'REFERENCES'
|   'REPLICATION' ( 'SLAVE' | 'CLIENT' )
|   'USAGE'
|    'RELOAD'
|   'FILE'
|   'CONFIG'
|   'LOCK' 'TABLES'
|    'EVENT'
|   'SHUTDOWN'

ObjectType ::=
    'TABLE'?

PrivLevel ::=
    '*' ( '.' '*' )?
|    Identifier ( '.' ( '*' | Identifier ) )?
```

```
UserSpecList ::=
    UserSpec ( ',' UserSpec )*
```

14.13.2.79.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE USER 'newuser' IDENTIFIED BY 'mypassword';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> GRANT ALL ON test.* TO 'newuser';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'newuser';
+-------------------------------------------------+
| Grants for newuser@%                            |
+-------------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'newuser'@'%'             |
| GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON test.* TO 'newuser'@'%' |
+-------------------------------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> REVOKE ALL ON test.* FROM 'newuser';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'newuser';
+-----------------------------------+
| Grants for newuser@%              |
+-----------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'newuser'@'%' |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DROP USER 'newuser';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.14 sec)

mysql> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'newuser';
ERROR 1141 (42000): There is no such grant defined for user 'newuser' on
    ↪ host '%'
```

14.13.2.79.3 MySQL compatibility

- In TiDB, after the `REVOKE <privileges>` statement is executed successfully, the execution result takes effect immediately on the current connection. Whereas in MySQL, for some privileges, the execution results take effect only on subsequent connections. See TiDB #39356 for details.

14.13.2.79.4 See also

- GRANT <privileges>
- SHOW GRANTS

- Privilege Management

14.13.2.80 REVOKE <role>

This statement removes a previously assigned role from a specified user (or list of users).

14.13.2.80.1 Synopsis

```
RevokeRoleStmt ::=
    'REVOKE' RolenameList 'FROM' UsernameList

RolenameList ::=
    Rolename ( ',' Rolename )*

UsernameList ::=
    Username ( ',' Username )*
```

14.13.2.80.2 Examples

Connect to TiDB as the `root` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

Create a new role `analyticsteam` and a new user `jennifer`:

```
CREATE ROLE analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

CREATE USER jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

GRANT analyticsteam TO jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `jennifer` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

Note that by default `jennifer` needs to execute `SET ROLE analyticsteam` in order to be able to use the privileges associated with the `analyticsteam` role:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+-----------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                               |
+-----------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'          |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+-----------------------------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES in test;
ERROR 1044 (42000): Access denied for user 'jennifer'@'%' to database 'test'
SET ROLE analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

SHOW GRANTS;
+-----------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                               |
+-----------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'          |
| GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+-----------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES IN test;
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `root` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

The statement `SET DEFAULT ROLE` can be used to associate the role `analyticsteam` to `jennifer`:

```
SET DEFAULT ROLE analyticsteam TO jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `jennifer` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

After this, the user `jennifer` has the privileges associated with the role `analyticsteam` and `jennifer` does not have to execute the statement `SET ROLE`:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+-----------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                               |
+-----------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'          |
| GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'      |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%'   |
+-----------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES IN test;
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `root` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

Revoke the role of analyticsteam from `jennifer`:

```
REVOKE analyticsteam FROM jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `jennifer` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

Show the privileges of `jennifer`:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+--------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                      |
+--------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+--------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.80.3 MySQL compatibility

The `REVOKE <role>` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with the roles feature in MySQL 8.0. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.80.4 See also

- `CREATE ROLE`
- `DROP ROLE`
- `GRANT <role>`
- `SET ROLE`
- `SET DEFAULT ROLE`

- Role-Based Access Control

14.13.2.81 ROLLBACK

This statement reverts all changes in the current transaction inside of TiDB. It is the opposite of a `COMMIT` statement.

14.13.2.81.1 Synopsis

```
RollbackStmt ::=
    'ROLLBACK' CompletionTypeWithinTransaction?

CompletionTypeWithinTransaction ::=
    'AND' ( 'CHAIN' ( 'NO' 'RELEASE' )? | 'NO' 'CHAIN' ( 'NO'? 'RELEASE' )?
       ↪ )
|   'NO'? 'RELEASE'
```

14.13.2.81.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)

mysql> BEGIN;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> ROLLBACK;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
Empty set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.81.3 MySQL compatibility

- TiDB parses but ignores the syntax `ROLLBACK AND [NO] RELEASE`. This functionality is used in MySQL to disconnect the client session immediately after rolling back the transaction. In TiDB, it is recommended to instead use the `mysql_close()` functionality of your client driver.
- TiDB parses but ignores the syntax `ROLLBACK AND [NO] CHAIN`. This functionality is used in MySQL to immediately start a new transaction with the same isolation level while the current transaction is being rolled back. In TiDB, it is recommended to instead start a new transaction.

14.13.2.81.4 See also

- SAVEPOINT
- COMMIT
- BEGIN
- START TRANSACTION

14.13.2.82 SAVEPOINT

`SAVEPOINT` is a feature introduced in TiDB v6.2.0. The syntax is as follows:

```
SAVEPOINT identifier
ROLLBACK TO [SAVEPOINT] identifier
RELEASE SAVEPOINT identifier
```

> **Warning:**
>
> You cannot use `SAVEPOINT` in pessimistic transactions when `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic` is disabled.

- `SAVEPOINT` is used to set a savepoint of a specified name in the current transaction. If a savepoint with the same name already exists, it will be deleted and a new savepoint with the same name will be set.
- `ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT` rolls back a transaction to the savepoint of a specified name and does not terminate the transaction. Data changes made to the table data after the savepoint will be reverted in the rollback, and all savepoints after the savepoint are deleted. In a pessimistic transaction, the locks held by the transaction are not rolled back. Instead, the locks will be released when the transaction ends.

  If the savepoint specified in the `ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT` statement does not exist, the statement returns the following error:

```
ERROR 1305 (42000): SAVEPOINT identifier does not exist
```

- `RELEASE SAVEPOINT` statement removes the named savepoint and **all savepoints** after this savepoint from the current transaction, without committing or rolling back the current transaction. If the savepoint of the specified name does not exist, the following error is returned:

  ```
  ERROR 1305 (42000): SAVEPOINT identifier does not exist
  ```

  After the transaction is committed or rolled back, all savepoints in the transaction will be deleted.

14.13.2.82.1 Synopsis

```
SavepointStmt ::=
    "SAVEPOINT" Identifier

RollbackToStmt ::=
    "ROLLBACK" "TO" "SAVEPOINT"? Identifier

ReleaseSavepointStmt ::=
    "RELEASE" "SAVEPOINT" Identifier
```

14.13.2.82.2 Examples

Create a table `t1`:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)
```

Start the current transaction:

```
BEGIN;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

Insert data into the table and set a savepoint `sp1`:

```
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1);
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SAVEPOINT sp1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Insert data into the table again and set a savepoint `sp2`:

```
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (2);
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SAVEPOINT sp2;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Release the savepoint `sp2`:

```
RELEASE SAVEPOINT sp2;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Roll back to the savepoint `sp1`:

```
ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT sp1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Commit the transaction and query the table. Only the data inserted before `sp1` is returned.

```
COMMIT;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM t1;
```

```
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
+---+
1 row in set
```

14.13.2.82.3 MySQL compatibility

When `ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT` is used to roll back a transaction to a specified savepoint, MySQL releases the locks held only after the specified savepoint, while in TiDB pessimistic transaction, TiDB does not immediately release the locks held after the specified savepoint. Instead, TiDB releases all locks when the transaction is committed or rolled back.

TiDB does not support the MySQL syntax `ROLLBACK WORK TO SAVEPOINT ...`.

14.13.2.82.4 See also

- COMMIT
- ROLLBACK
- START TRANSACTION
- TiDB Optimistic Transaction Mode
- TiDB Pessimistic Transaction Mode

14.13.2.83 SELECT

The `SELECT` statement is used to read data from TiDB.

14.13.2.83.1 Synopsis

```
SelectStmt ::=
    ( SelectStmtBasic | SelectStmtFromDualTable | SelectStmtFromTable )
    OrderBy? SelectStmtLimit? SelectLockOpt? SelectStmtIntoOption

SelectStmtBasic ::=
    "SELECT" SelectStmtOpts Field ("," Field)* ( "HAVING" Expression)?

SelectStmtFromDualTable ::=
    "SELECT" SelectStmtOpts Field ("," Field)* "FROM" "DUAL" WhereClause?

SelectStmtFromTable ::=
    "SELECT" SelectStmtOpts Field ("," Field)* "FROM" TableRefsClause
    WhereClause? GroupByClause? ( "HAVING" Expression)? WindowClause?

SelectStmtOpts ::=
    TableOptimizerHints DefaultFalseDistictOpt PriorityOpt
       ↪ SelectStmtSQLSmallResult
    SelectStmtSQLBigResult SelectStmtSQLBufferResult SelectStmtSQLCache
       ↪ SelectStmtCalcFoundRows
    SelectStmtStraightJoin

TableRefsClause ::=
    TableRef ( ',' TableRef )*

TableRef ::=
    TableFactor
|   JoinTable

TableFactor ::=
    TableName ( "PARTITION" "(" Identifier ("," Identifier)* ")" )? ("AS"
       ↪ TableAlias)? AsOfClause? TableSample?
```

```
JoinTable ::=
    TableRef
    (
        ("INNER" | "CROSS")? "JOIN" TableRef JoinClause?
        | "STRAIGHT_JOIN" TableRef "ON" Expression
        | ("LEFT" | "RIGHT") "OUTER"? "JOIN" TableRef JoinClause
        | "NATURAL" ("LEFT" | "RIGHT") "OUTER"? "JOIN" TableFactor
    )

JoinClause ::=
    ("ON" Expression
    | "USING" "(" ColumnNameList ")" )

AsOfClause ::=
    'AS' 'OF' 'TIMESTAMP' Expression

SelectStmtLimit ::=
    ("LIMIT" LimitOption ( "," | "OFFSET") LimitOption )?
| "FETCH" ("FIRST" | "NEXT") LimitOption? ("ROW" | "ROWS") "ONLY" )

SelectLockOpt ::=
    ( 'FOR' 'UPDATE' ( 'OF' TableList )? 'NOWAIT'?
|   'LOCK' 'IN' 'SHARE' 'MODE' )

TableList ::=
    TableName ( ',' TableName )*

WhereClause ::=
    "WHERE" Expression

GroupByClause ::=
    "GROUP" "BY" Expression

OrderBy ::=
    "ORDER" "BY" Expression

WindowClause ::=
    "WINDOW" WindowDefinition ("," WindowDefinition)*

TableSample ::=
    'TABLESAMPLE' 'REGIONS' '(' ')'
```

14.13.2.83.2 Description of the syntax elements

Syntax Element	Description
`TableOptimizerHints`	This is the hint to control the behavior of TiDB's optimizer. For more information, refer to Optimizer Hints.
`ALL`, `DISTINCT`, `DISTINCTROW`	The `ALL`, `DISTINCT`/`DISTINCTROW` modifiers specify whether duplicate rows should be returned. ALL (the default) specifies that all matching rows should be returned.
`HIGH_PRIORITY`	`HIGH_PRIORITY` gives the current statement higher priority than other statements.
`SQL_CALC_FOUND_ROWS`	TiDB does not support this feature, and will return an error unless `tidb_enable_noop_functions=1` is set.
`SQL_CACHE`, `SQL_NO_CACHE`	`SQL_CACHE` and `SQL_NO_CACHE` are used to control whether to cache the request results to the `BlockCache` of TiKV (RocksDB). For a one-time query on a large amount of data, such as the `count(*)` query, it is recommended to fill in `SQL_NO_CACHE` to avoid flushing the hot user data in `BlockCache`.
`STRAIGHT_JOIN`	`STRAIGHT_JOIN` forces the optimizer to do a union query in the order of the tables used in the `FROM` clause. When the optimizer chooses a join order that is not good, you can use this syntax to speed up the execution of the query.
`select_expr`	Each `select_expr` indicates a column to retrieve. including the column names and expressions. `\*` represents all the columns.
`FROM table_references`	The `FROM table_references` clause indicates the table (such as `select * from t;`), or tables (such as `select * from t1 join t2;`) or even 0 tables (such as `select 1+1 from dual;` which is equivalent to `select 1+1;`) from which to retrieve rows.
`WHERE where_condition`	The `WHERE` clause, if given, indicates the condition or conditions that rows must satisfy to be selected. The result contains only the data that meets the condition(s).
`GROUP BY`	The `GROUP BY` statement is used to group the result-set.
`HAVING where_condition`	The `HAVING` clause and the `WHERE` clause are both used to filter the results. The `HAVING` clause filters the results of `GROUP BY`, while the `WHERE` clause filter the results before aggregation.
`ORDER BY`	The `ORDER BY` clause is used to sort the data in ascending or descending order, based on columns, expressions or items in the `select_expr` list.

Syntax Element	Description
`LIMIT`	The `LIMIT` clause can be used to constrain the number of rows. `LIMIT` takes one or two numeric arguments. With one argument, the argument specifies the maximum number of rows to return, the first row to return is the first row of the table by default; with two arguments, the first argument specifies the offset of the first row to return, and the second specifies the maximum number of rows to return. TiDB also supports the `FETCH FIRST/NEXT n ROW/ROWS ONLY` syntax, which has the same effect as `LIMIT n`. You can omit `n` in this syntax and its effect is the same as `LIMIT 1`.
`Window window_definition`	This is the syntax for window function, which is usually used to do some analytical computation. For more information, refer to Window Function.
`FOR UPDATE`	The `SELECT FOR UPDATE` clause locks all the data in the result sets to detect concurrent updates from other transactions. Data that match the query conditions but do not exist in the result sets are not read-locked, such as the row data written by other transactions after the current transaction is started. When TiDB uses the Optimistic Transaction Mode, the transaction conflicts are not detected in the statement execution phase. Therefore, the current transaction does not block other transactions from executing `UPDATE`, `DELETE` or `SELECT FOR UPDATE` like other databases such as PostgreSQL. In the committing phase, the rows read by `SELECT FOR UPDATE` are committed in two phases, which means they can also join the conflict detection. If write conflicts occur, the commit fails for all transactions that include the `SELECT FOR UPDATE` clause. If no conflict is detected, the commit succeeds. And a new version is generated for the locked rows, so that write conflicts can be detected when other uncommitted transactions are being committed later. When TiDB uses the Pessimistic Transaction Mode, the behavior is basically the same as other databases. Refer to Differences from MySQL InnoDB to see the details. TiDB supports the `NOWAIT` modifier for `FOR UPDATE`. See TiDB Pessimistic Transaction Mode for details.
`LOCK IN SHARE MODE`	To guarantee compatibility, TiDB parses these three modifiers, but will ignore them.
`TABLESAMPLE`	To get a sample of rows from the table.

Note:

Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports Resource Control. You can use this feature to execute SQL statements with different priorities in different resource groups. By configuring proper quotas and priorities for these resource groups, you can gain better scheduling control for SQL statements with different priorities. When resource control is enabled, statement priority (`HIGH_PRIORITY`) will no longer take effect. It is recommended that you use Resource Control to manage resource usage for different SQL statements.

14.13.2.83.3 Examples

SELECT

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
    ↪ NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.03 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  1 |  1 |
|  2 |  2 |
|  3 |  3 |
|  4 |  4 |
|  5 |  5 |
+----+----+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT AVG(s_quantity), COUNT(s_quantity) FROM stock TABLESAMPLE
    ↪ REGIONS();
+----------------+------------------+
| AVG(s_quantity) | COUNT(s_quantity) |
+----------------+------------------+
|        59.5000 |                4 |
+----------------+------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT AVG(s_quantity), COUNT(s_quantity) FROM stock;
+----------------+------------------+
| AVG(s_quantity) | COUNT(s_quantity) |
+----------------+------------------+
|        54.9729 |          1000000 |
+----------------+------------------+
1 row in set (0.52 sec)
```

The above example uses data generated with `tiup bench tpcc prepare`. The first query shows the use of `TABLESAMPLE`.

SELECT … INTO OUTFILE

The `SELECT ... INTO OUTFILE` statement is used to write the result of a query to a file.

> **Note:**
>
> - This statement is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.
> - This statement does not support writing query results to any external storages such as Amazon S3 or GCS.

In the statement, you can specify the format of the output file by using the following clauses:

- `FIELDS TERMINATED BY`: specifies the field delimiter in the file. For example, you can specify it as `','` to output comma-separated values (CSV) or `'\t'` to output tab-separated values (TSV).
- `FIELDS ENCLOSED BY`: specifies the enclosing character that wraps around each field in the file.
- `LINES TERMINATED BY`: specifies the line terminator in the file, if you want to end a line with a certain character.

Assume that there is a table `t` with three columns as follows:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t (a INT, b VARCHAR(10), c DECIMAL(10,2));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, 'a', 1.1), (2, 'b', 2.2), (3, 'c', 3.3);
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

The following examples show how to use the `SELECT ... INTO OUTFILE` statement to write the query result to a file.

Example 1:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM t INTO OUTFILE '/tmp/tmp_file1';
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

In this example, you can find the query result in `/tmp/tmp_file1` as follows:

```
1       a       1.10
2       b       2.20
3       c       3.30
```

Example 2:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM t INTO OUTFILE '/tmp/tmp_file2' FIELDS TERMINATED BY '
    ↪ ,' ENCLOSED BY '"';
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

In this example, you can find the query result in `/tmp/tmp_file2` as follows:

```
"1","a","1.10"
"2","b","2.20"
"3","c","3.30"
```

Example 3:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM t INTO OUTFILE '/tmp/tmp_file3'
    -> FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',' ENCLOSED BY '\'' LINES TERMINATED BY '<<<\n'
       ↪ ;
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

In this example, you can find the query result in `/tmp/tmp_file3` as follows:

```
'1','a','1.10'<<<
'2','b','2.20'<<<
'3','c','3.30'<<<
```

14.13.2.83.4 MySQL compatibility

- The syntax `SELECT ... INTO @variable` is not supported.
- The syntax `SELECT ... INTO DUMPFILE` is not supported.
- The syntax `SELECT .. GROUP BY expr` does not imply `GROUP BY expr ORDER BY expr` as it does in MySQL 5.7. TiDB instead matches the behavior of MySQL 8.0 and does not imply a default order.
- The syntax `SELECT ... TABLESAMPLE ...` is a TiDB extension designed for compatibility with other database systems and the ISO/IEC 9075-2 standard, but currently it is not supported by MySQL.

14.13.2.83.5 See also

- INSERT
- DELETE
- UPDATE
- REPLACE

14.13.2.84 SET DEFAULT ROLE

This statement sets a specific role to be applied to a user by default. Thus, they will automatically have the permissions associated with a role without having to execute `SET ROLE <rolename>` or `SET ROLE ALL`.

14.13.2.84.1 Synopsis

```
SetDefaultRoleStmt ::=
    "SET" "DEFAULT" "ROLE" ( "NONE" | "ALL" | Rolename ("," Rolename)* ) "TO
        ↪ " Username ("," Username)*
```

14.13.2.84.2 Examples

Connect to TiDB as the `root` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

Create a new role `analyticsteam` and a new user `jennifer`:

```
CREATE ROLE analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

CREATE USER jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

GRANT analyticsteam TO jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `jennifer` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

Note that by default `jennifer` needs to execute `SET ROLE analyticsteam` in order to be able to use the privileges associated with the `analyticsteam` role:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+-------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                           |
+-------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'      |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+-------------------------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES in test;
ERROR 1044 (42000): Access denied for user 'jennifer'@'%' to database 'test'
SET ROLE analyticsteam;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

SHOW GRANTS;
+-------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                           |
+-------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'      |
| GRANT Select ON test.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'  |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+-------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES IN test;
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `root` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u root
```

The statement `SET DEFAULT ROLE` can be used to associate the role `analyticsteam` to `jennifer`:

```
SET DEFAULT ROLE analyticsteam TO jennifer;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

Connect to TiDB as the `jennifer` user:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000 -u jennifer
```

After this, the user `jennifer` has the privileges associated with the role `analyticsteam` and `jennifer` does not have to execute the statement `SET ROLE`:

```
SHOW GRANTS;
+-------------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                           |
+-------------------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'      |
| GRANT Select ON test.* TO 'jennifer'@'%'  |
| GRANT 'analyticsteam'@'%' TO 'jennifer'@'%' |
+-------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SHOW TABLES IN test;
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

`SET DEFAULT ROLE` will not automatically `GRANT` the associated role to the user. Attempting to `SET DEFAULT ROLE` for a role that `jennifer` does not have granted results in the following error:

```
SET DEFAULT ROLE analyticsteam TO jennifer;
ERROR 3530 (HY000): `analyticsteam`@`%` is is not granted to jennifer@%
```

14.13.2.84.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SET DEFAULT ROLE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with the roles feature in MySQL 8.0. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.84.4 See also

- CREATE ROLE
- DROP ROLE
- GRANT <role>
- REVOKE <role>
- SET ROLE

- Role-Based Access Control

14.13.2.85 SET [NAMES|CHARACTER SET]

The statements `SET NAMES`, `SET CHARACTER SET` and `SET CHARSET` modify the variables `character_set_client`, `character_set_results` and `character_set_connection` for the current connection.

14.13.2.85.1 Synopsis

```
SetNamesStmt ::=
    "SET" ("NAMES" ("DEFAULT" | CharsetName ("COLLATE" ("DEFAULT" |
        ↪ CollationName))?) | ("CHARSET" | ("CHAR" | "CHARACTER") "SET") ("
        ↪ DEFAULT" | CharsetName))
```

14.13.2.85.2 Examples

```
mysql> SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'character_set%';
+--
    ↪ -----------------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Variable_name         | Value                                                  |
+--
    ↪ -----------------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| character_sets_dir    | /usr/local/mysql-5.6.25-osx10.8-x86_64/share/
    ↪ charsets/ |
| character_set_connection | utf8mb4                                             |
| character_set_system | utf8                                                   |
| character_set_results | utf8mb4                                               |
| character_set_client | utf8mb4                                                |
| character_set_database | utf8mb4                                              |
| character_set_filesystem | binary                                             |
| character_set_server | utf8mb4                                                |
+--
    ↪ -----------------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
8 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SET NAMES utf8;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'character_set%';
+--
    ↪ -----------------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Variable_name         | Value                                                  |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| character_sets_dir    | /usr/local/mysql-5.6.25-osx10.8-x86_64/share/
    ↪ charsets/ |
| character_set_connection | utf8                                                    |
| character_set_system  | utf8                                                    |
| character_set_results | utf8                                                    |
| character_set_client  | utf8                                                    |
| character_set_server  | utf8mb4                                                 |
| character_set_database | utf8mb4                                                |
| character_set_filesystem | binary                                                |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET CHARACTER SET utf8mb4;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'character_set%';
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Variable_name         | Value                                                   |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| character_set_connection | utf8mb4                                                 |
| character_set_system  | utf8                                                    |
| character_set_results | utf8mb4                                                 |
| character_set_client  | utf8mb4                                                 |
| character_sets_dir    | /usr/local/mysql-5.6.25-osx10.8-x86_64/share/
    ↪ charsets/ |
| character_set_database | utf8mb4                                                |
| character_set_filesystem | binary                                                |
| character_set_server  | utf8mb4                                                 |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.85.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SET [NAMES|CHARACTER SET]` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.85.4 See also

- SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] VARIABLES
- SET <variable>
- Character Set and Collation Support

14.13.2.86 SET PASSWORD

This statement changes the user password for a user account in the TiDB system database.

14.13.2.86.1 Synopsis

```
SetPasswordStmt ::=
    "SET" "PASSWORD" ( "FOR" Username )? "=" ( stringLit | "PASSWORD" "("
       ↪ stringLit ")" )
```

14.13.2.86.2 Examples

```
mysql> SET PASSWORD='test'; -- change my password
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> CREATE USER 'newuser' IDENTIFIED BY 'test';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW CREATE USER 'newuser';
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| CREATE USER for newuser@%
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| CREATE USER 'newuser'@'%' IDENTIFIED WITH 'mysql_native_password' AS '*94
   ↪ BDCEBE19083CE2A1F959FD02F964C7AF4CFC29' REQUIRE NONE PASSWORD EXPIRE
   ↪ DEFAULT ACCOUNT UNLOCK |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
```

```
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET PASSWORD FOR newuser = 'test';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW CREATE USER 'newuser';
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| CREATE USER for newuser@%
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| CREATE USER 'newuser'@'%' IDENTIFIED WITH 'mysql_native_password' AS '*94
    ↪ BDCEBE19083CE2A1F959FD02F964C7AF4CFC29' REQUIRE NONE PASSWORD EXPIRE
    ↪ DEFAULT ACCOUNT UNLOCK |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET PASSWORD FOR newuser = PASSWORD('test'); -- deprecated syntax
    ↪ from earlier MySQL releases
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW CREATE USER 'newuser';
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| CREATE USER for newuser@%
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| CREATE USER 'newuser'@'%' IDENTIFIED WITH 'mysql_native_password' AS '*94
    ↪ BDCEBE19083CE2A1F959FD02F964C7AF4CFC29' REQUIRE NONE PASSWORD EXPIRE
    ↪ DEFAULT ACCOUNT UNLOCK |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.86.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SET PASSWORD` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.86.4 See also

- CREATE USER
- Privilege Management

14.13.2.87 SET RESOURCE GROUP

`SET RESOURCE GROUP` is used to set the resource group for the current session.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.87.1 Synopsis

SetResourceGroupStmt:

```
SetResourceGroupStmt ::=
    "SET" "RESOURCE" "GROUP" ResourceGroupName

ResourceGroupName ::=
    Identifier
|   "DEFAULT"
```

14.13.2.87.2 Privilege

Executing this statement requires the following configuration and privilege:

1. The system variable `tidb_enable_resource_control` is set to `ON`.
2. When the system variable `tidb_resource_control_strict_mode` is set to `ON`, you need to have the `SUPER` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_USER` privilege; when it is set to `OFF`, none of these privileges are required.

14.13.2.87.3 Examples

Create a user `user1`, create two resource groups `rg1` and `rg2`, and bind the user `user1` to the resource group `rg1`.

```
CREATE USER 'user1';
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP 'rg1' RU_PER_SEC = 1000;
ALTER USER 'user1' RESOURCE GROUP `rg1`;
```

Use `user1` to log in and view the resource group bound to the current user.

```
SELECT CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP();
```

```
+--------------------------+
| CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP() |
+--------------------------+
| rg1                      |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Execute `SET RESOURCE GROUP` to set the resource group for the current session to `rg2`.

```
SET RESOURCE GROUP `rg2`;
SELECT CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP();
```

```
+--------------------------+
| CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP() |
+--------------------------+
| rg2                      |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Execute `SET RESOURCE GROUP` to specify the current session to use the default resource group.

```
SET RESOURCE GROUP `default`;
SELECT CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP();
```

```
+--------------------------+
| CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP() |
+--------------------------+
| default                  |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.87.4 MySQL compatibility

MySQL also supports SET RESOURCE GROUP. But the accepted parameters are different from that of TiDB. They are not compatible.

14.13.2.87.5 See also

- CREATE RESOURCE GROUP
- DROP RESOURCE GROUP
- ALTER RESOURCE GROUP
- Resource Control

14.13.2.88 SET ROLE

The `SET ROLE` statement is used to enable roles in the current session. After enabling roles, users can use the privileges of the role(s).

14.13.2.88.1 Synopsis

```
SetRoleStmt ::=
    "SET" "ROLE" ( "DEFAULT" | "ALL" ( "EXCEPT" Rolename ("," Rolename)* )?
       ↪ | "NONE" | Rolename ("," Rolename)* )?
```

14.13.2.88.2 Examples

Create a user `'u1'@'%'` and three roles: `'r1'@'%'`, `'r2'@'%'` and `'r3'@'%'`. Grant these roles to `'u1'@'%'` and set `'r1'@'%'` as the default role of `'u1'@'%'`.

```
CREATE USER 'u1'@'%';
CREATE ROLE 'r1', 'r2', 'r3';
GRANT 'r1', 'r2', 'r3' TO 'u1'@'%';
SET DEFAULT ROLE 'r1' TO 'u1'@'%';
```

Log in as `'u1'@'%'` and execute the following `SET ROLE` statement to enable all roles.

```
SET ROLE ALL;
SELECT CURRENT_ROLE();
```

```
+----------------------------+
| CURRENT_ROLE()             |
+----------------------------+
| `r1`@`%`,`r2`@`%`,`r3`@`%` |
+----------------------------+
1 row in set (0.000 sec)
```

Execute the following `SET ROLE` statement to enable `'r2'` and `'r3'`.

```
SET ROLE 'r2', 'r3';
SELECT CURRENT_ROLE();
```

```
+-------------------+
| CURRENT_ROLE()  |
+-------------------+
| `r2`@`%`,`r3`@`%` |
+-------------------+
1 row in set (0.000 sec)
```

Execute the following `SET ROLE` statement to enable the default role(s).

```
SET ROLE DEFAULT;
SELECT CURRENT_ROLE();
```

```
+----------------+
| CURRENT_ROLE() |
+----------------+
| `r1`@`%`     |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.000 sec)
```

Execute the following `SET ROLE` statement to cancel all enabled role(s).

```
SET ROLE NONE;
SELECT CURRENT_ROLE();
```

```
+----------------+
| CURRENT_ROLE() |
+----------------+
|              |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.000 sec)
```

14.13.2.88.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SET ROLE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with the roles feature in MySQL 8.0. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.88.4 See also

- CREATE ROLE
- DROP ROLE
- GRANT <role>

- REVOKE <role>
- SET DEFAULT ROLE

- Role-Based Access Control

14.13.2.89 SET TRANSACTION

The SET TRANSACTION statement can be used to change the current isolation level on a GLOBAL or SESSION basis. This syntax is an alternative to SET transaction_isolation='new-value' and is included for compatibility with both MySQL, and the SQL standards.

14.13.2.89.1 Synopsis

```
SetStmt ::=
    'SET' ( VariableAssignmentList |
    'PASSWORD' ('FOR' Username)? '=' PasswordOpt |
    ( 'GLOBAL'| 'SESSION' )? 'TRANSACTION' TransactionChars |
    'CONFIG' ( Identifier | stringLit) ConfigItemName EqOrAssignmentEq
       ↪ SetExpr )

TransactionChars ::=
    ( 'ISOLATION' 'LEVEL' IsolationLevel | 'READ' 'WRITE' | 'READ' 'ONLY'
       ↪ AsOfClause? )

IsolationLevel ::=
    ( 'REPEATABLE' 'READ' | 'READ' ( 'COMMITTED' | 'UNCOMMITTED' ) | '
       ↪ SERIALIZABLE' )

AsOfClause ::=
    ( 'AS' 'OF' 'TIMESTAMP' Expression)
```

14.13.2.89.2 Examples

```
mysql> SHOW SESSION VARIABLES LIKE 'transaction_isolation';
+-----------------------+----------------+
| Variable_name         | Value          |
+-----------------------+----------------+
| transaction_isolation | REPEATABLE-READ |
+-----------------------+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET SESSION TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ COMMITTED;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW SESSION VARIABLES LIKE 'transaction_isolation';
```

```
+----------------------+----------------+
| Variable_name        | Value          |
+----------------------+----------------+
| transaction_isolation | READ-COMMITTED |
+----------------------+----------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SET SESSION transaction_isolation = 'REPEATABLE-READ';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW SESSION VARIABLES LIKE 'transaction_isolation';
+----------------------+-----------------+
| Variable_name        | Value           |
+----------------------+-----------------+
| transaction_isolation | REPEATABLE-READ |
+----------------------+-----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.89.3 MySQL compatibility

- TiDB supports the ability to set a transaction as read-only in syntax only.
- The isolation levels `READ-UNCOMMITTED` and `SERIALIZABLE` are not supported.
- The `REPEATABLE-READ` isolation level is achieved through using the snapshot isolation technology, which is partly compatible with MySQL.
- In pessimistic transactions, TiDB supports two isolation levels compatible with MySQL: `REPEATABLE-READ` and `READ-COMMITTED`. For a detailed description, see Isolation Levels.

14.13.2.89.4 See also

- SET [GLOBAL|SESSION] <variable>
- Isolation Levels

14.13.2.90 SET [GLOBAL|SESSION] <variable>

The statement `SET [GLOBAL|SESSION]` modifies one of TiDB's built in variables. These variables can be system variables of either `SESSION` or `GLOBAL` scope or user variables.

> **Warning:**
>
> User-defined variables are still an experimental feature. It is **NOT** recommended that you use them in the production environment.

> **Note:**
>
> Similar to MySQL, changes to `GLOBAL` variables do not apply to either existing connections, or the local connection. Only new sessions reflect the changes to the value.

14.13.2.90.1 Synopsis

```
SetVariableStmt ::=
    "SET" Variable "=" Expression ("," Variable "=" Expression )*

Variable ::=
    ("GLOBAL" | "SESSION") SystemVariable
|   UserVariable
```

14.13.2.90.2 Examples

Get the value of `sql_mode`.

```
mysql> SHOW GLOBAL VARIABLES LIKE 'sql_mode';
+--
    ↪ -------------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Variable_name | Value
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| sql_mode      | ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_
    ↪ ZERO_DATE,ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER,NO_ENGINE_
    ↪ SUBSTITUTION |
+--
    ↪ -------------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW SESSION VARIABLES LIKE 'sql_mode';
+--
    ↪ -------------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

```
| Variable_name | Value
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------------+-------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| sql_mode     | ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_
    ↪ ZERO_DATE,ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER,NO_ENGINE_
    ↪ SUBSTITUTION |
+--
    ↪ -------------+-------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Update the value of `sql_mode` globally. If you check the value of `SQL_mode` after the update, you can see that the value of `SESSION` level has not been updated:

```
mysql> SET GLOBAL sql_mode = 'STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> SHOW GLOBAL VARIABLES LIKE 'sql_mode';
+---------------+-----------------------------------------+
| Variable_name | Value                                   |
+---------------+-----------------------------------------+
| sql_mode      | STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER |
+---------------+-----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW SESSION VARIABLES LIKE 'sql_mode';
+--
    ↪ -------------+-------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Variable_name | Value
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------------+-------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| sql_mode     | ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_
    ↪ ZERO_DATE,ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER,NO_ENGINE_
    ↪ SUBSTITUTION |
+--
    ↪ -------------+-------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Using `SET SESSION` takes effect immediately:

```
mysql> SET SESSION sql_mode = 'STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW SESSION VARIABLES LIKE 'sql_mode';
+---------------+-----------------------------------------+
| Variable_name | Value                                   |
+---------------+-----------------------------------------+
| sql_mode      | STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER |
+---------------+-----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

User variables start with a `@`.

```
SET @myvar := 5;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

SELECT @myvar, @myvar + 1;
+--------+------------+
| @myvar | @myvar + 1 |
+--------+------------+
|      5 |          6 |
+--------+------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.90.3 MySQL compatibility

The following behavior differences apply:

- Changes made with `SET GLOBAL` will be propagated to all TiDB instances in the cluster. This differs from MySQL, where changes do not propagate to replicas.
- TiDB presents several variables as both readable and settable. This is required for MySQL compatibility, because it is common for both applications and connectors to read MySQL variables. For example: JDBC connectors both read and set query cache settings, despite not relying on the behavior.
- Changes made with `SET GLOBAL` will persist through TiDB server restarts. This means that `SET GLOBAL` in TiDB behaves more similar to `SET PERSIST` as available in MySQL 8.0 and above.
- TiDB does not support `SET PERSIST` and `SET PERSIST_ONLY`, because TiDB persists global variables.

14.13.2.90.4 See also

- SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] VARIABLES

14.13.2.91 SHOW ANALYZE STATUS

The `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` statement shows the statistics collection tasks being executed by TiDB and a limited number of historical task records.

Starting from TiDB v6.1.0, the `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` statement supports showing cluster-level tasks. Even after a TiDB restart, you can still view task records before the restart using this statement. Before TiDB v6.1.0, the `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` statement can only show instance-level tasks, and task records are cleared after a TiDB restart.

Starting from TiDB v6.1.0, you can view the history tasks within the last 7 days through the system table `mysql.analyze_jobs`.

Starting from TiDB v7.3.0, you can view the progress of the current `ANALYZE` task through the system table `mysql.analyze_jobs` or `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS`.

Currently, the `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` statement returns the following columns:

Column name	Description
`Table_schema`	The database name
`Table_name`	The table name
`Partition_name`	The partition name
`Job_info`	The task information. If an index is analyzed, this information will include the index name. When `tidb_analyze_version =2`, this information will include configuration items such as sample rate.
`Processed_rows`	The number of rows that have been analyzed
`Start_time`	The time at which the task starts

Column name	Description
`State`	The state of a task, including `pending`, `running`, `finished`, and `failed`
`Fail_reason`	The reason why the task fails. If the execution is successful, the value is `NULL`.
`Instance`	The TiDB instance that executes the task
`Process_id`	The process ID that executes the task

14.13.2.91.1 Synopsis

```
ShowAnalyzeStatusStmt ::= 'SHOW' 'ANALYZE' 'STATUS' ShowLikeOrWhereOpt

ShowLikeOrWhereOpt ::= 'LIKE' SimpleExpr | 'WHERE' Expression
```

14.13.2.91.2 Examples

```
mysql> create table t(x int, index idx(x)) partition by hash(x) partitions
    ↪ 2;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.69 sec)

mysql> set @@tidb_analyze_version = 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> analyze table t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.20 sec)

mysql> show analyze status;
+--
    ↪ -----------+-----------+---------------+------------------+----------------+
    ↪
| Table_schema | Table_name | Partition_name | Job_info  | Processed_rows |
    ↪ Start_time      | End_time            | State    | Fail_reason | Instance
```

```
    ↪   | Process_ID | Remaining_seconds| Progress | Estimated_total_rows|
+--
    ↪ -----------+-----------+---------------+------------------+----------------+
    ↪
| test       | t         | p1           | analyze index idx |          0 |
    ↪ 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL |
    ↪ 127.0.0.1:4000 | NULL | NULL           | NULL    | NULL              |
| test       | t         | p0           | analyze index idx |          0 |
    ↪ 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL |
    ↪ 127.0.0.1:4000 | NULL | NULL           | NULL    | NULL              |
| test       | t         | p1           | analyze columns |            0 |
    ↪ 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL |
    ↪ 127.0.0.1:4000 | NULL | NULL           | NULL    | NULL              |
| test       | t         | p0           | analyze columns |            0 |
    ↪ 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL |
    ↪ 127.0.0.1:4000 | NULL | NULL           | NULL    | NULL              |
| test       | t1        | p0           | analyze columns |     28523259 |
    ↪ 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | running | NULL |
    ↪ 127.0.0.1:4000 | 690208308 | 0s         | 0.9843  | 28978290          |
+--
    ↪ -----------+-----------+---------------+------------------+----------------+
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> set @@tidb_analyze_version = 2;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> analyze table t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 2 warnings (0.03 sec)

mysql> show analyze status;
+--
    ↪ -----------+-----------+---------------+----------------------------------
    ↪
| Table_schema | Table_name | Partition_name | Job_info
    ↪                                              | Processed_rows | Start_
    ↪ time     | End_time          | State   | Fail_reason | Instance    |
    ↪ Process_ID | Remaining_seconds | Progress | Estimated_total_rows |
+--
    ↪ -----------+-----------+---------------+----------------------------------
    ↪
| test       | t         | p1           | analyze table all columns with 256
    ↪  buckets, 500 topn, 1 samplerate |    0 | 2022-05-27 11:30:12 |
    ↪ 2022-05-27 11:30:12 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 | NULL | NULL
    ↪             | NULL    | NULL               |
```

```
| test       | t         | p0           | analyze table all columns with 256
   ↪  buckets, 500 topn, 1 samplerate |    0 | 2022-05-27 11:30:12 |
   ↪ 2022-05-27 11:30:12 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 | NULL | NULL
   ↪             | NULL    | NULL              |
| test       | t         | p1           | analyze index idx
   ↪                                          |            0 | 2022-05-27
   ↪ 11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 |
   ↪ NULL | NULL             | NULL    | NULL              |
| test       | t         | p0           | analyze index idx
   ↪                                          |            0 | 2022-05-27
   ↪ 11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 |
   ↪ NULL | NULL             | NULL    | NULL              |
| test       | t         | p1           | analyze columns
   ↪                                            |            0 | 2022-05-27
   ↪  11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 |
   ↪ NULL | NULL             | NULL    | NULL              |
| test       | t         | p0           | analyze columns
   ↪                                            |            0 | 2022-05-27
   ↪  11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 |
   ↪ NULL | NULL             | NULL    | NULL              |
+--
   ↪ ------------+------------+---------------+----------------------------------
   ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.91.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.91.4 See also

- ANALYZE_STATUS table

14.13.2.92 SHOW [BACKUPS|RESTORES]

These statements show a list of all queued, running and recently finished `BACKUP` and `RESTORE` tasks that were executed on a TiDB instance.

Both statements require `SUPER` privilege to run.

Use `SHOW BACKUPS` to query `BACKUP` tasks and use `SHOW RESTORES` to query `RESTORE` tasks.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

Backups and restores that were started with the `br` commandline tool are not shown.

14.13.2.92.1 Synopsis

```
ShowBRIEStmt ::=
    "SHOW" ("BACKUPS" | "RESTORES") ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.92.2 Examples

In one connection, execute the following statement:

```
BACKUP DATABASE `test` TO 's3://example-bucket/backup-01';
```

Before the backup completes, run `SHOW BACKUPS` in a new connection:

```
SHOW BACKUPS;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+------
    ↪
| Destination                | State   | Progress | Queue_time         |
    ↪ Execution_time    | Finish_time | Connection | Message |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+------
    ↪
| s3://example-bucket/backup-01/ | Backup | 98.38 | 2020-04-12 23:09:03 |
    ↪ 2020-04-12 23:09:25 | NULL |      4 | NULL    |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+--------------------+------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The first row of the result above is described as follows:

Column	Description
`Destination`	The destination URL (with all parameters stripped to avoid leaking secret keys)
`State`	State of the task
`Progress`	Estimated progress in the current state as a percentage
`Queue_time`	When the task was queued
`Execution_time`	When the task was started; the value is `0000-00-00 00:00:00` for queueing tasks
`Finish_time`	The timestamp when the task finished; the value is `0000-00-00 00:00:00` for queueing and running tasks

Column	Description
`Connection ID`	Connection ID running this task
`Message`	Message with details

The possible states are:

State	Description
Backup	Making a backup
Wait	Waiting for execution
Checksum	Running a checksum operation

The connection ID can be used to cancel a backup/restore task via the `KILL TIDB QUERY` statement.

```
KILL TIDB QUERY 4;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

Filtering

Use the `LIKE` clause to filter out tasks by matching the destination URL against a wildcard expression.

```
SHOW BACKUPS LIKE 's3://%';
```

Use the `WHERE` clause to filter by columns.

```
SHOW BACKUPS WHERE `Progress` < 25.0;
```

14.13.2.92.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.92.4 See also

- BACKUP
- RESTORE

14.13.2.93 SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] BINDINGS

The `SHOW BINDINGS` statement is used to display information about created SQL bindings. A `BINDING` can be on either a `GLOBAL` or `SESSION` basis. The default is `SESSION`.

14.13.2.93.1 Synopsis

```
ShowBindingsStmt ::=
    "SHOW" ("GLOBAL" | "SESSION")? "BINDINGS" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.93.2 Syntax description

This statement outputs the execution plan bindings at the GLOBAL or SESSION level. The default scope is SESSION. Currently `SHOW BINDINGS` outputs eight columns, as shown below:

Column Name	Description
original_sql	Original SQL statement after parameterization
bind_sql	Bound SQL statement with hints
default_db	Default database
status	Status including 'Using', 'Deleted', 'Invalid', 'Rejected', and 'Pending verification'
create_time	Created time
update_time	Updated time
charset	Character set
collation	Sorting rule

Column Name	Description
source	The way in which a binding is created, including `manual` (created by the `create [global] binding` SQL statement), `capture` (captured automatically by TiDB), and `evolve` (evolved automatically by TiDB)

14.13.2.93.3 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (
         id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment,
         b INT NOT NULL,
         pad VARBINARY(255),
         INDEX(b)
        );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.07 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    -> FROM dual;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 1 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    -> FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 1 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    -> FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 8 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 8 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 1000 rows affected (0.04 sec)
Records: 1000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 100000 rows affected (1.74 sec)
Records: 100000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 100000 rows affected (2.15 sec)
Records: 100000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255)
    ↪ FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
Query OK, 100000 rows affected (2.64 sec)
Records: 100000 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT SLEEP(1);
+----------+
| SLEEP(1) |
+----------+
|        0 |
+----------+
1 row in set (1.00 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (1.33 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+----------+-----------------
    ↪
| id                          | estRows | actRows | task   | access object
    ↪      | execution info
    ↪                                                          | operator info
    ↪                  | memory       | disk |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+---------+----------+-----------------
    ↪
| IndexLookUp_10              | 583.00 | 297    | root     |
    ↪                    | time:10.545072ms, loops:2, rpc num: 1, rpc time
```

```
   ↪ :398.359µs, proc keys:297 |                          | 109.1484375 KB | N/
   ↪ A |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)  | 583.00 | 297    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index
   ↪ :b(b) | time:0s, loops:4                                                  |
   ↪  range:[123,123], keep order:false | N/A      | N/A |
|  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)  | 583.00 | 297    | cop[tikv] | table:t1
   ↪         | time:12ms, loops:4
   ↪                                                 | keep order:false
   ↪              | N/A          | N/A |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------+--------+--------+----------+-----------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.02 sec)

mysql> CREATE SESSION BINDING FOR
        SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123
       USING
        SELECT * FROM t1 IGNORE INDEX (b) WHERE b = 123;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE b = 123;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+--------+----------+--------------+------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows  | actRows | task    | access object |
   ↪ execution info                                                      |
   ↪ operator info    | memory      | disk |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+--------+----------+--------------+------
   ↪
| TableReader_7         | 583.00   | 297    | root     |               | time
   ↪ :222.32506ms, loops:2, rpc num: 1, rpc time:222.078952ms, proc keys
   ↪ :301010 | data:Selection_6 | 88.6640625 KB | N/A |
|  ─Selection_6         | 583.00   | 297    | cop[tikv] |              | time
   ↪ :224ms, loops:298                                                    | eq(
   ↪ test.t1.b, 123) | N/A      | N/A |
|    ─TableFullScan_5   | 301010.00 | 301010 | cop[tikv] | table:t1 | time
   ↪ :220ms, loops:298                                                    |
   ↪ keep order:false | N/A        | N/A |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+--------+----------+--------------+------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.22 sec)

mysql> SHOW SESSION BINDINGS\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
Original_sql: select * from t1 where b = ?
    Bind_sql: SELECT * FROM t1 IGNORE INDEX (b) WHERE b = 123
  Default_db: test
      Status: using
 Create_time: 2020-05-22 14:38:03.456
 Update_time: 2020-05-22 14:38:03.456
     Charset: utf8mb4
   Collation: utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.93.4 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.93.5 See also

- CREATE [GLOBAL|SESSION] BINDING
- DROP [GLOBAL|SESSION] BINDING
- ANALYZE TABLE
- Optimizer Hints
- SQL Plan Management

14.13.2.94 SHOW BUILTINS

`SHOW BUILTINS` is used to list all supported builtin functions in TiDB.

14.13.2.94.1 Synopsis

```
ShowBuiltinsStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "BUILTINS"
```

14.13.2.94.2 Examples

```
SHOW BUILTINS;
```

```
+-----------------------------+
| Supported_builtin_functions |
+-----------------------------+
| abs                         |
| acos                        |
| adddate                     |
| addtime                     |
```

```
| aes_decrypt              |
| aes_encrypt              |
| and                      |
| any_value                |
| ascii                    |
| asin                     |
| atan                     |
| atan2                    |
| benchmark                |
| bin                      |
| bin_to_uuid              |
| bit_count                |
| bit_length               |
| bitand                   |
| bitneg                   |
| bitor                    |
| bitxor                   |
| case                     |
| ceil                     |
| ceiling                  |
| char_func                |
| char_length              |
| character_length         |
| charset                  |
| coalesce                 |
| coercibility             |
| collation                |
| compress                 |
| concat                   |
| concat_ws                |
| connection_id            |
| conv                     |
| convert                  |
| convert_tz               |
| cos                      |
| cot                      |
| crc32                    |
| curdate                  |
| current_date             |
| current_resource_group   |
| current_role             |
| current_time             |
| current_timestamp        |
| current_user             |
| curtime                  |
```

```
| database                |
| date                    |
| date_add                |
| date_format             |
| date_sub                |
| datediff                |
| day                     |
| dayname                 |
| dayofmonth              |
| dayofweek               |
| dayofyear               |
| decode                  |
| default_func            |
| degrees                 |
| des_decrypt             |
| des_encrypt             |
| div                     |
| elt                     |
| encode                  |
| encrypt                 |
| eq                      |
| exp                     |
| export_set              |
| extract                 |
| field                   |
| find_in_set             |
| floor                   |
| format                  |
| format_bytes            |
| format_nano_time        |
| found_rows              |
| from_base64             |
| from_days               |
| from_unixtime           |
| ge                      |
| get_format              |
| get_lock                |
| getparam                |
| greatest                |
| grouping                |
| gt                      |
| hex                     |
| hour                    |
| if                      |
| ifnull                  |
```

```
| ilike                  |
| in                     |
| inet6_aton             |
| inet6_ntoa             |
| inet_aton              |
| inet_ntoa              |
| insert_func            |
| instr                  |
| intdiv                 |
| interval               |
| is_free_lock           |
| is_ipv4                |
| is_ipv4_compat         |
| is_ipv4_mapped         |
| is_ipv6                |
| is_used_lock           |
| is_uuid                |
| isfalse                |
| isnull                 |
| istrue                 |
| json_array             |
| json_array_append      |
| json_array_insert      |
| json_contains          |
| json_contains_path     |
| json_depth             |
| json_extract           |
| json_insert            |
| json_keys              |
| json_length            |
| json_memberof          |
| json_merge             |
| json_merge_patch       |
| json_merge_preserve    |
| json_object            |
| json_overlaps          |
| json_pretty            |
| json_quote             |
| json_remove            |
| json_replace           |
| json_schema_valid      |
| json_search            |
| json_set               |
| json_storage_free      |
| json_storage_size      |
```

```
| json_type                |
| json_unquote             |
| json_valid               |
| last_day                 |
| last_insert_id           |
| lastval                  |
| lcase                    |
| le                       |
| least                    |
| left                     |
| leftshift                |
| length                   |
| like                     |
| ln                       |
| load_file                |
| localtime                |
| localtimestamp           |
| locate                   |
| log                      |
| log10                    |
| log2                     |
| lower                    |
| lpad                     |
| lt                       |
| ltrim                    |
| make_set                 |
| makedate                 |
| maketime                 |
| master_pos_wait          |
| md5                      |
| microsecond              |
| mid                      |
| minus                    |
| minute                   |
| mod                      |
| month                    |
| monthname                |
| mul                      |
| name_const               |
| ne                       |
| nextval                  |
| not                      |
| now                      |
| nulleq                   |
| oct                      |
```

```
| octet_length            |
| old_password            |
| or                      |
| ord                     |
| password_func           |
| period_add              |
| period_diff             |
| pi                      |
| plus                    |
| position                |
| pow                     |
| power                   |
| quarter                 |
| quote                   |
| radians                 |
| rand                    |
| random_bytes            |
| regexp                  |
| regexp_instr            |
| regexp_like             |
| regexp_replace          |
| regexp_substr           |
| release_all_locks       |
| release_lock            |
| repeat                  |
| replace                 |
| reverse                 |
| right                   |
| rightshift              |
| round                   |
| row_count               |
| rpad                    |
| rtrim                   |
| schema                  |
| sec_to_time             |
| second                  |
| session_user            |
| setval                  |
| setvar                  |
| sha                     |
| sha1                    |
| sha2                    |
| sign                    |
| sin                     |
| sleep                   |
```

```
| sm3                      |
| space                    |
| sqrt                     |
| str_to_date              |
| strcmp                   |
| subdate                  |
| substr                   |
| substring                |
| substring_index          |
| subtime                  |
| sysdate                  |
| system_user              |
| tan                      |
| tidb_bounded_staleness   |
| tidb_current_tso         |
| tidb_decode_binary_plan  |
| tidb_decode_key          |
| tidb_decode_plan         |
| tidb_decode_sql_digests  |
| tidb_encode_sql_digest   |
| tidb_is_ddl_owner        |
| tidb_parse_tso           |
| tidb_parse_tso_logical   |
| tidb_row_checksum        |
| tidb_shard               |
| tidb_version             |
| time                     |
| time_format              |
| time_to_sec              |
| timediff                 |
| timestamp                |
| timestampadd             |
| timestampdiff            |
| to_base64                |
| to_days                  |
| to_seconds               |
| translate                |
| trim                     |
| truncate                 |
| ucase                    |
| unaryminus               |
| uncompress               |
| uncompressed_length      |
| unhex                    |
| unix_timestamp           |
```

```
| upper                       |
| user                        |
| utc_date                    |
| utc_time                    |
| utc_timestamp               |
| uuid                        |
| uuid_short                  |
| uuid_to_bin                 |
| validate_password_strength |
| version                     |
| vitess_hash                 |
| week                        |
| weekday                     |
| weekofyear                  |
| weight_string               |
| xor                         |
| year                        |
| yearweek                    |
+-----------------------------+
292 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.94.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.95 SHOW CHARACTER SET

This statement provides a static list of available character sets in TiDB. The output does not reflect any attributes of the current connection or user.

14.13.2.95.1 Synopsis

```
ShowCharsetStmt ::=
    "SHOW" ( ("CHARACTER" | "CHAR") "SET" | "CHARSET" ) ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.95.2 Examples

```
SHOW CHARACTER SET;
```

```
+---------+---------------------------------------+--------------------+--------+
    ↪
| Charset | Description                           | Default collation | Maxlen |
+---------+---------------------------------------+--------------------+--------+
    ↪
| ascii   | US ASCII                              | ascii_bin          |      1 |
| binary  | binary                                | binary             |      1 |
| gbk     | Chinese Internal Code Specification | gbk_chinese_ci | 2 |
| latin1  | Latin1                                | latin1_bin         |      1 |
| utf8    | UTF-8 Unicode                         | utf8_bin           |      3 |
| utf8mb4 | UTF-8 Unicode                         | utf8mb4_bin        |      4 |
+---------+---------------------------------------+--------------------+--------+
    ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SHOW CHARACTER SET LIKE 'utf8%';
```

```
+---------+---------------+--------------------+--------+
| Charset | Description | Default collation | Maxlen |
+---------+---------------+--------------------+--------+
| utf8    | UTF-8 Unicode | utf8_bin      |      3 |
| utf8mb4 | UTF-8 Unicode | utf8mb4_bin |      4 |
+---------+---------------+--------------------+--------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SHOW CHARACTER SET WHERE Description='UTF-8 Unicode';
```

```
+---------+---------------+--------------------+--------+
| Charset | Description | Default collation | Maxlen |
+---------+---------------+--------------------+--------+
| utf8    | UTF-8 Unicode | utf8_bin      |      3 |
| utf8mb4 | UTF-8 Unicode | utf8mb4_bin |      4 |
+---------+---------------+--------------------+--------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.95.3 MySQL compatibility

The usage of `SHOW CHARACTER SET` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. However, charsets in TiDB might have different default collations compared with MySQL. For details, refer to Compatibility with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.95.4 See also

- SHOW COLLATION
- Character Set and Collation

14.13.2.96 SHOW COLLATION

This statement provides a static list of collations, and is included to provide compatibility with MySQL client libraries.

> **Note:**
>
> Results of `SHOW COLLATION` vary when the "new collation framework" is enabled. For new collation framework details, refer to Character Set and Collation.

14.13.2.96.1 Synopsis

```
ShowCollationStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "COLLATION" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.96.2 Examples

When the new collation framework is enabled (the default), the example output is as follows:

```
SHOW COLLATION;
```

```
+--------------------+---------+-----+---------+----------+---------+---------------+
   ↪
| Collation        | Charset | Id | Default | Compiled | Sortlen | Pad_
   ↪ attribute |
+--------------------+---------+-----+---------+----------+---------+---------------+
   ↪
| ascii_bin        | ascii   |  65 | Yes     | Yes      |       1 | PAD SPACE     |
| binary           | binary  |  63 | Yes     | Yes      |       1 | NO PAD        |
| gbk_bin          | gbk     |  87 |         | Yes      |       1 | PAD SPACE     |
| gbk_chinese_ci   | gbk     |  28 | Yes     | Yes      |       1 | PAD SPACE     |
```

```
| latin1_bin         | latin1 |  47 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8_bin           | utf8   |  83 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8_general_ci    | utf8   |  33 |        | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8_unicode_ci    | utf8   | 192 |        | Yes     |       8 | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci | utf8mb4 | 255 |    | Yes     |       0 | NO PAD      |
| utf8mb4_0900_bin | utf8mb4 | 309 |      | Yes     |       1 | NO PAD      |
| utf8mb4_bin      | utf8mb4 | 46 | Yes   | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8mb4_general_ci | utf8mb4 | 45 |    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8mb4_unicode_ci | utf8mb4 | 224 |   | Yes     |       8 | PAD SPACE   |
+--------------------+---------+-----+--------+---------+---------+---------------+
   ↪
13 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

When the new collation framework is disabled, only binary collations are listed.

```
SHOW COLLATION;
```

```
+-------------+---------+----+---------+----------+---------+---------------+
   ↪
| Collation | Charset | Id | Default | Compiled | Sortlen | Pad_attribute |
+-------------+---------+----+---------+----------+---------+---------------+
   ↪
| utf8mb4_bin | utf8mb4 | 46 | Yes | Yes    |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| latin1_bin | latin1 | 47 | Yes  | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| binary     | binary | 63 | Yes  | Yes     |       1 | NO PAD      |
| ascii_bin  | ascii  | 65 | Yes  | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8_bin   | utf8   | 83 | Yes  | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| gbk_bin    | gbk    | 87 | Yes  | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
+-------------+---------+----+---------+----------+---------+---------------+
   ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

To filter on the character set, you can add a `WHERE` clause.

```
SHOW COLLATION WHERE Charset="utf8mb4";
```

```
+--
   ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+----------+---------+-------------
   ↪
| Collation       | Charset | Id | Default | Compiled | Sortlen | Pad_
   ↪ attribute |
+--
   ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+----------+---------+-------------
   ↪
| utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci | utf8mb4 | 255 |    | Yes     |       0 | NO PAD      |
| utf8mb4_0900_bin | utf8mb4 | 309 |      | Yes     |       1 | NO PAD      |
```

```
| utf8mb4_bin      | utf8mb4 | 46 | Yes   | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8mb4_general_ci | utf8mb4 | 45 |     | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8mb4_unicode_ci | utf8mb4 | 224 |    | Yes     |       8 | PAD SPACE   |
+--
    ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+---------+---------+-------------
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.001 sec)
```

14.13.2.96.3 MySQL compatibility

The usage of the `SHOW COLLATION` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. However, charsets in TiDB might have different default collations compared with MySQL. For details, refer to Compatibility with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.96.4 See also

- SHOW CHARACTER SET
- Character Set and Collation

14.13.2.97 SHOW COLUMN_STATS_USAGE

The `SHOW COLUMN_STATS_USAGE` statement shows the last usage time and collection time of column statistics. You can also use it to locate `PREDICATE COLUMNS` and columns on which statistics have been collected.

Currently, the `SHOW COLUMN_STATS_USAGE` statement returns the following columns:

Column name	Description
`Db_name`	The database name
`Table_ ↪ name`	The table name
`Partition ↪ _name`	The partition name
`Column_ ↪ name`	The column name
`Last_ ↪ used_ ↪ at`	The last time when the column statistics were used in the query optimization

Column name	Description
Last_analyzed_at	The last time when the column statistics were collected

14.13.2.97.1 Synopsis

```
ShowColumnStatsUsageStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "COLUMN_STATS_USAGE" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.97.2 Examples

```
SHOW COLUMN_STATS_USAGE;
```

```
+---------+------------+----------------+-------------+-------------+-----------------
    ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Column_name | Last_used_at | Last_
    ↪ analyzed_at |
+---------+------------+----------------+-------------+-------------+-----------------
    ↪
| test    | t1         |                | id          | NULL        | 2024-05-10
    ↪ 11:04:23 |
| test    | t1         |                | b           | NULL        | 2024-05-10
    ↪ 11:04:23 |
| test    | t1         |                | pad         | NULL        | 2024-05-10
    ↪ 11:04:23 |
| test    | t          |                | a           | NULL        | 2024-05-10
    ↪ 11:37:06 |
| test    | t          |                | b           | NULL        | 2024-05-10
    ↪ 11:37:06 |
+---------+------------+----------------+-------------+-------------+-----------------
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.97.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.97.4 See also

- ANALYZE
- Introduction to Statistics

14.13.2.98 SHOW [FULL] COLUMNS FROM

The statement `SHOW [FULL] COLUMNS FROM <table_name>` describes the columns of a table or view in a useful tabular format. The optional keyword `FULL` displays the privileges the current user has to that column, and the `comment` from the table definition.

The statements `SHOW [FULL] FIELDS FROM <table_name>`, `DESC <table_name>`, `DESCRIBE <table_name>`, and `EXPLAIN <table_name>` are aliases of this statement.

> **Note:**
>
> `DESC TABLE <table_name>`, `DESCRIBE TABLE <table_name>`, and `EXPLAIN TABLE <table_name>` are not equivalent to the above statements. They are aliases of `DESC SELECT * FROM <table_name>`.

14.13.2.98.1 Synopsis

```
ShowColumnsFromStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "FULL"? ("COLUMNS" | "FIELDS") ("FROM" | "IN") TableName ( ("FROM
        ↪ " | "IN") SchemaName)? ShowLikeOrWhere?

TableName ::=
    (Identifier ".")? Identifier

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.98.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE VIEW v1 AS SELECT 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> SHOW COLUMNS FROM v1;
+-------+--------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------+--------+------+------+---------+-------+
```

```
| 1     | bigint | YES |     | NULL    |       |
+-------+--------+-----+-----+---------+-------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DESC v1;
+-------+--------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------+--------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| 1     | bigint | YES |     | NULL    |       |
+-------+--------+------+-----+---------+-------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DESCRIBE v1;
+-------+--------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------+--------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| 1     | bigint | YES |     | NULL    |       |
+-------+-----------+------+-----+---------+-------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXPLAIN v1;
+-------+--------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------+--------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| 1     | bigint | YES |     | NULL    |       |
+-------+--------+------+-----+---------+-------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW FIELDS FROM v1;
+-------+--------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------+--------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| 1     | bigint | YES |     | NULL    |       |
+-------+--------+------+-----+---------+-------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW FULL COLUMNS FROM v1;
+--
   ↪ -----+--------+-----------+------+-----+---------+-------+----------------------
   ↪
| Field | Type | Collation | Null | Key | Default | Extra | Privileges
   ↪              | Comment |
+--
   ↪ -----+--------+-----------+------+-----+---------+-------+----------------------
   ↪
```

```
| 1    | bigint | NULL    | YES |     | NULL    |       | select,insert,update
   ↪ ,references |    |
+--
   ↪ -----+--------+----------+------+-----+---------+-------+--------------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW FULL COLUMNS FROM mysql.user;
+--
   ↪ --------------------+--------------+------------+------+-----+---------+---
   ↪
| Field                 | Type         | Collation  | Null | Key | Default |
   ↪ Extra | Privileges                | Comment |
+--
   ↪ --------------------+--------------+------------+------+-----+---------+---
   ↪
| Host                  | char(255)    | utf8mb4_bin | NO | PRI | NULL    |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| User                  | char(32)     | utf8mb4_bin | NO | PRI | NULL    |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| authentication_string | text         | utf8mb4_bin | YES |    | NULL    |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| plugin                | char(64)     | utf8mb4_bin | YES |    | NULL    |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Select_priv           | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |    | N       |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Insert_priv           | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |    | N       |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Update_priv           | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |    | N       |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Delete_priv           | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |    | N       |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Create_priv           | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |    | N       |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Drop_priv             | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |    | N       |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Process_priv          | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |    | N       |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Grant_priv            | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |    | N       |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| References_priv       | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |    | N       |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Alter_priv            | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |    | N       |
   ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Show_db_priv          | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |    | N       |
```

```
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Super_priv              | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Create_tmp_table_priv | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO | | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Lock_tables_priv    | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Execute_priv        | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Create_view_priv    | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Show_view_priv      | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Create_routine_priv | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Alter_routine_priv  | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Index_priv          | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Create_user_priv    | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Event_priv          | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Repl_slave_priv     | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Repl_client_priv    | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Trigger_priv        | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Create_role_priv    | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Drop_role_priv      | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Account_locked      | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Shutdown_priv       | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Reload_priv         | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| FILE_priv           | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Config_priv         | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO |   | N      |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
| Create_Tablespace_Priv | enum('N','Y') | utf8mb4_bin | NO | | N    |
   ↪      | select,insert,update,references |    |
```

```
| User_attributes     | json         | NULL       | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       | select,insert,update,references |    |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+--------------+------------+------+------+---------+---
    ↪
38 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.98.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW [FULL] COLUMNS FROM` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.98.4 See also

- SHOW CREATE TABLE

14.13.2.99 SHOW CONFIG

The `SHOW CONFIG` statement is used to show the current configuration of various components of TiDB. Note that the configuration and system variables act on different dimensions and should not be mixed up. If you want to obtain the system variable information, use the SHOW VARIABLES syntax.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

14.13.2.99.1 Synopsis

```
ShowConfigStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "CONFIG" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.99.2 Examples

Show all configurations:

```
SHOW CONFIG;
```

```
+------+----------------+-----------------------------------------------+-------------
   ↪
| Type | Instance     | Name                                          | Value
   ↪                                                              |
+------+----------------+-----------------------------------------------+-------------
   ↪
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4000 | advertise-address                             | 127.0.0.1
   ↪                                                          |
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4000 | binlog.binlog-socket                          |
   ↪                                                                  |
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4000 | binlog.enable                                 | false
   ↪                                                              |
...
120 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Show the configuration where the `type` is `tidb`:

```
SHOW CONFIG WHERE type = 'tidb' AND name = 'advertise-address';
```

```
+------+----------------+-------------------+-----------+
| Type | Instance     | Name            | Value    |
+------+----------------+-------------------+-----------+
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4000 | advertise-address | 127.0.0.1 |
+------+----------------+-------------------+-----------+
1 row in set (0.05 sec)
```

You can also use the `LIKE` clause to show the configuration where the `type` is `tidb`:

```
SHOW CONFIG LIKE 'tidb';
```

```
+------+----------------+-----------------------------------------------+-------------
   ↪
| Type | Instance     | Name                                          | Value
   ↪                                                              |
+------+----------------+-----------------------------------------------+-------------
   ↪
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4000 | advertise-address                             | 127.0.0.1
   ↪                                                          |
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4000 | binlog.binlog-socket                          |
   ↪                                                                  |
| tidb | 127.0.0.1:4000 | binlog.enable                                 | false
   ↪                                                              |
...
40 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.99.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.99.4 See also

- SHOW VARIABLES

14.13.2.100 SHOW CREATE DATABASE

`SHOW CREATE DATABASE` is used to show the exact SQL statement for re-creating an existing database. `SHOW CREATE SCHEMA` is a synonym for it.

14.13.2.100.1 Synopsis

ShowCreateDatabaseStmt:

```
ShowCreateDatabaseStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "CREATE" ("DATABASE" | "SCHEMA") ("IF" "NOT" "EXISTS")? DBName
```

14.13.2.100.2 Examples

```
CREATE DATABASE test;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)
```

```
SHOW CREATE DATABASE test;
```

```
+--
    ↪ --------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| Database | Create Database                                                  |
+--
    ↪ --------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| test     | CREATE DATABASE `test` /*!40100 DEFAULT CHARACTER SET utf8mb4
    ↪ */ |
+--
    ↪ --------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SHOW CREATE SCHEMA IF NOT EXISTS test;
```

```
+--
    ↪ --------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Database | Create Database
    ↪                                                                          |
+--
    ↪ --------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| test     | CREATE DATABASE /*!32312 IF NOT EXISTS*/ `test` /*!40100
    ↪ DEFAULT CHARACTER SET utf8mb4 */ |
+--
    ↪ --------+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.100.3 MySQL compatibility

`SHOW CREATE DATABASE` is expected to be fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, you can report a bug.

14.13.2.100.4 See also

- CREATE TABLE
- DROP TABLE
- SHOW TABLES
- SHOW COLUMNS FROM

14.13.2.101 SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY

`SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY` is used to show the definition of a placement policy. This can be used to see the current definition of a placement policy and recreate it in another TiDB cluster.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.101.1 Synopsis

```
ShowCreatePlacementPolicyStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "CREATE" "PLACEMENT" "POLICY" PolicyName

PolicyName ::=
    Identifier
```

14.13.2.101.2 Examples

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1 PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us
    ↪ -west-1" FOLLOWERS=4;
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT) PLACEMENT POLICY=p1;
SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1\G
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
Policy      | p1
Create Policy | CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY `p1` PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1"
    ↪ REGIONS="us-east-1,us-west-1" FOLLOWERS=4
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.101.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.101.4 See also

- Placement Rules in SQL
- SHOW PLACEMENT
- CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY
- ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY
- DROP PLACEMENT POLICY

14.13.2.102 SHOW CREATE RESOURCE GROUP

You can use the `SHOW CREATE RESOURCE GROUP` statement to view the current definition of a resource group.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.102.1 Synopsis

```
ShowCreateResourceGroupStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "CREATE" "RESOURCE" "GROUP" ResourceGroupName

ResourceGroupName ::=
    Identifier
|   "DEFAULT"
```

14.13.2.102.2 Examples

Create a resource group `rg1`.

```
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP rg1 RU_PER_SEC=100;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)
```

View the definition of `rg1`.

```
SHOW CREATE RESOURCE GROUP rg1;
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
+--
    ↪ --------------+-------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| Resource_Group | Create Resource Group                                      |
+--
    ↪ --------------+-------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| rg1            | CREATE RESOURCE GROUP `rg1` RU_PER_SEC=100 PRIORITY=MEDIUM
    ↪  |
+--
    ↪ --------------+-------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.102.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension for MySQL.

14.13.2.102.4 See also

- TiDB RESOURCE CONTROL
- CREATE RESOURCE GROUP
- ALTER RESOURCE GROUP
- DROP RESOURCE GROUP

14.13.2.103 SHOW CREATE SEQUENCE

The `SHOW CREATE SEQUENCE` shows the detailed information of a sequence, which is similar to `SHOW CREATE TABLE`.

14.13.2.103.1 Synopsis

```
ShowCreateSequenceStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "CREATE" "SEQUENCE" ( SchemaName "." )? TableName
```

14.13.2.103.2 Examples

```
CREATE SEQUENCE seq;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)
```

```
SHOW CREATE SEQUENCE seq;
```

```
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table | Create Table
    ↪
    ↪ |
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| seq   | CREATE SEQUENCE `seq` start with 1 minvalue 1 maxvalue
    ↪ 9223372036854775806 increment by 1 cache 1000 nocycle ENGINE=InnoDB |
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.103.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension. The implementation is modeled on sequences available in MariaDB.

14.13.2.103.4 See also

- CREATE SEQUENCE
- ALTER SEQUENCE
- DROP SEQUENCE

14.13.2.104 SHOW CREATE TABLE

This statement shows the exact statement to recreate an existing table using SQL.

14.13.2.104.1 Synopsis

```
ShowCreateTableStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "CREATE" "TABLE" (SchemaName ".")? TableName
```

14.13.2.104.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)

mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE t1\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: t1
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `a` int DEFAULT NULL
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.104.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.104.4 See also

- CREATE TABLE
- DROP TABLE
- SHOW TABLES
- SHOW COLUMNS FROM

14.13.2.105 SHOW CREATE USER

This statement shows how to re-create a user using the `CREATE USER` syntax.

14.13.2.105.1 Synopsis

```
ShowCreateUserStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "CREATE" "USER" (Username ("@" Hostname)? | "CURRENT_USER" ( "("
        ↪ ")" )? )
```

14.13.2.105.2 Examples

```
mysql> SHOW CREATE USER 'root';
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| CREATE USER for root@%
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| CREATE USER 'root'@'%' IDENTIFIED WITH 'mysql_native_password' AS ''
    ↪ REQUIRE NONE PASSWORD EXPIRE DEFAULT ACCOUNT UNLOCK |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'root';
+-----------------------------------------+
| Grants for root@%                       |
+-----------------------------------------+
| GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* TO 'root'@'%' |
+-----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.105.3 MySQL compatibility

- The output of `SHOW CREATE USER` is designed to match MySQL, but several of the `CREATE` options are not yet supported by TiDB. Not yet supported options will be parsed but ignored. See Security compatibility for more details.

14.13.2.105.4 See also

- CREATE USER
- SHOW GRANTS
- DROP USER

14.13.2.106 SHOW DATABASES

This statement shows a list of databases that the current user has privileges to. Databases which the current user does not have access to will appear hidden from the list. The `information_schema` database always appears first in the list of databases.

`SHOW SCHEMAS` is an alias of this statement.

14.13.2.106.1 Synopsis

```
ShowDatabasesStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "DATABASES" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.106.2 Examples

```
mysql> SHOW DATABASES;
+--------------------+
| Database           |
+--------------------+
| INFORMATION_SCHEMA |
| PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA |
| mysql              |
| test               |
+--------------------+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> CREATE DATABASE mynewdb;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

mysql> SHOW DATABASES;
+--------------------+
| Database           |
+--------------------+
| INFORMATION_SCHEMA |
| PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA |
| mynewdb            |
| mysql              |
| test               |
+--------------------+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.106.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW DATABASES` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.106.4 See also

- SHOW SCHEMAS
- DROP DATABASE
- CREATE DATABASE
- INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SCHEMATA

14.13.2.107 SHOW ENGINES

This statement is used to list all supported storage engines. The syntax is included only for compatibility with MySQL.

14.13.2.107.1 Synopsis

```
ShowEnginesStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "ENGINES" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.107.2 Examples

```
mysql> SHOW ENGINES;
+--
    ↪ ------+---------+----------------------------------------------------------------+--
    ↪
| Engine | Support | Comment                                                        |
    ↪ Transactions | XA | Savepoints |
+--
    ↪ ------+---------+----------------------------------------------------------------+--
    ↪
| InnoDB | DEFAULT | Supports transactions, row-level locking, and foreign
    ↪ keys | YES | YES | YES    |
+--
    ↪ ------+---------+----------------------------------------------------------------+--
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.107.3 MySQL compatibility

- This statement will always only return InnoDB as the supported engine. Internally, TiDB will typically use TiKV as the storage engine.

14.13.2.108 SHOW ERRORS

This statement shows errors from previously executed statements. The error buffer is cleared as soon as a statement executes successfully. In which case, `SHOW ERRORS` will return an empty set.

The behavior of which statements generate errors vs. warnings is highly influenced by the current `sql_mode`.

14.13.2.108.1 Synopsis

```
ShowErrorsStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "ERRORS" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.108.2 Examples

```
mysql> select invalid;
ERROR 1054 (42S22): Unknown column 'invalid' in 'field list'
mysql> create invalid;
ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual
    ↪ that corresponds to your TiDB version for the right syntax to use
    ↪ line 1 column 14 near "invalid"
mysql> SHOW ERRORS;
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Error | 1054 | Unknown column 'invalid' in 'field list'
    ↪
    ↪ |
| Error | 1064 | You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual
    ↪ that corresponds to your TiDB version for the right syntax to use
    ↪ line 1 column 14 near "invalid" |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> CREATE invalid2;
ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual
    ↪ that corresponds to your TiDB version for the right syntax to use
    ↪ line 1 column 15 near "invalid2"
mysql> SELECT 1;
+------+
| 1    |
+------+
|    1 |
+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW ERRORS;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.108.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW ERRORS` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.108.4 See also

- SHOW WARNINGS

14.13.2.109 SHOW [FULL] FIELDS FROM

This statement is an alias to `SHOW [FULL] COLUMNS FROM`. It is included for compatibility with MySQL.

14.13.2.110 SHOW GRANTS

This statement shows a list of privileges associated with a user. As in MySQL, the `USAGE` privileges denotes the ability to login to TiDB.

14.13.2.110.1 Synopsis

```
ShowGrantsStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "GRANTS" ("FOR" Username ("USING" RolenameList)?)?

Username ::=
    "CURRENT_USER" ( "(" ")" )?
| Username ("@" Hostname)?
```

```
RolenameList ::=
    Rolename ("@" Hostname)? ("," Rolename ("@" Hostname)? )*
```

14.13.2.110.2 Examples

```
mysql> SHOW GRANTS;
+----------------------------------------+
| Grants for User                        |
+----------------------------------------+
| GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* TO 'root'@'%' |
+----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'u1';
ERROR 1141 (42000): There is no such grant defined for user 'u1' on host '%
    ↪ '
mysql> CREATE USER u1;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.04 sec)

mysql> GRANT SELECT ON test.* TO u1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.04 sec)

mysql> SHOW GRANTS FOR u1;
+-----------------------------------+
| Grants for u1@%                   |
+-----------------------------------+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'u1'@'%' |
| GRANT Select ON test.* TO 'u1'@'%' |
+-----------------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.110.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW GRANTS` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.110.4 See also

- SHOW CREATE USER
- GRANT

14.13.2.111 SHOW IMPORT

The `SHOW IMPORT` statement is used to show the IMPORT jobs created in TiDB. This statement can only show jobs created by the current user.

14.13.2.111.1 Required privileges

- `SHOW IMPORT JOBS`: if a user has the `SUPER` privilege, this statement shows all import jobs in TiDB. Otherwise, this statement only shows jobs created by the current user.
- `SHOW IMPORT JOB <job-id>`: only the creator of an import job or users with the `SUPER` privilege can use this statement to view a specific job.

14.13.2.111.2 Synopsis

```
ShowImportJobsStmt ::=
    'SHOW' 'IMPORT' 'JOBS'

ShowImportJobStmt ::=
    'SHOW' 'IMPORT' 'JOB' JobID
```

The output fields of the `SHOW IMPORT` statement are described as follows:

Column	Description
Job_ID	The ID of the task
Data_Source	Information about the data source
Target_Table	The name of the target table
Phase	The current phase of the job, including `importing`, `validating`, and `add-index`
Status	The current status of the job, including `pending` (means created but not started yet), `running`, `canceled`, `failed`, and `finished`
Source_File_Size	The size of the source file
Imported_Rows	The number of data rows that have been read and written to the target table
Result_Message	If the import fails, this field returns the error message. Otherwise, it is empty.
Create_Time	The time when the task is created
Start_Time	The time when the task is started

Column	Description
End_Time	The time when the task is ended
Created_By	The name of the database user who creates the task

14.13.2.111.3 Example

```
SHOW IMPORT JOBS;
```

```
+--------+-------------------+-------------+----------+-------+----------+-------------
   ↪
| Job_ID | Data_Source    | Target_Table | Table_ID | Phase | Status |
   ↪ Source_File_Size | Imported_Rows | Result_Message | Create_Time  |
   ↪ Start_Time              | End_Time                | Created_By |
+--------+-------------------+-------------+----------+-------+----------+-------------
   ↪
|      1 | /path/to/file.csv | `test`.`foo` | 116 |      | finished | 11GB
   ↪          |       950000 |              | 2023-06-26 11:23:59.281257 |
   ↪ 2023-06-26 11:23:59.484932 | 2023-06-26 13:04:30.622952 | root@% |
|      2 | /path/to/file.csv | `test`.`bar` | 130 |      | finished | 1.194TB
   ↪        |     49995000 |              | 2023-06-26 15:42:45.079237 |
   ↪ 2023-06-26 15:42:45.388108 | 2023-06-26 17:29:43.023568 | root@% |
+--------+-------------------+-------------+----------+-------+----------+-------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
SHOW IMPORT JOB 60001;
```

```
+--------+-------------------+-------------+----------+-------+---------+-------------
   ↪
| Job_ID | Data_Source     | Target_Table | Table_ID | Phase | Status |
   ↪ Source_File_Size | Imported_Rows | Result_Message | Create_Time |
   ↪ Start_Time | End_Time | Created_By |
+--------+-------------------+-------------+----------+-------+---------+-------------
   ↪
|  60001 | /path/to/small.csv | `test`.`t` |  361 |      | pending | 16B
   ↪           |         NULL |              | 2023-06-08 15:59:37.047703 |
   ↪ NULL  | NULL    | root@%    |
+--------+-------------------+-------------+----------+-------+---------+-------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.111.4 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.111.5 See also

- IMPORT INTO
- CANCEL IMPORT JOB

14.13.2.112 SHOW INDEXES [FROM|IN]

The statement `SHOW INDEXES [FROM|IN]` lists the indexes on a specified table. The statements `SHOW INDEX [FROM|IN]`, `SHOW KEYS [FROM|IN]` are aliases of this statement, and included for compatibility with MySQL.

14.13.2.112.1 Synopsis

```
ShowIndexStmt ::=
    "SHOW" ( "INDEX" | "INDEXES" | "KEYS" ) ("FROM" | "IN" ) TableName (("
        ↪ FROM" | "IN") SchemaName )? ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.112.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id int not null primary key AUTO_INCREMENT, col1
    ↪ INT, INDEX(col1));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)

mysql> SHOW INDEXES FROM t1;
+--
    ↪ -----+------------+----------+--------------+-------------+-----------+---------
    ↪
| Table | Non_unique | Key_name | Seq_in_index | Column_name | Collation |
    ↪ Cardinality | Sub_part | Packed | Null | Index_type | Comment | Index
    ↪ _comment | Visible | Expression |
+--
    ↪ -----+------------+----------+--------------+-------------+-----------+---------
    ↪
| t1    |          0 | PRIMARY |            1 | id          | A         |           0
    ↪  |     NULL | NULL |      | BTREE      |             |               | YES     |
    ↪ NULL       |
```

```
| t1    |          1 | col1     |            1 | col1       | A         |           0
    ↪  |    NULL | NULL | YES | BTREE     |         |               | YES    |
    ↪ NULL       |
+--
    ↪ -----+-----------+---------+------------+-----------+---------+--------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW INDEX FROM t1;
+--
    ↪ -----+-----------+---------+------------+-----------+---------+--------
    ↪
| Table | Non_unique | Key_name | Seq_in_index | Column_name | Collation |
    ↪ Cardinality | Sub_part | Packed | Null | Index_type | Comment | Index
    ↪ _comment | Visible | Expression |
+--
    ↪ -----+-----------+---------+------------+-----------+---------+--------
    ↪
| t1    |          0 | PRIMARY  |            1 | id         | A         |           0
    ↪  |    NULL | NULL |      | BTREE     |         |               | YES    |
    ↪ NULL       |
| t1    |          1 | col1     |            1 | col1       | A         |           0
    ↪  |    NULL | NULL | YES | BTREE     |         |               | YES    |
    ↪ NULL       |
+--
    ↪ -----+-----------+---------+------------+-----------+---------+--------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW KEYS FROM t1;
+--
    ↪ -----+-----------+---------+------------+-----------+---------+--------
    ↪
| Table | Non_unique | Key_name | Seq_in_index | Column_name | Collation |
    ↪ Cardinality | Sub_part | Packed | Null | Index_type | Comment | Index
    ↪ _comment | Visible | Expression |
+--
    ↪ -----+-----------+---------+------------+-----------+---------+--------
    ↪
| t1    |          0 | PRIMARY  |            1 | id         | A         |           0
    ↪  |    NULL | NULL |      | BTREE     |         |               | YES    |
    ↪ NULL       |
| t1    |          1 | col1     |            1 | col1       | A         |           0
    ↪  |    NULL | NULL | YES | BTREE     |         |               | YES    |
    ↪ NULL       |
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----+-----------+---------+-------------+------------+---------+--------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Note that TiDB accepts index types such as `HASH`, `BTREE` and `RTREE` in syntax for compatibility with MySQL, but ignores them.

14.13.2.112.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW INDEXES [FROM|IN]` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.112.4 See also

- SHOW CREATE TABLE
- DROP INDEX
- CREATE INDEX
- `information_schema.TIDB_INDEXES`
- `information_schema.TIDB_INDEX_USAGE`
- `information_schema.KEY_COLUMN_USAGE`
- `sys.schema_unused_indexes`

14.13.2.113 SHOW MASTER STATUS

The `SHOW MASTER STATUS` statement displays the latest TSO in the cluster.

14.13.2.113.1 Examples

```
SHOW MASTER STATUS;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------+-------------------+-------------+-----------------+-----------
    ↪
| File       | Position          | Binlog_Do_DB | Binlog_Ignore_DB | Executed_
    ↪ Gtid_Set |
+--
    ↪ ----------+-------------------+-------------+-----------------+-----------
    ↪
| tidb-binlog | 416916363252072450 |              |                  |
    ↪                  |
+--
    ↪ ----------+-------------------+-------------+-----------------+-----------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.113.2 MySQL compatibility

The output of `SHOW MASTER STATUS` is designed to match MySQL. However, the execution results are different in that the MySQL result is the binlog location information and the TiDB result is the latest TSO information.

The `SHOW BINARY LOG STATUS` statement was added in TiDB as an alias for `SHOW MASTER STATUS`, which has been deprecated in MySQL 8.2.0 and newer versions.

14.13.2.114 SHOW PLACEMENT

`SHOW PLACEMENT` summarizes all placement options from placement policies, and presents them in canonical form.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

The statement returns a result set in which the `Scheduling_State` field indicates the current progress that the Placement Driver (PD) has made in scheduling the placement:

- `PENDING`: The PD has not yet started scheduling the placement. This might indicate that the placement rules are semantically correct, but cannot currently be satisfied by the cluster. For example, if `FOLLOWERS=4` but there are only 3 TiKV stores which are candidates for followers.
- `INPROGRESS`: The PD is currently scheduling the placement.
- `SCHEDULED`: The PD has successfully scheduled the placement.

14.13.2.114.1 Synopsis

```
ShowStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "PLACEMENT" ShowLikeOrWhere?
```

14.13.2.114.2 Examples

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1 PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us
    ↪ -west-1" FOLLOWERS=4;
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT) PLACEMENT POLICY=p1;
SHOW PLACEMENT;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
+---------------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| Target      | Placement
   ↪                                                          | Scheduling_State
   ↪ |
+---------------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| POLICY p1   | PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us-west-1"
   ↪ FOLLOWERS=4 | NULL  |
| DATABASE test | PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us-west-1"
   ↪ FOLLOWERS=4 | INPROGRESS |
| TABLE test.t1 | PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us-west-1"
   ↪ FOLLOWERS=4 | INPROGRESS |
+---------------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.114.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.114.4 See also

- Placement Rules in SQL
- SHOW PLACEMENT FOR
- CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY

14.13.2.115 SHOW PLACEMENT FOR

`SHOW PLACEMENT FOR` summarizes all placement options, and presents them in the canonical form for a specific table, database schema, or partition.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

The statement returns a result set in which the `Scheduling_State` field indicates the current progress that the Placement Driver (PD) has made in scheduling the placement:

- `PENDING`: The PD has not yet started scheduling the placement. This might indicate that the placement rules are semantically correct, but cannot currently be satisfied by the cluster. For example, if `FOLLOWERS=4` but there are only 3 TiKV stores that are candidates for followers.
- `INPROGRESS`: The PD is currently scheduling the placement.
- `SCHEDULED`: The PD has successfully scheduled the placement.

14.13.2.115.1 Synopsis

```
ShowStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "PLACEMENT" "FOR" ShowPlacementTarget

ShowPlacementTarget ::=
    DatabaseSym DBName
|   "TABLE" TableName
|   "TABLE" TableName "PARTITION" Identifier
```

14.13.2.115.2 Examples

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1 PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us
    ↪ -west-1" FOLLOWERS=4;
ALTER DATABASE test PLACEMENT POLICY=p1;
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT);
SHOW PLACEMENT FOR DATABASE test;
SHOW PLACEMENT FOR TABLE t1;
SHOW CREATE TABLE t1\G
CREATE TABLE t3 (a INT) PARTITION BY RANGE (a) (PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS
    ↪ THAN (10), PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (20));
SHOW PLACEMENT FOR TABLE t3 PARTITION p1\G
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

+---------------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| Target      | Placement
    ↪                                                          | Scheduling_State
    ↪ |
+---------------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| DATABASE test | PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us-west-1"
    ↪ FOLLOWERS=4 | INPROGRESS |
```

```
+--------------+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

+--------------+------------+-----------------+
| Target       | Placement  | Scheduling_State |
+--------------+------------+-----------------+
| TABLE test.t1 | FOLLOWERS=4 | INPROGRESS |
+--------------+------------+-----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
Table       | t1
Create Table | CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `a` int DEFAULT NULL
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin /*T![placement]
    ↪ PLACEMENT POLICY=`p1` */
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
Target          | TABLE test.t3 PARTITION p1
Placement       | PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us-west-1"
    ↪ FOLLOWERS=4
Scheduling_State | PENDING
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.115.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.115.4 See also

- Placement Rules in SQL
- SHOW PLACEMENT
- CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY

14.13.2.116 SHOW PLACEMENT LABELS

`SHOW PLACEMENT LABELS` is used to summarize the labels and values that are available for Placement Rules.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.116.1 Synopsis

```
ShowStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "PLACEMENT" "LABELS" ShowLikeOrWhere?
```

14.13.2.116.2 Examples

```
SHOW PLACEMENT LABELS;
```

```
+--------+----------------+
| Key    | Values         |
+--------+----------------+
| region | ["us-east-1"] |
| zone   | ["us-east-1a"] |
+--------+----------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.116.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.116.4 See also

- Placement Rules in SQL
- SHOW PLACEMENT
- CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY

14.13.2.117 SHOW PLUGINS

`SHOW PLUGINS` shows all plugins installed in TiDB, including each plugin's status and version information.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.117.1 Synopsis

```
ShowPluginsStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "PLUGINS" ShowLikeOrWhere?
```

14.13.2.117.2 Examples

```
SHOW PLUGINS;
```

```
+-------+--------------+-------+-----------------------------+---------+---------+
    ↪
| Name | Status      | Type | Library                    | License | Version |
+-------+--------------+-------+-----------------------------+---------+---------+
    ↪
| audit | Ready-enable | Audit | /tmp/tidb/plugin/audit-1.so | | 1     |
+-------+--------------+-------+-----------------------------+---------+---------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.000 sec)
```

```
SHOW PLUGINS LIKE 'a%';
```

```
+-------+--------------+-------+-----------------------------+---------+---------+
    ↪
| Name | Status      | Type | Library                    | License | Version |
+-------+--------------+-------+-----------------------------+---------+---------+
    ↪
| audit | Ready-enable | Audit | /tmp/tidb/plugin/audit-1.so | | 1     |
+-------+--------------+-------+-----------------------------+---------+---------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.000 sec)
```

14.13.2.117.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW PLUGINS` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.117.4 See also

- `ADMIN PLUGINS`

14.13.2.118 SHOW PRIVILEGES

This statement shows a list of assignable privileges in TiDB. It is a static list, and does not reflect the privileges of the current user.

14.13.2.118.1 Synopsis

```
ShowPrivilegesStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "PRIVILEGES"
```

14.13.2.118.2 Examples

```
SHOW PRIVILEGES;
```

```
+---------------------------------+-----------------------------------------+-------------
    ↪
| Privilege                       | Context                                 | Comment
    ↪                                          |
+---------------------------------+-----------------------------------------+-------------
    ↪
| Alter                           | Tables                                  | To alter
    ↪ the table                                |
| Alter routine                   | Functions,Procedures                    | To alter
    ↪ or drop stored functions/procedures    |
| Config                          | Server Admin                            | To use
    ↪ SHOW CONFIG and SET CONFIG statements    |
| Create                          | Databases,Tables,Indexes                | To create
    ↪  new databases and tables                |
| Create routine                  | Databases                               | To use
    ↪ CREATE FUNCTION/PROCEDURE                 |
| Create role                     | Server Admin                            | To create
    ↪  new roles                               |
| Create temporary tables         | Databases                               | To use
    ↪ CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE                    |
| Create view                     | Tables                                  | To create
    ↪  new views                               |
| Create user                     | Server Admin                            | To create
    ↪  new users                               |
| Delete                          | Tables                                  | To delete
    ↪  existing rows                           |
| Drop                            | Databases,Tables                        | To drop
    ↪ databases, tables, and views             |
| Drop role                       | Server Admin                            | To drop
    ↪ roles                                    |
| Event                           | Server Admin                            | To create
    ↪ , alter, drop and execute events       |
| Execute                         | Functions,Procedures                    | To
    ↪ execute stored routines                        |
| File                            | File access on server                   | To read
    ↪ and write files on the server            |
```

```
| Grant option                | Databases,Tables,Functions,Procedures | To
   ↪ give to other users those privileges you possess |
| Index                       | Tables                                | To create
   ↪  or drop indexes                                  |
| Insert                      | Tables                                | To insert
   ↪  data into tables                                 |
| Lock tables                 | Databases                             | To use
   ↪ LOCK TABLES (together with SELECT privilege) |
| Process                     | Server Admin                          | To view
   ↪ the plain text of currently executing queries |
| Proxy                       | Server Admin                          | To make
   ↪ proxy user possible                               |
| References                  | Databases,Tables                      | To have
   ↪ references on tables                              |
| Reload                      | Server Admin                          | To reload
   ↪  or refresh tables, logs and privileges |
| Replication client          | Server Admin                          | To ask
   ↪ where the slave or master servers are   |
| Replication slave           | Server Admin                          | To read
   ↪ binary log events from the master      |
| Select                      | Tables                                | To
   ↪ retrieve rows from table                          |
| Show databases              | Server Admin                          | To see
   ↪ all databases with SHOW DATABASES       |
| Show view                   | Tables                                | To see
   ↪ views with SHOW CREATE VIEW             |
| Shutdown                    | Server Admin                          | To shut
   ↪ down the server                                   |
| Super                       | Server Admin                          | To use
   ↪ KILL thread, SET GLOBAL, CHANGE MASTER, etc. |
| Trigger                     | Tables                                | To use
   ↪ triggers                                          |
| Create tablespace           | Server Admin                          | To create
   ↪ /alter/drop tablespaces                           |
| Update                      | Tables                                | To update
   ↪  existing rows                                    |
| Usage                       | Server Admin                          | No
   ↪ privileges - allow connect only                   |
| BACKUP_ADMIN                | Server Admin                          |
   ↪                                                                |
| RESTORE_ADMIN               | Server Admin                          |
   ↪                                                                |
| SYSTEM_USER                 | Server Admin                          |
   ↪                                                                |
```

```
| SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN      | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
| ROLE_ADMIN                  | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
| CONNECTION_ADMIN            | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
| PLACEMENT_ADMIN             | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
| DASHBOARD_CLIENT            | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
| RESTRICTED_TABLES_ADMIN     | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
| RESTRICTED_STATUS_ADMIN     | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
| RESTRICTED_VARIABLES_ADMIN  | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
| RESTRICTED_USER_ADMIN       | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
| RESTRICTED_CONNECTION_ADMIN | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
| RESTRICTED_REPLICA_WRITER_ADMIN | Server Admin                |
  ↪                                                  |
| RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN        | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
| RESOURCE_GROUP_USER         | Server Admin                    |
  ↪                                                  |
+-------------------------------+-------------------------------------+-------------
  ↪
50 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.118.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW PRIVILEGES` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.118.4 See also

- SHOW GRANTS
- Privilege Management
- `GRANT <privileges>`

14.13.2.119 SHOW [FULL] PROCESSLIST

This statement lists the current sessions connected to the same TiDB server. The `Info` column contains the query text, which will be truncated unless the optional keyword `FULL` is specified.

14.13.2.119.1 Synopsis

```
ShowProcesslistStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "FULL"? "PROCESSLIST"
```

14.13.2.119.2 Examples

```
mysql> SHOW PROCESSLIST;
+--
    ↪ ----+------+----------------+------+---------+------+-----------+------------
    ↪
| Id   | User | Host          | db   | Command | Time | State   | Info
    ↪           |
+--
    ↪ ----+------+----------------+------+---------+------+-----------+------------
    ↪
|    5 | root | 127.0.0.1:45970 | test | Query | 0 | autocommit | SHOW
    ↪ PROCESSLIST |
+--
    ↪ ----+------+----------------+------+---------+------+-----------+------------
    ↪
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.119.3 MySQL compatibility

- The `State` column in TiDB is non-descriptive. Representing state as a single value is more complex in TiDB, since queries are executed in parallel and each goroutine will have a different state at any one time.

14.13.2.119.4 See also

- KILL [TIDB]
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PROCESSLIST`

14.13.2.120 SHOW PROFILES

The `SHOW PROFILES` statement currently only returns an empty result.

14.13.2.120.1 Synopsis

```
ShowProfilesStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "PROFILES" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.120.2 Examples

```
SHOW PROFILES;
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.120.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is included only for compatibility with MySQL. Executing `SHOW PROFILES` always returns an empty result.

As an alternative, TiDB provides statement summary tables to help understand SQL performance issues.

14.13.2.121 SHOW SCHEMAS

This statement is an alias to `SHOW DATABASES`. It is included for compatibility with MySQL.

14.13.2.122 SHOW STATS_BUCKETS

The `SHOW STATS_BUCKETS` statement shows the bucket information in statistics.

Currently, the `SHOW STATS_BUCKETS` statement returns the following columns:

Column name	Description
`Db_name`	The database name
`Table_name`	The table name
`Partition_name`	The partition name

Column name	Description
`Column_name`	The column name (when `is_index` is `0`) or the index name (when `is_index` is `1`)
`Is_index`	Whether it is an index column or not
`Bucket_id`	The ID of a bucket
`Count`	The number of all the values that falls on the bucket and the previous buckets
`Repeats`	The occurrence number of the maximum value
`Lower_bound`	The minimum value
`Upper_bound`	The maximum value
`Ndv`	The number of distinct values in the bucket. This field is deprecated and always shows `0` due to its inaccurate value.

14.13.2.122.1 Synopsis

```
ShowStatsBucketsStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "STATS_BUCKETS" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.122.2 Examples

```
SHOW STATS_BUCKETS WHERE Table_name='t';
```

```
+---------+------------+----------------+-------------+----------+-----------+-------+--
   ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Column_name | Is_index | Bucket_id
   ↪  | Count | Repeats | Lower_Bound | Upper_Bound         | Ndv |
+---------+------------+----------------+-------------+----------+-----------+-------+--
   ↪
| test    | t          |                | a           |        0 |         0 |     1 |
   ↪       1 | 2023-12-27 00:00:00   | 2023-12-27 00:00:00   |    0 |
| test    | t          |                | a           |        0 |         1 |     2 |
   ↪       1 | 2023-12-28 00:00:00   | 2023-12-28 00:00:00   |    0 |
| test    | t          |                | ia          |        1 |         0 |     1 |
   ↪       1 | (NULL, 2)             | (NULL, 2)             |    0 |
| test    | t          |                | ia          |        1 |         1 |     2 |
   ↪       1 | (NULL, 4)             | (NULL, 4)             |    0 |
| test    | t          |                | ia          |        1 |         2 |     3 |
   ↪       1 | (2023-12-27 00:00:00, 1) | (2023-12-27 00:00:00, 1) | 0 |
| test    | t          |                | ia          |        1 |         3 |     4 |
   ↪       1 | (2023-12-28 00:00:00, 3) | (2023-12-28 00:00:00, 3) | 0 |
+---------+------------+----------------+-------------+----------+-----------+-------+--
   ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.122.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.122.4 See also

- ANALYZE
- Introduction to Statistics

14.13.2.123 SHOW STATS_HEALTHY

The `SHOW STATS_HEALTHY` statement shows an estimation of how accurate statistics are believed to be. Tables with a low percentage health may generate sub-optimal query execution plans.

The health of a table can be improved by running the `ANALYZE` statement. `ANALYZE` runs automatically when the health drops below the `tidb_auto_analyze_ratio` threshold.

Currently, the `SHOW STATS_HEALTHY` statement returns the following columns:

Column name	Description
Db_name	The database name
Table_name	The table name
Partition_name	The partition name
Healthy	The healthy percentage between 0 and 100

14.13.2.123.1 Synopsis

```
ShowStatsHealthyStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "STATS_HEALTHY" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.123.2 Examples

Load example data and run `ANALYZE`:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment,
 b INT NOT NULL,
 pad VARBINARY(255),
 INDEX(b)
);

INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255) FROM dual
    ↪ ;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255) FROM t1 a
    ↪  JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255) FROM t1 a
    ↪  JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255) FROM t1 a
    ↪  JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255) FROM t1 a
    ↪  JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255) FROM t1 a
    ↪  JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(255) FROM t1 a
    ↪  JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT 100000;
SELECT SLEEP(1);
ANALYZE TABLE t1;
SHOW STATS_HEALTHY; # should be 100% healthy
```

```
...
mysql> SHOW STATS_HEALTHY;
+---------+------------+----------------+---------+
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Healthy |
+---------+------------+----------------+---------+
| test    | t1         |                |     100 |
+---------+------------+----------------+---------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Perform a bulk update deleting approximately 30% of the records. Check the health of the statistics:

```
DELETE FROM t1 WHERE id BETWEEN 101010 AND 201010; # delete about 30% of
    ↪ records
SHOW STATS_HEALTHY;
```

```
mysql> SHOW STATS_HEALTHY;
+---------+------------+----------------+---------+
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Healthy |
+---------+------------+----------------+---------+
| test    | t1         |                |      50 |
+---------+------------+----------------+---------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.123.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.123.4 See also

- ANALYZE
- Introduction to Statistics

14.13.2.124 SHOW STATS_HISTOGRAMS

This statement shows the histogram information collected by the `ANALYZE` statement as part of database statistics.

Currently, the `SHOW STATS_HISTOGRAMS` statement returns the following columns:

Column name	Description
`Db_name`	Database name

Column name	Description
`Table_name`	The table name
`Partition_name`	The partition name
`Column_name`	The column name (when `is_index` is `0`) or the index name (when `is_index` is `1`)
`Is_index`	Whether it is an index column or not
`Update_time`	The update time
`Distinct_count`	The distinct count
`Null_count`	NULL count
`Avg_col_size`	The average col size
`Correlation`	Pearson correlation coefficient between this column and the integer primary key column, indicating the degree of association between the two columns
`Load_status`	Load status, such as `allEvicted` and `allLoaded`

Column name	Description
Total_mem_usage	The total memory usage
Hist_mem_usage	The historical memory usage
Topn_mem_usage	The TopN memory usage
Cms_mem_usage	The CMS memory usage

14.13.2.124.1 Synopsis

```
ShowStatsHistogramsStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "STATS_HISTOGRAMS" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.124.2 Examples

```
SHOW STATS_HISTOGRAMS;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+-------------+---------+----------------
    ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Column_name | Is_index | Update_
    ↪ time | Distinct_count | Null_count | Avg_col_size | Correlation |
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+-------------+---------+----------------
    ↪
| test   | t          |                | a           |        0 | 2020-05-25
    ↪ 19:20:00 |              7 |            0 |            1 |              1 |
| test   | t2         |                | a           |        0 | 2020-05-25
    ↪ 19:20:01 |              6 |            0 |            8 |              0 |
| test   | t2         |                | b           |        0 | 2020-05-25
    ↪ 19:20:01 |              6 |            0 |         1.67 |              1 |
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+-------------+---------+----------------
    ↪
```

```
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SHOW STATS_HISTOGRAMS WHERE table_name = 't2';
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+------------+---------+-----------------
   ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Column_name | Is_index | Update_
   ↪ time | Distinct_count | Null_count | Avg_col_size | Correlation |
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+------------+---------+-----------------
   ↪
| test   | t2         |                | b          |        0 | 2020-05-25
   ↪ 19:20:01 |         6 |          0 |        1.67 |           1 |
| test   | t2         |                | a          |        0 | 2020-05-25
   ↪ 19:20:01 |         6 |          0 |           8 |           0 |
+--
   ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+------------+---------+-----------------
   ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.124.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.124.4 See also

- ANALYZE
- Introduction to Statistics

14.13.2.125 SHOW STATS_LOCKED

`SHOW STATS_LOCKED` shows the tables whose statistics are locked.

Currently, the `SHOW STATS_LOCKED` statement returns the following columns:

Column name	Description
`Db_name`	The database name
`Table_name`	The table name
`Partition_name`	The partition name
`Status`	The statistics status, such as `locked`

14.13.2.125.1 Synopsis

```
ShowStatsLockedStmt ::= 'SHOW' 'STATS_LOCKED' ShowLikeOrWhereOpt

ShowLikeOrWhereOpt ::= 'LIKE' SimpleExpr | 'WHERE' Expression
```

14.13.2.125.2 Examples

Create table `t`, and insert data into it. When the statistics of table `t` are not locked, the `ANALYZE` statement can be successfully executed.

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t VALUES (1,2), (3,4), (5,6), (7,8);
Query OK, 4 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 4 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.02 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
   ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Level | Code | Message
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Note | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
   ↪ test.t, reason to use this rate is "Row count in stats_meta is much
   ↪ smaller compared with the row count got by PD, use min(1, 15000/4) as
   ↪  the sample-rate=1" |
+--
   ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Lock the statistics of table `t` and execute `SHOW STATS_LOCKED`. The output shows that the statistics of table `t` have been locked.

```
mysql> LOCK STATS t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW STATS_LOCKED;
```

```
+---------+-----------+---------------+--------+
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Status |
+---------+-----------+---------------+--------+
| test    | t         |               | locked |
+---------+-----------+---------------+--------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.125.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.125.4 See also

- Statistics
- LOCK STATS
- UNLOCK STATS

14.13.2.126 SHOW STATS_META

You can use `SHOW STATS_META` to view how many rows are in a table and how many rows are changed in that table. When using this statement, you can filter the needed information by the `ShowLikeOrWhere` clause.

Currently, the `SHOW STATS_META` statement outputs 6 columns:

Column name	Description
db_name	Database name
table_name	Table name
partition_name	Partition name
update_time	Last updated time
modify_count	The number of rows modified
row_count	The total row count

Note:

The `update_time` is updated when TiDB updates the `modify_count` and `row ↪ _count` fields according to DML statements. So `update_time` is not the last execution time of the `ANALYZE` statement.

14.13.2.126.1 Synopsis

```
ShowStatsMetaStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "STATS_META" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.126.2 Examples

```
SHOW STATS_META;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+--------------+-----
    ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Update_time | Modify_count | Row_
    ↪ count |
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+--------------+-----
    ↪
| test   | t0         |                | 2020-05-15 16:58:00 |        0 |
    ↪        0 |
| test   | t1         |                | 2020-05-15 16:58:04 |        0 |
    ↪        0 |
| test   | t2         |                | 2020-05-15 16:58:11 |        0 |
    ↪        0 |
| test   | s          |                | 2020-05-22 19:46:43 |        0 |
    ↪        0 |
| test   | t          |                | 2020-05-25 12:04:21 |        0 |
    ↪        0 |
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+--------------+-----
    ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SHOW STATS_META WHERE table_name = 't2';
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+--------------+-----
    ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Update_time | Modify_count | Row_
    ↪ count |
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+--------------+-----
    ↪
```

```
| test   | t2        |                | 2020-05-15 16:58:11 |        0 |
    ↪         0 |
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+----------+-----
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.126.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.126.4 See also

- ANALYZE
- Introduction to Statistics

14.13.2.127 SHOW STATS_TOPN

The `SHOW STATS_TOPN` statement shows the Top-N information in statistics.

Currently, the `SHOW STATS_TOPN` statement returns the following columns:

Column name	Description
`Db_name`	The database name
`Table_name`	The table name
`Partition_name`	The partition name

Column name	Description
`Column_name`	The column name (when `is_index` is `0`) or the index name (when `is_index` is `1`)
`Is_index`	Whether it is an index column or not
`Value`	The value of this column
`Count`	How many times the value appears

14.13.2.127.1 Synopsis

```
ShowStatsTopnStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "STATS_TOPN" ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.127.2 Example

```
SHOW STATS_TOPN WHERE Table_name='t';
```

```
+---------+------------+----------------+-------------+----------+----------------------
    ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Column_name | Is_index | Value
    ↪         | Count |
+---------+------------+----------------+-------------+----------+----------------------
    ↪
| test    | t          |                | a           |        0 | 2023-12-27
    ↪ 00:00:00   |     1 |
| test    | t          |                | a           |        0 | 2023-12-28
    ↪ 00:00:00   |     1 |
| test    | t          |                | ia          |        1 | (NULL, 2)
    ↪              |     1 |
| test    | t          |                | ia          |        1 | (NULL, 4)
    ↪              |     1 |
| test    | t          |                | ia          |        1 | (2023-12-27
    ↪ 00:00:00, 1) | 1 |
| test    | t          |                | ia          |        1 | (2023-12-28
    ↪ 00:00:00, 3) | 1 |
+---------+------------+----------------+-------------+----------+----------------------
    ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.127.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.127.4 See also

- ANALYZE
- Introduction to Statistics

14.13.2.128 SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] STATUS

This statement is included for compatibility with MySQL. TiDB uses Prometheus and Grafana for centralized metrics collection instead of `SHOW STATUS` for most metrics.

A full description of the variables can be found here: status variables

14.13.2.128.1 Synopsis

```
ShowStatusStmt ::=
    'SHOW' Scope? 'STATUS' ShowLikeOrWhere?

Scope ::=
    ( 'GLOBAL' | 'SESSION' )

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.128.2 Examples

```
mysql> SHOW SESSION STATUS;
+-----------------------------+--------------------------------------+
| Variable_name               | Value                                |
+-----------------------------+--------------------------------------+
| Compression                 | OFF                                  |
| Compression_algorithm       |                                      |
| Compression_level           | 0                                    |
| Ssl_cipher                  |                                      |
| Ssl_cipher_list             |                                      |
| Ssl_server_not_after        |                                      |
| Ssl_server_not_before       |                                      |
| Ssl_verify_mode             | 0                                    |
| Ssl_version                 |                                      |
| Uptime                      | 1409                                 |
| ddl_schema_version          | 116                                  |
| last_plan_binding_update_time | 0000-00-00 00:00:00                |
| server_id                   | 61160e73-ab80-40ff-8f33-27d55d475fd1 |
+-----------------------------+--------------------------------------+
13 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW GLOBAL STATUS;
+----------------------+--------------------------------------+
| Variable_name        | Value                                |
+----------------------+--------------------------------------+
| Ssl_cipher           |                                      |
```

```
| Ssl_cipher_list     |                                      |
| Ssl_server_not_after |                                      |
| Ssl_server_not_before |                                      |
| Ssl_verify_mode     | 0                                    |
| Ssl_version         |                                      |
| Uptime              | 1413                                 |
| ddl_schema_version | 116                                  |
| server_id           | 61160e73-ab80-40ff-8f33-27d55d475fd1 |
+---------------------+--------------------------------------+
9 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.128.3 MySQL compatibility

- This statement is compatible with MySQL.

14.13.2.128.4 See also

- FLUSH STATUS
- Server Status Variables

14.13.2.129 SHOW TABLE NEXT_ROW_ID

`SHOW TABLE NEXT_ROW_ID` is used to show the details of some special columns of a table, including:

- `AUTO_INCREMENT` column automatically created by TiDB, namely, `_tidb_rowid` column.
- `AUTO_INCREMENT` column created by users.
- `AUTO_RANDOM` column created by users.
- `SEQUENCE` created by users.

14.13.2.129.1 Synopsis

```
ShowTableNextRowIDStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "TABLE" (SchemaName ".")? TableName "NEXT_ROW_ID"
```

14.13.2.129.2 Examples

For newly created tables, `NEXT_GLOBAL_ROW_ID` is `1` because no Row ID is allocated.

```
CREATE TABLE t(a int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.06 sec)
```

```
SHOW TABLE t NEXT_ROW_ID;
+---------+------------+-------------+--------------------+
| DB_NAME | TABLE_NAME | COLUMN_NAME | NEXT_GLOBAL_ROW_ID |
+---------+------------+-------------+--------------------+
| test    | t          | _tidb_rowid |                  1 |
+---------+------------+-------------+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Data have been written to the table. The TiDB server that inserts the data allocates and caches 30000 IDs at once. Thus, NEXT_GLOBAL_ROW_ID is 30001 now. The number of IDs is controlled by AUTO_ID_CACHE.

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES (), (), ();
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
SHOW TABLE t NEXT_ROW_ID;
+---------+------------+-------------+--------------------+
| DB_NAME | TABLE_NAME | COLUMN_NAME | NEXT_GLOBAL_ROW_ID |
+---------+------------+-------------+--------------------+
| test    | t          | _tidb_rowid |              30001 |
+---------+------------+-------------+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.129.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.129.4 See also

- CREATE TABLE
- AUTO_RANDOM
- CREATE_SEQUENCE

14.13.2.130 SHOW TABLE REGIONS

The `SHOW TABLE REGIONS` statement is used to show the Region information of a table in TiDB.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.130.1 Syntax

```
SHOW TABLE [table_name] REGIONS [WhereClauseOptional];
SHOW TABLE [table_name] INDEX [index_name] REGIONS [WhereClauseOptional];
```

14.13.2.130.2 Synopsis

```
ShowTableRegionStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "TABLE" TableName PartitionNameList? ("INDEX" IndexName)? "
        ↪ REGIONS" ("WHERE" Expression)?

TableName ::=
    (SchemaName ".")? Identifier
```

Executing `SHOW TABLE REGIONS` returns the following columns:

- `REGION_ID`: The Region ID.
- `START_KEY`: The start key of the Region.
- `END_KEY`: The end key of the Region.
- `LEADER_ID`: The Leader ID of the Region.
- `LEADER_STORE_ID`: The ID of the store (TiKV) where the Region leader is located.
- `PEERS`: The IDs of all Region replicas.
- `SCATTERING`: Whether the Region is being scheduled. `1` means true.
- `WRITTEN_BYTES`: The estimated amount of data written into the Region within one heartbeat cycle. The unit is byte.
- `READ_BYTES`: The estimated amount of data read from the Region within one heartbeat cycle. The unit is byte.
- `APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB)`: The estimated amount of data in the Region. The unit is megabytes (MB).
- `APPROXIMATE_KEYS`: The estimated number of Keys in the Region.

- `SCHEDULING_CONSTRAINTS`: The placement policy settings associated with the table or partition to which a Region belongs.

- `SCHEDULING_STATE`: The scheduling state of the Region which has a placement policy.

> **Note:**
>
> The values of `WRITTEN_BYTES`, `READ_BYTES`, `APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB)`, `APPROXIMATE_KEYS` are not accurate data. They are estimated data from PD based on the heartbeat information that PD receives from the Region.

14.13.2.130.3 Examples

Create an example table with enough data that fills a few Regions:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment,
 b INT NOT NULL,
 pad1 VARBINARY(1024),
 pad2 VARBINARY(1024),
 pad3 VARBINARY(1024)
);
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM dual;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT NULL, FLOOR(RAND()*1000), RANDOM_BYTES(1024), RANDOM_
    ↪ BYTES(1024), RANDOM_BYTES(1024) FROM t1 a JOIN t1 b JOIN t1 c LIMIT
    ↪ 10000;
```

```
SELECT SLEEP(5);
SHOW TABLE t1 REGIONS;
```

The output should show that the table is split into Regions. The `REGION_ID`, `START_KEY` and `END_KEY` may not match exactly:

```
...
mysql> SHOW TABLE t1 REGIONS;
+--
   ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+-------+--
   ↪
| REGION_ID | START_KEY | END_KEY    | LEADER_ID | LEADER_STORE_ID | PEERS |
   ↪  SCATTERING | WRITTEN_BYTES | READ_BYTES | APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB) |
   ↪ APPROXIMATE_KEYS | SCHEDULING_CONSTRAINTS | SCHEDULING_STATE |
+--
   ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+-------+--
   ↪
|       94 | t_75_      | t_75_r_31717 |     95 |             1 | 95    |
   ↪         0 |           0 |         0 |                112 |
   ↪ 207465 |                     |                |
|       96 | t_75_r_31717 | t_75_r_63434 |   97 |             1 | 97    |
   ↪         0 |           0 |         0 |                 97 |
   ↪ 0 |                       |                 |
|        2 | t_75_r_63434 |          |        3 |             1 | 3     |
   ↪         0 |    269323514 | 66346110 |                245 |
   ↪ 162020 |                     |                |
+--
   ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+-------+--
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the output above, a `START_KEY` of `t_75_r_31717` and `END_KEY` of `t_75_r_63434` shows that data with a PRIMARY KEY between `31717` and `63434` is stored in this Region. The prefix `t_75_` indicates that this is the Region for a table (`t`) which has an internal table ID of `75`. An empty key value for `START_KEY` or `END_KEY` indicates negative infinity or positive infinity respectively.

TiDB automatically rebalances Regions as needed. For manual rebalancing, use the `SPLIT TABLE REGION` statement:

```
mysql> SPLIT TABLE t1 BETWEEN (31717) AND (63434) REGIONS 2;
+--------------------+----------------------+
| TOTAL_SPLIT_REGION | SCATTER_FINISH_RATIO |
+--------------------+----------------------+
|                  1 |                    1 |
+--------------------+----------------------+
```

```
1 row in set (42.34 sec)

mysql> SHOW TABLE t1 REGIONS;
+--
    ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+-------+--
    ↪
| REGION_ID | START_KEY | END_KEY    | LEADER_ID | LEADER_STORE_ID | PEERS |
    ↪  SCATTERING | WRITTEN_BYTES | READ_BYTES | APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB) |
    ↪ APPROXIMATE_KEYS | SCHEDULING_CONSTRAINTS | SCHEDULING_STATE |
+--
    ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+-------+--
    ↪
|       94 | t_75_      | t_75_r_31717 |     95 |             1 | 95    |
    ↪         0 |           0 |         0 |                112 |
    ↪ 207465 |                     |                |
|       98 | t_75_r_31717 | t_75_r_47575 |   99 |             1 | 99    |
    ↪         0 |         1325 |         0 |                 53 |
    ↪ 12052 |                     |                |
|       96 | t_75_r_47575 | t_75_r_63434 |   97 |             1 | 97    |
    ↪         0 |         1526 |         0 |                 48 |
    ↪ 0 |                     |                |
|        2 | t_75_r_63434 |          |        3 |             1 | 3     |
    ↪         0 |           0 |   55752049 |                 60 |
    ↪ 0 |                     |                |
+--
    ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+-------+--
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The above output shows that Region 96 was split, with a new Region 98 being created. The remaining Regions in the table were unaffected by the split operation. This is confirmed by the output statistics:

- `TOTAL_SPLIT_REGION` indicates the number of newly split Regions. In this example, the number is 1.
- `SCATTER_FINISH_RATIO` indicates the rate at which the newly split Regions are successfully scattered. `1.0` means that all Regions are scattered.

For a more detailed example:

```
mysql> SHOW TABLE t REGIONS;
+--
    ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+----------
    ↪
```

```
| REGION_ID | START_KEY | END_KEY    | LEADER_ID | LEADER_STORE_ID | PEERS
   ↪    | SCATTERING | WRITTEN_BYTES | READ_BYTES | APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB) |
   ↪ APPROXIMATE_KEYS | SCHEDULING_CONSTRAINTS | SCHEDULING_STATE |
+--
   ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+---------
   ↪
| 102       | t_43_r      | t_43_r_20000 | 118    | 7              | 105, 118,
   ↪ 119 | 0       | 0            | 0         | 1                | 0
   ↪               |                       |                |
| 106       | t_43_r_20000 | t_43_r_40000 | 120  | 7              | 107, 108,
   ↪ 120 | 0       | 23           | 0         | 1                | 0
   ↪               |                       |                |
| 110       | t_43_r_40000 | t_43_r_60000 | 112  | 9              | 112, 113,
   ↪ 121 | 0       | 0            | 0         | 1                | 0
   ↪               |                       |                |
| 114       | t_43_r_60000 | t_43_r_80000 | 122  | 7              | 115, 122,
   ↪ 123 | 0       | 35           | 0         | 1                | 0
   ↪               |                       |                |
| 3         | t_43_r_80000 |           | 93       | 8              | 5, 73, 93
   ↪   | 0         | 0            | 0         | 1                | 0
   ↪               |                       |                |
| 98        | t_43_       | t_43_r      | 99       | 1              | 99, 100,
   ↪ 101 | 0        | 0            | 0         | 1                 | 0
   ↪               |                       |                |
+--
   ↪ ---------+-------------+-------------+----------+----------------+---------
   ↪
6 rows in set
```

In the above example:

- Table t corresponds to six Regions. In these Regions, 102, 106, 110, 114, and 3 store the row data and 98 stores the index data.
- For START_KEY and END_KEY of Region 102, t_43 indicates the table prefix and ID. _r is the prefix of the record data in table t. _i is the prefix of the index data.
- In Region 102, START_KEY and END_KEY mean that record data in the range of [-inf, ↪ 20000) is stored. In similar way, the ranges of data storage in Regions (106, 110, 114, 3) can also be calculated.
- Region 98 stores the index data. The start key of table t's index data is t_43_i, which is in the range of Region 98.

To check the Region that corresponds to table t in store 1, use the WHERE clause:

```
test> SHOW TABLE t REGIONS WHERE leader_store_id =1;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ---------+-----------+---------+-----------+-----------------+---------------+---
   ↪
| REGION_ID | START_KEY | END_KEY | LEADER_ID | LEADER_STORE_ID | PEERS |
   ↪ SCATTERING | WRITTEN_BYTES | READ_BYTES | APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB) |
   ↪ APPROXIMATE_KEYS | SCHEDULING_CONSTRAINTS | SCHEDULING_STATE |
+--
   ↪ ---------+-----------+---------+-----------+-----------------+---------------+---
   ↪
| 98      | t_43_    | t_43_r | 99      | 1             | 99, 100, 101 | 0
   ↪      | 0           | 0        | 1                 | 0             |
   ↪                    |                |
+--
   ↪ ---------+-----------+---------+-----------+-----------------+---------------+---
   ↪
```

Use `SPLIT TABLE REGION` to split the index data into Regions. In the following example, the index data `name` of table t is split into two Regions in the range of `[a,z]`.

```
test> SPLIT TABLE t INDEX name BETWEEN ("a") AND ("z") REGIONS 2;
+--------------------+----------------------+
| TOTAL_SPLIT_REGION | SCATTER_FINISH_RATIO |
+--------------------+----------------------+
| 2                | 1.0                |
+--------------------+----------------------+
1 row in set
```

Now table t corresponds to seven Regions. Five of them (`102`, `106`, `110`, `114`, `3`) store the record data of table t and another two (`135`, `98`) store the index data `name`.

```
test> SHOW TABLE t REGIONS;
+--
   ↪ ---------+-----------------------------+-----------------------------+----------
   ↪
| REGION_ID | START_KEY              | END_KEY                  | LEADER_ID |
   ↪  LEADER_STORE_ID | PEERS    | SCATTERING | WRITTEN_BYTES | READ_BYTES
   ↪ | APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB) | APPROXIMATE_KEYS | SCHEDULING_CONSTRAINTS |
   ↪ SCHEDULING_STATE |
+--
   ↪ ---------+-----------------------------+-----------------------------+----------
   ↪
| 102     | t_43_r                  | t_43_r_20000             | 118      |
   ↪ 7             | 105, 118, 119 | 0       | 0            | 0         | 1
   ↪                 | 0             |                      |
   ↪                |
```

```
| 106      | t_43_r_20000             | t_43_r_40000             | 120      |
   ↪ 7             | 108, 120, 126 | 0       | 0           | 0         | 1
   ↪                 | 0              |                      |
   ↪                |
| 110      | t_43_r_40000             | t_43_r_60000             | 112      |
   ↪ 9             | 112, 113, 121 | 0       | 0           | 0         | 1
   ↪                 | 0              |                      |
   ↪                |
| 114      | t_43_r_60000             | t_43_r_80000             | 122      |
   ↪ 7             | 115, 122, 123 | 0       | 35          | 0         | 1
   ↪                 | 0              |                      |
   ↪                |
| 3        | t_43_r_80000             |                          | 93       |
   ↪ 8             | 73, 93, 128 | 0         | 0           | 0         | 1
   ↪                 | 0              |                      |
   ↪                |
| 135      | t_43_i_1_                | t_43_i_1_016d80000000000000 | 139  |
   ↪ 2             | 138, 139, 140 | 0       | 35          | 0         | 1
   ↪                 | 0              |                      |
   ↪                |
| 98       | t_43_i_1_016d80000000000000 | t_43_r                | 99       |
   ↪ 1             | 99, 100, 101 | 0        | 0           | 0         | 1
   ↪                 | 0              |                      |
   ↪                |
+--
   ↪ ---------+----------------------------+----------------------------+----------
   ↪
7 rows in set
```

14.13.2.130.4 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.130.5 See also

- SPLIT REGION
- CREATE TABLE

14.13.2.131 SHOW TABLE STATUS

This statement shows various statistics about tables in TiDB. If the statistics appear out of date, it is recommended to run `ANALYZE TABLE`.

14.13.2.131.1 Synopsis

```
ShowTableStatusStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "TABLE" "STATUS" ("FROM" Identifier | "IN" Identifier )?
        ↪ ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.131.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
    ↪ NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SHOW TABLE STATUS LIKE 't1'\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
           Name: t1
         Engine: InnoDB
        Version: 10
     Row_format: Compact
           Rows: 0
 Avg_row_length: 0
    Data_length: 0
Max_data_length: 0
   Index_length: 0
      Data_free: 0
 Auto_increment: 30001
    Create_time: 2019-04-19 08:32:06
    Update_time: NULL
     Check_time: NULL
      Collation: utf8mb4_bin
       Checksum:
 Create_options:
        Comment:
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)
```

```
mysql> SHOW TABLE STATUS LIKE 't1'\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
           Name: t1
         Engine: InnoDB
        Version: 10
     Row_format: Compact
           Rows: 5
 Avg_row_length: 16
    Data_length: 80
Max_data_length: 0
   Index_length: 0
      Data_free: 0
 Auto_increment: 30001
    Create_time: 2019-04-19 08:32:06
    Update_time: NULL
     Check_time: NULL
      Collation: utf8mb4_bin
       Checksum:
 Create_options:
        Comment:
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.131.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW TABLE STATUS` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.131.4 See also

- SHOW TABLES
- CREATE TABLE
- DROP TABLE
- SHOW CREATE TABLE

14.13.2.132 SHOW [FULL] TABLES

This statement shows a list of tables and views in the currently selected database. The optional keyword `FULL` indicates if a table is of type `BASE TABLE`, `SEQUENCE`, or `VIEW`.

To show tables in a different database, use `SHOW TABLES IN DatabaseName`.

14.13.2.132.1 Synopsis

```
ShowTableStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "FULL"? "TABLES" ("FROM" Identifier | "IN" Identifier )?
        ↪ ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.132.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)

mysql> CREATE VIEW v1 AS SELECT 1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

mysql> SHOW TABLES;
+----------------+
| Tables_in_test |
+----------------+
| t1             |
| v1             |
+----------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW FULL TABLES;
+----------------+------------+
| Tables_in_test | Table_type |
+----------------+------------+
| t1             | BASE TABLE |
| v1             | VIEW       |
+----------------+------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW TABLES IN mysql;
+------------------------+
| Tables_in_mysql        |
+------------------------+
| GLOBAL_VARIABLES       |
| bind_info              |
| columns_priv           |
| db                     |
| default_roles          |
| expr_pushdown_blacklist |
```

```
| gc_delete_range      |
| gc_delete_range_done |
| global_priv          |
| help_topic           |
| opt_rule_blacklist   |
| role_edges           |
| stats_buckets        |
| stats_feedback       |
| stats_histograms     |
| stats_meta           |
| stats_top_n          |
| tables_priv          |
| tidb                 |
| user                 |
+----------------------+
20 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.132.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW [FULL] TABLES` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.132.4 See also

- CREATE TABLE
- DROP TABLE
- SHOW CREATE TABLE
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES`

14.13.2.133 SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] VARIABLES

This statement shows a list of variables for the scope of either `GLOBAL` or `SESSION`. If no scope is specified, the default scope of `SESSION` will apply.

14.13.2.133.1 Synopsis

```
ShowVariablesStmt ::=
    "SHOW" ("GLOBAL" | "SESSION")? VARIABLES ShowLikeOrWhere?

ShowLikeOrWhere ::=
    "LIKE" SimpleExpr
|   "WHERE" Expression
```

14.13.2.133.2 Examples

List all TiDB specific variables. For detailed description, refer to System Variables.

```
mysql> SHOW GLOBAL VARIABLES LIKE 'tidb%';
+-----------------------------------+--------------------+
| Variable_name                     | Value              |
+-----------------------------------+--------------------+
| tidb_allow_batch_cop              | 0                  |
| tidb_allow_remove_auto_inc        | 0                  |
| tidb_auto_analyze_end_time        | 23:59 +0000        |
| tidb_auto_analyze_ratio           | 0.5                |
| tidb_auto_analyze_start_time      | 00:00 +0000        |
| tidb_backoff_lock_fast            | 100                |
| tidb_backoff_weight               | 2                  |
| tidb_batch_commit                 | 0                  |
| tidb_batch_delete                 | 0                  |
| tidb_build_stats_concurrency      | 4                  |
| tidb_capture_plan_baselines       | off                |
| tidb_check_mb4_value_in_utf8      | 1                  |
| tidb_checksum_table_concurrency | 4                  |
| tidb_config                       |                    |
| tidb_constraint_check_in_place | 0                  |
| tidb_current_ts                   | 0                  |
| tidb_ddl_error_count_limit        | 512                |
| tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size         | 256                |
| tidb_ddl_reorg_priority           | PRIORITY_LOW       |
| tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt         | 4                  |
| tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry       | 1                  |
| tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency     | 15                 |
| tidb_dml_batch_size               | 20000              |
| tidb_enable_cascades_planner      | 0                  |
| tidb_enable_chunk_rpc             | 1                  |
| tidb_enable_collect_execution_info | 1                  |
| tidb_enable_index_merge           | 0                  |
| tidb_enable_noop_functions        | 0                  |
| tidb_enable_radix_join            | 0                  |
| tidb_enable_slow_log              | 1                  |
| tidb_enable_stmt_summary          | 1                  |
| tidb_enable_table_partition       | on                 |
| tidb_enable_vectorized_expression | 1                  |
| tidb_enable_window_function       | 1                  |
| tidb_evolve_plan_baselines        | off                |
| tidb_evolve_plan_task_end_time | 23:59 +0000        |
| tidb_evolve_plan_task_max_time | 600                |
| tidb_evolve_plan_task_start_time | 00:00 +0000      |
```

```
| tidb_expensive_query_time_threshold | 60          |
| tidb_force_priority                 | NO_PRIORITY |
| tidb_general_log                    | 0           |
| tidb_hash_join_concurrency          | 5           |
| tidb_hashagg_final_concurrency      | 4           |
| tidb_hashagg_partial_concurrency    | 4           |
| tidb_index_join_batch_size          | 25000       |
| tidb_index_lookup_concurrency       | 4           |
| tidb_index_lookup_join_concurrency  | 4           |
| tidb_index_lookup_size              | 20000       |
| tidb_index_serial_scan_concurrency  | 1           |
| tidb_init_chunk_size                | 32          |
| tidb_isolation_read_engines         | tikv, tiflash, tidb |
| tidb_low_resolution_tso             | 0           |
| tidb_max_chunk_size                 | 1024        |
| tidb_max_delta_schema_count         | 1024        |
| tidb_mem_quota_hashjoin             | 34359738368 |
| tidb_mem_quota_indexlookupjoin      | 34359738368 |
| tidb_mem_quota_indexlookupreader    | 34359738368 |
| tidb_mem_quota_mergejoin            | 34359738368 |
| tidb_mem_quota_nestedloopapply      | 34359738368 |
| tidb_mem_quota_query                | 1073741824  |
| tidb_mem_quota_sort                 | 34359738368 |
| tidb_mem_quota_topn                 | 34359738368 |
| tidb_metric_query_range_duration    | 60          |
| tidb_metric_query_step              | 60          |
| tidb_opt_agg_push_down              | 0           |
| tidb_opt_concurrency_factor         | 3           |
| tidb_opt_copcpu_factor              | 3           |
| tidb_opt_correlation_exp_factor     | 1           |
| tidb_opt_correlation_threshold      | 0.9         |
| tidb_opt_cpu_factor                 | 3           |
| tidb_opt_desc_factor                | 3           |
| tidb_opt_disk_factor                | 1.5         |
| tidb_opt_distinct_agg_push_down     | 0           |
| tidb_opt_insubq_to_join_and_agg     | 1           |
| tidb_opt_join_reorder_threshold     | 0           |
| tidb_opt_memory_factor              | 0.001       |
| tidb_opt_network_factor             | 1           |
| tidb_opt_scan_factor                | 1.5         |
| tidb_opt_seek_factor                | 20          |
| tidb_opt_write_row_id               | 0           |
| tidb_optimizer_selectivity_level    | 0           |
| tidb_pprof_sql_cpu                  | 0           |
| tidb_projection_concurrency         | 4           |
```

```
| tidb_query_log_max_len          | 4096              |
| tidb_record_plan_in_slow_log    | 1                 |
| tidb_replica_read               | leader            |
| tidb_retry_limit                | 10                |
| tidb_row_format_version         | 2                 |
| tidb_scatter_region             |                   |
| tidb_skip_isolation_level_check | 0                 |
| tidb_skip_utf8_check            | 0                 |
| tidb_slow_log_threshold         | 300               |
| tidb_slow_query_file            | tidb-slow.log     |
| tidb_snapshot                   |                   |
| tidb_stmt_summary_history_size  | 24                |
| tidb_stmt_summary_internal_query | 0                |
| tidb_stmt_summary_max_sql_length | 4096             |
| tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count | 3000             |
| tidb_stmt_summary_refresh_interval | 1800           |
| tidb_store_limit                | 0                 |
| tidb_txn_mode                   |                   |
| tidb_use_plan_baselines         | on                |
| tidb_wait_split_region_finish   | 1                 |
| tidb_wait_split_region_timeout  | 300               |
| tidb_window_concurrency         | 4                 |
+---------------------------------+-------------------+
108 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW GLOBAL VARIABLES LIKE 'time_zone%';
+---------------+--------+
| Variable_name | Value |
+---------------+--------+
| time_zone     | SYSTEM |
+---------------+--------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW VARIABLES WHERE Variable_name="tidb_window_concurrency";
+-------------------------+-------+
| Variable_name           | Value |
+-------------------------+-------+
| tidb_window_concurrency | -1 |
+-------------------------+-------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW VARIABLES WHERE Value=300;
+--------------------------------+-------+
| Variable_name                  | Value |
+--------------------------------+-------+
```

```
| ddl_slow_threshold          | 300  |
| delayed_insert_timeout      | 300  |
| innodb_purge_batch_size     | 300  |
| key_cache_age_threshold     | 300  |
| slave_checkpoint_period     | 300  |
| tidb_slow_log_threshold     | 300  |
| tidb_wait_split_region_timeout | 300 |
+--------------------------------+-------+
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.133.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW [GLOBAL|SESSION] VARIABLES` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.133.4 See also

- `SET [GLOBAL|SESSION]`

14.13.2.134 SHOW WARNINGS

This statement shows a list of warnings that occurred for previously executed statements in the current client connection. As in MySQL, the `sql_mode` impacts which statements will cause errors vs. warnings considerably.

14.13.2.134.1 Synopsis

```
ShowWarningsStmt ::=
    "SHOW" "WARNINGS"
```

14.13.2.134.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT UNSIGNED);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (0);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> SELECT 1/a FROM t1;
+------+
| 1/a  |
+------+
| NULL |
+------+
```

```
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+---------+------+---------------+
| Level   | Code | Message       |
+---------+------+---------------+
| Warning | 1365 | Division by 0 |
+---------+------+---------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (-1);
ERROR 1264 (22003): Out of range value for column 'a' at row 1
mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+------+
| a    |
+------+
|    0 |
+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET sql_mode='';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (-1);
Query OK, 1 row affected, 1 warning (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+---------+------+--------------------------+
| Level   | Code | Message                  |
+---------+------+--------------------------+
| Warning | 1690 | constant -1 overflows int |
+---------+------+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+------+
| a    |
+------+
|    0 |
|    0 |
+------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.134.3 MySQL compatibility

The `SHOW WARNINGS` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.134.4 See also

- SHOW ERRORS

14.13.2.135 SHUTDOWN

The `SHUTDOWN` statement is used to perform a shutdown operation in TiDB. Execution of the `SHUTDOWN` statement requires the user to have `SHUTDOWN privilege`.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

14.13.2.135.1 Synopsis

```
ShutdownStmt ::=
    "SHUTDOWN"
```

14.13.2.135.2 Examples

```
SHUTDOWN;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.135.3 MySQL compatibility

> **Note:**
>
> Because TiDB is a distributed database, the shutdown operation in TiDB stops the client-connected TiDB instance, not the entire TiDB cluster.

The `SHUTDOWN` statement is partly compatible with MySQL. If you encounter any compatibility issues, you can report a bug.

14.13.2.136 Split Region

For each new table created in TiDB, one Region is segmented by default to store the data of this table. This default behavior is controlled by `split-table` in the TiDB configuration file. When the data in this Region exceeds the default Region size limit, the Region starts to split into two.

In the above case, because there is only one Region at the beginning, all write requests occur on the TiKV where the Region is located. If there are a large number of writes for the newly created table, hotspots are caused.

To solve the hotspot problem in the above scenario, TiDB introduces the pre-split function, which can pre-split multiple Regions for a certain table according to the specified parameters and scatter them to each TiKV node.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.2.136.1 Synopsis

```
SplitRegionStmt ::=
    "SPLIT" SplitSyntaxOption "TABLE" TableName PartitionNameList? ("INDEX"
       ↪ IndexName)? SplitOption

SplitSyntaxOption ::=
    ("REGION" "FOR")? "PARTITION"?

TableName ::=
    (SchemaName ".")? Identifier

PartitionNameList ::=
    "PARTITION" "(" PartitionName ("," PartitionName)* ")"

SplitOption ::=
    ("BETWEEN" RowValue "AND" RowValue "REGIONS" NUM
|   "BY" RowValue ("," RowValue)* )

RowValue ::=
    "(" ValuesOpt ")"
```

14.13.2.136.2 Usage of Split Region

There are two types of Split Region syntax:

- The syntax of even split:

```
SPLIT TABLE table_name [INDEX index_name] BETWEEN (lower_value) AND (
    ↪ upper_value) REGIONS region_num
```

`BETWEEN lower_value AND upper_value REGIONS region_num` defines the upper boundary, the lower boundary, and the Region amount. Then the current region will be evenly spilt into the number of regions (as specified in `region_num`) between the upper and lower boundaries.

- The syntax of uneven split:

```
SPLIT TABLE table_name [INDEX index_name] BY (value_list) [, (value_
    ↪ list)] ...
```

`BY value_list⋯` specifies a series of points manually, based on which the current Region is spilt. It is suitable for scenarios with unevenly distributed data.

The following example shows the result of the `SPLIT` statement:

```
+--------------------+----------------------+
| TOTAL_SPLIT_REGION | SCATTER_FINISH_RATIO |
+--------------------+----------------------+
| 4                  | 1.0                  |
+--------------------+----------------------+
```

- `TOTAL_SPLIT_REGION`: the number of newly split Regions.
- `SCATTER_FINISH_RATIO`: the completion rate of scattering for newly split Regions. `1.0` means that all Regions are scattered. `0.5` means that only half of the Regions are scattered and the rest are being scattered.

Note:

The following two session variables might affect the behavior of the `SPLIT` statement:

- `tidb_wait_split_region_finish`: It might take a while to scatter the Regions. This duration depends on PD scheduling and TiKV loads. This variable is used to control when executing the `SPLIT REGION` statement whether to return the results to the client until all Regions are scattered. If its value is set to `1` (by default), TiDB returns the results only after the scattering is completed. If its value is set to `0`, TiDB returns the results regardless of the scattering status.

- `tidb_wait_split_region_timeout`: This variable is to set the execution timeout of the `SPLIT REGION` statement, in seconds. The default value is 300s. If the `split` operation is not completed within the duration, TiDB returns a timeout error.

Split Table Region

The key of row data in each table is encoded by `table_id` and `row_id`. The format is as follows:

```
t[table_id]_r[row_id]
```

For example, when `table_id` is 22 and `row_id` is 11:

```
t22_r11
```

Row data in the same table have the same `table_id`, but each row has its unique `row_id` that can be used for Region split.

Even Split

Because `row_id` is an integer, the value of the key to be split can be calculated according to the specified `lower_value`, `upper_value`, and `region_num`. TiDB first calculates the step value (`step = (upper_value - lower_value)/region_num`). Then split will be done evenly per each "step" between `lower_value` and `upper_value` to generate the number of Regions as specified by `region_num`.

For example, if you want 16 evenly split Regions split from key range`minInt64~maxInt64` for table t, you can use this statement:

```
SPLIT TABLE t BETWEEN (-9223372036854775808) AND (9223372036854775807)
    ↪ REGIONS 16;
```

This statement splits table t into 16 Regions between minInt64 and maxInt64. If the given primary key range is smaller than the specified one, for example, 0~1000000000, you can use 0 and 1000000000 take place of minInt64 and maxInt64 respectively to split Regions.

```
SPLIT TABLE t BETWEEN (0) AND (1000000000) REGIONS 16;
```

Uneven split

If the known data is unevenly distributed, and you want a Region to be split respectively in key ranges -inf ~ 10000, 10000 ~ 90000, and 90000 ~ +inf, you can achieve this by setting fixed points, as shown below:

```
SPLIT TABLE t BY (10000), (90000);
```

Split index Region

The key of the index data in the table is encoded by `table_id`, `index_id`, and the value of the index column. The format is as follows:

```
t[table_id]_i[index_id][index_value]
```

For example, when `table_id` is 22, `index_id` is 5, and `index_value` is abc:

```
t22_i5abc
```

The `table_id` and `index_id` of the same index data in one table is the same. To split index Regions, you need to split Regions based on `index_value`.

Even Spilt

The way to split index evenly works the same as splitting data evenly. However, calculating the value of step is more complicated, because `index_value` might not be an integer.

The values of `upper` and `lower` are encoded into a byte array firstly. After removing the longest common prefix of `lower` and `upper` byte array, the first 8 bytes of `lower` and `upper` are converted into the uint64 format. Then `step = (upper - lower)/num` is calculated. After that, the calculated step is encoded into a byte array, which is appended to the longest common prefix of the `lower` and `upper` byte array for index split. Here is an example:

If the column of the `idx` index is of the integer type, you can use the following SQL statement to split index data:

```
SPLIT TABLE t INDEX idx BETWEEN (-9223372036854775808) AND
    ↪ (9223372036854775807) REGIONS 16;
```

This statement splits the Region of index idx in table t into 16 Regions from `minInt64` to `maxInt64`.

If the column of index idx1 is of varchar type, and you want to split index data by prefix letters.

```
SPLIT TABLE t INDEX idx1 BETWEEN ("a") AND ("z") REGIONS 25;
```

This statement splits index idx1 into 25 Regions from a~z. The range of Region 1 is `[minIndexValue, b)`; the range of Region 2 is `[b, c)`; … the range of Region 25 is `[y,
↪ minIndexValue]`. For the `idx` index, data with the `a` prefix is written into Region 1, and data with the `b` prefix is written into Region 2.

In the split method above, both data with the `y` and `z` prefixes are written into Region 25, because the upper bound is not `z`, but `{` (the character next to `z` in ASCII). Therefore, a more accurate split method is as follows:

```
SPLIT TABLE t INDEX idx1 BETWEEN ("a") AND ("{") REGIONS 26;
```

This statement splits index idx1 of the table `t` into 26 Regions from a~{. The range of Region 1 is `[minIndexValue, b)`; the range of Region 2 is `[b, c)`; … the range of Region 25 is `[y, z)`, and the range of Region 26 is `[z, maxIndexValue)`.

If the column of index `idx2` is of time type like timestamp/datetime, and you want to split index Region by year:

```
SPLIT TABLE t INDEX idx2 BETWEEN ("2010-01-01 00:00:00") AND ("2020-01-01
    ↪ 00:00:00") REGIONS 10;
```

This statement splits the Region of index `idx2` in table `t` into 10 Regions from `2010-01-01 00:00:00` to `2020-01-01 00:00:00`. The range of Region 1 is `[minIndexValue , 2011-01-01 00:00:00)`; the range of Region 2 is `[2011-01-01 00:00:00, 2012-01-01 00:00:00)`.

If you want to split the index Region by day, see the following example:

```
SPLIT TABLE t INDEX idx2 BETWEEN ("2020-06-01 00:00:00") AND ("2020-07-01
    ↪ 00:00:00") REGIONS 30;
```

This statement splits the data of June 2020 of index `idex2` in table `t` into 30 Regions, each Region representing 1 day.

Region split methods for other types of index columns are similar.

For data Region split of joint indexes, the only difference is that you can specify multiple columns values.

For example, index `idx3 (a, b)` contains 2 columns, with column `a` of timestamp type and column `b` int. If you just want to do a time range split according to column `a`, you can use the SQL statement for splitting time index of a single column. In this case, do not specify the value of column `b` in `lower_value` and `upper_velue`.

```
SPLIT TABLE t INDEX idx3 BETWEEN ("2010-01-01 00:00:00") AND ("2020-01-01
    ↪ 00:00:00") REGIONS 10;
```

Within the same range of time, if you want to do one more split according to column b column. Just specify the value for column b when splitting.

```
SPLIT TABLE t INDEX idx3 BETWEEN ("2010-01-01 00:00:00", "a") AND ("
    ↪ 2010-01-01 00:00:00", "z") REGIONS 10;
```

This statement splits 10 Regions in the range of a~z according to the value of column b, with the same time prefix as column a. If the value specified for column a is different, the value of column b might not be used in this case.

If the primary key of the table is a non-clustered index, you need to use backticks ` to escape the `PRIMARY` keyword when splitting Regions. For example:

```
SPLIT TABLE t INDEX `PRIMARY` BETWEEN (-9223372036854775808) AND
    ↪ (9223372036854775807) REGIONS 16;
```

Uneven Split

Index data can also be split by specified index values.

For example, there is `idx4 (a,b)`, with column `a` of the varchar type and column `b` of the timestamp type.

```
SPLIT TABLE t1 INDEX idx4 BY ("a", "2000-01-01 00:00:01"), ("b", "
    ↪ 2019-04-17 14:26:19"), ("c", "");
```

This statement specifies 3 values to split 4 Regions. The range of each Region is as follows:

```
region1 [ minIndexValue           , ("a", "2000-01-01 00:00:01"))
region2 [("a", "2000-01-01 00:00:01") , ("b", "2019-04-17 14:26:19"))
region3 [("b", "2019-04-17 14:26:19") , ("c", "")           )
region4 [("c", "")                , maxIndexValue           )
```

Split Regions for partitioned tables

Splitting Regions for partitioned tables is the same as splitting Regions for ordinary tables. The only difference is that the same split operation is performed for every partition.

- The syntax of even split:

```
SPLIT [PARTITION] TABLE t [PARTITION] [(partition_name_list...)] [INDEX
    ↪  index_name] BETWEEN (lower_value) AND (upper_value) REGIONS
    ↪ region_num
```

- The syntax of uneven split:

```
SPLIT [PARTITION] TABLE table_name [PARTITION (partition_name_list...)]
    ↪  [INDEX index_name] BY (value_list) [, (value_list)] ...
```

Examples of Split Regions for partitioned tables

1. Create a partitioned table `t`. Suppose that you want to create a Hash table divided into two partitions. The example statement is as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT, b INT, INDEX idx(a)) PARTITION BY HASH(a)
    ↪ PARTITIONS 2;
```

After creating the table `t`, a Region is split for each partition. Use the `SHOW TABLE ↪ REGIONS` syntax to view the Regions of this table:

```
SHOW TABLE t REGIONS;
```

```
+--
    ↪ --------+----------+--------+----------+----------------+------------
    ↪
| REGION_ID | START_KEY | END_KEY | LEADER_ID | LEADER_STORE_ID | PEERS
    ↪   | SCATTERING | WRITTEN_BYTES | READ_BYTES | APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB
    ↪ ) | APPROXIMATE_KEYS |
+--
    ↪ --------+----------+--------+----------+----------------+------------
    ↪
| 1978     | t_1400_  | t_1401_ | 1979    | 4              | 1979, 1980,
    ↪ 1981 | 0       | 0            | 0         | 1                    | 0
    ↪                |
| 6        | t_1401_  |         | 17       | 4              | 17, 18, 21
    ↪      | 0         | 223          | 0         | 1                    | 0
    ↪                |
+--
    ↪ --------+----------+--------+----------+----------------+------------
    ↪
```

2. Use the `SPLIT` syntax to split a Region for each partition. Suppose that you want to split the data in the `[0,10000]` range of each partition into four Regions. The example statement is as follows:

```
split partition table t between (0) and (10000) regions 4;
```

In the above statement, `0` and `10000` respectively represent the `row_id` of the upper and lower boundaries corresponding to the hotspot data you want to scatter.

> **Note:**
>
> This example only applies to scenarios where hotspot data is evenly distributed. If the hotspot data is unevenly distributed in a specified data range, refer to the syntax of uneven split in Split Regions for partitioned tables.

3. Use the `SHOW TABLE REGIONS` syntax to view the Regions of this table again. You can see that this table now has ten Regions, each partition with five Regions, four of which are the row data and one is the index data.

```
SHOW TABLE t REGIONS;
```

```
+--
    ↪ --------+--------------+--------------+----------+-----------------+---
    ↪
```

```
| REGION_ID | START_KEY  | END_KEY     | LEADER_ID | LEADER_STORE_ID |
   ↪ PEERS      | SCATTERING | WRITTEN_BYTES | READ_BYTES |
   ↪ APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB) | APPROXIMATE_KEYS |
+--
   ↪ --------+--------------+--------------+----------+-----------------+---
   ↪
| 1998     | t_1400_r     | t_1400_r_2500 | 2001   | 5               |
   ↪ 2000, 2001, 2015 | 0      | 132          | 0         | 1
   ↪                  | 0              |
| 2006     | t_1400_r_2500 | t_1400_r_5000 | 2016 | 1               |
   ↪ 2007, 2016, 2017 | 0      | 35           | 0         | 1
   ↪                  | 0              |
| 2010     | t_1400_r_5000 | t_1400_r_7500 | 2012 | 2               |
   ↪ 2011, 2012, 2013 | 0      | 35           | 0         | 1
   ↪                  | 0              |
| 1978     | t_1400_r_7500 | t_1401_    | 1979     | 4               |
   ↪ 1979, 1980, 1981 | 0      | 621          | 0         | 1
   ↪                  | 0              |
| 1982     | t_1400_      | t_1400_r     | 2014     | 3               |
   ↪ 1983, 1984, 2014 | 0      | 35           | 0         | 1
   ↪                  | 0              |
| 1990     | t_1401_r     | t_1401_r_2500 | 1992   | 2               |
   ↪ 1991, 1992, 2020 | 0      | 120          | 0         | 1
   ↪                  | 0              |
| 1994     | t_1401_r_2500 | t_1401_r_5000 | 1997 | 5               |
   ↪ 1996, 1997, 2021 | 0      | 129          | 0         | 1
   ↪                  | 0              |
| 2002     | t_1401_r_5000 | t_1401_r_7500 | 2003 | 4               |
   ↪ 2003, 2023, 2022 | 0      | 141          | 0         | 1
   ↪                  | 0              |
| 6        | t_1401_r_7500 |            | 17       | 4               | 17,
   ↪ 18, 21     | 0         | 601          | 0         | 1
   ↪                  | 0              |
| 1986     | t_1401_      | t_1401_r     | 1989     | 5               |
   ↪ 1989, 2018, 2019 | 0      | 123          | 0         | 1
   ↪                  | 0              |
+--
   ↪ --------+--------------+--------------+----------+-----------------+---
   ↪
```

4. You can also split Regions for the index of each partition. For example, you can split the `[1000,10000]` range of the `idx` index into two Regions. The example statement is as follows:

```
SPLIT PARTITION TABLE t INDEX idx BETWEEN (1000) AND (10000) REGIONS
```

```
    ↪ 2;
```

Examples of Split Region for a single partition

You can specify the partition to be split.

1. Create a partitioned table. Suppose that you want to create a Range partitioned table split into three partitions. The example statement is as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE t ( a INT, b INT, INDEX idx(b)) PARTITION BY RANGE( a ) (
    PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (10000),
    PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (20000),
    PARTITION p3 VALUES LESS THAN (MAXVALUE) );
```

2. Suppose that you want to split the data in the `[0,10000]` range of the `p1` partition into two Regions. The example statement is as follows:

```
SPLIT PARTITION TABLE t PARTITION (p1) BETWEEN (0) AND (10000) REGIONS
    ↪  2;
```

3. Suppose that you want to split the data in the `[10000,20000]` range of the `p2` partition into two Regions. The example statement is as follows:

```
SPLIT PARTITION TABLE t PARTITION (p2) BETWEEN (10000) AND (20000)
    ↪ REGIONS 2;
```

4. You can use the `SHOW TABLE REGIONS` syntax to view the Regions of this table:

```
SHOW TABLE t REGIONS;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------+---------------+---------------+----------+-----------------+-
    ↪
| REGION_ID | START_KEY   | END_KEY       | LEADER_ID | LEADER_STORE_ID |
    ↪  PEERS       | SCATTERING | WRITTEN_BYTES | READ_BYTES |
    ↪ APPROXIMATE_SIZE(MB) | APPROXIMATE_KEYS |
+--
    ↪ ---------+---------------+---------------+----------+-----------------+-
    ↪
| 2040     | t_1406_       | t_1406_r_5000 | 2045    | 3             |
    ↪ 2043, 2045, 2044 | 0       | 0            | 0         | 1
    ↪                  | 0              |
| 2032     | t_1406_r_5000 | t_1407_      | 2033     | 4             |
    ↪ 2033, 2034, 2035 | 0       | 0            | 0         | 1
    ↪                  | 0              |
```

```
| 2046     | t_1407_       | t_1407_r_15000 | 2048   | 2              |
    ↪ 2047, 2048, 2050 | 0       | 35           | 0         | 1
    ↪                  | 0              |
| 2036     | t_1407_r_15000 | t_1408_     | 2037     | 4              |
    ↪ 2037, 2038, 2039 | 0       | 0            | 0         | 1
    ↪                  | 0              |
| 6        | t_1408_       |               | 17       | 4              |
    ↪ 17, 18, 21     | 0         | 214          | 0         | 1
    ↪                  | 0              |
+--
    ↪ ---------+----------------+----------------+----------+--------------------+-
    ↪
```

5. Suppose that you want to split the `[0,20000]` range of the `idx` index of the `p1` and `p2` partitions into two Regions. The example statement is as follows:

```
SPLIT PARTITION TABLE t PARTITION (p1,p2) INDEX idx BETWEEN (0) AND
    ↪ (20000) REGIONS 2;
```

14.13.2.136.3 pre_split_regions

When creating a table with the `AUTO_RANDOM` or `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` attribute, you can also specify the `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` option if you want to evenly pre-split the table into Regions immediately after the table is created. The number of pre-split Regions for a table is `2^(PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS)`.

> **Note:**
>
> The value of `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` must be less than or equal to that of `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` or `AUTO_RANDOM`.

The `tidb_scatter_region` global variable affects the behavior of `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS`. This variable controls whether to wait for Regions to be pre-split and scattered before returning results after the table creation. If there are intensive writes after creating the table, you need to set the value of this variable to `global`, then TiDB scatters the Regions of newly created tables according to the data distribution of the entire cluster. Otherwise, TiDB writes the data before the scattering is completed, which will have a significant impact on write performance.

Examples of pre_split_regions

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT, b INT, INDEX idx1(a)) SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS = 4 PRE_
    ↪ SPLIT_REGIONS=2;
```

After building the table, this statement splits `4 + 1` Regions for table t. `4 (2^2)` Regions are used to save table row data, and 1 Region is for saving the index data of `idx1`.

The ranges of the 4 table Regions are as follows:

```
region1:  [ -inf     ,  1<<61 )
region2:  [ 1<<61    ,  2<<61 )
region3:  [ 2<<61    ,  3<<61 )
region4:  [ 3<<61    ,  +inf  )
```

Note:

The Region split by the Split Region statement is controlled by the Region merge scheduler in PD. To avoid PD re-merging the newly split Region soon after, you need to use table attributes or dynamically modify configuration items related to the Region merge feature.

14.13.2.136.4 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.136.5 See also

- SHOW TABLE REGIONS
- Session variables: `tidb_scatter_region`, `tidb_wait_split_region_finish` and `tidb_wait_split_region_timeout`.

14.13.2.137 START TRANSACTION

This statement starts a new transaction inside of TiDB. It is similar to the statement `BEGIN`.

In the absence of a `START TRANSACTION` statement, every statement will by default autocommit in its own transaction. This behavior ensures MySQL compatibility.

14.13.2.137.1 Synopsis

BeginTransactionStmt:

```
BeginTransactionStmt ::=
    'BEGIN' ( 'PESSIMISTIC' | 'OPTIMISTIC' )?
|   'START' 'TRANSACTION' ( 'READ' ( 'WRITE' | 'ONLY' ( ( 'WITH' 'TIMESTAMP'
    ↪  'BOUND' TimestampBound )? | AsOfClause ) ) | 'WITH' 'CONSISTENT' '
    ↪ SNAPSHOT' | 'WITH' 'CAUSAL' 'CONSISTENCY' 'ONLY' )?
```

```
AsOfClause ::=
    ( 'AS' 'OF' 'TIMESTAMP' Expression)
```

14.13.2.137.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a int NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)

mysql> START TRANSACTION;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> COMMIT;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.137.3 MySQL compatibility

- `START TRANSACTION` immediately starts a transaction inside TiDB. This differs from MySQL, where `START TRANSACTION` lazily creates a transaction. But `START TRANSACTION` in TiDB is equivalent to MySQL's `START TRANSACTION WITH CONSISTENT SNAPSHOT`.
- The statement `START TRANSACTION READ ONLY` is parsed for compatibility with MySQL, but still allows write operations.

14.13.2.137.4 See also

- COMMIT
- ROLLBACK
- BEGIN
- START TRANSACTION WITH CAUSAL CONSISTENCY ONLY

14.13.2.138 TABLE

The `TABLE` statement can be used instead of `SELECT * FROM` when no aggregation or complex filtering is needed.

14.13.2.138.1 Synopsis

```
TableStmt ::=
    "TABLE" Table ( "ORDER BY" Column )? ( "LIMIT" NUM )?
```

14.13.2.138.2 Examples

Create table `t1`:

```
CREATE TABLE t1(id INT PRIMARY KEY);
```

Insert some data into `t1`:

```
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1),(2),(3);
```

View the data in table `t1`:

```
TABLE t1;
```

```
+----+
| id |
+----+
|  1 |
|  2 |
|  3 |
+----+
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Query `t1` and sort the result by the `id` field in descending order:

```
TABLE t1 ORDER BY id DESC;
```

```
+----+
| id |
+----+
|  3 |
|  2 |
|  1 |
+----+
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Query the first record in `t1`:

```
TABLE t1 LIMIT 1;
```

```
+----+
| id |
+----+
|  1 |
+----+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.2.138.3 MySQL compatibility

The `TABLE` statement was introduced in MySQL 8.0.19.

14.13.2.138.4 See also

- SELECT
- TABLE statements in MySQL

14.13.2.139 TRACE

The `TRACE` statement provides detailed information about query execution. It is intended to be viewed through a Graphical interface exposed by the TiDB server's status port.

14.13.2.139.1 Synopsis

```
TraceStmt ::=
    "TRACE" ( "FORMAT" "=" stringLit )? TracableStmt

TracableStmt ::=
    ( SelectStmt | DeleteFromStmt | UpdateStmt | InsertIntoStmt |
        ↪ ReplaceIntoStmt | UnionStmt | LoadDataStmt | BeginTransactionStmt
        ↪ | CommitStmt | RollbackStmt | SetStmt )
```

Format	Description
row	Output in a tree format
json	Structured output in JSON format
log	Log based output

14.13.2.139.2 Examples

Row

```
TRACE FORMAT='row' SELECT * FROM mysql.user;
```

```
+-----------------------------------------+-----------------+------------+
    ↪
| operation                               | startTS         | duration   |
+-----------------------------------------+-----------------+------------+
    ↪
| trace                                   | 17:03:31.938237 | 886.086µs  |
|   ─session.Execute                       | 17:03:31.938247 | 507.812µs  |
|     ─session.ParseSQL                    | 17:03:31.938254 | 22.504µs   |
|     ─executor.Compile                    | 17:03:31.938321 | 278.931µs  |
```

```
|       ─session.getTxnFuture           | 17:03:31.938337 | 1.515µs |
|     ─session.runStmt                  | 17:03:31.938613 | 109.578µs |
|       ─TableReaderExecutor.Open       | 17:03:31.938645 | 50.657µs |
|         ─distsql.Select               | 17:03:31.938666 | 21.066µs |
|           ─RPCClient.SendRequest      | 17:03:31.938799 | 158.411µs |
|       ─session.CommitTxn              | 17:03:31.938705 | 12.06µs |
|         ─session.doCommitWitRetry     | 17:03:31.938709 | 2.437µs |
|   ─* executor.TableReaderExecutor.Next | 17:03:31.938781 | 224.327µs |
|   ─* executor.TableReaderExecutor.Next | 17:03:31.939019 | 6.266µs |
+----------------------------------------+-----------------+------------+
   ↪
13 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON

```
TRACE FORMAT='json' SELECT * FROM mysql.user;
```

The JSON formatted trace can be pasted into the trace viewer, which is accessed via the TiDB status port:

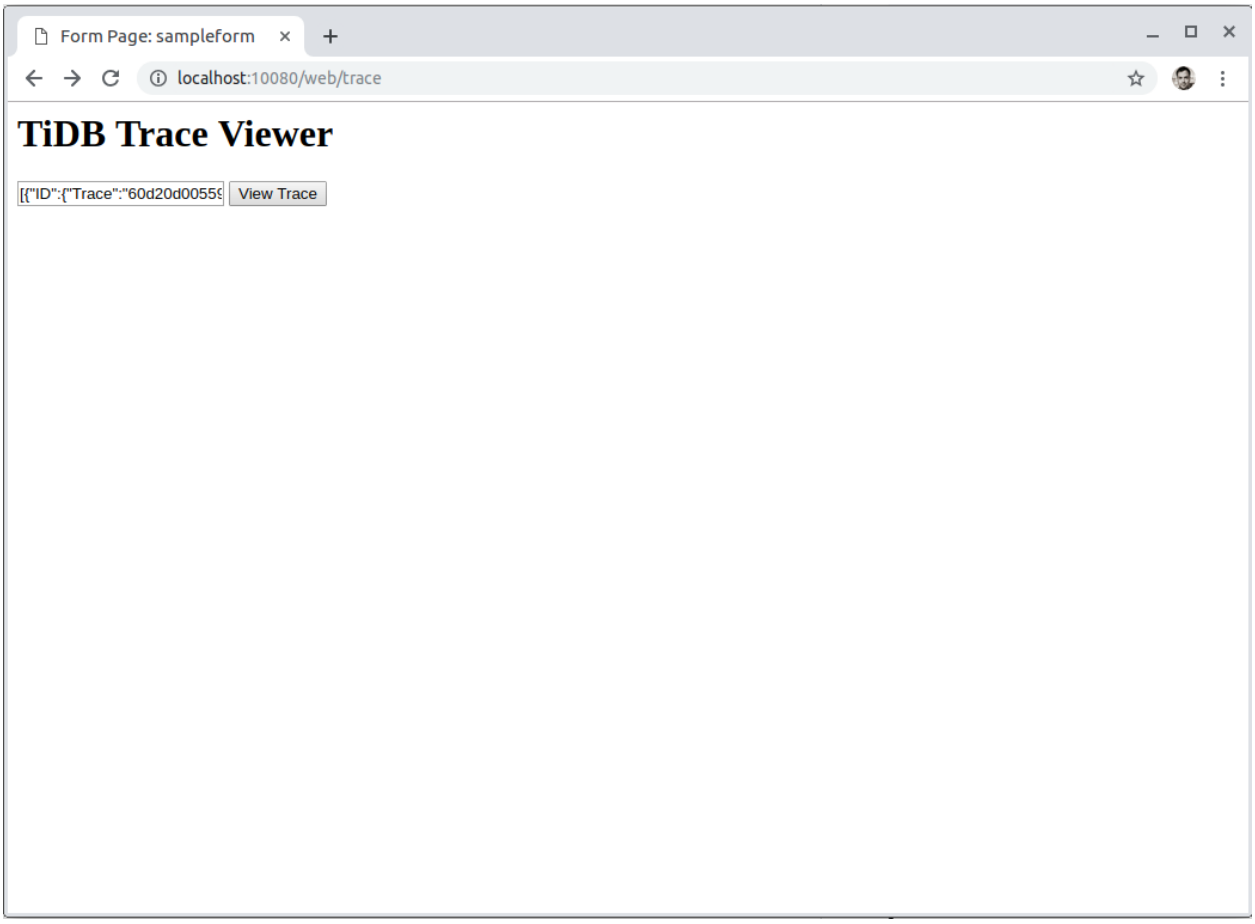

Figure 590: TiDB Trace Viewer-1

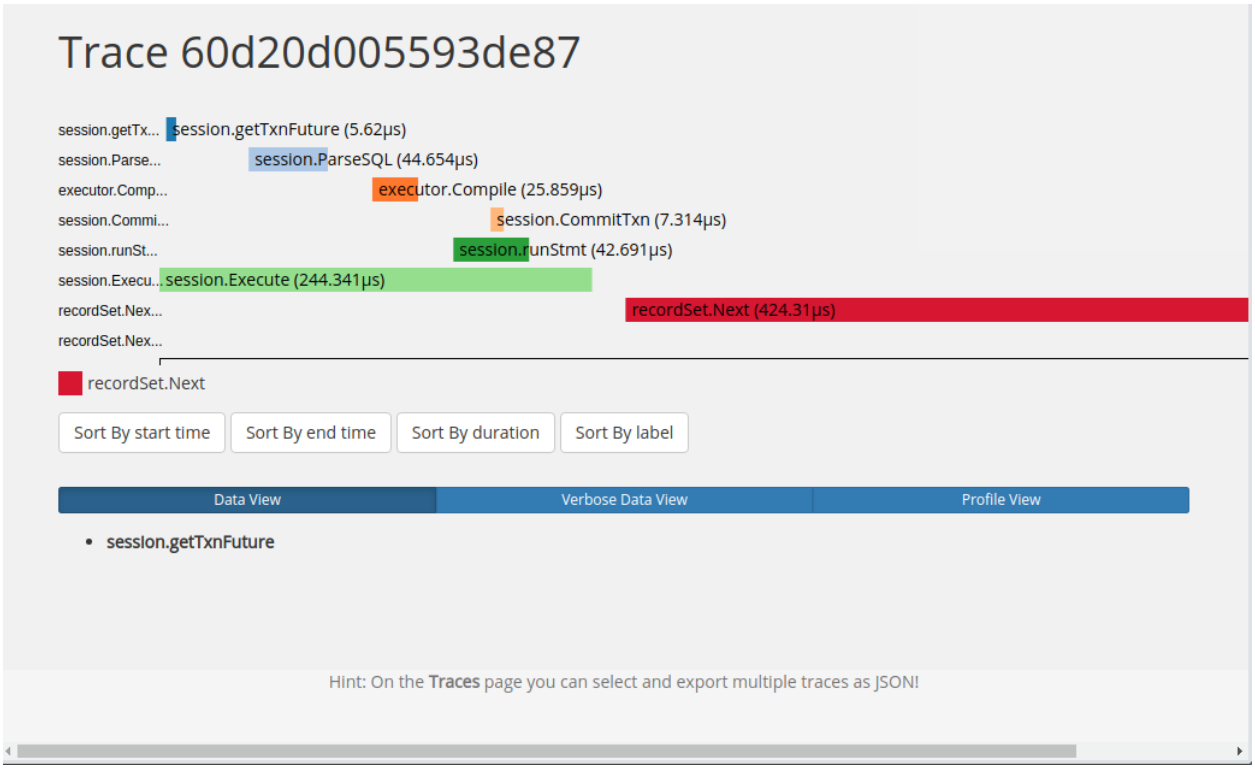

Figure 591: TiDB Trace Viewer-2

Log

```
TRACE FORMAT='log' SELECT * FROM mysql.user;
```

```
+----------------------------+-----------------------------------------------------+-
   ↪
| time                       | event
   ↪ | tags | spanName                        |
+----------------------------+-----------------------------------------------------+-
   ↪
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.358734 | --- start span trace ----
   ↪ |      | trace                           |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.358737 | --- start span session.ExecuteStmt ----
   ↪ |      | session.ExecuteStmt             |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.358746 | --- start span executor.Compile ----
   ↪ |      | executor.Compile                |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.358984 | --- start span session.runStmt ----
   ↪ |      | session.runStmt                 |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.359035 | --- start span TableReaderExecutor.Open ----
   ↪ |     | TableReaderExecutor.Open        |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.359047 | --- start span distsql.Select ----
   ↪ |      | distsql.Select                  |
```

```
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.359073 | --- start span *executor.TableReaderExecutor.
   ↪ Next ---- | | *executor.TableReaderExecutor.Next |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.359077 | table scan table: user, range: [[-inf,+inf]]
   ↪ |     | *executor.TableReaderExecutor.Next |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.359094 | --- start span regionRequest.SendReqCtx ----
   ↪ |     | regionRequest.SendReqCtx       |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.359098 | send Cop request to region 16 at store1
   ↪ |     | regionRequest.SendReqCtx       |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.359237 | --- start span *executor.TableReaderExecutor.
   ↪ Next ---- | | *executor.TableReaderExecutor.Next |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.359240 | table scan table: user, range: [[-inf,+inf]]
   ↪ |     | *executor.TableReaderExecutor.Next |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.359242 | execute done, ReturnRow: 1, ModifyRow: 0
   ↪ |     | trace                          |
| 2024-04-08 08:41:47.359252 | execute done, modify row: 0
   ↪ |     | trace                          |
+----------------------------+-------------------------------------------------+-
   ↪
14 rows in set (0.0008 sec)
```

14.13.2.139.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.139.4 See also

- EXPLAIN ANALYZE

14.13.2.140 TRUNCATE

The `TRUNCATE` statement removes all data from the table in a non-transactional way. `TRUNCATE` can be thought of as semantically the same as `DROP TABLE` + `CREATE TABLE` with the previous definition.

Both `TRUNCATE TABLE tableName` and `TRUNCATE tableName` are valid syntax.

14.13.2.140.1 Synopsis

```
TruncateTableStmt ::=
    "TRUNCATE" ( "TABLE" )? TableName

TableName ::=
    (Identifier ".")? Identifier
```

14.13.2.140.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
| 2 |
| 3 |
| 4 |
| 5 |
+---+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> TRUNCATE t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
Empty set (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1),(2),(3),(4),(5);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> TRUNCATE TABLE t1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)
```

14.13.2.140.3 MySQL compatibility

The `TRUNCATE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.140.4 See also

- DROP TABLE
- DELETE
- CREATE TABLE
- SHOW CREATE TABLE

14.13.2.141 UNLOCK STATS

`UNLOCK STATS` is used to unlock the statistics of a table or tables.

14.13.2.141.1 Synopsis

```
UnlockStatsStmt ::=
    'UNLOCK' 'STATS' (TableNameList | TableName 'PARTITION'
       ↪ PartitionNameList)

TableNameList ::=
    TableName (',' TableName)*

TableName ::=
    Identifier ( '.' Identifier )?

PartitionNameList ::=
    Identifier ( ',' Identifier )*
```

14.13.2.141.2 Examples

Refer to the examples in LOCK STATS and create a table `t` and lock its statistics.

Unlock the statistics of table `t`, and `ANALYZE` can be successfully executed.

```
mysql> UNLOCK STATS t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.03 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
   ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Level | Code | Message
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Note | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
   ↪ test.t, reason to use this rate is "use min(1, 110000/8) as the
   ↪ sample-rate=1" |
+--
   ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
```

```
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Refer to examples in LOCK STATS and create a table `t` and lock the statistics of its partition `p1`.

Unlock the statistics of partition `p1`, and `ANALYZE` can be successfully executed.

```
mysql> UNLOCK STATS t PARTITION p1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> ANALYZE TABLE t PARTITION p1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Note | 1105 | Analyze use auto adjusted sample rate 1.000000 for table
    ↪ test.t's partition p1, reason to use this rate is "TiDB assumes that
    ↪ the table is empty, use sample-rate=1" |
+-------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.141.3 MySQL compatibility

This statement is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax.

14.13.2.141.4 See also

- Statistics
- LOCK STATS
- SHOW STATS_LOCKED

14.13.2.142 UPDATE

The `UPDATE` statement is used to modify data in a specified table.

14.13.2.142.1 Synopsis

```
UpdateStmt ::=
    "UPDATE" UpdateOption
(   TableRef "SET" Assignment ("," Assignment)* WhereClause? OrderBy? Limit?
|   TableRefs "SET" Assignment ("," Assignment)* WhereClause?
)

UpdateOption ::=
    OptimizerHints? ("LOW_PRIORITY" | "HIGH_PRIORITY" | "DELAYED")? "IGNORE
        ↪ "?

TableRef ::=
    ( TableFactor | JoinTable )

TableRefs ::=
    EscapedTableRef ("," EscapedTableRef)*
```

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports Resource Control. You can use this feature to execute SQL statements with different priorities in different resource groups. By configuring proper quotas and priorities for these resource groups, you can gain better scheduling control for SQL statements with different priorities. When resource control is enabled, statement priority (`LOW_PRIORITY` and `HIGH_PRIORITY`) will no longer take effect. It is recommended that you use Resource Control to manage resource usage for different SQL statements.

14.13.2.142.2 Examples

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, c1 INT
    ↪ NOT NULL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 (c1) VALUES (1), (2), (3);
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
```

```
|  1 |  1 |
|  2 |  2 |
|  3 |  3 |
+----+----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> UPDATE t1 SET c1=5 WHERE c1=3;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
Rows matched: 1 Changed: 1 Warnings: 0

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+----+
| id | c1 |
+----+----+
|  1 |  1 |
|  2 |  2 |
|  3 |  5 |
+----+----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.142.3 MySQL compatibility

TiDB always uses the original value of a column when evaluating expressions. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a int, b int);
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1,2);
UPDATE t SET a = a+1,b=a;
```

In MySQL, the column `b` is updated to 2 because it is set to the value of `a`, and the value of `a` (which is 1) is updated to `a+1` (which is 2) in the same statement.

TiDB follows the more standard SQL behavior, and updates `b` to 1.

14.13.2.142.4 See also

- INSERT
- SELECT
- DELETE
- REPLACE

14.13.2.143 USE

The `USE` statement selects a current database for the user session.

14.13.2.143.1 Synopsis

```
UseStmt ::=
    "USE" DBName

DBName ::=
    Identifier
```

14.13.2.143.2 Examples

```
mysql> USE mysql;
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Database changed
mysql> SHOW TABLES;
+-------------------------+
| Tables_in_mysql         |
+-------------------------+
| GLOBAL_VARIABLES        |
| bind_info               |
| columns_priv            |
| db                      |
| default_roles           |
| expr_pushdown_blacklist |
| gc_delete_range         |
| gc_delete_range_done    |
| global_priv             |
| help_topic              |
| opt_rule_blacklist      |
| role_edges              |
| stats_buckets           |
| stats_feedback          |
| stats_histograms        |
| stats_meta              |
| stats_top_n             |
| tables_priv             |
| tidb                    |
| user                    |
+-------------------------+
20 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> CREATE DATABASE newtest;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)
```

```
mysql> USE newtest;
Database changed
mysql> SHOW TABLES;
Empty set (0.00 sec)

mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (a int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

mysql> SHOW TABLES;
+------------------+
| Tables_in_newtest |
+------------------+
| t1               |
+------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.143.3 MySQL compatibility

The `USE` statement in TiDB is fully compatible with MySQL. If you find any compatibility differences, report a bug.

14.13.2.143.4 See also

- CREATE DATABASE
- SHOW TABLES

14.13.2.144 WITH

A Common Table Expression (CTE) is a temporary result set that can be referred multiple times within a SQL statement to improve the statement's readability and execution efficiency. You can apply the `WITH` statement to use Common Table Expressions.

14.13.2.144.1 Synopsis

WithClause:

```
WithClause ::=
        "WITH" WithList
|       "WITH" "RECURSIVE" WithList
```

WithList:

```
WithList ::=
        WithList ',' CommonTableExpr
|       CommonTableExpr
```

CommonTableExpr:

```
CommonTableExpr ::=
       Identifier IdentListWithParenOpt "AS" SubSelect
```

IdentListWithParenOpt:

```
IdentListWithParenOpt ::=
( '(' IdentList ')' )?
```

14.13.2.144.2 Examples

Non-recursive CTE:

```
WITH cte AS (SELECT 1, 2) SELECT * FROM cte t1, cte t2;
```

```
+---+---+---+---+
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
+---+---+---+---+
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
+---+---+---+---+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Recursive CTE:

```
WITH RECURSIVE cte(a) AS (SELECT 1 UNION SELECT a+1 FROM cte WHERE a < 5)
    ↪ SELECT * FROM cte;
```

```
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
| 2 |
| 3 |
| 4 |
| 5 |
+---+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.2.144.3 MySQL compatibility

- In strict mode, when the data length recursively calculated exceeds the data length of the seed part, TiDB returns a warning while MySQL returns an error. In non-strict mode, the behavior of TiDB is consistent with that of MySQL.

- The data type for recursive CTE is determined by the seed part. The data type of the seed part is not completely consistent with MySQL in some cases (such as functions).
- In the case of multiple `UNION` / `UNION ALL` operators, MySQL does not allow `UNION` to be followed by `UNION ALL`, but TiDB does.
- If there is a problem with the definition of a CTE, TiDB will report an error, while MySQL will not if the CTE is not referred.

14.13.2.144.4 See also

- Developer Guide: Common Table Expression
- SELECT
- INSERT
- DELETE
- UPDATE
- REPLACE

14.13.3 Data Types

14.13.3.1 Data Types

TiDB supports all the data types in MySQL except the `SPATIAL` type. This includes all the numeric types, string types, date & time types, and the JSON type.

The definitions used for datatypes are specified as `T(M[, D])`. Where by:

- `T` indicates the specific data type.
- `M` indicates the maximum display width for integer types. For floating-point and fixed-point types, `M` is the total number of digits that can be stored (the precision). For string types, `M` is the maximum length. The maximum permissible value of M depends on the data type.

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v8.5.0, integer display width is deprecated (`deprecate-integer-display-length` is `true` by default). Specifying display width for integer types is NOT recommended.

- `D` applies to floating-point and fixed-point types and indicates the number of digits following the decimal point (the scale).
- `fsp` applies to the `TIME`, `DATETIME`, and `TIMESTAMP` types and represents the fractional seconds precision. The `fsp` value, if given, must be in the range 0 to 6. A value of 0 signifies that there is no fractional part. If omitted, the default precision is 0.

14.13.3.2 Default Values

The DEFAULT value clause in a data type specification indicates a default value for a column.

You can set default values for all data types. Typically, default values must be constants and cannot be functions or expressions, but there are some exceptions:

- For time types, you can use NOW, CURRENT_TIMESTAMP, LOCALTIME, and LOCALTIMESTAMP ↪ functions as default values for TIMESTAMP and DATETIME columns.
- For integer types, you can use the NEXT VALUE FOR function to set the next value of a sequence as the default value for a column, and use the RAND() function to generate a random floating-point value as the default value for a column.
- For string types, you can use the UUID() function to generate a universally unique identifier (UUID) as the default value for a column.
- For binary types, you can use the UUID_TO_BIN() function to convert a UUID to the binary format and set the converted value as the default value for a column.
- Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB additionally supports specifying the default values for BLOB ↪ , TEXT, and JSON data types, but you can only use expressions to set the default values for them.

If a column definition includes no explicit DEFAULT value, TiDB determines the default value as follows:

- If the column can take NULL as a value, the column is defined with an explicit DEFAULT ↪ NULL clause.
- If the column cannot take NULL as the value, TiDB defines the column with no explicit DEFAULT clause.

For data entry into a NOT NULL column that has no explicit DEFAULT clause, if an INSERT or REPLACE statement includes no value for the column, TiDB handles the column according to the SQL mode in effect at the time:

- If strict SQL mode is enabled, an error occurs for transactional tables, and the statement is rolled back. For nontransactional tables, an error occurs.
- If strict mode is not enabled, TiDB sets the column to the implicit default value for the column data type.

Implicit defaults are defined as follows:

- For numeric types, the default is 0. If declared with the AUTO_INCREMENT attribute, the default is the next value in the sequence.
- For date and time types other than TIMESTAMP, the default is the appropriate "zero" value for the type. For TIMESTAMP, the default value is the current date and time.
- For string types other than ENUM, the default value is the empty string. For ENUM, the default is the first enumeration value.

14.13.3.2.1 Specify expressions as default values

Starting from 8.0.13, MySQL supports specifying expressions as default values in the `DEFAULT` clause. For more information, see Explicit default handling as of MySQL 8.0.13.

TiDB supports specifying the following expressions as default values in the `DEFAULT` clause.

- `UPPER(SUBSTRING_INDEX(USER(), '@', 1))`
- `REPLACE(UPPER(UUID()), '-', '')`
- `DATE_FORMAT` expressions in the following formats:
  - `DATE_FORMAT(NOW(), '%Y-%m')`
  - `DATE_FORMAT(NOW(), '%Y-%m-%d')`
  - `DATE_FORMAT(NOW(), '%Y-%m-%d %H.%i.%s')`
  - `DATE_FORMAT(NOW(), '%Y-%m-%d %H:%i:%s')`
- `STR_TO_DATE('1980-01-01', '%Y-%m-%d')`
- `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP()`, `CURRENT_DATE()`: both use the default fractional seconds precision (fsp)
- `JSON_OBJECT()`, `JSON_ARRAY()`, `JSON_QUOTE()`
- `NEXTVAL()`
- `RAND()`
- `UUID()`, `UUID_TO_BIN()`
- `VEC_FROM_TEXT()`

TiDB supports assigning default values to `BLOB`, `TEXT`, and `JSON` data types. However, you can only use expressions, not literals, to define default values for these data types. The following is an example of `BLOB`:

```
CREATE TABLE t2 (
  b BLOB DEFAULT (RAND())
);
```

An example for using a UUID:

```
CREATE TABLE t3 (
  uuid BINARY(16) DEFAULT (UUID_TO_BIN(UUID())),
  name VARCHAR(255)
);
```

For more information on how to use UUID, see UUID best practices.

An example for using `JSON`:

```
CREATE TABLE t4 (
  id bigint AUTO_RANDOM PRIMARY KEY,
  j json DEFAULT (JSON_OBJECT("a", 1, "b", 2))
);
```

An example for what is not allowed for `JSON`:

```
CREATE TABLE t5 (
  id bigint AUTO_RANDOM PRIMARY KEY,
  j json DEFAULT ('{"a": 1, "b": 2}')
);
```

The last two examples show similar defaults, but only the first one is valid because it uses an expression rather than a literal.

14.13.3.3 Numeric Types

TiDB supports all the MySQL numeric types, including:

- Integer Types (Exact Value)
- Floating-Point Types (Approximate Value)
- Fixed-Point Types (Exact Value)

14.13.3.3.1 Integer types

TiDB supports all the MySQL integer types, including `INTEGER/INT`, `TINYINT`, `SMALLINT` ↪ , `MEDIUMINT`, and `BIGINT`. For more information, see Integer Data Type Syntax in MySQL.

The following table summarizes field descriptions:

> **Warning:**
>
> Starting from v8.5.0, integer display width is deprecated (`deprecate-` ↪ `integer-display-length` is `true` by default). Specifying display width for integer types is NOT recommended.

Syntax Element	Description
M	the display width of the type. Optional.
UNSIGNED	UNSIGNED. If omitted, it is SIGNED.
ZEROFILL	If you specify ZEROFILL for a numeric column, TiDB automatically adds the UNSIGNED attribute to the column.

The following table summarizes the required storage and range for integer types supported by TiDB:

Data Type	Storage Required (bytes)	Minimum Value (signed/unsigned)	Maximum value (signed/unsigned)
`TINYINT`	1	-128 / 0	127 / 255
`SMALLINT`	2	-32768 / 0	32767 / 65535
`MEDIUMINT`	3	-8388608 / 0	8388607 / 16777215
`INT`	4	-2147483648 / 0	2147483647 / 4294967295
`BIGINT`	8	-9223372036854775808 / 0	9223372036854775807 / 18446744073709551615

`BIT` type

The BIT data type. A type of BIT(M) enables the storage of M-bit values. M can range from 1 to 64, with the default value of 1:

```
BIT[(M)]
```

`BOOLEAN` type

The `BOOLEAN` type and its alias `BOOL` are equivalent to `TINYINT(1)`. If the value is `0`, it is considered as `False`; otherwise, it is considered `True`. As in MySQL, `True` is `1` and `False` is `0`:

```
BOOLEAN
```

`TINYINT` type

The `TINYINT` data type stores signed values of range [-128, 127] and unsigned values of range [0, 255]:

```
TINYINT[(M)] [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL]
```

`SMALLINT` type

The `SMALLINT` data type stores signed values of range [-32768, 32767], and unsigned values of range [0, 65535]:

```
SMALLINT[(M)] [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL]
```

`MEDIUMINT` type

The `MEDIUMINT` data type stores signed values of range [-8388608, 8388607], and unsigned values of range [0, 16777215]:

```
MEDIUMINT[(M)] [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL]
```

`INTEGER` type

The `INTEGER` type and its alias `INT` stores signed values of range [-2147483648, 2147483647], and unsigned values of range [0, 4294967295]:

```
INT[(M)] [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL]
```

You can also use another form:

```
INTEGER[(M)] [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL]
```

`BIGINT` type

The `BIGINT` data type stores signed values of range [-9223372036854775808, 9223372036854775807], and unsigned values of range [0, 18446744073709551615]:

```
BIGINT[(M)] [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL]
```

14.13.3.3.2 Floating-point types

TiDB supports all the MySQL floating-point types, including `FLOAT`, and `DOUBLE`. For more information, see Floating-Point Types (Approximate Value) - FLOAT, DOUBLE in MySQL.

The following table summarizes field descriptions:

Syntax Element	Description
M	the total number of digits
D	the number of digits following the decimal point
UNSIGNED	UNSIGNED. If omitted, it is SIGNED.
ZEROFILL	If you specify ZEROFILL for a numeric column, TiDB automatically adds the UNSIGNED attribute to the column.

The following table summarizes the required storage for floating-point types supported by TiDB:

Data Type	Storage Required (bytes)
`FLOAT`	4
`FLOAT(p)`	If 0 <= p <= 24, it is 4; if 25 <= p <= 53, it is 8
`DOUBLE`	8

`FLOAT` type

The `FLOAT` type stores a single-precision floating-point number. Permissible values are -3.402823466E+38 to -1.175494351E-38, 0, and 1.175494351E-38 to 3.402823466E+38. These are the theoretical limits, based on the IEEE standard. The actual range might be slightly smaller depending on your hardware or operating system.

`FLOAT(p)` can be used to represent the required precision in bits. TiDB uses this value only to determine whether to use `FLOAT` or `DOUBLE` for the resulting data type. If p is from 0 to 24, the data type becomes FLOAT with no M or D values. If p is from 25 to 53, the data type becomes `DOUBLE` with no M or D values. The range of the resulting column is the same as for the single-precision `FLOAT` or double-precision `DOUBLE` data type.

```
FLOAT[(M,D)] [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL]
FLOAT(p) [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL]
```

Note:

As in MySQL, the `FLOAT` data type stores approximate values. For values such as currency, it is recommended to use the `DECIMAL` type instead.

In TiDB, the default precision of the `FLOAT` data type is 8 digits, but in MySQL, the default precision is 6 digits. For example, assuming that you insert `123456789` and `1.23456789` into columns of the `FLOAT` type in both TiDB and MySQL, when you query the corresponding values in MySQL, you get `123457000` and `1.23457`, while in TiDB, you get `123456790` and `1.2345679`.

`DOUBLE` type

The `DOUBLE` type, and its alias `DOUBLE PRECISION` stores a double-precision floating-point number. Permissible values are -1.7976931348623157E+308 to -2.2250738585072014E-308, 0, and 2.2250738585072014E-308 to 1.7976931348623157E+308. These are the theoretical limits, based on the IEEE standard. The actual range might be slightly smaller depending on your hardware or operating system.

```
DOUBLE[(M,D)] [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL]
DOUBLE PRECISION [(M,D)] [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL], REAL[(M,D)] [UNSIGNED] [
    ↪ ZEROFILL]
```

Warning:

As in MySQL, the `DOUBLE` data type stores approximate values. For values such as currency, it is recommended to use the `DECIMAL` type instead.

Note:

When TiDB converts a double-precision floating-point number represented in scientific notation to the `CHAR` type, the result is displayed inconsistently with that in MySQL. See Cast functions and operators for details.

14.13.3.3.3 Fixed-point types

TiDB supports all the MySQL floating-point types, including DECIMAL, and NUMERIC. For more information, Fixed-Point Types (Exact Value) - DECIMAL, NUMERIC in MySQL.

The meaning of the fields:

Syntax Element	Description
M	the total number of decimal digits
D	the number of digits after the decimal point
UNSIGNED	UNSIGNED. If omitted, it is SIGNED.
ZEROFILL	If you specify ZEROFILL for a numeric column, TiDB automatically adds the UNSIGNED attribute to the column.

`DECIMAL` type

`DECIMAL` and its alias `NUMERIC` store a packed "exact" fixed-point number. M is the total number of decimal digits (the precision), and D is the number of digits after the decimal point (the scale). The decimal point and (for negative numbers) the - sign are not counted in M. If D is 0, values have no decimal point or fractional part. The maximum number of digits (M) for DECIMAL is 65. The maximum number of supported decimals (D) is 30. If

D is omitted, the default is 0. If M is omitted, the default is 10.

```
DECIMAL[(M[,D])] [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL]
NUMERIC[(M[,D])] [UNSIGNED] [ZEROFILL]
```

14.13.3.4 Date and Time Types

TiDB supports all MySQL date and time data types to store temporal values: `DATE`, `TIME`, `DATETIME`, `TIMESTAMP`, and `YEAR`. For more information, see Date and Time Data Types in MySQL.

Each of these types has its range of valid values, and uses a zero value to indicate that it is an invalid value. In addition, the `TIMESTAMP` and `DATETIME` types can automatically generate new time values on modification.

When dealing with date and time value types, note:

- Although TiDB tries to interpret different formats, the date-portion must be in the format of year-month-day (for example, '1998-09-04'), rather than month-day-year or day-month-year.
- If the year-portion of a date is specified as 2 digits, TiDB converts it based on specific rules.
- If a numeric value is needed in the context, TiDB automatically converts the date or time value into a numeric type. For example:

```
mysql> SELECT NOW(), NOW()+0, NOW(3)+0;
+---------------------+---------------+--------------------+
| NOW()               | NOW()+0       | NOW(3)+0           |
+---------------------+---------------+--------------------+
| 2012-08-15 09:28:00 | 20120815092800 | 20120815092800.889 |
+---------------------+---------------+--------------------+
```

- TiDB might automatically convert invalid values or values beyond the supported range to a zero value of that type. This behavior is dependent on the SQL Mode set. For example:

```
mysql> show create table t1;
+--
   ↪ -----+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Table | Create Table
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -----+-----------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
```

```
| t1    | CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `a` time DEFAULT NULL
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin |
+--
    ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> select @@sql_mode;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| @@sql_mode
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_ZERO_DATE,
    ↪ ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER,NO_ENGINE_
    ↪ SUBSTITUTION |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> insert into t1 values ('2090-11-32:22:33:44');
ERROR 1292 (22007): Truncated incorrect time value: '
    ↪ 2090-11-32:22:33:44'
mysql> set @@sql_mode='';
    ↪
    ↪ Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> insert into t1 values ('2090-11-32:22:33:44');
Query OK, 1 row affected, 1 warning (0.01 sec)

mysql> select * from t1;
+----------+
| a        |
+----------+
| 00:00:00 |
+----------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

- Setting different SQL modes can change TiDB behaviors.
- If the SQL mode `NO_ZERO_DATE` is not enabled, TiDB allows month or day in the columns of `DATE` and `DATETIME` to be zero value, for example, '2009-00-00' or '2009-01-00'. If this date type is to be calculated in a function, for example, in `DATE_SUB()` or `DATE_ADD()`, the result can be incorrect.
- By default, TiDB enables the SQL mode `NO_ZERO_DATE`. This mode prevents storing zero values such as '0000-00-00'.

Different types of zero value are shown in the following table:

Date Type	"Zero" Value
DATE	'0000-00-00'
TIME	'00:00:00'
DATETIME	'0000-00-00 00:00:00'
TIMESTAMP	'0000-00-00 00:00:00'
YEAR	0000

Invalid `DATE`, `DATETIME`, `TIMESTAMP` values are automatically converted to the corresponding type of zero value ('0000-00-00' or '0000-00-00 00:00:00') if the SQL mode permits such usage.

14.13.3.4.1 Supported types

`DATE` type

`DATE` only contains date-portion and no time-portion, displayed in `YYYY-MM-DD` format. The supported range is '0000-01-01' to '9999-12-31':

```
DATE
```

`TIME` type

For the `TIME` type, the format is `HH:MM:SS[.fraction]` and valid values range from '-838:59:59.000000' to '838:59:59.000000'. `TIME` is used not only to indicate the time within a day but also to indicate the time interval between 2 events. An optional `fsp` value in the range from 0 to 6 may be given to specify fractional seconds precision. If omitted, the default precision is 0:

```
TIME[(fsp)]
```

Note:

> Pay attention to the abbreviated form of `TIME`. For example, '11:12' means '11:12:00' instead of '00:11:12'. However, '1112' means '00:11:12'. These differences are caused by the presence or absence of the `:` character.

`DATETIME` type

`DATETIME` contains both date-portion and time-portion. Valid values range from '0000-01-01 00:00:00.000000' to '9999-12-31 23:59:59.999999'.

TiDB displays `DATETIME` values in `YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS[.fraction]` format, but permits assignment of values to `DATETIME` columns using either strings or numbers. An optional fsp value in the range from 0 to 6 may be given to specify fractional seconds precision. If omitted, the default precision is 0:

```
DATETIME[(fsp)]
```

`TIMESTAMP` type

`TIMESTAMP` contains both date-portion and time-portion. Valid values range from '1970-01-01 00:00:01.000000' to '2038-01-19 03:14:07.999999' in UTC time. An optional fsp value in the range from 0 to 6 may be given to specify fractional seconds precision. If omitted, the default precision is 0.

In `TIMESTAMP`, zero is not permitted to appear in the month-portion or day-portion. The only exception is zero value itself '0000-00-00 00:00:00'.

```
TIMESTAMP[(fsp)]
```

Timezone Handling

When `TIMESTAMP` is to be stored, TiDB converts the `TIMESTAMP` value from the current time zone to UTC time zone. When `TIMESTAMP` is to be retrieved, TiDB converts the stored `TIMESTAMP` value from UTC time zone to the current time zone (Note: `DATETIME` is not handled in this way). The default time zone for each connection is the server's local time zone, which can be modified by the environment variable `time_zone`.

> **Warning:**
>
> As in MySQL, the `TIMESTAMP` data type suffers from the Year 2038 Problem. For storing values that may span beyond 2038, please consider using the `DATETIME` type instead.

`YEAR` type

The YEAR type is specified in the format 'YYYY'. Supported values range from 1901 to 2155, or the zero value of 0000:

```
YEAR[(4)]
```

YEAR follows the following format rules:

- Four-digit numeral ranges from 1901 to 2155
- Four-digit string ranges from '1901' to '2155'
- One-digit or two-digit numeral ranges from 1 to 99. Accordingly, 1-69 is converted to 2001-2069 and 70-99 is converted to 1970-1999
- One-digit or two-digit string ranges from '0' to '99'
- Value 0 is taken as 0000 whereas the string '0' or '00' is taken as 2000

Invalid YEAR value is automatically converted to 0000 (if users are not using the NO_ZERO
↪ _DATE SQL mode).

14.13.3.4.2 Automatic initialization and update of TIMESTAMP and DATETIME

Columns with TIMESTAMP or DATETIME value type can be automatically initialized or updated to the current time.

For any column with TIMESTAMP or DATETIME value type in the table, you can set the default or auto-update value as current timestamp.

These properties can be set by setting DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP and ON UPDATE
↪ CURRENT_TIMESTAMP when the column is being defined. DEFAULT can also be set as a specific value, such as DEFAULT 0 or DEFAULT '2000-01-01 00:00:00'.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    ts TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
    dt DATETIME DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);
```

The default value for DATETIME is NULL unless it is specified as NOT NULL. For the latter situation, if no default value is set, the default value is be 0.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    dt1 DATETIME ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,   -- default NULL
    dt2 DATETIME NOT NULL ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP -- default 0
);
```

14.13.3.4.3 Decimal part of time value

DATETIME and TIMESTAMP values can contain a fractional part of up to 6 digits which is accurate to microseconds. In any column of DATETIME or TIMESTAMP types, a fractional part is stored instead of being discarded. With a fractional part, the value is in the format of

'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS[.fraction]', and the fraction ranges from 000000 to 999999. A decimal point must be used to separate the fraction from the rest.

- Use `type_name(fsp)` to define a column that supports fractional precision, where `type_name` can be `TIME`, `DATETIME` or `TIMESTAMP`. For example,

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (t TIME(3), dt DATETIME(6));
```

`fsp` must range from 0 to 6.

`0` means there is no fractional part. If `fsp` is omitted, the default is 0.

- When inserting `TIME`, `DATETIME` or `TIMESTAMP` which contain a fractional part, if the number of digit of the fraction is too few, or too many, rounding might be needed in the situation. For example:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE fractest( c1 TIME(2), c2 DATETIME(2), c3 TIMESTAMP
    ↪ (2) );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.33 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO fractest VALUES
    > ('17:51:04.777', '2014-09-08 17:51:04.777', '2014-09-08
       ↪ 17:51:04.777');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM fractest;
+-------------/-----------------------/-----------------------+
| c1          | c2                    | c3                    |
+-------------/-----------------------/-----------------------+
| 17:51:04.78 | 2014-09-08 17:51:04.78 | 2014-09-08 17:51:04.78 |
+-------------/-----------------------/-----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.3.4.4 Conversions between date and time types

Sometimes we need to make conversions between date and time types. But some conversions might lead to information loss. For example, `DATE`, `DATETIME` and `TIMESTAMP` values all have their own respective ranges. `TIMESTAMP` should be no earlier than the year 1970 in UTC time or no later than UTC time '2038-01-19 03:14:07'. Based on this rule, '1968-01-01' is a valid date value of `DATE` or `DATETIME`, but becomes 0 when it is converted to `TIMESTAMP`.

The conversions of `DATE`:

- When `DATE` is converted to `DATETIME` or `TIMESTAMP`, a time-portion '00:00:00' is added, because DATE does not contain any time information

- When DATE is converted to TIME, the result is '00:00:00'

Conversions of DATETIME or TIMESTAMP:

- When DATETIME or TIMESTAMP is converted to DATE, the time and fractional part is discarded. For example, '1999-12-31 23:59:59.499' is converted to '1999-12-31'
- When DATETIME or TIMESTAMP is converted to TIME, the date-portion is discarded, because TIME does not contain any date information

When we convert TIME to other time and date formats, the date-portion is automatically specified as CURRENT_DATE(). The final converted result is a date that consists of TIME and CURRENT_DATE(). This is to say that if the value of TIME is beyond the range from '00:00:00' to '23:59:59', the converted date-portion does not indicate the current day.

When TIME is converted to DATE, the process is similar, and the time-portion is discarded.

Using the CAST() function can explicitly convert a value to a DATE type. For example:

```
date_col = CAST(datetime_col AS DATE)
```

Converting TIME and DATETIME to numeric format. For example:

```
mysql> SELECT CURTIME(), CURTIME()+0, CURTIME(3)+0;
+-----------/-------------/--------------+
| CURTIME() | CURTIME()+0 | CURTIME(3)+0 |
+-----------/-------------/--------------+
| 09:28:00 |      92800 |   92800.887 |
+-----------/-------------/--------------+
mysql> SELECT NOW(), NOW()+0, NOW(3)+0;
+---------------------/----------------/--------------------+
| NOW()               | NOW()+0       | NOW(3)+0           |
+---------------------/----------------/--------------------+
| 2012-08-15 09:28:00 | 20120815092800 | 20120815092800.889 |
+---------------------/----------------/--------------------+
```

14.13.3.4.5 Two-digit year-portion contained in the date

The two-digit year-portion contained in date does not explicitly indicate the actual year and is ambiguous.

For DATETIME, DATE and TIMESTAMP types, TiDB follows the following rules to eliminate ambiguity:

- Values between 01 and 69 is converted to a value between 2001 and 2069
- Values between 70 and 99 is converted to a value between 1970 and 1999

These rules also apply to the YEAR type, with one exception:

When numeral 00 is inserted to YEAR(4), the result is 0000 rather than 2000.

If you want the result to be 2000, specify the value to be 2000.

The two-digit year-portion might not be properly calculated in some functions such MIN() and MAX(). For these functions, the four-digit format suites better.

14.13.3.5 String Types

TiDB supports all the MySQL string types, including CHAR, VARCHAR, BINARY, VARBINARY , BLOB, TEXT, ENUM, and SET. For more information, see String Types in MySQL.

14.13.3.5.1 Supported types

CHAR type

CHAR is a fixed length string. M represents the column-length in characters (not bytes). The range of M is 0 to 255. Different from the VARCHAR type, when data is inserted into a CHAR column, the trailing spaces are truncated.

```
[NATIONAL] CHAR[(M)] [CHARACTER SET charset_name] [COLLATE collation_name]
```

VARCHAR type

VARCHAR is a string of variable-length. M represents the maximum column length in characters (not bytes). The maximum size of VARCHAR cannot exceed 65,535 bytes. The maximum row length and the character set being used determine the VARCHAR length.

The space occupied by a single character might differ for different character sets. The following table shows the bytes consumed by a single character, and the range of the VARCHAR column length in each character set:

Character Set	Byte(s) per Character	Range of the Maximum VARCHAR Column Length
ascii	1	(0, 65535]
latin1	1	(0, 65535]
binary	1	(0, 65535]
utf8	3	(0, 21845]
utf8mb4	4	(0, 16383]

```
[NATIONAL] VARCHAR(M) [CHARACTER SET charset_name] [COLLATE collation_name]
```

TEXT type

TEXT is a string of variable-length. The maximum column length is 65,535 bytes. The optional M argument is in characters and is used to automatically select the fittest type of a TEXT column. For example TEXT(60) will yield a TINYTEXT data type that can hold up to 255 bytes, which fits a 60-character UTF-8 string that has up to 4 bytes per character

(4×60=240). Using the M argument is not recommended.

```
TEXT[(M)] [CHARACTER SET charset_name] [COLLATE collation_name]
```

`TINYTEXT` type

The `TINYTEXT` type is similar to the `TEXT` type. The difference is that the maximum column length of `TINYTEXT` is 255.

```
TINYTEXT [CHARACTER SET charset_name] [COLLATE collation_name]
```

`MEDIUMTEXT` type

The `MEDIUMTEXT` type is similar to the `TEXT` type. The difference is that the maximum column length of `MEDIUMTEXT` is 16,777,215. But due to the limitation of `txn-entry-size-limit`, the maximum storage size of a single row in TiDB is 6 MiB by default and can be increased to 120 MiB by changing the configuration.

```
MEDIUMTEXT [CHARACTER SET charset_name] [COLLATE collation_name]
```

`LONGTEXT` type

The `LONGTEXT` type is similar to the `TEXT` type. The difference is that the maximum column length of `LONGTEXT` is 4,294,967,295. But due to the limitation of `txn-entry-size-limit`, the maximum storage size of a single row in TiDB is 6 MiB by default and can be increased to 120 MiB by changing the configuration.

```
LONGTEXT [CHARACTER SET charset_name] [COLLATE collation_name]
```

`BINARY` type

The `BINARY` type is similar to the `CHAR` type. The difference is that `BINARY` stores binary byte strings.

```
BINARY(M)
```

`VARBINARY` type

The `VARBINARY` type is similar to the `VARCHAR` type. The difference is that the `VARBINARY` stores binary byte strings.

```
VARBINARY(M)
```

`BLOB` type

`BLOB` is a large binary file. M represents the maximum column length in bytes, ranging from 0 to 65,535.

```
BLOB[(M)]
```

`TINYBLOB` type

The `TINYBLOB` type is similar to the `BLOB` type. The difference is that the maximum column length of `TINYBLOB` is 255.

```
TINYBLOB
```

`MEDIUMBLOB` type

The `MEDIUMBLOB` type is similar to the BLOB type. The difference is that the maximum column length of `MEDIUMBLOB` is 16,777,215. But due to the limitation of `txn-entry-size-limit`, the maximum storage size of a single row in TiDB is 6 MiB by default and can be increased to 120 MiB by changing the configuration.

```
MEDIUMBLOB
```

`LONGBLOB` type

The `LONGBLOB` type is similar to the BLOB type. The difference is that the maximum column length of `LONGBLOB` is 4,294,967,295. But due to the limitation of `txn-entry-size-limit`, the maximum storage size of a single row in TiDB is 6 MiB by default and can be increased to 120 MiB by changing the configuration.

```
LONGBLOB
```

`ENUM` type

An `ENUM` is a string object with a value chosen from a list of permitted values that are enumerated explicitly in the column specification when the table is created. The syntax is:

```
ENUM('value1','value2',...) [CHARACTER SET charset_name] [COLLATE collation_name]

#### For example:
ENUM('apple', 'orange', 'pear')
```

The value of the `ENUM` data type is stored as numbers. Each value is converted to a number according the definition order. In the previous example, each string is mapped to a number:

Value	Number
NULL	NULL
”	0
‘apple’	1
‘orange’	2
‘pear’	3

For more information, see the ENUM type in MySQL.

`SET` type

A `SET` is a string object that can have zero or more values, each of which must be chosen from a list of permitted values specified when the table is created. The syntax is:

```
SET('value1','value2',...) [CHARACTER SET charset_name] [COLLATE collation_
    ↪ name]

#### For example:
SET('1', '2') NOT NULL
```

In the example, any of the following values can be valid:

```
''
'1'
'2'
'1,2'
```

In TiDB, the values of the `SET` type is internally converted to `Int64`. The existence of each element is represented using a binary: 0 or 1. For a column specified as `SET('a','b ↪ ','c','d')`, the members have the following decimal and binary values.

Member	Decimal Value	Binary Value
'a'	1	0001
'b'	2	0010
'c'	4	0100
'd'	8	1000

In this case, for an element of `('a', 'c')`, it is `0101` in binary.

For more information, see the SET type in MySQL.

14.13.3.6 JSON Data Type

TiDB supports the `JSON` (JavaScript Object Notation) data type, which is useful for storing semi-structured data. The `JSON` data type provides the following advantages over storing `JSON`-format strings in a string column:

- Use the Binary format for serialization. The internal format permits quick read access to `JSON` document elements.
- Automatic validation of the JSON documents stored in `JSON` columns. Only valid documents can be stored.

`JSON` columns, like columns of other binary types, are not indexed directly, but you can index the fields in the `JSON` document in the form of generated column:

```
CREATE TABLE city (
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    detail JSON,
```

```
    population INT AS (JSON_EXTRACT(detail, '$.population')),
    index index_name (population)
    );
INSERT INTO city (id,detail) VALUES (1, '{"name": "Beijing", "population":
    ↪ 100}');
SELECT id FROM city WHERE population >= 100;
```

For more information, see JSON Functions and Generated Columns.

14.13.3.6.1 JSON value types

The values inside a JSON document have types. This is visible in the output of JSON_ ↪ TYPE().

Type	Example
ARRAY	`[]`
BIT	
BLOB	`0x616263`
BOOLEAN	`true`
DATE	`"2025-06-14"`
DATETIME	`"2025-06-14 09:05:10.000000"`
DOUBLE	`1.14`
INTEGER	`5`
NULL	`null`
OBJECT	`{}`
OPAQUE	
STRING	`"foobar"`
TIME	`"09:10:00.000000"`
UNSIGNED INTEGER	`9223372036854776000`

14.13.3.6.2 Restrictions

- Currently, TiDB only supports pushing down limited `JSON` functions to TiFlash. For more information, see Push-down expressions.
- TiDB Backup & Restore (BR) changes how JSON column data is encoded in v6.3.0. Therefore, it is not recommended to use BR to restore data containing JSON columns to a TiDB cluster earlier than v6.3.0.
- Do not use any replication tool to replicate data containing non-standard `JSON` data types, such as `DATE`, `DATETIME`, and `TIME`.

14.13.3.6.3 MySQL compatibility

- When you create JSON columns with data in the `BINARY` type, MySQL mislabels the data as the `STRING` type currently, while TiDB processes it as the `BINARY` type

correctly.

```
CREATE TABLE test(a json);
INSERT INTO test SELECT json_objectagg('a', b'01010101');

-- In TiDB, executing the following SQL statement returns `0, 0`. In
   ↪ MySQL, executing the following SQL statement returns `0, 1`.
mysql> SELECT JSON_EXTRACT(JSON_OBJECT('a', b'01010101'), '$.a') = "
   ↪ base64:type15:VQ==" AS r1, JSON_EXTRACT(a, '$.a') = "base64:
   ↪ type15:VQ==" AS r2 FROM test;
+------+------+
| r1   | r2   |
+------+------+
|    0 |    0 |
+------+------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

For more information, see issue #37443.

- When converting the data type from `ENUM` or `SET` to `JSON`, TiDB checks the correctness of data format. For example, executing the following SQL statements in TiDB will return an error.

```
CREATE TABLE t(e ENUM('a'));
INSERT INTO t VALUES ('a');
mysql> SELECT CAST(e AS JSON) FROM t;
ERROR 3140 (22032): Invalid JSON text: The document root must not be
   ↪ followed by other values.
```

For more information, see issue #9999.

- In TiDB, you can use `ORDER BY` to sort JSON arrays or JSON objects.

  In MySQL, if you use `ORDER BY` to sort JSON arrays or JSON objects, MySQL returns a warning and the sorting result does not match the result of the comparison operation:

```
CREATE TABLE t(j JSON);
INSERT INTO t VALUES ('[1,2,3,4]');
INSERT INTO t VALUES ('[5]');

mysql> SELECT j FROM t WHERE j < JSON_ARRAY(5);
+--------------+
| j            |
+--------------+
| [1, 2, 3, 4] |
+--------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
-- In TiDB, executing the following SQL statement returns the correct
   ↪  sorting result. In MySQL, executing the following SQL
   ↪ statement returns the "This version of MySQL doesn't yet
   ↪ support 'sorting of non-scalar JSON values'." warning and the
   ↪ sorting result is inconsistent with the comparison result of
   ↪ `<`.
mysql> SELECT j FROM t ORDER BY j;
+--------------+
| j            |
+--------------+
| [1, 2, 3, 4] |
| [5]          |
+--------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

For more information, see issue #37506.

- When you insert data to a JSON column, TiDB implicitly converts the value of the data to the `JSON` type.

```
CREATE TABLE t(col JSON);

-- In TiDB, the following INSERT statement is executed successfully.
   ↪ In MySQL, executing the following INSERT statement returns the
   ↪ "Invalid JSON text" error.
INSERT INTO t VALUES (3);
```

For more information about the `JSON` data type, see JSON functions and Generated Columns.

14.13.3.7 Vector Data Types

A vector is a sequence of floating-point numbers, such as `[0.3, 0.5, -0.1, ...]`. TiDB offers Vector data types, specifically optimized for efficiently storing and querying vector embeddings widely used in AI applications.

> **Warning:**
>
> This feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

> **Note:**
>
> Vector data types are only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

The following Vector data types are currently available:

- `VECTOR`: A sequence of single-precision floating-point numbers with any dimension.
- `VECTOR(D)`: A sequence of single-precision floating-point numbers with a fixed dimension `D`.

Using vector data types provides the following advantages over using the `JSON` type:

- Vector index support: You can build a vector search index to speed up vector searching.
- Dimension enforcement: You can specify a dimension to forbid inserting vectors with different dimensions.
- Optimized storage format: Vector data types are optimized for handling vector data, offering better space efficiency and performance compared to `JSON` types.

14.13.3.7.1 Syntax

You can use a string in the following syntax to represent a Vector value:

```
'[<float>, <float>, ...]'
```

Example:

```
CREATE TABLE vector_table (
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    embedding VECTOR(3)
);

INSERT INTO vector_table VALUES (1, '[0.3, 0.5, -0.1]');

INSERT INTO vector_table VALUES (2, NULL);
```

Inserting vector values with invalid syntax will result in an error:

```
[tidb]> INSERT INTO vector_table VALUES (3, '[5, ]');
ERROR 1105 (HY000): Invalid vector text: [5, ]
```

In the following example, because dimension `3` is enforced for the `embedding` column when the table is created, inserting a vector with a different dimension will result in an error:

```
[tidb]> INSERT INTO vector_table VALUES (4, '[0.3, 0.5]');
ERROR 1105 (HY000): vector has 2 dimensions, does not fit VECTOR(3)
```

For available functions and operators over the vector data types, see Vector Functions and Operators.

For more information about building and using a vector search index, see Vector Search Index.

14.13.3.7.2 Store vectors with different dimensions

You can store vectors with different dimensions in the same column by omitting the dimension parameter in the `VECTOR` type:

```
CREATE TABLE vector_table (
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    embedding VECTOR
);

INSERT INTO vector_table VALUES (1, '[0.3, 0.5, -0.1]'); -- 3 dimensions
    ↪ vector, OK
INSERT INTO vector_table VALUES (2, '[0.3, 0.5]'); -- 2 dimensions vector,
    ↪ OK
```

However, note that you cannot build a vector search index for this column, as vector distances can be only calculated between vectors with the same dimensions.

14.13.3.7.3 Comparison

You can compare vector data types using comparison operators such as `=`, `!=`, `<`, `>`, `<=`, and `>=`. For a complete list of comparison operators and functions for vector data types, see Vector Functions and Operators.

Vector data types are compared element-wise numerically. For example:

- `[1] < [12]`
- `[1,2,3] < [1,2,5]`
- `[1,2,3] = [1,2,3]`
- `[2,2,3] > [1,2,3]`

Two vectors with different dimensions are compared using lexicographical comparison, with the following rules:

- Two vectors are compared element by element from the start, and each element is compared numerically.

- The first mismatching element determines which vector is lexicographically *less* or *greater* than the other.
- If one vector is a prefix of another, the shorter vector is lexicographically *less* than the other. For example, `[1,2,3] < [1,2,3,0]`.
- Vectors of the same length with identical elements are lexicographically *equal*.
- An empty vector is lexicographically *less* than any non-empty vector. For example, `[] < [1]`.
- Two empty vectors are lexicographically *equal*.

When comparing vector constants, consider performing an explicit cast from string to vector to avoid comparisons based on string values:

```
-- Because string is given, TiDB is comparing strings:
[tidb]> SELECT '[12.0]' < '[4.0]';
+--------------------+
| '[12.0]' < '[4.0]' |
+--------------------+
|                  1 |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

-- Cast to vector explicitly to compare by vectors:
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_FROM_TEXT('[12.0]') < VEC_FROM_TEXT('[4.0]');
+-------------------------------------------------+
| VEC_FROM_TEXT('[12.0]') < VEC_FROM_TEXT('[4.0]') |
+-------------------------------------------------+
|                                               0 |
+-------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.3.7.4 Arithmetic

Vector data types support arithmetic operations `+` (addition) and `-` (subtraction). However, arithmetic operations between vectors with different dimensions are not supported and will result in an error.

Examples:

```
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_FROM_TEXT('[4]') + VEC_FROM_TEXT('[5]');
+-------------------------------------------+
| VEC_FROM_TEXT('[4]') + VEC_FROM_TEXT('[5]') |
+-------------------------------------------+
| [9]                                       |
+-------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_FROM_TEXT('[2,3,4]') - VEC_FROM_TEXT('[1,2,3]');
+---------------------------------------------------+
| VEC_FROM_TEXT('[2,3,4]') - VEC_FROM_TEXT('[1,2,3]') |
+---------------------------------------------------+
| [1,1,1]                                           |
+---------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

[tidb]> SELECT VEC_FROM_TEXT('[4]') + VEC_FROM_TEXT('[1,2,3]');
ERROR 1105 (HY000): vectors have different dimensions: 1 and 3
```

14.13.3.7.5 Cast

Cast between Vector String

To cast between Vector and String, use the following functions:

- `CAST(... AS VECTOR)`: String Vector
- `CAST(... AS CHAR)`: Vector String
- `VEC_FROM_TEXT`: String Vector
- `VEC_AS_TEXT`: Vector String

To improve usability, if you call a function that only supports vector data types, such as a vector correlation distance function, you can also just pass in a format-compliant string. TiDB automatically performs an implicit cast in this case.

```
-- The VEC_DIMS function only accepts VECTOR arguments, so you can
   ↪ directly pass in a string for an implicit cast.
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_DIMS('[0.3, 0.5, -0.1]');
+------------------------------+
| VEC_DIMS('[0.3, 0.5, -0.1]') |
+------------------------------+
|                            3 |
+------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

-- You can also explicitly cast a string to a vector using VEC_FROM_TEXT
   ↪ and then pass the vector to the VEC_DIMS function.
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_DIMS(VEC_FROM_TEXT('[0.3, 0.5, -0.1]'));
+-------------------------------------------+
| VEC_DIMS(VEC_FROM_TEXT('[0.3, 0.5, -0.1]')) |
+-------------------------------------------+
|                                         3 |
+-------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
-- You can also cast explicitly using CAST(... AS VECTOR):
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_DIMS(CAST('[0.3, 0.5, -0.1]' AS VECTOR));
+-----------------------------------------------+
| VEC_DIMS(CAST('[0.3, 0.5, -0.1]' AS VECTOR)) |
+-----------------------------------------------+
|                                             3 |
+-----------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

When using an operator or function that accepts multiple data types, you need to explicitly cast the string type to the vector type before passing the string to that operator or function, because TiDB does not perform implicit casts in this case. For example, before performing comparison operations, you need to explicitly cast strings to vectors; otherwise, TiDB compares them as string values rather than as vector numeric values:

```
-- Because string is given, TiDB is comparing strings:
[tidb]> SELECT '[12.0]' < '[4.0]';
+--------------------+
| '[12.0]' < '[4.0]' |
+--------------------+
|                  1 |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

-- Cast to vector explicitly to compare by vectors:
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_FROM_TEXT('[12.0]') < VEC_FROM_TEXT('[4.0]');
+-------------------------------------------------------+
| VEC_FROM_TEXT('[12.0]') < VEC_FROM_TEXT('[4.0]') |
+-------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                     0 |
+-------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

You can also explicitly cast a vector to its string representation. Take using the `VEC_AS_TEXT()` function as an example:

```
-- The string is first implicitly cast to a vector, and then the vector is explicitly cast to a string, thus returning a string in the normalized format:
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_AS_TEXT('[0.3, 0.5, -0.1]');
+-------------------------------------+
| VEC_AS_TEXT('[0.3,  0.5, -0.1]') |
+-------------------------------------+
| [0.3,0.5,-0.1]                    |
+-------------------------------------+
```

```
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

For additional cast functions, see Vector Functions and Operators.

Cast between Vector other data types

Currently, direct casting between Vector and other data types (such as `JSON`) is not supported. To work around this limitation, use String as an intermediate data type for casting in your SQL statement.

Note that vector data type columns stored in a table cannot be converted to other data types using `ALTER TABLE ... MODIFY COLUMN ...`.

14.13.3.7.6 Restrictions

For restrictions on vector data types, see Vector search limitations and Vector index restrictions.

14.13.3.7.7 MySQL compatibility

Vector data types are TiDB specific, and are not supported in MySQL.

14.13.3.7.8 See also

- Vector Functions and Operators
- Vector Search Index
- Improve Vector Search Performance

14.13.4 Functions and Operators

14.13.4.1 Function and Operator Reference

The usage of the functions and operators in TiDB is similar to MySQL. See Functions and Operators in MySQL.

In SQL statements, expressions can be used on the `ORDER BY` and `HAVING` clauses of the `SELECT` statement, the `WHERE` clause of `SELECT`/`DELETE`/`UPDATE` statements, and `SET` statements.

You can write expressions using literals, column names, `NULL`, built-in functions, operators, and so on.

- For expressions that TiDB supports pushing down to TiKV, see List of expressions for pushdown.
- For expressions that TiDB supports pushing down to TiFlash, see Push-down expressions.

14.13.4.2 Type Conversion in Expression Evaluation

TiDB behaves the same as MySQL: https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/type-conversion.html

14.13.4.3 Operators

This document describes the operators precedence, comparison functions and operators, logical operators, and assignment operators.

- Operator precedence
- Comparison functions and operators
- Logical operators
- Assignment operators

Name	Description
AND, &&	Logical AND
=	Assign a value (as part of a `SET` statement, or as part of the `SET` clause in an `UPDATE` statement)
:=	Assign a value
BETWEEN ... AND ...	Check whether a value is within a range of values
BINARY	Cast a string to a binary string
&	Bitwise AND
~	Bitwise inversion
|	Bitwise OR
[^](https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/bit-functions.html#operator_bitwise-xor)	Bitwise XOR
CASE	Case operator
DIV	Integer division
/	Division operator
=	Equal operator
`<=>`	NULL-safe equal to operator
>	Greater than operator
>=	Greater than or equal operator
IS	Test a value against a boolean
IS NOT	Test a value against a boolean
IS NOT NULL	NOT NULL value test
IS NULL	NULL value test
->	Return value from JSON column after evaluating path; equivalent to `JSON_EXTRACT()`

Name	Description
->>	Return value from JSON column after evaluating path and unquoting the result; equivalent to `JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_EXTRACT())`
<<	Left shift
<	Less than operator
<=	Less than or equal operator
LIKE	Simple pattern matching
ILIKE	Simple pattern matching with case insensitive (Supported in TiDB, but not supported in MySQL)
-	Minus operator
%, MOD	Modulo operator
NOT, !	Negates value
NOT BETWEEN … AND …	Check whether a value is not within a range of values
!=, <>	Not equal operator
NOT LIKE	Negation of simple pattern matching
NOT REGEXP	Negation of REGEXP
||, OR	Logical OR
+	Addition operator
REGEXP	Pattern matching using regular expressions
>>	Right shift
RLIKE	Synonym for REGEXP
*	Multiplication operator
-	Change the sign of the argument
XOR	Logical XOR

14.13.4.3.1 Unsupported operators

- `SOUNDS LIKE`

14.13.4.3.2 Operator precedence

Operator precedences are shown in the following list, from highest precedence to the lowest. Operators that are shown together on a line have the same precedence.

```
INTERVAL
BINARY, COLLATE
!
- (unary minus), ~ (unary bit inversion)
^
*, /, DIV, %, MOD
```

```
-, +
<<, >>
&
|
= (comparison), <=>, >=, >, <=, <, <>, !=, IS, LIKE, REGEXP, IN
BETWEEN, CASE, WHEN, THEN, ELSE
NOT
AND, &&
XOR
OR, ||
= (assignment), :=
```

For details, see Operator Precedence.

14.13.4.3.3 Comparison functions and operators

Name	Description
BETWEEN … AND …	Check whether a value is within a range of values
COALESCE()	Return the first non-NULL argument
=	Equal operator
<=>	NULL-safe equal to operator
>	Greater than operator
>=	Greater than or equal operator
GREATEST()	Return the largest argument
IN()	Check whether a value is within a set of values
INTERVAL()	Return the index of the argument that is less than the first argument
IS	Test a value against a boolean
IS NOT	Test a value against a boolean
IS NOT NULL	NOT NULL value test
IS NULL	NULL value test
ISNULL()	Test whether the argument is NULL
LEAST()	Return the smallest argument
<	Less than operator
<=	Less than or equal operator
LIKE	Simple pattern matching
ILIKE	Simple pattern matching with case insensitive (Supported in TiDB, but not supported in MySQL)
NOT BETWEEN … AND …	Check whether a value is not within a range of values
!=, <>	Not equal operator

Name	Description
NOT IN()	Check whether a value is not within a set of values
NOT LIKE	Negation of simple pattern matching
STRCMP()	Compare two strings

For details, see Comparison Functions and Operators.

14.13.4.3.4 Logical operators

Name	Description
AND, &&	Logical AND
NOT, !	Negates value
||, OR	Logical OR
XOR	Logical XOR

For details, see MySQL Handling of GROUP BY.

14.13.4.3.5 Assignment operators

Name	Description
=	Assign a value (as part of a `SET` statement, or as part of the `SET` clause in an `UPDATE` statement)
:=	Assign a value

For details, see Detection of Functional Dependence.

14.13.4.3.6 MySQL compatibility

- MySQL does not support the `ILIKE` operator.

14.13.4.4 Control Flow Functions

TiDB supports all of the control flow functions available in MySQL 8.0.

Name	Description
`CASE`	Case operator
`IF()`	If/else construct
`IFNULL()`	Null if/else construct
`NULLIF()`	Return `NULL` if expr1 = expr2

14.13.4.4.1 CASE

The CASE operator enables you to perform conditional logic and customize query results based on specified conditions.

Syntax:

```
CASE
    WHEN condition1 THEN result1
    WHEN condition2 THEN result2
    ...
    ELSE default_result
END
```

Example:

```
WITH RECURSIVE d AS (SELECT 1 AS n UNION ALL SELECT n+1 FROM d WHERE n<10)
SELECT n, CASE WHEN n MOD 2 THEN "odd" ELSE "even" END FROM d;
```

```
+----+-----------------------------------------------+
| n  | CASE WHEN n MOD 2 THEN "odd" ELSE "even" END  |
+----+-----------------------------------------------+
|  1 | odd                                           |
|  2 | even                                          |
|  3 | odd                                           |
|  4 | even                                          |
|  5 | odd                                           |
|  6 | even                                          |
|  7 | odd                                           |
|  8 | even                                          |
|  9 | odd                                           |
| 10 | even                                          |
+----+-----------------------------------------------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.4.2 IF()

The IF() function enables you to perform different actions based on whether a value or expression is true or not.

Syntax:

```
IF(condition, value_if_true, value_if_false)
```

Example:

```
WITH RECURSIVE d AS (SELECT 1 AS n UNION ALL SELECT n+1 FROM d WHERE n<10)
SELECT n, IF(n MOD 2, "odd", "even") FROM d;
```

```
+----+----------------------------+
| n  | IF(n MOD 2, "odd", "even") |
+----+----------------------------+
|  1 | odd                        |
|  2 | even                       |
|  3 | odd                        |
|  4 | even                       |
|  5 | odd                        |
|  6 | even                       |
|  7 | odd                        |
|  8 | even                       |
|  9 | odd                        |
| 10 | even                       |
+----+----------------------------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.4.3 IFNULL()

The IFNULL(expr1,expr2) function is used to handle NULL values in queries. If expr1 is not NULL, it returns expr1; otherwise, it returns expr2.

Example:

```
WITH data AS (SELECT NULL AS x UNION ALL SELECT 1 )
SELECT x, IFNULL(x,'x has no value') FROM data;
```

```
+------+----------------------------+
| x    | IFNULL(x,'x has no value') |
+------+----------------------------+
| NULL | x has no value             |
|    1 | 1                          |
+------+----------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.0006 sec)
```

14.13.4.4.4 NULLIF()

The NULLIF(expr1,expr2) function returns NULL if both arguments are the same or if the first argument is NULL. Otherwise, it returns the first argument.

Example:

```
WITH RECURSIVE d AS (SELECT 1 AS n UNION ALL SELECT n+1 FROM d WHERE n<10)
SELECT n, NULLIF(n+n, n+2) FROM d;
```

```
+----+------------------+
| n  | NULLIF(n+n, n+2) |
+----+------------------+
|  1 |                2 |
|  2 |             NULL |
|  3 |                6 |
|  4 |                8 |
|  5 |               10 |
|  6 |               12 |
|  7 |               14 |
|  8 |               16 |
|  9 |               18 |
| 10 |               20 |
+----+------------------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this example, when `n` equals `2`, both `n+n` and `n+2` equal `4`, making both arguments the same and causing the function to return `NULL`.

14.13.4.5 String Functions

TiDB supports most of the string functions available in MySQL 8.0, and some of the functions available in Oracle 21.

For comparisons between functions and syntax of Oracle and TiDB, see Comparisons between Functions and Syntax of Oracle and TiDB.

14.13.4.5.1 Supported functions

`ASCII()`

The `ASCII(str)` function is used to get the ASCII value of the leftmost character in the given argument. The argument can be either a string or a number.

- If the argument is not empty, the function returns the ASCII value of the leftmost character.
- If the argument is an empty string, the function returns `0`.
- If the argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

> **Note:**
>
> `ASCII(str)` only works for characters represented using 8 bits of binary digits (one byte).

Example:

```
SELECT ASCII('A'), ASCII('TiDB'), ASCII(23);
```

Output:

```
+-----------+--------------+-----------+
| ASCII('A') | ASCII('TiDB') | ASCII(23) |
+-----------+--------------+-----------+
|        65 |           84 |        50 |
+-----------+--------------+-----------+
```

BIN()

The `BIN()` function is used to convert the given argument into a string representation of its binary value. The argument can be either a string or a number.

- If the argument is a positive number, the function returns a string representation of its binary value.
- If the argument is a negative number, the function converts the absolute value of the argument to its binary representation, inverts each bit of the binary value (changing `0` to `1` and `1` to `0`), and then adds `1` to the inverted value.
- If the argument is a string containing only digits, the function returns the result according to those digits. For example, the results for `"123"` and `123` are the same.
- If the argument is a string and its first character is not a digit (such as `"q123"`), the function returns `0`.
- If the argument is a string that consists of digits and non-digits, the function returns the result according to the consecutive digits at the beginning of the argument. For example, the results for `"123q123"` and `123` are the same, but `BIN('123q123')` generates a warning like `Truncated incorrect INTEGER value: '123q123'`.
- If the argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

Example 1:

```
SELECT BIN(123), BIN('123q123');
```

Output 1:

```
+----------+----------------+
| BIN(123) | BIN('123q123') |
+----------+----------------+
| 1111011 | 1111011      |
+----------+----------------+
```

Example 2:

```
SELECT BIN(-7);
```

Output 2:

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| BIN(-7)                                                               |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| 1111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111001 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
```

BIT_LENGTH()

The BIT_LENGTH() function is used to return the length of a given argument in bits.

Examples:

```
SELECT BIT_LENGTH("TiDB");

+--------------------+
| BIT_LENGTH("TiDB") |
+--------------------+
|                 32 |
+--------------------+
```

8 bits per character x 4 characters = 32 bits

```
SELECT BIT_LENGTH("PingCAP 123");

+--------------------------+
| BIT_LENGTH("PingCAP 123") |
+--------------------------+
|                       88 |
+--------------------------+
```

8 bits per character (space is counted because it is a non-alphanumeric character) x 11 characters = 88 bits

```
SELECT CustomerName, BIT_LENGTH(CustomerName) AS BitLengthOfName FROM
    ↪ Customers;

+-------------------+-----------------+
| CustomerName      | BitLengthOfName |
+-------------------+-----------------+
| Albert Einstein   |             120 |
| Robert Oppenheimer |            144 |
+-------------------+-----------------+
```

> **Note:**
>
> The preceding example operates under the assumption that there is a database with a table named `Customers` and a column inside the table named `CustomerName`.

CHAR()

The `CHAR()` function is used to get the corresponding character of a specific ASCII value. It performs the opposite operation of `ASCII()`, which returns the ASCII value of a specific character. If multiple arguments are supplied, the function works on all arguments and are then concatenated together.

Examples:

```
SELECT CHAR(65);

+------------+
| CHAR(65) |
+------------+
|          A |
+------------+
```

```
SELECT CHAR(84);

+------------+
| CHAR(84) |
+------------+
|          T |
+------------+
```

The `CHAR()` function can also be used to get the corresponding character of ASCII values that extend beyond the standard ASCII range (`0 - 127`).

```
/*For extended ASCII: */

SELECT CHAR(128);

+------------+
| CHAR(128) |
+------------+
|       0x80 |
+------------+
```

The `CHAR()` function can also get the corresponding character value of a unicode value.

```
/* For Unicode: */

--skip-binary-as-hex

SELECT CHAR(50089);

+--------------+
|  CHAR(50089) |
+--------------+
|           é |
+--------------+
```

```
SELECT CHAR(65,66,67);
```

```
+----------------+
| CHAR(65,66,67) |
+----------------+
| ABC            |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

CHAR_LENGTH()

The CHAR_LENGTH() function is used to get the total number of characters in a given argument as an integer.

Examples:

```
SELECT CHAR_LENGTH("TiDB") AS LengthOfString;

+----------------+
| LengthOfString |
+----------------+
|              4 |
+----------------+
```

```
SELECT CustomerName, CHAR_LENGTH(CustomerName) AS LengthOfName FROM
    ↪ Customers;

+--------------------+--------------+
| CustomerName       | LengthOfName |
+--------------------+--------------+
| Albert Einstein    |           15 |
| Robert Oppenheimer |           18 |
+--------------------+--------------+
```

> **Note:**
>
> The preceding example operates under the assumption that there is a database with a table named `Customers` and a column inside the table named `CustomerName`.

CHARACTER_LENGTH()

The `CHARACTER_LENGTH()` function is the same as the `CHAR_LENGTH()` function. Both functions can be used synonymously because they generate the same output.

CONCAT()

The `CONCAT()` function concatenates one or more arguments into a single string.

Syntax:

```
CONCAT(str1,str2,...)
```

`str1, str2, ...` is a list of arguments to be concatenated. Each argument can be a string or a number.

Example:

```
SELECT CONCAT('TiDB', ' ', 'Server', '-', 1, TRUE);
```

Output:

```
+-------------------------------------------+
| CONCAT('TiDB', ' ', 'Server', '-', 1, TRUE) |
+-------------------------------------------+
| TiDB Server-11                            |
+-------------------------------------------+
```

If any of the arguments is `NULL`, `CONCAT()` returns `NULL`.

Example:

```
SELECT CONCAT('TiDB', NULL, 'Server');
```

Output:

```
+------------------------------+
| CONCAT('TiDB', NULL, 'Server') |
+------------------------------+
| NULL                         |
+------------------------------+
```

In addition to the `CONCAT()` function, you can concatenate strings by placing them adjacent to each other as in the following example. Note that this method does not support numeric types.

```
SELECT 'Ti' 'DB' ' ' 'Server';
```

Output:

```
+-------------+
| Ti          |
+-------------+
| TiDB Server |
+-------------+
```

CONCAT_WS()

The `CONCAT_WS()` function is a form of `CONCAT()` with a separator, which returns a string concatenated by the specified separator.

Syntax:

```
CONCAT_WS(separator,str1,str2,...)
```

- `separator`: the first argument is the separator, which concatenates the remaining arguments that are not `NULL`.
- `str1, str2, ...`: a list of arguments to be concatenated. Each argument can be a string or a number.

Example:

```
SELECT CONCAT_WS(',', 'TiDB Server', 'TiKV', 'PD');
```

Output:

```
+--------------------------------------------+
| CONCAT_WS(',', 'TiDB Server', 'TiKV', 'PD') |
+--------------------------------------------+
| TiDB Server,TiKV,PD                        |
+--------------------------------------------+
```

- If the separator is an empty string, `CONCAT_WS()` is equivalent to `CONCAT()` and returns the concatenated string of the remaining arguments.

  Example:

  ```
  SELECT CONCAT_WS('', 'TiDB Server', 'TiKV', 'PD');
  ```

  Output:

```
+-----------------------------------------+
| CONCAT_WS('', 'TiDB Server', 'TiKV', 'PD') |
+-----------------------------------------+
| TiDB ServerTiKVPD                       |
+-----------------------------------------+
```

- If the separator is `NULL`, `CONCAT_WS()` returns `NULL`.

  Example:

```
SELECT CONCAT_WS(NULL, 'TiDB Server', 'TiKV', 'PD');
```

  Output:

```
+-------------------------------------------+
| CONCAT_WS(NULL, 'TiDB Server', 'TiKV', 'PD') |
+-------------------------------------------+
| NULL                                      |
+-------------------------------------------+
```

- If only one of the arguments to be concatenated is not `NULL`, `CONCAT_WS()` returns that argument.

  Example:

```
SELECT CONCAT_WS(',', 'TiDB Server', NULL);
```

  Output:

```
+-----------------------------------+
| CONCAT_WS(',', 'TiDB Server', NULL) |
+-----------------------------------+
| TiDB Server                       |
+-----------------------------------+
```

- If there are `NULL` arguments to be concatenated, `CONCAT_WS()` skips these `NULL` arguments.

  Example:

```
SELECT CONCAT_WS(',', 'TiDB Server', NULL, 'PD');
```

  Output:

```
+---------------------------------------+
| CONCAT_WS(',', 'TiDB Server', NULL, 'PD') |
+---------------------------------------+
| TiDB Server,PD                        |
+---------------------------------------+
```

- If there are empty strings to be concatenated, `CONCAT_WS()` does not skip empty strings.

  Example:

```
SELECT CONCAT_WS(',', 'TiDB Server', '', 'PD');
```

  Output:

```
+----------------------------------------+
| CONCAT_WS(',', 'TiDB Server', '', 'PD') |
+----------------------------------------+
| TiDB Server,,PD                        |
+----------------------------------------+
```

ELT()

The `ELT()` function returns the element at the index number.

```
SELECT ELT(3, 'This', 'is', 'TiDB');
```

```
+-----------------------------+
| ELT(3, 'This', 'is', 'TiDB') |
+-----------------------------+
| TiDB                        |
+-----------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The preceding example returns the third element, which is `'TiDB'`.

EXPORT_SET()

The `EXPORT_SET()` function returns a string that consists of a specified number (`number_of_bits`) of `on`/`off` values, optionally separated by `separator`. These values are based on whether the corresponding bit in the `bits` argument is `1`, where the first value corresponds to the rightmost (lowest) bit of `bits`.

Syntax:

```
EXPORT_SET(bits, on, off, [separator[, number_of_bits]])
```

- `bits`: an integer representing the bit value.
- `on`: the string to be returned if the corresponding bit is `1`.
- `off`: the string to be returned if the corresponding bit is `0`.
- `separator` (optional): the separator character in the result string.
- `number_of_bits` (optional): the number of bits to be processed. If it is not set, `64` (the max size of bits) is used by default, which means that `bits` is treated as an unsigned 64-bit integer.

Examples:

In the following example, `number_of_bits` is set to `5`, resulting in 5 values, separated by `|`. Because only 3 bits are given, the other bits are considered unset. Therefore, setting `number_of_bits` to either `101` or `00101` results in the same output.

```
SELECT EXPORT_SET(b'101',"ON",'off','|',5);
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| EXPORT_SET(b'101',"ON",'off','|',5) |
+-----------------------------------+
| ON|off|ON|off|off                |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, `bits` is set to `00001111`, `on` is set to `x`, and `off` is set to `_`. This causes the function to return `____` for the `0` bits and `xxxx` for the `1` bits. Therefore, when processing with the bits in `00001111` from right to left, the function returns `xxxx____`.

```
SELECT EXPORT_SET(b'00001111', 'x', '_', '', 8);
```

```
+---------------------------------------+
| EXPORT_SET(b'00001111', 'x', '_', '', 8) |
+---------------------------------------+
| xxxx____                              |
+---------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, `bits` is set to `00001111`, `on` is set to `x`, and `off` is set to `_`. This causes the function to return `x` for each `1` bit and `_` for each `0` bit. Therefore, when processing with the bits in `01010101` from right to left, the function returns `x_x_x_x_`.

```
SELECT EXPORT_SET(b'01010101', 'x', '_', '', 8);
```

```
+---------------------------------------+
| EXPORT_SET(b'01010101', 'x', '_', '', 8) |
+---------------------------------------+
| x_x_x_x_                              |
+---------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

FIELD()

Return the index (position) of the first argument in the subsequent arguments.

In the following example, the first argument of `FIELD()` is `needle`, and it matches the second argument in the following list, so the function returns `2`.

```
SELECT FIELD('needle', 'A', 'needle', 'in', 'a', 'haystack');
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| FIELD('needle', 'A', 'needle', 'in', 'a', 'haystack') |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
|                                                   2 |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

FIND_IN_SET()

Return the index position of the first argument within the second argument.

This function is often used with the SET data type.

In the following example, `Go` is the fourth element in the set `COBOL,BASIC,Rust,Go,Java,Fortran`, so the function returns `4`.

```
SELECT FIND_IN_SET('Go', 'COBOL,BASIC,Rust,Go,Java,Fortran');
+-------------------------------------------------------+
| FIND_IN_SET('Go', 'COBOL,BASIC,Rust,Go,Java,Fortran') |
+-------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                     4 |
+-------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

FORMAT()

The `FORMAT(X,D[,locale])` function is used to format the number `X` to a format similar to `"#,###,###. ##"`, rounded to `D` decimal places, and return the result as a string.

Arguments:

- `X`: the number to be formatted. It can be a direct numeric value, a numeric string, or a number in scientific notation.
- `D`: the number of decimal places for the returned value. The function rounds the number `X` to `D` decimal places. If `D` is greater than the actual number of decimal places in `X`, the result is padded with zeros to the corresponding length.
- `[locale]`: specifies a locale setting to be used for grouping between decimal points, thousands separators, and separators for resultant numbers. A valid locale value is the same as the valid value of the `lc_time_names` system variable. If not specified or the region setting is `NULL`, the `'en_US'` region setting is used by default. This argument is optional.

Behaviors:

- If the first argument is a string and contains only numbers, the function returns a result based on that numeric value. For example, `FORMAT('12.34', 1)` and `FORMAT(12.34, 1)` return the same result.

- If the first argument is a number represented in scientific notation (using `E/e`), the function returns the result based on that number. For example, `FORMAT('1E2', 3)` returns `100.000`.
- If the first argument is a string starting with non-numeric characters, the function returns zero and a warning `(Code 1292)`. For example, `FORMAT('q12.36', 5)` returns `0.00000`, but also includes a warning `Warning (Code 1292): Truncated incorrect DOUBLE value: 'q12.36'`.
- If the first argument is a string mixing numbers and non-numbers, the function returns a result based on the consecutive numeric part at the beginning of the argument, and also includes a warning `(Code 1292)`. For example, `FORMAT('12.36q56.78', 1)` returns the same numeric result as `FORMAT('12.36', 1)`, but includes a warning `Warning (Code 1292): Truncated incorrect DOUBLE value: '12.36q56.78'`.
- If the second argument is zero or a negative number, the function truncates the decimal part and returns an integer.
- If any of the arguments is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

Examples:

The following examples show how to format the number 12.36 to different decimal places:

```
mysql> SELECT FORMAT(12.36, 1);
+------------------+
| FORMAT(12.36, 1) |
+------------------+
| 12.4             |
+------------------+
```

```
mysql> SELECT FORMAT(12.36, 5);
+------------------+
| FORMAT(12.36, 5) |
+------------------+
| 12.36000         |
+------------------+
```

```
mysql> SELECT FORMAT(12.36, 2);
+------------------+
| FORMAT(12.36, 2) |
+------------------+
| 12.36            |
+------------------+
```

FROM_BASE64()

The `FROM_BASE64()` function is used to decode a Base64 encoded string and return the decoded result in its hexadecimal form.

- This function accepts a single argument, that is, the Base64 encoded string to be decoded.
- If the argument is `NULL` or not a valid Base64 encoded string, the `FROM_BASE64()` function returns `NULL`.

Examples:

The following example shows how to decode the Base64 encoded string `'SGVsbG8gVGlEQg==`. This string is the result of encoding `'Hello TiDB'`, using the `TO_BASE64()` function.

```
mysql> SELECT TO_BASE64('Hello TiDB');
+-------------------------+
| TO_BASE64('Hello TiDB') |
+-------------------------+
| SGVsbG8gVGlEQg==        |
+-------------------------+

mysql> SELECT FROM_BASE64('SGVsbG8gVGlEQg==');
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| FROM_BASE64('SGVsbG8gVGlEQg==')                                       |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| 0x48656C6C6F2054694442                                                |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
```

```
mysql> SELECT CONVERT(FROM_BASE64('SGVsbG8gVGlEQg==') USING utf8mb4);
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| CONVERT(FROM_BASE64('SGVsbG8gVGlEQg==') USING utf8mb4) |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| Hello TiDB                                                |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
```

The following example shows how to decode the Base64 encoded number `MTIzNDU2`. This string is the result of encoding `123456`, which can be done using the `TO_BASE64()` function.

```
mysql> SELECT FROM_BASE64('MTIzNDU2');
+-------------------------------------------------+
| FROM_BASE64('MTIzNDU2')                         |
+-------------------------------------------------+
| 0x313233343536                                  |
+-------------------------------------------------+
```

HEX()

The `HEX()` function is used to convert the given argument into a string representation of its hexadecimal value. The argument can be either a string or a number.

- If the argument is a string, `HEX(str)` returns a hexadecimal string representation of `str`. The function converts each byte of each character in `str` into two hexadecimal digits. For example, the character `a` in a UTF-8 or ASCII character set is represented as a binary value of `00111101`, or `61` in hexadecimal notation.
- If the argument is a number, `HEX(n)` returns a hexadecimal string representation of `n` ↪ . The function treats the argument `n` as a `BIGINT` number, equivalent to using `CONV(n, 10, 16)`.
- If the argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

> **Note:**
>
> In the MySQL client, the `--binary-as-hex` option is enabled by default in interactive mode, causing the client to display data with an unknown character set as a hexadecimal literal. You can use the `--skip-binary-as-hex` option to disable this behavior.

Examples (with `mysql --skip-binary-as-hex`):

```
SELECT X'616263', HEX('abc'), UNHEX(HEX('abc')), 0x616263;
+----------+-----------+------------------+----------+
| X'616263' | HEX('abc') | UNHEX(HEX('abc')) | 0x616263 |
+----------+-----------+------------------+----------+
| abc      | 616263    | abc              | abc      |
+----------+-----------+------------------+----------+
```

```
SELECT X'F09F8DA3', HEX('🍣'), UNHEX(HEX('🍣')), 0xF09F8DA3;
+------------+------------+-------------------+------------+
| X'F09F8DA3' | HEX('🍣') | UNHEX(HEX('🍣'))  | 0xF09F8DA3 |
+------------+------------+-------------------+------------+
| 🍣          | F09F8DA3   | 🍣                | 🍣         |
+------------+------------+-------------------+------------+
```

```
SELECT HEX(255), CONV(HEX(255), 16, 10);
+----------+-----------------------+
| HEX(255) | CONV(HEX(255), 16, 10) |
+----------+-----------------------+
| FF       | 255                   |
+----------+-----------------------+
```

```
SELECT HEX(NULL);
+-----------+
| HEX(NULL) |
```

```
+-----------+
| NULL      |
+-----------+
```

INSERT()

The `INSERT(str, pos, len, newstr)` function is used to replace a substring in `str` (that starts at position `pos` and is `len` characters long) with the string `newstr`. This function is multibyte safe.

- If `pos` exceeds the length of `str`, the function returns the original string `str` without modification.
- If `len` exceeds the remaining length of `str` from position `pos`, the function replaces the rest of the string from position `pos`.
- If any argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

Examples:

```
SELECT INSERT('He likes tennis', 4, 5, 'plays');
+-----------------------------------------+
| INSERT('He likes tennis', 4, 5, 'plays') |
+-----------------------------------------+
| He plays tennis                         |
+-----------------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT INSERT('He likes tennis', -1, 5, 'plays');
+------------------------------------------+
| INSERT('He likes tennis', -1, 5, 'plays') |
+------------------------------------------+
| He likes tennis                          |
+------------------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT INSERT('He likes tennis', 4, 100, 'plays');
+-------------------------------------------+
| INSERT('He likes tennis', 4, 100, 'plays') |
+-------------------------------------------+
| He plays                                  |
+-------------------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT INSERT('He likes tenis', 10, 100, '□');
+----------------------------------------+
| INSERT('He likes tenis', 10, 100, '□') |
+----------------------------------------+
| He likes □                             |
+----------------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT INSERT('あああああああ', 2, 3, 'いいいい');
+-----------------------------------------------+
| INSERT('あああああああ', 2, 3, 'いいいい')     |
+-----------------------------------------------+
| あいいいいああ                                 |
+-----------------------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT INSERT('あああああああ', 2, 3, 'xx');
+-----------------------------------------+
| INSERT('あああああああ', 2, 3, 'xx')   |
+-----------------------------------------+
| あxxああ                                 |
+-----------------------------------------+
```

INSTR()

The `INSTR(str, substr)` function is used to get the position of the first occurrence of `substr` in `str`. Each argument can be either a string or a number. This function is the same as the two-argument version of `LOCATE(substr, str)`, but with the order of the arguments reversed.

> **Note:**
>
> The case sensitivity of `INSTR(str, substr)` is determined by the collations used in TiDB. Binary collations (with the suffix `_bin`) are case-sensitive, while general collations (with the suffix `_general_ci` or `_ai_ci`, and) are case-insensitive.

- If either argument is a number, the function treats the number as a string.
- If `substr` is not in `str`, the function returns `0`. Otherwise, it returns the position of the first occurrence of `substr` in `str`.
- If either argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

Examples:

```
SELECT INSTR("pingcap.com", "tidb");

+-----------------------------+
| INSTR("pingcap.com", "tidb") |
+-----------------------------+
|                           0 |
+-----------------------------+
```

```
SELECT INSTR("pingcap.com/tidb", "tidb");

+-----------------------------------+
| INSTR("pingcap.com/tidb", "tidb") |
+-----------------------------------+
|                                13 |
+-----------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT INSTR("pingcap.com/tidb" COLLATE utf8mb4_bin, "TiDB");

+-------------------------------------------------------+
| INSTR("pingcap.com/tidb" COLLATE utf8mb4_bin, "TiDB") |
+-------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                     0 |
+-------------------------------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT INSTR("pingcap.com/tidb" COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci, "TiDB");

+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| INSTR("pingcap.com/tidb" COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci, "TiDB") |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                              13 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT INSTR(0123, "12");

+-------------------+
| INSTR(0123, "12") |
+-------------------+
|                 1 |
+-------------------+
```

LCASE()

The `LCASE(str)` function is a synonym for `LOWER(str)`, which returns the lowercase of the given argument.

LEFT()

The `LEFT()` function returns a specified number of characters from the left side of a string.

Syntax:

```
LEFT(`str`, `len`)
```

- `str`: the original string to extract characters. If `str` contains a multibyte character, the function counts it as a single code point.
- `len`: the length of characters to be returned.
    - If `len` is equal to or less than 0, the function returns an empty string.
    - If `len` is equal to or greater than the length of `str`, the function returns the original `str`.
- If any argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

Examples:

```
SELECT LEFT('ABCED', 3);
+------------------+
| LEFT('ABCED', 3) |
+------------------+
| ABC              |
+------------------+

SELECT LEFT('ABCED', 6);
+------------------+
| LEFT('ABCED', 6) |
+------------------+
| ABCED            |
+------------------+
```

```
SELECT LEFT('ABCED', 0);
+------------------+
| LEFT('ABCED', 0) |
+------------------+
|                  |
+------------------+

SELECT LEFT('ABCED', -1);
+-------------------+
| LEFT('ABCED', -1) |
+-------------------+
|                   |
+-------------------+
```

```
SELECT LEFT('□ABC', 3);
+--------------------+
| LEFT('□ABC', 3)    |
+--------------------+
| □AB                |
+--------------------+
```

```
SELECT LEFT('ABC', NULL);
+-------------------+
| LEFT('ABC', NULL) |
+-------------------+
| NULL              |
+-------------------+

SELECT LEFT(NULL, 3);
+------------------------------+
| LEFT(NULL, 3)                |
+------------------------------+
| NULL                         |
+------------------------------+
```

LENGTH()

The `LENGTH()` function returns the length of a string in bytes.

`LENGTH()` counts a multibyte character as multiple bytes while `CHAR_LENGTH()` counts a multibyte character as a single code point.

If the argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

Examples:

```
SELECT LENGTH('ABC');
+---------------+
| LENGTH('ABC') |
+---------------+
|             3 |
+---------------+

SELECT LENGTH('□ABC');
+--------------------+
| LENGTH('□ABC')   |
+--------------------+
|                  7 |
+--------------------+

SELECT CHAR_LENGTH('□ABC');
+-----------------------+
| CHAR_LENGTH('□ABC')  |
+-----------------------+
|                     4 |
+-----------------------+
```

```
SELECT LENGTH(NULL);
```

```
+--------------+
| LENGTH(NULL) |
+--------------+
|         NULL |
+--------------+
```

LIKE

The `LIKE` operator is used for simple string matching. The expression `expr LIKE pat [ESCAPE 'escape_char']` returns `1` (`TRUE`) or `0` (`FALSE`). If either `expr` or `pat` is `NULL`, the result is `NULL`.

You can use the following two wildcard parameters with `LIKE`:

- `%` matches any number of characters, including zero characters.
- `_` matches exactly one character.

The following examples use the `utf8mb4_bin` collation:

```
SET collation_connection='utf8mb4_bin';
SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'collation_connection';
+----------------------+-------------+
| Variable_name        | Value       |
+----------------------+-------------+
| collation_connection | utf8mb4_bin |
+----------------------+-------------+
```

```
SELECT NULL LIKE '%' as result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|   NULL |
+--------+
```

```
SELECT 'sushi!!!' LIKE 'sushi_' AS result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|      0 |
+--------+
```

```
SELECT '□ □sushi□ □' LIKE '%sushi%' AS result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|      1 |
+--------+
```

```
SELECT '□□sushi□□' LIKE '%SUSHI%' AS result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|      0 |
+--------+
```

```
SELECT '□□sushi□□' LIKE '%□%' AS result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|      1 |
+--------+
```

The default escape character is \:

```
SELECT 'sushi!!!' LIKE 'sushi\_' AS result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|      0 |
+--------+
```

```
SELECT 'sushi_' LIKE 'sushi\_' AS result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|      1 |
+--------+
```

To specify a different escape character, such as `*`, you can use the `ESCAPE` clause:

```
SELECT 'sushi_' LIKE 'sushi*_' ESCAPE '*' AS result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|      1 |
+--------+
```

```
SELECT 'sushi!' LIKE 'sushi*_' ESCAPE '*' AS result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|      0 |
+--------+
```

You can use the `LIKE` operator to match a numeric value:

```
SELECT 10 LIKE '1%' AS result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|      1 |
+--------+
```

```
SELECT 10000 LIKE '12%' AS result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|      0 |
+--------+
```

To specify a collation explicitly, such as `utf8mb4_unicode_ci`, you can use `COLLATE`:

```
SELECT '□ □Sushi□ □' COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci LIKE '%SUSHI%' AS result;
+--------+
| result |
+--------+
|      1 |
+--------+
```

LOCATE()

The `LOCATE(substr, str[, pos])` function is used to get the position of the first occurrence of a specified substring `substr` in a string `str`. The `pos` argument is optional and specifies the starting position for the search.

- If the substring `substr` is not present in `str`, the function returns `0`.
- If any argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.
- This function is multibyte safe and performs a case-sensitive search only if at least one argument is a binary string.

The following examples use the `utf8mb4_bin` collation:

```
SET collation_connection='utf8mb4_bin';
SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'collation_connection';
+----------------------+-------------+
| Variable_name        | Value       |
+----------------------+-------------+
| collation_connection | utf8mb4_bin |
+----------------------+-------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('bar', 'foobarbar');
+----------------------------+
| LOCATE('bar', 'foobarbar') |
+----------------------------+
|                          4 |
+----------------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('baz', 'foobarbar');
+----------------------------+
| LOCATE('baz', 'foobarbar') |
+----------------------------+
|                          0 |
+----------------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('bar', 'fooBARBAR');
+----------------------------+
| LOCATE('bar', 'fooBARBAR') |
+----------------------------+
|                          0 |
+----------------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('bar', 'foobarBAR', 100);
+---------------------------------+
| LOCATE('bar', 'foobarBAR', 100) |
+---------------------------------+
|                               0 |
+---------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('bar', 'foobarbar', 5);
+-----------------------------+
| LOCATE('bar', 'foobarbar', 5) |
+-----------------------------+
|                           7 |
+-----------------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('bar', NULL);
+---------------------+
| LOCATE('bar', NULL) |
+---------------------+
|                NULL |
+---------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('い', 'たいでぃーびー');
+--------------------------------------+
```

```
| LOCATE('い', 'たいでぃーびー')     |
+-----------------------------------+
|                                 2 |
+-----------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('い', 'たいでぃーびー', 3);
+--------------------------------------+
| LOCATE('い', 'たいでぃーびー', 3)    |
+--------------------------------------+
|                                    0 |
+--------------------------------------+
```

The following examples use the `utf8mb4_unicode_ci` collation:

```
SET collation_connection='utf8mb4_unicode_ci';
SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'collation_connection';
+----------------------+--------------------+
| Variable_name        | Value              |
+----------------------+--------------------+
| collation_connection | utf8mb4_unicode_ci |
+----------------------+--------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('い', 'たいでぃーびー', 3);
+--------------------------------------+
| LOCATE('い', 'たいでぃーびー', 3)    |
+--------------------------------------+
|                                    4 |
+--------------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('□', '□□□□□□');
+-----------------------------------+
| LOCATE('□', '□□□□□□')       |
+-----------------------------------+
|                                 1 |
+-----------------------------------+
```

The following multibyte and binary string examples use the `utf8mb4_bin` collation:

```
SET collation_connection='utf8mb4_bin';
SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'collation_connection';
+----------------------+-------------+
| Variable_name        | Value       |
+----------------------+-------------+
| collation_connection | utf8mb4_bin |
+----------------------+-------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('□', '□ □ □ □ □');
+---------------------------------------+
| LOCATE('□', '□ □ □ □ □')                  |
+---------------------------------------+
|                                     4 |
+---------------------------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('b', _binary'aBcde');
+-----------------------------+
| LOCATE('b', _binary'aBcde') |
+-----------------------------+
|                           0 |
+-----------------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE('B', _binary'aBcde');
+-----------------------------+
| LOCATE('B', _binary'aBcde') |
+-----------------------------+
|                           2 |
+-----------------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE(_binary'b', 'aBcde');
+-----------------------------+
| LOCATE(_binary'b', 'aBcde') |
+-----------------------------+
|                           0 |
+-----------------------------+
```

```
SELECT LOCATE(_binary'B', 'aBcde');
+-----------------------------+
| LOCATE(_binary'B', 'aBcde') |
+-----------------------------+
|                           2 |
+-----------------------------+
```

LOWER()

The `LOWER(str)` function is used to convert all characters in the given argument `str` to lowercase. The argument can be either a string or a number.

- If the argument is a string, the function returns the string in lowercase.
- If the argument is a number, the function returns the number without leading zeros.
- If the argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

Examples:

```
SELECT LOWER("TiDB");

+---------------+
| LOWER("TiDB") |
+---------------+
| tidb          |
+---------------+
```

```
SELECT LOWER(-012);

+-------------+
| LOWER(-012) |
+-------------+
| -12         |
+-------------+
```

LPAD()

The `LPAD(str, len, padstr)` function returns the string argument, left-padded with the specified string `padstr` to a length of `len` characters.

- If `len` is less than the length of the string `str`, the function truncates the string `str` to the length of `len`.
- If `len` is a negative number, the function returns `NULL`.
- If any argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

Examples:

```
SELECT LPAD('TiDB',8,'>');
+--------------------+
| LPAD('TiDB',8,'>') |
+--------------------+
| >>>>TiDB           |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT LPAD('TiDB',2,'>');
+--------------------+
| LPAD('TiDB',2,'>') |
+--------------------+
| Ti                 |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT LPAD('TiDB',-2,'>');
+---------------------+
| LPAD('TiDB',-2,'>') |
+---------------------+
| NULL                |
+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

LTRIM()

The `LTRIM()` function removes leading spaces from a given string.

If the argument is `NULL`, this function returns `NULL`.

> **Note:**
>
> This function only removes the space character (U+0020) and does not remove other space-like characters such as tab (U+0009) or non-breaking space (U+00A0).

Examples:

In the following example, the `LTRIM()` function removes the leading spaces from `'  hello'` and returns `hello`.

```
SELECT LTRIM('  hello');
```

```
+--------------------+
| LTRIM('  hello') |
+--------------------+
| hello            |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, `CONCAT()` is used to enclose the result of `LTRIM('  hello')` with « and ». This formatting makes it a bit easier to see that all leading spaces are removed.

```
SELECT CONCAT('«',LTRIM('  hello'),'»');
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| CONCAT('«',LTRIM('  hello'),'») |
+-----------------------------------+
| «hello»                           |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

MAKE_SET()

The MAKE_SET() function returns a set of comma-separated strings based on whether a corresponding bit in the bits argument is set to 1.

Syntax:

```
MAKE_SET(bits, str1, str2, ...)
```

- bits: controls which subsequent string arguments to include in the result set. If bits is set to NULL, the function returns NULL.
- str1, str2, ...: a list of strings. Each string corresponds to a bit in the bits argument from right to left. str1 corresponds to the first bit from the right, str2 corresponds to the second bit from the right, and so on. If the corresponding bit is 1, the string is included in the result; otherwise, it is not included.

Examples:

In the following example, because all bits are set to 0 in the bits argument, the function does not include any subsequent strings in the result and returns an empty string.

```
SELECT MAKE_SET(b'000','foo','bar','baz');
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| MAKE_SET(b'000','foo','bar','baz') |
+-----------------------------------+
|                                   |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, because only the first bit from the right is 1, the function only returns the first string foo.

```
SELECT MAKE_SET(b'001','foo','bar','baz');
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| MAKE_SET(b'001','foo','bar','baz') |
+-----------------------------------+
| foo                               |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, because only the second bit from the right is 1, the function only returns the second string bar.

```
SELECT MAKE_SET(b'010','foo','bar','baz');
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| MAKE_SET(b'010','foo','bar','baz') |
+-----------------------------------+
| bar                               |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, because only the third bit from the right is `1`, the function only returns the third string `baz`.

```
SELECT MAKE_SET(b'100','foo','bar','baz');
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| MAKE_SET(b'100','foo','bar','baz') |
+-----------------------------------+
| baz                               |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, because all bits are `1`, the function returns all three strings in a comma-separated result set.

```
SELECT MAKE_SET(b'111','foo','bar','baz');
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| MAKE_SET(b'111','foo','bar','baz') |
+-----------------------------------+
| foo,bar,baz                       |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.0002 sec)
```

MID()

The `MID(str, pos[, len])` function returns a substring starting from the specified `pos` position with the `len` length.

Starting from v8.4.0, TiDB supports the two-argument variant `MID(str, pos)`. If `len` is not specified, this function returns all remaining characters from the specified `pos` position to the end of the string.

If any of the arguments are `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

Examples:

In the following example, `MID()` returns the substring of the input string starting from the second character (`b`) with a length of `3` characters.

```
SELECT MID('abcdef',2,3);
```

```
+-------------------+
| MID('abcdef',2,3) |
+-------------------+
| bcd               |
+-------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, `MID()` returns the substring of the input string starting from the second character (`b`) to the end of the string.

```
SELECT MID('abcdef',2);
```

```
+-------------------+
| MID('abcdef',2) |
+-------------------+
| bcdef           |
+-------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

`NOT LIKE`

Negation of simple pattern matching.

This function performs the inverse operation of `LIKE`.

Examples:

In the following example, `NOT LIKE` returns `0` (False) because `aaa` matches the `a%` pattern.

```
SELECT 'aaa' LIKE 'a%', 'aaa' NOT LIKE 'a%';
```

```
+-----------------+---------------------+
| 'aaa' LIKE 'a%' | 'aaa' NOT LIKE 'a%' |
+-----------------+---------------------+
|               1 |                   0 |
+-----------------+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, `NOT LIKE` returns `1` (True) because `aaa` does not match the `b%` pattern.

```
SELECT 'aaa' LIKE 'b%', 'aaa' NOT LIKE 'b%';
```

```
+-----------------+---------------------+
| 'aaa' LIKE 'b%' | 'aaa' NOT LIKE 'b%' |
+-----------------+---------------------+
|               0 |                   1 |
+-----------------+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

`NOT REGEXP`

Negation of `REGEXP`.

`OCT()`

Return a string containing octal (base 8) representation of a number.

Examples:

The following example generates a sequence of numbers from 0 to 20 using a recursive common table expression (CTE) and then uses the `OCT()` function to convert each number to its octal representation. Decimal values from 0 to 7 have identical representations in octal. Decimal numbers from 8 to 15 correspond to octal numbers from 10 to 17.

```
WITH RECURSIVE nr(n) AS (
    SELECT 0 AS n
    UNION ALL
    SELECT n+1 FROM nr WHERE n<20
)
SELECT n, OCT(n) FROM nr;
```

```
+------+--------+
| n    | OCT(n) |
+------+--------+
|    0 | 0      |
|    1 | 1      |
|    2 | 2      |
|    3 | 3      |
|    4 | 4      |
|    5 | 5      |
|    6 | 6      |
|    7 | 7      |
|    8 | 10     |
|    9 | 11     |
|   10 | 12     |
|   11 | 13     |
|   12 | 14     |
|   13 | 15     |
|   14 | 16     |
|   15 | 17     |
|   16 | 20     |
|   17 | 21     |
|   18 | 22     |
|   19 | 23     |
|   20 | 24     |
+------+--------+
20 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

`OCTET_LENGTH()`

Synonym for `LENGTH()`.

`ORD()`

Return the character code for the leftmost character of the given argument.

This function is similar to `CHAR()` but works the other way around.

Examples:

Taking `a` and `A` as an example, `ORD()` returns `97` for `a` and `65` for `A`.

```
SELECT ORD('a'), ORD('A');
```

```
+----------+----------+
| ORD('a') | ORD('A') |
+----------+----------+
|       97 |       65 |
+----------+----------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

If you take the character code obtained from `ORD()` as input, you can get the original characters back using the `CHAR()` function. Note that the output format might vary depending on whether the `binary-as-hex` option is enabled in your MySQL client.

```
SELECT CHAR(97), CHAR(65);
```

```
+----------+----------+
| CHAR(97) | CHAR(65) |
+----------+----------+
| a        | A        |
+----------+----------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

The following example shows how `ORD()` handles multibyte characters. Here, both `101` and `0x65` are the UTF-8 encoded values for the `e` character, but in different formats. And both `50091` and `0xC3AB` represent the same values, but for the `ë` character.

```
SELECT ORD('e'), ORD('ë'), HEX('e'), HEX('ë');
```

```
+----------+-----------+----------+-----------+
| ORD('e') | ORD('ë') | HEX('e') | HEX('ë') |
+----------+-----------+----------+-----------+
|      101 |     50091 | 65       | C3AB      |
+----------+-----------+----------+-----------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

`POSITION()`

Synonym for `LOCATE()`.

`QUOTE()`

Escape the argument for use in an SQL statement.

If the argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

Example:

To display the result directly instead of showing a hexadecimal-encoded value, you need to start the MySQL client with the `--skip-binary-as-hex` option.

The following example shows that the ASCII NULL character is escaped as `\0` and the single quote character `'` is escaped as `\'`:

```
SELECT QUOTE(0x002774657374);
```

```
+-----------------------+
| QUOTE(0x002774657374) |
+-----------------------+
| '\0\'test'            |
+-----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

`REGEXP`

Pattern matching using regular expressions.

Examples:

In this example a number of strings are matched against two regular expressions.

```
WITH vals AS (
    SELECT 'TiDB' AS v
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 'Titanium'
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 'Tungsten'
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 'Rust'
)
SELECT
    v,
    v REGEXP '^Ti' AS 'starts with "Ti"',
    v REGEXP '^.{4}$' AS 'Length is 4 characters'
FROM
    vals;
```

```
+----------+-----------------+-----------------------+
| v        | starts with "Ti" | Length is 4 characters |
+----------+-----------------+-----------------------+
| TiDB     |               1 |                     1 |
| Titanium |               1 |                     0 |
| Tungsten |               0 |                     0 |
| Rust     |               0 |                     1 |
+----------+-----------------+-----------------------+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example demonstrates that `REGEXP` is not limited to the `SELECT` clause. For example, you can also use it in the `WHERE` clause of the query.

```
SELECT
    v
FROM (
        SELECT 'TiDB' AS v
    ) AS vals
WHERE
    v REGEXP 'DB$';
```

```
+------+
| v    |
+------+
| TiDB |
+------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

REGEXP_INSTR()

Return the starting index of the substring that matches the regular expression (Partly compatible with MySQL. For more details, see Regular expression compatibility with MySQL).

The `REGEXP_INSTR(str, regexp, [start, [match, [ret, [match_type]]]])` function returns the position of the match if the regular expression (`regexp`) matches the string (`str`).

If either the `str` or `regexp` is `NULL`, then the function returns `NULL`.

Examples:

In the example below you can see that the `^.b.$` matches `abc`.

```
SELECT REGEXP_INSTR('abc','^.b.$');
```

```
+---------------------------+
| REGEXP_INSTR('abc','^.b.$') |
```

```
+-----------------------------+
|                           1 |
+-----------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example uses the third argument to look for a match with a different start position in the string.

```
SELECT REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','a');
```

```
+-----------------------------+
| REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','a') |
+-----------------------------+
|                           1 |
+-----------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','a',2);
```

```
+-------------------------------+
| REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','a',2) |
+-------------------------------+
|                             4 |
+-------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example uses the 4th argument to look for the second match.

```
SELECT REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','a',1,2);
```

```
+---------------------------------+
| REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','a',1,2) |
+---------------------------------+
|                               4 |
+---------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example uses the 5th argument to return the value *after* the mach, instead of the value of the match.

```
SELECT REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','a',1,1,1);
```

```
+---------------------------------+
| REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','a',1,1,1) |
+---------------------------------+
|                               2 |
```

```
+----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example uses the 6th argument to add the `i` flag to get a case insensitive match. For more details about regular expression `match_type`, see `match_type` compatibility.

```
SELECT REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','A',1,1,0,'');
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','A',1,1,0,'') |
+-----------------------------------+
|                                 0 |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','A',1,1,0,'i');
```

```
+------------------------------------+
| REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','A',1,1,0,'i') |
+------------------------------------+
|                                  1 |
+------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Besides `match_type`, the collation also influences the matching. The following example uses a case-sensitive and a case-insensitive collation to demonstrate this.

```
SELECT REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','A' COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci);
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------+
| REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','A' COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci) |
+-------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                     1 |
+-------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
SELECT REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','A' COLLATE utf8mb4_bin);
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------+
| REGEXP_INSTR('abcabc','A' COLLATE utf8mb4_bin) |
+-----------------------------------------------+
|                                             0 |
+-----------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

REGEXP_LIKE()

Whether the string matches the regular expression (Partly compatible with MySQL. For more details, see Regular expression compatibility with MySQL).

The `REGEXP_LIKE(str, regex, [match_type])` function is used to test if a regular expression matches a string. Optionally the `match_type` can be used to change the matching behavior.

Examples:

The following example shows that `^a` matches `abc`.

```
SELECT REGEXP_LIKE('abc','^a');
```

```
+-------------------------+
| REGEXP_LIKE('abc','^a') |
+-------------------------+
|                       1 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

This following example shows that `^A` does not match `abc`.

```
SELECT REGEXP_LIKE('abc','^A');
```

```
+-------------------------+
| REGEXP_LIKE('abc','^A') |
+-------------------------+
|                       0 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

This example matches `^A` against `abc`, which now matches because of the `i` flag which enabled case insensitive matching. For more details about the regular expression `match_type`, see `match_type` compatibility.

```
SELECT REGEXP_LIKE('abc','^A','i');
```

```
+----------------------------+
| REGEXP_LIKE('abc','^A','i') |
+----------------------------+
|                          1 |
+----------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

REGEXP_REPLACE()

Replace substrings that match the regular expression (Partly compatible with MySQL. For more details, see Regular expression compatibility with MySQL).

The `REGEXP_REPLACE(str, regexp, replace, [start, [match, [match_type]]])` function can be used to replace strings based on regular expressions.

Examples:

In the following example, two o's are replaced by `i`.

```
SELECT REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'o{2}', 'i');
```

```
+-------------------------------------+
| REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'o{2}', 'i') |
+-------------------------------------+
| TiDB                                |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example starts the match at the third character, causing the regular expression not to match and not do any replacement.

```
SELECT REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'o{2}', 'i',3);
```

```
+---------------------------------------+
| REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'o{2}', 'i',3) |
+---------------------------------------+
| TooDB                                 |
+---------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, the 5th argument is used to set if the first or the second match is used for the replacement.

```
SELECT REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'o', 'i',1,1);
```

```
+-------------------------------------+
| REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'o', 'i',1,1) |
+-------------------------------------+
| TioDB                               |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'o', 'i',1,2);
```

```
+-------------------------------------+
| REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'o', 'i',1,2) |
+-------------------------------------+
| ToiDB                               |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example uses the 6th argument to set the `match_type` for case insensitive matching. For more details about the regular expression `match_type`, see match_type compatibility.

```
SELECT REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'O{2}','i',1,1);
```

```
+----------------------------------------+
| REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'O{2}','i',1,1) |
+----------------------------------------+
| TooDB                                  |
+----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'O{2}','i',1,1,'i');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------+
| REGEXP_REPLACE('TooDB', 'O{2}','i',1,1,'i') |
+-----------------------------------------------+
| TiDB                                          |
+-----------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

REGEXP_SUBSTR()

Return the substring that matches the regular expression (Partly compatible with MySQL. For more details, see Regular expression compatibility with MySQL).

The `REGEXP_SUBSTR(str, regexp, [start, [match, [match_type]]])` function is used to get a substring based on a regular expression.

The following example uses the `Ti.{2}` regular expression to get the `TiDB` substring of the `This is TiDB` string.

```
SELECT REGEXP_SUBSTR('This is TiDB','Ti.{2}');
```

```
+---------------------------------------+
| REGEXP_SUBSTR('This is TiDB','Ti.{2}') |
+---------------------------------------+
| TiDB                                  |
+---------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

REPEAT()

Repeat a string the specified number of times.

Examples:

The following example generates a sequence of numbers from 1 to 20 using a recursive common table expression (CTE). For each number in the sequence, the character `x` is repeated the number of times equal to the number itself.

```
WITH RECURSIVE nr(n) AS (
    SELECT 1 AS n
    UNION ALL
    SELECT n+1 FROM nr WHERE n<20
)
SELECT n, REPEAT('x',n) FROM nr;
```

```
+------+----------------------+
| n    | REPEAT('x',n)        |
+------+----------------------+
|    1 | x                    |
|    2 | xx                   |
|    3 | xxx                  |
|    4 | xxxx                 |
|    5 | xxxxx                |
|    6 | xxxxxx               |
|    7 | xxxxxxx              |
|    8 | xxxxxxxx             |
|    9 | xxxxxxxxx            |
|   10 | xxxxxxxxxx           |
|   11 | xxxxxxxxxxx          |
|   12 | xxxxxxxxxxxx         |
|   13 | xxxxxxxxxxxxx        |
|   14 | xxxxxxxxxxxxxx       |
|   15 | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx      |
|   16 | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx     |
|   17 | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx    |
|   18 | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx   |
|   19 | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  |
|   20 | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx |
+------+----------------------+
20 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

The following example demonstrates that `REPEAT()` can operate on strings consisting of multiple characters.

```
SELECT REPEAT('ha',3);
```

```
+----------------+
| REPEAT('ha',3) |
+----------------+
| hahaha         |
```

```
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

`REPLACE()`

Replace occurrences of a specified string.

`REVERSE()`

Reverse the characters in a string.

`RIGHT()`

Return the specified rightmost number of characters.

`RLIKE`

Synonym for `REGEXP`.

`RPAD()`

Append string the specified number of times.

`RTRIM()`

Remove trailing spaces.

`SPACE()`

Return a string of the specified number of spaces.

`STRCMP()`

Compare two strings.

`SUBSTR()`

Return the substring as specified.

`SUBSTRING()`

Return the substring as specified.

`SUBSTRING_INDEX()`

The `SUBSTRING_INDEX()` function is used to extract a substring from a string based on a specified delimiter and count. This function is particularly useful when dealing with data separated by a specific delimiter, such as parsing CSV data or processing log files.

Syntax:

```
SUBSTRING_INDEX(str, delim, count)
```

- `str`: specifies the string to be processed.
- `delim`: specifies the delimiter in the string, which is case-sensitive.
- `count`: specifies the number of occurrences of the delimiter.

- If `count` is a positive number, the function returns the substring before the `count` occurrences (counting from the left of the string) of the delimiter.
- If `count` is a negative number, the function returns the substring after the `count` occurrences (counting from the right of the string) of the delimiter.
- If `count` is `0`, the function returns an empty string.

Example 1:

```
SELECT SUBSTRING_INDEX('www.tidbcloud.com', '.', 2);
```

Output 1:

```
+-----------------------------------------+
| SUBSTRING_INDEX('www.tidbcloud.com', '.', 2) |
+-----------------------------------------+
| www.tidbcloud                           |
+-----------------------------------------+
```

Example 2:

```
SELECT SUBSTRING_INDEX('www.tidbcloud.com', '.', -1);
```

Output 2:

```
+-----------------------------------------+
| SUBSTRING_INDEX('www.tidbcloud.com', '.', -1) |
+-----------------------------------------+
| com                                     |
+-----------------------------------------+
```

TO_BASE64()

The `TO_BASE64()` function is used to convert the given argument to a string in the base-64 encoded form and return the result according to the character set and collation of the current connection. A base-64 encoded string can be decoded using the `FROM_BASE64()` function.

Syntax:

```
TO_BASE64(str)
```

- If the argument is not a string, the function converts it to a string before base-64 encoding.
- If the argument is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.

Example 1:

```
SELECT TO_BASE64('abc');
```

Output 1:

```
+------------------+
| TO_BASE64('abc') |
+------------------+
| YWJj             |
+------------------+
```

Example 2:

```
SELECT TO_BASE64(6);
```

Output 2:

```
+--------------+
| TO_BASE64(6) |
+--------------+
| Ng==         |
+--------------+
```

`TRANSLATE()`

Replace all occurrences of characters by other characters in a string. It does not treat empty strings as `NULL` as Oracle does.

`TRIM()`

Remove leading and trailing spaces.

`UCASE()`

The `UCASE()` function is used to convert a string to uppercase letters. This function is equivalent to the `UPPER()` function.

> **Note:**
>
> When the string is null, the `UCASE()` function returns `NULL`.

Example:

```
SELECT UCASE('bigdata') AS result_upper, UCASE(null) AS result_null;
```

Output:

```
+--------------+-------------+
| result_upper | result_null |
+--------------+-------------+
| BIGDATA      | NULL        |
+--------------+-------------+
```

UNHEX()

The UNHEX() function performs the reverse operation of the HEX() function. It treats each pair of characters in the argument as a hexadecimal number and converts it to the character represented by that number, returning the result as a binary string.

> **Note:**
>
> - The argument must be a valid hexadecimal value that contains 0–9, A–F, or a–f. If the argument is NULL or falls outside this range, the function returns NULL.
> - In the MySQL client, the --binary-as-hex option is enabled by default in interactive mode, causing the client to display data with an unknown character set as a hexadecimal literal. You can use the --skip-binary ↪ -as-hex option to disable this behavior.

Example:

```
SELECT UNHEX('54694442');
```

Output:

```
+------------------------------------+
| UNHEX('54694442')                  |
+------------------------------------+
| 0x54694442                         |
+------------------------------------+
```

UPPER()

The UPPER() function is used to convert a string to uppercase letters. This function is equivalent to the UCASE() function.

> **Note:**
>
> When the string is null, the UPPER() function returns NULL.

Example:

```
SELECT UPPER('bigdata') AS result_upper, UPPER(null) AS result_null;
```

Output:

```
+--------------+-------------+
| result_upper | result_null |
+--------------+-------------+
| BIGDATA      | NULL        |
+--------------+-------------+
```

WEIGHT_STRING()

The `WEIGHT_STRING()` function returns the weight string (binary characters) for the input string, primarily used for sorting and comparison operations in multi-character set scenarios. If the argument is `NULL`, it returns `NULL`. The syntax is as follows:

```
WEIGHT_STRING(str [AS {CHAR|BINARY}(N)])
```

- `str`: the input string expression. If it is a non-binary string, such as a `CHAR`, `VARCHAR`, or `TEXT` value, the return value contains the collation weights for the string. If it is a binary string, such as a `BINARY`, `VARBINARY`, or `BLOB` value, the return value is the same as the input.
- `AS {CHAR|BINARY}(N)`: optional parameters used to specify the type and length of the output. `CHAR` represents the character data type, and `BINARY` represents the binary data type. `N` specifies the output length, which is an integer greater than or equal to 1.

> **Note:**
>
> If `N` is less than the string length, the string is truncated. If `N` exceeds the string length, `AS CHAR(N)` pads the string with spaces to the specified length, and `AS BINARY(N)` pads the string with `0x00` to the specified length.

Example:

```
SET NAMES 'utf8mb4';
SELECT HEX(WEIGHT_STRING('ab' AS CHAR(3))) AS char_result, HEX(WEIGHT_
    ↪ STRING('ab' AS BINARY(3))) AS binary_result;
```

Output:

```
+-------------+---------------+
| char_result | binary_result |
+-------------+---------------+
| 6162        | 616200        |
+-------------+---------------+
```

14.13.4.5.2 Unsupported functions

- `LOAD_FILE()`
- `MATCH()`
- `SOUNDEX()`

14.13.4.5.3 Regular expression compatibility with MySQL

The following sections describe the regular expression compatibility with MySQL, including `REGEXP_INSTR()`, `REGEXP_LIKE()`, `REGEXP_REPLACE()`, and `REGEXP_SUBSTR()`.

Syntax compatibility

MySQL implements regular expression using International Components for Unicode (ICU), and TiDB uses RE2. To learn the syntax differences between the two libraries, you can refer to the ICU documentation and RE2 Syntax.

`match_type` compatibility

The value options of `match_type` between TiDB and MySQL are:

- Value options in TiDB are `"c"`, `"i"`, `"m"`, and `"s"`, and value options in MySQL are `"c"`, `"i"`, `"m"`, `"n"`, and `"u"`.
- The `"s"` in TiDB corresponds to `"n"` in MySQL. When `"s"` is set in TiDB, the `.` character also matches line terminators (`\n`).

  For example, the `SELECT REGEXP_LIKE(a, b, "n")FROM t1` in MySQL is the same as the `SELECT REGEXP_LIKE(a, b, "s")FROM t1` in TiDB.
- TiDB does not support `"u"`, which means Unix-only line endings in MySQL.

`match_type`	MySQL	TiDB	Description
c	Yes	Yes	Case-sensitive matching
i	Yes	Yes	Case-insensitive matching
m	Yes	Yes	Multi-line mode
s	No	Yes	Matches newlines, same as `n` in MySQL
n	Yes	No	Matches newlines, same as `s` in TiDB
u	Yes	No	UNIX™ line endings

Data type compatibility

The difference between TiDB and MySQL support for the binary string type:

- MySQL does not support binary strings in regular expression functions since 8.0.22. For more details, refer to MySQL documentation. But in practice, regular functions

can work in MySQL when all parameters or return types are binary strings. Otherwise, an error will be reported.
- Currently, TiDB prohibits using binary strings and an error will be reported under any circumstances.

Other compatibility

- The behavior of replacing empty strings in TiDB is different from MySQL. Taking `REGEXP_REPLACE("", "^$", "123")` as an example:
  - MySQL does not replace the empty string and returns `""` as the result.
  - TiDB replaces the empty string and returns `"123"` as the result.
- The keyword used for capturing groups in TiDB is different from MySQL. MySQL uses `$` as the keyword, while TiDB uses `\\` as the keyword. In addition, TiDB only supports capturing groups numbered from `0` to `9`.

  For example, the following SQL statement returns `ab` in TiDB:

```
SELECT REGEXP_REPLACE('abcd','(.*)(.{2})$','\\1') AS s;
```

Known issues

- GitHub Issue #37981

14.13.4.6 Numeric Functions and Operators

TiDB supports all of the numeric functions and operators available in MySQL 8.0.

14.13.4.6.1 Arithmetic operators

Name	Description
+	Addition operator
-	Minus operator
*	Multiplication operator
/	Division operator
DIV	Integer division
lstinlineMOD!	Modulo operator
-	Change the sign of the argument

14.13.4.6.2 Mathematical functions

Name	Description
ABS()	Return the absolute value
ACOS()	Return the arc cosine
ASIN()	Return the arc sine
ATAN()	Return the arc tangent
ATAN2(), ATAN()	Return the arc tangent of the two arguments
CEIL()	Return the smallest integer value not less than the argument
CEILING()	Return the smallest integer value not less than the argument
CONV()	Convert numbers between different number bases
COS()	Return the cosine
COT()	Return the cotangent
CRC32()	Compute a cyclic redundancy check value
DEGREES()	Convert radians to degrees
EXP()	Raise to the power of
FLOOR()	Return the largest integer value not greater than the argument
LN()	Return the natural logarithm of the argument
LOG()	Return the natural logarithm of the first argument
LOG10()	Return the base-10 logarithm of the argument
LOG2()	Return the base-2 logarithm of the argument
MOD()	Return the remainder
PI()	Return the value of pi
POW()	Return the argument raised to the specified power
POWER()	Return the argument raised to the specified power
RADIANS()	Return argument converted to radians
RAND()	Return a random floating-point value
ROUND()	Round the argument
SIGN()	Return the sign of the argument
SIN()	Return the sine of the argument
SQRT()	Return the square root of the argument
TAN()	Return the tangent of the argument
TRUNCATE()	Truncate to specified number of decimal places

14.13.4.6.3 Related system variables

`div_precision_increment` is used to set the precision for the `/` operator.

14.13.4.7 Date and Time Functions

TiDB supports all of the date and time functions available in MySQL 8.0.

Note:

- MySQL will often accept the incorrectly formatted date and time values. For example, `'2020-01-01\n\t01:01:01'` and `'2020-01_01\n\t01:01'` are treated as valid date and time values.
- TiDB makes the best effort to match MySQL's behavior, but it might not match in all instances. It is recommended to correctly format dates, because the intended behavior for incorrectly formatted values is not documented, and is often inconsistent.

Date/Time functions:

Name	Description
ADDDATE()	Add time values (intervals) to a date value
ADDTIME()	Add time
CONVERT_TZ()	Convert from one time zone to another
CURDATE()	Return the current date
CURRENT_DATE(), CURRENT_DATE	Synonyms for CURDATE()
CURRENT_TIME(), CURRENT_TIME	Synonyms for CURTIME()
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP(), CURRENT_TIMESTAMP	Synonyms for NOW()
CURTIME()	Return the current time
DATE()	Extract the date part of a date or datetime expression
DATE_ADD()	Add time values (intervals) to a date value
DATE_FORMAT()	Format date as specified
DATE_SUB()	Subtract a time value (interval) from a date
DATEDIFF()	Subtract two dates
DAY()	Synonym for DAYOFMONTH()
DAYNAME()	Return the name of the weekday
DAYOFMONTH()	Return the day of the month (0-31)
DAYOFWEEK()	Return the weekday index of the argument
DAYOFYEAR()	Return the day of the year (1-366)
EXTRACT()	Extract part of a date
FROM_DAYS()	Convert a day number to a date
FROM_UNIXTIME()	Format Unix timestamp as a date
GET_FORMAT()	Return a date format string
HOUR()	Extract the hour
LAST_DAY	Return the last day of the month for the argument
LOCALTIME(), LOCALTIME	Synonym for NOW()
LOCALTIMESTAMP, LOCALTIMESTAMP()	Synonym for NOW()
MAKEDATE()	Create a date from the year and day of year

Name	Description
MAKETIME()	Create time from hour, minute, second
MICROSECOND()	Return the microseconds from argument
MINUTE()	Return the minute from the argument
MONTH()	Return the month from the date passed
MONTHNAME()	Return the name of the month
NOW()	Return the current date and time
PERIOD_ADD()	Add a period to a year-month
PERIOD_DIFF()	Return the number of months between periods
QUARTER()	Return the quarter from a date argument
SEC_TO_TIME()	Converts seconds to 'HH:MM:SS' format
SECOND()	Return the second (0-59)
STR_TO_DATE()	Convert a string to a date
SUBDATE()	Synonym for DATE_SUB() when invoked with three arguments
SUBTIME()	Subtract times
SYSDATE()	Return the time at which the function executes
TIME()	Extract the time portion of the expression passed
TIME_FORMAT()	Format as time
TIME_TO_SEC()	Return the argument converted to seconds
TIMEDIFF()	Subtract time
TIMESTAMP()	With a single argument, this function returns the date or datetime expression; with two arguments, the sum of the arguments
TIMESTAMPADD()	Add an interval to a datetime expression
TIMESTAMPDIFF()	Subtract an interval from a datetime expression
TO_DAYS()	Return the date argument converted to days
TO_SECONDS()	Return the date or datetime argument converted to seconds since Year 0
UNIX_TIMESTAMP()	Return a Unix timestamp
UTC_DATE()	Return the current UTC date
UTC_TIME()	Return the current UTC time
UTC_TIMESTAMP()	Return the current UTC date and time
WEEK()	Return the week number
WEEKDAY()	Return the weekday index
WEEKOFYEAR()	Return the calendar week of the date (1-53)
YEAR()	Return the year

Name	Description
YEARWEEK()	Return the year and week

For details, see Date and Time Functions.

14.13.4.7.1 MySQL compatibility

The function STR_TO_DATE() is supported by TiDB, but is unable to parse all date and time values. In addition, the following date and time formatting options are **not implemented**:

Format	Description
"%a"	Abbreviated weekday name (Sun..Sat)
"%D"	Day of the month with English suffix (0th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd)
"%U"	Week (00..53), where Sunday is the first day of the week; WEEK() mode 0
"%u"	Week (00..53), where Monday is the first day of the week; WEEK() mode 1
"%V"	Week (01..53), where Sunday is the first day of the week; WEEK() mode 2; used with %X
"%v"	Week (01..53), where Monday is the first day of the week; WEEK() mode 3; used with %x
"%W"	Weekday name (Sunday..Saturday)
"%w"	Day of the week (0=Sunday..6=Saturday)
"%X"	Year for the week where Sunday is the first day of the week, numeric, four digits.
"%x"	Year for the week, where Monday is the first day of the week, numeric, four digits.

See issue #30082 for more details.

14.13.4.7.2 Related system variables

The default_week_format variable affects the WEEK() function.

14.13.4.8 Bit Functions and Operators

TiDB supports all of the bit functions and operators available in MySQL 8.0.

Bit functions and operators:

Name	Description
BIT_COUNT()	Return the number of bits that are set as 1
&	Bitwise AND
~	Bitwise inversion
|	Bitwise OR

Name	Description
^	Bitwise XOR
<<	Left shift
>>	Right shift

14.13.4.8.1 BIT_COUNT()

The `BIT_COUNT(expr)` function returns the number of bits that are set as 1 in `expr`.

```
SELECT BIT_COUNT(b'00101001');
```

```
+------------------------+
| BIT_COUNT(b'00101001') |
+------------------------+
|                      3 |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Note:

If the argument `expr` is a binary number, you need to specify `b` explicitly before the number, such as `b'00101001'`. Otherwise, this function treats it as a string and returns a different result. For example, `BIT_COUNT ↪ ('00101001')` returns `7` because it converts the string `'00101001'` as the decimal number `101001` and counts the number of `1` bits in its binary format `11000100001010001`.

The following example is similar to the preceding one, but it uses a hex-literal instead of a bit-literal as the argument. The `CONV()` function converts `0x29` from hexadecimal (base 16) to binary (base 2), showing that it equals `00101001` in binary.

```
SELECT BIT_COUNT(0x29), CONV(0x29,16,2);
```

```
+-----------------+-----------------+
| BIT_COUNT(0x29) | CONV(0x29,16,2) |
+-----------------+-----------------+
|               3 | 101001          |
+-----------------+-----------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

A practical use of the `BIT_COUNT(expr)` function is to convert a netmask to a CIDR notation. In the following example, the netmask `255.255.255.0` is converted to its CIDR representation `24`.

```
SELECT BIT_COUNT(INET_ATON('255.255.255.0'));
```

```
+-------------------------------------+
| BIT_COUNT(INET_ATON('255.255.255.0')) |
+-------------------------------------+
|                                  24 |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.8.2 & (bitwise AND)

The `&` operator performs a bitwise AND operation. It compares the corresponding bits of two numbers: if both corresponding bits are 1, the corresponding bit of the result is 1; otherwise, it is 0.

For example, a bitwise AND operation between `1010` and `1100` returns `1000`, because only the leftmost bit is set as 1 in both numbers.

```
  1010
& 1100
  ----
  1000
```

In SQL, you can use the `&` operator as follows:

```
SELECT CONV(b'1010' & b'1000',10,2);
```

```
+-----------------------------+
| CONV(b'1010' & b'1000',10,2) |
+-----------------------------+
| 1000                        |
+-----------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

You can use the `&` operator with `INET_NTOA()` and `INET_ATON()` functions to perform a bitwise AND operation on an IP address and a network mask to get the network address. This is useful to determine whether multiple IP addresses belong to the same network or not.

In the following two examples, the IP addresses `192.168.1.1` and `192.168.1.2` are in the same network `192.168.1.0/24` when masked with `255.255.255.0`.

```
SELECT INET_NTOA(INET_ATON('192.168.1.1') & INET_ATON('255.255.255.0'));
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| INET_NTOA(INET_ATON('192.168.1.1') & INET_ATON('255.255.255.0')) |
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| 192.168.1.0                                                     |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT INET_NTOA(INET_ATON('192.168.1.2') & INET_ATON('255.255.255.0'));
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| INET_NTOA(INET_ATON('192.168.1.2') & INET_ATON('255.255.255.0')) |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| 192.168.1.0                                                     |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.8.3 ~ (bitwise inversion)

The ~ operator performs a bitwise inversion (or bitwise NOT) operation on a given value. It inverts each bit of the given value: bits that are 0 become 1, and bits that are 1 become 0.

Before the operation, the value is expanded to 64 bits.

Take the binary number `1111000011110000` as an example. When expanded to 64 bits and inverted, it looks like this:

```
Original (16 bits):
    ↪ 1111000011110000
Expanded and inverted (64 bits):
    ↪ 1111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111110000111100001111
```

In SQL, you can use the ~ operator as follows:

```
SELECT CONV(~ b'1111000011110000',10,2);
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| CONV(~ b'1111000011110000',10,2)                                |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| 1111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111110000111100001111 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

You can reverse the inversion by applying the ~ operator again to the result:

```
SELECT CONV(~ b'
    ↪ 1111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111110000111100001111'
    ↪ ,10,2);
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| CONV(~ b
   ↪ '1111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111110000111100001111',10,2)
   ↪  |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| 1111000011110000                                                      |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.8.4 | (bitwise OR)

The | operator performs a bitwise OR operation. It compares the corresponding bits of two numbers: if at least one of the corresponding bits is 1, the corresponding bit in the result is 1.

For example, a bitwise OR operation between `1010` and `1100` returns `1110`, because among the first three bits of the two numbers, at least one of the corresponding bits is set as 1.

```
  1010
| 1100
  ----
  1110
```

In SQL, you can use the | operator as follows:

```
SELECT CONV(b'1010' | b'1100',10,2);
```

```
+-----------------------------+
| CONV(b'1010' | b'1100',10,2) |
+-----------------------------+
| 1110                        |
+-----------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.8.5 ^ (bitwise XOR)

The ^ operator performs a bitwise XOR (exclusive OR) operation. It compares the corresponding bits of two numbers: if the corresponding bits are different, the corresponding bit in the result is 1.

For example, a bitwise XOR operation between `1010` and `1100` returns `0110`, because the second and the third bits of the two numbers are different.

```
  1010
^ 1100
  ----
  0110
```

In SQL, you can use the ^ operator as follows:

```
SELECT CONV(b'1010' ^ b'1100',10,2);
```

```
+------------------------------+
| CONV(b'1010' ^ b'1100',10,2) |
+------------------------------+
| 110                          |
+------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Note that the result is shown as `110` instead of `0110` because the leading zero is removed.

14.13.4.8.6 << (left shift)

The `<<` operator performs a left shift operation, which shifts the bits of a number to the left by a specified number of positions, filling the vacated bits with zeros on the right.

For example, the following statement uses `1<<n` to shift the binary value `1` to the left by `n` positions:

```
WITH RECURSIVE cte(n) AS (
    SELECT 0 AS n
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 1+n FROM cte WHERE n<10
)
SELECT n,1<<n,LPAD(CONV(1<<n,10,2),11,0) FROM cte;
```

```
+------+------+----------------------------+
| n    | 1<<n | LPAD(CONV(1<<n,10,2),11,0) |
+------+------+----------------------------+
|    0 |    1 | 00000000001                |
|    1 |    2 | 00000000010                |
|    2 |    4 | 00000000100                |
|    3 |    8 | 00000001000                |
|    4 |   16 | 00000010000                |
|    5 |   32 | 00000100000                |
|    6 |   64 | 00001000000                |
|    7 |  128 | 00010000000                |
|    8 |  256 | 00100000000                |
|    9 |  512 | 01000000000                |
```

```
|   10 | 1024 | 10000000000              |
+------+------+--------------------------+
11 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.8.7 >> (right shift)

The `>>` operator performs a right shift operation, which shifts the bits of a number to the right by a specified number of positions, filling the vacated bits with zeros on the left.

For example, the following statement uses `1024>>n` to shift a value of `1024` (`10000000000` in binary) to the right by `n` positions:

```
WITH RECURSIVE cte(n) AS (
    SELECT 0 AS n
    UNION ALL
    SELECT n+1 FROM cte WHERE n<11
)
SELECT n,1024>>n,LPAD(CONV(1024>>n,10,2),11,0) FROM cte;
```

```
+------+---------+-------------------------------+
| n    | 1024>>n | LPAD(CONV(1024>>n,10,2),11,0) |
+------+---------+-------------------------------+
|    0 |    1024 | 10000000000                   |
|    1 |     512 | 01000000000                   |
|    2 |     256 | 00100000000                   |
|    3 |     128 | 00010000000                   |
|    4 |      64 | 00001000000                   |
|    5 |      32 | 00000100000                   |
|    6 |      16 | 00000010000                   |
|    7 |       8 | 00000001000                   |
|    8 |       4 | 00000000100                   |
|    9 |       2 | 00000000010                   |
|   10 |       1 | 00000000001                   |
|   11 |       0 | 00000000000                   |
+------+---------+-------------------------------+
12 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The `>>` operator can also be useful for extracting specific parts of a larger number, such as extracting a UNIX timestamp from a TiDB TSO timestamp.

14.13.4.8.8 MySQL compatibility

There are some differences between MySQL 8.0 and earlier versions of MySQL in handling bit functions and operators. TiDB aims to follow the behavior of MySQL 8.0.

14.13.4.8.9 Known issues

In the following cases, the query results in TiDB are the same as MySQL 5.7 but different from MySQL 8.0.

- Bitwise operations with binary arguments. For more information, see #30637.
- The result of the `BIT_COUNT()` function. For more information, see #44621.

14.13.4.9 Cast Functions and Operators

Cast functions and operators enable conversion of values from one data type to another. TiDB supports all of the cast functions and operators available in MySQL 8.0.

Name	Description
`BINARY`	Cast a string to a binary string
`CAST()`	Cast a value as a certain type
`CONVERT()`	Cast a value as a certain type

Note:

TiDB and MySQL display inconsistent results for `SELECT CAST(MeN AS CHAR ↪ )` (or its equivalent form `SELECT CONVERT(MeM, CHAR)`), where `MeN` represents a double-precision floating-point number in scientific notation. MySQL displays the complete numeric value when `-15 <= N <= 14` and the scientific notation when `N < -15` or `N > 14`. However, TiDB always displays the complete numeric value. For example, MySQL displays the result of `SELECT ↪ CAST(3.1415e15 AS CHAR)` as `3.1415e15`, while TiDB displays the result as `3141500000000000`.

14.13.4.9.1 BINARY

The `BINARY` operator has been deprecated since MySQL 8.0.27. It is recommended to use `CAST(... AS BINARY)` instead both in TiDB and MySQL.

14.13.4.9.2 CAST

The `CAST(<expression> AS <type> [ARRAY])` function is used to cast an expression to a specific type.

This function is also used to create Multi-valued indexes.

The following types are supported:

Type	Description	Whether it can be used with multi-valued indexes
`BINARY(n)`	Binary string	No
`CHAR(n)`	Character string	Yes, but only if a length is specified
`DATE`	Date	Yes
`DATETIME(fsp)`	Date/time, where `fsp` is optional	Yes
`DECIMAL(n, m)`	Decimal number, where `n` and `m` are optional and are `10` and `0` if not specified	No
`DOUBLE`	Double precision floating-point number	No
`FLOAT(n)`	Floating-point number, where `n` is optional and should be between `0` and `53`	No
`JSON`	JSON	No
`REAL`	Floating-point number	Yes
`SIGNED [INTEGER ↪ ]`	Signed integer	Yes
`TIME(fsp)`	Time	Yes
`UNSIGNED [ ↪ INTEGER]`	Unsigned integer	Yes
`VECTOR`	Vector	No
`YEAR`	Year	No

Examples:

The following statement converts a binary string from a HEX literal to a `CHAR`.

```
SELECT CAST(0x54694442 AS CHAR);
```

```
+-------------------------+
| CAST(0x54694442 AS CHAR) |
+-------------------------+
```

```
| TiDB                     |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.0002 sec)
```

The following statement casts the values of the `a` attribute extracted from the JSON column to an unsigned array. Note that casting to an array is only supported as part of an index definition for multi-valued indexes.

```
CREATE TABLE t (
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    j JSON,
    INDEX idx_a ((CAST(j->'$.a' AS UNSIGNED ARRAY)))
);
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, JSON_OBJECT('a',JSON_ARRAY(1,2,3)));
INSERT INTO t VALUES (2, JSON_OBJECT('a',JSON_ARRAY(4,5,6)));
INSERT INTO t VALUES (3, JSON_OBJECT('a',JSON_ARRAY(7,8,9)));
ANALYZE TABLE t;
```

```
 EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM t WHERE 1 MEMBER OF(j->'$.a')\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
          id: IndexMerge_10
      estRows: 2.00
        task: root
access object:
operator info: type: union
*************************** 2. row ***************************
          id:  ─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)
      estRows: 2.00
        task: cop[tikv]
access object: table:t, index:idx_a(cast(json_extract(`j`, _utf8mb4'$.a')
    ↪ as unsigned array))
operator info: range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:partial[j:unInitialized
    ↪ ]
*************************** 3. row ***************************
          id:  ─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)
      estRows: 2.00
        task: cop[tikv]
access object: table:t
operator info: keep order:false, stats:partial[j:unInitialized]
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.9.3 CONVERT

The `CONVERT()` function is used to convert between character sets.

Example:

```
SELECT CONVERT(0x616263 USING utf8mb4);
```

```
+--------------------------------+
| CONVERT(0x616263 USING utf8mb4) |
+--------------------------------+
| abc                            |
+--------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.0004 sec)
```

14.13.4.9.4 MySQL compatibility

- TiDB does not support cast operations on `SPATIAL` types. For more information, see #6347.
- TiDB does not support `AT TIME ZONE` for `CAST()`. For more information, see #51742.
- `CAST(24 AS YEAR)` returns 2 digits in TiDB and 4 digits in MySQL. For more information, see #29629.

14.13.4.10 Encryption and Compression Functions

TiDB supports most of the encryption and compression functions available in MySQL 8.0.

14.13.4.10.1 Supported functions

Name	Description
AES_DECRYPT()	Decrypt using AES
AES_ENCRYPT()	Encrypt using AES
COMPRESS()	Compress and return result as a binary string
MD5()	Calculate MD5 checksum
PASSWORD()	Calculate and return a password string
RANDOM_BYTES()	Return a random byte vector
SHA()	Calculate an SHA-1 160-bit checksum
SHA1()	Calculate an SHA-1 160-bit checksum
SHA2()	Calculate an SHA-2 checksum
SM3()	Calculate an SM3 checksum
UNCOMPRESS()	Uncompress a compressed string
UNCOMPRESSED_LENGTH()	Return the length of a string before compression
VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH()	Validate the password strength

AES_DECRYPT()

The `AES_DECRYPT(data, key [,iv])` function decrypts `data` that was previously en-

crypted using the AES_ENCRYPT() function with the same key.

You can use the block_encryption_mode system variable to select the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) encryption mode.

For encryption modes that require an initialization vector, set it with the iv argument. The default value is NULL.

```
SELECT AES_DECRYPT(0x28409970815CD536428876175F1A4923, 'secret');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| AES_DECRYPT(0x28409970815CD536428876175F1A4923, 'secret')
   ↪                                                      |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| 0x616263
   ↪
   ↪ |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

AES_ENCRYPT()

The AES_ENCRYPT(data, key [,iv]) function encrypts data with key using the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithm.

You can use the block_encryption_mode system variable to select the AES encryption mode.

For encryption modes that require an initialization vector, set it with the iv argument. The default value is NULL.

```
SELECT AES_ENCRYPT(0x616263,'secret');
```

```
+------------------------------------------------------------+
| AES_ENCRYPT(0x616263,'secret')                             |
+------------------------------------------------------------+
| 0x28409970815CD536428876175F1A4923                         |
+------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

COMPRESS()

The COMPRESS(expr) function returns a compressed version of the input data expr.

- If the argument is NULL, the function returns NULL.
- If the argument is an empty string, the function returns a zero-length value.

For non-zero length argument, the function returns a binary string with the following structure:

- Bytes 0 to 3: the uncompressed length
- Bytes 4 to the end: the zlib compressed data

```
SELECT COMPRESS(0x414243);
```

```
+----------------------------------------+
| COMPRESS(0x414243)                     |
+----------------------------------------+
| 0x03000000789C72747206040000FFFF018D00C7 |
+----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In this output, `0x03000000` represents the uncompressed length (3) and `0x789C72747206040000FFFF01`
↪ is the zlib compressed data.

An example of using Python to decode this outside of TiDB:

```
import codecs
import zlib

data = codecs.decode('03000000789C72747206040000FFFF018D00C7','hex')
print(int.from_bytes(data[:4], byteorder='little')) # 3
print(zlib.decompress(data[4:])) # b'ABC'
```

For short strings, `COMPRESS()` might return more bytes than the input. The following example shows that a string of 100 `a` characters compresses to 19 bytes.

```
WITH x AS (SELECT REPEAT('a',100) 'a')
SELECT LENGTH(a),LENGTH(COMPRESS(a)) FROM x;
```

```
+-----------+---------------------+
| LENGTH(a) | LENGTH(COMPRESS(a)) |
+-----------+---------------------+
|       100 |                  19 |
+-----------+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

MD5()

The `MD5(expr)` function calculates a 128-bit MD5 hash for the given argument `expr`.

```
SELECT MD5('abc');
```

```
+----------------------------------+
| MD5('abc')                       |
+----------------------------------+
| 900150983cd24fb0d6963f7d28e17f72 |
+----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

PASSWORD()

> **Warning:**
>
> This function is deprecated in MySQL 5.7 and removed in MySQL 8.0. It is deprecated in TiDB. It is not recommended to use this function.

The `PASSWORD(str)` function calculates a password hash that can be used with the `mysql_native_password` authentication method.

```
SELECT PASSWORD('secret');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------+
| PASSWORD('secret')                        |
+-------------------------------------------+
| *14E65567ABDB5135D0CFD9A70B3032C179A49EE7 |
+-------------------------------------------+
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

Warning (Code 1681): PASSWORD is deprecated and will be removed in a future
    ↪ release.
```

RANDOM_BYTES()

The `RANDOM_BYTES(n)` function returns `n` random bytes.

```
SELECT RANDOM_BYTES(3);
```

```
+----------------------------------+
| RANDOM_BYTES(3)                  |
+----------------------------------+
| 0x1DBC0D                         |
+----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

SHA()

The `SHA()` function is an alias for `SHA1`.

SHA1()

The `SHA1(expr)` function calculates a 160-bit SHA-1 hash for the given argument `expr`.

```
SELECT SHA1('abc');
```

```
+------------------------------------------+
| SHA1('abc')                              |
+------------------------------------------+
| a9993e364706816aba3e25717850c26c9cd0d89d |
+------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

SHA2()

The `SHA2(str, n)` function calculates a hash using an algorithm from the SHA-2 family. The `n` argument is used to select the algorithm. `SHA2()` returns `NULL` if any of the arguments are `NULL` or if the algorithm selected by `n` is unknown or unsupported.

The following lists supported algorithms:

n	Algorithm
0	SHA-256
224	SHA-224
256	SHA-256
384	SHA-384
512	SHA-512

```
SELECT SHA2('abc',224);
```

```
+----------------------------------------------------------+
| SHA2('abc',224)                                          |
+----------------------------------------------------------+
| 23097d223405d8228642a477bda255b32aadbce4bda0b3f7e36c9da7 |
+----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

SM3()

> **Note:**
>
> The `SM3()` function is a TiDB extension and is not implemented in MySQL.

The `SM3(str)` function calculates a 256-bit ShangMi 3 (SM3) hash for the given argument `str`.

```
SELECT SM3('abc');
```

```
+------------------------------------------------------------------+
| SM3('abc')                                                       |
+------------------------------------------------------------------+
| 66c7f0f462eeedd9d1f2d46bdc10e4e24167c4875cf2f7a2297da02b8f4ba8e0 |
+------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

UNCOMPRESS()

The `UNCOMPRESS(data)` function decompresses the data that was compressed with the `COMPRESS()` function.

```
SELECT UNCOMPRESS(0x03000000789C72747206040000FFFF018D00C7);
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| UNCOMPRESS(0x03000000789C72747206040000FFFF018D00C7)
   ↪                                                  |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| 0x414243
   ↪
   ↪ |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

UNCOMPRESSED_LENGTH()

The `UNCOMPRESSED_LENGTH(data)` function returns the first 4 bytes of the compressed data, which store the length that the compressed string had before being compressed with the `COMPRESS()` function.

```
SELECT UNCOMPRESSED_LENGTH(0x03000000789C72747206040000FFFF018D00C7);
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| UNCOMPRESSED_LENGTH(0x03000000789C72747206040000FFFF018D00C7) |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                         3 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH()

The VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH(str) function is used as part of password management. It calculates the strength of a password and returns a value between 0 and 100.

The validate_password.* system variables affect the behavior of the VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH() function.

Examples:

- To enable the password complexity check, set the validate_password.enable system variable to ON:

```
SET GLOBAL validate_password.enable=ON;
```

- View password validation-related system variables:

```
SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'validate_password.%';
```

```
+--------------------------------------+--------+
| Variable_name                        | Value  |
+--------------------------------------+--------+
| validate_password.check_user_name    | ON     |
| validate_password.dictionary         |        |
| validate_password.enable             | ON     |
| validate_password.length             | 8      |
| validate_password.mixed_case_count   | 1      |
| validate_password.number_count       | 1      |
| validate_password.policy             | MEDIUM |
| validate_password.special_char_count | 1      |
+--------------------------------------+--------+
8 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

- Check the password strength of an empty string, which returns 0:

```
SELECT VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('');
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('') |
+-----------------------------------+
|                                 0 |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Check the password strength of a short string abcdef, which returns 25:

```
SELECT VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('abcdef');
```

```
+-------------------------------------+
| VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('abcdef') |
+-------------------------------------+
|                                  25 |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Check the password strength of a longer string `abcdefghi`, which returns `50`. This string is longer than the default value of `validate_password.length`:

```
SELECT VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('abcdefghi');
```

```
+----------------------------------------+
| VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('abcdefghi') |
+----------------------------------------+
|                                    50 |
+----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Adding an upper-case character to the string does not improve the password strength:

```
SELECT VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('Abcdefghi');
```

```
+----------------------------------------+
| VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('Abcdefghi') |
+----------------------------------------+
|                                    50 |
+----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

- Adding numbers to the string also does not improve the password strength:

```
SELECT VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('Abcdefghi123');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------+
| VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('Abcdefghi123') |
+-----------------------------------------+
|                                      50 |
+-----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Finally, adding special characters to the string brings the password strength to `100`, indicating a strong password:

```
SELECT VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('Abcdefghi123%$#');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------+
| VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH('Abcdefghi123%$#') |
+-----------------------------------------------+
|                                           100 |
+-----------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.10.2 Unsupported functions

- TiDB does not support the functions only available in MySQL Enterprise Issue #2632.

14.13.4.10.3 MySQL compatibility

- TiDB does not support the `STATEMENT_DIGEST()` and `STATEMENT_DIGEST_TEXT()` functions.
- TiDB does not support the `kdf_name`, `salt`, and `iterations` arguments for `AES_ENCRYPT()` and `AES_DECRYPT` that MySQL added in MySQL 8.0.30.
- MySQL does not implement the `SM3()` function.

14.13.4.11 Locking Functions

TiDB supports most of the user-level locking functions available in MySQL 8.0.

14.13.4.11.1 Supported functions

Name	Description
`GET_LOCK(lockName, timeout)`	Acquires an advisory lock. The `lockName` parameter must be NO longer than 64 characters. Waits maximum `timeout` seconds before timing out and returns a failure.
`IS_FREE_LOCK(lockName)`	Checks if a lock is free.
`IS_USED_LOCK(lockName)`	Checks if a lock is in use. If true, it returns the corresponding connection ID.
`RELEASE_ALL_LOCKS()`	Releases all locks held by the current session.
`RELEASE_LOCK(lockName)`	Releases a previously acquired lock. The `lockName` parameter must be NO longer than 64 characters.

14.13.4.11.2 MySQL compatibility

- The minimum timeout permitted by TiDB is 1 second, and the maximum timeout is 1 hour (3600 seconds). This differs from MySQL, where both 0 second and unlimited timeouts (`timeout=-1`) are permitted. TiDB will automatically convert out-of-range values to the nearest permitted value and convert `timeout=-1` to 3600 seconds.
- TiDB does not automatically detect deadlocks caused by user-level locks. Deadlocked sessions will time out after a maximum of 1 hour, but can also be manually resolved by using `KILL` on one of the affected sessions. You can also prevent deadlocks by always acquiring user-level locks in the same order.
- Locks take effect on all TiDB servers in the cluster. This differs from MySQL Cluster and Group Replication where locks are local to a single server.
- `IS_USED_LOCK()` returns `1` if it is called from another session and is unable to return the ID of the process that is holding the lock.

14.13.4.12 Information Functions

TiDB supports most of the information functions available in MySQL 8.0.

14.13.4.12.1 TiDB supported MySQL functions

Name	Description
`BENCHMARK` `↪ ()`	Execute an expression in a loop
`CONNECTION` `↪ _ID` `↪ ()`	Return the connection ID (thread ID) for the connection
`CURRENT` `↪ _` `↪ ROLE` `↪ ()`	Return the role that is in use by the connection
`CURRENT` `↪ _` `↪ USER` `↪ (),` `CURRENT` `↪ _` `↪ USER` `↪`	Return the authenticated user name and host name

Name	Description
DATABASE ↪ ()	Return the default (current) database name
FOUND_ ↪ ROWS ↪ ()	For a SELECT with a LIMIT clause, the number of the rows that are returned if there is no LIMIT clause
LAST_ ↪ INSERT ↪ _ID ↪ ()	Return the value of the AUTOINCREMENT ↪ column for the last INSERT
ROW_ ↪ COUNT ↪ ()	The number of rows affected
SCHEMA ↪ ()	Synonym for DATABASE()
SESSION ↪ _ ↪ USER ↪ ()	Synonym for USER()
SYSTEM ↪ _ ↪ USER ↪ ()	Synonym for USER()
USER()	Return the user name and host name provided by the client
VERSION ↪ ()	Return a string that indicates the MySQL server version

BENCHMARK()

The `BENCHMARK()` function executes the given expression a specified number of times.

Syntax:

```
BENCHMARK(count, expression)
```

- `count`: the number of times the expression to be executed.
- `expression`: the expression to be executed repeatedly.

Example:

```
SELECT BENCHMARK(5, SLEEP(2));
```

```
+------------------------+
| BENCHMARK(5, SLEEP(2)) |
+------------------------+
|                      0 |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (10.00 sec)
```

CONNECTION_ID()

The `CONNECTION_ID()` function returns the ID of the connection. Based on the value of the `enable-32bits-connection-id` configuration item for TiDB, this function returns a 32-bit or 64-bit connection ID.

If `enable-global-kill` is enabled, the connection ID can be used to kill queries across multiple TiDB instances of the same cluster.

```
SELECT CONNECTION_ID();
```

```
+-----------------+
| CONNECTION_ID() |
+-----------------+
|      322961414 |
+-----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

CURRENT_ROLE()

The `CURRENT_ROLE()` function returns the current role for the current session.

```
SELECT CURRENT_ROLE();
```

```
+----------------+
| CURRENT_ROLE() |
+----------------+
| NONE           |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

CURRENT_USER()

The `CURRENT_USER()` function returns the account that is used in the current session.

```
SELECT CURRENT_USER();
```

```
+----------------+
| CURRENT_USER() |
+----------------+
| root@%         |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

DATABASE()

The `DATABASE()` function returns the database schema that the current session is using.

```
SELECT DATABASE();
```

```
+------------+
| DATABASE() |
+------------+
| test       |
+------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

FOUND_ROWS()

The `FOUND_ROWS()` function returns the number of rows in the result set of the last executed `SELECT` statement.

```
SELECT 1 UNION ALL SELECT 2;
```

```
+------+
| 1    |
+------+
|    2 |
|    1 |
+------+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
SELECT FOUND_ROWS();
```

```
+--------------+
| FOUND_ROWS() |
+--------------+
|            2 |
+--------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

> **Note:**
>
> The `SQL_CALC_FOUND_ROWS` query modifier, which calculates the total number of rows in a result set without considering the `LIMIT` clause, is only accepted if `tidb_enable_noop_functions` is enabled. This query modifier is deprecated starting from MySQL 8.0.17. It is recommended to use `COUNT(*)` instead.

LAST_INSERT_ID()

The `LAST_INSERT_ID()` function returns the ID of the last inserted row in a table that contains an `AUTO_INCREMENT` or `AUTO_RANDOM` column.

```
CREATE TABLE t1(id SERIAL);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.17 sec)

INSERT INTO t1() VALUES();
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)

INSERT INTO t1() VALUES();
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

SELECT LAST_INSERT_ID();
+------------------+
| LAST_INSERT_ID() |
+------------------+
|                3 |
+------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

TABLE t1;
+----+
| id |
+----+
```

```
|  1 |
|  3 |
+----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Note

- In TiDB, AUTO_ID_CACHE might lead to results that differ from those returned by MySQL. This discrepancy arises because TiDB caches IDs on each node, potentially leading to IDs that are out of order or have gaps. If maintaining strict ID ordering is essential for your application, you can enable MySQL compatible mode.
- In the preceding example, IDs increase by 2 while MySQL would generate IDs incrementing by 1 in the same scenario. For more compatibility information, see Auto-increment ID.

The LAST_INSERT_ID(expr) function can accept an expression as an argument, storing the value for the next call to LAST_INSERT_ID(). You can use it as a MySQL-compatible method for generating sequences. Note that TiDB also supports proper sequence functions.

ROW_COUNT()

The ROW_COUNT() function returns the number of affected rows.

```
CREATE TABLE t1(id BIGINT UNSIGNED PRIMARY KEY AUTO_RANDOM);
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.16 sec)

INSERT INTO t1() VALUES (),(),();
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.02 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

SELECT ROW_COUNT();
+-------------+
| ROW_COUNT() |
+-------------+
|           3 |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

SCHEMA()

The SCHEMA() function is a synonym for DATABASE().

SESSION_USER()

The `SESSION_USER()` function is a synonym for `USER()`.

SYSTEM_USER()

The `SYSTEM_USER()` function is a synonym for `USER()`.

USER()

The `USER()` function returns the user of the current connection. This might differ slightly from the output of `CURRENT_USER()`, as `USER()` displays the actual IP address instead of a wildcard.

```
SELECT USER(), CURRENT_USER();
```

```
+----------------+----------------+
| USER()         | CURRENT_USER() |
+----------------+----------------+
| root@127.0.0.1 | root@%         |
+----------------+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

VERSION()

The `VERSION()` function returns the TiDB version in a format that is compatible with MySQL. To get a more detailed result, you can use the `TIDB_VERSION()` function.

```
SELECT VERSION();
+--------------------+
| VERSION()          |
+--------------------+
| 8.0.11-TiDB-v7.5.1 |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT TIDB_VERSION()\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
TIDB_VERSION(): Release Version: v7.5.1
Edition: Community
Git Commit Hash: 7d16cc79e81bbf573124df3fd9351c26963f3e70
Git Branch: heads/refs/tags/v7.5.1
UTC Build Time: 2024-02-27 14:28:32
GoVersion: go1.21.6
Race Enabled: false
Check Table Before Drop: false
Store: tikv
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The preceding example is from TiDB v7.5.1, which identifies itself as MySQL 8.0.11.

If you want to change the returned version, you can modify the `server-version` configuration item.

14.13.4.12.2 TiDB specific functions

The following function is only supported by TiDB, and there is no equivalent function in MySQL.

Name	Description
`CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP()`	Return the name of the resource group that the current session is bound to

14.13.4.12.3 Unsupported functions

- `CHARSET()`
- `COERCIBILITY()`
- `COLLATION()`
- `ICU_VERSION()`
- `ROLES_GRAPHML()`

14.13.4.13 Vector Functions and Operators

This document lists the functions and operators available for Vector data types.

> **Warning:**
>
> This feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

> **Note:**
>
> Vector data types and these vector functions are only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.4.13.1 Vector functions

The following functions are designed specifically for Vector data types.

Vector distance functions:

Function Name	Description
VEC_L2_DISTANCE	Calculates L2 distance (Euclidean distance) between two vectors
VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE	Calculates the cosine distance between two vectors
VEC_NEGATIVE_INNER_PRODUCT	Calculates the negative of the inner product between two vectors
VEC_L1_DISTANCE	Calculates L1 distance (Manhattan distance) between two vectors

Other vector functions:

Function Name	Description
VEC_DIMS	Returns the dimension of a vector
VEC_L2_NORM	Calculates the L2 norm (Euclidean norm) of a vector
VEC_FROM_TEXT	Converts a string into a vector
VEC_AS_TEXT	Converts a vector into a string

14.13.4.13.2 Extended built-in functions and operators

The following built-in functions and operators are extended to support operations on Vector data types.

Arithmetic operators:

Name	Description
+	Vector element-wise addition operator
-	Vector element-wise subtraction operator

For more information about how vector arithmetic works, see Vector Data Type | Arithmetic.

Aggregate (GROUP BY) functions:

Name	Description
COUNT()	Return a count of the number of rows returned
COUNT(DISTINCT)	Return the count of a number of different values
MAX()	Return the maximum value
MIN()	Return the minimum value

Comparison functions and operators:

Name	Description
`BETWEEN ... AND ...`	Check whether a value is within a range of values
`COALESCE()`	Return the first non-NULL argument
`=`	Equal operator
`<=>`	NULL-safe equal to operator
`>`	Greater than operator
`>=`	Greater than or equal operator
`GREATEST()`	Return the largest argument
`IN()`	Check whether a value is within a set of values
`IS NULL`	Test whether a value is `NULL`
`ISNULL()`	Test whether the argument is `NULL`
`LEAST()`	Return the smallest argument
`<`	Less than operator
`<=`	Less than or equal operator
`NOT BETWEEN ... AND ...`	Check whether a value is not within a range of values
`!=`, `<>`	Not equal operator
`NOT IN()`	Check whether a value is not within a set of values

For more information about how vectors are compared, see Vector Data Type | Comparison.

Control flow functions:

Name	Description
`CASE`	Case operator
`IF()`	If/else construct
`IFNULL()`	Null if/else construct
`NULLIF()`	Return `NULL` if expr1 = expr2

Cast functions:

Name	Description
`CAST()`	Cast a value as a string or vector
`CONVERT()`	Cast a value as a string

For more information about how to use `CAST()`, see Vector Data Type | Cast.

14.13.4.13.3 Full references

VEC_L2_DISTANCE

```
VEC_L2_DISTANCE(vector1, vector2)
```

Calculates the L2 distance (Euclidean distance) between two vectors using the following formula:

$$DISTANCE(p, q) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (p_i - q_i)^2}$$

The two vectors must have the same dimension. Otherwise, an error is returned.

Example:

```
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_L2_DISTANCE('[0,3]', '[4,0]');
+---------------------------------+
| VEC_L2_DISTANCE('[0,3]', '[4,0]') |
+---------------------------------+
|                               5 |
+---------------------------------+
```

VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE

```
VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(vector1, vector2)
```

Calculates the cosine distance between two vectors using the following formula:

$$DISTANCE(p, q) = 1.0 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i q_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} q_i^2}}$$

The two vectors must have the same dimension. Otherwise, an error is returned.

Example:

```
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE('[1, 1]', '[-1, -1]');
+-----------------------------------------+
| VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE('[1, 1]', '[-1, -1]') |
+-----------------------------------------+
|                                       2 |
+-----------------------------------------+
```

VEC_NEGATIVE_INNER_PRODUCT

```
VEC_NEGATIVE_INNER_PRODUCT(vector1, vector2)
```

Calculates the distance by using the negative of the inner product between two vectors, using the following formula:

$$DISTANCE(p, q) = -INNER\_PROD(p, q) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i q_i$$

The two vectors must have the same dimension. Otherwise, an error is returned.

Example:

```
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_NEGATIVE_INNER_PRODUCT('[1,2]', '[3,4]');
+-----------------------------------------------+
| VEC_NEGATIVE_INNER_PRODUCT('[1,2]', '[3,4]') |
+-----------------------------------------------+
|                                           -11 |
+-----------------------------------------------+
```

VEC_L1_DISTANCE

```
VEC_L1_DISTANCE(vector1, vector2)
```

Calculates the L1 distance (Manhattan distance) between two vectors using the following formula:

$$DISTANCE(p, q) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |p_i - q_i|$$

The two vectors must have the same dimension. Otherwise, an error is returned.

Example:

```
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_L1_DISTANCE('[0,0]', '[3,4]');
+-----------------------------------+
| VEC_L1_DISTANCE('[0,0]', '[3,4]') |
+-----------------------------------+
|                                 7 |
+-----------------------------------+
```

VEC_DIMS

```
VEC_DIMS(vector)
```

Returns the dimension of a vector.

Examples:

```
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_DIMS('[1,2,3]');
+---------------------+
| VEC_DIMS('[1,2,3]') |
+---------------------+
|                   3 |
+---------------------+

[tidb]> SELECT VEC_DIMS('[]');
+----------------+
| VEC_DIMS('[]') |
+----------------+
|              0 |
+----------------+
```

VEC_L2_NORM

```
VEC_L2_NORM(vector)
```

Calculates the L2 norm (Euclidean norm) of a vector using the following formula:

$$NORM(p) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i^2}$$

Example:

```
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_L2_NORM('[3,4]');
+----------------------+
| VEC_L2_NORM('[3,4]') |
+----------------------+
|                    5 |
+----------------------+
```

VEC_FROM_TEXT

```
VEC_FROM_TEXT(string)
```

Converts a string into a vector.

Example:

```
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_FROM_TEXT('[1,2]') + VEC_FROM_TEXT('[3,4]');
+-------------------------------------------------+
| VEC_FROM_TEXT('[1,2]') + VEC_FROM_TEXT('[3,4]') |
+-------------------------------------------------+
| [4,6]                                           |
+-------------------------------------------------+
```

VEC_AS_TEXT

```
VEC_AS_TEXT(vector)
```

Converts a vector into a string.

Example:

```
[tidb]> SELECT VEC_AS_TEXT('[1.000, 2.5]');
+------------------------------+
| VEC_AS_TEXT('[1.000, 2.5]') |
+------------------------------+
| [1,2.5]                      |
+------------------------------+
```

14.13.4.13.4 MySQL compatibility

The vector functions and the extended usage of built-in functions and operators over vector data types are TiDB specific, and are not supported in MySQL.

14.13.4.13.5 See also

- Vector Data Types

14.13.4.14 JSON Functions

14.13.4.14.1 JSON Functions

You can use JSON functions to work with data in the JSON data type.

Functions that create JSON values

Function Name	Description
JSON_ARRAY()	Evaluates a (possibly empty) list of values and returns a JSON array containing those values
JSON_OBJECT()	Evaluates a (possibly empty) list of key-value pairs and returns a JSON object containing those pairs
JSON_QUOTE()	Returns a string as a JSON value with quotes

Functions that search JSON values

Function Name	Description
JSON_CONTAINS()	Indicates by returning 1 or 0 whether a given candidate JSON document is contained within a target JSON document
JSON_CONTAINS_PATH()	Returns 0 or 1 to indicate whether a JSON document contains data at a given path or paths
JSON_EXTRACT()	Returns data from a JSON document, selected from the parts of the document matched by the `path` arguments

Function Name	Description
->	Returns the value from a JSON column after the evaluating path; an alias for `JSON_EXTRACT(doc, path_literal)`
->>	Returns the value from a JSON column after the evaluating path and unquoting the result; an alias for `JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_EXTRACT(doc, path_literal))`

Function Name	Description
JSON_KEYS()	Returns the keys from the top-level value of a JSON object as a JSON array, or, if a path argument is given, the top-level keys from the selected path
JSON_SEARCH()	Search a JSON document for one or all matches of a string
MEMBER OF()	If the passed value is an element of the JSON array, returns 1. Otherwise, returns 0.
JSON_OVERLAPS()	Indicates whether two JSON documents have overlapping part. If yes, returns 1. If not, returns 0.

Functions that modify JSON values

Function Name	Description
JSON_APPEND()	An alias to `JSON_ARRAY_APPEND()`
JSON_ARRAY_APPEND()	Appends values to the end of the indicated arrays within a JSON document and returns the result
JSON_ARRAY_INSERT()	Insert values into the specified locations of a JSON document and returns the result
JSON_INSERT()	Inserts data into a JSON document and returns the result
JSON_MERGE_PATCH()	Merges two or more JSON documents, without preserving values of duplicate keys
JSON_MERGE_PRESERVE()	Merges two or more JSON documents by preserving all values

Function Name	Description
JSON_MERGE()	A deprecated alias for `JSON_MERGE_PRESERVE()`
JSON_REMOVE()	Removes data from a JSON document and returns the result
JSON_REPLACE()	Replaces existing values in a JSON document and returns the result
JSON_SET()	Inserts or updates data in a JSON document and returns the result
JSON_UNQUOTE()	Unquotes a JSON value and returns the result as a string

Functions that return JSON value attributes

Function Name	Description
JSON_DEPTH()	Returns the maximum depth of a JSON document

Function Name	Description
JSON_LENGTH()	Returns the length of a JSON document, or, if a path argument is given, the length of the value within the path
JSON_TYPE()	Returns a string indicating the type of a JSON value
JSON_VALID()	Checks if a json_doc is valid JSON.

Utility functions

Function Name	Description
JSON_PRETTY()	Pretty formatting of a JSON document
JSON_STORAGE_FREE()	Returns how much storage space was freed in the binary representation of the JSON value after it was updated in place.

Function Name	Description
JSON_STORAGE_SIZE()	Returns an approximate size of bytes required to store the json value. As the size does not account for TiKV using compression, the output of this function is not strictly compatible with MySQL.

Aggregate functions

Function Name	Description
JSON_ARRAYAGG()	Provides an aggregation of keys.
JSON_OBJECTAGG()	Provides an aggregation of values for a given key.

Validation functions

Function Name	Description
JSON_SCHEMA_VALID()	Validates a JSON document against a schema to ensure data integrity and consistency.

JSONPath

Many of JSON functions use JSONPath to select parts of a JSON document.

Symbol	Description
$	Document root
.	Member selection
[]	Array selection
*	Wildcard
**	Path wildcard
[<n> to <n>]	Array range selection

The subsequent content takes the following JSON document as an example to demonstrate how to use JSONPath:

```
{
    "database": {
        "name": "TiDB",
        "features": [
            "distributed",
            "scalable",
            "relational",
            "cloud native"
        ],
        "license": "Apache-2.0 license",
        "versions": [
            {
                "version": "v8.1.0",
                "type": "lts",
                "release_date": "2024-05-24"
            },
            {
                "version": "v8.0.0",
                "type": "dmr",
                "release_date": "2024-03-29"
            }
        ]
    },
    "migration_tool": {
        "name": "TiDB Data Migration",
        "features": [
            "MySQL compatible",
            "Shard merging"
        ],
        "license": "Apache-2.0 license"
    }
}
```

JSONPath	Description	Example with JSON_EXTRACT()
$	The root of the document	Returns the full document
$.database	The database object	Returns the full structure starting with "database". It does not include "migration_tool" and the structure below that.
$.database.name	The name of the database.	"TiDB"
$.database.features	All database features	["distributed", " ↪ scalable", " ↪ relational", " ↪ cloud native"]
$.database.features[0]	The first database feature.	"distributed"
$.database.features[2]	The third database feature.	"relational"
$.database.versions[0]. ↪ type	The type of the first database version.	"lts"
$.database.versions[*]. ↪ release_date	The release date for all versions.	["2024-05-24","2024-03-29"] ↪
$.*.features	Two array's of features	[["distributed", " ↪ scalable", " ↪ relational", " ↪ cloud native"], ↪ ["MySQL ↪ compatible", " ↪ Shard merging"]]
$**.version	All versions, with path wildcard	["v8.1.0","v8.0.0"]
$.database.features[0 ↪ to 2]	Range of database features from the first to the third.	["scalable"," ↪ relational"]

For more information, see the IETF draft for JSONPath.

See also

- JSON Data Type

Unsupported functions

- JSON_SCHEMA_VALIDATION_REPORT()
- JSON_TABLE()

- `JSON_VALUE()`

For more information, see #14486.

MySQL compatibility

- TiDB supports most of the JSON functions available in MySQL 8.0.

14.13.4.14.2 JSON Functions That Create JSON Values

This document describes JSON functions that create JSON values.

JSON_ARRAY()

The `JSON_ARRAY([val[, val] ...])` function evaluates a (possibly empty) list of values and returns a JSON array containing those values.

```
SELECT JSON_ARRAY(1,2,3,4,5), JSON_ARRAY("foo", "bar");
```

```
+----------------------+--------------------------+
| JSON_ARRAY(1,2,3,4,5) | JSON_ARRAY("foo", "bar") |
+----------------------+--------------------------+
| [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]    | ["foo", "bar"]        |
+----------------------+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_OBJECT()

The `JSON_OBJECT([key, val[, key, val] ...])` function evaluates a (possibly empty) list of key-value pairs and returns a JSON object containing those pairs.

```
SELECT JSON_OBJECT("database", "TiDB", "distributed", TRUE);
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_OBJECT("database", "TiDB", "distributed", TRUE) |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| {"database": "TiDB", "distributed": true}     |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_QUOTE()

The `JSON_QUOTE(str)` function returns a string as a JSON value with quotes.

```
SELECT JSON_QUOTE('The name is "O\'Neil"');
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| JSON_QUOTE('The name is "O\'Neil"') |
+-----------------------------------+
| "The name is \"O'Neil\""          |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

See also

- JSON Functions Overview
- JSON Data Type

14.13.4.14.3 JSON Functions That Search JSON Values

This document describes JSON functions that search JSON values.

JSON_CONTAINS()

By returning `1` or `0`, the `JSON_CONTAINS(json_doc, candidate [,path])` function indicates whether a given `candidate` JSON document is contained within a target JSON document.

Examples:

Here `a` is contained in the target document.

```
SELECT JSON_CONTAINS('["a","b","c"]','"a"');
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| JSON_CONTAINS('["a","b","c"]','"a"') |
+-----------------------------------+
|                                 1 |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Here `e` is not contained in the target document.

```
SELECT JSON_CONTAINS('["a","b","c"]','"e"');
```

```
+-----------------------------------+
| JSON_CONTAINS('["a","b","c"]','"e"') |
+-----------------------------------+
|                                 0 |
+-----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Here `{"foo": "bar"}` is contained in the target document.

```
SELECT JSON_CONTAINS('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','{"foo": "bar"}');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_CONTAINS('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','{"foo": "bar"}') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                         1 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Here `"bar"` is not contained in the root of the target document.

```
SELECT JSON_CONTAINS('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','"bar"');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_CONTAINS('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','"bar"') |
+-------------------------------------------------+
|                                               0 |
+-------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Here `"bar"` is contained in the `$.foo` attribute of the target document.

```
SELECT JSON_CONTAINS('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','"bar"', '$.foo');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_CONTAINS('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','"bar"', '$.foo') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                         1 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_CONTAINS_PATH()

The `JSON_CONTAINS_PATH(json_doc, all_or_one, path [,path, ...])` function returns `0` or `1` to indicate whether a JSON document contains data at a given path or paths.

Examples:

Here the document contains `$.foo`.

```
SELECT JSON_CONTAINS_PATH('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','all','$.foo');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_CONTAINS_PATH('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','all','$.foo') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                         1 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Here the document does not contain `$.bar`.

```
SELECT JSON_CONTAINS_PATH('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','all','$.bar');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_CONTAINS_PATH('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','all','$.bar') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                         0 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Here the document contains both `$.foo` and `$.aaa`.

```
SELECT JSON_CONTAINS_PATH('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','all','$.foo', '$.aaa'
    ↪ );
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_CONTAINS_PATH('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}','all','$.foo', '$.aaa') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                                     1 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_EXTRACT()

The `JSON_EXTRACT(json_doc, path[, path] ...)` function extracts data from a JSON document, selected from the parts of the document matched by the `path` arguments.

```
SELECT JSON_EXTRACT('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}', '$.foo');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_EXTRACT('{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}', '$.foo') |
+-------------------------------------------------+
| "bar"                                           |
+-------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

->

The `column->path` function returns the data in `column` that matches the `path` argument. It is an alias for JSON_EXTRACT().

```
SELECT
    j->'$.foo',
    JSON_EXTRACT(j, '$.foo')
FROM (
    SELECT
        '{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}' AS j
    ) AS tbl;
```

```
+------------+--------------------------+
| j->'$.foo' | JSON_EXTRACT(j, '$.foo') |
+------------+--------------------------+
| "bar"      | "bar"                    |
+------------+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

->>

The `column->>path` function unquotes data in `column` that matches the `path` argument. It is an alias for `JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_EXTRACT(doc, path_literal))`.

```
SELECT
    j->'$.foo',
    JSON_EXTRACT(j, '$.foo')
    j->>'$.foo',
    JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_EXTRACT(j, '$.foo'))
FROM (
    SELECT
        '{"foo": "bar", "aaa": 5}' AS j
    ) AS tbl;
```

```
+------------+--------------------------+------------+-------------------------------
    ↪
| j->'$.foo' | JSON_EXTRACT(j, '$.foo') | j->>'$.foo' | JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_
    ↪ EXTRACT(j, '$.foo')) |
+------------+--------------------------+------------+-------------------------------
    ↪
| "bar"      | "bar"                    | bar        | bar
    ↪                                  |
+------------+--------------------------+------------+-------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_KEYS()

The `JSON_KEYS(json_doc [,path])` function returns the top-level keys of a JSON object as a JSON array. If a `path` argument is given, it returns the top-level keys from the selected path.

Examples:

The following example returns the two top-level keys in the JSON document.

```
SELECT JSON_KEYS('{"name": {"first": "John", "last": "Doe"}, "type": "
    ↪ Person"}');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| JSON_KEYS('{"name": {"first": "John", "last": "Doe"}, "type": "Person"}')
   ↪ |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| ["name", "type"]                                                              |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example returns the top-level keys that are in the `$.name` path of the JSON document.

```
SELECT JSON_KEYS('{"name": {"first": "John", "last": "Doe"}, "type": "
   ↪ Person"}', '$.name');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| JSON_KEYS('{"name": {"first": "John", "last": "Doe"}, "type": "Person"}',
   ↪ '$.name') |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| ["first", "last"]
   ↪ |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_SEARCH()

The `JSON_SEARCH(json_doc, one_or_all, str)` function searches a JSON document for one or all matches of a string.

Examples:

In the following example, you can search for the first result for `cc`, which is at the position of index 2 in the `a` array.

```
SELECT JSON_SEARCH('{"a": ["aa", "bb", "cc"], "b": ["cc", "dd"]}','one','cc
   ↪ ');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SEARCH('{"a": ["aa", "bb", "cc"], "b": ["cc", "dd"]}','one','cc') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| "$.a[2]"                                                              |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
```

```
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Now you do the same, but set `one_or_all` to `all` to get not just the first result, but all results.

```
SELECT JSON_SEARCH('{"a": ["aa", "bb", "cc"], "b": ["cc", "dd"]}','all','cc
    ↪ ');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SEARCH('{"a": ["aa", "bb", "cc"], "b": ["cc", "dd"]}','all','cc') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| ["$.a[2]", "$.b[0]"]                                                  |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

MEMBER OF()

The `str MEMBER OF (json_array)` function tests if the passed value `str` is an element of the `json_array`, it returns `1`. Otherwise, it returns `0`. It returns `NULL` if any of the arguments is `NULL`.

```
SELECT '□' MEMBER OF ('["□","","","□"]') AS 'Contains pineapple';
```

```
+--------------------+
| Contains pineapple |
+--------------------+
|                  1 |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_OVERLAPS()

The `JSON_OVERLAPS(json_doc, json_doc)` function indicates whether two JSON documents have overlapping part. If yes, it returns `1`. If not, it returns `0`. It returns `NULL` if any of the arguments is `NULL`.

Examples:

The following example shows that there is no overlap because the array value does not have the same number of elements.

```
SELECT JSON_OVERLAPS(
    '{"languages": ["Go","Rust","C#"]}',
    '{"languages": ["Go","Rust"]}'
) AS 'Overlaps';
```

```
+----------+
| Overlaps |
```

```
+----------+
|        0 |
+----------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example shows that both JSON documents overlap as they are identical.

```
SELECT JSON_OVERLAPS(
    '{"languages": ["Go","Rust","C#"]}',
    '{"languages": ["Go","Rust","C#"]}'
) AS 'Overlaps';
```

```
+----------+
| Overlaps |
+----------+
|        1 |
+----------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example shows that there is an overlap, while the second document has an extra attribute.

```
SELECT JSON_OVERLAPS(
    '{"languages": ["Go","Rust","C#"]}',
    '{"languages": ["Go","Rust","C#"], "arch": ["arm64"]}'
) AS 'Overlaps';
```

```
+----------+
| Overlaps |
+----------+
|        1 |
+----------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

See also

- JSON Functions Overview
- JSON Data Type

14.13.4.14.4 JSON Functions That Modify JSON Values

This document describes JSON functions that modify JSON values.

JSON_APPEND()

An alias to JSON_ARRAY_APPEND().

JSON_ARRAY_APPEND()

The `JSON_ARRAY_APPEND(json_array, path, value [,path, value] ...)` function appends values to the end of the indicated arrays within a JSON document at the specified `path` and returns the result.

This function takes arguments in pairs, where each pair is a `path` and a `value`.

Examples:

The following example adds an item to an array, which is the root of the JSON document.

```
SELECT JSON_ARRAY_APPEND('["Car", "Boat", "Train"]', '$', "Airplane") AS "
    ↪ Transport options";
```

```
+-------------------------------------+
| Transport options                   |
+-------------------------------------+
| ["Car", "Boat", "Train", "Airplane"] |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example adds an item to an array at the specified path.

```
SELECT JSON_ARRAY_APPEND('{"transport_options": ["Car", "Boat", "Train"]}',
    ↪  '$.transport_options', "Airplane") AS "Transport options";
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------+
| Transport options                                           |
+-------------------------------------------------------------+
| {"transport_options": ["Car", "Boat", "Train", "Airplane"]} |
+-------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_ARRAY_INSERT()

The `JSON_ARRAY_INSERT(json_array, path, value [,path, value] ...)` function inserts a `value` into the specified position of the `json_array` in the `path` and returns the result.

This function takes arguments in pairs, where each pair is a `path` and a `value`.

Examples:

The following example inserts a value at the position of index 0 in the array.

```
SELECT JSON_ARRAY_INSERT('["Car", "Boat", "Train"]', '$[0]', "Airplane") AS
    ↪  "Transport options";
```

```
+-------------------------------------+
| Transport options                   |
+-------------------------------------+
| ["Airplane", "Car", "Boat", "Train"] |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

The following example inserts a value at the position of index 1 in the array.

```
SELECT JSON_ARRAY_INSERT('["Car", "Boat", "Train"]', '$[1]', "Airplane") AS
    ↪  "Transport options";
```

```
+-------------------------------------+
| Transport options                   |
+-------------------------------------+
| ["Car", "Airplane", "Boat", "Train"] |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_INSERT()

The `JSON_INSERT(json_doc, path, value [,path, value] ...)` function inserts one or more values into a JSON document and returns the result.

This function takes arguments in pairs, where each pair is a `path` and a `value`.

```
SELECT JSON_INSERT(
    '{"language": ["Go", "Rust", "C++"]}',
    '$.architecture', 'riscv',
    '$.os', JSON_ARRAY("linux","freebsd")
) AS "Demo";
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Demo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| {"architecture": "riscv", "language": ["Go", "Rust", "C++"], "os": ["linux
    ↪ ", "freebsd"]} |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Note that this function does not overwrite values of existing attributes. For example, the following statement appears to overwrite the `"a"` attribute, but it does not actually do so.

```
SELECT JSON_INSERT('{"a": 61, "b": 62}', '$.a', 41, '$.c', 63);
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_INSERT('{"a": 61, "b": 62}', '$.a', 41, '$.c', 63) |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| {"a": 61, "b": 62, "c": 63}                               |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_MERGE_PATCH()

The `JSON_MERGE_PATCH(json_doc, json_doc [,json_doc] ...)` function merges two or more JSON documents into a single JSON document, without preserving values of duplicate keys. For `json_doc` arguments with duplicated keys, only the values from the later specified `json_doc` argument are preserved in the merged result.

Examples:

In the following example, you can see that the value of `a` gets overwritten by argument 2 and that `c` is added as a new attribute in the merged result.

```
SELECT JSON_MERGE_PATCH(
    '{"a": 1, "b": 2}',
    '{"a": 100}',
    '{"c": 300}'
);
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_MERGE_PATCH('{"a": 1, "b": 2}','{"a": 100}', '{"c": 300}') |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
| {"a": 100, "b": 2, "c": 300}                                      |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_MERGE_PRESERVE()

The `JSON_MERGE_PRESERVE(json_doc, json_doc [,json_doc] ...)` function merges two or more JSON documents while preserving all values associated with each key and returns the merged result.

Examples:

In the following example, you can see that the value of argument 2 is appended to `a` and that `c` is added as a new attribute.

```
SELECT JSON_MERGE_PRESERVE('{"a": 1, "b": 2}','{"a": 100}', '{"c": 300}');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_MERGE_PRESERVE('{"a": 1, "b": 2}','{"a": 100}', '{"c": 300}') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| {"a": [1, 100], "b": 2, "c": 300}                                     |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_MERGE()

> **Warning:**
>
> This function is deprecated.

A deprecated alias for JSON_MERGE_PRESERVE().

JSON_REMOVE()

The JSON_REMOVE(json_doc, path [,path] ...) function removes data of the specified path from a JSON document and returns the result.

Examples:

This example removes the b attribute from the JSON document.

```
SELECT JSON_REMOVE('{"a": 61, "b": 62, "c": 63}','$.b');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_REMOVE('{"a": 61, "b": 62, "c": 63}','$.b') |
+-------------------------------------------------+
| {"a": 61, "c": 63}                              |
+-------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

This example removes the b and c attributes from the JSON document.

```
SELECT JSON_REMOVE('{"a": 61, "b": 62, "c": 63}','$.b','$.c');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_REMOVE('{"a": 61, "b": 62, "c": 63}','$.b','$.c') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| {"a": 61}                                                 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_REPLACE()

The `JSON_REPLACE(json_doc, path, value [, path, value] ...)` function replaces values in specified paths of a JSON document and returns the result. If a specified path does not exist, the value corresponding to the path is not added to the result.

This function takes arguments in pairs, where each pair is a `path` and a `value`.

Examples:

In the following example, you change the value at `$.b` from `62` to `42`.

```
SELECT JSON_REPLACE('{"a": 41, "b": 62}','$.b',42);
```

```
+-------------------------------------------+
| JSON_REPLACE('{"a": 41, "b": 62}','$.b',42) |
+-------------------------------------------+
| {"a": 41, "b": 42}                        |
+-------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, you can change the value at `$.b` from `62` to `42`. In addition, this statement tries to replace the value at `$.c` with `43`, but it does not work because the `$.c` path does not exist in `{"a": 41, "b": 62}`.

```
SELECT JSON_REPLACE('{"a": 41, "b": 62}','$.b',42,'$.c',43);
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_REPLACE('{"a": 41, "b": 62}','$.b',42,'$.c',43) |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| {"a": 41, "b": 42}                                  |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_SET()

The `JSON_SET(json_doc, path, value [,path, value] ...)` function inserts or updates data in a JSON document and returns the result.

This function takes arguments in pairs, where each pair is a `path` and a `value`.

Examples:

In the following example, you can update the `$.version` from `1.1` to `1.2`.

```
SELECT JSON_SET('{"version": 1.1, "name": "example"}','$.version',1.2);
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SET('{"version": 1.1, "name": "example"}','$.version',1.2) |
+-------------------------------------------------------------+
| {"name": "example", "version": 1.2}                         |
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, you can update the `$.version` from `1.1` to `1.2`. And you can update `$.branch`, which does not exist before, to `main`.

```
SELECT JSON_SET('{"version": 1.1, "name": "example"}','$.version',1.2,'$.
    ↪ branch', "main");
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| JSON_SET('{"version": 1.1, "name": "example"}','$.version',1.2,'$.branch',
    ↪  "main") |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| {"branch": "main", "name": "example", "version": 1.2}                    |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_UNQUOTE()

The `JSON_UNQUOTE(json)` function unquotes a JSON value and returns the result as a string. This is the opposite of the `JSON_QUOTE()` function.

Examples:

In the example, `"foo"` is unquoted to `foo`.

```
SELECT JSON_UNQUOTE('"foo"');
```

```
+----------------------+
| JSON_UNQUOTE('"foo"') |
+----------------------+
| foo                  |
+----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

This function is often used together with `JSON_EXTRACT()`. For the following examples, you can extract a JSON value with quotes in the first example and then use the two functions together to unquote the value in the second example. Note that instead of `JSON_UNQUOTE(
↪ JSON_EXTRACT(...))`, you can use the `->>` operator.

```
SELECT JSON_EXTRACT('{"database": "TiDB"}', '$.database');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_EXTRACT('{"database": "TiDB"}', '$.database') |
+-------------------------------------------------+
```

```
| "TiDB"                                              |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_EXTRACT('{"database": "TiDB"}', '$.database'));
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_EXTRACT('{"database": "TiDB"}', '$.database')) |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
| TiDB                                                              |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

See also

- JSON Functions Overview
- JSON Data Type

14.13.4.14.5 JSON Functions That Return JSON Values

This document describes JSON functions that return JSON values.

JSON_DEPTH()

The `JSON_DEPTH(json_doc)` function returns the maximum depth of a JSON document.

Examples:

In the following example, `JSON_DEPTH()` returns `3` because there are three levels:

- root (`$`)
- weather (`$.weather`)
- weather current (`$.weather.sunny`)

```
SELECT JSON_DEPTH('{"weather": {"current": "sunny"}}');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------+
| JSON_DEPTH('{"weather": {"current": "sunny"}}') |
+-----------------------------------------------+
|                                             3 |
+-----------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_LENGTH()

The `JSON_LENGTH(json_doc [,path])` function returns the length of a JSON document. If a `path` argument is given, it returns the length of the value within the path.

Examples:

In the following example, the returned value is `1` because the only item at the root of the document is `weather`.

```
SELECT JSON_LENGTH('{"weather": {"current": "sunny", "tomorrow": "cloudy"}}
    ↪ ','$');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| JSON_LENGTH('{"weather": {"current": "sunny", "tomorrow": "cloudy"}}','$')
    ↪  |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
|                                                                           1 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, the returned value is `2` because there are two items at `$.weather`: `current` and `tomorrow`.

```
SELECT JSON_LENGTH('{"weather": {"current": "sunny", "tomorrow": "cloudy"}}
    ↪ ','$.weather');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| JSON_LENGTH('{"weather": {"current": "sunny", "tomorrow": "cloudy"}}','$.
    ↪ weather') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
|                                                                           2 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

JSON_TYPE()

The `JSON_TYPE(json_val)` function returns a string indicating the type of a JSON value.

Example:

```
WITH demo AS (
    SELECT 'null' AS 'v'
    UNION SELECT '"foobar"'
    UNION SELECT 'true'
    UNION SELECT '5'
```

```
    UNION SELECT '1.14'
    UNION SELECT '[]'
    UNION SELECT '{}'
    UNION SELECT POW(2,63)
)
SELECT v, JSON_TYPE(v) FROM demo ORDER BY 2;
```

```
+----------------------+-------------+
| v                    | JSON_TYPE(v) |
+----------------------+-------------+
| []                   | ARRAY       |
| true                 | BOOLEAN     |
| 1.14                 | DOUBLE      |
| 9.223372036854776e18 | DOUBLE      |
| 5                    | INTEGER     |
| null                 | NULL        |
| {}                   | OBJECT      |
| "foobar"             | STRING      |
+----------------------+-------------+
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Note that values that look the same might not have the same type, as demonstrated in the following example.

```
SELECT '"2025-06-14"',CAST(CAST('2025-06-14' AS date) AS json);
```

```
+--------------+-----------------------------------------+
| "2025-06-14" | CAST(CAST('2025-06-14' AS date) AS json) |
+--------------+-----------------------------------------+
| "2025-06-14" | "2025-06-14"                            |
+--------------+-----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT JSON_TYPE('"2025-06-14"'),JSON_TYPE(CAST(CAST('2025-06-14' AS date)
    ↪ AS json));
```

```
+--------------------------+-----------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| JSON_TYPE('"2025-06-14"') | JSON_TYPE(CAST(CAST('2025-06-14' AS date) AS
    ↪ json)) |
+--------------------------+-----------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| STRING                   | DATE                                                |
+--------------------------+-----------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
```

```
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_VALID()

The `JSON_VALID(str)` function checks if the argument is valid JSON. This can be useful for checking a column before converting it to the `JSON` type.

```
SELECT JSON_VALID('{"foo"="bar"}');
```

```
+-----------------------------+
| JSON_VALID('{"foo"="bar"}') |
+-----------------------------+
|                           0 |
+-----------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
SELECT JSON_VALID('{"foo": "bar"}');
```

```
+------------------------------+
| JSON_VALID('{"foo": "bar"}') |
+------------------------------+
|                            1 |
+------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

See also

- JSON Functions Overview
- JSON Data Type

14.13.4.14.6 JSON Utility Functions

This document describes JSON utility functions.

JSON_PRETTY()

The `JSON_PRETTY(json_doc)` function does pretty formatting of a JSON document.

```
SELECT JSON_PRETTY('{"person":{"name":{"first":"John","last":"Doe"},"age
    ↪ ":23}}')\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
JSON_PRETTY('{"person":{"name":{"first":"John","last":"Doe"},"age":23}}'): {
  "person": {
    "age": 23,
    "name": {
      "first": "John",
```

```
      "last": "Doe"
    }
  }
}
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_STORAGE_FREE()

The `JSON_STORAGE_FREE(json_doc)` function returns how much storage space is freed in the binary representation of the JSON value after it is updated in place.

> **Note:**
>
> Because TiDB has a different storage architecture from MySQL, this function always returns `0` for a valid JSON value, and it is implemented for compatibility with MySQL 8.0. Note that TiDB does not do in-place updates. For more information, see RocksDB space usage.

```
SELECT JSON_STORAGE_FREE('{}');
```

```
+-------------------------+
| JSON_STORAGE_FREE('{}') |
+-------------------------+
|                       0 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_STORAGE_SIZE()

The `JSON_STORAGE_SIZE(json_doc)` function returns an approximate size of bytes required to store the JSON value. Because the size does not account for TiKV using compression, the output of this function is not strictly compatible with MySQL.

```
SELECT JSON_STORAGE_SIZE('{}');
```

```
+-------------------------+
| JSON_STORAGE_SIZE('{}') |
+-------------------------+
|                       9 |
+-------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

See also

- JSON Functions Overview
- JSON Data Type

14.13.4.14.7 JSON Functions That Aggregate JSON Values

The functions listed on this page are part of the aggregate functions that TiDB supports, but are specific to working with JSON.

JSON_ARRAYAGG()

The `JSON_ARRAYAGG(key)` function aggregates values of keys into a JSON array according to the given `key`. `key` is typically an expression or a column name.

Example:

Here the two rows in one column of a table get aggregated into a JSON array.

```
SELECT JSON_ARRAYAGG(v) FROM (SELECT 1 'v' UNION SELECT 2);
```

```
+------------------+
| JSON_ARRAYAGG(v) |
+------------------+
| [2, 1]           |
+------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

JSON_OBJECTAGG()

The `JSON_OBJECTAGG(key,value)` function aggregates keys and values of keys into a JSON object according to the given `key` and `value`. Both `key` or `value` are typically an expression or a column name.

Example:

First, create two tables and add a few rows to them.

```
CREATE TABLE plants (
    id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(255)
);

CREATE TABLE plant_attributes (
    id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
    plant_id INT, attribute VARCHAR(255),
    value VARCHAR(255),
    FOREIGN KEY (plant_id) REFERENCES plants(id)
);

INSERT INTO plants
VALUES
```

```
(1,"rose"),
(2,"tulip"),
(3,"orchid");

INSERT INTO plant_attributes(plant_id,attribute,value)
VALUES
(1,"color","red"),
(1,"thorns","yes"),
(2,"color","orange"),
(2,"thorns","no"),
(2,"grows_from","bulb"),
(3,"color","white"),
(3, "thorns","no");
```

Now you can check what the created tables look like.

```
TABLE plants;
```

```
+----+--------+
| id | name   |
+----+--------+
|  1 | rose   |
|  2 | tulip  |
|  3 | orchid |
+----+--------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
TABLE plant_attributes;
```

```
+----+----------+-----------+--------+
| id | plant_id | attribute | value  |
+----+----------+-----------+--------+
|  1 |        1 | color     | red    |
|  2 |        1 | thorns    | yes    |
|  3 |        2 | color     | orange |
|  4 |        2 | thorns    | no     |
|  5 |        2 | grows_from | bulb  |
|  6 |        3 | color     | white  |
|  7 |        3 | thorns    | no     |
+----+----------+-----------+--------+
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

You can use the `JSON_OBJECTAGG()` function with this data. Here you can see that for every group multiple key/value pairs are aggregated into a JSON object.

```
SELECT
    p.name,
    JSON_OBJECTAGG(attribute,value)
FROM
    plant_attributes pa
    LEFT JOIN plants p ON pa.plant_id=p.id
GROUP BY
    plant_id;
```

```
+--------+-------------------------------------------------------------+
| name   | JSON_OBJECTAGG(attribute,value)                             |
+--------+-------------------------------------------------------------+
| rose   | {"color": "red", "thorns": "yes"}                           |
| orchid | {"color": "white", "thorns": "no"}                          |
| tulip | {"color": "orange", "grows_from": "bulb", "thorns": "no"} |
+--------+-------------------------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

See also

- JSON Functions Overview
- JSON Data Type

14.13.4.14.8 JSON Functions That Validate JSON Documents

This document describes JSON functions that validate JSON documents.

JSON_SCHEMA_VALID()

The `JSON_SCHEMA_VALID(schema, json_doc)` function validate a JSON document against a schema to ensure data integrity and consistency.

This can be used together with a CHECK constraint to do automatic schema validation when a table is modified.

This function follows the JSON Schema specification.

The supported validation keywords are as follows:

Validation keyword	Applied type	Description
`type` ↪	Any	Tests the type (such as `array` ↪ and `string` ↪)
`enum` ↪	Any	Tests if a value is in the specified array of values
`const` ↪	Any	Similar to `enum` ↪ , but for a single value
`allOf` ↪	Any	Matches all of the specified schemas

Validation keyword	Applied type	Description
`anyOf`	Any	Matches any of the specified schemas
`multipleOf`	`number` ↪ `/integer`	Tests if the value is a multiple of the specified value
`maximum`	`number` ↪ `/integer`	Tests if the value is below the maximum (inclusive)

Validation keyword	Applied type	Description
`exclusiveMaximum`	`number` ↪ `/integer` ↪	Tests if the value is below the maximum (exclusive)
`minimum` ↪	`number` ↪ `/integer` ↪	Tests if the value is above the minimum (inclusive)
`exclusiveMinimum` ↪	`number` ↪ `/integer` ↪	Tests if the value is above the minimum (exclusive)

Validation keyword	Applied type	Description
`maxlength` ↪	`string` ↪	Tests if the length of the value is not exceeding the specified value
`minLength` ↪	`string` ↪	Tests if the length of the value is at least the specified value
`format` ↪	`string` ↪	Tests if a string matches a named format

Validation keyword	Applied type	Description
`pattern` ↪	`string` ↪	Tests if a string matches a pattern
`items` ↪	`array` ↪	Schema to apply to the items of an array
`prefixItems` ↪	`array` ↪	Schema to apply to positional items of an array

Validation keyword	Applied type	Description
`maxItems` ↪	`array` ↪	Tests if the number of items in the array is not exceeding the specified value
`minItems` ↪	`array` ↪	Tests if the number of items in the array is at least the specified value

Validation keyword	Applied type	Description
`uniqueItems`	`array`	Tests if the items in the array are unique, `true` /`false`
`contains`	`array`	Sets schema for items contained in the array
`maxContains`	`array`	Used together with `contains` to test the maximum times an item can be present

Validation keyword	Applied type	Description
`minContains` ↪	`array` ↪	Used together with `contains` ↪ to test the minimum times an item can be present
`properties` ↪	`object` ↪	Schema to apply to the properties of an object

Validation keyword	Applied type	Description
`patternProperties` ↪	`object` ↪	Schema to apply to certain properties based on pattern matching of the property name
`additionalProperties` ↪	`object` ↪	Whether additional properties are allowed or not, `true` ↪ /`false` ↪

Validation keyword	Applied type	Description
`minProperties` ↪	`object` ↪	Tests the minimum number of properties that an object can have
`maxProperties` ↪	`object` ↪	Tests the maximum number of properties that an object can have

Validation keyword	Applied type	Description
`required` ↪	`object` ↪	Tests if the specified property names exist in an object

Examples:

For some of the examples, use this JSON document:

```
{
    "fruits": [
        "orange",
        "apple",
        "pear"
    ],
    "vegetables": [
        "carrot",
        "pepper",
        "kale"]
}
```

Use a user defined variable to hold the JSON document.

```
SET @j := '{"fruits": ["orange", "apple", "pear"], "vegetables": ["carrot",
    ↪  "pepper", "kale"]}';
```

Start by testing the type:

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "object"}',@j);
```

```
+-----------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "object"}',@j) |
+-----------------------------------------+
```

```
|                                          1 |
+--------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "array"}',@j);
```

```
+-------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "array"}',@j) |
+-------------------------------------------+
|                                         0 |
+-------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT JSON_TYPE(@j);
```

```
+---------------+
| JSON_TYPE(@j) |
+---------------+
| OBJECT        |
+---------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

As you can see in the preceding output, the type of `@j` is `object`. This matches with the output of `JSON_TYPE()`.

Now validate the presence of certain attributes.

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"required": ["fruits","vegetables"]}',@j);
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"required": ["fruits","vegetables"]}',@j) |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                               1 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the preceding output, you can see that the validation of the presence of the `fruits` and `vegetables` attributes succeeds.

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"required": ["fruits","vegetables","grains"]}',
    ↪ @j);
```

```
+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"required": ["fruits","vegetables","grains"]}',@j) |
+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                                      0 |
```

```
+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the preceding output, you can see that the validation of the presence of the `fruits`, `vegetables` and `grains` attributes fails because `grains` is not present.

Now validate that `fruits` is an array.

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"properties": {"fruits": {"type": "array"}}}',@j
    ↪ );
```

```
+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"properties": {"fruits": {"type": "array"}}}',@j) |
+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                                      1 |
+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

The preceding output confirms that `fruits` is an array.

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"properties": {"fruits": {"type": "string"}}}',
    ↪ @j);
```

```
+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"properties": {"fruits": {"type": "string"}}}',@j) |
+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                                      0 |
+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The preceding output shows that `fruits` is **not** a string.

Now verify the number of items in the array.

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"properties": {"fruits": {"type": "array", "
    ↪ minItems": 3}}}',@j);
```

```
+------------------------------------------------------------------------
```

The preceding output shows that `fruits` is an array with at least 3 items.

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"properties": {"fruits": {"type": "array", "
    ↪ minItems": 4}}}',@j);
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"properties": {"fruits": {"type": "array", "minItems":
    ↪  4}}}',@j) |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
|                                                                             0
    ↪  |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The preceding output shows that `fruits` is **not** an array with at least 4 items. This is because it does not meet the minimum number of items.

For integers values, you can check if they are in a certain range.

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "integer", "minimum": 40, "maximum": 45}
    ↪ ', '42');
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "integer", "minimum": 40, "maximum": 45}', '42
    ↪ ') |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
|                                                                           1 |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "integer", "minimum": 40, "maximum": 45}
    ↪ ', '123');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "integer", "minimum": 40, "maximum": 45}',
    ↪ '123') |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
```

```
|                                                                                0 |
+----------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

For a string, you can validate whether it matches a certain pattern.

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "string", "pattern": "^Ti"}', '"TiDB"');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "string", "pattern": "^Ti"}', '"TiDB"') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                                     1 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "string", "pattern": "^Ti"}', '"PingCAP"
   ↪ ');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"type": "string", "pattern": "^Ti"}', '"PingCAP"') |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                                       0 |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

You can check whether a value matches a certain named format. The formats that can be validated include `ipv4`, `ipv6`, `time`, `date`, `duration`, `email`, `hostname`, `uuid`, and `uri`.

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"format": "ipv4"}', '"127.0.0.1"');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"format": "ipv4"}', '"127.0.0.1"') |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
|                                                   1 |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"format": "ipv4"}', '"327.0.0.1"');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"format": "ipv4"}', '"327.0.0.1"') |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
|                                                   0 |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

You can also use `enum` to check if a string is in an array.

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"enum": ["TiDB", "MySQL"]}', '"TiDB"');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"enum": ["TiDB", "MySQL"]}', '"TiDB"') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                         1 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"enum": ["TiDB", "MySQL"]}', '"MySQL"');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"enum": ["TiDB", "MySQL"]}', '"MySQL"') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                         1 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"enum": ["TiDB", "MySQL"]}', '"SQLite"');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"enum": ["TiDB", "MySQL"]}', '"SQLite"') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
|                                                         0 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

With `anyOf`, you can combine certain requirements and validate whether any of the requirements is met.

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"anyOf": [{"type": "string"},{"type": "integer
    ↪ "}]}', '"TiDB"');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"anyOf": [{"type": "string"},{"type": "integer"}]}',
    ↪ '"TiDB"') |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
|                                                                                   1 |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"anyOf": [{"type": "string"},{"type": "integer
    ↪ "}]}', '["TiDB", "MySQL"]');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"anyOf": [{"type": "string"},{"type": "integer"}]}',
    ↪ '["TiDB", "MySQL"]') |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
|
    ↪
    ↪ 0 |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"anyOf": [{"type": "string"},{"type": "integer
    ↪ "}]}', '5');
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| JSON_SCHEMA_VALID('{"anyOf": [{"type": "string"},{"type": "integer"}]}',
    ↪ '5') |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
|                                                                             1 |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

MySQL compatibility

- If the schema to be validated in `JSON_SCHEMA_VALID()` is invalid (such as `{"type": "sting"}`), MySQL might accept it, but TiDB returns an error. Note that there is a spelling mistake in `"sting"`, which should be `"string"`.
- MySQL uses an older draft version of the JSON Schema standard.

See also

- JSON Schema Reference
- JSON Functions Overview
- JSON Data Type

14.13.4.15 Aggregate (GROUP BY) Functions

This document describes details about the supported aggregate functions in TiDB.

14.13.4.15.1 Supported aggregate functions

This section describes the supported MySQL `GROUP BY` aggregate functions in TiDB.

Name	Description
`COUNT()`	Return a count of the number of rows returned
`COUNT(DISTINCT)`	Return the count of a number of different values
`SUM()`	Return the sum
`AVG()`	Return the average value of the argument
`MAX()`	Return the maximum value
`MIN()`	Return the minimum value
`GROUP_CONCAT()`	Return a concatenated string
`VARIANCE()`, `VAR_POP()`	Return the population standard variance
`STD()`, `STDDEV()`, `STDDEV_POP`	Return the population standard deviation
`VAR_SAMP()`	Return the sample variance
`STDDEV_SAMP()`	Return the sample standard deviation
`JSON_ARRAYAGG()`	Return the result set as a single JSON array
`JSON_OBJECTAGG()`	Return the result set as a single JSON object containing key-value pairs

- Unless otherwise stated, group functions ignore `NULL` values.
- If you use a group function in a statement containing no `GROUP BY` clause, it is equivalent to grouping on all rows.

In addition, TiDB also provides the following aggregate functions:

- `APPROX_PERCENTILE(expr, constant_integer_expr)`

  This function returns the percentile of `expr`. The `constant_integer_expr` argument indicates the percentage value which is a constant integer in the range of `[1,100]`. A percentile Pk (`k` represents percentage) indicates that there are at least `k%` values in the data set that are less than or equal to Pk.

This function only supports the numeric type and the date and time type as the returned type of `expr`. For other returned types, `APPROX_PERCENTILE` only returns `NULL`.

The following example shows how to calculate the fiftieth percentile of a `INT` column:

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS t;
CREATE TABLE t(a INT);
INSERT INTO t VALUES(1), (2), (3);
```

```
SELECT APPROX_PERCENTILE(a, 50) FROM t;
```

```
+--------------------------+
| APPROX_PERCENTILE(a, 50) |
+--------------------------+
|                        2 |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- `APPROX_COUNT_DISTINCT(expr, [expr...])`

  This function is similar to `COUNT(DISTINCT)` in counting the number of distinct values but returns an approximate result. It uses the `BJKST` algorithm, significantly reducing memory consumption when processing large datasets with a power-law distribution. Moreover, for low-cardinality data, this function provides high accuracy while maintaining efficient CPU utilization.

  The following example shows how to use this function:

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS t;
CREATE TABLE t(a INT, b INT, c INT);
INSERT INTO t VALUES(1, 1, 1), (2, 1, 1), (2, 2, 1), (3, 1, 1), (5, 1,
    ↪ 2), (5, 1, 2), (6, 1, 2), (7, 1, 2);
```

```
SELECT APPROX_COUNT_DISTINCT(a, b) FROM t GROUP BY c;
```

```
+-----------------------------+
| approx_count_distinct(a, b) |
+-----------------------------+
|                           3 |
|                           4 |
+-----------------------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Except for the `GROUP_CONCAT()`, `APPROX_PERCENTILE()`, and `APPROX_COUNT_DISTINCT` functions, all the preceding functions can serve as Window functions.

14.13.4.15.2 GROUP BY modifiers

Starting from v7.4.0, the `GROUP BY` clause of TiDB supports the `WITH ROLLUP` modifier. For more information, see GROUP BY modifiers.

14.13.4.15.3 SQL mode support

TiDB supports the SQL Mode `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY`, and when enabled TiDB will refuse queries with ambiguous non-aggregated columns. For example, this query is illegal with `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY` enabled because the non-aggregated column "b" in the `SELECT` list does not appear in the `GROUP BY` statement:

```
drop table if exists t;
create table t(a bigint, b bigint, c bigint);
insert into t values(1, 2, 3), (2, 2, 3), (3, 2, 3);

mysql> select a, b, sum(c) from t group by a;
+------+------+--------+
| a    | b    | sum(c) |
+------+------+--------+
|    1 |    2 |      3 |
|    2 |    2 |      3 |
|    3 |    2 |      3 |
+------+------+--------+
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> set sql_mode = 'ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> select a, b, sum(c) from t group by a;
ERROR 1055 (42000): Expression #2 of SELECT list is not in GROUP BY clause
    ↪ and contains nonaggregated column 'b' which is not functionally
    ↪ dependent on columns in GROUP BY clause; this is incompatible with
    ↪ sql_mode=only_full_group_by
```

TiDB currently enables the `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY` mode by default.

Differences from MySQL

The current implementation of `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY` is less strict than that in MySQL 5.7. For example, suppose that we execute the following query, expecting the results to be ordered by "c":

```
drop table if exists t;
create table t(a bigint, b bigint, c bigint);
insert into t values(1, 2, 1), (1, 2, 2), (1, 3, 1), (1, 3, 2);
select distinct a, b from t order by c;
```

To order the result, duplicates must be eliminated first. But to do so, which row should we keep? This choice influences the retained value of "c", which in turn influences ordering and makes it arbitrary as well.

In MySQL, a query that has `DISTINCT` and `ORDER BY` is rejected as invalid if any `ORDER BY` expression does not satisfy at least one of these conditions:

- The expression is equal to one in the `SELECT` list
- All columns referenced by the expression and belonging to the query's selected tables are elements of the `SELECT` list

But in TiDB, the above query is legal, for more information see #4254.

Another TiDB extension to standard SQL permits references in the `HAVING` clause to aliased expressions in the `SELECT` list. For example, the following query returns "name" values that occur only once in table "orders":

```
select name, count(name) from orders
group by name
having count(name) = 1;
```

The TiDB extension permits the use of an alias in the `HAVING` clause for the aggregated column:

```
select name, count(name) as c from orders
group by name
having c = 1;
```

Standard SQL permits only column expressions in `GROUP BY` clauses, so a statement such as this is invalid because "FLOOR(value/100)" is a noncolumn expression:

```
select id, floor(value/100)
from tbl_name
group by id, floor(value/100);
```

TiDB extends standard SQL to permit noncolumn expressions in `GROUP BY` clauses and considers the preceding statement valid.

Standard SQL also does not permit aliases in `GROUP BY` clauses. TiDB extends standard SQL to permit aliases, so another way to write the query is as follows:

```
select id, floor(value/100) as val
from tbl_name
group by id, val;
```

14.13.4.15.4 Related system variables

The `group_concat_max_len` variable sets the maximum number of items for the `GROUP_CONCAT()` function.

14.13.4.16 GROUP BY Modifiers

Starting from v7.4.0, the `GROUP BY` clause of TiDB supports the `WITH ROLLUP` modifier.

In the `GROUP BY` clause, you can specify one or more columns as a group list and append the `WITH ROLLUP` modifier after the list. Then, TiDB will conduct multidimensional descending grouping based on the columns in the group list and provide you with summary results for each group in the output.

- Grouping method:
    - The first grouping dimension includes all columns in the group list.
    - Subsequent grouping dimensions start from the right end of the grouping list and exclude one more column at a time to form new groups.
- Aggregation summaries: for each dimension, the query performs aggregation operations, and then aggregates the results of this dimension with the results of all previous dimensions. This means that you can get aggregated data at different dimensions, from detailed to overall.

With this grouping method, if there are `N` columns in the group list, TiDB aggregates the query results on `N+1` groups.

For example:

```
SELECT count(1) FROM t GROUP BY a,b,c WITH ROLLUP;
```

In this example, TiDB will aggregate the calculation results of `count(1)` on 4 groups (that is, `{a, b, c}`, `{a, b}`, `{a}`, and `{}`) and output the summary results for each group.

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, TiDB does not support the Cube syntax.

14.13.4.16.1 Use cases

Aggregating and summarizing data from multiple columns is commonly used in OLAP (Online Analytical Processing) scenarios. By using the `WITH ROLLUP` modifier, you can get additional rows that display super summary information from other high-level dimensions in your aggregated results. Then, you can use the super summary information for advanced data analysis and report generation.

14.13.4.16.2 Prerequisites

Before v8.3.0, TiDB only supports generating valid execution plans for the `WITH ROLLUP` syntax in TiFlash MPP mode. Therefore, your TiDB cluster needs to contain TiFlash nodes, and the target table must be configured with the correct TiFlash replica. For more information, see Scale out a TiFlash cluster.

Starting from v8.3.0, the preceding limitation is removed. Regardless of whether your TiDB cluster contains TiFlash nodes, TiDB supports generating valid execution plans for the `WITH ROLLUP` syntax.

To identify whether TiDB or TiFlash executes the `Expand` operator, you can check the `task` attribute of the `Expand` operator in the execution plan. For more information, see How to interpret the ROLLUP execution plan.

14.13.4.16.3 Examples

Suppose you have a profit table named `bank` with the `year`, `month`, `day`, and `profit` columns.

```
CREATE TABLE bank
(
    year   INT,
    month  VARCHAR(32),
    day    INT,
    profit DECIMAL(13, 7)
);

ALTER TABLE bank SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1; -- Add a TiFlash replica for the
    ↪ table in TiFlash MPP mode.

INSERT INTO bank VALUES(2000, "Jan", 1, 10.3),(2001, "Feb", 2, 22.4),(2000,
    ↪ "Mar", 3, 31.6)
```

To get the profit for the bank per year, you can use a simple `GROUP BY` clause as follows:

```
SELECT year, SUM(profit) AS profit FROM bank GROUP BY year;
+------+--------------------+
| year | profit             |
+------+--------------------+
| 2001 | 22.399999618530273 |
| 2000 | 41.90000057220459 |
+------+--------------------+
2 rows in set (0.15 sec)
```

In addition to yearly profits, bank reports usually also need to include the overall profit for all years or monthly divided profits for detailed profit analysis. Before v7.4.0, you have to use different `GROUP BY` clauses in multiple queries and join the results using UNION to obtain

aggregated summaries. Starting from v7.4.0, you can simply achieve the desired results in a single query by appending the `WITH ROLLUP` modifier to the `GROUP BY` clause.

```
SELECT year, month, SUM(profit) AS profit from bank GROUP BY year, month
    ↪ WITH ROLLUP ORDER BY year desc, month desc;
+------+-------+--------------------+
| year | month | profit             |
+------+-------+--------------------+
| 2001 | Feb   | 22.399999618530273 |
| 2001 | NULL  | 22.399999618530273 |
| 2000 | Mar   | 31.600000381469727 |
| 2000 | Jan   | 10.300000190734863 |
| 2000 | NULL  | 41.90000057220459  |
| NULL | NULL  | 64.30000019073486  |
+------+-------+--------------------+
6 rows in set (0.025 sec)
```

The preceding results include aggregated data at different dimensions: by both year and month, by year, and overall. In the results, a row without `NULL` values indicates that the `profit` in that row is calculated by grouping both year and month. A row with a `NULL` value in the `month` column indicates that `profit` in that row is calculated by aggregating all months in a year, while a row with a `NULL` value in the `year` column indicates that `profit` in that row is calculated by aggregating all years.

Specifically:

- The `profit` value in the first row comes from the 2-dimensional group `{year, month}`, representing the aggregation result for the fine-grained `{2000, "Jan"}` group.
- The `profit` value in the second row comes from the 1-dimensional group `{year}`, representing the aggregation result for the mid-level `{2001}` group.
- The `profit` value in the last row comes from the 0-dimensional grouping `{}`, representing the overall aggregation result.

`NULL` values in the `WITH ROLLUP` results are generated just before the Aggregate operator is applied. Therefore, you can use `NULL` values in `SELECT`, `HAVING`, and `ORDER BY` clauses to further filter the aggregated results.

For example, you can use `NULL` in the `HAVING` clause to filter and view the aggregated results of 2-dimensional groups only:

```
SELECT year, month, SUM(profit) AS profit FROM bank GROUP BY year, month
    ↪ WITH ROLLUP HAVING year IS NOT null AND month IS NOT null;
+------+-------+--------------------+
| year | month | profit             |
+------+-------+--------------------+
| 2000 | Mar   | 31.600000381469727 |
| 2000 | Jan   | 10.300000190734863 |
```

```
| 2001 | Feb | 22.399999618530273 |
+------+-------+--------------------+
3 rows in set (0.02 sec)
```

Note that if a column in the `GROUP BY` list contains native `NULL` values, the aggregation results of `WITH ROLLUP` might mislead the query results. To address this issue, you can use the `GROUPING()` function to distinguish native `NULL` values from `NULL` values generated by `WITH ROLLUP`. This function takes a grouping expression as a parameter and returns `0` or `1` to indicate whether the grouping expression is aggregated in the current result. `1` represents aggregated, and `0` represents not aggregated.

The following example shows how to use the `GROUPING()` function:

```
SELECT year, month, SUM(profit) AS profit, grouping(year) as grp_year,
    ↪ grouping(month) as grp_month FROM bank GROUP BY year, month WITH
    ↪ ROLLUP ORDER BY year DESC, month DESC;
+------+-------+--------------------+----------+-----------+
| year | month | profit             | grp_year | grp_month |
+------+-------+--------------------+----------+-----------+
| 2001 | Feb | 22.399999618530273 |    0 |        0 |
| 2001 | NULL | 22.399999618530273 |    0 |        1 |
| 2000 | Mar | 31.600000381469727 |    0 |        0 |
| 2000 | Jan | 10.300000190734863 |    0 |        0 |
| 2000 | NULL | 41.90000057220459 |    0 |        1 |
| NULL | NULL | 64.30000019073486 |    1 |        1 |
+------+-------+--------------------+----------+-----------+
6 rows in set (0.028 sec)
```

From this output, you can get an understanding of the aggregation dimension of a row directly from the results of `grp_year` and `grp_month`, which prevents interference from native `NULL` values in the `year` and `month` grouping expressions.

The `GROUPING()` function can accept up to 64 grouping expressions as parameters. In the output of multiple parameters, each parameter generates a result of `0` or `1`, and these parameters collectively form a 64-bit `UNSIGNED LONGLONG` with each bit as `0` or `1`. You can use the following formula to get the bit position of each parameter as follows:

```
GROUPING(day, month, year):
  result for GROUPING(year)
+ result for GROUPING(month) << 1
+ result for GROUPING(day) << 2
```

By using multiple parameters in the `GROUPING()` function, you can efficiently filter aggregate results at any high dimension. For example, you can quickly filter the aggregate results for each year and all years by using `GROUPING(year, month)`.

```
SELECT year, month, SUM(profit) AS profit, grouping(year) as grp_year,
    ↪ grouping(month) as grp_month FROM bank GROUP BY year, month WITH
    ↪ ROLLUP HAVING GROUPING(year, month) <> 0 ORDER BY year DESC, month
    ↪ DESC;
+------+-------+--------------------+---------+-----------+
| year | month | profit             | grp_year | grp_month |
+------+-------+--------------------+---------+-----------+
| 2001 | NULL | 22.399999618530273 |    0 |        1 |
| 2000 | NULL | 41.90000057220459 |    0 |        1 |
| NULL | NULL | 64.30000019073486 |    1 |        1 |
+------+-------+--------------------+---------+-----------+
3 rows in set (0.023 sec)
```

14.13.4.16.4 How to interpret the ROLLUP execution plan

Multidimensional data aggregation uses the `Expand` operator to copy data to meet the needs of multidimensional grouping. Each data copy corresponds to a grouping of a specific dimension. In MPP mode, the `Expand` operator can facilitate data shuffle to quickly reorganize and calculate a large amount of data between multiple nodes, making full use of the computing capacity of each node. In a TiDB cluster without TiFlash nodes, because the `Expand` operator is only executed on a single TiDB node, data redundancy will increase as the number of dimension groupings (`grouping set`) increases.

The implementation of the `Expand` operator is similar to that of the `Projection` operator. The difference is that `Expand` is a multi-level `Projection`, which contains multiple levels of projection operation expressions. For each row of the raw data, the `Projection` operator generates only one row in results, whereas the `Expand` operator generates multiple rows in results (the number of rows is equal to the number of levels in projection operation expressions).

The following example shows the execution plan for a TiDB cluster without TiFlash nodes, where the `task` of the `Expand` operator is `root`, indicating that the `Expand` operator is executed in TiDB:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT year, month, grouping(year), grouping(month), SUM(profit) AS
    ↪  profit FROM bank GROUP BY year, month WITH ROLLUP;
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+---------------+----------
    ↪
| id                           | estRows | task    | access object | operator
    ↪ info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+---------------+----------
    ↪
```

```
| Projection_7                | 2.40   | root     |              | Column#6->
    ↪ Column#12, Column#7->Column#13, grouping(gid)->Column#14, grouping(
    ↪ gid)->Column#15, Column#9->Column#16
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─HashAgg_8                 | 2.40   | root     |              | group by:
    ↪ Column#6, Column#7, gid, funcs:sum(test.bank.profit)->Column#9, funcs
    ↪ :firstrow(Column#6)->Column#6, funcs:firstrow(Column#7)->Column#7,
    ↪ funcs:firstrow(gid)->gid                                  |
|    ─Expand_12               | 3.00   | root     |              | level-
    ↪ projection:[test.bank.profit, <nil>->Column#6, <nil>->Column#7, 0->
    ↪ gid],[test.bank.profit, Column#6, <nil>->Column#7, 1->gid],[test.bank
    ↪ .profit, Column#6, Column#7, 3->gid]; schema: [test.bank.profit,
    ↪ Column#6,Column#7,gid] |
|      ─Projection_14         | 3.00   | root     |              | test.bank.
    ↪ profit, test.bank.year->Column#6, test.bank.month->Column#7
    ↪
    ↪ |
|        ─TableReader_16      | 3.00   | root     |              | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_15
    ↪
    ↪ |
|          ─TableFullScan_15  | 3.00   | cop[tikv] | table:bank | keep order
    ↪ :false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+-----------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example shows the execution plan in TiFlash MPP mode, where the `task` of the `Expand` operator is `mpp[tiflash]`, indicating that the `Expand` operator is executed in TiFlash:

```
EXPLAIN SELECT year, month, grouping(year), grouping(month), SUM(profit) AS
    ↪  profit FROM bank GROUP BY year, month WITH ROLLUP;
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------+---------+-------------+---------------+
    ↪
| id                                  | estRows | task      | access object |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
```

```
    ↪ ------------------------------------+--------+-------------+---------------+
    ↪
| TableReader_44                      | 2.40   | root        |               |
    ↪ MppVersion: 2, data:ExchangeSender_43
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─ExchangeSender_43                 | 2.40   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ ExchangeType: PassThrough
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    ─Projection_8                    | 2.40   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ Column#6->Column#12, Column#7->Column#13, grouping(gid)->Column#14,
    ↪ grouping(gid)->Column#15, Column#9->Column#16
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      ─Projection_38                 | 2.40   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ Column#9, Column#6, Column#7, gid
    ↪
    ↪ |
|        ─HashAgg_36                  | 2.40   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ group by:Column#6, Column#7, gid, funcs:sum(test.bank.profit)->Column
    ↪ #9, funcs:firstrow(Column#6)->Column#6, funcs:firstrow(Column#7)->
    ↪ Column#7, funcs:firstrow(gid)->gid, stream_count: 8              |
|          ─ExchangeReceiver_22       | 3.00   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ stream_count: 8
    ↪
    ↪ |
|            ─ExchangeSender_21       | 3.00   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ ExchangeType: HashPartition, Compression: FAST, Hash Cols: [name:
    ↪ Column#6, collate: binary], [name: Column#7, collate: utf8mb4_bin], [
    ↪ name: gid, collate: binary], stream_count: 8                      |
|              ─Expand_20             | 3.00   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ level-projection:[test.bank.profit, <nil>->Column#6, <nil>->Column#7,
    ↪  0->gid],[test.bank.profit, Column#6, <nil>->Column#7, 1->gid],[test.
    ↪ bank.profit, Column#6, Column#7, 3->gid]; schema: [test.bank.profit,
    ↪ Column#6,Column#7,gid] |
|                ─Projection_16       | 3.00   | mpp[tiflash] |              |
    ↪ test.bank.profit, test.bank.year->Column#6, test.bank.month->Column#7
    ↪
    ↪
    ↪ |
|                  ─TableFullScan_17  | 3.00   | mpp[tiflash] | table:bank |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------+--------+-------------+--------------+
    ↪
10 rows in set (0.05 sec)
```

In this example execution plan, you can view the multiple-level expression of the `Expand` operator in the `operator info` column of the `Expand_20` row. It consists of 2-dimensional expressions, and you can view the schema information of the `Expand` operator at the end of the row, which is `schema: [test.bank.profit, Column#6, Column#7, gid]`.

In the schema information of the `Expand` operator, `GID` is generated as an additional column. Its value is calculated by the `Expand` operator based on the grouping logic of different dimensions, and the value reflects the relationship between the current data replica and the `grouping set`. In most cases, the `Expand` operator uses a Bit-And operation, which can represent 63 combinations of grouping items for ROLLUP, corresponding to 64 dimensions of grouping. In this mode, TiDB generates the `GID` value depending on whether the `grouping set` of the required dimension contains grouping expressions when the current data replica is replicated, and it fills a 64-bit UINT64 value in the order of columns to be grouped.

In the preceding example, the order of columns in the grouping list is `[year, month]`, and the dimension groups generated by the ROLLUP syntax are `{year, month}`, `{year}` ↪ , and `{}`. For the dimension group `{year, month}`, both `year` and `month` are required columns, so TiDB fills the bit positions for them with 1 and 1 correspondingly. This forms a UINT64 of `11...0`, which is 3 in decimal. Therefore, the projection expression is `[test.` ↪ `bank.profit, Column#6, Column#7, 3->gid]` (where `column#6` corresponds to `year`, and `column#7` corresponds to `month`).

The following is an example row of the raw data:

```
+------+-------+-----+------------+
| year | month | day | profit  |
+------+-------+-----+------------+
| 2000 | Jan |   1 | 10.3000000 |
+------+-------+-----+------------+
```

After the `Expand` operator is applied, you can get the following three rows of results:

```
+------------+------+-------+-----+
| profit    | year | month | gid |
+------------+------+-------+-----+
| 10.3000000 | 2000 | Jan | 3 |
+------------+------+-------+-----+
| 10.3000000 | 2000 | NULL | 1 |
+------------+------+-------+-----+
| 10.3000000 | NULL | NULL | 0 |
+------------+------+-------+-----+
```

Note that the SELECT clause in the query uses the GROUPING function. When the GROUPING function is used in the SELECT, HAVING, or ORDER BY clauses, TiDB rewrites it during the logical optimization phase, transforms the relationship between the GROUPING function and the GROUP BY items into a GID related to the logic of dimension group (also known as grouping set), and fills this GID as metadata into the new GROUPING function.

14.13.4.17 Window Functions

The usage of window functions in TiDB is similar to that in MySQL 8.0. For details, see MySQL Window Functions.

In TiDB, you can control window functions using the following system variables:

- tidb_enable_window_function: because window functions reserve additional keywords in the parser, TiDB provides this variable to disable window functions. If you receive errors parsing SQL statements after upgrading TiDB, try setting this variable to OFF.
- tidb_enable_pipelined_window_function: you can use this variable to disable pipeline execution algorithm for window functions.
- windowing_use_high_precision: you can use this variable to disable high precision mode for window functions.

The window functions listed here can be pushed down to TiFlash.

Except for GROUP_CONCAT() and APPROX_PERCENTILE(), TiDB supports using all GROUP BY aggregate functions as window functions. In addition, TiDB supports the following window functions:

Function name	Feature description
CUME_DIST()	Returns the cumulative distribution of a value within a group of values.
DENSE_RANK()	Returns the rank of the current row within the partition, and the rank is without gaps.
FIRST_VALUE()	Returns the expression value of the first row in the current window.
LAG()	Returns the expression value from the row that precedes the current row by N rows within the partition.
LAST_VALUE()	Returns the expression value of the last row in the current window.
LEAD()	Returns the expression value from the row that follows the current row by N rows within the partition.
NTH_VALUE()	Returns the expression value from the N-th row of the current window.

Function name	Feature description
NTILE()	Divides a partition into N buckets, assigns the bucket number to each row in the partition, and returns the bucket number of the current row within the partition.
PERCENT_RANK()	Returns the percentage of partition values that are less than the value in the current row.
RANK()	Returns the rank of the current row within the partition. The rank might have gaps.
ROW_NUMBER()	Returns the number of the current row in the partition.

14.13.4.17.1 CUME_DIST()

CUME_DIST() calculates the cumulative distribution of a value within a group of values. Note that you need to use the ORDER BY clause with CUME_DIST() to sort the group of values. Otherwise, this function will not return the expected values.

```
WITH RECURSIVE cte(n) AS (
    SELECT 1
    UNION
    SELECT
        n+2
    FROM
        cte
    WHERE
        n<6
)
SELECT
    *,
    CUME_DIST() OVER(ORDER BY n)
FROM
    cte;
```

```
+------+------------------------------+
| n    | CUME_DIST() OVER(ORDER BY n) |
+------+------------------------------+
|    1 |                         0.25 |
|    3 |                          0.5 |
|    5 |                         0.75 |
|    7 |                            1 |
+------+------------------------------+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.17.2 DENSE_RANK()

The DENSE_RANK() function returns the rank of the current row. It is similar to RANK() ↪ but does not leave any gaps in case of ties (rows that share the same values and order conditions).

```
SELECT
    *,
    DENSE_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY n)
FROM (
    SELECT 5 AS 'n'
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 8
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 5
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 30
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 31
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 32) a;
```

```
+----+---------------------------------+
| n  | DENSE_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY n) |
+----+---------------------------------+
|  5 |                               1 |
|  5 |                               1 |
|  8 |                               2 |
| 30 |                               3 |
| 31 |                               4 |
| 32 |                               5 |
+----+---------------------------------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.17.3 FIRST_VALUE()

The FIRST_VALUE(expr) returns the first value in a window.

The following example uses two different window definitions:

- PARTITION BY n MOD 2 ORDER BY n partitions the data in table a into two groups: 1, 3 and 2, 4. So it returns either 1 or 2 as those are the first values of those groups.

- `PARTITION BY n <= 2 ORDER BY n` partitions the data in table `a` into two groups: `1, 2` and `3, 4` So it returns either `1` or `3` depending on which group `n` belongs to.

```
SELECT
    n,
    FIRST_VALUE(n) OVER (PARTITION BY n MOD 2 ORDER BY n),
    FIRST_VALUE(n) OVER (PARTITION BY n <= 2 ORDER BY n)
FROM (
    SELECT 1 AS 'n'
    UNION
    SELECT 2
    UNION
    SELECT 3
    UNION
    SELECT 4
) a
ORDER BY
    n;
```

```
+------+-------------------------------------------------------+-----------------------
    ↪
| n    | FIRST_VALUE(n) OVER (PARTITION BY n MOD 2 ORDER BY n) | FIRST_VALUE
    ↪ (n) OVER (PARTITION BY n <= 2 ORDER BY n) |
+------+-------------------------------------------------------+-----------------------
    ↪
|    1 |                                                     1 |
    ↪                                                     1 |
|    2 |                                                     2 |
    ↪                                                     1 |
|    3 |                                                     1 |
    ↪                                                     3 |
|    4 |                                                     2 |
    ↪                                                     3 |
+------+-------------------------------------------------------+-----------------------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.17.4 LAG()

The `LAG(expr [, num [, default]])` function returns the value of `expr` from the row that is `num` rows preceding the current row. If such row does not exist, `default` is returned. By default, `num` is `1` and `default` is `NULL` when they are not specified.

In the following example, because `num` is not specified, `LAG(n)` returns the value of `n` in the previous row. When `n` is 1, because the previous row does not exist and `default` is not specified, `LAG(1)` returns `NULL`.

```
WITH RECURSIVE cte(n) AS (
    SELECT 1
    UNION
    SELECT
        n+1
    FROM
        cte
    WHERE
        n<10
)
SELECT
    n,
    LAG(n) OVER ()
FROM
    cte;
```

```
+------+----------------+
| n    | LAG(n) OVER () |
+------+----------------+
|    1 |           NULL |
|    2 |              1 |
|    3 |              2 |
|    4 |              3 |
|    5 |              4 |
|    6 |              5 |
|    7 |              6 |
|    8 |              7 |
|    9 |              8 |
|   10 |              9 |
+------+----------------+
10 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.4.17.5 LAST_VALUE()

The LAST_VALUE() function returns the last value in the window.

```
WITH RECURSIVE cte(n) AS (
    SELECT
        1
    UNION
    SELECT
        n+1
    FROM
        cte
```

```
    WHERE
        n<10
)
SELECT
    n,
    LAST_VALUE(n) OVER (PARTITION BY n<=5)
FROM
    cte
ORDER BY
    n;
```

```
+------+----------------------------------------+
| n    | LAST_VALUE(n) OVER (PARTITION BY n<=5) |
+------+----------------------------------------+
|    1 |                                      5 |
|    2 |                                      5 |
|    3 |                                      5 |
|    4 |                                      5 |
|    5 |                                      5 |
|    6 |                                     10 |
|    7 |                                     10 |
|    8 |                                     10 |
|    9 |                                     10 |
|   10 |                                     10 |
+------+----------------------------------------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.17.6 LEAD()

The `LEAD(expr [, num [,default]])` function returns the value of `expr` from the row that is `num` rows following the current row. If such row does not exist, `default` is returned. By default, `num` is `1` and `default` is `NULL` when they are not specified.

In the following example, because `num` is not specified, `LEAD(n)` returns the value of `n` in the next row following the current row. When `n` is 10, because the next row does not exist and `default` is not specified, `LEAD(10)` returns `NULL`.

```
WITH RECURSIVE cte(n) AS (
    SELECT
        1
    UNION
    SELECT
        n+1
    FROM
        cte
```

```
    WHERE
        n<10
)
SELECT
    n,
    LEAD(n) OVER ()
FROM
    cte;
```

```
+------+-----------------+
| n    | LEAD(n) OVER () |
+------+-----------------+
|    1 |               2 |
|    2 |               3 |
|    3 |               4 |
|    4 |               5 |
|    5 |               6 |
|    6 |               7 |
|    7 |               8 |
|    8 |               9 |
|    9 |              10 |
|   10 |            NULL |
+------+-----------------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.17.7 NTH_VALUE()

The NTH_VALUE(expr, n) function returns the n-th value of the window.

```
WITH RECURSIVE cte(n) AS (
    SELECT
        1
    UNION
    SELECT
        n+1
    FROM
        cte
    WHERE
        n<10
)
SELECT
    n,
    FIRST_VALUE(n) OVER w AS 'First',
    NTH_VALUE(n, 2) OVER w AS 'Second',
    NTH_VALUE(n, 3) OVER w AS 'Third',
```

```
    LAST_VALUE(n) OVER w AS 'Last'
FROM
    cte
WINDOW
    w AS (PARTITION BY n<=5)
ORDER BY
    n;
```

```
+------+-------+--------+-------+------+
| n    | First | Second | Third | Last |
+------+-------+--------+-------+------+
|    1 |     1 |      2 |     3 |    5 |
|    2 |     1 |      2 |     3 |    5 |
|    3 |     1 |      2 |     3 |    5 |
|    4 |     1 |      2 |     3 |    5 |
|    5 |     1 |      2 |     3 |    5 |
|    6 |     6 |      7 |     8 |   10 |
|    7 |     6 |      7 |     8 |   10 |
|    8 |     6 |      7 |     8 |   10 |
|    9 |     6 |      7 |     8 |   10 |
|   10 |     6 |      7 |     8 |   10 |
+------+-------+--------+-------+------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.17.8 NTILE()

The `NTILE(n)` function divides the window into `n` groups and returns the group number of each row.

```
WITH RECURSIVE cte(n) AS (
    SELECT
        1
    UNION
    SELECT
        n+1
    FROM
        cte
    WHERE
    n<10
)
SELECT
    n,
    NTILE(5) OVER (),
    NTILE(2) OVER ()
FROM
```

```
    cte;
```

```
+------+-----------------+-----------------+
| n    | NTILE(5) OVER () | NTILE(2) OVER () |
+------+-----------------+-----------------+
|    1 |               1 |               1 |
|    2 |               1 |               1 |
|    3 |               2 |               1 |
|    4 |               2 |               1 |
|    5 |               3 |               1 |
|    6 |               3 |               2 |
|    7 |               4 |               2 |
|    8 |               4 |               2 |
|    9 |               5 |               2 |
|   10 |               5 |               2 |
+------+-----------------+-----------------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.17.9 PERCENT_RANK()

The PERCENT_RANK() function returns a number between 0 and 1 indicating the percentage of rows with a value less than the value of the current row.

```
SELECT
    *,
    PERCENT_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY n),
    PERCENT_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY n DESC)
FROM (
    SELECT 5 AS 'n'
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 8
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 5
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 30
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 31
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 32) a;
```

```
+----+---------------------------------+-----------------------------------
    ↪
| n  | PERCENT_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY n) | PERCENT_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY n
    ↪ DESC) |
```

```
+----+---------------------------------+-------------------------------------+
    ↪
|  5 |                               0 |                                 0.8 |
|  5 |                               0 |                                 0.8 |
|  8 |                             0.4 |                                 0.6 |
| 30 |                             0.6 |                                 0.4 |
| 31 |                             0.8 |                                 0.2 |
| 32 |                               1 |                                   0 |
+----+---------------------------------+-------------------------------------+
    ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.17.10 RANK()

The RANK() function is similar to DENSE_RANK() but will leave gaps in case of ties (rows that share the same values and order conditions). This means it provides an absolute ranking. For example, a rank of 7 means that there are 6 rows with lower ranks.

```
SELECT
    *,
    RANK() OVER (ORDER BY n),
    DENSE_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY n)
FROM (
    SELECT 5 AS 'n'
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 8
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 5
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 30
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 31
    UNION ALL
    SELECT 32) a;
```

```
+----+-------------------------+---------------------------------+
| n  | RANK() OVER (ORDER BY n) | DENSE_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY n) |
+----+-------------------------+---------------------------------+
|  5 |                       1 |                               1 |
|  5 |                       1 |                               1 |
|  8 |                       3 |                               2 |
| 30 |                       4 |                               3 |
| 31 |                       5 |                               4 |
| 32 |                       6 |                               5 |
+----+-------------------------+---------------------------------+
```

```
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.17.11 ROW_NUMBER()

The ROW_NUMBER() returns the row number of the current row in the result set.

```
WITH RECURSIVE cte(n) AS (
    SELECT
        1
    UNION
    SELECT
        n+3
    FROM
        cte
    WHERE
        n<30
)
SELECT
    n,
    ROW_NUMBER() OVER ()
FROM
    cte;
```

```
+------+----------------------+
| n    | ROW_NUMBER() OVER () |
+------+----------------------+
|    1 |                    1 |
|    4 |                    2 |
|    7 |                    3 |
|   10 |                    4 |
|   13 |                    5 |
|   16 |                    6 |
|   19 |                    7 |
|   22 |                    8 |
|   25 |                    9 |
|   28 |                   10 |
|   31 |                   11 |
+------+----------------------+
11 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.18 Sequence Functions

Sequence functions in TiDB are used to return or set values of sequence objects created using the CREATE SEQUENCE statement.

Function name	Description
NEXTVAL()	Returns the next value of a sequence.
NEXT VALUE FOR	Returns the next value of a sequence (alias for NEXTVAL()).
SETVAL()	Sets the current value of a sequence.
LASTVAL()	Returns the last value generated by a sequence in the current session.

14.13.4.18.1 NEXTVAL()

The NEXTVAL() function returns the next value of a sequence.

Example:

Create a sequence named s1:

```
CREATE SEQUENCE s1;
```

Get the next value from s1:

```
SELECT NEXTVAL(s1);
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-------------+
| NEXTVAL(s1) |
+-------------+
|           1 |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.18.2 NEXT VALUE FOR

The NEXT VALUE FOR function is an alias for NEXTVAL().

Example:

Get the next value from s1 using NEXTVAL():

```
SELECT NEXTVAL(s1);
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-------------+
| NEXTVAL(s1) |
+-------------+
|           2 |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Get the next value from s1 using NEXT VALUE FOR:

```
SELECT NEXT VALUE FOR s1;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+------------------+
| NEXT VALUE FOR s1 |
+------------------+
|                3 |
+------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.18.3 SETVAL()

The `SETVAL(n)` function sets the current value of a sequence.

Example:

Get the next value from `s1`:

```
SELECT NEXTVAL(s1);
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-------------+
| NEXTVAL(s1) |
+-------------+
|           4 |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Set the current value of `s1` to `10`:

```
SELECT SETVAL(s1, 10);
```

The output is as follows:

```
+----------------+
| SETVAL(s1, 10) |
+----------------+
|             10 |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Verify the next value after setting it to `10`:

```
SELECT NEXTVAL(s1);
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-------------+
| NEXTVAL(s1) |
+-------------+
|          11 |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.18.4 `LASTVAL()`

The `LASTVAL()` function returns the last value generated by a sequence **in the current session**.

Example:

Get the last value generated by `s1` in the current session:

```
SELECT LASTVAL(s1);
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-------------+
| LASTVAL(s1) |
+-------------+
|          11 |
+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.18.5 MySQL compatibility

MySQL does not support the functions and statements for creating and manipulating sequences as defined in ISO/IEC 9075-2.

14.13.4.19 Utility Functions

This document introduces utility functions supported in TiDB, designed to simplify common data conversions for better readability.

14.13.4.19.1 `FORMAT_BYTES()`

The `FORMAT_BYTES()` function converts a number of bytes into a human-readable format.

```
SELECT FORMAT_BYTES(10*1024*1024);
```

```
+---------------------------+
| FORMAT_BYTES(10*1024*1024) |
+---------------------------+
```

```
| 10.00 MiB                |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.001 sec)
```

14.13.4.19.2 FORMAT_NANO_TIME()

The FORMAT_NANO_TIME() function converts a number of nanoseconds into a human-readable time format.

```
SELECT FORMAT_NANO_TIME(1000000);
```

```
+--------------------------+
| FORMAT_NANO_TIME(1000000) |
+--------------------------+
| 1.00 ms                  |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.001 sec)
```

14.13.4.20 Miscellaneous Functions

TiDB supports most of the miscellaneous functions available in MySQL 8.0.

14.13.4.20.1 Supported functions

Name	Description
ANY_VALUE()	Suppress ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY value rejection
BIN_TO_UUID()	Convert UUID from binary format to text format
DEFAULT()	Returns the default value for a table column
GROUPING()	Modifier for GROUP BY operations
INET_ATON()	Return the numeric value of an IP address
INET_NTOA()	Return the IP address from a numeric value
INET6_ATON()	Return the numeric value of an IPv6 address
INET6_NTOA()	Return the IPv6 address from a numeric value
IS_IPV4()	Whether argument is an IPv4 address
IS_IPV4_COMPAT()	Whether argument is an IPv4-compatible address

Name	Description
IS_IPV4_MAPPED()	Whether argument is an IPv4-mapped address
IS_IPV6()	Whether argument is an IPv6 address
IS_UUID()	Whether argument is an UUID
NAME_CONST()	Can be used to rename a column name
SLEEP()	Sleep for a number of seconds. Note that for TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters, the SLEEP() function has a limitation wherein it can only support a maximum sleep time of 300 seconds.
UUID()	Return a Universal Unique Identifier (UUID)
UUID_TO_BIN()	Convert UUID from text format to binary format
VALUES()	Defines the values to be used during an INSERT

ANY_VALUE()

The ANY_VALUE() function returns any value from a group of values. Typically, it is used in scenarios where you need to include non-aggregated columns in your SELECT statement along with a GROUP BY clause.

```
CREATE TABLE fruits (id INT PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR(255));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.14 sec)

INSERT INTO fruits VALUES (1,'apple'),(2,'apple'),(3,'pear'),(4,'banana')
    ↪ ,(5, 'pineapple');
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

SELECT id,name FROM fruits GROUP BY name;
ERROR 1055 (42000): Expression #1 of SELECT list is not in GROUP BY clause
    ↪ and contains nonaggregated column 'test.fruits.id' which is not
    ↪ functionally dependent on columns in GROUP BY clause; this is
    ↪ incompatible with sql_mode=only_full_group_by

SELECT ANY_VALUE(id),GROUP_CONCAT(id),name FROM fruits GROUP BY name;
+---------------+-----------------+-----------+
| ANY_VALUE(id) | GROUP_CONCAT(id) | name |
+---------------+-----------------+-----------+
|           1 | 1,2             | apple     |
|           3 | 3               | pear      |
|           4 | 4               | banana    |
|           5 | 5               | pineapple |
```

```
+--------------+------------------+----------+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the preceding example, TiDB returns an error for the first `SELECT` statement because the `id` column is non-aggregated and not included in the `GROUP BY` clause. To address the issue, the second `SELECT` query uses `ANY_VALUE()` to get any value from each group and uses `GROUP_CONCAT()` to concatenate all values of the `id` column within each group into a single string. This approach enables you to get one value from each group and all values of the group without changing the SQL mode for non-aggregated columns.

BIN_TO_UUID()

`BIN_TO_UUID()` and `UUID_TO_BIN()` can be used to convert between a textual format UUID and a binary format. Both functions accept two arguments.

- The first argument specifies the value to be converted.
- The second argument (optional) controls the ordering of the fields in the binary format.

```
SET @a := UUID();
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

SELECT @a;
+--------------------------------------+
| @a                                   |
+--------------------------------------+
| 9a17b457-eb6d-11ee-bacf-5405db7aad56 |
+--------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

SELECT UUID_TO_BIN(@a);
+----------------------------------+
| UUID_TO_BIN(@a)                  |
+----------------------------------+
| 0x9A17B457EB6D11EEBACF5405DB7AAD56 |
+----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

SELECT BIN_TO_UUID(0x9A17B457EB6D11EEBACF5405DB7AAD56);
+-------------------------------------------------+
| BIN_TO_UUID(0x9A17B457EB6D11EEBACF5405DB7AAD56) |
+-------------------------------------------------+
| 9a17b457-eb6d-11ee-bacf-5405db7aad56      |
+-------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT UUID_TO_BIN(@a, 1);
+--------------------------------------+
| UUID_TO_BIN(@a, 1)                   |
+--------------------------------------+
| 0x11EEEB6D9A17B457BACF5405DB7AAD56 |
+--------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

SELECT BIN_TO_UUID(0x11EEEB6D9A17B457BACF5405DB7AAD56, 1);
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| BIN_TO_UUID(0x11EEEB6D9A17B457BACF5405DB7AAD56, 1) |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| 9a17b457-eb6d-11ee-bacf-5405db7aad56         |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

See also UUID() and Best practices for UUID.

DEFAULT()

The `DEFAULT()` function is used to get the default value of a column.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT PRIMARY KEY, c1 INT DEFAULT 5);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.15 sec)

INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1, 1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

UPDATE t1 SET c1=DEFAULT(c1)+3;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
Rows matched: 1 Changed: 1 Warnings: 0

TABLE t1;
+----+------+
| id | c1   |
+----+------+
|  1 |    8 |
+----+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the preceding example, the `UPDATE` statement sets the value of the `c1` column to the default value of the column (which is `5`) plus `3`, resulting in a new value of `8`.

GROUPING()

See `GROUP BY` modifiers.

INET_ATON()

The `INET_ATON()` function converts an IPv4 address in dotted-quad notation into a binary version that can be stored efficiently.

```
SELECT INET_ATON('127.0.0.1');
```

```
+------------------------+
| INET_ATON('127.0.0.1') |
+------------------------+
|             2130706433 |
+------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

INET_NTOA()

The `INET_NTOA()` function converts a binary IPv4 address into a dotted-quad notation.

```
SELECT INET_NTOA(2130706433);
```

```
+-----------------------+
| INET_NTOA(2130706433) |
+-----------------------+
| 127.0.0.1             |
+-----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

INET6_ATON()

The `INET6_ATON()` function is similar to `INET_ATON()`, but `INET6_ATON()` can also handle IPv6 addresses.

```
SELECT INET6_ATON('::1');
```

```
+------------------------------------+
| INET6_ATON('::1')                  |
+------------------------------------+
| 0x00000000000000000000000000000001 |
+------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

INET6_NTOA()

The `INET6_NTOA()` function is similar to `INET_NTOA()`, but `INET6_NTOA()` can also handle IPv6 addresses.

```
SELECT INET6_NTOA(0x00000000000000000000000000000001);
```

```
+--------------------------------------------+
| INET6_NTOA(0x00000000000000000000000000000001) |
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------+
| ::1                                           |
+-----------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

IS_IPV4()

The `IS_IPV4()` function tests whether the given argument is an IPv4 address or not.

```
SELECT IS_IPV4('127.0.0.1');
```

```
+----------------------+
| IS_IPV4('127.0.0.1') |
+----------------------+
|                    1 |
+----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT IS_IPV4('300.0.0.1');
```

```
+----------------------+
| IS_IPV4('300.0.0.1') |
+----------------------+
|                    0 |
+----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

IS_IPV4_COMPAT()

The `IS_IPV4_COMPAT()` function tests whether the given argument is an IPv4-compatible address.

```
SELECT IS_IPV4_COMPAT(INET6_ATON('::127.0.0.1'));
```

```
+-----------------------------------------+
| IS_IPV4_COMPAT(INET6_ATON('::127.0.0.1')) |
+-----------------------------------------+
|                                       1 |
+-----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

IS_IPV4_MAPPED()

The `IS_IPV4_MAPPED()` function tests whether the given argument is an IPv4-mapped address.

```
SELECT IS_IPV4_MAPPED(INET6_ATON('::ffff:127.0.0.1'));
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------+
| IS_IPV4_MAPPED(INET6_ATON('::ffff:127.0.0.1')) |
+-----------------------------------------------+
|                                             1 |
+-----------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

IS_IPV6()

The `IS_IPV6()` function tests whether the given argument is an IPv6 address.

```
SELECT IS_IPV6('::1');
```

```
+----------------+
| IS_IPV6('::1') |
+----------------+
|              1 |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

IS_UUID()

The `IS_UUID()` function tests whether the given argument is a UUID.

```
SELECT IS_UUID('eb48c08c-eb71-11ee-bacf-5405db7aad56');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------+
| IS_UUID('eb48c08c-eb71-11ee-bacf-5405db7aad56') |
+-----------------------------------------------+
|                                             1 |
+-----------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

NAME_CONST()

The `NAME_CONST()` function is used to name columns. It is recommended to use column aliases instead.

```
SELECT NAME_CONST('column name', 'value') UNION ALL SELECT 'another value';
```

```
+---------------+
| column name |
+---------------+
| another value |
| value       |
+---------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The preceding statement uses `NAME_CONST()` and the following statement uses the recommended way of aliasing columns.

```
SELECT 'value' AS 'column name' UNION ALL SELECT 'another value';
```

```
+--------------+
| column name |
+--------------+
| value        |
| another value |
+--------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

SLEEP()

The `SLEEP()` function is used to pause the execution of queries for a specified number of seconds.

```
SELECT SLEEP(1.5);
```

```
+------------+
| SLEEP(1.5) |
+------------+
|          0 |
+------------+
1 row in set (1.50 sec)
```

UUID()

The `UUID()` function returns a universally unique identifier (UUID) version 1 as defined in RFC 4122.

```
SELECT UUID();
```

```
+--------------------------------------+
| UUID()                               |
+--------------------------------------+
| cb4d5ae6-eb6b-11ee-bacf-5405db7aad56 |
+--------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

See also Best practices for UUID.

UUID_TO_BIN

See BIN_TO_UUID().

VALUES()

The `VALUES(col_name)` function is used to reference the value of a specific column in the `ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` clause of an `INSERT` statement.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT PRIMARY KEY, c1 INT);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.17 sec)

INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1,51),(2,52),(3,53),(4,54),(5,55);
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

INSERT INTO t1 VALUES(2,22),(4,44) ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE c1=VALUES(id)
    ↪ +100;
Query OK, 4 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 2 Warnings: 0

TABLE t1;
+----+------+
| id | c1   |
+----+------+
|  1 |   51 |
|  2 |  102 |
|  3 |   53 |
|  4 |  104 |
|  5 |   55 |
+----+------+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.20.2 Unsupported functions

Name	Description
UUID_ ↪ SHORT ↪ ()	Provides a UUID that is unique given certain assumptions not present in TiDB TiDB #4620

14.13.4.21 TiDB Specific Functions

The following functions are TiDB extensions, and are not present in MySQL:

Function name	Function description
CURRENT_ ↪ RESOURCE_ ↪ GROUP()	Returns the name of the resource group that the current session is bound to. See Use Resource Control to Achieve Resource Group Limitation and Flow Control.

Function name	Function description
TIDB_BOUNDED_STALENESS()	Instructs TiDB to read the most recent data within a specified time range. See reading historical data using the AS OF TIMESTAMP clause.
TIDB_CURRENT_TSO()	Returns the current TimeStamp Oracle (TSO) in TiDB.
TIDB_DECODE_BINARY_PLAN()	Decodes binary plans.
TIDB_DECODE_KEY()	Decodes a TiDB-encoded key entry into a JSON structure containing `_tidb_rowid` and `table_id`. These encoded keys can be found in some system tables and logging outputs.
TIDB_DECODE_PLAN()	Decodes a TiDB execution plan.
TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS()	Queries the normalized SQL statements (a form without formats and arguments) corresponding to a set of SQL digests in the cluster.
TIDB_ENCODE_INDEX_KEY()	Encodes an index key.
TIDB_ENCODE_RECORD_KEY()	Encodes a record key.
TIDB_ENCODE_SQL_DIGEST()	Gets a digest for a query string.
TIDB_IS_DDL_OWNER()	Checks whether or not the TiDB instance you are connected to is the DDL Owner. The DDL Owner is the TiDB instance that is tasked with executing DDL statements on behalf of all other nodes in the cluster.
TIDB_MVCC_INFO()	Returns the MVCC (Multi-Version Concurrency Control) information about a key.
TIDB_PARSE_TSO()	Extracts the physical timestamp from a TiDB TSO timestamp. See also: tidb_current_ts.
TIDB_PARSE_TSO_LOGICAL()	Extracts the logical timestamp from a TiDB TSO timestamp.

Function name	Function description
TIDB_ROW_ ↪ CHECKSUM()	Queries the checksum value of a row. This function can only be used in SELECT statements within the FastPlan process. That is, you can query through statements like SELECT TIDB_ROW_ ↪ CHECKSUM()FROM t WHERE id = ? or SELECT TIDB_ROW_CHECKSUM()FROM t ↪ WHERE id IN (?, ?, ...). See also: Data integrity validation for single-row data.
TIDB_SHARD()	Creates a shard index to scatter the index hotspot. A shard index is an expression index with a TIDB_SHARD function as the prefix.
TIDB_VERSION()	Returns the TiDB version with additional build information.
VITESS_HASH()	Returns the hash of a number. This function is compatible with the HASH function of Vitess, and is intended to help the data migration from Vitess.

14.13.4.21.1 CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP

The CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP() function is used to show the resource group name that the current session is bound to. When the Resource control feature is enabled, the available resources that can be used by SQL statements are restricted by the resource quota of the bound resource group.

When a session is established, TiDB binds the session to the resource group that the login user is bound to by default. If the user is not bound to any resource groups, the session is bound to the default resource group. Once the session is established, the bound resource group will not change by default, even if the bound resource group of the user is changed via modifying the resource group bound to the user. To change the bound resource group of the current session, you can use SET RESOURCE GROUP.

Examples:

Create a user user1, create two resource groups rg1 and rg2, and bind the user user1 to the resource group rg1:

```
CREATE USER 'user1';
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP rg1 RU_PER_SEC = 1000;
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP rg2 RU_PER_SEC = 2000;
ALTER USER 'user1' RESOURCE GROUP `rg1`;
```

Use user1 to log in and view the resource group bound to the current user:

```
SELECT CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP();
```

```
+--------------------------+
| CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP() |
+--------------------------+
| rg1                      |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Execute `SET RESOURCE GROUP` to set the resource group for the current session to `rg2`, and then view the resource group bound to the current user:

```
SET RESOURCE GROUP `rg2`;
SELECT CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP();
```

```
+--------------------------+
| CURRENT_RESOURCE_GROUP() |
+--------------------------+
| rg2                      |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.21.2 TIDB_BOUNDED_STALENESS

The `TIDB_BOUNDED_STALENESS()` function is used as part of `AS OF TIMESTAMP` syntax.

14.13.4.21.3 TIDB_CURRENT_TSO

The `TIDB_CURRENT_TSO()` function returns the TSO for the current transaction. This is similar to the `tidb_current_ts` system variable.

```
BEGIN;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT TIDB_CURRENT_TSO();
```

```
+--------------------+
| TIDB_CURRENT_TSO() |
+--------------------+
| 450456244814610433 |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT @@tidb_current_ts;
```

```
+--------------------+
| @@tidb_current_ts |
+--------------------+
| 450456244814610433 |
+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.21.4 TIDB_DECODE_BINARY_PLAN

The `TIDB_DECODE_BINARY_PLAN(binary_plan)` function decodes binary plans, like the ones in the `BINARY_PLAN` column of the `STATEMENTS_SUMMARY` table.

The `tidb_generate_binary_plan` variable must be set to `ON` for the binary plans to be available.

Example:

```
SELECT BINARY_PLAN,TIDB_DECODE_BINARY_PLAN(BINARY_PLAN) FROM information_
    ↪ schema.STATEMENTS_SUMMARY LIMIT 1\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
                      BINARY_PLAN:
                         ↪ lQLwPgqQAgoMUHJvamVjdGlvbl8zEngKDk1lbVRhYmxlU2Nhbl8OKQAAAAA
                         ↪ ////CQIEAXgJCBD///8BIQFnDOCb+
                         ↪ EA6cQCQUjlDb2x1bW4jOTIsIHRpZGJfZGVjb2RlX2JpbmFyeV9wbGFuKBUjC
                         ↪ ////////////8BGAE=
TIDB_DECODE_BINARY_PLAN(BINARY_PLAN):
| id             | estRows | estCost | actRows | task | access object
    ↪ | execution info                  | operator info
    ↪                                     | memory | disk |
| Projection_3   | 10000.00 | 100798.00 | 3    | root |
    ↪ | time:108.3µs, loops:2, Concurrency:5 | Column#92, tidb_decode_
    ↪ binary_plan(Column#92)->Column#103 | 12.7 KB | N/A |
|  ─MemTableScan_4 | 10000.00 | 0.00 | 3      | root | table:STATEMENTS_
    ↪ SUMMARY | time:29.3µs, loops:2        |
    ↪                                                    | N/A    | N/A  |

1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.21.5 TIDB_DECODE_KEY

The `TIDB_DECODE_KEY()` function decodes a TiDB-encoded key entry into a JSON structure containing `_tidb_rowid` and `table_id`. These encoded keys exist in some system tables and logging outputs.

In the following example, the table `t1` has a hidden `rowid` that is generated by TiDB. The `TIDB_DECODE_KEY()` function is used in the statement. From the result, you can see that the hidden `rowid` is decoded and output, which is a typical result for the non-clustered primary key.

```
SELECT START_KEY, TIDB_DECODE_KEY(START_KEY) FROM information_schema.tikv_
    ↪ region_status WHERE table_name='t1' AND REGION_ID=2\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
               START_KEY: 7480000000000000
                   ↪ FF3B5F728000000000FF1DE3F10000000000FA
TIDB_DECODE_KEY(START_KEY): {"_tidb_rowid":1958897,"table_id":"59"}
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following example, the table `t2` has a compound clustered primary key. From the JSON output, you can see a `handle` that contains the name and value for both of the columns that are part of the primary key.

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE t2\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: t2
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `t2` (
  `id` binary(36) NOT NULL,
  `a` tinyint unsigned NOT NULL,
  `v` varchar(512) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`a`,`id`) /*T![clustered_index] CLUSTERED */
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
1 row in set (0.001 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tikv_region_status WHERE table_name='t2'
    ↪ LIMIT 1\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
              REGION_ID: 48
              START_KEY: 7480000000000000
                  ↪ FF3E5F720400000000FF0000000601633430FF3338646232FF2D64FF3531632D3131
                  ↪
                END_KEY:
               TABLE_ID: 62
                DB_NAME: test
             TABLE_NAME: t2
               IS_INDEX: 0
               INDEX_ID: NULL
             INDEX_NAME: NULL
          EPOCH_CONF_VER: 1
```

```
           EPOCH_VERSION: 38
           WRITTEN_BYTES: 0
              READ_BYTES: 0
         APPROXIMATE_SIZE: 136
         APPROXIMATE_KEYS: 479905
  REPLICATIONSTATUS_STATE: NULL
REPLICATIONSTATUS_STATEID: NULL
1 row in set (0.005 sec)
```

```
SELECT tidb_decode_key('7480000000000000
    ↪ FF3E5F720400000000FF0000000601633430FF3338646232FF2D64FF3531632D3131FF65FF622D3863
    ↪ ');
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| tidb_decode_key('7480000000000000
    ↪ FF3E5F720400000000FF0000000601633430FF3338646232FF2D64FF3531632D3131FF65FF622D3863
    ↪ ') |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| {"handle":{"a":"6","id":"c4038db2-d51c-11eb-8c75-80e65018a9be"},"table_id"
    ↪ :62}
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.001 sec)
```

In the following example, the first Region of a table starts with a key that only has the `table_id` of the table. The last Region of the table ends with `table_id + 1`. Any Regions in between have longer keys that includes a `_tidb_rowid` or `handle`.

```
SELECT
  TABLE_NAME,
  TIDB_DECODE_KEY(START_KEY),
  TIDB_DECODE_KEY(END_KEY)
FROM
  information_schema.TIKV_REGION_STATUS
WHERE
  TABLE_NAME='stock'
  AND IS_INDEX=0
ORDER BY
```

```
  START_KEY;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------+-------------------------------------------------------------+---------
   ↪
| TABLE_NAME | TIDB_DECODE_KEY(START_KEY)                        | TIDB_
   ↪ DECODE_KEY(END_KEY)                          |
+--
   ↪ ----------+-------------------------------------------------------------+---------
   ↪
| stock     | {"table_id":143}                                  | {"handle"
   ↪ :{"s_i_id":"32485","s_w_id":"3"},"table_id":143} |
| stock     | {"handle":{"s_i_id":"32485","s_w_id":"3"},"table_id":143} | {"
   ↪ handle":{"s_i_id":"64964","s_w_id":"5"},"table_id":143} |
| stock     | {"handle":{"s_i_id":"64964","s_w_id":"5"},"table_id":143} | {"
   ↪ handle":{"s_i_id":"97451","s_w_id":"7"},"table_id":143} |
| stock     | {"handle":{"s_i_id":"97451","s_w_id":"7"},"table_id":143} | {"
   ↪ table_id":145}                            |
+--
   ↪ ----------+-------------------------------------------------------------+---------
   ↪
4 rows in set (0.031 sec)
```

`TIDB_DECODE_KEY` returns valid JSON on success and returns the argument value if it fails to decode.

14.13.4.21.6 TIDB_DECODE_PLAN

You can find TiDB execution plans in encoded form in the slow query log. The `TIDB_DECODE_PLAN()` function is then used to decode the encoded plans into a human-readable form.

This function is useful because a plan is captured at the time the statement is executed. Re-executing the statement in `EXPLAIN` might produce different results as data distribution and statistics evolves over time.

```
SELECT tidb_decode_plan('8
   ↪ QIYMAkzMV83CQEH8E85LjA0CWRhdGE6U2VsZWN0aW9uXzYJOTYwCXRpbWU6NzEzLjHCtXMsIGxvb3BzOjI
   ↪ ')\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
  tidb_decode_plan('8
     ↪ QIYMAkzMV83CQEH8E85LjA0CWRhdGE6U2VsZWN0aW9uXzYJOTYwCXRpbWU6NzEzLjHCtXMsIGxvb3BzO
     ↪ : id task estRows operator info                    actRows
     ↪ execution info
     ↪
     ↪ memory    disk
```

```
TableReader_7       root        319.04    data:Selection_6
    ↪                       960       time:713.1µs, loops:2, cop_task: {
    ↪ num: 1, max: 568.5µs, proc_keys: 0, rpc_num: 1, rpc_time: 549.1µs,
    ↪  copr_cache_hit_ratio: 0.00} 3.99 KB N/A
  ─Selection_6        cop[tikv]   319.04    lt(test.t.a, 10000)
    ↪                    960       tikv_task:{time:313.8µs, loops:960}
    ↪
    ↪ N/A       N/A
    ─TableFullScan_5  cop[tikv]   960       table:t, keep order:false,
      ↪ stats:pseudo 960     tikv_task:{time:153µs, loops:960}
      ↪
      ↪ N/A       N/A
```

14.13.4.21.7 TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS

The `TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS()` function is used to query the normalized SQL statements (a form without formats and arguments) corresponding to the set of SQL digests in the cluster. This function accepts 1 or 2 arguments:

- `digests`: A string. This parameter is in the format of a JSON string array, and each string in the array is a SQL digest.
- `stmtTruncateLength`: An integer (optional). It is used to limit the length of each SQL statement in the returned result. If a SQL statement exceeds the specified length, the statement is truncated. `0` means that the length is unlimited.

This function returns a string, which is in the format of a JSON string array. The i-th item in the array is the normalized SQL statement corresponding to the i-th element in the `digests` parameter. If an element in the `digests` parameter is not a valid SQL digest or the system cannot find the corresponding SQL statement, the corresponding item in the returned result is `null`. If the truncation length is specified (`stmtTruncateLength > 0`), for each statement in the returned result that exceeds this length, the first `stmtTruncateLength` characters are retained and the suffix `"..."` is added at the end to indicate the truncation. If the `digests` parameter is `NULL`, the returned value of the function is `NULL`.

Note:

- Only users with the PROCESS privilege can use this function.
- When `TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS` is executed, TiDB queries the statement corresponding to each SQL digest from the statement summary tables, so there is no guarantee that the corresponding statement can always be found for any SQL digest. Only the statements that have been executed in the cluster can be found, and whether these SQL statements

can be queried or not is also affected by the related configuration of the statement summary tables. For the detailed description of the statement summary table, see Statement Summary Tables.

- This function has a high overhead. In queries with a large number of rows (for example, querying the full table of `information_schema.cluster_tidb_trx` on a large and busy cluster), using this function might cause the queries to run for too long. Use it with caution.
    - This function has a high overhead because every time it is called, it internally queries the `STATEMENTS_SUMMARY`, `STATEMENTS_SUMMARY_HISTORY`, `CLUSTER_STATEMENTS_SUMMARY`, and `CLUSTER_STATEMENTS_SUMMARY_HISTORY` tables, and the query involves the `UNION` operation. This function currently does not support vectorization, that is, when calling this function for multiple rows of data, the above query is performed separately for each row.

```
SET @digests = '["
    ↪ e6f07d43b5c21db0fbb9a31feac2dc599787763393dd5acbfad80e247eb02ad5","38
    ↪ b03afa5debbdf0326a014dbe5012a62c51957f1982b3093e748460f8b00821","
    ↪ e5796985ccafe2f71126ed6c0ac939ffa015a8c0744a24b7aee6d587103fd2f7"]';

SELECT TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS(@digests);
```

```
+----------------------------------+
| TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS(@digests) |
+----------------------------------+
| ["begin",null,"select * from `t`"] |
+----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the above example, the parameter is a JSON array containing 3 SQL digests, and the corresponding SQL statements are the three items in the query results. But the SQL statement corresponding to the second SQL digest cannot be found from the cluster, so the second item in the result is `null`.

```
SELECT TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS(@digests, 10);
```

```
+-------------------------------------+
| TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS(@digests, 10) |
+-------------------------------------+
| ["begin",null,"select * f..."]    |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

The above call specifies the second parameter (that is, the truncation length) as 10, and the length of the third statement in the query result is greater than 10. Therefore, only the first 10 characters are retained, and `"..."` is added at the end, which indicates the truncation.

See also:

- Statement summary tables
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_TRX`

14.13.4.21.8 TIDB_ENCODE_SQL_DIGEST

The `TIDB_ENCODE_SQL_DIGEST(query_str)` returns the SQL digest for a query string.

In the following example you can see that both queries get the same query digest, which is because the digest will be `select ?` for both of them.

```
SELECT TIDB_ENCODE_SQL_DIGEST('SELECT 1');
```

```
+------------------------------------------------------------------+
| TIDB_ENCODE_SQL_DIGEST('SELECT 1')                               |
+------------------------------------------------------------------+
| e1c71d1661ae46e09b7aaec1c390957f0d6260410df4e4bc71b9c8d681021471 |
+------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT TIDB_ENCODE_SQL_DIGEST('SELECT 2');
```

```
+------------------------------------------------------------------+
| TIDB_ENCODE_SQL_DIGEST('SELECT 2')                               |
+------------------------------------------------------------------+
| e1c71d1661ae46e09b7aaec1c390957f0d6260410df4e4bc71b9c8d681021471 |
+------------------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.21.9 TIDB_IS_DDL_OWNER

The `TIDB_IS_DDL_OWNER()` function returns `1` if the instance you are connected to is the DDL owner.

```
SELECT TIDB_IS_DDL_OWNER();
```

```
+---------------------+
| TIDB_IS_DDL_OWNER() |
+---------------------+
|                   1 |
+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.21.10 TIDB_PARSE_TSO

The `TIDB_PARSE_TSO()` function extracts the physical timestamp from a TiDB TSO timestamp. TSO stands for Time Stamp Oracle and is a monotonically increasing timestamp given out by PD (Placement Driver) for every transaction.

A TSO is a number that consists of two parts:

- A physical timestamp
- A logical counter

```
BEGIN;
SELECT TIDB_PARSE_TSO(@@tidb_current_ts);
ROLLBACK;
```

```
+----------------------------------+
| TIDB_PARSE_TSO(@@tidb_current_ts) |
+----------------------------------+
| 2021-05-26 11:33:37.776000    |
+----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.0012 sec)
```

Here `TIDB_PARSE_TSO` is used to extract the physical timestamp from the timestamp number that is available in the `tidb_current_ts` session variable. Because timestamps are given out per transaction, this function is running in a transaction.

14.13.4.21.11 TIDB_PARSE_TSO_LOGICAL

The `TIDB_PARSE_TSO_LOGICAL(tso)` function returns the logical part of a TSO timestamp.

```
SELECT TIDB_PARSE_TSO_LOGICAL(450456244814610433);
```

```
+-----------------------------------------+
| TIDB_PARSE_TSO_LOGICAL(450456244814610433) |
+-----------------------------------------+
|                                       1 |
+-----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT TIDB_PARSE_TSO_LOGICAL(450456244814610434);
```

```
+-----------------------------------------+
| TIDB_PARSE_TSO_LOGICAL(450456244814610434) |
+-----------------------------------------+
|                                       2 |
```

```
+-----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.21.12 TIDB_ROW_CHECKSUM

The `TIDB_ROW_CHECKSUM()` function is used to query the checksum value of a row. This function can only be used in `SELECT` statements within the FastPlan process. That is, you can query through statements like `SELECT TIDB_ROW_CHECKSUM()FROM t WHERE id = ?` or `SELECT TIDB_ROW_CHECKSUM()FROM t WHERE id IN (?, ?, ...)`.

To enable the checksum feature of single-row data in TiDB (controlled by the system variable `tidb_enable_row_level_checksum`), run the following statement:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_row_level_checksum = ON;
```

This configuration only takes effect for newly created sessions, so you need to reconnect to TiDB.

Create table `t` and insert data:

```
USE test;
CREATE TABLE t (id INT PRIMARY KEY, k INT, c CHAR(1));
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, 10, 'a');
```

The following statement shows how to query the checksum value of the row where `id = 1` in table `t`:

```
SELECT *, TIDB_ROW_CHECKSUM() FROM t WHERE id = 1;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+----+------+------+--------------------+
| id | k    | c    | TIDB_ROW_CHECKSUM() |
+----+------+------+--------------------+
|  1 |   10 | a    | 3813955661         |
+----+------+------+--------------------+
1 row in set (0.000 sec)
```

14.13.4.21.13 TIDB_SHARD

The `TIDB_SHARD()` function creates a shard index to scatter the index hotspot. A shard index is an expression index prefixed with a `TIDB_SHARD()` function.

- Creation:

  To create a shard index for the index field `a`, you can use `uk((tidb_shard(a)), a))`. When there is a hotspot caused by monotonically increasing or decreasing data on the index field `a` in the unique secondary index `uk((tidb_shard(a)), a))`, the index's prefix `tidb_shard(a)` can scatter the hotspot to improve the scalability of the cluster.

- Scenarios:

  - There is a write hotspot caused by monotonically increasing or decreasing keys on the unique secondary index, and the index contains integer type fields.
  - The SQL statement executes an equality query based on all fields of the secondary index, either as a separate `SELECT` or as an internal query generated by `UPDATE`, `DELETE` and so on. The equality query includes two ways: `a = 1` or `a IN (1, 2, ...)`.

- Limitations:

  - Cannot be used in inequality queries.
  - Cannot be used in queries that contain `OR` mixed with an outmost `AND` operator.
  - Cannot be used in the `GROUP BY` clause.
  - Cannot be used in the `ORDER BY` clause.
  - Cannot be used in the `ON` clause.
  - Cannot be used in the `WHERE` subquery.
  - Can be used to scatter unique indexes of only the integer fields.
  - Might not take effect in composite indexes.
  - Cannot go through FastPlan process, which affects optimizer performance.
  - Cannot be used to prepare the execution plan cache.

The following example shows how to use the `TIDB_SHARD()` function.

- Use the `TIDB_SHARD()` function to calculate the SHARD value.

  The following statement shows how to use the `TIDB_SHARD()` function to calculate the SHARD value of `12373743746`:

```
SELECT TIDB_SHARD(12373743746);
```

- The SHARD value is:

```
+--------------------------+
| TIDB_SHARD(12373743746) |
+--------------------------+
|                      184 |
+--------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Create a shard index using the `TIDB_SHARD()` function:

```
CREATE TABLE test(id INT PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED, a INT, b INT, UNIQUE
    ↪ KEY uk((tidb_shard(a)), a));
```

14.13.4.21.14 TIDB_VERSION

The `TIDB_VERSION()` function is used to get the version and build details of the TiDB server that you are connected to. You can use this function when reporting issues on GitHub.

```
SELECT TIDB_VERSION()\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
TIDB_VERSION(): Release Version: v8.5.1
Edition: Community
Git Commit Hash: 821e491a20fbab36604b36b647b5bae26a2c1418
Git Branch: HEAD
UTC Build Time: 2025-01-17 19:16:25
GoVersion: go1.21.10
Race Enabled: false
Check Table Before Drop: false
Store: tikv
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.21.15 VITESS_HASH

The `VITESS_HASH(num)` function is used to hash a number in the same way Vitess does this. This is to aid migration from Vitess to TiDB.

Example:

```
SELECT VITESS_HASH(123);
```

```
+---------------------+
| VITESS_HASH(123)  |
+---------------------+
| 1155070131015363447 |
+---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.21.16 TIDB_ENCODE_INDEX_KEY

Encodes an index key.

```
CREATE TABLE t(id int PRIMARY KEY, a int, KEY `idx` (a));
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES(1,1);
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT TIDB_ENCODE_INDEX_KEY('test', 't', 'idx', 1, 1);
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| TIDB_ENCODE_INDEX_KEY('test', 't', 'idx', 1, 1)                   |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
| 748000000000000007f5f698000000000000001038000000000000001038000000000000001
   ↪  |
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
   ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.21.17 TIDB_ENCODE_RECORD_KEY

Encodes a record key.

```
CREATE TABLE t(id int PRIMARY KEY, a int, KEY `idx` (a));
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES(1,1);
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT TIDB_ENCODE_RECORD_KEY('test', 't', 1);
```

```
+----------------------------------------+
| TIDB_ENCODE_RECORD_KEY('test', 't', 1) |
+----------------------------------------+
| 748000000000000845f728000000000000001 |
+----------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT TIDB_DECODE_KEY('748000000000000845f728000000000000001');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| TIDB_DECODE_KEY('748000000000000845f728000000000000001') |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
| {"id":1,"table_id":"132"}                                 |
+-----------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.21.18 TIDB_MVCC_INFO

Returns the MVCC (Multi-Version Concurrency Control) information for a key. You can use the TIDB_ENCODE_INDEX_KEY function to obtain a key.

```
SELECT JSON_PRETTY(TIDB_MVCC_INFO('74800000000000007
    ↪ f5f6980000000000000103800000000000001038000000000000001')) AS info\
    ↪ G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
info: [
  {
    "key": "74800000000000007
       ↪ f5f6980000000000000103800000000000001038000000000000001",
    "mvcc": {
      "info": {
        "values": [
          {
            "start_ts": 454654803134119936,
            "value": "MA=="
          }
        ],
        "writes": [
          {
            "commit_ts": 454654803134119937,
            "short_value": "MA==",
            "start_ts": 454654803134119936
          }
        ]
      }
    }
  }
]
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.22 Precision Math

The precision math support in TiDB is consistent with MySQL. For more information, see Precision Math in MySQL.

14.13.4.22.1 Numeric types

The scope of precision math for exact-value operations includes the exact-value data types (integer and DECIMAL types) and exact-value numeric literals. Approximate-value data types and numeric literals are handled as floating-point numbers.

Exact-value numeric literals have an integer part or fractional part, or both. They may be signed. Examples: `1`, `.2`, `3.4`, `-5`, `-6.78`, `+9.10`.

Approximate-value numeric literals are represented in scientific notation (power-of-10) with a mantissa and exponent. Either or both parts may be signed. Examples: `1.2E3`, `1.2E-3`, `-1.2E3`, `-1.2E-3`.

Two numbers that look similar might be treated differently. For example, `2.34` is an exact-value (fixed-point) number, whereas `2.34E0` is an approximate-value (floating-point) number.

The DECIMAL data type is a fixed-point type and the calculations are exact. The FLOAT and DOUBLE data types are floating-point types and calculations are approximate.

14.13.4.22.2 DECIMAL data type characteristics

This section discusses the following topics of the characteristics of the DECIMAL data type (and its synonyms):

- Maximum number of digits
- Storage format
- Storage requirements

The declaration syntax for a DECIMAL column is `DECIMAL(M,D)`. The ranges of values for the arguments are as follows:

- M is the maximum number of digits (the precision). 1<= M <= 65.
- D is the number of digits to the right of the decimal point (the scale). 1 <= D <= 30 and D must be no larger than M.

The maximum value of 65 for M means that calculations on DECIMAL values are accurate up to 65 digits. This limit of 65 digits of precision also applies to exact-value numeric literals.

Values for DECIMAL columns are stored using a binary format that packs 9 decimal digits into 4 bytes. The storage requirements for the integer and fractional parts of each value are determined separately. Each multiple of 9 digits requires 4 bytes, and any remaining digits left over require some fraction of 4 bytes. The storage required for remaining digits is given by the following table.

Leftover Digits	Number of Bytes
0	0
1–2	1
3–4	2
5–6	3
7–9	4

For example, a `DECIMAL(18,9)` column has 9 digits on each side of the decimal point, so the integer part and the fractional part each require 4 bytes. A `DECIMAL(20,6)` column has 14 integer digits and 6 fractional digits. The integer digits require 4 bytes for 9 of the digits and 3 bytes for the remaining 5 digits. The 6 fractional digits require 3 bytes.

DECIMAL columns do not store a leading `+` character or `-` character or leading `0` digits. If you insert `+0003.1` into a `DECIMAL(5,1)` column, it is stored as `3.1`. For negative numbers, a literal `-` character is not stored.

DECIMAL columns do not permit values larger than the range implied by the column definition. For example, a `DECIMAL(3,0)` column supports a range of `-999` to `999`. A `DECIMAL(M,D)` column permits at most `M - D` digits to the left of the decimal point.

For more information about the internal format of the DECIMAL values, see `mydecimal ↪ .go` in TiDB source code.

14.13.4.22.3 Expression handling

For expressions with precision math, TiDB uses the exact-value numbers as given whenever possible. For example, numbers in comparisons are used exactly as given without a change in value. In strict SQL mode, if you add an exact data type into a column, a number is inserted with its exact value if it is within the column range. When retrieved, the value is the same as what is inserted. If strict SQL mode is not enabled, truncation for INSERT is permitted in TiDB.

How to handle a numeric expression depends on the values of the expression:

- If the expression contains any approximate values, the result is approximate. TiDB evaluates the expression using floating-point arithmetic.
- If the expression contains no approximate values are present, which means only exact values are contained, and if any exact value contains a fractional part, the expression is evaluated using DECIMAL exact arithmetic and has a precision of 65 digits.
- Otherwise, the expression contains only integer values. The expression is exact. TiDB evaluates the expression using integer arithmetic and has a precision the same as BIGINT (64 bits).

If a numeric expression contains strings, the strings are converted to double-precision floating-point values and the result of the expression is approximate.

Inserts into numeric columns are affected by the SQL mode. The following discussions mention strict mode and `ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO`. To turn on all the restrictions, you can simply use the `TRADITIONAL` mode, which includes both strict mode values and `ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO`:

```
SET sql_mode = 'TRADITIONAL`;
```

If a number is inserted into an exact type column (DECIMAL or integer), it is inserted with its exact value if it is within the column range. For this number:

- If the value has too many digits in the fractional part, rounding occurs and a warning is generated.
- If the value has too many digits in the integer part, it is too large and is handled as follows:
    - If strict mode is not enabled, the value is truncated to the nearest legal value and a warning is generated.
    - If strict mode is enabled, an overflow error occurs.

To insert strings into numeric columns, TiDB handles the conversion from string to number as follows if the string has nonnumeric contents:

- In strict mode, a string (including an empty string) that does not begin with a number cannot be used as a number. An error, or a warning occurs.
- A string that begins with a number can be converted, but the trailing nonnumeric portion is truncated. In strict mode, if the truncated portion contains anything other than spaces, an error, or a warning occurs.

By default, the result of the division by 0 is NULL and no warning. By setting the SQL mode appropriately, division by 0 can be restricted. If you enable the `ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO` SQL mode, TiDB handles division by 0 differently:

- In strict mode, inserts and updates are prohibited, and an error occurs.
- If it's not in the strict mode, a warning occurs.

In the following SQL statement:

```
INSERT INTO t SET i = 1/0;
```

The following results are returned in different SQL modes:

`sql_mode` Value	Result
''	No warning, no error; i is set to NULL.
strict	No warning, no error; i is set to NULL.
`ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO`	Warning, no error; i is set to NULL.
strict, `ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO`	Error; no row is inserted.

14.13.4.22.4 Rounding behavior

The result of the `ROUND()` function depends on whether its argument is exact or approximate:

- For exact-value numbers, the `ROUND()` function uses the "round half up" rule.

- For approximate-value numbers, the results in TiDB differs from that in MySQL:

```
TiDB > SELECT ROUND(2.5), ROUND(25E-1);
+------------+--------------+
| ROUND(2.5) | ROUND(25E-1) |
+------------+--------------+
|          3 |            3 |
+------------+--------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

For inserts into a DECIMAL or integer column, the rounding uses round half away from zero.

```
TiDB > CREATE TABLE t (d DECIMAL(10,0));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

TiDB > INSERT INTO t VALUES(2.5),(2.5E0);
Query OK, 2 rows affected, 2 warnings (0.00 sec)

TiDB > SELECT d FROM t;
+------+
| d    |
+------+
|    3 |
|    3 |
+------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.23 Set Operations

TiDB supports three set operations using the UNION, EXCEPT, and INTERSECT operators. The smallest unit of a set is a SELECT statement.

14.13.4.23.1 UNION operator

In mathematics, the union of two sets A and B consists of all elements that are in A or in B. For example:

```
SELECT 1 UNION SELECT 2;
+---+
| 1 |
+---+
| 2 |
| 1 |
+---+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

TiDB supports both `UNION DISTINCT` and `UNION ALL` operators. `UNION DISTINCT` removes duplicate records from the result set, while `UNION ALL` keeps all records including duplicates. `UNION DISTINCT` is used by default in TiDB.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (a int);
CREATE TABLE t2 (a int);
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1),(2);
INSERT INTO t2 VALUES (1),(3);
```

Examples for `UNION DISTINCT` and `UNION ALL` queries are respectively as follows:

```
SELECT * FROM t1 UNION DISTINCT SELECT * FROM t2;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
| 2 |
| 3 |
+---+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SELECT * FROM t1 UNION ALL SELECT * FROM t2;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
| 2 |
| 1 |
| 3 |
+---+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.23.2 EXCEPT operator

If A and B are two sets, EXCEPT returns the difference set of A and B which consists of elements that are in A but not in B.

```
SELECT * FROM t1 EXCEPT SELECT * FROM t2;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 2 |
+---+
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

`EXCEPT ALL` operator is not yet supported.

14.13.4.23.3 INTERSECT operator

In mathematics, the intersection of two sets A and B consists of all elements that are both in A and B, and no other elements.

```
SELECT * FROM t1 INTERSECT SELECT * FROM t2;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
+---+
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

`INTERSECT ALL` operator is not yet supported. INTERSECT operator has higher precedence over EXCEPT and UNION operators.

```
SELECT * FROM t1 UNION ALL SELECT * FROM t1 INTERSECT SELECT * FROM t2;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
| 1 |
| 2 |
+---+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.23.4 Parentheses

TiDB supports using parentheses to specify the precedence of set operations. Expressions in parentheses are processed first.

```
(SELECT * FROM t1 UNION ALL SELECT * FROM t1) INTERSECT SELECT * FROM t2;
+---+
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
+---+
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.23.5 Use `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT`

TiDB supports using `ORDER BY` or `LIMIT` clause on the entire result of set operations. These two clauses must be at the end of the entire statement.

```
(SELECT * FROM t1 UNION ALL SELECT * FROM t1 INTERSECT SELECT * FROM t2)
    ↪ ORDER BY a LIMIT 2;
+---+
```

```
| a |
+---+
| 1 |
| 1 |
+---+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.4.24 List of Expressions for Pushdown

When TiDB reads data from TiKV, TiDB tries to push down some expressions (including calculations of functions or operators) to be processed to TiKV. This reduces the amount of transferred data and offloads processing from a single TiDB node. This document introduces the expressions that TiDB already supports pushing down and how to prohibit specific expressions from being pushed down using blocklist.

TiFlash also supports pushdown for the functions and operators listed on this page.

> **Note:**
>
> The Aggregate functions do not support pushdown to TiKV when used as window functions.

14.13.4.24.1 Supported expressions for pushdown to TiKV

Expression Type	Operations
Logical operators	AND (&&) OR (||) NOT (!) XOR
Bit operators	& ~ | ^ << >>
Comparison functions and operators	< <= = != (<>) > >= <=> BETWEEN … AND … COALESCE() IN() INTERVAL() IS NOT NULL IS NOT IS NULL IS ISNULL() LIKE NOT BETWEEN … AND … NOT IN() NOT LIKE STRCMP()
Numeric functions and operators	+ - * / DIV % (MOD) - ABS() ACOS() ASIN() ATAN() ATAN2() ATAN() CEIL() CEILING() CONV() COS() COT() CRC32() DEGREES() EXP() FLOOR() LN() LOG() LOG10() LOG2() MOD() PI() POW() POWER() RADIANS() RAND() ROUND() SIGN() SIN() SQRT()

Expression Type	Operations
Control flow functions	CASE IF() IFNULL()
JSON functions	JSON_ARRAY_APPEND() JSON_ARRAY() JSON_CONTAINS() JSON_EXTRACT() JSON_INSERT() JSON_LENGTH() JSON_MERGE_PATCH() JSON_MERGE() JSON_OBJECT() JSON_REMOVE() JSON_REPLACE() JSON_SET() JSON_TYPE() JSON_UNQUOTE() JSON_VALID() MEMBER OF()
Date and time functions	DATE() DATE_FORMAT() DATEDIFF() DAYOFMONTH() DAYOFWEEK() DAYOFYEAR() FROM_DAYS() HOUR() MAKEDATE() MAKETIME() MICROSECOND() MINUTE() MONTH() MONTHNAME() PERIOD_ADD() PERIOD_DIFF() SEC_TO_TIME() SECOND() SYSDATE() TIME_TO_SEC() TIMEDIFF() WEEK() WEEKOFYEAR() YEAR() DATE_ADD() DATE_SUB() ADDDATE() SUBDATE()
String functions	ASCII() BIT_LENGTH() CHAR() CHAR_LENGTH() CONCAT() CONCAT_WS() ELT() FIELD() HEX() LENGTH() LIKE LOWER() LTRIM() MID() NOT LIKE NOT REGEXP REGEXP REGEXP_LIKE() REGEXP_REPLACE() REGEXP_SUBSTR() REPLACE() REVERSE() RIGHT(), RLIKE RTRIM() SPACE() STRCMP() SUBSTR() SUBSTRING() UPPER()
Aggregation functions	COUNT() COUNT(DISTINCT) SUM() AVG() MAX() MIN() VARIANCE() VAR_POP() STD() STDDEV() STDDEV_POP VAR_SAMP() STDDEV_SAMP() JSON_ARRAYAGG(key) JSON_OBJECTAGG(key, value)

Expression Type	Operations
Encryption and compression functions	MD5() SHA1(), SHA() UNCOMPRESSED_LENGTH()
Cast functions and operators	CAST() CONVERT()
Miscellaneous functions	UUID()
Window Functions	None

14.13.4.24.2 Blocklist specific expressions

If unexpected behavior occurs in the calculation process when pushing down the supported expressions or specific data types (**only** the `ENUM` type and the `BIT` type), you can restore the application quickly by prohibiting the pushdown of the corresponding functions, operators, or data types. Specifically, you can prohibit the functions, operators, or data types from being pushed down by adding them to the blocklist `mysql.expr_pushdown_blacklist`. For details, refer to Add to the blocklist.

14.13.4.25 Comparisons between Functions and Syntax of Oracle and TiDB

This document describes the comparisons between functions and syntax of Oracle and TiDB. It helps you find the corresponding TiDB functions based on the Oracle functions, and understand the syntax differences between Oracle and TiDB.

> **Note:**
>
> The functions and syntax in this document are based on Oracle 12.2.0.1.0 and TiDB v5.4.0. They might be different in other versions.

14.13.4.25.1 Comparisons of functions

The following table shows the comparisons between some Oracle and TiDB functions.

Function	Oracle syntax	TiDB syntax	Note
Cast a value as a certain type	`TO_NUMBER(key)`	`TO_CHAR(key)`	

| CONVERT(key,dataType) | TiDB supports casting a value as one of the following types: BINARY, CHAR, DATE, DATETIME, TIME, SIGNED INTEGER, UNSIGNED INTEGER and DECIMAL. | | Convert a date to a string |

TO_CHAR(SYSDATE,'yyyy-MM-dd hh24:mi:ss')

TO_CHAR(SYSDATE,'yyyy-MM-dd')

|

DATE_FORMAT(NOW(),'%Y-%m-%d %H:%i:%s')

DATE_FORMAT(NOW(),'%Y-%m-%d')

| The format string of TiDB is case-sensitive. | | Convert a string to a date |

TO_DATE('2021-05-28 17:31:37','yyyy-MM-dd hh24:mi:ss')

TO_DATE('2021-05-28','yyyy-MM-dd hh24:mi:ss')

|

STR_TO_DATE('2021-05-28 17:31:37','%Y-%m-%d %H:%i:%s')

STR_TO_DATE('2021-05-28','%Y-%m-%d%T')

| The format string of TiDB is case-sensitive. | | Get the current system time in second precision | SYSDATE | NOW() | | | Get the current system time in microsecond precision | SYSTIMESTAMP | CURRENT_TIMESTAMP(6) | | | Get the number of days between two dates | date1 - date2 | DATEDIFF(date1, date2) | | | Get the number of months between two dates | MONTHS_BETWEEN(ENDDATE,SYSDATE) | TIMESTAMPDIFF(MONTH,SYSDATE,ENDDATE) | The results of MONTHS_BETWEEN() in Oracle and TIMESTAMPDIFF() in TiDB are different. TIMESTAMPDIFF() returns an integer. Note that the parameters in the two functions are swapped. | | Add n days to a date | DATEVAL + n | DATE_ADD(dateVal,INTERVAL n DAY) | n can be a negative value.| | Add n months to a date | ADD_MONTHS(dateVal,n)| DATE_ADD ↪ (dateVal,INTERVAL n MONTH) | n can be a negative value. | | Get the day of a date | TRUNC(SYSDATE) |

CAST(NOW()AS DATE)

DATE_FORMAT(NOW(),'%Y-%m-%d')

| In TiDB, CAST and DATE_FORMAT return the same result. | | Get the month of a date | TRUNC(SYSDATE,'mm') | DATE_ADD(CURDATE(),interval - day(CURDATE())+ 1 day) | | | Truncate a value | TRUNC(2.136)= 2 TRUNC(2.136,2)= 2.13 | TRUNCATE(2.136,0)= 2 ↪ TRUNCATE(2.136,2)= 2.13 | Data precision is preserved. Truncate the corresponding decimal places without rounding. | | Get the next value in a sequence | sequence_name ↪ .NEXTVAL | NEXTVAL(sequence_name) | | | Get a random sequence value | SYS_GUID ↪ () | UUID() | TiDB returns a Universal Unique Identifier (UUID). | | Left join or right join | SELECT * FROM a, b WHERE a.id = b.id(+);SELECT * FROM a, b WHERE a ↪ .id(+)= b.id; | SELECT * FROM a LEFT JOIN b ON a.id = b.id;SELECT * FROM a ↪ RIGHT JOIN b ON a.id = b.id; | In a correlated query, TiDB does not support using (+) to left join or right join. You can use LEFT JOIN or RIGHT JOIN instead. | | NVL() | NVL(key,val) | IFNULL(key,val) | If the value of the field is NULL, it returns val; otherwise,

it returns the value of the field. | | NVL2() | NVL2(key, val1, val2) | IF(key is NOT ↪ NULL, val1, val2) | If the value of the field is not NULL, it returns val1; otherwise, it returns val2. | | DECODE() |

DECODE(key,val1,val2,val3)

DECODE(value,if1,val1,if2,val2,...,ifn,valn,val)

|

IF(key=val1,val2,val3)

CASE WHEN value=if1 THEN val1 WHEN value=if2 THEN val2,...,WHEN value= ↪ ifn THEN valn ELSE val END

|

If the value of the field is val1, then it returns val2; otherwise it returns val3.

When the value of the field satisfies condition 1 (if1), it returns val1. When it satisfies condition 2 (if2), it returns val2. When it satisfies condition 3 (if3), it returns val3.

| | Concatenate the string a and b | 'a' || 'b' | CONCAT('a','b') | | | Get the length of a string | LENGTH(str) | CHAR_LENGTH(str) | | | Get the substring as specified | SUBSTR(' ↪ abcdefg',0,2)= 'ab' SUBSTR('abcdefg',1,2)= 'ab' | SUBSTRING('abcdefg',0,2) ↪ = ''SUBSTRING('abcdefg',1,2)= 'ab' |

In Oracle, the starting position 0 has the same effect as 1.

In TiDB, the starting position 0 returns an empty string. If you want to get a substring from the beginning, the starting position should be 1.

| | Get the position of a substring | INSTR('abcdefg','b',1,1) | INSTR('abcdefg ↪ ','b') | Search from the first character of 'abcdefg' and return the position of the first occurrence of 'b'. | | Get the position of a substring | INSTR('stst','s',1,2) | LENGTH(SUBSTRING_INDEX('stst','s',2))+ 1 | Search from the first character of 'stst ↪ ' and return the position of the second occurrence of 's'. | | Get the position of a substring | INSTR('abcabc','b',2,1) | LOCATE('b','abcabc',2) | Search from the second character of abcabc and return the position of the first occurrence of b. | | Concatenate values of a column | LISTAGG(CONCAT(E.dimensionid,'---',E.DIMENSIONNAME),'***')within ↪ GROUP(ORDER BY DIMENSIONNAME) | GROUP_CONCAT(CONCAT(E.dimensionid,'---',E. ↪ DIMENSIONNAME)ORDER BY DIMENSIONNAME SEPARATOR '***') | Concatenate values of a specified column to one row with the *** delimiter. | | Convert an ASCII code to a character | CHR(n) | CHAR(n) | The Tab (CHR(9)), LF (CHR(10)), and CR (CHR(13)) characters in Oracle correspond to CHAR(9), CHAR(10), and CHAR(13) in TiDB. |

14.13.4.25.2 Comparisons of syntax

This section describes some syntax differences between Oracle and TiDB.

String syntax

In Oracle, a string can only be enclosed in single quotes (''). For example 'a'.

In TiDB, a string can be enclosed in single quotes (') or double quotes (""). For example, `'a'` and `"a"`.

Difference between `NULL` and an empty string

Oracle does not distinguish between `NULL` and an empty string `''`, that is, `NULL` is equivalent to `''`.

TiDB distinguishes between `NULL` and an empty string `''`.

Read and write to the same table in an `INSERT` statement

Oracle supports reading and writing to the same table in an `INSERT` statement. For example:

```
INSERT INTO table1 VALUES (field1,(SELECT field2 FROM table1 WHERE...))
```

TiDB does not support reading and writing to the same table in a `INSERT` statement. For example:

```
INSERT INTO table1 VALUES (field1,(SELECT T.fields2 FROM table1 T WHERE...)
    ↪ )
```

Get the first n rows from a query

In Oracle, to get the first n rows from a query, you can use the `ROWNUM <= n` clause. For example `ROWNUM <= 10`.

In TiDB, to get the first n rows from a query, you can use the `LIMIT n` clause. For example `LIMIT 10`. The Hibernate Query Language (HQL) running SQL statements with `LIMIT` results in an error. You need to change the Hibernate statements to SQL statements.

Update multiple tables in an `UPDATE` statement

In Oracle, it is not necessary to list the specific field update relationship when updating multiple tables. For example:

```
UPDATE test1 SET(test1.name,test1.age) = (SELECT test2.name,test2.age FROM
    ↪ test2 WHERE test2.id=test1.id)
```

In TiDB, when updating multiple tables, you need to list all the specific field update relationships in `SET`. For example:

```
UPDATE test1,test2 SET test1.name=test2.name,test1.age=test2.age WHERE
    ↪ test1.id=test2.id
```

Derived table alias

In Oracle, when querying multiple tables, it is unnecessary to add an alias to the derived table. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM (SELECT * FROM test)
```

In TiDB, when querying multiple tables, every derived table must have its own alias. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM (SELECT * FROM test) t
```

Set operations

In Oracle, to get the rows that are in the first query result but not in the second, you can use the `MINUS` set operation. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM t1 MINUS SELECT * FROM t2
```

TiDB does not support the `MINUS` operation. You can use the `EXCEPT` set operation. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM t1 EXCEPT SELECT * FROM t2
```

Comment syntax

In Oracle, the comment syntax is `--Comment`.

In TiDB, the comment syntax is `-- Comment`. Note that there is a white space after `--` in TiDB.

Pagination

In Oracle, you can use the `OFFSET m ROWS` to skip `m` rows and use the `FETCH NEXT n ROWS ONLY`to fetch `n` rows. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM tables OFFSET 0 ROWS FETCH NEXT 2000 ROWS ONLY
```

In TiDB, you can use the `LIMIT n OFFSET m` to replace `OFFSET m ROWS FETCH NEXT n ROWS ONLY`. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM tables LIMIT 2000 OFFSET 0
```

Sorting order on `NULL` values

In Oracle, `NULL` values are sorted by the `ORDER BY` clause in the following cases:

- In the `ORDER BY column ASC` statement, `NULL` values are returned last.
- In the `ORDER BY column DESC` statement, `NULL` values are returned first.
- In the `ORDER BY column [ASC|DESC] NULLS FIRST` statement, `NULL` values are returned before non-NULL values. Non-NULL values are returned in ascending order or descending order specified in `ASC|DESC`.
- In the `ORDER BY column [ASC|DESC] NULLS LAST` statement, `NULL` values are returned after non-NULL values. Non-NULL values are returned in ascending order or descending order specified in `ASC|DESC`.

In TiDB, `NULL` values are sorted by the `ORDER BY` clause in the following cases:

- In the `ORDER BY column ASC` statement, `NULL` values are returned first.
- In the `ORDER BY column DESC` statement, `NULL` values are returned last.

The following table shows some examples of equivalent `ORDER BY` statements in Oracle and TiDB:

`ORDER BY` in Oracle	Equivalent statements in TiDB
`SELECT * FROM t1 ↪ ORDER BY name ↪ NULLS FIRST;`	`SELECT * FROM t1 ↪ ORDER BY ↪ name;`
`SELECT * FROM t1 ↪ ORDER BY name ↪ DESC NULLS LAST ↪ ;`	`SELECT * FROM t1 ↪ ORDER BY ↪ name DESC;`
`SELECT * FROM t1 ↪ ORDER BY name ↪ DESC NULLS ↪ FIRST;`	`SELECT * FROM t1 ↪ ORDER BY ↪ ISNULL(name) ↪ DESC, name ↪ DESC;`
`SELECT * FROM t1 ↪ ORDER BY name ↪ ASC NULLS LAST;`	`SELECT * FROM t1 ↪ ORDER BY ↪ ISNULL(name), ↪ name;`

14.13.5 Clustered Indexes

TiDB supports the clustered index feature since v5.0. This feature controls how data is stored in tables containing primary keys. It provides TiDB the ability to organize tables in a way that can improve the performance of certain queries.

The term *clustered* in this context refers to the *organization of how data is stored* and not *a group of database servers working together*. Some database management systems refer to clustered index tables as *index-organized tables* (IOT).

Currently, tables containing primary keys in TiDB are divided into the following two categories:

- `NONCLUSTERED`: The primary key of the table is non-clustered index. In tables with non-clustered indexes, the keys for row data consist of internal `_tidb_rowid` implicitly assigned by TiDB. Because primary keys are essentially unique indexes, tables with non-clustered indexes need at least two key-value pairs to store a row, which are:

    - `_tidb_rowid` (key) - row data (value)
    - Primary key data (key) - `_tidb_rowid` (value)

- `CLUSTERED`: The primary key of the table is clustered index. In tables with clustered indexes, the keys for row data consist of primary key data given by the user. Therefore, tables with clustered indexes need only one key-value pair to store a row, which is:

    - Primary key data (key) - row data (value)

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB supports clustering only by a table's `PRIMARY KEY`. With clustered indexes enabled, the terms *the* `PRIMARY KEY` and *the clustered index* might be used interchangeably. `PRIMARY KEY` refers to the constraint (a logical property), and clustered index describes the physical implementation of how the data is stored.

14.13.5.1 User scenarios

Compared to tables with non-clustered indexes, tables with clustered indexes offer greater performance and throughput advantages in the following scenarios:

- When data is inserted, the clustered index reduces one write of the index data from the network.
- When a query with an equivalent condition only involves the primary key, the clustered index reduces one read of index data from the network.
- When a query with a range condition only involves the primary key, the clustered index reduces multiple reads of index data from the network.
- When a query with an equivalent or range condition only involves the primary key prefix, the clustered index reduces multiple reads of index data from the network.

On the other hand, tables with clustered indexes have certain disadvantages. See the following:

- There might be write hotspot issues when inserting a large number of primary keys with close values.
- The table data takes up more storage space if the data type of the primary key is larger than 64 bits, especially when there are multiple secondary indexes.

14.13.5.2 Usages

14.13.5.2.1 Create a table with clustered indexes

Since TiDB v5.0, you can add non-reserved keywords `CLUSTERED` or `NONCLUSTERED` after `PRIMARY KEY` in a `CREATE TABLE` statement to specify whether the table's primary key is a clustered index. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED, b VARCHAR(255));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT PRIMARY KEY NONCLUSTERED, b VARCHAR(255));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT KEY CLUSTERED, b VARCHAR(255));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT KEY NONCLUSTERED, b VARCHAR(255));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT, b VARCHAR(255), PRIMARY KEY(a, b) CLUSTERED);
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT, b VARCHAR(255), PRIMARY KEY(a, b) NONCLUSTERED);
```

Note that keywords `KEY` and `PRIMARY KEY` have the same meaning in the column definition.

You can also use the comment syntax in TiDB to specify the type of the primary key. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT PRIMARY KEY /*T![clustered_index] CLUSTERED */, b
    ↪  VARCHAR(255));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT PRIMARY KEY /*T![clustered_index] NONCLUSTERED */
    ↪ , b VARCHAR(255));
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT, b VARCHAR(255), PRIMARY KEY(a, b) /*T![clustered_
    ↪ index] CLUSTERED */);
CREATE TABLE t (a BIGINT, b VARCHAR(255), PRIMARY KEY(a, b) /*T![clustered_
    ↪ index] NONCLUSTERED */);
```

For statements that do not explicitly specify the keyword `CLUSTERED`/`NONCLUSTERED`, the default behavior is controlled by the system variable `@@global.tidb_enable_clustered_index`. Supported values for this variable are as follows:

- `OFF` indicates that primary keys are created as non-clustered indexes by default.
- `ON` indicates that primary keys are created as clustered indexes by default.
- `INT_ONLY` indicates that the behavior is controlled by the configuration item `alter-primary-key`. If `alter-primary-key` is set to `true`, primary keys are created as non-clustered indexes by default. If it is set to `false`, only the primary keys which consist of an integer column are created as clustered indexes.

The default value of `@@global.tidb_enable_clustered_index` is `ON`.

14.13.5.2.2 Add or drop clustered indexes

TiDB does not support adding or dropping clustered indexes after tables are created. Nor does it support the mutual conversion between clustered indexes and non-clustered indexes. For example:

```
ALTER TABLE t ADD PRIMARY KEY(b, a) CLUSTERED; -- Currently not supported.
ALTER TABLE t DROP PRIMARY KEY; -- If the primary key is a clustered index
    ↪ , then not supported.
ALTER TABLE t DROP INDEX `PRIMARY`; -- If the primary key is a clustered
    ↪ index, then not supported.
```

14.13.5.2.3 Add or drop non-clustered indexes

TiDB supports adding or dropping non-clustered indexes after tables are created. You can explicitly specify the keyword `NONCLUSTERED` or omit it. For example:

```
ALTER TABLE t ADD PRIMARY KEY(b, a) NONCLUSTERED;
ALTER TABLE t ADD PRIMARY KEY(b, a); -- If you omit the keyword, the
    ↪ primary key is a non-clustered index by default.
ALTER TABLE t DROP PRIMARY KEY;
ALTER TABLE t DROP INDEX `PRIMARY`;
```

14.13.5.2.4 Check whether the primary key is a clustered index

You can check whether the primary key of a table is a clustered index using one of the following methods:

- Execute the command `SHOW CREATE TABLE`.
- Execute the command `SHOW INDEX FROM`.
- Query the `TIDB_PK_TYPE` column in the system table `information_schema.tables`.

By running the command `SHOW CREATE TABLE`, you can see whether the attribute of `PRIMARY KEY` is `CLUSTERED` or `NONCLUSTERED`. For example:

```
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE t;
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table | Create Table
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| t     | CREATE TABLE `t` (
  `a` bigint NOT NULL,
  `b` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`a`) /*T![clustered_index] CLUSTERED */
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin |
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

By running the command `SHOW INDEX FROM`, you can check whether the result in the column `Clustered` shows `YES` or `NO`. For example:

```
mysql> SHOW INDEX FROM t;
+--
    ↪ -----+------------+---------+-------------+------------+---------+--------
    ↪
| Table | Non_unique | Key_name | Seq_in_index | Column_name | Collation |
    ↪ Cardinality | Sub_part | Packed | Null | Index_type | Comment | Index
    ↪ _comment | Visible | Expression | Clustered |
+--
    ↪ -----+------------+---------+-------------+------------+---------+--------
    ↪
| t     |          0 | PRIMARY |           1 | a          | A         |           0
    ↪  |     NULL | NULL |      | BTREE      |         |               | YES     |
    ↪ NULL       | YES       |
+--
    ↪ -----+------------+---------+-------------+------------+---------+--------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

You can also query the column `TIDB_PK_TYPE` in the system table `information_schema` ↪ `.tables` to see whether the result is `CLUSTERED` or `NONCLUSTERED`. For example:

```
mysql> SELECT TIDB_PK_TYPE FROM information_schema.tables WHERE table_
    ↪ schema = 'test' AND table_name = 't';
+--------------+
| TIDB_PK_TYPE |
+--------------+
| CLUSTERED    |
+--------------+
1 row in set (0.03 sec)
```

14.13.5.3 Limitations

Currently, there are several different types of limitations for the clustered index feature. See the following:

- Situations that are not supported and not in the support plan:

    - Using clustered indexes together with the attribute SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS is not supported. Also, the attribute PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS does not take effect on tables with clustered indexes that are not AUTO_RANDOM.
    - Downgrading tables with clustered indexes is not supported. If you need to downgrade such tables, use logical backup tools to migrate data instead.
- Situations that are not supported yet but in the support plan:
    - Adding, dropping, and altering clustered indexes using ALTER TABLE statements are not supported.

If you use clustered indexes together with the attribute SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS, TiDB reports the following error:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t (a VARCHAR(255) PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED) SHARD_ROW_ID_
    ↪ BITS = 3;
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported shard_row_id_bits for table with primary
    ↪ key as row id
```

14.13.5.4 Compatibility

14.13.5.4.1 Compatibility with earlier and later TiDB versions

TiDB supports upgrading tables with clustered indexes but not downgrading such tables, which means that data in tables with clustered indexes on a later TiDB version is not available on an earlier one.

The clustered index feature is partially supported in TiDB v3.0 and v4.0. It is enabled by default when the following requirements are fully met:

- The table contains a PRIMARY KEY.
- The PRIMARY KEY consists of only one column.
- The PRIMARY KEY is an INTEGER.

Since TiDB v5.0, the clustered index feature is fully supported for all types of primary keys, but the default behavior is consistent with TiDB v3.0 and v4.0. To change the default behavior, you can configure the system variable @@tidb_enable_clustered_index to ON or OFF. For more details, see Create a table with clustered indexes.

14.13.5.4.2 Compatibility with MySQL

TiDB specific comment syntax supports wrapping the keywords CLUSTERED and NONCLUSTERED in a comment. The result of SHOW CREATE TABLE also contains TiDB specific SQL comments. MySQL databases and TiDB databases of an earlier version will ignore these comments.

14.13.5.4.3 Compatibility with TiDB migration tools

The clustered index feature is only compatible with the following migration tools in v5.0 and later versions:

- Backup and restore tools: BR, Dumpling, and TiDB Lightning.
- Data migration and replication tools: DM and TiCDC.

However, you cannot convert a table with non-clustered indexes to a table with clustered indexes by backing up and restoring the table using the v5.0 BR tool, and vice versa.

14.13.5.4.4 Compatibility with other TiDB features

For a table with a combined primary key or a single non-integer primary key, if you change the primary key from a non-clustered index to a clustered index, the keys of its row data change as well. Therefore, `SPLIT TABLE BY/BETWEEN` statements that are executable in TiDB versions earlier than v5.0 are no longer workable in v5.0 and later versions of TiDB. If you want to split a table with clustered indexes using `SPLIT TABLE BY/BETWEEN`, you need to provide the value of the primary key column, instead of specifying an integer value. See the following example:

```
mysql> create table t (a int, b varchar(255), primary key(a, b) clustered);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
mysql> split table t between (0) and (1000000) regions 5;
ERROR 1105 (HY000): Split table region lower value count should be 2
mysql> split table t by (0), (50000), (100000);
ERROR 1136 (21S01): Column count doesn't match value count at row 0
mysql> split table t between (0, 'aaa') and (1000000, 'zzz') regions 5;
+--------------------+----------------------+
| TOTAL_SPLIT_REGION | SCATTER_FINISH_RATIO |
+--------------------+----------------------+
|                  4 |                    1 |
+--------------------+----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> split table t by (0, ''), (50000, ''), (100000, '');
+--------------------+----------------------+
| TOTAL_SPLIT_REGION | SCATTER_FINISH_RATIO |
+--------------------+----------------------+
|                  3 |                    1 |
+--------------------+----------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

The attribute `AUTO_RANDOM` can only be used on clustered indexes. Otherwise, TiDB returns the following error:

```
mysql> create table t (a bigint primary key nonclustered auto_random);
ERROR 8216 (HY000): Invalid auto random: column a is not the integer
    ↪ primary key, or the primary key is nonclustered
```

14.13.6 Vector Search Index

As described in the Vector Search document, vector search identifies the Top K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) to a given vector by calculating the distance between the given vector and all vectors stored in the database. While this approach provides accurate results, it can be slow when the table contains a large number of vectors because it involves a full table scan. [8]

To improve search efficiency, you can create vector search indexes in TiDB for approximate KNN (ANN) search. When using vector indexes for vector search, TiDB can greatly improve query performance with only a slight reduction in accuracy, generally maintaining a search recall rate above 90%.

> **Warning:**
>
> The vector search feature is experimental. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

> **Note:**
>
> The vector search feature is only available for TiDB Self-Managed clusters and TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

Currently, TiDB supports the HNSW (Hierarchical Navigable Small World) vector search index algorithm.

14.13.6.1 Restrictions

- TiFlash nodes must be deployed in your cluster in advance.
- Vector search indexes cannot be used as primary keys or unique indexes.

[8] The explanation of KNN search is adapted from the Approximate Nearest Neighbor Search Indexes document authored by rschu1ze in ClickHouse documentation, licensed under the Apache License 2.0.

- Vector search indexes can only be created on a single vector column and cannot be combined with other columns (such as integers or strings) to form composite indexes.
- A distance function must be specified when creating and using vector search indexes. Currently, only cosine distance `VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE()` and L2 distance `VEC_L2_DISTANCE()` functions are supported.
- For the same column, creating multiple vector search indexes using the same distance function is not supported.
- Directly dropping columns with vector search indexes is not supported. You can drop such a column by first dropping the vector search index on that column and then dropping the column itself.
- Modifying the type of a column with a vector index is not supported.
- Setting vector search indexes as invisible is not supported.
- Building vector search indexes on TiFlash nodes with encryption at rest enabled is not supported.

14.13.6.2 Create the HNSW vector index

HNSW is one of the most popular vector indexing algorithms. The HNSW index provides good performance with relatively high accuracy, up to 98% in specific cases.

In TiDB, you can create an HNSW index for a column with a vector data type in either of the following ways:

- When creating a table, use the following syntax to specify the vector column for the HNSW index:

```
CREATE TABLE foo (
    id      INT PRIMARY KEY,
    embedding   VECTOR(5),
    VECTOR INDEX idx_embedding ((VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(embedding)))
);
```

- For an existing table that already contains a vector column, use the following syntax to create an HNSW index for the vector column:

```
CREATE VECTOR INDEX idx_embedding ON foo ((VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(
    ↪ embedding)));
ALTER TABLE foo ADD VECTOR INDEX idx_embedding ((VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(
    ↪ embedding)));

-- You can also explicitly specify "USING HNSW" to build the vector
    ↪ search index.
CREATE VECTOR INDEX idx_embedding ON foo ((VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(
    ↪ embedding))) USING HNSW;
ALTER TABLE foo ADD VECTOR INDEX idx_embedding ((VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(
    ↪ embedding))) USING HNSW;
```

Note:

The vector search index feature relies on TiFlash replicas for tables.

- If a vector search index is defined when a table is created, TiDB automatically creates a TiFlash replica for the table.
- If no vector search index is defined when a table is created, and the table currently does not have a TiFlash replica, you need to manually create a TiFlash replica before adding a vector search index to the table. For example: `ALTER TABLE 'table_name' SET TIFLASH REPLICA 1;`.

When creating an HNSW vector index, you need to specify the distance function for the vector:

- Cosine Distance: `((VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(embedding)))`
- L2 Distance: `((VEC_L2_DISTANCE(embedding)))`

The vector index can only be created for fixed-dimensional vector columns, such as a column defined as `VECTOR(3)`. It cannot be created for non-fixed-dimensional vector columns (such as a column defined as `VECTOR`) because vector distances can only be calculated between vectors with the same dimension.

For restrictions and limitations of vector search indexes, see Restrictions.

14.13.6.3 Use the vector index

The vector search index can be used in K-nearest neighbor search queries by using the `ORDER BY ... LIMIT` clause as follows:

```
SELECT *
FROM foo
ORDER BY VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(embedding, '[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]')
LIMIT 10
```

To use an index in a vector search, make sure that the `ORDER BY ... LIMIT` clause uses the same distance function as the one specified when creating the vector index.

14.13.6.4 Use the vector index with filters

Queries that contain a pre-filter (using the `WHERE` clause) cannot utilize the vector index because they are not querying for K-Nearest neighbors according to the SQL semantics. For example:

```
-- For the following query, the `WHERE` filter is performed before KNN, so
   ↪  the vector index cannot be used:

SELECT * FROM vec_table
WHERE category = "document"
ORDER BY VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(embedding, '[1, 2, 3]')
LIMIT 5;
```

To use the vector index with filters, query for the K-Nearest neighbors first using vector search, and then filter out unwanted results:

```
-- For the following query, the `WHERE` filter is performed after KNN, so
   ↪ the vector index cannot be used:

SELECT * FROM
(
  SELECT * FROM vec_table
  ORDER BY VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(embedding, '[1, 2, 3]')
  LIMIT 5
) t
WHERE category = "document";

-- Note that this query might return fewer than 5 results if some are
   ↪ filtered out.
```

14.13.6.5 View index build progress

After you insert a large volume of data, some of it might not be instantly persisted to TiFlash. For vector data that has already been persisted, the vector search index is built synchronously. For data that has not yet been persisted, the index will be built once the data is persisted. This process does not affect the accuracy and consistency of the data. You can still perform vector searches at any time and get complete results. However, performance will be suboptimal until vector indexes are fully built.

To view the index build progress, you can query the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_INDEXES` table as follows:

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_INDEXES;
+--
   ↪ -------------+------------+----------+-------------+--------------+-----------+
   ↪
| TIDB_DATABASE | TIDB_TABLE | TABLE_ID | COLUMN_NAME | INDEX_NAME | COLUMN
   ↪ _ID | INDEX_ID | INDEX_KIND | ROWS_STABLE_INDEXED | ROWS_STABLE_NOT_
   ↪ INDEXED | ROWS_DELTA_INDEXED | ROWS_DELTA_NOT_INDEXED | ERROR_MESSAGE
   ↪  | TIFLASH_INSTANCE |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------+-----------+---------+------------+--------------+----------+
    ↪
| test        | tcff1d827 |     219 | col1fff    | 0a452311     |        7 |
    ↪       1 | HNSW      |             29646 |                     0 |
    ↪                 0 |                   0 |             | 127.0.0.1:3930
    ↪ |
| test        | foo       |     717 | embedding | idx_embedding |      2 |
    ↪       1 | HNSW      |                 0 |                     0 |
    ↪                 0 |                   3 |             | 127.0.0.1:3930
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------+-----------+---------+------------+--------------+----------+
    ↪
```

- You can check the `ROWS_STABLE_INDEXED` and `ROWS_STABLE_NOT_INDEXED` columns for the index build progress. When `ROWS_STABLE_NOT_INDEXED` becomes 0, the index build is complete.

  As a reference, indexing a 500 MiB vector dataset with 768 dimensions might take up to 20 minutes. The indexer can run in parallel for multiple tables. Currently, adjusting the indexer priority or speed is not supported.

- You can check the `ROWS_DELTA_NOT_INDEXED` column for the number of rows in the Delta layer. Data in the storage layer of TiFlash is stored in two layers: Delta layer and Stable layer. The Delta layer stores recently inserted or updated rows and is periodically merged into the Stable layer according to the write workload. This merge process is called Compaction.

  The Delta layer is always not indexed. To achieve optimal performance, you can force the merge of the Delta layer into the Stable layer so that all data can be indexed:

  ```
  ALTER TABLE <TABLE_NAME> COMPACT;
  ```

  For more information, see `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT`.

In addition, you can monitor the execution progress of the DDL job by executing `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS;` and checking the `row count`. However, this method is not fully accurate, because the `row count` value is obtained from the `rows_stable_indexed` field in `TIFLASH_INDEXES`. You can use this approach as a reference for tracking the progress of indexing.

14.13.6.6 Check whether the vector index is used

Use the `EXPLAIN` or `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement to check whether a query is using the vector index. When `annIndex:` is presented in the `operator info` column for the `TableFullScan` executor, it means this table scan is utilizing the vector index.

Example: the vector index is used

```
[tidb]> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM vector_table_with_index
ORDER BY VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(embedding, '[1, 2, 3]')
LIMIT 10;
+--
   ↪ ---+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| ... | operator info
   ↪                                                                  |
+--
   ↪ ---+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| ... | ...
   ↪                                                                              |
| ... | Column#5, offset:0, count:10
   ↪                                                  |
| ... | ..., vec_cosine_distance(test.vector_table_with_index.embedding,
   ↪ [1,2,3])->Column#5 |
| ... | MppVersion: 1, data:ExchangeSender_16
   ↪                                          |
| ... | ExchangeType: PassThrough
   ↪                                                    |
| ... | ...
   ↪                                                                              |
| ... | Column#4, offset:0, count:10
   ↪                                                  |
| ... | ..., vec_cosine_distance(test.vector_table_with_index.embedding,
   ↪ [1,2,3])->Column#4 |
| ... | annIndex:COSINE(test.vector_table_with_index.embedding..[1,2,3],
   ↪ limit:10), ... |
+--
   ↪ ---+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
9 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Example: The vector index is not used because of not specifying a Top K

```
[tidb]> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM vector_table_with_index
    -> ORDER BY VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(embedding, '[1, 2, 3]');
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+-----+-----------------------------------------
   ↪
| id                           | ... | operator info
   ↪                                |
+--
```

```
    ↪ ------------------------------+-----+-----------------------------------------
    ↪
| Projection_15                | ... | ...
    ↪                                          |
|  ─Sort_4                     | ... | Column#4
    ↪                                           |
|    ─Projection_16            | ... | ..., vec_cosine_distance(..., [1,2,3])
    ↪ ->Column#4 |
|      ─TableReader_14         | ... | MppVersion: 1, data:ExchangeSender_13
    ↪      |
|        ─ExchangeSender_13    | ... | ExchangeType: PassThrough
    ↪                    |
|          ─TableFullScan_12   | ... | keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪              |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+-----+-----------------------------------------
    ↪
6 rows in set, 1 warning (0.01 sec)
```

When the vector index cannot be used, a warning occurs in some cases to help you learn the cause:

```
-- Using a wrong distance function:
[tidb]> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM vector_table_with_index
ORDER BY VEC_L2_DISTANCE(embedding, '[1, 2, 3]')
LIMIT 10;

[tidb]> SHOW WARNINGS;
ANN index not used: not ordering by COSINE distance

-- Using a wrong order:
[tidb]> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM vector_table_with_index
ORDER BY VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(embedding, '[1, 2, 3]') DESC
LIMIT 10;

[tidb]> SHOW WARNINGS;
ANN index not used: index can be used only when ordering by vec_cosine_
    ↪ distance() in ASC order
```

14.13.6.7 Analyze vector search performance

To learn detailed information about how a vector index is used, you can execute the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement and check the `execution info` column in the output:

```
[tidb]> EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM vector_table_with_index
```

```
ORDER BY VEC_COSINE_DISTANCE(embedding, '[1, 2, 3]')
LIMIT 10;
+-----+-----------------------------------------------------+-----+
|     | execution info                                      |     |
+-----+-----------------------------------------------------+-----+
| ... | time:339.1ms, loops:2, RU:0.000000, Concurrency:OFF | ... |
| ... | time:339ms, loops:2                                 | ... |
| ... | time:339ms, loops:3, Concurrency:OFF                | ... |
| ... | time:339ms, loops:3, cop_task: {...}                | ... |
| ... | tiflash_task:{time:327.5ms, loops:1, threads:4}     | ... |
| ... | tiflash_task:{time:327.5ms, loops:1, threads:4}     | ... |
| ... | tiflash_task:{time:327.5ms, loops:1, threads:4}     | ... |
| ... | tiflash_task:{time:327.5ms, loops:1, threads:4}     | ... |
| ... | tiflash_task:{...}, vector_idx:{                    | ... |
|     |   load:{total:68ms,from_s3:1,from_disk:0,from_cache:0},| |
|     |   search:{total:0ms,visited_nodes:2,discarded_nodes:0},| |
|     |   read:{vec_total:0ms,others_total:0ms}},...}       |     |
+-----+-----------------------------------------------------+-----+
```

Note:

The execution information is internal. Fields and formats are subject to change without any notification. Do not rely on them.

Explanation of some important fields:

- `vector_index.load.total`: The total duration of loading index. This field might be larger than the actual query time because multiple vector indexes might be loaded in parallel.
- `vector_index.load.from_s3`: Number of indexes loaded from S3.
- `vector_index.load.from_disk`: Number of indexes loaded from disk. The index was already downloaded from S3 previously.
- `vector_index.load.from_cache`: Number of indexes loaded from cache. The index was already downloaded from S3 previously.
- `vector_index.search.total`: The total duration of searching in the index. Large latency usually means the index is cold (never accessed before, or accessed long ago) so that there are heavy I/O operations when searching through the index. This field might be larger than the actual query time because multiple vector indexes might be searched in parallel.
- `vector_index.search.discarded_nodes`: Number of vector rows visited but discarded during the search. These discarded vectors are not considered in the search

result. Large values usually indicate that there are many stale rows caused by `UPDATE` or `DELETE` statements.

See `EXPLAIN`, `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`, and EXPLAIN Walkthrough for interpreting the output.

14.13.6.8 See also

- Improve Vector Search Performance
- Vector Data Types

14.13.7 Constraints

TiDB supports almost the same constraints as MySQL.

14.13.7.1 NOT NULL

NOT NULL constraints supported by TiDB are the same as those supported by MySQL.

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE users (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
 age INT NOT NULL,
 last_login TIMESTAMP
);
```

```
INSERT INTO users (id,age,last_login) VALUES (NULL,123,NOW());
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO users (id,age,last_login) VALUES (NULL,NULL,NOW());
```

```
ERROR 1048 (23000): Column 'age' cannot be null
```

```
INSERT INTO users (id,age,last_login) VALUES (NULL,123,NULL);
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)
```

- The first `INSERT` statement succeeds because it is possible to assign `NULL` to the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column. TiDB generates sequence numbers automatically.
- The second `INSERT` statement fails because the `age` column is defined as `NOT NULL`.
- The third `INSERT` statement succeeds because the `last_login` column is not explicitly defined as `NOT NULL`. NULL values are allowed by default.

14.13.7.2 CHECK

> **Note:**
>
> The `CHECK` constraint feature is disabled by default. To enable it, you need to set the `tidb_enable_check_constraint` variable to `ON`.

A `CHECK` constraint restricts the values of a column in a table to meet your specified conditions. When the `CHECK` constraint is added to a table, TiDB checks whether the constraint is satisfied during the insertion or updates of data into the table. If the constraint is not met, an error is returned.

The syntax for the `CHECK` constraint in TiDB is the same as that in MySQL:

```
[CONSTRAINT [symbol]] CHECK (expr) [[NOT] ENFORCED]
```

Syntax explanation:

- `[]`: the content within `[]` is optional.
- `CONSTRAINT [symbol]`: specifies the name of the `CHECK` constraint.
- `CHECK (expr)`: specifies the constraint condition, where `expr` needs to be a boolean expression. For each row in the table, the calculation result of this expression must be one of `TRUE`, `FALSE`, or `UNKNOWN` (for `NULL` values). If the calculation result is `FALSE` for a row, it indicates that the constraint is violated.
- `[NOT] ENFORCED`: specifies whether to implement the constraint check. You can use it to enable or disable a `CHECK` constraint.

14.13.7.2.1 Add `CHECK` constraints

In TiDB, you can add a `CHECK` constraint to a table using either the `CREATE TABLE` or the `ALTER TABLE` statement.

- Example of adding a `CHECK` constraint using the `CREATE TABLE` statement:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a INT CHECK(a > 10) NOT ENFORCED, b INT, c INT,
    ↪ CONSTRAINT c1 CHECK (b > c));
```

- Example of adding a `CHECK` constraint using the `ALTER TABLE` statement:

```
ALTER TABLE t ADD CONSTRAINT CHECK (1 < c);
```

When adding or enabling a `CHECK` constraint, TiDB checks the existing data in the table. If any data violates the constraint, the operation of adding the `CHECK` constraint will fail and return an error.

When adding a `CHECK` constraint, you can either specify a constraint name or leave the name unspecified. If no constraint name is specified, TiDB automatically generates a constraint name in the `<tableName>_chk_<1, 2, 3...>` format.

14.13.7.2.2 View `CHECK` constraints

You can view the constraint information in a table using the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement. For example:

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE t;
+--
    ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table | Create Table
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| t     | CREATE TABLE `t` (
  `a` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `b` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `c` int DEFAULT NULL,
CONSTRAINT `c1` CHECK ((`b` > `c`)),
CONSTRAINT `t_chk_1` CHECK ((`a` > 10)) /*!80016 NOT ENFORCED */,
CONSTRAINT `t_chk_2` CHECK ((1 < `c`))
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin |
+--
    ↪ -----+----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.7.2.3 Delete `CHECK` constraints

When deleting a `CHECK` constraint, you need to specify the name of the constraint to be deleted. For example:

```
ALTER TABLE t DROP CONSTRAINT t_chk_1;
```

14.13.7.2.4 Enable or disable `CHECK` constraints

When adding a `CHECK` constraint to a table, you can specify whether TiDB needs to implement the constraint check during data insertion or updates.

- If `NOT ENFORCED` is specified, TiDB does not check the constraint conditions during data insertion or updates.
- If `NOT ENFORCED` is not specified or `ENFORCED` is specified, TiDB checks the constraint conditions during data insertion or updates.

In addition to specifying `[NOT] ENFORCED` when adding the constraint, you can also enable or disable a `CHECK` constraint using the `ALTER TABLE` statement. For example:

```
ALTER TABLE t ALTER CONSTRAINT c1 NOT ENFORCED;
```

14.13.7.2.5 MySQL compatibility

- It is not supported to add a `CHECK` constraint while adding a column (for example, `ALTER TABLE t ADD COLUMN a CHECK(a > 0)`). In this case, only the column is added successfully, and TiDB ignores the `CHECK` constraint without reporting any error.
- It is not supported to use `ALTER TABLE t CHANGE a b int CHECK(b > 0)` to add a `CHECK` constraint. When this statement is executed, TiDB reports an error.

14.13.7.3 UNIQUE KEY

Unique constraints mean that all non-null values in a unique index and a primary key column are unique.

14.13.7.3.1 Optimistic transactions

By default, for optimistic transactions, TiDB checks unique constraints lazily in the execution phase and strictly in the commit phase, which helps reduce network overhead and improve performance.

For example:

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS users;
CREATE TABLE users (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
 username VARCHAR(60) NOT NULL,
 UNIQUE KEY (username)
);
INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('dave'), ('sarah'), ('bill');
```

With optimistic locking and `tidb_constraint_check_in_place=OFF`:

```
BEGIN OPTIMISTIC;
INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('jane'), ('chris'), ('bill');
```

```
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('steve'),('elizabeth');
```

```
Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
COMMIT;
```

```
ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry 'bill' for key 'users.username'
```

In the preceding optimistic example, the unique check was deferred until the transaction is committed. This resulted in a duplicate key error, because the value `bill` was already present.

You can disable this behavior by setting `tidb_constraint_check_in_place` to `ON`. When `tidb_constraint_check_in_place=ON`, the unique constraint is checked when a statement is executed. Note that this variable is only applicable to optimistic transactions. For pessimistic transactions, you can control this behavior using the `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic` variable.

For example:

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS users;
CREATE TABLE users (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
 username VARCHAR(60) NOT NULL,
 UNIQUE KEY (username)
);
INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('dave'), ('sarah'), ('bill');
```

```
SET tidb_constraint_check_in_place = ON;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
BEGIN OPTIMISTIC;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('jane'), ('chris'), ('bill');
```

```
ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry 'bill' for key 'users.username'
```

The first `INSERT` statement caused a duplicate key error. This causes additional network communication overhead and may reduce the throughput of insert operations.

14.13.7.3.2 Pessimistic transactions

In pessimistic transactions, by default, TiDB checks `UNIQUE` constraints when a SQL statement that requires inserting or updating unique indexes is executed.

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS users;
CREATE TABLE users (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
 username VARCHAR(60) NOT NULL,
 UNIQUE KEY (username)
);
INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('dave'), ('sarah'), ('bill');

BEGIN PESSIMISTIC;
INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('jane'), ('chris'), ('bill');
```

```
ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry 'bill' for key 'users.username'
```

To achieve better performance of pessimistic transactions, you can set the `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic` variable to `OFF`, which allows TiDB to defer the unique constraint check of a unique index (to the next time when this index requires a lock or to the time when the transaction is committed) and skip the corresponding pessimistic lock. When using this variable, pay attention to the following:

- Due to the deferred unique constraint check, TiDB might read results that do not meet the unique constraints and return a `Duplicate entry` error when you commit a pessimistic transaction. When this error occurs, TiDB rolls back the current transaction.

  The following example skips the lock to `bill`, so TiDB might get results that do not satisfy the uniqueness constraints.

  ```
  SET tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic = OFF;
  BEGIN PESSIMISTIC;
  INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('jane'), ('chris'), ('bill'); --
      ↪ Query OK, 3 rows affected
  SELECT * FROM users FOR UPDATE;
  ```

As in the following example output, the query results of TiDB contain two `bills`, which does not satisfy the uniqueness constraints.

```
```sql
+----+----------+
| id | username |
+----+----------+
| 1  | dave     |
| 2  | sarah    |
```
```

```
| 3  | bill    |
| 7  | jane    |
| 8  | chris   |
| 9  | bill    |
+----+----------+
```

At this time, if the transaction is committed, TiDB will perform a unique constraint check, report a `Duplicate entry` error, and roll back the transaction.

```sql
COMMIT;
```

```
ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry 'bill' for key 'users.username'
```

- When this variable is disabled, committing a pessimistic transaction that needs to write data might return a `Write conflict` error. When this error occurs, TiDB rolls back the current transaction.

  As in the following example, if two concurrent transactions need to insert data to the same table, skipping the pessimistic lock causes TiDB to return a `Write conflict` error when you commit a transaction. And the transaction will be rolled back.

  ```
  DROP TABLE IF EXISTS users;
  CREATE TABLE users (
  id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
  username VARCHAR(60) NOT NULL,
  UNIQUE KEY (username)
  );

  SET tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic = OFF;
  BEGIN PESSIMISTIC;
  INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('jane'), ('chris'), ('bill'); -- Query OK, 3 rows affected
  ```

  At the same time, another session inserts `bill` to the same table.

  ```
  INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('bill'); -- Query OK, 1 row affected
  ```

  Then, when you commit the transaction in the first session, TiDB reports a `Write conflict` error.

```
COMMIT;
```

```
ERROR 9007 (HY000): Write conflict, txnStartTS=435688780611190794,
    ↪ conflictStartTS=435688783311536129, conflictCommitTS
    ↪ =435688783311536130, key={tableID=74, indexID=1, indexValues={
    ↪ bill, }} primary={tableID=74, indexID=1, indexValues={bill, }},
    ↪ reason=LazyUniquenessCheck [try again later]
```

- When this variable is disabled, if there is a write conflict among multiple pessimistic transactions, the pessimistic lock might be forced to roll back when other pessimistic transactions are committed, thus resulting in a `Pessimistic lock not found` error. When this error occurs, it means that deferring the unique constraint check of the pessimistic transaction is not suitable for your application scenario. In this case, consider adjusting the application logic to avoid the conflict or retrying the transaction after an error occurs.
- When this variable is disabled, executing a DML statement in a pessimistic transaction might return an error `8147: LazyUniquenessCheckFailure`.

> **Note:**
> When the `8147` error occurs, TiDB rolls back the current transaction.

As in the following example, at the execution of the `INSERT` statement, TiDB skips a lock. Then, at the execution of the `DELETE` statement, TiDB locks the unique index and checks the unique constraints, so you will see an error is reported at the `DELETE` statement.

```
SET tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic = OFF;
BEGIN PESSIMISTIC;
INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('jane'), ('chris'), ('bill'); --
    ↪ Query OK, 3 rows affected
DELETE FROM users where username = 'bill';
```

```
ERROR 8147 (23000): transaction aborted because lazy uniqueness check
    ↪ is enabled and an error occurred: [kv:1062]Duplicate entry 'bill'
    ↪  for key 'users.username'
```

- When this variable is disabled, the `1062 Duplicate entry` error might be not from the current SQL statement. Therefore, when a transaction operates on multiple tables that have indexes with the same name, you need to check the `1062` error message to find which index the error is actually from.

14.13.7.4 PRIMARY KEY

Like MySQL, primary key constraints contain unique constraints, that is, creating a primary key constraint is equivalent to having a unique constraint. In addition, other primary key constraints of TiDB are also similar to those of MySQL.

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)
```

```
CREATE TABLE t2 (a INT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
```

```
ERROR 1171 (42000): All parts of a PRIMARY KEY must be NOT NULL; if you need
    ↪  NULL in a key, use UNIQUE instead
```

```
CREATE TABLE t3 (a INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY, b INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
```

```
ERROR 1068 (42000): Multiple primary key defined
```

```
CREATE TABLE t4 (a INT NOT NULL, b INT NOT NULL, PRIMARY KEY (a,b));
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)
```

- Table `t2` failed to be created, because column `a` is defined as the primary key and does not allow NULL values.
- Table `t3` failed to be created, because a table can only have one primary key.
- Table `t4` was created successfully, because even though there can be only one primary key, TiDB supports defining multiple columns as the composite primary key.

In addition to the rules above, TiDB currently only supports adding and deleting the primary keys of the `NONCLUSTERED` type. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t5 (a INT NOT NULL, b INT NOT NULL, PRIMARY KEY (a,b)
    ↪ CLUSTERED);
ALTER TABLE t5 DROP PRIMARY KEY;
```

```
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported drop primary key when the table is using
    ↪ clustered index
```

```
CREATE TABLE t5 (a INT NOT NULL, b INT NOT NULL, PRIMARY KEY (a,b)
    ↪ NONCLUSTERED);
ALTER TABLE t5 DROP PRIMARY KEY;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)
```

For more details about the primary key of the `CLUSTERED` type, refer to clustered index.

14.13.7.5 FOREIGN KEY

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports the FOREIGN KEY constraints. Before v6.6.0, TiDB supports creating and deleting foreign key constraints, but the constraints are not actually effective. After upgrading TiDB to v6.6.0 or later, you can delete the invalid foreign key and create a new one to make the foreign key constraints effective. This feature becomes generally available in v8.5.0.

TiDB supports creating `FOREIGN KEY` constraints in DDL commands.

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE users (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
 doc JSON
);
CREATE TABLE orders (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
 user_id INT NOT NULL,
 doc JSON,
 FOREIGN KEY fk_user_id (user_id) REFERENCES users(id)
);
```

```
SELECT table_name, column_name, constraint_name, referenced_table_name,
    ↪ referenced_column_name
FROM information_schema.key_column_usage WHERE table_name IN ('users', '
    ↪ orders');
```

```
+------------+-------------+-----------------+-----------------------+-----------------
    ↪
| table_name | column_name | constraint_name | referenced_table_name |
    ↪ referenced_column_name |
+------------+-------------+-----------------+-----------------------+-----------------
    ↪
| users      | id          | PRIMARY         | NULL                  | NULL
    ↪                 |
| orders     | id          | PRIMARY         | NULL                  | NULL
    ↪                 |
| orders     | user_id     | fk_user_id      | users                 | id
    ↪                   |
```

```
+------------+------------+-----------------+----------------------+-------------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

TiDB also supports the syntax to `DROP FOREIGN KEY` and `ADD FOREIGN KEY` via the `ALTER TABLE` command.

```
ALTER TABLE orders DROP FOREIGN KEY fk_user_id;
ALTER TABLE orders ADD FOREIGN KEY fk_user_id (user_id) REFERENCES users(id
    ↪ );
```

14.13.8 Generated Columns

This document introduces the concept and usage of generated columns.

14.13.8.1 Basic concepts

Unlike general columns, the value of the generated column is calculated by the expression in the column definition. When inserting or updating a generated column, you cannot assign a value, but only use `DEFAULT`.

There are two kinds of generated columns: virtual and stored. A virtual generated column occupies no storage and is computed when it is read. A stored generated column is computed when it is written (inserted or updated) and occupies storage. Compared with the virtual generated columns, the stored generated columns have better read performance, but take up more disk space.

You can create an index on a generated column whether it is virtual or stored.

14.13.8.2 Usage

One of the main usage of generated columns is to extract data from the JSON data type and indexing the data.

In both MySQL 8.0 and TiDB, columns of type JSON cannot be indexed directly. That is, the following table schema is **not supported**:

```
CREATE TABLE person (
    id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    address_info JSON,
    KEY (address_info)
);
```

To index a JSON column, you must extract it as a generated column first.

Using the `city` field in `address_info` as an example, you can create a virtual generated column and add an index for it:

```
CREATE TABLE person (
    id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    address_info JSON,
    city VARCHAR(64) AS (JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_EXTRACT(address_info, '$.city')))
       ↪ , -- virtual generated column
    -- city VARCHAR(64) AS (JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_EXTRACT(address_info, '$.city
       ↪ '))) VIRTUAL, -- virtual generated column
    -- city VARCHAR(64) AS (JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_EXTRACT(address_info, '$.city
       ↪ '))) STORED, -- stored generated column
    KEY (city)
);
```

In this table, the `city` column is a **virtual generated column** and has an index. The following query can use the index to speed up the execution:

```
SELECT name, id FROM person WHERE city = 'Beijing';
```

```
EXPLAIN SELECT name, id FROM person WHERE city = 'Beijing';
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| id                            | estRows | task    | access object
   ↪              | operator info                                          |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
   ↪
| Projection_4                  | 10.00   | root      |
   ↪                               | test.person.name, test.person.id
   ↪                       |
| └─IndexLookUp_10              | 10.00   | root      |
   ↪                               |
   ↪                                                       |
|   ├─IndexRangeScan_8(Build)   | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:person, index:
   ↪ city(city) | range:["Beijing","Beijing"], keep order:false, stats:
   ↪ pseudo |
|   └─TableRowIDScan_9(Probe)   | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:person
   ↪              | keep order:false, stats:pseudo                         |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------------+---------+-----------+-------------------------
   ↪
```

From the query execution plan, it can be seen that the `city` index is used to read the `HANDLE` of the row that meets the condition `city ='Beijing'`, and then it uses this `HANDLE`

to read the data of the row.

If no data exists at path `$.city`, `JSON_EXTRACT` returns `NULL`. If you want to enforce a constraint that `city` must be `NOT NULL`, you can define the virtual generated column as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE person (
    id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    address_info JSON,
    city VARCHAR(64) AS (JSON_UNQUOTE(JSON_EXTRACT(address_info, '$.city')))
        ↪  NOT NULL,
    KEY (city)
);
```

14.13.8.3 Validation of generated columns

Both `INSERT` and `UPDATE` statements check virtual column definitions. Rows that do not pass validation return errors:

```
mysql> INSERT INTO person (name, address_info) VALUES ('Morgan', JSON_
    ↪ OBJECT('Country', 'Canada'));
ERROR 1048 (23000): Column 'city' cannot be null
```

14.13.8.4 Generated columns index replacement rule

When an expression in a query is strictly equivalent to a generated column with an index, TiDB replaces the expression with the corresponding generated column, so that the optimizer can take that index into account during execution plan construction.

The following example creates a generated column for the expression `a+1` and adds an index. The column type of `a` is int and the column type of `a+1` is bigint. If the type of the generated column is set to int, the replacement will not occur. For type conversion rules, see Type Conversion of Expression Evaluation.

```
create table t(a int);
desc select a+1 from t where a+1=3;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+--------------
    ↪
| id                        | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
    ↪             |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+----------+-----------+--------------+--------------
    ↪
```

```
| Projection_4          | 8000.00 | root    |              | plus(test.t.a,
    ↪ 1)->Column#3 |
|  ─TableReader_7       | 8000.00 | root    |              | data:Selection
    ↪ _6           |
|    ─Selection_6       | 8000.00 | cop[tikv] |            | eq(plus(test.t
    ↪ .a, 1), 3)   |
|      ─TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t  | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-------------
    ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
alter table t add column b bigint as (a+1) virtual;
alter table t add index idx_b(b);
desc select a+1 from t where a+1=3;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+--------
    ↪
| id                   | estRows | task    | access object         | operator
    ↪ info                          |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+--------
    ↪
| IndexReader_6        | 10.00   | root     |                       | index:
    ↪ IndexRangeScan_5                |
|  ─IndexRangeScan_5   | 10.00   | cop[tikv] | table:t, index:idx_b(b) |
    ↪ range:[3,3], keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+--------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Note:

If the expression to be replaced and the generated column are both the string type but with different lengths, you can still replace the expression by setting the system variable `tidb_enable_unsafe_substitute` to `ON`. When configuring this system variable, ensure that the value calculated by the generated column strictly satisfies the definition of the generated column. Otherwise, the data might be truncated due to the difference in length, resulting in an incorrect result. See GitHub issue #35490.

14.13.8.5 Limitations

The current limitations of JSON and generated columns are as follows:

- You cannot add a stored generated column through `ALTER TABLE`.
- You can neither convert a stored generated column to a normal column through the `ALTER TABLE` statement nor convert a normal column to a stored generated column.
- You cannot modify the expression of a stored generated column through the `ALTER TABLE` statement.
- Not all JSON functions are supported.
- The `NULLIF()` function is not supported. You can use the `CASE` function instead.
- Currently, the generated column index replacement rule is valid only when the generated column is a virtual generated column. It is not valid on the stored generated column, but the index can still be used by directly using the generated column itself.
- The following functions and expressions are not allowed in generated column definitions, and TiDB returns errors if they are used:
    - Non-deterministic functions and expressions, such as `RAND`, `UUID`, and `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP`.
    - Functions that depend on session-specific or global state, such as `CONNECTION_ID` and `CURRENT_USER`.
    - Functions that affect the system state or perform system interactions, such as `GET_LOCK`, `RELEASE_LOCK`, and `SLEEP`.

— title: SQL Mode summary: Learn SQL mode. —

14.13.9 SQL Mode

TiDB servers operate in different SQL modes and apply these modes differently for different clients. SQL mode defines the SQL syntaxes that TiDB supports and the type of data validation check to perform, as described below:

After TiDB is started, you can use the `SET [ SESSION | GLOBAL ] sql_mode='modes'` statement to set SQL mode.

- Ensure that you have `SUPER` privilege when setting SQL mode at `GLOBAL` level, and your setting at this level only affects the connections established afterwards.
- Changes to SQL mode at `SESSION` level only affect the current client.

In this statement, `modes` is a set of modes separated by commas (','). You can use the `SELECT @@sql_mode` statement to check the current SQL mode. The default value of SQL mode: `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY, STRICT_TRANS_TABLES, NO_ZERO_IN_DATE, NO_ZERO_DATE, ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO, NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER, NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION`.

14.13.9.1 Important `sql_mode` values

- `ANSI`: This mode complies with standard SQL. In this mode, data is checked. If data does not comply with the defined type or length, the data type is adjusted or trimmed and a `warning` is returned.
- `STRICT_TRANS_TABLES`: Strict mode, where data is strictly checked. If any data is incorrect, it cannot be inserted into a table and an error is returned.
- `TRADITIONAL`: In this mode, TiDB behaves like a "traditional" SQL database system. An error instead of a warning is returned when any incorrect value is inserted into a column. Then, the `INSERT` or `UPDATE` statement is immediately stopped.

14.13.9.2 SQL mode table

Name	Description
`PIPES_AS_CONCAT`	Treats "||" as a string concatenation operator (+) (the same as `CONCAT()`), not as an `OR` (full support)

Name	Description
`ANSI_QUOTES`	Treats `"` as an identifier. If `ANSI_QUOTES` is enabled, only single quotes are treated as string literals, and double quotes are treated as identifiers. Therefore, double quotes cannot be used to quote strings. (full support)

Name	Description
`IGNORE_SPACE`	If this mode is enabled, the system ignores space. For example: “user” and “user” are the same. (full support)

Name	Description
`ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY`	A SQL statement is invalid if it refers to a column in `SELECT`, `HAVING`, or `ORDER BY` that is neither aggregated nor included in the `GROUP BY` clause. This is because displaying such a column in

Name	Description
`NO_UNSIGNED_SUBTRACTION`	Does not mark the result as `UNSIGNED` if an operand has no symbol in subtraction. (full support)

Name	Description
NO_ ↪ DIR ↪ _ ↪ IN ↪ _ ↪ CREATE ↪	Ignores all INDEX ↪ ↪ DIRECTORY ↪ and DATA ↪ ↪ DIRECTORY ↪ direc- tives when a table is cre- ated. This op- tion is only use- ful for sec- ondary repli- ca- tion servers (syn- tax sup- port only)

Name	Description
NO_KEY_OPTIONS	When you use the SHOW CREATE TABLE statement, MySQL-specific syntaxes such as ENGINE are not exported. Consider this option when migrating across DB types using mysqldump. (syntax support only)

Name	Description
NO_ ↪ FIELD ↪ _ ↪ OPTIONS ↪	When you use the SHOW ↪ ↪ CREATE ↪ ↪ TABLE ↪ statement, MySQL-specific syntaxes such as ENGINE ↪ are not exported. Consider this option when migrating across DB types using mysqldump. (syntax support only)

Name	Description
`NO_TABLE_OPTIONS`	When you use the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement, MySQL-specific syntaxes such as `ENGINE` are not exported. Consider this option when migrating across DB types using mysqldump. (syntax support only)

Name	Description
NO_ ↪ AUTO ↪ _ ↪ VALUE ↪ _ ↪ ON ↪ _ ↪ ZERO ↪	If this mode is enabled, when the value passed in the AUTO ↪ _ ↪ INCREMENT ↪ column is 0 or a specific value, the system directly writes this value to this column. When NULL is passed, the system automatically generates the

Name	Description
NO_ ↪ BACKSLASH ↪ _ ↪ ESCAPES ↪	If this mode is enabled, the \ backslash symbol only stands for itself. (full support)

Name	Description
`STRICT_TRANS_TABLES`	Enables the strict mode for the transaction storage engine and rolls back the entire statement after an illegal value is inserted. (full support)

Name	Description
`STRICT` ↪ `_` ↪ `ALL` ↪ `_` ↪ `TABLES` ↪	For transactional tables, rolls back the entire transaction statement after an illegal value is inserted. (full support)

Name	Description
`NO_ZERO_IN_DATE`	Strict mode, where dates with a month or day part of `0` are not accepted. If you use the `IGNORE` option, TiDB inserts '0000-00-00' for a similar date. In non-strict mode, this date is accepted but a warning is returned. (full sup-

Name	Description
`NO_ZERO_DATE`	Does not use '0000-00-00' as a legal date in strict mode. You can still insert a zero date with the `IGNORE` option. In non-strict mode, this date is accepted but a warning is returned. (full support)

Name	Description
`ALLOW_INVALID_DATES`	In this mode, the system does not check the validity of all dates. It only checks the month value ranging from `1` to `12` and the date value ranging from `1` to `31`. The mode only applies to `DATE` and `DATATIME` columns. All `TIMESTAMP`

Name	Description
`ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO`	If this mode is enabled, the system returns an error when handling division by `0` in data-change operations (`INSERT` or `UPDATE`). If this mode is not enabled, the system returns a warning and `NULL` is used

Name	Description
NO_ ↪ AUTO ↪ _ ↪ CREATE ↪ _ ↪ USER ↪	Prevents GRANT ↪ ↪ from automatically creating new users, except for the specified password (full support)

Name	Description
`HIGH_NOT_PRECEDENCE`	The precedence of the NOT operator is such that expressions such as `NOT a BETWEEN b AND c` are parsed as `NOT ( a BETWEEN b AND c )`. In some older versions of MySQL,

Name	Description
NO_ ↪ ENGINE ↪ _ ↪ SUBSTITUTION ↪	Prevents the automatic replacement of storage engines if the required storage engine is disabled or not compiled. (syntax support only)

Name	Description
`PAD_` ↪ `CHAR` ↪ `_` ↪ `TO` ↪ `_` ↪ `FULL` ↪ `_` ↪ `LENGTH` ↪	If this mode is enabled, the system does not trim the trailing spaces for `CHAR` types. (syntax support only. This mode has been deprecated in MySQL 8.0.)

Name	Description
`REAL` ↪ `_` ↪ `AS` ↪ `_` ↪ `FLOAT` ↪	Treats `REAL` as the synonym of `FLOAT` ↪ , not the synonym of `DOUBLE` ↪ (full support)

Name	Description
POSTGRESQL ↪	Equivalent to PIPES_AS_CONCAT, ANSI_QUOTES, IGNORE_SPACE, NO_KEY_OPTIONS, NO_TABLE_OPTIONS, NO_FIELD_OPTIONS ↪ (syntax support only)

Name	Description
MSSQL ↪	Equivalent to PIPES_AS_CONCAT, ANSI_QUOTES, IGNORE_SPACE, NO_KEY_OPTIONS, NO_TABLE_OPTIONS, NO_FIELD_OPTIONS (syntax support only)

Name	Description
DB2	Equivalent to PIPES_AS_CONCAT, ANSI_QUOTES, IGNORE_SPACE, NO_KEY_OPTIONS, NO_TABLE_OPTIONS, NO_FIELD_OPTIONS (syntax support only)

Name	Description
MAXDB ↪	Equivalent to PIPES ↪ _ ↪ AS ↪ _ ↪ CONCAT ↪ , ANSI ↪ _ ↪ QUOTES ↪ , IGNORE ↪ _ ↪ SPACE ↪ , NO_ ↪ KEY ↪ _ ↪ OPTIONS ↪ , NO_ ↪ TABLE ↪ _ ↪ OPTIONS ↪ , NO_ ↪ FIELD ↪ _ ↪ OPTIONS ↪ , NO_ ↪ AUTO ↪ _ ↪ CREATE ↪ _ ↪ USER ↪ (full sup- port)

Name	Description
MySQL323 ↪	Equivalent to NO_ ↪ FIELD ↪ _ ↪ OPTIONS ↪ , HIGH ↪ _ ↪ NOT ↪ _ ↪ PRECEDENCE ↪ (syntax support only)
MYSQL40 ↪	Equivalent to NO_ ↪ FIELD ↪ _ ↪ OPTIONS ↪ , HIGH ↪ _ ↪ NOT ↪ _ ↪ PRECEDENCE ↪ (syntax support only)

Name	Description
ANSI	Equivalent to REAL_AS_FLOAT, PIPES_AS_CONCAT, ANSI_QUOTES, IGNORE_SPACE (syntax support only)

Name	Description
TRADITIONAL ↪	Equivalent to STRICT ↪ _ ↪ TRANS ↪ _ ↪ TABLES ↪ , STRICT ↪ _ ↪ ALL ↪ _ ↪ TABLES ↪ , NO_ ↪ ZERO ↪ _ ↪ IN ↪ _ ↪ DATE ↪ , NO_ ↪ ZERO ↪ _ ↪ DATE ↪ , ERROR ↪ _ ↪ FOR ↪ _ ↪ DIVISION ↪ _ ↪ BY ↪ _ ↪ ZERO ↪ , NO_ ↪ AUTO ↪ _ ↪ CREATE ↪ _ ↪ USER ↪ (syntax support only)

Name	Description
ORACLE ↪	Equivalent to PIPES ↪ _ ↪ AS ↪ _ ↪ CONCAT ↪ , ANSI ↪ _ ↪ QUOTES ↪ , IGNORE ↪ _ ↪ SPACE ↪ , NO_ ↪ KEY ↪ _ ↪ OPTIONS ↪ , NO_ ↪ TABLE ↪ _ ↪ OPTIONS ↪ , NO_ ↪ FIELD ↪ _ ↪ OPTIONS ↪ , NO_ ↪ AUTO ↪ _ ↪ CREATE ↪ _ ↪ USER ↪ (syntax support only)

14.13.10 Table Attributes

The Table Attributes feature is introduced in TiDB v5.3.0. Using this feature, you can add specific attributes to a table or partition to perform the operations corresponding to the attributes. For example, you can use table attributes to control the Region merge behavior.

Currently, TiDB only supports adding the `merge_option` attribute to a table or partition to control the Region merge behavior. The `merge_option` attribute is only part of how to deal with hotspots. For more information, refer to Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues.

> **Note:**
>
> When you use TiCDC to perform replication or use BR to perform incremental backup, the replication or backup operations skip the DDL statement that sets table attributes. To use table attributes in the downstream or in the backup cluster, you need to manually execute the DDL statement in the downstream or in the backup cluster.

14.13.10.1 Usage

The table attribute is in the form of `key=value`. Multiple attributes are separated by commas. In the following examples, `t` is the name of the table to be modified, `p` is the name of the partition to be modified. Items in `[]` are optional.

- Set attributes for a table or partition:

```
ALTER TABLE t [PARTITION p] ATTRIBUTES [=] 'key=value[, key1=value1...]
    ↪ ';
```

- Reset attributes for a table or partition:

```
ALTER TABLE t [PARTITION p] ATTRIBUTES [=] DEFAULT;
```

- See the attributes of all tables and partitions:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.attributes;
```

- See the attribute configured to a table or partition:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.attributes WHERE id='schema/t[/p]';
```

- See all tables and partitions that have a specific attribute:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.attributes WHERE attributes LIKE '%
    ↪ key%';
```

14.13.10.2 Attribute override rules

The attribute configured to a table takes effect on all partitions of the table. However, there is one exception: If the table and partition are configured with the same attribute but different attribute values, the partition attribute overrides the table attribute. For example, suppose that the table `t` is configured with the `key=value` attribute, and the partition `p` is configured with `key=value1`.

```
ALTER TABLE t ATTRIBUTES[=]'key=value';
ALTER TABLE t PARTITION p ATTRIBUTES[=]'key=value1';
```

In this case, `key=value1` is the attribute that actually takes effect on the `p1` partition.

14.13.10.3 Control the Region merge behavior using table attributes

14.13.10.3.1 User scenarios

If there is a write hotspot or read hotspot, you can use table attributes to control the Region merge behavior. You can first add the `merge_option` attribute to a table or partition and then set its value to `deny`. The two scenarios are as follows.

Write hotspot on a newly created table or partition

If a hotspot issue occurs when data is written to a newly created table or partition, you usually need to split and scatter Regions. However, if there is a certain time interval between the split/scatter operation and writes, these operations do not truly avoid the write hotspot. This is because the split operation performed when the table or partition is created produces empty Regions, so if the time interval exists, the split Regions might be merged. To handle this case, you can add the `merge_option` attribute to the table or partition and set the attribute value to `deny`.

Periodic read hotspot in read-only scenarios

Suppose that in a read-only scenario, you try to reduce the periodic read hotspot that occurs on a table or partition by manually splitting Regions, and you do not want the manually split Regions to be merged after the hotspot issue is resolved. In this case, you can add the `merge_option` attribute to the table or partition and set its value to `deny`.

14.13.10.3.2 Usage

- Prevent the Regions of a table from merging:

```
ALTER TABLE t ATTRIBUTES 'merge_option=deny';
```

- Allow merging Regions belonging to a table:

```
ALTER TABLE t ATTRIBUTES 'merge_option=allow';
```

- Reset attributes of a table:

```
ALTER TABLE t ATTRIBUTES DEFAULT;
```

- Prevent the Regions of a partition from merging:

```
ALTER TABLE t PARTITION p ATTRIBUTES 'merge_option=deny';
```

- Allow merging Regions belonging to a partition:

```
ALTER TABLE t PARTITION p ATTRIBUTES 'merge_option=allow';
```

- See all tables or partitions configured the `merge_option` attribution:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.attributes WHERE attributes LIKE '%
    ↪ merge_option%';
```

14.13.10.3.3 Attribute override rules

```
ALTER TABLE t ATTRIBUTES 'merge_option=deny';
ALTER TABLE t PARTITION p ATTRIBUTES 'merge_option=allow';
```

When the above two attributes are configured at the same time, the Regions belonging to the partition `p` can actually be merged. When the attribute of the partition is reset, the partition `p` inherits the attribute from the table `t`, and the Regions cannot be merged.

Note:

- For a table with partitions, if the `merge_option` attribute is configured at the table level only, even if `merge_option=allow`, the table is still split into multiple Regions by default according to the actual number of partitions. To merge all Regions, you need to reset the attribute of the table.
- When using the `merge_option` attribute, you need to pay attention to the PD configuration parameter `split-merge-interval`. Suppose that the `merge_option` attribute is not configured. In this case, if Regions meet conditions, Regions can be merged after the interval specified by `split-merge-interval`. If the `merge_option` attribute is configured, PD decides whether to merge Regions after the specified interval according to the `merge_option` configuration.

Note:

- For a table with partitions, if the `merge_option` attribute is configured at the table level only, even if `merge_option=allow`, the table is still split into multiple Regions by default according to the actual number of partitions. To merge all Regions, you need to reset the attribute of the table.
- Suppose that the `merge_option` attribute is not configured. In this case, if Regions meet conditions, Regions can be merged after one hour. If the `merge_option` attribute is configured, PD decides whether to merge Regions after one hour according to the `merge_option` configuration.

14.13.11 Transactions

14.13.11.1 Transactions

TiDB supports distributed transactions using either pessimistic or optimistic transaction mode. Starting from TiDB 3.0.8, TiDB uses the pessimistic transaction mode by default.

This document introduces commonly used transaction-related statements, explicit and implicit transactions, isolation levels, lazy check for constraints, and transaction sizes.

The common variables include `autocommit`, `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry`, `tidb_retry_limit`, and `tidb_txn_mode`.

Note:

The `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` and `tidb_retry_limit` variables only apply to optimistic transactions, not to pessimistic transactions.

14.13.11.1.1 Common statements

Starting a transaction

The statements `BEGIN` and `START TRANSACTION` can be used interchangeably to explicitly start a new transaction.

Syntax:

```
BEGIN;
```

```
START TRANSACTION;
```

```
START TRANSACTION WITH CONSISTENT SNAPSHOT;
```

```
START TRANSACTION WITH CAUSAL CONSISTENCY ONLY;
```

If the current session is in the process of a transaction when one of these statements is executed, TiDB automatically commits the current transaction before starting a new transaction.

> **Note:**
>
> Unlike MySQL, TiDB takes a snapshot of the current database after executing the statements above. MySQL's `BEGIN` and `START TRANSACTION` take a snapshot after executing the first `SELECT` statement (not `SELECT FOR UPDATE` ↪) that reads data from InnoDB after a transaction is started. `START` ↪ `TRANSACTION WITH CONSISTENT SNAPSHOT` takes a snapshot during the execution of the statement. As a result, `BEGIN`, `START TRANSACTION`, and `START TRANSACTION WITH CONSISTENT SNAPSHOT` are equivalent to `START` ↪ `TRANSACTION WITH CONSISTENT SNAPSHOT` in MySQL.

Committing a transaction

The statement `COMMIT` instructs TiDB to apply all changes made in the current transaction.

Syntax:

```
COMMIT;
```

> **Tip:**
>
> Make sure that your application correctly handles that a `COMMIT` statement could return an error before enabling optimistic transactions. If you are unsure of how your application handles this, it is recommended to instead use the default of pessimistic transactions.

Rolling back a transaction

The statement `ROLLBACK` rolls back and cancels all changes in the current transaction.

Syntax:

```
ROLLBACK;
```

Transactions are also automatically rolled back if the client connection is aborted or closed.

14.13.11.1.2 Autocommit

As required for MySQL compatibility, TiDB will by default *autocommit* statements immediately following their execution.

For example:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (
    id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment,
    pad1 VARCHAR(100)
   );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)

mysql> SELECT @@autocommit;
+--------------+
| @@autocommit |
+--------------+
| 1            |
+--------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1, 'test');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> ROLLBACK;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t1;
+----+------+
| id | pad1 |
+----+------+
|  1 | test |
+----+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the above example, the `ROLLBACK` statement has no effect. This is because the `INSERT` ↪ statement is executed in autocommit. That is, it was the equivalent of the following single-statement transaction:

```
START TRANSACTION;
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1, 'test');
```

```
COMMIT;
```

Autocommit will not apply if a transaction has been explicitly started. In the following example, the `ROLLBACK` statement successfully reverts the `INSERT` statement:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t2 (
     id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY auto_increment,
     pad1 VARCHAR(100)
    );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

mysql> SELECT @@autocommit;
+--------------+
| @@autocommit |
+--------------+
| 1            |
+--------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> START TRANSACTION;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t2 VALUES (1, 'test');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> ROLLBACK;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM t2;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

The `autocommit` system variable can be changed on either a global or session basis.

For example:

```
SET autocommit = 0;
```

```
SET GLOBAL autocommit = 0;
```

14.13.11.1.3 Explicit and implicit transaction

Note:

> Some statements are committed implicitly. For example, executing `[BEGIN|START TRANSACTION]` implicitly commits the last transaction and starts a new transaction. This behavior is required for MySQL compatibility. Refer to implicit commit for more details.

TiDB supports explicit transactions (use `[BEGIN|START TRANSACTION]` and `COMMIT` to define the start and end of the transaction) and implicit transactions (`SET autocommit = 1`).

If you set the value of `autocommit` to `1` and start a new transaction through the `[BEGIN|START TRANSACTION]` statement, the autocommit is disabled before `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` which makes the transaction becomes explicit.

For DDL statements, the transaction is committed automatically and does not support rollback. If you run the DDL statement while the current session is in the process of a transaction, the DDL statement is executed after the current transaction is committed.

14.13.11.1.4 Lazy check of constraints

By default, optimistic transactions will not check the primary key or unique constraints when a DML statement is executed. These checks are instead performed on transaction `COMMIT`.

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1);
BEGIN OPTIMISTIC;
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1); -- MySQL returns an error; TiDB returns success
    ↪ .
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (2);
COMMIT; -- It is successfully committed in MySQL; TiDB returns an error
    ↪ and the transaction rolls back.
SELECT * FROM t1; -- MySQL returns 1 2; TiDB returns 1.
```

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> BEGIN OPTIMISTIC;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (1); -- MySQL returns an error; TiDB returns
    ↪ success.
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO t1 VALUES (2);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> COMMIT; -- It is successfully committed in MySQL; TiDB returns an
    ↪ error and the transaction rolls back.
ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry '1' for key 't1.PRIMARY'
mysql> SELECT * FROM t1; -- MySQL returns 1 2; TiDB returns 1.
+----+
| id |
+----+
|  1 |
+----+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

The lazy check optimization improves performance by batching constraint checks and reducing network communication. The behavior can be disabled by setting `tidb_constraint_check_in_place=ON`.

Note:

- This optimization only applies to optimistic transactions.
- This optimization does not take effect for `INSERT IGNORE` and `INSERT ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE`, but only for normal `INSERT` statements.

14.13.11.1.5 Statement rollback

TiDB supports atomic rollback after statement execution failure. If a statement results in an error, the changes it made will not take effect. The transaction will remain open, and additional changes can be made before issuing a `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` statement.

```
CREATE TABLE test (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
BEGIN;
INSERT INTO test VALUES (1);
INSERT INTO tset VALUES (2); -- Statement does not take effect because "
    ↪ test" is misspelled as "tset".
INSERT INTO test VALUES (1),(2); -- Entire statement does not take effect
    ↪ because it violates a PRIMARY KEY constraint
INSERT INTO test VALUES (3);
COMMIT;
SELECT * FROM test;
```

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE test (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)

mysql> BEGIN;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO test VALUES (1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> INSERT INTO tset VALUES (2); -- Statement does not take effect
    ↪ because "test" is misspelled as "tset".
ERROR 1146 (42S02): Table 'test.tset' doesn't exist
mysql> INSERT INTO test VALUES (1),(2); -- Entire statement does not take
    ↪ effect because it violates a PRIMARY KEY constraint
ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry '1' for key 'test.PRIMARY'
mysql> INSERT INTO test VALUES (3);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> COMMIT;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM test;
+----+
| id |
+----+
|  1 |
|  3 |
+----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the above example, the transaction remains open after the failed `INSERT` statements. The final insert statement is then successful and changes are committed.

14.13.11.1.6 Transaction size limit

Due to the limitations of the underlying storage engine, TiDB requires a single row to be no more than 6 MB. All columns of a row are converted to bytes according to their data types and summed up to estimate the size of a single row.

TiDB supports both optimistic and pessimistic transactions, and optimistic transactions are the basis for pessimistic transactions. Because optimistic transactions first cache the changes in private memory, TiDB limits the size of a single transaction.

By default, TiDB sets the total size of a single transaction to no more than 100 MB. You can modify this default value via `txn-total-size-limit` in the configuration file. The

maximum value of `txn-total-size-limit` is 1 TB. The individual transaction size limit also depends on the size of remaining memory available in the server. This is because when a transaction is executed, the memory usage of the TiDB process is scaled up comparing with the transaction size, up to two to three times or more of the transaction size.

TiDB previously limited the total number of key-value pairs for a single transaction to 300,000. This restriction was removed in TiDB v4.0.

14.13.11.1.7 Causal consistency

> **Note:**
>
> Transactions with causal consistency take effect only when the async commit and one-phase commit features are enabled. For details of the two features, see `tidb_enable_async_commit` and `tidb_enable_1pc`.

TiDB supports enabling causal consistency for transactions. Transactions with causal consistency, when committed, do not need to get timestamp from PD and have lower commit latency. The syntax to enable causal consistency is as follows:

```
START TRANSACTION WITH CAUSAL CONSISTENCY ONLY;
```

By default, TiDB guarantees linear consistency. In the case of linear consistency, if transaction 2 is committed after transaction 1 is committed, logically, transaction 2 should occur after transaction 1. Causal consistency is weaker than linear consistency. In the case of causal consistency, the commit order and occurrence order of two transactions can be guaranteed consistent only when the data locked or written by transaction 1 and transaction 2 have an intersection, which means that the two transactions have a causal relationship known to the database. Currently, TiDB does not support passing in external causal relationship.

Two transactions with causal consistency enabled have the following characteristics:

- Transactions with potential causal relationship have the consistent logical order and physical commit order
- Transactions with no causal relationship do not guarantee consistent logical order and physical commit order
- Reads without lock do not create causal relationship

Transactions with potential causal relationship have the consistent logical order and physical commit order

Assume that both transaction 1 and transaction 2 adopt causal consistency and have the following statements executed:

Transaction 1	Transaction 2
START TRANSACTION WITH CAUSAL CONSISTENCY ONLY	START TRANSACTION WITH CAUSAL CONSISTENCY ONLY
x = SELECT v FROM t WHERE id = 1 FOR UPDATE	
UPDATE t set v = $(x + 1) WHERE id = 2	
COMMIT	
	UPDATE t SET v = 2 WHERE id = 1
	COMMIT

In the example above, transaction 1 locks the `id = 1` record and transaction 2 modifies the `id = 1` record. Therefore, transaction 1 and transaction 2 have a potential causal relationship. Even with the causal consistency enabled, as long as transaction 2 is committed after transaction 1 is successfully committed, logically, transaction 2 must occur after transaction 1. Therefore, it is impossible that a transaction reads transaction 2's modification on the `id = 1` record without reading transaction 1's modification on the `id = 2` record.

Transactions with no causal relationship do not guarantee consistent logical order and physical commit order

Assume that the initial values of `id = 1` and `id = 2` are both `0`. Assume that both transaction 1 and transaction 2 adopt causal consistency and have the following statements executed:

Transaction 1	Transaction 2	Transaction 3
START TRANSACTION WITH CAUSAL CONSISTENCY ONLY	START TRANSACTION WITH CAUSAL CONSISTENCY ONLY	
UPDATE t set v = 3 WHERE id = 2		
	UPDATE t SET v = 2 WHERE id = 1	
		BEGIN
COMMIT		
	COMMIT	
		SELECT v FROM t WHERE id IN (1, 2)

In the example above, transaction 1 does not read the `id = 1` record, so transaction 1 and transaction 2 have no causal relationship known to the database. With causal consistency enabled for the transactions, even if transaction 2 is committed after transaction 1 is committed in terms of physical time order, TiDB does not guarantee that transaction 2 logically occurs after transaction 1.

If transaction 3 begins before transaction 1 is committed, and if transaction 3 reads the `id = 1` and `id = 2` records after transaction 2 is committed, transaction 3 might read the

value of `id = 1` to be `2` but the value of `id = 2` to be `0`.

Reads without lock do not create causal relationship

Assume that both transaction 1 and transaction 2 adopt causal consistency and have the following statements executed:

Transaction 1	Transaction 2
START TRANSACTION WITH CAUSAL CONSISTENCY ONLY	START TRANSACTION WITH CAUSAL CONSISTENCY ONLY
	UPDATE t SET v = 2 WHERE id = 1
SELECT v FROM t WHERE id = 1	
UPDATE t set v = 3 WHERE id = 2	
	COMMIT
COMMIT	

In the example above, reads without lock do not create causal relationship. Transaction 1 and transaction 2 have created write skew. In this case, it would have been unreasonable if the two transactions still had causal relationship. Therefore, the two transactions with causal consistency enabled have no definite logical order.

14.13.11.2 TiDB Transaction Isolation Levels

Transaction isolation is one of the foundations of database transaction processing. Isolation is one of the four key properties of a transaction (commonly referred as ACID).

The SQL-92 standard defines four levels of transaction isolation: Read Uncommitted, Read Committed, Repeatable Read, and Serializable. See the following table for details:

Isolation Level	Dirty Write	Dirty Read	Fuzzy Read	Phantom
READ UNCOMMITTED	Not Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
READ COMMITTED	Not Possible	Not possible	Possible	Possible
REPEATABLE READ	Not Possible	Not possible	Not possible	Possible
SERIALIZABLE	Not Possible	Not possible	Not possible	Not possible

TiDB implements Snapshot Isolation (SI) consistency, which it advertises as `REPEATABLE-READ` for compatibility with MySQL. This differs from the ANSI Repeatable Read isolation level and the MySQL Repeatable Read level.

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from TiDB v3.0, the automatic retry of transactions is disabled by default. It is not recommended to enable the automatic retry because it might **break the transaction isolation level**. Refer to Transaction Retry for details.
>
> Starting from TiDB v3.0.8, newly created TiDB clusters use the pessimistic transaction mode by default. The current read (`for update` read) is **non-repeatable read**. Refer to pessimistic transaction mode for details.

14.13.11.2.1 Repeatable Read isolation level

The Repeatable Read isolation level only sees data committed before the transaction begins, and it never sees either uncommitted data or changes committed during transaction execution by concurrent transactions. However, the transaction statement does see the effects of previous updates executed within its own transaction, even though they are not yet committed.

For transactions running on different nodes, the start and commit order depends on the order that the timestamp is obtained from PD.

Transactions of the Repeatable Read isolation level cannot concurrently update a same row. When committing, if the transaction finds that the row has been updated by another transaction after it starts, then the transaction rolls back. For example:

```
create table t1(id int);
insert into t1 values(0);
```

```
start transaction;          |            start transaction;
select * from t1;           |            select * from t1;
update t1 set id=id+1;      |            update t1 set id=id+1; -- In
   ↪ pessimistic transactions, the `update` statement executed later
   ↪ waits for the lock until the transaction holding the lock commits or
   ↪  rolls back and releases the row lock.
commit;                     |
                            |            commit; -- The transaction commit
                               ↪  fails and rolls back. Pessimistic
                               ↪ transactions can commit successfully.
```

Difference between TiDB and ANSI Repeatable Read

The Repeatable Read isolation level in TiDB differs from ANSI Repeatable Read isolation level, though they sharing the same name. According to the standard described in the A Critique of ANSI SQL Isolation Levels paper, TiDB implements the Snapshot Isolation level. This isolation level does not allow strict phantoms (A3) but allows broad phantoms (P3) and write skews. In contrast, the ANSI Repeatable Read isolation level allows phantom reads but does not allow write skews.

Difference between TiDB and MySQL Repeatable Read

The Repeatable Read isolation level in TiDB differs from that in MySQL. The MySQL Repeatable Read isolation level does not check whether the current version is visible when updating, which means it can continue to update even if the row has been updated after the transaction starts. In contrast, if the row has been updated after the transaction starts, the TiDB optimistic transaction is rolled back and retried. Transaction retries in TiDB's optimistic concurrency control might fail, leading to a final failure of the transaction, while in TiDB's pessimistic concurrency control and MySQL, the updating transaction can be successful.

14.13.11.2.2 Read Committed isolation level

Starting from TiDB v4.0.0-beta, TiDB supports the Read Committed isolation level.

For historical reasons, the Read Committed isolation level of current mainstream databases is essentially the Consistent Read isolation level defined by Oracle. In order to adapt to this situation, the Read Committed isolation level in TiDB pessimistic transactions is also a consistent read behavior in essence.

> **Note:**
>
> The Read Committed isolation level only takes effect in the pessimistic transaction mode. In the optimistic transaction mode, setting the transaction

isolation level to `Read Committed` does not take effect and transactions still use the Repeatable Read isolation level.

Starting from v6.0.0, TiDB supports using the `tidb_rc_read_check_ts` system variable to optimize the timestamp acquisition in scenarios where read-write conflicts are rare. After enabling this variable, TiDB will try to use the previous valid timestamp to read data when `SELECT` is executed. The initial value of this variable is the `start_ts` of the transaction.

- If TiDB does not encounter any data update during the read process, it returns the result to the client and the `SELECT` statement is successfully executed.
- If TiDB encounters data update during the read process:
    - If TiDB has not yet sent the result to the client, TiDB tries to acquire a new timestamp and retry this statement.
    - If TiDB has already sent partial data to the client, TiDB reports an error to the client. The amount of data sent to the client each time is controlled by `tidb_init_chunk_size` and `tidb_max_chunk_size`.

In scenarios where the `READ-COMMITTED` isolation level is used, the `SELECT` statements are many, and read-write conflicts are rare, enabling this variable can avoid the latency and cost of getting the global timestamp.

Since v6.3.0, TiDB supports optimizing the acquisition of timestamps by enabling the system variable `tidb_rc_write_check_ts` in scenarios where point-write conflicts are few. After enabling this variable, during the execution of point-write statements, TiDB will try to use valid timestamps of the current transaction to read and lock data. TiDB will read data in the same way when `tidb_rc_read_check_ts` is enabled.

Currently, the applicable types of point-write statements include `UPDATE`, `DELETE`, and `SELECT ..... FOR UPDATE`. A point-write statement refers to a write statement that uses the primary key or unique key as a filter condition and the final execution operator contains `POINT-GET`. Currently, the three types of point-write statements have these in common: they first perform a point query based on the key value. If the key exists, they lock the key. If the key does not exist, they return an empty set.

- If the entire read process of a point-write statement does not encounter an updated data version, TiDB continues to use the timestamp of the current transaction to lock the data.
    - If a write conflict occurs due to an old timestamp during the lock acquisition process, TiDB retries the lock acquisition process by obtaining the latest global timestamp.
    - If no write conflicts or other errors occur during the lock acquisition process, the lock is acquired successfully.

- If an updated data version is encountered during the read process, TiDB tries to acquire a new timestamp and retries this statement.

In transactions with many point-write statements but a few point-write conflicts in the `READ-COMMITTED` isolation level, enabling this variable can avoid the latency and overhead of getting the global timestamp.

14.13.11.2.3 Difference between TiDB and MySQL Read Committed

The MySQL Read Committed isolation level is in line with the Consistent Read features in most cases. There are also exceptions, such as semi-consistent read. This special behavior is not supported in TiDB.

14.13.11.2.4 View and modify transaction isolation levels

You can view and modify the transaction isolation level as follows.

View the transaction isolation level of the current session:

```
SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'transaction_isolation';
```

Modify the transaction isolation level of the current session:

```
SET SESSION transaction_isolation = 'READ-COMMITTED';
```

For more information on configuring and using transaction isolation levels, see the following documents:

- The system variable `transaction_isolation`
- Isolation level
- `SET TRANSACTION`

14.13.11.3 TiDB Optimistic Transaction Model

With optimistic transactions, conflicting changes are detected as part of a transaction commit. This helps improve the performance when concurrent transactions are infrequently modifying the same rows, because the process of acquiring row locks can be skipped. In the case that concurrent transactions frequently modify the same rows (a conflict), optimistic transactions may perform worse than Pessimistic Transactions.

Before enabling optimistic transactions, make sure that your application correctly handles that a `COMMIT` statement could return errors. If you are unsure of how your application handles this, it is recommended to instead use Pessimistic Transactions.

Note:

Starting from v3.0.8, TiDB uses the pessimistic transaction mode by default. However, this does not affect your existing cluster if you upgrade it from v3.0.7 or earlier to v3.0.8 or later. In other words, **only newly created clusters default to using the pessimistic transaction mode**.

14.13.11.3.1 Principles of optimistic transactions

To support distributed transactions, TiDB adopts two-phase commit (2PC) in optimistic transactions. The procedure is as follows:

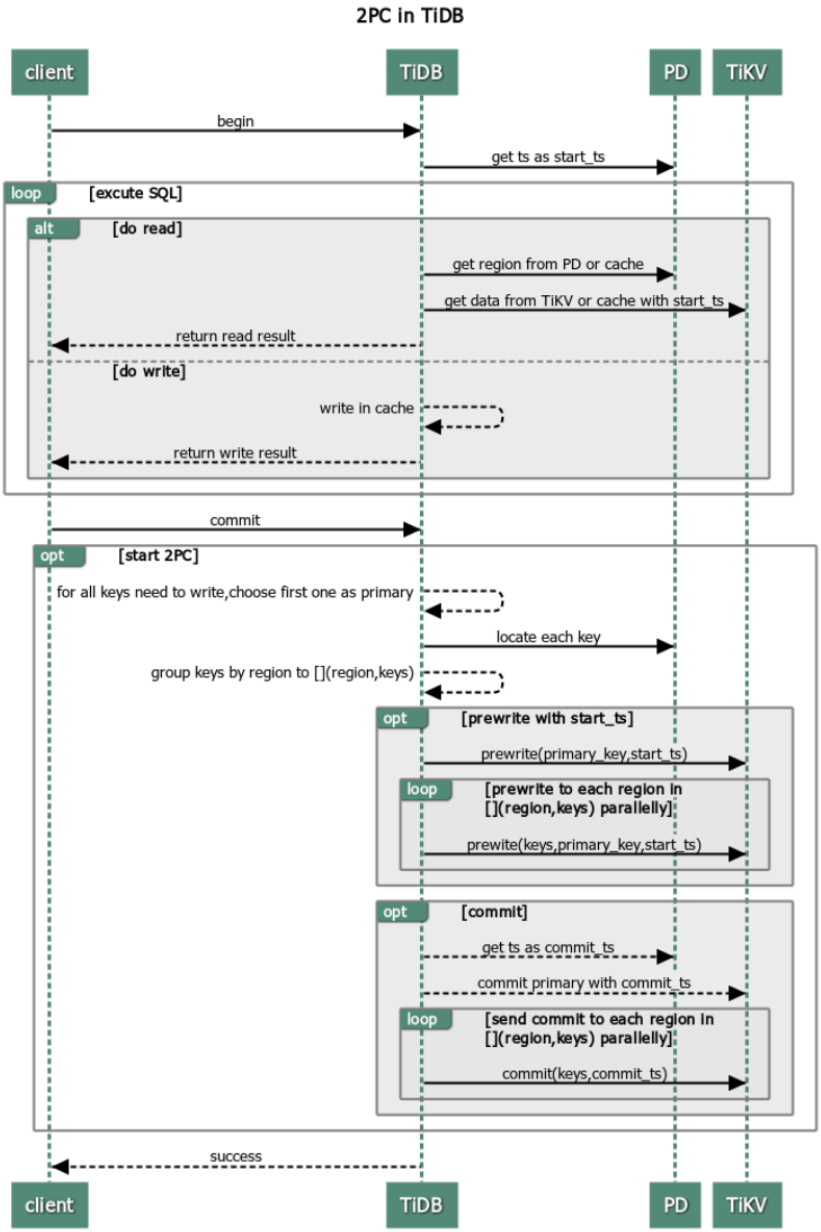

Figure 592: 2PC in TiDB

1. The client begins a transaction.

   TiDB gets a timestamp (monotonically increasing in time and globally unique) from PD as the unique transaction ID of the current transaction, which is called `start_ts`. TiDB implements multi-version concurrency control, so `start_ts` also serves as the version of the database snapshot obtained by this transaction. This means that the transaction can only read the data from the database at `start_ts`.

2. The client issues a read request.

    1. TiDB receives routing information (how data is distributed among TiKV nodes) from PD.
    2. TiDB receives the data of the `start_ts` version from TiKV.

3. The client issues a write request.

   TiDB checks whether the written data satisfies constraints (to ensure the data types are correct, the NOT NULL constraint is met). **Valid data is stored in the private memory of this transaction in TiDB**.

4. The client issues a commit request.

5. TiDB begins 2PC, and persists data in store while guaranteeing the atomicity of transactions.

    1. TiDB selects a Primary Key from the data to be written.
    2. TiDB receives the information of Region distribution from PD, and groups all keys by Region accordingly.
    3. TiDB sends prewrite requests to all TiKV nodes involved. Then, TiKV checks whether there are conflict or expired versions. Valid data is locked.
    4. TiDB receives all responses in the prewrite phase and the prewrite is successful.
    5. TiDB receives a commit version number from PD and marks it as `commit_ts`.
    6. TiDB initiates the second commit to the TiKV node where Primary Key is located. TiKV checks the data, and cleans the locks left in the prewrite phase.
    7. TiDB receives the message that reports the second phase is successfully finished.

6. TiDB returns a message to inform the client that the transaction is successfully committed.

7. TiDB asynchronously cleans the locks left in this transaction.

14.13.11.3.2 Advantages and disadvantages

From the process of transactions in TiDB above, it is clear that TiDB transactions have the following advantages:

- Simple to understand
- Implement cross-node transaction based on single-row transaction
- Decentralized lock management

However, TiDB transactions also have the following disadvantages:

- Transaction latency due to 2PC
- In need of a centralized timestamp allocation service
- OOM (out of memory) when extensive data is written in the memory

14.13.11.3.3 Transaction retries

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v8.0.0, the `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` system variable is deprecated, and TiDB no longer supports automatic retries of optimistic transactions. It is recommended to use the Pessimistic transaction mode. If you encounter optimistic transaction conflicts, you can capture the error and retry transactions in your application.

In the optimistic transaction model, transactions might fail to be committed because of write–write conflict in heavy contention scenarios. TiDB uses optimistic concurrency control by default, whereas MySQL applies pessimistic concurrency control. This means that MySQL adds locks during the execution of write-type SQL statements, and its Repeatable Read isolation level allows for current reads, so commits generally do not encounter exceptions. To lower the difficulty of adapting applications, TiDB provides an internal retry mechanism.

Automatic retry

If a write-write conflict occurs during the transaction commit, TiDB automatically retries the SQL statement that includes write operations. You can enable the automatic retry by setting `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` to `OFF` and set the retry limit by configuring `tidb_retry_limit`:

```
#### Whether to disable automatic retry. ("on" by default)
tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry = OFF
#### Set the maximum number of the retires. ("10" by default)
#### When "tidb_retry_limit = 0", automatic retry is completely disabled.
tidb_retry_limit = 10
```

You can enable the automatic retry in either session level or global level:

1. Session level:

```
SET tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry = OFF;
```

```
SET tidb_retry_limit = 10;
```

2. Global level:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry = OFF;
```

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_retry_limit = 10;
```

Note:

The `tidb_retry_limit` variable decides the maximum number of retries. When this variable is set to `0`, none of the transactions automatically retries, including the implicit single statement transactions that are automatically committed. This is the way to completely disable the automatic retry mechanism in TiDB. After the automatic retry is disabled, all conflicting transactions report failures (including the `try again later` message) to the application layer in the fastest way.

Limits of retry

By default, TiDB will not retry transactions because this might lead to lost updates and damaged `REPEATABLE READ` isolation.

The reason can be observed from the procedures of retry:

1. Allocate a new timestamp and mark it as `start_ts`.
2. Retry the SQL statements that contain write operations.
3. Implement the two-phase commit.

In Step 2, TiDB only retries SQL statements that contain write operations. However, during retrying, TiDB receives a new version number to mark the beginning of the transaction. This means that TiDB retries SQL statements with the data in the new `start_ts` version. In this case, if the transaction updates data using other query results, the results might be inconsistent because the `REPEATABLE READ` isolation is violated.

If your application can tolerate lost updates, and does not require `REPEATABLE READ` isolation consistency, you can enable this feature by setting `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry = OFF`.

14.13.11.3.4 Conflict detection

As a distributed database, TiDB performs in-memory conflict detection in the TiKV layer, mainly in the prewrite phase. TiDB instances are stateless and unaware of each other, which means they cannot know whether their writes result in conflicts across the cluster. Therefore, conflict detection is performed in the TiKV layer.

The configuration is as follows:

```
#### Controls the number of slots. ("2048000" by default)
scheduler-concurrency = 2048000
```

In addition, TiKV supports monitoring the time spent on waiting latches in the scheduler.

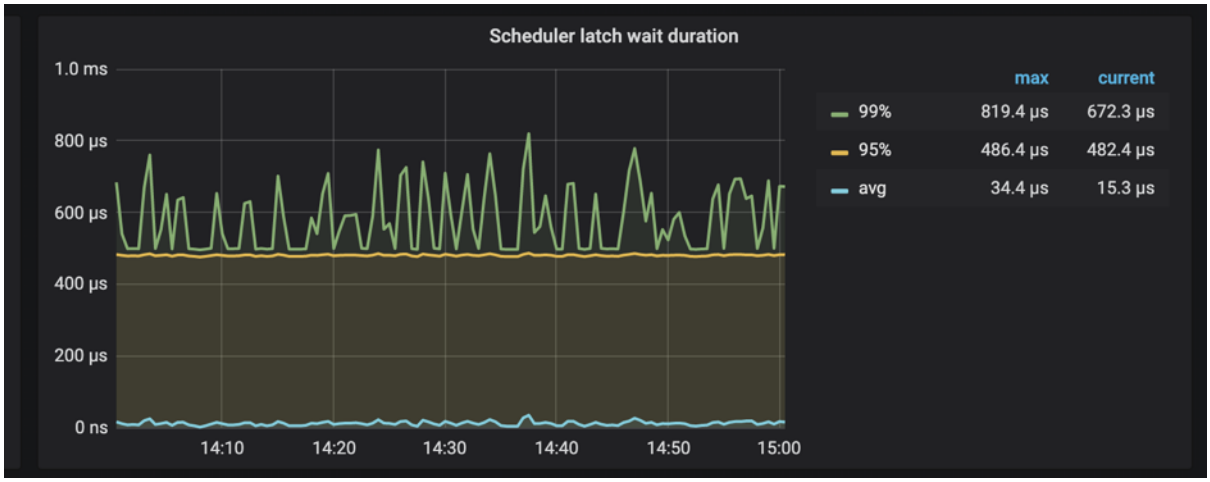

Figure 593: Scheduler latch wait duration

When `Scheduler latch wait duration` is high and there are no slow writes, it can be safely concluded that there are many write conflicts at this time.

14.13.11.4 TiDB Pessimistic Transaction Mode

To make the usage of TiDB closer to traditional databases and reduce the cost of migration, starting from v3.0, TiDB supports the pessimistic transaction mode on top of the optimistic transaction model. This document describes the features of the TiDB pessimistic transaction mode.

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v3.0.8, newly created TiDB clusters use the pessimistic transaction mode by default. However, this does not affect your existing cluster if you upgrade it from v3.0.7 or earlier to v3.0.8 or later. In other words, **only newly created clusters default to using the pessimistic transaction mode**.

14.13.11.4.1 Switch transaction mode

You can set the transaction mode by configuring the `tidb_txn_mode` system variable. The following command sets all explicit transactions (that is, non-autocommit transactions) executed by newly created sessions in the cluster to the pessimistic transaction mode:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_txn_mode = 'pessimistic';
```

You can also explicitly enable the pessimistic transaction mode by executing the following SQL statements:

```
BEGIN PESSIMISTIC;
```

```
BEGIN /*T! PESSIMISTIC */;
```

The `BEGIN PESSIMISTIC;` and `BEGIN OPTIMISTIC;` statements take precedence over the `tidb_txn_mode` system variable. Transactions started with these two statements ignore the system variable and support using both the pessimistic and optimistic transaction modes.

14.13.11.4.2 Behaviors

Pessimistic transactions in TiDB behave similarly to those in MySQL. See the minor differences in Differences from MySQL InnoDB.

- For pessimistic transactions, TiDB introduces snapshot read and current read.
    - Snapshot read: it is an unlocked read that reads a version committed before the transaction starts. The read in the `SELECT` statement is a snapshot read.
    - Current read: it is a locked read that reads the latest committed version. The read in the `UPDATE`, `DELETE`, `INSERT`, or `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statement is a current read.

    The following examples provide a detailed description of snapshot read and current read.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
CREATE TABLE t (a INT);		
INSERT INTO T VALUES(1);		
BEGIN PESSIMISTIC;		
UPDATE t SET a = a + 1;		

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
	BEGIN PESSIMISTIC; SELECT * FROM t; – Use the snapshot read to read the version committed before the current transaction starts. The result returns a=1.	
		BEGIN PESSIMISTIC;

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
		SELECT * FROM t FOR UPDATE; – Use the current read. Wait for the lock.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
COMMIT; – Release the lock. The SELECT FOR UPDATE operation of session 3 obtains the lock and TiDB uses the current read to read the latest committed version. The result returns a=2.		

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
	SELECT * FROM t; – Use the snapshot read to read the version committed before the current transaction starts. The result returns a=1.	

- When you execute `UPDATE`, `DELETE` or `INSERT` statements, the **latest** committed data is read, data is modified, and a pessimistic lock is applied on the modified rows.
- For `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statements, a pessimistic lock is applied on the latest version of the committed data, instead of on the modified rows.
- Locks will be released when the transaction is committed or rolled back. Other transactions attempting to modify the data are blocked and have to wait for the lock to be released. Transactions attempting to *read* the data are not blocked, because TiDB uses multi-version concurrency control (MVCC).
- You can set the system variable `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic` to control whether to skip the pessimistic locks with unique constraint checks. See con-

straints for details.

- If several transactions are trying to acquire each other's respective locks, a deadlock will occur. This is automatically detected, and one of the transactions will randomly be terminated with a MySQL-compatible error code `1213` returned.
- Transactions will wait up to `innodb_lock_wait_timeout` seconds (default: 50) to acquire new locks. When this timeout is reached, a MySQL-compatible error code `1205` is returned. If multiple transactions are waiting for the same lock, the order of priority is approximately based on the `start ts` of the transaction.
- TiDB supports both the optimistic transaction mode and pessimistic transaction mode in the same cluster. You can specify either mode for transaction execution.
- TiDB supports the `FOR UPDATE NOWAIT` syntax and does not block and wait for locks to be released. Instead, a MySQL-compatible error code `3572` is returned.
- If the `Point Get` and `Batch Point Get` operators do not read data, they still lock the given primary key or unique key, which blocks other transactions from locking or writing data to the same primary key or unique key.
- TiDB supports the `FOR UPDATE OF TABLES` syntax. For a statement that joins multiple tables, TiDB only applies pessimistic locks on the rows that are associated with the tables in `OF TABLES`.

14.13.11.4.3 Differences from MySQL InnoDB

1. When TiDB executes DML or `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statements that use range in the WHERE clause, concurrent DML statements within the range are not blocked.

   For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
 id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
 pad1 VARCHAR(100)
);
INSERT INTO t1 (id) VALUES (1),(5),(10);
```

```
BEGIN /*T! PESSIMISTIC */;
SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE id BETWEEN 1 AND 10 FOR UPDATE;
```

```
BEGIN /*T! PESSIMISTIC */;
INSERT INTO t1 (id) VALUES (6); -- blocks only in MySQL
UPDATE t1 SET pad1='new value' WHERE id = 5; -- blocks waiting in both
    ↪ MySQL and TiDB
```

   This behavior is because TiDB does not currently support *gap locking*.

2. TiDB does not support `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE`.

   TiDB does not support the `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` syntax by default. You can enable `tidb_enable_noop_functions` to make TiDB compatible with the `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` syntax. Executing `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` has the same effect as that without the lock, so it does not block read or write operations of other transactions.

   Starting from v8.3.0, TiDB supports using the `tidb_enable_shared_lock_promotion` system variable to enable the `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` statement to add locks. However, note that the lock added at this time is not a true shared lock, but an exclusive lock, which is consistent with `SELECT FOR UPDATE`. If you want to block writes to prevent data from being modified by write transactions in parallel during reads while keeping TiDB compatible with the `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` syntax, you can enable this variable. Enabling this variable takes effect on the `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` statement, regardless of whether `tidb_enable_noop_functions` is enabled or not.

3. DDL may result in failure of the pessimistic transaction commit.

   When DDL is executed in MySQL, it might be blocked by the transaction that is being executed. However, in this scenario, the DDL operation is not blocked in TiDB, which leads to failure of the pessimistic transaction commit: `ERROR 1105 (HY000) : Information schema is changed. [try again later]`. TiDB executes the `TRUNCATE TABLE` statement during the transaction execution, which might result in the `table doesn't exist` error.

4. After executing `START TRANSACTION WITH CONSISTENT SNAPSHOT`, MySQL can still read the tables that are created later in other transactions, while TiDB cannot.

5. The autocommit transactions prefer the optimistic locking.

   When using the pessimistic model, the autocommit transactions first try to commit the statement using the optimistic model that has less overhead. If a write conflict occurs, the pessimistic model is used for transaction retry. Therefore, if `tidb_retry_limit` is set to `0`, the autocommit transaction still reports the `Write Conflict` error when a write conflict occurs.

   The autocommit `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statement does not wait for lock.

6. The data read by `EMBEDDED SELECT` in the statement is not locked.

7. Open transactions in TiDB do not block garbage collection (GC). By default, this limits the maximum execution time of pessimistic transactions to 1 hour. You can modify this limit by editing `max-txn-ttl` under `[performance]` in the TiDB configuration file.

14.13.11.4.4 Isolation level

TiDB supports the following two isolation levels in the pessimistic transaction mode:

- Repeatable Read by default, which is the same as MySQL.

> **Note:**
> In this isolation level, DML operations are performed based on the latest committed data. The behavior is the same as MySQL, but differs from the optimistic transaction mode in TiDB. See Difference between TiDB and MySQL Repeatable Read.

- Read Committed. You can set this isolation level using the `SET TRANSACTION` statement.

14.13.11.4.5 Pessimistic transaction commit process

In the transaction commit process, pessimistic transactions and optimistic transactions have the same logic. Both transactions adopt the two-phase commit (2PC) mode. The important adaptation of pessimistic transactions is DML execution.

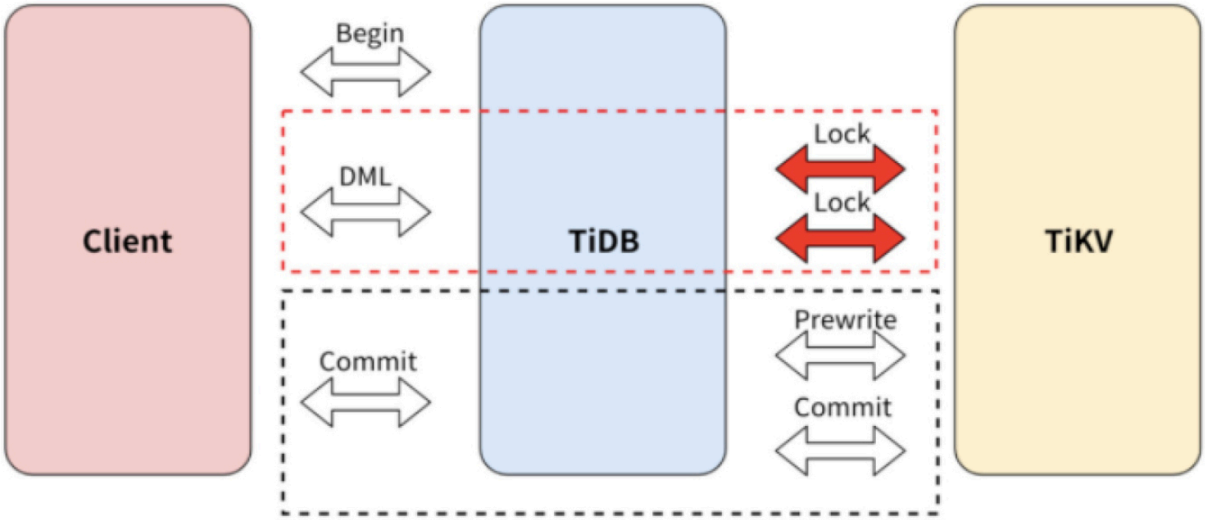

Figure 594: TiDB pessimistic transaction commit process

The pessimistic transaction adds an `Acquire Pessimistic Lock` phase before 2PC. This phase includes the following steps:

1. (Same as the optimistic transaction mode) TiDB receives the `begin` request from the client, and the current timestamp is this transaction's start_ts.
2. When the TiDB server receives a writing request from the client, the TiDB server initiates a pessimistic lock request to the TiKV server, and the lock is persisted to the TiKV server.

3. (Same as the optimistic transaction mode) When the client sends the commit request, TiDB starts to perform the two-phase commit similar to the optimistic transaction mode.

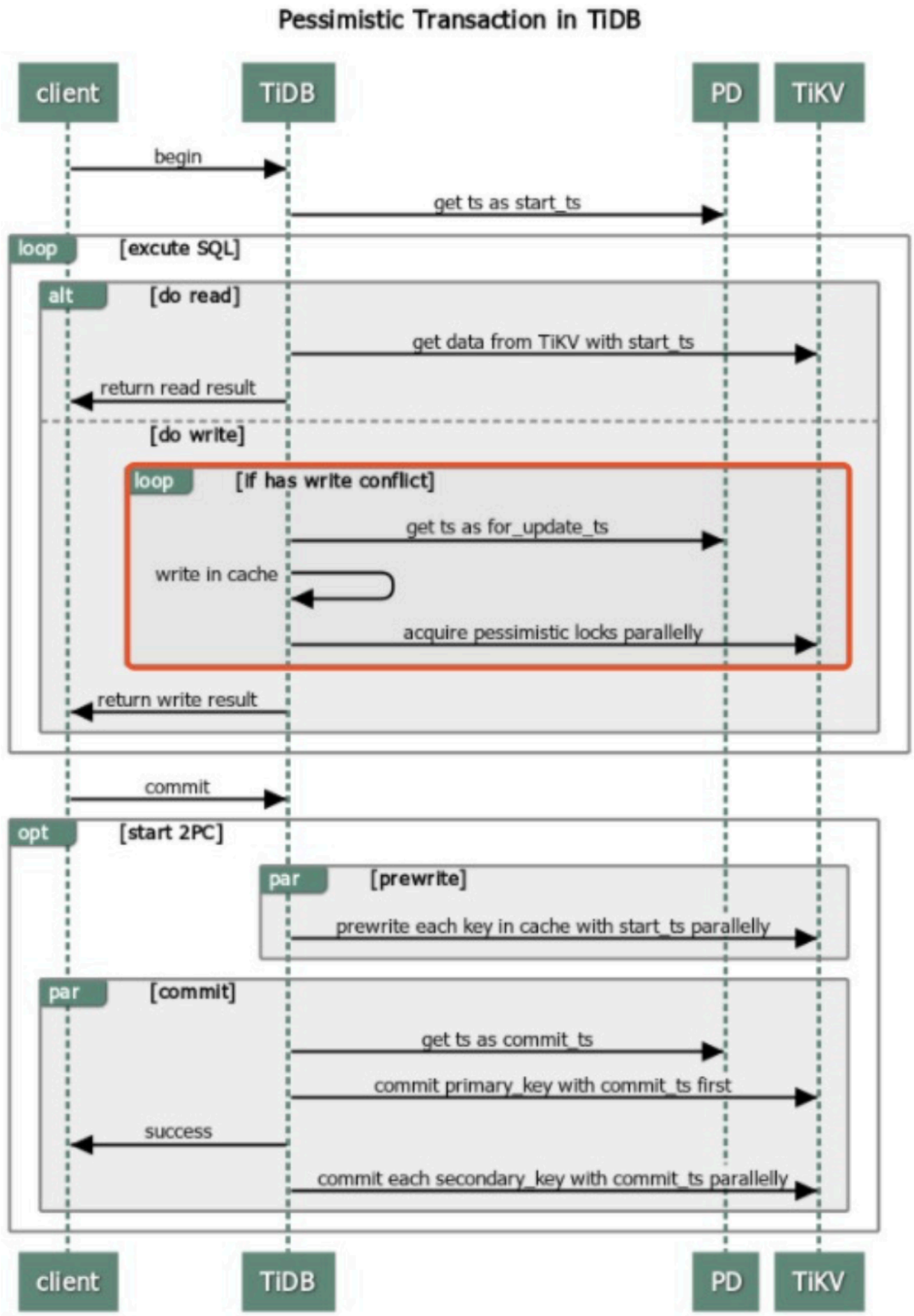

Figure 595: Pessimistic transactions in TiDB

14.13.11.4.6 Pipelined locking process

Adding a pessimistic lock requires writing data into TiKV. The response of successfully adding a lock can only be returned to TiDB after commit and apply through Raft. Therefore, compared with optimistic transactions, the pessimistic transaction mode inevitably has higher latency.

To reduce the overhead of locking, TiKV implements the pipelined locking process: when the data meets the requirements for locking, TiKV immediately notifies TiDB to execute subsequent requests and writes into the pessimistic lock asynchronously. This process reduces most latency and significantly improves the performance of pessimistic transactions. However, when network partition occurs in TiKV or a TiKV node is down, the asynchronous write into the pessimistic lock might fail and affect the following aspects:

- Other transactions that modify the same data cannot be blocked. If the application logic relies on locking or lock waiting mechanisms, the correctness of the application logic is affected.
- There is a low probability that the transaction commit fails, but it does not affect the correctness of the transactions.

If the application logic relies on the locking or lock waiting mechanisms, or if you want to guarantee as much as possible the success rate of transaction commits even in the case of TiKV cluster anomalies, you should disable the pipelined locking feature.

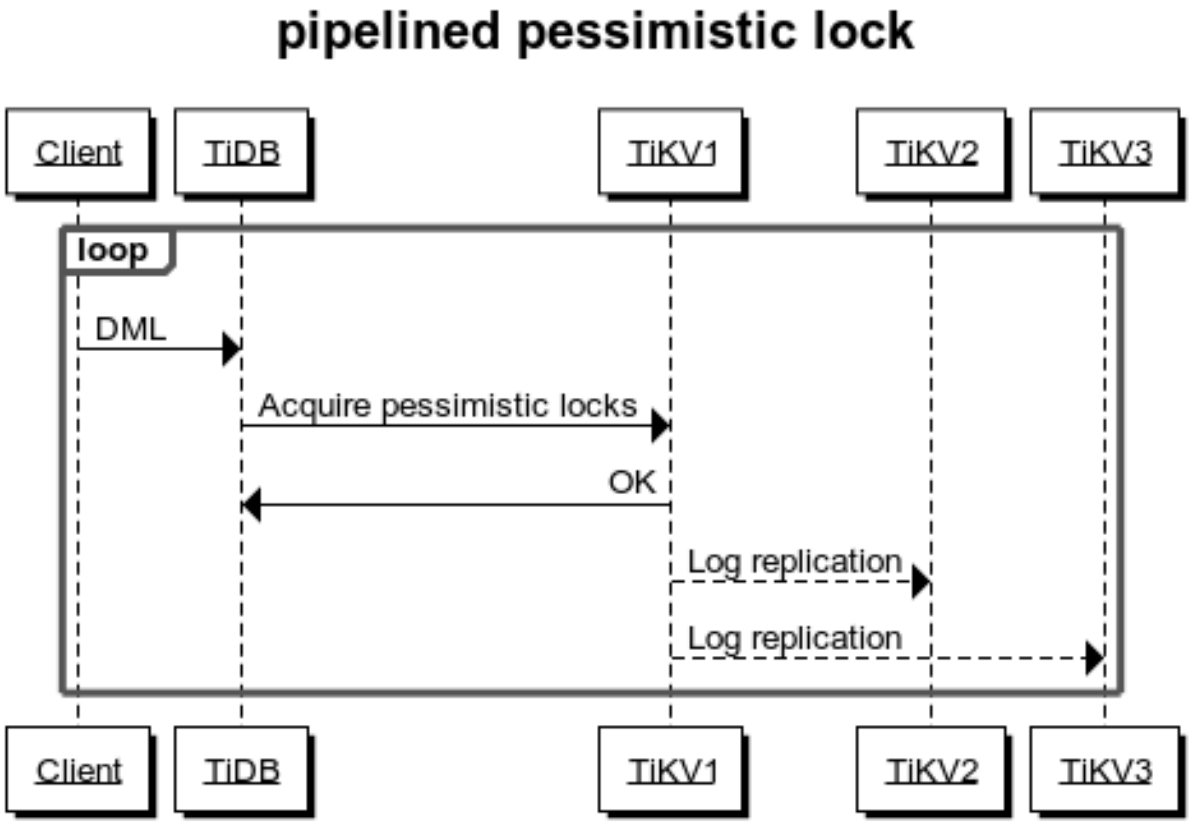

Figure 596: Pipelined pessimistic lock

This feature is enabled by default. To disable it, modify the TiKV configuration:

```
[pessimistic-txn]
pipelined = false
```

If the TiKV cluster is v4.0.9 or later, you can also dynamically disable this feature by modifying TiKV configuration dynamically:

```
set config tikv pessimistic-txn.pipelined='false';
```

14.13.11.4.7 In-memory pessimistic lock

In v6.0.0, TiKV introduces the feature of in-memory pessimistic lock. When this feature is enabled, pessimistic locks are usually stored in the memory of the Region leader only, and are not persisted to disk or replicated through Raft to other replicas. This feature can greatly reduce the overhead of acquiring pessimistic locks and improve the throughput of pessimistic transactions.

When the memory usage of in-memory pessimistic locks exceeds the memory threshold of the Region or the TiKV node, the acquisition of pessimistic locks turns to the pipelined locking process. When the Region is merged or the leader is transferred, to avoid the loss of the pessimistic lock, TiKV writes the in-memory pessimistic lock to disk and replicates it to other replicas.

The in-memory pessimistic lock performs similarly to the pipelined locking process, which does not affect the lock acquisition when the cluster is healthy. However, when network isolation occurs in TiKV or a TiKV node is down, the acquired pessimistic lock might be lost.

If the application logic relies on the lock acquiring or lock waiting mechanism, or if you want to guarantee as much as possible the success rate of transaction commits even when the cluster is in an abnormal state, you need to **disable** the in-memory pessimistic lock feature.

This feature is enabled by default. To disable it, modify the TiKV configuration:

```
[pessimistic-txn]
in-memory = false
```

To dynamically disable this feature, modify the TiKV configuration dynamically:

```
set config tikv pessimistic-txn.in-memory='false';
```

Starting from v8.4.0, you can configure the memory usage limit for in-memory pessimistic locks in a Region or a TiKV instance using `pessimistic-txn.in-memory-peer-size-limit` or `pessimistic-txn.in-memory-instance-size-limit`:

```
[pessimistic-txn]
in-memory-peer-size-limit = "512KiB"
in-memory-instance-size-limit = "100MiB"
```

To dynamically modify these limits, modify TiKV configuration dynamically as follows:

```
SET CONFIG tikv `pessimistic-txn.in-memory-peer-size-limit`="512KiB";
SET CONFIG tikv `pessimistic-txn.in-memory-instance-size-limit`="100MiB";
```

14.13.11.5 Non-Transactional DML Statements

This document describes the usage scenarios, usage methods, and restrictions of non-transactional DML statements in TiDB. In addition, the implementation principle and common issues are also explained.

A non-transactional DML statement is a DML statement split into multiple SQL statements (which is, multiple batches) to be executed in sequence. It enhances the performance and ease of use in batch data processing at the expense of transactional atomicity and isolation.

Usually, memory-consuming transactions need to be split into multiple SQL statements to bypass the transaction size limit. Non-transactional DML statements integrate this process into the TiDB kernel to achieve the same effect. It is helpful to understand the effect of non-transactional DML statements by splitting SQL statements. The `DRY RUN` syntax can be used to preview the split statements.

Non-transactional DML statements include:

- `INSERT INTO ... SELECT`
- `REPLACE INTO .. SELECT`
- `UPDATE`
- `DELETE`

For detailed syntax, see `BATCH`.

Note:

- A non-transactional DML statement does not guarantee the atomicity and isolation of the statement, and is not equivalent to the original DML statement.
- After a DML statement is rewritten into a non-transactional DML statement, you cannot assume that its behavior is consistent with that of the original statement.
- Before using a non-transactional DML, you need to analyze whether the split statements will affect each other.

14.13.11.5.1 Usage scenarios

In the scenarios of large data processing, you might often need to perform same operations on a large batch of data. If the operation is performed directly using a single SQL statement, the transaction size might exceed the limit and affect the execution performance.

Batch data processing often has no overlap of time or data with the online application operations. Isolation (I in ACID) is unnecessary when no concurrent operations exist. Atomicity is also unnecessary if bulk data operations are idempotent or easily retryable. If your application needs neither data isolation nor atomicity, you can consider using non-transactional DML statements.

Non-transactional DML statements are used to bypass the size limit on large transactions in certain scenarios. One statement is used to complete tasks that would otherwise require manually splitting of transactions, with higher execution efficiency and less resource consumption.

For example, to delete expired data, if you ensure that no application will access the expired data, you can use a non-transactional DML statement to improve the `DELETE` performance.

14.13.11.5.2 Prerequisites

Before using non-transactional DML statements, make sure that the following conditions are met:

- The statement does not require atomicity, which permits some rows to be modified and some rows to remain unmodified in the execution result.
- The statement is idempotent, or you are prepared to retry on a part of the data according to the error message. If the system variables are set to `tidb_redact_log = 1` and `tidb_nontransactional_ignore_error = 1`, this statement must be idempotent. Otherwise, when the statement partially fails, the failed part cannot be accurately located.
- The data to be operated on has no other concurrent writes, which means it is not updated by other statements at the same time. Otherwise, unexpected results such as missing writes, wrong writes, and modifying the same line multiple times might occur.
- The statement does not modify the data to be read by the statement itself. Otherwise, the following batch will read the data written by the previous batch and easily causes unexpected results.
    - Avoid modifying the shard column when you select from and modify the same table within a non-transactional `INSERT INTO ... SELECT` statement. Otherwise, multiple batches might read the same row and insert data multiple times:
        - It is not recommended to use `BATCH ON test.t.id LIMIT 10000 INSERT INTO t SELECT id+1, value FROM t;`.
        - It is recommended to use `BATCH ON test.t.id LIMIT 10000 INSERT INTO t SELECT id, value FROM t;`.
        - If the shard column `id` has the `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute, it is recommended to use `BATCH ON test.t.id LIMIT 10000 INSERT INTO t(value)SELECT value FROM t;`.
    - Avoid updating the shard column in the non-transactional `UPDATE`, `INSERT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE`, or `REPLACE INTO` statement:
        - For example, for a non-transactional `UPDATE` statement, the split SQL statements are executed in sequence. The modification of the previous batch is read by the next batch after the previous batch is committed, which causes the same line of data to be modified multiple times.
        - These statements do not support `BATCH ON test.t.id LIMIT 10000 UPDATE t SET test.t.id = test.t.id-1;`.

- It is not recommended to use `BATCH ON test.t.id LIMIT 1 INSERT INTO t SELECT id+1, value FROM t ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE id = id + 1;`.

- The shard column should not be used as a Join key. For example, the following example uses the shard column `test.t.id` as a Join key, which causes a non-transactional `UPDATE` statement to modify the same line multiple times:

```
CREATE TABLE t(id int, v int, key(id));
CREATE TABLE t2(id int, v int, key(id));
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3);
INSERT INTO t2 VALUES (1, 1), (2, 2), (4, 4);
BATCH ON test.t.id LIMIT 1 UPDATE t JOIN t2 ON t.id = t2.id SET t2
    ↪ .id = t2.id+1;
SELECT * FROM t2; -- (4, 1) (4, 2) (4, 4)
```

- The statement meets the restrictions.

- It is not recommended to perform concurrent DDL operations on the table to be read or written by this DML statement.

> **Warning:**
>
> If `tidb_redact_log` and `tidb_nontransactional_ignore_error` are enabled at the same time, you might not get the complete error information of each batch, and you cannot retry the failed batch only. Therefore, if both of the system variables are turned on, the non-transactional DML statement must be idempotent.

14.13.11.5.3 Usage examples

Use a non-transactional DML statement

The following sections describe the use of non-transactional DML statements with examples:

Create a table `t` with the following schema:

```
CREATE TABLE t (id INT, v INT, KEY(id));
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected
```

Insert some data into table `t`.

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 5), (5, 6);
```

```
Query OK, 5 rows affected
```

The following operation uses a non-transactional DML statement to delete rows with values less than the integer 6 on column `v` of table `t`. This statement is split into two SQL statements, with a batch size of 2, sharded by the `id` column and executed.

```
BATCH ON id LIMIT 2 DELETE FROM t WHERE v < 6;
```

```
+---------------+--------------+
| number of jobs | job status |
+---------------+--------------+
| 2             | all succeeded |
+---------------+--------------+
1 row in set
```

Check the deletion results of the above non-transactional DML statement.

```
SELECT * FROM t;
```

```
+----+---+
| id | v |
+----+---+
| 5  | 6 |
+----+---+
1 row in set
```

The following example describes how to use multiple table joins. First, create table `t2` and insert data:

```
CREATE TABLE t2(id int, v int, key(id));
INSERT INTO t2 VALUES (1,1), (3,3), (5,5);
```

Then, update the data of table `t2` by joining table `t` and `t2`. Note that you need to specify the shard column along with the complete database name, table name, and column name (`test.t.id`):

```
BATCH ON test.t._tidb_rowid LIMIT 1 UPDATE t JOIN t2 ON t.id = t2.id SET t2
    ↪ .id = t2.id+1;
```

Query the results:

```
SELECT * FROM t2;
```

```
+----+---+
| id | v |
+----+---+
```

```
| 1  | 1 |
| 3  | 3 |
| 6  | 5 |
+----+---+
```

Check the execution progress

During the execution of a non-transactional DML statement, you can view the progress using `SHOW PROCESSLIST`. The `Time` field in the returned result indicates the time consumption of the current batch execution. Logs and slow logs also record the progress of each split statement throughout the non-transactional DML execution. For example:

```
SHOW PROCESSLIST;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----+------+--------------------+--------+---------+------+-----------+--------
    ↪
| Id   | User | Host              | db     | Command | Time | State   | Info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----+------+--------------------+--------+---------+------+-----------+--------
    ↪
| 1203 | root | 100.64.10.62:52711 | test | Query | 0 | autocommit | /* job
    ↪  506/500000 */ DELETE FROM `test`.`t1` WHERE `test`.`t1`.`_tidb_rowid
    ↪ ` BETWEEN 2271 AND 2273 |
| 1209 | root | 100.64.10.62:52735 | <null> | Query | 0 | autocommit | show
    ↪  full processlist
    ↪                                                                    |
+--
    ↪ ----+------+--------------------+--------+---------+------+-----------+--------
    ↪
```

Terminate a non-transactional DML statement

To terminate a non-transactional DML statement, you can use `KILL TIDB <processlist_id>`. Then TiDB will cancel all batches after the batch that is currently being executed. You can get the execution result from the log.

For more information about `KILL TIDB`, see the reference KILL.

Query the batch-dividing statement

During the execution of a non-transactional DML statement, a statement is internally used to divide the DML statement into multiple batches. To query this batch-dividing statement, you can add `DRY RUN QUERY` to this non-transactional DML statement. Then TiDB will not execute this query and the subsequent DML operations.

The following statement queries the batch-dividing statement during the execution of `BATCH ON id LIMIT 2 DELETE FROM t WHERE v < 6`:

```
BATCH ON id LIMIT 2 DRY RUN QUERY DELETE FROM t WHERE v < 6;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| query statement                                                                 |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| SELECT `id` FROM `test`.`t` WHERE (`v` < 6) ORDER BY IF(ISNULL(`id`),0,1)
    ↪ ,`id` |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set
```

Query the statements corresponding to the first and the last batches

To query the actual DML statements corresponding to the first and the last batches in a non-transactional DML statement, you can add `DRY RUN` to this non-transactional DML statement. Then, TiDB only divides batches and does not execute these SQL statements. Because there might be many batches, not all batches are displayed, and only the first one and the last one are displayed.

```
BATCH ON id LIMIT 2 DRY RUN DELETE FROM t WHERE v < 6;
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| split statement examples                                        |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| DELETE FROM `test`.`t` WHERE (`id` BETWEEN 1 AND 2 AND (`v` < 6)) |
| DELETE FROM `test`.`t` WHERE (`id` BETWEEN 3 AND 4 AND (`v` < 6)) |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
2 rows in set
```

Use the optimizer hint

If an optimizer hint is originally supported in the `DELETE` statement, the optimizer hint is also supported in the non-transactional `DELETE` statement. The position of the hint is the same as that in the ordinary `DELETE` statement:

```
BATCH ON id LIMIT 2 DELETE /*+ USE_INDEX(t)*/ FROM t WHERE v < 6;
```

14.13.11.5.4 Best practices

To use a non-transactional DML statement, the following steps are recommended:

1. Select an appropriate shard column. Integer or string types are recommended.
2. Add `DRY RUN QUERY` to the non-transactional DML statement, execute the query manually, and confirm whether the data range affected by the DML statement is roughly correct.
3. Add `DRY RUN` to the non-transactional DML statement, execute the query manually, and check the split statements and the execution plans. You need to pay attention to the following points:

    - Whether the split statement can read the result written by the previous statement, which might cause an anomaly.
    - The index selectivity.
    - Whether the shard column automatically selected by TiDB will be modified.

4. Execute the non-transactional DML statement.
5. If an error is reported, get the specific failed data range from the error message or log, and retry or handle it manually.

14.13.11.5.5 Parameter description

Parameter	Description	Default value	Required or not	Recommended value

Parameter	Description	Default value	Required or not	Recommended value
Shard column	The column used to shard batches, such as the `id` column in the above non-transactional DML statement `BATCH ON id LIMIT 2 DELETE FROM t WHERE v < 5140`	TiDB tries to automatically select a shard column (not recommended).	No	Select a column that can meet the `WHERE` condition in the most efficient way.

Parameter	Description	Default value	Required or not	Recommended value
Batch size	Used to control the size of each batch. The number of batches is the number of SQL statements into which DML operations are split, such as `LIMIT ↪ ↪ 2 ↪` in the above non-transactional DML statement `BATCH ↪`	N/A	Yes	1000-1000000. Too small or too large a batch will lead to performance degradation.

Parameter	Description	Default value	Required or not	Recommended value

How to select a shard column

A non-transactional DML statement uses a column as the basis for data batching, which is the shard column. For higher execution efficiency, a shard column is required to use index. The execution efficiency brought by different indexes and shard columns might vary by dozens of times. When choosing the shard column, consider the following suggestions:

- If you know the application data distribution, according to the `WHERE` condition, choose the column that divides data with smaller ranges after the batching.
    - Ideally, the `WHERE` condition can take advantage of the index of the shard column to reduce the amount of data to be scanned per batch. For example, there is a transaction table that records the start and end time of each transaction, and you want to delete all transaction records whose end time is before one month. If there is an index on the start time of the transaction, and the start and end times of the transaction are relatively close, then you can choose the start time column as the shard column.
    - In a less-than-ideal case, the data distribution of the shard column is completely independent of the `WHERE` condition, and the index of the shard column cannot be used to reduce the scope of the data scan.
- When a clustered index exists, it is recommended to use the primary key (including an `INT` primary key and `_tidb_rowid`) as the shard column, so that the execution efficiency is higher.
- Choose the column with fewer duplicate values.

You can also choose not to specify a shard column. Then, TiDB will use the first column of `handle` as the shard column by default. But if the first column of the primary key of the clustered index is of a data type not supported by non-transactional DML statements (which is `ENUM`, `BIT`, `SET`, `JSON`), TiDB will report an error. You can choose an appropriate shard column according to your application needs.

How to set batch size

In non-transactional DML statements, the larger the batch size, the fewer SQL statements are split and the slower each SQL statement is executed. The optimal batch size depends on the workload. It is recommended to start from 50000. Either too small or too large batch sizes will cause decreased execution efficiency.

The information of each batch is stored in memory, so too many batches can significantly increase memory consumption. This explains why the batch size cannot be too small. The upper limit of memory consumed by non-transactional statements for storing batch information is the same as `tidb_mem_quota_query`, and the action triggered when this limit is exceeded is determined by the configuration item `tidb_mem_oom_action`.

14.13.11.5.6 Restrictions

The following are hard restrictions on non-transactional DML statements. If these restrictions are not met, TiDB will report an error.

- The DML statements cannot contain `ORDER BY` or `LIMIT` clauses.
- Subqueries or set operations are not supported.
- The shard column must be indexed. The index can be a single-column index, or the first column of a joint index.
- Must be used in the `autocommit` mode.
- Cannot be used when batch-dml is enabled.
- Cannot be used when `tidb_snapshot` is set.
- Cannot be used with the `prepare` statement.
- `ENUM`, `BIT`, `SET`, `JSON` types are not supported as the shard columns.
- Not supported for temporary tables.
- Common Table Expression is not supported.

14.13.11.5.7 Control batch execution failure

Non-transactional DML statements do not satisfy atomicity. Some batches might succeed and some might fail. The system variable `tidb_nontransactional_ignore_error` controls how the non-transactional DML statements handle errors.

An exception is that if the first batch fails, there is a high probability that the statement itself is wrong. In this case, the entire non-transactional statement will directly return an error.

14.13.11.5.8 How it works

The working principle of non-transactional DML statements is to build into TiDB the automatic splitting of SQL statements. Without non-transactional DML statements, you will need to manually split the SQL statements. To understand the behavior of a non-transactional DML statement, think of it as a user script doing the following tasks:

For the non-transactional DML `BATCH ON $C$ LIMIT $N$ DELETE FROM ... WHERE $P$`, C is the column used for dividing, N is the batch size, and P is the filter condition.

1. According to the filter condition P of the original statement and the specified column C for dividing, TiDB queries all C that satisfy P. TiDB sorts these C into groups $B_1 \dots B_k$ according to N. For each of all B_i, TiDB keeps its first and last C as S_i and E_i. The query statement executed in this step can be viewed through `DRY RUN QUERY`.
2. The data involved in B_i is a subset that satisfies P_i: C BETWEEN S_i AND E_i. You can use P_i to narrow down the range of data that each batch needs to process.
3. For B_i, TiDB embeds the above condition into the `WHERE` condition of the original statement, which makes it WHERE (P_i) AND (P). The execution result of this step can be viewed through `DRY RUN`.

4. For all batches, execute new statements in sequence. The errors for each grouping are collected and combined, and returned as the result of the entire non-transactional DML statement after all groupings are complete.

14.13.11.5.9 Comparison with batch-dml

batch-dml is a mechanism for splitting a transaction into multiple transaction commits during the execution of a DML statement.

> **Note:**
>
> It is not recommended to use batch-dml which has been deprecated. When the batch-dml feature is not properly used, there is a risk of data index inconsistency.

Non-transactional DML statements are not yet a replacement for all batch-dml usage scenarios. Their main differences are as follows:

- Performance: When the shard column is efficient, the performance of non-transactional DML statements is close to that of batch-dml. When the shard column is less efficient, the performance of non-transactional DML statements is significantly lower than that of batch-dml.
- Stability: batch-dml is prone to data index inconsistencies due to improper use. Non-transactional DML statements do not cause data index inconsistencies. However, when used improperly, non-transactional DML statements are not equivalent to the original statements, and the applications might observe unexpected behavior. See the common issues section for details.

14.13.11.5.10 Common issues

Executing a multiple table joins statement results in the `Unknown column xxx in 'where clause'` error

This error occurs when the `WHERE` clause concatenated in a query involves tables other than the table in which the shard column is defined. For example, in the following SQL statement, the shard column is `t2.id` and it is defined in table `t2`, but the `WHERE` clause involves table `t2` and `t3`.

```
BATCH ON test.t2.id LIMIT 1
INSERT INTO t
SELECT t2.id, t2.v, t3.id FROM t2, t3 WHERE t2.id = t3.id
```

```
(1054, "Unknown column 't3.id' in 'where clause'")
```

If the error occurs, you can print the query statement for confirmation by using `DRY RUN QUERY`. For example:

```
BATCH ON test.t2.id LIMIT 1
DRY RUN QUERY INSERT INTO t
SELECT t2.id, t2.v, t3.id FROM t2, t3 WHERE t2.id = t3.id
```

To avoid the error, you can move the condition related to other tables in the `WHERE` clause to the `ON` condition in the `JOIN` clause. For example:

```
BATCH ON test.t2.id LIMIT 1
INSERT INTO t
SELECT t2.id, t2.v, t3.id FROM t2 JOIN t3 ON t2.id = t3.id
```

```
+----------------+---------------+
| number of jobs | job status |
+----------------+---------------+
| 0              | all succeeded |
+----------------+---------------+
```

The actual batch size is not the same as the specified batch size

During the execution of a non-transactional DML statement, the size of data to be processed in the last batch might be smaller than the specified batch size.

When **duplicated values exist in the shard column**, each batch will contain all the duplicated values of the last element of the shard column in this batch. Therefore, the number of rows in this batch might be greater than the specified batch size.

In addition, when other concurrent writes occur, the number of rows processed in each batch might be different from the specified batch size.

The `Failed to restore the delete statement, probably because of unsupported type of the shard column` error occurs during execution

The shard column does not support `ENUM`, `BIT`, `SET`, `JSON` types. Try to specify a new shard column. It is recommended to use an integer or string type column.

If the error occurs when the selected shard column is not one of these unsupported types, get support from PingCAP or the community.

Non-transactional `DELETE` has "exceptional" behavior that is not equivalent to ordinary `DELETE`

A non-transactional DML statement is not equivalent to the original form of this DML statement, which might have the following reasons:

- There are other concurrent writes.

- The non-transactional DML statement modifies a value that the statement itself will read.
- The SQL statement executed in each batch might cause a different execution plan and expression calculation order because the `WHERE` condition is changed. Therefore, the execution result might be different from the original statement.
- The DML statements contain non-deterministic operations.

14.13.11.5.11 MySQL compatibility

Non-transactional statements are TiDB-specific and are not compatible with MySQL.

14.13.11.5.12 See also

- The `BATCH` syntax
- `tidb_nontransactional_ignore_error`

14.13.11.6 Pipelined DML

> **Warning:**
>
> Pipelined DML is an experimental feature. It is not recommended that you use it in the production environment. This feature might be changed or removed without prior notice. If you find a bug, you can report an issue on GitHub.

This document introduces the use cases, methods, limitations, and common issues related to Pipelined DML.

14.13.11.6.1 Overview

Pipelined DML is an experimental feature introduced in TiDB v8.0.0 to improve the performance of large-scale data write operations. When this feature is enabled, TiDB streams data directly to the storage layer during DML operations, instead of buffering it entirely in memory. This pipeline-like approach simultaneously reads data (input) and writes it to the storage layer (output), effectively resolving common challenges in large-scale DML operations as follows:

- Memory limits: traditional DML operations might encounter out-of-memory (OOM) errors when handling large datasets.
- Performance bottlenecks: large transactions are often inefficient and is prone to causing workload fluctuations.

With pipelined DML enabled, you can achieve the following:

- Perform large-scale data operations without being constrained by TiDB memory limits.
- Maintain smoother workloads and lower operation latency.
- Keep transaction memory usage predictable, typically within 1 GiB.

It is recommended to enable Pipelined DML in the following scenarios:

- Processing data writes involving millions of rows or more.
- Encountering memory insufficient errors during DML operations.
- Experiencing noticeable workload fluctuations during large-scale data operations.

Note that although Pipelined DML significantly reduces memory usage during transaction processing, you still need to configure a reasonable memory threshold (at least 2 GiB recommended) to ensure other components (such as executors) function properly during large-scale data operations.

14.13.11.6.2 Limitations

Currently, Pipelined DML has the following limitations:

- Pipelined DML is currently incompatible with TiCDC, TiFlash, or BR. Avoid using Pipelined DML on tables associated with these components, as it might lead to issues such as blocking or OOM in these components.
- Pipelined DML is not suitable for scenarios with write conflicts, because it might lead to significant performance degradation or operation failures that require rollback.
- Make sure that the metadata lock is enabled during Pipelined DML operations.
- When executing DML statements with Pipelined DML enabled, TiDB checks the following conditions. If any condition is not met, TiDB falls back to standard DML execution and generates a warning:
    - Only autocommit statements are supported.
    - Only `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, `REPLACE`, and `DELETE` statements are supported.
    - Target tables must not include temporary tables or cached tables.
    - When foreign key constraints are enabled (`foreign_key_checks = ON`), target tables must not include foreign key relationships.
- When executing `INSERT IGNORE ... ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` statements, conflicting updates might result in `Duplicate entry` errors.

14.13.11.6.3 Usage

This section describes how to enable Pipelined DML and verify whether it takes effect.

Enable Pipelined DML

You can enable Pipelined DML in one of the following methods:

- To enable Pipelined DML for the current session, set the `tidb_dml_type` variable to `"bulk"`:

```
SET tidb_dml_type = "bulk";
```

- To enable Pipelined DML for a specific statement, add the `SET_VAR` hint in the statement.
    - Data archiving example:

```
INSERT /*+ SET_VAR(tidb_dml_type='bulk') */ INTO target_table
    ↪ SELECT * FROM source_table;
```

    - Bulk data update example:

```
UPDATE /*+ SET_VAR(tidb_dml_type='bulk') */ products
SET price = price * 1.1
WHERE category = 'electronics';
```

    - Bulk deletion example:

```
DELETE /*+ SET_VAR(tidb_dml_type='bulk') */ FROM logs WHERE log_
    ↪ time < '2023-01-01';
```

Verify Pipelined DML

After executing a DML statement, you can verify whether Pipelined DML is used for the statement execution by checking the `tidb_last_txn_info` variable:

```
SELECT @@tidb_last_txn_info;
```

If the `pipelined` field in the output is `true`, it indicates that Pipelined DML is successfully used.

14.13.11.6.4 Best practices

- Increase the value of `tidb_mem_quota_query` slightly to ensure that memory usage for components such as executors does not exceed the limit. A value of at least 2 GiB is recommended. For environments with sufficient TiDB memory, you can increase this value further.
- In scenarios where data is inserted into new tables, the performance of Pipelined DML might be affected by hotspots. To achieve optimal performance, it is recommended to address hotspots in advance. For more information, see Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues.

14.13.11.6.5 Related configurations

- The `tidb_dml_type` system variable controls whether Pipelined DML is enabled at the session level.
- When `tidb_dml_type` is set to `"bulk"`, the `pessimistic-auto-commit` configuration item behaves as if it is set to `false`.
- Transactions executed using Pipelined DML are not subject to the size limit specified by the TiDB configuration item `txn-total-size-limit`.
- For large transactions executed using Pipelined DML, transaction duration might increase. In such cases, the maximum TTL for the transaction lock is the larger value of `max-txn-ttl` or 24 hours.
- If the execution time of a transaction exceeds the value set by `tidb_gc_max_wait_time`, garbage collection (GC) might force the transaction to roll back, causing it to fail.

14.13.11.6.6 Monitor Pipelined DML

You can monitor the execution of Pipelined DML using the following methods:

- Check the `tidb_last_txn_info` system variable to get information about the last transaction executed in the current session, including whether Pipelined DML was used.
- Look for lines containing `"[pipelined dml]"` in TiDB logs to understand the execution process and progress of Pipelined DML, including the current stage and the amount of data written.
- View the `affected rows` field in the `expensive query` logs to track the progress of long-running statements.
- Query the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PROCESSLIST` table to view transaction execution progress. Pipelined DML is typically used for large transactions, so you can use this table to monitor their execution progress.

14.13.11.6.7 FAQs

Why wasn't my query executed using Pipelined DML?

When TiDB rejects to execute a statement using Pipelined DML, it generates a warning message accordingly. You can execute `SHOW WARNINGS;` to check the warning and identify the cause.

Common reasons:

- The DML statement is not autocommitted.
- The statement involves unsupported table types, such as temporary tables or cached tables.
- The operation involves foreign keys, and foreign key checks are enabled.

Does Pipelined DML affect the isolation level of transactions?

No. Pipelined DML only changes the data-writing mechanism during transactions and does not affect isolation guarantees of TiDB transactions.

Why do I still encounter out-of-memory (OOM) errors after enabling Pipelined DML?

Even with Pipelined DML enabled, you might still encounter query termination caused by memory limit issues:

```
The query has been canceled due to exceeding the memory limit allowed for a
    ↪ single SQL query. Please try to narrow the query scope or increase
    ↪ the tidb_mem_quota_query limit, and then try again.
```

This error occurs because Pipelined DML only controls the memory usage by data during transaction execution. However, the total memory consumed during statement execution also includes memory used by other components, such as executors. If the total memory required exceeds the TiDB memory limit, out-of-memory (OOM) errors might still occur.

In most cases, you can increase the system variable `tidb_mem_quota_query` to a higher value to resolve this issue. A value of at least 2 GiB is recommended. For SQL statements with complex operators or involving large datasets, you might need to increase this value further.

14.13.11.6.8 Learn more

- Batch Processing
- TiDB Memory Control

14.13.12 Views

TiDB supports views. A view acts as a virtual table, whose schema is defined by the `SELECT` statement that creates the view. Using views has the following benefits:

- Exposing only safe fields and data to users to ensure security of sensitive fields and data stored in the underlying table.
- Defining complex queries that frequently appear as views to make complex queries easier and more convenient.

14.13.12.1 Query views

Querying a view is similar to querying an ordinary table. However, when TiDB queries a view, it actually queries the `SELECT` statement associated with the view.

14.13.12.2 Show metadata

To obtain the metadata of views, choose any of the following methods.

14.13.12.2.1 Use the SHOW CREATE TABLE view_name or SHOW CREATE VIEW view_name statement

Usage example:

```
show create view v;
```

This statement shows the CREATE VIEW statement corresponding to this view and the value of the character_set_client and collation_connection system variables when the view was created.

```
+--
    ↪ ----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| View | Create View
    ↪
    ↪ | character_set_client | collation_connection |
+--
    ↪ ----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| v    | CREATE ALGORITHM=UNDEFINED DEFINER=`root`@`127.0.0.1` SQL SECURITY
    ↪ DEFINER VIEW `v` (`a`) AS SELECT `s`.`a` FROM `test`.`t` LEFT JOIN `
    ↪ test`.`s` ON `t`.`a`=`s`.`a` | utf8 | utf8_general_ci |
+--
    ↪ ----+-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.12.2.2 Query the INFORMATION_SCHEMA.VIEWS table

Usage example:

```
select * from information_schema.views;
```

You can view the relevant meta information of the view by querying this table, such as TABLE_CATALOG, TABLE_SCHEMA, TABLE_NAME, VIEW_DEFINITION, CHECK_OPTION, IS_UPDATABLE, DEFINER, SECURITY_TYPE, CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT, and COLLATION_
↪ CONNECTION.

```
+--
    ↪ -------------+--------------+------------+-------------------------------------
    ↪
| TABLE_CATALOG | TABLE_SCHEMA | TABLE_NAME | VIEW_DEFINITION
    ↪                                          | CHECK_OPTION | IS_UPDATABLE
    ↪  | DEFINER  | SECURITY_TYPE | CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT | COLLATION_
    ↪ CONNECTION |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------+-------------+-----------+-----------------------------------
    ↪
| def          | test        | v         | SELECT `s`.`a` FROM `test`.`t` LEFT
    ↪  JOIN `test`.`s` ON `t`.`a`=`s`.`a` | CASCADED | NO  | root@127.0.0.1
    ↪ | DEFINER    | utf8                | utf8_general_ci    |
+--
    ↪ ------------+-------------+-----------+-----------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.12.2.3 Use the HTTP APIs

Usage example:

```
curl http://127.0.0.1:10080/schema/test/v
```

By visiting `http://{TiDBIP}:10080/schema/{db}/{view}`, you can get all the metadata for the view.

```
{
 "id": 122,
 "name": {
  "O": "v",
  "L": "v"
 },
 "charset": "utf8",
 "collate": "utf8_general_ci",
 "cols": [
  {
   "id": 1,
   "name": {
    "O": "a",
    "L": "a"
   },
   "offset": 0,
   "origin_default": null,
   "default": null,
   "default_bit": null,
   "default_is_expr": false,
   "generated_expr_string": "",
   "generated_stored": false,
   "dependences": null,
   "type": {
    "Tp": 0,
```

```
   "Flag": 0,
   "Flen": 0,
   "Decimal": 0,
   "Charset": "",
   "Collate": "",
   "Elems": null
  },
  "state": 5,
  "comment": "",
  "hidden": false,
  "version": 0
 }
],
"index_info": null,
"fk_info": null,
"state": 5,
"pk_is_handle": false,
"is_common_handle": false,
"comment": "",
"auto_inc_id": 0,
"auto_id_cache": 0,
"auto_rand_id": 0,
"max_col_id": 1,
"max_idx_id": 0,
"update_timestamp": 416801600091455490,
"ShardRowIDBits": 0,
"max_shard_row_id_bits": 0,
"auto_random_bits": 0,
"pre_split_regions": 0,
"partition": null,
"compression": "",
"view": {
 "view_algorithm": 0,
 "view_definer": {
  "Username": "root",
  "Hostname": "127.0.0.1",
  "CurrentUser": false,
  "AuthUsername": "root",
  "AuthHostname": "%"
 },
 "view_security": 0,
 "view_select": "SELECT `s`.`a` FROM `test`.`t` LEFT JOIN `test`.`s` ON `t
    ↪ `.`a`=`s`.`a`",
 "view_checkoption": 1,
 "view_cols": null
```

```
 },
 "sequence": null,
 "Lock": null,
 "version": 3,
 "tiflash_replica": null
}
```

14.13.12.3 Example

The following example creates a view, queries this view, and delete this view:

```
create table t(a int, b int);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
insert into t values(1, 1),(2,2),(3,3);
```

```
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
create table s(a int);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
insert into s values(2),(3);
```

```
Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

```
create view v as select s.a from t left join s on t.a = s.a;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
select * from v;
```

```
+------+
| a    |
+------+
| NULL |
|    2 |
|    3 |
+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
drop view v;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

14.13.12.4 Limitations

Currently, views in TiDB are subject to the following limitations:

- Materialized views are not supported yet.
- Views in TiDB are read-only and do not support write operations such as `UPDATE`, `INSERT`, `DELETE`, and `TRUNCATE`.
- For created views, the only supported DDL operation is `DROP [VIEW | TABLE]`

14.13.12.5 See also

- CREATE VIEW
- DROP VIEW

14.13.13 Partitioning

This document introduces TiDB's implementation of partitioning.

14.13.13.1 Partitioning types

This section introduces the types of partitioning in TiDB. Currently, TiDB supports Range partitioning, Range COLUMNS partitioning, List partitioning, List COLUMNS partitioning, Hash partitioning, and Key partitioning.

- Range partitioning, Range COLUMNS partitioning, List partitioning, and List COLUMNS partitioning are used to resolve the performance issues caused by a large number of deletions in the application, and support dropping partitions quickly.
- Hash partitioning and Key partitioning are used to distribute data in scenarios with a large number of writes. Compared with Hash partitioning, Key partitioning supports distributing data of multiple columns and partitioning by non-integer columns.

14.13.13.1.1 Range partitioning

When a table is partitioned by Range, each partition contains rows for which the partitioning expression value lies within a given Range. Ranges have to be contiguous but not overlapping. You can define it by using `VALUES LESS THAN`.

Assume you need to create a table that contains personnel records as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT NOT NULL
);
```

You can partition a table by Range in various ways as needed. For example, you can partition it by using the `store_id` column:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT NOT NULL
)

PARTITION BY RANGE (store_id) (
    PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN (6),
    PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (11),
    PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (16),
    PARTITION p3 VALUES LESS THAN (21)
);
```

In this partition scheme, all rows corresponding to employees whose `store_id` is 1 through 5 are stored in the `p0` partition while all employees whose `store_id` is 6 through 10 are stored in `p1`. Range partitioning requires the partitions to be ordered, from lowest to highest.

If you insert a row of data `(72, 'Tom', 'John', '2015-06-25', NULL, NULL, 15)`, it falls in the `p2` partition. But if you insert a record whose `store_id` is larger than 20, an error is reported because TiDB cannot know which partition this record should be inserted into. In this case, you can use `MAXVALUE` when creating a table:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
```

```
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT NOT NULL
)

PARTITION BY RANGE (store_id) (
    PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN (6),
    PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (11),
    PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (16),
    PARTITION p3 VALUES LESS THAN MAXVALUE
);
```

`MAXVALUE` represents an integer value that is larger than all other integer values. Now, all records whose `store_id` is equal to or larger than 16 (the highest value defined) are stored in the `p3` partition.

You can also partition a table by employees' job codes, which are the values of the `job_code` column. Assume that two-digit job codes stand for regular employees, three-digit codes stand for office and customer support personnel, and four-digit codes stand for managerial personnel. Then you can create a partitioned table like this:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT NOT NULL
)

PARTITION BY RANGE (job_code) (
    PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN (100),
    PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (1000),
    PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (10000)
);
```

In this example, all rows relating to regular employees are stored in the `p0` partition, all office and customer support personnel in the `p1` partition, and all managerial personnel in the `p2` partition.

Besides splitting up the table by `store_id`, you can also partition a table by dates. For example, you can partition by employees' separation year:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
```

```
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT
)

PARTITION BY RANGE ( YEAR(separated) ) (
    PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN (1991),
    PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (1996),
    PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (2001),
    PARTITION p3 VALUES LESS THAN MAXVALUE
);
```

In Range partitioning, you can partition based on the values of the `timestamp` column and use the `unix_timestamp()` function, for example:

```
CREATE TABLE quarterly_report_status (
    report_id INT NOT NULL,
    report_status VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    report_updated TIMESTAMP NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE
        ↪ CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
)

PARTITION BY RANGE ( UNIX_TIMESTAMP(report_updated) ) (
    PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN ( UNIX_TIMESTAMP('2008-01-01 00:00:00') ),
    PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN ( UNIX_TIMESTAMP('2008-04-01 00:00:00') ),
    PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN ( UNIX_TIMESTAMP('2008-07-01 00:00:00') ),
    PARTITION p3 VALUES LESS THAN ( UNIX_TIMESTAMP('2008-10-01 00:00:00') ),
    PARTITION p4 VALUES LESS THAN ( UNIX_TIMESTAMP('2009-01-01 00:00:00') ),
    PARTITION p5 VALUES LESS THAN ( UNIX_TIMESTAMP('2009-04-01 00:00:00') ),
    PARTITION p6 VALUES LESS THAN ( UNIX_TIMESTAMP('2009-07-01 00:00:00') ),
    PARTITION p7 VALUES LESS THAN ( UNIX_TIMESTAMP('2009-10-01 00:00:00') ),
    PARTITION p8 VALUES LESS THAN ( UNIX_TIMESTAMP('2010-01-01 00:00:00') ),
    PARTITION p9 VALUES LESS THAN (MAXVALUE)
);
```

It is not allowed to use any other partitioning expression that contains the timestamp column.

Range partitioning is particularly useful when one or more of the following conditions are satisfied:

- You want to delete the old data. If you use the `employees` table in the previous example, you can delete all records of employees who left this company before the year 1991 by simply using `ALTER TABLE employees DROP PARTITION p0;`. It is faster than executing the `DELETE FROM employees WHERE YEAR(separated)<= 1990;` operation.

- You want to use a column that contains time or date values, or containing values arising from some other series.
- You need to frequently run queries on the columns used for partitioning. For example, when executing a query like `EXPLAIN SELECT COUNT(*)FROM employees WHERE separated BETWEEN '2000-01-01' AND '2000-12-31' GROUP BY store_id;`, TiDB can quickly know that only the data in the `p2` partition needs to be scanned, because the other partitions do not match the `WHERE` condition.

14.13.13.1.2 Range COLUMNS partitioning

Range COLUMNS partitioning is a variant of Range partitioning. You can use one or more columns as partitioning keys. The data types of partition columns can be integer, string (`CHAR` or `VARCHAR`), `DATE`, and `DATETIME`. Any expressions, such as non-COLUMNS partitioning, are not supported.

Like Range partitioning, Range COLUMNS partitioning also requires the partition ranges to be strictly increasing. The partition definition in the following example is not supported:

```
CREATE TABLE t(
    a int,
    b datetime,
    c varchar(8)
) PARTITION BY RANGE COLUMNS(`c`,`b`)
(PARTITION `p20240520A` VALUES LESS THAN ('A','2024-05-20 00:00:00'),
 PARTITION `p20240520Z` VALUES LESS THAN ('Z','2024-05-20 00:00:00'),
 PARTITION `p20240521A` VALUES LESS THAN ('A','2024-05-21 00:00:00'));
```

```
Error 1493 (HY000): VALUES LESS THAN value must be strictly increasing for
    ↪ each partition
```

Suppose that you want to partition by name, and drop old and invalid data, then you can create a table as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE t (
  valid_until datetime,
  name varchar(255) CHARACTER SET ascii,
  notes text
)
PARTITION BY RANGE COLUMNS(name, valid_until)
(PARTITION `p2022-g` VALUES LESS THAN ('G','2023-01-01 00:00:00'),
 PARTITION `p2023-g` VALUES LESS THAN ('G','2024-01-01 00:00:00'),
 PARTITION `p2022-m` VALUES LESS THAN ('M','2023-01-01 00:00:00'),
 PARTITION `p2023-m` VALUES LESS THAN ('M','2024-01-01 00:00:00'),
 PARTITION `p2022-s` VALUES LESS THAN ('S','2023-01-01 00:00:00'),
 PARTITION `p2023-s` VALUES LESS THAN ('S','2024-01-01 00:00:00'))
```

The preceding SQL statement will partition the data by year and by name in the ranges `[ ('', ''), ('G', '2023-01-01 00:00:00'))`, `[ ('G', '2023-01-01 00:00:00'), ('G', '2024-01-01 00:00:00'))`, `[ ('G', '2024-01-01 00:00:00'), ('M', '2023-01-01 00:00:00'))`, `[ ('M', '2023-01-01 00:00:00'), ('M', '2024-01-01 00:00:00'))`, `[ ('M', '2024-01-01 00:00:00'), ('S', '2023-01-01 00:00:00'))`, and `[ ('S', '2023-01-01 00:00:00'), ('S', '2024-01-01 00:00:00'))`. It allows you to easily drop invalid data while still benefit from partition pruning on both `name` and `valid_until` columns. In this example, `[,)` indicates a left-closed, right-open range. For example, `[ ('G', '2023-01-01 00:00:00'), ('G', '2024-01-01 00:00:00'))` indicates a range of data whose name is `'G'`, the year contains `2023-01-01 00:00:00` and is greater than `2023-01-01 00:00:00` but less than `2024-01-01 00:00:00`. It does not include `(G, 2024-01-01 00:00:00)`.

14.13.13.1.3 Range INTERVAL partitioning

Range INTERVAL partitioning is an extension of Range partitioning, which allows you to create partitions of a specified interval easily. Starting from v6.3.0, INTERVAL partitioning is introduced in TiDB as syntactic sugar.

The syntax is as follows:

```
PARTITION BY RANGE [COLUMNS] (<partitioning expression>)
INTERVAL (<interval expression>)
FIRST PARTITION LESS THAN (<expression>)
LAST PARTITION LESS THAN (<expression>)
[NULL PARTITION]
[MAXVALUE PARTITION]
```

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id int unsigned NOT NULL,
    fname varchar(30),
    lname varchar(30),
    hired date NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated date DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code int,
    store_id int NOT NULL
) PARTITION BY RANGE (id)
INTERVAL (100) FIRST PARTITION LESS THAN (100) LAST PARTITION LESS THAN
    ↪ (10000) MAXVALUE PARTITION
```

It creates the following table:

```
CREATE TABLE `employees` (
  `id` int unsigned NOT NULL,
  `fname` varchar(30) DEFAULT NULL,
```

```
  `lname` varchar(30) DEFAULT NULL,
  `hired` date NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
  `separated` date DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
  `job_code` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `store_id` int NOT NULL
)
PARTITION BY RANGE (`id`)
(PARTITION `P_LT_100` VALUES LESS THAN (100),
 PARTITION `P_LT_200` VALUES LESS THAN (200),
...
 PARTITION `P_LT_9900` VALUES LESS THAN (9900),
 PARTITION `P_LT_10000` VALUES LESS THAN (10000),
 PARTITION `P_MAXVALUE` VALUES LESS THAN (MAXVALUE))
```

Range INTERVAL partitioning also works with Range COLUMNS partitioning.

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE monthly_report_status (
    report_id int NOT NULL,
    report_status varchar(20) NOT NULL,
    report_date date NOT NULL
)
PARTITION BY RANGE COLUMNS (report_date)
INTERVAL (1 MONTH) FIRST PARTITION LESS THAN ('2000-01-01') LAST PARTITION
    ↪ LESS THAN ('2025-01-01')
```

It creates this table:

```
CREATE TABLE `monthly_report_status` (
  `report_id` int NOT NULL,
  `report_status` varchar(20) NOT NULL,
  `report_date` date NOT NULL
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
PARTITION BY RANGE COLUMNS(`report_date`)
(PARTITION `P_LT_2000-01-01` VALUES LESS THAN ('2000-01-01'),
 PARTITION `P_LT_2000-02-01` VALUES LESS THAN ('2000-02-01'),
...
 PARTITION `P_LT_2024-11-01` VALUES LESS THAN ('2024-11-01'),
 PARTITION `P_LT_2024-12-01` VALUES LESS THAN ('2024-12-01'),
 PARTITION `P_LT_2025-01-01` VALUES LESS THAN ('2025-01-01'))
```

The optional parameter `NULL PARTITION` creates a partition with the definition as `PARTITION P_NULL VALUES LESS THAN (<minimum value of the column type>)`, only matching when the partitioning expression evaluates to `NULL`. See Handling of NULL with Range partitioning, which explains that `NULL` is considered to be less than any other value.

The optional parameter `MAXVALUE PARTITION` creates the last partition as `PARTITION P_MAXVALUE VALUES LESS THAN (MAXVALUE)`.

ALTER INTERVAL partitioned tables

INTERVAL partitioning also adds simpler syntaxes for adding and dropping partitions.

The following statement changes the first partition. It drops all partitions whose values are less than the given expression, and makes the matched partition the new first partition. It does not affect a NULL PARTITION.

```
ALTER TABLE table_name FIRST PARTITION LESS THAN (<expression>)
```

The following statement changes the last partition, meaning adding more partitions with higher ranges and room for new data. It will add new partitions with the current INTERVAL up to and including the given expression. It does not work if a `MAXVALUE PARTITION` exists, because it needs data reorganization.

```
ALTER TABLE table_name LAST PARTITION LESS THAN (<expression>)
```

INTERVAL partitioning details and limitations

- The INTERVAL partitioning feature only involves the `CREATE/ALTER TABLE` syntax. There is no change in metadata, so tables created or altered with the new syntax are still MySQL-compatible.
- There is no change in the output format of `SHOW CREATE TABLE` to keep MySQL compatibility.
- The new `ALTER` syntax applies to existing tables conforming to INTERVAL. You do not need to create these tables with the `INTERVAL` syntax.
- To use the `INTERVAL` syntax for `RANGE COLUMNS` partitioning, you can only specify a single column in the `INTEGER`, `DATE`, or `DATETIME` type as the partitioning key.

14.13.13.1.4 List partitioning

List partitioning is similar to Range partitioning. Unlike Range partitioning, in List partitioning, the partitioning expression values for all rows in each partition are in a given value set. This value set defined for each partition can have any number of values but cannot have duplicate values. You can use the `PARTITION ... VALUES IN (...)` clause to define a value set.

Suppose that you want to create a personnel record table. You can create a table as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    store_id INT
);
```

Suppose that there are 20 stores distributed in 4 districts, as shown in the table below:

```
| Region | Store ID Numbers  |
| ------- | ------------------- |
| North  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5      |
| East   | 6, 7, 8, 9, 10     |
| West   | 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 |
| Central | 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 |
```

If you want to store the personnel data of employees of the same region in the same partition, you can create a List partitioned table based on `store_id`:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    store_id INT
)
PARTITION BY LIST (store_id) (
    PARTITION pNorth VALUES IN (1, 2, 3, 4, 5),
    PARTITION pEast VALUES IN (6, 7, 8, 9, 10),
    PARTITION pWest VALUES IN (11, 12, 13, 14, 15),
    PARTITION pCentral VALUES IN (16, 17, 18, 19, 20)
);
```

After creating the partitions as above, you can easily add or delete records related to a specific region in the table. For example, suppose that all stores in the East region (East) are sold to another company. Then all the row data related to the store employees of this region can be deleted by executing `ALTER TABLE employees TRUNCATE PARTITION pEast`, which is much more efficient than the equivalent statement `DELETE FROM employees WHERE store_id IN (6, 7, 8, 9, 10)`.

You can also execute `ALTER TABLE employees DROP PARTITION pEast` to delete all related rows, but this statement also deletes the `pEast` partition from the table definition. In this situation, you must execute the `ALTER TABLE ... ADD PARTITION` statement to recover the original partitioning scheme of the table.

Default List partition

Starting from v7.3.0, you can add a default partition to a List or List COLUMNS partitioned table. The default partition acts as a fallback partition, where rows that do not match value sets of any partitions can be placed.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax. For a List or List COLUMNS partitioned table with a default partition, the data in the table cannot be directly replicated to MySQL.

Take the following List partitioned table as an example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (
  a INT,
  b INT
)
PARTITION BY LIST (a) (
  PARTITION p0 VALUES IN (1, 2, 3),
  PARTITION p1 VALUES IN (4, 5, 6)
);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)
```

You can add a default list partition named `pDef` to the table as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE t ADD PARTITION (PARTITION pDef DEFAULT);
```

or

```
ALTER TABLE t ADD PARTITION (PARTITION pDef VALUES IN (DEFAULT));
```

In this way, newly inserted values that do not match value sets of any partitions can automatically go into the default partition.

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES (7, 7);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
```

You can also add a default partition when creating a List or List COLUMNS partitioned table. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    store_id INT
)
PARTITION BY LIST (store_id) (
    PARTITION pNorth VALUES IN (1, 2, 3, 4, 5),
    PARTITION pEast VALUES IN (6, 7, 8, 9, 10),
    PARTITION pWest VALUES IN (11, 12, 13, 14, 15),
    PARTITION pCentral VALUES IN (16, 17, 18, 19, 20),
    PARTITION pDefault DEFAULT
);
```

For a List or List COLUMNS partitioned table without a default partition, the values to be inserted using an `INSERT` statement must match value sets defined in the `PARTITION ... VALUES IN (...)` clauses of the table. If the values to be inserted do not match value sets of any partitions, the statement will fail and an error is returned, as shown in the following example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (
  a INT,
  b INT
)
PARTITION BY LIST (a) (
  PARTITION p0 VALUES IN (1, 2, 3),
  PARTITION p1 VALUES IN (4, 5, 6)
);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

INSERT INTO t VALUES (7, 7);
ERROR 1525 (HY000): Table has no partition for value 7
```

To ignore the preceding error, you can add the `IGNORE` keyword to the `INSERT` statement. After this keyword is added, the `INSERT` statement will only insert rows that match the partition value sets and will not insert unmatched rows, without returning an error:

```
test> TRUNCATE t;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

test> INSERT IGNORE INTO t VALUES (1, 1), (7, 7), (8, 8), (3, 3), (5, 5);
Query OK, 3 rows affected, 2 warnings (0.01 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 2 Warnings: 2

test> select * from t;
+------+------+
| a    | b    |
+------+------+
|    5 |    5 |
|    1 |    1 |
|    3 |    3 |
+------+------+
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.13.1.5 List COLUMNS partitioning

List COLUMNS partitioning is a variant of List partitioning. You can use multiple columns as partition keys. Besides the integer data type, you can also use the columns in the string, `DATE`, and `DATETIME` data types as partition columns.

Suppose that you want to divide the store employees from the following 12 cities into 4 regions, as shown in the following table:

```
| Region | Cities                        |
| :----- | ----------------------------- |
```

```
| 1     | LosAngeles,Seattle, Houston |
| 2     | Chicago, Columbus, Boston  |
| 3     | NewYork, LongIsland, Baltimore |
| 4     | Atlanta, Raleigh, Cincinnati |
```

You can use List COLUMNS partitioning to create a table and store each row in the partition that corresponds to the employee's city, as shown below:

```
CREATE TABLE employees_1 (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT,
    city VARCHAR(15)
)
PARTITION BY LIST COLUMNS(city) (
    PARTITION pRegion_1 VALUES IN('LosAngeles', 'Seattle', 'Houston'),
    PARTITION pRegion_2 VALUES IN('Chicago', 'Columbus', 'Boston'),
    PARTITION pRegion_3 VALUES IN('NewYork', 'LongIsland', 'Baltimore'),
    PARTITION pRegion_4 VALUES IN('Atlanta', 'Raleigh', 'Cincinnati')
);
```

Unlike List partitioning, in List COLUMNS partitioning, you do not need to use the expression in the `COLUMNS()` clause to convert column values to integers.

List COLUMNS partitioning can also be implemented using columns of the `DATE` and `DATETIME` types, as shown in the following example. This example uses the same names and columns as the previous `employees_1` table, but uses List COLUMNS partitioning based on the `hired` column:

```
CREATE TABLE employees_2 (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT,
    city VARCHAR(15)
)
PARTITION BY LIST COLUMNS(hired) (
    PARTITION pWeek_1 VALUES IN('2020-02-01', '2020-02-02', '2020-02-03',
        '2020-02-04', '2020-02-05', '2020-02-06', '2020-02-07'),
```

```
    PARTITION pWeek_2 VALUES IN('2020-02-08', '2020-02-09', '2020-02-10',
        '2020-02-11', '2020-02-12', '2020-02-13', '2020-02-14'),
    PARTITION pWeek_3 VALUES IN('2020-02-15', '2020-02-16', '2020-02-17',
        '2020-02-18', '2020-02-19', '2020-02-20', '2020-02-21'),
    PARTITION pWeek_4 VALUES IN('2020-02-22', '2020-02-23', '2020-02-24',
        '2020-02-25', '2020-02-26', '2020-02-27', '2020-02-28')
);
```

In addition, you can also add multiple columns in the `COLUMNS()` clause. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (
    id int,
    name varchar(10)
)
PARTITION BY LIST COLUMNS(id,name) (
     partition p0 values IN ((1,'a'),(2,'b')),
     partition p1 values IN ((3,'c'),(4,'d')),
     partition p3 values IN ((5,'e'),(null,null))
);
```

14.13.13.1.6 Hash partitioning

Hash partitioning is used to make sure that data is evenly scattered into a certain number of partitions. With Range partitioning, you must specify the range of the column values for each partition when you use Range partitioning, while you just need to specify the number of partitions when you use Hash partitioning.

To create a Hash partitioned table, you need to append a `PARTITION BY HASH (expr)` clause to the `CREATE TABLE` statement. `expr` is an expression that returns an integer. It can be a column name if the type of this column is integer. In addition, you might also need to append `PARTITIONS num`, where `num` is a positive integer indicating how many partitions a table is divided into.

The following operation creates a Hash partitioned table, which is divided into 4 partitions by `store_id`:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT
)

PARTITION BY HASH(store_id)
```

```
PARTITIONS 4;
```

If `PARTITIONS num` is not specified, the default number of partitions is 1.

You can also use an SQL expression that returns an integer for `expr`. For example, you can partition a table by the hire year:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT
)

PARTITION BY HASH( YEAR(hired) )
PARTITIONS 4;
```

The most efficient Hash function is one which operates upon a single table column, and whose value increases or decreases consistently with the column value.

For example, `date_col` is a column whose type is `DATE`, and the value of the `TO_DAYS (date_col)` expression varies with the value of `date_col`. `YEAR(date_col)` is different from `TO_DAYS(date_col)`, because not every possible change in `date_col` produces an equivalent change in `YEAR(date_col)`.

In contrast, assume that you have an `int_col` column whose type is `INT`. Now consider about the expression `POW(5-int_col,3)+ 6`. It is not a good Hash function though, because as the value of `int_col` changes, the result of the expression does not change proportionally. A value change in `int_col` might result in a huge change in the expression result. For example, when `int_col` changes from 5 to 6, the change of the expression result is -1. But the result change might be -7 when `int_col` changes from 6 to 7.

In conclusion, when the expression has a form that is closer to `y = cx`, it is more suitable to be a Hash function. Because the more non-linear an expression is, the more unevenly scattered the data among the partitions tends to be.

In theory, pruning is also possible for expressions involving more than one column value, but determining which of such expressions are suitable can be quite difficult and time-consuming. For this reason, the use of hashing expressions involving multiple columns is not particularly recommended.

When using `PARTITION BY HASH`, TiDB decides which partition the data should fall into based on the modulus of the result of the expression. In other words, if a partitioning expression is `expr` and the number of partitions is `num`, `MOD(expr, num)` decides the partition in which the data is stored. Assume that `t1` is defined as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (col1 INT, col2 CHAR(5), col3 DATE)
    PARTITION BY HASH( YEAR(col3) )
    PARTITIONS 4;
```

When you insert a row of data into `t1` and the value of `col3` is '2005-09-15', then this row is inserted into partition 1:

```
MOD(YEAR('2005-09-01'),4)
=  MOD(2005,4)
=  1
```

14.13.13.1.7 Key partitioning

Starting from v7.0.0, TiDB supports Key partitioning. For TiDB versions earlier than v7.0.0, if you try creating a Key partitioned table, TiDB creates it as a non-partitioned table and returns a warning.

Both Key partitioning and Hash partitioning can evenly distribute data into a certain number of partitions. The difference is that Hash partitioning only supports distributing data based on a specified integer expression or an integer column, while Key partitioning supports distributing data based on a column list, and partitioning columns of Key partitioning are not limited to the integer type. The Hash algorithm of TiDB for Key partitioning is different from that of MySQL, so the table data distribution is also different.

To create a Key partitioned table, you need to append a `PARTITION BY KEY (` ↪ `columnList)` clause to the `CREATE TABLE` statement. `columnList` is a column list with one or more column names. The data type of each column in the list can be any type except `BLOB`, `JSON`, and `GEOMETRY` (Note that TiDB does not support `GEOMETRY`). In addition, you might also need to append `PARTITIONS num` (where `num` is a positive integer indicating how many partitions a table is divided into), or append the definition of the partition names. For example, adding `(PARTITION p0, PARTITION p1)` means dividing the table into two partitions named `p0` and `p1`.

The following operation creates a Key partitioned table, which is divided into 4 partitions by `store_id`:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT
)

PARTITION BY KEY(store_id)
```

```
PARTITIONS 4;
```

If `PARTITIONS num` is not specified, the default number of partitions is 1.

You can also create a Key partitioned table based on non-integer columns such as VARCHAR. For example, you can partition a table by the `fname` column:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT
)

PARTITION BY KEY(fname)
PARTITIONS 4;
```

You can also create a Key partitioned table based on multiple columns. For example, you can divide a table into 4 partitions based on `fname` and `store_id`:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
    store_id INT
)

PARTITION BY KEY(fname, store_id)
PARTITIONS 4;
```

Similar to MySQL, TiDB supports creating Key partitioned tables with an empty partition column list specified in `PARTITION BY KEY`. For example, the following statement creates a partitioned table using the primary key `id` as the partitioning key:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
    fname VARCHAR(30),
    lname VARCHAR(30),
    hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
    separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
    job_code INT,
```

```
    store_id INT
)

PARTITION BY KEY()
PARTITIONS 4;
```

If the table lacks a primary key but contains a unique key, the unique key is used as the partitioning key:

```
CREATE TABLE k1 (
    id INT NOT NULL,
    name VARCHAR(20),
    UNIQUE KEY (id)
)
PARTITION BY KEY()
PARTITIONS 2;
```

However, the previous statement will fail if the unique key column is not defined as `NOT NULL`.

How TiDB handles Linear Hash partitions

Before v6.4.0, if you execute DDL statements of MySQL Linear Hash partitions in TiDB, TiDB can only create non-partitioned tables. In this case, if you still want to use partitioned tables in TiDB, you need to modify the DDL statements.

Since v6.4.0, TiDB supports parsing the MySQL `PARTITION BY LINEAR HASH` syntax but ignores the `LINEAR` keyword in it. If you have some existing DDL and DML statements of MySQL Linear Hash partitions, you can execute them in TiDB without modification:

- For a `CREATE` statement of MySQL Linear Hash partitions, TiDB will create a non-linear Hash partitioned table (note that there is no Linear Hash partitioned table in TiDB). If the number of partitions is a power of 2, the rows in the TiDB Hash partitioned table are distributed the same as that in the MySQL Linear Hash partitioned table. Otherwise, the distribution of these rows in TiDB is different from MySQL. This is because non-linear partitioned tables use a simple "modulus number of partition", while linear partitioned tables use "modulus next power of 2 and fold the values between the number of partitions and the next power of 2". For details, see #38450.
- For all other statements of MySQL Linear Hash partitions, they work in TiDB the same as that in MySQL, except that the rows are distributed differently if the number of partitions is not a power of 2, which will give different results for partition selection, `TRUNCATE PARTITION`, and `EXCHANGE PARTITION`.

14.13.13.1.8 How TiDB handles Linear Key partitions

Starting from v7.0.0, TiDB supports parsing the MySQL `PARTITION BY LINEAR KEY` ↪ syntax for Key partitioning. However, TiDB ignores the `LINEAR` keyword and uses a non-linear hash algorithm instead.

Before v7.0.0, if you try creating a Key partitioned table, TiDB creates it as a non-partitioned table and returns a warning.

14.13.13.1.9 How TiDB partitioning handles NULL

It is allowed in TiDB to use `NULL` as the calculation result of a partitioning expression.

> **Note:**
>
> `NULL` is not an integer. TiDB's partitioning implementation treats `NULL` as being less than any other integer values, just as `ORDER BY` does.

Handling of NULL with Range partitioning

When you insert a row into a table partitioned by Range, and the column value used to determine the partition is `NULL`, then this row is inserted into the lowest partition.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    c1 INT,
    c2 VARCHAR(20)
)

PARTITION BY RANGE(c1) (
    PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN (0),
    PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (10),
    PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN MAXVALUE
);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)
```

```
select * from t1 partition(p0);
```

```
+------|--------+
| c1   | c2     |
+------|--------+
| NULL | mothra |
+------|--------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
select * from t1 partition(p1);
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

```
select * from t1 partition(p2);
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

Drop the p0 partition and verify the result:

```
alter table t1 drop partition p0;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

```
select * from t1;
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

Handling of NULL with Hash partitioning

When partitioning tables by Hash, there is a different way of handling NULL value - if the calculation result of the partitioning expression is NULL, it is considered as 0.

```
CREATE TABLE th (
    c1 INT,
    c2 VARCHAR(20)
)

PARTITION BY HASH(c1)
PARTITIONS 2;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO th VALUES (NULL, 'mothra'), (0, 'gigan');
```

```
Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.04 sec)
```

```
select * from th partition (p0);
```

```
+------|--------+
| c1   | c2     |
+------|--------+
| NULL | mothra |
|    0 | gigan  |
+------|--------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
select * from th partition (p1);
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

You can see that the inserted record `(NULL, 'mothra')` falls into the same partition as `(0, 'gigan')`.

> **Note:**
>
> `NULL` values by Hash partitions in TiDB are handled in the same way as described in How MySQL Partitioning Handles NULL, which, however, is not consistent with the actual behavior of MySQL. In other words, MySQL's implementation in this case is not consistent with its documentation.
>
> In this case, the actual behavior of TiDB is in line with the description of this document.

Handling of NULL with Key partitioning

For Key partitioning, the way of handling `NULL` value is consistent with that of Hash partitioning. If the value of a partitioning field is `NULL`, it is treated as `0`.

14.13.13.2 Partition management

For `RANGE`, `RANGE COLUMNS`, `LIST`, and `LIST COLUMNS` partitioned tables, you can manage the partitions as follows:

- Add partitions using the `ALTER TABLE <table name> ADD PARTITION (<partition specification>)` statement.
- Drop partitions using the `ALTER TABLE <table name> DROP PARTITION <list of partitions>` statement.
- Remove all data from specified partitions using the `ALTER TABLE <table name> TRUNCATE PARTITION <list of partitions>` statement. The logic of `TRUNCATE PARTITION` is similar to `TRUNCATE TABLE` but it is for partitions.
- Merge, split, or make other changes to the partitions using the `ALTER TABLE <table name> REORGANIZE PARTITION <list of partitions> INTO (<new partition definitions>)` statement.

For `HASH` and `KEY` partitioned tables, you can manage the partitions as follows:

- Decrease the number of partitions using the `ALTER TABLE <table name> COALESCE PARTITION <number of partitions to decrease by>` statement. This operation reorganizes the partitions by copying the whole table to the new number of partitions online.

- Increase the number of partitions using the `ALTER TABLE <table name> ADD PARTITION <number of partitions to increase by | (additional partition definitions)>` statement. This operation reorganizes the partitions by copying the whole table to the new number of partitions online.
- Remove all data from specified partitions using the `ALTER TABLE <table name> TRUNCATE PARTITION <list of partitions>` statement. The logic of `TRUNCATE PARTITION` is similar to `TRUNCATE TABLE` but it is for partitions.

`EXCHANGE PARTITION` works by swapping a partition and a non-partitioned table, similar to how renaming a table like `RENAME TABLE t1 TO t1_tmp, t2 TO t1, t1_tmp TO t2` works.

For example, `ALTER TABLE partitioned_table EXCHANGE PARTITION p1 WITH TABLE non_partitioned_table` swaps the `partitioned_table` table `p1` partition with the `non_partitioned_table` table.

Ensure that all rows that you are exchanging into the partition match the partition definition; otherwise, the statement will fail.

Note that TiDB has some specific features that might affect `EXCHANGE PARTITION`. When the table structure contains such features, you need to ensure that `EXCHANGE PARTITION` meets the MySQL's EXCHANGE PARTITION condition. Meanwhile, ensure that these specific features are defined the same for both partitioned and non-partitioned tables. These specific features include the following:

- Placement Rules in SQL: placement policies are the same.

- TiFlash: the numbers of TiFlash replicas are the same.
- Clustered Indexes: partitioned and non-partitioned tables are both `CLUSTERED`, or both `NONCLUSTERED`.

In addition, there are limitations on the compatibility of `EXCHANGE PARTITION` with other components. Both partitioned and non-partitioned tables must have the same definition.

- TiFlash: when the TiFlash replica definitions in partitioned and non-partitioned tables are different, the `EXCHANGE PARTITION` operation cannot be performed.
- TiCDC: TiCDC replicates the `EXCHANGE PARTITION` operation when both partitioned and non-partitioned tables have primary keys or unique keys. Otherwise, TiCDC will not replicate the operation.
- TiDB Lightning and BR: do not perform the `EXCHANGE PARTITION` operation during import using TiDB Lightning or during restore using BR.

14.13.13.2.1 Manage Range, Range COLUMNS, List, and List COLUMNS partitions

This section uses the partitioned tables created by the following SQL statements as examples to show you how to manage Range and List partitions.

```
CREATE TABLE members (
    id int,
    fname varchar(255),
    lname varchar(255),
    dob date,
    data json
)
PARTITION BY RANGE (YEAR(dob)) (
 PARTITION pBefore1950 VALUES LESS THAN (1950),
 PARTITION p1950 VALUES LESS THAN (1960),
 PARTITION p1960 VALUES LESS THAN (1970),
 PARTITION p1970 VALUES LESS THAN (1980),
 PARTITION p1980 VALUES LESS THAN (1990),
 PARTITION p1990 VALUES LESS THAN (2000));

CREATE TABLE member_level (
 id int,
 level int,
 achievements json
)
PARTITION BY LIST (level) (
 PARTITION l1 VALUES IN (1),
 PARTITION l2 VALUES IN (2),
 PARTITION l3 VALUES IN (3),
 PARTITION l4 VALUES IN (4),
 PARTITION l5 VALUES IN (5));
```

Drop partitions

```
ALTER TABLE members DROP PARTITION p1990;

ALTER TABLE member_level DROP PARTITION l5;
```

Truncate partitions

```
ALTER TABLE members TRUNCATE PARTITION p1980;

ALTER TABLE member_level TRUNCATE PARTITION l4;
```

Add partitions

```
ALTER TABLE members ADD PARTITION (PARTITION `p1990to2010` VALUES LESS THAN
    ↪  (2010));

ALTER TABLE member_level ADD PARTITION (PARTITION l5_6 VALUES IN (5,6));
```

For a Range partitioned table, `ADD PARTITION` will append new partitions after the last existing partition. Compared with the existing partitions, the value defined in `VALUES LESS ↪ THAN` for new partitions must be greater. Otherwise, an error is reported:

```
ALTER TABLE members ADD PARTITION (PARTITION p1990 VALUES LESS THAN (2000))
    ↪ ;
```

```
ERROR 1493 (HY000): VALUES LESS THAN value must be strictly increasing for
    ↪ each partition
```

Reorganize partitions

Split a partition:

```
ALTER TABLE members REORGANIZE PARTITION `p1990to2010` INTO
(PARTITION p1990 VALUES LESS THAN (2000),
 PARTITION p2000 VALUES LESS THAN (2010),
 PARTITION p2010 VALUES LESS THAN (2020),
 PARTITION p2020 VALUES LESS THAN (2030),
 PARTITION pMax VALUES LESS THAN (MAXVALUE));

ALTER TABLE member_level REORGANIZE PARTITION l5_6 INTO
(PARTITION l5 VALUES IN (5),
 PARTITION l6 VALUES IN (6));
```

Merge partitions:

```
ALTER TABLE members REORGANIZE PARTITION pBefore1950,p1950 INTO (PARTITION
    ↪ pBefore1960 VALUES LESS THAN (1960));

ALTER TABLE member_level REORGANIZE PARTITION l1,l2 INTO (PARTITION l1_2
    ↪ VALUES IN (1,2));
```

Change the partitioning scheme definition:

```
ALTER TABLE members REORGANIZE PARTITION pBefore1960,p1960,p1970,p1980,
    ↪ p1990,p2000,p2010,p2020,pMax INTO
(PARTITION p1800 VALUES LESS THAN (1900),
 PARTITION p1900 VALUES LESS THAN (2000),
 PARTITION p2000 VALUES LESS THAN (2100));

ALTER TABLE member_level REORGANIZE PARTITION l1_2,l3,l4,l5,l6 INTO
```

```
(PARTITION lOdd VALUES IN (1,3,5),
 PARTITION lEven VALUES IN (2,4,6));
```

When reorganizing partitions, you need to note the following key points:

- Reorganizing partitions (including merging or splitting partitions) can change the listed partitions into a new set of partition definitions but cannot change the type of partitioning (for example, change the List type to the Range type, or change the Range COLUMNS type to the Range type).
- For a Range partition table, you can reorganize only adjacent partitions in it.

```
ALTER TABLE members REORGANIZE PARTITION p1800,p2000 INTO (PARTITION
    ↪ p2000 VALUES LESS THAN (2100));
```

```
ERROR 8200 (HY000): Unsupported REORGANIZE PARTITION of RANGE; not
    ↪ adjacent partitions
```

- For a Range partitioned table, to modify the end of the range, the new end defined in `VALUES LESS THAN` must cover the existing rows in the last partition. Otherwise, existing rows no longer fit and an error is reported:

```
INSERT INTO members VALUES (313, "John", "Doe", "2022-11-22", NULL);
ALTER TABLE members REORGANIZE PARTITION p2000 INTO (PARTITION p2000
    ↪ VALUES LESS THAN (2050)); -- This statement will work as
    ↪ expected, because 2050 covers the existing rows.
ALTER TABLE members REORGANIZE PARTITION p2000 INTO (PARTITION p2000
    ↪ VALUES LESS THAN (2020)); -- This statement will fail with an
    ↪ error, because 2022 does not fit in the new range.
```

```
ERROR 1526 (HY000): Table has no partition for value 2022
```

- For a List partitioned table, to modify the set of values defined for a partition, the new definition must cover the existing values in that partition. Otherwise, an error is reported:

```
INSERT INTO member_level (id, level) values (313, 6);
ALTER TABLE member_level REORGANIZE PARTITION lEven INTO (PARTITION
    ↪ lEven VALUES IN (2,4));
```

```
ERROR 1526 (HY000): Table has no partition for value 6
```

- After partitions are reorganized, the statistics of the corresponding partitions are outdated, so you will get the following warning. In this case, you can use the `ANALYZE ↪ TABLE` statement to update the statistics.

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1105 | The statistics of related partitions will be
    ↪ outdated after reorganizing partitions. Please use 'ANALYZE TABLE
    ↪ ' statement if you want to update it now |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.13.2.2 Manage Hash and Key partitions

This section uses the partitioned table created by the following SQL statement as examples to show you how to manage Hash partitions. For Key partitions, you can use the same management statements as well.

```
CREATE TABLE example (
  id INT PRIMARY KEY,
  data VARCHAR(1024)
)
PARTITION BY HASH(id)
PARTITIONS 2;
```

Increase the number of partitions

Increase the number of partitions for the `example` table by 1 (from 2 to 3):

```
ALTER TABLE example ADD PARTITION PARTITIONS 1;
```

You can also specify partition options by adding partition definitions. For example, you can use the following statement to increase the number of partitions from 3 to 5 and specify the names of the newly added partitions as `pExample4` and `pExample5`:

```
ALTER TABLE example ADD PARTITION
(PARTITION pExample4 COMMENT = 'not p3, but pExample4 instead',
 PARTITION pExample5 COMMENT = 'not p4, but pExample5 instead');
```

Decrease the number of partitions

Unlike Range and List partitioning, `DROP PARTITION` is not supported for Hash and Key partitioning, but you can decrease the number of partitions with `COALESCE PARTITION` or delete all data from specific partitions with `TRUNCATE PARTITION`.

Decrease the number of partitions for the `example` table by 1 (from 5 to 4):

```
ALTER TABLE example COALESCE PARTITION 1;
```

Note:

The process of changing the number of partitions for Hash or Key partitioned tables reorganizes the partitions by copying all data to the new number of partitions. Therefore, after changing the number of partitions for a Hash or Key partitioned table, you will get the following warning about the outdated statistics. In this case, you can use the `ANALYZE TABLE` statement to update the statistics.

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1105 | The statistics of related partitions will be
    ↪  outdated after reorganizing partitions. Please use '
    ↪ ANALYZE TABLE' statement if you want to update it now |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

To better understand how the `example` table is organized now, you can show the SQL statement that is used to recreate the `example` table as follows:

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: example
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `example` (
  `id` int NOT NULL,
```

```
  `data` varchar(1024) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`) /*T![clustered_index] CLUSTERED */
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
PARTITION BY HASH (`id`)
(PARTITION `p0`,
 PARTITION `p1`,
 PARTITION `p2`,
 PARTITION `pExample4` COMMENT 'not p3, but pExample4 instead')
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

Truncate partitions

Delete all data from a partition:

```
ALTER TABLE example TRUNCATE PARTITION p0;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)
```

14.13.13.2.3 Convert a partitioned table to a non-partitioned table

To convert a partitioned table to a non-partitioned table, you can use the following statement, which removes the partitioning, copies all rows of the table, and recreates the indexes online for the table:

```
ALTER TABLE <table_name> REMOVE PARTITIONING
```

For example, to convert the `members` partitioned table to the non-partitioned table, you can execute the following statement:

```
ALTER TABLE members REMOVE PARTITIONING
```

14.13.13.2.4 Partition an existing table

To partition an existing non-partitioned table or modify the partition type of an existing partitioned table, you can use the following statement, which copies all rows and recreates the indexes online according to the new partition definitions:

```
ALTER TABLE <table_name> PARTITION BY <new partition type and definitions>
    ↪ [UPDATE INDEXES (<index name> {GLOBAL|LOCAL}[ , <index name> {GLOBAL|
    ↪ LOCAL}...])]
```

Examples:

To convert the existing `members` table to a HASH partitioned table with 10 partitions, you can execute the following statement:

```
ALTER TABLE members PARTITION BY HASH(id) PARTITIONS 10;
```

To convert the existing `member_level` table to a RANGE partitioned table, you can execute the following statement:

```
ALTER TABLE member_level PARTITION BY RANGE(level)
(PARTITION pLow VALUES LESS THAN (1),
 PARTITION pMid VALUES LESS THAN (3),
 PARTITION pHigh VALUES LESS THAN (7)
 PARTITION pMax VALUES LESS THAN (MAXVALUE));
```

When partitioning a non-partitioned table or repartitioning an already partitioned table, you can update the indexes to be global or local as needed:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    UNIQUE KEY uidx12(col1, col2),
    UNIQUE KEY uidx3(col3)
);

ALTER TABLE t1 PARTITION BY HASH (col1) PARTITIONS 3 UPDATE INDEXES (uidx12
    ↪  LOCAL, uidx3 GLOBAL);
```

14.13.13.3 Partition pruning

Partition pruning is an optimization which is based on a very simple idea - do not scan the partitions that do not match.

Assume that you create a partitioned table `t1`:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    fname VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    lname VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    region_code TINYINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL,
    dob DATE NOT NULL
)

PARTITION BY RANGE( region_code ) (
    PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN (64),
    PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (128),
    PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (192),
    PARTITION p3 VALUES LESS THAN MAXVALUE
);
```

If you want to get the result of this `SELECT` statement:

```
SELECT fname, lname, region_code, dob
    FROM t1
    WHERE region_code > 125 AND region_code < 130;
```

It is evident that the result falls in either the `p1` or the `p2` partition, that is, you just need to search for the matching rows in `p1` and `p2`. Excluding the unneeded partitions is so-called "pruning". If the optimizer is able to prune a part of partitions, the execution of the query in the partitioned table will be much faster than that in a non-partitioned table.

The optimizer can prune partitions through `WHERE` conditions in the following two scenarios:

- partition_column = constant
- partition_column IN (constant1, constant2, ..., constantN)

Currently, partition pruning does not work with `LIKE` conditions.

14.13.13.3.1 Some cases for partition pruning to take effect

1. Partition pruning uses the query conditions on the partitioned table, so if the query conditions cannot be pushed down to the partitioned table according to the planner's optimization rules, partition pruning does not apply for this query.

   For example:

   ```
   create table t1 (x int) partition by range (x) (
          partition p0 values less than (5),
          partition p1 values less than (10));
   create table t2 (x int);
   ```

   ```
   explain select * from t1 left join t2 on t1.x = t2.x where t2.x > 5;
   ```

   In this query, the left out join is converted to the inner join, and then `t1.x > 5` is derived from `t1.x = t2.x` and `t2.x > 5`, so it could be used in partition pruning and only the partition `p1` remains.

   ```
   explain select * from t1 left join t2 on t1.x = t2.x and t2.x > 5;
   ```

   In this query, `t2.x > 5` cannot be pushed down to the `t1` partitioned table, so partition pruning would not take effect for this query.

2. Since partition pruning is done during the plan optimizing phase, it does not apply for those cases that filter conditions are unknown until the execution phase.

   For example:

```
create table t1 (x int) partition by range (x) (
       partition p0 values less than (5),
       partition p1 values less than (10));
```

```
explain select * from t2 where x < (select * from t1 where t2.x < t1.x
   ↪  and t2.x < 2);
```

This query reads a row from `t2` and uses the result for the subquery on `t1`. Theoretically, partition pruning could benefit from `t1.x > val` expression in the subquery, but it does not take effect there as that happens in the execution phase.

3. As a result of a limitation from current implementation, if a query condition cannot be pushed down to TiKV, it cannot be used by the partition pruning.

   Take the `fn(col)` expression as an example. If the TiKV coprocessor supports this `fn` ↪ function, `fn(col)` may be pushed down to the leaf node (that is, partitioned table) according to the predicate push-down rule during the plan optimizing phase, and partition pruning can use it.

   If the TiKV coprocessor does not support this `fn` function, `fn(col)` would not be pushed down to the leaf node. Instead, it becomes a `Selection` node above the leaf node. The current partition pruning implementation does not support this kind of plan tree.

4. For Hash and Key partition types, the only query supported by partition pruning is the equal condition.

5. For Range partition, for partition pruning to take effect, the partition expression must be in those forms: `col` or `fn(col)`, and the query condition must be one of `>`, `<`, `=`, `>=`, and `<=`. If the partition expression is in the form of `fn(col)`, the `fn` function must be monotonous.

   If the `fn` function is monotonous, for any `x` and `y`, if `x > y`, then `fn(x) > fn(y)`. Then this `fn` function can be called strictly monotonous. For any `x` and `y`, if `x > y`, then `fn(x) >= fn(y)`. In this case, `fn` could also be called "monotonous". In theory, all monotonous functions are supported by partition pruning.

   Currently, partition pruning in TiDB only support those monotonous functions:

   - `UNIX_TIMESTAMP()`
   - `TO_DAYS()`
   - `EXTRACT(<time unit> FROM <DATETIME/DATE/TIME column>)`. For `DATE` and `DATETIME` columns, `YEAR` and `YEAR_MONTH` time units are considered monotonous functions. For the `TIME` column, `HOUR`, `HOUR_MINUTE`, `HOUR_SECOND` and `HOUR_` ↪ `MICROSECOND` are considered monotonous functions. Note that `WEEK` is not supported as time unit in `EXTRACT` for partition pruning.

   For example, the partition expression is a simple column:

```
create table t (id int) partition by range (id) (
       partition p0 values less than (5),
       partition p1 values less than (10));
select * from t where id > 6;
```

Or the partition expression is in the form of `fn(col)` where `fn` is `to_days`:

```
create table t (dt datetime) partition by range (to_days(id)) (
       partition p0 values less than (to_days('2020-04-01')),
       partition p1 values less than (to_days('2020-05-01')));
select * from t where dt > '2020-04-18';
```

An exception is `floor(unix_timestamp())` as the partition expression. TiDB does some optimization for that case by case, so it is supported by partition pruning.

```
create table t (ts timestamp(3) not null default current_timestamp(3))
partition by range (floor(unix_timestamp(ts))) (
       partition p0 values less than (unix_timestamp('2020-04-01
          ↪ 00:00:00')),
       partition p1 values less than (unix_timestamp('2020-05-01
          ↪ 00:00:00')));
select * from t where ts > '2020-04-18 02:00:42.123';
```

14.13.13.4 Partition selection

`SELECT` statements support partition selection, which is implemented by using a `PARTITION` option.

```
SET @@sql_mode = '';

CREATE TABLE employees (
    id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    fname VARCHAR(25) NOT NULL,
    lname VARCHAR(25) NOT NULL,
    store_id INT NOT NULL,
    department_id INT NOT NULL
)

PARTITION BY RANGE(id) (
    PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN (5),
    PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (10),
    PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (15),
    PARTITION p3 VALUES LESS THAN MAXVALUE
);
```

```
INSERT INTO employees VALUES
    ('', 'Bob', 'Taylor', 3, 2), ('', 'Frank', 'Williams', 1, 2),
    ('', 'Ellen', 'Johnson', 3, 4), ('', 'Jim', 'Smith', 2, 4),
    ('', 'Mary', 'Jones', 1, 1), ('', 'Linda', 'Black', 2, 3),
    ('', 'Ed', 'Jones', 2, 1), ('', 'June', 'Wilson', 3, 1),
    ('', 'Andy', 'Smith', 1, 3), ('', 'Lou', 'Waters', 2, 4),
    ('', 'Jill', 'Stone', 1, 4), ('', 'Roger', 'White', 3, 2),
    ('', 'Howard', 'Andrews', 1, 2), ('', 'Fred', 'Goldberg', 3, 3),
    ('', 'Barbara', 'Brown', 2, 3), ('', 'Alice', 'Rogers', 2, 2),
    ('', 'Mark', 'Morgan', 3, 3), ('', 'Karen', 'Cole', 3, 2);
```

You can view the rows stored in the `p1` partition:

```
SELECT * FROM employees PARTITION (p1);
```

```
+----|-------|--------|----------|---------------+
| id | fname | lname | store_id | department_id |
+----|-------|--------|----------|---------------+
|  5 | Mary | Jones |       1 |             1 |
|  6 | Linda | Black |       2 |             3 |
|  7 | Ed   | Jones |       2 |             1 |
|  8 | June | Wilson |       3 |             1 |
|  9 | Andy | Smith |       1 |             3 |
+----|-------|--------|----------|---------------+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

If you want to get the rows in multiple partitions, you can use a list of partition names which are separated by commas. For example, `SELECT * FROM employees PARTITION (p1 ↪ , p2)` returns all rows in the `p1` and `p2` partitions.

When you use partition selection, you can still use `WHERE` conditions and options such as `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT`. It is also supported to use aggregation options such as `HAVING` and `GROUP BY`.

```
SELECT * FROM employees PARTITION (p0, p2)
    WHERE lname LIKE 'S%';
```

```
+----|-------|-------|----------|---------------+
| id | fname | lname | store_id | department_id |
+----|-------|-------|----------|---------------+
|  4 | Jim  | Smith |       2 |             4 |
| 11 | Jill | Stone |       1 |             4 |
+----|-------|-------|----------|---------------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT id, CONCAT(fname, ' ', lname) AS name
    FROM employees PARTITION (p0) ORDER BY lname;
```

```
+----|----------------+
| id | name           |
+----|----------------+
|  3 | Ellen Johnson  |
|  4 | Jim Smith      |
|  1 | Bob Taylor     |
|  2 | Frank Williams |
+----|----------------+
4 rows in set (0.06 sec)
```

```
SELECT store_id, COUNT(department_id) AS c
    FROM employees PARTITION (p1,p2,p3)
    GROUP BY store_id HAVING c > 4;
```

```
+---|----------+
| c | store_id |
+---|----------+
| 5 |        2 |
| 5 |        3 |
+---|----------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Partition selection is supported for all types of table partitioning, including Range partitioning and Hash partitioning. For Hash partitions, if partition names are not specified, `p0`, `p1`, `p2`,..., or `pN-1` is automatically used as the partition name.

`SELECT` in `INSERT ... SELECT` can also use partition selection.

14.13.13.5 Restrictions and limitations on partitions

This section introduces some restrictions and limitations on partitioned tables in TiDB.

- Using the `ALTER TABLE ... CHANGE COLUMN` statement to change column types of partitioned tables is not supported.
- Using the `ALTER TABLE ... CACHE` statement to set partitioned tables to cached tables is not supported.
- Temporary tables in TiDB are **NOT** compatible with partitioned tables.
- Creating a foreign key on a partitioned table is not supported.
- The `ORDER_INDEX(t1_name, idx1_name [, idx2_name ...])` hint does not work for partitioned tables and their related indexes, because indexes on partitioned tables cannot be read in order.

14.13.13.5.1 Partitioning keys, primary keys and unique keys

This section discusses the relationship of partitioning keys with primary keys and unique keys. The rule governing this relationship is as follows: every unique key on the partitioned table, including the primary key, must use every column in the table's partitioning expression, because the primary key is also a unique key by definition.

> **Note:**
>
> You can ignore this rule when using global indexes.

For example, the following table creation statements are invalid:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    UNIQUE KEY (col1, col2)
)

PARTITION BY HASH(col3)
PARTITIONS 4;

CREATE TABLE t2 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    UNIQUE KEY (col1),
    UNIQUE KEY (col3)
)

PARTITION BY HASH(col1 + col3)
PARTITIONS 4;
```

In each case, the proposed table has at least one unique key that does not include all columns used in the partitioning expression.

The valid statements are as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
```

```
    UNIQUE KEY (col1, col2, col3)
)

PARTITION BY HASH(col3)
PARTITIONS 4;

CREATE TABLE t2 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    UNIQUE KEY (col1, col3)
)

PARTITION BY HASH(col1 + col3)
PARTITIONS 4;
```

The following example displays an error:

```
CREATE TABLE t3 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    UNIQUE KEY (col1, col2),
    UNIQUE KEY (col3)
)

PARTITION BY HASH(col1 + col3)
PARTITIONS 4;
```

```
ERROR 8264 (HY000): Global Index is needed for index 'col1', since the
    ↪ unique index is not including all partitioning columns, and GLOBAL is
    ↪  not given as IndexOption
```

The `CREATE TABLE` statement fails because both `col1` and `col3` are included in the proposed partitioning key, but neither of these columns is part of both of unique keys on the table. After the following modifications, the `CREATE TABLE` statement becomes valid:

```
CREATE TABLE t3 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    UNIQUE KEY (col1, col2, col3),
    UNIQUE KEY (col1, col3)
```

```
)
PARTITION BY HASH(col1 + col3)
    PARTITIONS 4;
```

The following table cannot be partitioned at all, because there is no way to include in a partitioning key any columns that belong to both unique keys:

```
CREATE TABLE t4 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 INT NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    UNIQUE KEY (col1, col3),
    UNIQUE KEY (col2, col4)
);
```

Because every primary key is by definition a unique key, so the next two statements are invalid:

```
CREATE TABLE t5 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(col1, col2)
)

PARTITION BY HASH(col3)
PARTITIONS 4;

CREATE TABLE t6 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(col1, col3),
    UNIQUE KEY(col2)
)

PARTITION BY HASH( YEAR(col2) )
PARTITIONS 4;
```

In the above examples, the primary key does not include all columns referenced in the partitioning expression. After adding the missing column in the primary key, the `CREATE ↪ TABLE` statement becomes valid:

```
CREATE TABLE t5 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(col1, col2, col3)
)
PARTITION BY HASH(col3)
PARTITIONS 4;
CREATE TABLE t6 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(col1, col2, col3),
    UNIQUE KEY(col2)
)
PARTITION BY HASH( YEAR(col2) )
PARTITIONS 4;
```

If a table has neither unique keys nor primary keys, then this restriction does not apply.

When you change tables using DDL statements, you also need to consider this restriction when adding a unique index. For example, when you create a partitioned table as shown below:

```
CREATE TABLE t_no_pk (c1 INT, c2 INT)
    PARTITION BY RANGE(c1) (
        PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN (10),
        PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (20),
        PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (30),
        PARTITION p3 VALUES LESS THAN (40)
    );
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.12 sec)
```

You can add a non-unique index by using `ALTER TABLE` statements. But if you want to add a unique index, the `c1` column must be included in the unique index.

When using a partitioned table, you cannot specify the prefix index as a unique attribute:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a varchar(20), b blob,
    UNIQUE INDEX (a(5)))
    PARTITION by range columns (a) (
    PARTITION p0 values less than ('aaaaa'),
    PARTITION p1 values less than ('bbbbb'),
```

```
    PARTITION p2 values less than ('ccccc'));
```

```
ERROR 8264 (HY000): Global Index is needed for index 'a', since the unique
    ↪ index is not including all partitioning columns, and GLOBAL is not
    ↪ given as IndexOption
```

Global indexes

Before the introduction of global indexes, TiDB created a local index for each partition, leading to a limitation that primary keys and unique keys had to include the partition key to ensure data uniqueness. Additionally, when querying data across multiple partitions, TiDB needed to scan the data of each partition to return results.

To address these issues, TiDB introduces the global indexes feature in v8.3.0. A global index covers the data of the entire table with a single index, allowing primary keys and unique keys to maintain global uniqueness without including all partition keys. Moreover, global indexes can access index data across multiple partitions in a single operation, significantly improving query performance for non-partitioned keys instead of looking up in one local index for each partition.

To create a global index for a primary key or unique key, you can add the `GLOBAL` keyword in the index definition.

> **Note:**
>
> Global indexes affect partition management. `DROP`, `TRUNCATE`, and `REORGANIZE PARTITION` operations also trigger updates to table-level global indexes, meaning that these DDL operations will only return results after the global indexes of the corresponding tables are fully updated.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    col3 INT NOT NULL,
    col4 INT NOT NULL,
    UNIQUE KEY uidx12(col1, col2) GLOBAL,
    UNIQUE KEY uidx3(col3)
)
PARTITION BY HASH(col3)
PARTITIONS 4;
```

In the preceding example, the unique index `uidx12` is a global index, while `uidx3` is a regular unique index.

Note that a **clustered index** cannot be a global index, as shown in the following example:

```
CREATE TABLE t2 (
    col1 INT NOT NULL,
    col2 DATE NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (col2) CLUSTERED GLOBAL
) PARTITION BY HASH(col1) PARTITIONS 5;
```

```
ERROR 1503 (HY000): A CLUSTERED INDEX must include all columns in the table'
    ↪ s partitioning function
```

The reason is that if the clustered index is a global index, the table will no longer be partitioned. This is because the key of the clustered index is also the record key at the partition level, but the global index is at the table level, which causes a conflict. If you need to set the primary key as a global index, you must explicitly define it as a non-clustered index, for example, `PRIMARY KEY(col1, col2)NONCLUSTERED GLOBAL`.

You can identify a global index by the `GLOBAL` index option in the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` output.

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE t1\G
```

```
       Table: t1
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `col1` int NOT NULL,
  `col2` date NOT NULL,
  `col3` int NOT NULL,
  `col4` int NOT NULL,
  UNIQUE KEY `uidx12` (`col1`,`col2`) /*T![global_index] GLOBAL */,
  UNIQUE KEY `uidx3` (`col3`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
PARTITION BY HASH (`col3`) PARTITIONS 4
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Alternatively, you can query the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_INDEXES` table and check the `IS_GLOBAL` column in the output.

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_INDEXES WHERE table_name='t1';
```

```
+--------------+------------+------------+----------+--------------+-------------+------
    ↪
| TABLE_SCHEMA | TABLE_NAME | NON_UNIQUE | KEY_NAME | SEQ_IN_INDEX | COLUMN_
    ↪ NAME | SUB_PART | INDEX_COMMENT | Expression | INDEX_ID | IS_VISIBLE
    ↪ | CLUSTERED | IS_GLOBAL |
+--------------+------------+------------+----------+--------------+-------------+------
    ↪
```

```
| test        | t1        |          0 | uidx12 |           1 | col1       |
   ↪     NULL |             | NULL       |        1 | YES        | NO         |
   ↪         1 |
| test        | t1        |          0 | uidx12 |           2 | col2       |
   ↪     NULL |             | NULL       |        1 | YES        | NO         |
   ↪         1 |
| test        | t1        |          0 | uidx3  |           1 | col3       |
   ↪     NULL |             | NULL       |        2 | YES        | NO         |
   ↪         0 |
+--------------+-----------+------------+---------+-------------+------------+------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

When partitioning a non-partitioned table or repartitioning an already partitioned table, you can update the indexes to be global indexes or revert them to local indexes as needed:

```
ALTER TABLE t1 PARTITION BY HASH (col1) PARTITIONS 3 UPDATE INDEXES (uidx12
   ↪  LOCAL, uidx3 GLOBAL);
```

Limitations of global indexes

- If the `GLOBAL` keyword is not explicitly specified in the index definition, TiDB creates a local index by default.
- The `GLOBAL` and `LOCAL` keywords only apply to partitioned tables and do not affect non-partitioned tables. In other words, there is no difference between a global index and a local index in non-partitioned tables.
- Currently, TiDB only supports creating unique global indexes on unique columns. If you need to create a global index on a non-unique column, you can include a primary key in the global index to create a composite index. For example, if the non-unique column is `col3` and the primary key is `col1`, you can use the following statement to create a global index on the non-unique column `col3`:

  ```
  ALTER TABLE ... ADD UNIQUE INDEX(col3, col1) GLOBAL;
  ```

- DDL operations such as `DROP PARTITION`, `TRUNCATE PARTITION`, and `REORGANIZE ↪ PARTITION` also trigger updates to global indexes. These DDL operations need to wait for the global index updates to complete before returning results, which increases the execution time accordingly. This is particularly evident in data archiving scenarios, such as `DROP PARTITION` and `TRUNCATE PARTITION`. Without global indexes, these operations can typically complete immediately. However, with global indexes, the execution time increases as the number of indexes that need to be updated grows.
- Tables with global indexes do not support the `EXCHANGE PARTITION` operation.

- By default, the primary key of a partitioned table is a clustered index and must include the partition key. If you require the primary key to exclude the partition key, you can explicitly specify the primary key as a non-clustered global index when creating the table, for example, `PRIMARY KEY(col1, col2)NONCLUSTERED GLOBAL`.
- If a global index is added to an expression column, or a global index is also a prefix index (for example `UNIQUE KEY idx_id_prefix (id(10))GLOBAL`), you need to collect statistics manually for this global index.

14.13.13.5.2 Partitioning limitations relating to functions

Only the functions shown in the following list are allowed in partitioning expressions:

```
ABS()
CEILING()
DATEDIFF()
DAY()
DAYOFMONTH()
DAYOFWEEK()
DAYOFYEAR()
EXTRACT() (see EXTRACT() function with WEEK specifier)
FLOOR()
HOUR()
MICROSECOND()
MINUTE()
MOD()
MONTH()
QUARTER()
SECOND()
TIME_TO_SEC()
TO_DAYS()
TO_SECONDS()
UNIX_TIMESTAMP() (with TIMESTAMP columns)
WEEKDAY()
YEAR()
YEARWEEK()
```

14.13.13.5.3 Compatibility with MySQL

Currently, TiDB supports Range partitioning, Range COLUMNS partitioning, List partitioning, List COLUMNS partitioning, Hash partitioning, and Key partitioning. Other partitioning types that are available in MySQL are not supported yet in TiDB.

For the unsupported partitioning types, when you create a table in TiDB, the partitioning information is ignored and the table is created in the regular form with a warning reported.

The `LOAD DATA` syntax does not support partition selection currently in TiDB.

```
create table t (id int, val int) partition by hash(id) partitions 4;
```

The regular `LOAD DATA` operation is supported:

```
load local data infile "xxx" into t ...
```

But `Load Data` does not support partition selection:

```
load local data infile "xxx" into t partition (p1)...
```

For a partitioned table, the result returned by `select * from t` is unordered between the partitions. This is different from the result in MySQL, which is ordered between the partitions but unordered inside the partitions.

```
create table t (id int, val int) partition by range (id) (
    partition p0 values less than (3),
    partition p1 values less than (7),
    partition p2 values less than (11));
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.10 sec)
```

```
insert into t values (1, 2), (3, 4),(5, 6),(7,8),(9,10);
```

```
Query OK, 5 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 5 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

TiDB returns a different result every time, for example:

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------|------+
| id   | val |
+------|------+
|    7 |    8 |
|    9 |   10 |
|    1 |    2 |
|    3 |    4 |
|    5 |    6 |
+------|------+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The result returned in MySQL:

```
select * from t;
```

```
+------|------+
| id   | val  |
+------|------+
|    1 |    2 |
|    3 |    4 |
|    5 |    6 |
|    7 |    8 |
|    9 |   10 |
+------|------+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.13.5.4 Dynamic pruning mode

TiDB accesses partitioned tables in either `dynamic` or `static` mode. `dynamic` mode is used by default since v6.3.0. However, dynamic partitioning is effective only after the full table-level statistics, or global statistics, are collected. If you enable the `dynamic` pruning mode before global statistics collection is completed, TiDB remains in the `static` mode until global statistics are fully collected. For detailed information about global statistics, see Collect statistics of partitioned tables in dynamic pruning mode.

```
set @@session.tidb_partition_prune_mode = 'dynamic'
```

Manual ANALYZE and normal queries use the session-level `tidb_partition_prune_mode` setting. The `auto-analyze` operation in the background uses the global `tidb_partition_prune_mode` setting.

In `static` mode, partitioned tables use partition-level statistics. In `dynamic` mode, partitioned tables use table-level global statistics.

When switching from `static` mode to `dynamic` mode, you need to check and collect statistics manually. This is because after the switch to `dynamic` mode, partitioned tables have only partition-level statistics but no table-level statistics. Global statistics are collected only upon the next `auto-analyze` operation.

```
set session tidb_partition_prune_mode = 'dynamic';
show stats_meta where table_name like "t";
```

```
+---------+------------+----------------+---------------------+--------------+----------
   ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Update_time | Modify_count | Row_
   ↪ count |
+---------+------------+----------------+---------------------+--------------+----------
   ↪
| test    | t          | p0             | 2022-05-27 20:23:34 |            1 |
   ↪            2 |
```

```
| test   | t         | p1            | 2022-05-27 20:23:34 |        2 |
   ↪        4 |
| test   | t         | p2            | 2022-05-27 20:23:34 |        2 |
   ↪        4 |
+--------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+----------+---------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

To make sure that the statistics used by SQL statements are correct after you enable global `dynamic` pruning mode, you need to manually trigger `analyze` on the tables or on a partition of the table to obtain global statistics.

```
analyze table t partition p1;
show stats_meta where table_name like "t";
```

```
+--------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+-------------+---------
   ↪
| Db_name | Table_name | Partition_name | Update_time | Modify_count | Row_
   ↪ count |
+--------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+-------------+---------
   ↪
| test   | t         | global        | 2022-05-27 20:50:53 |        0 |
   ↪        5 |
| test   | t         | p0            | 2022-05-27 20:23:34 |        1 |
   ↪        2 |
| test   | t         | p1            | 2022-05-27 20:50:52 |        0 |
   ↪        2 |
| test   | t         | p2            | 2022-05-27 20:50:08 |        0 |
   ↪        2 |
+--------+-----------+---------------+---------------------+-------------+---------
   ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

If the following warning is displayed during the `analyze` process, partition statistics are inconsistent, and you need to collect statistics of these partitions or the entire table again.

```
| Warning | 8244 | Build table: `t` column: `a` global-level stats failed
   ↪ due to missing partition-level column stats, please run analyze table
   ↪  to refresh columns of all partitions
```

You can also use scripts to update statistics of all partitioned tables. For details, see Update statistics of partitioned tables in dynamic pruning mode.

After table-level statistics are ready, you can enable the global dynamic pruning mode, which is effective to all SQL statements and `auto-analyze` operations.

```
set global tidb_partition_prune_mode = dynamic
```

In `static` mode, TiDB accesses each partition separately using multiple operators, and then merges the results using `Union`. The following example is a simple read operation where TiDB merges the results of two corresponding partitions using `Union`:

```
mysql> create table t1(id int, age int, key(id)) partition by range(id) (
       partition p0 values less than (100),
       partition p1 values less than (200),
       partition p2 values less than (300),
       partition p3 values less than (400));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> explain select * from t1 where id < 150;
```

```
+-----------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------------+--------
   ↪
| id                          | estRows | task    | access object       |
   ↪ operator info              |
+-----------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------------+--------
   ↪
| PartitionUnion_9            | 6646.67 | root    |                       |
   ↪                             |
|  ─TableReader_12            | 3323.33 | root    |                       | data
   ↪ :Selection_11             |
|    ─Selection_11            | 3323.33 | cop[tikv] |                     | lt(
   ↪ test.t1.id, 150)          |
|      ─TableFullScan_10      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, partition:p0
   ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
|  ─TableReader_18            | 3323.33 | root    |                       | data
   ↪ :Selection_17             |
|    ─Selection_17            | 3323.33 | cop[tikv] |                     | lt(
   ↪ test.t1.id, 150)          |
|      ─TableFullScan_16      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, partition:p1
   ↪ | keep order:false, stats:pseudo |
+-----------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------------+--------
   ↪
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In `dynamic` mode, each operator supports direct access to multiple partitions, so TiDB no longer uses `Union`.

```
mysql> set @@session.tidb_partition_prune_mode = 'dynamic';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> explain select * from t1 where id < 150;
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+----------+-----------+----------------+--------------
```

```
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task     | access object | operator info
    ↪              |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
| TableReader_7         | 3323.33 | root     | partition:p0,p1 | data:
    ↪ Selection_6         |
|  ─Selection_6         | 3323.33 | cop[tikv] |               | lt(test.t1.id,
    ↪  150)        |
|    ─TableFullScan_5   | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1    | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+---------------+-------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

From the above query results, you can see that the `Union` operator in the execution plan disappears while the partition pruning still takes effect and the execution plan only accesses `p0` and `p1`.

`dynamic` mode makes execution plans simpler and clearer. Omitting the Union operation can improve the execution efficiency and avoid the problem of Union concurrent execution. In addition, `dynamic` mode also allows execution plans with IndexJoin which cannot be used in `static` mode. (See examples below)

Example 1: In the following example, a query is performed in `static` mode using the execution plan with IndexJoin:

```
mysql> create table t1 (id int, age int, key(id)) partition by range(id)
    (partition p0 values less than (100),
     partition p1 values less than (200),
     partition p2 values less than (300),
     partition p3 values less than (400));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0,08 sec)

mysql> create table t2 (id int, code int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> set @@tidb_partition_prune_mode = 'static';
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

mysql> explain select /*+ TIDB_INLJ(t1, t2) */ t1.* from t1, t2 where t2.
    ↪ code = 0 and t2.id = t1.id;
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+-
    ↪
```

```
| id                          | estRows | task     | access object       |
   ↪ operator info                                |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+---------------------+-
   ↪
| HashJoin_13                 | 12.49   | root     |                     |
   ↪ inner join, equal:[eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.id)] |
|  ─TableReader_42(Build)     | 9.99    | root     |                     |
   ↪ data:Selection_41                            |
|    ─Selection_41            | 9.99    | cop[tikv] |                    | eq
   ↪ (test.t2.code, 0), not(isnull(test.t2.id)) |
|      ─TableFullScan_40      | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2          |
   ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo               |
|  ─PartitionUnion_15(Probe) | 39960.00 | root     |                     |
   ↪                                              |
|    ─TableReader_18          | 9990.00 | root     |                     |
   ↪ data:Selection_17                            |
|      ─Selection_17          | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] |                    |
   ↪ not(isnull(test.t1.id))                      |
|        ─TableFullScan_16    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, partition:
   ↪ p0 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo     |
|    ─TableReader_24          | 9990.00 | root     |                     |
   ↪ data:Selection_23                            |
|      ─Selection_23          | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] |                    |
   ↪ not(isnull(test.t1.id))                      |
|        ─TableFullScan_22    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, partition:
   ↪ p1 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo     |
|    ─TableReader_30          | 9990.00 | root     |                     |
   ↪ data:Selection_29                            |
|      ─Selection_29          | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] |                    |
   ↪ not(isnull(test.t1.id))                      |
|        ─TableFullScan_28    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, partition:
   ↪ p2 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo     |
|    ─TableReader_36          | 9990.00 | root     |                     |
   ↪ data:Selection_35                            |
|      ─Selection_35          | 9990.00 | cop[tikv] |                    |
   ↪ not(isnull(test.t1.id))                      |
|        ─TableFullScan_34    | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t1, partition:
   ↪ p3 | keep order:false, stats:pseudo     |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+---------+----------+---------------------+-
   ↪
17 rows in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

mysql> show warnings;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Level   | Code | Message
    ↪                                                                                |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Warning | 1815 | Optimizer Hint /*+ INL_JOIN(t1, t2) */ or /*+ TIDB_INLJ(
    ↪ t1, t2) */ is inapplicable |
+--
    ↪ -------+------+-------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0,00 sec)
```

From example 1, you can see that even if the `TIDB_INLJ` hint is used, the query on the partitioned table cannot select the execution plan with IndexJoin.

Example 2: In the following example, the query is performed in `dynamic` mode using the execution plan with IndexJoin:

```
mysql> set @@tidb_partition_prune_mode = 'dynamic';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> explain select /*+ TIDB_INLJ(t1, t2) */ t1.* from t1, t2 where t2.
    ↪ code = 0 and t2.id = t1.id;
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+
    ↪
| id                            | estRows | task     | access object         |
    ↪ operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+
    ↪
| IndexJoin_11                  | 12.49   | root     |                       |
    ↪ inner join, inner:IndexLookUp_10, outer key:test.t2.id, inner key:
    ↪ test.t1.id, equal cond:eq(test.t2.id, test.t1.id) |
|  ─TableReader_16(Build)       | 9.99    | root     |                       |
    ↪ data:Selection_15
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    ─Selection_15              | 9.99    | cop[tikv] |                      |
    ↪ eq(test.t2.code, 0), not(isnull(test.t2.id))
    ↪                                                                  |
```

```
|     └─TableFullScan_14       | 10000.00 | cop[tikv] | table:t2          |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  └─IndexLookUp_10(Probe)     | 12.49    | root      | partition:all     |
    ↪
    ↪ |
|    └─Selection_9(Build)      | 12.49    | cop[tikv] |                   |
    ↪ not(isnull(test.t1.id))
    ↪
    ↪ |
|      └─IndexRangeScan_7      | 12.50    | cop[tikv] | table:t1, index:id(id
    ↪ ) | range: decided by [eq(test.t1.id, test.t2.id)], keep order:false,
    ↪  stats:pseudo                    |
|    └─TableRowIDScan_8(Probe) | 12.49    | cop[tikv] | table:t1          |
    ↪ keep order:false, stats:pseudo
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+----------+-----------+-----------------------+
    ↪
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

From example 2, you can see that in `dynamic` mode, the execution plan with IndexJoin is selected when you execute the query.

Currently, `static` pruning mode does not support plan cache for both prepared and non-prepared statements.

Update statistics of partitioned tables in dynamic pruning mode

1. Locate all partitioned tables:

```
SELECT DISTINCT CONCAT(TABLE_SCHEMA,'.', TABLE_NAME)
    FROM information_schema.PARTITIONS
    WHERE TIDB_PARTITION_ID IS NOT NULL
    AND TABLE_SCHEMA NOT IN ('INFORMATION_SCHEMA', 'mysql', 'sys', '
        ↪ PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA', 'METRICS_SCHEMA');
```

```
+-------------------------------------+
| concat(TABLE_SCHEMA,'.',TABLE_NAME) |
+-------------------------------------+
| test.t                              |
+-------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
```

2. Generate the statements for updating the statistics of all partitioned tables:

```
SELECT DISTINCT CONCAT('ANALYZE TABLE ',TABLE_SCHEMA,'.',TABLE_NAME,'
    ↪ ALL COLUMNS;')
    FROM information_schema.PARTITIONS
    WHERE TIDB_PARTITION_ID IS NOT NULL
    AND TABLE_SCHEMA NOT IN ('INFORMATION_SCHEMA','mysql','sys','
        ↪ PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA','METRICS_SCHEMA');
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| concat('ANALYZE TABLE ',TABLE_SCHEMA,'.',TABLE_NAME,' ALL COLUMNS;')
    ↪ |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| ANALYZE TABLE test.t ALL COLUMNS;                                     |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

You can change `ALL COLUMNS` to the columns you need.

3. Export the batch update statements to a file:

```
mysql --host xxxx --port xxxx -u root -p -e "SELECT DISTINCT CONCAT('
    ↪ ANALYZE TABLE ',TABLE_SCHEMA,'.',TABLE_NAME,' ALL COLUMNS;') \
    FROM information_schema.PARTITIONS \
    WHERE TIDB_PARTITION_ID IS NOT NULL \
    AND TABLE_SCHEMA NOT IN ('INFORMATION_SCHEMA','mysql','sys','
        ↪ PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA','METRICS_SCHEMA');" | tee
        ↪ gatherGlobalStats.sql
```

4. Execute a batch update:

   Process SQL statements before executing the `source` command:

```
sed -i "" '1d' gatherGlobalStats.sql --- mac
sed -i '1d' gatherGlobalStats.sql --- linux
```

```
SET session tidb_partition_prune_mode = dynamic;
source gatherGlobalStats.sql
```

14.13.14 Temporary Tables

The temporary tables feature is introduced in TiDB v5.3.0. This feature solves the issue of temporarily storing the intermediate results of an application, which frees you from

frequently creating and dropping tables. You can store the intermediate calculation data in temporary tables. When the intermediate data is no longer needed, TiDB automatically cleans up and recycles the temporary tables. This avoids user applications being too complicated, reduces table management overhead, and improves performance.

This document introduces the user scenarios and the types of temporary tables, provides usage examples and instruction on how to limit the memory usage of temporary tables, and explains compatibility restrictions with other TiDB features.

14.13.14.1 User scenarios

You can use TiDB temporary tables in the following scenarios:

- Cache the intermediate temporary data of an application. After the calculation is completed, the data is dumped to the ordinary table, and the temporary table is automatically released.
- Perform multiple DML operations on the same data in a short period of time. For example, in an e-commerce shopping cart application, add, modify, and delete products, complete the payment, and remove the shopping cart information.
- Quickly import intermediate temporary data in batches to improve the performance of importing temporary data.
- Update data in batches. Import data into temporary tables in the database in batches, and export the data to files after finishing modify the data.

14.13.14.2 Types of temporary tables

Temporary tables in TiDB are divided into two types: local temporary tables and global temporary tables.

- For a local temporary table, the table definition and data in the table are visible only to the current session. This type is suitable for temporarily storing intermediate data in the session.
- For a global temporary table, the table definition is visible to the entire TiDB cluster, and the data in the table is visible only to the current transaction. This type is suitable for temporarily storing intermediate data in the transaction.

14.13.14.3 Local temporary tables

The semantics of the local temporary table in TiDB is consistent with that of the MySQL temporary table. The characteristics are as follows:

- The table definition of a local temporary table is not persistent. A local temporary table is visible only to the session in which the table is created, and other sessions cannot access the table.

- You can create local temporary tables with the same name in different sessions, and each session reads only from and writes only to the local temporary table created in the session.
- The data of a local temporary table is visible to all transactions in the session.
- After a session ends, the local temporary table created in the session is automatically dropped.
- A local temporary table can have the same name as an ordinary table. In this case, in the DDL and DML statements, the ordinary table is hidden until the local temporary table is dropped.

To create a local temporary table, you can use the `CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE` statement. To drop a local temporary table, you can use the `DROP TABLE` or `DROP TEMPORARY TABLE` statement.

Different from MySQL, the local temporary tables in TiDB are all external tables, and no internal temporary tables will be created automatically when SQL statements are executed.

14.13.14.3.1 Usage examples of local temporary tables

Note:

- Before you use the temporary table in TiDB, pay attention to the compatibility restrictions with other TiDB features and the compatibility with MySQL temporary tables.
- If you have created local temporary tables on a cluster earlier than TiDB v5.3.0, these tables are actually ordinary tables, and treated as ordinary tables after the cluster is upgraded to TiDB v5.3.0 or a later version.

Assume that there is an ordinary table `users`:

```
CREATE TABLE users (
    id BIGINT,
    name VARCHAR(100),
    PRIMARY KEY(id)
);
```

In session A, creating a local temporary table `users` does not conflict with the ordinary table `users`. When session A accesses the `users` table, it accesses the local temporary table `users`.

```
CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE users (
    id BIGINT,
    name VARCHAR(100),
```

```
    city VARCHAR(50),
    PRIMARY KEY(id)
);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

If you insert data into `users`, data is inserted to the local temporary table `users` in session A.

```
INSERT INTO users(id, name, city) VALUES(1001, 'Davis', 'LosAngeles');
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM users;
```

```
+------+-------+------------+
| id   | name | city       |
+------+-------+------------+
| 1001 | Davis | LosAngeles |
+------+-------+------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

In session B, creating a local temporary table `users` does not conflict with the ordinary table `users` or the local temporary table `users` in session A. When session B accesses the `users` table, it accesses the local temporary table `users` in session B.

```
CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE users (
    id BIGINT,
    name VARCHAR(100),
    city VARCHAR(50),
    PRIMARY KEY(id)
);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

If you insert data into `users`, data is inserted to the local temporary table `users` in session B.

```
INSERT INTO users(id, name, city) VALUES(1001, 'James', 'NewYork');
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM users;
```

```
+------+-------+---------+
| id   | name | city    |
+------+-------+---------+
| 1001 | James | NewYork |
+------+-------+---------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.14.3.2 Compatibility with MySQL temporary tables

The following features and limitations of TiDB local temporary tables are the same with those of MySQL temporary tables:

- When you create or drop local temporary tables, the current transaction is not automatically committed.
- After dropping the schema where a local temporary table is located, the temporary table is not dropped and is still readable and writable.
- Creating a local temporary table requires the `CREATE TEMPORARY TABLES` permission. All subsequent operations on the table do not require any permission.
- Local temporary tables do not support foreign keys and partitioned tables.
- Does not support creating views based on local temporary tables.
- `SHOW [FULL] TABLES` does not show local temporary tables.

Local temporary tables in TiDB are incompatible with MySQL temporary tables in the following aspects:

- TiDB local temporary tables do not support `ALTER TABLE`.
- TiDB local temporary tables ignore the `ENGINE` table option, and always store temporary table data in TiDB memory with a memory limit.
- When `MEMORY` is declared as the storage engine, TiDB local temporary tables are not restricted by the `MEMORY` storage engine.
- When `INNODB` or `MYISAM` is declared as the storage engine, TiDB local temporary tables ignore the system variables specific to the InnoDB temporary tables.
- MySQL does not permit referencing to the same temporary table multiple times in the same SQL statement. TiDB local temporary tables do not have this restriction.
- The system table `information_schema.INNODB_TEMP_TABLE_INFO` that shows temporary tables in MySQL does not exist in TiDB. Currently, TiDB does not have a system table that shows local temporary tables.
- TiDB does not have internal temporary tables. The MySQL system variables for internal temporary tables do not take effect for TiDB.

14.13.14.4 Global temporary tables

The global temporary table is an extension of TiDB. The characteristics are as follows:

- The table definition of a global temporary table is persistent and visible to all sessions.
- The data of a global temporary table is visible only in the current transaction. When the transaction ends, the data is automatically cleared.
- A global temporary table cannot have the same name as an ordinary table.

To create a global temporary table, you can use the `CREATE GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE` statement ended with `ON COMMIT DELETE ROWS`. To drop a global temporary table, you can use the `DROP TABLE` or `DROP GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE` statement.

14.13.14.4.1 Usage examples of global temporary tables

> **Note:**
>
> - Before you use the temporary table in TiDB, pay attention to the compatibility restrictions with other TiDB features.
> - If you have created global temporary tables on a TiDB cluster of v5.3.0 or later, when the cluster is downgraded to a version earlier than v5.3.0, these tables are handled as ordinary tables. In this case, a data error occurs.

Create a global temporary table `users` in session A:

```
CREATE GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE users (
    id BIGINT,
    name VARCHAR(100),
    city VARCHAR(50),
    PRIMARY KEY(id)
) ON COMMIT DELETE ROWS;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

The data written to `users` is visible to the current transaction:

```
BEGIN;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO users(id, name, city) VALUES(1001, 'Davis', 'LosAngeles');
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM users;
```

```
+------+-------+------------+
| id   | name | city       |
+------+-------+------------+
| 1001 | Davis | LosAngeles |
+------+-------+------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

After the transaction ends, the data is automatically cleared:

```
COMMIT;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM users;
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

After `users` is created in session A, session B can also read from and write to the `users` table:

```
SELECT * FROM users;
```

```
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

> **Note:**
>
> If the transaction is automatically committed, after the SQL statement is executed, the inserted data is automatically cleared and unavailable to subsequent SQL executions. Therefore, you should use non-autocommit transactions to read from and write to global temporary tables.

14.13.14.5 Limit the memory usage of temporary tables

No matter which storage engine is declared as `ENGINE` when you define a table, the data of local temporary tables and global temporary tables is only stored in the memory of TiDB instances. This data is not persisted.

To avoid memory overflow, you can limit the size of each temporary table using the `tidb_tmp_table_max_size` system variable. Once a temporary table is larger than the

`tidb_tmp_table_max_size` threshold value, TiDB reports an error. The default value of `tidb_tmp_table_max_size` is `64MB`.

For example, set the maximum size of a temporary table to `256MB`:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_tmp_table_max_size=268435456;
```

14.13.14.6 Compatibility restrictions with other TiDB features

Local temporary tables and global temporary tables in TiDB are **NOT** compatible with the following TiDB features:

- `AUTO_RANDOM` columns
- `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` and `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` table options
- Partitioned tables
- `SPLIT REGION` statements
- `ADMIN CHECK TABLE` and `ADMIN CHECKSUM TABLE` statements
- `FLASHBACK TABLE` and `RECOVER TABLE` statements
- Executing `CREATE TABLE LIKE` statements based on a temporary table
- Stale Read
- Foreign keys
- SQL bindings
- TiFlash replicas
- Creating views on a temporary table
- Placement Rules
- Execution plans involving a temporary table are not cached by `prepare plan cache`.

Local temporary tables in TiDB do **NOT** support the following feature:

- Reading historical data using the `tidb_snapshot` system variable.

14.13.14.7 TiDB migration tool support

Local temporary tables are not exported, backed up or replicated by TiDB migration tools, because these tables are visible only to the current session.

Global temporary tables are exported, backed up, and replicated by TiDB migration tools, because the table definition is globally visible. Note that the data on the tables are not exported.

Note:

- Replicating temporary tables using TiCDC requires TiCDC v5.3.0 or later. Otherwise, the table definition of the downstream table is wrong.

- Backing up temporary tables using BR requires BR v5.3.0 or later. Otherwise, the table definitions of the backed temporary tables are wrong.
- The cluster to export, the cluster after data restore, and the downstream cluster of a replication should support global temporary tables. Otherwise, an error is reported.

14.13.14.8 See also

- CREATE TABLE
- CREATE TABLE LIKE
- DROP TABLE

14.13.15 Cached Tables

In v6.0.0, TiDB introduces the cached table feature for frequently accessed but rarely updated small hotspot tables. When this feature is used, the data of an entire table is loaded into the memory of the TiDB server, and TiDB directly gets the table data from the memory without accessing TiKV, which improves the read performance.

This document describes the usage scenarios of cached tables, the examples, and the compatibility restrictions with other TiDB features.

14.13.15.1 Usage scenarios

The cached table feature is suitable for tables with the following characteristics:

- The data volume of the table is small, for example, less than 4 MiB.
- The table is read-only or rarely updated, for example, with a write QPS (queries per second) of less than 10 times per minute.
- The table is frequently accessed, and you expect a better read performance, for example, when encountering hotspots on small tables during direct reads from TiKV.

When the data volume of the table is small but the data is frequently accessed, the data is concentrated on a Region in TiKV and makes it a hotspot Region, which affects the performance. Therefore, the typical usage scenarios of cached tables are as follows:

- Configuration tables, from which applications read the configuration information.
- The tables of exchange rates in the financial sector. These tables are updated only once a day but not in real-time.
- Bank branch or network information tables, which are rarely updated.

Take configuration tables as an example. When the application restarts, the configuration information is loaded in all connections, which causes a high read latency. In this case, you can solve this problem by using the cached tables feature.

14.13.15.2 Examples

This section describes the usage of cached tables by examples.

14.13.15.2.1 Set a normal table to a cached table

Suppose that there is a table `users`:

```
CREATE TABLE users (
    id BIGINT,
    name VARCHAR(100),
    PRIMARY KEY(id)
);
```

To set this table to a cached table, use the `ALTER TABLE` statement:

```
ALTER TABLE users CACHE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.15.2.2 Verify a cached table

To verify a cached table, use the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement. If the table is cached, the returned result contains the `CACHED ON` attribute:

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE users;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Table | Create Table
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -----+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| users | CREATE TABLE `users` (
  `id` bigint NOT NULL,
  `name` varchar(100) DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`) /*T![clustered_index] CLUSTERED */
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin /* CACHED ON */
    ↪  |
+--
    ↪ -----+-----------------------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

After reading data from a cached table, TiDB loads the data in memory. You can use the TRACE statement to check whether the data is loaded into memory. When the cache is not loaded, the returned result contains the `regionRequest.SendReqCtx` attribute, which indicates that TiDB reads data from TiKV.

```
TRACE SELECT * FROM users;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------+-----------------+------------+
    ↪
| operation                                     | startTS       | duration  |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------+-----------------+------------+
    ↪
| trace                                         | 17:47:39.969980 | 827.73µs  |
|    ─session.ExecuteStmt                       | 17:47:39.969986 | 413.31µs  |
|      ─executor.Compile                        | 17:47:39.969993 | 198.29µs  |
|      ─session.runStmt                         | 17:47:39.970221 | 157.252µs |
|        ─TableReaderExecutor.Open              | 17:47:39.970294 | 47.068µs  |
|          ─distsql.Select                      | 17:47:39.970312 | 24.729µs  |
|            ─regionRequest.SendReqCtx          | 17:47:39.970454 | 189.601µs |
|    ─* executor.UnionScanExec.Next             | 17:47:39.970407 | 353.073µs |
|      ─* executor.TableReaderExecutor.Next     | 17:47:39.970411 | 301.106µs |
|      ─* executor.TableReaderExecutor.Next     | 17:47:39.970746 | 6.57µs    |
|    ─* executor.UnionScanExec.Next             | 17:47:39.970772 | 17.589µs  |
|      ─* executor.TableReaderExecutor.Next     | 17:47:39.970776 | 6.59µs    |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------------------------+-----------------+------------+
    ↪
12 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

After executing TRACE again, the returned result no longer contains the `regionRequest ↪ .SendReqCtx` attribute, which indicates that TiDB no longer reads data from TiKV but reads data from the memory instead.

```
+-----------------------------------------+-----------------+-----------+
| operation                               | startTS         | duration  |
+-----------------------------------------+-----------------+-----------+
| trace                                   | 17:47:40.533888 | 453.547µs |
|    ─session.ExecuteStmt                 | 17:47:40.533894 | 402.341µs |
|      ─executor.Compile                  | 17:47:40.533903 | 205.54µs  |
|      ─session.runStmt                   | 17:47:40.534141 | 132.084µs |
|        ─TableReaderExecutor.Open        | 17:47:40.534202 | 14.749µs  |
|    ─* executor.UnionScanExec.Next       | 17:47:40.534306 | 3.21µs    |
|    ─* executor.UnionScanExec.Next       | 17:47:40.534316 | 1.219µs   |
+-----------------------------------------+-----------------+-----------+
```

```
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Note that the `UnionScan` operator is used to read the cached tables, so you can see `UnionScan` in the execution plan of the cached tables through `explain`:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------------
    ↪
| id                    | estRows | task    | access object | operator info
    ↪            |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------------
    ↪
| UnionScan_5           | 1.00    | root     |               |
    ↪                               |
|  ─TableReader_7       | 1.00    | root     |               | data:
    ↪ TableFullScan_6       |
|    ─TableFullScan_6   | 1.00    | cop[tikv] | table:users | keep order:
    ↪ false, stats:pseudo |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+---------+----------+--------------+-----------------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.15.2.3 Write data to a cached table

Cached tables support data writes. For example, you can insert a record into the `users` table:

```
INSERT INTO users(id, name) VALUES(1001, 'Davis');
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM users;
```

```
+------+-------+
| id   | name |
+------+-------+
| 1001 | Davis |
+------+-------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Note:

When you insert data to a cached table, second-level write latency might occur. The latency is controlled by the global environment variable `tidb_table_cache_lease`. You can decide whether to use the cached table feature by checking whether the latency is acceptable based on your application. For example, in a read-only scenario, you can increase the value of `tidb_table_cache_lease`:

```
set @@global.tidb_table_cache_lease = 10;
```

The write latency of cached tables is high, because the cached table feature is implemented with a complex mechanism that requires a lease to be set for each cache. When there are multiple TiDB instances, one instance does not know whether the other instances have cached data. If an instance modifies the table data directly, the other instances read the old cache data. To ensure correctness, the cached table implementation uses a lease mechanism to ensure that the data is not modified before the lease expires. That is why the write latency is high.

The metadata of cached tables is stored in the `mysql.table_cache_meta` table. This table records the IDs of all cached tables, the current lock status (`lock_type`), and the lock lease information (`lease`). This table is only internally used in TiDB and you are not recommended to modify it. Otherwise, unexpected errors might occur.

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE mysql.table_cache_meta\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: table_cache_meta
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `table_cache_meta` (
  `tid` bigint NOT NULL DEFAULT '0',
  `lock_type` enum('NONE','READ','INTEND','WRITE') NOT NULL DEFAULT 'NONE',
  `lease` bigint NOT NULL DEFAULT '0',
  `oldReadLease` bigint NOT NULL DEFAULT '0',
  PRIMARY KEY (`tid`) /*T![clustered_index] CLUSTERED */
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.15.2.4 Revert a cached table to a normal table

Note:

> Executing DDL statements on a cached table will fail. Before executing DDL statements on a cached table, you need to remove the cache attribute first and set the cached table back to a normal table.

```
TRUNCATE TABLE users;
```

```
ERROR 8242 (HY000): 'Truncate Table' is unsupported on cache tables.
```

```
mysql> ALTER TABLE users ADD INDEX k_id(id);
```

```
ERROR 8242 (HY000): 'Alter Table' is unsupported on cache tables.
```

To revert a cached table to a normal table, use `ALTER TABLE t NOCACHE`:

```
ALTER TABLE users NOCACHE;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.15.3 Size limit of cached tables

Cached tables are only suitable for scenarios with small tables, because TiDB loads the data of an entire table into memory, and the cached data becomes invalid after modification and needs to be reloaded.

Currently, the size limit of a cached table is 64 MiB in TiDB. If the table data exceeds 64 MiB, executing `ALTER TABLE t CACHE` will fail.

14.13.15.4 Compatibility restrictions with other TiDB features

Cached tables **DO NOT** support the following features:

- Performing the `ALTER TABLE t ADD PARTITION` operation on partitioned tables is not supported.
- Performing the `ALTER TABLE t CACHE` operation on temporary tables is not supported.
- Performing the `ALTER TABLE t CACHE` operation on views is not supported.
- Stale Read is not supported.
- Direct DDL operations on a cached table are not supported. You need to set the cached table back to a normal table first by using `ALTER TABLE t NOCACHE` before performing DDL operations.

Cached tables **CANNOT** be used in the following scenarios:

- Setting the system variable `tidb_snapshot` to read historical data.
- During modification, the cached data becomes invalid until the data is reloaded.

14.13.15.5 Compatibility with TiDB migration tools

The cached table is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax. Only TiDB can recognize the `ALTER TABLE ... CACHE` statement. TiDB migration tools **DO NOT** support cached tables, including Backup & Restore (BR), TiCDC, and Dumpling. These tools treat cached tables as normal tables.

That is to say, when a cached table is backed up and restored, it becomes a normal table. If the downstream cluster is a different TiDB cluster and you want to continue using the cached table feature, you can manually enable cached tables on the downstream cluster by executing `ALTER TABLE ... CACHE` on the downstream table.

14.13.15.6 See also

- ALTER TABLE
- System Variables

14.13.16 FOREIGN KEY Constraints

Foreign keys allow cross-table references of related data, while foreign key constraints ensure the consistency of related data. Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports foreign keys and foreign key constraints. Starting from v8.5.0, this feature becomes generally available.

> **Warning:**
>
> The foreign key feature is typically employed to enforce referential integrity constraint checks. It might cause performance degradation, so it is recommended to conduct thorough testing before using it in performance-sensitive scenarios.

The foreign key is defined in the child table. The syntax is as follows:

```
ForeignKeyDef
        ::= ( 'CONSTRAINT' Identifier )? 'FOREIGN' 'KEY'
            Identifier? '(' ColumnName ( ',' ColumnName )* ')'
            'REFERENCES' TableName '(' ColumnName ( ',' ColumnName )* ')'
            ( 'ON' 'DELETE' ReferenceOption )?
            ( 'ON' 'UPDATE' ReferenceOption )?

ReferenceOption
        ::= 'RESTRICT'
          | 'CASCADE'
          | 'SET' 'NULL'
```

```
        | 'SET' 'DEFAULT'
        | 'NO' 'ACTION'
```

14.13.16.1 Naming

The naming of a foreign key follows the following rules:

- If a name is specified in `CONSTRAINT identifier`, the specified name is used.
- If no name is specified in `CONSTRAINT identifier`, but a name is specified in `FOREIGN KEY identifier`, the name specified in the `FOREIGN KEY identifier` is used.
- If neither `CONSTRAINT identifier` nor `FOREIGN KEY identifier` specifies a name, a name is automatically generated, such as `fk_1`, `fk_2`, and `fk_3`.
- The foreign key name must be unique in the current table. Otherwise, an error `ERROR 1826: Duplicate foreign key constraint name 'fk'` is reported when the foreign key is created.

14.13.16.2 Restrictions

When creating a foreign key, the following conditions must be met:

- Neither the parent table nor the child table is a temporary table.
- The user has the `REFERENCES` privilege on the parent table.
- The columns referenced by the foreign key in the parent table and the child table are of the same data type and have the same size, precision, length, character set, and collation.
- The columns in the foreign key cannot reference themselves.
- The columns in the foreign key and the columns in the referenced parent table have the same index, and the order of the columns in the index matches that in the foreign key. This is to use the index to avoid full table scans when performing foreign key constraint checks.
    - If there is no corresponding foreign key index in the parent table, an error `ERROR 1822: Failed to add the foreign key constraint. Missing index for constraint 'fk' in the referenced table 't'` is reported.
    - If there is no corresponding foreign key index in the child table, an index is automatically created with the same name as the foreign key.
- It is not supported to create a foreign key on a column of the `BLOB` or `TEXT` type.
- It is not supported to create a foreign key on a partitioned table.
- It is not supported to create a foreign key on a virtual generated column.

14.13.16.3 Reference operations

If an `UPDATE` or `DELETE` operation affects a foreign key value in the parent table, the corresponding foreign key value in the child table is determined by the reference operation defined by the `ON UPDATE` or `ON DELETE` clause in the foreign key definition. The reference operations include the following:

- `CASCADE`: automatically updates or deletes the matching rows in the child table when the `UPDATE` or `DELETE` operation affects the parent table. The cascade operation is performed in a depth-first manner.
- `SET NULL`: automatically sets the matching foreign key columns in the child table to `NULL` when the `UPDATE` or `DELETE` operation affects the parent table.
- `RESTRICT`: denies the `UPDATE` or `DELETE` operation if the child table contains matching rows.
- `NO ACTION`: the same as `RESTRICT`.
- `SET DEFAULT`: the same as `RESTRICT`.

If there is no matching foreign key value in the parent table, the `INSERT` or `UPDATE` operation on the child table is denied.

If the foreign key definition does not specify `ON DELETE` or `ON UPDATE`, the default behavior is `NO ACTION`.

If the foreign key is defined on a `STORED GENERATED COLUMN`, the `CASCADE`, `SET NULL`, and `SET DEFAULT` references are not supported.

14.13.16.4 Usage examples of foreign keys

The following example uses a single-column foreign key to associate the parent table and the child table:

```
CREATE TABLE parent (
    id INT KEY
);

CREATE TABLE child (
    id INT,
    pid INT,
    INDEX idx_pid (pid),
    FOREIGN KEY (pid) REFERENCES parent(id) ON DELETE CASCADE
);
```

The following is a more complex example where the `product_order` table has two foreign keys that reference the other two tables. One foreign key references two indexes on the `product` table, and the other references a single index on the `customer` table:

```
CREATE TABLE product (
    category INT NOT NULL,
    id INT NOT NULL,
    price DECIMAL(20,10),
    PRIMARY KEY(category, id)
);

CREATE TABLE customer (
    id INT KEY
);

CREATE TABLE product_order (
    id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
    product_category INT NOT NULL,
    product_id INT NOT NULL,
    customer_id INT NOT NULL,

    PRIMARY KEY(id),
    INDEX (product_category, product_id),
    INDEX (customer_id),

    FOREIGN KEY (product_category, product_id)
      REFERENCES product(category, id)
      ON UPDATE CASCADE ON DELETE RESTRICT,

    FOREIGN KEY (customer_id)
      REFERENCES customer(id)
);
```

14.13.16.5 Create a foreign key constraint

To create a foreign key constraint, you can use the following `ALTER TABLE` statement:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name
    ADD [CONSTRAINT [identifier]] FOREIGN KEY
    [identifier] (col_name, ...)
    REFERENCES tbl_name (col_name,...)
    [ON DELETE reference_option]
    [ON UPDATE reference_option]
```

The foreign key can be self-referencing, that is, referencing the same table. When you add a foreign key constraint to a table using `ALTER TABLE`, you need to first create an index on the parent table column that the foreign key references.

14.13.16.6 Delete a foreign key constraint

To delete a foreign key constraint, you can use the following `ALTER TABLE` statement:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name DROP FOREIGN KEY fk_identifier;
```

If the foreign key constraint is named when it is created, you can reference the name to delete the foreign key constraint. Otherwise, you have to use the constraint name automatically generated to delete the constraint. You can use `SHOW CREATE TABLE` to view the foreign key name:

```
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE child\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: child
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `child` (
  `id` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `pid` int DEFAULT NULL,
  KEY `idx_pid` (`pid`),
  CONSTRAINT `fk_1` FOREIGN KEY (`pid`) REFERENCES `test`.`parent` (`id`)
    ↪ ON DELETE CASCADE
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
```

14.13.16.7 Foreign key constraint check

TiDB supports foreign key constraint check, which is controlled by the system variable `foreign_key_checks`. By default, this variable is set to `ON`, meaning that the foreign key constraint check is enabled. This variable has two scopes: `GLOBAL` and `SESSION`. Keeping this variable enabled can ensure the integrity of foreign key reference relationships.

The effect of disabling foreign key constraint check is as follows:

- When you delete a parent table referenced by a foreign key, the deletion can succeed only when the foreign key constraint check is disabled.
- When you import data to a database, the order of creating tables might be different from the foreign key dependency order, which might cause the creation of tables to fail. Only when the foreign key constraint check is disabled can the tables be created successfully. In addition, disabling the foreign key constraint check can speed up data import.
- When you import data to a database, if the data of the child table is imported first, an error will be reported. Only when the foreign key constraint check is disabled can the data of the child table be imported successfully.
- If an `ALTER TABLE` operation to be executed involves a change of the foreign key, this operation succeeds only when the foreign key constraint check is disabled.

When the foreign key constraint check is disabled, the foreign key constraint check and reference operation are not executed, except for the following scenarios:

- If the execution of `ALTER TABLE` might result in wrong definition of the foreign key, an error is still reported during the execution.
- When deleting the index required by the foreign key, you should delete the foreign key first. Otherwise, an error is reported.
- When you create a foreign key but it does not meet related conditions or restrictions, an error is reported.

14.13.16.8 Locking

When `INSERT` or `UPDATE` a child table, the foreign key constraint checks whether the corresponding foreign key value exists in the parent table, and locks the row in the parent table to avoid the foreign key value being deleted by other operations violating the foreign key constraint. The locking behavior is equivalent to performing a `SELECT FOR UPDATE` operation on the row where the foreign key value is located in the parent table.

Because TiDB currently does not support `LOCK IN SHARE MODE`, if a child table accepts a large number of concurrent writes and most of the referenced foreign key values are the same, there might be serious locking conflicts. It is recommended to disable `foreign_key_checks` when writing a large number of child table data.

14.13.16.9 Definition and metadata of foreign keys

To view the definition of a foreign key constraint, execute the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement:

```
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE child\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: child
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `child` (
  `id` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `pid` int DEFAULT NULL,
  KEY `idx_pid` (`pid`),
  CONSTRAINT `fk_1` FOREIGN KEY (`pid`) REFERENCES `test`.`parent` (`id`)
    ↪ ON DELETE CASCADE
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
```

You can also get information about foreign keys using either of the following system tables:

- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.KEY_COLUMN_USAGE`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLE_CONSTRAINTS`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS`

The following provides examples:

Get information about foreign keys from the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.KEY_COLUMN_USAGE` system table:

```
mysql> SELECT TABLE_SCHEMA, TABLE_NAME, COLUMN_NAME, CONSTRAINT_NAME FROM
    ↪ INFORMATION_SCHEMA.KEY_COLUMN_USAGE WHERE REFERENCED_TABLE_SCHEMA IS
    ↪ NOT NULL;
+--------------+--------------+-----------------+----------------+
| TABLE_SCHEMA | TABLE_NAME | COLUMN_NAME   | CONSTRAINT_NAME |
+--------------+--------------+-----------------+----------------+
| test         | child        | pid             | fk_1           |
| test         | product_order | product_category | fk_1      |
| test         | product_order | product_id    | fk_1           |
| test         | product_order | customer_id   | fk_2           |
+--------------+--------------+-----------------+----------------+
```

Get information about foreign keys from the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLE_CONSTRAINTS` system table:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLE_CONSTRAINTS WHERE CONSTRAINT_
    ↪ TYPE='FOREIGN KEY'\G
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
CONSTRAINT_CATALOG | def
CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA | test
CONSTRAINT_NAME  | fk_1
TABLE_SCHEMA     | test
TABLE_NAME       | child
CONSTRAINT_TYPE  | FOREIGN KEY
```

Get information about foreign keys from the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS` system table:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS\G
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
CONSTRAINT_CATALOG     | def
CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA      | test
CONSTRAINT_NAME        | fk_1
UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_CATALOG | def
UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA | test
UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_NAME | PRIMARY
MATCH_OPTION           | NONE
UPDATE_RULE            | NO ACTION
DELETE_RULE            | CASCADE
TABLE_NAME             | child
REFERENCED_TABLE_NAME  | parent
```

14.13.16.10 View execution plans with foreign keys

You can use the `EXPLAIN` statement to view execution plans. The `Foreign_Key_Check` operator performs the foreign key constraint check on DML statements that are executed.

```
mysql> explain insert into child values (1,1);
+--
   ↪ --------------------+---------+------+-------------+-----------------------
   ↪
| id                    | estRows | task | access object | operator info
   ↪         |
+--
   ↪ --------------------+---------+------+-------------+-----------------------
   ↪
| Insert_1              | N/A     | root |             | N/A
   ↪                         |
|  ─Foreign_Key_Check_3 | 0.00 | root | table:parent | foreign_key:fk_1,
   ↪ check_exist |
+--
   ↪ --------------------+---------+------+-------------+-----------------------
   ↪
```

You can use the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement to view the execution of the foreign key reference behavior. The `Foreign_Key_Cascade` operator performs foreign key referencing for DML statements that are executed.

```
mysql> explain analyze delete from parent where id = 1;
+--
   ↪ --------------------------------+---------+---------+----------+-------------
   ↪
| id                              | estRows | actRows | task   | access object
   ↪               | execution info
   ↪
   ↪ | operator info                              | memory   | disk |
+--
   ↪ --------------------------------+---------+---------+----------+-------------
   ↪
| Delete_2                        | N/A     | 0       | root     |
   ↪                                | time:117.3µs, loops:1
   ↪
   ↪ | N/A                                        | 380 Bytes | N/A |
|  ─Point_Get_1                   | 1.00    | 1       | root     | table:parent
   ↪                | time:63.6µs, loops:2, Get:{num_rpc:1, total_time
   ↪ :29.9µs}
   ↪
   ↪ | handle:1                                   | N/A       | N/A |
|  ─Foreign_Key_Cascade_3         | 0.00    | 0       | root     | table:child,
   ↪ index:idx_pid  | total:1.28ms, foreign_keys:1
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ | foreign_key:fk_1, on_delete:CASCADE   | N/A      | N/A |
|    └─Delete_7                  | N/A    | 0      | root     |
    ↪                              | time:904.8µs, loops:1
    ↪
    ↪ | N/A                                    | 1.11 KB  | N/A |
|      └─IndexLookUp_11          | 10.00  | 1      | root     |
    ↪                              | time:869.5µs, loops:2, index_task: {
    ↪ total_time: 371.1µs, fetch_handle: 357.3µs, build: 1.25µs, wait: 12.5
    ↪ µs}, table_task: {total_time: 382.6µs, num: 1, concurrency: 5} |
    ↪                                      | 9.13 KB  | N/A |
|        └─IndexRangeScan_9(Build) | 10.00 | 1    | cop[tikv] | table:child,
    ↪  index:idx_pid(pid) | time:351.2µs, loops:3, cop_task: {num: 1, max:
    ↪ 282.3µs, proc_keys: 0, rpc_num: 1, rpc_time: 263µs, copr_cache_hit_
    ↪ ratio: 0.00, distsql_concurrency: 15}, tikv_task:{time:220.2µs, loops
    ↪ :0} | range:[1,1], keep order:false, stats:pseudo | N/A | N/A |
|        └─TableRowIDScan_10(Probe) | 10.00 | 1    | cop[tikv] | table:child
    ↪               | time:223.9µs, loops:2, cop_task: {num: 1, max: 168.8
    ↪ µs, proc_keys: 0, rpc_num: 1, rpc_time: 154.5µs, copr_cache_hit_ratio
    ↪ : 0.00, distsql_concurrency: 15}, tikv_task:{time:145.6µs, loops:0} |
    ↪  keep order:false, stats:pseudo | N/A | N/A |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------------+---------+---------+-----------+-------------
    ↪
```

14.13.16.11 Compatibility

14.13.16.11.1 Compatibility between TiDB versions

Before v6.6.0, TiDB supports the syntax of creating foreign keys, but the created foreign keys are ineffective. If you upgrade a TiDB cluster created before v6.6.0 to v6.6.0 or later, the foreign keys created before the upgrade are still ineffective. Only the foreign keys created in v6.6.0 or later versions are effective. You can delete the invalid foreign key and create a new one to make the foreign key constraints effective. You can use the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement to check whether the foreign keys are effective. The invalid foreign key has a `/* FOREIGN KEY INVALID */` comment.

```
mysql> SHOW CREATE TABLE child\G
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
Table       | child
Create Table | CREATE TABLE `child` (
  `id` int DEFAULT NULL,
  `pid` int DEFAULT NULL,
  KEY `idx_pid` (`pid`),
```

```
  CONSTRAINT `fk_1` FOREIGN KEY (`pid`) REFERENCES `test`.`parent` (`id`)
    ↪ ON DELETE CASCADE /* FOREIGN KEY INVALID */
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin
```

14.13.16.11.2 Compatibility with TiDB tools

- DM does not support foreign keys. DM disables the `foreign_key_checks` of the downstream TiDB when replicating data to TiDB. Therefore, the cascading operations caused by foreign keys are not replicated from the upstream to the downstream, which might cause data inconsistency.
- TiCDC v6.6.0 is compatible with foreign keys. The previous versions of TiCDC might report an error when replicating tables with foreign keys. It is recommended to disable the `foreign_key_checks` of the downstream TiDB cluster when using a TiCDC version earlier than v6.6.0.
- BR v6.6.0 is compatible with foreign keys. The previous versions of BR might report an error when restoring tables with foreign keys to a v6.6.0 or later cluster. It is recommended to disable the `foreign_key_checks` of the downstream TiDB cluster before restoring the cluster when using a BR earlier than v6.6.0.
- When you use TiDB Lightning, if the target table uses a foreign key, it is recommended to disable the `foreign_key_checks` of the downstream TiDB cluster before importing data. For versions earlier than v6.6.0, disabling this system variable does not take effect, and you need to grant the `REFERENCES` privilege for the downstream database user, or manually create the target table in the downstream database in advance to ensure smooth data import.

- Dumpling is compatible with foreign keys.

- When you use sync-diff-inspector to compare data between the upstream and downstream databases, if the database versions are different and there is an invalid foreign key in the downstream TiDB, sync-diff-inspector might report a table schema inconsistent error. This is because TiDB v6.6.0 adds a `/* FOREIGN KEY INVALID */` comment for the invalid foreign key.

14.13.16.11.3 Compatibility with MySQL

When you create a foreign key without specifying a name, the name generated by TiDB is different from that generated by MySQL. For example, the foreign key name generated by TiDB is `fk_1`, `fk_2`, and `fk_3`, while the foreign key name generated by MySQL is `table_name_ibfk_1`, `table_name_ibfk_2`, and `table_name_ibfk_3`.

Both MySQL and TiDB parse but ignore "inline `REFERENCES` specifications". Only `REFERENCES` specifications that are part of `FOREIGN KEY` definitions are checked and enforced. The following example creates a foreign key constraint using a `REFERENCES` clause:

```
CREATE TABLE parent (
    id INT KEY
);

CREATE TABLE child (
    id INT,
    pid INT REFERENCES parent(id)
);

SHOW CREATE TABLE child;
```

The output shows that the `child` table does not contain any foreign keys:

```
+-------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| Table | Create Table                                                    |
+-------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
| child | CREATE TABLE `child` (                                          |
|       |   `id` int DEFAULT NULL,                                        |
|       |   `pid` int DEFAULT NULL                                        |
|       | ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin |
+-------+-----------------------------------------------------------------+
```

14.13.17 Character Set and Collation

14.13.17.1 Character Set and Collation

This document introduces the character sets and collations supported by TiDB.

14.13.17.1.1 Concepts

A character set is a set of symbols and encodings. The default character set in TiDB is `utf8mb4`, which matches the default character set in MySQL 8.0 and later.

A collation is a set of rules for comparing characters in a character set, and the sorting order of characters. For example in a binary collation `A` and `a` do not compare as equal:

```
SET NAMES utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_bin;
SELECT 'A' = 'a';
SET NAMES utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci;
SELECT 'A' = 'a';
```

```
SELECT 'A' = 'a';
```

```
+-----------+
| 'A' = 'a' |
```

```
+-----------+
|         0 |
+-----------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SET NAMES utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT 'A' = 'a';
```

```
+-----------+
| 'A' = 'a' |
+-----------+
|         1 |
+-----------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example demonstrates how different Unicode collations compare the German ß with ss. You can see that only the more strict Unicode collations treat them as equivalent, returning 1 (which means TRUE).

```
SELECT
  'ss' COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci = 'ß',
  'ss' COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci = 'ß',
  'ss' COLLATE utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci = 'ß',
  'ss' COLLATE utf8mb4_0900_bin = 'ß'
\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
'ss' COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci = 'ß': 0
'ss' COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci = 'ß': 1
'ss' COLLATE utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci = 'ß': 1
  'ss' COLLATE utf8mb4_0900_bin = 'ß': 0
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

Character set and collation naming

A character set can have multiple collations, named in the `<character_set>_<collation_properties>` format. For example, the `utf8mb4` character set has a collation called `utf8mb4_bin`, which is a binary collation for `utf8mb4`. Multiple collation properties can be included in the name, separated by underscores (_).

The following table shows the common collation properties and meanings.

Collation properties	Meaning
_bin	Binary
_ci	Case insensitive
_ai_ci	Accent insensitive, case insensitive
_0900_bin	Unicode UCA 9.0.0, binary
_unicode_ci	(Older) Unicode UCA collation, case insensitive
_general_ci	Less strict Unicode collation, case insensitive

14.13.17.1.2 Character sets and collations supported by TiDB

Currently, TiDB supports the following character sets:

```
SHOW CHARACTER SET;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------------------------------+-------------------+--------+
    ↪
| Charset | Description                       | Default collation | Maxlen |
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------------------------------+-------------------+--------+
    ↪
| ascii  | US ASCII                          | ascii_bin         |      1 |
| binary | binary                            | binary            |      1 |
| gbk    | Chinese Internal Code Specification | gbk_chinese_ci  | 2 |
| latin1 | Latin1                            | latin1_bin        |      1 |
| utf8   | UTF-8 Unicode                     | utf8_bin          |      3 |
| utf8mb4 | UTF-8 Unicode                    | utf8mb4_bin       |      4 |
+--
    ↪ -------+-----------------------------------+-------------------+--------+
    ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

TiDB supports the following collations:

```
SHOW COLLATION;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+----------+---------+-------------
    ↪
| Collation        | Charset | Id | Default | Compiled | Sortlen | Pad_
    ↪ attribute |
+--
    ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+----------+---------+-------------
    ↪
| ascii_bin        | ascii  |  65 | Yes     | Yes      |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
```

```
| binary           | binary  |  63 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | NO PAD     |
| gbk_bin          | gbk     |  87 |        | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| gbk_chinese_ci   | gbk     |  28 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| latin1_bin       | latin1  |  47 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8_bin         | utf8    |  83 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8_general_ci  | utf8    |  33 |        | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8_unicode_ci  | utf8    | 192 |        | Yes     |       8 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci | utf8mb4 | 255 |    | Yes     |       0 | NO PAD     |
| utf8mb4_0900_bin | utf8mb4 | 309 |      | Yes     |       1 | NO PAD     |
| utf8mb4_bin      | utf8mb4 |  46 | Yes    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8mb4_general_ci | utf8mb4 | 45 |     | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE  |
| utf8mb4_unicode_ci | utf8mb4 | 224 |    | Yes     |       8 | PAD SPACE  |
+--
    ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+---------+---------+-------------
    ↪
13 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Warning:

TiDB incorrectly treats latin1 as a subset of utf8. This can lead to unexpected behaviors when you store characters that differ between latin1 and utf8 encodings. It is strongly recommended to the utf8mb4 character set. See TiDB #18955 for more details.

Note:

The default collations in TiDB (binary collations, with the suffix `_bin`) are different than the default collations in MySQL (typically general collations, with the suffix `_general_ci` or `_ai_ci`). This can cause incompatible behavior when specifying an explicit character set but relying on the implicit default collation to be chosen.

However, the default collations in TiDB are also affected by the connection collation settings of your clients. For example, the MySQL 8.x client defaults to `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` as the connection collation for the `utf8mb4` character set.

- Before TiDB v7.4.0, if your client uses `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` as the connection collation, TiDB falls back to using the TiDB server default collation `utf8mb4_bin` because TiDB does not support the `utf8mb4_0900 ↪ _ai_ci` collation.

- Starting from v7.4.0, if your client uses `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` as the connection collation, TiDB follows the client's configuration to use `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` as the default collation.

You can use the following statement to view the collations (under the new framework for collations) that corresponds to the character set.

```
SHOW COLLATION WHERE Charset = 'utf8mb4';
```

```
+--
   ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+----------+---------+--------------
   ↪
| Collation       | Charset | Id | Default | Compiled | Sortlen | Pad_
   ↪ attribute |
+--
   ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+----------+---------+--------------
   ↪
| utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci | utf8mb4 | 255 |    | Yes     |       0 | NO PAD      |
| utf8mb4_0900_bin | utf8mb4 | 309 |     | Yes     |       1 | NO PAD      |
| utf8mb4_bin      | utf8mb4 | 46 | Yes   | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8mb4_general_ci | utf8mb4 | 45 |    | Yes     |       1 | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8mb4_unicode_ci | utf8mb4 | 224 |   | Yes     |       8 | PAD SPACE   |
+--
   ↪ -----------------+---------+-----+---------+----------+---------+--------------
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.001 sec)
```

For details about the TiDB support of the GBK character set, see GBK.

14.13.17.1.3 `utf8` and `utf8mb4` in TiDB

In MySQL, the character set `utf8` is limited to a maximum of three bytes. This is sufficient to store characters in the Basic Multilingual Plane (BMP), but not enough to store characters such as emojis. For new installations, it is recommended to use `utf8mb4` and migrate away from `utf8`.

In both MySQL and TiDB, `utf8` and `utf8mb3` are aliases for the same character set.

By default, TiDB also limits the character set `utf8` to a maximum of three bytes to ensure that data created in TiDB can still safely be restored in MySQL. You can disable it by changing the value of the system variable `tidb_check_mb4_value_in_utf8` to `OFF`. However, it is recommended to use `utf8mb4` instead for full Unicode support and better compatibility.

The following demonstrates the default behavior when inserting a 4-byte emoji character into a table. The `INSERT` statement fails for the `utf8` character set, but succeeds for `utf8mb4`:

```
CREATE TABLE utf8_test (
    c char(1) NOT NULL
   ) CHARACTER SET utf8;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)
```

```
CREATE TABLE utf8m4_test (
    c char(1) NOT NULL
   ) CHARACTER SET utf8mb4;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO utf8_test VALUES ('');
```

```
ERROR 1366 (HY000): incorrect utf8 value f09f9889() for column c
```

```
INSERT INTO utf8m4_test VALUES ('');
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
```

```
SELECT char_length(c), length(c), c FROM utf8_test;
```

```
Empty set (0.01 sec)
```

```
SELECT char_length(c), length(c), c FROM utf8m4_test;
```

```
+----------------+-----------+------+
| char_length(c) | length(c) | c |
+----------------+-----------+------+
|              1 |         4 |      |
+----------------+-----------+------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.17.1.4 Character set and collation in different layers

The character set and collation can be set at different layers.

Database character set and collation

Each database has a character set and a collation. You can use the following statements to specify the database character set and collation:

```
CREATE DATABASE db_name
    [[DEFAULT] CHARACTER SET charset_name]
    [[DEFAULT] COLLATE collation_name]

ALTER DATABASE db_name
    [[DEFAULT] CHARACTER SET charset_name]
    [[DEFAULT] COLLATE collation_name]
```

`DATABASE` can be replaced with `SCHEMA` here.

Different databases can use different character sets and collations. Use the `character_set_database` and `collation_database` to see the character set and collation of the current database:

```
CREATE SCHEMA test1 CHARACTER SET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)
```

```
USE test1;
```

```
Database changed
```

```
SELECT @@character_set_database, @@collation_database;
```

```
+--------------------------/----------------------+
| @@character_set_database | @@collation_database |
+--------------------------/----------------------+
| utf8mb4                  | utf8mb4_general_ci |
+--------------------------/----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
CREATE SCHEMA test2 CHARACTER SET latin1 COLLATE latin1_bin;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)
```

```
USE test2;
```

```
Database changed
```

```
SELECT @@character_set_database, @@collation_database;
```

```
+--------------------------/----------------------+
| @@character_set_database | @@collation_database |
+--------------------------/----------------------+
```

```
| latin1                  | latin1_bin        |
+-------------------------/---------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

You can also see the two values in INFORMATION_SCHEMA:

```
SELECT DEFAULT_CHARACTER_SET_NAME, DEFAULT_COLLATION_NAME
FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SCHEMATA WHERE SCHEMA_NAME = 'db_name';
```

Table character set and collation

You can use the following statement to specify the character set and collation for tables:

```
CREATE TABLE tbl_name (column_list)
    [[DEFAULT] CHARACTER SET charset_name]
    [COLLATE collation_name]]

ALTER TABLE tbl_name
    [[DEFAULT] CHARACTER SET charset_name]
    [COLLATE collation_name]
```

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE t1(a int) CHARACTER SET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
```

If the table character set and collation are not specified, the database character set and collation are used as their default values. If you only specify the character set as `utf8mb4` ↪ without specifying the collation, the collation is determined by the value of the system variable `default_collation_for_utf8mb4`.

Column character set and collation

You can use the following statement to specify the character set and collation for columns:

```
col_name {CHAR | VARCHAR | TEXT} (col_length)
    [CHARACTER SET charset_name]
    [COLLATE collation_name]

col_name {ENUM | SET} (val_list)
    [CHARACTER SET charset_name]
    [COLLATE collation_name]
```

If the column character set and collation are not specified, the table character set and collation are used as their default values. If you only specify the character set as `utf8mb4` ↪ without specifying the collation, the collation is determined by the value of the system variable `default_collation_for_utf8mb4`.

String character sets and collation

Each string corresponds to a character set and a collation. When you use a string, this option is available:

```
[_charset_name]'string' [COLLATE collation_name]
```

Example:

```
SELECT 'string';
SELECT _utf8mb4'string';
SELECT _utf8mb4'string' COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci;
```

Rules:

- Rule 1: If you specify `CHARACTER SET charset_name` and `COLLATE collation_name` ↪ , then the `charset_name` character set and the `collation_name` collation are used directly.
- Rule 2: If you specify `CHARACTER SET charset_name` but do not specify `COLLATE` ↪ `collation_name`, the `charset_name` character set and the default collation of `charset_name` are used.
- Rule 3: If you specify neither `CHARACTER SET charset_name` nor `COLLATE collation` ↪ `_name`, the character set and collation given by the system variables `character_` ↪ `set_connection` and `collation_connection` are used.

Client connection character set and collation

- The server character set and collation are the values of the `character_set_server` and `collation_server` system variables.
- The character set and collation of the default database are the values of the `character` ↪ `_set_database` and `collation_database` system variables.

You can use `character_set_connection` and `collation_connection` to specify the character set and collation for each connection. The `character_set_client` variable is to set the client character set.

Before returning the result, the `character_set_results` system variable indicates the character set in which the server returns query results to the client, including the metadata of the result.

You can use the following statement to set the character set and collation that is related to the client:

- `SET NAMES 'charset_name' [COLLATE 'collation_name']`

`SET NAMES` indicates what character set the client will use to send SQL statements to the server. `SET NAMES utf8mb4` indicates that all the requests from the client use utf8mb4, as well as the results from the server.

The `SET NAMES 'charset_name'` statement is equivalent to the following statement combination:

```
SET character_set_client = charset_name;
SET character_set_results = charset_name;
SET character_set_connection = charset_name;
```

`COLLATE` is optional, if absent, the default collation of the `charset_name` is used to set the `collation_connection`.

- `SET CHARACTER SET 'charset_name'`

  Similar to `SET NAMES`, the `SET NAMES 'charset_name'` statement is equivalent to the following statement combination:

```
SET character_set_client = charset_name;
SET character_set_results = charset_name;
SET character_set_connection=@@character_set_database;
SET collation_connection = @@collation_database;
```

14.13.17.1.5 Selection priorities of character sets and collations

String > Column > Table > Database > Server

14.13.17.1.6 General rules on selecting character sets and collation

- Rule 1: If you specify `CHARACTER SET charset_name` and `COLLATE collation_name` ↪ , then the `charset_name` character set and the `collation_name` collation are used directly.
- Rule 2: If you specify `CHARACTER SET charset_name` and do not specify `COLLATE` ↪ `collation_name`, then the `charset_name` character set and the default collation of `charset_name` are used.
- Rule 3: If you specify neither `CHARACTER SET charset_name` nor `COLLATE collation` ↪ `_name`, the character set and collation with higher optimization levels are used.

14.13.17.1.7 Validity check of characters

If the specified character set is `utf8` or `utf8mb4`, TiDB only supports the valid `utf8` characters. For invalid characters, TiDB reports the `incorrect utf8 value` error. This validity check of characters in TiDB is compatible with MySQL 8.0 but incompatible with MySQL 5.7 or earlier versions.

To disable this error reporting, use `set @@tidb_skip_utf8_check=1;` to skip the character check.

Note:

If the character check is skipped, TiDB might fail to detect illegal UTF-8 characters written by the application, cause decoding errors when `ANALYZE` is executed, and introduce other unknown encoding issues. If your application cannot guarantee the validity of the written string, it is not recommended to skip the character check.

14.13.17.1.8 Collation support framework

The syntax support and semantic support for the collation are influenced by the new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap configuration item. The syntax support and semantic support are different. The former indicates that TiDB can parse and set collations. The latter indicates that TiDB can correctly use collations when comparing strings.

Before v4.0, TiDB provides only the old framework for collations. In this framework, TiDB supports syntactically parsing most of the MySQL collations but semantically takes all collations as binary collations.

Since v4.0, TiDB supports a new framework for collations. In this framework, TiDB semantically parses different collations and strictly follows the collations when comparing strings.

Old framework for collations

Before v4.0, you can specify most of the MySQL collations in TiDB, and these collations are processed according to the default collations, which means that the byte order determines the character order. Different from MySQL, TiDB does not handle the trailing spaces of a character, which causes the following behavior differences:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a varchar(20) charset utf8mb4 collate utf8mb4_general_ci
    ↪ PRIMARY KEY);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected
```

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES ('A');
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected
```

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES ('a');
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected
```

In TiDB, the preceding statement is successfully executed. In MySQL, because `utf8mb4_general_ci` is case-insensitive, the `Duplicate entry 'a'` error is reported.

```
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES ('a ');
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected
```

In TiDB, the preceding statement is successfully executed. In MySQL, because comparison is performed after the spaces are filled in, the `Duplicate entry 'a '` error is returned.

New framework for collations

Since TiDB v4.0, a complete framework for collations is introduced.

This new framework supports semantically parsing collations and introduces the `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` configuration item to decide whether to enable the new framework when a cluster is first initialized. To enable the new framework, set `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` to `true`. For details, see new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap.

For a TiDB cluster that is already initialized, you can check whether the new collation is enabled through the `new_collation_enabled` variable in the `mysql.tidb` table:

> **Note:**
>
> If the query result of the `mysql.tidb` table is different from the value of `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap`, the result of the `mysql.tidb` table is the actual value.

```
SELECT VARIABLE_VALUE FROM mysql.tidb WHERE VARIABLE_NAME='new_collation_enabled';
```

```
+----------------+
| VARIABLE_VALUE |
+----------------+
| True           |
+----------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Under the new framework, TiDB supports the `utf8_general_ci`, `utf8mb4_general_ci`, `utf8_unicode_ci`, `utf8mb4_unicode_ci`, `utf8mb4_0900_bin`, `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci`, `gbk_chinese_ci`, and `gbk_bin` collations, which is compatible with MySQL.

When one of `utf8_general_ci`, `utf8mb4_general_ci`, `utf8_unicode_ci`, `utf8mb4_unicode_ci`, `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` and `gbk_chinese_ci` is used, the string comparison

is case-insensitive and accent-insensitive. At the same time, TiDB also corrects the collation's `PADDING` behavior:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a varchar(20) charset utf8mb4 collate utf8mb4_general_ci
    ↪ PRIMARY KEY);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES ('A');
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES ('a');
```

```
ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry 'a' for key 't.PRIMARY' -- TiDB is
    ↪ compatible with the case-insensitive collation of MySQL.
```

```
INSERT INTO t VALUES ('a ');
```

```
ERROR 1062 (23000): Duplicate entry 'a ' for key 't.PRIMARY' -- TiDB
    ↪ modifies the `PADDING` behavior to be compatible with MySQL.
```

Note:

The implementation of padding in TiDB is different from that in MySQL. In MySQL, padding is implemented by filling in spaces. In TiDB, padding is implemented by cutting out the spaces at the end. The two approaches are the same in most cases. The only exception is when the end of the string contains characters that are less than spaces (0x20). For example, the result of `'a' < 'a\t'` in TiDB is `1`, but in MySQL, `'a' < 'a\t'` is equivalent to `'a ' < 'a\t'`, and the result is `0`.

14.13.17.1.9 Coercibility values of collations in expressions

If an expression involves multiple clauses of different collations, you need to infer the collation used in the calculation. The rules are as follows:

- The coercibility value of the explicit `COLLATE` clause is `0`.
- If the collations of two strings are incompatible, the coercibility value of the concatenation of two strings with different collations is `1`.
- The collation of the column, `CAST()`, `CONVERT()`, or `BINARY()` has a coercibility value of 2.

- The system constant (the string returned by `USER ()` or `VERSION ()`) has a coercibility value of `3`.
- The coercibility value of constants is `4`.
- The coercibility value of numbers or intermediate variables is `5`.
- `NULL` or expressions derived from `NULL` has a coercibility value of `6`.

When inferring collations, TiDB prefers using the collation of expressions with lower coercibility values. If the coercibility values of two clauses are the same, the collation is determined according to the following priority:

binary > utf8mb4_bin > (utf8mb4_general_ci = utf8mb4_unicode_ci) > utf8_bin > (utf8_general_ci = utf8_unicode_ci) > latin1_bin > ascii_bin

TiDB cannot infer the collation and reports an error in the following situations:

- If the collations of two clauses are different and the coercibility value of both clauses is `0`.
- If the collations of two clauses are incompatible and the returned type of expression is `String`.

14.13.17.1.10 `COLLATE` clause

TiDB supports using the `COLLATE` clause to specify the collation of an expression. The coercibility value of this expression is `0`, which has the highest priority. See the following example:

```
SELECT 'a' = _utf8mb4 'A' collate utf8mb4_general_ci;
```

```
+-----------------------------------------------+
| 'a' = _utf8mb4 'A' collate utf8mb4_general_ci |
+-----------------------------------------------+
|                                             1 |
+-----------------------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

For more details, see Connection Character Sets and Collations.

14.13.17.2 GBK

Starting from v5.4.0, TiDB supports the GBK character set. This document provides the TiDB support and compatibility information of the GBK character set.

Starting from v6.0.0, TiDB enables the new framework for collations by default. The default collation for TiDB GBK character set is `gbk_chinese_ci`, which is consistent with MySQL.

```
SHOW CHARACTER SET WHERE CHARSET = 'gbk';
```

```
+---------+-------------------------------------+-------------------+--------+
    ↪
| Charset | Description                         | Default collation | Maxlen |
+---------+-------------------------------------+-------------------+--------+
    ↪
| gbk     | Chinese Internal Code Specification | gbk_chinese_ci | 2 |
+---------+-------------------------------------+-------------------+--------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SHOW COLLATION WHERE CHARSET = 'gbk';
```

```
+----------------+---------+----+---------+----------+---------+--------------+
    ↪
| Collation      | Charset | Id | Default | Compiled | Sortlen | Pad_attribute
    ↪  |
+----------------+---------+----+---------+----------+---------+--------------+
    ↪
| gbk_bin        | gbk     | 87 |         | Yes      |       1 | PAD SPACE    |
| gbk_chinese_ci | gbk     | 28 | Yes     | Yes      |       1 | PAD SPACE    |
+----------------+---------+----+---------+----------+---------+--------------+
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.17.2.1 MySQL compatibility

This section provides the compatibility information between MySQL and TiDB.

Collations

The default collation of the GBK character set in MySQL is `gbk_chinese_ci`. The default collation for the GBK character set in TiDB depends on the value of the TiDB configuration item `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap`:

- By default, the TiDB configuration item `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` is set to `true`, which means that the new framework for collations is enabled and the default collation for the GBK character set is `gbk_chinese_ci`.
- When the TiDB configuration item `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` is set to `false`, the new framework for collations is disabled, and the default collation for the GBK character set is `gbk_bin`.

Additionally, because TiDB converts GBK to `utf8mb4` and then uses a binary collation, the `gbk_bin` collation in TiDB is not the same as the `gbk_bin` collation in MySQL.

Illegal character compatibility

- If the system variables character_set_client and character_set_connection are not set to gbk at the same time, TiDB handles illegal characters in the same way as MySQL.
- If character_set_client and character_set_connection are both set to gbk, TiDB handles illegal characters differently than MySQL.
    - MySQL handles illegal GBK character sets in reading and writing operations differently.
    - TiDB handles illegal GBK character sets in reading and writing operations in the same way. In the SQL strict mode, TiDB reports an error when either reading or writing illegal GBK characters. In the non-strict mode, TiDB replaces illegal GBK characters with ? when either reading or writing illegal GBK characters.

For example, after SET NAMES gbk, if you create a table using the CREATE TABLE gbk_table(a VARCHAR(32)CHARACTER SET gbk) statement in MySQL and TiDB respectively and then execute the SQL statements in the following table, you can see the detailed differences.

Database	If the configured SQL mode contains either STRICT_ALL_TABLES or STRICT_TRANS_TABLES	If the configured SQL mode contains neither STRICT_ALL_TABLES nor STRICT_TRANS_TABLES
MySQL	SELECT HEX('一a'); e4b88061INSERT INTO gbk_table values('一a'); Incorrect Error	SELECT HEX('一a'); e4b88061INSERT INTO gbk_table VALUES('一a'); SELECT HEX(a)FROM gbk_table; e4b8
TiDB	SELECT HEX('一a'); Incorrect ErrorINSERT INTO gbk_table VALUES('一a'); Incorrect Error	SELECT HEX('一a'); e4b83fINSERT INTO gbk_table VALUES('一a');SELECT HEX(a)FROM gbk_table; e4b83f

In the above table, the result of SELECT HEX('a'); in the utf8mb4 byte set is e4b88061.

Other MySQL compatibility

- Currently, TiDB does not support using the ALTER TABLE statement to convert other character set types to gbk or from gbk to other character set types.
- TiDB does not support the use of _gbk. For example:

```
sql  CREATE TABLE t(a CHAR(10)CHARSET BINARY); Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)INSERT INTO t VALUES (_gbk'啊');
ERROR 1115 (42000): Unsupported character introducer: 'gbk'
```

- Currently, for binary characters of the ENUM and SET types, TiDB deals with them as the utf8mb4 character set.

14.13.17.2.2 Component compatibility

- Currently, TiFlash does not support the GBK character set.
- TiDB Data Migration (DM) does not support migrating `charset=GBK` tables to TiDB clusters earlier than v5.4.0.
- TiDB Lightning does not support importing `charset=GBK` tables to TiDB clusters earlier than v5.4.0.
- TiCDC versions earlier than v6.1.0 do not support replicating `charset=GBK` tables. No version of TiCDC supports replicating `charset=GBK` tables to TiDB clusters earlier than v6.1.0.
- Backup & Restore (BR) versions earlier than v5.4.0 do not support recovering `charset =GBK` tables. No version of BR supports recovering `charset=GBK` tables to TiDB clusters earlier than v5.4.0.

14.13.17.2.3 See also

- `SHOW CHARACTER SET`
- Character Set and Collation

14.13.18 Placement Rules in SQL

Placement Rules in SQL is a feature that enables you to specify where data is stored in a TiKV cluster using SQL statements. With this feature, you can schedule data of clusters, databases, tables, or partitions to specific regions, data centers, racks, or hosts.

This feature can fulfill the following use cases:

- Deploy data across multiple data centers and configure rules to optimize high availability strategies.
- Merge multiple databases from different applications and isolate data of different users physically, which meets the isolation requirements of different users within an instance.
- Increase the number of replicas for important data to improve application availability and data reliability.

> **Note:**
>
> This feature is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

14.13.18.1 Overview

With the Placement Rules in SQL feature, you can create placement policies and configure desired placement policies for data at different levels, with granularity from coarse to fine as follows:

Level	Description
Cluster	By default, TiDB configures a policy of 3 replicas for a cluster. You can configure a global placement policy for your cluster. For more information, see Specify the number of replicas globally for a cluster.
Database	You can configure a placement policy for a specific database. For more information, see Specify a default placement policy for a database.
Table	You can configure a placement policy for a specific table. For more information, see Specify a placement policy for a table.
Partition	You can create partitions for different rows in a table and configure placement policies for partitions separately. For more information, see Specify a placement policy for a partitioned table.

> **Tip:**
>
> The implementation of *Placement Rules in SQL* relies on the *placement rules feature* of PD. For details, refer to Configure Placement Rules. In the context of Placement Rules in SQL, *placement rules* might refer to *placement policies* attached to other objects, or to rules that are sent from TiDB to PD.

14.13.18.2 Limitations

- To simplify maintenance, it is recommended to limit the number of placement policies within a cluster to 10 or fewer.
- It is recommended to limit the total number of tables and partitions attached with placement policies to 10,000 or fewer. Attaching policies to too many tables and partitions can increase computation workloads on PD, thereby affecting service performance.
- It is recommended to use the Placement Rules in SQL feature according to examples provided in this document rather than using other complex placement policies.

14.13.18.3 Prerequisites

Placement policies rely on the configuration of labels on TiKV nodes. For example, the `PRIMARY_REGION` placement option relies on the `region` label in TiKV.

When you create a placement policy, TiDB does not check whether the labels specified in the policy exist. Instead, TiDB performs the check when you attach the policy. Therefore,

before attaching a placement policy, make sure that each TiKV node is configured with correct labels. The configuration method for a TiDB Self-Managed cluster is as follows:

```
tikv-server --labels region=<region>,zone=<zone>,host=<host>
```

For detailed configuration methods, see the following examples:

Deployment method	Example
Manual deployment	Schedule replicas by topology labels
Deployment with TiUP	Geo-distributed deployment topology
Deployment with TiDB Operator	Configure a TiDB cluster in Kubernetes

> **Note:**
>
> For TiDB Cloud Dedicated clusters, you can skip these label configuration steps because the labels on TiKV nodes in TiDB Cloud Dedicated clusters are configured automatically.

To view all available labels in the current TiKV cluster, you can use the `SHOW PLACEMENT LABELS` statement:

```
SHOW PLACEMENT LABELS;
+--------+----------------+
| Key    | Values         |
+--------+----------------+
| disk   | ["ssd"]        |
| region | ["us-east-1"]  |
| zone   | ["us-east-1a"] |
+--------+----------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.18.4 Usage

This section describes how to create, attach, view, modify, and delete placement policies using SQL statements.

14.13.18.4.1 Create and attach placement policies

1. To create a placement policy, use the `CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY` statement:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY myplacementpolicy PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1"
    ↪ REGIONS="us-east-1,us-west-1";
```

In this statement:

- The `PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1"` option means placing Raft Leaders on nodes with the `region` label as `us-east-1`.
- The `REGIONS="us-east-1,us-west-1"` option means placing Raft Followers on nodes with the `region` label as `us-east-1` and nodes with the `region` label as `us-west-1`.

For more configurable placement options and their meanings, see the Placement options.

2. To attach a placement policy to a table or a partitioned table, use the `CREATE TABLE` or `ALTER TABLE` statement to specify the placement policy for that table or partitioned table:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT) PLACEMENT POLICY=myplacementpolicy;
CREATE TABLE t2 (a INT);
ALTER TABLE t2 PLACEMENT POLICY=myplacementpolicy;
```

`PLACEMENT POLICY` is not associated with any database schema and can be attached in a global scope. Therefore, specifying a placement policy using `CREATE TABLE` does not require any additional privileges.

14.13.18.4.2 View placement policies

- To view an existing placement policy, you can use the `SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY` statement:

```
SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY myplacementpolicy\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Policy: myplacementpolicy
Create Policy: CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY myplacementpolicy PRIMARY_
    ↪ REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us-west-1"
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- To view the placement policy attached to a specific table, you can use the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement:

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE t1\G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       Table: t1
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `t1` (
  `a` int DEFAULT NULL
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_bin /*T![
    ↪ placement] PLACEMENT POLICY=`myplacementpolicy` */
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- To view the definitions of placement policies in a cluster, you can query the INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PLACEMENT_POLICIES system table:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.placement_policies\G
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
POLICY_ID          | 1
CATALOG_NAME       | def
POLICY_NAME        | p1
PRIMARY_REGION     | us-east-1
REGIONS            | us-east-1,us-west-1
CONSTRAINTS        |
LEADER_CONSTRAINTS |
FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS |
LEARNER_CONSTRAINTS |
SCHEDULE           |
FOLLOWERS          | 4
LEARNERS           | 0
1 row in set
```

- To view all tables that are attached with placement policies in a cluster, you can query the `tidb_placement_policy_name` column of the `information_schema.tables` system table:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tables WHERE tidb_placement_policy_
    ↪ name IS NOT NULL;
```

- To view all partitions that are attached with placement policies in a cluster, you can query the `tidb_placement_policy_name` column of the `information_schema.partitions` system table:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.partitions WHERE tidb_placement_
    ↪ policy_name IS NOT NULL;
```

- Placement policies attached to all objects are applied *asynchronously*. To check the scheduling progress of placement policies, you can use the SHOW PLACEMENT statement:

```
SHOW PLACEMENT;
```

14.13.18.4.3 Modify placement policies

To modify a placement policy, you can use the ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY statement. The modification will apply to all objects that are attached with the corresponding policy.

```
ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY myplacementpolicy FOLLOWERS=4;
```

In this statement, the `FOLLOWERS=4` option means configuring 5 replicas for the data, including 4 Followers and 1 Leader. For more configurable placement options and their meanings, see Placement option reference.

14.13.18.4.4 Drop placement policies

To drop a policy that is not attached to any table or partition, you can use the `DROP PLACEMENT POLICY` statement:

```
DROP PLACEMENT POLICY myplacementpolicy;
```

14.13.18.5 Placement option reference

When creating or modifying placement policies, you can configure placement options as needed.

> **Note:**
>
> The `PRIMARY_REGION`, `REGIONS`, and `SCHEDULE` options cannot be specified together with the `CONSTRAINTS` option, or an error will occur.

14.13.18.5.1 Regular placement options

Regular placement options can meet the basic requirements of data placement.

Option name	Description
`PRIMARY_REGION`	Specifies that placing Raft Leaders on nodes with a `region` label that matches the value of this option.
`REGIONS`	Specifies that placing Raft Followers on nodes with a `region` label that matches the value of this option.
`SCHEDULE`	Specifies the strategy for scheduling the placement of Followers. The value options are `EVEN` (default) or `MAJORITY_IN_PRIMARY`.
`FOLLOWERS`	Specifies the number of Followers. For example, `FOLLOWERS=2` means there will be 3 replicas of the data (2 Followers and 1 Leader).

14.13.18.5.2 Advanced placement options

Advanced configuration options provide more flexibility for data placement to meet the requirements of complex scenarios. However, configuring advanced options is more complex than regular options and requires you to have a deep understanding of the cluster topology and the TiDB data sharding.

Option name	Description
CONSTRAINTS	A list of constraints that apply to all roles. For example, CONSTRAINTS ↪ ="[+disk ↪ =ssd]".
LEADER_ ↪ CONSTRAINTS ↪	A list of constraints that only apply to Leader.
FOLLOWER_ ↪ CONSTRAINTS ↪	A list of constraints that only apply to Followers.
LEARNER_ ↪ CONSTRAINTS ↪	A list of constraints that only apply to learners.
LEARNERS	The number of learners.
SURVIVAL_ ↪ PREFERENCE	The replica placement priority according to the disaster tolerance level of the labels. For example, SURVIVAL_ ↪ PREFERENCE ↪ ="[↪ region, ↪ zone, ↪ host]".

14.13.18.5.3 CONSTRAINTS formats

You can configure `CONSTRAINTS`, `FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS`, and `LEARNER_CONSTRAINTS` placement options using either of the following formats:

CONSTRAINTS format	Description

| List format | If a constraint to be specified applies to all replicas, you can use a key-value list format. Each key starts with `+` or `-`. For example:

`[+region=us-east-1]` means placing data on nodes that have a `region` label as `us-east-1`.

`[+region=us-east-1,-type=fault]` means placing data on nodes that have a `region` label as `us-east-1` but do not have a `type` label as `fault`.

| | Dictionary format | If you need to specify different numbers of replicas for different constraints, you can use the dictionary format. For example:

`FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS="{+region=us-east-1: 1,+region=us-east-2: 1,+region=us-west-1: 1}";` means placing one Follower in `us-east-1`, one Follower in `us-east-2`, and one Follower in `us-west-1`.

`FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS='{"+region=us-east-1,+type=scale-node": 1,"+region=us-west-1": 1}';` means placing one Follower on a node that is located in the `us-east-1` region and has the `type` label as `scale-node`, and one Follower in `us-west-1`.

The dictionary format supports each key starting with `+` or `-` and allows you to configure the special `#evict-leader` attribute. For example, `FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS='{"+region=us-east-1":1, "+region=us-east-2": 2, "+region=us-west-1,#evict-leader": 1}'` means that the Leaders elected in `us-west-1` will be evicted as much as possible during disaster recovery.|

Note:

- The `LEADER_CONSTRAINTS` placement option only supports the list format.
- Both list and dictionary formats are based on the YAML parser, but YAML syntax might be incorrectly parsed in some cases. For example, `"{+region=east:1,+region=west:2}"` (no space after `:`) can be incorrectly parsed as `'{"+region=east:1": null, "+region=west:2": null}'`, which is unexpected. However, `"{+region=east: 1,+region=west: 2}"` (space after `:`) can be correctly parsed as `'{"+region=east": 1, "+region=west": 2}'`. Therefore, it is recommended to add a space after `:`.

14.13.18.6 Basic examples

14.13.18.6.1 Specify the number of replicas globally for a cluster

After a cluster is initialized, the default number of replicas is `3`. If a cluster needs more replicas, you can increase this number by configuring a placement policy, and then apply the policy at the cluster level using `ALTER RANGE`. For example:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY five_replicas FOLLOWERS=4;
ALTER RANGE global PLACEMENT POLICY five_replicas;
```

Note that because TiDB defaults the number of Leaders to `1`, `five replicas` means `4` Followers and `1` Leader.

14.13.18.6.2 Specify a default placement policy for a database

You can specify a default placement policy for a database. This works similarly to setting a default character set or collation for a database. If no other placement policy is specified for a table or partition in the database, the placement policy for the database will apply to the table and partition. For example:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1 PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1,us
    ↪ -east-2"; -- Creates a placement policy

CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p2 FOLLOWERS=4;

CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p3 FOLLOWERS=2;

CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT); -- Creates a table t1 without specifying any
    ↪ placement policy.

ALTER DATABASE test PLACEMENT POLICY=p2; -- Changes the default placement
    ↪ policy of the database to p2, which does not apply to the existing
    ↪ table t1.

CREATE TABLE t2 (a INT); -- Creates a table t2. The default placement
    ↪ policy p2 applies to t2.

CREATE TABLE t3 (a INT) PLACEMENT POLICY=p1; -- Creates a table t3. Because
    ↪  this statement has specified another placement rule, the default
    ↪ placement policy p2 does not apply to table t3.

ALTER DATABASE test PLACEMENT POLICY=p3; -- Changes the default policy of
    ↪ the database again, which does not apply to existing tables.

CREATE TABLE t4 (a INT); -- Creates a table t4. The default placement
    ↪ policy p3 applies to t4.
```

```
ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY p3 FOLLOWERS=3; -- `FOLLOWERS=3` applies to the
    ↪ table attached with policy p3 (that is, table t4).
```

Note that the policy inheritance from a table to its partitions differs from the policy inheritance in the preceding example. When you change the default policy of a table, the new policy also applies to partitions in that table. However, a table inherits the policy from the database only if it is created without any policy specified. Once a table inherits the policy from the database, modifying the default policy of the database does not apply to that table.

14.13.18.6.3 Specify a placement policy for a table

You can specify a default placement policy for a table. For example:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY five_replicas FOLLOWERS=4;

CREATE TABLE t (a INT) PLACEMENT POLICY=five_replicas; -- Creates a table t
    ↪  and attaches the 'five_replicas' placement policy to it.

ALTER TABLE t PLACEMENT POLICY=default; -- Removes the placement policy '
    ↪ five_replicas' from the table t and resets the placement policy to
    ↪ the default one.
```

14.13.18.6.4 Specify a placement policy for a partitioned table

You can also specify a placement policy for a partitioned table or a partition. For example:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY storageforhistorydata CONSTRAINTS="[+node=history]"
    ↪ ;
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY storagefornewdata CONSTRAINTS="[+node=new]";
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY companystandardpolicy CONSTRAINTS="";

CREATE TABLE t1 (id INT, name VARCHAR(50), purchased DATE, UNIQUE INDEX idx
    ↪ (id) GLOBAL)
PLACEMENT POLICY=companystandardpolicy
PARTITION BY RANGE( YEAR(purchased) ) (
  PARTITION p0 VALUES LESS THAN (2000) PLACEMENT POLICY=
      ↪ storageforhistorydata,
  PARTITION p1 VALUES LESS THAN (2005),
  PARTITION p2 VALUES LESS THAN (2010),
  PARTITION p3 VALUES LESS THAN (2015),
  PARTITION p4 VALUES LESS THAN MAXVALUE PLACEMENT POLICY=storagefornewdata
);
```

If no placement policy is specified for a partition in a table, the partition attempts to inherit the policy (if any) from the table. If the table has a global index, the index will apply the same placement policy as the table. In the preceding example:

- The `p0` partition will apply the `storageforhistorydata` policy.
- The `p4` partition will apply the `storagefornewdata` policy.
- The `p1`, `p2`, and `p3` partitions will apply the `companystandardpolicy` placement policy inherited from the table `t1`.
- The global index `idx` will apply the same `companystandardpolicy` placement policy as the table `t1`.
- If no placement policy is specified for the table `t1`, then the `p1`, `p2`, and `p3` partitions and the global index `idx` will inherit the database default policy or the global default policy.

After placement policies are attached to these partitions, you can change the placement policy for a specific partition as in the following example:

```
ALTER TABLE t1 PARTITION p1 PLACEMENT POLICY=storageforhistorydata;
```

14.13.18.7 High availability examples

Assume that there is a cluster with the following topology, where TiKV nodes are distributed across 3 regions, with each region containing 3 available zones:

```
SELECT store_id,address,label from INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_STORE_STATUS;
+--
   ↪ --------+-----------------+-------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| store_id | address      | label
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ --------+-----------------+-------------------------------------------------
   ↪
|        1 | 127.0.0.1:20163 | [{"key": "region", "value": "us-east-1"}, {"
   ↪ key": "zone", "value": "us-east-1a"}, {"key": "host", "value": "host1
   ↪ "}] |
|        2 | 127.0.0.1:20162 | [{"key": "region", "value": "us-east-1"}, {"
   ↪ key": "zone", "value": "us-east-1b"}, {"key": "host", "value": "host2
   ↪ "}] |
|        3 | 127.0.0.1:20164 | [{"key": "region", "value": "us-east-1"}, {"
   ↪ key": "zone", "value": "us-east-1c"}, {"key": "host", "value": "host3
   ↪ "}] |
|        4 | 127.0.0.1:20160 | [{"key": "region", "value": "us-east-2"}, {"
   ↪ key": "zone", "value": "us-east-2a"}, {"key": "host", "value": "host4
   ↪ "}] |
```

```
|       5 | 127.0.0.1:20161 | [{"key": "region", "value": "us-east-2"}, {"
    ↪ key": "zone", "value": "us-east-2b"}, {"key": "host", "value": "host5
    ↪ "}] |
|       6 | 127.0.0.1:20165 | [{"key": "region", "value": "us-east-2"}, {"
    ↪ key": "zone", "value": "us-east-2c"}, {"key": "host", "value": "host6
    ↪ "}] |
|       7 | 127.0.0.1:20166 | [{"key": "region", "value": "us-west-1"}, {"
    ↪ key": "zone", "value": "us-west-1a"}, {"key": "host", "value": "host7
    ↪ "}] |
|       8 | 127.0.0.1:20167 | [{"key": "region", "value": "us-west-1"}, {"
    ↪ key": "zone", "value": "us-west-1b"}, {"key": "host", "value": "host8
    ↪ "}] |
|       9 | 127.0.0.1:20168 | [{"key": "region", "value": "us-west-1"}, {"
    ↪ key": "zone", "value": "us-west-1c"}, {"key": "host", "value": "host9
    ↪ "}] |
+--
    ↪ --------+-----------------+-------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

14.13.18.7.1 Specify survival preferences

If you are not particularly concerned about the exact data distribution but prioritize fulfilling disaster recovery requirements, you can use the `SURVIVAL_PREFERENCES` option to specify data survival preferences.

As in the preceding example, the TiDB cluster is distributed across 3 regions, with each region containing 3 zones. When creating placement policies for this cluster, assume that you configure the `SURVIVAL_PREFERENCES` as follows:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY multiaz SURVIVAL_PREFERENCES="[region, zone, host]"
    ↪ ;
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY singleaz CONSTRAINTS="[+region=us-east-1]" SURVIVAL
    ↪ _PREFERENCES="[zone]";
```

After creating the placement policies, you can attach them to the corresponding tables as needed:

- For tables attached with the `multiaz` placement policy, data will be placed in 3 replicas in different regions, prioritizing to meet the cross-region survival goal of data isolation, followed by the cross-zone survival goal, and finally the cross-host survival goal.
- For tables attached with the `singleaz` placement policy, data will be placed in 3 replicas in the `us-east-1` region first, and then meet the cross-zone survival goal of data isolation.

> **Note:**
>
> `SURVIVAL_PREFERENCES` is equivalent to `location-labels` in PD. For more information, see Schedule Replicas by Topology Labels.

14.13.18.7.2 Specify a cluster with 5 replicas distributed 2:2:1 across multiple data centers

If you need a specific data distribution, such as a 5-replica distribution in the proportion of 2:2:1, you can specify different numbers of replicas for different constraints by configuring these `CONSTRAINTS` in the dictionary formats:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY `deploy221` CONSTRAINTS='{"+region=us-east-1":2, "+
    ↪ region=us-east-2": 2, "+region=us-west-1": 1}';

ALTER RANGE global PLACEMENT POLICY = "deploy221";

SHOW PLACEMENT;
+--
    ↪ ----------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Target          | Placement
    ↪
    ↪ | Scheduling_State |
+--
    ↪ ----------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| POLICY deploy221 | CONSTRAINTS="{\"+region=us-east-1\":2, \"+region=us-
    ↪ east-2\": 2, \"+region=us-west-1\": 1}" | NULL |
| RANGE TiDB_GLOBAL | CONSTRAINTS="{\"+region=us-east-1\":2, \"+region=us-
    ↪ east-2\": 2, \"+region=us-west-1\": 1}" | SCHEDULED |
+--
    ↪ ----------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

After the global `deploy221` placement policy is set for the cluster, TiDB distributes data according to this policy: placing two replicas in the `us-east-1` region, two replicas in the `us-east-2` region, and one replica in the `us-west-1` region.

14.13.18.7.3 Specify the distribution of Leaders and Followers

You can specify a specific distribution of Leaders and Followers using constraints or `PRIMARY_REGION`.

Use constraints

If you have specific requirements for the distribution of Raft Leaders among nodes, you can specify the placement policy using the following statement:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY deploy221_primary_east1 LEADER_CONSTRAINTS="[+
    ↪ region=us-east-1]" FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS='{"+region=us-east-1": 1, "+
    ↪ region=us-east-2": 2, "+region=us-west-1": 1}';
```

After this placement policy is created and attached to the desired data, the Raft Leader replicas of the data will be placed in the `us-east-1` region specified by the `LEADER_CONSTRAINTS` option, while other replicas of the data will be placed in regions specified by the `FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS` option. Note that if the cluster fails, such as a node outage in the `us-east-1` region, a new Leader will still be elected from other regions, even if these regions are specified in `FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS`. In other words, ensuring service availability takes the highest priority.

In the event of a failure in the `us-east-1` region, if you do not want to place new Leaders in `us-west-1`, you can configure a special `evict-leader` attribute to evict the newly elected Leaders in that region:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY deploy221_primary_east1 LEADER_CONSTRAINTS="[+
    ↪ region=us-east-1]" FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS='{"+region=us-east-1": 1, "+
    ↪ region=us-east-2": 2, "+region=us-west-1,#evict-leader": 1}';
```

Use `PRIMARY_REGION`

If the `region` label is configured in your cluster topology, you can also use the `PRIMARY_REGION` and `REGIONS` options to specify a placement policy for Followers:

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY eastandwest PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-
    ↪ east-1,us-east-2,us-west-1" SCHEDULE="MAJORITY_IN_PRIMARY" FOLLOWERS
    ↪ =4;
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT) PLACEMENT POLICY=eastandwest;
```

- `PRIMARY_REGION` specifies the distribution region of the Leaders. You can only specify one region in this option.
- The `SCHEDULE` option specifies how TiDB balances the distribution of Followers.
    - The default `EVEN` scheduling rule ensures a balanced distribution of Followers across all regions.
    - If you want to ensure a sufficient number of Follower replicas are placed in the `PRIMARY_REGION` (that is, `us-east-1`), you can use the `MAJORITY_IN_PRIMARY` scheduling rule. This scheduling rule provides lower latency transactions at the expense of some availability. If the primary region fails, `MAJORITY_IN_PRIMARY` does not provide automatic failover.

14.13.18.8 Data isolation examples

As in the following example, when creating placement policies, you can configure a constraint for each policy, which requires data to be placed on TiKV nodes with the specified `app` label.

```
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY app_order CONSTRAINTS="[+app=order]";
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY app_list CONSTRAINTS="[+app=list_collection]";
CREATE TABLE order (id INT, name VARCHAR(50), purchased DATE)
PLACEMENT POLICY=app_order
CREATE TABLE list (id INT, name VARCHAR(50), purchased DATE)
PLACEMENT POLICY=app_list
```

In this example, the constraints are specified using the list format, such as `[+app=order]`. You can also specify them using the dictionary format, such as `{+app=order: 3}`.

After executing the statements in the example, TiDB will place the `app_order` data on TiKV nodes with the `app` label as `order`, and place the `app_list` data on TiKV nodes with the `app` label as `list_collection`, thus achieving physical data isolation in storage.

14.13.18.9 Compatibility

14.13.18.10 Compatibility with other features

- Temporary tables do not support placement policies.
- Placement policies only ensure that data at rest resides on the correct TiKV nodes but do not guarantee that data in transit (via either user queries or internal operations) only occurs in a specific region.
- To configure TiFlash replicas for your data, you need to create TiFlash replicas rather than using placement policies.
- Syntactic sugar rules are permitted for setting `PRIMARY_REGION` and `REGIONS`. In the future, we plan to add varieties for `PRIMARY_RACK`, `PRIMARY_ZONE`, and `PRIMARY_HOST`. See issue #18030.

14.13.18.11 Compatibility with tools

Tool Name	Minimum supported version	Description

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Backup & Restore (BR)	6.0	Before v6.0, BR does not support backing up and restoring placement policies. For more information, see Why does an error occur when I restore placement rules to a clus-

Tool Name	Minimum supported version	Description
TiDB Lightning	Not compatible yet	An error is reported when TiDB Lightning imports backup data that contains placement policies
TiCDC	6.0	Ignores placement policies, and does not replicate the policies to the downstream

14.13.19 System Tables

14.13.19.1 `mysql` Schema

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The `mysql` schema contains TiDB system tables. The design is similar to the `mysql` schema in MySQL, where tables such as `mysql.user` can be edited directly. It also contains a number of tables which are extensions to MySQL.

> **Note:**
>
> In most scenarios, it is not recommended to change the content of system tables directly using `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, or `DELETE`. Instead, use statements such as `CREATE USER`, `ALTER USER`, `DROP USER`, `GRANT`, `REVOKE`, and `SHOW CREATE USER` to manage users and privileges. If direct modification of system tables is unavoidable, use `FLUSH PRIVILEGES` to make the changes take effect.

Grant system tables

These system tables contain grant information about user accounts and their privileges:

- `user`: user accounts, global privileges, and other non-privilege columns
- `db`: database-level privileges
- `tables_priv`: table-level privileges
- `columns_priv`: column-level privileges
- `password_history`: password change history
- `default_roles`: the default roles for a user
- `global_grants`: dynamic privileges
- `global_priv`: the authentication information based on certificates
- `role_edges`: the relationship between roles

Cluster status system tables

- The `tidb` table contains some global information about TiDB:
  - `bootstrapped`: whether the TiDB cluster has been initialized. Note that this value is read-only and cannot be modified.
  - `tidb_server_version`: the version information of TiDB when it is initialized. Note that this value is read-only and cannot be modified.
  - `system_tz`: the system time zone of TiDB.

- `new_collation_enabled`: whether TiDB has enabled the new framework for collations. Note that this value is read-only and cannot be modified.

Server-side help system tables

Currently, the `help_topic` is NULL.

Statistics system tables

- `stats_buckets`: the buckets of statistics
- `stats_histograms`: the histograms of statistics
- `stats_top_n`: the TopN of statistics
- `stats_meta`: the meta information of tables, such as the total number of rows and updated rows
- `stats_extended`: extended statistics, such as the order correlation between columns
- `stats_feedback`: the query feedback of statistics
- `stats_fm_sketch`: the FMSketch distribution of the histogram of the statistics column
- `stats_table_locked`: information about the locked statistics
- `stats_meta_history`: the meta information in the historical statistics
- `stats_history`: the other information in the historical statistics
- `analyze_options`: the default `analyze` options for each table
- `column_stats_usage`: the usage of column statistics
- `analyze_jobs`: the ongoing statistics collection tasks and the history task records within the last 7 days

Execution plan-related system tables

- `bind_info`: the binding information of execution plans
- `capture_plan_baselines_blacklist`: the blocklist for the automatic binding of the execution plan

System tables related to PLAN REPLAYER

- `plan_replayer_status`: the `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` tasks registered by the user
- `plan_replayer_task`: the results of `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` tasks

GC worker system tables

> **Note:**
>
> The GC worker system tables are only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

- `gc_delete_range`: the KV range to be deleted
- `gc_delete_range_done`: the deleted KV range

System tables related to cached tables

- `table_cache_meta` stores the metadata of cached tables.

TTL related system tables

- `tidb_ttl_table_status`: the previously executed TTL job and ongoing TTL job for all TTL tables
- `tidb_ttl_task`: the current ongoing TTL subtasks
- `tidb_ttl_job_history`: the execution history of TTL tasks in the last 90 days

System tables related to runaway queries

- `tidb_runaway_queries`: the history records of all identified runaway queries in the past 7 days
- `tidb_runaway_watch`: the watch list of runaway queries
- `tidb_runaway_watch_done`: a watch list of deleted or expired runaway queries

System tables related to metadata locks

- `tidb_mdl_view`: a view of metadata locks. You can use it to view the information about the currently blocked DDL statements. See also Metadata Lock.
- `tidb_mdl_info`: used internally by TiDB to synchronize metadata locks across nodes.

System tables related to DDL statements

- `tidb_ddl_history`: the history records of DDL statements
- `tidb_ddl_job`: the metadata of DDL statements that are currently being executed by TiDB
- `tidb_ddl_reorg`: the metadata of physical DDL statements (such as adding indexes) that are currently being executed by TiDB

System tables related to TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF)

- `dist_framework_meta`: the metadata of the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) task scheduler
- `tidb_global_task`: the metadata of the current DXF task
- `tidb_global_task_history`: the metadata of the historical DXF tasks, including both succeeded and failed tasks

- `tidb_background_subtask`: the metadata of the current DXF subtask
- `tidb_background_subtask_history`: the metadata of the historical DXF subtasks

System tables related to Resource Control

- `request_unit_by_group`: the history records of consumed resource units (RUs) of all resource groups

System tables related to backup and restore

- `tidb_pitr_id_map`: the ID mapping information for point-in-time recovery (PITR) operations

Miscellaneous system tables

> **Note:**
>
> The `tidb`, `expr_pushdown_blacklist`, `opt_rule_blacklist`, `table_cache_meta`, `tidb_import_jobs`, and `tidb_timers` system tables are only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

- `GLOBAL_VARIABLES`: global system variable table
- `expr_pushdown_blacklist`: the blocklist for expression pushdown
- `opt_rule_blacklist`: the blocklist for logical optimization rules
- `tidb_import_jobs`: the job information of `IMPORT INTO`
- `tidb_timers`: the metadata of internal timers
- `advisory_locks`: information related to Locking functions

- `GLOBAL_VARIABLES`: global system variable table

14.13.19.1.2 `mysql.tidb_mdl_view`

This table shows the information about the metadata lock views.

```
DESC mysql.tidb_mdl_view;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+------------+----------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field      | Type           | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+------------+----------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| job_id     | bigint         | NO   | PRI | NULL    |       |
| db_name    | longtext       | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| table_name | longtext       | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| query      | longtext       | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| session_id | bigint unsigned | YES |   | NULL    |       |
| start_time | timestamp(6)   | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| SQL_DIGESTS | varchar(5)    | YES |      | NULL    |       |
+------------+----------------+------+------+---------+-------+
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Fields

- `job_id`: The identifier of the job.
- `db_name`: The database name.
- `table_name`: The table name.
- `query`: The query.
- `session_id`: The identifier of the session.
- `start_time`: The start time. This column was called `TxnStart` in earlier versions.
- `SQL_DIGESTS`: The digests of the SQL statements.

14.13.19.1.3 `mysql.user`

The `mysql.user` table provides information about user accounts and their privileges.

To view the structure of `mysql.user`, use the following SQL statement:

```
DESC mysql.user;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-----------------------+------------------+------+------+-------------------+-------+
   ↪
| Field                 | Type             | Null | Key | Default           |
   ↪ Extra |
+-----------------------+------------------+------+------+-------------------+-------+
   ↪
| Host                  | char(255)        | NO   | PRI | NULL              |
   ↪       |
| User                  | char(32)         | NO   | PRI | NULL              |
   ↪       |
| authentication_string | text             | YES |      | NULL              |
   ↪       |
```

```
| plugin              | char(64)        | YES |      | NULL            |
  ↪      |
| Select_priv         | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Insert_priv         | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Update_priv         | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Delete_priv         | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Create_priv         | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Drop_priv           | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Process_priv        | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Grant_priv          | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| References_priv     | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Alter_priv          | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Show_db_priv        | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Super_priv          | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Create_tmp_table_priv | enum('N','Y') | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Lock_tables_priv    | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Execute_priv        | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Create_view_priv    | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Show_view_priv      | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Create_routine_priv | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Alter_routine_priv  | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Index_priv          | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Create_user_priv    | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
  ↪      |
| Event_priv          | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |      | N               |
```

```
   ↪      |
| Repl_slave_priv     | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| Repl_client_priv    | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| Trigger_priv        | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| Create_role_priv    | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| Drop_role_priv      | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| Account_locked      | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| Shutdown_priv       | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| Reload_priv         | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| FILE_priv           | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| Config_priv         | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| Create_Tablespace_Priv | enum('N','Y') | NO |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| Password_reuse_history | smallint unsigned | YES | | NULL              |
   ↪      |
| Password_reuse_time | smallint unsigned | YES |   | NULL              |
   ↪      |
| User_attributes     | json            | YES |     | NULL              |
   ↪      |
| Token_issuer        | varchar(255)    | YES |     | NULL              |
   ↪      |
| Password_expired    | enum('N','Y')   | NO  |     | N                 |
   ↪      |
| Password_last_changed | timestamp     | YES |     | CURRENT_TIMESTAMP |
   ↪    |
| Password_lifetime   | smallint unsigned | YES |   | NULL              |
   ↪      |
+----------------------+-----------------+-----+-----+-------------------+-------+
   ↪
44 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The `mysql.user` table contains several fields that can be categorized into three groups:

- Scope:

- `Host`: specifies the hostname of a TiDB account.
- `User`: specifies the username of a TiDB account.

- Privilege:

  The fields ending with `_priv` or `_Priv` define the permissions granted to a user account. For example, `Select_priv` means that the user has global `Select` privilege. For more information, see Privileges required for TiDB operations.

- Security:

  - `authentication_string` and `plugin`: `authentication_string` stores the credentials for the user account. The credentials are interpreted based on the authentication plugin specified in the `plugin` field.
  - `Account_locked`: indicates whether the user account is locked.
  - `Password_reuse_history` and `Password_reuse_time`: used for Password reuse policy.
  - `User_attributes`: provides information about user comments and user attributes.
  - `Token_issuer`: used for the `tidb_auth_token` authentication plugin.
  - `Password_expired`, `Password_last_changed`, and `Password_lifetime`: used for Password expiration policy.

Although most of the fields in the TiDB `mysql.user` table also exist in the MySQL `mysql.user` table, the `Token_issuer` field is specific to TiDB.

14.13.19.2 INFORMATION_SCHEMA

14.13.19.2.1 Information Schema

Information Schema provides an ANSI-standard way of viewing system metadata. TiDB also provides a number of custom `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` tables, in addition to the tables included for MySQL compatibility.

Many `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` tables have a corresponding `SHOW` statement. The benefit of querying `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` is that it is possible to join between tables.

Tables for MySQL compatibility

Table name	Description
`CHARACTER_SETS`	Provides a list of character sets the server supports.
`CHECK_CONSTRAINTS`	Provides information about `CHECK` constraints on tables.

Table name	Description
COLLATIONS	Provides a list of collations that the server supports.
COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY	Explains which collations apply to which character sets.
COLUMNS	Provides a list of columns for all tables.
COLUMN_PRIVILEGES	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
COLUMN_STATISTICS	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
ENGINES	Provides a list of supported storage engines.
EVENTS	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
FILES	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
GLOBAL_STATUS	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
GLOBAL_VARIABLES	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
KEYWORDS	Provides a full list of keywords.
KEY_COLUMN_USAGE	Describes the key constraints of the columns, such as the primary key constraint.
OPTIMIZER_TRACE	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
PARAMETERS	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.

Table name	Description
PARTITIONS	Provides a list of table partitions.
PLUGINS	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
PROCESSLIST	Provides similar information to the command `SHOW PROCESSLIST`.
PROFILING	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS	Provides information on `FOREIGN KEY` constraints.
ROUTINES	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
SCHEMATA	Provides similar information to `SHOW DATABASES`.
SCHEMA_PRIVILEGES	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
SESSION_STATUS	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
SESSION_VARIABLES	Provides similar functionality to the command `SHOW SESSION ↪ VARIABLES`
STATISTICS	Provides information on table indexes.
TABLES	Provides a list of tables that the current user has visibility of. Similar to `SHOW TABLES`.
TABLESPACES	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.

Table name	Description
TABLE_CONSTRAINTS	Provides information on primary keys, unique indexes and foreign keys.
TABLE_PRIVILEGES	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
TRIGGERS	Not implemented by TiDB. Returns zero rows.
USER_ATTRIBUTES	Summarizes information about user comments and user attributes.
USER_PRIVILEGES	Summarizes the privileges associated with the current user.
VARIABLES_INFO	Provides information about TiDB system variables.
VIEWS	Provides a list of views that the current user has visibility of. Similar to running `SHOW FULL TABLES ↪ WHERE table_ ↪ type = 'VIEW'`

Tables that are TiDB extensions

> **Note:**
>
> Some of the following tables are only supported on TiDB Self-Managed and not supported on TiDB Cloud. To get a full list of unsupported tables on TiDB Cloud, see System tables.

Table name	Description
ANALYZE_STATUS	Provides information about tasks to collect statistics.
CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_HOST	Provides a summary of errors and warnings generated by client requests and returned to clients.
CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_USER	Provides a summary of errors and warnings generated by clients.
CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_GLOBAL	Provides a summary of errors and warnings generated by clients.
CLUSTER_CONFIG	Provides details about configuration settings for the entire TiDB cluster. This table is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

Table name	Description
CLUSTER_DEADLOCKS	Provides a cluster-level view of the DEADLOCKS table.
CLUSTER_HARDWARE	Provides details on the underlying physical hardware discovered on each TiDB component. This table is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.
CLUSTER_INFO	Provides details on the current cluster topology. This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

Table name	Description
CLUSTER_LOAD	Provides current load information for TiDB servers in the cluster. This table is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.
CLUSTER_LOG	Provides a log for the entire TiDB cluster. This table is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.
CLUSTER_MEMORY_USAGE	Provides a cluster-level view of the MEMORY_USAGE table.
CLUSTER_MEMORY_USAGE_OPS_HISTORY	Provides a cluster-level view of the MEMORY_USAGE_OPS_HISTORY table.
CLUSTER_PROCESSLIST	Provides a cluster-level view of the PROCESSLIST table.

Table name	Description
CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY	Provides a cluster-level view of the SLOW_QUERY table. This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.
CLUSTER_STATEMENTS_SUMMARY	Provides a cluster-level view of the STATEMENTS_SUMMARY table. This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.
CLUSTER_STATEMENTS_SUMMARY_HISTORY	Provides a cluster-level view of the STATEMENTS_SUMMARY_HISTORY table. This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

Table name	Description
CLUSTER_TIDB_INDEX_USAGE	Provides a cluster-level view of the TIDB_ ↪ INDEX_ ↪ USAGE table.
CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX	Provides a cluster-level view of the TIDB_TRX table.
CLUSTER_SYSTEMINFO	Provides details about kernel parameter configuration for servers in the cluster. This table is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.
DATA_LOCK_WAITS	Provides the lock-waiting information on the TiKV server.
DDL_JOBS	Provides similar output to ADMIN ↪ SHOW ↪ DDL ↪ JOBS

Table name	Description
DEADLOCKS	Provides the information of several deadlock errors that have recently occurred.
INSPECTION_RESULT	Triggers internal diagnostics checks. This table is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.
INSPECTION_RULES	A list of internal diagnostic checks performed. This table is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.
INSPECTION_SUMMARY	A summarized report of important monitoring metrics. This table is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

Table name	Description
MEMORY_USAGE	The memory usage of the current TiDB instance.
MEMORY_USAGE_OPS_HISTORY	The history of memory-related operations and the execution basis of the current TiDB instance.
METRICS_SUMMARY	A summary of metrics extracted from Prometheus. This table is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.
METRICS_SUMMARY_BY_LABEL	See METRICS_SUMMARY table. This table is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.

Table name	Description
METRICS_TABLES	Provides the PromQL definitions for tables in METRICS_SCHEMA. This table is not applicable to TiDB Cloud.
PLACEMENT_POLICIES	Provides information on all placement policies. This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.
SEQUENCES	The TiDB implementation of sequences is based on MariaDB.

Table name	Description
SLOW_QUERY	Provides information on slow queries on the current TiDB server. This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.
STATEMENTS_SUMMARY	Similar to performance_schema statement summary in MySQL. This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.
STATEMENTS_SUMMARY_HISTORY	Similar to performance_schema statement summary history in MySQL. This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

Table name	Description
TABLE_STORAGE_STATS	Provides details about table sizes in storage.
TIDB_HOT_REGIONS	Provides statistics about which regions are hot.
TIDB_HOT_REGIONS_HISTORY	Provides history statistics about which Regions are hot.
TIDB_INDEXES	Provides index information about TiDB tables.
TIDB_INDEX_USAGE	Provides the information of the index usage statistics on the TiDB node. |
TIDB_SERVERS_INFO	Provides a list of TiDB servers (namely, tidb-server component)

Table name	Description
TIDB_TRX	Provides the information of the transactions that are being executed on the TiDB node.
TIFLASH_REPLICA	Provides details about TiFlash replicas.
TIKV_REGION_PEERS	Provides details about where regions are stored.
TIKV_REGION_STATUS	Provides statistics about regions.
TIKV_STORE_STATUS	Provides basic information about TiKV servers.

14.13.19.2.2 ANALYZE_STATUS

The `ANALYZE_STATUS` table provides information about the running tasks that collect statistics and a limited number of history tasks.

Starting from TiDB v6.1.0, the `ANALYZE_STATUS` table supports showing cluster-level tasks. Even after a TiDB restart, you can still view task records before the restart using this table. Before TiDB v6.1.0, the `ANALYZE_STATUS` table can only show instance-level tasks, and task records are cleared after a TiDB restart.

Starting from TiDB v6.1.0, you can view the history tasks within the last 7 days through the system table `mysql.analyze_jobs`.

```
USE information_schema;
```

```
DESC analyze_status;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------------------+---------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
| Field              | Type              | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--
    ↪ -------------------+---------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
| TABLE_SCHEMA       | varchar(64)       | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME         | varchar(64)       | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| PARTITION_NAME     | varchar(64)       | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| JOB_INFO           | longtext          | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| PROCESSED_ROWS     | bigint(64) unsigned | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| START_TIME         | datetime          | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| END_TIME           | datetime          | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| STATE              | varchar(64)       | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| FAIL_REASON        | longtext          | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| INSTANCE           | varchar(512)      | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| PROCESS_ID         | bigint(64) unsigned | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| REMAINING_SECONDS  | bigint(64) unsigned | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| PROGRESS           | varchar(20)       | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| ESTIMATED_TOTAL_ROWS | bigint(64) unsigned | YES | | NULL |       |
+--
    ↪ -------------------+---------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
14 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.analyze_status;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------+------------+----------------+-------------------------------------
    ↪
| TABLE_SCHEMA | TABLE_NAME | PARTITION_NAME | JOB_INFO
    ↪                                                | PROCESSED_ROWS | START_
    ↪ TIME      | END_TIME            | STATE    | FAIL_REASON | INSTANCE     |
    ↪ PROCESS_ID | REMAINING_SECONDS | PROGRESS | ESTIMATED_TOTAL_ROWS |
+--
    ↪ ------------+------------+----------------+-------------------------------------
    ↪
| test         | t          | p1             | analyze table all columns with 256
    ↪  buckets, 500 topn, 1 samplerate |    0 | 2022-05-27 11:30:12 |
    ↪ 2022-05-27 11:30:12 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 | NULL | NULL
    ↪               | NULL     |                NULL |
```

```
| test       | t         | p0           | analyze table all columns with 256
   ↪  buckets, 500 topn, 1 samplerate |    0 | 2022-05-27 11:30:12 |
   ↪ 2022-05-27 11:30:12 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 | NULL | NULL
   ↪               | NULL    |                NULL |
| test       | t         | p1           | analyze index idx
   ↪                                          |            0 | 2022-05-27
   ↪ 11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 |
   ↪ NULL | NULL               | NULL    |                NULL |
| test       | t         | p0           | analyze index idx
   ↪                                          |            0 | 2022-05-27
   ↪ 11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 |
   ↪ NULL | NULL               | NULL    |                NULL |
| test       | t         | p1           | analyze columns
   ↪                                                |            0 | 2022-05-27
   ↪  11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 |
   ↪ NULL | NULL               | NULL    |                NULL |
| test       | t         | p0           | analyze columns
   ↪                                                |            0 | 2022-05-27
   ↪  11:29:46 | 2022-05-27 11:29:46 | finished | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 |
   ↪ NULL | NULL               | NULL    |                NULL |
| test       | t         | p1           | analyze table all columns with 256
   ↪  buckets, 500 topn, 1 samplerate | 1000000 | 2022-05-27 11:30:12 |
   ↪ 2022-05-27 11:40:12 | running | NULL | 127.0.0.1:4000 | 690208308 |
   ↪ 600s       | 0.25    | 4000000            |
+--
   ↪ -----------+-----------+---------------+-----------------------------------
   ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Fields in the `ANALYZE_STATUS` table are described as follows:

- `TABLE_SCHEMA`: The name of the database to which the table belongs.
- `TABLE_NAME`: The name of the table.
- `PARTITION_NAME`: The name of the partitioned table.
- `JOB_INFO`: The information of the `ANALYZE` task. If an index is analyzed, this information will include the index name. When `tidb_analyze_version = 2`, this information will include configuration items such as sample rate.
- `PROCESSED_ROWS`: The number of rows that have been processed.
- `START_TIME`: The start time of the `ANALYZE` task.
- `END_TIME`: The end time of the `ANALYZE` task.
- `STATE`: The execution status of the `ANALYZE` task. Its value can be `pending`, `running` ↪ ,`finished` or `failed`.
- `FAIL_REASON`: The reason why the task fails. If the execution is successful, the value is `NULL`.
- `INSTANCE`: The TiDB instance that executes the task.

- PROCESS_ID: The process ID that executes the task.
- REMAINING_SECONDS: The estimated time (in seconds) remaining for the task to complete.
- PROGRESS: The progress of the task.
- ESTIMATED_TOTAL_ROWS: The total rows that need to be analyzed by the task.

See also

- ANALYZE TABLE
- SHOW ANALYZE STATUS

14.13.19.2.3 CHECK_CONSTRAINTS

The CHECK_CONSTRAINTS table provides information about CHECK constraints on tables.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC CHECK_CONSTRAINTS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field              | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| CONSTRAINT_CATALOG | varchar(64) | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA  | varchar(64) | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| CONSTRAINT_NAME    | varchar(64) | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| CHECK_CLAUSE       | longtext    | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example adds a CHECK constraint using the CREATE TABLE statement:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_check_constraint = ON;
CREATE TABLE test.t1 (id INT PRIMARY KEY, CHECK (id%2 = 0));
SELECT * FROM CHECK_CONSTRAINTS\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
CONSTRAINT_CATALOG: def
 CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA: test
   CONSTRAINT_NAME: t1_chk_1
      CHECK_CLAUSE: (`id` % 2 = 0)
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Fields in the CHECK_CONSTRAINTS table are described as follows:

- `CONSTRAINT_CATALOG`: The catalog of the constraint, which is always `def`.
- `CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA`: The schema of the constraint.
- `CONSTRAINT_NAME`: The name of the constraint.
- `CHECK_CLAUSE`: The clause of the check constraint.

14.13.19.2.4 CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_HOST

The table `CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_HOST` provides a summary of SQL errors and warnings that have been returned to clients that connect to a TiDB server. These include:

- Malformed SQL statements.
- Division by zero errors.
- The attempt to insert out-of-range or duplicate key values.
- Permission errors.
- A table that does not exist.

These errors are returned to the client via the MySQL server protocol, where applications are expected to take appropriate action. The `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_HOST` table provides a useful method to inspect errors in the scenario where applications are not correctly handling (or logging) errors returned by the TiDB server.

Because `CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_HOST` summarizes the errors on a per-remote-host basis, it can be useful to diagnose scenarios where one application server is generating more errors than other servers. Possible scenarios include:

- An outdated MySQL client library.
- An outdated application (possibly this server was missed when rolling out a new deployment).
- Incorrect usage of the "host" portion of user permissions.
- Unreliable network connectivity generating more timeouts or disconnected connections.

The summarized counts can be reset using the statement `FLUSH CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY`. The summary is local to each TiDB server and is only retained in memory. Summaries will be lost if the TiDB server restarts.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_HOST;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+---------------+---------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field         | Type          | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+---------------+---------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| HOST          | varchar(255) | NO |     | NULL   |       |
| ERROR_NUMBER | bigint(64) | NO  |     | NULL   |       |
| ERROR_MESSAGE | varchar(1024) | NO |   | NULL   |       |
```

```
| ERROR_COUNT | bigint(64)  | NO  |     | NULL   |       |
| WARNING_COUNT | bigint(64) | NO |     | NULL   |       |
| FIRST_SEEN  | timestamp   | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| LAST_SEEN   | timestamp   | YES |     | NULL   |       |
+--------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Field description:

- HOST: The remote host of the client.
- ERROR_NUMBER: The MySQL-compatible error number that was returned.
- ERROR_MESSAGE: The error message which matches the error number (in prepared statement form).
- ERROR_COUNT: The number of times this error was returned to the client host.
- WARNING_COUNT: The number of times this warning was returned to the client host.
- FIRST_SEEN: The first time this error (or warning) was seen from the client host.
- LAST_SEEN: The most recent time this error (or warning) was seen from the client host.

The following example shows a warning being generated when the client connects to a local TiDB server. The summary is reset after executing FLUSH CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY:

```
SELECT 0/0;
SELECT * FROM CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_HOST;
FLUSH CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY;
SELECT * FROM CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_HOST;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-----+
| 0/0 |
+-----+
| NULL |
+-----+
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

+--
   ↪ ---------+-------------+--------------+------------+--------------+---------
   ↪
| HOST      | ERROR_NUMBER | ERROR_MESSAGE | ERROR_COUNT | WARNING_COUNT |
   ↪ FIRST_SEEN | LAST_SEEN       |
+--
   ↪ ---------+-------------+--------------+------------+--------------+---------
   ↪
| 127.0.0.1 |       1365 | Division by 0 |       0 |           1 |
   ↪ 2021-03-18 12:51:54 | 2021-03-18 12:51:54 |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------+-------------+---------------+------------+--------------+---------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.5 CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_USER

The table `CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_USER` provides a summary of SQL errors and warnings that have been returned to clients that connect to a TiDB server. These include:

- Malformed SQL statements.
- Division by zero errors.
- The attempt to insert out-of-range or duplicate key values.
- Permission errors.
- A table that does not exist.

Client errors are returned to the client via the MySQL server protocol, where applications are expected to take appropriate action. The `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_USER` table provides a useful method to inspect errors in the scenario where applications are not correctly handling (or logging) errors returned by the TiDB server.

Because `CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_USER` summarizes the errors on a per-user basis, it can be useful to diagnose scenarios where one user server is generating more errors than other servers. Possible scenarios include:

- Permission errors.
- Missing tables, or relational objects.
- Incorrect SQL syntax, or incompatibilities between the application and the version of TiDB.

The summarized counts can be reset with the statement `FLUSH CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY`. The summary is local to each TiDB server and is only retained in memory. Summaries will be lost if the TiDB server restarts.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_USER;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+---------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field         | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+---------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| USER          | varchar(64)  | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| ERROR_NUMBER  | bigint(64)   | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| ERROR_MESSAGE | varchar(1024) | NO  |     | NULL    |       |
| ERROR_COUNT   | bigint(64)   | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| WARNING_COUNT | bigint(64)   | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| FIRST_SEEN    | timestamp    | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| LAST_SEEN     | timestamp    | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
+---------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Field description:

- USER: The authenticated user.
- ERROR_NUMBER: The MySQL-compatible error number that was returned.
- ERROR_MESSAGE: The error message which matches the error number (in prepared statement form).
- ERROR_COUNT: The number of times this error was returned to the user.
- WARNING_COUNT: The number of times this warning was returned to the user.
- FIRST_SEEN: The first time this error (or warning) was sent to the user.
- LAST_SEEN: The most recent time this error (or warning) was sent to the user.

The following example shows a warning being generated when the client connects to a local TiDB server. The summary is reset after executing FLUSH CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY:

```
SELECT 0/0;
SELECT * FROM CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_USER;
FLUSH CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY;
SELECT * FROM CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_BY_USER;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-----+
| 0/0 |
+-----+
| NULL |
+-----+
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

+--
    ↪ ----+-------------+--------------+------------+--------------+-------------
    ↪
```

```
| USER | ERROR_NUMBER | ERROR_MESSAGE | ERROR_COUNT | WARNING_COUNT | FIRST
    ↪ _SEEN | LAST_SEEN      |
+--
    ↪ ----+--------------+---------------+------------+---------------+------------
    ↪
| root |       1365 | Division by 0 |       0 |             1 | 2021-03-18
    ↪ 13:05:36 | 2021-03-18 13:05:36 |
+--
    ↪ ----+--------------+---------------+------------+---------------+------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.6 CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_GLOBAL

The table `CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_GLOBAL` provides a global summary of all SQL errors and warnings that have been returned to clients that connect to a TiDB server. These include:

- Malformed SQL statements.
- Division by zero errors.
- The attempt to insert out-of-range of duplicate key values.
- Permission errors.
- A table does not exist.

Client errors are returned to the client via the MySQL server protocol, where applications are expected to take appropriate action. The `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_GLOBAL` table provides a high-level overview, and is useful in the scenario where applications are not correctly handling (or logging) errors returned by the TiDB server.

The summarized counts can be reset with the statement `FLUSH CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY`. The summary is local to each TiDB server and is only retained in memory. Summaries will be lost if the TiDB server restarts.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_GLOBAL;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field        | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| ERROR_NUMBER | bigint(64) | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
```

```
| ERROR_MESSAGE | varchar(1024) | NO |  | NULL |  |
| ERROR_COUNT | bigint(64) | NO |  | NULL |  |
| WARNING_COUNT | bigint(64) | NO |  | NULL |  |
| FIRST_SEEN | timestamp | YES |  | NULL |  |
| LAST_SEEN | timestamp | YES |  | NULL |  |
+---------------+---------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Field description:

- ERROR_NUMBER: The MySQL-compatible error number that was returned.
- ERROR_MESSAGE: The error message which matches the error number (in prepared statement form).
- ERROR_COUNT: The number of times this error was returned.
- WARNING_COUNT: The number of times this warning was returned.
- FIRST_SEEN: The first time this error (or warning) was sent.
- LAST_SEEN: The most recent time this error (or warning) was sent.

The following example shows a warning being generated when connecting to a local TiDB server. The summary is reset after executing FLUSH CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY:

```
SELECT 0/0;
SELECT * FROM CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_GLOBAL;
FLUSH CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY;
SELECT * FROM CLIENT_ERRORS_SUMMARY_GLOBAL;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-----+
| 0/0 |
+-----+
| NULL |
+-----+
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)

+--
    ↪ ------------+---------------+-------------+--------------+---------------------
    ↪
| ERROR_NUMBER | ERROR_MESSAGE | ERROR_COUNT | WARNING_COUNT | FIRST_SEEN |
    ↪  LAST_SEEN       |
+--
    ↪ ------------+---------------+-------------+--------------+---------------------
    ↪
|        1365 | Division by 0 |       0 |            1 | 2021-03-18 13:10:51
    ↪ | 2021-03-18 13:10:51 |
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----------+--------------+------------+--------------+--------------------
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.7 CHARACTER_SETS

The CHARACTER_SETS table provides information about character sets. Currently, TiDB only supports some of the character sets.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC CHARACTER_SETS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+----------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field                | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+----------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| CHARACTER_SET_NAME | varchar(32) | YES |   | NULL   |       |
| DEFAULT_COLLATE_NAME | varchar(32) | YES | | NULL   |       |
| DESCRIPTION        | varchar(60) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| MAXLEN             | bigint(3)  | YES |     | NULL   |       |
+----------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

View the CHARACTER_SETS table:

```
SELECT * FROM `CHARACTER_SETS`;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ -----------------+---------------------+---------------------------------
    ↪
| CHARACTER_SET_NAME | DEFAULT_COLLATE_NAME | DESCRIPTION                |
    ↪ MAXLEN |
+--
    ↪ -----------------+---------------------+---------------------------------
    ↪
| ascii            | ascii_bin          | US ASCII                        |
    ↪      1 |
| binary           | binary             | binary                          |
    ↪      1 |
```

```
| gbk              | gbk_chinese_ci     | Chinese Internal Code Specification
   ↪  | 2 |
| latin1           | latin1_bin         | Latin1                           |
   ↪      1 |
| utf8             | utf8_bin           | UTF-8 Unicode                    |
   ↪      3 |
| utf8mb4          | utf8mb4_bin        | UTF-8 Unicode                    |
   ↪      4 |
+--
   ↪ -----------------+--------------------+----------------------------------+
   ↪
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The description of columns in the `CHARACTER_SETS` table is as follows:

- `CHARACTER_SET_NAME`: The name of the character set.
- `DEFAULT_COLLATE_NAME` The default collation name of the character set.
- `DESCRIPTION` The description of the character set.
- `MAXLEN` The maximum length required to store a character in this character set.

See also

- `SHOW CHARACTER SET`
- `SHOW COLLATION`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLLATIONS`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY`

14.13.19.2.8 CLUSTER_CONFIG

You can use the `CLUSTER_CONFIG` cluster configuration table to get the current configuration of all server components in the cluster. This simplifies the usage over earlier releases of TiDB, where obtaining similar information would require accessing the HTTP API endpoints of each instance.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC cluster_config;
```

```
+----------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field    | Type        | Null | Key  | Default | Extra |
+----------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| TYPE     | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| INSTANCE | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| KEY      | varchar(256)| YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| VALUE    | varchar(128)| YES  |      | NULL    |       |
+----------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
```

Field description:

- `TYPE`: The instance type. The optional values are `tidb`, `pd`, and `tikv`.
- `INSTANCE`: The service address of the instance.
- `KEY`: The configuration item name.
- `VALUE`: The configuration item value.

The following example shows how to query the `coprocessor` configuration on the TiKV instance using the `CLUSTER_CONFIG` table:

```
SELECT * FROM cluster_config WHERE type='tikv' AND `key` LIKE 'coprocessor%
    ↪ ';
```

```
+------+----------------+---------------------------------------+---------+
| TYPE | INSTANCE       | KEY                                   | VALUE   |
+------+----------------+---------------------------------------+---------+
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | coprocessor.batch-split-limit | 10 |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | coprocessor.region-max-keys | 3840000 |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | coprocessor.region-max-size | 384MiB |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | coprocessor.region-split-keys | 2560000 |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | coprocessor.region-split-size | 256MiB |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | coprocessor.split-region-on-table | false |
+------+----------------+---------------------------------------+---------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.9 CLUSTER_HARDWARE

The `CLUSTER_HARDWARE` hardware system table provides the hardware information of the server where each instance of the cluster is located.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC cluster_hardware;
```

```
+-------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field       | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| TYPE        | varchar(64) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| INSTANCE    | varchar(64) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| DEVICE_TYPE | varchar(64) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| DEVICE_NAME | varchar(64) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| NAME        | varchar(256) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| VALUE       | varchar(128) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
+-------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Field description:

- `TYPE`: Corresponds to the `TYPE` field in the `information_schema.cluster_info` table. The optional values are `tidb`, `pd`, and `tikv`.
- `INSTANCE`: Corresponds to the `INSTANCE` field in the `information_schema.cluster_info` cluster information table.
- `DEVICE_TYPE`: Hardware type. Currently, you can query the `cpu`, `memory`, `disk`, and `net` types.
- `DEVICE_NAME`: Hardware name. The value of `DEVICE_NAME` varies with `DEVICE_TYPE`.
    - `cpu`: The hardware name is cpu.
    - `memory`: The hardware name is memory.
    - `disk`: The disk name.
    - `net`: The network card name.
- `NAME`: The different information names of the hardware. For example, cpu has two information names: `cpu-logical-cores` and `cpu-physical-cores`, which respectively mean logical core numbers and physical core numbers.
- `VALUE`: The value of the corresponding hardware information, such as the disk volume and CPU core numbers.

The following example shows how to query the CPU information using the `CLUSTER_HARDWARE` table:

```
SELECT * FROM cluster_hardware WHERE device_type='cpu' AND device_name='cpu' AND name LIKE '%cores';
```

```
+--
    ----+----------------+------------+------------+------------------+-------+
    
```

```
| TYPE | INSTANCE     | DEVICE_TYPE | DEVICE_NAME | NAME         | VALUE |
+--
    ↪ ----+----------------+------------+------------+------------------+-------+
    ↪
| tidb | 0.0.0.0:4000 | cpu        | cpu        | cpu-logical-cores | 16  |
| tidb | 0.0.0.0:4000 | cpu        | cpu        | cpu-physical-cores | 8  |
| pd   | 127.0.0.1:2379 | cpu      | cpu        | cpu-logical-cores | 16  |
| pd   | 127.0.0.1:2379 | cpu      | cpu        | cpu-physical-cores | 8  |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | cpu     | cpu        | cpu-logical-cores | 16  |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | cpu     | cpu        | cpu-physical-cores | 8  |
+--
    ↪ ----+----------------+------------+------------+------------------+-------+
    ↪
6 rows in set (0.03 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.10 CLUSTER_INFO

The `CLUSTER_INFO` cluster topology table provides the current topology information of the cluster, the version information of each instance, the Git Hash corresponding to the instance version, the starting time of each instance, and the running time of each instance.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

```
USE information_schema;
desc cluster_info;
```

```
+---------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field         | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+---------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| TYPE          | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| INSTANCE      | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| STATUS_ADDRESS | varchar(64) | YES | | NULL   |       |
| VERSION       | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| GIT_HASH      | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| START_TIME    | varchar(32) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| UPTIME        | varchar(32) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| SERVER_ID     | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
+---------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
8 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Field description:

- `TYPE`: The instance type. The optional values are `tidb`, `pd`, and `tikv`.
- `INSTANCE`: The instance address, which is a string in the format of `IP:PORT`.
- `STATUS_ADDRESS`: The service address of HTTP API. Some commands in tikv-ctl, pd-ctl, or tidb-ctl might use this API and this address. You can also get more cluster information via this address. Refer to TiDB HTTP API document for details.
- `VERSION`: The semantic version number of the corresponding instance. To be compatible with the MySQL version number, the TiDB version is displayed in the format of `${mysql-version}-${tidb-version}`.
- `GIT_HASH`: The Git Commit Hash when compiling the instance version, which is used to identify whether two instances are of the absolutely consistent version.
- `START_TIME`: The starting time of the corresponding instance.
- `UPTIME`: The uptime of the corresponding instance.
- `SERVER_ID`: The server ID of the corresponding instance.

```
SELECT * FROM cluster_info;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----+----------------+----------------+-------------+----------------------
   ↪
| TYPE | INSTANCE     | STATUS_ADDRESS | VERSION    | GIT_HASH
   ↪                               | START_TIME             | UPTIME
   ↪            |
+--
   ↪ ----+----------------+----------------+-------------+----------------------
   ↪
| tidb | 0.0.0.0:4000 | 0.0.0.0:10080 | 4.0.0-beta.2 | 0
   ↪ df3b74f55f8f8fbde39bbd5d471783f49dc10f7 | 2020-07-05T09:25:53-06:00 |
   ↪  26h39m4.352862693s |
| pd   | 127.0.0.1:2379 | 127.0.0.1:2379 | 4.1.0-alpha | 1
   ↪ ad59bcbf36d87082c79a1fffa3b0895234ac862 | 2020-07-05T09:25:47-06:00 |
   ↪  26h39m10.352868103s |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | 127.0.0.1:20180 | 4.1.0-alpha |
   ↪ b45e052df8fb5d66aa8b3a77b5c992ddbfbb79df | 2020-07-05T09:25:50-06:00
   ↪ | 26h39m7.352869963s |
+--
   ↪ ----+----------------+----------------+-------------+----------------------
   ↪
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.11 CLUSTER_LOAD

The `CLUSTER_LOAD` cluster load table provides the current load information of the server where each instance of the TiDB cluster is located.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC cluster_load;
```

```
+-------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field       | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| TYPE        | varchar(64)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| INSTANCE    | varchar(64)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| DEVICE_TYPE | varchar(64)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| DEVICE_NAME | varchar(64)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| NAME        | varchar(256) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| VALUE       | varchar(128) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
+-------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Field description:

- `TYPE`: Corresponds to the `TYPE` field in the `information_schema.cluster_info` table. The optional values are `tidb`, `pd`, and `tikv`.
- `INSTANCE`: Corresponds to the `INSTANCE` field in the `information_schema.cluster_info` cluster information table.
- `DEVICE_TYPE`: Hardware type. Currently, you can query the `cpu`, `memory`, `disk`, and `net` types.
- `DEVICE_NAME`: Hardware name. The value of `DEVICE_NAME` varies with `DEVICE_TYPE`.
    - `cpu`: The hardware name is cpu.
    - `disk`: The disk name.
    - `net`: The network card name.
    - `memory`: The hardware name is memory.
- `NAME`: Different load types. For example, cpu has three load types: `load1`, `load5`, and `load15`, which respectively mean the average load of cpu within 1 minute, 5 minutes, and 15 minutes.
- `VALUE`: The value of the hardware load. For example, `1min`, `5min`, and `15min` respectively mean the average load of the hardware within 1 minute, 5 minutes, and 15 minutes.

The following example shows how to query the current load information of cpu using the `CLUSTER_LOAD` table:

```
SELECT * FROM cluster_load WHERE device_type='cpu' AND device_name='cpu';
```

```
+------+----------------+-------------+-------------+--------+-------+
| TYPE | INSTANCE       | DEVICE_TYPE | DEVICE_NAME | NAME   | VALUE |
+------+----------------+-------------+-------------+--------+-------+
| tidb | 0.0.0.0:4000   | cpu         | cpu         | load1  | 0.13  |
| tidb | 0.0.0.0:4000   | cpu         | cpu         | load5  | 0.25  |
| tidb | 0.0.0.0:4000   | cpu         | cpu         | load15 | 0.31  |
| pd   | 127.0.0.1:2379 | cpu         | cpu         | load1  | 0.13  |
| pd   | 127.0.0.1:2379 | cpu         | cpu         | load5  | 0.25  |
| pd   | 127.0.0.1:2379 | cpu         | cpu         | load15 | 0.31  |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | cpu        | cpu         | load1  | 0.13  |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | cpu        | cpu         | load5  | 0.25  |
| tikv | 127.0.0.1:20165 | cpu        | cpu         | load15 | 0.31  |
+------+----------------+-------------+-------------+--------+-------+
9 rows in set (1.50 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.12 CLUSTER_LOG

You can query cluster logs on the `CLUSTER_LOG` cluster log table. By pushing down query conditions to each instance, the impact of the query on cluster performance is less than that of the `grep` command.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

To get the logs of the TiDB cluster before v4.0, you need to log in to each instance to summarize logs. This cluster log table in 4.0 provides the global and time-ordered log search result, which makes it easier to track full-link events. For example, by searching logs according to the `region id`, you can query all logs in the life cycle of this Region. Similarly, by searching the full link log through the slow log's `txn id`, you can query the flow and the number of keys scanned by this transaction at each instance.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC cluster_log;
```

```
+---------+-----------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field   | Type            | Null | Key  | Default | Extra |
```

```
+---------+-----------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| TIME    | varchar(32)     | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| TYPE    | varchar(64)     | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| INSTANCE | varchar(64)    | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| LEVEL   | varchar(8)      | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| MESSAGE | var_string(1024) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
+---------+-----------------+------+------+---------+-------+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Field description:

- `TIME`: The time to print the log.
- `TYPE`: The instance type. The optional values are `tidb`, `pd`, and `tikv`.
- `INSTANCE`: The service address of the instance.
- `LEVEL`: The log level.
- `MESSAGE`: The log content.

Note:

- All fields of the cluster log table are pushed down to the corresponding instance for execution. To reduce the overhead of using the cluster log table, you must specify the keywords used for the search, the time range, and as many conditions as possible. For example, `select * from cluster_log where message like '%ddl%' and time > '2020-05-18 20:40:00' and time<'2020-05-18 21:40:00' and type='tidb'`.
- The `message` field supports the `like` and `regexp` regular expressions, and the corresponding pattern is encoded as `regexp`. Specifying multiple `message` conditions is equivalent to the `pipeline` form of the `grep` command. For example, executing the `select * from cluster_log where message like 'coprocessor%' and message regexp '.*slow.*' and time > '2020-05-18 20:40:00' and time <'2020-05-18 21:40:00'` statement is equivalent to executing `grep 'coprocessor' xxx.log | grep -E '.*slow.*'` on all cluster instances.

The following example shows how to query the execution process of a DDL statement using the `CLUSTER_LOG` table:

```
SELECT time,instance,left(message,150) FROM cluster_log WHERE message LIKE
    ↪ '%ddl%job%ID.80%' AND type='tidb' AND time > '2020-05-18 20:40:00'
    ↪ AND time < '2020-05-18 21:40:00'
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------------+-----------------------------------
   ↪
| time                    | instance      | left(message,150)
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+---------------+-----------------------------------
   ↪
| 2020/05/18 21:37:54.784 | 127.0.0.1:4002 | [ddl_worker.go:261] ["[ddl] add
   ↪  DDL jobs"] ["batch count"=1] [jobs="ID:80, Type:create table, State:
   ↪ none, SchemaState:none, SchemaID:1, TableID:79, Ro |
| 2020/05/18 21:37:54.784 | 127.0.0.1:4002 | [ddl.go:477] ["[ddl] start DDL
   ↪ job"] [job="ID:80, Type:create table, State:none, SchemaState:none,
   ↪ SchemaID:1, TableID:79, RowCount:0, ArgLen:1, start |
| 2020/05/18 21:37:55.327 | 127.0.0.1:4000 | [ddl_worker.go:568] ["[ddl] run
   ↪  DDL job"] [worker="worker 1, tp general"] [job="ID:80, Type:create
   ↪ table, State:none, SchemaState:none, SchemaID:1, Ta |
| 2020/05/18 21:37:55.381 | 127.0.0.1:4000 | [ddl_worker.go:763] ["[ddl]
   ↪ wait latest schema version changed"] [worker="worker 1, tp general"]
   ↪ [ver=70] ["take time"=50.809848ms] [job="ID:80, Type: |
| 2020/05/18 21:37:55.382 | 127.0.0.1:4000 | [ddl_worker.go:359] ["[ddl]
   ↪ finish DDL job"] [worker="worker 1, tp general"] [job="ID:80, Type:
   ↪ create table, State:synced, SchemaState:public, SchemaI |
| 2020/05/18 21:37:55.786 | 127.0.0.1:4002 | [ddl.go:509] ["[ddl] DDL job is
   ↪  finished"] [jobID=80]
   ↪
   ↪ |
+-------------------------+---------------+-----------------------------------
   ↪
```

The query results above show the process of executing a DDL statement:

1. The request with a DDL JOB ID of 80 is sent to the `127.0.0.1:4002` TiDB instance.
2. The `127.0.0.1:4000` TiDB instance processes this DDL request, which indicates that the `127.0.0.1:4000` instance is the DDL owner at that time.
3. The request with a DDL JOB ID of 80 has been processed.

14.13.19.2.13 CLUSTER_SYSTEMINFO

You can use the `CLUSTER_SYSTEMINFO` kernel parameter table to query the kernel configuration information of the server where all instances of the cluster are located. Currently, you can query the information of the `sysctl` system.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC cluster_systeminfo;
```

```
+-------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field       | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| TYPE        | varchar(64)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| INSTANCE    | varchar(64)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| SYSTEM_TYPE | varchar(64)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| SYSTEM_NAME | varchar(64)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| NAME        | varchar(256) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| VALUE       | varchar(128) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
+-------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Field description:

- `TYPE`: Corresponds to the `TYPE` field in the `information_schema.cluster_info` table. The optional values are `tidb`, `pd`, and `tikv`.
- `INSTANCE`: Corresponds to the `INSTANCE` field in the `information_schema.cluster_info` cluster information table.
- `SYSTEM_TYPE`: The system type. Currently, you can query the `system` system type.
- `SYSTEM_NAME`: The system name. Currently, you can query the `sysctl` system name.
- `NAME`: The configuration name corresponding to `sysctl`.
- `VALUE`: The value of the configuration item corresponding to `sysctl`.

The following example shows how to query the kernel version of all servers in the cluster using the `CLUSTER_SYSTEMINFO` system information table.

```
SELECT * FROM cluster_systeminfo WHERE name LIKE '%kernel.osrelease%'
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----+------------------+-------------+-------------+-----------------+--------
    ↪
| TYPE | INSTANCE       | SYSTEM_TYPE | SYSTEM_NAME | NAME        | VALUE
    ↪                  |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----+------------------+------------+------------+-----------------+-------
    ↪
| tidb | 172.16.5.40:4008 | system  | sysctl     | kernel.osrelease |
    ↪ 3.10.0-862.14.4.el7.x86_64 |
| pd   | 172.16.5.40:20379 | system  | sysctl     | kernel.osrelease |
    ↪ 3.10.0-862.14.4.el7.x86_64 |
| tikv | 172.16.5.40:21150 | system | sysctl     | kernel.osrelease |
    ↪ 3.10.0-862.14.4.el7.x86_64 |
+--
    ↪ ----+------------------+------------+------------+-----------------+-------
    ↪
```

14.13.19.2.14 COLLATIONS

The `COLLATIONS` table provides a list of collations that correspond to character sets in the `CHARACTER_SETS` table. Currently, this table is included only for compatibility with MySQL.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC collations;
```

```
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field              | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| COLLATION_NAME     | varchar(32) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| CHARACTER_SET_NAME | varchar(32) | YES | | NULL    |       |
| ID                 | bigint      | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| IS_DEFAULT         | varchar(3)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| IS_COMPILED        | varchar(3)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| SORTLEN            | bigint      | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| PAD_ATTRIBUTE      | varchar(9)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
7 rows in set (0.001 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM collations WHERE character_set_name='utf8mb4';
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----------------+--------------------+------+------------+-------------+------
    ↪
| COLLATION_NAME   | CHARACTER_SET_NAME | ID | IS_DEFAULT | IS_COMPILED |
    ↪ SORTLEN | PAD_ATTRIBUTE |
+--
    ↪ -----------------+--------------------+------+------------+-------------+------
    ↪
```

```
| utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci | utf8mb4       |  255 |          | Yes       |      0
   ↪ | NO PAD      |
| utf8mb4_0900_bin | utf8mb4         |  309 |          | Yes       |      1
   ↪ | NO PAD      |
| utf8mb4_bin      | utf8mb4         |   46 | Yes      | Yes       |      1
   ↪ | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8mb4_general_ci | utf8mb4       |   45 |          | Yes       |      1
   ↪ | PAD SPACE   |
| utf8mb4_unicode_ci | utf8mb4       |  224 |          | Yes       |      8
   ↪ | PAD SPACE   |
+--
   ↪ ------------------+--------------------+------+----------+-------------+------
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.001 sec)
```

The description of columns in the `COLLATIONS` table is as follows:

- `COLLATION_NAME`: The name of the collation.
- `CHARACTER_SET_NAME`: The name of the character set which the collation belongs to.
- `ID`: The ID of the collation.
- `IS_DEFAULT`: Whether this collation is the default collation of the character set it belongs to.
- `IS_COMPILED`: Whether the character set is compiled into the server.
- `SORTLEN`: The minimum length of memory allocated when the collation sorts characters.
- `PAD_ATTRIBUTE`: Whether trailing spaces are ignored during string comparison. `PAD SPACE` means that trailing spaces are ignored (for example, `'abc'` equals `'abc  '`), while `NO PAD` means that trailing spaces are significant (for example, `'abc'` does not equal `'abc  '`).

See also

- SHOW CHARACTER SET
- SHOW COLLATION
- INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CHARACTER_SETS
- INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY

14.13.19.2.15 COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY

The `COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY` table maps collations to the applicable character set name. Similar to the `COLLATIONS` table, it is included only for compatibility with MySQL.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field              | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| COLLATION_NAME     | varchar(32) | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| CHARACTER_SET_NAME | varchar(32) | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

View the collation mapping for the `utf8mb4` character set in the `COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY` table:

```
SELECT * FROM COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY WHERE character_set_name='utf8mb4';
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--------------------+--------------------+
| COLLATION_NAME     | CHARACTER_SET_NAME |
+--------------------+--------------------+
| utf8mb4_bin        | utf8mb4            |
| utf8mb4_general_ci | utf8mb4            |
| utf8mb4_unicode_ci | utf8mb4            |
+--------------------+--------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The description of columns in the `COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY` table is as follows:

- `COLLATION_NAME`: The name of the collation.
- `CHARACTER_SET_NAME`: The name of the character set which the collation belongs to.

See also

- `SHOW CHARACTER SET`
- `SHOW COLLATION`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CHARACTER_SETS`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLLATIONS`

14.13.19.2.16 COLUMNS

The `COLUMNS` table provides detailed information about columns in tables.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC COLUMNS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
    ↪
| Field                  | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
    ↪
| TABLE_CATALOG          | varchar(512) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_SCHEMA           | varchar(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME             | varchar(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| COLUMN_NAME            | varchar(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| ORDINAL_POSITION       | bigint(64)   | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| COLUMN_DEFAULT         | text         | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| IS_NULLABLE            | varchar(3)   | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| DATA_TYPE              | varchar(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| CHARACTER_MAXIMUM_LENGTH | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| CHARACTER_OCTET_LENGTH | bigint(21)   | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| NUMERIC_PRECISION      | bigint(21)   | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| NUMERIC_SCALE          | bigint(21)   | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| DATETIME_PRECISION     | bigint(21)   | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| CHARACTER_SET_NAME     | varchar(32)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| COLLATION_NAME         | varchar(32)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| COLUMN_TYPE            | text         | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| COLUMN_KEY             | varchar(3)   | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| EXTRA                  | varchar(30)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| PRIVILEGES             | varchar(80)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| COLUMN_COMMENT         | varchar(1024) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| GENERATION_EXPRESSION  | text         | NO  |     | NULL    |       |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
    ↪
21 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Create a table `test.t1` and query the information in the `COLUMNS` table:

```
CREATE TABLE test.t1 (a int);
SELECT * FROM COLUMNS WHERE table_schema='test' AND TABLE_NAME='t1'\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
          TABLE_CATALOG: def
           TABLE_SCHEMA: test
             TABLE_NAME: t1
```

```
           COLUMN_NAME: a
      ORDINAL_POSITION: 1
        COLUMN_DEFAULT: NULL
           IS_NULLABLE: YES
             DATA_TYPE: int
CHARACTER_MAXIMUM_LENGTH: NULL
  CHARACTER_OCTET_LENGTH: NULL
       NUMERIC_PRECISION: 11
           NUMERIC_SCALE: 0
      DATETIME_PRECISION: NULL
      CHARACTER_SET_NAME: NULL
          COLLATION_NAME: NULL
             COLUMN_TYPE: int(11)
              COLUMN_KEY:
                   EXTRA:
              PRIVILEGES: select,insert,update,references
          COLUMN_COMMENT:
   GENERATION_EXPRESSION:
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
```

The description of columns in the `COLUMNS` table is as follows:

- `TABLE_CATALOG`: The name of the catalog to which the table with the column belongs. The value is always `def`.
- `TABLE_SCHEMA`: The name of the schema in which the table with the column is located.
- `TABLE_NAME`: The name of the table with the column.
- `COLUMN_NAME`: The name of the column.
- `ORDINAL_POSITION`: The position of the column in the table.
- `COLUMN_DEFAULT`: The default value of the column. If the explicit default value is `NULL`, or if the column definition does not include the `default` clause, this value is `NULL`.
- `IS_NULLABLE`: Whether the column is nullable. If the column can store null values, this value is `YES`; otherwise, it is `NO`.
- `DATA_TYPE`: The type of data in the column.
- `CHARACTER_MAXIMUM_LENGTH`: For string columns, the maximum length in characters.
- `CHARACTER_OCTET_LENGTH`: For string columns, the maximum length in bytes.
- `NUMERIC_PRECISION`: The numeric precision of a number-type column.
- `NUMERIC_SCALE`: The numeric scale of a number-type column.
- `DATETIME_PRECISION`: For time-type columns, the fractional seconds precision.
- `CHARACTER_SET_NAME`: The name of the character set of a string column.
- `COLLATION_NAME`: The name of the collation of a string column.
- `COLUMN_TYPE`: The column type.
- `COLUMN_KEY`: Whether this column is indexed. This field might have the following values:
    - Empty: This column is not indexed, or this column is indexed and is the second column in a multi-column non-unique index.

    - `PRI`: This column is the primary key or one of multiple primary keys.
    - `UNI`: This column is the first column of the unique index.
    - `MUL`: The column is the first column of a non-unique index, in which a given value is allowed to occur for multiple times.

- `EXTRA`: Any additional information of the given column.
- `PRIVILEGES`: The privilege that the current user has on this column. Currently, this value is fixed in TiDB, and is always `select,insert,update,references`.
- `COLUMN_COMMENT`: Comments contained in the column definition.
- `GENERATION_EXPRESSION`: For generated columns, this value displays the expression used to calculate the column value. For non-generated columns, the value is empty.

The corresponding `SHOW` statement is as follows:

```
SHOW COLUMNS FROM t1 FROM test;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-------+---------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field | Type    | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------+---------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| a     | int(11) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
+-------+---------+------+-----+---------+-------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

See also

- SHOW COLUMNS FROM

14.13.19.2.17 DATA_LOCK_WAITS

The `DATA_LOCK_WAITS` table shows the ongoing lock-wait information on all TiKV nodes in a cluster, including the lock-wait information of pessimistic transactions and the information of optimistic transactions being blocked.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC data_lock_waits;
```

```
+----------------------+--------------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
   ↪
| Field                | Type               | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+----------------------+--------------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
   ↪
| KEY                  | text               | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| KEY_INFO             | text               | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| TRX_ID               | bigint(21) unsigned | NO  |     | NULL    |       |
```

```
| CURRENT_HOLDING_TRX_ID | bigint(21) unsigned | NO | | NULL   |       |
| SQL_DIGEST             | varchar(64)         | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| SQL_DIGEST_TEXT        | text                | YES |     | NULL   |       |
+------------------------+---------------------+-----+-----+--------+-------+
   ↪
```

The meaning of each column field in the `DATA_LOCK_WAITS` table is as follows:

- `KEY`: The key that is waiting for the lock and in the hexadecimal form.
- `KEY_INFO`: The detailed information of `KEY`. See the KEY_INFO section.
- `TRX_ID`: The ID of the transaction that is waiting for the lock. This ID is also the `start_ts` of the transaction.
- `CURRENT_HOLDING_TRX_ID`: The ID of the transaction that currently holds the lock. This ID is also the `start_ts` of the transaction.
- `SQL_DIGEST`: The digest of the SQL statement that is currently blocked in the lock-waiting transaction.
- `SQL_DIGEST_TEXT`: The normalized SQL statement (the SQL statement without arguments and formats) that is currently blocked in the lock-waiting transaction. It corresponds to `SQL_DIGEST`.

Warning:

- Only the users with the PROCESS privilege can query this table.
- Currently, the `SQL_DIGEST` and `SQL_DIGEST_TEXT` fields are `null` (which means unavailable) for optimistic transactions. As a workaround, to find out the SQL statement that causes the blocking, you can join this table with `CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX` to get all the SQL statements of the optimistic transaction.
- The information in the `DATA_LOCK_WAITS` table is obtained in real time from all TiKV nodes during the query. Currently, even if a query has the `WHERE` condition, the information collection is still performed on all TiKV nodes. If your cluster is large and the load is high, querying this table might cause potential risk of performance jitter. Therefore, use it according to your actual situation.
- Information from different TiKV nodes is NOT guaranteed to be snapshots of the same time.
- The information (SQL digest) in the `SQL_DIGEST` column is the hash value calculated from the normalized SQL statement. The information in the `SQL_DIGEST_TEXT` column is internally queried from statements summary tables, so it is possible that the corresponding statement cannot be found internally. For the detailed description of SQL digests and the statements summary tables, see Statement Summary Tables.

`KEY_INFO`

The `KEY_INFO` column shows the detailed information of the `KEY` column. The information is shown in the JSON format. The description of each field is as follows:

- `"db_id"`: The ID of the schema to which the key belongs.
- `"db_name"`: The name of the schema to which the key belongs.
- `"table_id"`: The ID of the table to which the key belongs.
- `"table_name"`: The name of the table to which the key belongs.
- `"partition_id"`: The ID of the partition where the key is located.
- `"partition_name"`: The name of the partition where the key is located.
- `"handle_type"`: The handle type of the row key (that is, the key that stores a row of data). The possible values are as follows:
    - `"int"`: The handle type is int, which means that the handle is the row ID.
    - `"common"`: The handle type is not int64. This type is shown in the non-int primary key when clustered index is enabled.
    - `"unknown"`: The handle type is currently not supported.
- `"handle_value"`: The handle value.
- `"index_id"`: The index ID to which the index key (the key that stores the index) belongs.
- `"index_name"`: The name of the index to which the index key belongs.
- `"index_values"`: The index value in the index key.

In the above fields, if the information of a field is not applicable or currently unavailable, the field is omitted in the query result. For example, the row key information does not contain `index_id`, `index_name`, and `index_values`; the index key does not contain `handle_type` and `handle_value`; non-partitioned tables do not display `partition_id` and `partition_name`; the key information in the deleted table cannot obtain schema information such as `table_name`, `db_id`, `db_name`, and `index_name`, and it is unable to distinguish whether the table is a partitioned table.

Note:

If a key comes from a table with partitioning enabled, and the information of the schema to which the key belongs cannot be queried due to some reasons (for example, the table to which the key belongs has been deleted) during the query, the ID of the partition to which the key belongs might be appear in the `table_id` field. This is because TiDB encodes the keys of different partitions in the same way as it encodes the keys of several independent tables. Therefore, when the schema information is missing, TiDB cannot confirm whether the key belongs to an unpartitioned table or to one partition of a table.

Example

```
select * from information_schema.data_lock_waits\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
                KEY: 7480000000000000355F728000000000000001
           KEY_INFO: {"db_id":1,"db_name":"test","table_id":53,"table_name
              ↪ ":"t","handle_type":"int","handle_value":"1"}
             TRX_ID: 426790594290122753
CURRENT_HOLDING_TRX_ID: 426790590082449409
          SQL_DIGEST: 38
              ↪ b03afa5debbdf0326a014dbe5012a62c51957f1982b3093e748460f8b00821
              ↪
      SQL_DIGEST_TEXT: update `t` set `v` = `v` + ? where `id` = ?
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

The above query result shows that the transaction of the ID 426790594290122753 is trying to obtain the pessimistic lock on the key "7480000000000000355F728000000000000001" when executing a statement that has digest "38b03afa5debbdf0326a014dbe5012a62c51957f1982b3093e74
↪ " and is in the form of update `t` set `v` = `v` + ? where `id` = ?, but the lock on this key was held by the transaction of the ID 426790590082449409.

See also

- Troubleshoot Lock Conflicts
- Handle Transaction Errors

14.13.19.2.18 DDL_JOBS

The DDL_JOBS table provides an INFORMATION_SCHEMA interface to the ADMIN SHOW DDL
↪ JOBS command. It provides information about DDL operations in the TiDB cluster, such as the current status, DDL statements, start time, end time, database names, and table names.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC ddl_jobs;
```

```
+-------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field       | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| JOB_ID      | bigint(21)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| DB_NAME     | varchar(64) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME  | varchar(64) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| JOB_TYPE    | varchar(64) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| SCHEMA_STATE | varchar(64) | YES  |  | NULL    |       |
```

```
| SCHEMA_ID   | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_ID    | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| ROW_COUNT   | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| START_TIME | datetime   | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| END_TIME    | datetime   | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| STATE       | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| QUERY       | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
+-------------+-------------+-----+-----+--------+-------+
12 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM ddl_jobs LIMIT 3\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
     JOB_ID: 44
    DB_NAME: mysql
  TABLE_NAME: opt_rule_blacklist
    JOB_TYPE: create table
SCHEMA_STATE: public
   SCHEMA_ID: 3
    TABLE_ID: 43
   ROW_COUNT: 0
  START_TIME: 2020-07-06 15:24:27
    END_TIME: 2020-07-06 15:24:27
       STATE: synced
       QUERY: CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS mysql.opt_rule_blacklist (
        name char(100) NOT NULL
    );
*************************** 2. row ***************************
     JOB_ID: 42
    DB_NAME: mysql
  TABLE_NAME: expr_pushdown_blacklist
    JOB_TYPE: create table
SCHEMA_STATE: public
   SCHEMA_ID: 3
    TABLE_ID: 41
   ROW_COUNT: 0
  START_TIME: 2020-07-06 15:24:27
    END_TIME: 2020-07-06 15:24:27
       STATE: synced
       QUERY: CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS mysql.expr_pushdown_blacklist (
        name char(100) NOT NULL,
        store_type char(100) NOT NULL DEFAULT 'tikv,tiflash,tidb',
        reason varchar(200)
    );
*************************** 3. row ***************************
```

```
     JOB_ID: 40
    DB_NAME: mysql
  TABLE_NAME: stats_top_n
    JOB_TYPE: create table
SCHEMA_STATE: public
   SCHEMA_ID: 3
    TABLE_ID: 39
   ROW_COUNT: 0
  START_TIME: 2020-07-06 15:24:26
    END_TIME: 2020-07-06 15:24:27
       STATE: synced
       QUERY: CREATE TABLE if not exists mysql.stats_top_n (
        table_id bigint(64) NOT NULL,
        is_index tinyint(2) NOT NULL,
        hist_id bigint(64) NOT NULL,
        value longblob,
        count bigint(64) UNSIGNED NOT NULL,
        index tbl(table_id, is_index, hist_id)
    );
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.19 DEADLOCKS

The DEADLOCKS table shows the information of the several deadlock errors that have occurred recently on the current TiDB node.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC deadlocks;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
| Field                | Type               | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
| DEADLOCK_ID          | bigint(21)         | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| OCCUR_TIME           | timestamp(6)       | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| RETRYABLE            | tinyint(1)         | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| TRY_LOCK_TRX_ID      | bigint(21) unsigned | NO  |     | NULL    |       |
| CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST   | varchar(64)        | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT | text            | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| KEY                  | text               | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
```

```
| KEY_INFO             | text               | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| TRX_HOLDING_LOCK     | bigint(21) unsigned | NO |    | NULL   |       |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
```

The `DEADLOCKS` table uses multiple rows to show the same deadlock event, and each row displays the information about one of the transactions involved in the deadlock event. If the TiDB node records multiple deadlock errors, each error is distinguished using the `DEADLOCK_ID` column. The same `DEADLOCK_ID` indicates the same deadlock event. Note that `DEADLOCK_ID` **does not guarantee global uniqueness and will not be persisted**. It only shows the same deadlock event in the same result set.

The meaning of each column field in the `DEADLOCKS` table is as follows:

- `DEADLOCK_ID`: The ID of the deadlock event. When multiple deadlock errors exist in the table, you can use this column to distinguish rows that belong to different deadlock errors.
- `OCCUR_TIME`: The time when the deadlock error occurs.
- `RETRYABLE`: Whether the deadlock error can be retried. For the description of retryable deadlock errors, see the Retryable deadlock errors section.
- `TRY_LOCK_TRX_ID`: The ID of the transaction that tries to acquire lock. This ID is also the `start_ts` of the transaction.
- `CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST`: The digest of the SQL statement currently being executed in the lock-acquiring transaction.
- `CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT`: The normalized form of the SQL statement that is currently being executed in the lock-acquiring transaction.
- `KEY`: The blocked key that the transaction tries to lock. The value of this field is displayed in the form of hexadecimal string.
- `KEY_INFO`: The detailed information of `KEY`. See the `KEY_INFO` section.
- `TRX_HOLDING_LOCK`: The ID of the transaction that currently holds the lock on the key and causes blocking. This ID is also the `start_ts` of the transaction.

To adjust the maximum number of deadlock events that can be recorded in the `DEADLOCKS` table, adjust the `pessimistic-txn.deadlock-history-capacity` configuration in the TiDB configuration file. By default, the information of the recent 10 deadlock events is recorded in the table.

Warning:

- Only users with the PROCESS privilege can query this table.

- The information (SQL digest) in the `CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST` column is the hash value calculated from the normalized SQL statement. The information in the `CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT` column is internally queried from statements summary tables, so it is possible that the corresponding statement cannot be found internally. For the detailed description of SQL digests and the statements summary tables, see Statement Summary Tables.

`KEY_INFO`

The `KEY_INFO` column shows the detailed information of the `KEY` column. The information is shown in the JSON format. The description of each field is as follows:

- `"db_id"`: The ID of the schema to which the key belongs.
- `"db_name"`: The name of the schema to which the key belongs.
- `"table_id"`: The ID of the table to which the key belongs.
- `"table_name"`: The name of the table to which the key belongs.
- `"partition_id"`: The ID of the partition where the key is located.
- `"partition_name"`: The name of the partition where the key is located.
- `"handle_type"`: The handle type of the row key (that is, the key that stores a row of data). The possible values are as follows:
  - `"int"`: The handle type is int, which means that the handle is the row ID.
  - `"common"`: The handle type is not int64. This type is shown in the non-int primary key when clustered index is enabled.
  - `"unknown"`: The handle type is currently not supported.
- `"handle_value"`: The handle value.
- `"index_id"`: The index ID to which the index key (the key that stores the index) belongs.
- `"index_name"`: The name of the index to which the index key belongs.
- `"index_values"`: The index value in the index key.

In the above fields, if the information of a field is not applicable or currently unavailable, the field is omitted in the query result. For example, the row key information does not contain `index_id`, `index_name`, and `index_values`; the index key does not contain `handle_type` and `handle_value`; non-partitioned tables do not display `partition_id` and `partition_name`; the key information in the deleted table cannot obtain schema information such as `table_name`, `db_id`, `db_name`, and `index_name`, and it is unable to distinguish whether the table is a partitioned table.

> **Note:**
>
> If a key comes from a table with partitioning enabled, and the information of the schema to which the key belongs cannot be queried due to some reasons (for example, the table to which the key belongs has been deleted) during the query, the ID of the partition to which the key belongs might be appear in the `table_id` field. This is because TiDB encodes the keys of different partitions in the same way as it encodes the keys of several independent tables. Therefore, when the schema information is missing, TiDB cannot confirm whether the key belongs to an unpartitioned table or to one partition of a table.

Retryable deadlock errors

> **Note:**
>
> The `DEADLOCKS` table does not collect the information of retryable deadlock errors by default. If you want the table to collect the retryable deadlock error information, you can adjust the value of `pessimistic-txn.deadlock-history-collect-retryable` in the TiDB configuration file.

When transaction A is blocked by a lock already held by transaction B, and transaction B is directly or indirectly blocked by the lock held by the current transaction A, a deadlock error will occur. In this deadlock, there might be two cases:

- Case 1: Transaction B might be (directly or indirectly) blocked by a lock generated by a statement that has been executed after transaction A starts and before transaction A gets blocked.
- Case 2: Transaction B might also be blocked by the statement currently being executed in transaction A.

In case 1, TiDB will report a deadlock error to the client of transaction A and terminate the transaction.

In case 2, the statement currently being executed in transaction A will be automatically retried in TiDB. For example, suppose that transaction A executes the following statement:

```
UPDATE t SET v = v + 1 WHERE id = 1 OR id = 2;
```

Transaction B executes the following two statements successively.

```
UPDATE t SET v = 4 WHERE id = 2;
UPDATE t SET v = 2 WHERE id = 1;
```

Then if transaction A locks the two rows with `id = 1` and `id = 2`, and the two transactions run in the following sequence:

1. Transaction A locks the row with `id = 1`.
2. Transaction B executes the first statement and locks the row with `id = 2`.
3. Transaction B executes the second statement and tries to lock the row with `id = 1`, which is blocked by transaction A.
4. Transaction A tries to lock the row with `id = 2` and is blocked by transaction B, which forms a deadlock.

For this case, because the statement of transaction A that blocks other transactions is also the statement currently being executed, the pessimistic lock on the current statement can be resolved (so that transaction B can continue to run), and the current statement can be retried. TiDB uses the key hash internally to determine whether this is the case.

When a retryable deadlock occurs, the internal automatic retry will not cause a transaction error, so it is transparent to the client. However, if this situation occurs frequently, the performance might be affected. When this occurs, you can see `single statement deadlock, retry statement` in the TiDB log.

Example 1

Assume that the table definition and the initial data is as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE t (id int primary key, v int);
INSERT INTO t VALUES (1, 10), (2, 20);
```

Two transactions are executed in the following order:

Transaction 1	Transaction 2	Description
`BEGIN;`		
	`BEGIN;`	
`UPDATE t SET v = 11 WHERE id = 1;`		
	`UPDATE t SET v = 21 WHERE id = 2;`	
`UPDATE t SET v = 12 WHERE id = 2;`		Transaction 1 gets bl
	`UPDATE t SET v = 22 WHERE id = 1;`	Transaction 2 reports

Next, transaction 2 reports a deadlock error. At this time, query the `DEADLOCKS` table:

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.DEADLOCKS;
```

The expected output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------+----------------------------+----------+-----------------+------
    ↪
| DEADLOCK_ID | OCCUR_TIME                 | RETRYABLE | TRY_LOCK_TRX_ID |
    ↪ CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST                                 | CURRENT_SQL_
    ↪ DIGEST_TEXT            | KEY                          | KEY_INFO
    ↪
    ↪ | TRX_HOLDING_LOCK |
+--
    ↪ ----------+----------------------------+----------+-----------------+------
    ↪
|           1 | 2021-08-05 11:09:03.230341 |    0 | 426812829645406216 |
    ↪ 22230766411edb40f27a68dadefc63c6c6970d5827f1e5e22fc97be2c4d8350d |
    ↪ update `t` set `v` = ? where `id` = ? ; | 7480000000000000355
    ↪ F728000000000000002 | {"db_id":1,"db_name":"test","table_id":53,"
    ↪ table_name":"t","handle_type":"int","handle_value":"2"} |
    ↪ 426812829645406217 |
|           1 | 2021-08-05 11:09:03.230341 |    0 | 426812829645406217 |
    ↪ 22230766411edb40f27a68dadefc63c6c6970d5827f1e5e22fc97be2c4d8350d |
    ↪ update `t` set `v` = ? where `id` = ? ; | 7480000000000000355
    ↪ F728000000000000001 | {"db_id":1,"db_name":"test","table_id":53,"
    ↪ table_name":"t","handle_type":"int","handle_value":"1"} |
    ↪ 426812829645406216 |
+--
    ↪ ----------+----------------------------+----------+-----------------+------
    ↪
```

Two rows of data are generated in the DEADLOCKS table. The DEADLOCK_ID field of both rows is 1, which means that the information in both rows belongs to the same deadlock error. The first row shows that on the key of "7480000000000000355F728000000000000002"
↪ , the transaction of the ID "426812829645406216" is blocked by the transaction of the ID "426812829645406217". The second row shows that on the key of "7480000000000000355
↪ F728000000000000001", the transaction of the ID "426812829645406217" is blocked by the transaction of the ID 426812829645406216, which constitutes mutual blocking and forms a deadlock.

Example 2

Assume that you query the DEADLOCKS table and get the following result:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------+----------------------------+----------+-----------------+------
    ↪
| DEADLOCK_ID | OCCUR_TIME                 | RETRYABLE | TRY_LOCK_TRX_ID |
    ↪ CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST                                 | CURRENT_SQL_
    ↪ DIGEST_TEXT            | KEY                          | KEY_INFO |
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ | TRX_HOLDING_LOCK |
+--
    ↪ ----------+----------------------------+----------+-------------------+------
    ↪
|         1 | 2021-08-05 11:09:03.230341 |    0 | 426812829645406216 |
    ↪ 22230766411edb40f27a68dadefc63c6c6970d5827f1e5e22fc97be2c4d8350d |
    ↪ update `t` set `v` = ? where `id` = ? ; | 7480000000000000355
    ↪ F728000000000000002 | {"db_id":1,"db_name":"test","table_id":53,"
    ↪ table_name":"t","handle_type":"int","handle_value":"2"} |
    ↪ 426812829645406217 |
|         1 | 2021-08-05 11:09:03.230341 |    0 | 426812829645406217 |
    ↪ 22230766411edb40f27a68dadefc63c6c6970d5827f1e5e22fc97be2c4d8350d |
    ↪ update `t` set `v` = ? where `id` = ? ; | 7480000000000000355
    ↪ F728000000000000001 | {"db_id":1,"db_name":"test","table_id":53,"
    ↪ table_name":"t","handle_type":"int","handle_value":"1"} |
    ↪ 426812829645406216 |
|         2 | 2021-08-05 11:09:21.252154 |    0 | 426812832017809412 |
    ↪ 22230766411edb40f27a68dadefc63c6c6970d5827f1e5e22fc97be2c4d8350d |
    ↪ update `t` set `v` = ? where `id` = ? ; | 7480000000000000355
    ↪ F728000000000000002 | {"db_id":1,"db_name":"test","table_id":53,"
    ↪ table_name":"t","handle_type":"int","handle_value":"2"} |
    ↪ 426812832017809413 |
|         2 | 2021-08-05 11:09:21.252154 |    0 | 426812832017809413 |
    ↪ 22230766411edb40f27a68dadefc63c6c6970d5827f1e5e22fc97be2c4d8350d |
    ↪ update `t` set `v` = ? where `id` = ? ; | 7480000000000000355
    ↪ F728000000000000003 | {"db_id":1,"db_name":"test","table_id":53,"
    ↪ table_name":"t","handle_type":"int","handle_value":"3"} |
    ↪ 426812832017809414 |
|         2 | 2021-08-05 11:09:21.252154 |    0 | 426812832017809414 |
    ↪ 22230766411edb40f27a68dadefc63c6c6970d5827f1e5e22fc97be2c4d8350d |
    ↪ update `t` set `v` = ? where `id` = ? ; | 7480000000000000355
    ↪ F728000000000000001 | {"db_id":1,"db_name":"test","table_id":53,"
    ↪ table_name":"t","handle_type":"int","handle_value":"1"} |
    ↪ 426812832017809412 |
+--
    ↪ ----------+----------------------------+----------+-------------------+------
    ↪
```

The `DEADLOCK_ID` column in the preceding query result shows that the first two rows together represent the information of a deadlock error, and the two transactions that wait for each other form the deadlock. The next three rows together represent the information of another deadlock error, and the three transactions that wait in a cycle form the deadlock.

CLUSTER_DEADLOCKS

The CLUSTER_DEADLOCKS table returns information about the recent deadlock errors on each TiDB node in the entire cluster, which is the combined information of the DEADLOCKS table on each node. CLUSTER_DEADLOCKS also includes an additional INSTANCE column to display the IP address and port of the node to distinguish between different TiDB nodes.

Note that, because DEADLOCK_ID does not guarantee global uniqueness, in the query result of the CLUSTER_DEADLOCKS table, you need to use the INSTANCE and DEADLOCK_ID together to distinguish the information of different deadlock errors in the result set.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC CLUSTER_DEADLOCKS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
| Field                | Type               | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
| INSTANCE             | varchar(64)        | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| DEADLOCK_ID          | bigint(21)         | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| OCCUR_TIME           | timestamp(6)       | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| RETRYABLE            | tinyint(1)         | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| TRY_LOCK_TRX_ID      | bigint(21) unsigned | NO  |     | NULL    |       |
| CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST   | varchar(64)        | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT | text            | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| KEY                  | text               | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| KEY_INFO             | text               | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| TRX_HOLDING_LOCK     | bigint(21) unsigned | NO  |     | NULL    |       |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
```

14.13.19.2.20 ENGINES

The ENGINES table provides information about storage engines. For compatibility, TiDB will always describe InnoDB as the only supported engine. In addition, other column values in the ENGINES table are also fixed values.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC engines;
```

```
+-------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field       | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
```

```
| ENGINE       | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| SUPPORT      | varchar(8)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| COMMENT      | varchar(80) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| TRANSACTIONS | varchar(3)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| XA           | varchar(3)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| SAVEPOINTS   | varchar(3)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
+--------------+-------------+-----+----+---------+-------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM engines;
```

```
+--------+---------+----------------------------------------------------------------+-------
   ↪
| ENGINE | SUPPORT | COMMENT                                                        |
   ↪ TRANSACTIONS | XA | SAVEPOINTS |
+--------+---------+----------------------------------------------------------------+-------
   ↪
| InnoDB | DEFAULT | Supports transactions, row-level locking, and foreign
   ↪ keys | YES | YES | YES    |
+--------+---------+----------------------------------------------------------------+-------
   ↪
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

The description of columns in the `ENGINES` table is as follows:

- `ENGINES`: The name of the storage engine.
- `SUPPORT`: The level of support that the server has on the storage engine. In TiDB, the value is always `DEFAULT`.
- `COMMENT`: The brief comment on the storage engine.
- `TRANSACTIONS`: Whether the storage engine supports transactions.
- `XA`: Whether the storage engine supports XA transactions.
- `SAVEPOINTS`: Whether the storage engine supports `savepoints`.

See also

- SHOW ENGINES

14.13.19.2.21 INSPECTION_RESULT

TiDB has some built-in diagnostic rules for detecting faults and hidden issues in the system.

The `INSPECTION_RESULT` diagnostic table can help you quickly find problems and reduce your repetitive manual work. You can use the `select * from information_schema.` ↪ `inspection_result` statement to trigger the internal diagnostics.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

The structure of the `information_schema.inspection_result` diagnostic result table `information_schema.inspection_result` is as follows:

```
USE information_schema;
DESC inspection_result;
```

```
+----------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field          | Type        | Null | Key  | Default | Extra |
+----------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| RULE           | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| ITEM           | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| TYPE           | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| INSTANCE       | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| STATUS_ADDRESS | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| VALUE          | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| REFERENCE      | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| SEVERITY       | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| DETAILS        | varchar(256) | YES |      | NULL    |       |
+----------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
9 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Field description:

- `RULE`: The name of the diagnostic rule. Currently, the following rules are available:
    - `config`: Checks whether the configuration is consistent and proper. If the same configuration is inconsistent on different instances, a `warning` diagnostic result is generated.
    - `version`: The consistency check of version. If the same version is inconsistent on different instances, a `warning` diagnostic result is generated.
    - `node-load`: Checks the server load. If the current system load is too high, the corresponding `warning` diagnostic result is generated.
    - `critical-error`: Each module of the system defines critical errors. If a critical error exceeds the threshold within the corresponding time period, a warning diagnostic result is generated.
    - `threshold-check`: The diagnostic system checks the thresholds of key metrics. If a threshold is exceeded, the corresponding diagnostic information is generated.

- `ITEM`: Each rule diagnoses different items. This field indicates the specific diagnostic items corresponding to each rule.
- `TYPE`: The instance type of the diagnostics. The optional values are `tidb`, `pd`, and `tikv`.
- `INSTANCE`: The specific address of the diagnosed instance.
- `STATUS_ADDRESS`: The HTTP API service address of the instance.
- `VALUE`: The value of a specific diagnostic item.
- `REFERENCE`: The reference value (threshold value) for this diagnostic item. If `VALUE` exceeds the threshold, the corresponding diagnostic information is generated.
- `SEVERITY`: The severity level. The optional values are `warning` and `critical`.
- `DETAILS`: Diagnostic details, which might also contain SQL statement(s) or document links for further diagnostics.

Diagnostics example

Diagnose issues currently existing in the cluster.

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.inspection_result\G
```

```
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
RULE     | config
ITEM     | log.slow-threshold
TYPE     | tidb
INSTANCE | 172.16.5.40:4000
VALUE    | 0
REFERENCE | not 0
SEVERITY | warning
DETAILS  | slow-threshold = 0 will record every query to slow log, it may
   ↪ affect performance
***************************[ 2. row ]***************************
RULE     | version
ITEM     | git_hash
TYPE     | tidb
INSTANCE |
VALUE    | inconsistent
REFERENCE | consistent
SEVERITY | critical
DETAILS  | the cluster has 2 different tidb version, execute the sql to see
   ↪ more detail: select * from information_schema.cluster_info where type
   ↪ ='tidb'
***************************[ 3. row ]***************************
RULE     | threshold-check
ITEM     | storage-write-duration
TYPE     | tikv
INSTANCE | 172.16.5.40:23151
VALUE    | 130.417
```

```
REFERENCE | < 0.100
SEVERITY | warning
DETAILS  | max duration of 172.16.5.40:23151 tikv storage-write-duration was
   ↪  too slow
***************************[ 4. row ]***************************
RULE     | threshold-check
ITEM     | rocksdb-write-duration
TYPE     | tikv
INSTANCE | 172.16.5.40:20151
VALUE    | 108.105
REFERENCE | < 0.100
SEVERITY | warning
DETAILS  | max duration of 172.16.5.40:20151 tikv rocksdb-write-duration was
   ↪  too slow
```

The following issues can be detected from the diagnostic result above:

- The first row indicates that TiDB's `log.slow-threshold` value is configured to `0`, which might affect performance.
- The second row indicates that two different TiDB versions exist in the cluster.
- The third and fourth rows indicate that the TiKV write delay is too long. The expected delay is no more than 0.1 second, while the actual delay is far longer than expected.

You can also diagnose issues existing within a specified range, such as from "2020-03-26 00:03:00" to "2020-03-26 00:08:00". To specify the time range, use the SQL Hint of `/*+ ↪ time_range()*/`. See the following query example:

```
select /*+ time_range("2020-03-26 00:03:00", "2020-03-26 00:08:00") */ *
   ↪ from information_schema.inspection_result\G
```

```
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
RULE     | critical-error
ITEM     | server-down
TYPE     | tidb
INSTANCE | 172.16.5.40:4009
VALUE    |
REFERENCE |
SEVERITY | critical
DETAILS  | tidb 172.16.5.40:4009 restarted at time '2020/03/26 00:05:45.670'
***************************[ 2. row ]***************************
RULE     | threshold-check
ITEM     | get-token-duration
TYPE     | tidb
INSTANCE | 172.16.5.40:10089
VALUE    | 0.234
```

```
REFERENCE | < 0.001
SEVERITY | warning
DETAILS  | max duration of 172.16.5.40:10089 tidb get-token-duration is too
    ↪ slow
```

The following issues can be detected from the diagnostic result above:

- The first row indicates that the `172.16.5.40:4009` TiDB instance is restarted at `2020/03/26 00:05:45.670`.
- The second row indicates that the maximum `get-token-duration` time of the `172.16.5.40:10089` TiDB instance is 0.234s, but the expected time is less than 0.001s.

You can also specify conditions, for example, to query the `critical` level diagnostic results:

```
select * from information_schema.inspection_result where severity='critical
    ↪ ';
```

Query only the diagnostic result of the `critical-error` rule:

```
select * from information_schema.inspection_result where rule='critical-
    ↪ error';
```

Diagnostic rules

The diagnostic module contains a series of rules. These rules compare the results with the thresholds after querying the existing monitoring tables and cluster information tables. If the results exceed the thresholds, the diagnostics of `warning` or `critical` is generated and the corresponding information is provided in the `details` column.

You can query the existing diagnostic rules by querying the `inspection_rules` system table:

```
select * from information_schema.inspection_rules where type='inspection';
```

```
+-----------------+------------+---------+
| NAME            | TYPE       | COMMENT |
+-----------------+------------+---------+
| config          | inspection |         |
| version         | inspection |         |
| node-load       | inspection |         |
| critical-error  | inspection |         |
| threshold-check | inspection |         |
+-----------------+------------+---------+
```

`config` diagnostic rule

In the `config` diagnostic rule, the following two diagnostic rules are executed by querying the `CLUSTER_CONFIG` system table:

- Check whether the configuration values of the same component are consistent. Not all configuration items has this consistency check. The allowlist of consistency check is as follows:

```
// The allowlist of the TiDB configuration consistency check
port
status.status-port
host
path
advertise-address
status.status-port
log.file.filename
log.slow-query-file
tmp-storage-path

// The allowlist of the PD configuration consistency check
advertise-client-urls
advertise-peer-urls
client-urls
data-dir
log-file
log.file.filename
metric.job
name
peer-urls

// The allowlist of the TiKV configuration consistency check
server.addr
server.advertise-addr
server.status-addr
log-file
raftstore.raftdb-path
storage.data-dir
storage.block-cache.capacity
```

- Check whether the values of the following configuration items are as expected.

Component	Configuration item	Expected value
TiDB	log.slow-threshold	larger than `0`

`version` diagnostic rule

The `version` diagnostic rule checks whether the version hash of the same component is consistent by querying the `CLUSTER_INFO` system table. See the following example:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.inspection_result WHERE rule='version'\G
```

```
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
RULE     | version
ITEM     | git_hash
TYPE     | tidb
INSTANCE |
VALUE    | inconsistent
REFERENCE | consistent
SEVERITY | critical
DETAILS  | the cluster has 2 different tidb versions, execute the sql to see
   ↪  more detail: SELECT * FROM information_schema.cluster_info WHERE
   ↪ type='tidb'
```

`critical-error` diagnostic rule

In `critical-error` diagnostic rule, the following two diagnostic rules are executed:

- Detect whether the cluster has the following errors by querying the related monitoring system tables in the metrics schema:

Component	Error name	Monitoring table	Error description
TiDB	panic-count	tidb_panic_count_total_count	Panic occurs in TiDB.
TiKV	critical-error	tikv_critical_error_total_count	The critical error of TiKV.

Component	Error name	Monitoring table	Error description
TiKV	scheduler-is-busy	tikv_scheduler_is_busy_total	The count TiKV scheduler is too busy, which makes TiKV temporarily unavailable.
TiKV	coprocessor-is-busy	tikv_coprocessor_is_busy_total	The count TiKV Coprocessor is too busy.
TiKV	channel-is-full	tikv_channel_full_total_count	The “channel full” error occurs in TiKV.
TiKV	tikv_engine_write_stall	tikv_engine_write_stall	The “stall” error occurs in TiKV.

- Check whether any component is restarted by querying the `metrics_schema.up` monitoring table and the `CLUSTER_LOG` system table.

`threshold-check` diagnostic rule

The `threshold-check` diagnostic rule checks whether the following metrics in the cluster exceed the threshold by querying the related monitoring system tables in the metrics schema:

Component	Monitoring metric	Monitoring table	Expected value	Description
TiDB	tso-duration	pd_tso_wait_duration	< 50ms	The wait duration of getting the TSO of transaction.

Component	Monitoring metric	Monitoring table	Expected value	Description
TiDB	get-token-duration	tidb_get_token_duration	< 1ms	Queries the time it takes to get the token. The related TiDB configuration item is `token-limit`.
TiDB	load-schema-duration	tidb_load_schema_duration	< 1s	The time it takes for TiDB to update the schema metadata.

Component	Monitoring metric	Monitoring table	Expected value	Description
TiKV	scheduler-cmd-duration	tikv_scheduler_command_duration	< 0.1s	The time it takes for TiKV to execute the KV `cmd` request.
TiKV	handle-snapshot-duration	tikv_handle_snapshot_duration	< 30s	The time it takes for TiKV to handle the snapshot.
TiKV	storage-write-duration	tikv_storage_async_request_duration	< 0.1s	The write latency of TiKV.

Component	Monitoring metric	Monitoring table	Expected value	Description
TiKV	storage-snapshot-duration	tikv_storage_async_request_duration	< 50ms	The time it takes for TiKV to get the snapshot.
TiKV	rocksdb-write-duration	tikv_engine_write_duration	< 100ms	The write latency of TiKV RocksDB.
TiKV	rocksdb-get-duration	tikv_engine_max_get_duration	< 50ms	The read latency of TiKV RocksDB.
TiKV	rocksdb-seek-duration	tikv_engine_max_seek_duration	< 50ms	The latency of TiKV RocksDB to execute `seek`.

Component	Monitoring metric	Monitoring table	Expected value	Description
TiKV	scheduler-pending-cmd-coun	tikv_scheduler_pending_commands	< 1000	The number of commands stalled in TiKV.
TiKV	index-block-cache-hit	tikv_block_index_cache_hit	> 0.95	The hit rate of index block cache in TiKV.
TiKV	filter-block-cache-hit	tikv_block_filter_cache_hit	> 0.95	The hit rate of filter block cache in TiKV.
TiKV	data-block-cache-hit	tikv_block_data_cache_hit	> 0.80	The hit rate of data block cache in TiKV.

Component	Monitoring metric	Monitoring table	Expected value	Description
TiKV	leader-score-balance	pd_scheduler_store_status	< 0.05	Checks whether the leader score of each TiKV instance is balanced. The expected difference between instances is less than 5%.

Component	Monitoring metric	Monitoring table	Expected value	Description
TiKV	region-score-balance	pd_scheduler_store_status	< 0.05	Checks whether the Region score of each TiKV instance is balanced. The expected difference between instances is less than 5%.

Component	Monitoring metric	Monitoring table	Expected value	Description
TiKV	store-available-balance	pd_scheduler_store_status	< 0.2	Checks whether the available storage of each TiKV instance is balanced. The expected difference between instances is less than 20%.

Component	Monitoring metric	Monitoring table	Expected value	Description
TiKV	region-count	pd_scheduler_store_status	< 20000	Checks the number of Regions on each TiKV instance. The expected number of Regions in a single instance is less than 20,000.

Component	Monitoring metric	Monitoring table	Expected value	Description
PD	region-health	pd_region_health	< 100	Detects the number of Regions that are in the process of scheduling in the cluster. The expected number is less than 100 in total.

In addition, this rule also checks whether the CPU usage of the following threads in a TiKV instance is too high:

- scheduler-worker-cpu
- coprocessor-normal-cpu
- coprocessor-high-cpu
- coprocessor-low-cpu
- grpc-cpu
- raftstore-cpu
- apply-cpu

- storage-readpool-normal-cpu
- storage-readpool-high-cpu
- storage-readpool-low-cpu
- split-check-cpu

The built-in diagnostic rules are constantly being improved. If you have more diagnostic rules, welcome to create a PR or an issue in the `tidb` repository.

14.13.19.2.22 INSPECTION_RULES

The `INSPECTION_RULES` table provides information about which diagnostic tests are run in an inspection result. See inspection result for example usage.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC inspection_rules;
```

```
+---------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field   | Type        | Null | Key  | Default | Extra |
+---------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| NAME    | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| TYPE    | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| COMMENT | varchar(256)| YES  |      | NULL    |       |
+---------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM inspection_rules;
```

```
+-----------------+------------+---------+
| NAME            | TYPE       | COMMENT |
+-----------------+------------+---------+
| config          | inspection |         |
| version         | inspection |         |
| node-load       | inspection |         |
| critical-error  | inspection |         |
| threshold-check | inspection |         |
| ddl             | summary    |         |
| gc              | summary    |         |
```

```
| pd              | summary   |        |
| query-summary | summary   |        |
| raftstore     | summary   |        |
| read-link     | summary   |        |
| rocksdb       | summary   |        |
| stats         | summary   |        |
| wait-events   | summary   |        |
| write-link    | summary   |        |
+-----------------+-----------+--------+
15 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.23 INSPECTION_SUMMARY

In some scenarios, you might need to pay attention only to the monitoring summary of specific links or modules. For example, the number of threads for Coprocessor in the thread pool is configured as 8. If the CPU usage of Coprocessor reaches 750%, you can determine that a risk exists and Coprocessor might become a bottleneck in advance. However, some monitoring metrics vary greatly due to different user workloads, so it is difficult to define specific thresholds. It is important to troubleshoot issues in this scenario, so TiDB provides the `inspection_summary` table for link summary.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

The structure of the `information_schema.inspection_summary` inspection summary table is as follows:

```
USE information_schema;
DESC inspection_summary;
```

```
+-------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field       | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| RULE        | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| INSTANCE    | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| METRICS_NAME | varchar(64) | YES |   | NULL    |       |
| LABEL       | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| QUANTILE    | double      | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| AVG_VALUE   | double(22,6) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| MIN_VALUE   | double(22,6) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
```

```
| MAX_VALUE   | double(22,6) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| COMMENT     | varchar(256) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
+-------------+--------------+-----+-----+---------+-------+
9 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Field description:

- `RULE`: Summary rules. Because new rules are being added continuously, you can execute the `select * from inspection_rules where type='summary'` statement to query the latest rule list.
- `INSTANCE`: The monitored instance.
- `METRICS_NAME`: The monitoring metrics name.
- `QUANTILE`: Takes effect on monitoring tables that contain `QUANTILE`. You can specify multiple percentiles by pushing down predicates. For example, you can execute `select * from inspection_summary where rule='ddl' and quantile in (0.80, 0.90, 0.99, 0.999)` to summarize the DDL-related monitoring metrics and query the P80/P90/P99/P999 results. `AVG_VALUE`, `MIN_VALUE`, and `MAX_VALUE` respectively indicate the average value, minimum value, and maximum value of the aggregation.
- `COMMENT`: The comment about the corresponding monitoring metric.

> **Note:**
>
> Because summarizing all results causes overhead, it is recommended to display the specific `rule` in the SQL predicate to reduce overhead. For example, executing `select * from inspection_summary where rule in ('read-link', 'ddl')` summarizes the read link and DDL-related monitoring metrics.

Usage example:

Both the diagnostic result table and the diagnostic monitoring summary table can specify the diagnostic time range using `hint`. `select /*+ time_range('2020-03-07 12:00:00','2020-03-07 13:00:00')*/* from inspection_summary` is the monitoring summary for the `2020-03-07 12:00:00` to `2020-03-07 13:00:00` period. Like the monitoring summary table, you can use the `inspection_summary` table to quickly find the monitoring items with large differences by comparing the data of two different periods.

The following example compares the monitoring metrics of read links in two time periods:

- `(2020-01-16 16:00:54.933, 2020-01-16 16:10:54.933)`
- `(2020-01-16 16:10:54.933, 2020-01-16 16:20:54.933)`

```
SELECT
  t1.avg_value / t2.avg_value AS ratio,
  t1.*,
  t2.*
FROM
  (
    SELECT
      /*+ time_range("2020-01-16 16:00:54.933", "2020-01-16 16:10:54.933")
          ↪ */ *
    FROM information_schema.inspection_summary WHERE rule='read-link'
  ) t1
  JOIN
  (
    SELECT
      /*+ time_range("2020-01-16 16:10:54.933", "2020-01-16 16:20:54.933")
          ↪ */ *
    FROM information_schema.inspection_summary WHERE rule='read-link'
  ) t2
  ON t1.metrics_name = t2.metrics_name
  and t1.instance = t2.instance
  and t1.label = t2.label
ORDER BY
  ratio DESC;
```

14.13.19.2.24 KEYWORDS

Starting from v7.5.3 and v7.6.0, TiDB provides the `KEYWORDS` table. You can use this table to get information about keywords in TiDB.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC keywords;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+----------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field    | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+----------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| WORD     | varchar(128) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| RESERVED | int(11)     | YES |      | NULL    |       |
+----------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Field description:

- `WORD`: The keyword.

- RESERVED: Whether the keyword is reserved.

The following statement queries the information about ADD and USER keywords:

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.KEYWORDS WHERE WORD IN ('ADD','USER');
```

From the output, you can see that ADD is a reserved keyword and USER is a non-reserved keyword.

```
+------+----------+
| WORD | RESERVED |
+------+----------+
| ADD |        1 |
| USER |        0 |
+------+----------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.25 KEY_COLUMN_USAGE

The KEY_COLUMN_USAGE table describes the key constraints of the columns, such as the primary key constraint.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC key_column_usage;
```

```
+-------------------------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
   ↪
| Field                         | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------------------------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
   ↪
| CONSTRAINT_CATALOG            | varchar(512) | NO |     | NULL    |       |
| CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA             | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL    |       |
| CONSTRAINT_NAME               | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_CATALOG                 | varchar(512) | NO |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_SCHEMA                  | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME                    | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL    |       |
| COLUMN_NAME                   | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL    |       |
| ORDINAL_POSITION              | bigint(10) | NO  |      | NULL    |       |
| POSITION_IN_UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT | bigint(10) | YES |  | NULL    |       |
| REFERENCED_TABLE_SCHEMA       | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| REFERENCED_TABLE_NAME         | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| REFERENCED_COLUMN_NAME        | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
+-------------------------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
   ↪
12 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM key_column_usage WHERE table_schema='mysql' and table_name='
    ↪ user';
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
          CONSTRAINT_CATALOG: def
           CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA: mysql
             CONSTRAINT_NAME: PRIMARY
               TABLE_CATALOG: def
                TABLE_SCHEMA: mysql
                  TABLE_NAME: user
                 COLUMN_NAME: Host
            ORDINAL_POSITION: 1
POSITION_IN_UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT: NULL
     REFERENCED_TABLE_SCHEMA: NULL
       REFERENCED_TABLE_NAME: NULL
      REFERENCED_COLUMN_NAME: NULL
*************************** 2. row ***************************
          CONSTRAINT_CATALOG: def
           CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA: mysql
             CONSTRAINT_NAME: PRIMARY
               TABLE_CATALOG: def
                TABLE_SCHEMA: mysql
                  TABLE_NAME: user
                 COLUMN_NAME: User
            ORDINAL_POSITION: 2
POSITION_IN_UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT: NULL
     REFERENCED_TABLE_SCHEMA: NULL
       REFERENCED_TABLE_NAME: NULL
      REFERENCED_COLUMN_NAME: NULL
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The description of columns in the `KEY_COLUMN_USAGE` table is as follows:

- `CONSTRAINT_CATALOG`: The name of the catalog to which the constraint belongs. The value is always `def`.
- `CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA`: The name of the schema to which the constraint belongs.
- `CONSTRAINT_NAME`: The name of the constraint.
- `TABLE_CATALOG`: The name of the catalog to which the table belongs. The value is always `def`.
- `TABLE_SCHEMA`: The name of the schema to which the table belongs.
- `TABLE_NAME`: The name of the table with constraints.
- `COLUMN_NAME`: The name of the column with constraints.
- `ORDINAL_POSITION`: The position of the column in the constraint, rather than in the table. The position number starts from `1`.

- `POSITION_IN_UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT`: The unique constraint and the primary key constraint are empty. For foreign key constraints, this column is the position of the referenced table's key.
- `REFERENCED_TABLE_SCHEMA`: The name of the schema referenced by the constraint. Currently in TiDB, the value of this column in all constraints is `nil`, except for the foreign key constraint.
- `REFERENCED_TABLE_NAME`: The name of the table referenced by the constraint. Currently in TiDB, the value of this column in all constraints is `nil`, except for the foreign key constraint.
- `REFERENCED_COLUMN_NAME`: The name of the column referenced by the constraint. Currently in TiDB, the value of this column in all constraints is `nil`, except for the foreign key constraint.

14.13.19.2.26 MEMORY_USAGE

The `MEMORY_USAGE` table describes the current memory usage of the current TiDB instance.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC memory_usage;
```

```
+-------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field             | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| MEMORY_TOTAL      | bigint(21)  | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| MEMORY_LIMIT      | bigint(21)  | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| MEMORY_CURRENT    | bigint(21)  | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| MEMORY_MAX_USED   | bigint(21)  | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| CURRENT_OPS       | varchar(50) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| SESSION_KILL_LAST | datetime    | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| SESSION_KILL_TOTAL | bigint(21) | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| GC_LAST           | datetime    | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| GC_TOTAL          | bigint(21)  | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| DISK_USAGE        | bigint(21)  | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| QUERY_FORCE_DISK  | bigint(21)  | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
+-------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
11 rows in set (0.000 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.memory_usage;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------+--------------+---------------+----------------+-------------+---
   ↪
| MEMORY_TOTAL | MEMORY_LIMIT | MEMORY_CURRENT | MEMORY_MAX_USED | CURRENT_
   ↪ OPS | SESSION_KILL_LAST | SESSION_KILL_TOTAL | GC_LAST | GC_TOTAL |
   ↪ DISK_USAGE | QUERY_FORCE_DISK |
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----------+-------------+---------------+----------------+-------------+---
    ↪
|  33674170368 | 10737418240 |  5097644032 |   10826604544 | NULL     |
    ↪ 2022-10-17 22:47:47 |             1 | 2022-10-17 22:47:47 |   20 |
    ↪         0 |              0 |
+--
    ↪ -----------+-------------+---------------+----------------+-------------+---
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.002 sec)
```

The columns in the `MEMORY_USAGE` table are described as follows:

- MEMORY_TOTAL: The total available memory of TiDB, in bytes.
- MEMORY_LIMIT: The memory usage limit of TiDB, in bytes. The value is the same as that of the system variable `tidb_server_memory_limit`.
- MEMORY_CURRENT: The current memory usage of TiDB, in bytes.
- MEMORY_MAX_USED: The maximum memory usage of TiDB from the time it is started to the current time, in bytes.
- CURRENT_OPS: "shrinking" | null. "shrinking" means that TiDB is performing operations that shrink memory usage.
- SESSION_KILL_LAST: The timestamp of the last time a session is terminated.
- SESSION_KILL_TOTAL: The number of times sessions are terminated, from the time TiDB is started to the current time.
- GC_LAST: The timestamp of the last time Golang GC is triggered by memory usage.
- GC_TOTAL: The number of times Golang GC is triggered by memory usage, from the time TiDB is started to the current time.
- DISK_USAGE: The disk usage for the current data spill operation, in bytes.
- QUERY_FORCE_DISK: The number of times data is spilled to disk, from the time TiDB is started to the current time.

See also

- TiDB memory control
- Tune TiKV memory parameter performance

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14.13.19.2.27 MEMORY_USAGE_OPS_HISTORY

The `MEMORY_USAGE_OPS_HISTORY` table describes the history of memory-related operations and the execution basis of the current TiDB instance.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC memory_usage_ops_history;
```

```
+---------------+---------------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field         | Type                | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+---------------+---------------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| TIME          | datetime            | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| OPS           | varchar(20)         | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| MEMORY_LIMIT  | bigint(21)          | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| MEMORY_CURRENT | bigint(21)         | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| PROCESSID     | bigint(21) unsigned | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| MEM           | bigint(21) unsigned | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| DISK          | bigint(21) unsigned | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| CLIENT        | varchar(64)         | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| DB            | varchar(64)         | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| USER          | varchar(16)         | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| SQL_DIGEST    | varchar(64)         | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| SQL_TEXT      | varchar(256)        | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
+---------------+---------------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
12 rows in set (0.000 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.memory_usage_ops_history;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------+------------+-------------+---------------+-------------
   ↪
| TIME                | OPS        | MEMORY_LIMIT | MEMORY_CURRENT | PROCESSID
   ↪     | MEM       | DISK | CLIENT        | DB   | USER | SQL_DIGEST
   ↪                                                 | SQL_TEXT
   ↪                                                       |
+--
   ↪ ------------------+------------+-------------+---------------+-------------
   ↪
| 2022-10-17 22:46:25 | SessionKill | 10737418240 | 10880237568 |
   ↪ 6718275530455515543 | 7905028235 | 0 | 127.0.0.1:34394 | test | root
   ↪ | 146b3d812852663a20635fbcf02be01688f52c8d433dafec0d496a14f0b59df6 |
   ↪ desc analyze select * from t t1 join t t2 on t1.a=t2.a order by t1.a
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ------------------+------------+-------------+---------------+-------------
   ↪
2 rows in set (0.002 sec)
```

The columns in the `MEMORY_USAGE_OPS_HISTORY` table are described as follows:

- `TIME`: The timestamp when the session is terminated.
- `OPS`: "SessionKill"
- `MEMORY_LIMIT`: The memory usage limit of TiDB at the time of termination, in bytes. Its value is the same as that of the system variable `tidb_server_memory_limit`](/system-variables.md#tidb_server_memory_limit-new-in-v640).
- `MEMORY_CURRENT`: The current memory usage of TiDB, in bytes.
- `PROCESSID`: The connection ID of the terminated session.
- `MEM`: The memory usage of the terminated session, in bytes.
- `DISK`: The disk usage of the terminated session, in bytes.
- `CLIENT`: The client connection address of the terminated session.
- `DB`: The name of the database connected to the terminated session.
- `USER`: The user name of the terminated session.
- `SQL_DIGEST`: The digest of the SQL statement being executed in the terminated session.
- `SQL_TEXT`: The SQL statement being executed in the terminated session.

14.13.19.2.28 METRICS_SUMMARY

The TiDB cluster has many monitoring metrics. To make it easy to detect abnormal monitoring metrics, TiDB 4.0 introduces the following two monitoring summary tables:

- `information_schema.metrics_summary`
- `information_schema.metrics_summary_by_label`

> **Note:**
>
> The preceding two monitoring summary tables are only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

The two tables summarize all monitoring data for you to check each monitoring metric efficiently. Compared with `information_schema.metrics_summary`, the `information_schema.metrics_summary_by_label` table has an additional `label` column and performs differentiated statistics according to different labels.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC metrics_summary;
```

```
+--------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field        | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| METRICS_NAME | varchar(64) | YES |   | NULL   |       |
| QUANTILE     | double       | YES |      | NULL   |       |
```

```
| SUM_VALUE   | double(22,6) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| AVG_VALUE   | double(22,6) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| MIN_VALUE   | double(22,6) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| MAX_VALUE   | double(22,6) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| COMMENT     | varchar(256) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
+-------------+--------------+-----+-----+--------+-------+
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Field description:

- `METRICS_NAME`: The monitoring table name.
- `QUANTILE`: The percentile. You can specify `QUANTILE` using SQL statements. For example:
    - `select * from metrics_summary where quantile=0.99` specifies viewing the data of the 0.99 percentile.
    - `select * from metrics_summary where quantile in (0.80, 0.90, 0.99, 0.999)` specifies viewing the data of the 0.8, 0.90, 0.99, 0.999 percentiles at the same time.
- `SUM_VALUE`, `AVG_VALUE`, `MIN_VALUE`, and `MAX_VALUE` respectively mean the sum, the average value, the minimum value, and the maximum value.
- `COMMENT`: The comment for the corresponding monitoring table.

For example:

To query the three groups of monitoring items with the highest average time consumption in the TiDB cluster within the time range of `'2020-03-08 13:23:00', '2020-03-08 13: 33: 00'`, you can directly query the `information_schema.metrics_summary` table and use the `/*+ time_range()*/` hint to specify the time range. The SQL statement is as follows:

```
SELECT /*+ time_range('2020-03-08 13:23:00','2020-03-08 13:33:00') */ *
FROM information_schema.metrics_summary
WHERE metrics_name LIKE 'tidb%duration'
 AND avg_value > 0
 AND quantile = 0.99
ORDER BY avg_value DESC
LIMIT 3\G
```

```
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
METRICS_NAME | tidb_get_token_duration
QUANTILE     | 0.99
SUM_VALUE    | 8.972509
AVG_VALUE    | 0.996945
MIN_VALUE    | 0.996515
```

```
MAX_VALUE   | 0.997458
COMMENT     |  The quantile of Duration (us) for getting token, it should be
   ↪ small until concurrency limit is reached(second)
***************************[ 2. row ]***************************
METRICS_NAME | tidb_query_duration
QUANTILE    | 0.99
SUM_VALUE   | 0.269079
AVG_VALUE   | 0.007272
MIN_VALUE   | 0.000667
MAX_VALUE   | 0.01554
COMMENT     | The quantile of TiDB query durations(second)
***************************[ 3. row ]***************************
METRICS_NAME | tidb_kv_request_duration
QUANTILE    | 0.99
SUM_VALUE   | 0.170232
AVG_VALUE   | 0.004601
MIN_VALUE   | 0.000975
MAX_VALUE   | 0.013
COMMENT     | The quantile of kv requests durations by store
```

Similarly, the following example queries the `metrics_summary_by_label` monitoring summary table:

```
SELECT /*+ time_range('2020-03-08 13:23:00','2020-03-08 13:33:00') */ *
FROM information_schema.metrics_summary_by_label
WHERE metrics_name LIKE 'tidb%duration'
 AND avg_value > 0
 AND quantile = 0.99
ORDER BY avg_value DESC
LIMIT 10\G
```

```
***************************[ 1. row ]***************************
INSTANCE    | 172.16.5.40:10089
METRICS_NAME | tidb_get_token_duration
LABEL       |
QUANTILE    | 0.99
SUM_VALUE   | 8.972509
AVG_VALUE   | 0.996945
MIN_VALUE   | 0.996515
MAX_VALUE   | 0.997458
COMMENT     |  The quantile of Duration (us) for getting token, it should be
   ↪ small until concurrency limit is reached(second)
***************************[ 2. row ]***************************
INSTANCE    | 172.16.5.40:10089
METRICS_NAME | tidb_query_duration
```

```
LABEL       | Select
QUANTILE    | 0.99
SUM_VALUE   | 0.072083
AVG_VALUE   | 0.008009
MIN_VALUE   | 0.007905
MAX_VALUE   | 0.008241
COMMENT     | The quantile of TiDB query durations(second)
***************************[ 3. row ]***************************
INSTANCE    | 172.16.5.40:10089
METRICS_NAME | tidb_query_duration
LABEL       | Rollback
QUANTILE    | 0.99
SUM_VALUE   | 0.072083
AVG_VALUE   | 0.008009
MIN_VALUE   | 0.007905
MAX_VALUE   | 0.008241
COMMENT     | The quantile of TiDB query durations(second)
```

The second and third rows of the query results above indicate that the `Select` and `Rollback` statements on `tidb_query_duration` have a long average execution time.

In addition to the example above, you can use the monitoring summary table to quickly find the module with the largest change from the monitoring data by comparing the full link monitoring items of the two time periods, and quickly locate the bottleneck. The following example compares all monitoring items in two periods (where t1 is the baseline) and sorts these items according to the greatest difference:

- Period t1: `("2020-03-03 17:08:00", "2020-03-03 17:11:00")`
- Period t2: `("2020-03-03 17:18:00", "2020-03-03 17:21:00")`

The monitoring items of the two time periods are joined according to `METRICS_NAME` and sorted according to the difference value. `TIME_RANGE` is the hint that specifies the query time.

```
SELECT GREATEST(t1.avg_value,t2.avg_value)/LEAST(t1.avg_value,
        t2.avg_value) AS ratio,
        t1.metrics_name,
        t1.avg_value as t1_avg_value,
        t2.avg_value as t2_avg_value,
        t2.comment
FROM
    (SELECT /*+ time_range("2020-03-03 17:08:00", "2020-03-03 17:11:00")*/
       ↪ *
    FROM information_schema.metrics_summary ) t1
JOIN
```

```
    (SELECT /*+ time_range("2020-03-03 17:18:00", "2020-03-03 17:21:00")*/
       ↪ *
    FROM information_schema.metrics_summary ) t2
    ON t1.metrics_name = t2.metrics_name
ORDER BY ratio DESC LIMIT 10;
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------------+-------------------------------------------+---------------+-----
   ↪
| ratio         | metrics_name                              | t1_avg_value | t2_avg
   ↪ _value   | comment
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ -------------+-------------------------------------------+---------------+-----
   ↪
| 5865.59537065 | tidb_slow_query_cop_process_total_time | 0.016333 |
   ↪ 95.804724 | The total time of TiDB slow query statistics with slow
   ↪ query total cop process time(second) |
| 3648.74109023 | tidb_distsql_partial_scan_key_total_num | 10865.666667 |
   ↪ 39646004.4394 | The total num of distsql partial scan key numbers
   ↪                              |
|  267.002351165 | tidb_slow_query_cop_wait_total_time |    0.003333 |
   ↪       0.890008 | The total time of TiDB slow query statistics with
   ↪ slow query total cop wait time(second) |
|  192.43267836 | tikv_cop_total_response_total_size | 2515333.66667 |
   ↪ 484032394.445 |
   ↪
   ↪ |
|  192.43267836 | tikv_cop_total_response_size_per_seconds | 41922.227778 |
   ↪ 8067206.57408 |
   ↪
   ↪ |
|  152.780296296 | tidb_distsql_scan_key_total_num   |    5304.333333 |
   ↪ 810397.618317 | The total num of distsql scan numbers
   ↪                                                |
|  126.042290167 | tidb_distsql_execution_total_time |      0.421622 |
   ↪ 53.142143 | The total time of distsql execution(second)
   ↪                                       |
|  105.164020657 | tikv_cop_scan_details             |     134.450733 |
   ↪ 14139.379665 |
   ↪
   ↪ |
|  105.164020657 | tikv_cop_scan_details_total       |    8067.043981 |
   ↪ 848362.77991 |
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  101.635495394 | tikv_cop_scan_keys_num            |    1070.875   |
    ↪ 108838.91113 |
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------------+-----------------------------------------+---------------+-----
    ↪
```

From the query result above, you can get the following information:

- `tib_slow_query_cop_process_total_time` (the time consumption of `cop process` in TiDB slow queries) in the period t2 is 5,865 times higher than that in period t1.
- `tidb_distsql_partial_scan_key_total_num` (the number of keys to scan requested by TiDB's `distsql`) in period t2 is 3,648 times higher than that in period t1. During period t2, `tidb_slow_query_cop_wait_total_time` (the waiting time of Coprocessor requesting to queue up in the TiDB slow query) is 267 times higher than that in period t1.
- `tikv_cop_total_response_size` (the size of the TiKV Coprocessor request result) in period t2 is 192 times higher than that in period t1.
- `tikv_cop_scan_details` in period t2 (the scan requested by the TiKV Coprocessor) is 105 times higher than that in period t1.

From the result above, you can see that the Coprocessor requests in period t2 are much more than those in period t1. This causes TiKV Coprocessor to be overloaded, and the `cop task` has to wait. It might be that some large queries appear in period t2 that bring more load.

In fact, during the entire time period from t1 to t2, the `go-ycsb` pressure test is running. Then 20 `tpch` queries are running during period t2. So it is the `tpch` queries that cause many Coprocessor requests.

14.13.19.2.29 METRICS_TABLES

The `METRICS_TABLES` table provides the PromQL (Prometheus Query Language) definition for each of the views in the `METRICS_SCHEMA` database.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC METRICS_TABLES;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-----------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field     | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| TABLE_NAME | varchar(64) | YES |   | NULL   |       |
| PROMQL    | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| LABELS    | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| QUANTILE  | double      | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| COMMENT   | varchar(256) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
+-----------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
```

Field description:

- TABLE_NAME: Corresponds to the table name in METRICS_SCHEMA.
- PROMQL: The working principle of the monitoring table is to map SQL statements to PromQL and convert Prometheus results into SQL query results. This field is the expression template of PromQL. When you query the data of the monitoring table, the query conditions are used to rewrite the variables in this template to generate the final query expression.
- LABELS: The label for the monitoring item. Each label corresponds to a column in the monitoring table. If the SQL statement contains the filter of the corresponding column, the corresponding PromQL changes accordingly.
- QUANTILE: The percentile. For monitoring data of the histogram type, a default percentile is specified. If the value of this field is 0, it means that the monitoring item corresponding to the monitoring table is not a histogram.
- COMMENT: The comment about the monitoring table.

```
SELECT * FROM metrics_tables LIMIT 5\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
TABLE_NAME: abnormal_stores
    PROMQL: sum(pd_cluster_status{ type=~"store_disconnected_count|store_
        ↪ unhealth_count|store_low_space_count|store_down_count|store_
        ↪ offline_count|store_tombstone_count"})
    LABELS: instance,type
  QUANTILE: 0
   COMMENT:
*************************** 2. row ***************************
TABLE_NAME: etcd_disk_wal_fsync_rate
```

```
    PROMQL: delta(etcd_disk_wal_fsync_duration_seconds_count{$LABEL_
        ↪ CONDITIONS}[$RANGE_DURATION])
    LABELS: instance
  QUANTILE: 0
   COMMENT: The rate of writing WAL into the persistent storage
*************************** 3. row ***************************
TABLE_NAME: etcd_wal_fsync_duration
    PROMQL: histogram_quantile($QUANTILE, sum(rate(etcd_disk_wal_fsync_
        ↪ duration_seconds_bucket{$LABEL_CONDITIONS}[$RANGE_DURATION])) by (
        ↪ le,instance))
    LABELS: instance
  QUANTILE: 0.99
   COMMENT: The quantile time consumed of writing WAL into the persistent
      ↪ storage
*************************** 4. row ***************************
TABLE_NAME: etcd_wal_fsync_total_count
    PROMQL: sum(increase(etcd_disk_wal_fsync_duration_seconds_count{$LABEL_
        ↪ CONDITIONS}[$RANGE_DURATION])) by (instance)
    LABELS: instance
  QUANTILE: 0
   COMMENT: The total count of writing WAL into the persistent storage
*************************** 5. row ***************************
TABLE_NAME: etcd_wal_fsync_total_time
    PROMQL: sum(increase(etcd_disk_wal_fsync_duration_seconds_sum{$LABEL_
        ↪ CONDITIONS}[$RANGE_DURATION])) by (instance)
    LABELS: instance
  QUANTILE: 0
   COMMENT: The total time of writing WAL into the persistent storage
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.30 PARTITIONS

The PARTITIONS table provides information about partitioned tables.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC partitions;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
| Field                        | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
```

```
| TABLE_CATALOG              | varchar(512) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_SCHEMA               | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME                 | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| PARTITION_NAME             | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| SUBPARTITION_NAME          | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| PARTITION_ORDINAL_POSITION | bigint(21) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| SUBPARTITION_ORDINAL_POSITION | bigint(21) | YES | | NULL    |       |
| PARTITION_METHOD           | varchar(18) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| SUBPARTITION_METHOD        | varchar(12) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| PARTITION_EXPRESSION       | longtext    | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| SUBPARTITION_EXPRESSION    | longtext    | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| PARTITION_DESCRIPTION      | longtext    | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_ROWS                 | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| AVG_ROW_LENGTH             | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| DATA_LENGTH                | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| MAX_DATA_LENGTH            | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| INDEX_LENGTH               | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| DATA_FREE                  | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| CREATE_TIME                | datetime    | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| UPDATE_TIME                | datetime    | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| CHECK_TIME                 | datetime    | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| CHECKSUM                   | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| PARTITION_COMMENT          | varchar(80) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| NODEGROUP                  | varchar(12) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLESPACE_NAME            | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TIDB_PARTITION_ID          | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TIDB_PLACEMENT_POLICY_NAME | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
27 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
CREATE TABLE test.t1 (id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY) PARTITION BY HASH (id)
    ↪ PARTITIONS 2;
SELECT * FROM PARTITIONS WHERE table_schema='test' AND table_name='t1'\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
              TABLE_CATALOG: def
               TABLE_SCHEMA: test
                 TABLE_NAME: t1
             PARTITION_NAME: p0
          SUBPARTITION_NAME: NULL
   PARTITION_ORDINAL_POSITION: 1
```

```
SUBPARTITION_ORDINAL_POSITION: NULL
            PARTITION_METHOD: HASH
         SUBPARTITION_METHOD: NULL
        PARTITION_EXPRESSION: `id`
     SUBPARTITION_EXPRESSION: NULL
       PARTITION_DESCRIPTION:
                  TABLE_ROWS: 0
              AVG_ROW_LENGTH: 0
                 DATA_LENGTH: 0
              MAX_DATA_LENGTH: 0
                 INDEX_LENGTH: 0
                    DATA_FREE: 0
                  CREATE_TIME: 2022-12-14 06:09:33
                  UPDATE_TIME: NULL
                   CHECK_TIME: NULL
                     CHECKSUM: NULL
           PARTITION_COMMENT:
                   NODEGROUP: NULL
             TABLESPACE_NAME: NULL
           TIDB_PARTITION_ID: 89
   TIDB_PLACEMENT_POLICY_NAME: NULL
*************************** 2. row ***************************
              TABLE_CATALOG: def
               TABLE_SCHEMA: test
                 TABLE_NAME: t1
             PARTITION_NAME: p1
          SUBPARTITION_NAME: NULL
   PARTITION_ORDINAL_POSITION: 2
SUBPARTITION_ORDINAL_POSITION: NULL
            PARTITION_METHOD: HASH
         SUBPARTITION_METHOD: NULL
        PARTITION_EXPRESSION: `id`
     SUBPARTITION_EXPRESSION: NULL
       PARTITION_DESCRIPTION:
                  TABLE_ROWS: 0
              AVG_ROW_LENGTH: 0
                 DATA_LENGTH: 0
              MAX_DATA_LENGTH: 0
                 INDEX_LENGTH: 0
                    DATA_FREE: 0
                  CREATE_TIME: 2022-12-14 06:09:33
                  UPDATE_TIME: NULL
                   CHECK_TIME: NULL
                     CHECKSUM: NULL
           PARTITION_COMMENT:
```

```
                  NODEGROUP: NULL
             TABLESPACE_NAME: NULL
          TIDB_PARTITION_ID: 90
   TIDB_PLACEMENT_POLICY_NAME: NULL
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

See also

- Explain statements using partitions

14.13.19.2.31 PLACEMENT_POLICIES

The PLACEMENT_POLICIES table provides information on all placement policies. For details, refer to Placement Rules in SQL.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC placement_policies;
```

```
+---------------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field               | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+---------------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| POLICY_ID           | bigint(64)   | NO   |     | <null> |       |
| CATALOG_NAME        | varchar(512) | NO   |     | <null> |       |
| POLICY_NAME         | varchar(64)  | NO   |     | <null> |       |
| PRIMARY_REGION      | varchar(1024) | YES |   | <null> |       |
| REGIONS             | varchar(1024) | YES |   | <null> |       |
| CONSTRAINTS         | varchar(1024) | YES |   | <null> |       |
| LEADER_CONSTRAINTS  | varchar(1024) | YES |  | <null> |       |
| FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS | varchar(1024) | YES | | <null> |     |
| LEARNER_CONSTRAINTS | varchar(1024) | YES | | <null> |     |
| SCHEDULE            | varchar(20)  | YES |     | <null> |       |
| FOLLOWERS           | bigint(64)   | YES |     | <null> |       |
| LEARNERS            | bigint(64)   | YES |     | <null> |       |
+---------------------+--------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
12 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Examples

The PLACEMENT_POLICIES table only shows all placement policies. To view the canonical version of placement rules (including all placement policies and objects assigned placement policies), use the statement SHOW PLACEMENT instead:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT);
CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY p1 primary_region="us-east-1" regions="us-east-1";
CREATE TABLE t3 (a INT) PLACEMENT POLICY=p1;
SHOW PLACEMENT; -- Shows all information, including table t3.
SELECT * FROM information_schema.placement_policies; -- Only shows
    ↪ placement policies, excluding t3.
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.09 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)

+--
    ↪ -------------+-----------------------------------------------+-----------------
    ↪
| Target      | Placement                                   | Scheduling_State
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------------+-----------------------------------------------+-----------------
    ↪
| POLICY p1   | PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1" | NULL     |
| TABLE test.t3 | PRIMARY_REGION="us-east-1" REGIONS="us-east-1" | PENDING
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ -------------+-----------------------------------------------+-----------------
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+--
    ↪ ---------+--------------+-------------+----------------+-----------+-----------
    ↪
| POLICY_ID | CATALOG_NAME | POLICY_NAME | PRIMARY_REGION | REGIONS |
    ↪ CONSTRAINTS | LEADER_CONSTRAINTS | FOLLOWER_CONSTRAINTS | LEARNER_
    ↪ CONSTRAINTS | SCHEDULE | FOLLOWERS | LEARNERS |
+--
    ↪ ---------+--------------+-------------+----------------+-----------+-----------
    ↪
| 1        | def         | p1         | us-east-1    | us-east-1 |          |
    ↪                  |                    |                  |         | 2
    ↪        | 0       |
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------+-------------+------------+---------------+----------+-----------
    ↪
1 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.32 PROCESSLIST

`PROCESSLIST`, just like `SHOW PROCESSLIST`, is used to view the requests that are being handled.

The `PROCESSLIST` table has additional columns not present in `SHOW PROCESSLIST`:

- A `DIGEST` column to show the digest of the SQL statement.
- A `MEM` column to show the memory used by the request that is being processed, in bytes.
- A `DISK` column to show the disk usage in bytes.
- A `TxnStart` column to show the start time of the transaction.
- A `RESOURCE_GROUP` column to show the resource group name.
- A `SESSION_ALIAS` column to show the alias of the current session.
- A `ROWS_AFFECTED` column to show the number of rows currently affected by the statement.
- A `TIDB_CPU` column to show the amount of time in nanoseconds that the statement consumes the TiDB server CPU. This column shows meaningful value only when the Top SQL feature is enabled. Otherwise the value will be `0`.
- A `TIKV_CPU` column to show the amount of time in nanoseconds that the statement consumes the TiKV server CPU.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC processlist;
```

```
+---------------+---------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field         | Type                | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+---------------+---------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| ID            | bigint(21) unsigned | NO |    | 0       |       |
| USER          | varchar(16)         | NO  |     |         |       |
| HOST          | varchar(64)         | NO  |     |         |       |
| DB            | varchar(64)         | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| COMMAND       | varchar(16)         | NO  |     |         |       |
| TIME          | int(7)              | NO  |     | 0       |       |
| STATE         | varchar(7)          | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| INFO          | longtext            | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| DIGEST        | varchar(64)         | YES |     |         |       |
| MEM           | bigint(21) unsigned | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| DISK          | bigint(21) unsigned | YES |    | NULL    |       |
```

```
| TxnStart      | varchar(64)         | NO   |      |         |       |
| RESOURCE_GROUP | varchar(32)        | NO   |      |         |       |
| SESSION_ALIAS | varchar(64)         | NO   |      |         |       |
| ROWS_AFFECTED | bigint(21) unsigned | YES  | | NULL    |       |
| TIDB_CPU      | bigint(21)          | NO   |      | 0       |       |
| TIKV_CPU      | bigint(21)          | NO   |      | 0       |       |
+---------------+---------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.processlist\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
           ID: 1268776964
         USER: root
         HOST: 127.0.0.1:59922
           DB: NULL
      COMMAND: Query
         TIME: 0
        STATE: autocommit
         INFO: SELECT * FROM information_schema.processlist
       DIGEST: 4
           ↪ b5e7cdd5d3ed84d6c1a6d56403a3d512554b534313caf296268abdec1c9ea99
           ↪
          MEM: 0
         DISK: 0
     TxnStart:
RESOURCE_GROUP: default
 SESSION_ALIAS:
 ROWS_AFFECTED: 0
     TIDB_CPU: 0
     TIKV_CPU: 0
```

Fields in the `PROCESSLIST` table are described as follows:

- `ID`: The ID of the user connection.
- `USER`: The name of the user who is executing `PROCESS`.
- `HOST`: The address that the user is connecting to.
- `DB`: The name of the currently connected default database.
- `COMMAND`: The command type that `PROCESS` is executing.
- `TIME`: The current execution duration of `PROCESS`, in seconds.
- `STATE`: The current connection state.
- `INFO`: The requested statement that is being processed.
- `DIGEST`: The digest of the SQL statement.
- `MEM`: The memory used by the request that is being processed, in bytes.
- `DISK`: The disk usage in bytes.

- `TxnStart`: The start time of the transaction.
- `RESOURCE_GROUP`: The resource group name.
- `SESSION_ALIAS`: The alias of the current session.
- `ROWS_AFFECTED`: The number of rows currently affected by the statement.
- `TIDB_CPU`: The amount of time in nanoseconds that the statement consumes the TiDB server CPU. This column shows meaningful value only when the Top SQL feature is enabled. Otherwise the value will be `0`.
- `TIKV_CPU`: The amount of time in nanoseconds that the statement consumes the TiKV server CPU.

CLUSTER_PROCESSLIST

`CLUSTER_PROCESSLIST` is the cluster system table corresponding to `PROCESSLIST`. It is used to query the `PROCESSLIST` information of all TiDB nodes in the cluster. The table schema of `CLUSTER_PROCESSLIST` has one more column than `PROCESSLIST`, the `INSTANCE` column, which stores the address of the TiDB node this row of data is from.

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.cluster_processlist;
```

```
+--
   ↪ --------------+------------+------+----------------+------+---------+------+--
   ↪
| INSTANCE       | ID         | USER | HOST           | DB   | COMMAND | TIME |
   ↪ STATE  | INFO                                                  | DIGEST
   ↪                                                          | MEM  | DISK |
   ↪ TxnStart                             | RESOURCE_GROUP | SESSION_ALIAS |
   ↪ ROWS_AFFECTED | TIDB_CPU | TIKV_CPU |
+--
   ↪ --------------+------------+------+----------------+------+---------+------+--
   ↪
| 127.0.0.1:10080 | 1268776964 | root | 127.0.0.1:59922 | NULL | Query | 0
   ↪ | autocommit | SELECT * FROM information_schema.cluster_processlist |
   ↪  b1e38e59fbbc3e2b35546db5c8053040db989a497ac6cd71ff8dd4394395701a | 0
   ↪  | 0 | 07-29 12:39:24.282(451471727468740609) | default | |     0 |
   ↪       0 |       0 |
+--
   ↪ --------------+------------+------+----------------+------+---------+------+--
   ↪
```

14.13.19.2.33 REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS

The `REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS` table provides information about `FOREIGN KEY` relationships between tables.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
    ↪
| Field                  | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
    ↪
| CONSTRAINT_CATALOG     | varchar(512) | NO |     | NULL   |       |
| CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA      | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL   |       |
| CONSTRAINT_NAME        | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL   |       |
| UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_CATALOG | varchar(512) | NO | | NULL  |       |
| UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA | varchar(64) | NO |   | NULL   |       |
| UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_NAME | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| MATCH_OPTION           | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL   |       |
| UPDATE_RULE            | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL   |       |
| DELETE_RULE            | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_NAME             | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL   |       |
| REFERENCED_TABLE_NAME  | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL   |       |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
    ↪
11 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
CREATE TABLE test.parent (
  id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  PRIMARY KEY (id)
);

CREATE TABLE test.child (
  id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  name varchar(255) NOT NULL,
  parent_id INT DEFAULT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (id),
  CONSTRAINT fk_parent FOREIGN KEY (parent_id) REFERENCES parent (id) ON
     ↪ UPDATE CASCADE ON DELETE RESTRICT
);

SELECT * FROM REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
      CONSTRAINT_CATALOG: def
       CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA: test
```

```
         CONSTRAINT_NAME: fk_parent
UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_CATALOG: def
 UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA: test
   UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_NAME: PRIMARY
             MATCH_OPTION: NONE
              UPDATE_RULE: CASCADE
              DELETE_RULE: RESTRICT
               TABLE_NAME: child
    REFERENCED_TABLE_NAME: parent
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.34 RESOURCE_GROUPS

The `RESOURCE_GROUPS` table shows the information about all resource groups. For more information, see Use Resource Control to Achieve Resource Group Limitation and Flow Control.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC resource_groups;
```

```
+------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field      | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| NAME       | varchar(32) | NO |     | NULL    |       |
| RU_PER_SEC | bigint(21)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| PRIORITY   | varchar(6)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| BURSTABLE  | varchar(3)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
+------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Examples

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.resource_groups; -- View all resource
    ↪ groups. TiDB has a `default` resource group.
```

```
+---------+------------+----------+-----------+
| NAME    | RU_PER_SEC | PRIORITY | BURSTABLE |
+---------+------------+----------+-----------+
```

```
| default | UNLIMITED | MEDIUM | YES     |
+---------+-----------+---------+-----------+
```

```
CREATE RESOURCE GROUP rg1 RU_PER_SEC=1000; -- Create a resource group `rg1`
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.34 sec)
```

```
SHOW CREATE RESOURCE GROUP rg1; -- Show the definition of the `rg1`
    ↪ resource group
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------------+-----------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| Resource_Group | Create Resource Group                                      |
+--
    ↪ -------------+-----------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| rg1            | CREATE RESOURCE GROUP `rg1` RU_PER_SEC=1000 PRIORITY="
    ↪ MEDIUM" |
+--
    ↪ -------------+-----------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.resource_groups WHERE NAME = 'rg1'; --
    ↪ View the resource groups `rg1`
```

```
+------+------------+----------+-----------+-------------+
| NAME | RU_PER_SEC | PRIORITY | BURSTABLE | QUERY_LIMIT |
+------+------------+----------+-----------+-------------+
| rg1  | 1000       | MEDIUM   | NO        | NULL        |
+------+------------+----------+-----------+-------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The descriptions of the columns in the `RESOURCE_GROUPS` table are as follows:

- `NAME`: the name of the resource group.
- `RU_PER_SEC`: the backfilling speed of the resource group. The unit is RU/second, in which RU means Request Unit.
- `PRIORITY`: the absolute priority of tasks to be processed on TiKV. Different resources are scheduled according to the `PRIORITY` setting. Tasks with high `PRIORITY` are scheduled first. For resource groups with the same `PRIORITY`, tasks will be scheduled proportionally according to the `RU_PER_SEC` configuration. If `PRIORITY` is not specified, the default priority is `MEDIUM`.

- `BURSTABLE`: whether to allow the resource group to overuse the available system resources.

> **Note:**
>
> TiDB automatically creates a `default` resource group during cluster initialization. For this resource group, the default value of `RU_PER_SEC` is `UNLIMITED` (equivalent to the maximum value of the `INT` type, that is, `2147483647`) and it is in `BURSTABLE` mode. All requests that are not bound to any resource group are automatically bound to this `default` resource group. When you create a new configuration for another resource group, it is recommended to modify the `default` resource group configuration as needed.

14.13.19.2.35 RUNAWAY_WATCHES

The `RUNAWAY_WATCHES` table shows the watch list of runaway queries that consume more resources than expected. For more information, see Runaway Queries.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC RUNAWAY_WATCHES;
```

```
+--------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field              | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| ID                 | bigint(64)  | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| RESOURCE_GROUP_NAME | varchar(32) | NO |    | NULL    |       |
| START_TIME         | varchar(32) | NO |     | NULL    |       |
| END_TIME           | varchar(32) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| WATCH              | varchar(12) | NO |     | NULL    |       |
| WATCH_TEXT         | text        | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| SOURCE             | varchar(128) | NO |    | NULL    |       |
| ACTION             | varchar(12) | NO |     | NULL    |       |
| RULE               | varchar(128) | NO |    | NULL    |       |
+--------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
9 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Examples

Query the watch list of runaway queries:

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.RUNAWAY_WATCHES ORDER BY id\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
               ID: 1
RESOURCE_GROUP_NAME: default
        START_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:20:48
          END_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:30:48
             WATCH: Exact
        WATCH_TEXT: select count(*) from `tpch1`.`supplier`
            SOURCE: 127.0.0.1:4000
            ACTION: Kill
              RULE: ProcessedKeys = 10000(100)
*************************** 2. row ***************************
               ID: 2
RESOURCE_GROUP_NAME: default
        START_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:20:51
          END_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:30:51
             WATCH: Exact
        WATCH_TEXT: select count(*) from `tpch1`.`partsupp`
            SOURCE: 127.0.0.1:4000
            ACTION: Kill
              RULE: RequestUnit = RRU:143.369959, WRU:0.000000, WaitDuration
                 ↪ :0s(10)
*************************** 3. row ***************************
               ID: 3
RESOURCE_GROUP_NAME: default
        START_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:21:16
          END_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:31:16
             WATCH: Exact
        WATCH_TEXT: select sleep(2) from t
            SOURCE: 127.0.0.1:4000
            ACTION: Kill
              RULE: ElapsedTime = 2024-09-11T15:21:16+08:00(2024-09-11T15
                 ↪ :21:16+08:00)
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Add a watch item into list to the resource group `rg1`:

```
QUERY WATCH ADD RESOURCE GROUP rg1 SQL TEXT EXACT TO 'select * from sbtest.
   ↪ sbtest1';
```

Query the watch list of runaway queries again:

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.RUNAWAY_WATCHES\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
               ID: 1
RESOURCE_GROUP_NAME: default
        START_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:20:48
          END_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:30:48
             WATCH: Exact
        WATCH_TEXT: select count(*) from `tpch1`.`supplier`
            SOURCE: 127.0.0.1:4000
            ACTION: Kill
              RULE: ProcessedKeys = 10000(100)
*************************** 2. row ***************************
               ID: 2
RESOURCE_GROUP_NAME: default
        START_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:20:51
          END_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:30:51
             WATCH: Exact
        WATCH_TEXT: select count(*) from `tpch1`.`partsupp`
            SOURCE: 127.0.0.1:4000
            ACTION: Kill
              RULE: RequestUnit = RRU:143.369959, WRU:0.000000, WaitDuration
                 ↪ :0s(10)
*************************** 3. row ***************************
               ID: 3
RESOURCE_GROUP_NAME: default
        START_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:21:16
          END_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:31:16
             WATCH: Exact
        WATCH_TEXT: select sleep(2) from t
            SOURCE: 127.0.0.1:4000
            ACTION: Kill
              RULE: ElapsedTime = 2024-09-11T15:21:16+08:00(2024-09-11T15
                 ↪ :21:16+08:00)
*************************** 4. row ***************************
               ID: 4
RESOURCE_GROUP_NAME: default
        START_TIME: 2024-09-11 07:23:10
          END_TIME: UNLIMITED
             WATCH: Exact
        WATCH_TEXT: select * from sbtest.sbtest1
            SOURCE: manual
```

```
            ACTION: Kill
              RULE: None
3 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The meaning of each column field in the `RUNAWAY_WATCHES` table is as follows:

- `ID`: the ID of the watch item.
- `RESOURCE_GROUP_NAME`: the name of the resource group.
- `START_TIME`: the start time.
- `END_TIME`: the end time. `UNLIMITED` means that the watch item has an unlimited validity period.
- `WATCH`: the match type of the quick identification. The values are as follows:
    - `Plan` indicates that the Plan Digest is matched. In this case, the `WATCH_TEXT` column shows the Plan Digest.
    - `Similar` indicates that the SQL Digest is matched. In this case, the `WATCH_TEXT` column shows the SQL Digest.
    - `Exact` indicates that the SQL text is matched. In this case, the `WATCH_TEXT` column shows the SQL text.
- `SOURCE`: the source of the watch item. If it is identified by the `QUERY_LIMIT` rule, the identified TiDB IP address is displayed. If it is manually added, `manual` is displayed.
- `ACTION`: the corresponding operation after the identification.
- `RULE`: the identification rule. The current three rules are `ElapsedTime`, `ProcessedKeys` ↪ , and `RequestUnit`. The format is `ProcessedKeys = 666(10)`, where `666` is the actual value and `10` is the threshold.

14.13.19.2.36 SCHEMATA

The `SCHEMATA` table provides information about databases. The table data is equivalent to the result of the `SHOW DATABASES` statement.

```
USE information_schema;
desc SCHEMATA;
```

```
+----------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
   ↪
| Field                      | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+----------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
   ↪
| CATALOG_NAME               | varchar(512) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| SCHEMA_NAME                | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| DEFAULT_CHARACTER_SET_NAME | varchar(64) | YES | | NULL   |       |
| DEFAULT_COLLATION_NAME  | varchar(32) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| SQL_PATH                   | varchar(512) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
+----------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
   ↪
```

```
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM SCHEMATA;
```

```
+--------------+--------------------+----------------------------+----------------------
   ↪
| CATALOG_NAME | SCHEMA_NAME        | DEFAULT_CHARACTER_SET_NAME | DEFAULT_
   ↪ COLLATION_NAME | SQL_PATH |
+--------------+--------------------+----------------------------+----------------------
   ↪
| def          | INFORMATION_SCHEMA | utf8mb4                    | utf8mb4_bin
   ↪          | NULL     |
| def          | METRICS_SCHEMA     | utf8mb4                    | utf8mb4_bin
   ↪          | NULL     |
| def          | mysql              | utf8mb4                    | utf8mb4_bin
   ↪          | NULL     |
| def          | PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA | utf8mb4                    | utf8mb4_bin
   ↪          | NULL     |
| def          | test               | utf8mb4                    | utf8mb4_bin
   ↪          | NULL     |
+--------------+--------------------+----------------------------+----------------------
   ↪
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Fields in the SCHEMATA table are described as follows:

- CATALOG_NAME: The catalog to which the database belongs.
- SCHEMA_NAME: The database name.
- DEFAULT_CHARACTER_SET_NAME: The default character set of the database.
- DEFAULT_COLLATION_NAME: The default collation of the database.
- SQL_PATH: The value of this item is always NULL.

14.13.19.2.37 SEQUENCES

The SEQUENCES table provides information about sequences. The sequences feature is modeled on a similar feature in MariaDB.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC SEQUENCES;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+----------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field          | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+----------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| TABLE_CATALOG | varchar(512) | NO |    | NULL   |       |
```

```
| SEQUENCE_SCHEMA | varchar(64) | NO |    | NULL   |       |
| SEQUENCE_NAME | varchar(64) | NO |     | NULL   |       |
| CACHE          | tinyint(0) | NO  |     | NULL   |       |
| CACHE_VALUE    | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| CYCLE          | tinyint(0) | NO  |     | NULL   |       |
| INCREMENT      | bigint(21) | NO  |     | NULL   |       |
| MAX_VALUE      | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| MIN_VALUE      | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| START          | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| COMMENT        | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
+----------------+-------------+-----+-----+--------+-------+
11 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Create a sequence `test.seq` and query the next value of the sequence:

```
CREATE SEQUENCE test.seq;
SELECT NEXTVAL(test.seq);
SELECT * FROM sequences\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
+------------------+
| NEXTVAL(test.seq) |
+------------------+
|                1 |
+------------------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

View all sequences:

```
SELECT * FROM SEQUENCES\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
  TABLE_CATALOG: def
SEQUENCE_SCHEMA: test
  SEQUENCE_NAME: seq
          CACHE: 1
    CACHE_VALUE: 1000
          CYCLE: 0
      INCREMENT: 1
      MAX_VALUE: 9223372036854775806
      MIN_VALUE: 1
          START: 1
        COMMENT:
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

See also

- CREATE SEQUENCE
- SHOW CREATE SEQUENCE
- ALTER SEQUENCE
- DROP SEQUENCE
- Sequence functions

14.13.19.2.38 SESSION_VARIABLES

The SESSION_VARIABLES table provides information about session variables. The table data is similar to the result of the SHOW SESSION VARIABLES statement.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC SESSION_VARIABLES;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+----------------+---------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field          | Type          | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+----------------+---------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| VARIABLE_NAME  | varchar(64)   | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| VARIABLE_VALUE | varchar(1024) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
+----------------+---------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Query the first 10 rows of the SESSION_VARIABLES table:

```
SELECT * FROM SESSION_VARIABLES ORDER BY variable_name LIMIT 10;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-----------------------------------+-----------------+
| VARIABLE_NAME                     | VARIABLE_VALUE  |
+-----------------------------------+-----------------+
| allow_auto_random_explicit_insert | OFF             |
| auto_increment_increment          | 1               |
| auto_increment_offset             | 1               |
| autocommit                        | ON              |
| automatic_sp_privileges           | 1               |
| avoid_temporal_upgrade            | OFF             |
| back_log                          | 80              |
| basedir                           | /usr/local/mysql |
| big_tables                        | OFF             |
| bind_address                      | *               |
+-----------------------------------+-----------------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The description of columns in the `SESSION_VARIABLES` table is as follows:

- `VARIABLE_NAME`: The name of the session-level variable in the database.
- `VARIABLE_VALUE`: The value of the session-level variable in the database.

14.13.19.2.39 SLOW_QUERY

The `SLOW_QUERY` table provides the slow query information of the current node, which is the parsing result of the TiDB slow log file. The column names in the table are corresponding to the field names in the slow log.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

For how to use this table to identify problematic statements and improve query performance, see Slow Query Log Document.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC SLOW_QUERY;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+----
   ↪
| Field                      | Type               | Null | Key | Default |
   ↪ Extra |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+----
   ↪
| Time                       | timestamp(6)       | NO   | PRI | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Txn_start_ts               | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| User                       | varchar(64)        | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Host                       | varchar(64)        | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Conn_ID                    | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Session_alias              | varchar(64)        | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
```

```
| Exec_retry_count          | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Exec_retry_time           | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Query_time                | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Parse_time                | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Compile_time              | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Rewrite_time              | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Preproc_subqueries        | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Preproc_subqueries_time   | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Optimize_time             | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Wait_TS                   | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Prewrite_time             | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Wait_prewrite_binlog_time | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Commit_time               | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Get_commit_ts_time        | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Commit_backoff_time       | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Backoff_types             | varchar(64)         | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Resolve_lock_time         | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Local_latch_wait_time     | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Write_keys                | bigint(22)          | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Write_size                | bigint(22)          | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Prewrite_region           | bigint(22)          | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Txn_retry                 | bigint(22)          | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Cop_time                  | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
```

```
    ↪ |
| Process_time                | double              | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Wait_time                   | double              | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Backoff_time                | double              | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| LockKeys_time               | double              | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Request_count               | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Total_keys                  | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Process_keys                | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Rocksdb_delete_skipped_count | bigint(20) unsigned | YES | | NULL |
    ↪ |
| Rocksdb_key_skipped_count | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Rocksdb_block_cache_hit_count | bigint(20) unsigned | YES | | NULL |
    ↪ |
| Rocksdb_block_read_count  | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Rocksdb_block_read_byte   | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| DB                        | varchar(64)         | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Index_names               | varchar(100)        | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Is_internal               | tinyint(1)          | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Digest                    | varchar(64)         | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Stats                     | varchar(512)        | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Cop_proc_avg              | double              | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Cop_proc_p90              | double              | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Cop_proc_max              | double              | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Cop_proc_addr             | varchar(64)         | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
| Cop_wait_avg              | double              | YES |     | NULL    |
    ↪ |
```

```
| Cop_wait_p90              | double          | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Cop_wait_max              | double          | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Cop_wait_addr             | varchar(64)     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Mem_max                   | bigint(20)      | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Disk_max                  | bigint(20)      | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| KV_total                  | double          | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| PD_total                  | double          | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Backoff_total             | double          | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Write_sql_response_total  | double          | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Result_rows               | bigint(22)      | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Warnings                  | longtext        | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Backoff_Detail            | varchar(4096)   | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Prepared                  | tinyint(1)      | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Succ                      | tinyint(1)      | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| IsExplicitTxn             | tinyint(1)      | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| IsWriteCacheTable         | tinyint(1)      | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Plan_from_cache           | tinyint(1)      | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Plan_from_binding         | tinyint(1)      | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Has_more_results          | tinyint(1)      | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Resource_group            | varchar(64)     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Request_unit_read         | double          | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Request_unit_write        | double          | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Time_queued_by_rc         | double          | YES |     | NULL    |
```

```
    ↪ |
| Tidb_cpu_time              | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Tikv_cpu_time              | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Plan                       | longtext         | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Plan_digest                | varchar(128)     | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Binary_plan                | longtext         | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Prev_stmt                  | longtext         | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Query                      | longtext         | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+----
    ↪
81 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The maximum statement length of the `Query` column is limited by the `tidb_stmt_` ↪ `summary_max_sql_length` system variable.

CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY table

The `CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY` table provides the slow query information of all nodes in the cluster, which is the parsing result of the TiDB slow log files. You can use the `CLUSTER_` ↪ `SLOW_QUERY` table the way you do with `SLOW_QUERY`. The table schema of the `CLUSTER_` ↪ `SLOW_QUERY` table differs from that of the `SLOW_QUERY` table in that an `INSTANCE` column is added to `CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY`. The `INSTANCE` column represents the TiDB node address of the row information on the slow query.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

For how to use this table to identify problematic statements and improve query performance, see Slow Query Log Document.

```
DESC CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+--------------------+------+-----+---------+----
   ↪
| Field                      | Type               | Null | Key | Default |
   ↪ Extra |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------+--------------------+------+-----+---------+----
   ↪
| INSTANCE                   | varchar(64)        | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Time                       | timestamp(6)       | NO   | PRI | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Txn_start_ts               | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| User                       | varchar(64)        | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Host                       | varchar(64)        | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Conn_ID                    | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Session_alias              | varchar(64)        | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Exec_retry_count           | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Exec_retry_time            | double             | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Query_time                 | double             | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Parse_time                 | double             | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Compile_time               | double             | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Rewrite_time               | double             | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Preproc_subqueries         | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Preproc_subqueries_time    | double             | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Optimize_time              | double             | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Wait_TS                    | double             | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Prewrite_time              | double             | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪ |
| Wait_prewrite_binlog_time | double             | YES |     | NULL    |
```

```
    ↪ |
| Commit_time                | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Get_commit_ts_time         | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Commit_backoff_time        | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Backoff_types              | varchar(64)      | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Resolve_lock_time          | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Local_latch_wait_time      | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Write_keys                 | bigint(22)       | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Write_size                 | bigint(22)       | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Prewrite_region            | bigint(22)       | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Txn_retry                  | bigint(22)       | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Cop_time                   | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Process_time               | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Wait_time                  | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Backoff_time               | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| LockKeys_time              | double           | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Request_count              | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Total_keys                 | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Process_keys               | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Rocksdb_delete_skipped_count | bigint(20) unsigned | YES | | NULL |
    ↪ |
| Rocksdb_key_skipped_count | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Rocksdb_block_cache_hit_count | bigint(20) unsigned | YES | | NULL |
    ↪ |
| Rocksdb_block_read_count  | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL   |
    ↪ |
```

```
| Rocksdb_block_read_byte   | bigint(20) unsigned | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| DB                        | varchar(64)         | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Index_names               | varchar(100)        | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Is_internal               | tinyint(1)          | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Digest                    | varchar(64)         | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Stats                     | varchar(512)        | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Cop_proc_avg              | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Cop_proc_p90              | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Cop_proc_max              | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Cop_proc_addr             | varchar(64)         | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Cop_wait_avg              | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Cop_wait_p90              | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Cop_wait_max              | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Cop_wait_addr             | varchar(64)         | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Mem_max                   | bigint(20)          | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Disk_max                  | bigint(20)          | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| KV_total                  | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| PD_total                  | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Backoff_total             | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Write_sql_response_total  | double              | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Result_rows               | bigint(22)          | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Warnings                  | longtext            | YES |   | NULL   |
   ↪ |
| Backoff_Detail            | varchar(4096)       | YES |   | NULL   |
```

```
    ↪ |
| Prepared                  | tinyint(1)        | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Succ                      | tinyint(1)        | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| IsExplicitTxn             | tinyint(1)        | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| IsWriteCacheTable         | tinyint(1)        | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Plan_from_cache           | tinyint(1)        | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Plan_from_binding         | tinyint(1)        | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Has_more_results          | tinyint(1)        | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Resource_group            | varchar(64)       | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Request_unit_read         | double            | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Request_unit_write        | double            | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Time_queued_by_rc         | double            | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Tidb_cpu_time             | double            | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Tikv_cpu_time             | double            | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Plan                      | longtext          | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Plan_digest               | varchar(128)      | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Binary_plan               | longtext          | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Prev_stmt                 | longtext          | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
| Query                     | longtext          | YES |     | NULL   |
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------+-------------------+------+------+---------+----
    ↪
82 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

When the cluster system table is queried, TiDB does not obtain data from all nodes, but pushes down the related calculation to other nodes. The execution plan is as follows:

```
DESC SELECT COUNT(*) FROM CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY WHERE user = 'u1';
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---
   ↪
| id                        | estRows | task     | access object         |
   ↪ operator info                                 |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---
   ↪
| StreamAgg_7               | 1.00    | root     |                       |
   ↪ funcs:count(1)->Column#75                     |
|  ─TableReader_13          | 10.00   | root     |                       | data
   ↪ :Selection_12                                 |
|    ─Selection_12          | 10.00   | cop[tidb] |                      | eq(
   ↪ INFORMATION_SCHEMA.cluster_slow_query.user, "u1") |
|      ─TableFullScan_11    | 10000.00 | cop[tidb] | table:CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY
   ↪  | keep order:false, stats:pseudo          |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+---------+----------+-----------------------+---
   ↪
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the preceding execution plan, the `user = u1` condition is pushed down to other (`cop`) TiDB nodes, and the aggregate operator is also pushed down (the `StreamAgg` operator in the graph).

Currently, because statistics of the system tables are not collected, sometimes some aggregation operators cannot be pushed down, which results in slow execution. In this case, you can manually specify the SQL HINT to push down the aggregation operators. For example:

```
SELECT /*+ AGG_TO_COP() */ COUNT(*) FROM CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY GROUP BY user;
```

View execution information

By running an `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` query on the `SLOW_QUERY` table, you can get detailed information about how the database fetches the slow query information. However, this information is **not** available when you run `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` on the `CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY` table.

Example:

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SLOW_QUERY LIMIT 1\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
           id: Limit_7
      estRows: 1.00
      actRows: 1
         task: root
 access object:
execution info: time:3.46ms, loops:2, RU:0.000000
 operator info: offset:0, count:1
       memory: N/A
         disk: N/A
*************************** 2. row ***************************
           id:  —MemTableScan_10
      estRows: 10000.00
      actRows: 64
         task: root
 access object: table:SLOW_QUERY
execution info: time:3.45ms, loops:1, initialize: 55.5µs, read_file: 1.21ms,
   ↪  parse_log: {time:4.11ms, concurrency:15}, total_file: 1, read_file:
   ↪ 1, read_size: 4.06 MB
 operator info: only search in the current 'tidb-slow.log' file
       memory: 1.26 MB
         disk: N/A
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

In the output, check the following fields (formatted for readability) in the `execution info` section:

```
initialize: 55.5µs,
read_file: 1.21ms,
parse_log: {
  time:4.11ms,
  concurrency:15
},
total_file: 1,
read_file: 1,
read_size: 4.06 MB
```

Field	Description
`initialize`	Time spent initializing

Field	Description
`read_file`	Time spent reading the slow log file
`parse_log.time`	Time spent parsing the slow log file
`parse_log.concurrency`	Concurrency for parsing the slow log file (set by `tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency`)
`total_file`	Total number of slow log files

Field	Description
read_file	Number of slow log files that are read
read_size	Bytes read from the log file

14.13.19.2.40 STATISTICS

The STATISTICS table provides information about table indexes.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC statistics;
```

```
+--------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field        | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| TABLE_CATALOG | varchar(512) | YES |  | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_SCHEMA | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_NAME   | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| NON_UNIQUE   | varchar(1)  | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| INDEX_SCHEMA | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| INDEX_NAME   | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| SEQ_IN_INDEX | bigint(2)   | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| COLUMN_NAME | varchar(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| COLLATION    | varchar(1)  | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| CARDINALITY | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| SUB_PART     | bigint(3)   | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| PACKED       | varchar(10) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| NULLABLE     | varchar(3)  | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| INDEX_TYPE   | varchar(16) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| COMMENT      | varchar(16) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| INDEX_COMMENT | varchar(1024) | YES | | NULL   |       |
| IS_VISIBLE   | varchar(3)  | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| Expression   | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
+--------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
```

```
18 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Fields in the `STATISTICS` table are described as follows:

- `TABLE_CATALOG`: The name of the catalog to which the table containing the index belongs. This value is always `def`.
- `TABLE_SCHEMA`: The name of the database to which the table containing the index belongs.
- `TABLE_NAME`: The name of the table containing the index.
- `NON_UNIQUE`: If the index must not contain duplicate values, the value is `0`; if duplicate values are allowed in the index, the value is `1`.
- `INDEX_SCHEMA`: The name of the database to which the index belongs.
- `INDEX_NAME`: The name of the index. If the index is the primary key, then the value is always `PRIMARY`.
- `SEQ_IN_INDEX`: The column number in the index, starting from `1`.
- `COLUMN_NAME`: The column name. See the description of the `Expression` column.
- `COLLATION`: The sorting method of the columns in the index. The value can be `A` (ascending order), `D` (descending order) or `NULL` (unsorted).
- `CARDINALITY`: TiDB does not use this field. The field value is always `0`.
- `SUB_PART`: The prefix of the index. If only part of the prefix of the column is indexed, the value is the number of indexed characters; if the entire column is indexed, the value is `NULL`.
- `PACKED`: TiDB does not use this field. This value is always `NULL`.
- `NULLABLE`: If the column might contain a `NULL` value, the value is `YES`; if not, the value is `''`.
- `INDEX_TYPE`: The type of the index.
- `COMMENT`: Other information related to the index.
- `INDEX_COMMENT`: Any comment with comment attribute provided for the index when creating the index.
- `IS_VISIBLE`: Whether this index is visible or not. See also Invisible index.
- `Expression` For the index key of the non-expression part, this value is `NULL`; for the index key of the expression part, this value is the expression itself. Refer to Expression Index.

The following statements are equivalent:

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATISTICS
  WHERE table_name = 'tbl_name'
  AND table_schema = 'db_name'

SHOW INDEX
  FROM tbl_name
  FROM db_name
```

14.13.19.2.41 TABLES

The TABLES table provides information about tables in databases:

```
USE information_schema;
DESC tables;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
| Field                  | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
| TABLE_CATALOG          | varchar(512) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_SCHEMA           | varchar(64) | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME             | varchar(64) | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_TYPE             | varchar(64) | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| ENGINE                 | varchar(64) | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| VERSION                | bigint(21)  | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| ROW_FORMAT             | varchar(10) | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_ROWS             | bigint(21)  | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| AVG_ROW_LENGTH         | bigint(21)  | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| DATA_LENGTH            | bigint(21)  | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| MAX_DATA_LENGTH        | bigint(21)  | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| INDEX_LENGTH           | bigint(21)  | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| DATA_FREE              | bigint(21)  | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| AUTO_INCREMENT         | bigint(21)  | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| CREATE_TIME            | datetime    | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| UPDATE_TIME            | datetime    | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| CHECK_TIME             | datetime    | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_COLLATION        | varchar(32) | NO  |      | utf8_bin |      |
| CHECKSUM               | bigint(21)  | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| CREATE_OPTIONS         | varchar(255) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_COMMENT          | varchar(2048) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| TIDB_TABLE_ID          | bigint(21)  | YES |      | NULL    |       |
| TIDB_ROW_ID_SHARDING_INFO | varchar(255) | YES | | NULL    |       |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
23 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM tables WHERE table_schema='mysql' AND table_name='user'\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
           TABLE_CATALOG: def
```

```
            TABLE_SCHEMA: mysql
              TABLE_NAME: user
              TABLE_TYPE: BASE TABLE
                  ENGINE: InnoDB
                 VERSION: 10
              ROW_FORMAT: Compact
              TABLE_ROWS: 0
          AVG_ROW_LENGTH: 0
             DATA_LENGTH: 0
         MAX_DATA_LENGTH: 0
            INDEX_LENGTH: 0
               DATA_FREE: 0
          AUTO_INCREMENT: NULL
             CREATE_TIME: 2020-07-05 09:25:51
             UPDATE_TIME: NULL
              CHECK_TIME: NULL
         TABLE_COLLATION: utf8mb4_bin
                CHECKSUM: NULL
          CREATE_OPTIONS:
           TABLE_COMMENT:
           TIDB_TABLE_ID: 5
TIDB_ROW_ID_SHARDING_INFO: NULL
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following statements are equivalent:

```
SELECT table_name FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES
  WHERE table_schema = 'db_name'
  [AND table_name LIKE 'wild']

SHOW TABLES
  FROM db_name
  [LIKE 'wild']
```

The description of columns in the `TABLES` table is as follows:

- `TABLE_CATALOG`: The name of the catalog which the table belongs to. The value is always `def`.
- `TABLE_SCHEMA`: The name of the schema which the table belongs to.
- `TABLE_NAME`: The name of the table.
- `TABLE_TYPE`: The type of the table.
- `ENGINE`: The type of the storage engine. The value is currently `InnoDB`.
- `VERSION`: Version. The value is `10` by default.
- `ROW_FORMAT`: The row format. The value is currently `Compact`.
- `TABLE_ROWS`: The number of rows in the table in statistics.

- `AVG_ROW_LENGTH`: The average row length of the table. `AVG_ROW_LENGTH = DATA_LENGTH / TABLE_ROWS`.
- `DATA_LENGTH`: Data length. `DATA_LENGTH = TABLE_ROWS` * the sum of storage lengths of the columns in the tuple. The replicas of TiKV are not taken into account.
- `MAX_DATA_LENGTH`: The maximum data length. The value is currently `0`, which means the data length has no upper limit.
- `INDEX_LENGTH`: The index length. `INDEX_LENGTH = TABLE_ROWS` * the sum of lengths of the columns in the index tuple. The replicas of TiKV are not taken into account.
- `DATA_FREE`: Data fragment. The value is currently `0`.
- `AUTO_INCREMENT`: The current step of the auto-increment primary key.
- `CREATE_TIME`: The time at which the table is created.
- `UPDATE_TIME`: The time at which the table is updated.
- `CHECK_TIME`: The time at which the table is checked.
- `TABLE_COLLATION`: The collation of strings in the table.
- `CHECKSUM`: Checksum.
- `CREATE_OPTIONS`: Creates options.
- `TABLE_COMMENT`: The comments and notes of the table.

Most of the information in the table is the same as MySQL. Only two columns are newly defined by TiDB:

- `TIDB_TABLE_ID`: to indicate the internal ID of a table. This ID is unique in a TiDB cluster.
- `TIDB_ROW_ID_SHARDING_INFO`: to indicate the sharding type of a table. The possible values are as follows:
    - `"NOT_SHARDED"`: the table is not sharded.
    - `"NOT_SHARDED(PK_IS_HANDLE)"`: the table that defines an integer Primary Key as its row id is not sharded.
    - `"PK_AUTO_RANDOM_BITS={bit_number}"`: the table that defines an integer Primary Key as its row id is sharded because the Primary Key is assigned with `AUTO_RANDOM` attribute.
    - `"SHARD_BITS={bit_number}"`: the table is sharded using `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS={bit_number}`.
    - NULL: the table is a system table or view, and thus cannot be sharded.

14.13.19.2.42 TABLE_CONSTRAINTS

The `TABLE_CONSTRAINTS` table describes which tables have constraints.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC table_constraints;
```

```
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field              | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
```

```
| CONSTRAINT_CATALOG | varchar(512) | YES | | NULL  |       |
| CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA | varchar(64) | YES |   | NULL   |       |
| CONSTRAINT_NAME | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_SCHEMA    | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_NAME      | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| CONSTRAINT_TYPE | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
+-----------------+-------------+-----+-----+--------+-------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM table_constraints WHERE constraint_type='UNIQUE';
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------+-----------------+-----------------------+------------
   ↪
| CONSTRAINT_CATALOG | CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA | CONSTRAINT_NAME | TABLE_SCHEMA
   ↪    | TABLE_NAME                    | CONSTRAINT_TYPE |
+--
   ↪ ----------------+-----------------+-----------------------+------------
   ↪
| def                | mysql           | name                  | mysql
   ↪           | help_topic                    | UNIQUE          |
| def                | mysql           | tbl                   | mysql
   ↪           | stats_meta                    | UNIQUE          |
| def                | mysql           | tbl                   | mysql
   ↪           | stats_histograms              | UNIQUE          |
| def                | mysql           | tbl                   | mysql
   ↪           | stats_buckets                 | UNIQUE          |
| def                | mysql           | delete_range_index    | mysql
   ↪           | gc_delete_range               | UNIQUE          |
| def                | mysql           | delete_range_done_index | mysql
   ↪        | gc_delete_range_done          | UNIQUE          |
| def                | PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA | SCHEMA_NAME        | PERFORMANCE_
   ↪ SCHEMA | events_statements_summary_by_digest | UNIQUE |
+--
   ↪ ----------------+-----------------+-----------------------+------------
   ↪
7 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Fields in the `TABLE_CONSTRAINTS` table are described as follows:

- `CONSTRAINT_CATALOG`: The name of the catalog to which the constraint belongs. This value is always `def`.
- `CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA`: The name of the database to which the constraint belongs.
- `CONSTRAINT_NAME`: The name of the constraint.

- TABLE_NAME: The name of the table.
- CONSTRAINT_TYPE: The type of the constraint. The value can be UNIQUE, PRIMARY KEY or FOREIGN KEY. The UNIQUE and PRIMARY KEY information is similar to the execution result of the SHOW INDEX statement.

14.13.19.2.43 TABLE_STORAGE_STATS

The TABLE_STORAGE_STATS table provides information about table sizes as stored by the storage engine (TiKV).

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC TABLE_STORAGE_STATS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field             | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| TABLE_SCHEMA      | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME        | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_ID          | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| PEER_COUNT        | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| REGION_COUNT      | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| EMPTY_REGION_COUNT | bigint(21) | YES |  | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_SIZE        | bigint(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_KEYS        | bigint(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
+-------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
CREATE TABLE test.t1 (id INT);
INSERT INTO test.t1 VALUES (1);
SELECT * FROM TABLE_STORAGE_STATS WHERE table_schema = 'test' AND table_
    ↪ name = 't1'\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
     TABLE_SCHEMA: test
       TABLE_NAME: t1
         TABLE_ID: 56
       PEER_COUNT: 1
     REGION_COUNT: 1
EMPTY_REGION_COUNT: 1
       TABLE_SIZE: 1
       TABLE_KEYS: 0
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Fields in the TABLE_STORAGE_STATS table are described as follows:

- TABLE_SCHEMA: The name of the schema to which the table belongs.
- TABLE_NAME: The name of the table.
- TABLE_ID: The ID of the table.
- PEER_COUNT: The number of replicas of the table.
- REGION_COUNT: The number of Regions.
- EMPTY_REGION_COUNT: The number of Regions that do not contain data in this table.
- TABLE_SIZE: The total size of the table, in the unit of MiB.
- TABLE_KEYS: The total number of records in the table.

14.13.19.2.44 TIDB_CHECK_CONSTRAINTS

The TIDB_CHECK_CONSTRAINTS table provides information about CHECK constraints on tables. In addition to the columns in CHECK_CONSTRAINTS, TIDB_CHECK_CONSTRAINTS provides the name and ID of the table that defines the CHECK constraint.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC TIDB_CHECK_CONSTRAINTS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field              | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| CONSTRAINT_CATALOG | varchar(64) | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA  | varchar(64) | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| CONSTRAINT_NAME    | varchar(64) | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| CHECK_CLAUSE       | longtext    | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME         | varchar(64) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_ID           | bigint(21)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The following example adds a CHECK constraint using the CREATE TABLE statement:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_check_constraint = ON;
CREATE TABLE test.t1 (id INT PRIMARY KEY, CHECK (id%2 = 0));
SELECT * FROM TIDB_CHECK_CONSTRAINTS\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
CONSTRAINT_CATALOG: def
 CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA: test
   CONSTRAINT_NAME: t1_chk_1
      CHECK_CLAUSE: (`id` % 2 = 0)
```

```
       TABLE_NAME: t1
         TABLE_ID: 107
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
```

Fields in the `TIDB_CHECK_CONSTRAINTS` table are described as follows:

- `CONSTRAINT_CATALOG`: The catalog of the constraint, which is always `def`.
- `CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA`: The schema of the constraint.
- `CONSTRAINT_NAME`: The name of the constraint.
- `CHECK_CLAUSE`: The clause of the check constraint.
- `TABLE_NAME`: The name of the table where the constraint is located.
- `TABLE_ID`: The ID of the table where the constraint is located.

14.13.19.2.45 TIDB_HOT_REGIONS

The `TIDB_HOT_REGIONS` table provides information about the current hot Regions. For information about history hot Regions, see `[TIDB_HOT_REGIONS_HISTORY](#tidb_hot_regions_history)`.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is only applicable to TiDB Self-Managed and not available on TiDB Cloud.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC tidb_hot_regions;
```

```
+---------------+------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field         | Type       | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+---------------+------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| TABLE_ID      | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| INDEX_ID      | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| DB_NAME       | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_NAME    | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| INDEX_NAME    | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| REGION_ID     | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| TYPE          | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| MAX_HOT_DEGREE | bigint(21) | YES |   | NULL   |       |
| REGION_COUNT | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| FLOW_BYTES    | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
+---------------+------------+------+------+---------+-------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The description of columns in the `TIDB_HOT_REGIONS` table is as follows:

- `TABLE_ID`: The ID of the table in which the hot Region is located.
- `INDEX_ID`: The ID of the index in which the hot Region is located.
- `DB_NAME`: The database name of the object in which the hot Region is located.
- `TABLE_NAME`: The name of the table in which the hot Region is located.
- `INDEX_NAME`: The name of the index in which the hot Region is located.
- `REGION_ID`: The ID of the hot Region.
- `TYPE`: The type of the hot Region.
- `MAX_HOT_DEGREE`: The maximum hot degree of the Region.
- `REGION_COUNT`: The number of hot Regions in the instance.
- `FLOW_BYTES`: The number of bytes written and read in the Region.

14.13.19.2.46 TIDB_HOT_REGIONS_HISTORY

The `TIDB_HOT_REGIONS_HISTORY` table provides information about history hot Regions that are periodically recorded locally by PD.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

You can specify the record interval by configuring `hot-regions-write-interval`. The default value is 10 minutes. You can specify the period for reserving history information about hot Regions by configuring `hot-regions-reserved-days`. The default value is 7 days. See PD configuration file description for details.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC tidb_hot_regions_history;
```

```
+-------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field       | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| UPDATE_TIME | timestamp(6) | YES |  | NULL    |       |
| DB_NAME     | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME  | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_ID    | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| INDEX_NAME  | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| INDEX_ID    | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| REGION_ID   | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| STORE_ID    | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| PEER_ID     | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| IS_LEARNER  | tinyint(1)  | NO  |     | 0       |       |
```

```
| IS_LEADER  | tinyint(1)  | NO   |      | 0       |       |
| TYPE       | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| HOT_DEGREE | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| FLOW_BYTES | double      | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| KEY_RATE   | double      | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| QUERY_RATE | double      | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
+------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
16 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The fields in the `TIDB_HOT_REGIONS_HISTORY` table are described as follows:

- UPDATE_TIME: The update time of the hot Region.
- DB_NAME: The database name of the object in which the hot Region is located.
- TABLE_ID: The ID of the table in which the hot Region is located.
- TABLE_NAME: The name of the table in which the hot Region is located.
- INDEX_NAME: The name of the index in which the hot Region is located.
- INDEX_ID: The ID of the index in which the hot Region is located.
- REGION_ID: The ID of the hot Region.
- STORE_ID: The ID of the store in which the hot Region is located.
- PEER_ID: The ID of the Peer corresponding to the hot Region.
- IS_LEARNER: Whether the PEER is the LEARNER.
- IS_LEADER: Whether the PEER is the LEADER.
- TYPE: The type of the hot Region.
- HOT_DEGREE: The hot degree of the hot Region.
- FLOW_BYTES: The number of bytes written and read in the Region.
- KEY_RATE: The number of keys written and read in the Region.
- QUERY_RATE: The number of queries written and read in the Region.

Note:

`UPDATE_TIME`, `REGION_ID`, `STORE_ID`, `PEER_ID`, `IS_LEARNER`, `IS_LEADER` and `TYPE` fields are pushed down to the PD servers for execution. To reduce the overhead of using the table, you must specify the time range for the search, and specify as many conditions as possible. For example, `select * from tidb_hot_regions_history where store_id = 11 ↪ and update_time > '2020-05-18 20:40:00' and update_time < ↪ '2020-05-18 21:40:00' and type='write'`.

Common user scenarios

- Query hot Regions within a specific period of time. Replace `update_time` with your actual time.

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_HOT_REGIONS_HISTORY WHERE update
    ↪ _time >'2021-08-18 21:40:00' and update_time <'2021-09-19
    ↪ 00:00:00';
```

> **Note:**
>
> `UPDATE_TIME` also supports Unix timestamps. For example, `update_time >TIMESTAMP('2021-08-18 21:40:00')` or `update_time > FROM_UNIXTIME(1629294000.000)`.

- Query hot Regions in a table within a specific period of time. Replace `update_time` and `table_name` with your actual values.

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_HOT_REGIONS_HISTORY WHERE update
    ↪ _time >'2021-08-18 21:40:00' and update_time <'2021-09-19
    ↪ 00:00:00' and TABLE_NAME = 'table_name';
```

- Query the distribution of hot Regions within a specific period of time. Replace `update_time` and `table_name` with your actual values.

```
SELECT count(region_id) cnt, store_id FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_HOT
    ↪ _REGIONS_HISTORY WHERE update_time >'2021-08-18 21:40:00' and
    ↪ update_time <'2021-09-19 00:00:00' and table_name = 'table_name'
    ↪  GROUP BY STORE_ID ORDER BY cnt DESC;
```

- Query the distribution of hot Leader Regions within a specific period of time. Replace `update_time` and `table_name` with your actual values.

```
SELECT count(region_id) cnt, store_id FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_HOT
    ↪ _REGIONS_HISTORY WHERE update_time >'2021-08-18 21:40:00' and
    ↪ update_time <'2021-09-19 00:00:00' and table_name = 'table_name'
    ↪  and is_leader=1 GROUP BY STORE_ID ORDER BY cnt DESC;
```

- Query the distribution of hot Index Regions within a specific period of time. Replace `update_time` and `table_name` with your actual values.

```
SELECT count(region_id) cnt, index_name, store_id FROM INFORMATION_
    ↪ SCHEMA.TIDB_HOT_REGIONS_HISTORY WHERE update_time >'2021-08-18
    ↪ 21:40:00' and update_time <'2021-09-19 00:00:00' and table_name
    ↪ = 'table_name' group by index_name, store_id order by index_name
    ↪ ,cnt desc;
```

- Query the distribution of hot Index Leader Regions within a specific period of time. Replace `update_time` and `table_name` with your actual values.

```
SELECT count(region_id) cnt, index_name, store_id FROM INFORMATION_
    ↪ SCHEMA.TIDB_HOT_REGIONS_HISTORY WHERE update_time >'2021-08-18
    ↪ 21:40:00' and update_time <'2022-09-19 00:00:00' and table_name
    ↪ = 'table_name' and is_leader=1 group by index_name, store_id
    ↪ order by index_name,cnt desc;
```

14.13.19.2.47 TIDB_INDEXES

The TIDB_INDEXES table provides the INDEX information of all tables.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC tidb_indexes;
```

```
+--------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field        | Type         | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| TABLE_SCHEMA | varchar(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME   | varchar(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| NON_UNIQUE   | bigint(21)   | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| KEY_NAME     | varchar(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| SEQ_IN_INDEX | bigint(21)   | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| COLUMN_NAME  | varchar(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| SUB_PART     | bigint(21)   | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| INDEX_COMMENT | varchar(2048) | YES | | NULL    |       |
| Expression   | varchar(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| INDEX_ID     | bigint(21)   | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| IS_VISIBLE   | varchar(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| CLUSTERED    | varchar(64)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
+--------------+--------------+------+------+---------+-------+
12 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

INDEX_ID is the unique ID that TiDB allocates for each index. It can be used to do a join operation with INDEX_ID obtained from another table or API.

For example, you can obtain TABLE_ID and INDEX_ID that are involved in some slow query in the SLOW_QUERY table and then obtain the specific index information using the following SQL statements:

```
SELECT
 tidb_indexes.*
FROM
 tidb_indexes,
 tables
WHERE
  tidb_indexes.table_schema = tables.table_schema
```

```
AND tidb_indexes.table_name = tidb_indexes.table_name
AND tables.tidb_table_id = ?
AND index_id = ?
```

Fields in the TIDB_INDEXES table are described as follows:

- TABLE_SCHEMA: The name of the schema to which the index belongs.
- TABLE_NAME: The name of the table to which the index belongs.
- NON_UNIQUE: If the index is unique, the value is 0; otherwise, the value is 1.
- KEY_NAME: The index name. If the index is the primary key, the name is PRIMARY.
- SEQ_IN_INDEX: The sequential number of columns in the index, which starts from 1.
- COLUMN_NAME: The name of the column where the index is located.
- SUB_PART: The prefix length of the index. If the column is partly indexed, the SUB_PART value is the count of the indexed characters; otherwise, the value is NULL.
- INDEX_COMMENT: The comment of the index, which is made when the index is created.
- INDEX_ID: The index ID.
- IS_VISIBLE: Whether the index is visible.
- CLUSTERED: Whether it is a clustered index.

14.13.19.2.48 TIDB_INDEX_USAGE

Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB provides the TIDB_INDEX_USAGE table. You can use TIDB_INDEX_USAGE to get the usage statistics of all indexes on the current TiDB node. By default, TiDB collects these index usage statistics during SQL statement execution. You can disable this feature by turning off the instance.tidb_enable_collect_execution_info configuration item or the tidb_enable_collect_execution_info system variable.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC TIDB_INDEX_USAGE;
```

```
+-------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field                   | Type        | Null | Key  | Default | Extra |
+-------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| TABLE_SCHEMA            | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME              | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| INDEX_NAME              | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| QUERY_TOTAL             | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| KV_REQ_TOTAL            | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| ROWS_ACCESS_TOTAL       | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_0     | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_0_1   | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_1_10  | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_10_20 | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_20_50 | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_50_100| bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
```

```
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_100 | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| LAST_ACCESS_TIME      | datetime   | YES |     | NULL   |       |
+-----------------------+------------+-----+-----+--------+-------+
14 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The columns in the `TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` table are as follows:

- `TABLE_SCHEMA`: The name of the database to which the table containing the index belongs.
- `TABLE_NAME`: The name of the table containing the index.
- `INDEX_NAME`: The name of the index.
- `QUERY_TOTAL`: The total number of statements accessing the index.
- `KV_REQ_TOTAL`: The total number of KV requests generated when accessing the index.
- `ROWS_ACCESS_TOTAL`: The total number of rows scanned when accessing the index.
- `PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_0`: The number of times the row access ratio (the percentage of accessed rows out of the total number of rows in the table) is 0.
- `PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_0_1`: The number of times the row access ratio is between 0% and 1%.
- `PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_1_10`: The number of times the row access ratio is between 1% and 10%.
- `PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_10_20`: The number of times the row access ratio is between 10% and 20%.
- `PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_20_50`: The number of times the row access ratio is between 20% and 50%.
- `PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_50_100`: The number of times the row access ratio is between 50% and 100%.
- `PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_100`: The number of times the row access ratio is 100%.
- `LAST_ACCESS_TIME`: The time of the most recent access to the index.

CLUSTER_TIDB_INDEX_USAGE

The `TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` table only provides usage statistics of all indexes on a single TiDB node. To obtain the index usage statistics on all TiDB nodes in the cluster, you need to query the `CLUSTER_TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` table.

Compared with the `TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` table, the query result of the `CLUSTER_TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` table includes an additional `INSTANCE` field. This field displays the IP address and port of each node in the cluster, which helps you distinguish the statistics across different nodes.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC CLUSTER_TIDB_INDEX_USAGE;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-----------------------+------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field                 | Type       | Null | Key  | Default | Extra |
```

```
+-------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| INSTANCE                | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_SCHEMA            | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME              | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| INDEX_NAME              | varchar(64) | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| QUERY_TOTAL             | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| KV_REQ_TOTAL            | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| ROWS_ACCESS_TOTAL       | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_0     | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_0_1   | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_1_10  | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_10_20 | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_20_50 | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_50_100| bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PERCENTAGE_ACCESS_100   | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| LAST_ACCESS_TIME        | datetime    | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
+-------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
15 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Limitations

- The data in the `TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` table might be delayed by up to 5 minutes.
- After TiDB restarts, the data in the `TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` table is cleared.
- TiDB records index usage for a table only when the table has valid statistics.

Read more

- `sys.schema_unused_indexes`

14.13.19.2.49 TIDB_SERVERS_INFO

The `TIDB_SERVERS_INFO` table provides information about TiDB servers in the TiDB Cluster (namely, tidb-server processes).

> **Note:**
>
> This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC tidb_servers_info;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field        | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| DDL_ID       | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| IP           | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| PORT         | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| STATUS_PORT  | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| LEASE        | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| VERSION      | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| GIT_HASH     | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| BINLOG_STATUS | varchar(64) | YES |   | NULL    |       |
| LABELS       | varchar(128) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
+--------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
9 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

View the TIDB_SERVERS_INFO table:

```
SELECT * FROM TIDB_SERVERS_INFO\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
      DDL_ID: 771c169d-0a3a-48ea-a93c-a4d6751d3674
          IP: 0.0.0.0
        PORT: 4000
  STATUS_PORT: 10080
       LEASE: 45s
     VERSION: 8.0.11-TiDB-v8.5.1
    GIT_HASH: 827d8ff2d22ac4c93ae1b841b79d468211e1d393
BINLOG_STATUS: Off
      LABELS:
1 row in set (0.006 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.50 TIDB_TRX

The TIDB_TRX table provides information about the transactions currently being executed on the TiDB node.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC TIDB_TRX;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

```
| Field                | Type                                                
```

The meaning of each column field in the `TIDB_TRX` table is as follows:

- `ID`: The transaction ID, which is the `start_ts` (start timestamp) of the transaction.
- `START_TIME`: The start time of the transaction, which is the physical time corresponding to the `start_ts` of the transaction.
- `CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST`: The digest of the SQL statement currently being executed in the transaction.
- `CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT`: The normalized form of the SQL statement currently being executed by the transaction, that is, the SQL statement without arguments and format. It corresponds to `CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST`.
- `STATE`: The current state of the transaction. The possible values include:
    - `Idle`: The transaction is in an idle state, that is, it is waiting for the user to input a query.
    - `Running`: The transaction is executing a query.
    - `LockWaiting`: The transaction is waiting for the pessimistic lock to be acquired. Note that the transaction enters this state at the beginning of the pessimistic locking operation, no matter whether it is blocked by other transactions or not.
    - `Committing`: The transaction is in the process of commit.
    - `RollingBack`: The transaction is being rolled back.
- `WAITING_START_TIME`: When the value of `STATE` is `LockWaiting`, this column shows the start time of the waiting.
- `MEM_BUFFER_KEYS`: The number of keys written into the memory buffer by the current transaction.
- `MEM_BUFFER_BYTES`: The total number of key-value bytes written into the memory buffer by the current transaction.
- `SESSION_ID`: The ID of the session to which this transaction belongs.
- `USER`: The name of the user who performs the transaction.
- `DB`: The current default database name of the session in which the transaction is executed.
- `ALL_SQL_DIGESTS`: The digest list of statements that have been executed by the transaction. The list is shown as a string array in JSON format. Each transaction records at most the first 50 statements. Using the `TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS` function, you can convert the information in this column into a list of corresponding normalized SQL statements.
- `RELATED_TABLE_IDS`: The IDs of the tables, views, and other objects that the transaction accesses.

Note:

- Only users with the PROCESS privilege can obtain the complete information in this table. Users without the PROCESS privilege can only query information of the transactions performed by the current user.
- The information (SQL digest) in the `CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST` and `ALL_SQL_DIGESTS` columns is the hash value calculated from the normalized SQL statement. The information in the `CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT` column and the result returned from the `TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS` function are internally queried from the statements summary tables, so it is possible that the corresponding statement cannot be found internally. For the detailed description of SQL digests and the statements summary tables, see Statement Summary Tables.
- The `TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS` function call has a high overhead. If the function is called to query historical SQL statements for a large number of transactions, the query might take a long time. If the cluster is large with many concurrent transactions, avoid directly using this function on the `ALL_SQL_DIGEST` column while querying the full table of `TIDB_TRX`. This means to avoid an SQL statement like `SELECT *, tidb_decode_sql_digests(all_sql_digests)FROM TIDB_TRX`.
- Currently the `TIDB_TRX` table does not support showing information of TiDB internal transactions.

Example

View the `TIDB_TRX` table:

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_TRX\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
                  ID: 426789913200689153
          START_TIME: 2021-08-04 10:51:54.883000
CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST: NULL
CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT: NULL
               STATE: Idle
WAITING_START_TIME: NULL
   MEM_BUFFER_KEYS: 1
  MEM_BUFFER_BYTES: 29
        SESSION_ID: 7
              USER: root
                DB: test
   ALL_SQL_DIGESTS: ["
      ↪ e6f07d43b5c21db0fbb9a31feac2dc599787763393dd5acbfad80e247eb02ad5
      ↪ ","04
```

```
          ↪ fa858fa491c62d194faec2ab427261cc7998b3f1ccf8f6844febca504cb5e9
          ↪ ","
          ↪ b83710fa8ab7df8504920e8569e48654f621cf828afbe7527fd003b79f48da9e
          ↪ "]
*************************** 2. row ***************************
                  ID: 426789921471332353
          START_TIME: 2021-08-04 10:52:26.433000
    CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST: 38
       ↪ b03afa5debbdf0326a014dbe5012a62c51957f1982b3093e748460f8b00821
CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT: update `t` set `v` = `v` + ? where `id` = ?
               STATE: LockWaiting
    WAITING_START_TIME: 2021-08-04 10:52:35.106568
      MEM_BUFFER_KEYS: 0
     MEM_BUFFER_BYTES: 0
          SESSION_ID: 9
                USER: root
                  DB: test
       ALL_SQL_DIGESTS: ["
          ↪ e6f07d43b5c21db0fbb9a31feac2dc599787763393dd5acbfad80e247eb02ad5
          ↪ ","38
          ↪ b03afa5debbdf0326a014dbe5012a62c51957f1982b3093e748460f8b00821
          ↪ "]
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

From the query result of this example, you can see that: the current node has two on-going transactions. One transaction is in the idle state (`STATE` is `Idle` and `CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST` is `NULL`), and this transaction has executed 3 statements (there are three records in the `ALL_SQL_DIGESTS` list, which are the digests of the three SQL statements that have been executed). Another transaction is executing a statement and waiting for the lock (`STATE` is `LockWaiting` and `WAITING_START_TIME` shows the start time of the waiting lock). The transaction has executed 2 statements, and the statement currently being executed is in the form of `"update `t` set `v` = `v` + ? where `id` = ?"`.

```
SELECT id, all_sql_digests, tidb_decode_sql_digests(all_sql_digests) AS all
   ↪ _sqls FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_TRX\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
          id: 426789913200689153
all_sql_digests: ["
   ↪ e6f07d43b5c21db0fbb9a31feac2dc599787763393dd5acbfad80e247eb02ad5","04
   ↪ fa858fa491c62d194faec2ab427261cc7998b3f1ccf8f6844febca504cb5e9","
   ↪ b83710fa8ab7df8504920e8569e48654f621cf828afbe7527fd003b79f48da9e"]
      all_sqls: ["begin","insert into `t` values ( ... )","update `t` set `
         ↪ v` = `v` + ?"]
```

```
*************************** 2. row ***************************
           id: 426789921471332353
all_sql_digests: ["
    ↪ e6f07d43b5c21db0fbb9a31feac2dc599787763393dd5acbfad80e247eb02ad5","38
    ↪ b03afa5debbdf0326a014dbe5012a62c51957f1982b3093e748460f8b00821"]
      all_sqls: ["begin","update `t` set `v` = `v` + ? where `id` = ?"]
```

This query calls the TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS function on the ALL_SQL_DIGESTS column of the TIDB_TRX table, and converts the SQL digest array into an array of normalized SQL statement through the system internal query. This helps you visually obtain the information of the statements that have been historically executed by the transaction. However, note that the preceding query scans the entire table of TIDB_TRX and calls the TIDB_DECODE ↪ _SQL_DIGESTS function for each row. Calling the TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS function has a high overhead. Therefore, if many concurrent transactions exist in the cluster, try to avoid this type of query.

CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX

The TIDB_TRX table only provides information about the transactions that are being executed on a single TiDB node. If you want to view the information of the transactions that are being executed on all TiDB nodes in the entire cluster, you need to query the CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX table. Compared with the query result of the TIDB_TRX table, the query result of the CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX table includes an extra INSTANCE field. The INSTANCE field displays the IP address and port of each node in the cluster, which is used to distinguish the TiDB nodes where the transactions are located.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC CLUSTER_TIDB_TRX;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+-------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| Field                | Type
    ↪                                                  | Null | Key |
    ↪ Default | Extra |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------+-------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| INSTANCE             | varchar(64)
    ↪                                              | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪      |
| ID                   | bigint(21) unsigned
    ↪                                        | NO  | PRI | NULL   |      |
| START_TIME           | timestamp(6)
    ↪                                             | YES |      | NULL   |
```

```
   ↪      |
| CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST   | varchar(64)
   ↪                                                  | YES |      | NULL   |
   ↪      |
| CURRENT_SQL_DIGEST_TEXT | text
   ↪                                                     | YES |      | NULL   |
   ↪       |
| STATE                | enum('Idle','Running','LockWaiting','Committing','
   ↪ RollingBack') | YES | | NULL |    |
| WAITING_START_TIME   | timestamp(6)
   ↪                                                | YES |      | NULL   |
   ↪      |
| MEM_BUFFER_KEYS      | bigint(64)
   ↪                                                  | YES |      | NULL   |
   ↪      |
| MEM_BUFFER_BYTES     | bigint(64)
   ↪                                                  | YES |      | NULL   |
   ↪      |
| SESSION_ID           | bigint(21) unsigned
   ↪                                          | YES |      | NULL   |       |
| USER                 | varchar(16)
   ↪                                                | YES |      | NULL   |
   ↪      |
| DB                   | varchar(64)
   ↪                                                | YES |      | NULL   |
   ↪      |
| ALL_SQL_DIGESTS      | text
   ↪                                                       | YES |      | NULL
   ↪    |       |
| RELATED_TABLE_IDS    | text
   ↪                                                       | YES |      | NULL
   ↪    |       |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------+-------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
14 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.51 TIFLASH_REPLICA

The TIFLASH_REPLICA table provides information about TiFlash replicas available.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC TIFLASH_REPLICA;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+----------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field          | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+----------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| TABLE_SCHEMA   | varchar(64) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_NAME     | varchar(64) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_ID       | bigint(21)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| REPLICA_COUNT  | bigint(64)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| LOCATION_LABELS | varchar(64) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| AVAILABLE      | tinyint(1)  | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| PROGRESS       | double      | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
+----------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
7 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Fields in the `TIFLASH_REPLICA` table are described as follows:

- `TABLE_SCHEMA`: the name of the database to which the table belongs.
- `TABLE_NAME`: the name of the table.
- `TABLE_ID`: the internal ID of the table, which is unique within a TiDB cluster.
- `REPLICA_COUNT`: the number of TiFlash replicas.
- `LOCATION_LABELS`: the LocationLabelList that is set when a TiFlash replica is created.
- `AVAILABLE`: indicates whether the TiFlash replica of the table is available. When the value is `1` (available), the TiDB optimizer can intelligently choose to push down queries to TiKV or TiFlash based on query cost. When the value is `0` (unavailable), TiDB will not push down queries to TiFlash. Once the value of this field becomes `1` (available), it will not change anymore.
- `PROGRESS`: the replication progress of TiFlash replicas, with the accuracy to two decimal places and at the minute level. The scope of this field is `[0, 1]`. When the `AVAILABLE` field is `1` and `PROGRESS` is less than 1, the TiFlash replica is far behind TiKV, and the queries pushed down to TiFlash will probably fail due to timeout of waiting for data replication.

14.13.19.2.52 TIFLASH_SEGMENTS

> **Warning:**
>
> Do not use this table in production environments, as the fields of the table are unstable, and subject to change in new releases of TiDB, without prior notice.

The `TIFLASH_SEGMENTS` table provides statistical information about data tables in TiFlash.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC tiflash_segments;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
| Field                       | Type       | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--
    ↪ ----------------------------+------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
| DATABASE                    | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| TABLE                       | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| TIDB_DATABASE               | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| TIDB_TABLE                  | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_ID                    | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| IS_TOMBSTONE                | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| SEGMENT_ID                  | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| RANGE                       | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| EPOCH                       | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| ROWS                        | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| SIZE                        | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| DELTA_RATE                  | double     | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| DELTA_MEMTABLE_ROWS         | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| DELTA_MEMTABLE_SIZE         | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| DELTA_MEMTABLE_COLUMN_FILES | bigint(64) | YES |   | NULL   |       |
| DELTA_MEMTABLE_DELETE_RANGES | bigint(64) | YES | | NULL   |       |
| DELTA_PERSISTED_PAGE_ID     | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| DELTA_PERSISTED_ROWS        | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| DELTA_PERSISTED_SIZE        | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| DELTA_PERSISTED_COLUMN_FILES | bigint(64) | YES | | NULL   |       |
| DELTA_PERSISTED_DELETE_RANGES | bigint(64) | YES | | NULL  |       |
| DELTA_CACHE_SIZE            | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| DELTA_INDEX_SIZE            | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| STABLE_PAGE_ID              | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| STABLE_ROWS                 | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| STABLE_SIZE                 | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| STABLE_DMFILES              | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| STABLE_DMFILES_ID_0         | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| STABLE_DMFILES_ROWS         | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| STABLE_DMFILES_SIZE         | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| STABLE_DMFILES_SIZE_ON_DISK | bigint(64) | YES |   | NULL   |       |
| STABLE_DMFILES_PACKS        | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| TIFLASH_INSTANCE            | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
+--
```

```
    ↪ ----------------------------+------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
33 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Fields in the `TIFLASH_SEGMENTS` table are described as follows:

- `DATABASE`: Database name in TiFlash. The segment belongs to a table in this database.
- `TABLE`: Table name in TiFlash. The segment belongs to this table.
- `TIDB_DATABASE`: Database name in TiDB. The segment belongs to a table in this database.
- `TIDB_TABLE`: Table name in TiDB. The segment belongs to this table.
- `TABLE_ID`: The internal ID of the table to which the segment belongs. This ID is unique within a TiDB cluster.
- `IS_TOMBSTONE`: Indicates whether the table the segment belongs to can be recycled. `1` indicates that the table can be recycled. `0` indicates that the table is in a normal state.
- `SEGMENT_ID`: Segment ID, which is unique within a table.
- `RANGE`: The range of data that the segment contains.
- `EPOCH`: The updated version of the segment. The version number of each segment increases monotonically.
- `ROWS`: The total number of rows in the segment.
- `SIZE`: The total size of the segment data (in bytes).
- `DELTA_RATE`: The ratio of the total number of rows in the Delta layer to that in the segment.
- `DELTA_MEMTABLE_ROWS`: The total number of cached rows in the Delta layer.
- `DELTA_MEMTABLE_SIZE`: The total size of the data cached in the Delta layer (in bytes).
- `DELTA_MEMTABLE_COLUMN_FILES`: The number of Column Files cached in the Delta layer.
- `DELTA_MEMTABLE_DELETE_RANGES`: The number of Delete Ranges cached in the Delta layer.
- `DELTA_PERSISTED_PAGE_ID`: The ID of the data stored on a disk in the Delta layer.
- `DELTA_PERSISTED_ROWS`: The total number of rows of persisted data in the Delta layer.
- `DELTA_PERSISTED_SIZE`: The total size of the persisted data in the Delta layer (in bytes).
- `DELTA_PERSISTED_COLUMN_FILES`: The number of persisted Column Files in the Delta layer.
- `DELTA_PERSISTED_DELETE_RANGES`: The number of persisted Delete Ranges in the Delta layer.
- `DELTA_CACHE_SIZE`: The size of the cache in the Delta layer (in bytes).
- `DELTA_INDEX_SIZE`: The size of the indexes in the Delta layer (in bytes).
- `STABLE_PAGE_ID`: The disk storage ID of the data in the Stable layer.
- `STABLE_ROWS`: The total number of rows in the Stable layer.
- `STABLE_SIZE`: The total size of the data in the Stable layer (in bytes).
- `STABLE_DMFILES`: The number of DMFiles in the Stable layer.
- `STABLE_DMFILES_ID_0`: The disk storage ID of the first DMFile in the Stable layer.
- `STABLE_DMFILES_ROWS`: The total number of rows in the DMFile in the Stable layer.

- `STABLE_DMFILES_SIZE`: The total size of the data in the DMFile in the Stable layer (in bytes).
- `STABLE_DMFILES_SIZE_ON_DISK`: The disk space occupied by the DMFile in the Stable layer (in bytes).
- `STABLE_DMFILES_PACKS`: The number of Packs in the DMFile in the Stable layer.
- `TIFLASH_INSTANCE`: The address of the TiFlash instance.

14.13.19.2.53 TIFLASH_TABLES

> **Warning:**
>
> Do not use this table in production environments, as the fields of the table are unstable, and subject to change in new releases of TiDB, without prior notice.

The `TIFLASH_TABLES` table provides statistical information about data tables in TiFlash.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC tiflash_tables;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------
   ↪
| Field                                | Type        | Null | Key | Default |
   ↪  Extra |
+--
   ↪ ----------------------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------
   ↪
| DATABASE                             | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |
   ↪       |
| TABLE                                | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |
   ↪       |
| TIDB_DATABASE                        | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |
   ↪       |
| TIDB_TABLE                           | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |
   ↪       |
| TABLE_ID                             | bigint(64) | YES |      | NULL   |
   ↪       |
| IS_TOMBSTONE                         | bigint(64) | YES |      | NULL   |
   ↪       |
| SEGMENT_COUNT                        | bigint(64) | YES |      | NULL   |
   ↪       |
```

```
| TOTAL_ROWS                    | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| TOTAL_SIZE                    | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| TOTAL_DELETE_RANGES           | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| DELTA_RATE_ROWS               | double     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| DELTA_RATE_SEGMENTS           | double     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| DELTA_PLACED_RATE             | double     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| DELTA_CACHE_SIZE              | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| DELTA_CACHE_RATE              | double     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| DELTA_CACHE_WASTED_RATE       | double     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| DELTA_INDEX_SIZE              | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| AVG_SEGMENT_ROWS              | double     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| AVG_SEGMENT_SIZE              | double     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| DELTA_COUNT                   | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS              | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| TOTAL_DELTA_SIZE              | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| AVG_DELTA_ROWS                | double     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| AVG_DELTA_SIZE                | double     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| AVG_DELTA_DELETE_RANGES       | double     | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| STABLE_COUNT                  | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS             | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| TOTAL_STABLE_SIZE             | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| TOTAL_STABLE_SIZE_ON_DISK     | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL    |
   ↪       |
| AVG_STABLE_ROWS               | double     | YES |     | NULL    |
```

```
    ↪       |
| AVG_STABLE_SIZE                       | double     | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| TOTAL_PACK_COUNT_IN_DELTA             | bigint(64) | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| MAX_PACK_COUNT_IN_DELTA               | bigint(64) | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| AVG_PACK_COUNT_IN_DELTA               | double     | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| AVG_PACK_ROWS_IN_DELTA                | double     | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| AVG_PACK_SIZE_IN_DELTA                | double     | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| TOTAL_PACK_COUNT_IN_STABLE            | bigint(64) | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| AVG_PACK_COUNT_IN_STABLE              | double     | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| AVG_PACK_ROWS_IN_STABLE               | double     | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| AVG_PACK_SIZE_IN_STABLE               | double     | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| STORAGE_STABLE_NUM_SNAPSHOTS          | bigint(64) | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| STORAGE_STABLE_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_LIFETIME | double   | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| STORAGE_STABLE_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_THREAD_ID | bigint(64) | YES | | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| STORAGE_STABLE_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_TRACING_ID | varchar(128) | YES | | NULL |
    ↪      |
| STORAGE_DELTA_NUM_SNAPSHOTS           | bigint(64) | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| STORAGE_DELTA_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_LIFETIME | double    | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| STORAGE_DELTA_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_THREAD_ID | bigint(64) | YES |  | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| STORAGE_DELTA_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_TRACING_ID | varchar(128) | YES | | NULL |
    ↪      |
| STORAGE_META_NUM_SNAPSHOTS            | bigint(64) | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| STORAGE_META_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_LIFETIME | double     | YES |      | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| STORAGE_META_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_THREAD_ID | bigint(64) | YES |   | NULL   |
    ↪       |
| STORAGE_META_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_TRACING_ID | varchar(128) | YES | | NULL |
    ↪       |
```

```
| BACKGROUND_TASKS_LENGTH                | bigint(64) | YES |     | NULL   |
   ↪      |
| TIFLASH_INSTANCE                       | varchar(64) | YES |     | NULL   |
   ↪      |
+--
   ↪ ---------------------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------
   ↪
54 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Fields in the `TIFLASH_TABLES` table are described as follows:

- `DATABASE`: The name of the database that the table belongs to in TiFlash.
- `TABLE`: The name of the table in TiFlash.
- `TIDB_DATABASE`: The name of the database that the table belongs to in TiDB.
- `TIDB_TABLE`: The name of the table in TiDB.
- `TABLE_ID`: The internal ID of the table, which is unique within a TiDB cluster.
- `IS_TOMBSTONE`: Indicates whether the table can be recycled. `1` indicates that the table can be recycled, and `0` indicates that the table is in a normal state.
- `SEGMENT_COUNT`: The number of segments in the table. A segment is a data management unit in TiFlash.
- `TOTAL_ROWS`: The total number of rows in the table.
- `TOTAL_SIZE`: The total size of the table (in bytes).
- `TOTAL_DELETE_RANGES`: The total number of Delete Ranges in the table.
- `DELTA_RATE_ROWS`: The ratio of the total rows of the table in the Delta layer to the total rows of that table.
- `DELTA_RATE_SEGMENTS`: The proportion of segments that contain a non-empty Delta layer in the table.
- `DELTA_PLACED_RATE`: The proportion of rows that have completed index construction of the table in the Delta layer.
- `DELTA_CACHE_SIZE`: The size of the cache of the table in the Delta layer (in bytes).
- `DELTA_CACHE_RATE`: The proportion of cache data of the table in the Delta layer.
- `DELTA_CACHE_WASTED_RATE`: The proportion of invalid cache data of the table in the Delta layer.
- `DELTA_INDEX_SIZE`: The size of the memory occupied by indexes in the Delta layer (in bytes).
- `AVG_SEGMENT_ROWS`: The average number of rows in all segments of the table.
- `AVG_SEGMENT_SIZE`: The average size of all segments of the table (in bytes).
- `DELTA_COUNT`: The number of segments that contain a non-empty Delta layer in the table.
- `TOTAL_DELTA_ROWS`: The total number of rows in the Delta layer.
- `TOTAL_DELTA_SIZE`: The total size of the data in the Delta layer (in bytes).
- `AVG_DELTA_ROWS`: The average number of rows of data in all Delta layers.
- `AVG_DELTA_SIZE`: The average size of data in all Delta layers (in bytes).
- `AVG_DELTA_DELETE_RANGES`: The average number of Delete Range operations in all Delta layers.

- `STABLE_COUNT`: The number of segments that contain a non-empty Stable layer in the table.
- `TOTAL_STABLE_ROWS`: The total number of rows in all Stable layers.
- `TOTAL_STABLE_SIZE`: The total size of the data in all Stable layers (in bytes).
- `TOTAL_STABLE_SIZE_ON_DISK`: The disk space occupied by the data in all Stable layers (in bytes).
- `AVG_STABLE_ROWS`: The average number of rows of data in all Stable layers.
- `AVG_STABLE_SIZE`: The average size of data in all Stable layers (in bytes).
- `TOTAL_PACK_COUNT_IN_DELTA`: The total number of Column Files in all Delta layers.
- `MAX_PACK_COUNT_IN_DELTA`: The maximum number of Column Files in a single Delta layer.
- `AVG_PACK_COUNT_IN_DELTA`: The average number of Column Files in all Delta layers.
- `AVG_PACK_ROWS_IN_DELTA`: The average number of rows in all Column Files in all Delta layers.
- `AVG_PACK_SIZE_IN_DELTA`: The average size of data in all Column Files in all Delta layers (in bytes).
- `TOTAL_PACK_COUNT_IN_STABLE`: The total number of Packs in all Stable layers.
- `AVG_PACK_COUNT_IN_STABLE`: The average number of Packs in all Stable layers.
- `AVG_PACK_ROWS_IN_STABLE`: The average number of rows in all Packs in all Stable layers.
- `AVG_PACK_SIZE_IN_STABLE`: The average size of data in all Packs in the Stable layer (in bytes).
- `STORAGE_STABLE_NUM_SNAPSHOTS`: The number of snapshots in the Stable layer.
- `STORAGE_STABLE_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_LIFETIME`: The duration of the earliest snapshot in the Stable layer (in seconds).
- `STORAGE_STABLE_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_THREAD_ID`: The thread ID of the earliest snapshot in the Stable layer.
- `STORAGE_STABLE_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_TRACING_ID`: The tracing ID of the earliest snapshot in the Stable layer.
- `STORAGE_DELTA_NUM_SNAPSHOTS`: The number of snapshots in the Delta layer.
- `STORAGE_DELTA_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_LIFETIME`: The duration of the earliest snapshot in the Delta layer (in seconds).
- `STORAGE_DELTA_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_THREAD_ID`: The thread ID of the earliest snapshot in the Delta layer.
- `STORAGE_DELTA_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_TRACING_ID`: The tracing ID of the earliest snapshot in the Delta layer.
- `STORAGE_META_NUM_SNAPSHOTS`: The number of snapshots in the meta information.
- `STORAGE_META_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_LIFETIME`: The duration of the earliest snapshot in the meta information (in seconds).
- `STORAGE_META_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_THREAD_ID`: The thread ID of the earliest snapshot in the meta information.
- `STORAGE_META_OLDEST_SNAPSHOT_TRACING_ID`: The tracing ID of the earliest snapshot in the meta information.
- `BACKGROUND_TASKS_LENGTH`: The length of the task queue in the background.
- `TIFLASH_INSTANCE`: The address of the TiFlash instance.

14.13.19.2.54 TIKV_REGION_PEERS

The TIKV_REGION_PEERS table shows detailed information of a single Region node in TiKV, such as whether it is a learner or leader.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC TIKV_REGION_PEERS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field        | Type        | Null | Key  | Default | Extra |
+--------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| REGION_ID    | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| PEER_ID      | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| STORE_ID     | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
| IS_LEARNER   | tinyint(1)  | NO   |      | 0       |       |
| IS_LEADER    | tinyint(1)  | NO   |      | 0       |       |
| STATUS       | varchar(10) | YES  |      | 0       |       |
| DOWN_SECONDS | bigint(21)  | YES  |      | 0       |       |
+--------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
7 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

For example, you can query the specific TiKV addresses for the top 3 Regions with the maximum value of WRITTEN_BYTES using the following SQL statement:

```
SELECT
  address,
  tikv.address,
  region.region_id
FROM
  TIKV_STORE_STATUS tikv,
  TIKV_REGION_PEERS peer,
  (SELECT * FROM tikv_region_status ORDER BY written_bytes DESC LIMIT 3)
    ↪ region
WHERE
  region.region_id = peer.region_id
  AND peer.is_leader = 1
  AND peer.store_id = tikv.store_id;
```

Fields in the TIKV_REGION_PEERS table are described as follows:

- REGION_ID: The Region ID.
- PEER_ID: The ID of the Region peer.
- STORE_ID: The ID of the TiKV store where the Region is located.
- IS_LEARNER: Whether the peer is learner.
- IS_LEADER: Whether the peer is leader.
- STATUS: The statuses of a peer:
  - PENDING: Temporarily unavailable.
  - DOWN: Offline and converted. This peer no longer provides service.
  - NORMAL: Running normally.
- DOWN_SECONDS: The duration of being offline, in seconds.

14.13.19.2.55 TIKV_REGION_STATUS

The TIKV_REGION_STATUS table shows some basic information of TiKV Regions via PD's API, like the Region ID, starting and ending key-values, and read and write traffic.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC TIKV_REGION_STATUS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
   ↪
| Field                  | Type       | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--
   ↪ ------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
   ↪
| REGION_ID              | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| START_KEY              | text       | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| END_KEY                | text       | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_ID               | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| DB_NAME                | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_NAME             | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| IS_INDEX               | tinyint(1) | NO  |     | 0      |       |
| INDEX_ID               | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
```

```
| INDEX_NAME              | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| IS_PARTITION            | tinyint(1)  | NO  |    | 0       |       |
| PARTITION_ID            | bigint(21)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| PARTITION_NAME          | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| EPOCH_CONF_VER          | bigint(21)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| EPOCH_VERSION           | bigint(21)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| WRITTEN_BYTES           | bigint(21)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| READ_BYTES              | bigint(21)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| APPROXIMATE_SIZE        | bigint(21)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| APPROXIMATE_KEYS        | bigint(21)  | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| REPLICATIONSTATUS_STATE | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| REPLICATIONSTATUS_STATEID | bigint(21)  | YES |  | NULL    |       |
+--
    ↪ ------------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
    ↪
20 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The descriptions of the columns in the `TIKV_REGION_STATUS` table are as follows:

- `REGION_ID`: The ID of the Region.
- `START_KEY`: The value of the start key of the Region.
- `END_KEY`: The value of the end key of the Region.
- `TABLE_ID`: The ID of the table to which the Region belongs.
- `DB_NAME`: The name of the database to which `TABLE_ID` belongs.
- `TABLE_NAME`: The name of the table to which the Region belongs.
- `IS_INDEX`: Whether the Region data is an index. 0 means that it is not an index, while 1 means that it is an index. If the current Region contains both table data and index data, there will be multiple rows of records, and `IS_INDEX` is 0 and 1 respectively.
- `INDEX_ID`: The ID of the index to which the Region belongs. If `IS_INDEX` is 0, the value of this column is NULL.
- `INDEX_NAME`: The name of the index to which the Region belongs. If `IS_INDEX` is 0, the value of this column is NULL.
- `IS_PARTITION`: Whether the table to which the Region belongs is partitioned.
- `PARTITION_ID`: If the table to which the Region belongs is partitioned, this column displays the ID of the partition to which the Region belongs.
- `PARTITION_NAME`: If the table to which the Region belongs is partitioned, this column displays the name of the partition to which the Region belongs.
- `EPOCH_CONF_VER`: The version number of the Region configuration. The version number increases when a peer is added or removed.
- `EPOCH_VERSION`: The current version number of the Region. The version number increases when the Region is split or merged.
- `WRITTEN_BYTES`: The amount of data (bytes) written to the Region.
- `READ_BYTES`: The amount of data (bytes) that has been read from the Region.
- `APPROXIMATE_SIZE`: The approximate data size (MB) of the Region.
- `APPROXIMATE_KEYS`: The approximate number of keys in the Region.

- REPLICATIONSTATUS_STATE: The current replication status of the Region. The status might be UNKNOWN, SIMPLE_MAJORITY, or INTEGRITY_OVER_LABEL.
- REPLICATIONSTATUS_STATEID: The identifier corresponding to REPLICATIONSTATUS_STATE.

Also, you can implement the top confver, top read and top write operations in pd-ctl via the ORDER BY X LIMIT Y operation on the EPOCH_CONF_VER, WRITTEN_BYTES and READ_BYTES columns.

You can query the top 3 Regions with the most write data using the following SQL statement:

```
SELECT * FROM tikv_region_status ORDER BY written_bytes DESC LIMIT 3;
```

14.13.19.2.56 TIKV_STORE_STATUS

The TIKV_STORE_STATUS table shows some basic information of TiKV nodes via PD's API, like the ID allocated in the cluster, address and port, and status, capacity, and the number of Region leaders of the current node.

> **Note:**
>
> This table is not available on TiDB Cloud Serverless clusters.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC TIKV_STORE_STATUS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field            | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+------------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| STORE_ID         | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| ADDRESS          | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| STORE_STATE      | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| STORE_STATE_NAME | varchar(64) | YES |  | NULL    |       |
| LABEL            | json        | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| VERSION          | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| CAPACITY         | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| AVAILABLE        | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| LEADER_COUNT     | bigint(21)  | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| LEADER_WEIGHT    | double      | YES |     | NULL    |       |
| LEADER_SCORE     | double      | YES |     | NULL    |       |
```

```
| LEADER_SIZE     | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| REGION_COUNT    | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| REGION_WEIGHT   | double     | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| REGION_SCORE    | double     | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| REGION_SIZE     | bigint(21) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| START_TS        | datetime   | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| LAST_HEARTBEAT_TS | datetime | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| UPTIME          | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
+-----------------+-------------+-----+-----+--------+-------+
19 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The descriptions of the columns in the `TIKV_STORE_STATUS` table are as follows:

- `STORE_ID`: The ID of the Store.
- `ADDRESS`: The address of the Store.
- `STORE_STATE`: The identifier of the Store state, which corresponds to `STORE_STATE_NAME`.
- `STORE_STATE_NAME`: The name of the Store state. The name is `Up`, `Offline`, or `Tombstone`.
- `LABEL`: The label set for the Store.
- `VERSION`: The version number of the Store.
- `CAPACITY`: The storage capacity of the Store.
- `AVAILABLE`: The remaining storage space of the Store.
- `LEADER_COUNT`: The number of leaders on the Store.
- `LEADER_WEIGHT`: The leader weight of the Store.
- `LEADER_SCORE`: The leader score of the Store.
- `LEADER_SIZE`: The approximate total data size (MB) of all leaders on the Store.
- `REGION_COUNT`: The number of Regions on the Store.
- `REGION_WEIGHT`: The Region weight of the Store.
- `REGION_SCORE`: The Region score of the Store.
- `REGION_SIZE`: The approximate total data size (MB) of all Regions on the Store.
- `START_TS`: The timestamp when the Store is started.
- `LAST_HEARTBEAT_TS`: The timestamp of the last heartbeat sent by the Store.
- `UPTIME`: The total time since the Store starts.

14.13.19.2.57 USER_ATTRIBUTES

The `USER_PRIVILEGES` table provides information about user comments and user attributes. This information comes from the `mysql.user` system table.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC user_attributes;
```

```
+----------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field    | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
```

```
+----------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| USER     | varchar(32) | NO   |      | NULL    |       |
| HOST     | varchar(255) | NO  |      | NULL    |       |
| ATTRIBUTE | longtext   | YES  |      | NULL    |       |
+----------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Fields in the `USER_ATTRIBUTES` table are described as follows:

- `USER`: The user name.
- `HOST`: The host from which the user can connect to TiDB. If the value of this field is `%`, it means that the user can connect to TiDB from any host.
- `ATTRIBUTE`: The comment and attribute of the user, which are set by the `CREATE USER` or `ALTER USER` statement.

The following is an example:

```
CREATE USER testuser1 COMMENT 'This user is created only for test';
CREATE USER testuser2 ATTRIBUTE '{"email": "user@pingcap.com"}';
SELECT * FROM information_schema.user_attributes;
```

```
+----------+------+-----------------------------------------------------+
| USER     | HOST | ATTRIBUTE                                           |
+----------+------+-----------------------------------------------------+
| root     | %    | NULL                                                |
| testuser1 | %   | {"comment": "This user is created only for test"} |
| testuser2 | %   | {"email": "user@pingcap.com"}                       |
+----------+------+-----------------------------------------------------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

14.13.19.2.58 USER_PRIVILEGES

The `USER_PRIVILEGES` table provides information about global privileges. This information comes from the `mysql.user` system table:

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC USER_PRIVILEGES;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+---------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field         | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+---------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| GRANTEE       | varchar(81) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| TABLE_CATALOG | varchar(512) | YES |   | NULL    |       |
```

```
| PRIVILEGE_TYPE | varchar(64) | YES |   | NULL   |      |
| IS_GRANTABLE | varchar(3) | YES |     | NULL   |      |
+----------------+-------------+-----+-----+--------+------+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

View the information in the USER_PRIVILEGES table:

```
SELECT * FROM USER_PRIVILEGES;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+-----------+---------------+------------------------+--------------+
| GRANTEE   | TABLE_CATALOG | PRIVILEGE_TYPE     | IS_GRANTABLE |
+-----------+---------------+------------------------+--------------+
| 'root'@'%' | def        | SELECT                 | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | INSERT                 | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | UPDATE                 | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | DELETE                 | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | CREATE                 | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | DROP                   | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | PROCESS                | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | REFERENCES             | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | ALTER                  | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | SHOW DATABASES         | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | SUPER                  | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | EXECUTE                | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | INDEX                  | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | CREATE USER            | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | CREATE TABLESPACE      | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | TRIGGER                | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | CREATE VIEW            | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | SHOW VIEW              | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | CREATE ROLE            | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | DROP ROLE              | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | CREATE TEMPORARY TABLES | YES     |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | LOCK TABLES            | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | CREATE ROUTINE         | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | ALTER ROUTINE          | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | EVENT                  | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | SHUTDOWN               | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | RELOAD                 | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | FILE                   | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | CONFIG                 | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | REPLICATION CLIENT     | YES        |
| 'root'@'%' | def        | REPLICATION SLAVE      | YES        |
+-----------+---------------+------------------------+--------------+
```

```
31 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Fields in the USER_PRIVILEGES table are described as follows:

- GRANTEE: The name of the granted user, which is in the format of 'user_name'@'host_name'.
- TABLE_CATALOG: The name of the catalog to which the table belongs. This value is always def.
- PRIVILEGE_TYPE: The privilege type to be granted. Only one privilege type is shown in each row.
- IS_GRANTABLE: If you have the GRANT OPTION privilege, the value is YES; otherwise, the value is NO.

See also

- SHOW GRANTS

14.13.19.2.59 VARIABLES_INFO

The VARIABLES_INFO table provides information about the default value, current value, and scope of system variables in the current TiDB instance or TiDB cluster.

```
USE information_schema;
DESC variables_info;
```

```
+----------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field          | Type               | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+----------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| VARIABLE_NAME | varchar(64)        | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| VARIABLE_SCOPE | varchar(64)       | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| DEFAULT_VALUE | varchar(64)        | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| CURRENT_VALUE | varchar(64)        | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
| MIN_VALUE     | bigint(64)         | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| MAX_VALUE     | bigint(64) unsigned | YES |    | NULL    |       |
| POSSIBLE_VALUES | varchar(256)     | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| IS_NOOP       | varchar(64)        | NO   |     | NULL    |       |
+----------------+--------------------+------+------+---------+-------+
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SELECT * FROM variables_info ORDER BY variable_name LIMIT 3;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------------------------------+---------------+--------------+------------
    ↪
```

```
| VARIABLE_NAME                  | VARIABLE_SCOPE | DEFAULT_VALUE | CURRENT_
    ↪ VALUE | MIN_VALUE | MAX_VALUE | POSSIBLE_VALUES | IS_NOOP |
+--
    ↪ --------------------------------+---------------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
| allow_auto_random_explicit_insert | SESSION,GLOBAL | OFF   | OFF          |
    ↪       NULL |     NULL | NULL           | NO     |
| auto_increment_increment      | SESSION,GLOBAL | 1         | 1            |
    ↪         1 |    65535 | NULL           | NO     |
| auto_increment_offset         | SESSION,GLOBAL | 1         | 1            |
    ↪         1 |    65535 | NULL           | NO     |
+--
    ↪ --------------------------------+---------------+--------------+-----------
    ↪
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Fields in the `VARIABLES_INFO` table are described as follows:

- `VARIABLE_NAME`: the name of the system variable.
- `VARIABLE_SCOPE`: the scope of the system variable. `SESSION` means that the system variable is only valid in the current session. `INSTANCE` means that the system variable is valid in the TiDB instance. `GLOBAL` means that the system variable is valid in the TiDB cluster. `NONE` means that the system variable is read only in the TiDB cluster.
- `DEFAULT_VALUE`: the default value of the system variable.
- `CURRENT_VALUE`: the current value of the system variable. If the scope includes `SESSION` ↪ , `CURRENT_VALUE` is the value in the current session.
- `MIN_VALUE`: the minimum value allowed for the system variable. If the system variable is not numeric, `MIN_VALUE` is NULL.
- `MAX_VALUE`: the maximum value allowed for the system variable. If the system variable is not numeric, `MAX_VALUE` is NULL.
- `POSSIBLE_VALUES`: the possible values of the system variable. If the system variable is not an enum type, `POSSIBLE_VALUES` is NULL.
- `IS_NOOP`: whether the system variable is a `noop` system variable.

14.13.19.2.60 VIEWS

The `VIEWS` table provides information about SQL views.

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
DESC VIEWS;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field              | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
```

```
| TABLE_CATALOG     | varchar(512) | NO |     | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_SCHEMA      | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL   |       |
| TABLE_NAME        | varchar(64) | NO |      | NULL   |       |
| VIEW_DEFINITION   | longtext    | NO  |      | NULL   |       |
| CHECK_OPTION      | varchar(8) | NO  |      | NULL   |       |
| IS_UPDATABLE      | varchar(3) | NO  |      | NULL   |       |
| DEFINER           | varchar(77) | NO |      | NULL   |       |
| SECURITY_TYPE     | varchar(7) | NO  |      | NULL   |       |
| CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT | varchar(32) | NO |  | NULL   |       |
| COLLATION_CONNECTION | varchar(32) | NO |  | NULL   |       |
+----------------------+-------------+-----+------+---------+-------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Create a view and query the `VIEWS` table:

```
CREATE VIEW test.v1 AS SELECT 1;
SELECT * FROM VIEWS\G
```

The output is as follows:

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
       TABLE_CATALOG: def
        TABLE_SCHEMA: test
          TABLE_NAME: v1
     VIEW_DEFINITION: SELECT 1
        CHECK_OPTION: CASCADED
        IS_UPDATABLE: NO
             DEFINER: root@127.0.0.1
       SECURITY_TYPE: DEFINER
CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT: utf8mb4
COLLATION_CONNECTION: utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Fields in the `VIEWS` table are described as follows:

- `TABLE_CATALOG`: The name of the catalog to which the view belongs. This value is always `def`.
- `TABLE_SCHEMA`: The name of the schema to which the view belongs.
- `TABLE_NAME`: The view name.
- `VIEW_DEFINITION`: The definition of view, which is made by the `SELECT` statement when the view is created.
- `CHECK_OPTION`: The `CHECK_OPTION` value. The value options are `NONE`, `CASCADE`, and `LOCAL`.
- `IS_UPDATABLE`: Whether `UPDATE`/`INSERT`/`DELETE` is applicable to the view. In TiDB, the value is always `NO`.

- DEFINER: The name of the user who creates the view, which is in the format of 'user_name'@'host_name'.
- SECURITY_TYPE: The value of SQL SECURITY. The value options are DEFINER and INVOKER.
- CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT: The value of the character_set_client session variable when the view is created.
- COLLATION_CONNECTION: The value of the collation_connection session variable when the view is created.

See also

- CREATE VIEW
- DROP VIEW

14.13.19.3 Metrics Schema

The METRICS_SCHEMA is a set of views on top of TiDB metrics that are stored in Prometheus. The source of the PromQL (Prometheus Query Language) for each of the tables is available in INFORMATION_SCHEMA.METRICS_TABLES.

```
USE metrics_schema;
SELECT * FROM uptime;
SELECT * FROM information_schema.metrics_tables WHERE table_name='uptime'\G
```

```
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+----------------+-----------+--------------------+
   ↪
| time                       | instance       | job       | value              |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+----------------+-----------+--------------------+
   ↪
| 2020-07-06 15:26:26.203000 | 127.0.0.1:10080 | tidb | 123.60300016403198 |
| 2020-07-06 15:27:26.203000 | 127.0.0.1:10080 | tidb | 183.60300016403198 |
| 2020-07-06 15:26:26.203000 | 127.0.0.1:20180 | tikv | 123.60300016403198 |
| 2020-07-06 15:27:26.203000 | 127.0.0.1:20180 | tikv | 183.60300016403198 |
| 2020-07-06 15:26:26.203000 | 127.0.0.1:2379 | pd   | 123.60300016403198 |
| 2020-07-06 15:27:26.203000 | 127.0.0.1:2379 | pd   | 183.60300016403198 |
| 2020-07-06 15:26:26.203000 | 127.0.0.1:9090 | prometheus |
   ↪ 123.72300004959106 |
| 2020-07-06 15:27:26.203000 | 127.0.0.1:9090 | prometheus |
   ↪ 183.72300004959106 |
+--
   ↪ -------------------------+----------------+-----------+--------------------+
   ↪
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
TABLE_NAME: uptime
    PROMQL: (time() - process_start_time_seconds{$LABEL_CONDITIONS})
    LABELS: instance,job
  QUANTILE: 0
   COMMENT: TiDB uptime since last restart(second)
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
SHOW TABLES;
```

```
+-------------------------------------------------+
| Tables_in_metrics_schema                        |
+-------------------------------------------------+
| abnormal_stores                                 |
| etcd_disk_wal_fsync_rate                        |
| etcd_wal_fsync_duration                         |
| etcd_wal_fsync_total_count                      |
| etcd_wal_fsync_total_time                       |
| go_gc_count                                     |
| go_gc_cpu_usage                                 |
| go_gc_duration                                  |
| go_heap_mem_usage                               |
| go_threads                                      |
| goroutines_count                                |
| node_cpu_usage                                  |
| node_disk_available_size                        |
| node_disk_io_util                               |
| node_disk_iops                                  |
| node_disk_read_latency                          |
| node_disk_size                                  |
..
| tikv_storage_async_request_total_time           |
| tikv_storage_async_requests                     |
| tikv_storage_async_requests_total_count         |
| tikv_storage_command_ops                        |
| tikv_store_size                                 |
| tikv_thread_cpu                                 |
| tikv_thread_nonvoluntary_context_switches       |
| tikv_thread_voluntary_context_switches          |
| tikv_threads_io                                 |
| tikv_threads_state                              |
| tikv_total_keys                                 |
| tikv_wal_sync_duration                          |
| tikv_wal_sync_max_duration                      |
```

```
| tikv_worker_handled_tasks                    |
| tikv_worker_handled_tasks_total_num          |
| tikv_worker_pending_tasks                    |
| tikv_worker_pending_tasks_total_num          |
| tikv_write_stall_avg_duration                |
| tikv_write_stall_max_duration                |
| tikv_write_stall_reason                      |
| up                                           |
| uptime                                       |
+----------------------------------------------+
626 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The METRICS_SCHEMA is used as a data source for monitoring-related summary tables such as (metrics_summary, metrics_summary_by_label and inspection_summary.

14.13.19.3.1 Additional Examples

Taking the tidb_query_duration monitoring table in metrics_schema as an example, this section illustrates how to use this monitoring table and how it works. The working principles of other monitoring tables are similar to tidb_query_duration.

Query the information related to the tidb_query_duration table on information_schema.metrics_tables:

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.metrics_tables WHERE table_name='tidb_
    ↪ query_duration';
```

```
+--
    ↪ -------------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| TABLE_NAME        | PROMQL
    ↪
    ↪ | LABELS          | QUANTILE | COMMENT                                  |
+--
    ↪ -------------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
| tidb_query_duration | histogram_quantile($QUANTILE, sum(rate(tidb_server_
    ↪ handle_query_duration_seconds_bucket{$LABEL_CONDITIONS}[$RANGE_
    ↪ DURATION])) by (le,sql_type,instance)) | instance,sql_type | 0.9 |
    ↪ The quantile of TiDB query durations(second) |
+--
    ↪ -------------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

Field description:

- `TABLE_NAME`: Corresponds to the table name in `metrics_schema` . In this example, the table name is `tidb_query_duration`.
- `PROMQL`: The working principle of the monitoring table is to first map SQL statements to `PromQL`, then to request data from Prometheus, and to convert Prometheus results into SQL query results. This field is the expression template of `PromQL`. When you query the data of the monitoring table, the query conditions are used to rewrite the variables in this template to generate the final query expression.
- `LABELS`: The label for the monitoring item. `tidb_query_duration` has two labels: `instance` and `sql_type`.
- `QUANTILE`: The percentile. For monitoring data of the histogram type, a default percentile is specified. If the value of this field is `0`, it means that the monitoring item corresponding to the monitoring table is not a histogram.
- `COMMENT`: Explanations for the monitoring table. You can see that the `tidb_query_duration` table is used to query the percentile time of the TiDB query execution, such as the query time of P999/P99/P90. The unit is second.

To query the schema of the `tidb_query_duration` table, execute the following statement:

```
SHOW CREATE TABLE metrics_schema.tidb_query_duration;
```

```
+--
   ↪ ------------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| Table              | Create Table
   ↪
   ↪ |
+--
   ↪ ------------------+-----------------------------------------------------------
   ↪
| tidb_query_duration | CREATE TABLE `tidb_query_duration` (
   ↪                                                                    |
|                    |   `time` datetime unsigned DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
   ↪                                                  |
|                    |   `instance` varchar(512) DEFAULT NULL,
   ↪                                                                  |
|                    |   `sql_type` varchar(512) DEFAULT NULL,
   ↪                                                                  |
|                    |   `quantile` double unsigned DEFAULT '0.9',
   ↪                                                                |
|                    |   `value` double unsigned DEFAULT NULL
   ↪                                                                   |
|                    | ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=
   ↪ utf8mb4_bin COMMENT='The quantile of TiDB query durations(second)' |
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----------------+-------------------------------------------------------
    ↪
```

- `time`: The time of the monitoring item.
- `instance` and `sql_type`: The labels of the `tidb_query_duration` monitoring item. `instance` means the monitoring address. `sql_type` means the type of the executed SQL statement.
- `quantile`: The percentile. The monitoring item of the histogram type has this column, which indicates the percentile time of the query. For example, `quantile = 0.9` means to query the time of P90.
- `value`: The value of the monitoring item.

The following statement queries the P99 time within the range of [2020-03-25 23:40:00 ↪ , 2020-03-25 23:42:00].

```
SELECT * FROM metrics_schema.tidb_query_duration WHERE value is not null
    ↪ AND time>='2020-03-25 23:40:00' AND time <= '2020-03-25 23:42:00' AND
    ↪  quantile=0.99;
```

```
+--
    ↪ -----------------+-----------------+---------+---------+----------------+
    ↪
| time              | instance        | sql_type | quantile | value      |
+--
    ↪ -----------------+-----------------+---------+---------+----------------+
    ↪
| 2020-03-25 23:40:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Insert | 0.99 | 0.509929485256
    ↪ |
| 2020-03-25 23:41:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Insert | 0.99 | 0.494690793986
    ↪ |
| 2020-03-25 23:42:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Insert | 0.99 | 0.493460506934
    ↪ |
| 2020-03-25 23:40:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Select | 0.99 | 0.152058493415
    ↪ |
| 2020-03-25 23:41:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Select | 0.99 | 0.152193879678
    ↪ |
| 2020-03-25 23:42:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Select | 0.99 | 0.140498483232
    ↪ |
| 2020-03-25 23:40:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | internal | 0.99 | 0.47104  |
| 2020-03-25 23:41:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | internal | 0.99 | 0.11776  |
| 2020-03-25 23:42:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | internal | 0.99 | 0.11776  |
+--
    ↪ -----------------+-----------------+---------+---------+----------------+
    ↪
```

The first row of the query result above means that at the time of 2020-03-25 23:40:00, on the TiDB instance `172.16.5.40:10089`, the P99 execution time of the `Insert` type statement is 0.509929485256 seconds. The meanings of other rows are similar. Other values of the `sql_type` column are described as follows:

- `Select`: The `select` type statement is executed.
- `internal`: The internal SQL statement of TiDB, which is used to update the statistical information and get the global variables.

To view the execution plan of the statement above, execute the following statement:

```
DESC SELECT * FROM metrics_schema.tidb_query_duration WHERE value is not
    ↪ null AND time>='2020-03-25 23:40:00' AND time <= '2020-03-25 23:42:00
    ↪ ' AND quantile=0.99;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------------+----------+------+--------------------------+----------------
    ↪
| id              | estRows | task | access object         | operator info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ---------------+----------+------+--------------------------+----------------
    ↪
| Selection_5     | 8000.00 | root |                       | not(isnull(Column
    ↪ #5))
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  ─MemTableScan_6 | 10000.00 | root | table:tidb_query_duration | PromQL:
    ↪ histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tidb_server_handle_query_duration_
    ↪ seconds_bucket{}[60s])) by (le,sql_type,instance)), start_time
    ↪ :2020-03-25 23:40:00, end_time:2020-03-25 23:42:00, step:1m0s |
+--
    ↪ ---------------+----------+------+--------------------------+----------------
    ↪
```

From the result above, you can see that `PromQL`, `start_time`, `end_time`, and `step` are in the execution plan. During the execution process, TiDB calls the `query_range` HTTP API of Prometheus to query the monitoring data.

You might find that in the range of [2020-03-25 23:40:00, 2020-03-25 23:42:00], each label only has three time values. In the execution plan, the value of `step` is 1 minute, which means that the interval of these values is 1 minute. `step` is determined by the following two session variables:

- `tidb_metric_query_step`: The query resolution step width. To get the `query_range` data from Prometheus, you need to specify `start_time`, `end_time`, and `step`. `step` uses the value of this variable.
- `tidb_metric_query_range_duration`: When the monitoring data is queried, the value of the `$ RANGE_DURATION` field in `PROMQL` is replaced with the value of this variable. The default value is 60 seconds.

To view the values of monitoring items with different granularities, you can modify the two session variables above before querying the monitoring table. For example:

1. Modify the values of the two session variables and set the time granularity to 30 seconds.

> **Note:**
> The minimum granularity supported by Prometheus is 30 seconds.

```
set @@tidb_metric_query_step=30;
set @@tidb_metric_query_range_duration=30;
```

2. Query the `tidb_query_duration` monitoring item as follows. From the result, you can see that within the 3-minute time range, each label has 6 time values, and the interval between each value is 30 seconds.

```
select * from metrics_schema.tidb_query_duration where value is not
    ↪ null and time>='2020-03-25 23:40:00' and time <= '2020-03-25
    ↪ 23:42:00' and quantile=0.99;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ------------------+------------------+---------+---------+------------
    ↪
| time                | instance         | sql_type | quantile | value
    ↪      |
+--
    ↪ ------------------+------------------+---------+---------+------------
    ↪
| 2020-03-25 23:40:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Insert | 0.99 |
    ↪ 0.483285651924 |
| 2020-03-25 23:40:30 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Insert | 0.99 |
    ↪ 0.484151462113 |
| 2020-03-25 23:41:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Insert | 0.99 | 0.504576
    ↪    |
| 2020-03-25 23:41:30 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Insert | 0.99 |
    ↪ 0.493577384561 |
```

```
| 2020-03-25 23:42:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Insert | 0.99 |
    ↪ 0.49482474311 |
| 2020-03-25 23:40:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Select | 0.99 |
    ↪ 0.189253402185 |
| 2020-03-25 23:40:30 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Select | 0.99 |
    ↪ 0.184224951851 |
| 2020-03-25 23:41:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Select | 0.99 |
    ↪ 0.151673410553 |
| 2020-03-25 23:41:30 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Select | 0.99 |
    ↪ 0.127953838989 |
| 2020-03-25 23:42:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | Select | 0.99 |
    ↪ 0.127455434547 |
| 2020-03-25 23:40:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | internal | 0.99 | 0.0624
    ↪     |
| 2020-03-25 23:40:30 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | internal | 0.99 | 0.12416
    ↪    |
| 2020-03-25 23:41:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | internal | 0.99 | 0.0304
    ↪     |
| 2020-03-25 23:41:30 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | internal | 0.99 | 0.06272
    ↪    |
| 2020-03-25 23:42:00 | 172.16.5.40:10089 | internal | 0.99 |
    ↪ 0.0629333333333 |
+--
    ↪ ------------------+------------------+----------+----------+------------
    ↪
```

3. View the execution plan. From the result, you can also see that the values of `PromQL` and `step` in the execution plan have been changed to 30 seconds.

```
desc select * from metrics_schema.tidb_query_duration where value is
    ↪ not null and time>='2020-03-25 23:40:00' and time <= '2020-03-25
    ↪  23:42:00' and quantile=0.99;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ----------------+----------+------+--------------------------+------------
    ↪
| id             | estRows | task | access object        | operator
    ↪ info
    ↪
    ↪ |
+--
    ↪ ----------------+----------+------+--------------------------+------------
    ↪
| Selection_5    | 8000.00 | root |                      | not(isnull(
    ↪ Column#5))
```

```
    ↪
    ↪ |
|  └─MemTableScan_6 | 10000.00 | root | table:tidb_query_duration |
    ↪ PromQL:histogram_quantile(0.99, sum(rate(tidb_server_handle_
    ↪ query_duration_seconds_bucket{}[30s])) by (le,sql_type,instance)
    ↪ ), start_time:2020-03-25 23:40:00, end_time:2020-03-25 23:42:00,
    ↪  step:30s |
+--
    ↪ ---------------+----------+------+--------------------------+-----------
    ↪
```

14.13.19.4 PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA

14.13.19.4.1 Performance Schema

TiDB implements performance schema tables for MySQL compatibility.

Tables for MySQL compatibility

Table name	Description
events_stages_current	
events_stages_history	
events_stages_history_long	
events_statements_current	
events_statements_history	
events_statements_history_long	
events_statements_summary_by_digest	
events_transactions_current	
events_transactions_history	
events_transactions_history_long	
global_status	
prepared_statements_instances	
session_connect_attrs	Provides connection attributes for sessions.
session_status	
session_variables	
setup_actors	
setup_consumers	
setup_instruments	
setup_objects	

Tables that are TiDB extensions

Table name	Description
pd_profile_allocs	

Table name	Description
pd_profile_block	
pd_profile_cpu	
pd_profile_goroutines	
pd_profile_memory	
pd_profile_mutex	
tidb_profile_allocs	
tidb_profile_block	
tidb_profile_cpu	
tidb_profile_goroutines	
tidb_profile_memory	
tidb_profile_mutex	
tikv_profile_cpu	

14.13.19.4.2 SESSION_CONNECT_ATTRS

The SESSION_CONNECT_ATTRS table provides information about connection attributes. Session attributes are key-value pairs that are sent by the client when establishing a connection.

Common attributes:

Attribute Name	Example	Description
_client_name	libmysql	Client library name
_client_version	8.0.33	Client library version
_os	Linux	Operating System
_pid	712927	Process ID
_platform	x86_64	CPU Architecture
program_name	mysqlsh	Program name

You can view the columns of the SESSION_CONNECT_ATTRS table as follows:

```
USE performance_schema;
DESCRIBE session_connect_attrs;
```

```
+-----------------+----------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field           | Type           | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----------------+----------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| PROCESSLIST_ID | bigint unsigned | NO |    | NULL   |       |
| ATTR_NAME      | varchar(32)    | NO  |     | NULL   |       |
| ATTR_VALUE     | varchar(1024) | YES |     | NULL   |       |
| ORDINAL_POSITION | int          | YES |     | NULL   |       |
+-----------------+----------------+------+------+---------+-------+
```

You can view the information on session attributes stored in the SESSION_CONNECT_ATTRS table as follows:

```
USE performance_schema;
TABLE SESSION_CONNECT_ATTRS;
```

```
+----------------+-----------------+-----------+------------------+
| PROCESSLIST_ID | ATTR_NAME   | ATTR_VALUE | ORDINAL_POSITION |
+----------------+-----------------+-----------+------------------+
|       2097154 | _client_name | libmysql |              0 |
|       2097154 | _client_version | 8.5.1 |              1 |
|       2097154 | _os          | Linux    |              2 |
|       2097154 | _pid         | 1299203  |              3 |
|       2097154 | _platform    | x86_64   |              4 |
|       2097154 | program_name | mysqlsh  |              5 |
+----------------+-----------------+-----------+------------------+
```

Fields in the SESSION_CONNECT_ATTRS table are described as follows:

- PROCESSLIST_ID: Processlist ID of the session.
- ATTR_NAME: Attribute name.
- ATTR_VALUE: Attribute value.
- ORDINAL_POSITION: Ordinal position of the name/value pair.

14.13.19.5 SYS

14.13.19.5.1 sys Schema

Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB provides the sys schema. You can use the views in sys schema to understand the data in the system tables, INFORMATION_SCHEMA, and PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA of TiDB.

Tables for MySQL compatibility

Table name	Description
schema_unused_indexes	Records indexes that have not been used since the last start of TiDB.

14.13.19.5.2 schema_unused_indexes

schema_unused_indexes records indexes that have not been used since the last start of TiDB. It includes the following columns:

- OBJECT_SCHEMA: The name of the database to which the table containing the index

belongs.

- `OBJECT_NAME`: The name of the table containing the index.
- `INDEX_NAME`: The name of the index.

```
USE SYS;
DESC SCHEMA_UNUSED_INDEXES;
```

The output is as follows:

```
+--------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| Field        | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+--------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
| object_schema | varchar(64) | YES |  | NULL   |       |
| object_name | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
| index_name  | varchar(64) | YES |    | NULL   |       |
+--------------+-------------+------+------+---------+-------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Manually create the `schema_unused_indexes` view

For clusters upgraded from versions earlier than v8.0.0, the `sys` schema and the views in it are not created automatically. You can manually create them using the following SQL statements:

```
CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS sys;
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW sys.schema_unused_indexes AS
  SELECT
    table_schema as object_schema,
    table_name as object_name,
    index_name
  FROM information_schema.cluster_tidb_index_usage
  WHERE
    table_schema not in ('sys', 'mysql', 'INFORMATION_SCHEMA', 'PERFORMANCE_
        ↪ SCHEMA') and
    index_name != 'PRIMARY'
  GROUP BY table_schema, table_name, index_name
  HAVING
    sum(last_access_time) is null;
```

Read more

- INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_INDEX_USAGE

14.13.20 Metadata Lock

This document introduces the metadata lock in TiDB.

14.13.20.1 Concept

TiDB uses the online asynchronous schema change algorithm to support changing metadata objects. When a transaction is executed, it obtains the corresponding metadata snapshot at the transaction start. If the metadata is changed during a transaction, to ensure data consistency, TiDB returns an `Information schema is changed` error and the transaction fails to commit.

To solve the problem, TiDB v6.3.0 introduces metadata lock into the online DDL algorithm. To avoid most DML errors, TiDB coordinates the priority of DMLs and DDLs during table metadata change and makes executing DDLs wait for the DMLs with old metadata to commit.

14.13.20.2 Scenarios

The metadata lock in TiDB applies to all DDL statements, such as:

- `ADD INDEX`
- `ADD COLUMN`
- `DROP COLUMN`
- `DROP INDEX`
- `DROP PARTITION`
- `TRUNCATE TABLE`
- `EXCHANGE PARTITION`
- `CHANGE COLUMN`
- `MODIFY COLUMN`

Enabling metadata lock might have some performance impact on the execution of the DDL task in TiDB. To reduce the impact, the following lists some scenarios that do not require metadata lock:

- `SELECT` queries with auto-commit enabled
- Stale Read is enabled
- Access temporary tables

14.13.20.3 Usage

Starting from v6.5.0, TiDB enables metadata lock by default. When you upgrade your existing cluster from v6.4.0 or earlier to v6.5.0 or later, TiDB automatically enables metadata lock. To disable metadata lock, you can set the system variable `tidb_enable_metadata_lock` to `OFF`.

14.13.20.4 Impact

- For DMLs, metadata lock does not block its execution, nor causes any deadlock.

- When metadata lock is enabled, the information of a metadata object in a transaction is determined on the first access and does not change after that.
- For DDLs, when changing metadata state, DDLs might be blocked by old transactions. The following is an example:

Session 1	Session 2

`CREATE TABLE t (a INT);`
`INSERT INTO t VALUES(1);`
`BEGIN;`	

	`ALTER`
	`↪ TABLE t`
	`↪  ADD`
	`↪ COLUMN`
	`↪ b INT;`

`SELECT * FROM t;`(Uses the current metadata version of table `t`. Returns `(a=1, b=NULL)` and locks table `t`.)	

	`ALTER`
	`↪ TABLE t`
	`↪  ADD`
	`↪ COLUMN`
	`↪ c INT;`
	(blocked by Session 1)

At the repeatable read isolation level, from the transaction start to the timepoint of determining the metadata of a table, if a DDL that requires data changes is performed, such as adding an index, or changing column types, the DDL returns an error as follows:

Session 1	Session 2

`CREATE TABLE t (a INT);`
`INSERT INTO t VALUES(1);`
`BEGIN;`	

	`ALTER TABLE t`

`SELECT * FROM t;` (index `idx` is not available)
`COMMIT;`
`BEGIN;`	

	`ALTER TABLE t`
`SELECT * FROM t;` (returns `ERROR 8028 (HY000): public column a has changed`)	

14.13.20.5 Observability

TiDB v6.3.0 introduces the `mysql.tidb_mdl_view` view to help you obtain the information of the current blocked DDL.

> **Note:**
>
> To select the `mysql.tidb_mdl_view` view, the `PROCESS` privilege is required.

The following takes adding an index for table `t` as an example. Assume that there is a DDL statement `ALTER TABLE t ADD INDEX idx(a)`:

```
TABLE mysql.tidb_mdl_view\G
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
    job_id: 118
   db_name: test
 table_name: t
     query: ALTER TABLE t ADD COLUMN c INT
 session_id: 1547698182
 start_time: 2025-03-19 09:52:36.509000
SQL_DIGESTS: ["begin","select * from `t`"]
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

From the preceding output, you can see that the transaction whose `SESSION ID` is `1547698182` blocks the `ADD COLUMN` DDL. `SQL_DIGEST` shows the SQL statements executed by this transaction, which is `["begin","select * from `t`"]`. To make the blocked DDL continue to execute, you can use the following global `KILL` statement to kill the `1547698182` transaction:

```
mysql> KILL 1547698182;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

After killing the transaction, you can select the `mysql.tidb_mdl_view` view again. At this time, the preceding transaction is not shown in the output, which means the DDL is not blocked.

```
TABLE mysql.tidb_mdl_view\G
Empty set (0.01 sec)
```

14.13.20.6 Principles

14.13.20.6.1 Description of the issue

DDL operations in TiDB are the online DDL mode. When a DDL statement is being executed, the metadata version of the defined object to be modified might go through multiple minor version changes. The online asynchronous metadata change algorithm only establishes that two adjacent minor versions are compatible, that is, operations between two versions do not break data consistency of the object that DDL changes.

When adding an index to a table, the state of the DDL statement changes as follows: None -> Delete Only, Delete Only -> Write Only, Write Only -> Write Reorg, Write Reorg -> Public.

The following commit process of transactions violates the preceding constraint:

Transaction	Version used by transaction	Latest version in the cluster	Version difference
txn1	None	None	0
txn2	DeleteOnly	DeleteOnly	0
txn3	WriteOnly	WriteOnly	0
txn4	None	WriteOnly	2
txn5	WriteReorg	WriteReorg	0
txn6	WriteOnly	WriteReorg	1
txn7	Public	Public	0

In the preceding table, the metadata version used when `txn4` is committed is two versions different from the latest version in the cluster. This might cause data inconsistency.

14.13.20.6.2 Implementation details

Metadata lock can ensure that the metadata versions used by all transactions in a TiDB cluster differ by one version at most. To achieve this goal, TiDB implements the following two rules:

- When executing a DML, TiDB records metadata objects accessed by the DML in the transaction context, such as tables, views, and corresponding metadata versions. These records are cleaned up when the transaction is committed.
- When a DDL statement changes state, the latest version of metadata is pushed to all TiDB nodes. If the difference between the metadata version used by all transactions related to this state change on a TiDB node and the current metadata version is less than two, the TiDB node is considered to acquire the metadata lock of the metadata object. The next state change can only be executed after all TiDB nodes in the cluster have obtained the metadata lock of the metadata object.

14.13.21 TiDB Accelerated Table Creation

TiDB v7.6.0 introduces the system variable `tidb_ddl_version` to support accelerating table creation, which improves the efficiency of bulk table creation. Starting from v8.0.0, this system variable is renamed to `tidb_enable_fast_create_table`.

When accelerated table creation is enabled via `tidb_enable_fast_create_table`, table creation statements with the same schema committed to the same TiDB node at the same time are merged into batch table creation statements to improve table creation performance. Therefore, to improve the table creation performance, try to connect to the same TiDB node, create tables with the same schema concurrently, and increase the concurrency appropriately.

The merged batch table creation statements are executed within the same transaction, so if one statement of them fails, all of them will fail.

14.13.21.1 Compatibility with TiDB tools

- Before TiDB v8.3.0, TiCDC does not support replicating the tables that are created by `tidb_enable_fast_create_table`. Starting from v8.3.0, TiCDC can properly replicate these tables.

14.13.21.2 Limitation

You can now use performance optimization for table creation only in the `CREATE TABLE` statement, and this statement must not include any foreign key constraints.

14.13.21.3 Use `tidb_enable_fast_create_table` to accelerate table creation

You can enable or disable performance optimization for creating tables by specifying the value of the system variable `tidb_enable_fast_create_table`.

Starting from TiDB v8.5.0, the accelerated table creation feature is enabled by default for newly created clusters, with `tidb_enable_fast_create_table` set to `ON`. For clusters upgraded from v8.4.0 or earlier versions, the default value of `tidb_enable_fast_create_table` remains unchanged.

To enable performance optimization for creating tables, set the value of this variable to `ON`:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_fast_create_table = ON;
```

To disable performance optimization for creating tables, set the value of this variable to `OFF`:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_fast_create_table = OFF;
```

14.13.22 Schema Cache

In some multi-tenant scenarios, there might be hundreds of thousands or even millions of databases and tables. Loading the schema information of all these databases and tables into memory would not only consume a large amount of memory but also degrade access performance. To address this issue, TiDB introduces a schema caching mechanism similar to LRU (Least Recently Used). Only the schema information of the most recently accessed databases and tables is cached in memory.

14.13.22.1 Configure schema cache

You can enable the schema caching feature by configuring the system variable `tidb_schema_cache_size`.

14.13.22.2 Best practices

- In scenarios with a large number of databases and tables (for example, more than 100,000 databases and tables) or when the number of databases and tables is large enough to affect system performance, it is recommended to enable the schema caching feature.
- You can monitor the hit rate of the schema cache by observing the subpanel **Infoschema v2 Cache Operation** under the **Schema load** section in TiDB Dashboard. If the hit rate is low, you can increase the value of `tidb_schema_cache_size`.
- You can monitor the current size of the schema cache being used by observing the subpanel **Infoschema v2 Cache Size** under the **Schema load** section in TiDB Dashboard.
- It is recommended to disable `performance.force-init-stats` to reduce TiDB startup time.
- If you need to create a large number of tables (for example, more than 100,000 tables), it is recommended to set the `split-table` parameter to `false` to reduce the number of Regions and thus decrease TiKV's memory usage.

14.13.22.3 Known limitations

In scenarios with a large number of databases and tables, the following known issues exist:

- The number of tables in a single cluster cannot exceed 3 million.
- If the number of tables in a single cluster exceeds 300,000, do not set the value of `tidb_schema_cache_size` to `0`, because it might cause TiDB to run out of memory (OOM).
- Using foreign keys might increase the execution time of DDL operations in a cluster.

- When the tables are irregularly accessed, such as one set of tables are accessed at time1 while another set are accessed at time2, and the value of `tidb_schema_cache_size` is small, the schema information might be frequently evicted and cached, leading to performance fluctuations. This feature is more suitable for scenarios where frequently accessed databases and tables are relatively fixed.
- Statistics information might not be collected in a timely manner.
- Access to some metadata information might become slower.
- Switching the schema cache on or off requires a waiting period.
- Operations that involve enumerating all metadata information might become slower, such as:
    - `SHOW FULL TABLES`
    - `FLASHBACK`
    - `ALTER TABLE ... SET TIFLASH MODE ...`
- When you use tables with the `AUTO_INCREMENT` or `AUTO_RANDOM` attribute, a small schema cache size might cause the meta data of these tables to frequently enter and leave the cache. This can result in the allocated ID range becoming invalid before being fully used, leading to ID jumps. In write-intensive scenarios, this might even exhaust the ID range. To minimize abnormal ID allocation behavior and improve system stability, it is recommended to take the following measures:
    - View the hit rate and size of the schema cache on the monitoring panel to assess whether the cache settings are reasonable. Increase the schema cache size properly to reduce frequent evictions.
    - Set `AUTO_ID_CACHE` to `1` to prevent ID jumps.
    - Properly configure the shard bits and reserved bits of `AUTO_RANDOM` to avoid a too small ID range.

14.14 Telemetry

When the telemetry feature is enabled, TiUP and TiSpark collect usage information and share the information with PingCAP to help understand how to improve the product.

Note:

- Starting from TiUP v1.11.3, the telemetry feature in TiUP is disabled by default, which means TiUP usage information is not collected by default. If you upgrade from a TiUP version earlier than v1.11.3 to v1.11.3 or a later version, the telemetry feature keeps the same status as before the upgrade.

- Starting from TiSpark v3.0.3, the telemetry feature in TiSpark is disabled by default, which means TiSpark usage information is not collected by default.
- Starting from v8.1.0, the telemetry feature in TiDB and TiDB Dashboard is removed.

14.14.1 What is shared when telemetry is enabled?

The following sections describe the shared usage information in detail for TiUP and TiSpark. The usage details that get shared might change over time. These changes (if any) will be announced in release notes.

Note:

In **ALL** cases, user data stored in the TiDB cluster will **NOT** be shared. You can also refer to PingCAP Privacy Policy.

14.14.1.1 TiUP

When the telemetry collection feature is enabled in TiUP, usage details of TiUP will be shared, including (but not limited to):

- A randomly generated telemetry ID.
- Execution status of TiUP commands, such as whether the execution is successful and the execution duration.
- Deployment characteristics, such as the size of hardware, TiDB components versions, and deployment configuration names that have been modified.

To view the full content of the usage information shared to PingCAP, set the `TIUP_CLUSTER_DEBUG=enable` environment variable when executing the TiUP command. For example:

```
TIUP_CLUSTER_DEBUG=enable tiup cluster list
```

14.14.1.2 TiSpark

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v3.0.3, the telemetry collection is disabled by default in TiSpark, and usage information is not collected and shared with PingCAP.

When the telemetry collection feature is enabled for TiSpark, the Spark module will share the usage details of TiSpark, including (but not limited to):

- A randomly generated telemetry ID.
- Some configuration information of TiSpark, such as the read engine and whether streaming read is enabled.
- Cluster deployment information, such as the machine hardware information, OS information, and component version number of the node where TiSpark is located.

You can view TiSpark usage information that is collected in Spark logs. You can set the Spark log level to INFO or lower, for example:

```
grep "Telemetry report" {spark.log} | tail -n 1
```

14.14.2 Enable telemetry

14.14.2.1 Enable TiUP telemetry

To enable the TiUP telemetry collection, execute the following command:

```
tiup telemetry enable
```

14.14.2.2 Enable TiSpark telemetry

To enable the TiSpark telemetry collection, configure `spark.tispark.telemetry.enable = true` in the TiSpark configuration file.

14.14.3 Disable telemetry

14.14.3.1 Disable TiUP telemetry

To disable the TiUP telemetry collection, execute the following command:

```
tiup telemetry disable
```

14.14.3.2 Disable TiSpark telemetry

To disable the TiSpark telemetry collection, configure `spark.tispark.telemetry.enable = false` in the TiSpark configuration file.

14.14.4 Check telemetry status

For TiUP telemetry, execute the following command to check the telemetry status:

```
tiup telemetry status
```

14.14.5 Compliance

To meet compliance requirements in different countries or regions, the usage information is sent to servers located in different countries according to the IP address of the sender machine:

- For IP addresses from the Chinese mainland, usage information is sent to and stored on cloud servers in the Chinese mainland.
- For IP addresses from outside of the Chinese mainland, usage information is sent to and stored on cloud servers in the US.

See PingCAP Privacy Policy for details.

14.15 Error Codes and Troubleshooting

This document describes the problems encountered during the use of TiDB and provides the solutions.

14.15.1 Error codes

TiDB is compatible with the error codes in MySQL, and in most cases returns the same error code as MySQL. For a list of error codes for MySQL, see MySQL 8.0 Error Message Reference. In addition, TiDB has the following unique error codes:

> **Note:**
>
> Some error codes stand for internal errors. Normally, TiDB handles the error rather than return it to the user, so some error codes are not listed here.
>
> If you encounter an error code that is not listed here, get support from PingCAP or the community.

- Error Number: 8001

  The memory used by the request exceeds the threshold limit for the TiDB memory usage.

  Increase the memory limit for a single SQL statement by configuring the system variable `tidb_mem_quota_query`.

- Error Number: 8002

  To guarantee consistency, a transaction with the `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statement cannot be retried when it encounters a commit conflict. TiDB rolls back the transaction and returns this error.

  The application can safely retry the whole transaction.

- Error Number: 8003

  If the data in a row is not consistent with the index when executing the `ADMIN CHECK TABLE` command, TiDB returns this error. This error is commonly seen when you check the data corruption in the table.

  You can get support from PingCAP or the community.

- Error Number: 8004

  A single transaction is too large.

  See the error message `transaction too large` for the cause and solution.

- Error Number: 8005

  The complete error message: `ERROR 8005 (HY000): Write Conflict, txnStartTS is stale`

  Transactions in TiDB encounter write conflicts. Check your application logic and retry the write operation.

- Error Number: 8018

  When you reload a plugin, if the plugin has not been loaded before, this error is returned.

  You can execute an initial load of the plugin.

- Error Number: 8019

  The version of the plugin that is being reloaded is different from the previous version. Therefore, the plugin cannot be reloaded, and this error is returned.

  You can reload the plugin by ensuring that the plugin version is the same as the previous one.

- Error Number: 8020

  When the table is locked, if you perform a write operation on the table, this error is returned.

  Unlock the table and retry the write operation.

- Error Number: 8021

  When the key to be read from TiKV does not exist, this error is returned. This error is used internally, and the external result is an empty read.

- Error Number: 8022

  The transaction commit fails and has been rolled back.

  The application can safely retry the whole transaction.

- Error Number: 8023

  If you set an empty value when writing the transaction cache, this error is returned. This error is used and dealt with internally, and is not returned to the application.

- Error Number: 8024

  Invalid transactions. If TiDB finds that no transaction ID (Start Timestamp) is obtained for the transaction that is being executed, which means this transaction is invalid, this error is returned.

  Usually this error does not occur. If you encounter this error, get support from PingCAP or the community.

- Error Number: 8025

  The single Key-Value pair being written is too large. The largest single Key-Value pair supported in TiDB is 6 MB by default.

  If a pair exceeds this limit, you need to properly adjust the `txn-entry-size-limit` configuration value to relax the limit.

- Error Number: 8026

  The interface function being used has not been implemented. This error is only used internally, and is not returned to the application.

- Error Number: 8027

  The table schema version is outdated. TiDB applies schema changes online. When the table schema version of the TiDB server is earlier than that of the entire system, this error is returned if you execute a SQL statement.

  When this error occurs, check the network between the TiDB server and the PD Leader.

- Error Number: 8028

  Since v6.3.0, TiDB introduces the Metadata lock feature. When the metadata lock is disabled and a transaction is executed, the transaction cannot recognize the table schema changes. Therefore, when the transaction is committed, TiDB checks the table schema related to the transaction. If the related table schema has been changed during the execution, the transaction commit fails with this error. At this time, the application can safely retry the whole transaction.

  When the metadata lock is enabled not in the Read Committed isolation level, if a lossy column type change occurs on a table (for example, changing from `INT` to `CHAR` is lossy, and changing from `TINYINT` to `INT` is not lossy because overwriting data is not required) from a transaction start to access the table for the first time, then the query fails while the transaction will not roll back automatically. You can continue to execute other statements and decide whether to roll back or commit the transaction.

- Error Number: 8029

  This error occurs when numeric conversion within the database encounters an error. This error is only used internally and is converted to a specific type of error for external applications.

- Error Number: 8030

  After an unsigned positive integer is converted to a signed integer, it exceeds the maximum value and displays as a negative integer. This error mostly occurs in the alert message.

- Error Number: 8031

  When being converted to an unsigned integer, a negative integer is converted to a positive integer. This error mostly occurs in the alert message.

- Error Number: 8032

  Invalid `year` format is used. `year` only accepts 1, 2 or 4 digits.

- Error Number: 8033

  Invalid `year` value is used. The valid range of `year` is (1901, 2155).

- Error Number: 8037

  Invalid `mode` format is used in the `week` function. `mode` must be 1 digit within [0, 7].

- Error Number: 8038

  The field fails to obtain the default value. This error is usually used internally, and is converted to a specific type of error for external applications.

- Error Number: 8040

  Unsupported operations are performed. For example, you perform a table locking operation on a view or a sequence.

- Error Number: 8047

  The value of the system variable is not supported. This error usually occurs in the alarm information when the user sets a variable value that is not supported in the database.

- Error Number: 8048

  An unsupported database isolation level is set.

  If you cannot modify the codes because you are using a third-party tool or framework, consider using `tidb_skip_isolation_level_check` to bypass this check.

```
set @@tidb_skip_isolation_level_check = 1;
```

- Error Number: 8050

  An unsupported privilege type is set.

  See Privileges required for TiDB operations for the solution.

- Error Number: 8051

  Unknown data type is encountered when TiDB parses the Exec argument list sent by the client.

  If you encounter this error, check the client. If the client is normal, get support from PingCAP or the community.

- Error Number: 8052

  The serial number of the data packet from the client is incorrect.

  If you encounter this error, check the client. If the client is normal, get support from PingCAP or the community.

- Error Number: 8055

  The current snapshot is too old. The data may have been garbage collected. You can increase the value of `tidb_gc_life_time` to avoid this problem. TiDB automatically reserves data for long-running transactions. Usually this error does not occur.

  See garbage collection overview and garbage collection configuration.

- Error Number: 8059

  The auto-random ID is exhausted and cannot be allocated. There is no way to recover from such errors currently. It is recommended to use bigint when using the auto random feature to obtain the maximum number of assignment. And try to avoid manually assigning values to the auto random column.

  See auto random for reference.

- Error Number: 8060

  Invalid auto-incrementing offset. Check the values of `auto_increment_increment` and `auto_increment_offset`.

- Error Number: 8061

  Unsupported SQL Hint.

  See Optimizer Hints to check and modify the SQL Hint.

- Error Number: 8062

  An invalid token is used in SQL Hint. It conflicts with reserved words in SQL Hint.

  See Optimizer Hints to check and modify the SQL Hint.

- Error Number: 8063

  The limited memory usage set in SQL Hint exceeds the upper limit of the system. The setting in SQL Hint is ignored.

  See Optimizer Hints to check and modify the SQL Hint.

- Error Number: 8064

  It fails to parse SQL Hint.

  See Optimizer Hints to check and modify the SQL Hint.

- Error Number: 8065

  An invalid integer is used in SQL Hint.

  See Optimizer Hints to check and modify the SQL Hint.

- Error Number: 8066

  The second parameter in the `JSON_OBJECTAGG` function is invalid.

- Error Number: 8101

  The format of plugin ID is incorrect.

  The correct format is `[name]-[version]`, and no `-` is allowed in `name` and `version`.

- Error Number: 8102

  Unable to read the plugin definition information.

  Check the configuration related to the plugin.

- Error Number: 8103

  The plugin name is incorrect.

  Check the configuration of the plugin.

- Error Number: 8104

  The plugin version does not match.

  Check the configuration of the plugin.

- Error Number: 8105

  The plugin is repeatedly loaded.

- Error Number: 8106

  The plugin defines a system variable whose name does not begin with the plugin name.

  Contact the developer of the plugin to modify, or get support from PingCAP or the community.

- Error Number: 8107

  The loaded plugin does not specify a version, or the specified version is too low.

  Check the configuration of the plugin.

- Error Number: 8108

  Unsupported execution plan type. This error is an internal error.

  If you encounter this error, get support from PingCAP or the community.

- Error Number: 8109

  The specified index cannot be found when the index is analyzed.

- Error Number: 8110

  The Cartesian product operation cannot be executed.

  Set `cross-join` in the configuration to `true`.

- Error Number: 8111

  When executing the `EXECUTE` statement, the corresponding `Prepare` statement cannot be found.

- Error Number: 8112

  The number of parameters in the `EXECUTE` statement is not consistent with the `Prepare` statement.

- Error Number: 8113

  The table schema related in the `EXECUTE` statement has changed after the `Prepare` statement is executed.

- Error Number: 8115

  It is not supported to prepare multiple lines of statements.

- Error Number: 8116

  It is not supported to prepare DDL statements.

- Error Number: 8120

  The `start tso` of transactions cannot be obtained.

  Check the state/monitor/log of the PD server and the network between the TiDB server and the PD server.

- Error Number: 8121

  Privilege check fails.

  Check the privilege configuration of the database.

- Error Number: 8122

  No corresponding table name is found, given the specified wild cards.

- Error Number: 8123

  An SQL query with aggregate functions returns non-aggregated columns, which violates the `only_full_group_by` mode.

  Modify the SQL statement or disable the `only_full_group_by` mode.

- Error Number: 8129

  TiDB does not yet support JSON objects with the key length >= 65536.

- Error Number: 8130

  The complete error message: `ERROR 8130 (HY000): client has multi-statement capability disabled`

  This error might occur after you upgrade from an earlier version of TiDB. To reduce the impact of SQL injection attacks, TiDB now prevents multiple queries from being executed in the same `COM_QUERY` call by default.

  The system variable `tidb_multi_statement_mode` can be used to control this behavior.

- Error Number: 8138

  The transaction attempts to write an incorrect row value. For more information, see Troubleshoot Inconsistency Between Data and Indexes.

- Error Number: 8139

  The transaction attempts to write a row whose handle is inconsistent with that in the index. For more information, see Troubleshoot Inconsistency Between Data and Indexes.

- Error Number: 8140

The transaction attempts to write a row whose data is inconsistent with the index data. For more information, see Troubleshoot Inconsistency Between Data and Indexes.

- Error Number: 8141

  When a transaction is being committed, the existence assertion of a key fails. For more information,see Troubleshoot Inconsistency Between Data and Indexes.

- Error Number: 8143

  During the execution of a non-transactional DML statement, if a batch fails, the statement is stopped. For more information, see Non-transactional DML statements.

- Error Number: 8147

  When `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic` is set to `OFF`, to ensure the correctness of transactions, any errors in the SQL statement execution might cause TiDB to return this `8147` error and abort the current transaction. For specific causes of the error, refer to the error message. For more information, see Constraints.

- Error Number: 8154

  Currently `LOAD DATA` does not support importing data locally from TiDB server. You can specify `LOCAL` to import from client, or upload data to S3 or GCS and then import it. See `LOAD DATA`.

- Error Number: 8156

  The provided path cannot be empty. You need to set a correct path before the import.

- Error Number: 8157

  The provided file format is unsupported. For the supported formats, see `IMPORT INTO`.

- Error Number: 8158

  The provided path is invalid. Refer to the specific error message for actions. For Amazon S3 or GCS path settings, see URI Formats of External Storage Services.

- Error Number: 8159

  TiDB cannot access the provided Amazon S3 or GCS path. Make sure that the specified S3 or GCS bucket exists and that you have provided the correct Access Key and Secret Access Key for TiDB to access the corresponding bucket.

- Error Number: 8160

  Failed to read the data files. Refer to the specific error message for actions.

- Error Number: 8162

  There is an error in the statement. Refer to the specific error message for actions.

- Error Number: 8163

  The provided option is unknown. For supported options, see `IMPORT INTO`.

- Error Number: 8164

  The provided option value is invalid. For valid values, see `IMPORT INTO`.

- Error Number: 8165

  Duplicate options are specified. Each option can only be specified once.

- Error Number: 8166

  Certain options can only be used in specific conditions. Refer to the specific error message for actions. For supported options, see `IMPORT INTO`.

- Error Number: 8170

  The specified job does not exist.

- Error Number: 8171

  The current operation cannot be performed for the current job status. Refer to the specific error message for actions.

- Error Number: 8173

  When executing `IMPORT INTO`, TiDB checks the current environment, such as checking if the downstream table is empty. Refer to the specific error message for actions.

- Error Number: 8200

  The DDL syntax is not yet supported.

  See compatibility of MySQL DDL for reference.

- Error Number: 8214

  The DDL operation is terminated by the `admin cancel` operation.

- Error Number: 8215

  `ADMIN REPAIR TABLE` fails.

  If you encounter this error, get support from PingCAP or the community.

- Error Number: 8216

  The usage of the `AUTO_RANDOM` columns is incorrect.

  See `AUTO_RANDOM` to modify.

- Error Number: 8223

  This error occurs when detecting that the data is not consistent with the index.

  If you encounter this error, get support from PingCAP or the community.

- Error Number: 8224

  The DDL job cannot be found.

  Check whether the job id specified by the `restore` operation exists.

- Error Number: 8225

  The DDL operation is completed and cannot be canceled.

- Error Number: 8226

  The DDL operation is almost completed and cannot be canceled.

- Error Number: 8227

  Unsupported options are used when creating Sequence.

  See Sequence documentation to find the list of the supported options.

- Error Number: 8228

  Unsupported types are specified when using `SETVAL` on Sequence.

  See Sequence documentation to find the example of the function.

- Error Number: 8229

  The transaction exceeds the survival time.

  Commit or roll back the current transaction, and start a new transaction.

- Error Number: 8230

  TiDB currently does not support using Sequence as the default value on newly added columns, and reports this error if you use it.

- Error Number: 8248

  The resource group already exists. This error is returned when a resource group is repeatedly created.

- Error Number: 8249

  The resource group does not exist. This error is returned when you modify or bind a resource group that does not exist. See Create a resource group.

- Error Number: 8250

  The complete error message is as follows:

  ```
  ERROR 8250 (HY000): Resource control feature is disabled. Run "SET
  ↪ GLOBAL tidb_enable_resource_control='on'" to enable the feature
  ```

  This error is returned when you try to use the resource control feature but it is not enabled. You can turn on the global variable `tidb_enable_resource_control` to enable resource control.

- Error Number: 8251

  The `Resource Control` component is initialized upon TiDB startup. The associated configuration is fetched from the `Resource Manager` on the server side of `Resource
  ↪ Control`. This error is returned if there is an error during this process.

- Error Number: 8252

  The complete error message is as follows:

  ```
  ERROR 8252 (HY000): Exceeded resource group quota limitation
  ```

  This error is returned when the attempted consumption exceeds the resource group limit. This error is usually caused by a single transaction that is too large or too many concurrent transactions. You need to adjust the transaction size or reduce the number of concurrent clients.

- Error Number: 8253

  The query stops because it meets the condition of a runaway query. See Runaway Queries.

- Error Number: 8254

  The query stops because it meets the quarantined watch condition of a runaway query. See Runaway Queries.

- Error Number: 8260

  DDL operations cannot be paused by `ADMIN PAUSE`.

- Error Number: 8261

  DDL operations cannot be resumed by `ADMIN RESUME`.

- Error Number: 8262

  DDL is paused by `ADMIN PAUSE` and cannot be paused again.

- Error Number: 8263

  This DDL cannot be executed under a specific BDR role. Make sure that the cluster is in bidirectional replication. If the cluster is not in bidirectional replication, you can use `ADMIN UNSET BDR ROLE;` to make DDL normal.

- Error Number: 9001

  The complete error message: `ERROR 9001 (HY000): PD server timeout`

  The PD request timed out.

  Check the status, monitoring data and log of the PD server, and the network between the TiDB server and the PD server.

- Error Number: 9002

  The complete error message: `ERROR 9002 (HY000): TiKV server timeout`

  The TiKV request timed out.

  Check the status, monitoring data and log of the TiKV server, and the network between the TiDB server and the TiKV server.

- Error Number: 9003

  The complete error message: `ERROR 9003 (HY000): TiKV Server is Busy`

  The TiKV server is busy and this usually occurs when the workload is too high.

  Check the status, monitoring data, and log of the TiKV server.

- Error Number: 9004

  The complete error message: `ERROR 9004 (HY000): Resolve Lock Timeout`

A lock resolving timeout. This error occurs when a large number of transactional conflicts exist in the database.

Check the application code to see whether lock contention exists in the database.

- Error Number: 9005

  The complete error message: `ERROR 9005 (HY000): Region is unavailable`

  The accessed Region or a certain Raft Group is not available, with possible reasons such as insufficient replicas. This error usually occurs when the TiKV server is busy or the TiKV node is down.

  Check the status, monitoring data and log of the TiKV server.

- Error Number: 9006

  The complete error message: `ERROR 9006 (HY000): GC life time is shorter than transaction duration`

  The interval of `GC Life Time` is too short. The data that should have been read by long transactions might be deleted. You can adjust `tidb_gc_life_time` using the following command:

```
SET GLOBAL tidb_gc_life_time = '30m';
```

> **Note:**
> "30m" means only cleaning up the data generated 30 minutes ago, which might consume some extra storage space.

- Error Number: 9500

  A single transaction is too large.

  See the error message `transaction too large` for the solution.

- Error Number: 9007

  The error message starts with `ERROR 9007 (HY000): Write conflict`.

  If the error message contains `reason=LazyUniquenessCheck`, it means that the transaction is pessimistic, `@@tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic=OFF` is set, and a write conflict occurs on a unique index for the application. In this case, successful execution of the pessimistic transaction is not guaranteed. You can retry the transaction from the application, or set the variable to `ON` to avoid the error.

- Error Number: 9008

  Too many requests are sent to TiKV at the same time. The number exceeds limit.

  Increase `tidb_store_limit` or set it to `0` to remove the limit on the traffic of requests.

- Error Number: 9010

  TiKV cannot process this raft log.

  Check the state/monitor/log of the TiKV server.

- Error Number: 9012

  The TiFlash request timed out.

  Check the state/monitor/log of the TiFlash server and the network between the TiDB server and TiFlash server.

- Error Number: 9013

  The TiFlash server is busy and this usually occurs when the workload is too high.

  Check the state/monitor/log of the TiFlash server.

14.15.1.1 MySQL native error messages

- Error Number: 2013 (HY000)

  The complete error message: `ERROR 2013 (HY000): Lost connection to MySQL server during query`

  You can handle this error as follows:

  - Check whether panic is in the log.
  - Check whether OOM exists in dmesg using `dmesg -T | grep -i oom`.
  - A long time of no access might also lead to this error. It is usually caused by TCP timeout. If TCP is not used for a long time, the operating system kills it.

- Error Number: 1105 (HY000)

  The complete error message: `ERROR 1105 (HY000): other error: unknown error Wire Error(InvalidEnumValue(4004))`

  This error usually occurs when the version of TiDB does not match with that of TiKV. To avoid version mismatch, upgrade all components when you upgrade the version.

- Error Number: 1148 (42000)

  The complete error message: `ERROR 1148 (42000): the used command is not allowed with this TiDB version`

  When you execute the `LOAD DATA LOCAL` statement but the MySQL client does not allow executing this statement (the value of the `local_infile` option is 0), this error occurs.

  The solution is to use the `--local-infile=1` option when you start the MySQL client. For example, run the command `mysql --local-infile=1 -u root -h 127.0.0.1 -P 4000`. The default value of `local-infile` varies in different versions of the MySQL client. Therefore, you need to configure it in specific MySQL clients.

- Error Number: 9001 (HY000)

  The complete error message: `ERROR 9001 (HY000): PD server timeout start timestamp may fall behind safe point`

  This error occurs when TiDB fails to access PD. A worker in the TiDB background continuously queries the safepoint from PD and reports this error if it fails to query within 100s. Generally, it is because the disk on PD is slow and busy or the network failed between TiDB and PD. For the details of common errors, see Error Number and Fault Diagnosis.

- TiDB log error message: EOF error

  When the client or proxy disconnects from TiDB, TiDB does not immediately notice the disconnection. Instead, TiDB notices the disconnection only when it begins to return data to the connection. At this time, the log prints an EOF error.

14.15.2 Troubleshooting

See the troubleshooting and FAQ documents.

14.16 Table Filter

The TiDB migration tools operate on all the databases by default, but oftentimes only a subset is needed. For example, you only want to work with the schemas in the form of `foo*` and `bar*` and nothing else.

Since TiDB 4.0, all TiDB migration tools share a common filter syntax to define subsets. This document describes how to use the table filter feature.

14.16.1 Usage

14.16.1.1 CLI

Table filters can be applied to the tools using multiple `-f` or `--filter` command line parameters. Each filter is in the form of `db.table`, where each part can be a wildcard (further explained in the next section). The following lists the example usage.

- BR:

```
tiup br backup full -f 'foo*.*' -f 'bar*.*' -s 'local:///tmp/backup'
```

```
tiup br restore full -f 'foo*.*' -f 'bar*.*' -s 'local:///tmp/backup'
```

- Dumpling:

```
tiup dumpling -f 'foo*.*' -f 'bar*.*' -P 3306 -o /tmp/data/
```

- TiDB Lightning:

```
tiup tidb-lightning -f 'foo*.*' -f 'bar*.*' -d /tmp/data/ --backend
    ↪ tidb
```

14.16.1.2 TOML configuration files

Table filters in TOML files are specified as array of strings. The following lists the example usage.

- TiDB Lightning:

```
[mydumper]
filter = ['foo*.*', 'bar*.*']
```

- TiCDC:

```
[filter]
rules = ['foo*.*', 'bar*.*']

[[sink.dispatchers]]
matcher = ['db1.*', 'db2.*', 'db3.*']
dispatcher = 'ts'
```

14.16.2 Syntax

14.16.2.1 Plain table names

Each table filter rule consists of a "schema pattern" and a "table pattern", separated by a dot (`.`). Tables whose fully-qualified name matches the rules are accepted.

```
db1.tbl1
db2.tbl2
db3.tbl3
```

A plain name must only consist of valid identifier characters, such as:

- digits (`0` to `9`)
- letters (`a` to `z`, `A` to `Z`)
- `$`
- `_`
- non ASCII characters (U+0080 to U+10FFFF)

All other ASCII characters are reserved. Some punctuations have special meanings, as described in the next section.

14.16.2.2 Wildcards

Each part of the name can be a wildcard symbol described in fnmatch(3):

- `*` — matches zero or more characters
- `?` — matches one character
- `[a-z]` — matches one character between "a" and "z" inclusively
- `[!a-z]` — matches one character except "a" to "z".

```
db[0-9].tbl[0-9a-f][0-9a-f]
data.*
*.backup_*
```

"Character" here means a Unicode code point, such as:

- U+00E9 (é) is 1 character.
- U+0065 U+0301 (é) are 2 characters.
- U+1F926 U+1F3FF U+200D U+2640 U+FE0F ( ) are 5 characters.

14.16.2.3 File import

To import a file as the filter rule, include an `@` at the beginning of the rule to specify the file name. The table filter parser treats each line of the imported file as additional filter rules.

For example, if a file `config/filter.txt` has the following content:

```
employees.*
*.WorkOrder
```

the following two invocations are equivalent:

```
tiup dumpling -f '@config/filter.txt'
tiup dumpling -f 'employees.*' -f '*.WorkOrder'
```

A filter file cannot further import another file.

14.16.2.4 Comments and blank lines

Inside a filter file, leading and trailing white-spaces of every line are trimmed. Furthermore, blank lines (empty strings) are ignored.

A leading `#` marks a comment and is ignored. `#` not at start of line is considered syntax error.

```
## this line is a comment
db.table  # but this part is not comment and may cause error
```

14.16.2.5 Exclusion

An `!` at the beginning of the rule means the pattern after it is used to exclude tables from being processed. This effectively turns the filter into a block list.

```
*.*
#^ note: must add the *.* to include all tables first
!*.Password
!employees.salaries
```

14.16.2.6 Escape character

To turn a special character into an identifier character, precede it with a backslash `\`.

```
db\.with\.dots.*
```

For simplicity and future compatibility, the following sequences are prohibited:

- `\` at the end of the line after trimming whitespaces (use `[ ]` to match a literal whitespace at the end).
- `\` followed by any ASCII alphanumeric character (`[0-9a-zA-Z]`). In particular, C-like escape sequences like `\0`, `\r`, `\n` and `\t` currently are meaningless.

14.16.2.7 Quoted identifier

Besides `\`, special characters can also be suppressed by quoting using `"` or `` ` ``.

```
"db.with.dots"."tbl\1"
`db.with.dots`.`tbl\2`
```

The quotation mark can be included within an identifier by doubling itself.

```
"foo""bar".`foo``bar`
## equivalent to:
foo\"bar.foo\`bar
```

Quoted identifiers cannot span multiple lines.

It is invalid to partially quote an identifier:

```
"this is "invalid*.*
```

14.16.2.8 Regular expression

In case very complex rules are needed, each pattern can be written as a regular expression delimited with `/`:

```
/^db\d{2,}$/./^tbl\d{2,}$/
```

These regular expressions use the Go dialect. The pattern is matched if the identifier contains a substring matching the regular expression. For instance, `/b/` matches `db01`.

> **Note:**
>
> Every `/` in the regular expression must be escaped as `\/`, including inside `[…]`. You cannot place an unescaped `/` between `\Q…\E`.

14.16.3 Multiple rules

When a table name matches none of the rules in the filter list, the default behavior is to ignore such unmatched tables.

To build a block list, an explicit `*.*` must be used as the first rule, otherwise all tables will be excluded.

```
## every table will be filtered out
tiup dumpling -f '!*.Password'

## only the "Password" table is filtered out, the rest are included.
tiup dumpling -f '*.*' -f '!*.Password'
```

In a filter list, if a table name matches multiple patterns, the last match decides the outcome. For instance:

```
## rule 1
employees.*
## rule 2
!*.dep*
## rule 3
*.departments
```

The filtered outcome is as follows:

Table name	Rule 1	Rule 2	Rule 3	Outcome
irrelevant.table				Default (reject)
employees.employees				Rule 1 (accept)
employees.dept_emp				Rule 2 (reject)
employees.departments				Rule 3 (accept)
else.departments				Rule 3 (accept)

Note:

In TiDB tools, the system schemas are always excluded in the default configuration. The system schemas are:

- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA`
- `PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA`
- `METRICS_SCHEMA`
- `INSPECTION_SCHEMA`
- `mysql`
- `sys`

14.17 Schedule Replicas by Topology Labels

Note:

TiDB v5.3.0 introduces Placement Rules in SQL. This offers a more convenient way to configure the placement of tables and partitions. Placement Rules in SQL might replace placement configuration with PD in future releases.

To improve the high availability and disaster recovery capability of TiDB clusters, it is recommended that TiKV nodes are physically scattered as much as possible. For example, TiKV nodes can be distributed on different racks or even in different data centers. According to the topology information of TiKV, the PD scheduler automatically performs scheduling at the background to isolate each replica of a Region as much as possible, which maximizes the capability of disaster recovery.

To make this mechanism effective, you need to properly configure TiKV and PD so that the topology information of the cluster, especially the TiKV location information, is reported to PD during deployment. Before you begin, see Deploy TiDB Using TiUP first.

14.17.1 Configure `labels` for TiKV, TiFlash, and TiDB

You can configure `labels` for TiKV, TiFlash, and TiDB based on the cluster topology.

14.17.1.1 Configure a cluster using TiUP (recommended)

When using TiUP to deploy a cluster, you can configure the TiKV location in the initialization configuration file. TiUP will generate the corresponding configuration files for TiDB, TiKV, PD, and TiFlash during deployment.

In the following example, a two-layer topology of `zone/host` is defined. The TiDB nodes, TiKV nodes, and TiFlash nodes of the cluster are distributed among three zones, z1, z2, and z3.

- In each zone, there are two hosts that have TiDB instances deployed, and each host has a separate TiDB instance deployed.
- In each zone, there are two hosts that have TiKV instances deployed. In z1, each host has two TiKV instances deployed. In z2 and z3, each host has a separate TiKV instance deployed.
- In each zone, there are two hosts that have TiFlash instances deployed, and each host has a separate TiFlash instance deployed.

In the following example, `tidb-host-machine-n` represents the IP address of the `n`th TiDB node, `tikv-host-machine-n` represents the IP address of the `n`th TiKV node, and `tiflash-host-machine-n` represents the IP address of the `n`th TiFlash node.

```
server_configs:
  pd:
    replication.location-labels: ["zone", "host"]
tidb_servers:
## z1
  - host: tidb-host-machine-1
    config:
      labels:
        zone: z1
        host: tidb-host-machine-1
  - host: tidb-host-machine-2
    config:
      labels:
        zone: z1
        host: tidb-host-machine-2
## z2
  - host: tidb-host-machine-3
    config:
      labels:
        zone: z2
        host: tidb-host-machine-3
  - host: tikv-host-machine-4
    config:
      labels:
        zone: z2
        host: tidb-host-machine-4
```

```
## z3
  - host: tidb-host-machine-5
    config:
      labels:
        zone: z3
        host: tidb-host-machine-5
  - host: tidb-host-machine-6
    config:
      labels:
        zone: z3
        host: tidb-host-machine-6
tikv_servers:
## z1
  # machine-1 on z1
  - host: tikv-host-machine-1
    port: 20160
    config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z1
        host: tikv-host-machine-1
  - host: tikv-host-machine-1
    port: 20161
    config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z1
        host: tikv-host-machine-1
  # machine-2 on z1
  - host: tikv-host-machine-2
    port: 20160
    config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z1
        host: tikv-host-machine-2
  - host: tikv-host-machine-2
    port: 20161
    config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z1
        host: tikv-host-machine-2
## z2
  - host: tikv-host-machine-3
    config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z2
        host: tikv-host-machine-3
```

```
  - host: tikv-host-machine-4
    config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z2
        host: tikv-host-machine-4
## z3
  - host: tikv-host-machine-5
    config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z3
        host: tikv-host-machine-5
  - host: tikv-host-machine-6
    config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z3
        host: tikv-host-machine-6

tiflash_servers:
## z1
  - host: tiflash-host-machine-1
    learner_config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z1
        host: tiflash-host-machine-1
  - host: tiflash-host-machine-2
    learner_config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z1
        host: tiflash-host-machine-2
## z2
  - host: tiflash-host-machine-3
    learner_config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z2
        host: tiflash-host-machine-3
  - host: tiflash-host-machine-4
    learner_config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z2
        host: tiflash-host-machine-4
## z3
  - host: tiflash-host-machine-5
    learner_config:
      server.labels:
        zone: z3
```

```
      host: tiflash-host-machine-5
- host: tiflash-host-machine-6
  learner_config:
    server.labels:
      zone: z3
      host: tiflash-host-machine-6
```

For details, see Geo-distributed Deployment topology.

> **Note:**
>
> If you have not configured `replication.location-labels` in the configuration file, when you deploy a cluster using this topology file, an error might occur. It is recommended that you confirm `replication.location-labels` is configured in the configuration file before deploying a cluster.

14.17.1.2 Configure a cluster using command lines or configuration files

14.17.1.2.1 Configure `labels` for TiKV and TiFlash

You can use the command-line flag or set the TiKV or TiFlash configuration file to bind some attributes in the form of key-value pairs. These attributes are called `labels`. After TiKV and TiFlash are started, they report their `labels` to PD so users can identify the location of TiKV and TiFlash nodes.

Assume that the topology has four layers: zone > data center (dc) > rack > host, and you can use these labels (zone, dc, rack, host) to set location of the TiKV and TiFlash. To set labels for TiKV and TiFlash, you can use one of the following methods:

- Use the command-line flag to start a TiKV instance:

```
tikv-server --labels zone=<zone>,dc=<dc>,rack=<rack>,host=<host>
```

- Configure in the TiKV configuration file:

```
[server]
[server.labels]
zone = "<zone>"
dc = "<dc>"
rack = "<rack>"
host = "<host>"
```

To set labels for TiFlash, you can use the `tiflash-learner.toml` file, which is the configuration file of tiflash-proxy:

```
[server]
[server.labels]
zone = "<zone>"
dc = "<dc>"
rack = "<rack>"
host = "<host>"
```

14.17.1.2.2 (Optional) Configure `labels` for TiDB

When Follower read is enabled, if you want TiDB to prefer to read data from the same region, you need to configure `labels` for TiDB nodes.

You can set `labels` for TiDB using the configuration file:

```
[labels]
zone = "<zone>"
dc = "<dc>"
rack = "<rack>"
host = "<host>"
```

> **Note:**
>
> Currently, TiDB depends on the `zone` label to match and select replicas that are in the same region. To use this feature, you need to include `zone` when configuring `location-labels` for PD, and configure `zone` when configuring `labels` for TiDB, TiKV, and TiFlash. For more details, see Configure `labels` for TiKV and TiFlash.

14.17.2 Configure `location-labels` for PD

According to the description above, the label can be any key-value pair used to describe TiKV attributes. But PD cannot identify the location-related labels and the layer relationship of these labels. Therefore, you need to make the following configuration for PD to understand the TiKV node topology.

Defined as an array of strings, `location-labels` is the configuration for PD. Each item of this configuration corresponds to the key of TiKV `labels`. Besides, the sequence of each key represents the layer relationship of different labels (the isolation levels decrease from left to right).

You can customize the value of `location-labels`, such as `zone`, `rack`, or `host`, because the configuration does not have default values. Also, this configuration has **no** restriction in the number of label levels (not mandatory for 3 levels) as long as they match with TiKV server labels.

Note:

- To make configurations take effect, you must configure `location-labels` for PD and `labels` for TiKV at the same time. Otherwise, PD does not perform scheduling according to the topology.
- If you use Placement Rules in SQL, you only need to configure `labels` for TiKV. Currently, Placement Rules in SQL is incompatible with the `location-labels` configuration of PD and ignores this configuration. It is not recommended to use `location-labels` and Placement Rules in SQL at the same time; otherwise, unexpected results might occur.

To configure `location-labels`, choose one of the following methods according to your cluster situation:

- If the PD cluster is not initialized, configure `location-labels` in the PD configuration file:

```
[replication]
location-labels = ["zone", "rack", "host"]
```

- If the PD cluster is already initialized, use the pd-ctl tool to make online changes:

```
pd-ctl config set location-labels zone,rack,host
```

14.17.3 Configure `isolation-level` for PD

If `location-labels` has been configured, you can further enhance the topological isolation requirements on TiKV clusters by configuring `isolation-level` in the PD configuration file.

Assume that you have made a three-layer cluster topology by configuring `location-labels` according to the instructions above: zone -> rack -> host, you can configure the `isolation-level` to `zone` as follows:

```
[replication]
isolation-level = "zone"
```

If the PD cluster is already initialized, you need to use the pd-ctl tool to make online changes:

```
pd-ctl config set isolation-level zone
```

The `location-level` configuration is an array of strings, which needs to correspond to a key of `location-labels`. This parameter limits the minimum and mandatory isolation level requirements on TiKV topology clusters.

> **Note:**
>
> `isolation-level` is empty by default, which means there is no mandatory restriction on the isolation level. To set it, you need to configure `location-labels` for PD and ensure that the value of `isolation-level` is one of `location-labels` names.

14.17.4 PD schedules based on topology label

PD schedules replicas according to the label layer to make sure that different replicas of the same data are scattered as much as possible.

Take the topology in the previous section as an example.

Assume that the number of cluster replicas is 3 (`max-replicas=3`). Because there are 3 zones in total, PD ensures that the 3 replicas of each Region are respectively placed in z1, z2, and z3. In this way, the TiDB cluster is still available when one zone fails.

Then, assume that the number of cluster replicas is 5 (`max-replicas=5`). Because there are only 3 zones in total, PD cannot guarantee the isolation of each replica at the zone level. In this situation, the PD scheduler will ensure replica isolation at the host level. In other words, multiple replicas of a Region might be distributed in the same zone but not on the same host.

In the case of the 5-replica configuration, if z3 fails or is isolated as a whole, and cannot be recovered after a period of time (controlled by `max-store-down-time`), PD will make up the 5 replicas through scheduling. At this time, only 4 hosts are available. This means that host-level isolation cannot be guaranteed and that multiple replicas might be scheduled to the same host. But if the `isolation-level` value is set to `zone` instead of being left empty, this specifies the minimum physical isolation requirements for Region replicas. That is to say, PD will ensure that replicas of the same Region are scattered among different zones. PD will not perform corresponding scheduling even if following this isolation restriction does not meet the requirement of `max-replicas` for multiple replicas.

If the `isolation-level` setting is set to `zone`, this specifies the minimum isolation requirement for Region replicas at the physical level. In this case, PD will always guarantee

that replicas of the same Region are distributed across different zones. Even if following this isolation restriction would not meet the multi-replica requirements of `max-replicas` ↪ , PD will not schedule accordingly. Taking a TiKV cluster distributed across three data zones (z1, z2, and z3) as an example, if each Region requires three replicas, PD distributes the three replicas of the same Region to these three data zones respectively. If a power outage occurs in z1 and cannot be recovered after a period of time (30 minutes by default, controlled by `max-store-down-time`), PD determines that the Region replicas in z1 are no longer available. However, because `isolation-level` is set to `zone`, PD needs to strictly guarantee that different replicas of the same Region will not be scheduled to the same data zone. Because both z2 and z3 already have replicas, PD will not perform any scheduling under the minimum isolation level restriction of `isolation-level`, even if there are only two replicas at this moment.

Similarly, when `isolation-level` is set to `rack`, the minimum isolation level applies to different racks in the same data center. With this configuration, the isolation at the zone layer is guaranteed first if possible. When the isolation at the zone level cannot be guaranteed, PD tries to avoid scheduling different replicas to the same rack in the same zone. The scheduling works similarly when `isolation-level` is set to `host` where PD first guarantees the isolation level of rack, and then the level of host.

In summary, PD maximizes the disaster recovery of the cluster according to the current topology. Therefore, if you want to achieve a certain level of disaster recovery, deploy more machines on different sites according to the topology than the number of `max-replicas`. TiDB also provides mandatory configuration items such as `isolation-level` for you to more flexibly control the topological isolation level of data according to different scenarios.

14.18 URI Formats of External Storage Services

This document describes the URI formats of external storage services, including Amazon S3, GCS, and Azure Blob Storage.

The basic format of the URI is as follows:

```
[scheme]://[host]/[path]?[parameters]
```

14.19 Amazon S3 URI format

- `scheme`: `s3`
- `host`: `bucket name`
- `parameters`:
    - `access-key`: Specifies the access key.
    - `secret-access-key`: Specifies the secret access key.
    - `session-token`: Specifies the temporary session token. BR supports this parameter starting from v7.6.0.

- `use-accelerate-endpoint`: Specifies whether to use the accelerate endpoint on Amazon S3 (defaults to `false`).
- `endpoint`: Specifies the URL of custom endpoint for S3-compatible services (for example, `<https://s3.example.com/>`).
- `force-path-style`: Use path style access rather than virtual hosted style access (defaults to `true`).
- `storage-class`: Specifies the storage class of the uploaded objects (for example, `STANDARD` or `STANDARD_IA`).
- `sse`: Specifies the server-side encryption algorithm used to encrypt the uploaded objects (value options: empty, `AES256`, or `aws:kms`).
- `sse-kms-key-id`: Specifies the KMS ID if `sse` is set to `aws:kms`.
- `acl`: Specifies the canned ACL of the uploaded objects (for example, `private` or `authenticated-read`).
- `role-arn`: When you need to access Amazon S3 data from a third party using a specified IAM role, you can specify the corresponding Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the IAM role with the `role-arn` URL query parameter, such as `arn:aws:iam::888888888888:role/my-role`. For more information about using an IAM role to access Amazon S3 data from a third party, see AWS documentation. BR supports this parameter starting from v7.6.0.
- `external-id`: When you access Amazon S3 data from a third party, you might need to specify a correct external ID to assume the IAM role. In this case, you can use this `external-id` URL query parameter to specify the external ID and make sure that you can assume the IAM role. An external ID is an arbitrary string provided by the third party together with the IAM role ARN to access the Amazon S3 data. Providing an external ID is optional when assuming an IAM role, which means if the third party does not require an external ID for the IAM role, you can assume the IAM role and access the corresponding Amazon S3 data without providing this parameter.

The following is an example of an Amazon S3 URI for TiDB Lightning and BR. In this example, you need to specify a specific file path `testfolder`.

```
s3://external/testfolder?access-key=${access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret
    ↪ -access-key}
```

The following is an example of an Amazon S3 URI for TiCDC `sink-uri`.

```
tiup cdc:v7.5.0 cli changefeed create \
    --server=http://172.16.201.18:8300 \
    --sink-uri="s3://cdc?endpoint=http://10.240.0.38:9000&access-key=${
        ↪ access-key}&secret-access-key=${secret-access-key}" \
    --changefeed-id="cdcTest" \
    --config=cdc_csv.toml
```

14.20 GCS URI format

- `scheme`: `gcs` or `gs`
- `host`: `bucket name`
- `parameters`:
  - `credentials-file`: Specifies the path to the credentials JSON file on the migration tool node.
  - `storage-class`: Specifies the storage class of the uploaded objects (for example, `STANDARD` or `COLDLINE`)
  - `predefined-acl`: Specifies the predefined ACL of the uploaded objects (for example, `private` or `project-private`)

The following is an example of a GCS URI for TiDB Lightning and BR. In this example, you need to specify a specific file path `testfolder`.

```
gcs://external/testfolder?credentials-file=${credentials-file-path}
```

The following is an example of a GCS URI for `IMPORT INTO`. In this example, you need to specify a specific filename `test.csv`.

```
gcs://external/test.csv?credentials-file=${credentials-file-path}
```

14.21 Azure Blob Storage URI format

- `scheme`: `azure` or `azblob`
- `host`: `container name`
- `parameters`:
  - `account-name`: Specifies the account name of the storage.
  - `account-key`: Specifies the access key.
  - `sas-token`: Specifies the shared access signature (SAS) token.
  - `access-tier`: Specifies the access tier of the uploaded objects, for example, `Hot` ↪ , `Cool`, or `Archive`. The default value is the default access tier of the storage account.
  - `encryption-scope`: Specifies the encryption scope for server-side encryption.
  - `encryption-key`: Specifies the encryption key for server-side encryption, which uses the AES256 encryption algorithm.

The following is an example of an Azure Blob Storage URI for BR. In this example, you need to specify a specific file path `testfolder`.

```
azure://external/testfolder?account-name=${account-name}&account-key=${
    ↪ account-key}
```

15 FAQs

15.1 TiDB FAQ Summary

This document summarizes frequently asked questions (FAQs) about TiDB.

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   ↪ tidb/dev/tiup-faq">TiUP FAQs</a></li><li><a href="https://docs.
   ↪ pingcap.com/tidb-in-kubernetes/stable/faq">TiDB on Kubernetes FAQs</a
   ↪ ></li></ul></td>
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           ↪ TiDB Lightning FAQs</a></li>
        <li><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/dm-faq">DM FAQs</a></
           ↪ li>
      </ul>
    </li>
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      </ul>
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15.2 TiDB Architecture FAQs

This document lists the Most Frequently Asked Questions about TiDB.

15.2.1 TiDB introduction and architecture

15.2.1.1 What is TiDB?

TiDB is an open-source distributed SQL database that supports Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing (HTAP) workloads. It is MySQL compatible and features horizontal scalability, strong consistency, and high availability. The goal of TiDB is to provide users with a one-stop database solution that covers OLTP (Online Transactional Processing), OLAP (Online Analytical Processing), and HTAP services. TiDB is suitable for various use cases that require high availability and strong consistency with large-scale data.

15.2.1.2 What is TiDB's architecture?

The TiDB cluster has three components: the TiDB server, the PD (Placement Driver) server, and the TiKV server. For more details, see TiDB architecture, TiDB storage, TiDB computing, and TiDB scheduling.

15.2.1.3 Is TiDB based on MySQL?

No. TiDB supports MySQL syntax and protocol, but it is a new open source database that is developed and maintained by PingCAP, Inc.

15.2.1.4 What is the respective responsibility of TiDB, TiKV and PD (Placement Driver)?

- TiDB works as the SQL computing layer, mainly responsible for parsing SQL, specifying query plan, and generating executor.
- TiKV works as a distributed Key-Value storage engine, used to store the real data. In short, TiKV is the storage engine of TiDB.
- PD works as the cluster manager of TiDB, which manages TiKV metadata, allocates timestamps, and makes decisions for data placement and load balancing.

15.2.1.5 Is it easy to use TiDB?

Yes, it is. When all the required services are started, you can use TiDB as easily as a MySQL server. You can replace MySQL with TiDB to power your applications without changing a single line of code in most cases. You can also manage TiDB using the popular MySQL management tools.

15.2.1.6 How is TiDB compatible with MySQL?

Currently, TiDB supports the majority of MySQL 8.0 syntax, but does not support triggers, stored procedures, and user-defined functions. For more details, see Compatibility with MySQL.

15.2.1.7 Does TiDB support distributed transactions?

Yes. TiDB distributes transactions across your cluster, whether it is a few nodes in a single location or many nodes across multiple data centers.

Inspired by Google's Percolator, the transaction model in TiDB is mainly a two-phase commit protocol with some practical optimizations. This model relies on a timestamp allocator to assign the monotone increasing timestamp for each transaction, so conflicts can be detected. PD works as the timestamp allocator in a TiDB cluster.

15.2.1.8 What programming language can I use to work with TiDB?

Any language supported by MySQL client or driver.

15.2.1.9 Can I use other Key-Value storage engines with TiDB?

Yes. In addition to TiKV, TiDB supports standalone storage engines such as UniStore and MockTiKV. Note that in later TiDB releases, MockTiKV might NO LONGER be supported.

To check all TiDB-supported storage engines, use the following command:

```
./bin/tidb-server -h
```

The output is as follows:

```
Usage of ./bin/tidb-server:
  -L string
        log level: info, debug, warn, error, fatal (default "info")
  -P string
        tidb server port (default "4000")
  -V    print version information and exit (default false)
.........
  -store string
        registered store name, [tikv, mocktikv, unistore] (default "unistore
            ↪ ")
  ......
```

15.2.1.10 In addition to the TiDB documentation, are there any other ways to acquire TiDB knowledge?

- TiDB documentation: the most important and timely way to get TiDB related knowledge.
- TiDB blogs: learn technical articles, product insights, and case studies.
- PingCAP Education: take online courses and certification programs.

15.2.1.11 What is the length limit for the TiDB user name?

32 characters at most.

15.2.1.12 What are the limits on the number of columns and row size in TiDB?

- The maximum number of columns in TiDB defaults to 1017. You can adjust the number up to 4096.
- The maximum size of a single row defaults to 6 MB. You can increase the number up to 120 MB.

For more information, see TiDB Limitations.

15.2.1.13 Does TiDB support XA?

No. The JDBC driver of TiDB is MySQL Connector/J. When using Atomikos, set the data source to `type="com.mysql.jdbc.jdbc2.optional.MysqlXADataSource"`. TiDB does not support the connection with MySQL JDBC XADataSource. MySQL JDBC XADataSource only works for MySQL (for example, using DML to modify the `redo` log).

After you configure the two data sources of Atomikos, set the JDBC drives to XA. When Atomikos operates TM and RM (DB), Atomikos sends the command including XA to the JDBC layer. Taking MySQL for an example, when XA is enabled in the JDBC layer, JDBC will send a series of XA logic operations to InnoDB, including using DML to change the `redo` log. This is the operation of the two-phase commit. The current TiDB version does not support the upper application layer JTA/XA and does not parse XA operations sent by Atomikos.

As a standalone database, MySQL can only implement across-database transactions using XA; while TiDB supports distributed transactions using Google Percolator transaction model and its performance stability is higher than XA, so TiDB does not support JTA/XA and there is no need for TiDB to support XA.

15.2.1.14 How could TiDB support high concurrent `INSERT` or `UPDATE` operations to the columnar storage engine (TiFlash) without hurting performance?

- TiFlash introduces a special structure named DeltaTree to process the modification of the columnar engine.
- TiFlash acts as the learner role in a Raft group, so it does not vote for the log commit or writes. This means that DML operations do not have to wait for the acknowledgment of TiFlash, which is why TiFlash does not slow down the OLTP performance. In addition, TiFlash and TiKV work in separate instances, so they do not affect each other.

15.2.1.15 What kind of consistency does TiFlash provide?

TiFlash maintains strong data consistency by default. The raft learner process updates the data. There is also a TSO check to ensure the data in queries is fully consistent with the transaction. For more information, see Asynchronous replication and Consistency.

15.2.2 TiDB techniques

15.2.2.1 TiKV for data storage

See TiDB Internal (I) - Data Storage.

15.2.2.2 TiDB for data computing

See TiDB Internal (II) - Computing.

15.2.2.3 PD for scheduling

See TiDB Internal (III) - Scheduling.

15.3 SQL FAQs

This document summarizes the FAQs related to SQL operations in TiDB.

15.3.1 Does TiDB support the secondary key?

Yes. You can have the `NOT NULL` constraint on a non-primary key column with a unique secondary index. In this case, the column works as a secondary key.

15.3.2 How does TiDB perform when executing DDL operations on a large table?

DDL operations of TiDB on large tables are usually not an issue. TiDB supports online DDL operations, and these DDL operations do not block DML operations.

For some DDL operations such as adding columns, deleting columns or dropping indexes, TiDB can perform these operations quickly.

For some heavy DDL operations such as adding indexes, TiDB needs to backfill data, which takes a longer time (depending on the size of the table) and consumes additional resources. The impact on online traffic is tunable. TiDB can do the backfill with multiple threads, and the resource consumed can be set by the following system variables:

- `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt`
- `tidb_ddl_reorg_priority`
- `tidb_ddl_error_count_limit`
- `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size`

15.3.3 How to choose the right query plan? Do I need to use hints? Or can I use hints?

TiDB includes a cost-based optimizer. In most cases, the optimizer chooses the optimal query plan for you. If the optimizer does not work well, you can still use optimizer hints to intervene with the optimizer.

In addition, you can also use the SQL binding to fix the query plan for a particular SQL statement.

15.3.4 How to prevent the execution of a particular SQL statement?

For TiDB v7.5.0 or later versions, you can use the `QUERY WATCH` statement to terminate specific SQL statements. For more details, see Manage queries that consume more resources than expected (Runaway Queries).

For versions earlier than TiDB v7.5.0, you can create SQL bindings with the `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME` hint to limit the execution time of a particular statement to a small value (for example, 1ms). In this way, the statement is terminated automatically by the threshold.

For example, to prevent the execution of `SELECT * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id`, you can use the following SQL binding to limit the execution time of the statement to 1ms:

```
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING for
    SELECT * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id
USING
    SELECT /*+ MAX_EXECUTION_TIME(1) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

> **Note:**
>
> The precision of `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME` is roughly 100ms. Before TiDB terminates the SQL statement, the tasks in TiKV might be started. To reduce the TiKV resource consumption in such case, it is recommended to set `tidb_enable_paging` to `ON`.

Dropping this SQL binding will remove the limit.

```
DROP GLOBAL BINDING for
    SELECT * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

15.3.5 What are the MySQL variables that TiDB is compatible with?

See System Variables.

15.3.6 The order of results is different from MySQL when `ORDER BY` is omitted

It is not a bug. The default order of records depends on various situations without any guarantee of consistency.

The order of results in MySQL might appear stable because queries are executed in a single thread. However, it is common that query plans can change when upgrading to new versions. It is recommended to use `ORDER BY` whenever an order of results is desired.

The reference can be found in ISO/IEC 9075:1992, Database Language SQL- July 30, 1992, which states as follows:

> If an `<order by clause>` is not specified, then the table specified by the `<cursor specification>` is T and the ordering of rows in T is implementation-dependent.

In the following two queries, both results are considered legal:

```
> select * from t;
+------+------+
| a    | b    |
+------+------+
|    1 |    1 |
|    2 |    2 |
+------+------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
> select * from t; -- the order of results is not guaranteed
+------+------+
| a    | b    |
+------+------+
|    2 |    2 |
|    1 |    1 |
+------+------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

If the list of columns used in the `ORDER BY` is non-unique, the statement is also considered non-deterministic. In the following example, the column `a` has duplicate values. Thus, only `ORDER BY a, b` is guaranteed deterministic:

```
> select * from t order by a;
+------+------+
| a    | b    |
+------+------+
|    1 |    1 |
|    2 |    1 |
|    2 |    2 |
+------+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In the following statement, the order of column `a` is guaranteed, but the order of `b` is not guaranteed.

```
> select * from t order by a;
+------+------+
| a    | b    |
+------+------+
|    1 |    1 |
|    2 |    2 |
|    2 |    1 |
+------+------+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In TiDB, you can also use the system variable `tidb_enable_ordered_result_mode` to sort the final output result automatically.

15.3.7 Does TiDB support `SELECT FOR UPDATE`?

Yes. When using pessimistic locking (the default since TiDB v3.0.8) the `SELECT FOR UPDATE` execution behaves similar to MySQL.

When using optimistic locking, `SELECT FOR UPDATE` does not lock data when the transaction is started, but checks conflicts when the transaction is committed. If the check reveals conflicts, the committing transaction rolls back.

For details, see description of the `SELECT` syntax elements.

15.3.8 Can the codec of TiDB guarantee that the UTF-8 string is memcomparable? Is there any coding suggestion if our key needs to support UTF-8?

The default character set in TiDB is `utf8mb4`. The strings are in memcomparable format. For more information about the character set in TiDB, see Character Set and Collation.

15.3.9 What is the maximum number of statements in a transaction?

The maximum number of statements in a transaction is 5000 by default.

In the optimistic transaction mode, When transaction retry is enabled, the default upper limit is 5000. You can adjust the limit by using the `stmt-count-limit` parameter.

15.3.10 Why does the auto-increment ID of the later inserted data is smaller than that of the earlier inserted data in TiDB?

The auto-increment ID feature in TiDB is only guaranteed to be automatically incremental and unique but is not guaranteed to be allocated sequentially. Currently, TiDB is allocating IDs in batches. If data is inserted into multiple TiDB servers simultaneously, the allocated IDs are not sequential. When multiple threads concurrently insert data to

multiple `tidb-server` instances, the auto-increment ID of the later inserted data might be smaller. TiDB allows specifying `AUTO_INCREMENT` for the integer field, but allows only one `AUTO_INCREMENT` field in a single table. For details, see Auto-increment ID and the AUTO_INCREMENT attribute.

15.3.11 How do I modify the `sql_mode` in TiDB?

TiDB supports modifying the `sql_mode` system variables on a SESSION or GLOBAL basis.

- Changes to `GLOBAL` scoped variables propagate to the rest servers of the cluster and persist across restarts. This means that you do not need to change the `sql_mode` value on each TiDB server.
- Changes to `SESSION` scoped variables only affect the current client session. After restarting a server, the changes are lost.

15.3.12 Error: `java.sql.BatchUpdateException:statement count 5001 exceeds the transaction limitation` while using Sqoop to write data into TiDB in batches

In Sqoop, `--batch` means committing 100 statements in each batch, but by default each statement contains 100 SQL statements. So, 100 * 100 = 10000 SQL statements, which exceeds 5000, the maximum number of statements allowed in a single TiDB transaction.

Two solutions:

- Add the `-Dsqoop.export.records.per.statement=10` option as follows:

```
sqoop export \
    -Dsqoop.export.records.per.statement=10 \
    --connect jdbc:mysql://mysql.example.com/sqoop \
    --username sqoop ${user} \
    --password ${passwd} \
    --table ${tab_name} \
    --export-dir ${dir} \
    --batch
```

- You can also increase the limited number of statements in a single TiDB transaction, but this will consume more memory. For details, see Limitations on SQL statements.

15.3.13 Does TiDB have a function like the Flashback Query in Oracle? Does it support DDL?

Yes, it does. And it supports DDL as well. For details, see Read Historical Data Using the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` Clause.

15.3.14 Does TiDB release space immediately after deleting data?

None of the `DELETE`, `TRUNCATE` and `DROP` operations release data immediately. For the `TRUNCATE` and `DROP` operations, after the TiDB GC (Garbage Collection) time (10 minutes by default), the data is deleted and the space is released. For the `DELETE` operations, the data is deleted but the space is not immediately released until the compaction is performed.

15.3.15 Why does the query speed get slow after data is deleted?

Deleting a large amount of data leaves a lot of useless keys, affecting the query efficiency. To solve the problem, you can use the Region Merge feature. For details, see the deleting data section in TiDB Best Practices.

15.3.16 What should I do if it is slow to reclaim storage space after deleting data?

Because TiDB uses multi-version concurrency control (MVCC), when the old data is overwritten with new data, the old data is not replaced but retained along with the new data. Timestamps are used to identify the data version. Deleting data does not immediately reclaim space. Garbage collection is delayed so that concurrent transactions are able to see earlier versions of rows. This can be configured via the `tidb_gc_life_time` (default: `10m0s`) system variable.

15.3.17 Does `SHOW PROCESSLIST` display the system process ID?

The display content of TiDB `SHOW PROCESSLIST` is almost the same as that of MySQL `SHOW PROCESSLIST`. TiDB `SHOW PROCESSLIST` does not display the system process ID. The ID that it displays is the current session ID. The differences between TiDB `SHOW PROCESSLIST` and MySQL `SHOW PROCESSLIST` are as follows:

- As TiDB is a distributed database, the `tidb-server` instance is a stateless engine for parsing and executing the SQL statements (for details, see TiDB architecture). `SHOW PROCESSLIST` displays the session list executed in the `tidb-server` instance that the user logs in to from the MySQL client, not the list of all the sessions running in the cluster. But MySQL is a standalone database and its `SHOW PROCESSLIST` displays all the SQL statements executed in MySQL.
- The `State` column in TiDB is not continually updated during query execution. Because TiDB supports parallel query, each statement might be in multiple *states* at once, and so it is difficult to simplify to a single value.

15.3.18 How to control or change the execution priority of SQL commits?

TiDB supports changing the priority on a global or individual statement basis. Priority has the following meaning:

- `HIGH_PRIORITY`: this statement has a high priority, that is, TiDB gives priority to this statement and executes it first.
- `LOW_PRIORITY`: this statement has a low priority, that is, TiDB reduces the priority of this statement during the execution period.
- `DELAYED`: this statement has normal priority and is the same as the `NO_PRIORITY` setting for `tidb_force_priority`.

> **Note:**
>
> Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports Resource Control. You can use this feature to execute SQL statements with different priorities in different resource groups. By configuring proper quotas and priorities for these resource groups, you can gain better scheduling control for SQL statements with different priorities. When resource control is enabled, statement priority will no longer take effect. It is recommended that you use Resource Control to manage resource usage for different SQL statements.

You can combine the above two parameters with the DML of TiDB to use them. For example:

1. Adjust the priority by writing SQL statements in the database:

```
SELECT HIGH_PRIORITY | LOW_PRIORITY | DELAYED COUNT(*) FROM table_name
    ↪ ;
INSERT HIGH_PRIORITY | LOW_PRIORITY | DELAYED INTO table_name insert_
    ↪ values;
DELETE HIGH_PRIORITY | LOW_PRIORITY | DELAYED FROM table_name;
UPDATE HIGH_PRIORITY | LOW_PRIORITY | DELAYED table_reference SET
    ↪ assignment_list WHERE where_condition;
REPLACE HIGH_PRIORITY | LOW_PRIORITY | DELAYED INTO table_name;
```

2. The full table scan statement automatically adjusts itself to a low priority. `ANALYZE` has a low priority by default.

15.3.19 What's the trigger strategy for `auto analyze` in TiDB?

When the number of rows in a table or a single partition of a partitioned table reaches 1000, and the ratio (the number of modified rows / the current total number of rows) of the table or partition is larger than `tidb_auto_analyze_ratio`, the `ANALYZE` statement is automatically triggered.

The default value of the `tidb_auto_analyze_ratio` system variable is `0.5`, indicating that this feature is enabled by default. It is not recommended to set the value of `tidb_auto_analyze_ratio` to be larger than or equal to `pseudo-estimate-ratio` (the default value is `0.8`), otherwise the optimizer might use pseudo statistics. TiDB v5.3.0 introduces the `tidb_enable_pseudo_for_outdated_stats` variable, and when you set it to `OFF`, pseudo statistics are not used even if the statistics are outdated.

To disable `auto analyze`, use the system variable `tidb_enable_auto_analyze`.

15.3.20 Can I use optimizer hints to override the optimizer behavior?

TiDB supports multiple ways to override the default query optimizer behavior, including hints and SQL Plan Management. The basic usage is similar to MySQL, with several TiDB specific extensions:

```
SELECT column_name FROM table_name USE INDEX ( index_name ) WHERE where_
    ↪ condition;
```

15.3.21 DDL Execution

This section lists issues related to DDL statement execution. For detailed explanations on the DDL execution principles, see Execution Principles and Best Practices of DDL Statements.

15.3.21.1 How long does it take to perform various DDL operations?

Assume that DDL operations are not blocked, each TiDB server can update the schema version normally, and the DDL Owner node is running normally. In this case, the estimated time for various DDL operations is as follows:

DDL Operation Type	Estimated Time
Reorg DDL, such as `ADD INDEX`, `MODIFY ↪ COLUMN` (Reorg type data changes)	Depends on the amount of data, system load, and DDL parameter settings.

DDL Operation Type	Estimated Time
General DDL (DDL types other than Reorg), such as `CREATE DATABASE`, `CREATE TABLE`, `DROP DATABASE`, `DROP TABLE`, `TRUNCATE TABLE`, `ALTER TABLE ADD`, `ALTER TABLE DROP`, `MODIFY COLUMN` (only changes metadata), `DROP INDEX`	About 1 second

> **Note:**
>
> The above is estimated time for the operations. The actual time might be different.

15.3.21.2 Possible reasons why DDL execution is slow

- In a user session, if there is a non-auto-commit DML statement before a DDL statement, and if the commit operation of the non-auto-commit DML statement is slow, it

will cause the DDL statement to execute slowly. That is, TiDB commits the uncommitted DML statement before executing the DDL statement.

- When multiple DDL statements are executed together, the execution of the later DDL statements might be slower because they might need to wait in queue. Queuing scenarios include:

    - The same type of DDL statements need to be queued. For example, both `CREATE TABLE` and `CREATE DATABASE` are general DDL statements, so when both operations are executed at the same time, they need to be queued. Starting from TiDB v6.2.0, parallel DDL statements are supported, but to avoid DDL execution using too many TiDB computing resources, there is also a concurrency limit. Queuing occurs when DDL exceeds the concurrency limit.
    - The DDL operations performed on the same table have a dependency relationship between them. The later DDL statement needs to wait for the previous DDL operation to complete.

- After the cluster is started normally, the execution time of the first DDL operation might be relatively long because the DDL module is electing the DDL Owner.

- TiDB is terminated, which causes TiDB to not able to communicate with PD normally (including power-off situations). Or TiDB is terminated by the `kill -9` command, which causes TiDB to not timely clear the registration data from PD.

- A communication problem occurs between a certain TiDB node in the cluster and PD or TiKV, which makes TiDB not able to obtain the latest version information in time.

15.3.21.3 What triggers the `Information schema is changed` error?

When executing SQL statements, TiDB determines the schema version of an object based on the isolation level and processes the SQL statement accordingly. TiDB also supports online asynchronous DDL changes. When you execute DML statements, there might be DDL statements being executed at the same time, and you need to ensure that each SQL statement is executed on the same schema. Therefore, when executing DML, if a DDL operation is ongoing, TiDB might report an `Information schema is changed` error.

Starting from v6.4.0, TiDB has implemented a metadata lock mechanism, which allows the coordinated execution of DML statements and DDL schema changes, and avoids most `Information schema is changed` errors.

Now, there are still a few causes for this error reporting:

- Cause 1: Some tables involved in the DML operation are the same tables involved in the ongoing DDL operation. To check the ongoing DDL operations, use the `ADMIN SHOW DDL` statement.

- Cause 2: The DML operation goes on for a long time. During this period, many DDL statements have been executed, which causes more than 1024 `schema` version changes. You can modify this default value by modifying the `tidb_max_delta_schema_count` variable.
- Cause 3: The TiDB server that accepts the DML request is not able to load `schema information` for a long time (possibly caused by the connection failure between TiDB and PD or TiKV). During this period, many DDL statements have been executed, which causes more than 100 `schema` version changes.
- Cause 4: After TiDB restarts and before the first DDL operation is executed, the DML operation is executed and then encounters the first DDL operation (which means before the first DDL operation is executed, the transaction corresponding to the DML is started. And after the first `schema` version of the DDL is changed, the transaction corresponding to the DML is committed), this DML operation reports this error.

In the preceding causes, only Cause 1 is related to tables. Cause 1 and Cause 2 do not impact the application, as the related DML operations retry after failure. For cause 3, you need to check the network between TiDB and TiKV/PD.

Note:

- Currently, TiDB does not cache all the `schema` version changes.
- For each DDL operation, the number of `schema` version changes is the same with the number of corresponding `schema state` version changes.
- Different DDL operations cause different number of `schema` version changes. For example, the `CREATE TABLE` statement causes one `schema` version change while the `ADD COLUMN` statement causes four.

15.3.21.4 What are the causes of the "Information schema is out of date" error?

When executing a DML statement, if TiDB fails to load the latest schema within a DDL lease (45s by default), the `Information schema is out of date` error might occur. Possible causes are as follows:

- The TiDB instance that executed this DML was killed, and the transaction execution corresponding to this DML statement took longer than a DDL lease. When the transaction was committed, the error occurred.
- TiDB failed to connect to PD or TiKV while executing this DML statement. As a result, TiDB failed to load schema within a DDL lease or disconnected from PD due to the keepalive setting.

15.3.21.5 Error is reported when executing DDL statements under high concurrency?

When you execute DDL statements (such as creating tables in batches) under high concurrency, a very few of these statements might fail because of key conflicts during the concurrent execution.

It is recommended to keep the number of concurrent DDL statements under 20. Otherwise, you need to retry the failed statements from the client.

15.3.21.6 Why is DDL execution blocked?

Before TiDB v6.2.0, TiDB allocates DDL statements to two first-in-first-out queues based on the type of DDL statements. More specifically, Reorg DDLs go to the Reorg queue and General DDLs go to the general queue. Because of the first-in-first-out limitation and the need for serial execution of DDL statements on the same table, multiple DDL statements might be blocked during execution.

For example, consider the following DDL statements:

- DDL 1: `CREATE INDEX idx on t(a int);`
- DDL 2: `ALTER TABLE t ADD COLUMN b int;`
- DDL 3: `CREATE TABLE t1(a int);`

Due to the limitation of the first-in-first-out queue, DDL 3 must wait for DDL 2 to execute. Also, because DDL statements on the same table need to be executed in serial, DDL 2 must wait for DDL 1 to execute. Therefore, DDL 3 needs to wait for DDL 1 to be executed first, even if they operate on different tables.

Starting from TiDB v6.2.0, the TiDB DDL module uses a concurrent framework. In the concurrent framework, there is no longer the limitation of the first-in-first-out queue. Instead, TiDB picks up the DDL task that can be executed from all DDL tasks. Additionally, the number of Reorg workers has been expanded, approximately to `CPU/4` per node. This allows TiDB to build indexes for multiple tables simultaneously in the concurrent framework.

Whether your cluster is a new cluster or an upgraded cluster from an earlier version, TiDB automatically uses the concurrent framework in TiDB v6.2 and later versions. You do not need to make manual adjustments.

15.3.21.7 Identify the cause of stuck DDL execution

1. Eliminate other reasons that make the DDL statement execution slow.
2. Use one of the following methods to identify the DDL Owner node:
    - Use `curl http://{TiDBIP}:10080/info/all` to obtain the owner of the current cluster.
    - View the owner during a specific time period from the monitoring dashboard **DDL** > **DDL META OPM**.

- If the owner does not exist, try manually triggering owner election with: `curl -X POST http://{TiDBIP}:10080/ddl/owner/resign`.
- If the owner exists, export the Goroutine stack and check for the possible stuck location.

15.3.22 Collation used in JDBC connections

This section lists questions related to collations used in JDBC connections. For information about character sets and collations supported by TiDB, see Character Set and Collation.

15.3.22.1 What collation is used in a JDBC connection when `connectionCollation` is not configured in the JDBC URL?

When `connectionCollation` is not configured in the JDBC URL, there are two scenarios:

Scenario 1: Neither `connectionCollation` nor `characterEncoding` is configured in the JDBC URL

- For Connector/J 8.0.25 and earlier versions, the JDBC driver attempts to use the server's default character set. Because the default character set of TiDB is `utf8mb4`, the driver uses `utf8mb4_bin` as the connection collation.
- For Connector/J 8.0.26 and later versions, the JDBC driver uses the `utf8mb4` character set and automatically selects the collation based on the return value of `SELECT VERSION()`.
    - When the return value is less than `8.0.1`, the driver uses `utf8mb4_general_ci` as the connection collation. TiDB follows the driver and uses `utf8mb4_general_ci` as the collation.
    - When the return value is greater than or equal to `8.0.1`, the driver uses `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` as the connection collation. TiDB v7.4.0 and later versions follow the driver and use `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` as the collation, while TiDB versions earlier than v7.4.0 fall back to using the default collation `utf8mb4_bin` because the `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` collation is not supported in these versions.

Scenario 2: `characterEncoding=utf8` is configured in the JDBC URL but `connectionCollation` is not configured. The JDBC driver uses the `utf8mb4` character set according to the mapping rules. The collation is determined according to the rules described in scenario 1.

15.3.22.2 How to handle collation changes after upgrading TiDB?

In TiDB v7.4 and earlier versions, if `connectionCollation` is not configured, and `characterEncoding` is either not configured or set to `UTF-8` in the JDBC URL, the TiDB `collation_connection` variable defaults to the `utf8mb4_bin` collation.

Starting from TiDB v7.4, if `connectionCollation` is not configured, and `characterEncoding` is either not configured or set to `UTF-8` in the JDBC URL, the value of the `collation_connection` variable depends on the JDBC driver version. For example, for Connector/J 8.0.26 and later versions, the JDBC driver defaults to the `utf8mb4` character set and uses `utf8mb4_general_ci` as the connection collation. TiDB follows the driver, and the `collation_connection` variable uses the `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` collation. For more information, see Collation used in JDBC connections.

When upgrading from an earlier version to v7.4 or later (for example, from v6.5 to v7.5), if you need to maintain the `collation_connection` as `utf8mb4_bin` for JDBC connections, it is recommended to configure the `connectionCollation` parameter in the JDBC URL.

The following is a common JDBC URL configuration in TiDB v6.5:

```
spring.datasource.url=JDBC:mysql://{TiDBIP}:{TiDBPort}/{DBName}?
    ↪ characterEncoding=UTF-8&useSSL=false&useServerPrepStmts=true&
    ↪ cachePrepStmts=true&prepStmtCacheSqlLimit=10000&prepStmtCacheSize
    ↪ =1000&useConfigs=maxPerformance&rewriteBatchedStatements=true&
    ↪ defaultFetchSize=-2147483648&allowMultiQueries=true
```

After upgrading to TiDB v7.5 or a later version, it is recommended to configure the `connectionCollation` parameter in the JDBC URL:

```
spring.datasource.url=JDBC:mysql://{TiDBIP}:{TiDBPort}/{DBName}?
    ↪ characterEncoding=UTF-8&connectionCollation=utf8mb4_bin&useSSL=false&
    ↪ useServerPrepStmts=true&cachePrepStmts=true&prepStmtCacheSqlLimit
    ↪ =10000&prepStmtCacheSize=1000&useConfigs=maxPerformance&
    ↪ rewriteBatchedStatements=true&defaultFetchSize=-2147483648&
    ↪ allowMultiQueries=true
```

15.3.22.3 What are the differences between the `utf8mb4_bin` and `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` collations?

Collation	Case-sensitive	Ignore trailing spaces	Accent-sensitive	Comparison method
`utf8mb4_bin`	Yes	Yes	Yes	Compare binary values
`utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci`	No	No	No	Use Unicode sorting alg

For example:

```
-- utf8mb4_bin is case-sensitive
SELECT 'apple' = 'Apple' COLLATE utf8mb4_bin; -- Returns 0 (FALSE)

-- utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci is case-insensitive
SELECT 'apple' = 'Apple' COLLATE utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci; -- Returns 1 (TRUE)

-- utf8mb4_bin ignores trailing spaces
```

```
SELECT 'Apple ' = 'Apple' COLLATE utf8mb4_bin; -- Returns 1 (TRUE)

-- utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci does not ignore trailing spaces
SELECT 'Apple ' = 'Apple' COLLATE utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci; -- Returns 0 (FALSE)

-- utf8mb4_bin is accent-sensitive
SELECT 'café' = 'cafe' COLLATE utf8mb4_bin; -- Returns 0 (FALSE)

-- utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci is accent-insensitive
SELECT 'café' = 'cafe' COLLATE utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci; -- Returns 1 (TRUE)
```

15.3.23 SQL optimization

15.3.23.1 TiDB execution plan description

See Understand the Query Execution Plan.

15.3.23.2 Statistics collection

See Introduction to Statistics.

15.3.23.3 How to optimize `select count(1)`?

The `count(1)` statement counts the total number of rows in a table. Improving the degree of concurrency can significantly improve the speed. To modify the concurrency, refer to the `tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency` document. But it also depends on the CPU and I/O resources. TiDB accesses TiKV in every query. When the amount of data is small, all MySQL is in memory, and TiDB needs to conduct a network access.

Recommendations:

- Improve the hardware configuration. See TiDB Software and Hardware Requirements.
- Improve the concurrency. The default value is 10. You can improve it to 50 and have a try. But usually the improvement is 2-4 times of the default value.
- Test the `count` in the case of large amount of data.
- Optimize the TiKV configuration. See Tune TiKV Thread Performance and Tune TiKV Memory Performance.
- Enable the Coprocessor Cache.

15.3.23.4 How to view the progress of the current DDL job?

You can use `ADMIN SHOW DDL` to view the progress of the current DDL job. The operation is as follows:

```
ADMIN SHOW DDL;
```

```
*************************** 1. row ***************************
  SCHEMA_VER: 140
       OWNER: 1a1c4174-0fcd-4ba0-add9-12d08c4077dc
RUNNING_JOBS: ID:121, Type:add index, State:running, SchemaState:write
    ↪ reorganization, SchemaID:1, TableID:118, RowCount:77312, ArgLen:0,
    ↪ start time: 2018-12-05 16:26:10.652 +0800 CST, Err:<nil>, ErrCount:0,
    ↪  SnapshotVersion:404749908941733890
     SELF_ID: 1a1c4174-0fcd-4ba0-add9-12d08c4077dc
```

From the above results, you can get that the `ADD INDEX` operation is currently being processed. You can also get from the `RowCount` field of the `RUNNING_JOBS` column that now the `ADD INDEX` operation has added 77312 rows of indexes.

15.3.23.5 How to view the DDL job?

- `ADMIN SHOW DDL`: to view the running DDL job
- `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS`: to view all the results in the current DDL job queue (including tasks that are running and waiting to run) and the last ten results in the completed DDL job queue
- `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS QUERIES 'job_id' [, 'job_id'] ...`: to view the original SQL statement of the DDL task corresponding to the `job_id`; the `job_id` only searches the running DDL job and the last ten results in the DDL history job queue.

15.3.23.6 Does TiDB support CBO (Cost-Based Optimization)? If yes, to what extent?

Yes. TiDB uses the cost-based optimizer. The cost model and statistics are constantly optimized. TiDB also supports join algorithms like hash join and sort-merge join.

15.3.23.7 How to determine whether I need to execute `analyze` on a table?

View the `Healthy` field using `SHOW STATS_HEALTHY` and generally you need to execute `ANALYZE` on a table when the field value is smaller than 60.

15.3.23.8 What is the ID rule when a query plan is presented as a tree? What is the execution order for this tree?

No rule exists for these IDs but the IDs are unique. When IDs are generated, a counter works and adds one when one plan is generated. The execution order has nothing to do with the ID. The whole query plan is a tree and the execution process starts from the root node and the data is returned to the upper level continuously. For details about the query plan, see Understanding the TiDB Query Execution Plan.

15.3.23.9 In the TiDB query plan, `cop` tasks are in the same root. Are they executed concurrently?

Currently the computing tasks of TiDB belong to two different types of tasks: `cop task` and `root task`.

`cop task` is the computing task which is pushed down to the KV end for distributed execution; `root task` is the computing task for single point execution on the TiDB end.

Generally the input data of `root task` comes from `cop task`; when `root task` processes data, `cop task` of TiKV can processes data at the same time and waits for the pull of `root task` of TiDB. Therefore, `cop` tasks can be considered as executed concurrently with `root task`; but their data has an upstream and downstream relationship. During the execution process, they are executed concurrently during some time. For example, the first `cop task` is processing the data in [100, 200] and the second `cop task` is processing the data in [1, 100]. For details, see Understanding the TiDB Query Plan.

15.3.24 Database optimization

15.3.24.1 Edit TiDB options

See The TiDB Command Options.

15.3.24.2 How to avoid hotspot issues and achieve load balancing? Is hot partition or range an issue in TiDB?

To learn the scenarios that cause hotspots, refer to common hotpots. The following TiDB features are designed to help you solve hotspot issues:

- The `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` attribute. After setting this attribute, row IDs are scattered and written into multiple Regions, which can alleviate the write hotspot issue.
- The `AUTO_RANDOM` attribute, which helps resolve hotspots brought by auto-increment primary keys.
- Coprocessor Cache, for read hotspots on small tables.
- Load Base Split, for hotspots caused by unbalanced access between Regions, such as full table scans for small tables.
- Cached tables, for frequently accessed but rarely updated small hotspot tables.

If you have a performance issue caused by hotspot, refer to Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues to get it resolved.

15.3.24.3 Tune TiKV performance

See Tune TiKV Thread Performance and Tune TiKV Memory Performance.

15.4 TiDB Deployment FAQs

This document summarizes the FAQs related to TiDB deployment.

15.4.1 Software and hardware requirements

15.4.1.1 What operating systems does TiDB support?

For the TiDB-supported operating systems, see Software and Hardware Recommendations.

15.4.1.2 What is the recommended hardware configuration for a TiDB cluster in the development, test, or production environment?

You can deploy and run TiDB on the 64-bit generic hardware server platform in the Intel x86-64 architecture or on the hardware server platform in the ARM architecture. For the requirements and recommendations about server hardware configuration for development, test, and production environments, see Software and Hardware Recommendations - Server requirements.

15.4.1.3 What's the purposes of 2 network cards of 10 gigabit?

As a distributed cluster, TiDB has a high demand on time, especially for PD, because PD needs to distribute unique timestamps. If the time in the PD servers is not consistent, it takes longer waiting time when switching the PD server. The bond of two network cards guarantees the stability of data transmission, and 10 gigabit guarantees the transmission speed. Gigabit network cards are prone to meet bottlenecks, therefore it is strongly recommended to use 10 gigabit network cards.

15.4.1.4 Is it feasible if we don't use RAID for SSD?

If the resources are adequate, it is recommended to use RAID 10 for SSD. If the resources are inadequate, it is acceptable not to use RAID for SSD.

15.4.1.5 What's the recommended configuration of TiDB components?

- TiDB has a high requirement on CPU and memory.
- PD stores the cluster metadata and has frequent Read and Write requests. It demands a high I/O disk. A disk of low performance will affect the performance of the whole cluster. It is recommended to use SSD disks. In addition, a larger number of Regions has a higher requirement on CPU and memory.
- TiKV has a high requirement on CPU, memory and disk. It is required to use SSD.

For details, see Software and Hardware Recommendations.

15.4.2 Installation and deployment

For the production environment, it is recommended to use TiUP to deploy your TiDB cluster. See Deploy a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.

15.4.2.1 Why the modified `toml` configuration for TiKV/PD does not take effect?

You need to set the `--config` parameter in TiKV/PD to make the `toml` configuration effective. TiKV/PD does not read the configuration by default. Currently, this issue only occurs when deploying using Binary. For TiKV, edit the configuration and restart the service. For PD, the configuration file is only read when PD is started for the first time, after which you can modify the configuration using pd-ctl. For details, see PD Control User Guide.

15.4.2.2 Should I deploy the TiDB monitoring framework (Prometheus + Grafana) on a standalone machine or on multiple machines? What is the recommended CPU and memory?

The monitoring machine is recommended to use standalone deployment. It is recommended to use an 8 core CPU with 16 GB+ memory and a 500 GB+ hard disk.

15.4.2.3 Why the monitor cannot display all metrics?

Check the time difference between the machine time of the monitor and the time within the cluster. If it is large, you can correct the time and the monitor will display all the metrics.

15.4.2.4 How to separately record the slow query log in TiDB? How to locate the slow query SQL statement?

1. The slow query definition for TiDB is in the TiDB configuration file. The `tidb_slow_log_threshold: 300` parameter is used to configure the threshold value of the slow query (unit: millisecond).
2. If a slow query occurs, you can locate the `tidb-server` instance where the slow query is and the slow query time point using Grafana and find the SQL statement information recorded in the log on the corresponding node.
3. In addition to the log, you can also view the slow query using the `ADMIN SHOW SLOW` command. For details, see `ADMIN SHOW SLOW` command.

15.4.2.5 How to add the `label` configuration if `label` of TiKV was not configured when I deployed the TiDB cluster for the first time?

The configuration of TiDB `label` is related to the cluster deployment architecture. It is important and is the basis for PD to execute global management and scheduling. If you did not configure `label` when deploying the cluster previously, you should adjust the deployment structure by manually adding the `location-labels` information using the PD management tool `pd-ctl`, for example, `config set location-labels "zone,rack,host"` (you should configure it based on the practical `label` level name).

For the usage of `pd-ctl`, see PD Control User Guide.

15.4.2.6 Why does the `dd` command for the disk test use the `oflag=direct` option?

The Direct mode wraps the Write request into the I/O command and sends this command to the disk to bypass the file system cache and directly test the real I/O Read/Write performance of the disk.

15.4.2.7 How to use the `fio` command to test the disk performance of the TiKV instance?

- Random Read test:

```
./fio -ioengine=psync -bs=32k -fdatasync=1 -thread -rw=randread -size
    ↪ =10G -filename=fio_randread_test.txt -name='fio randread test' -
    ↪ iodepth=4 -runtime=60 -numjobs=4 -group_reporting --output-format
    ↪ =json --output=fio_randread_result.json
```

- The mix test of sequential Write and random Read:

```
./fio -ioengine=psync -bs=32k -fdatasync=1 -thread -rw=randrw -
    ↪ percentage_random=100,0 -size=10G -filename=fio_randread_write_
    ↪ test.txt -name='fio mixed randread and sequential write test' -
    ↪ iodepth=4 -runtime=60 -numjobs=4 -group_reporting --output-format
    ↪ =json --output=fio_randread_write_test.json
```

15.4.3 What public cloud vendors are currently supported by TiDB?

TiDB supports deployment on Google Cloud GKE, AWS EKS, and Alibaba Cloud ACK.

In addition, TiDB is currently available on JD Cloud and UCloud.

15.5 Migration FAQs

This document summarizes the frequently asked questions (FAQs) related to TiDB data migration.

For the frequently asked questions about migration-related tools, click the corresponding links in the list below:

- Backup & Restore FAQs
- TiDB Lightning FAQs
- TiDB Data Migration (DM) FAQs
- TiCDC FAQs

15.5.1 Full data export and import

15.5.1.1 How to migrate an application running on MySQL to TiDB?

Because TiDB supports most MySQL syntax, generally you can migrate your applications to TiDB without changing a single line of code in most cases.

15.5.1.2 Data import and export is slow, and many retries and EOF errors appear in the log of each component without other errors

If no other logical errors occur, retries and EOF errors might be caused by network issues. It is recommended to first use tools to check the network connectivity. In the following example, iperf is used for troubleshooting:

- Execute the following command on the server-side node where the retries and EOF errors occur:

```
iperf3 -s
```

- Execute the following command on the client-side node where the retries and EOF errors occur:

```
iperf3 -c <server-IP>
```

The following example is the output of a client node with a good network connection:

```
$ iperf3 -c 192.168.196.58
Connecting to host 192.168.196.58, port 5201
[  5] local 192.168.196.150 port 55397 connected to 192.168.196.58 port 5201
[ ID] Interval           Transfer     Bitrate
[  5]   0.00-1.00  sec  18.0 MBytes  150 Mbits/sec
[  5]   1.00-2.00  sec  20.8 MBytes  175 Mbits/sec
[  5]   2.00-3.00  sec  18.2 MBytes  153 Mbits/sec
[  5]   3.00-4.00  sec  22.5 MBytes  188 Mbits/sec
[  5]   4.00-5.00  sec  22.4 MBytes  188 Mbits/sec
[  5]   5.00-6.00  sec  22.8 MBytes  191 Mbits/sec
[  5]   6.00-7.00  sec  20.8 MBytes  174 Mbits/sec
[  5]   7.00-8.00  sec  20.1 MBytes  168 Mbits/sec
[  5]   8.00-9.00  sec  20.8 MBytes  175 Mbits/sec
[  5]   9.00-10.00 sec  21.8 MBytes  183 Mbits/sec
- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
[ ID] Interval           Transfer     Bitrate
[  5]   0.00-10.00 sec   208 MBytes  175 Mbits/sec                  sender
[  5]   0.00-10.00 sec   208 MBytes  174 Mbits/sec                  receiver

iperf Done.
```

If the output shows low network bandwidth and high bandwidth fluctuations, a large number of retries and EOF errors might appear in each component log. In this case, you need to consult your network service provider to improve the network quality.

If the output of each metric looks good, try to update each component. If the problem persists after the updating, get support from PingCAP or the community.

15.5.1.3 If I accidentally import the MySQL user table into TiDB, or forget the password and cannot log in, how to deal with it?

Restart the TiDB service, add the `-skip-grant-table=true` parameter in the configuration file. Log into the cluster without password and recreate the user, or recreate the `mysql.user` table. For the specific table schema, search the official documentation.

15.5.1.4 How to export the data in TiDB?

You can use the following methods to export the data in TiDB:

- Export data using Dumpling. For more information, see Dumpling documentation.
- Export data using mysqldump and the `WHERE` clause.
- Use the MySQL client to export the results of `select` to a file.

15.5.1.5 How to migrate from Db2 or Oracle to TiDB?

To migrate all the data or migrate incrementally from Db2 or Oracle to TiDB, see the following solution:

- Use the official migration tool of Oracle, such as OGG, Gateway, CDC (Change Data Capture).
- Develop a program for importing and exporting data.
- Export Spool as text file, and import data using Load infile.
- Use a third-party data migration tool.

Currently, it is recommended to use OGG.

15.5.1.6 Error: `java.sql.BatchUpdateException:statement count 5001 exceeds the transaction limitation` while using Sqoop to write data into TiDB in `batches`

In Sqoop, `--batch` means committing 100 `statements` in each batch, but by default each `statement` contains 100 SQL statements. So, 100 * 100 = 10000 SQL statements, which exceeds 5000, the maximum number of statements allowed in a single TiDB transaction.

Two solutions:

- Add the `-Dsqoop.export.records.per.statement=10` option as follows:

```
sqoop export \
    -Dsqoop.export.records.per.statement=10 \
    --connect jdbc:mysql://mysql.example.com/sqoop \
    --username sqoop ${user} \
    --password ${passwd} \
    --table ${tab_name} \
    --export-dir ${dir} \
    --batch
```

- You can also increase the limited number of statements in a single TiDB transaction, but this will consume more memory.

15.5.1.7 Why does Dumpling return `The local disk space is insufficient` error or cause the upstream database to run out of memory when exporting a table?

This issue might have the following causes:

- The database's primary keys are not evenly distributed (for example, when you enable `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS`).
- The upstream database is TiDB and the exported table is a partitioned table.

For the above cases, Dumpling splits excessively large data chunk for the export and sends queries with excessively large results. To address the issue, you can get the latest version of Dumpling.

15.5.1.8 Does TiDB have a function like the Flashback Query in Oracle? Does it support DDL?

Yes, it does. And it supports DDL as well. For details, see how TiDB reads data from history versions.

15.5.2 Migrate the data online

15.5.2.1 Is there a current solution to replicating data from TiDB to other databases like HBase and Elasticsearch?

No. Currently, the data replication depends on the application itself.

15.5.3 Migrate the traffic

15.5.3.1 How to migrate the traffic quickly?

It is recommended to migrate application data from MySQL to TiDB using TiDB Data Migration tool. You can migrate the read and write traffic in batches by editing the network

configuration as needed. Deploy a stable network LB (such as HAproxy, LVS, F5, and DNS) on the upper layer, in order to implement seamless migration by directly editing the network configuration.

15.5.3.2 Is there a limit for the total write and read capacity in TiDB?

The total read capacity has no limit. You can increase the read capacity by adding more TiDB servers. Generally the write capacity has no limit as well. You can increase the write capacity by adding more TiKV nodes.

15.5.3.3 The error message `transaction too large` is displayed

Due to the limitation of the underlying storage engine, each key-value entry (one row) in TiDB should be no more than 6MB. You can adjust the `txn-entry-size-limit` configuration value up to 120MB.

Distributed transactions need two-phase commit and the bottom layer performs the Raft replication. If a transaction is very large, the commit process would be quite slow and the write conflict is more likely to occur. Moreover, the rollback of a failed transaction leads to an unnecessary performance penalty. To avoid these problems, we limit the total size of key-value entries to no more than 100MB in a transaction by default. If you need larger transactions, modify the value of `txn-total-size-limit` in the TiDB configuration file. The maximum value of this configuration item is up to 10G. The actual limitation is also affected by the physical memory of the machine.

There are similar limits on Google Cloud Spanner.

15.5.3.4 How to import data in batches?

When you import data, insert in batches and keep the number of rows within 10,000 for each batch.

15.5.3.5 Does TiDB release space immediately after deleting data?

None of the `DELETE`, `TRUNCATE` and `DROP` operations release data immediately. For the `TRUNCATE` and `DROP` operations, after the TiDB GC (Garbage Collection) time (10 minutes by default), the data is deleted and the space is released. For the `DELETE` operation, the data is deleted but the space is not released according to TiDB GC. When subsequent data is written into RocksDB and executes `COMPACT`, the space is reused.

15.5.3.6 Can I execute DDL operations on the target table when loading data?

No. None of the DDL operations can be executed on the target table when you load data, otherwise the data fails to be loaded.

15.5.3.7 Does TiDB support the `replace into` syntax?

Yes.

15.5.3.8 Why does the query speed getting slow after deleting data?

Deleting a large amount of data leaves a lot of useless keys, affecting the query efficiency. The Region Merge feature can solve this problem. For more details, see the deleting data section in TiDB Best Practices.

15.5.3.9 What is the most efficient way of deleting data?

When deleting a large amount of data, it is recommended to use `Delete from t where xx limit 5000;`. It deletes through the loop and uses `Affected Rows == 0` as a condition to end the loop, so as not to exceed the limit of transaction size. With the prerequisite of meeting business filtering logic, it is recommended to add a strong filter index column or directly use the primary key to select the range, such as `id >= 5000*n+m and id < 5000*(n+1)+m`.

If the amount of data that needs to be deleted at a time is very large, this loop method will get slower and slower because each deletion traverses backward. After deleting the previous data, lots of deleted flags remain for a short period (then all will be processed by Garbage Collection) and influence the following Delete statement. If possible, it is recommended to refine the Where condition. See details in TiDB Best Practices.

15.5.3.10 How to improve the data loading speed in TiDB?

- The TiDB Lightning tool is developed for distributed data import. It should be noted that the data import process does not perform a complete transaction process for performance reasons. Therefore, the ACID constraint of the data being imported during the import process cannot be guaranteed. The ACID constraint of the imported data can only be guaranteed after the entire import process ends. Therefore, the applicable scenarios mainly include importing new data (such as a new table or a new index) or the full backup and restoring (truncate the original table and then import data).
- Data loading in TiDB is related to the status of disks and the whole cluster. When loading data, pay attention to metrics like the disk usage rate of the host, TiClient Error, Backoff, Thread CPU and so on. You can analyze the bottlenecks using these metrics.

15.6 Upgrade and After Upgrade FAQs

This document introduces some FAQs and their solutions when or after you upgrade TiDB.

15.6.1 Upgrade FAQs

This section lists some FAQs and their solutions when you upgrade TiDB.

15.6.1.1 What are the effects of rolling updates?

When you apply rolling updates to the TiDB services, the running application is affected to varying degrees. Therefore, it is not recommended that you perform a rolling update during business peak hours. You need to configure the minimum cluster topology (TiDB * 2, PD * 3, TiKV * 3).

15.6.1.2 Can I upgrade the TiDB cluster during the DDL execution?

- If the TiDB version before upgrade is earlier than v7.1.0:
    - **DO NOT** upgrade a TiDB cluster when a DDL statement is being executed in the cluster (usually for the time-consuming DDL statements such as `ADD INDEX` and the column type changes). Before the upgrade, it is recommended to use the `ADMIN SHOW DDL` command to check whether the TiDB cluster has an ongoing DDL job. If the cluster has a DDL job, to upgrade the cluster, wait until the DDL execution is finished or use the `ADMIN CANCEL DDL` command to cancel the DDL job before you upgrade the cluster.
    - During the cluster upgrade, **DO NOT** execute any DDL statement. Otherwise, the issue of undefined behavior might occur.
- If the TiDB version before upgrade is v7.1.0 or later:
    - You do not need to follow the restrictions of upgrading from an earlier version to v7.1.0. That is, TiDB can receive user DDL tasks during the upgrade. For details, refer to TiDB Smooth Upgrade.

15.6.1.3 How to upgrade TiDB using the binary?

It is not recommended to upgrade TiDB using the binary. Instead, it is recommended to upgrade TiDB using TiUP or upgrade a TiDB cluster on Kubernetes, which ensures both version consistency and compatibility.

15.6.2 After upgrade FAQs

This section lists some FAQs and their solutions after you upgrade TiDB.

15.6.2.1 The collation in JDBC connections changes after upgrading TiDB

When upgrading from an earlier version to v7.4 or later, if the `connectionCollation` is not configured, and the `characterEncoding` is either not configured or configured as `UTF-8` ↪ in the JDBC URL, the default collation in your JDBC connections might change from `utf8mb4_bin` to `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` after upgrading. If you need to maintain the collation as `utf8mb4_bin`, configure `connectionCollation=utf8mb4_bin` in the JDBC URL.

For more information, see Collation used in JDBC connections.

15.6.2.2 The character set (charset) errors when executing DDL operations

In v2.1.0 and earlier versions (including all versions of v2.0), the character set of TiDB is UTF-8 by default. But starting from v2.1.1, the default character set has been changed into UTF8MB4.

If you explicitly specify the charset of a newly created table as UTF-8 in v2.1.0 or earlier versions, then you might fail to execute DDL operations after upgrading TiDB to v2.1.1.

To avoid this issue, you need to pay attention to:

- Before v2.1.3, TiDB does not support modifying the charset of the column. Therefore, when you execute DDL operations, you need to make sure that the charset of the new column is consistent with that of the original column.
- Before v2.1.3, even if the charset of the column is different from that of the table, `show create table` does not show the charset of the column. But as shown in the following example, you can view it by obtaining the metadata of the table through the HTTP API.

15.6.2.2.1 `unsupported modify column charset utf8mb4 not match origin utf8`

- Before upgrading, the following operations are executed in v2.1.0 and earlier versions.

```
create table t(a varchar(10)) charset=utf8;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected
Time: 0.106s
```

```
show create table t;
```

```
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------+
| Table | Create Table                                          |
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------+
| t     | CREATE TABLE `t` (                                    |
|       |   `a` varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL                        |
```

```
|       | ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8 COLLATE=utf8_bin |
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------+
1 row in set
Time: 0.006s
```

- After upgrading, the following error is reported in v2.1.1 and v2.1.2 but there is no such error in v2.1.3 and the later versions.

```
alter table t change column a a varchar(20);
```

```
ERROR 1105 (HY000): unsupported modify column charset utf8mb4 not match
    ↪  origin utf8
```

Solution:

You can explicitly specify the column charset as the same with the original charset.

```
alter table t change column a a varchar(22) character set utf8;
```

- According to Point #1, if you do not specify the column charset, UTF8MB4 is used by default, so you need to specify the column charset to make it consistent with the original one.
- According to Point #2, you can obtain the metadata of the table through the HTTP API, and find the column charset by searching the column name and the keyword "Charset".

```
curl "http://$IP:10080/schema/test/t" | python -m json.tool
```

A python tool is used here to format JSON, which is not required and only for the convenience to add the comments.

```
{
    "ShardRowIDBits": 0,
    "auto_inc_id": 0,
    "charset": "utf8", # The charset of the table.
    "collate": "",
    "cols": [          # The relevant information about the columns.
        {
            ...
            "id": 1,
            "name": {
                "L": "a",
                "O": "a"  # The column name.
            },
            "offset": 0,
```

```
            "origin_default": null,
            "state": 5,
            "type": {
                "Charset": "utf8", # The charset of column a.
                "Collate": "utf8_bin",
                "Decimal": 0,
                "Elems": null,
                "Flag": 0,
                "Flen": 10,
                "Tp": 15
            }
        }
    ],
    ...
}
```

15.6.2.2.2 unsupported modify charset from utf8mb4 to utf8

- Before upgrading, the following operations are executed in v2.1.1 and v2.1.2.

```
create table t(a varchar(10)) charset=utf8;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected
Time: 0.109s
```

```
show create table t;
```

```
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------+
| Table | Create Table                                          |
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------+
| t     | CREATE TABLE `t` (                                    |
|       |   `a` varchar(10) DEFAULT NULL                        |
|       | ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8 COLLATE=utf8_bin |
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------+
```

In the above example, `show create table` only shows the charset of the table, but the charset of the column is actually UTF8MB4, which can be confirmed by obtaining the schema through the HTTP API. However, when a new table is created, the charset of the column should stay consistent with that of the table. This bug has been fixed in v2.1.3.

- After upgrading, the following operations are executed in v2.1.3 and the later versions.

```
show create table t;
```

```
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| Table | Create Table                                                      |
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| t     | CREATE TABLE `t` (                                                |
|       |   `a` varchar(10) CHARSET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_bin DEFAULT
    ↪ NULL |
|       | ) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8 COLLATE=utf8_bin             |
+-------+-------------------------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
1 row in set
Time: 0.007s
```

```
alter table t change column a a varchar(20);
```

```
ERROR 1105 (HY000): unsupported modify charset from utf8mb4 to utf8
```

Solution:

- Starting from v2.1.3, TiDB supports modifying the charsets of the column and the table, so it is recommended to modify the table charset into UTF8MB4.

```
alter table t convert to character set utf8mb4;
```

- You can also specify the column charset as done in Issue #1, making it stay consistent with the original column charset (UTF8MB4).

```
alter table t change column a a varchar(20) character set utf8mb4;
```

15.6.2.2.3 ERROR 1366 (HY000): incorrect utf8 value f09f8c80( ) for column a

In TiDB v2.1.1 and earlier versions, if the charset is UTF-8, there is no UTF-8 Unicode encoding check on the inserted 4-byte data. But in v2.1.2 and the later versions, this check is added.

- Before upgrading, the following operations are executed in v2.1.1 and earlier versions.

```
create table t(a varchar(100) charset utf8);
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected
```

```
insert t values (unhex('f09f8c80'));
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected
```

- After upgrading, the following error is reported in v2.1.2 and the later versions.

```
insert t values (unhex('f09f8c80'));
```

```
ERROR 1366 (HY000): incorrect utf8 value f09f8c80( ) for column a
```

Solution:

- In v2.1.2: this version does not support modifying the column charset, so you have to skip the UTF-8 check.

```
set @@session.tidb_skip_utf8_check=1;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected
```

```
insert t values (unhex('f09f8c80'));
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected
```

- In v2.1.3 and the later versions: it is recommended to modify the column charset into UTF8MB4. Or you can set `tidb_skip_utf8_check` to skip the UTF-8 check. But if you skip the check, you might fail to replicate data from TiDB to MySQL because MySQL executes the check.

```
alter table t change column a a varchar(100) character set utf8mb4;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected
```

```
insert t values (unhex('f09f8c80'));
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected
```

Specifically, you can use the variable `tidb_skip_utf8_check` to skip the legal UTF-8 and UTF8MB4 check on the data. But if you skip the check, you might fail to replicate the data from TiDB to MySQL because MySQL executes the check.

If you only want to skip the UTF-8 check, you can set `tidb_check_mb4_value_in_utf8`. This variable is added to the `config.toml` file in v2.1.3, and you can modify `check-mb4-value-in-utf8` in the configuration file and then restart the cluster to enable it.

Starting from v2.1.5, you can set `tidb_check_mb4_value_in_utf8` through the HTTP API and the session variable:

- HTTP API (the HTTP API can be enabled only on a single server)
  - To enable HTTP API:

```
curl -X POST -d "check_mb4_value_in_utf8=1" http://{TiDBIP
    ↪ }:10080/settings
```

  - To disable HTTP API:

```
curl -X POST -d "check_mb4_value_in_utf8=0" http://{TiDBIP
    ↪ }:10080/settings
```

- Session variable
  - To enable session variable:

```
set @@session.tidb_check_mb4_value_in_utf8 = 1;
```

  - To disable session variable:

```
set @@session.tidb_check_mb4_value_in_utf8 = 0;
```

15.7 TiDB Monitoring FAQs

This document summarizes the FAQs related to TiDB monitoring.

- For details of Prometheus monitoring framework, see Overview of the Monitoring Framework.
- For details of key metrics of monitoring, see Key Metrics.

15.7.1 Is there a better way of monitoring the key metrics?

The monitoring system of TiDB consists of Prometheus and Grafana. From the dashboard in Grafana, you can monitor various running metrics of TiDB which include the monitoring metrics of system resources, of client connection and SQL operation, of internal communication and Region scheduling. With these metrics, the database administrator can better understand the system running status, running bottlenecks and so on. In the practice of monitoring these metrics, we list the key metrics of each TiDB component. Generally you only need to pay attention to these common metrics. For details, see official documentation.

15.7.2 The Prometheus monitoring data is deleted every 15 days by default. Could I set it to two months or delete the monitoring data manually?

Yes. Find the startup script on the machine where Prometheus is started, edit the startup parameter and restart Prometheus.

```
--storage.tsdb.retention="60d"
```

15.7.3 Region Health monitor

In TiDB 2.0, Region health is monitored in the PD metric monitoring page, in which the `Region Health` monitoring item shows the statistics of all the Region replica status. `miss` means shortage of replicas and `extra` means the extra replica exists. In addition, `Region Health` also shows the isolation level by `label`. `level-1` means the Region replicas are isolated physically in the first `label` level. All the Regions are in `level-0` when `location label` is not configured.

15.7.4 What is the meaning of `selectsimplefull` in Statement Count monitor?

It means full table scan but the table might be a small system table.

15.7.5 What is the difference between `QPS` and `Statement OPS` in the monitor?

The `QPS` statistics is about all the SQL statements, including `use database`, `load data`, `begin`, `commit`, `set`, `show`, `insert` and `select`.

The `Statement OPS` statistics is only about applications related SQL statements, including `select`, `update` and `insert`, therefore the `Statement OPS` statistics matches the applications better.

15.8 TiDB Cluster Management FAQs

This document summarizes the FAQs related to TiDB cluster management.

15.8.1 Daily management

This section describes common problems you might encounter during daily cluster management, their causes, and solutions.

15.8.1.1 How to log into TiDB?

You can log into TiDB like logging into MySQL. For example:

```
mysql -h 127.0.0.1 -uroot -P4000
```

15.8.1.2 How to modify the system variables in TiDB?

Similar to MySQL, TiDB includes static and solid parameters. You can directly modify static parameters using `SET GLOBAL xxx = n`, but the new value of a parameter is only effective within the life cycle in this instance.

15.8.1.3 Where and what are the data directories in TiDB (TiKV)?

TiKV data is located in the `--data-dir`, which include four directories of backup, db, raft, and snap, used to store backup, data, Raft data, and mirror data respectively.

15.8.1.4 What are the system tables in TiDB?

Similar to MySQL, TiDB includes system tables as well, used to store the information required by the server when it runs. See TiDB system table.

15.8.1.5 Where are the TiDB/PD/TiKV logs?

By default, TiDB/PD/TiKV outputs standard error in the logs. If a log file is specified by `--log-file` during the startup, the log is output to the specified file and executes rotation daily.

15.8.1.6 How to safely stop TiDB?

- If a load balancer is running (recommended): Stop the load balancer and execute the SQL statement `SHUTDOWN`. Then TiDB waits for a period as specified by `graceful-wait-before-shutdown` until all sessions are terminated. Then TiDB stops running.
- If no load balancer is running: Execute the `SHUTDOWN` statement. Then TiDB components are gracefully stopped.

15.8.1.7 Can `kill` be executed in TiDB?

- Kill DML statements:

  First use `information_schema.cluster_processlist` to find TiDB instance address and session ID, and then run the kill command.

  TiDB v6.1.0 introduces the Global Kill feature (controlled by the `enable-global-kill` configuration, which is enabled by default). If Global Kill is enabled, just execute `kill session_id`.

  If the TiDB version is earlier than v6.1.0, or the Global Kill feature is not enabled, `kill session_id` does not take effect by default. To terminate a DML statement, you should connect the client directly to the TiDB instance that is executing the DML statement and then execute the `kill tidb session_id` statement. If the client connects to another TiDB instance or there is a proxy between the client and the TiDB cluster, the `kill tidb session_id` statement might be routed to another TiDB instance, which might incorrectly terminate another session. For details, see `KILL`.

- Kill DDL statements: First use `admin show ddl jobs` to find the ID of the DDL job you need to terminate, and then run `admin cancel ddl jobs 'job_id' [, 'job_id'] ...`. For more details, see the `ADMIN` statement.

15.8.1.8 Does TiDB support session timeout?

TiDB currently supports the following timeouts: `wait_timeout`, `interactive_timeout`, and `tidb_idle_transaction_timeout`.

15.8.1.9 What is the TiDB version management strategy?

For details about TiDB version management, see TiDB versioning.

15.8.1.10 How about the operating cost of deploying and maintaining a TiDB cluster?

TiDB provides a few features and tools, with which you can manage the clusters easily at a low cost:

- For maintenance operations, TiUP works as the package manager, which simplifies the deployment, scaling, upgrade, and other maintenance tasks.
- For monitoring, the TiDB monitoring framework uses Prometheus to store the monitoring and performance metrics, and uses Grafana to visualize these metrics. Dozens of built-in panels are available with hundreds of metrics.
- For troubleshooting, the TiDB Troubleshooting Map summarizes common issues of the TiDB server and other components. You can use this map to diagnose and resolve issues when you encounter related problems.

15.8.1.11 What's the difference between various TiDB master versions?

The TiDB community is highly active. The engineers have been keeping optimizing features and fixing bugs. Therefore, the TiDB version is updated quite fast. If you want to keep informed of the latest version, see TiDB Release Timeline.

It is recommended to deploy TiDB using TiUP or using TiDB Operator. TiDB has a unified management of the version number. You can view the version number using one of the following methods:

- `select tidb_version()`
- `tidb-server -V`

15.8.1.12 Is there a graphical deployment tool for TiDB?

Currently no.

15.8.1.13 How to scale out a TiDB cluster?

You can scale out your TiDB cluster without interrupting the online services.

- If your cluster is deployed using TiUP, refer to Scale a TiDB Cluster Using TiUP.
- If your cluster is deployed using TiDB Operator on Kubernetes, refer to Manually Scale TiDB on Kubernetes.

15.8.1.14 How to scale TiDB horizontally?

As your business grows, your database might face the following three bottlenecks:

- Lack of storage resources which means that the disk space is not enough.
- Lack of computing resources such as high CPU occupancy.
- Not enough write and read capacity.

You can scale TiDB as your business grows.

- If the disk space is not enough, you can increase the capacity simply by adding more TiKV nodes. When the new node is started, PD will migrate the data from other nodes to the new node automatically.
- If the computing resources are not enough, check the CPU consumption situation first before adding more TiDB nodes or TiKV nodes. When a TiDB node is added, you can configure it in the Load Balancer.
- If the capacity is not enough, you can add both TiDB nodes and TiKV nodes.

15.8.1.15 If Percolator uses distributed locks and the crash client keeps the lock, will the lock not be released?

For more details, see Percolator and TiDB Transaction Algorithm in Chinese.

15.8.1.16 Why does TiDB use gRPC instead of Thrift? Is it because Google uses it?

Not really. We need some good features of gRPC, such as flow control, encryption and streaming.

15.8.1.17 What does the 92 indicate in `like(bindo.customers.name, jason%, 92)`?

The 92 indicates the escape character, which is ASCII 92 by default.

15.8.1.18 Why does the data length shown by `information_schema.tables.data_length` differ from the store size on the TiKV monitoring panel?

Two reasons:

- The two results are calculated in different ways. `information_schema.tables.data_length` is an estimated value by calculating the averaged length of each row, while the store size on the TiKV monitoring panel sums up the length of the data files (the SST files of RocksDB) in a single TiKV instance.

- `information_schema.tables.data_length` is a logical value, while the store size is a physical value. The redundant data generated by multiple versions of the transaction is not included in the logical value, while the redundant data is compressed by TiKV in the physical value.

15.8.1.19 Why does the transaction not use the Async Commit or the one-phase commit feature?

TiDB uses the Async Commit or one-phase commit features only when no more than 256 key-value pairs are written in the transaction and the total size of keys is no more than 4 KB. Otherwise, even you have enabled the Async Commit feature and the one-phase commit feature using the system variables, TiDB will not use these features. This is because, for transactions with a large amount of data to write, using Async Commit cannot greatly improve the performance.

15.8.2 PD management

This section describes common problems you may encounter during PD management, their causes, and solutions.

15.8.2.1 The `TiKV cluster is not bootstrapped` message is displayed when I access PD

Most of the APIs of PD are available only when the TiKV cluster is initialized. This message is displayed if PD is accessed when PD is started while TiKV is not started when a new cluster is deployed. If this message is displayed, start the TiKV cluster. When TiKV is initialized, PD is accessible.

15.8.2.2 The `etcd cluster ID mismatch` message is displayed when starting PD

This is because the `--initial-cluster` in the PD startup parameter contains a member that doesn't belong to this cluster. To solve this problem, check the corresponding cluster of each member, remove the wrong member, and then restart PD.

15.8.2.3 The `[PD:encryption:ErrEncryptionNewMasterKey]fail to get encryption key from file /root/path/file%!(EXTRA string=open /root/path/file: permission denied)` message is displayed when enabling encryption at rest for PD

Encryption at rest does not support storing the key file in the `root` directory or its subdirectories. Even if you grant read permissions, the same error occurs. To resolve this issue, store the key file in a location outside the `root` directory.

15.8.2.4 What's the maximum tolerance for time synchronization error of PD?

PD can tolerate any synchronization error, but a larger error value means a larger gap between the timestamp allocated by the PD and the physical time, which will affect functions such as read of historical versions.

15.8.2.5 How does the client connection find PD?

The client connection can only access the cluster through TiDB. TiDB connects PD and TiKV. PD and TiKV are transparent to the client. When TiDB connects to any PD, the PD tells TiDB who is the current leader. If this PD is not the leader, TiDB reconnects to the leader PD.

15.8.2.6 What is the relationship between each status (Up, Disconnect, Offline, Down, Tombstone) of a TiKV store?

For the relationship between each status, refer to Relationship between each status of a TiKV store.

You can use PD Control to check the status information of a TiKV store.

15.8.2.7 What is the difference between the `leader-schedule-limit` and `region-schedule-limit` scheduling parameters in PD?

- The `leader-schedule-limit` scheduling parameter is used to balance the Leader number of different TiKV servers, affecting the load of query processing.
- The `region-schedule-limit` scheduling parameter is used to balance the replica number of different TiKV servers, affecting the data amount of different nodes.

15.8.2.8 Is the number of replicas in each region configurable? If yes, how to configure it?

Yes. Currently, you can only update the global number of replicas. When started for the first time, PD reads the configuration file (conf/pd.yml) and uses the max-replicas configuration in it. If you want to update the number later, use the pd-ctl configuration command `config set max-replicas $num` and view the enabled configuration using `config show all`. The updating does not affect the applications and is configured in the background.

Make sure that the total number of TiKV instances is always greater than or equal to the number of replicas you set. For example, 3 replicas need 3 TiKV instances at least. Additional storage requirements need to be estimated before increasing the number of replicas. For more information about pd-ctl, see PD Control User Guide.

15.8.2.9 How to check the health status of the whole cluster when lacking command line cluster management tools?

You can determine the general status of the cluster using the pd-ctl tool. For detailed cluster status, you need to use the monitor to determine.

15.8.2.10 How to delete the monitoring data of a cluster node that is offline?

The offline node usually indicates the TiKV node. You can determine whether the offline process is finished by the pd-ctl or the monitor. After the node is offline, perform the following steps:

1. Manually stop the relevant services on the offline node.
2. Delete the `node_exporter` data of the corresponding node from the Prometheus configuration file.

15.8.3 TiDB server management

This section describes common problems you may encounter during TiDB server management, their causes, and solutions.

15.8.3.1 How to set the `lease` parameter in TiDB?

The lease parameter (`--lease=60`) is set from the command line when starting a TiDB server. The value of the lease parameter impacts the Database Schema Changes (DDL) speed of the current session. In the testing environments, you can set the value to 1s for to speed up the testing cycle. But in the production environments, it is recommended to set the value to minutes (for example, 60) to ensure the DDL safety.

15.8.3.2 What is the processing time of a DDL operation?

The processing time is different for different scenarios. Generally, you can consider the following three scenarios:

1. The `Add Index` operation with a relatively small number of rows in the corresponding data table: about 3s
2. The `Add Index` operation with a relatively large number of rows in the corresponding data table: the processing time depends on the specific number of rows and the QPS at that time (the `Add Index` operation has a lower priority than ordinary SQL operations)
3. Other DDL operations: about 1s

If the TiDB server instance that receives the DDL request is the same TiDB server instance that the DDL owner is in, the first and third scenarios above may cost only dozens to hundreds of milliseconds.

15.8.3.3 Why it is very slow to run DDL statements sometimes?

Possible reasons:

- If you run multiple DDL statements together, the last few DDL statements might run slowly. This is because the DDL statements are executed serially in the TiDB cluster.
- After you start the cluster successfully, the first DDL operation may take a longer time to run, usually around 30s. This is because the TiDB cluster is electing the leader that processes DDL statements.
- The processing time of DDL statements in the first ten minutes after starting TiDB would be much longer than the normal case if you meet the following conditions: 1) TiDB cannot communicate with PD as usual when you are stopping TiDB (including the case of power failure); 2) TiDB fails to clean up the registration data from PD in time because TiDB is stopped by the `kill -9` command. If you run DDL statements during this period, for the state change of each DDL, you need to wait for 2 * lease (lease = 45s).
- If a communication issue occurs between a TiDB server and a PD server in the cluster, the TiDB server cannot get or update the version information from the PD server in time. In this case, you need to wait for 2 * lease for the state processing of each DDL.

15.8.3.4 Can I use S3 as the backend storage engine in TiDB?

No. Currently, TiDB only supports the distributed storage engine and the Goleveldb/RocksDB/BoltDB engine.

15.8.3.5 Can the `Information_schema` support more real information?

As part of MySQL compatibility, TiDB supports a number of `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` ↪ tables. Many of these tables also have a corresponding SHOW command. For more information, see Information Schema.

15.8.3.6 What's the explanation of the TiDB Backoff type scenario?

In the communication process between the TiDB server and the TiKV server, the `Server` ↪ `is busy` or `backoff.maxsleep 20000ms` log message is displayed when processing a large volume of data. This is because the system is busy while the TiKV server processes data. At this time, usually you can view that the TiKV host resources usage rate is high. If this occurs, you can increase the server capacity according to the resources usage.

15.8.3.7 What is the main reason of TiDB TiClient type?

The TiClient Region Error indicator describes the error types and metrics that appear when the TiDB server as a client accesses the TiKV server through the KV interface to perform data operations. The error types include `not_leader` and `stale_epoch`. These errors occur when the TiDB server manipulates the Region leader data according to its own cache information, the Region leader has migrated, or the current TiKV Region information

and the routing information of the TiDB cache are inconsistent. Generally, in this case, the TiDB server will automatically retrieve the latest routing data from PD and redo the previous operation.

15.8.3.8 What's the maximum number of concurrent connections that TiDB supports?

By default, there is no limit on the maximum number of connections per TiDB server. If needed, you can limit the maximum number of connections by setting `instance.max_connections` in the `config.toml` file, or changing the value of the system variable `max_connections`. If too large concurrency leads to an increase of response time, it is recommended to increase the capacity by adding TiDB nodes.

15.8.3.9 How to view the creation time of a table?

The `create_time` of tables in the `information_schema` is the creation time.

15.8.3.10 What is the meaning of `EXPENSIVE_QUERY` in the TiDB log?

When TiDB is executing a SQL statement, the query will be `EXPENSIVE_QUERY` if each operator is estimated to process over 10,000 rows. You can modify the `tidb-server` configuration parameter to adjust the threshold and then restart the `tidb-server`.

15.8.3.11 How do I estimate the size of a table in TiDB?

To estimate the size of a table in TiDB, you can use the following query statement.

```
SELECT
  db_name,
  table_name,
  ROUND(SUM(total_size / cnt), 2) Approximate_Size,
  ROUND(
    SUM(
      total_size / cnt / (
        SELECT
          ROUND(AVG(value), 2)
        FROM
          METRICS_SCHEMA.store_size_amplification
        WHERE
          value > 0
      )
    ),
    2
  ) Disk_Size
FROM
  (
```

```
    SELECT
      db_name,
      table_name,
      region_id,
      SUM(Approximate_Size) total_size,
      COUNT(*) cnt
    FROM
      information_schema.TIKV_REGION_STATUS
    WHERE
      db_name = @dbname
      AND table_name IN (@table_name)
    GROUP BY
      db_name,
      table_name,
      region_id
  ) tabinfo
GROUP BY
  db_name,
  table_name;
```

When using the above statement, you need to fill in and replace the following fields in the statement as appropriate.

- `@dbname`: the name of the database.
- `@table_name`: the name of the target table.

In addition, in the above statement:

- `store_size_amplification` indicates the average of the cluster compression ratio. In addition to using `SELECT * FROM METRICS_SCHEMA.store_size_amplification;` to query this information, you can also check the **Size amplification** metric for each node on the **Grafana Monitoring PD - statistics balance** panel. The average of the cluster compression ratio is the average of the Size amplification for all nodes.
- `Approximate_Size` indicates the size of the table in a replica before compression. Note that this is an approximate value, not an accurate one.
- `Disk_Size` indicates the size of the table after compression. This is an approximate value and can be calculated according to `Approximate_Size` and `store_size` ↪ `_amplification`.

15.8.4 TiKV server management

This section describes common problems you might encounter during TiKV server management, their causes, and solutions.

15.8.4.1 How to specify the location of data for compliance or multi-tenant applications?

You can use Placement Rules to specify the location of data for compliance or multi-tenant applications.

Placement Rules in SQL is designed to control the attributes of any continuous data range, such as the number of replicas, the Raft role, the placement location, and the key ranges in which the rules take effect.

15.8.4.2 What is the recommended number of replicas in the TiKV cluster? Is it better to keep the minimum number for high availability?

3 replicas for each Region is sufficient for a testing environment. However, you should never operate a TiKV cluster with under 3 nodes in a production scenario. Depending on infrastructure, workload, and resiliency needs, you may wish to increase this number. It is worth noting that the higher the copy, the lower the performance, but the higher the security.

15.8.4.3 The `cluster ID mismatch` message is displayed when starting TiKV

This is because the cluster ID stored in local TiKV is different from the cluster ID specified by PD. When a new PD cluster is deployed, PD generates random cluster IDs. TiKV gets the cluster ID from PD and stores the cluster ID locally when it is initialized. The next time when TiKV is started, it checks the local cluster ID with the cluster ID in PD. If the cluster IDs don't match, the `cluster ID mismatch` message is displayed and TiKV exits.

If you previously deploy a PD cluster, but then you remove the PD data and deploy a new PD cluster, this error occurs because TiKV uses the old data to connect to the new PD cluster.

15.8.4.4 The `duplicated store address` message is displayed when starting TiKV

This is because the address in the startup parameter has been registered in the PD cluster by other TiKVs. Common conditions that cause this error: There is no data folder in the path specified by TiKV `--data-dir` (no update –data-dir after deleting or moving), restart the TiKV with the previous parameters.Please try store delete function of pd-ctl, delete the previous store, and then restart TiKV.

15.8.4.5 TiKV primary node and secondary node use the same compression algorithm, why the results are different?

Currently, some files of TiKV primary node have a higher compression rate, which depends on the underlying data distribution and RocksDB implementation. It is normal that the data size fluctuates occasionally. The underlying storage engine adjusts data as needed.

15.8.4.6 What are the features of TiKV block cache?

TiKV implements the Column Family (CF) feature of RocksDB. By default, the KV data is eventually stored in the 3 CFs (default, write and lock) within RocksDB.

- The default CF stores real data and the corresponding parameter is in `[rocksdb.defaultcf]`.
- The write CF stores the data version information (MVCC) and index-related data, and the corresponding parameter is in `[rocksdb.writecf]`.
- The lock CF stores the lock information and the system uses the default parameter.
- The Raft RocksDB instance stores Raft logs. The default CF mainly stores Raft logs and the corresponding parameter is in `[raftdb.defaultcf]`.
- All CFs have a shared block-cache to cache data blocks and improve RocksDB read speed. The size of block-cache is controlled by the `block-cache-size` parameter. A larger value of the parameter means more hot data can be cached and is more favorable to read operation. At the same time, it consumes more system memory.
- Each CF has an individual write-buffer and the size is controlled by the `write-buffer-size` parameter.

15.8.4.7 Why is the TiKV channel full?

- The Raftstore thread is too slow or blocked by I/O. You can view the CPU usage status of Raftstore.
- TiKV is too busy (such as CPU and disk I/O) and cannot manage to handle it.

15.8.4.8 Why does TiKV frequently switch Region leader?

- Network problem results in the communication stuck among nodes. You can check Report failures monitoring.
- The node of the original main Leader is stuck, resulting in failure to reach out to the Follower in time.
- Raftstore thread stuck.

15.8.4.9 If a node is down, will the service be affected? If yes, how long?

TiKV uses Raft to replicate data among multiple replicas (by default 3 replicas for each Region). If one replica goes wrong, the other replicas can guarantee data safety. Based on the Raft protocol, if a single leader fails as the node goes down, a follower in another node is soon elected as the Region leader after a maximum of 2 * lease time (lease time is 10 seconds).

15.8.4.10 What are the TiKV scenarios that take up high I/O, memory, CPU, and exceed the parameter configuration?

Writing or reading a large volume of data in TiKV takes up high I/O, memory and CPU. Executing very complex queries costs a lot of memory and CPU resources, such as the scenario that generates large intermediate result sets.

15.8.4.11 Does TiKV support SAS/SATA disks or mixed deployment of SSD/SAS disks?

No. For OLTP scenarios, TiDB requires high I/O disks for data access and operation. As a distributed database with strong consistency, TiDB has some write amplification such as replica replication and bottom layer storage compaction. Therefore, it is recommended to use NVMe SSD as the storage disks in TiDB best practices. Mixed deployment of TiKV and PD is not supported.

15.8.4.12 Is the Range of the Key data table divided before data access?

No. It differs from the table splitting rules of MySQL. In TiKV, the table Range is dynamically split based on the size of Region.

15.8.4.13 How does Region split?

Region is not divided in advance, but it follows a Region split mechanism. When the Region size exceeds the value of the `region-max-size` or `region-max-keys` parameters, split is triggered. After the split, the information is reported to PD.

15.8.4.14 Does TiKV have the `innodb_flush_log_trx_commit` parameter like MySQL, to guarantee the security of data?

TiKV does not have a similar parameter, but each commit on TiKV is forced to be flushed to Raft logs (TiKV uses Raft Engine to store Raft logs and forces a flush when committing). If TiKV crashes, the KV data will be recovered automatically according to the Raft logs.

15.8.4.15 What is the recommended server configuration for WAL storage, such as SSD, RAID level, cache strategy of RAID card, NUMA configuration, file system, I/O scheduling strategy of the operating system?

WAL belongs to ordered writing, and currently, we do not apply a unique configuration to it. Recommended configuration is as follows:

- SSD
- RAID 10 preferred
- Cache strategy of RAID card and I/O scheduling strategy of the operating system: currently no specific best practices; you can use the default configuration in Linux 7 or later

- NUMA: no specific suggestion; for memory allocation strategy, you can use `interleave = all`
- File system: ext4

15.8.4.16 Can Raft + multiple replicas in the TiKV architecture achieve absolute data safety?

Data is redundantly replicated between TiKV nodes using the Raft Consensus Algorithm to ensure recoverability should a node failure occur. Only when the data has been written into more than 50% of the replicas will the application return ACK (two out of three nodes).

Because theoretically two nodes might crash, data written to TiKV is spilled to disk by default starting from v5.0, which means each commit is forced to be flushed to Raft logs. If TiKV crashes, the KV data will be recovered automatically according to the Raft logs.

In addition, you might consider using five replicas instead of three in your Raft group. This approach would allow for the failure of two replicas, while still providing data safety.

15.8.4.17 Since TiKV uses the Raft protocol, multiple network roundtrips occur during data writing. What is the actual write delay?

Theoretically, TiDB has a write delay of 4 more network roundtrips than standalone databases.

15.8.4.18 Does TiDB have an InnoDB memcached plugin like MySQL which can directly use the KV interface and does not need the independent cache?

TiKV supports calling the interface separately. Theoretically, you can take an instance as the cache. Because TiDB is a distributed relational database, we do not support TiKV separately.

15.8.4.19 What is the Coprocessor component used for?

- Reduce the data transmission between TiDB and TiKV
- Make full use of the distributed computing resources of TiKV to execute computing pushdown.

15.8.4.20 The error message `IO error: No space left on device While appending to file` is displayed

This is because the disk space is not enough. You need to add nodes or enlarge the disk space.

15.8.4.21 Why does the OOM (Out of Memory) error occur frequently in TiKV?

The memory usage of TiKV mainly comes from the block-cache of RocksDB, which is 40% of the system memory size by default. When the OOM error occurs frequently in TiKV, you should check whether the value of `block-cache-size` is set too high. In addition, when multiple TiKV instances are deployed on a single machine, you need to explicitly configure the parameter to prevent multiple instances from using too much system memory that results in the OOM error.

15.8.4.22 Can both TiDB data and RawKV data be stored in the same TiKV cluster?

It depends on your TiDB version and whether TiKV API V2 is enabled (`storage.api-version = 2`).

- If your TiDB version is v6.1.0 or later and TiKV API V2 is enabled, TiDB data and RawKV data can be stored in the same TiKV cluster.
- Otherwise, the answer is no because the key format of TiDB data (or data created using the transactional API) is incompatible with data created using the RawKV API (or data from other RawKV-based services).

15.8.5 TiDB testing

This section describes common problems you might encounter during TiDB testing, their causes, and solutions.

15.8.5.1 How to conduct a Sysbench benchmark test for TiDB?

See How to Test TiDB Using Sysbench.

15.8.5.2 What is the performance test result for TiDB using Sysbench?

At the beginning, many users tend to do a benchmark test or a comparison test between TiDB and MySQL. We have also done similar tests and find the test results are consistent at large, although the test data has some bias. Because the architecture of TiDB differs greatly from MySQL, it is hard to find an entirely equivalent benchmark across many aspects.

Therefore, there is no need to overly focus on these benchmark tests. Instead, it is recommended to pay more attention to the difference of scenarios using TiDB.

To learn about the performance of TiDB v8.5.0, you can refer to the performance test reports of the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

15.8.5.3 What's the relationship between the TiDB cluster capacity (QPS) and the number of nodes? How does TiDB compare to MySQL?

- Within 10 nodes, the relationship between TiDB write capacity (Insert TPS) and the number of nodes is roughly 40% linear increase. Because MySQL uses single-node write, its write capacity cannot be scaled.
- In MySQL, the read capacity can be increased by adding secondary database, but the write capacity cannot be increased except using sharding, which has many problems.
- In TiDB, both the read and write capacity can be easily increased by adding more nodes.

15.8.5.4 The performance test of MySQL and TiDB by our DBA shows that the performance of a standalone TiDB is not as good as MySQL

TiDB is designed for scenarios where sharding is used because the capacity of a MySQL standalone is limited, and where strong consistency and complete distributed transactions are required. One of the advantages of TiDB is pushing down computing to the storage nodes to execute concurrent computing.

TiDB is not suitable for tables of small size (such as below ten million level), because its strength in concurrency cannot be shown with a small size of data and limited Regions. A typical example is the counter table, in which records of a few lines are updated high frequently. In TiDB, these lines become several Key-Value pairs in the storage engine, and then settle into a Region located on a single node. The overhead of background replication to guarantee strong consistency and operations from TiDB to TiKV leads to a poorer performance than a MySQL standalone.

15.8.6 Backup and restoration

This section describes common problems you may encounter during backup and restoration, their causes, and solutions.

15.8.6.1 How to back up data in TiDB?

Currently, for the backup of a large volume of data (more than 1 TB), the preferred method is using Backup & Restore (BR). Otherwise, the recommended tool is Dumpling. Although the official MySQL tool `mysqldump` is also supported in TiDB to back up and restore data, its performance is no better than BR and it needs much more time to back up and restore large volumes of data.

For more FAQs about BR, see BR FAQs.

15.8.6.2 How is the speed of backup and restore?

When BR is used to perform backup and restore tasks, the backup is processed at about 40 MB/s per TiKV instance, and restore is processed at about 100 MB/s per TiKV instance.

15.9 High Availability FAQs

This document summarizes the FAQs related to high availability of TiDB.

15.9.1 How is TiDB strongly consistent?

Data is redundantly replicated between TiKV nodes using the Raft consensus algorithm to ensure recoverability when a node failure occurs.

At the bottom layer, TiKV uses a model of replication log + State Machine to replicate data. For the write requests, the data is written to a Leader and the Leader then replicates the command to its Followers in the form of log. When the majority of nodes in the cluster receive this log, this log is committed and can be applied into the State Machine.

15.9.2 What's the recommended solution for the deployment of three geo-distributed data centers?

The architecture of TiDB guarantees that it fully supports geo-distribution and multi-activeness. Your data and applications are always-on. All the outages are transparent to your applications and your data can recover automatically. The operation depends on the network latency and stability. It is recommended to keep the latency within 5ms. Currently, TiDB already has similar use cases. For details, see Three Data Centers in Two Cities Deployment.

15.10 High Reliability FAQs

This document summarizes the FAQs related to high reliability of TiDB.

15.10.1 Does TiDB support data encryption?

Yes. To encrypt data in the network traffic, you can enable TLS between TiDB clients and servers. To encrypt data in the storage engine, you can enable transparent data encryption (TDE).

15.10.2 Does TiDB support modifying the MySQL version string of the server to a specific one that is required by the security vulnerability scanning tool?

- Since v3.0.8, TiDB supports modifying the version string of the server by modifying `server-version` in the configuration file.
- Since v4.0, if you deploy TiDB using TiUP, you can also specify the proper version string by executing `tiup cluster edit-config <cluster-name>` to edit the following section:

```
server_configs:
  tidb:
    server-version: 'YOUR_VERSION_STRING'
```

Then, use the `tiup cluster reload <cluster-name> -R tidb` command to make the preceding modification effective to avoid the failure of security vulnerability scan.

15.10.3 What authentication protocols does TiDB support? What's the process?

Like MySQL, TiDB supports the SASL protocol for user login authentication and password processing.

When the client connects to TiDB, the challenge-response authentication mode starts. The process is as follows:

1. The client connects to the server.
2. The server sends a random string challenge to the client.
3. The client sends the username and response to the server.
4. The server verifies the response.

15.10.4 How to modify the user password and privilege?

To modify the user password in TiDB, it is recommended to use `ALTER USER` (for example, `ALTER USER 'test'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'mypass';`), not `UPDATE mysql.user` which might lead to the condition that the password in other nodes is not refreshed timely.

It is recommended to use the official standard statements when modifying the user password and privilege. For details, see TiDB user account management.

15.11 Backup & Restore FAQs

This document lists the frequently asked questions (FAQs) and the solutions of TiDB Backup & Restore (BR).

15.11.1 What should I do to quickly recover data after mistakenly deleting or updating data?

TiDB v6.4.0 introduces the flashback feature. You can use this feature to quickly recover data within the GC time to a specified point in time. Therefore, if misoperations occur, you can use this feature to recover data. For details, see Flashback Cluster and Flashback Database.

15.11.2 In TiDB v5.4.0 and later versions, when backup tasks are performed on the cluster under a heavy workload, why does the speed of backup tasks become slow?

Starting from TiDB v5.4.0, BR introduces the auto-tune feature for backup tasks. For clusters in v5.4.0 or later versions, this feature is enabled by default. When the cluster workload is heavy, the feature limits the resources used by backup tasks to reduce the impact on the online cluster. For more information, refer to Backup Auto-Tune.

TiKV supports dynamically configuring the auto-tune feature. You can enable or disable the feature by the following methods without restarting your cluster:

- Disable auto-tune: Set the TiKV configuration item `backup.enable-auto-tune` to `false`.
- Enable auto-tune: Set `backup.enable-auto-tune` to `true`. For clusters upgraded from v5.3.x to v5.4.0 or later versions, the auto-tune feature is disabled by default. You need to manually enable it.

To use `tikv-ctl` to enable or disable auto-tune, refer to Use auto-tune.

In addition, auto-tune reduces the default number of threads used by backup tasks. For details, see `backup.num-threads`](/tikv-configuration-file.md#num-threads-1). Therefore, on the Grafana Dashboard, the speed, CPU usage, and I/O resource utilization used by backup tasks are lower than those of versions earlier than v5.4.0. Before v5.4.0, the default value of `backup.num-threads` was `CPU * 0.75`, that is, the number of threads used by backup tasks makes up 75% of the logical CPU cores. The maximum value of it was `32` ↪ . Starting from v5.4.0, the default value of this configuration item is `CPU * 0.5`, and its maximum value is `8`.

When you perform backup tasks on an offline cluster, to speed up the backup, you can modify the value of `backup.num-threads` to a larger number using `tikv-ctl`.

15.11.3 PITR issues

15.11.3.1 What is the difference between PITR and cluster flashback?

From the perspective of use cases, PITR is usually used to restore the data of a cluster to a specified point in time when the cluster is completely out of service or the data is corrupted and cannot be recovered using other solutions. To use PITR, you need a new cluster for data recovery. The cluster flashback feature is specifically designed for the data error scenarios caused by user mis-operations or other factors, which allows you to restore the data of a cluster in-place to the latest timestamp before the data errors occur.

In most cases, flashback is a better recovery solution than PITR for data errors caused by human mistakes, as it has a much shorter RPO (close to zero) and RTO. However, when a cluster is completely unavailable, because flashback cannot run at this time, PITR is the only solution to recover the cluster in this case. Therefore, PITR is always a must-have solution when you develop database disaster recovery strategies, even though it has a longer RPO (up to 5 minutes) and RTO than flashback.

15.11.3.2 When the upstream database imports data using TiDB Lightning in the physical import mode, the log backup feature becomes unavailable. Why?

Currently, the log backup feature is not fully adapted to TiDB Lightning. Therefore, data imported in the physical mode of TiDB Lightning cannot be backed up into log data

In upstream clusters where you create log backup tasks, avoid using the TiDB Lightning physical mode to import data. Instead, you can use TiDB Lightning logical mode. If you do need to use the physical mode, perform a snapshot backup after the import is complete, so that PITR can be restored to the time point after the snapshot backup.

15.11.3.3 The cluster has recovered from the network partition failure, but the checkpoint of the log backup task progress still does not resume. Why?

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After a network partition failure in the cluster, the backup task cannot continue backing up logs. After a certain retry time, the task will be set to `ERROR` state. At this point, the backup task has stopped.

To resolve this issue, you need to manually execute the `br log resume` command to resume the log backup task.

15.11.4 After restoring a downstream cluster using the `br restore point` command, data cannot be accessed from TiFlash. What should I do?

Currently, PITR does not support writing data directly to TiFlash during the restore phase. Instead, br command-line tool executes the `ALTER TABLE table_name SET TIFLASH REPLICA ***` DDL to replicate the data. Therefore, TiFlash replicas are not available immediately after PITR completes data restore. Instead, you need to wait for a certain period of time for the data to be replicated from TiKV nodes. To check the replication progress, check the `progress` information in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.tiflash_replica` table.

15.11.4.1 What should I do if the `status` of a log backup task becomes `ERROR`?

During a log backup task, the task status becomes `ERROR` if it fails and cannot be recovered after retrying. The following is an example:

```
br log status --pd x.x.x.x:2379

  Total 1 Tasks.
> #1 <
                  name: task1
                status:   ERROR
                 start: 2022-07-25 13:49:02.868 +0000
                   end: 2090-11-18 14:07:45.624 +0000
```

```
              storage: s3://tmp/br-log-backup0ef49055-5198-4be3-beab-
                 ↪ d382a2189efb/Log
           speed(est.): 0.00 ops/s
     checkpoint[global]: 2022-07-25 14:46:50.118 +0000; gap=11h31m29s
        error[store=1]: KV:LogBackup:RaftReq
error-happen-at[store=1]: 2022-07-25 14:54:44.467 +0000; gap=11h23m35s
  error-message[store=1]: retry time exceeds: and error failed to get
     ↪ initial snapshot: failed to get the snapshot (region_id = 94812):
     ↪ Error during requesting raftstore: message: "read index not ready,
     ↪ reason can not read index due to merge, region 94812" read_index_not
     ↪ _ready { reason: "can not read index due to merge" region_id: 94812
     ↪ }: failed to get initial snapshot: failed to get the snapshot (
     ↪ region_id = 94812): Error during requesting raftstore: message: "
     ↪ read index not ready, reason can not read index due to merge, region
     ↪  94812" read_index_not_ready { reason: "can not read index due to
     ↪ merge" region_id: 94812 }: failed to get initial snapshot: failed to
     ↪  get the snapshot (region_id = 94812): Error during requesting
     ↪ raftstore: message: "read index not ready, reason can not read index
     ↪  due to merge, region 94812" read_index_not_ready { reason: "can not
     ↪  read index due to merge" region_id: 94812 }
```

To address this problem, check the error message for the cause and perform as instructed. After the problem is addressed, run the following command to resume the task:

```
br log resume --task-name=task1 --pd x.x.x.x:2379
```

After the backup task is resumed, you can check the status using `br log status`. The backup task continues when the task status becomes `NORMAL`.

```
  Total 1 Tasks.
> #1 <
              name: task1
            status:  NORMAL
             start: 2022-07-25 13:49:02.868 +0000
               end: 2090-11-18 14:07:45.624 +0000
           storage: s3://tmp/br-log-backup0ef49055-5198-4be3-beab-
              ↪ d382a2189efb/Log
        speed(est.): 15509.75 ops/s
checkpoint[global]: 2022-07-25 14:46:50.118 +0000; gap=6m28s
```

Note:

This feature backs up multiple versions of data. When a long backup task fails and the status becomes `ERROR`, the checkpoint data of this task is set as

a `safe point`, and the data of the `safe point` will not be garbage collected within 24 hours. Therefore, the backup task continues from the last checkpoint after resuming the error. If the task fails for more than 24 hours and the last checkpoint data has been garbage collected, an error will be reported when you resume the task. In this case, you can only run the `br log stop` command to stop the task first and then start a new backup task.

15.11.4.2 What should I do if the error message `ErrBackupGCSafepointExceeded` is returned when using the `br log resume` command to resume a suspended task?

```
Error: failed to check gc safePoint, checkpoint ts 433177834291200000: GC
    ↪ safepoint 433193092308795392 exceed TS 433177834291200000: [BR:Backup
    ↪ :ErrBackupGCSafepointExceeded]backup GC safepoint exceeded
```

After you pause a log backup task, to prevent the MVCC data from being garbage collected, the pausing task program sets the current checkpoint as the service safepoint automatically. This ensures that the MVCC data generated within 24 hours can remain. If the MVCC data of the backup checkpoint has been generated for more than 24 hours, the data of the checkpoint will be garbage collected, and the backup task is unable to resume.

To address this problem, delete the current task using `br log stop`, and then create a log backup task using `br log start`. At the same time, you can perform a full backup for subsequent PITR.

15.11.5 Feature compatibility issues

15.11.5.1 Why does data restored using br command-line tool cannot be replicated to the upstream cluster of TiCDC?

- **The data restored using BR cannot be replicated to the downstream**. This is because BR directly imports SST files but the downstream cluster currently cannot obtain these files from the upstream.
- Before v4.0.3, DDL jobs generated during the restore might cause unexpected DDL executions in TiCDC. Therefore, if you need to perform restore on the upstream cluster of TiCDC, add all tables restored using br command-line tool to the TiCDC block list.

You can use `filter.rules` to configure the block list for TiCDC.

15.11.5.2 Why is `new_collation_enabled` mismatch reported during restore?

Since TiDB v6.0.0, the default value of `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` has changed from `false` to `true`. BR backs up the `new_collation_enabled` configuration in the `mysql.tidb` table of the upstream cluster and then checks whether the value of this configuration is consistent between the upstream and downstream clusters. If the value is consistent, BR safely restores the data backed up in the upstream cluster to the downstream cluster. If the value is inconsistent, BR does not perform the data restore and reports an error.

Suppose that you have backed up the data in a TiDB cluster of an earlier version of v6.0.0, and you want to restore this data to a TiDB cluster of v6.0.0 or later versions. In this situation, you need to manually check whether the value of `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` is consistent between the upstream and downstream clusters:

- If the value is consistent, you can add `--check-requirements=false` to the restore command to skip this configuration check.
- If the value is inconsistent, and you forcibly perform the restore, BR reports a data validation error.

15.11.5.3 Why does an error occur when I restore placement rules to a cluster?

Before v6.0.0, BR does not support placement rules. Starting from v6.0.0, BR supports placement rules and introduces a command-line option `--with-tidb-placement-mode=strict/ignore` to control the backup and restore mode of placement rules. With the default value `strict`, BR imports and validates placement rules, but ignores all placement rules when the value is `ignore`.

15.11.6 Data restore issues

15.11.6.1 What should I do to handle the `Io(Os...)` error?

Almost all of these problems are system call errors that occur when TiKV writes data to the disk, for example, `Io(Os {code: 13, kind: PermissionDenied...})` or `Io(Os {code: 2, kind: NotFound...})`.

To address such problems, first check the mounting method and the file system of the backup directory, and try to back up data to another folder or another hard disk.

For example, you might encounter the `Code: 22(invalid argument)` error when backing up data to the network disk built by `samba`.

15.11.6.2 What should I do to handle the `rpc error: code = Unavailable desc =...` error occurred in restore?

This error might occur when the capacity of the cluster to restore is insufficient. You can further confirm the cause by checking the monitoring metrics of this cluster or the TiKV log.

To handle this issue, you can try to scale out the cluster resources, reduce the value of `tikv-max-restore-concurrency` for the restore, and enable the `ratelimit` option.

15.11.6.3 What should I do if the restore fails with the error message `the entry too large, the max entry size is 6291456, the size of data is 7690800`?

You can try to reduce the number of tables to be created in a batch by setting `--ddl-batch-size` to `128` or a smaller value.

When using BR to restore the backup data with the value of `--ddl-batch-size` greater than `1`, TiDB writes a DDL job of table creation to the DDL jobs queue that is maintained by TiKV. At this time, the total size of all tables schema sent by TiDB at one time should not exceed 6 MB, because the maximum value of job messages is `6 MB` by default (it is **not recommended** to modify this value. For details, see `txn-entry-size-limit` and `raft-entry-max-size`). Therefore, if you set `--ddl-batch-size` to an excessively large value, the schema size of the tables sent by TiDB in a batch at one time exceeds the specified value, which causes BR to report the `entry too large, the max entry size is 6291456, the size of data is 7690800` error.

15.11.6.4 Where are the backed up files stored when I use `local` storage?

> **Note:**
>
> If no Network File System (NFS) is mounted to a BR or TiKV node, or if you use external storage that supports Amazon S3, GCS, or Azure Blob Storage protocols, the data backed up by BR is generated at each TiKV node.**Note that this is not the recommended way to deploy BR**, because the backup data are scattered in the local file system of each node. Collecting the backup data might result in data redundancy and operation and maintenance problems. Meanwhile, if you restore data directly before collecting the backup data, you will encounter the `SST file not found` error.

When you use local storage, `backupmeta` is generated on the node where BR is running, and backup files are generated on the Leader nodes of each Region.

15.11.6.5 What should I do if the error message `could not read local://...:download sst failed` is returned during data restore?

When you restore data, each node must have access to **all** backup files (SST files). By default, if `local` storage is used, you cannot restore data because the backup files are scattered among different nodes. Therefore, you have to copy the backup file of each TiKV node to the other TiKV nodes. **It is recommended that you store backup data to Amazon S3, Google Cloud Storage (GCS), Azure Blob Storage, or NFS**.

15.11.6.6 What should I do to handle the `Permission denied` or `No such file or directory` error, even if I have tried to run `br` using root in vain?

You need to confirm whether TiKV has access to the backup directory. To back up data, confirm whether TiKV has the write permission. To restore data, confirm whether it has the read permission.

During the backup operation, if the storage medium is the local disk or a network file system (NFS), make sure that the user to start `br` and the user to start TiKV are consistent (if `br` and TiKV are on different machines, the users' UIDs must be consistent). Otherwise, the `Permission denied` issue might occur.

Running `br` as the `root` user might fail due to the disk permission, because the backup files (SST files) are saved by TiKV.

> **Note:**
>
> You might encounter the same problem during data restore. When the SST files are read for the first time, the read permission is verified. The execution duration of DDL suggests that there might be a long interval between checking the permission and running `br`. You might receive the error message `Permission denied` after waiting for a long time.

Therefore, it is recommended to check the permission before data restore according to the following steps:

1. Run the Linux command for process query:

```
ps aux | grep tikv-server
```

The output is as follows:

```
tidb_ouo 9235 10.9 3.8 2019248 622776 ?  Ssl  08:28  1:12 bin/tikv-
    ↪ server --addr 0.0.0.0:20162 --advertise-addr 172.16.6.118:20162
    ↪ --status-addr 0.0.0.0:20188 --advertise-status-addr
    ↪ 172.16.6.118:20188 --pd 172.16.6.118:2379 --data-dir /home/user1/
    ↪ tidb-data/tikv-20162 --config conf/tikv.toml --log-file /home/
    ↪ user1/tidb-deploy/tikv-20162/log/tikv.log
tidb_ouo 9236 9.8  3.8 2048940 631136 ?   Ssl  08:28  1:05 bin/tikv-
    ↪ server --addr 0.0.0.0:20161 --advertise-addr 172.16.6.118:20161
    ↪ --status-addr 0.0.0.0:20189 --advertise-status-addr
    ↪ 172.16.6.118:20189 --pd 172.16.6.118:2379 --data-dir /home/user1/
    ↪ tidb-data/tikv-20161 --config conf/tikv.toml --log-file /home/
    ↪ user1/tidb-deploy/tikv-20161/log/tikv.log
```

Or you can run the following command:

```
ps aux | grep tikv-server | awk '{print $1}'
```

The output is as follows:

```
tidb_ouo
tidb_ouo
```

2. Query the startup information of the cluster using the `tiup` command:

```
tiup cluster list
```

The output is as follows:

```
[root@Copy-of-VM-EE-CentOS76-v1 br]# tiup cluster list
Starting component `cluster`: /root/.tiup/components/cluster/v1.5.2/
    ↪ tiup-cluster list
Name         User     Version Path
    ↪                                       PrivateKey
----         ----     ------- ----
    ↪                                       ----------
tidb_cluster tidb_ouo v5.0.2 /root/.tiup/storage/cluster/clusters/tidb_
    ↪ cluster /root/.tiup/storage/cluster/clusters/tidb_cluster/ssh/id_
    ↪ rsa
```

3. Check the permission for the backup directory. For example, `backup` is for backup data storage:

```
ls -al backup
```

The output is as follows:

```
[root@Copy-of-VM-EE-CentOS76-v1 user1]# ls -al backup
total 0
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 6 Jun 28 17:48 .
drwxr-xr-x 11 root root 310 Jul 4 10:35 ..
```

From the output of step 2, you can find that the `tikv-server` instance is started by the user `tidb_ouo`. But the user `tidb_ouo` does not have the write permission for `backup`. Therefore, the backup fails.

15.11.6.7 Why are tables in the `mysql` schema not restored?

Starting from BR v5.1.0, when you perform a full backup, BR backs up the **tables in the `mysql` schema**. Before BR v6.2.0, under default configuration, BR only restores user data, but does not restore tables in the **`mysql` schema**.

To restore a table created by the user in the `mysql` schema (not system tables), you can explicitly include the table using table filters. The following example shows how to restore the `mysql.usertable` table when BR performs a normal restore.

```
br restore full -f '*.*' -f '!mysql.*' -f 'mysql.usertable' -s $external_
    ↪ storage_url --with-sys-table
```

In the preceding command,

- `-f '*.*'` is used to override the default rules
- `-f '!mysql.*'` instructs BR not to restore tables in `mysql` unless otherwise stated.
- `-f 'mysql.usertable'` indicates that `mysql.usertable` should be restored.

If you only need to restore `mysql.usertable`, run the following command:

```
br restore full -f 'mysql.usertable' -s $external_storage_url --with-sys-
    ↪ table
```

Note that even if you configures table filter, **BR does not restore the following system tables**:

- Statistics tables (`mysql.stat_*`). But statistics can be restored. See Back up statistics.
- System variable tables (`mysql.tidb`, `mysql.global_variables`)
- Other system tables

15.11.6.8 How to deal with the error of `cannot find rewrite rule` during restoration?

Examine whether there are tables in the restoration cluster sharing the same name as other tables in the backup data but having inconsistent structures. In most cases, this issue is caused by missing indexes in the tables of the restoration cluster. A recommended approach is to delete such tables in the restoration cluster first and then retry restoration.

15.11.7 Other things you may want to know about backup and restore

15.11.7.1 What is the size of the backup data? Are there replicas of the backup?

During data backup, backup files are generated on the Leader nodes of each Region. The size of the backup is equal to the data size, with no redundant replicas. Therefore, the total data size is approximately the total number of TiKV data divided by the number of replicas.

However, if you want to restore data from local storage, the number of replicas is equal to that of the TiKV nodes, because each TiKV must have access to all backup files.

15.11.7.2 Why is the disk usage shown on the monitoring node inconsistent after backup or restore using BR?

This inconsistency is caused by the fact that the data compression rate used in backup is different from the default rate used in restore. If the checksum succeeds, you can ignore this issue.

15.11.7.3 After BR restores the backup data, do I need to execute the `ANALYZE` statement on the table to update the statistics of TiDB on the tables and indexes?

BR does not back up statistics (except in v4.0.9). Therefore, after restoring the backup data, you need to manually execute `ANALYZE TABLE` or wait for TiDB to automatically execute `ANALYZE`.

In v4.0.9, BR backs up statistics by default, which consumes too much memory. To ensure that the backup process goes well, the backup for statistics is disabled by default starting from v4.0.10.

If you do not execute `ANALYZE` on the table, TiDB will fail to select the optimal execution plan due to inaccurate statistics. If query performance is not a key concern, you can ignore `ANALYZE`.

15.11.7.4 Can I start multiple restore tasks at the same time to restore the data of a single cluster?

It is strongly not recommended to start multiple restore tasks at the same time to restore the data of a single cluster for the following reasons:

- When BR restores data, it modifies some global configurations of PD. Therefore, if you start multiple restore tasks for data restore at the same time, these configurations might be mistakenly overwritten and cause abnormal cluster status.
- BR consumes a lot of cluster resources to restore data, so in fact, running restore tasks in parallel improves the restore speed only to a limited extent.
- There has been no test for running multiple restore tasks in parallel for data restore, so it is not guaranteed to succeed.

15.11.7.5 Does BR back up the `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` and `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` information of a table? Does the restored table have multiple Regions?

Yes. BR backs up the `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` and `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` information of a table. The data of the restored table is also split into multiple Regions.

15.11.8 If the recovery process is interrupted, is it necessary to delete the already recovered data and start the recovery again?

No, it is not necessary. Starting from v7.1.0, BR supports resuming data from a breakpoint. If the recovery is interrupted due to unexpected circumstances, simply restart the

recovery task, and it will resume from where it left off.

15.11.9 After the recovery is complete, can I delete a specific table and then recover it again?

Yes, after deleting a specific table, you can recover it again. But note that, you can only recover tables that are deleted using the `DROP TABLE` or `TRUNCATE TABLE` statement, not the `DELETE FROM` statement. This is because `DELETE FROM` only updates the MVCC version to mark the data to be deleted, and the actual data deletion occurs after GC.

15.11.9.1 Why does BR take a lot of memory when restoring statistics information?

Before v7.6.0, the statistics data backed up by BR is stored together with the table information and loaded into memory during recovery. Therefore, when the backup statistics data is very large, BR needs to occupy a large amount of memory.

Starting from v7.6.0, the backup statistics is stored in a specific file separately. BR does not load statistic data of any table until BR starts to restore the table, which saves memory.

16 Release Notes

16.1 TiDB Release Notes

This document lists all released TiDB versions, sorted by version number in descending order.

To learn about the support timelines for Long-Term Support (LTS) versions of TiDB, see the TiDB Release Support Policy.

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- 5.0.5: 2021-12-03
- 5.0.4: 2021-09-27
- 5.0.3: 2021-07-02
- 5.0.2: 2021-06-10
- 5.0.1: 2021-04-24
- 5.0.0: 2021-04-07
- 5.0.0-rc: 2021-01-12

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- 4.0.16: 2021-12-17
- 4.0.15: 2021-09-27
- 4.0.14: 2021-07-27
- 4.0.13: 2021-05-28
- 4.0.12: 2021-04-02
- 4.0.11: 2021-02-26
- 4.0.10: 2021-01-15
- 4.0.9: 2020-12-21
- 4.0.8: 2020-10-30
- 4.0.7: 2020-09-29
- 4.0.6: 2020-09-15
- 4.0.5: 2020-08-31
- 4.0.4: 2020-07-31
- 4.0.3: 2020-07-24
- 4.0.2: 2020-07-01
- 4.0.1: 2020-06-12
- 4.0.0: 2020-05-28
- 4.0.0-rc.2: 2020-05-15
- 4.0.0-rc.1: 2020-04-28
- 4.0.0-rc: 2020-04-08
- 4.0.0-beta.2: 2020-03-18
- 4.0.0-beta.1: 2020-02-28
- 4.0.0-beta: 2020-01-17

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- 3.1.2: 2020-06-04
- 3.1.1: 2020-04-30
- 3.1.0: 2020-04-16
- 3.1.0-rc: 2020-04-02
- 3.1.0-beta.2: 2020-03-09
- 3.1.0-beta.1: 2020-01-10
- 3.1.0-beta: 2019-12-20

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- 3.0.20: 2020-12-25
- 3.0.19: 2020-09-25
- 3.0.18: 2020-08-21
- 3.0.17: 2020-08-03
- 3.0.16: 2020-07-03
- 3.0.15: 2020-06-05
- 3.0.14: 2020-05-09
- 3.0.13: 2020-04-22
- 3.0.12: 2020-03-16
- 3.0.11: 2020-03-04
- 3.0.10: 2020-02-20
- 3.0.9: 2020-01-14
- 3.0.8: 2019-12-31
- 3.0.7: 2019-12-04
- 3.0.6: 2019-11-28
- 3.0.5: 2019-10-25
- 3.0.4: 2019-10-08
- 3.0.3: 2019-08-29
- 3.0.2: 2019-08-07
- 3.0.1: 2019-07-16
- 3.0.0: 2019-06-28
- 3.0.0-rc.3: 2019-06-21
- 3.0.0-rc.2: 2019-05-28
- 3.0.0-rc.1: 2019-05-10
- 3.0.0-beta.1: 2019-03-26
- 3.0.0-beta: 2019-01-19

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- 2.1.19: 2019-12-27
- 2.1.18: 2019-11-04
- 2.1.17: 2019-09-11

- 2.1.16: 2019-08-15
- 2.1.15: 2019-07-18
- 2.1.14: 2019-07-04
- 2.1.13: 2019-06-21
- 2.1.12: 2019-06-13
- 2.1.11: 2019-06-03
- 2.1.10: 2019-05-22
- 2.1.9: 2019-05-06
- 2.1.8: 2019-04-12
- 2.1.7: 2019-03-28
- 2.1.6: 2019-03-15
- 2.1.5: 2019-02-28
- 2.1.4: 2019-02-15
- 2.1.3: 2019-01-28
- 2.1.2: 2018-12-22
- 2.1.1: 2018-12-12
- 2.1.0: 2018-11-30
- 2.1.0-rc.5: 2018-11-12
- 2.1.0-rc.4: 2018-10-23
- 2.1.0-rc.3: 2018-09-29
- 2.1.0-rc.2: 2018-09-14
- 2.1.0-rc.1: 2018-08-24
- 2.1.0-beta: 2018-06-29

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- 2.0.11: 2019-01-03
- 2.0.10: 2018-12-18
- 2.0.9: 2018-11-19
- 2.0.8: 2018-10-16
- 2.0.7: 2018-09-07
- 2.0.6: 2018-08-06
- 2.0.5: 2018-07-06
- 2.0.4: 2018-06-15
- 2.0.3: 2018-06-01
- 2.0.2: 2018-05-21
- 2.0.1: 2018-05-16
- 2.0.0: 2018-04-27
- 2.0.0-rc.5: 2018-04-17
- 2.0.0-rc.4: 2018-03-30
- 2.0.0-rc.3: 2018-03-23
- 2.0.0-rc.1: 2018-03-09
- 1.1.0-beta: 2018-02-24
- 1.1.0-alpha: 2018-01-19

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- 1.0.8: 2018-02-11
- 1.0.7: 2018-01-22
- 1.0.6: 2018-01-08
- 1.0.5: 2017-12-26
- 1.0.4: 2017-12-11
- 1.0.3: 2017-11-28
- 1.0.2: 2017-11-13
- 1.0.1: 2017-11-01
- 1.0.0: 2017-10-16
- Pre-GA: 2017-08-30
- rc4: 2017-08-04
- rc3: 2017-06-16
- rc2: 2017-03-01
- rc1: 2016-12-23

16.2 TiDB Release Timeline

This document lists all released TiDB versions in reverse chronological order.

To learn about the support timelines for Long-Term Support (LTS) versions of TiDB, see the TiDB Release Support Policy.

Version	Release Date
8.5.2	2025-06-12
7.5.6	2025-03-14
6.5.12	2025-02-27
8.5.1	2025-01-17
7.5.5	2024-12-31
8.1.2	2024-12-26
8.5.0	2024-12-19
7.1.6	2024-11-21
8.4.0-DMR	2024-11-11
7.5.4	2024-10-15
6.5.11	2024-09-20
8.1.1	2024-08-27
8.3.0-DMR	2024-08-22
7.5.3	2024-08-05
8.2.0-DMR	2024-07-11
6.5.10	2024-06-20
7.5.2	2024-06-13
8.1.0	2024-05-24
7.1.5	2024-04-26
6.5.9	2024-04-12

Version	Release Date
8.0.0-DMR	2024-03-29
7.1.4	2024-03-11
7.5.1	2024-02-29
6.5.8	2024-02-02
7.6.0-DMR	2024-01-25
6.5.7	2024-01-08
7.1.3	2023-12-21
6.5.6	2023-12-07
7.5.0	2023-12-01
7.1.2	2023-10-25
7.4.0-DMR	2023-10-12
6.5.5	2023-09-21
6.5.4	2023-08-28
7.3.0-DMR	2023-08-14
7.1.1	2023-07-24
6.1.7	2023-07-12
7.2.0-DMR	2023-06-29
6.5.3	2023-06-14
7.1.0	2023-05-31
6.5.2	2023-04-21
6.1.6	2023-04-12
7.0.0-DMR	2023-03-30
6.5.1	2023-03-10
6.1.5	2023-02-28
6.6.0-DMR	2023-02-20
6.1.4	2023-02-08
6.5.0	2022-12-29
5.1.5	2022-12-28
6.1.3	2022-12-05
5.3.4	2022-11-24
6.4.0-DMR	2022-11-17
6.1.2	2022-10-24
5.4.3	2022-10-13
6.3.0-DMR	2022-09-30
5.3.3	2022-09-14
6.1.1	2022-09-01
6.2.0-DMR	2022-08-23
5.4.2	2022-07-08
5.3.2	2022-06-29
6.1.0	2022-06-13
5.4.1	2022-05-13
5.2.4	2022-04-26
6.0.0-DMR	2022-04-07

Version	Release Date
5.3.1	2022-03-03
5.1.4	2022-02-22
5.4.0	2022-02-15
5.0.6	2021-12-31
4.0.16	2021-12-17
5.1.3	2021-12-03
5.0.5	2021-12-03
5.2.3	2021-12-03
5.3.0	2021-11-30
5.2.2	2021-10-29
5.1.2	2021-09-27
5.0.4	2021-09-27
4.0.15	2021-09-27
5.2.1	2021-09-09
5.2.0	2021-08-27
5.1.1	2021-07-30
4.0.14	2021-07-27
5.0.3	2021-07-02
5.1.0	2021-06-24
5.0.2	2021-06-10
4.0.13	2021-05-28
5.0.1	2021-04-24
5.0.0	2021-04-07
4.0.12	2021-04-02
4.0.11	2021-02-26
4.0.10	2021-01-15
5.0.0-rc	2021-01-12
3.0.20	2020-12-25
4.0.9	2020-12-21
4.0.8	2020-10-30
4.0.7	2020-09-29
3.0.19	2020-09-25
4.0.6	2020-09-15
4.0.5	2020-08-31
3.0.18	2020-08-21
3.0.17	2020-08-03
4.0.4	2020-07-31
4.0.3	2020-07-24
3.0.16	2020-07-03
4.0.2	2020-07-01
4.0.1	2020-06-12
3.0.15	2020-06-05
3.1.2	2020-06-04

Version	Release Date
4.0.0	2020-05-28
4.0.0-rc.2	2020-05-15
3.0.14	2020-05-09
3.1.1	2020-04-30
4.0.0-rc.1	2020-04-28
3.0.13	2020-04-22
3.1.0	2020-04-16
4.0.0-rc	2020-04-08
3.1.0-rc	2020-04-02
4.0.0-beta.2	2020-03-18
3.0.12	2020-03-16
3.1.0-beta.2	2020-03-09
3.0.11	2020-03-04
4.0.0-beta.1	2020-02-28
3.0.10	2020-02-20
4.0.0-beta	2020-01-17
3.0.9	2020-01-14
3.1.0-beta.1	2020-01-10
3.0.8	2019-12-31
2.1.19	2019-12-27
3.1.0-beta	2019-12-20
3.0.7	2019-12-04
3.0.6	2019-11-28
2.1.18	2019-11-04
3.0.5	2019-10-25
3.0.4	2019-10-08
2.1.17	2019-09-11
3.0.3	2019-08-29
2.1.16	2019-08-15
3.0.2	2019-08-07
2.1.15	2019-07-18
3.0.1	2019-07-16
2.1.14	2019-07-04
3.0.0	2019-06-28
3.0.0-rc.3	2019-06-21
2.1.13	2019-06-21
2.1.12	2019-06-13
2.1.11	2019-06-03
3.0.0-rc.2	2019-05-28
2.1.10	2019-05-22
3.0.0-rc.1	2019-05-10
2.1.9	2019-05-06
2.1.8	2019-04-12

Version	Release Date
2.1.7	2019-03-28
3.0.0-beta.1	2019-03-26
2.1.6	2019-03-15
2.1.5	2019-02-28
2.1.4	2019-02-15
2.1.3	2019-01-28
3.0.0-beta	2019-01-19
2.0.11	2019-01-03
2.1.2	2018-12-22
2.0.10	2018-12-18
2.1.1	2018-12-12
2.1.0	2018-11-30
2.0.9	2018-11-19
2.1.0-rc.5	2018-11-12
2.1.0-rc.4	2018-10-23
2.0.8	2018-10-16
2.1.0-rc.3	2018-09-29
2.1.0-rc.2	2018-09-14
2.0.7	2018-09-07
2.1.0-rc.1	2018-08-24
2.0.6	2018-08-06
2.0.5	2018-07-06
2.1.0-beta	2018-06-29
2.0.4	2018-06-15
2.0.3	2018-06-01
2.0.2	2018-05-21
2.0.1	2018-05-16
2.0.0	2018-04-27
2.0.0-rc.5	2018-04-17
2.0.0-rc.4	2018-03-30
2.0.0-rc.3	2018-03-23
2.0.0-rc.1	2018-03-09
1.1.0-beta	2018-02-24
1.0.8	2018-02-11
1.0.7	2018-01-22
1.1.0-alpha	2018-01-19
1.0.6	2018-01-08
1.0.5	2017-12-26
1.0.4	2017-12-11
1.0.3	2017-11-28
1.0.2	2017-11-13
1.0.1	2017-11-01
1.0.0	2017-10-16

Version	Release Date
Pre-GA	2017-08-30
rc4	2017-08-04
rc3	2017-06-16
rc2	2017-03-01
rc1	2016-12-23

16.3 TiDB Versioning

It is recommended to always upgrade to the latest patch release of your release series.

TiDB offers two release series:

- Long-Term Support Releases
- Development Milestone Releases (introduced in TiDB v6.0.0)

To learn about the support policy for major releases of TiDB, see TiDB Release Support Policy.

16.3.1 Release versioning

TiDB versioning has the form of `X.Y.Z`. `X.Y` represents a release series.

- Since TiDB 1.0, `X` increments every year. Each `X` release introduces new features and improvements.
- `Y` increments from 0. Each `Y` release introduces new features and improvements.
- In the first release of a release series, `Z` is set to 0 by default. For patch releases, `Z` increments from 1.

For the versioning system of TiDB v5.0.0 and earlier versions, refer to Historical versioning.

16.3.2 Long-Term Support releases

Long-Term Support (LTS) versions are released approximately every six months and introduce new features, improvements, bug fixes and security vulnerability fixes.

LTS releases are versioned as `X.Y.Z`. `Z` defaults to 0.

Example versions:

- 6.1.0
- 5.4.0

During the lifecycle of LTS, patch releases are made available on demand. Patch releases contain bug fixes and security vulnerability fixes, and do not introduce new features.

Patch releases are versioned as `X.Y.Z`. `X.Y` is consistent with the corresponding LTS versioning. The patch number `Z` increments from 1.

Example version:

- 6.1.1

v5.1.0, v5.2.0, v5.3.0, v5.4.0 were released only two months after their preceding releases, but all four releases are LTS and provide patch releases.

16.3.3 Development Milestone Releases

Development Milestone Releases (DMR) are released approximately every two months that do not contain LTS. DMR versions introduce new features, improvements and bug fixes. TiDB does not provide patch releases based on DMR, and any related bugs are fixed in the subsequent release series.

DMRs are versioned as `X.Y.Z`. `Z` defaults to 0. A `-DMR` suffix is appended to the version number.

Example version:

- 6.0.0-DMR

16.3.4 Versioning of TiDB ecosystem tools

Some TiDB tools are released together with the TiDB server and use the same version numbering system, such as TiDB Lightning. Some TiDB tools are released separately from the TiDB server and use their own version numbering system, such as TiUP and TiDB Operator.

16.3.5 Historical versioning (deprecated)

16.3.5.1 General Availability releases

General Availability (GA) releases are stable versions of the current release series of TiDB. GA versions are released after Release Candidate (RC) versions. GA can be used in production environments.

Example versions:

- 1.0
- 2.1 GA
- 5.0 GA

16.3.5.2 Release Candidate releases

Release Candidate (RC) releases introduce new features and improvements. RC versions are significantly more stable than Beta versions. RC can be used for early testing, but are not suitable for production.

Example versions:

- RC1
- 2.0-RC1
- 3.0.0-rc.1

16.3.5.3 Beta releases

Beta releases introduces new features and improvements. Beta versions are greatly improved over Alpha versions and have eliminated critical bugs, but still contain some bugs. Beta releases are available for users to test the latest features.

Example versions:

- 1.1 Beta
- 2.1 Beta
- 4.0.0-beta.1

16.3.5.4 Alpha releases

Alpha releases are internal releases for testing and introduce new features and improvements. Alpha releases are the initial versions of the current release series. Alpha releases might have some bugs and are available for users to test the latest features.

Example version:

- 1.1 Alpha

16.4 Release Support Policy

16.5 TiDB Installation Packages

Before deploying TiUP offline, you need to download the binary packages of TiDB as described in Prepare the TiUP offline component package.

TiDB binary packages are available in amd64 and arm64 architectures. In either architecture, TiDB provides two binary packages: `TiDB-community-server` and `TiDB-community-toolkit`.

The `TiDB-community-server` package contains the following contents.

Content	Change history
tidb-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
tikv-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
tiflash-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
pd-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
ctl-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
grafana-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
alertmanager-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
blackbox_exporter-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
prometheus-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
node_exporter-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
tiup-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
tiup-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
local_install.sh	
cluster-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
insight-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
diag-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	New in v6.0.0
influxdb-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
playground-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
tiproxy-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	New in v7.6.0

> **Note:**
>
> `{version}` depends on the version of the component or server you are installing. `{arch}` depends on the architecture of the system, which can be `amd64` or `arm64`.

The `TiDB-community-toolkit` package contains the following contents.

Content	Change history
pd-recover-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
etcdctl	New in v6.0.0
tiup-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
tiup-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
tidb-lightning-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
tidb-lightning-ctl	
dumpling-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
cdc-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
dm-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
dm-worker-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
dm-master-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	

Content	Change history
dmctl-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
br-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
package-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
bench-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
errdoc-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
dba-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
PCC-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	
sync_diff_inspector	
reparo	
server-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	New in v6.2.0
grafana-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	New in v6.2.0
alertmanager-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	New in v6.2.0
prometheus-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	New in v6.2.0
blackbox_exporter-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	New in v6.2.0
node_exporter-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz	New in v6.2.0

Note:

`{version}` depends on the version of the tool you are installing. `{arch}` depends on the architecture of the system, which can be `amd64` or `arm64`.

16.5.1 See also

Deploy TiUP offline

16.6 v8.5

16.6.1 TiDB 8.5.2 Release Notes

Release date: June 12, 2025

TiDB version: 8.5.2

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16.6.1.1 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Limit the execution of GC for TTL tables and related statistics collection tasks to the owner node, thereby reducing overhead #59357 @lcwangchao

- TiKV
    - Support modifying the `import.num-threads` configuration item dynamically #17807 @RidRisR
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Remove the check on AWS region names to avoid backup errors caused by newly supported AWS regions failing the validation #18159 @3pointer
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Add a row width check when parsing CSV files to prevent OOM issues #58590 @D3Hunter

16.6.1.2 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that TiDB fails to obtain TSO during timestamp verification after setting the `zone` label #59402 @ekexium
    - Fix the issue that Hash Join returns incorrect results without reporting an error when execution fails #59377 @xzhangxian1008
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might crash or return incorrect results #60517 @wintalker
    - Fix the issue that execution hangs when parallel sorting with `ORDER BY` encounters an error or the query is canceled #59655 @xzhangxian1008
    - Fix the issue that an error occurs when querying partitioned tables that contain generated columns #58475 @joechenrh
    - Fix the issue that creating two views with the same name does not report an error #58769 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the issue that different data types on both sides of the equality condition in Join might cause incorrect results in TiFlash #59877 @yibin87
    - Fix the issue that queries with `is null` conditions on Hash partitioned tables cause a panic #58374 @Defined2014
    - Fix the issue that after executing `ALTER TABLE ... PLACEMENT POLICY ...` in a cluster with TiFlash nodes in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, Region peers might be accidentally added to TiFlash Compute nodes #58633 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that loading statistics manually might fail when the statistics file contains null values #53966 @King-Dylan
    - Fix the issue that TTL jobs might be ignored or processed multiple times #59347 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that incorrect judgment in exchange partition causes execution failure #59534 @mjonss

- Fix the issue that improper exception handling for statistics causes in-memory statistics to be mistakenly deleted when background tasks time out #57901 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the data in the **Stats Healthy Distribution** panel of Grafana might be incorrect #57176 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that a canceled TTL task might put an uncommitted session to the global session pool #58900 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that enabling Redact log does not take effect in certain scenarios #59279 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that `rowContainer` might cause TiDB to panic in certain scenarios #59976 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that partition pruning might be incorrect in the `Point_Get` scenario for partitioned tables #59827 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that updating records in partitioned tables during DDL execution might lead to data corruption #57588 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that the performance and stability of `information_schema` are affected in certain scenarios #58142 #58363 #58712 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that `tidb_txn_entry_size_limit` cannot be dynamically adjusted in internal TiDB sessions when the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) is enabled #59506 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that the `IMPORT INTO` feature fails to properly handle unique key conflicts when Global Sort is enabled #59650 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that injecting network latency errors in the global sorting data path causes the `IMPORT INTO` operation to fail #50451 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that executing `ADD UNIQUE INDEX` might cause data inconsistency #60339 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the value of the `LABELS` column is incorrectly displayed in the `BINLOG_STATUS` column when querying `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_SERVERS_INFO` #59245 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that injecting a kill PD Leader fault during index creation might cause data inconsistency #59701 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that TiDB runs out of memory (OOM) after creating approximately 6.5 million tables #58368 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that adding a unique key might fail when importing a large amount of data with the Global Sort feature enabled #59725 @CbcWestwolf
- Fix the issue that TiDB returns unreadable error messages after failing to access S3 external storage #59326 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that querying `information_schema.tables` returns mismatched `table_schema` and `table_name` values #60593 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the DDL notifier might deliver incorrect notifications when internal SQL commits fail #59055 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that `ADD INDEX` DDL operations still split SST files by 96 MiB when the Global Sort feature is enabled, despite the Region size is 256 MiB #59962 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that TiDB servers run out of memory (OOM) when memory usage

exceeds 80% during data import with the Global Sort feature enabled #59508 @D3Hunter

- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that a potential deadlock might occur in `txn_status_cache` #18384 @ekexium
    - Fix the issue that Resolved-TS monitoring and logs might be abnormal #17989 @ekexium
    - Fix the issue that Region merge might lead to TiKV abnormal exit due to Raft index mismatch #18129 @glorv
    - Fix the issue that TiKV cannot report heartbeats to PD when the disk is stuck #17939 @LykxSassinator
    - Fix the issue that a deadlock might occur when GC Worker is under heavy load #18214 @zyguan
    - Fix the issue that time rollback might cause abnormal RocksDB flow control, leading to performance jitter #17995 @LykxSassinator
    - Fix the issue that CDC connections might cause resource leakage when encountering exceptions #18245 @wlwilliamx
    - Fix the issue that the leader could not be quickly elected after Region split #17602 @LykxSassinator
    - Fix the issue that the latest written data might not be readable when only one-phase commit (1PC) is enabled and Async Commit is not enabled #18117 @zyguan
- PD
    - Fix the concurrency issue that might arise when forwarding TSO in microservice scenarios #9091 @lhy1024
    - Fix the issue that the result returned by `BatchScanRegions` is not properly limited #9216 @lhy1024
    - Fix the issue that an unexpected election occurs when one follower experiences a network partition from the leader #9020 @lhy1024
    - Fix the issue that `COOLDOWN` or `SWITCH_GROUP` cannot be triggered when `QUERY_LIMIT` is set in resource control #60404 @JmPotato
    - Fix the issue that `StoreInfo` might be incorrectly overridden #9185 @okJiang
    - Fix the issue that operations in data import or adding index scenarios might fail due to unstable PD network #8962 @okJiang
    - Fix the issue that the default value of `max-size` for a single log file is not correctly set #9037 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that memory leaks might occur when allocating TSOs #9004 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that the `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy` system variable might not take effect #8947 @JmPotato
    - Fix the issue that a PD node might still generate TSOs even when it is not the Leader #9051 @rleungx

- Fix the issue that Region syncer might not exit in time during the PD Leader switch #9017 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that the default value of `lease` is not correctly set #9156 @rleungx

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that data spill during sorting might cause TiFlash to crash #9999 @windtalker
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might return the `Exception: Block schema mismatch` error when executing SQL statements containing `GROUP BY ... WITH ROLLUP` #10110 @gengliqi
    - Fix the issue that in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, TiFlash compute nodes might be incorrectly selected as target nodes for adding Region peers #9750 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might fail to print error stack traces when it unexpectedly exits in certain situations #9902 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might maintain high memory usage after importing large amounts of data #9812 @CalvinNeo
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash startup might be blocked when `profiles.default.init_thread_count_scale` is set to `0` #9906 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that queries on a partitioned table might return errors after executing `ALTER TABLE ... RENAME COLUMN` on that partitioned table #9787 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that a `Not found column` error might occur when a query involves virtual columns and triggers remote reads #9561 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might consume a large amount of memory when tables in a cluster contain a large number of `ENUM` type columns #9947 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might fail to restart after inserting a single row of data larger than 16 MiB #10052 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might not clean some disk data correctly after new data is inserted to tables with vector indexes, causing abnormal disk space consumption #9946 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might delete previously created vector indexes unexpectedly after multiple vector indexes are created on the same table, causing performance degradation #9971 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might fail to use vector indexes to accelerate vector search queries in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9847 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might print a large number of `tag=EnumParseOverflowContainer` logs in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9955 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash does not skip Learner Read as expected when executing `SELECT ... AS OF TIMESTAMP` queries #10046 @CalvinNeo
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when handling snapshots with irregular Region key-ranges #10147 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that repeated downloading of SST files during data restore could cause TiKV to panic in extreme cases #18335 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that the `status` field is missing in the result when querying log backup tasks using `br log status --json` #57959 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that BR fails to restore due to getting the `rpcClient is idle` error when sending requests to TiKV #58845 @Tristan1900
    - Fix the issue that log backup fails to exit properly when encountering a fatal error due to not being able to access PD #18087 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that PITR fails to restore indexes larger than 3072 bytes #58430 @YuJuncen
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that the changefeed might get stuck after the replication traffic exceeds the traffic threshold of the downstream Kafka #12110 @3AceShowHand
    - Fix the issue that the dispatch rule for the Kafka sink does not take effect when the `pulsar+http` or `pulsar+https` protocol is used #12068 @SandeepPadhi
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to observe the PD leader migration in time, causing the replication latency to increase #11997 @lidezhu
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC reports errors when replicating `default NULL` SQL statements via the Avro protocol #11994 @wk989898
    - Fix the issue that after the default value of a newly added column in the upstream is changed from `NOT NULL` to `NULL`, the default values of that column in the downstream are incorrect #12037 @wk989898
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to properly connect to PD after PD scale-in #12004 @lidezhu
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC might panic when replicating `CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS` or `CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS` statements #11839 @CharlesCheung96
  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
    - Fix the issue that the pre-check of `start-task` fails when both TLS and `shard-mode` are configured #11842 @sunxiaoguang
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Fix the issue that the performance degrades when importing data from a cloud storage in high-concurrency scenarios #57413 @xuanyu66
    - Fix the issue that the error report output is truncated when importing data using TiDB Lightning #58085 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that logs are not properly desensitized #59086 @GMHDBJD

- Fix the issue that authentication would fail with a `context canceled` error when using an external account to perform any GCS storage operation #60155 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning can get stuck for several hours when importing Parquet files from cloud storage into TiDB #60224 @joechenrh
- Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning could run out of memory (OOM) during writing or ingesting SST files into the TiKV cluster when importing large volumes of data #59947 @OliverS929
- Fix the issue that low maximum QPS during table creation and slow access to `information_schema.tables` cause TiDB Lightning to dispatch schema jobs slower in scenarios with millions of tables #58141 @D3Hunter

- NG Monitoring
  - Fix the issue that DocDB consumes too much memory under high workloads, and use SQLite as an optional backend for DocDB #267 @mornyx
  - Fix the issue that TSDB consumes too much memory under high cardinality of time series data, and provide a memory configuration option for TSDB #295 @mornyx

16.6.2 TiDB 8.5.1 Release Notes

Release date: January 17, 2025

TiDB version: 8.5.1

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.6.2.1 Operating system and platform requirement changes

Starting from v8.5.1, TiDB resumes testing of CentOS Linux 7 and is compatible with it. If you plan to deploy TiDB v8.5 or upgrade your cluster to v8.5, ensure you use TiDB v8.5.1 or a later version.

- TiDB v8.4.0 DMR and v8.5.0 releases dropped support and testing with CentOS Linux 7 because it reached EOL status on June 30, 2024. Upgrading a TiDB cluster on CentOS 7 to v8.4.0 or v8.5.0 will cause the risk of cluster unavailability.

- To assist users still using CentOS Linux 7, TiDB resumes testing of CentOS Linux 7 starting from v8.5.1. However, due to the EOL status of CentOS Linux, it is strongly recommended that you review the official announcements and security guidance for CentOS Linux 7 and migrate to an operating system supported by TiDB for production use, such as Rocky Linux 9.1 or later.

As CentOS Linux 7 has reached EOL, testing of this distribution will be stopped in a future TiDB release.

16.6.2.2 Compatibility changes

- To reduce memory usage by the TiDB statistics cache, the meaning of the default value `0` for the `tidb_stats_cache_mem_quota` system variable is changed:
    - Before v8.5.1, `0` means the memory quota for the statistics cache is 50% of the TiDB instance's total memory.
    - Starting from v8.5.1, `0` means the memory quota for the statistics cache is 20% of the TiDB instance's total memory.

16.6.2.3 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Support folding read-only user-defined variables into constants #52742 @winoros
    - Convert Cartesian product Semi Join with nulleq condition to Semi Join with equality condition #57583 @hawkingrei
    - Adjust the default threshold of statistics memory cache to 20% of the total memory #58014 @hawkingrei
    - Enhance the timestamp validity check #57786 @MyonKeminta
- TiKV
    - Add the detection mechanism for invalid `max_ts` updates #17916 @ekexium
- TiFlash
    - Optimize the retry strategy for TiFlash compute nodes in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture to handle exceptions when downloading files from Amazon S3 #9695 @JinheLin
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Filter out events that are not subscribed to by TiCDC in advance to avoid unnecessary resource consumption #17877 @hicqu

16.6.2.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the default timeout for querying the TiFlash system table is too short #57816 @JaySon-Huang

- Fix the issue that when setting `tidb_gogc_tuner_max_value` and `tidb_gogc_tuner_min_value`, if the maximum value is null, an incorrect warning message occurs #57889 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that data indexes are inconsistent because plan cache uses the wrong schema when adding indexes #56733 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that the data in the **Stats Healthy Distribution** panel of Grafana might be incorrect #57176 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the last `ANALYZE` time of tables without collected statistics might not be NULL #57735 @winoros
- Fix the issue that improper exception handling for statistics causes in-memory statistics to be mistakenly deleted when background tasks time out #57901 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that statistics are not cleared after executing the `DROP DATABASE` statement #57230 @Rustin170506
- Fix the issue that some predicates might be lost when constructing `IndexMerge` #58476 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that creating a vector search index on a column with more than 3000 dimensions causes the `KeyTooLong` error #58836 @breezewish
- Fix the issue that the `REORGANIZE PARTITION` operation does not correctly clean up replaced global indexes and handles unique indexes on non-clustered tables #56822 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that the Range INTERVAL syntax sugar of partitioned tables does not support using `MINUTE` as the interval #57698 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that changing the timezone causes incorrect query results when querying slow logs #58452 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that task cancellation failure might cause the task to leak when shrinking the TTL workers of scan tasks #57708 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that after a heartbeat is lost and the TTL table is deleted or disabled, TTL jobs keep running #57702 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that `last_job_finish_time` is displayed incorrectly after a TTL job is canceled #58109 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that TTL jobs cannot be canceled if the TiDB heartbeat is lost #57784 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that a TTL job that loses the heartbeat blocks other jobs from getting heartbeats #57915 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that when shrinking the TTL workers, some expired rows are not deleted #57990 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that the remaining rows are not retried when the TTL delete rate limiter is interrupted #58205 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that TTL might generate a large number of warning logs in certain cases #58305 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that some TTL jobs might hang when modifying `tidb_ttl_delete_rate_limit` #58484 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that data backfill during `REORGANIZE PARTITION` might cause concurrent updates to be rolled back #58226 @mjonss

    - Fix the issue that using `ORDER BY` when querying `cluster_slow_query table` might generate unordered results #51723 @Defined2014

- TiKV

    - Fix the issue that encoding might fail when processing GBK/GB18030 encoded data #17618 @CbcWestwolf
    - Fix the issue that TiKV panics due to uninitialized replicas when the TiKV MVCC In-Memory Engine (IME) preloads them #18046 @overvenus
    - Fix the issue that the leader could not be quickly elected after Region split #17602 @LykxSassinator
    - Fix the issue that TiKV cannot report heartbeats to PD when the disk is stuck #17939 @LykxSassinator

- PD

    - Fix the issue that PD might panic when the `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy` system variable is enabled #8950 @okJiang
    - Fix the issue that `evict-leader-scheduler` fails to work properly when it is repeatedly created with the same Store ID #8756 @okJiang

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that querying new columns might return incorrect results under the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9665 @zimulala
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might unexpectedly reject processing Raft messages when memory usage is low #9745 @CalvinNeo
    - Fix the issue that the `POSITION()` function for TiFlash does not support character set collations #9377 @xzhangxian1008

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the issue that PITR fails to restore indexes larger than 3072 bytes #58430 @YuJuncen
    - TiCDC
        - Fix the issue that the changefeed might get stuck after new TiKV nodes are added to the cluster #11766 @lidezhu
        - Fix the issue that the event filter incorrectly uses the new table name instead of the old table name for filtering when processing `RENAME TABLE` DDL statements #11946 @kennytm
        - Fix the issue that goroutines leak occurs after a changefeed is deleted #11954 @hicqu
        - Fix the issue that out-of-order messages resent by the Sarama client cause Kafka message order to be incorrect #11935 @3AceShowHand
        - Fix the issue that the default value of the NOT NULL timestamp field in the Debezium protocol is incorrect #11966 @wk989898

16.6.3 TiDB 8.5.0 Release Notes

Release date: December 19, 2024

TiDB version: 8.5.0

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

TiDB 8.5.0 is a Long-Term Support Release (LTS).

Compared with the previous LTS 8.1.0, 8.5.0 includes new features, improvements, and bug fixes released in 8.2.0-DMR, 8.3.0-DMR, and 8.4.0-DMR. When you upgrade from 8.1.x to 8.5.0, you can download the TiDB Release Notes PDF to view all release notes between the two LTS versions. The following table lists some highlights from 8.1.0 to 8.5.0:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Feature/Enhancement</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td rowspan="7">Scalability and Performance</td>
<td>Reduce data processing latency in multiple dimensions</td>
<td>TiDB continuously refines data processing to improve performance,
   ↪ effectively meeting the low-latency SQL processing requirements in
   ↪ financial scenarios. Key updates include:
<li>Support <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#
   ↪ tidb_executor_concurrency-new-in-v50">parallel sorting</a> (
   ↪ introduced in v8.2.0) </li>
<li>Optimize <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tidb-configuration-
   ↪ file#batch-policy-new-in-v830">batch processing strategy for KV (key-
   ↪ value) requests </a> (introduced in v8.3.0) </li>
<li>Support <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#
   ↪ tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode-new-in-v840">parallel mode for TSO requests
   ↪ </a> (introduced in v8.4.0) </li>
<li>Reduce the resource overhead of <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/
   ↪ v8.5/sql-statement-delete">DELETE</a> operations (introduced in v8
   ↪ .4.0) </li>
<li>Improve query performance for <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8
   ↪ .5/cached-tables">cached tables</a> (introduced in v8.4.0) </li>
<li>Introduce <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#
   ↪ tidb_hash_join_version-new-in-v840">an optimized version of Hash Join
   ↪ </a> (experimental, introduced in v8.4.0) </li>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tikv-in-memory-engine">TiKV
   ↪ MVCC In-Memory Engine (IME)</a> (introduced in v8.5.0)</td>
<td>The TiKV MVCC in-memory engine caches the most recent MVCC versions of
   ↪ data in memory, helping TiKV quickly skip older versions and retrieve
   ↪  the latest data. This feature can significantly improve data scan
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    ↪ performance in scenarios where data records are frequently updated or
    ↪  historical versions are retained for a longer period.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tune-region-performance#use-
    ↪ the-active-pd-follower-feature-to-enhance-the-scalability-of-pds-
    ↪ region-information-query-service">Use Active PD Followers to enhance
    ↪ PD's Region information query service</a> (GA in v8.5.0)</td>
<td>TiDB v7.6.0 introduces an experimental feature "Active PD Follower",
    ↪ which allows PD followers to provide Region information query
    ↪ services. This feature improves the capability of the PD cluster to
    ↪ handle <code>GetRegion</code> and <code>ScanRegions</code> requests
    ↪ in clusters with a large number of TiDB nodes and Regions, thereby
    ↪ reducing the CPU pressure on PD leaders. In v8.5.0, this feature
    ↪ becomes generally available (GA).</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#tidb_enable
    ↪ _instance_plan_cache-new-in-v840">Instance-level execution plan cache
    ↪ </a> (experimental, introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>Instance-level plan cache allows all sessions within the same TiDB
    ↪ instance to share the plan cache. Compared with session-level plan
    ↪ cache, this feature reduces SQL compilation time by caching more
    ↪ execution plans in memory, decreasing overall SQL execution time. It
    ↪ improves OLTP performance and throughput while providing better
    ↪ control over memory usage and enhancing database stability.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/partitioned-table#global-
    ↪ indexes">Global indexes for partitioned tables</a> (GA in v8.4.0)</td
    ↪ >
<td>Global indexes can effectively improve the efficiency of retrieving non-
    ↪ partitioned columns, and remove the restriction that a unique key
    ↪ must contain the partition key. This feature extends the usage
    ↪ scenarios of TiDB partitioned tables, improves the performance of
    ↪ partitioned tables, and reduces resource consumption in certain query
    ↪  scenarios.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#tidb_opt_
    ↪ projection_push_down-new-in-v610">Default pushdown of the <code>
    ↪ Projection</code> operator to the storage engine</a> (introduced in
    ↪ v8.3.0) </td>
<td>Pushing the <code>Projection</code> operator down to the storage engine
    ↪ can distribute the load across storage nodes while reducing data
    ↪ transfer between nodes. This optimization helps to reduce the
    ↪ execution time for certain SQL queries and improves the overall
    ↪ database performance.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/statistics#collect-
   ↪ statistics-on-some-columns">Ignoring unnecessary columns when
   ↪ collecting statistics</a> (introduced in v8.3.0) </td>
<td>Under the premise of ensuring that the optimizer can obtain the
   ↪ necessary information, TiDB speeds up statistics collection, improves
   ↪  the timeliness of statistics, and thus ensures that the optimal
   ↪ execution plan is selected, improving the performance of the cluster.
   ↪  Meanwhile, TiDB also reduces the system overhead and improves the
   ↪ resource utilization.</td>
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<td rowspan="5">Reliability and availability</td>
<td>Improve the stability of large-scale clusters</td>
<td>Companies that use TiDB to run multi-tenant or SaaS applications often
   ↪ need to store a large number of tables. In v8.5.0, TiDB significantly
   ↪  enhances the stability of large-scale clusters.
<li><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/schema-cache">Schema cache
   ↪ control</a> and <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-
   ↪ variables#tidb_stats_cache_mem_quota-new-in-v610">setting the memory
   ↪ quota for the TiDB statistics cache</a> are generally available (GA),
   ↪  reducing stability issues caused by excessive memory consumption. </
   ↪ li>
<li>PD introduces <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tune-region-
   ↪ performance#use-the-active-pd-follower-feature-to-enhance-the-
   ↪ scalability-of-pds-region-information-query-service">Active Follower
   ↪ </a> to handle the pressure brought by numerous Regions, gradually <a
   ↪  href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/pd-microservices">decouples
   ↪  the services handled by PD</a> for independent deployment. </li>
<li>PD improves the performance of Region heartbeat processing and supports
   ↪ tens of millions of Regions for a single cluster.</li>
<li>You can <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#
   ↪ tidb_auto_analyze_concurrency-new-in-v840">increase concurrency</a>
   ↪ and <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/statistics#collect-
   ↪ statistics-on-some-columns">reduce the number of collected objects</a
   ↪ > to improve the efficiency of statistics collection and loading,
   ↪ ensuring the stability of execution plans in large clusters.</li>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tidb-resource-control-
   ↪ runaway-queries#query_limit-parameters">Support more triggers for
   ↪ runaway queries, and support switching resource groups</a> (
   ↪ introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>Runaway Queries offer an effective way to mitigate the impact of
   ↪ unexpected SQL performance issues on systems. TiDB v8.4.0 introduces
   ↪ the number of keys processed by the Coprocessor (<code>PROCESSED_KEYS
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    ↪ </code>) and request units (<code>RU</code>) as identifying
    ↪ conditions, and puts identified queries into the specified resource
    ↪ group for more precise identification and control of runaway queries
    ↪ .</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tidb-resource-control-
    ↪ background-tasks#background-parameters">Support setting the maximum
    ↪ limit on resource usage for background tasks of resource control</a>
    ↪ (experimental, introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>By setting a maximum percentage limit on background tasks of resource
    ↪ control, you can control their resource consumption based on the
    ↪ needs of different application systems. This keeps background task
    ↪ consumption at a low level and ensures the quality of online services
    ↪ .</td>
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<td>Enhance and expand TiProxy use cases</td>
<td>As a crucial component of the high availability of TiDB, <a href="https
    ↪ ://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tiproxy-overview">TiProxy</a> extends
    ↪ its capabilities beyond SQL traffic access and forwarding to support
    ↪ cluster change evaluation. Key features include:
<li><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tiproxy-traffic-replay">
    ↪ TiProxy supports traffic capture and replay</a> (experimental,
    ↪ introduced in v8.4.0)</li>
<li><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tiproxy-overview">TiProxy
    ↪ supports built-in virtual IP management</a> (introduced in v8.3.0)</
    ↪ li>
<li><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/tiproxy-load-balance">
    ↪ TiProxy supports multiple load balancing policies</a> (introduced in
    ↪ v8.2.0)</li>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/system-variables#tidb_enable
    ↪ _parallel_hashagg_spill-new-in-v800">The parallel HashAgg algorithm
    ↪ of TiDB supports disk spill</a> (GA in v8.2.0) </td>
<td>HashAgg is a widely used aggregation operator in TiDB for efficiently
    ↪ aggregating rows with the same field values. TiDB v8.0.0 introduces
    ↪ parallel HashAgg as an experimental feature to further enhance
    ↪ processing speed. When memory resources are insufficient, parallel
    ↪ HashAgg spills temporary sorted data to disk, avoiding potential OOM
    ↪ risks caused by excessive memory usage. This improves query
    ↪ performance while maintaining node stability. In v8.2.0, this feature
    ↪  becomes generally available (GA) and is enabled by default, enabling
    ↪  you to safely configure the concurrency of parallel HashAgg using <
    ↪ code>tidb_executor_concurrency</code>.</td>
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<td rowspan="2"> SQL </td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/foreign-key">Foreign key</a>
   ↪  (GA in v8.5.0)</td>
<td>Foreign keys are constraints in a database that establish relationships
   ↪ between tables, ensuring data consistency and integrity. They ensure
   ↪ that the data referenced in a child table exist in the parent table,
   ↪ preventing the insertion of invalid data. Foreign keys also support
   ↪ cascading operations (such as automatic synchronization during
   ↪ deletion or update), simplifying business logic implementation and
   ↪ reducing the complexity of manually maintaining data relationships.</
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/vector-search-overview">
   ↪ Vector search</a> (experimental, introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>Vector search is a search method based on data semantics, which provides
   ↪  more relevant search results. As one of the core functions of AI and
   ↪  large language models (LLMs), vector search can be used in various
   ↪ scenarios such as Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), semantic
   ↪ search, and recommendation systems.</td>
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<td rowspan="3">DB Operations and Observability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/information-schema-
   ↪ processlist">Display TiKV and TiDB CPU times in memory tables</a> (
   ↪ introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>The CPU time is now integrated into a system table, displayed alongside
   ↪ other metrics for sessions or SQL, letting you observe high CPU
   ↪ consumption operations from multiple perspectives, and improving
   ↪ diagnostic efficiency. This is especially useful for diagnosing
   ↪ scenarios such as CPU spikes in instances or read/write hotspots in
   ↪ clusters.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/top-sql#use-top-sql">Support
   ↪  viewing aggregated TiKV CPU time by table or database</a> (
   ↪ introduced in v8.4.0) </td>
<td>When hotspot issues are not caused by individual SQL statements, using
   ↪ the aggregated CPU time by table or database level in Top SQL can
   ↪ help you quickly identify the tables or applications responsible for
   ↪ the hotspots, significantly improving the efficiency of diagnosing
   ↪ hotspot and CPU consumption issues. </td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/backup-and-restore-overview
   ↪ ">Backup & Restore (BR)</a> uses <a href="https://aws.amazon.com/sdk-
   ↪ for-rust/">AWS SDK for Rust</a> to access external storage (
   ↪ introduced in v8.5.0)</td>
```

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<td>BR replaces the original Rusoto library with <a href="https://aws.amazon
    ↪ .com/sdk-for-rust/">AWS SDK for Rust</a> to access external storage
    ↪ such as Amazon S3 from TiKV. This change enhances compatibility with
    ↪ AWS features such as <a href="https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/
    ↪ latest/UserGuide/configuring-instance-metadata-service.html">IMDSv2</
    ↪ a> and <a href="https://docs.aws.amazon.com/eks/latest/userguide/pod-
    ↪ identities.html">EKS Pod Identity</a>.</td>
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<td rowspan="1">Security</td>
<td>Client-side encryption of <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/br
    ↪ -snapshot-manual#encrypt-the-backup-data">snapshot backup data</a>
    ↪ and <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.5/br-pitr-manual#
    ↪ encrypt-log-backup-data">log backup data</a> (GA in v8.5.0)</td>
<td>Before uploading backup data to your backup storage, you can encrypt the
    ↪  backup data to ensure its security during storage and transmission
    ↪ .</td>
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16.6.3.1 Feature details

16.6.3.1.1 Scalability

- Setting the memory limit for schema cache is now generally available (GA). When the number of tables reaches hundreds of thousands or even millions, this feature significantly reduces the memory usage of schema metadata #50959 @tiancaiamao @wjhuang2016 @gmhdbjd @tangenta

  In some SaaS scenarios, where the number of tables reaches hundreds of thousands or even millions, schema metadata can consume a significant amount of memory. With this feature enabled, TiDB uses the Least Recently Used (LRU) algorithm to cache and evict the corresponding schema metadata, effectively reducing memory usage.

  Starting from v8.4.0, this feature is enabled by default with a default value of `536870912` (that is, 512 MiB). You can adjust it as needed using the variable `tidb_schema_cache_size`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Provide the Active PD Follower feature to enhance the scalability of PD's Region information query service (GA) #7431 @okJiang

  In a TiDB cluster with a large number of Regions, the PD leader might experience high CPU load due to the increased overhead of handling heartbeats and scheduling tasks. If the cluster has many TiDB instances, and there is a high concurrency of requests for Region information, the CPU pressure on the PD leader increases further and might cause PD services to become unavailable.

To ensure high availability, TiDB v7.6.0 introduces Active PD Follower as an experimental feature to enhance the scalability of PD's Region information query service. In v8.5.0, this feature becomes generally available (GA). You can enable the Active PD Follower feature by setting the system variable `pd_enable_follower_handle_region` ↪ to `ON`. After this feature is enabled, TiDB evenly distributes Region information requests to all PD servers, and PD followers can also handle Region requests, thereby reducing the CPU pressure on the PD leader.

For more information, see documentation.

16.6.3.1.2 Performance

- TiDB accelerated table creation becomes generally available (GA), significantly reducing data migration and cluster initialization time #50052 @D3Hunter @gmhdbjd

  TiDB v7.6.0 introduces accelerated table creation as an experimental feature, controlled by the system variable `tidb_ddl_version`. Staring from v8.0.0, this system variable is renamed to `tidb_enable_fast_create_table`.

  In v8.5.0, TiDB accelerated table creation becomes generally available (GA) and is enabled by default. During data migration and cluster initialization, this feature supports rapid creation of millions of tables, significantly reducing operation time.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiKV supports the MVCC in-memory engine (IME), which accelerates queries involving scans of extensive MVCC historical versions #16141 @SpadeA-Tang @glorv @overvenus

  When records are frequently updated, or TiDB is required to retain historical versions for extended periods (for example, 24 hours), the accumulation of MVCC versions can degrade scan performance. The TiKV MVCC in-memory engine improves scan performance by caching the latest MVCC versions in memory, and using a rapid GC mechanism to remove historical versions from memory.

  Starting from v8.5.0, TiKV introduces MVCC in-memory engine. If the accumulation of MVCC versions in the TiKV cluster leads to degraded scan performance, you can enable the TiKV MVCC in-memory engine to improve scan performance by setting the TiKV configuration parameter `in-memory-engine.enable`.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.6.3.1.3 Reliability

- Support limiting the maximum rate and concurrency of requests processed by PD #5739 @rleungx

  When a sudden influx of requests is sent to PD, it can lead to high workloads and potentially affect PD performance. Starting from v8.5.0, you can use `pd-ctl` to limit the maximum rate and concurrency of requests processed by PD, improving its stability.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.6.3.1.4 SQL

- Support foreign keys (GA) #36982 @YangKeao @crazycs520

  The foreign key feature becomes generally available (GA) in v8.5.0. Foreign key constraints help ensure data consistency and integrity. You can easily establish foreign key relationships between tables, with support for cascading updates and deletions, simplifying data management. This feature enhances support for applications with complex data relationships.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Introduce the `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS` statement to support modifying the DDL jobs online #57229 @fzzf678 @tangenta

  Starting from v8.3.0, you can set the variables `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size` and `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` at the session level. As a result, setting these two variables globally no longer affects all running DDL jobs. To modify the values of these variables, you need to cancel the DDL job first, adjust the variables, and then resubmit the job.

  TiDB v8.5.0 introduces the `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS` statement, letting you adjust the variable values of specific DDL jobs online. This enables flexible balancing of resource consumption and performance. The changes are limited to individual jobs, making the impact more controllable. For example:

  - `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS job_id THREAD = 8;`: adjusts the `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` of the specified DDL job online.
  - `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS job_id BATCH_SIZE = 256;`: adjusts the `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size` of the specified job online.
  - `ADMIN ALTER DDL JOBS job_id MAX_WRITE_SPEED = '200MiB';`: adjusts the write traffic of index data to each TiKV node online.

For more information, see documentation.

16.6.3.1.5 Security

- BR supports client-side encryption of both full backup data and log backup data (GA) #28640 #56433 @joccau @Tristan1900

  - Client-side encryption of full backup data (introduced as experimental in TiDB v5.3.0) enables you to encrypt backup data on the client side using a custom fixed key.
  - Client-side encryption of log backup data (introduced as experimental in TiDB v8.4.0) enables you to encrypt log backup data on the client side using one of the following methods:

- Encrypt using a custom fixed key
- Encrypt using a master key stored on a local disk
- Encrypt using a master key managed by a Key Management Service (KMS)

Starting from v8.5.0, both encryption features become generally available (GA), offering enhanced client-side data security.

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For more information, see [Encrypt the backup data](#encrypt-the-backup-data
    ↪ ) and [Encrypt the log backup data](#encrypt-the-log-backup-data).
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- TiKV encryption at rest supports Google Cloud Key Management Service (Google Cloud KMS) (GA) #8906 @glorv

  TiKV ensures data security by using the encryption at rest technique to encrypt stored data. The core aspect of this technique is proper key management. In v8.0.0, TiKV encryption at rest experimentally supports using Google Cloud KMS for master key management.

  Starting from v8.5.0, encryption at rest using Google Cloud KMS becomes generally available (GA). To use this feature, first create a key on Google Cloud, and then configure the `[security.encryption.master-key]` section in the TiKV configuration file.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.6.3.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v8.4.0 to the current version (v8.5.0). If you are upgrading from v8.3.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.6.3.2.1 Behavior changes

- In non-strict mode (`sql_mode = ''`), inserting `NULL` values into non-`NULL` columns now returns an error for MySQL compatibility. #55457 @joechenrh
- The `ALTER TABLE ... DROP FOREIGN KEY IF EXISTS ...` statement is no longer supported. #56703 @YangKeao

16.6.3.2.2 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_fast_create_table	Modified	Changes the default value from `OFF` to `ON` after further tests, meaning that the accelerated table creation feature is enabled by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ddl_ ↪ reorg ↪ _max ↪ _ ↪ write ↪ _ ↪ speed ↪	Newly added	Limits the write bandwidth for each TiKV node and only takes effect when index creation acceleration is enabled (controlled by the tidb_ ↪ ddl ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ fast ↪ _ ↪ reorg ↪ variable). For example, setting the variable to 200MiB limits the maximum write

Variable name	Change type	Description

16.6.3.2.3 Configuration parameters

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`deprecate-integer-display-length`	Modified	Starting from v8.5.0, the integer display width feature is deprecated. The default value of this configuration item is changed from `false` to `true`.
TiKV	`raft-client-queue-size`	Modified	Changes the default value from `8192` to `16384`.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`in-memory-engine.capacity`	Newly added	Controls the maximum memory size that the TiKV MVCC in-memory engine can use. The default value is 10% of the system memory. The maximum value is 5 GiB.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`in-memory-engine.enable`	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the TiKV MVCC in-memory engine to accelerate multi-version queries. The default value is `false`, which means that the in-memory engine is disabled.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`in-memory-engine.gc-run-interval`	Newly added	Controls the time interval at which the in-memory engine performs garbage collection (GC) on cached MVCC versions. The default value is `"3m"`.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`in-memory-engine.mvcc-amplification-threshold`	Newly added	Controls the threshold for MVCC read amplification when the in-memory engine selects and loads Regions. The default value is `10`, indicating that if reading a single row in a Region requires processing more than 10 MVCC versions, this Region might be loaded into the in-memory engine.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	patrol-region-worker-count	Newly added	Controls the number of concurrent operators created by the checker when inspecting the health state of a Region.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
BR	`--checksum`	Modified	Changes the default value from `true` to `false`, meaning that BR does not calculate the table-level checksum during full backups by default, to improve backup performance.

16.6.3.2.4 Operating system and platform requirement changes

Before upgrading TiDB, ensure that your operating system version meets the OS and platform requirements.

- According to CentOS Linux EOL, the upstream support for CentOS Linux 7 ended on June 30, 2024. Therefore, TiDB drops the support of CentOS 7 in v8.4.0 and v8.5.0. It is recommended to use Rocky Linux 9.1 or a later version. Upgrading a TiDB cluster on CentOS 7 to v8.4.0 or v8.5.0 will cause the risk of cluster unavailability. To assist users still using CentOS Linux 7, TiDB v8.5.1 resumes testing of CentOS Linux 7 and is compatible with it. For more information, see TiDB v8.5.1 Release Notes.
- According to Red Hat Enterprise Linux Life Cycle, the maintenance support for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 ended on June 30, 2024. TiDB ends the support for Red Hat

Enterprise Linux 7 starting from v8.4.0. It is recommended to use Rocky Linux 9.1 or a later version. Upgrading a TiDB cluster on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 to v8.4.0 or later will cause the cluster to become unavailable.

16.6.3.3 Removed features

- The following feature has been removed:
    - In v8.4.0, TiDB Binlog is removed. Starting from v8.3.0, TiDB Binlog is fully deprecated. For incremental data replication, use TiCDC instead. For point-in-time recovery (PITR), use PITR. Before you upgrade your TiDB cluster to v8.4.0 or later versions, be sure to switch to TiCDC and PITR.
- The following features are planned for removal in future versions:
    - Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB Lightning deprecates the old version of conflict detection strategy for the physical import mode, and enables you to control the conflict detection strategy for both logical and physical import modes via the `conflict.strategy` parameter. The `duplicate-resolution` parameter for the old version of conflict detection will be removed in a future release.

16.6.3.4 Deprecated features

The following features are planned for deprecation in future versions:

- In v8.0.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_auto_analyze_priority_queue` system variable to control whether priority queues are enabled to optimize the ordering of tasks that automatically collect statistics. In future releases, the priority queue will be the only way to order tasks for automatically collecting statistics, so this system variable will be deprecated.
- In v7.5.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats` system variable. You can use it to set TiDB to use asynchronous merging of partition statistics to avoid OOM issues. In future releases, partition statistics will be merged asynchronously, so this system variable will be deprecated.
- It is planned to redesign the automatic evolution of execution plan bindings in subsequent releases, and the related variables and behavior will change.
- In v8.0.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill` system variable to control whether TiDB supports disk spill for the concurrent HashAgg algorithm. In future versions, this system variable will be deprecated.
- In v5.1, TiDB introduces the `tidb_partition_prune_mode` system variable to control whether to enable the dynamic pruning mode for partitioned tables. Starting from v8.5.0, a warning is returned when you set this variable to `static` or `static-only`. In future versions, this system variable will be deprecated.

- The TiDB Lightning parameter `conflict.max-record-rows` is planned for deprecation in a future release and will be subsequently removed. This parameter will be replaced by `conflict.threshold`, which means that the maximum number of conflicting records is consistent with the maximum number of conflicting records that can be tolerated in a single import task.
- Starting from v6.3.0, partitioned tables use dynamic pruning mode by default. Compared with static pruning mode, dynamic pruning mode supports features such as IndexJoin and plan cache with better performance. Therefore, static pruning mode will be deprecated.

16.6.3.5 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Improve the response speed of job cancellation for the `ADD INDEX` acceleration feature when disabling the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) #56017 @lance6716
    - Improve the speed of adding indexes to small tables #54230 @tangenta
    - Add a new system variable `tidb_ddl_reorg_max_write_speed` to limit the maximum speed of the ingest phase when adding indexes #57156 @CbcWestwolf
    - Improve the performance of querying `information_schema.tables` in some cases #57295 @tangenta
    - Support dynamically adjusting more DDL job parameters #57526 @fzzf678
    - Support global indexes that contain all columns from a partition expression #56230 @Defined2014
    - Support partition pruning for list partitioned tables in range query scenarios #56673 @Defined2014
    - Enable FixControl#46177 by default to fix the issue that a full table scan is incorrectly selected instead of an index range scan in some cases #46177 @terry1purcell
    - Improve the internal estimation logic to better utilize statistics of multi-column and multi-value indexes, enhancing estimation accuracy for certain queries involving multi-value indexes #56915 @time-and-fate
    - Improve the cost estimation for full table scans in specific scenarios, reducing the probability of incorrectly choosing a full table scan #57085 @terry1purcell
    - Optimize the amount of data required for synchronous loading of statistics to improve loading performance #56812 @winoros
    - Optimize the execution plan in specific cases where an `OUTER JOIN` involves a unique index and an `ORDER BY ... LIMIT` clause, improving execution efficiency #56321 @winoros
- TiKV
    - Use a separate thread to clean up replicas, ensuring stable latency for critical paths of Raft reads and writes #16001 @hbisheng

- Improve the performance of the vector distance function by supporting SIMD #17290 @EricZequan

- PD

    - Support dynamic switching of the `tso` service between microservice and non-microservice modes #8477 @rleungx
    - Optimize the case format of certain fields in the `pd-ctl config` output #8694 @lhy1024
    - Store limit v2 becomes generally available (GA) #8865 @lhy1024
    - Support configuring Region inspection concurrency (experimental) #8866 @lhy1024

- TiFlash

    - Improve the garbage collection speed of outdated data in the background for tables with clustered indexes #9529 @JaySon-Huang
    - Improve query performance of vector search in data update scenarios #9599 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Add monitoring metrics for CPU usage during vector index building #9032 @JaySon-Huang
    - Improve the execution efficiency of logical operators #9146 @windtalker

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Reduce unnecessary log printing during backup #55902 @Leavrth
        - Optimize the error message for the encryption key `--crypter.key` #56388 @Tristan1900
        - Increase concurrency in BR when creating databases to improve data restore performance #56866 @Leavrth
        - Disable the table-level checksum calculation during full backups by default (`--checksum=false`) to improve backup performance #56373 @Tristan1900
        - Add a mechanism to independently track and reset the connection timeout for each storage node, enhancing the handling of slow nodes and preventing backup operations from hanging #57666 @3pointer

    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

        - Add retries for DM-worker to connect to DM-master during DM cluster startup #4287 @GMHDBJD

16.6.3.6 Bug fixes

- TiDB

- Fix the issue that TiDB does not automatically retry requests when the Region metadata returned from PD lacks Leader information, potentially causing execution errors #56757 @cfzjywxk
- Fix the issue that TTL tasks cannot be canceled when there is a write conflict #56422 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that when canceling a TTL task, the corresponding SQL is not killed forcibly #56511 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that existing TTL tasks are executed unexpectedly frequently in a cluster that is upgraded from v6.5 to v7.5 or later #56539 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that the `INSERT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY` statement is not compatible with `mysql_insert_id` #55965 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that TTL might fail if TiKV is not selected as the storage engine #56402 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the `AUTO_INCREMENT` field is not correctly set after importing data using the `IMPORT INTO` statement #56476 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that TiDB does not check the index length limitation when executing `ADD INDEX` #56930 @fzzf678
- Fix the issue that executing `RECOVER TABLE BY JOB JOB_ID;` might cause TiDB to panic #55113 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that stale read does not strictly verify the timestamp of the read operation, resulting in a small probability of affecting the consistency of the transaction when an offset exists between the TSO and the real physical time #56809 @MyonKeminta
- Fix the issue that TiDB could not resume Reorg DDL tasks from the previous progress after the DDL owner node is switched #56506 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that some metrics in the monitoring panel of Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) are inaccurate #57172 @fzzf678 #56942 @fzzf678
- Fix the issue that `REORGANIZE PARTITION` fails to return error reasons in certain cases #56634 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that querying `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES` returns incorrect results due to case sensitivity #56987 @joechenrh
- Fix the issue of illegal memory access that might occur when a Common Table Expression (CTE) has multiple data consumers and one consumer exits without reading any data #55881 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that `INDEX_HASH_JOIN` might hang during an abnormal exit #54055 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that the `TRUNCATE` statement returns incorrect results when handling `NULL` values #53546 @tuziemon
- Fix the issue that the `CAST AS CHAR` function returns incorrect results due to type inference errors #56640 @zimulala
- Fix the issue of truncated strings in the output of some functions due to type inference errors #56587 @joechenrh
- Fix the issue that the `ADDTIME()` and `SUBTIME()` functions returns incorrect results when their first argument is a date type #57569 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that invalid `NULL` values can be inserted in non-strict mode (`sql_`

↪ `mode = ''`) #56381 @joechenrh

- Fix the issue that the `UPDATE` statement incorrectly updates values of the `ENUM` type #56832 @xhebox
- Fix the issue that enabling the `tidb_low_resolution_tso` variable causes resource leaks during the execution of `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statements #55468 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the `JSON_TYPE()` function does not validate the parameter type, causing no errors returned when a non-JSON data type is passed #54029 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that using JSON functions in `PREPARE` statements might cause execution failures #54044 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that converting data from the `BIT` type to the `CHAR` type might cause TiKV panics #56494 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that using variables or parameters in the `CREATE VIEW` statement does not report errors #53176 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that the `JSON_VALID()` function returns incorrect results #56293 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that TTL tasks are not canceled after the `tidb_ttl_job_enable` variable is disabled #57404 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that using the `RANGE COLUMNS` partition function and the `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` collation at the same time could result in incorrect query results #57261 @Defined2014
- Fix the runtime error caused by executing a prepared statement that begins with a newline character, resulting in an array out of bounds #54283 @Defined2014
- Fix the precision issue in the `UTC_TIMESTAMP()` function, such as setting the precision too high #56451 @chagelo
- Fix the issue that foreign key errors are not omitted in `UPDATE`, `INSERT`, and `DELETE IGNORE` statements #56678 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that when querying the `information_schema.cluster_slow_query` table, if the time filter is not added, only the latest slow log file is queried #56100 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue of memory leaks in TTL tables #56934 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that foreign key constraints do not take effect for tables in `write_only` status, preventing using tables in `non-public` status #55813 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that using subqueries after the `NATURAL JOIN` or `USING` clause might result in errors #53766 @dash12653
- Fix the issue that if a CTE contains the `ORDER BY`, `LIMIT`, or `SELECT DISTINCT` clause and is referenced by the recursive part of another CTE, it might be incorrectly inlined and result in an execution error #56603 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that the CTE defined in `VIEW` is incorrectly inlined #56582 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that Plan Replayer might report an error when importing a table structure containing foreign keys #56456 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that Plan Replayer might report an error when importing a table structure containing Placement Rules #54961 @hawkingrei

- Fix the issue that when using `ANALYZE` to collect statistics for a table, if the table contains expression indexes of virtually generated columns, the execution reports an error #57079 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `DROP DATABASE` statement does not correctly trigger the corresponding update in statistics #57227 @Rustin170506
- Fix the issue that when parsing a database name in CTE, it returns a wrong database name #54582 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the upper bound and lower bound of the histogram are corrupted when `DUMP STATS` is transforming statistics into JSON #56083 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that `EXISTS` subquery results, when further involved in algebraic operations, could differ from the results in MySQL #56641 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that execution plan bindings cannot be created for the multi-table `DELETE` statement with aliases #56726 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the optimizer does not take into account the character set and collations when simplifying complex predicates, resulting in possible execution errors #56479 @dash12653
- Fix the issue that the data in the **Stats Healthy Distribution** panel of Grafana might be incorrect #57176 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that vector search might return incorrect results when querying tables with clustered indexes #57627 @winoros

- TiKV

  - Fix the panic issue that occurs when read threads access outdated indexes in the MemTable of the Raft Engine #17383 @LykxSassinator
  - Fix the issue that when a large number of transactions are queuing for lock release on the same key and the key is frequently updated, excessive pressure on deadlock detection might cause TiKV OOM issues #17394 @MyonKeminta
  - Fix the issue that CPU usage for background tasks of resource control is counted twice #17603 @glorv
  - Fix the issue that TiKV OOM might occur due to the accumulation of CDC internal tasks #17696 @3AceShowHand
  - Fix the issue that large batch writes cause performance jitter when `raft-entry-max-size` is set too high #17701 @SpadeA-Tang
  - Fix the issue that the leader could not be quickly elected after Region split #17602 @LykxSassinator
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when executing queries containing `RADIANS()` or `DEGREES()` functions #17852 @gengliqi
  - Fix the issue that write jitter might occur when all hibernated Regions are awakened #17101 @hhwyt

- PD

  - Fix the memory leak issue in hotspot cache #8698 @lhy1024
  - Fix the issue that the resource group selector does not take effect on any panel #56572 @glorv

- Fix the issue that deleted resource groups still appear in the monitoring panel #8716 @AndreMouche
- Fix unclear log descriptions during the Region syncer loading process #8717 @lhy1024
- Fix the memory leak issue in label statistics #8700 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that configuring `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy` to `0` or `OFF` fails to disable the TSO Follower Proxy feature #8709 @JmPotato

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING()` function does not support the `pos` and `len` arguments for certain integer types, causing query errors #9473 @gengliqi
    - Fix the issue that vector search performance might degrade after scaling out TiFlash write nodes in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9637 @kolafish
    - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING()` function returns incorrect results when the second parameter is negative #9604 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that the `REPLACE()` function returns an error when the first parameter is a constant #9522 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that `LPAD()` and `RPAD()` functions return incorrect results in some cases #9465 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that after creating a vector index, if the internal task for building the vector index is unexpectedly interrupted, it could result in TiFlash writing corrupted data and being unable to restart #9714 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix the OOM issue during backups when there are too many uncompleted range gaps, reducing the amount of pre-allocated memory #53529 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that global indexes cannot be backed up #57469 @Defined2014
        - Fix the issue that logs might print out encrypted information #57585 @kennytm
        - Fix the issue that the advancer cannot handle lock conflicts #57134 @3pointer
        - Fix potential security vulnerabilities by upgrading the `k8s.io/api` library version #57790 @BornChanger
        - Fix the issue that PITR tasks might return the `Information schema is out of date` error when there are a large number of tables in the cluster but the actual data size is small #57743 @Tristan1900
        - Fix the issue that log backup might unexpectedly enter a paused state when the advancer owner switches #58031 @3pointer
        - Fix the issue that the `tiup br restore` command omits checking whether the target cluster table already exists during database or table restoration, which might overwrite existing tables #58168 @RidRisR

    - TiCDC

- Fix the issue that the Kafka messages lack Key fields when using the Debezium protocol #1799 @wk989898
- Fix the issue that the redo module fails to properly report errors #11744 @CharlesCheung96
- Fix the issue that TiCDC mistakenly discards DDL tasks when the schema versions of DDL tasks become non-incremental during TiDB DDL owner changes #11714 @wlwilliamx

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to receive oversized messages sent from TiKV #56114 @fishiu
  - Fix the issue that the `AUTO_INCREMENT` value is set too high after importing data using the physical import mode #56814 @D3Hunter

16.6.3.7 Performance test

To learn about the performance of TiDB v8.5.0, you can refer to the performance test reports of the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

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16.7.1 TiDB 8.4.0 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start

8.4.0 introduces the following key features and improvements:

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<th>Feature/Enhancement</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td rowspan="4">Scalability and Performance</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/system-variables#tidb_enable
    ↪ _instance_plan_cache-new-in-v840">Instance-level execution plan cache
    ↪ </a> (experimental)</td>
<td>Instance-level plan cache allows all sessions within the same TiDB
    ↪ instance to share the plan cache. Compared with session-level plan
    ↪ cache, this feature reduces SQL compilation time by caching more
    ↪ execution plans in memory, decreasing overall SQL execution time. It
    ↪ improves OLTP performance and throughput while providing better
    ↪ control over memory usage and enhancing database stability.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/partitioned-table#global-
    ↪ indexes">Global indexes for partitioned tables</a> (GA)</td>
<td>Global indexes can effectively improve the efficiency of retrieving non-
    ↪ partitioned columns, and remove the restriction that a unique key
    ↪ must contain the partition key. This feature extends the usage
    ↪ scenarios of TiDB partitioned tables, and avoids some of the
    ↪ application modification work required for data migration.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/system-variables#tidb_tso_
    ↪ client_rpc_mode-new-in-v840">Parallel mode for TSO requests</a></td>
<td>In high-concurrency scenarios, you can use this feature to reduce the
    ↪ wait time for retrieving TSO and improve the cluster throughput.</td>
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<td>Improve query performance for <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8
    ↪ .4/cached-tables">cached tables</a></td>
<td>Improve query performance for index scanning on cached tables, with
    ↪ improvements of up to 5.4 times in some scenarios. For high-speed
    ↪ queries on small tables, using cached tables can significantly
    ↪ enhance overall performance.</td>
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<td rowspan="4">Reliability and Availability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/tidb-resource-control#query_
    ↪ limit-parameters">Support more triggers for runaway queries, and
    ↪ support switching resource groups</a></td>
<td>Runaway Queries offer an effective way to mitigate the impact of
    ↪ unexpected SQL performance issues on systems. TiDB v8.4.0 introduces
    ↪ the number of keys processed by the Coprocessor (<code>PROCESSED_KEYS
    ↪ </code>) and request units (<code>RU</code>) as identifying
    ↪ conditions, and puts identified queries into the specified resource
    ↪ group for more precise identification and control of runaway queries
    ↪ .</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/tidb-resource-control#
   ↪ background-parameters">Support setting the maximum limit on resource
   ↪ usage for background tasks of resource control</a></td>
<td>By setting a maximum percentage limit on background tasks of resource
   ↪ control, you can control their resource consumption based on the
   ↪ needs of different application systems. This keeps background task
   ↪ consumption at a low level and ensures the quality of online services
   ↪ .</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/tiproxy-traffic-replay">
   ↪ TiProxy supports traffic capture and replay</a> (experimental)</td>
<td>Use TiProxy to capture real workloads from TiDB production clusters
   ↪ before major operations such as cluster upgrades, migrations, or
   ↪ deployment changes. Replay these workloads on target test clusters to
   ↪  validate performance and ensure successful changes.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/system-variables#tidb_auto_
   ↪ analyze_concurrency-new-in-v840">Concurrent automatic statistics
   ↪ collection</a></td>
<td>Introduce the system variable <code>tidb_auto_analyze_concurrency</code>
   ↪  to control the number of concurrent auto-analyze operations within a
   ↪  TiDB cluster. TiDB automatically determines the concurrency of
   ↪ scanning tasks based on node scale and hardware specifications. This
   ↪ improves statistics collection efficiency by fully utilizing system
   ↪ resources, reduces manual tuning, and ensures stable cluster
   ↪ performance.</td>
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<td rowspan="1">SQL</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/vector-search-overview">
   ↪ Vector search</a> (experimental)</td>
<td>Vector search is a search method based on data semantics, which provides
   ↪  more relevant search results. As one of the core functions of AI and
   ↪  large language models (LLMs), vector search can be used in various
   ↪ scenarios such as Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), semantic
   ↪ search, and recommendation systems.</td>
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<td rowspan="3">DB Operations and Observability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/information-schema-
   ↪ processlist">Display TiKV and TiDB CPU times in memory tables</a></td
   ↪ >
<td>The CPU time is now integrated into a system table, displayed alongside
   ↪ other metrics for sessions or SQL, letting you observe high CPU
   ↪ consumption operations from multiple perspectives, and improving
   ↪ diagnostic efficiency. This is especially useful for diagnosing
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    ↪ scenarios such as CPU spikes in instances or read/write hotspots in
    ↪ clusters.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/top-sql#use-top-sql">Support
    ↪  viewing aggregated TiKV CPU time by table or database</a></td>
<td>When hotspot issues are not caused by individual SQL statements, using
    ↪ the aggregated CPU time by table or database level in Top SQL can
    ↪ help you quickly identify the tables or applications responsible for
    ↪ the hotspots, significantly improving the efficiency of diagnosing
    ↪ hotspot and CPU consumption issues.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/backup-and-restore-storages#
    ↪ authentication">Support backing up TiKV instances with IMDSv2 service
    ↪  enabled</a></td>
<td><a href="https://aws.amazon.com/cn/blogs/security/get-the-full-benefits-
    ↪ of-imdsv2-and-disable-imdsv1-across-your-aws-infrastructure/">AWS EC2
    ↪  now uses IMDSv2 as the default metadata service</a>. TiDB supports
    ↪ backing up data from TiKV instances that have IMDSv2 enabled, helping
    ↪  you run TiDB clusters more effectively in public cloud services.</td
    ↪ >
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<td rowspan="1">Security</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.4/br-pitr-manual#encrypt-log-
    ↪ backup-data">Client-side encryption of log backup data</a> (
    ↪ experimental) </td>
<td>Before uploading log backup data to your backup storage, you can encrypt
    ↪  the backup data to ensure its security during storage and
    ↪ transmission.</td>
```

16.7.1.1 Feature details

16.7.1.1.1 Performance

- Introduce parallel batching modes for TSO requests, reducing TSO retrieval latency #54960 #8432 @MyonKeminta

  Before v8.4.0, when requesting TSO from PD, TiDB collects multiple TSO requests during a specific period and processes them in batches serially to decrease the number of Remote Procedure Call (RPC) requests and reduce PD workload. In latency-sensitive scenarios, however, the performance of this serial batching mode is not ideal.

  In v8.4.0, TiDB introduces parallel batching modes for TSO requests with different concurrency capabilities. Parallel modes reduce TSO retrieval latency but might increase the PD workload. To set a parallel RPC mode for retrieving TSO, configure the `tidb_tso_client_rpc_mode` system variable.

For more information, see documentation.

- Optimize the execution efficiency of the hash join operator for TiDB (experimental) #55153 #53127 @windtalker @xzhangxian1008 @XuHuaiyu @wshwsh12

  In v8.4.0, TiDB introduces an optimized version of the hash join operator to improve its execution efficiency. Currently, the optimized version of the hash join applies only to inner join and outer join operations and is disabled by default. To enable this optimized version, configure the `tidb_hash_join_version` system variable to `optimized`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support pushing down the following date functions to TiKV #56297 #17529 @gengliqi

  - `DATE_ADD()`
  - `DATE_SUB()`
  - `ADDDATE()`
  - `SUBDATE()`

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support instance-level execution plan cache (experimental) #54057 @qw4990

  Instance-level execution plan cache allows all sessions within the same TiDB instance to share the execution plan cache. This feature significantly reduces TiDB query response time, increases cluster throughput, decreases the possibility of execution plan mutations, and maintains stable cluster performance. Compared with session-level execution plan cache, instance-level execution plan cache offers the following advantages:

  - Eliminates redundancy, caching more execution plans with the same memory consumption.
  - Allocates a fixed-size memory on the instance, limiting memory usage more effectively.

  In v8.4.0, instance-level execution plan cache only supports caching query execution plans and is disabled by default. You can enable this feature using `tidb_enable_instance_plan_cache` and set its maximum memory usage using `tidb_instance_plan_cache_max_size`. Before enabling this feature, disable Prepared execution plan cache and Non-prepared execution plan cache.

```
For more information, see [documentation](#tidb_enable_instance_plan_cache-new-in-v840).
```

- TiDB Lightning's logical import mode supports prepared statements and client statement cache #54850 @dbsid

  By enabling the `logical-import-prep-stmt` configuration item, the SQL statements executed in TiDB Lightning's logical import mode will use prepared statements and

client statement cache. This reduces the cost of TiDB SQL parsing and compilation, improves SQL execution efficiency, and increases the likelihood of hitting the execution plan cache, thereby speeding up logical import.

For more information, see documentation.

- Partitioned tables support global indexes (GA) #45133 @mjonss @Defined2014 @jiyfhust @L-maple

  In early TiDB versions, the partitioned table has some limitations because it does not support global indexes. For example, the unique key must use every column in the table's partition expression. If the query condition does not use the partition key, the query will scan all partitions, resulting in poor performance. Starting from v7.6.0, the system variable `tidb_enable_global_index` is introduced to enable the global index feature. But this feature was under development at that time and it is not recommended to enable it.

  Starting from v8.3.0, the global index feature is released as an experimental feature. You can explicitly create a global index for a partitioned table with the `GLOBAL` keyword. This removes the restriction that a unique key in a partitioned table must include all columns used in the partition expression, allowing for more flexible application requirements. Additionally, global indexes also improve the performance of queries based on non-partitioned columns.

  In v8.4.0, this feature becomes generally available (GA). You can use the keyword `GLOBAL` to create a global index, instead of setting the system variable `tidb_enable_global_index` to enable the global index feature. Starting from v8.4.0, this system variable is deprecated and is always `ON`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Improve query performance for cached tables in some scenarios #43249 @tiancaiamao

  In v8.4.0, TiDB improves the query performance of cached tables by up to 5.4 times when executing `SELECT ... LIMIT 1` with `IndexLookup`. In addition, TiDB improves the performance of `IndexLookupReader` in full table scan and primary key query scenarios.

16.7.1.1.2 Reliability

- Runaway queries support the number of processed keys and request units as thresholds #54434 @HuSharp

  Starting from v8.4.0, TiDB can identify runaway queries based on the number of processed keys (`PROCESSED_KEYS`) and request units (`RU`). Compared with execution time (`EXEC_ELAPSED`), these new thresholds more accurately define the resource consumption of queries, avoiding identification bias when overall performance decreases.

  You can set multiple conditions simultaneously, and a query is identified as a runaway query if any condition is met.

You can observe the corresponding fields (`RESOURCE_GROUP`, `MAX_REQUEST_UNIT_WRITE` ↪ , `MAX_REQUEST_UNIT_READ`, `MAX_PROCESSED_KEYS`) in the Statement Summary Tables to determine the condition values based on historical execution.

For more information, see documentation.

- Support switching resource groups for runaway queries #54434 @JmPotato

  Starting from TiDB v8.4.0, you can switch the resource group of runaway queries to a specific one. If the `COOLDOWN` mechanism fails to lower resource consumption, you can create a resource group, limit its resource size, and set the `SWITCH_GROUP` parameter to move identified runaway queries to this group. Meanwhile, subsequent queries within the same session will continue to execute in the original resource group. By switching resource groups, you can manage resource usage more precisely, and control the resource consumption more strictly.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support setting the cluster-level Region scattering strategy using the `tidb_scatter_` ↪ `region` system variable #55184 @D3Hunter

  Before v8.4.0, the `tidb_scatter_region` system variable can only be enabled or disabled. When it is enabled, TiDB applies a table-level scattering strategy during batch table creation. However, when creating hundreds of thousands of tables in a batch, this strategy results in a concentration of Regions in a few TiKV nodes, causing OOM (Out of Memory) issues in those nodes.

  Starting from v8.4.0, `tidb_scatter_region` is changed to the string type. It now supports a cluster-level scattering strategy, which can help avoid TiKV OOM issues in the preceding scenario.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support setting the maximum limit on resource usage for background tasks of resource control #56019 @glorv

  TiDB resource control can identify and lower the priority of background tasks. In certain scenarios, you might want to limit the resource consumption of background tasks, even when resources are available. Starting from v8.4.0, you can use the `UTILIZATION` ↪ `_LIMIT` parameter to set the maximum percentage of resources that background tasks can consume. Each node will keep the resource usage of all background tasks below this percentage. This feature enables precise control over resource consumption for background tasks, further enhancing cluster stability.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Optimize the resource allocation strategy of resource groups #50831 @nolouch

  TiDB improves the resource allocation strategy in v8.4.0 to better meet user expectations for resource management.

- Controlling the resource allocation of large queries at runtime to avoid exceeding the resource group limit, combined with runaway queries `COOLDOWN`. This can help identify and reduce the concurrency of large queries, and reduce instantaneous resource consumption.
- Adjusting the default priority scheduling strategy. When tasks of different priorities run simultaneously, high-priority tasks receive more resources.

16.7.1.1.3 Availability

- TiProxy supports traffic replay (experimental) #642 @djshow832

  Starting from TiProxy v1.3.0, you can use `tiproxyctl` to connect to the TiProxy instance, capture access traffic in a TiDB production cluster, and replay it in a test cluster at a specified rate. This feature enables you to reproduce actual workloads from the production cluster in a test environment, verifying SQL statement execution results and performance.

  Traffic replay is useful in the following scenarios:

  - Verify TiDB version upgrades
  - Assess change impact
  - Validate performance before scaling TiDB
  - Test performance limits

For more information, see documentation.

16.7.1.1.4 SQL

- Support vector search (experimental) #54245 #17290 #9032 @breezewish @Lloyd-Pottiger @EricZequan @zimulala @JaySon-Huang @winoros @wk989898

  Vector search is a search method based on data semantics, which provides more relevant search results. As one of the core functions of AI and large language models (LLMs), vector search can be used in various scenarios such as Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), semantic search, and recommendation systems.

  Starting from v8.4.0, TiDB supports vector data types and vector search indexes, offering powerful vector search capabilities. TiDB vector data types support up to 16,383 dimensions and support various distance functions, including L2 distance (Euclidean distance), cosine distance, negative inner product, and L1 distance (Manhattan distance).

  To start vector search, you only need to create a table with vector data types, insert vector data, and then perform a query of vector data. You can also perform mixed queries of vector data and traditional relational data.

To enhance the performance of vector search, you can create and use vector search indexes. Note that TiDB vector search indexes rely on TiFlash. Before using vector search indexes, make sure that TiFlash nodes are deployed in your TiDB cluster.

For more information, see documentation.

16.7.1.1.5 DB operations

- BR supports client-side encryption of log backup data (experimental) #55834 @Tristan1900

  In earlier TiDB versions, only snapshot backup data can be encrypted on the client side. Starting from v8.4.0, log backup data can also be encrypted on the client side. Before uploading log backup data to your backup storage, you can encrypt the backup data to ensure its security via one of the following methods:

  - Encrypt using a custom fixed key
  - Encrypt using a master key stored on a local disk
  - Encrypt using a master key managed by a Key Management Service (KMS)

For more information, see documentation.

- BR requires fewer privileges when restoring backup data in a cloud storage system #55870 @Leavrth

  Before v8.4.0, BR writes checkpoint information about the restore progress to the backup storage system during restore. These checkpoints enable quick resumption of interrupted restores. Starting from v8.4.0, BR writes restore checkpoint information to the target TiDB cluster instead. This means that BR only requires read access to the backup directories during restore.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.7.1.1.6 Observability

- Display the CPU time consumed by TiDB and TiKV in the system table #55542 @yibin87

  The Top SQL page of TiDB Dashboard displays SQL statements with high CPU consumption. Starting from v8.4.0, TiDB adds CPU time consumption information to the system table, presented alongside other metrics for sessions or SQL, making it easier to observe high CPU consumption operations from multiple perspectives. This information can help you quickly identify the causes of issues in scenarios like instance CPU spikes or read/write hotspots in clusters.

  - The statement summary tables add `AVG_TIDB_CPU_TIME` and `AVG_TIKV_CPU_TIME`, showing the average CPU time consumed by individual SQL statements historically.

- The INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PROCESSLIST table adds `TIDB_CPU` and `TIKV_CPU`, showing the cumulative CPU consumption of the SQL statements currently being executed in a session.
- The slow query log adds the `Tidb_cpu_time` and `Tikv_cpu_time` fields, showing the CPU time consumed by captured SQL statements.

By default, the CPU time consumed by TiKV is displayed. Collecting the CPU time consumed by TiDB brings additional overhead (about 8%), so the CPU time consumed by TiDB only shows the actual value when Top SQL is enabled; otherwise, it always shows as `0`.

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For more information, see [`INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PROCESSLIST`](#processlist)
    ↪ and [`INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SLOW_QUERY`](#slow_query).
```

- Top SQL supports viewing aggregated CPU time results by table or database #55540 @nolouch

  Before v8.4.0, Top SQL aggregates CPU time by SQL. If CPU time is not consumed by a few SQL statements, aggregation by SQL cannot effectively identify issues. Starting from v8.4.0, you can choose to aggregate CPU time **By TABLE** or **By DB**. In scenarios with multiple systems, the new aggregation method can more effectively identify load changes from a specific system, improving diagnostic efficiency.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.7.1.1.7 Security

- BR supports AWS IMDSv2 #16443 @pingyu

  When deploying TiDB on Amazon EC2, BR supports AWS Instance Metadata Service Version 2 (IMDSv2). You can configure your EC2 instance to allow BR to use the IAM role associated with the instance for appropriate permissions to access Amazon S3.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.7.1.1.8 Data migration

- TiCDC Claim-Check supports sending only the `value` field of Kafka messages to external storage #11396 @3AceShowHand

  Before v8.4.0, when the Claim-Check feature is enabled (by setting `large-message-handle-option` to `claim-check`), TiCDC encodes and stores both the `key` and `value` fields in the external storage system when handling large messages.

  Starting from v8.4.0, TiCDC supports sending only the `value` field of Kafka messages to external storage. This feature is only applicable to non-Open Protocol protocols. You can control this feature by setting the `claim-check-raw-value` parameter.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC introduces Checksum V2 to verify old values in Update or Delete events #10969 @3AceShowHand

  Starting from v8.4.0, TiDB and TiCDC introduce the Checksum V2 algorithm to address issues of Checksum V1 in verifying old values in Update or Delete events after `ADD COLUMN` or `DROP COLUMN` operations. For clusters created in v8.4.0 or later, or clusters upgraded to v8.4.0, TiDB uses Checksum V2 by default when single-row data checksum verification is enabled. TiCDC supports handling both Checksum V1 and V2. This change only affects TiDB and TiCDC internal implementation and does not affect checksum calculation methods for downstream Kafka consumers.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.7.1.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v8.3.0 to the current version (v8.4.0). If you are upgrading from v8.2.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.7.1.2.1 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
`log_bin`	Deleted	In v8.4.0, TiDB Binlog is removed. This variable indicates whether TiDB Binlog is used, and is deleted starting from v8.4.0.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`sql_log_bin`	Deleted	In v8.4.0, TiDB Binlog is removed. This variable indicates whether to write changes to TiDB Binlog or not, and is deleted starting from v8.4.0.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_global_index	Deprecated	In v8.4.0, this variable is deprecated. Its value will be fixed to the default value ON, that is, global index is enabled by default. You only need to add the keyword GLOBAL to the corresponding column when executing CREATE TABLE or ALTER TABLE to create a

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_list_partition	Deprecated	In v8.4.0, this variable is deprecated. Its value will be fixed to the default value `ON`, that is, list partitioning is enabled by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_table_partition	Deprecated	In v8.4.0, this variable is deprecated. Its value will be fixed to the default value ON, that is, table partitioning is enabled by default.
tidb_analyze_partition_concurrency	Modified	Changes the value range from [1, 184467440737095 to [1, 128] .

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_enable_inl_join_inner_multi_pattern`	Modified	Changes the default value from `OFF` to `ON`. Starting from v8.4.0, Index Join is supported by default when the inner table has `Selection`, `Aggregation`, or `Projection` operators on it.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ prefer ↪ _ ↪ range ↪ _ ↪ scan	Modified	Changes the default value from OFF to ON. For tables with no statistics (pseudo-statistics) or empty tables (zero statistics), the optimizer prefers interval scans over full table scans.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ scatter ↪ _ ↪ region ↪	Modified	Before v8.4.0, its type is boolean, it only supports ON and OFF, and the Region of the newly created table only supports table level scattering after it is enabled. Starting from v8.4.0, the SESSION ↪ scope is added, the type is changed from boolean to enumeration, the default

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ schema ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _ ↪ size	Modified	Changes the default value from 0 to 536870912 ↪ (512 MiB), indicating that this feature is enabled by default. The minimum value allowed is set to 67108864 ↪ (64 MiB).

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ auto ↪ _ ↪ analyze ↪ _ ↪ concurrency ↪	Newly added	Sets the concurrency for auto-analyze operations within a TiDB cluster. Before v8.4.0, this concurrency is fixed at 1. To speed up statistics collection tasks, you can increase this concurrency based on your cluster's available resources.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_instance_plan_cache	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the Instance Plan Cache feature.
tidb_enable_stats_owner	Newly added	Controls whether the corresponding TiDB instance can run automatic statistics update tasks.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_hash_join_version	Newly added	Controls whether TiDB uses an optimized version of the Hash Join operator. The default value of `legacy` means that the optimized version is not used. If you set it to `optimized`, TiDB uses the optimized version of the Hash Join operator when executing it to improve Hash

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_instance_plan_cache_max_size	Newly added	Sets the maximum memory usage for Instance Plan Cache.
tidb_instance_plan_cache_reserved_percentage	Newly added	Controls the percentage of idle memory reserved for Instance Plan Cache after memory eviction.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ pre_ ↪ split ↪ _ ↪ regions ↪	Newly added	Before v8.4.0, setting the default number of row split slices for newly created tables required declaring PRE_ ↪ SPLIT ↪ _ ↪ REGIONS ↪ in each CREATE ↪ ↪ TABLE ↪ SQL statement, which is complicated once a large number of tables need to be similarly configured. This vari-

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ shard ↪ _row ↪ _id_ ↪ bits	Newly added	Before v8.4.0, setting the default number of slices for row IDs for newly created tables required declaring SHARD_ ↪ ROW ↪ _ID ↪ _ ↪ BITS ↪ in each CREATE ↪ ↪ TABLE ↪ or ALTER ↪ TABLE ↪ SQL statement, which is complicated once a large number of tables need to be similarly config-

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ tso_ ↪ client ↪ _rpc ↪ _ ↪ mode	Newly added	Switches the mode in which TiDB sends TSO RPC requests to PD. The mode determines whether TSO RPC requests can be processed in parallel and affects the time spent on batch-waiting for each TS retrieval operation, thereby helping reduce the wait time for

Variable name	Change type	Description

16.7.1.2.2 Configuration parameters

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`grpc-` ↪ `keepalive` ↪ `-` ↪ `time`	Modified	Adds the minimum value of `1`.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`grpc-keepalive-timeout`	Modified	Before v8.4.0, the data type of this parameter is INT, and the minimum value is `1`. Starting from v8.4.0, the data type is changed to FLOAT64, and the minimum value becomes `0.05`. In scenarios where network jitter occurs frequently, you can reduce the impact of network jitter on performance by setting a smaller

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`tidb_enable_stats_owner`	Newly added	Controls whether the corresponding TiDB instance can run automatic statistics update tasks.
TiKV	`region-split-keys`	Modified	Changes the default value from `"960000"` to `"2560000"`.
TiKV	`region-split-size`	Modified	Changes the default value from `"96MiB"` to `"256MiB"`.
TiKV	`sst-max-size`	Modified	Changes the default value from `"144MiB"` to `"384MiB"`.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`pessimistic-txn.in-memory-instance-size-limit`	Newly added	Controls the memory usage limit for in-memory pessimistic locks in a TiKV instance. When this limit is exceeded, TiKV writes pessimistic locks persistently.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	pessimistic-txn.in-memory.peer-size-limit	Newly added	Controls the memory usage limit for in-memory pessimistic locks in a Region. When this limit is exceeded, TiKV writes pessimistic locks persistently.
TiKV	raft-engine.spill-dir	Newly added	Controls the secondary directory where TiKV instances store Raft log files for supporting multi-disk storage of Raft log files.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`resource-control.priority-ctl-strategy`	Newly added	Controls the management policies for low priority tasks. TiKV ensures that higher priority tasks are executed first by adding flow control to low priority tasks.
PD	`cert-allowed-cn`	Modified	Starting from v8.4.0, configuring multiple `Common Names` is supported. Before v8.4.0, only one `Common Name` can be set.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`max-merge-region-keys`	Modified	Changes the default value from `200000` to `540000`.
PD	`max-merge-region-size`	Modified	Changes the default value from `20` to `54`.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `format` ↪ `_` ↪ `version` ↪	Modified	Changes the default TiFlash storage format version from `5` to `7` to support vector index creation and storage. Due to this format change, TiFlash clusters upgraded to v8.4.0 or a later version do not support in-place downgrading to earlier versions.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Binlog	-- ↪ `enable` ↪ - ↪ `binlog` ↪	Deleted	In v8.4.0, TiDB Binlog is removed. This parameter controls whether to enable TiDB binlog generation or not, and is deleted starting from v8.4.0.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`claim-check-raw-value`	Newly added	Controls whether TiCDC sends only the `value` field of Kafka messages to external storage. This feature is only applicable to non-Open Protocol scenarios.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`logical` ↪ `-` ↪ `import` ↪ `-` ↪ `prep` ↪ `-` ↪ `stmt`	Newly added	In Logical Import Mode, this parameter controls whether to use prepared statements and statement cache to improve performance. The default value is `false`.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
BR	`--log.crypter.key`	Newly added	Specifies the encryption key in hexadecimal string format for log backup data. It is a 128-bit (16 bytes) key for the algorithm `aes128-ctr`, a 24-byte key for the algorithm `aes192-ctr`, and a 32-byte key for the algorithm `aes256-ctr`.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
BR	`--log.crypter.key-file`	Newly added	Specifies the key file for log backup data. You can directly pass in the file path where the key is stored as a parameter without passing in the `crypter.key`.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
BR	`--log.crypter.method`	Newly added	Specifies the encryption algorithm for log backup data, which can be `aes128-ctr`, `aes192-ctr`, or `aes256-ctr`. The default value is `plaintext`, indicating that data is not encrypted.

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
BR	`--` ↪ `master` ↪ `-key`	Newly added	Specifies the master key for log backup data. It can be a master key stored on a local disk or a master key managed by a cloud Key Management Service (KMS).

Configuration file or component	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
BR	`--master-key-crypter-method`	Newly added	Specifies the encryption algorithm based on the master key for log backup data, which can be `aes128-ctr`, `aes192-ctr`, or `aes256-ctr`. The default value is `plaintext`, indicating that data is not encrypted.

16.7.1.2.3 Offline package changes

Starting from v8.4.0, the following contents are removed from the `TiDB-community-toolkit` binary package:

- `pump-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz`
- `drainer-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz`
- `binlogctl`

- `arbiter`

16.7.1.2.4 Operating system and platform requirement changes

Before upgrading TiDB, ensure that your operating system version meets the OS and platform requirements.

- According to CentOS Linux EOL, the upstream support for CentOS Linux 7 ended on June 30, 2024. Therefore, TiDB drops the support of CentOS 7 in v8.4.0. It is recommended to use Rocky Linux 9.1 or a later version. Upgrading a TiDB cluster on CentOS 7 to v8.4.0 will cause the cluster to become unavailable.
- According to Red Hat Enterprise Linux Life Cycle, the maintenance support for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 ended on June 30, 2024. TiDB ends the support for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 starting from the 8.4 DMR version. It is recommended to use Rocky Linux 9.1 or a later version. Upgrading a TiDB cluster on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 to v8.4.0 or later will cause the cluster to become unavailable.

16.7.1.3 Removed features

- The following features are removed starting from v8.4.0:
    - In v8.4.0, TiDB Binlog is removed. Starting from v8.3.0, TiDB Binlog is fully deprecated. For incremental data replication, use TiCDC instead. For point-in-time recovery (PITR), use PITR. Before you upgrade your TiDB cluster to v8.4.0 or later versions, be sure to switch to TiCDC and PITR.
- The following features are planned for removal in future versions:
    - Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB Lightning deprecates the old version of conflict detection strategy for the physical import mode, and enables you to control the conflict detection strategy for both logical and physical import modes via the `conflict.strategy` parameter. The `duplicate-resolution` parameter for the old version of conflict detection will be removed in a future release.

16.7.1.4 Deprecated features

The following features are planned for deprecation in future versions:

- TiDB introduces the system variable `tidb_enable_auto_analyze_priority_queue`, which controls whether priority queues are enabled to optimize the ordering of tasks that automatically collect statistics. In future releases, the priority queue will be the only way to order tasks for automatically collecting statistics, so this system variable will be deprecated.

- TiDB introduces the system variable `tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats` in v7.5.0. You can use it to set TiDB to use asynchronous merging of partition statistics to avoid OOM issues. In future releases, partition statistics will be merged asynchronously, so this system variable will be deprecated.
- It is planned to redesign the automatic evolution of execution plan bindings in subsequent releases, and the related variables and behavior will change.
- In v8.0.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill` system variable to control whether TiDB supports disk spill for the concurrent HashAgg algorithm. In future versions, the `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill` system variable will be deprecated.
- The TiDB Lightning parameter `conflict.max-record-rows` is planned for deprecation in a future release and will be subsequently removed. This parameter will be replaced by `conflict.threshold`, which means that the maximum number of conflicting records is consistent with the maximum number of conflicting records that can be tolerated in a single import task.
- Starting from v6.3.0, partitioned tables use dynamic pruning mode by default. Compared with static pruning mode, dynamic pruning mode supports features such as IndexJoin and plan cache with better performance. Therefore, static pruning mode will be deprecated.

16.7.1.5 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Optimize the efficiency of constructing BatchCop tasks when scanning a large amount of data #55915 #55413 @wshwsh12
    - Optimize the transaction's buffer to reduce write latency in transactions and TiDB CPU usage #55287 @you06
    - Optimize the execution performance of DML statements when the system variable `tidb_dml_type` is set to `"bulk"` #50215 @ekexium
    - Support using Optimizer Fix Control 47400 to control whether the optimizer limits the minimum value estimated for `estRows` to `1`, which is consistent with databases such as Oracle and Db2 #47400 @terry1purcell
    - Add write control to the `mysql.tidb_runaway_queries` log table to reduce overhead caused by a large number of concurrent writes #54434 @HuSharp
    - Support Index Join by default when the inner table has `Selection`, `Projection`, or `Aggregation` operators on it #47233 @winoros
    - Reduce the number of column details fetched from TiKV for `DELETE` operations in certain scenarios, lowering the resource overhead of these operations #38911 @winoros
    - Support setting the concurrency for auto-analyze operations within a TiDB cluster using the system variable `tidb_auto_analyze_concurrency` #53460 @hawkingrei
    - Optimize the logic of an internal function to improve performance when querying tables with numerous columns #52112 @Rustin170506

- Simplify filter conditions like `a = 1 AND (a > 1 OR (a = 1 AND b = 2))` to `a = 1 AND b = 2` #56005 @ghazalfamilyusa
- Increase the cost of table scans in the cost model for scenarios with a high risk of suboptimal execution plans, making the optimizer prefer indexes #56012 @terry1purcell
- TiDB supports the two-argument variant `MID(str, pos)` #52420 @dveeden
- Support splitting TTL tasks for tables with non-binary primary keys #55660 @lcwangchao
- Optimize performance of system metadata-related statements #50305 @ywqzzy @tangenta @joechenrh @CbcWestwolf
- Implement a new priority queue for auto-analyze operations to improve analyze performance and reduce the cost of rebuilding the queue #55906 @Rustin170506
- Introduce a DDL notifier to allow the statistics module to subscribe to DDL events #55722 @fzzf678 @lance6716 @Rustin170506
- Force new TiDB nodes to take over DDL ownership during TiDB upgrades to avoid compatibility issues caused by old TiDB nodes taking ownership #51285 @wjhuang2016
- Support cluster-level Scatter Region #8424 @River2000i

- TiKV

  - Increase the default value of Region from 96 MiB to 256 MiB to avoid the extra overhead caused by too many Regions #17309 @LykxSassinator
  - Support setting memory usage limits for in-memory pessimistic locks in a Region or TiKV instance. When hot write scenarios cause a large number of pessimistic locks, you can increase the memory limits via configuration. This helps avoid CPU and I/O overhead caused by pessimistic locks being written to disk. #17542 @cfzjywxk
  - Introduce a new `spill-dir` configuration item in Raft Engine, supporting multi-disk storage for Raft logs; when the disk where the home directory (`dir`) is located runs out of space, the Raft Engine automatically writes new logs to `spill-dir`, ensuring continuous operation of the system #17356 @LykxSassinator
  - Optimize the compaction trigger mechanism of RocksDB to accelerate disk space reclamation when handling a large number of DELETE versions #17269 @AndreMouche
  - Support dynamically modifying flow-control configurations for write operations #17395 @glorv
  - Improve the speed of Region Merge in scenarios with empty tables and small Regions #17376 @LykxSassinator
  - Prevent Pipelined DML from blocking resolved-ts for long periods #17459 @ekexium

- PD

  - Support graceful offline of TiKV nodes during data import by TiDB Lightning #7853 @okJiang

- Rename `scatter-range` to `scatter-range-scheduler` in `pd-ctl` commands #8379 @okJiang
- Add conflict detection for `grant-hot-leader-scheduler` #4903 @lhy1024

- TiFlash

  - Optimize the execution efficiency of `LENGTH()` and `ASCII()` functions #9344 @xzhangxian1008
  - Reduce the number of threads that TiFlash needs to create when processing disaggregated storage and compute requests, helping avoid crashes of TiFlash compute nodes when processing a large number of such requests #9334 @JinheLin
  - Enhance the task waiting mechanism in the pipeline execution model #8869 @SeaRise
  - Improve the cancel mechanism of the JOIN operator, so that the JOIN operator can respond to cancel requests in a timely manner #9430 @windtalker

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Disable splitting Regions by table to improve restore speed when restoring data to a cluster where the `split-table` and `split-region-on-table` configuration items are `false` (default value) #53532 @Leavrth
    - Disable full data restoration to a non-empty cluster using the `RESTORE` SQL statement by default #55087 @BornChanger

16.7.1.6 Bug fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue that a deadlock might occur when the `tidb_restricted_read_only` variable is set to `true` #53822 #55373 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that TiDB does not wait for auto-commit transactions to complete during graceful shutdown #55464 @YangKeao
  - Fix the issue that reducing the value of `tidb_ttl_delete_worker_count` during TTL job execution makes the job fail to complete #55561 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the issue that if the index of a table contains generated columns, an `Unknown column 'column_name' in 'expression'` error might occur when collecting statistics for the table via the `ANALYZE` statement #55438 @hawkingrei
  - Deprecate unnecessary configurations related to statistics to reduce redundant code #55043 @Rustin170506
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might hang or return incorrect results when executing a query containing a correlated subquery and CTE #55551 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that disabling `lite-init-stats` might cause statistics to fail to load synchronously #54532 @hawkingrei

- Fix the issue that when an `UPDATE` or `DELETE` statement contains a recursive CTE, the statement might report an error or not take effect #55666 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that a SQL binding containing window functions might not take effect in some cases #55981 @winoros
- Fix the issue that statistics for string columns with non-binary collations might fail to load when initializing statistics #55684 @winoros
- Fix the issue that the optimizer incorrectly estimates the number of rows as 1 when accessing a unique index with the query condition `column IS NULL` #56116 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the optimizer does not use the best multi-column statistics information for row count estimation when the query contains filter conditions like `(... AND ...)OR (... AND ...)...` #54323 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that the `read_from_storage` hint might not take effect when the query has an available Index Merge execution plan #56217 @AilinKid
- Fix the data race issue in `IndexNestedLoopHashJoin` #49692 @solotzg
- Fix the issue that the `SUB_PART` value in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATISTICS` table is `NULL` #55812 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that an error occurs when a DML statement contains nested generated columns #53967 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that the integer type of data with minimum display length in the division operation might cause the division result to overflow #55837 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that the operator that follows the TopN operator can not trigger the fallback action when the memory limit is exceeded #56185 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that the `ORDER BY` column in the Sort operator is stuck if it contains a constant #55344 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that when adding an index, the `8223 (HY000)` error occurs after killing the PD leader and the data in the table is inconsistent #55488 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that too many DDL history jobs cause OOM when you request information about history DDL jobs #55711 @joccau
- Fix the issue that executing `IMPORT INTO` is stuck when Global Sort is enabled and the Region size exceeds 96 MiB #55374 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that executing `IMPORT INTO` on a temporary table causes TiDB to crash #55970 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that adding a unique index causes the `duplicate entry` error #56161 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning does not ingest all KV pairs when TiKV is down for more than 810 seconds, resulting in inconsistent data in the table #55808 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that the `CREATE TABLE LIKE` statement can not be used for cached tables #56134 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the confusing warning message for `FORMAT()` expressions in CTE #56198 @dveeden
- Fix the issue that column type restrictions are inconsistent between `CREATE TABLE` and `ALTER TABLE` when creating a partitioned table #56094 @mjonss
- Fix the incorrect time type in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.RUNAWAY_WATCHES` table

#54770 @HuSharp

- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that prevents master key rotation when the master key is stored in a Key Management Service (KMS) #17410 @hhwyt
    - Fix a traffic control issue that might occur after deleting large tables or partitions #17304 @Connor1996
    - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when a stale replica processes Raft snapshots, triggered by a slow split operation and immediate removal of the new replica #17469 @hbisheng
- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to parse the table schema when the table contains Bit-type columns with a default value that contains invalid characters #9461 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic due to spurious Region overlap check failures that occur when multiple Regions are concurrently applying snapshots #9329 @CalvinNeo
    - Fix the issue that some JSON functions unsupported by TiFlash are pushed down to TiFlash #9444 @windtalker
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the issue that the PITR checkpoint interval in monitoring abnormally increased when TiDB nodes stopped, which does not reflect the actual situation #42419 @YuJuncen
        - Fix the issue that backup tasks might get stuck if TiKV becomes unresponsive during the backup process #53480 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that BR logs might print sensitive credential information when log backup is enabled #55273 @RidRisR
        - Fix the issue that after a log backup PITR task fails and you stop it, the safepoints related to that task are not properly cleared in PD #17316 @Leavrth
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Fix the issue that multiple DM-master nodes might simultaneously become leaders, leading to data inconsistency #11602 @GMHDBJD
        - Fix the issue that DM does not set the default database when processing the `ALTER DATABASE` statement, which causes a replication error #11503 @lance6716
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning reports a `verify allocator base ↪ failed` error when two instances simultaneously start parallel import tasks and are assigned the same task ID #55384 @ei-sugimoto

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16.8 v8.3

16.8.1 TiDB 8.3.0 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start

8.3.0 introduces the following key features and improvements:

```
<th>Category</th>
<th>Feature/Enhancement</th>
<th>Description</th>
```

```
<td rowspan="3">Scalability and Performance</td>
<td> <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.3/partitioned-table#global-
    ↪ indexes">Global indexes for partitioned tables (experimental)</a></td
    ↪ >
<td>Global indexes can effectively improve the efficiency of retrieving non-
    ↪ partitioned columns, and remove the restriction that a unique key
    ↪ must contain the partition key. This feature extends the usage
    ↪ scenarios of TiDB partitioned tables and avoids some of the
    ↪ application modification work that might be required for data
    ↪ migration.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.3/system-variables#tidb_opt_
    ↪ projection_push_down-new-in-v610">Default pushdown of the <code>
    ↪ Projection</code> operator to the storage engine</a></td>
```

```
<td>Pushing the <code>Projection</code> operator down to the storage engine
    ↪ can distribute the load across storage nodes while reducing data
    ↪ transfer between nodes. This optimization helps to reduce the
    ↪ execution time for certain SQL queries and improves the overall
    ↪ database performance.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.3/statistics#collect-
    ↪ statistics-on-some-columns">Ignoring unnecessary columns when
    ↪ collecting statistics</a></td>
<td>Under the premise of ensuring that the optimizer can obtain the
    ↪ necessary information, TiDB speeds up statistics collection, improves
    ↪  the timeliness of statistics, and thus ensures that the optimal
    ↪ execution plan is selected, improving the performance of the cluster.
    ↪  Meanwhile, TiDB also reduces the system overhead and improves the
    ↪ resource utilization.</td>
```

```
<td rowspan="1">Reliability and Availability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.3/tiproxy-overview">Built-in
    ↪ virtual IP management in TiProxy</a></td>
<td>TiProxy introduces built-in virtual IP management. When configured, it
    ↪ supports automatic virtual IP switching without relying on external
    ↪ platforms or tools. This feature simplifies TiProxy deployment and
    ↪ reduces the complexity of the database access layer.</td>
```

16.8.1.1 Feature details

16.8.1.1.1 Performance

- The optimizer allows pushing the `Projection` operator down to the storage engine by default #51876 @yibin87

  Pushing the `Projection` operator down to the storage engine reduces data transfer between the compute engine and the storage engine, thereby improving SQL execution performance. This is particularly effective for queries containing JSON query functions or JSON value attribute functions. Starting from v8.3.0, TiDB enables the `Projection` ↪ operator pushdown feature by default, by changing the default value of the system variable controlling this feature, `tidb_opt_projection_push_down`, from `OFF` to `ON`. When this feature is enabled, the optimizer automatically pushes eligible JSON query functions and JSON value attribute functions down to the storage engine.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Optimize batch processing strategy for KV (key-value) requests #55206 @zyguan

  TiDB fetches data by sending KV requests to TiKV. Batching and processing KV requests in bulk can significantly improve execution performance. Before v8.3.0, the

batching strategy in TiDB is less efficient. Starting from v8.3.0, TiDB introduces several more efficient batching strategies in addition to the existing one. You can configure different batching strategies using the `tikv-client.batch-policy` configuration item to accommodate various workloads.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash introduces HashAgg aggregation calculation modes to improve the performance for high NDV data #9196 @guo-shaoge

  Before v8.3.0, TiFlash has low aggregation calculation efficiency during the first stage of HashAgg aggregation when handling data with high NDV (number of distinct values). Starting from v8.3.0, TiFlash introduces multiple HashAgg aggregation calculation modes to improve the aggregation performance for different data characteristics. To choose a desired HashAgg aggregation calculation mode, you can configure the `tiflash_hashagg_preaggregation_mode` system variable.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Ignore unnecessary columns when collecting statistics #53567 @hi-rustin

  When the optimizer generates an execution plan, it only needs statistics for some columns, such as columns in the filter conditions, columns in the join keys, and columns used for aggregation. Starting from v8.3.0, TiDB continuously observes the historical records of the columns used in SQL statements. By default, TiDB only collects statistics for columns with indexes and columns that are observed to require statistics collection. This speeds up the collection of statistics and avoids unnecessary resource consumption.

  When you upgrade your cluster from a version earlier than v8.3.0 to v8.3.0 or later, TiDB retains the original behavior by default, that is, collecting statistics for all columns. To enable this feature, you need to manually set the system variable `tidb_analyze_column_options` to `PREDICATE`. For newly deployed clusters, this feature is enabled by default.

  For analytical systems with many random queries, you can set the system variable `tidb_analyze_column_options` to `ALL` to collect statistics for all columns, to ensure the performance of random queries. For other types of systems, it is recommended to keep the default setting (`PREDICATE`) of `tidb_analyze_column_options` to collect statistics for only necessary columns.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Improve the query performance of some system tables #50305 @tangenta

  In previous versions, querying system tables has poor performance when the cluster size becomes large and there are a large number of tables.

  In v8.0.0, query performance is optimized for the following four system tables:

  - `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES`
  - `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATISTICS`

- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.KEY_COLUMN_USAGE`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS`

In v8.3.0, the query performance is optimized for the following system tables, bringing a multi-fold performance improvement compared to v8.2.0.

```
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CHECK_CONSTRAINTS`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PARTITIONS`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SCHEMATA`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SEQUENCES`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLE_CONSTRAINTS`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_CHECK_CONSTRAINTS`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TiDB_INDEXES`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_INDEX_USAGE`
- `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.VIEWS`
```

- Support partition pruning when partition expressions use the `EXTRACT(YEAR_MONTH ...)` function to improve query performance #54209 @mjonss

  In previous versions, when partition expressions use the `EXTRACT(YEAR_MONTH...)` function, partition pruning is not supported, resulting in poor query performance. Starting from v8.3.0, partition pruning is supported when partition expressions use the `EXTRACT(YEAR_MONTH...)` function, which improves query performance.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Improve the performance of `CREATE TABLE` by 1.4 times, `CREATE DATABASE` by 2.1 times, and `ADD COLUMN` by 2 times #54436 @D3Hunter

  TiDB v8.0.0 introduces the system variable `tidb_enable_fast_create_table` to improve table creation performance in batch table creation scenarios. In v8.3.0, when submitting the DDL statements for table creation concurrently through 10 sessions in a single database, the performance is improved by 1.4 times compared with v8.2.0.

  In v8.3.0, the performance of general DDLs in batch execution has improved compared to v8.2.0. The performance of `CREATE DATABASE` for 10 sessions concurrently improves by 19 times compared with v8.1.0 and 2.1 times compared with v8.2.0. The performance of using 10 sessions to add columns (`ADD COLUMN`) to multiple tables in the same database in batch has improved by 10 times compared with v8.1.0, and 2.1 times compared with v8.2.0. The performance of `ADD COLUMN` with 10 sessions on multiple tables in the same database has improved by 10 times compared with v8.1.0 and 2 times compared with v8.2.0.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Partitioned tables support global indexes (experimental) #45133 @mjonss @Defined2014 @jiyfhust @L-maple

In previous versions of partitioned tables, some limitations exist because global indexes are not supported. For example, the unique key must use every column in the table's partitioning expression. If the query condition does not use the partitioning key, the query will scan all partitions, resulting in poor performance. Starting from v7.6.0, the system variable `tidb_enable_global_index` is introduced to enable the global index feature. But this feature was under development at that time and it is not recommended to enable it.

Starting with v8.3.0, the global index feature is released as an experimental feature. You can explicitly create a global index for a partitioned table with the keyword `Global` ↪ to remove the restriction that the unique key must use every column in the table's partitioning expression, to meet flexible business needs. Global indexes also enhance the performance of queries that do not include partition keys.

For more information, see documentation.

16.8.1.1.2 Reliability

- Support streaming cursor result sets (experimental) #54526 @YangKeao

  When the application code retrieves the result set using Cursor Fetch, TiDB usually first stores the complete result set in memory, and then returns the data to the client in batches. If the result set is too large, TiDB might temporarily write the result to the hard disk.

  Starting from v8.3.0, if you set the system variable `tidb_enable_lazy_cursor_fetch` to `ON`, TiDB no longer reads all data to the TiDB node, but gradually reads data to the TiDB node as the client reads. When TiDB processes large result sets, this feature reduces the memory usage of the TiDB node and improves the stability of the cluster.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Enhance SQL execution plan binding #55280 #55343 @time-and-fate

  In OLTP scenarios, the optimal execution plan for most SQL statements is fixed. Implementing SQL execution plan binding for important SQL statements in the application can reduce the probability of the execution plan becoming worse and improve system stability. To meet the requirements of creating a large number of SQL execution plan bindings, TiDB enhances the capability and experience of SQL binding, including:

  - Use a single SQL statement to create SQL execution plan bindings from multiple historical execution plans to improve the efficiency of creating bindings.
  - The SQL execution plan binding supports more optimizer hints, and optimizes the conversion method for complex execution plans, making the binding more stable in restoring the execution plan.

For more information, see documentation.

16.8.1.1.3 Availability

- TiProxy supports built-in virtual IP management #583 @djshow832

  Before v8.3.0, when using primary-secondary mode for high availability, TiProxy requires an additional component to manage the virtual IP address. Starting from v8.3.0, TiProxy supports built-in virtual IP management. In primary-secondary mode, when a primary node fails over, the new primary node will automatically bind to the specified virtual IP, ensuring that clients can always connect to an available TiProxy through the virtual IP.

  To enable virtual IP management, specify the virtual IP address using the TiProxy configuration item `ha.virtual-ip` and specify the network interface to bind the virtual IP to using `ha.interface`. The virtual IP will be bound to a TiProxy instance only when both of these configuration items are set.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.8.1.1.4 SQL

- Support upgrading `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` to exclusive locks #54999 @cfzjywxk

  TiDB does not support `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` yet. Starting from v8.3.0, TiDB supports upgrading `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE` to exclusive locks to enable support for `SELECT LOCK IN SHARE MODE`. You can control whether to enable this feature by using the new system variable `tidb_enable_shared_lock_promotion`.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.8.1.1.5 Observability

- Show the progress of loading initial statistics #53564 @hawkingrei

  TiDB loads basic statistics when it starts. In scenarios with many tables or partitions, this process can take a long time. When the configuration item `force-init-stats` is set to `ON`, TiDB does not provide services until the initial statistics are loaded. In this case, you need to observe the loading process to estimate the service start time.

  Starting from v8.3.0, TiDB prints the progress of loading initial statistics in stages in the log, so you can understand the running status. To provide formatted results to external tools, TiDB adds the additional monitoring API so you can obtain the progress of loading initial statistics at any time during the startup phase.

- Add metrics about Request Unit (RU) settings #8444 @nolouch

16.8.1.1.6 Security

- Enhance PD log redaction #8305 @JmPotato

  TiDB v8.0.0 enhances log redaction and supports marking user data in TiDB logs with `‹ ›`. Based on the marked logs, you can decide whether to redact the marked information when displaying the logs, thus increasing the flexibility of log redaction. In v8.2.0, TiFlash implements a similar log redaction enhancement.

  In v8.3.0, PD implements a similar log redaction enhancement. To use this feature, you can set the value of the PD configuration item `security.redact-info-log` to `"marker"`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Enhance TiKV log redaction #17206 @lucasliang

  TiDB v8.0.0 enhances log redaction and supports marking user data in TiDB logs with `‹ ›`. Based on the marked logs, you can decide whether to redact the marked information when displaying the logs, thus increasing the flexibility of log redaction. In v8.2.0, TiFlash implements a similar log redaction enhancement.

  In v8.3.0, TiKV implements a similar log redaction enhancement. To use this feature, you can set the value of the TiKV configuration item `security.redact-info-log` to `"marker"`.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.8.1.1.7 Data migration

- TiCDC supports replicating DDL statements in bi-directional replication (BDR) mode (GA) #10301 #48519 @okJiang @asddongmen

  TiCDC v7.6.0 introduced the replication of DDL statements with bi-directional replication configured. Previously, bi-directional replication of DDL statements was not supported by TiCDC, so users of TiCDC's bi-directional replication had to execute DDL statements on both TiDB clusters separately. With this feature, after assigning a `PRIMARY` BDR role to a cluster, TiCDC can replicate the DDL statements from that cluster to the `SECONDARY` cluster.

  In v8.3.0, this feature becomes generally available (GA).

  For more information, see documentation.

16.8.1.2 Compatibility changes

Note:

This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v8.2.0 to the current version (v8.3.0). If you are upgrading from v8.1.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.8.1.2.1 Behavior changes

- To avoid incorrect use of commands, `pd-ctl` cancels the prefix matching mechanism. For example, `store remove-tombstone` cannot be called via `store remove` #8413 @lhy1024

16.8.1.2.2 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_ ↪ ddl_ ↪ reorg ↪ _ ↪ batch ↪ _ ↪ size`	Modified	Adds the SESSION scope.
`tidb_ ↪ ddl_ ↪ reorg ↪ _ ↪ worker ↪ _cnt`	Modified	Adds the SESSION scope.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_column_tracking	Modified	Changes the default value from OFF to ON after further tests, which means that TiDB collects PREDICATE COLUMNS by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_gc_concurrency	Modified	Starting from v8.3.0, this variable controls the number of concurrent threads during the Resolve Locks and Delete Range steps of the Garbage Collection (GC) process. Before v8.3.0, this variable only controls the number of threads during the Resolve Locks step.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ low_ ↪ resolution ↪ _tso	Modified	Adds the GLOBAL scope.
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ projection ↪ _ ↪ push ↪ _ ↪ down	Modified	Adds the GLOBAL scope and persists the variable value to the cluster. Changes the default value from `OFF` to `ON` after further tests, which means that the optimizer is allowed to push `Projection` ↪ down to the TiKV coprocessor.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_schema_cache_size`	Modified	The range of values has been modified to either `0` or `[536870912, 922337203685477]`. The minimum value is `536870912` bytes (that is, 512 MiB) to avoid setting a cache size that is too small and causing performance degradation.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_analyze_column_options	Newly added	Controls the behavior of the ANALYZE TABLE statement. Setting it to the default value PREDICATE means only collecting statistics for predicate columns; setting it to ALL means collecting statistics for all columns.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_lazy_cursor_fetch	Newly added	Controls the behavior of the Cursor Fetch feature.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_shared_lock_promotion	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the feature of upgrading shared locks to exclusive locks. The default value of this variable is `OFF`, which means that the function of upgrading shared locks to exclusive locks is disabled.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tiflash ↪ _ ↪ hashagg ↪ _ ↪ preaggregation ↪ _ ↪ mode	Newly added	Controls the pre-aggregation strategy used during the first stage of two-stage or three-stage HashAgg operations pushed down to TiFlash.

16.8.1.2.3 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	tikv- ↪ client ↪ . ↪ batch ↪ - ↪ policy ↪	Newly added	Controls the batching strategy for requests from TiDB to TiKV.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `redact` ↪ `-` ↪ `info` ↪ `-log`	Modified	Support setting the value of the PD configuration item `security` ↪ `.` ↪ `redact` ↪ `-` ↪ `info` ↪ `-log` to `"marker` ↪ `"` to mark sensitive information in the log with `‹ ›` instead of shielding it directly. With the `"marker` ↪ `"` option, you can customize the redaction rules.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `redact` ↪ `-` ↪ `info` ↪ `-log`	Modified	Support setting the value of the TiKV configuration item `security` ↪ `.` ↪ `redact` ↪ `-` ↪ `info` ↪ `-log` to `"marker` ↪ `"` to mark sensitive information in the log with `‹ ›` instead of shielding it directly. With the `"marker` ↪ `"` option, you can customize the redaction rules.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `redact` ↪ `-` ↪ `info` ↪ `-log`	Modified	Support setting the value of the TiFlash Learner configuration item `security` ↪ `.` ↪ `redact` ↪ `-` ↪ `info` ↪ `-log` to `"marker` ↪ `"` to mark sensitive information in the log with `<` `>` instead of shielding it directly. With the `"marker` ↪ `"` option, you can customize the redaction rules.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
BR	`--allow` ↪ `-` ↪ `pitr` ↪ `-` ↪ `from` ↪ `-` ↪ `incremental` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether incremental backups are compatible with subsequent log backups. The default value is `true`, which means that incremental backups are compatible with subsequent log backups. When you keep the default value `true`, the DDLs that need to be replayed are strictly checked before the incremental restore

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description

16.8.1.2.4 System tables

- The `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PROCESSLIST` and `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_PROCESSLIST` system tables add the `SESSION_ALIAS` field to show the number of rows currently affected by the DML statement #46889 @lcwangchao

16.8.1.3 Deprecated features

- The following features are deprecated starting from v8.3.0:
  - Starting from v7.5.0, TiDB Binlog replication is deprecated. Starting from v8.3.0, TiDB Binlog is fully deprecated, with removal planned for a future release. For incremental data replication, use TiCDC instead. For point-in-time recovery (PITR), use PITR.
  - Starting from v8.3.0, the `tidb_enable_column_tracking` system variable is deprecated. TiDB tracks predicate columns by default. For more information, see `tidb_analyze_column_options`.
- The following features are planned for deprecation in future versions:
  - TiDB introduces the system variable `tidb_enable_auto_analyze_priority_queue`, which controls whether priority queues are enabled to optimize the ordering of tasks that automatically collect statistics. In future releases, the priority queue will be the only way to order tasks for automatically collecting statistics, so this system variable will be deprecated.
  - TiDB introduces the system variable `tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats` in v7.5.0. You can use it to set TiDB to use asynchronous merging of partition statistics to avoid OOM issues. In future releases, partition statistics will be merged asynchronously, so this system variable will be deprecated.
  - It is planned to redesign the automatic evolution of execution plan bindings in subsequent releases, and the related variables and behavior will change.
  - In v8.0.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill` system variable to control whether TiDB supports disk spill for the concurrent HashAgg algorithm. In future versions, the `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill` system variable will be deprecated.
  - The TiDB Lightning parameter `conflict.max-record-rows` is planned for deprecation in a future release and will be subsequently removed. This parameter will be replaced by `conflict.threshold`, which means that the maximum number of

conflicting records is consistent with the maximum number of conflicting records that can be tolerated in a single import task.

- The following features are planned for removal in future versions:

    - Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB Lightning deprecates the old version of conflict detection strategy for the physical import mode, and enables you to control the conflict detection strategy for both logical and physical import modes via the `conflict.strategy` parameter. The `duplicate-resolution` parameter for the old version of conflict detection will be removed in a future release.

16.8.1.4 Improvements

- TiDB

    - Support the `SELECT ... STRAIGHT_JOIN ... USING ( ... )` statement #54162 @dveeden
    - Construct more precise index access ranges for filter conditions like `((idx_col_1 > 1)or (idx_col_1 = 1 and idx_col_2 > 10))and ((idx_col_1 < 10) or (idx_col_1 = 10 and idx_col_2 < 20))` #54337 @ghazalfamilyusa
    - Use index order to avoid extra sorting operations for SQL queries like `WHERE idx_col_1 IS NULL ORDER BY idx_col_2` #54188 @ari-e
    - Display analyzed indexes in the `mysql.analyze_jobs` system table #53567 @hi-rustin
    - Support applying the `tidb_redact_log` setting to the output of `EXPLAIN` statements and further optimize the logic in processing logs #54565 @hawkingrei
    - Support generating the `Selection` operator on `IndexRangeScan` for multi-valued indexes to improve query efficiency #54876 @time-and-fate
    - Support killing automatic `ANALYZE` tasks that are running outside the set time window #55283 @hawkingrei
    - Adjust estimation results from 0 to 1 for equality conditions that do not hit TopN when statistics are entirely composed of TopN and the modified row count in the corresponding table statistics is non-zero #47400 @terry1purcell
    - The TopN operator supports disk spill #47733 @xzhangxian1008
    - TiDB node supports executing queries with the `WITH ROLLUP` modifier and the `GROUPING` function #42631 @Arenatlx
    - The system variable `tidb_low_resolution_tso` supports the `GLOBAL` scope #55022 @cfzjywxk
    - Improve GC (Garbage Collection) efficiency by supporting concurrent range deletion. You can control the number of concurrent threads using `tidb_gc_concurrency` #54570 @ekexium
    - Improve the performance of bulk DML execution mode (`tidb_dml_type = "bulk"`) #50215 @ekexium
    - Improve the performance of schema information cache-related interface `SchemaByID` #54074 @ywqzzy

- Improve the query performance for certain system tables when schema information caching is enabled #50305 @tangenta
- Optimize error messages for conflicting keys when adding unique indexes #53004 @lance6716

- PD

    - Support modifying the `batch` configuration of the `evict-leader-scheduler` via `pd-ctl` to accelerate the leader eviction process #8265 @rleungx
    - Add the `store_id` monitoring metric to the **Cluster > Label distribution** panel in Grafana to display store IDs corresponding to different labels #8337 @HuSharp
    - Support fallback to the default resource group when the specified resource group does not exist #8388 @JmPotato
    - Add the `approximate_kv_size` field to the Region information output by the `region` command in `pd-ctl` #8412 @zeminzhou
    - Optimize the message that returns when you call the PD API to delete the TTL configuration #8450 @lhy1024
    - Optimize the RU consumption behavior of large query read requests to reduce the impact on other requests #8457 @nolouch
    - Optimize the error message that returns when you misconfigure PD microservices #52912 @rleungx
    - Add the `--name` startup parameter to PD microservices to more accurately display the service name during deployment #7995 @HuSharp
    - Support dynamically adjusting `PatrolRegionScanLimit` based on the number of Regions to reduce Region scan time #7963 @lhy1024

- TiKV

    - Optimize the batching policy for writing Raft logs when `async-io` is enabled to reduce the consumption of disk I/O bandwidth resources #16907 @LykxSassinator
    - Redesign the TiCDC delegate and downstream modules to better support Region partial subscription #16362 @hicqu
    - Reduce the size of a single slow query log #17294 @Connor1996
    - Add a new monitoring metric `min safe ts` #17307 @mittalrishabh
    - Reduce the memory usage of the peer message channel #16229 @Connor1996

- TiFlash

    - Support generating ad hoc heap profiling in SVG format #9320 @CalvinNeo

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

- Support checking whether a full backup exists before starting point-in-time recovery (PITR) for the first time. If the full backup is not found, BR terminates the restore and returns an error #54418 @Leavrth
- Support checking whether the disk space in TiKV and TiFlash is sufficient before restoring snapshot backups. If the space is insufficient, BR terminates the restore and returns an error #54316 @RidRisR
- Support checking whether the disk space in TiKV is sufficient before TiKV downloads each SST file. If the space is insufficient, BR terminates the restore and returns an error #17224 @RidRisR
- Support setting Alibaba Cloud access credentials through environment variables #45551 @RidRisR
- Automatically set the environment variable `GOMEMLIMIT` based on the available memory of the BR process to avoid OOM when using BR for backup and restore #53777 @Leavrth
- Make incremental backups compatible with point-in-time recovery (PITR) #54474 @3pointer
- Support backing up and restoring the `mysql.column_stats_usage` table #53567 @hi-rustin

16.8.1.5 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Reset the parameters in the `Open` method of `PipelinedWindow` to fix the unexpected error that occurs when the `PipelinedWindow` is used as a child node of `Apply` due to the reuse of previous parameter values caused by repeated opening and closing operations #53600 @XuHuaiyu
    - Fix the issue that the query might get stuck when terminated because the memory usage exceeds the limit set by `tidb_mem_quota_query` #55042 @yibin87
    - Fix the issue that the disk spill for the HashAgg operator causes incorrect query results during parallel calculation #55290 @xzhangxian1008
    - Fix the issue of wrong `JSON_TYPE` when casting `YEAR` to JSON format #54494 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that the value range of the `tidb_schema_cache_size` system variable is wrong #54034 @lilinghai
    - Fix the issue that partition pruning does not work when the partition expression is `EXTRACT(YEAR FROM col)` #54210 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that `FLASHBACK DATABASE` fails when many tables exist in the database #54415 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that `FLASHBACK DATABASE` enters an infinite loop when handling many databases #54915 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that adding an index in index acceleration mode might fail #54568 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that `ADMIN CANCEL DDL JOBS` might cause DDL to fail #54687 @lance6716

- Fix the issue that table replication fails when the index length of the table replicated from DM exceeds the maximum length specified by `max-index-length` #55138 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that the error `runtime error: index out of range` might occur when executing SQL statements with `tidb_enable_inl_join_inner_multi_pattern` enabled #54535 @joechenrh
- Fix the issue that you cannot exit TiDB using Control+C during the process of initializing statistics #54589 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the `INL_MERGE_JOIN` optimizer hint returns incorrect results by deprecating it #54064 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that a correlated subquery that contains `WITH ROLLUP` might cause TiDB to panic and return the error `runtime error: index out of range` #54983 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that predicates cannot be pushed down properly when the filter condition of a SQL query contains virtual columns and the execution condition contains `UnionScan` #54870 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the error `runtime error: invalid memory address or nil pointer dereference` might occur when executing SQL statements with `tidb_enable_inl_join_inner_multi_pattern` enabled #55169 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that a query statement that contains `UNION` might return incorrect results #52985 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that the `tot_col_size` column in the `mysql.stats_histograms` table might be a negative number #55126 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that `columnEvaluator` cannot identify the column references in the input chunk, which leads to `runtime error: index out of range` when executing SQL statements #53713 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that `STATS_EXTENDED` becomes a reserved keyword #39573 @wddevries
- Fix the issue that when `tidb_low_resolution` is enabled, `select for update` can be executed #54684 @cfzjywxk
- Fix the issue that internal SQL queries cannot be displayed in the slow query log when `tidb_redact_log` is enabled #54190 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that the memory used by transactions might be tracked multiple times #53984 @ekexium
- Fix the issue that using `SHOW WARNINGS;` to obtain warnings might cause a panic #48756 @xhebox
- Fix the issue that loading index statistics might cause memory leaks #54022 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that the `LENGTH()` condition is unexpectedly removed when the collation is `utf8_bin` or `utf8mb4_bin` #53730 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that statistics collection does not update the `stats_history` table when encountering duplicate primary keys #47539 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that recursive CTE queries might result in invalid pointers #54449 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the Connection Count monitoring metric in Grafana is incorrect

when some connections exit before the handshake is complete #54428 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the Connection Count of each resource group is incorrect when using TiProxy and resource groups #54545 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that when queries contain non-correlated subqueries and `LIMIT` clauses, column pruning might be incomplete, resulting in a less optimal plan #54213 @qw4990
- Fix the issue of reusing wrong point get plans for `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE` #54652 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the `TIMESTAMPADD()` function goes into an infinite loop when the first argument is `month` and the second argument is negative #54908 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that internal SQL statements in the slow log are redacted to null by default #54190 #52743 #53264 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that `PointGet` execution plans for `_tidb_rowid` can be generated #54583 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that `SHOW IMPORT JOBS` reports an error `Unknown column 'summary'` after upgrading from v7.1 #54241 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that obtaining the column information using `information_schema.columns` returns warning 1356 when a subquery is used as a column definition in a view definition #54343 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that RANGE partitioned tables that are not strictly self-incrementing can be created #54829 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that `INDEX_HASH_JOIN` cannot exit properly when SQL is abnormally interrupted #54688 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that the network partition during adding indexes using the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) might cause inconsistent data indexes #54897 @tangenta

- PD

    - Fix the issue that no error is reported when binding a role to a resource group #54417 @JmPotato
    - Fix the issue that a resource group encounters quota limits when requesting tokens for more than 500 ms #8349 @nolouch
    - Fix the issue that the time data type in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.RUNAWAY_WATCHES` table is incorrect #54770 @HuSharp
    - Fix the issue that resource groups could not effectively limit resource usage under high concurrency #8435 @nolouch
    - Fix the issue that an incorrect PD API is called when you retrieve table attributes #55188 @JmPotato
    - Fix the issue that the scaling progress is displayed incorrectly after the `scheduling` microservice is enabled #8331 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that the encryption manager is not initialized before use #8384 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that some logs are not redacted #8419 @rleungx

- Fix the issue that redirection might panic during the startup of PD microservices #8406 @HuSharp
- Fix the issue that the `split-merge-interval` configuration item might not take effect when you modify its value repeatedly (such as changing it from `1s` to `1h` and back to `1s`) #8404 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that setting `replication.strictly-match-label` to `true` causes TiFlash to fail to start #8480 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that fetching TSO is slow when analyzing large partitioned tables, causing `ANALYZE` performance degradation #8500 @rleungx
- Fix the potential data races in large clusters #8386 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that when determining whether queries are Runaway Queries, TiDB only counts time consumption spent on the Coprocessor side while missing time consumption spent on the TiDB side, resulting in some queries not being identified as Runaway Queries #51325 @HuSharp

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that when using the `CAST()` function to convert a string to a datetime with a time zone or invalid characters, the result is incorrect #8754 @solotzg
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic after executing `RENAME TABLE ... TO ...` on a partitioned table with empty partitions across databases #9132 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that some queries might report a column type mismatch error after late materialization is enabled #9175 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that queries with virtual generated columns might return incorrect results after late materialization is enabled #9188 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that setting the SSL certificate configuration to an empty string in TiFlash incorrectly enables TLS and causes TiFlash to fail to start #9235 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when a database is deleted shortly after creation #9266 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that a network partition (network disconnection) between TiFlash and any PD might cause read request timeout errors #9243 @Lloyd-Pottiger
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash write nodes might fail to restart in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9282 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that read snapshots of TiFlash write nodes are not released in a timely manner in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9298 @JinheLin

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that cleaning up stale regions might accidentally delete valid data #17258 @hbisheng
  - Fix the issue that `Ingestion picked level` and `Compaction Job Size(files)` are displayed incorrectly in the TiKV dashboard in Grafana #15990 @Connor1996

- Fix the issue that `cancel_generating_snap` incorrectly updating `snap_tried_cnt` causes TiKV to panic #17226 @hbisheng
- Fix the issue that the information of `Ingest SST duration seconds` is incorrect #17239 @LykxSassinator
- Fix the issue that CPU profiling flag is not reset correctly when an error occurs #17234 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that bloom filters are incompatible between earlier versions (earlier than v7.1) and later versions #17272 @v01dstar

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that DDLs requiring backfilling, such as `ADD INDEX` and `MODIFY COLUMN`, might not be correctly recovered during incremental restore #54426 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that the progress is stuck during backup and restore #54140 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that the checkpoint path of backup and restore is incompatible with some external storage #55265 @Leavrth
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that the processor might get stuck when the downstream Kafka is inaccessible #11340 @asddongmen
  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
    - Fix the issue that schema tracker incorrectly handles LIST partition tables, causing DM errors #11408 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that data replication is interrupted when the index length exceeds the default value of `max-index-length` #11459 @michaelmdeng
    - Fix the issue that DM cannot handle `FAKE_ROTATE_EVENT` correctly #11381 @lance6716
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning outputs a confusing `WARN` log when it fails to obtain the keyspace name #54232 @kennytm
    - Fix the issue that the TLS configuration of TiDB Lightning affects cluster certificates #54172 @ei-sugimoto
    - Fix the issue that transaction conflicts occur during data import using TiDB Lightning #49826 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that large checkpoint files cause performance degradation during the import of numerous databases and tables #55054 @D3Hunter

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16.9 v8.2

16.9.1 TiDB 8.2.0 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start

8.2.0 introduces the following key features and improvements:

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<th>Category</th>
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<td rowspan="3">Reliability and Availability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.2/tiproxy-load-balance">
   ↪ TiProxy supports multiple load balancing policies</a></td>
<td>In TiDB v8.2.0, TiProxy evaluates and ranks TiDB nodes based on various
   ↪ dimensions, such as status, connection counts, health, memory, CPU,
   ↪ and location. According to the load balancing policy specified in the
   ↪  <code>policy</code> configuration item, TiProxy dynamically selects
   ↪ the optimal TiDB node to execute database operations. This optimizes
   ↪ overall resource usage, improves cluster performance, and increases
   ↪ throughput.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.2/system-variables#tidb_enable
   ↪ _parallel_hashagg_spill-new-in-v800">The parallel HashAgg algorithm
   ↪ of TiDB supports disk spill (GA)</a></td>
<td>HashAgg is a widely used aggregation operator in TiDB for efficiently
   ↪ aggregating rows with the same field values. TiDB v8.0.0 introduces
   ↪ parallel HashAgg as an experimental feature to further enhance
   ↪ processing speed. When memory resources are insufficient, parallel
   ↪ HashAgg spills temporary sorted data to disk, avoiding potential OOM
   ↪ risks caused by excessive memory usage. This improves query
   ↪ performance while maintaining node stability. In v8.2.0, this feature
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   ↪  becomes generally available (GA) and is enabled by default, enabling
   ↪  you to safely configure the concurrency of parallel HashAgg using <
   ↪ code>tidb_executor_concurrency</code>.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.2/tidb-configuration-file#
   ↪ stats-load-concurrency-new-in-v540">Improve statistics loading
   ↪ efficiency by up to 10 times</a></td>
<td>For clusters with a large number of tables and partitions, such as SaaS
   ↪ or PaaS services, improvement in statistics loading efficiency can
   ↪ solve the problem of slow startup of TiDB instances, and increase the
   ↪  success rate of dynamic loading of statistics. This improvement
   ↪ reduces performance rollbacks caused by statistics loading failures
   ↪ and improves cluster stability.</td>
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<td rowspan="1">DB Operations and Observability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.2/tidb-resource-control#bind-
   ↪ resource-groups">Introduce privilege control of switching resource
   ↪ groups</a></td>
<td>As resource control is widely used, the privilege control of switching
   ↪ resource groups can prevent database users from abusing resources,
   ↪ strengthen administrators' protection of overall resource usage, and
   ↪ improve cluster stability.</td>
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16.9.1.1 Feature details

16.9.1.1.1 Performance

- Support pushing down the following JSON functions to TiKV #50601 @dbsid
  - `JSON_ARRAY_APPEND()`
  - `JSON_MERGE_PATCH()`
  - `JSON_REPLACE()`

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB supports parallel sorting #49217 #50746 @xzhangxian1008

  Before v8.2.0, TiDB only executes Sort operators sequentially, affecting query performance when sorting large amounts of data.

  Starting from v8.2.0, TiDB supports parallel sorting, which significantly improves sorting performance. This feature does not need manual configuration. TiDB automatically determines whether to use parallel sorting based on the value of the `tidb_executor_concurrency` system variable.

  For more information, see documentation.

- The parallel HashAgg algorithm of TiDB supports disk spill (GA) #35637 @xzhangxian1008

  TiDB v8.0.0 introduces the parallel HashAgg algorithm with disk spill support as an experimental feature. In v8.2.0, this feature becomes generally available (GA). When using the parallel HashAgg algorithm, TiDB automatically triggers data spill based on memory usage, thus balancing query performance and data throughput. This feature is enabled by default. The system variable `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill`, which controls this feature, will be deprecated in a future release.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.9.1.1.2 Reliability

- Improve statistics loading efficiency by up to 10 times #52831 @hawkingrei

  SaaS or PaaS applications can have a large number of data tables, which not only slow down the loading speed of the initial statistics, but also increase the failure rate of load synchronization under high loads. The startup time of TiDB and the accuracy of the execution plan can be affected. In v8.2.0, TiDB optimizes the process of loading statistics from multiple perspectives, such as the concurrency model and memory allocation, to reduce latency, improve throughput, and avoid slow loading of statistics that affect business scaling.

  Adaptive concurrent loading is now supported. By default, the configuration item `stats-load-concurrency` is set to `0`, and the concurrency of statistics loading is automatically selected based on the hardware specification.

For more information, see documentation.

16.9.1.1.3 Availability

- TiProxy supports multiple load balancing policies #465 @djshow832 @xhebox

  TiProxy is the official proxy component of TiDB, located between the client and TiDB server. It provides load balancing and connection persistence functions for TiDB. Before v8.2.0, TiProxy defaults to v1.0.0, which only supports status-based and connection count-based load balancing policies for TiDB servers.

  Starting from v8.2.0, TiProxy defaults to v1.1.0 and introduces multiple load balancing policies. In addition to status-based and connection count-based policies, TiProxy supports dynamic load balancing based on health, memory, CPU, and location, improving the stability of the TiDB cluster.

  You can configure the combination and priority of load balancing policies through the `policy` configuration item.

- `resource`: the resource priority policy performs load balancing based on the following priority order: status, health, memory, CPU, location, and connection count.
- `location`: the location priority policy performs load balancing based on the following priority order: status, location, health, memory, CPU, and connection count.
- `connection`: the minimum connection count priority policy performs load balancing based on the following priority order: status and connection count.

For more information, see documentation.

16.9.1.1.4 SQL

- TiDB supports the JSON schema validation function #52779 @dveeden

  Before v8.2.0, you need to rely on external tools or customized validation logic for JSON data validation, which increases the complexity of development and maintenance, and reduces development efficiency. Starting from v8.2.0, the `JSON_SCHEMA_VALID()` function is introduced. Using `JSON_SCHEMA_VALID()` in the `CHECK` constraint can help prevent non-conforming data from being inserted, rather than checking the data after it has been added. This function lets you verify the validity of JSON data directly in TiDB, improving the integrity and consistency of the data, and increasing the development efficiency.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.9.1.1.5 DB operations

- TiUP supports deploying PD microservices #5766 @rleungx

  Starting from v8.0.0, PD supports the microservice mode. This mode splits the timestamp allocation and cluster scheduling functions of PD into separate microservices that can be deployed independently, thereby improving resource control and isolation, and reducing the impact between different services. Before v8.2.0, PD microservices can only be deployed using TiDB Operator.

  Starting from v8.2.0, PD microservices can also be deployed using TiUP. You can deploy the `tso` microservice and the `scheduling` microservice separately in a cluster to enhance PD performance scalability and address PD performance bottlenecks in large-scale clusters. It is recommended to use this mode when PD becomes a significant performance bottleneck that cannot be resolved by scaling up.

  For more information, see user documentation.

- Add privilege control of switching resource groups #53440 @glorv

  TiDB lets users switch to other resource groups using the `SET RESOURCE GROUP` command or the `RESOURCE_GROUP()` hint, which might lead to resource group abuse by

some database users. TiDB v8.2.0 introduces privilege control of switching resource groups. Only database users granted the `RESOURCE_GROUP_ADMIN` or `RESOURCE_GROUP_USER` dynamic privilege can switch to other resource groups, enhancing the protection of system resources.

To maintain compatibility, the original behavior is retained when upgrading from earlier versions to v8.2.0 or later versions. To enable the enhanced privilege control, set the new variable `tidb_resource_control_strict_mode` to `ON`.

For more information, see user documentation.

16.9.1.1.6 Observability

- Record the reason why an execution plan is not cached #50618 @qw4990

  In some scenarios, you might want to cache most execution plans to save execution overhead and reduce latency. Currently, execution plan caching has some limitations on SQL. Execution plans of some SQL statements cannot be cached. It is difficult to identify the SQL statements that cannot be cached and the corresponding reasons.

  Therefore, starting from v8.2.0, new columns `PLAN_CACHE_UNQUALIFIED` and `PLAN_CACHE_UNQUALIFIED_LAST_REASON` are added to the system table `STATEMENTS_SUMMARY` to explain the reason why an execution plan cannot be cached, which can help you tune performance.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.9.1.1.7 Security

- Enhance TiFlash log desensitization #8977 @JaySon-Huang

  TiDB v8.0.0 enhances the log desensitization feature, enabling you to control whether user data in TiDB logs is wrapped in markers `‹ ›`. Based on the marked logs, you can decide whether to redact the marked information when displaying logs, thereby increasing the flexibility of log desensitization. In v8.2.0, TiFlash introduces a similar enhancement for log desensitization. To use this feature, set the TiFlash configuration item `security.redact_info_log` to `marker`.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.9.1.1.8 Data migration

- Align TiCDC Syncpoints across multiple changefeeds #11212 @hongyunyan

  Before v8.2.0, aligning TiCDC Syncpoints across multiple changefeeds was challenging. The `startTs` of the changefeed had to be carefully selected when the changefeed was created, so it would align with the Syncpoints of other changefeeds. Starting from v8.2.0, Syncpoints for a changefeed are created as a multiple of the changefeed's

`sync-point-interval` configuration. This change lets you align Syncpoints across multiple changefeeds that have the same `sync-point-interval` configuration, simplifying and improving the ability to align multiple downstream clusters.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC Pulsar Sink supports using the `pulsar+http` and `pulsar+https` connection protocols #11336 @SandeepPadhi

  Before v8.2.0, TiCDC Pulsar Sink only supports `pulsar` and `pulsar+ssl` connection protocols. Starting from v8.2.0, TiCDC Pulsar Sink also supports `pulsar+http` and `pulsar+https` protocols for connections. This enhancement improves the flexibility of connecting to Pulsar.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.9.1.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v8.1.0 to the current version (v8.2.0). If you are upgrading from v8.0.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.9.1.2.1 Behavior changes

- When using TiDB Lightning to import a CSV file, if you set `strict-format = true` to split a large CSV file into multiple small CSV files to improve concurrency and import performance, you need to explicitly specify `terminator`. The values can be `\r`, `\n` or `\r\n`. Failure to specify a line terminator might result in an exception when parsing the CSV file data. #37338 @lance6716

- When using `IMPORT INTO` to import a CSV file, if you specify the `SPLIT_FILE` parameter to split a large CSV file into multiple small CSV files to improve concurrency and import performance, you need to explicitly specify the line terminator `LINES_TERMINATED_BY`. The values can be `\r`, `\n` or `\r\n`. Failure to specify a line terminator might result in an exception when parsing the CSV file data. #37338 @lance6716

- Before BR v8.2.0, performing BR data restore on a cluster with TiCDC replication tasks is not supported. Starting from v8.2.0, BR relaxes the restrictions on data restoration for TiCDC: if the BackupTS (the backup time) of the data to be restored is earlier than the changefeed `CheckpointTS` (the timestamp that indicates the current

replication progress), BR can proceed with the data restore normally. Considering that `BackupTS` is usually much earlier, it can be assumed that in most scenarios, BR supports restoring data for a cluster with TiCDC replication tasks. #53131 @YuJuncen

16.9.1.2.2 MySQL compatibility

- Before v8.2.0, executing the `CREATE USER` statement with the `PASSWORD REQUIRE CURRENT DEFAULT` option returns an error because this option is not supported and cannot be parsed. Starting from v8.2.0, TiDB supports parsing and ignoring this option for compatibility with MySQL. #53305 @dveeden

16.9.1.2.3 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_analyze_distsql_scan_concurrency	Modified	Changes the minimum value from 1 to 0. When you set it to 0, TiDB adaptively adjusts the concurrency of the scan operation when executing the ANALYZE operation based on the cluster size.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_analyze_skip_column_types	Modified	Starting from v8.2.0, TiDB does not collect columns of `MEDIUMTEXT` and `LONGTEXT` types by default to avoid potential OOM risks.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ auto ↪ _ ↪ analyze ↪ _ ↪ partition ↪ _ ↪ batch ↪ _ ↪ size	Modified	Changes the default value from 128 to 8192 to reduce the impact of automatic statistics collection on the performance of TiDB clusters. Changes the value range from [1, ↪ 1024] ↪ to [1, ↪ 8192] ↪ .

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_enable_historical_stats`	Modified	Changes the default value from `ON` to `OFF`, which turns off historical statistics to avoid potential stability issues.
`tidb_executor_concurrency`	Modified	Adds support for setting the concurrency of the `sort` operator.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ sysproc ↪ _ ↪ scan ↪ _ ↪ concurrency ↪	Modified	Changes the minimum value from 1 to 0. When you set it to 0, TiDB adaptively adjusts the concurrency of `scan` operations performed when executing internal SQL statements based on the cluster size.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ resource ↪ _ ↪ control ↪ _ ↪ strict ↪ _ ↪ mode	Newly added	Controls whether privilege control is applied to the SET ↪ RESOURCE ↪ ↪ GROUP ↪ statement and the RESOURCE ↪ _ ↪ GROUP ↪ () optimizer hint.

16.9.1.2.4 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`concurrently-init-stats`	Modified	Changes the default value from `false` to `true` to shorten the duration of statistics initialization. This configuration item takes effect only when `lite-init-stats` is set to `false`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`stats-load-concurrency`	Modified	Changes the default value from `5` to `0`, and the minimum value from `1` to `0`. The value `0` means the automatic mode, which automatically adjusts concurrency based on the configuration of the server.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	token-limit	Modified	Changes the maximum value from 18446744073709551615 (64-bit platform) and 4294967295 (32-bit platform) to 1048576 to avoid causing TiDB Server OOM when setting it too large. It means that the number of sessions that can execute requests concurrently can be configured to a maximum of 1048576.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`max-apply-unpersisted-log-limit`	Modified	Changes the default value from `0` to `1024` to reduce long-tail latency caused by I/O jitter on the TiKV node. It means that the maximum number of committed but not persisted Raft logs that can be applied is `1024` by default.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`server.` ↪ `grpc` ↪ `-` ↪ `compression` ↪ `-` ↪ `type`	Modified	This configuration item now also controls the compression algorithm of response messages sent from TiKV to TiDB. Enabling compression might consume more CPU resources.
TiFlash	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `redact` ↪ `_` ↪ `info` ↪ `_log`	Modified	Introduces a new value option `marker`. When you set the value to `marker`, all user data in the log is wrapped in `‹ ›`.

16.9.1.2.5 System tables

- The `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PROCESSLIST` and `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_PROCESSLIST` system tables add the `SESSION_ALIAS` field to show the alias of the current session. #46889 @lcwangchao

16.9.1.2.6 Compiler versions

- To improve the TiFlash development experience, the minimum version of LLVM required to compile and build TiDB has been upgraded from 13.0 to 17.0. If you are a TiDB developer, you need to upgrade the version of your LLVM compiler to ensure a smooth build. #7193 @Lloyd-Pottiger

16.9.1.3 Deprecated features

- The following features are deprecated starting from v8.2.0:
  - Starting from v8.2.0, the `enable-replica-selector-v2` configuration item is deprecated. The new version of the Region replica selector is used by default when sending RPC requests to TiKV.
  - Starting from v8.2.0, the BR snapshot restore parameter `--concurrency` is deprecated. As an alternative, you can configure the maximum number of concurrent tasks per TiKV node during snapshot restore using `--tikv-max-restore-concurrency`.
  - Starting from v8.2.0, the BR snapshot restore parameter `--granularity` is deprecated, and the coarse-grained Region scattering algorithm is enabled by default.
- The following features are planned for deprecation in future versions:
  - In v8.0.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_auto_analyze_priority_queue` system variable to control whether to enable the priority queue to optimize the ordering of automatic statistics collection tasks. In future versions, the priority queue will become the only way to order automatic statistics collection tasks, and the `tidb_enable_auto_analyze_priority_queue` system variable will be deprecated.
  - In v8.0.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill` system variable to control whether TiDB supports disk spill for the concurrent HashAgg algorithm. In future versions, the `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill` system variable will be deprecated.
  - In v7.5.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats` system variable to enable TiDB to merge partition statistics asynchronously to avoid OOM issues. In future versions, partition statistics will be merged asynchronously by default, and the `tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats` system variable will be deprecated.

- It is planned to redesign the auto-evolution of execution plan bindings in subsequent releases, and the related variables and behavior will change.
- The TiDB Lightning parameter `conflict.max-record-rows` is planned for deprecation in a future release and will be subsequently removed. This parameter will be replaced by `conflict.threshold`, which means that the maximum number of conflicting records is consistent with the maximum number of conflicting records that can be tolerated in a single import task.

- The following features are planned for removal in future versions:

    - Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB Lightning deprecates the old version of conflict detection strategy for the physical import mode, and enables you to control the conflict detection strategy for both logical and physical import modes via the `conflict.strategy` parameter. The `duplicate-resolution` parameter for the old version of conflict detection will be removed in a future release.

16.9.1.4 Improvements

- TiDB

    - Support parallel execution of logical DDL statements (General DDL). Compared with v8.1.0, when you use 10 sessions to submit different DDL statements concurrently, the performance is improved by 3 to 6 times #53246 @D3Hunter
    - Improve the logic of matching multi-column indexes using expressions like `((a = 1 and b = 2 and c > 3)or (a = 4 and b = 5 and c > 6))and d > 3` to produce a more accurate `Range` #41598 @ghazalfamilyusa
    - Optimize the performance of obtaining data distribution information when performing simple queries on tables with large data volumes #53850 @you06
    - The aggregated result set can be used as an inner table for IndexJoin, allowing more complex queries to be matched to IndexJoin, thus improving query efficiency through indexing #37068 @elsa0520
    - By batch deleting TiFlash placement rules, improve the processing speed of data GC after performing the `TRUNCATE` or `DROP` operation on partitioned tables #54068 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Upgrade the version of Azure Identity Libraries and Microsoft Authentication Library to enhance security #53990 @hawkingrei
    - Set the maximum value of `token-limit` to `1048576` to avoid causing TiDB Server OOM when setting it too large #53312 @djshow832
    - Improve column pruning for MPP execution plans to improve TiFlash MPP execution performance #52133 @yibin87
    - Optimize the performance overhead of the `IndexLookUp` operator when looking up a table with a large amount of data (>1024 rows) #53871 @crazycs520
    - Remove stores without Regions during MPP load balancing #52313 @xzhangxian1008

- TiKV

- Add the **Compaction Job Size(files)** metric to show the number of SST files involved in a single compaction job #16837 @zhangjinpeng87
- Enable the early apply feature by default. With this feature enabled, the Raft leader can apply logs after quorum peers have persisted the logs, without waiting for the leader itself to persist the log, reducing the impact of jitter in a few TiKV nodes on write request latency #16717 @glorv
- Improve the observability of **Raft dropped messages** to locate the root cause of slow writes #17093 @Connor1996
- Improve the observability of ingest files latency to troubleshoot cluster latency issues #17078 @LykxSassinator
- Use a separate thread to clean up Region replicas to ensure stable latency on critical Raft reads and writes #16001 @hbisheng
- Improve the observability of the number of snapshots being applied #17078 @hbisheng

- PD

  - Improve the performance of Region heartbeat processing #7897 @nolouch @rleungx @JmPotato
  - pd-ctl supports querying hot Regions by the byte or query dimension #7369 @lhy1024

- TiFlash

  - Reduce lock conflicts under highly concurrent data read operations and optimize short query performance #9125 @JinheLin
  - Eliminate redundant copies of the Join Key in the `Join` operator #9057 @gengliqi
  - Concurrently perform the process of converting a two-level hash table in the `HashAgg` operator #8956 @gengliqi
  - Remove redundant aggregation functions for the `HashAgg` operator to reduce computational overhead #8891 @guo-shaoge

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Optimize the backup feature, improving backup performance and stability during node restarts, cluster scaling-out, and network jitter when backing up large numbers of tables #52534 @3pointer
    - Implement fine-grained checks of TiCDC changefeed during data restore. If the changefeed `CheckpointTS` is later than the data backup time, the restore operations are not affected, thereby reducing unnecessary wait times and improving user experience #53131 @YuJuncen
    - Add several commonly used parameters to the `BACKUP` statement and the `RESTORE` statement, such as `CHECKSUM_CONCURRENCY` #53040 @RidRisR

- Except for the `br log restore` subcommand, all other `br log` subcommands support skipping the loading of the TiDB `domain` data structure to reduce memory consumption #52088 @Leavrth
- Support encryption of temporary files generated during log backup #15083 @YuJuncen
- Add a `tikv_log_backup_pending_initial_scan` monitoring metric in the Grafana dashboard #16656 @3pointer
- Optimize the output format of PITR logs and add a `RestoreTS` field in the logs #53645 @dveeden

- TiCDC
  - Support directly outputting raw events when the downstream is a Message Queue (MQ) or cloud storage #11211 @CharlesCheung96

16.9.1.5 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that when a SQL statement contains an Outer Join and the Join condition includes the `false IN (column_name)` expression, the query result lacks some data #49476 @ghazalfamilyusa
  - Fix the issue that statistics for columns in system tables are collected when TiDB collects `PREDICATE COLUMNS` statistics for tables #53403 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue that the `tidb_enable_column_tracking` system variable does not take effect when the `tidb_persist_analyze_options` system variable is set to `OFF` #53478 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue of potential data races during the execution of `(*PointGetPlan).StatsInfo()` #49803 #43339 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might return incorrect query results when you query tables with virtual columns in transactions that involve data modification operations #53951 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that the `tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats` and `tidb_analyze_partition_concurrency` system variables do not take effect during automatic statistics collection #53972 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might return the `plan not supported` error when you query `TABLESAMPLE` #54015 @tangenta
  - Fix the issue that executing the `SELECT DISTINCT CAST(col AS DECIMAL), CAST(col AS SIGNED)FROM ...` query might return incorrect results #53726 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue that queries cannot be terminated after a data read timeout on the client side #44009 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the overflow issue of the `Longlong` type in predicates #45783 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue that the Window function might panic when there is a related subquery in it #42734 @hi-rustin

- Fix the issue that the TopN operator might be pushed down incorrectly #37986 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that `SELECT INTO OUTFILE` does not work when clustered indexes are used as predicates #42093 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the query latency of stale reads increases, caused by information schema cache misses #53428 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that comparing a column of `YEAR` type with an unsigned integer that is out of range causes incorrect results #50235 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the histogram and TopN in the primary key column statistics are not loaded after restarting TiDB #37548 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `final` AggMode and the `non-final` AggMode cannot coexist in Massively Parallel Processing (MPP) #51362 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that TiDB panics when executing the `SHOW ERRORS` statement with a predicate that is always `true` #46962 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that using a view does not work in recursive CTE #49721 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that TiDB might report an error due to GC when loading statistics at startup #53592 @you06
- Fix the issue that `PREPARE/EXECUTE` statements with the `CONV` expression containing a `?` argument might result in incorrect query results when executed multiple times #53505 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that non-BIGINT unsigned integers might produce incorrect results when compared with strings/decimals #41736 @LittleFall
- Fix the issue that TiDB does not create corresponding statistics metadata (`stats_meta`) when creating a table with foreign keys #53652 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that certain filter conditions in queries might cause the planner module to report an `invalid memory address or nil pointer dereference` error #53582 #53580 #53594 #53603 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that executing `CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW` concurrently might result in the `table doesn't exist` error #53673 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the `STATE` field in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_TRX` table is empty due to the `size` of the `STATE` field not being defined #53026 @cfzjywxk
- Fix the issue that the `Distinct_count` information in global statistics might be incorrect when `tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats` is disabled #53752 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue of incorrect WARNINGS information when using Optimizer Hints #53767 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that negating a time type results in an incorrect value #52262 @solotzg
- Fix the issue that `REGEXP()` does not explicitly report an error for empty pattern arguments #53221 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that converting JSON to datetime might lose precision in some cases #53352 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that `JSON_QUOTE()` returns incorrect results in some cases #37294 @dveeden

- Fix the issue that executing `ALTER TABLE ... REMOVE PARTITIONING` might cause data loss #53385 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that TiDB fails to reject unauthenticated user connections in some cases when using the `auth_socket` authentication plugin #54031 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that JSON-related functions return errors inconsistent with MySQL in some cases #53799 @dveeden
- Fix the issue that the `INDEX_LENGTH` field of partitioned tables in `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PARTITIONS` is incorrect #54173 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that the `TIDB_ROW_ID_SHARDING_INFO` field in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES` table is incorrect #52330 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that a generated column returns illegal timestamps #52509 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that setting `max-index-length` causes TiDB to panic when adding indexes using the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) #53281 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that the illegal column type `DECIMAL(0,0)` can be created in some cases #53779 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that using `CURRENT_DATE()` as the default value for a column results in incorrect query results #53746 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the `ALTER DATABASE ... SET TIFLASH REPLICA` statement incorrectly adds TiFlash replicas to the `SEQUENCE` table #51990 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that the `REFERENCED_TABLE_SCHEMA` field in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.KEY_COLUMN_USAGE` table is incorrect #52350 @wd0517
- Fix the issue that inserting multiple rows in a single statement causes the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column to be discontinuous when `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` #52465 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the format of deprecation warnings #52515 @dveeden
- Fix the issue that the `TRACE` command is missing in `copr.buildCopTasks` #53085 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that the `memory_quota` hint might not work in subqueries #53834 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that improper use of metadata locks might lead to writing anomalous data when using the plan cache under certain circumstances #53634 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that after a statement within a transaction is killed by OOM, if TiDB continues to execute the next statement within the same transaction, you might get an error `Trying to start aggressive locking while it's already started` and a panic occurs #53540 @MyonKeminta

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that pushing down the `JSON_ARRAY_APPEND()` function to TiKV causes TiKV to panic #16930 @dbsid
  - Fix the issue that the leader does not clean up failed snapshot files in time #16976 @hbisheng
  - Fix the issue that highly concurrent Coprocessor requests might cause TiKV OOM #16653 @overvenus

- Fix the issue that changing the `raftstore.periodic-full-compact-start-times` configuration item online might cause TiKV to panic #17066 @SpadeA-Tang
- Fix the failure of `make docker` and `make docker_test` #17075 @shunki-fujita
- Fix the issue that the **gRPC request sources duration** metric is displayed incorrectly in the monitoring dashboard #17133 @King-Dylan
- Fix the issue that setting the gRPC message compression method via `grpc-compression-type` does not take effect on messages sent from TiKV to TiDB #17176 @ekexium
- Fix the issue that the output of the `raft region` command in tikv-ctl does not include the Region status information #17037 @glorv
- Fix the issue that CDC and log-backup do not limit the timeout of `check_leader` using the `advance-ts-interval` configuration, causing the `resolved_ts` lag to be too large when TiKV restarts normally in some cases #17107 @MyonKeminta

- PD

  - Fix the issue that `ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY` cannot modify the placement policy #52257 #51712 @jiyfhust
  - Fix the issue that the scheduling of write hotspots might break placement policy constraints #7848 @lhy1024
  - Fix the issue that down peers might not recover when using Placement Rules #7808 @rleungx
  - Fix the issue that a large number of retries occur when canceling resource groups queries #8217 @nolouch
  - Fix the issue that manually transferring the PD leader might fail #8225 @HuSharp

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue of query timeout when executing queries on partitioned tables that contain empty partitions #9024 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, null values might be incorrectly returned in queries after adding non-null columns in DDL operations #9084 @Lloyd-Pottiger
  - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING_INDEX()` function might cause TiFlash to crash in some corner cases #9116 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that a large number of duplicate rows might be read in FastScan mode after importing data via BR or TiDB Lightning #9118 @JinheLin

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that BR fails to restore a transactional KV cluster due to an empty `EndKey` #52574 @3pointer

- Fix the issue that a PD connection failure could cause the TiDB instance where the log backup advancer owner is located to panic #52597 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that log backup might be paused after the advancer owner migration #53561 @RidRisR
- Fix the issue that BR fails to correctly identify errors due to multiple nested retries during the restore process #54053 @RidRisR
- Fix the issue that the connection used to fetch TiKV configurations might not be closed #52595 @RidRisR
- Fix the issue that the `TestStoreRemoved` test case is unstable #52791 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that TiFlash crashes during point-in-time recovery (PITR) #52628 @RidRisR
- Fix the inefficiency issue in scanning DDL jobs during incremental backups #54139 @3pointer
- Fix the issue that the backup performance during checkpoint backups is affected due to interruptions in seeking Region leaders #17168 @Leavrth

- TiCDC
  - Fix inaccurate display of the **Kafka Outgoing Bytes** panel in Grafana #10777 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that data inconsistency might occur when restarting Changefeed repeatedly when performing a large number of `UPDATE` operations in a multi-node environment #11219 @lidezhu
- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the connection blocking issue by upgrading `go-mysql` #11041 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that `SET` statements cause DM to panic during the migration of MariaDB data #10206 @dveeden
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning might report an error when importing zstd compressed files #53587 @lance6716
- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that Dumpling reports an error when exporting tables and views at the same time #53682 @tangenta
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that deleting rows during the execution of `ADD COLUMN` might report an error `data and columnID count not match` when TiDB Binlog is enabled #53133 @tangenta

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16.10.1 TiDB 8.1.2 Release Notes

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16.10.1.1 Compatibility changes

- Add the TiKV configuration item `server.snap-min-ingest-size`, which specifies the minimum threshold for whether TiKV adopts the ingest method when processing snapshots. The default value is `2MiB`.
    - When the snapshot size exceeds this threshold, TiKV adopts the ingest method, which imports SST files from the snapshot into RocksDB. This method is faster for large files.
    - When the snapshot size does not exceed this threshold, TiKV adopts the direct write method, which writes each piece of data into RocksDB individually. This method is more efficient for small files.

16.10.1.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Add metrics about Request Unit (RU) settings #8444 @nolouch
- TiKV

- Improve the speed of Region Merge in scenarios with empty tables and small Regions #17376 @LykxSassinator
- Optimize TiKV's `DiskFull` detection to make it compatible with RaftEngine's `spill-dir` configuration, ensuring that this feature works consistently #17356 @LykxSassinator
- Optimize the trigger mechanism of RocksDB compaction to accelerate disk space reclamation when handling a large number of DELETE versions #17269 @AndreMouche
- Support modifying the `import.num-threads` configuration item dynamically #17807 @RidRisR
- Replace the Rusoto library with AWS Rust SDK to access external storage (such as Amazon S3) for backup and restore, which enhances compatibility with AWS features such as IMDSv2 and EKS Pod Identity #12371 @akoshchiy

- TiFlash

  - Improve the garbage collection speed of outdated data in the background for tables with clustered indexes #9529 @JaySon-Huang
  - Mitigate the issue that TiFlash might panic due to updating certificates after TLS is enabled #8535 @windtalker
  - Reduce the number of threads that TiFlash needs to create when processing disaggregated storage and compute requests, helping avoid crashes of TiFlash compute nodes when processing a large number of such requests #9334 @JinheLin
  - Improve the cancel mechanism of the JOIN operator, so that the JOIN operator can respond to cancel requests in a timely manner #9430 @windtalker
  - Optimize the execution efficiency of `LENGTH()` and `ASCII()` functions #9344 @xzhangxian1008
  - Optimize the retry strategy for TiFlash compute nodes in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture to handle exceptions when downloading files from Amazon S3 #9695 @JinheLin

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Reduce unnecessary log printing during backup #55902 @Leavrth
    - Disable the table-level checksum calculation (`--checksum=false`) during full backups by default to improve backup performance #56373 @Tristan1900

  - TiCDC

    - TiCDC supports querying the status of asynchronously executed DDL tasks after being granted the `SUPER` privilege, preventing execution errors caused by repeatedly executing DDL tasks on the same table #11521 @CharlesCheung96

- When the downstream is TiDB with the `SUPER` permission granted, TiCDC supports querying the execution status of `ADD INDEX DDL` from the downstream database to avoid data replication failure due to timeout in retrying executing the DDL statement in some cases #10682 @CharlesCheung96

16.10.1.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that existing TTL tasks are executed unexpectedly frequently in a cluster that is upgraded from v6.5 to v7.5 or later #56539 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the issue that improper use of metadata locks might lead to writing anomalous data when using the plan cache under certain circumstances #53634 @zimulala
  - Fix the issue that executing `IMPORT INTO` is stuck when Global Sort is enabled and the Region size exceeds 96 MiB #55374 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that the upper bound and lower bound of the histogram are corrupted when `DUMP STATS` is transforming statistics into JSON #56083 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue that execution plan bindings cannot be created for the multi-table `DELETE` statement with aliases #56726 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue of memory leaks in TTL tables #56934 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the issue that partition pruning does not work when the partition expression is `EXTRACT(YEAR FROM col)` #54210 @mjonss
  - Fix the issue that Plan Replayer might report an error when importing a table structure containing Placement Rules #54961 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue that the query might get stuck when terminated because the memory usage exceeds the limit set by `tidb_mem_quota_query` #55042 @yibin87
  - Fix the issue that TiDB queries cannot be canceled during cop task construction #55957 @yibin87
  - Fix the issue that reducing the value of `tidb_ttl_delete_worker_count` during TTL job execution makes the job fail to complete #55561 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the issue that the `CAST` function does not support explicitly setting the character set #55677 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that TTL tasks cannot be canceled when there is a write conflict #56422 @YangKeao
  - Fix the data race issue in `IndexNestedLoopHashJoin` #49692 @solotzg
  - Fix the issue that empty `groupOffset` in `StreamAggExec` might cause TiDB to panic #53867 @xzhangxian1008
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might hang or return incorrect results when executing a query containing a correlated subquery and CTE #55551 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue of data index inconsistency caused by retries during index addition #55808 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that an `out of range` error might occur when a small display width is specified for a column of the integer type #55837 @windtalker
  - Fix the issue that the `LOAD DATA ... REPLACE INTO` operation causes data inconsistency #56408 @fzzf678

- Fix the issue that `columnEvaluator` cannot identify the column references in the input chunk, which leads to `runtime error: index out of range` when executing SQL statements #53713 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue of illegal memory access that might occur when a Common Table Expression (CTE) has multiple data consumers and one consumer exits without reading any data #55881 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that when canceling a TTL task, the corresponding SQL is not killed forcibly #56511 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that TiDB panics when importing temporary tables using the `IMPORT INTO` statement #55970 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that the optimizer incorrectly estimates the number of rows as 1 when accessing a unique index with the query condition `column IS NULL` #56116 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the query latency of stale reads increases, caused by information schema cache misses #53428 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that the `UPDATE` statement incorrectly updates values of the `ENUM` type #56832 @xhebox
- Fix the issue that Plan Replayer might report an error when importing a table structure containing foreign keys #56456 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that TTL tasks are not canceled after the `tidb_ttl_job_enable` variable is disabled #57404 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that when an `UPDATE` or `DELETE` statement contains a recursive CTE, the statement might report an error or not take effect #55666 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that the `SUB_PART` value in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATISTICS` table is `NULL` #55812 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that the default timeout for querying the TiFlash system table is too short #57816 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that the value of the `default_collation_for_utf8mb4` variable does not work for the `SET NAMES` statement #56439 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that TTL internal coroutine might panic when you manually delete a timer in the `mysql.tidb_timer` table #57112 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that enabling acceleration of `ADD INDEX` and `CREATE INDEX` via `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg` might lead to the `Duplicate entry` error #49233 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that the index timestamp is set to `0` when adding indexes to large tables in a non-distributed manner #57980 @lance6716

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that the configuration `resolved-ts.advance-ts-interval` does not take effect, causing the replication latency of TiCDC and Point-in-time recovery (PITR) to increase dramatically when TiKV restarts #17107 @MyonKeminta
  - Fix the issue that some tasks experience high tail latency when triggering resource control #17589 @glorv

- Fix the issue that merging Regions might cause TiKV to panic in rare cases #17840 @glorv
- Fix the issue that TiKV cannot report heartbeats to PD when the disk is stuck #17939 @LykxSassinator
- Fix the issue that when Raft and RocksDB are deployed on different disks, the slow disk detection does not work for the disk where RocksDB is located #17884 @LykxSassinator
- Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when a stale replica processes Raft snapshots, triggered by a slow split operation and immediate removal of the new replica #17469 @hbisheng
- Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when executing queries containing `RADIANS ↪ ()` or `DEGREES()` functions #17852 @gengliqi
- Fix the issue that when a large number of transactions are queuing for lock release on the same key and the key is frequently updated, excessive pressure on deadlock detection might cause TiKV OOM issues #17394 @MyonKeminta
- Fix the issue that the leader could not be quickly elected after Region split #17602 @LykxSassinator
- Fix the panic issue that occurs when read threads access outdated indexes in the MemTable of the Raft Engine #17383 @LykxSassinator
- Fix the flow control issue that might occur after deleting large tables or partitions #17304 @Connor1996

- PD

    - Fix the issue that the PD HTTP client retry logic might be ineffective #8499 @JmPotato
    - Upgrade the version of Gin Web Framework from v1.9.1 to v1.10.0 to fix potential security vulnerabilities #8643 @JmPotato
    - Fix the issue that PD cannot quickly re-elect a leader during etcd leader transition #8823 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that setting `replication.strictly-match-label` to `true` causes TiFlash to fail to start #8480 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that `evict-leader-scheduler` fails to work properly when it is repeatedly created with the same Store ID #8756 @okJiang
    - Fix the performance jitter issue caused by frequent creation of random number generator #8674 @rleungx
    - Fix the memory leak issue in hotspot cache #8698 @lhy1024
    - Fix the memory leak issue in label statistics #8700 @lhy1024
    - Fix the issue that deleted resource groups still appear in the monitoring panel #8716 @AndreMouche
    - Fix the issue that data race might occur in the scheduling server when a PD leader is switched in the microservice mode #8538 @lhy1024
    - Fix the issue that when using a wrong parameter in `evict-leader-scheduler`, PD does not report errors correctly and some schedulers are unavailable #8619 @rleungx

    - Fix the issue that the resource group selector does not take effect on any panel #56572 @glorv

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic due to spurious Region overlap check failures that occur when multiple Regions are concurrently applying snapshots #9329 @CalvinNeo
    - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING()` function returns incorrect results when the second parameter is negative #9604 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that some queries might report errors when late materialization is enabled #9472 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to parse the table schema when the table contains Bit-type columns with a default value that contains invalid characters #9461 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that some JSON functions unsupported by TiFlash are pushed down to TiFlash #9444 @windtalker
    - Fix the issue that the sign in the result of the `CAST AS DECIMAL` function is incorrect in certain cases #9301 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that read snapshots of TiFlash write nodes are not released in a timely manner in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9298 @JinheLin
    - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING()` function does not support the `pos` and `len` arguments for certain integer types, causing query errors #9473 @gengliqi
    - Fix the issue that when using the `CAST()` function to convert a string to a datetime with a time zone or invalid characters, the result is incorrect #8754 @solotzg
    - Fix the issue that `LPAD()` and `RPAD()` functions return incorrect results in some cases #9465 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that querying new columns might return incorrect results under the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9665 @zimulala

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix the issue that logs might print out encrypted information #57585 @kennytm
        - Fix the issue that snapshot backups based on AWS EBS might fail during the preparation phase, causing the backup to get stuck #52049 @YuJuncen
        - Fix the issue that the checkpoint path of backup and restore is incompatible with some external storage #55265 @Leavrth
        - Fix potential security vulnerabilities by upgrading the `k8s.io/api` library version #57790 @BornChanger
        - Fix the issue that PITR tasks might return the `Information schema is out of date` error when there are a large number of tables in the cluster but the actual data size is small #57743 @Tristan1900

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that the Resolved TS latency monitoring in the Puller module displays incorrect values #11561 @wlwilliamx
  - Fix the issue that when `enable-table-across-nodes` is enabled, some Span replication tasks for a table might be lost during Region splits #11675 @wk989898
  - Fix the issue that the redo module fails to properly report errors #11744 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC mistakenly discards DDL tasks when the schema versions of DDL tasks become non-incremental during TiDB DDL owner changes #11714 @wlwilliamx
  - Fix the issue that the **barrier-ts** monitoring metric for changefeed checkpoints might be inaccurate #11553 @3AceShowHand
- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that multiple DM-master nodes might simultaneously become leaders, leading to data inconsistency #11602 @GMHDBJD

16.10.2 TiDB 8.1.1 Release Notes

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16.10.2.1 Compatibility changes

- When using TiDB Lightning to import a CSV file, if you set `strict-format = true` to split a large CSV file into multiple small CSV files to improve concurrency and import performance, you need to explicitly specify `terminator`. The values can be `\r`, `\n` or `\r\n`. Failure to specify a line terminator might result in an exception when parsing the CSV file data. #37338 @lance6716
- When using `IMPORT INTO` to import a CSV file, if you specify the `SPLIT_FILE` parameter to split a large CSV file into multiple small CSV files to improve concurrency and import performance, you need to explicitly specify the line terminator `LINES_TERMINATED_BY`. The values can be `\r`, `\n` or `\r\n`. Failure to specify a line terminator might result in an exception when parsing the CSV file data. #37338 @lance6716
- Change the default value of the `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill` variable from `ON` to `OFF` to avoid incorrect query results caused by disk spill during parallel calculation. For clusters upgraded to v8.1.1 from v8.0.0 or v8.1.0, this variable will remain at its previous default value of `ON` after the upgrade, and it is recommended to manually change it to `OFF`. #55290 @xzhangxian1008

- Change the scope of the TiKV configuration item `server.grpc-compression-type`:
    - In v8.1.0, this configuration item only affects the compression algorithm of gRPC messages between TiKV nodes.
    - Starting from v8.1.1, this configuration item also affects the compression algorithm of gRPC response messages sent from TiKV to TiDB. Enabling compression might consume more CPU resources. #17176 @ekexium

16.10.2.2 Offline package changes

In v8.1.1, `arbiter` is removed from the `TiDB-community-toolkit` binary package.

16.10.2.3 Improvements

- TiDB
    - By batch deleting TiFlash placement rules, improve the processing speed of data GC after performing the `TRUNCATE` or `DROP` operation on partitioned tables #54068 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Remove stores without Regions during MPP load balancing #52313 @xzhangxian1008
    - Temporarily adjust the priority of statistics synchronously loading tasks to high to avoid widespread timeouts during TiKV high loads, as these timeouts might result in statistics not being loaded #50332 @winoros
    - The `EXPLAIN` statement supports applying the `tidb_redact_log` setting and further optimizes the log handling logic.
    - Support applying the `tidb_redact_log` setting to the output of `EXPLAIN` statements and further optimize the logic in processing logs #54565 @hawkingrei
- PD
    - Improve the retry logic of the HTTP client #8142 @JmPotato
- TiFlash
    - Mitigate the issue that TiFlash might panic due to updating certificates after TLS is enabled #8535 @windtalker
    - Reduce lock conflicts under highly concurrent data read operations and optimize short query performance #9125 @JinheLin
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Support encryption of temporary files generated during log backup #15083 @YuJuncen

- Except for the `br log restore` subcommand, all other `br log` subcommands support skipping the loading of the TiDB `domain` data structure to reduce memory consumption #52088 @Leavrth
- Support setting Alibaba Cloud access credentials through environment variables #45551 @RidRisR
- Support checking whether the disk space in TiKV is sufficient before TiKV downloads each SST file. If the space is insufficient, BR terminates the restore and returns an error #17224 @RidRisR

- TiCDC
  - Support sending BOOTSTRAP messages of all tables to the downstream in one go when a changefeed using Simple Protocol starts #11315 @asddongmen
  - Support directly outputting raw events when the downstream is a Message Queue (MQ) or cloud storage #11211 @CharlesCheung96

16.10.2.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that the disk spill for the HashAgg operator causes incorrect query results during parallel calculation #55290 @xzhangxian1008
  - Fix the issue that `INDEX_HASH_JOIN` cannot exit properly when SQL is abnormally interrupted #54688 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that RANGE partitioned tables that are not strictly self-incrementing can be created #54829 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that `PointGet` execution plans for `_tidb_rowid` can be generated #54583 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that internal SQL statements in the slow log are redacted to null by default #54190 #52743 #53264 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the issue that the `UPDATE` operation can cause TiDB OOM in multi-table scenarios #53742 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue that the Window function might panic when there is a related subquery in it #42734 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue that the `LENGTH()` condition is unexpectedly removed when the collation is `utf8_bin` or `utf8mb4_bin` #53730 @elsa0520
  - Fix the issue that after a statement within a transaction is killed by OOM, if TiDB continues to execute the next statement within the same transaction, you might get an error `Trying to start aggressive locking while it's already started` and a panic occurs #53540 @MyonKeminta
  - Fix the issue that `PREPARE/EXECUTE` statements with the `CONV` expression containing a `?` argument might result in incorrect query results when executed multiple times #53505 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that the recursive CTE operator incorrectly tracks memory usage #54181 @guo-shaoge

- Fix the issue that using `SHOW WARNINGS;` to obtain warnings might cause a panic #48756 @xhebox
- Fix the issue that the TopN operator might be pushed down incorrectly #37986 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that TiDB panics when executing the `SHOW ERRORS` statement with a predicate that is always `true` #46962 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that the `STATE` field in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_TRX` table is empty due to the `size` of the `STATE` field not being defined #53026 @cfzjywxk
- Fix the issue that executing the `SELECT DISTINCT CAST(col AS DECIMAL), CAST(col AS SIGNED)FROM ...` query might return incorrect results #53726 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that DDL statements incorrectly use etcd and cause tasks to queue up #52335 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that the `Distinct_count` information in global statistics might be incorrect #53752 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats` and `tidb_analyze_partition_concurrency` system variables do not take effect during automatic statistics collection #53972 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that the `TIMESTAMPADD()` function goes into an infinite loop when the first argument is `month` and the second argument is negative #54908 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that the Connection Count monitoring metric in Grafana is incorrect when some connections exit before the handshake is complete #54428 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the Connection Count of each resource group is incorrect when using TiProxy and resource groups #54545 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that using a view does not work in recursive CTE #49721 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `final` AggMode and the `non-final` AggMode cannot coexist in Massively Parallel Processing (MPP) #51362 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue of incorrect WARNINGS information when using Optimizer Hints #53767 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue of abnormally high memory usage caused by `memTracker` not being detached when the `HashJoin` or `IndexLookUp` operator is the driven side sub-node of the `Apply` operator #54005 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that the illegal column type `DECIMAL(0,0)` can be created in some cases #53779 @tangenta
- Fix the issue of potential data races during the execution of `(*PointGetPlan).StatsInfo()` #49803 #43339 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that improper use of metadata locks might lead to writing anomalous data when using the plan cache under certain circumstances #53634 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that JSON-related functions return errors inconsistent with MySQL in some cases #53799 @dveeden
- Fix the issue that TiDB does not create corresponding statistics metadata (`stats_meta`) when creating a table with foreign keys #53652 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `memory_quota` hint might not work in subqueries #53834

@qw4990

- Fix the issue that TiDB might report an error due to GC when loading statistics at startup #53592 @you06
- Fix the issue that executing `CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW` concurrently might result in the `table doesn't exist` error #53673 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the query latency of stale reads increases, caused by information schema cache misses #53428 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that `SELECT INTO OUTFILE` does not work when clustered indexes are used as predicates #42093 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that comparing a column of `YEAR` type with an unsigned integer that is out of range causes incorrect results #50235 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that TiDB might return incorrect query results when you query tables with virtual columns in transactions that involve data modification operations #53951 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that TiDB fails to reject unauthenticated user connections in some cases when using the `auth_socket` authentication plugin #54031 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that when queries contain non-correlated subqueries and `LIMIT` clauses, column pruning might be incomplete, resulting in a less optimal plan #54213 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that non-BIGINT unsigned integers might produce incorrect results when compared with strings/decimals #41736 @LittleFall
- Fix the issue that setting `max-index-length` causes TiDB to panic when adding indexes using the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) #53281 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that certain filter conditions in queries might cause the planner module to report an `invalid memory address or nil pointer dereference` error #53582 #53580 #53594 #53603 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that recursive CTE queries might result in invalid pointers #54449 @hawkingrei
- Fix the overflow issue of the `Longlong` type in predicates #45783 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that indirect placeholder `?` references in a `GROUP BY` statement cannot find columns #53872 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the memory used by transactions might be tracked multiple times #53984 @ekexium
- Fix the issue that using `CURRENT_DATE()` as the default value for a column results in incorrect query results #53746 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the performance is unstable when adding indexes using Global Sort #54147 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that `SHOW IMPORT JOBS` reports an error `Unknown column 'summary'` after upgrading from v7.1 #54241 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that `root` user cannot query `tidb_mdl_view` #53292 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the network partition during adding indexes using the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) might cause inconsistent data indexes #54897 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the error occurred during initialization of the TiDB Lightning physical import mode might cause resource leaks #53659 @D3Hunter

- Fix the issue that obtaining the column information using `information_schema.columns` returns warning 1356 when a subquery is used as a column definition in a view definition #54343 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that using index acceleration to add a unique index might cause a `Duplicate entry` error when the owner is switched #49233 @lance6716
- Fix the unclear error message when setting `global.tidb_cloud_storage_uri` #54096 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that the Sync Load QPS monitoring metric is incorrect #53558 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that some statistics information might be missed when loading initial statistics concurrently #53607 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue of reusing wrong point get plans for `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE` #54652 @qw4990

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that CDC and log-backup do not limit the timeout of `check_leader` using the `advance-ts-interval` configuration, causing the `resolved_ts` lag to be too large when TiKV restarts normally in some cases #17107 @MyonKeminta
  - Fix the issue that setting the gRPC message compression method via `grpc-compression-type` does not take effect on messages sent from TiKV to TiDB #17176 @ekexium
  - Fix the failure of `make docker` and `make docker_test` #17075 @shunki-fujita
  - Fix the issue that the **gRPC request sources duration** metric is displayed incorrectly in the monitoring dashboard #17133 @King-Dylan
  - Fix the issue that the output of the `raft region` command in tikv-ctl does not include the Region status information #17037 @glorv
  - Fix the issue that changing the `raftstore.periodic-full-compact-start-times` configuration item online might cause TiKV to panic #17066 @SpadeA-Tang
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might repeatedly panic when applying a corrupted Raft data snapshot #15292 @LykxSassinator
  - Fix the issue that releasing cache entries before they are persisted causes TiKV to panic #17040 @glorv

- PD

  - Fix the issue that an incorrect PD API is called when you retrieve table attributes #55188 @JmPotato
  - Fix the issue that the time data type in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.RUNAWAY_WATCHES` table is incorrect #54770 @HuSharp
  - Fix the issue that some logs are not redacted #8419 @rleungx
  - Fix the issue of missing data in the `Filter` monitoring metric #8098 @nolouch
  - Fix the issue that the HTTP client might panic when TLS is enabled #8237 @okJiang

- Fix the issue that the encryption manager is not initialized before use #8384 @rleungx
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- Fix the issue that a resource group encounters quota limits when requesting tokens for more than 500 ms #8349 @nolouch
- Fix the issue that manually transferring the PD leader might fail #8225 @HuSharp
- Fix the issue that deleted nodes still appear in the candidate connection list in etcd client #8286 @JmPotato
- Fix the issue that `ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY` cannot modify the placement policy #52257 #51712 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that the scheduling of write hotspots might break placement policy constraints #7848 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that down peers might not recover when using Placement Rules #7808 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that a large number of retries occur when canceling resource groups queries #8217 @nolouch
- Fix the data race issue that PD encounters during operator checks #8263 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that no error is reported when binding a role to a resource group #54417 @JmPotato
- Fix the issue that setting the TiKV configuration item `coprocessor.region-split-size` to a value less than 1 MiB causes PD panic #8323 @JmPotato

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that a network partition (network disconnection) between TiFlash and any PD might cause read request timeout errors #9243 @Lloyd-Pottiger
  - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING_INDEX()` function might cause TiFlash to crash in some corner cases #9116 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that a large number of duplicate rows might be read in FastScan mode after importing data via BR or TiDB Lightning #9118 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when a database is deleted shortly after creation #9266 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that setting the SSL certificate configuration to an empty string in TiFlash incorrectly enables TLS and causes TiFlash to fail to start #9235 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, null

values might be incorrectly returned in queries after adding non-null columns in DDL operations #9084 @Lloyd-Pottiger
- Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic after executing `RENAME TABLE ... TO ...` on a partitioned table with empty partitions across databases #9132 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue of query timeout when executing queries on partitioned tables that contain empty partitions #9024 @JinheLin
- Fix the issue that some queries might report a column type mismatch error after late materialization is enabled #9175 @JinheLin
- Fix the issue that queries with virtual generated columns might return incorrect results after late materialization is enabled #9188 @JinheLin

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that the backup performance during checkpoint backups is affected due to interruptions in seeking Region leaders #17168 @Leavrth
    - Fix the inefficiency issue in scanning DDL jobs during incremental backups #54139 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that BR fails to correctly identify errors due to multiple nested retries during the restore process #54053 @RidRisR
    - Fix the issue that BR fails to restore a transactional KV cluster due to an empty `EndKey` #52574 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that log backup might be paused after the advancer owner migration #53561 @RidRisR
    - Fix the issue that DDLs requiring backfilling, such as `ADD INDEX` and `MODIFY COLUMN`, might not be correctly recovered during incremental restore #54426 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that a PD connection failure could cause the TiDB instance where the log backup advancer owner is located to panic #52597 @YuJuncen
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that Region changes cause downstream panic #17233 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to decode primary keys in clustered index tables correctly when the new collation is disabled in the upstream #11371 @lidezhu
    - Fix the issue that the checksum is not correctly set to `0` after splitting `UPDATE` events #11402 @3AceShowHand
    - Fix the issue that data inconsistency might occur when restarting Changefeed repeatedly when performing a large number of `UPDATE` operations in a multi-node environment #11219 @lidezhu
    - Fix the issue that the Processor module might get stuck when the downstream Kafka is inaccessible #11340 @asddongmen
  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

- Fix the issue that `SET` statements cause DM to panic during the migration of MariaDB data #10206 @dveeden
- Fix the connection blocking issue by upgrading `go-mysql` #11041 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that data replication is interrupted when the index length exceeds the default value of `max-index-length` #11459 @michaelmdeng
- Fix the issue that schema tracker incorrectly handles LIST partition tables, causing DM errors #11408 @lance6716

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning outputs a confusing `WARN` log when it fails to obtain the keyspace name #54232 @kennytm
- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that Dumpling reports an error when exporting tables and views at the same time #53682 @tangenta
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that deleting rows during the execution of `ADD COLUMN` might report an error `data and columnID count not match` when TiDB Binlog is enabled #53133 @tangenta

16.10.3 TiDB 8.1.0 Release Notes

Release date: May 24, 2024

TiDB version: 8.1.0

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

TiDB 8.1.0 is a Long-Term Support Release (LTS).

Compared with the previous LTS 7.5.0, 8.1.0 includes new features, improvements, and bug fixes released in 7.6.0-DMR and 8.0.0-DMR. When you upgrade from 7.5.x to 8.1.0, you can download the TiDB Release Notes PDF to view all release notes between the two LTS versions. The following table lists some highlights from 7.6.0 to 8.1.0:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Feature/Enhancement</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td rowspan="5">Scalability and Performance</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/br-snapshot-guide#restore-
   ↪ cluster-snapshots">Acceleration of cluster snapshot restore speed</a>
   ↪  (GA in v8.0.0)</td>
<td>With this feature, BR can fully leverage the scale advantage of a
   ↪ cluster, enabling all TiKV nodes in the cluster to participate in the
   ↪  preparation step of data restores. This feature can significantly
   ↪ improve the restore speed of large datasets in large-scale clusters.
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    ↪ Real-world tests show that this feature can saturate the download
    ↪ bandwidth, with the download speed improving by 8 to 10 times, and
    ↪ the end-to-end restore speed improving by approximately 1.5 to 3
    ↪ times.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/accelerated-table-creation">
    ↪ Achieve up to 10 times faster for creating tables in batch</a> (
    ↪ experimental, introduced in v7.6.0)</td>
<td>With the implementation of the new DDL architecture in v7.6.0, the
    ↪ performance of batch table creation has witnessed a remarkable
    ↪ improvement, up to 10 times faster. This substantial enhancement
    ↪ drastically reduces the time needed for creating numerous tables.
    ↪ This acceleration is particularly noteworthy in SaaS scenarios, where
    ↪  the prevalence of high volumes of tables, ranging from tens to
    ↪ hundreds of thousands, is a common challenge.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/tune-region-performance#use-
    ↪ the-active-pd-follower-feature-to-enhance-the-scalability-of-pds-
    ↪ region-information-query-service">Use Active PD Followers to enhance
    ↪ PD's Region information query service</a> (experimental, introduced
    ↪ in v7.6.0)</td>
<td>TiDB v7.6.0 introduces an experimental feature "Active PD Follower",
    ↪ which allows PD followers to provide Region information query
    ↪ services. This feature improves the capability of the PD cluster to
    ↪ handle <code>GetRegion</code> and <code>ScanRegions</code> requests
    ↪ in clusters with a large number of TiDB nodes and Regions, thereby
    ↪ reducing the CPU pressure on PD leaders.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/system-variables#tidb_dml_
    ↪ type-new-in-v800">Bulk DML for much larger transactions</a> (
    ↪ experimental, introduced in v8.0.0)</td>
<td>Large batch DML jobs, such as extensive cleanup jobs, joins, or
    ↪ aggregations, can consume a significant amount of memory and have
    ↪ previously been limited at very large scales. Bulk DML (<code>tidb_
    ↪ dml_type = "bulk"</code>) is a new DML type for handling large batch
    ↪ DML tasks more efficiently while providing transaction guarantees and
    ↪  mitigating OOM issues. This feature differs from import, load, and
    ↪ restore operations when used for data loading.</td>
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<td>Enhance the stability of caching the schema information when there is a
    ↪ massive number of tables (experimental, introduced in v8.0.0)</td>
<td>SaaS companies using TiDB as the system of record for their multi-tenant
    ↪  applications often need to store a substantial number of tables. In
    ↪ previous versions, handling table counts in the order of a million or
    ↪  more was feasible, but it had the potential to degrade the overall
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    ↪ user experience. TiDB v8.0.0 improves the situation by implementing a
    ↪  <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/system-variables#tidb_
    ↪ enable_auto_analyze_priority_queue-new-in-v800">priority queue</a>
    ↪ for <code>auto analyze</code>, making the process less rigid and
    ↪ enhancing stability across a wider array of tables.</td>
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<td rowspan="5">Reliability and availability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/tidb-global-sort">Global
    ↪ Sort</a> (GA in v8.0.0)</td>
<td>The Global Sort feature aims to improve the stability and efficiency of
    ↪ <code>IMPORT INTO</code> and <code>CREATE INDEX</code>. By globally
    ↪ sorting the data to be processed, this feature improves the stability
    ↪ , controllability, and scalability of data writing to TiKV,
    ↪ consequently enhancing the user experience and service quality of
    ↪ data import and index creation. With global sorting enabled, each <
    ↪ code>IMPORT INTO</code> or <code>CREATE INDEX</code> statement now
    ↪ supports importing or adding indexes for up to 40 TiB of data.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/sql-plan-management#cross-
    ↪ database-binding">Cross-database SQL binding</a> (introduced in v7
    ↪ .6.0)</td>
<td>When managing hundreds of databases with the same schema, it is often
    ↪ necessary to apply SQL bindings across these databases. For example,
    ↪ in SaaS or PaaS data platforms, each user typically operates separate
    ↪  databases with the same schema and runs similar SQL queries on them.
    ↪  In this case, it is impractical to bind SQL for each database one by
    ↪  one. TiDB v7.6.0 introduces cross-database SQL bindings that enable
    ↪ matching bindings across all schema-equivalent databases.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/tiproxy-overview">Support
    ↪ TiProxy</a> (GA in v8.0.0)</td>
<td>Full support for the TiProxy service, easily deployable via deployment
    ↪ tooling, to manage and maintain connections to TiDB so that they live
    ↪  through rolling restarts, upgrades, or scaling events.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/dm-compatibility-catalog">
    ↪ Data Migration (DM) officially supports MySQL 8.0</a> (GA in v7.6.0)
    ↪ </td>
<td>Previously, using DM to migrate data from MySQL 8.0 is an experimental
    ↪ feature and is not available for production environments. TiDB v7.6.0
    ↪  enhances the stability and compatibility of this feature to help you
    ↪  smoothly and quickly migrate data from MySQL 8.0 to TiDB in
    ↪ production environments. In v7.6.0, this feature becomes generally
    ↪ available (GA).</td>
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<td>TiDB resource control supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8
   ↪ .1/tidb-resource-control#manage-queries-that-consume-more-resources-
   ↪ than-expected-runaway-queries">managing queries that consume more
   ↪ resources than expected</a> (GA in v8.1.0)</td>
<td>Through the rules of resource groups, TiDB can automatically identify
   ↪ queries that consume more resources than expected, and then limit or
   ↪ cancel these queries. Even if the queries are not identified by the
   ↪ rules, you can still manually add query characteristics and take
   ↪ corresponding measures to reduce the impact of the sudden query
   ↪ performance problem on the entire database.</td>
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<td rowspan="1">DB Operations and Observability</td>
<td>Support monitoring index usage statistics (introduced in v8.0.0)</td>
<td>Proper index design is a crucial prerequisite to maintaining database
   ↪ performance. TiDB v8.0.0 introduces the <a href="https://docs.pingcap
   ↪ .com/tidb/v8.1/information-schema-tidb-index-usage"><code>INFORMATION
   ↪ _SCHEMA.TIDB_INDEX_USAGE</code></a> table and the <a href="https://
   ↪ docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/sys-schema-unused-indexes"><code>sys.
   ↪ schema_unused_indexes</code></a> view to provide usage statistics of
   ↪ indexes. This feature helps you assess the efficiency of indexes in
   ↪ the database and optimize the index design.</td>
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<td rowspan="3">Data Migration</td>
<td>TiCDC supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/ticdc-simple-
   ↪ protocol">the Simple protocol</a> (introduced in v8.0.0)</td>
<td>TiCDC introduces a new protocol, the Simple protocol. This protocol
   ↪ provides in-band schema tracking capabilities by embedding table
   ↪ schema information in DDL and BOOTSTRAP events.</td>
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<td>TiCDC supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/ticdc-
   ↪ debezium">the Debezium format protocol</a> (introduced in v8.0.0)</td
   ↪ >
<td>TiCDC introduces a new protocol, the Debezium protocol. TiCDC can now
   ↪ publish data change events to a Kafka sink using a protocol that
   ↪ generates Debezium style messages.</td>
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<td>TiCDC supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.1/ticdc-client-
   ↪ authentication">client authentication</a> (introduced in v8.1.0)</td>
<td>TiCDC supports client authentication using mutual Transport Layer
   ↪ Security (mTLS) or TiDB username and password. This feature enables
   ↪ CLI or OpenAPI clients to authenticate their connections to TiCDC.</
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16.10.3.1 Feature details

16.10.3.1.1 Reliability

- Support managing queries that consume more resources than expected (GA) #43691 @nolouch

  Sudden SQL query performance problems can cause a decline in overall database performance, which is the most common challenge to database stability. The reasons for these problems are diverse, such as untested new SQL statements, drastic changes in data volume, and sudden changes in execution plans. These problems are difficult to avoid completely at the source. TiDB v7.2.0 has introduced the capability to manage queries that consume more resources than expected to quickly reduce the impact of sudden query performance problems. This feature becomes generally available in v8.1.0.

  You can set the maximum execution time for a query in a resource group. When the execution time of a query exceeds the set value, the priority of the query is automatically reduced or the query is canceled. You can also set immediately matching identified queries through text or execution plans within a period of time, to avoid excessive resource consumption during the identification phase when the concurrency of problematic queries is too high.

  TiDB also supports the manual marking of queries. By using the `QUERY WATCH` command, you can mark queries based on the SQL text, SQL Digest, or execution plan. The queries that match the mark can be downgraded or canceled, achieving the purpose of adding a SQL blocklist.

  The automatic management capability of queries that consume more resources than expected provides users with an effective means to quickly mitigate the impact of query problems on overall performance before the root cause is identified, thereby improving the stability of the database.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.10.3.1.2 SQL

- Support using more expressions to set default column values when creating a table (GA) #50936 @zimulala

  Before v8.0.0, when you create a table, the default value of a column is limited to strings, numbers, dates, and certain expressions. Starting from v8.0.0, you can use more expressions as the default column values. For example, you can set the default value of a column to `DATE_FORMAT`. This feature helps you meet more diverse requirements. In v8.1.0, this feature becomes GA.

  Starting from v8.1.0, you can use expressions as default values when adding columns by `ADD COLUMN`.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.10.3.1.3 DB operations

- Enable the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) by default to enhance the performance and stability of `ADD INDEX` or `IMPORT INTO` tasks in parallel execution #52441 @D3Hunter

  The DXF becomes generally available (GA) in v7.5.0, but it is disabled by default. This means that an `ADD INDEX` or `IMPORT INTO` task is executed only by one TiDB node by default.

  Starting from v8.1.0, TiDB enables this feature by default (`tidb_enable_dist_task` defaults to `ON`). When enabled, the DXF can schedule multiple TiDB nodes to execute the same `ADD INDEX` or `IMPORT INTO` task in parallel, fully utilizing the resources of the TiDB cluster and greatly improving the performance of these tasks. In addition, you can linearly improve the performance of `ADD INDEX` and `IMPORT INTO` tasks by adding TiDB nodes and configuring `tidb_service_scope` for the newly added nodes.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.10.3.1.4 Security

- Enhance TiDB log desensitization (GA) #52364 @xhebox

  The enhanced TiDB log desensitization supports removing sensitive data when users view logs, implemented by marking SQL text information in log files. You can control whether to mark log information to enable secure use of TiDB logs in different scenarios, enhancing the security and flexibility of using log desensitization. To use this feature, set the system variable `tidb_redact_log` to `MARKER`, and then the SQL text in TiDB's runtime logs is marked. In addition, you can use the `collect-log` subcommand on the TiDB server to remove marked sensitive data from the logs and display the logs in a secure manner. You can also remove all markers and get the normal logs. This feature became generally available in v8.1.0.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.10.3.1.5 Data migration

- Support the `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` syntax (GA) #49883 @D3Hunter

  Before v8.0.0, importing query results into a target table could only be done using the `INSERT INTO ... SELECT` statement, which is relatively inefficient in some large dataset scenarios. In v8.0.0, TiDB introduces `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` as an experimental feature, which enables you to import the results of a `SELECT` query into an empty TiDB target table. It achieves up to 8 times the performance of `INSERT INTO ... SELECT` and significantly reduces the import time. In addition, you can use `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` to import historical data queried with `AS OF TIMESTAMP`.

In v8.1.0, the `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` syntax becomes generally available (GA), enriching the functionality scenarios of the `IMPORT INTO` statement.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB Lightning simplifies conflict resolution strategies and supports handling conflicting data using the `replace` strategy (GA) #51036 @lyzx2001

  Before v8.0.0, TiDB Lightning has one data conflict resolution strategy for the logical import mode and two data conflict resolution strategies for the physical import mode, which are not easy to understand and configure.

  In v8.0.0, TiDB Lightning deprecates the old version of conflict detection strategy for the physical import mode, enables you to control the conflict detection strategy for both logical and physical import modes via the `conflict.strategy` parameter (experimental), and simplifies the configuration of this parameter. In addition, in the physical import mode, the `replace` strategy supports retaining the latest data and overwriting the old data when the import detects data with primary key or unique key conflicts. In v8.1.0, the capability to handle conflicting data with the `replace` strategy becomes generally available (GA).

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC supports client authentication #10636 @CharlesCheung96

  In v8.1.0, TiCDC supports client authentication when you are using the TiCDC CLI or OpenAPI. This feature enables you to configure TiCDC to require client authentication using client certificates, thereby establishing mutual Transport Layer Security (mTLS). Additionally, you can configure authentication based on TiDB username and password.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.10.3.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v8.0.0 to the current version (v8.1.0). If you are upgrading from v7.6.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.10.3.2.1 Behavior changes

- In earlier versions, the `tidb.tls` configuration item in TiDB Lightning treats values `"false"` and `""` the same, as well as treating the values `"preferred"` and `"skip-verify"` the same. Starting from v8.1.0, TiDB Lightning distinguishes the behavior of `"false"`, `""`, `"skip-verify"`, and `"preferred"` for `tidb.tls`. For more

information, see TiDB Lightning configuration.

- For tables with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1`, TiDB supports a centralized auto-increment ID allocating service. In earlier versions, the primary TiDB node of this service automatically performs a `forceRebase` operation when the TiDB process exits (for example, during the TiDB node restart) to keep auto-assigned IDs as consecutive as possible. However, when there are too many tables with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1`, executing `forceRebase` becomes very time-consuming, preventing TiDB from restarting promptly and even blocking data writes, thus affecting system availability. To resolve this issue, starting from v8.1.0, TiDB removes the `forceRebase` behavior, but this change will cause some auto-assigned IDs to be non-consecutive during the failover.
- In earlier versions, when processing a transaction containing `UPDATE` changes, if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in an `UPDATE` event, TiCDC splits this event into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events. In v8.1.0, when using the MySQL sink, TiCDC splits an `UPDATE` event into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events if the transaction `commitTS` for the `UPDATE` change is less than TiCDC `thresholdTS` (which is the current timestamp that TiCDC fetches from PD at TiCDC startup). This behavior change addresses the issue of downstream data inconsistencies caused by the potentially incorrect order of `UPDATE` events received by TiCDC, which can lead to an incorrect order of split `DELETE` and `INSERT` events. For more information, see documentation.

16.10.3.2.2 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_telemetry	Deprecated	Starting from v8.1.0, the telemetry feature in TiDB is removed, and this variable is no longer functional. It is retained solely for compatibility with earlier versions.
tidb_auto_analyze_ratio	Modified	Changes the value range from [0, 18446744073709 to (0, 1].

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_enable_dist_task`	Modified	Changes the default value from `OFF` to `ON`. This means that Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) is enabled by default, which fully utilizes the resources of the TiDB cluster and greatly improves the performance of `ADD INDEX` and `IMPORT INTO` tasks. If you

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_service_scope	Modified	Changes the optional value from "" or background to a string with a length of up to 64 characters, which enables you to control the service scope of each TiDB node more flexibly. Valid characters include digits 0-9, letters a-zA-Z, underscores _, and hyphens -. The Distributed eXecu-

Variable name	Change type	Description

16.10.3.2.3 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`enable-telemetry`	Deprecated	Starting from v8.1.0, the telemetry feature in TiDB is removed, and this configuration item is no longer functional. It is retained solely for compatibility with earlier versions.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`concurrently ↪ - ↪ init ↪ - ↪ stats ↪`	Newly added	Controls whether to initialize statistics concurrently during TiDB startup. The default value is `false`.
PD	`enable- ↪ telemetry ↪`	Deprecated	Starting from v8.1.0, the telemetry feature in TiDB Dashboard is removed, and this configuration item is no longer functional. It is retained solely for compatibility with earlier versions.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`conflict` ↪ `.max` ↪ `-` ↪ `record` ↪ `-` ↪ `rows`	Modified	Starting from v8.1.0, there is no need to configure `conflict` ↪ `.max` ↪ `-` ↪ `record` ↪ `-` ↪ `rows` manually, because TiDB Lightning automatically assigns the value of `conflict` ↪ `.max` ↪ `-` ↪ `record` ↪ `-` ↪ `rows` with the value of `conflict` ↪ `.` ↪ `threshold` ↪ , regardless of the user input. `conflict` ↪ `.max` ↪ `-` ↪ `record` ↪ `-` ↪ `rows`

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`conflict` ↪ `.` ↪ `threshold` ↪	Modified	Changes the default value from `9223372036854775807` ↪ to `10000` to quickly interrupt abnormal tasks so that you can make corresponding adjustments as soon as possible. This saves time and computational resources by avoiding the scenario where a large amount of conflicting data is discovered after the import, caused by abnormal data

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`memory.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `thread` ↪ `-` ↪ `exclusive` ↪ `-` ↪ `arena` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to display the memory allocation status at the TiKV thread level to track the memory usage of each TiKV thread. The default value is `true`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `client` ↪ `-` ↪ `allowed` ↪ `-` ↪ `user`	Newly added	Lists the usernames that are allowed for client authentication. Authentication requests with usernames not in this list will be rejected. The default value is null.
TiCDC	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `client` ↪ `-` ↪ `user` ↪ `-` ↪ `required` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to use username and password for client authentication. The default value is `false`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `mtls`	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the TLS client authentication. The default value is `false`.
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `debezium` ↪ `.` ↪ `output` ↪ `-old` ↪ `-` ↪ `value` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to output the value before the row data changes. The default value is `true`. When it is disabled, the `UPDATE` event does not output the "before" field.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `open` ↪ `.` ↪ `output` ↪ `-old` ↪ `-` ↪ `value` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to output the value before the row data changes. The default value is `true`. When it is disabled, the `UPDATE` event does not output the "p" field.

16.10.3.3 Deprecated features

- Starting from v8.1.0, the telemetry feature in TiDB and TiDB Dashboard is removed:
    - The system variable `tidb_enable_telemetry`, the TiDB configuration item `enable-telemetry`, and the PD configuration item `enable-telemetry` are deprecated and no longer functional.
    - The `ADMIN SHOW TELEMETRY` syntax is removed.
    - The `TELEMETRY` and `TELEMETRY_ID` keywords are removed.
- It is planned to redesign the auto-evolution of execution plan bindings in subsequent releases, and the related variables and behavior will change.
- The TiDB Lightning parameter `conflict.max-record-rows` is scheduled for deprecation in a future release and will be subsequently removed. This parameter will be replaced by `conflict.threshold`, which means that the maximum number of conflicting records is consistent with the maximum number of conflicting records that can be tolerated in a single import task.

- Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB Lightning deprecates the old version of conflict detection strategy for the physical import mode, and enables you to control the conflict detection strategy for both logical and physical import modes via the `conflict.strategy` parameter. The `duplicate-resolution` parameter for the old version of conflict detection will be removed in a future release.

16.10.3.4 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Improve the MySQL compatibility of foreign keys displayed in the output of `SHOW CREATE TABLE` #51837 @negachov
    - Improve the MySQL compatibility of expression default values displayed in the output of `SHOW CREATE TABLE` #52939 @CbcWestwolf
    - Support adding multiple indexes concurrently in the ingest mode #52596 @lance6716
    - Support configuring the system variable `tidb_service_scope` with various values, enhancing the utilization of the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) #52441 @ywqzzy
    - Enhance the handling of DNF items that are always `false` by directly ignoring such filter conditions, thus avoiding unnecessary full table scans #40997 @hi-rustin
    - Support using Optimizer Fix Controls to remove the limitation that the optimizer does not automatically choose Index Merge for a query when the optimizer can choose the single index scan method (other than full table scan) for the query #52869 @time-and-fate
    - Add the `total_kv_read_wall_time` metric to the column `execution info` of Coprocessor operators #28937 @cfzjywxk
    - Add the `RU (max)` metric on the Resource Control dashboard #49318 @nolouch
    - Add a timeout mechanism for LDAP authentication to avoid the issue of resource lock (RLock) not being released in time #51883 @YangKeao
- TiKV
    - Avoid performing IO operations on snapshot files in Raftstore threads to improve TiKV stability #16564 @Connor1996
    - Accelerate the shutdown speed of TiKV #16680 @LykxSassinator
    - Add metrics for memory usage per thread #15927 @Connor1996
- PD
    - Optimize the logic for `OperatorController` to reduce the overhead of competition locks #7897 @nolouch
- TiFlash

- Mitigate the issue that TiFlash might panic due to updating certificates after TLS is enabled #8535 @windtalker

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Add PITR integration test cases to cover compatibility testing for log backup and adding index acceleration #51987 @Leavrth
        - Remove the invalid verification for active DDL jobs when log backup starts #52733 @Leavrth
        - Add test cases to test compatibility between PITR and the acceleration of adding indexes feature #51988 @Leavrth
        - BR cleans up empty SST files during data recovery #16005 @Leavrth

    - TiCDC

        - Improve memory stability during data recovery using redo logs to reduce the probability of OOM #10900 @CharlesCheung96
        - Significantly improve the stability of data replication in transaction conflict scenarios, with up to 10 times performance improvement #10896 @CharlesCheung96

16.10.3.5 Bug fixes

- TiDB

    - Fix the issue that executing SQL statements containing tables with multi-valued indexes might return the `Can't find a proper physical plan for this query` error #49438 @qw4990
    - Fix the issue that automatic statistics collection gets stuck after an OOM error occurs #51993 @hi-rustin
    - Fix the issue that after using BR to restore a table that has no statistics, the statistics health of that table is still 100% #29769 @winoros
    - Fix the issue that TiDB creates statistics for system tables during upgrade #52040 @hi-rustin
    - Fix the issue that automatic statistics collection is triggered before the initialization of statistics finishes #52346 @hi-rustin
    - Fix the issue that TiDB might crash when `tidb_mem_quota_analyze` is enabled and the memory used by updating statistics exceeds the limit #52601 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that the TiDB synchronously loading statistics mechanism retries to load empty statistics indefinitely and prints the `fail to get stats version for this histogram` log #52657 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that expressions containing different collations might cause the query to panic when the new framework for collations is disabled #52772 @wjhuang2016
    - Fix the issue that the `CPS by type` metric displays incorrect values #52605 @nolouch

- Fix the issue that the nil pointer error occurs when you query `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_REGION_STATUS` #52013 @JmPotato
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- Fix the issue of inconsistent data indexes caused by cluster upgrade during adding indexes #52411 @tangenta
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- Fix the issue that the `IMPORT INTO` operation gets stuck when importing a large amount of data #52884 @lance6716
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- Fix the inaccurate execution time statistics of HashJoin probe #52222 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that using `TABLESAMPLE` returns incorrect results in static partition pruning mode (`tidb_partition_prune_mode='static'`) #52282 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that TTL is deviated by 1 hour in daylight saving time #51675 @lcwangchao
- Fix the incorrect calculation and display of the number of connections (Connection Count) on the TiDB Dashboard Monitoring page #51889 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the status gets stuck when rolling back the partition DDL tasks #51090 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that the value of `max_remote_stream` is incorrect when executing `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` #52646 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that querying the `TIDB_HOT_REGIONS` table might incorrectly return `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` tables #50810 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that the `EXPLAIN` statement might display incorrect column IDs in

the result when statistics for certain columns are not fully loaded #52207 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that the type returned by the `IFNULL` function is inconsistent with MySQL #51765 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that adding a unique index might cause TiDB to panic #52312 @wjhuang2016

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  - Fix the issue that inactive Write Ahead Logs (WALs) in RocksDB might corrupt data #16705 @Connor1996

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  - Fix the issue that the `State` monitoring metric for DR Auto-Sync does not show any data #7974 @lhy1024
  - Fix the issue that checking binary versions might cause PD panic #7978 @JmPotato
  - Fix the type conversion error that occurs when TTL parameters are parsed #7980 @HuSharp
  - Fix the issue that the Leader fails to transfer when you switch it between two deployed data centers #7992 @TonsnakeLin
  - Fix the issue that `PrintErrln` in pd-ctl fails to output error messages to `stderr` #8022 @HuSharp
  - Fix the issue that PD might panic when generating `Merge` schedules #8049 @nolouch
  - Fix the panic issue caused by `GetAdditionalInfo` #8079 @HuSharp
  - Fix the issue that the `Filter target` monitoring metric for PD does not provide scatter range information #8125 @HuSharp
  - Fix the issue that the query result of `SHOW CONFIG` includes the deprecated configuration item `trace-region-flow` #7917 @rleungx
  - Fix the issue that the scaling progress is not correctly displayed #7726 @CabinfeverB

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  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when you insert data to columns with invalid default values in non-strict `sql_mode` #8803 @Lloyd-Pottiger
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might return transiently incorrect results in high-concurrency read scenarios #8845 @JinheLin

- Fix the issue that in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, the disk `used_size` metric displayed in Grafana is incorrect after you modify the value of the `storage.remote.cache.capacity` configuration item for TiFlash compute nodes #8920 @JinheLin
- Fix the issue that TiFlash metadata might become corrupted and cause the process to panic when upgrading a cluster from a version earlier than v6.5.0 to v6.5.0 or later #9039 @JaySon-Huang
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- Fix the issue that TiFlash might return an error when executing queries containing virtual generated columns #8787 @guo-shaoge

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  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that BR cannot back up the `AUTO_RANDOM` ID allocation progress in a union clustered index that contains an `AUTO_RANDOM` column #52255 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that removing a log backup task after it is paused does not immediately restore the GC safepoint #52082 @3pointer
    - Fix a rare issue that special event timing might cause the data loss in log backup #16739 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that the global checkpoint of log backup is advanced ahead of the actual backup file write point due to TiKV restart, which might cause a small amount of backup data loss #16809 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that the confusing information related to `--concurrency` appears in the log during a full backup #50837 @BornChanger
    - Fix the issue that the Region fetched from PD does not have a Leader when restoring data using BR or importing data using TiDB Lightning in physical import mode #51124 #50501 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that after pausing, stopping, and rebuilding the log backup task, the task status is normal, but the checkpoint does not advance #53047 @RidRisR
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    - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when resuming a paused log backup task with unstable network connections to PD #17020 @YuJuncen
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that calling the API (`/api/v2/owner/resign`) that evicts the TiCDC owner node causes the TiCDC task to restart unexpectedly #10781 @sdojjy

- Fix the issue that when the downstream Pulsar is stopped, removing the changefeed causes the normal TiCDC process to get stuck, which causes other changefeed processes to get stuck #10629 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue that the **Ownership history** panel in Grafana is unstable #10796 @hongyunyan
- Fix the issue that restarting PD might cause the TiCDC node to restart with an error #10799 @3AceShowHand
- Fix the issue that high latency in the PD disk I/O causes severe latency in data replication #9054 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue that the default value of `TIMEZONE` type is not set according to the correct time zone #10931 @3AceShowHand
- Fix the issue that `DROP PRIMARY KEY` and `DROP UNIQUE KEY` statements are not replicated correctly #10890 @asddongmen
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  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning might print sensitive information to logs in server mode #36374 @kennytm
  - Fix the issue that killing the PD Leader causes TiDB Lightning to report the `invalid store ID 0` error during data import #50501 @Leavrth
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning reports the `Unknown column in where ↪ clause` error when processing conflicting data using the `replace` strategy #52886 @lyzx2001
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning panics when importing an empty table of Parquet format #52518 @kennytm

16.10.3.6 Performance test

To learn about the performance of TiDB v8.1.0, you can refer to the TPC-C performance test report and Sysbench performance test report of the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

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16.11 v8.0

16.11.1 TiDB 8.0.0 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start

8.0.0 introduces the following key features and improvements:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Feature/Enhancement</th>
<th>Description</th>
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```
<td rowspan="4">Scalability and Performance</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.0/pd-microservices">
   ↪ Disaggregation of PD to improve scalability (experimental)</a> </td>
<td>Placement Driver (PD) contains multiple critical modules to ensure the
   ↪ normal operation of TiDB clusters. As the workload of a cluster
   ↪ increases, the resource consumption of each module in PD also
   ↪ increases, causing mutual interference between these modules and
   ↪ ultimately affecting the overall service quality of the cluster.
   ↪ Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB addresses this issue by splitting the TSO
   ↪ and scheduling modules in PD into independently deployable
   ↪ microservices. This can significantly reduce the mutual interference
   ↪ between modules as the cluster scales. With this architecture, much
   ↪ larger clusters with much larger workloads are now possible.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.0/system-variables#tidb_dml_
   ↪ type-new-in-v800">Bulk DML for much larger transactions (experimental
   ↪ )</a></td>
<td>Large batch DML jobs, such as extensive cleanup jobs, joins, or
   ↪ aggregations, can consume a significant amount of memory and have
   ↪ previously been limited at very large scales. Bulk DML (<code>tidb_
   ↪ dml_type = "bulk"</code>) is a new DML type for handling large batch
   ↪ DML tasks more efficiently while providing transaction guarantees and
   ↪  mitigating OOM issues. This feature differs from import, load, and
   ↪ restore operations when used for data loading.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.0/br-snapshot-guide#restore-
   ↪ cluster-snapshots">Acceleration of cluster snapshot restore speed (GA
   ↪ ) </a></td>
<td>With this feature, BR can fully leverage the scale advantage of a
   ↪ cluster, enabling all TiKV nodes in the cluster to participate in the
   ↪  preparation step of data restores. This feature can significantly
   ↪ improve the restore speed of large datasets in large-scale clusters.
   ↪ Real-world tests show that this feature can saturate the download
   ↪ bandwidth, with the download speed improving by 8 to 10 times, and
   ↪ the end-to-end restore speed improving by approximately 1.5 to 3
   ↪ times.</td>
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<td>Enhance the stability of caching the schema information when there is a
   ↪ massive number of tables (experimental)</td>
<td>SaaS companies using TiDB as the system of record for their multi-tenant
   ↪  applications often need to store a substantial number of tables. In
   ↪ previous versions, handling table counts in the order of a million or
   ↪  more was feasible, but it had the potential to degrade the overall
   ↪ user experience. TiDB v8.0.0 improves the situation by implementing a
   ↪  <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.0/system-variables#tidb_
   ↪ enable_auto_analyze_priority_queue-new-in-v800">priority queue</a>
   ↪ for <code>auto analyze</code>, making the process less rigid and
   ↪ enhancing stability across a wider array of tables.</td>
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```
<td rowspan="1">DB Operations and Observability</td>
<td>Support monitoring index usage statistics </td>
<td>Proper index design is a crucial prerequisite to maintaining database
   ↪ performance. TiDB v8.0.0 introduces the <a href="https://docs.pingcap
   ↪ .com/tidb/v8.0/information-schema-tidb-index-usage"><code>INFORMATION
   ↪ _SCHEMA.TIDB_INDEX_USAGE</code></a> table and the <a href="https://
   ↪ docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.0/sys-schema-unused-indexes"><code>sys.
   ↪ schema_unused_indexes</code></a> view to provide usage statistics of
   ↪ indexes. This feature helps you assess the efficiency of indexes in
   ↪ the database and optimize the index design.</td>
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<td rowspan="2">Data Migration</td>
<td>TiCDC adds support for <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.0/ticdc
   ↪ -simple-protocol">the Simple protocol</a> </td>
<td>TiCDC introduces a new protocol, the Simple protocol. This protocol
   ↪ provides in-band schema tracking capabilities by embedding table
   ↪ schema information in DDL and BOOTSTRAP events.</td>
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<td>TiCDC adds support for <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v8.0/ticdc
   ↪ -debezium">the Debezium format protocol</a> </td>
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<td>TiCDC introduces a new protocol, the Debezium protocol. TiCDC can now
    ↪ publish data change events to a Kafka sink using a protocol that
    ↪ generates Debezium style messages.</td>
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16.11.1.1 Feature details

16.11.1.1.1 Scalability

- PD supports the microservice mode (experimental) #5766 @binshi-bing

  Starting from v8.0.0, PD supports the microservice mode. This mode splits the timestamp allocation and cluster scheduling functions of PD into separate microservices that can be deployed independently, thereby enhancing performance scalability for PD and addressing performance bottlenecks of PD in large-scale clusters.

  - `tso` microservice: provides monotonically increasing timestamp allocation for the entire cluster.
  - `scheduling` microservice: provides scheduling functions for the entire cluster, including but not limited to load balancing, hot spot handling, replica repair, and replica placement.

Each microservice is deployed as an independent process. If you configure more than one replica for a microservice, the microservice automatically implements a primary-secondary fault-tolerant mode to ensure high availability and reliability of the service.

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Currently, PD microservices can only be deployed using TiDB Operator. It is
    ↪ recommended to consider this mode when PD becomes a significant
    ↪ performance bottleneck that cannot be resolved by scaling up.

For more information, see [documentation](#pd-microservices).
```

- Enhance the usability of the Titan engine #16245 @Connor1996

  - Enable the shared cache for Titan blob files and RocksDB block files by default (`shared-blob-cache` defaults to `true`), eliminating the need to configure `blob-cache-size` separately.
  - Support dynamically modifying `min-blob-size`, `blob-file-compression`, and `discardable-ratio` to improve performance and flexibility when using the Titan engine.

For more information, see documentation.

16.11.1.1.2 Performance

- BR improves snapshot restore speed (GA) #50701 @3pointer @Leavrth

Starting from TiDB v8.0.0, the acceleration of snapshot restore speed is now generally available (GA) and enabled by default. BR improves the snapshot restore speed significantly by implementing various optimizations such as adopting the coarse-grained Region scattering algorithm, creating databases and tables in batches, reducing the mutual impact between SST file downloads and ingest operations, and accelerating the restore of table statistics. According to test results from real-world cases, the data restore speed of a single TiKV node stabilizes at 1.2 GiB/s, and 100 TiB of data can be restored within one hour.

This means that even in high-load environments, BR can fully utilize the resources of each TiKV node, significantly reducing database restore time, enhancing the availability and reliability of databases, and reducing downtime and business losses caused by data loss or system failures. Note that the increase in restore speed is attributed to the parallel execution of a large number of goroutines, which can result in significant memory consumption, especially when there are many tables or Regions. It is recommended to use machines with higher memory capacity to run the BR client. If the memory capacity of the machine is limited, it is recommended to use a finer-grained Region scattering algorithm. In addition, because the coarse-grained Region scattering algorithm might consume a significant amount of external storage bandwidth, you need to avoid any impact on other applications due to insufficient external bandwidth.

For more information, see documentation.

- Support pushing down the following functions to TiFlash #50975 #50485 @yibin87 @windtalker
    - `CAST(DECIMAL AS DOUBLE)`
    - `POWER()`

For more information, see documentation.

- The parallel HashAgg algorithm of TiDB supports disk spill (experimental) #35637 @xzhangxian1008

  In earlier versions of TiDB, the concurrency algorithm of the HashAgg operator does not support disk spill. If the execution plan of a SQL statement contains the parallel HashAgg operator, all the data for that SQL statement can only be processed in memory. Consequently, TiDB has to process a large amount of data in memory. When the data size exceeds the memory limit, TiDB can only choose the non-parallel algorithm, which does not leverage concurrency for performance improvement.

  In v8.0.0, the parallel HashAgg algorithm of TiDB supports disk spill. Under any parallel conditions, the HashAgg operator can automatically trigger data spill based

on memory usage, thus balancing performance and data throughput. Currently, as an experimental feature, TiDB introduces the `tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill` variable to control whether to enable the parallel HashAgg algorithm that supports disk spill. When this variable is `ON`, it means enabled. This variable will be deprecated after the feature is generally available in a future release.

For more information, see documentation.

- Introduce the priority queue for automatic statistics collection #50132 @hi-rustin

  Maintaining optimizer statistics up-to-date is the key to stabilizing database performance. Most users rely on the automatic statistics collection provided by TiDB to collect the latest statistics. Automatic statistics collection checks the status of statistics for all objects, and adds unhealthy objects to a queue for sequential collections. In previous versions, the order is random, which could result in excessive waits for more worthy candidates to be updated, causing potential performance regressions.

  Starting from v8.0.0, automatic statistics collection dynamically sets priorities for objects in combination with a variety of conditions to ensure that more deserving candidates are processed in priority, such as newly created indexes and partitioned tables with definition changes. Additionally, TiDB prioritizes tables with lower health scores, placing them at the top of the queue. This enhancement makes the order of collection more reasonable, and reduces performance problems caused by outdated statistics, therefore improving database stability.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Remove some limitations on execution plan cache #49161 @mjonss @qw4990

  TiDB supports plan cache, which can effectively reduce the latency of OLTP systems and is important for performance. In v8.0.0, TiDB removes several limitations on plan cache. Execution plans with the following items can be cached now:

  - Partitioned tables
  - Generated columns, including objects that depend on generated columns (such as multi-valued indexes)

This enhancement extends the use cases of plan cache and improves the overall database performance in complex scenarios.

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For more information, see [documentation](#sql-prepared-execution-plan-cache
    ↪ ).
```

- Optimizer enhances support for multi-valued indexes #47759 #46539 @Arenatlx @time-and-fate

  TiDB v6.6.0 introduces multi-value indexes to improve query performance for JSON data types. In v8.0.0, the optimizer enhances its support for multi-valued indexes and can correctly identify and utilize them to optimize queries in complex scenarios.

- The optimizer collects statistics on multi-valued indexes and decides execution plans with the statistics. If several multi-value indexes can be selected by a SQL statement, the optimizer can identify the one with lower cost.
- When using `OR` to connect multiple `member of` conditions, the optimizer can match an effective index partial path for each DNF item (a `member of` condition) and combine these paths using Union to form an `Index Merge`. This achieves more efficient condition filtering and data fetch.

For more information, see documentation.

- Support configuring the update interval for low-precision TSO #51081 @Tema

  The low-precision TSO feature in TiDB uses regularly updated TSO as the transaction timestamp. In scenarios where reading outdated data is acceptable, this feature reduces the overhead of obtaining TSO for small read-only transactions by sacrificing real-time performance and improves the ability of high-concurrency reads.

  Before v8.0.0, the TSO update interval of low-precision TSO feature is fixed and cannot be adjusted according to actual application requirements. In v8.0.0, TiDB introduces the system variable `tidb_low_resolution_tso_update_interval` to control the TSO update interval. This feature takes effect only when the low-precision TSO feature is enabled.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.11.1.1.3 Availability

- The proxy component TiProxy becomes generally available (GA) #413 @djshow832 @xhebox

  TiDB v7.6.0 introduces the proxy component TiProxy as an experimental feature. TiProxy is the official proxy component of TiDB, located between the client and TiDB server. It provides load balancing and connection persistence functions for TiDB, making the workload of the TiDB cluster more balanced and not affecting user access to the database during maintenance operations.

  In v8.0.0, TiProxy becomes generally available and enhances the automatic generation of signature certificates and monitoring functions.

  The usage scenarios of TiProxy are as follows:

  - During maintenance operations such as rolling restarts, rolling upgrades, and scaling-in in a TiDB cluster, changes occur in the TiDB servers which result in interruptions in connections between clients and the TiDB servers. By using TiProxy, connections can be smoothly migrated to other TiDB servers during these maintenance operations so that clients are not affected.

- Client connections to a TiDB server cannot be dynamically migrated to other TiDB servers. When the workload of multiple TiDB servers is unbalanced, it might result in a situation where the overall cluster resources are sufficient, but certain TiDB servers experience resource exhaustion leading to a significant increase in latency. To address this issue, TiProxy provides dynamic migration for connection, which allows connections to be migrated from one TiDB server to another without any impact on the clients, thereby achieving load balancing for the TiDB cluster.

TiProxy has been integrated into TiUP, TiDB Operator, and TiDB Dashboard, making it easy to configure, deploy, and maintain.

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For more information, see [documentation](#tiproxy-overview).
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16.11.1.1.4 SQL

- Support a new DML type for handling a large amount of data (experimental) #50215 @ekexium

  Before v8.0.0, TiDB stores all transaction data in memory before committing. When processing a large amount of data, the memory required for transactions becomes a bottleneck that limits the transaction size that TiDB can handle. Although TiDB introduces non-transactional DML to attempt to solve the transaction size limitation by splitting SQL statements, this feature has various limitations and does not provide an ideal experience in actual scenarios.

  Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB supports a DML type for handling a large amount of data. This DML type writes data to TiKV in a timely manner during execution, avoiding the continuous storage of all transaction data in memory, and thus supports handling a large amount of data that exceeds the memory limit. This DML type ensures transaction integrity and uses the same syntax as standard DML. `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, `REPLACE`, and `DELETE` statements can use this new DML type to execute large-scale DML operations.

  This DML type is implemented by the Pipelined DML feature and only takes effect on statements with auto-commit enabled. You can control whether to enable this DML type by setting the system variable `tidb_dml_type`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support using some expressions to set default column values when creating a table (experimental) #50936 @zimulala

  Before v8.0.0, when you create a table, the default value of a column is limited to strings, numbers, and dates. Starting from v8.0.0, you can use some expressions as the default column values. For example, you can set the default value of a column to `UUID()`. This feature helps you meet more diverse requirements.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support the `div_precision_increment` system variable #51501 @yibin87

  MySQL 8.0 supports the variable `div_precision_increment`, which specifies the number of digits by which to increase the scale of the result of a division operation performed using the `/` operator. Before v8.0.0, TiDB does not support this variable, and division is performed to 4 decimal places. Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB supports this variable. You can specify the number of digits by which to increase the scale of the result of a division operation as desired.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.11.1.1.5 DB operations

- PITR supports Amazon S3 Object Lock #51184 @RidRisR

  Amazon S3 Object Lock can help prevent backup data from accidental or intentional deletion during a specified retention period, enhancing the security and integrity of data. Starting from v6.3.0, BR supports Amazon S3 Object Lock for snapshot backups, adding an additional layer of security for full backups. Starting from v8.0.0, PITR also supports Amazon S3 Object Lock. Whether for full backups or log data backups, the Object Lock feature ensures more reliable data protection, further strengthening the security of data backup and recovery and meeting regulatory requirements.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support making invisible indexes visible at the session level #50653 @hawkingrei

  By default, the optimizer does not select invisible indexes. This mechanism is usually used to evaluate whether to delete an index. If there is uncertainty about the potential performance impact of deleting an index, you have the option to set the index to invisible temporarily and promptly restore it to visible when needed.

  Starting from v8.0.0, you can set the session-level system variable `tidb_opt_use_invisible_indexes` to `ON` to make the current session aware of invisible indexes. With this feature, you can create a new index and test its performance by making the index visible first, and then modifying the system variable in the current session for testing without affecting other sessions. This improvement enhances the safety of SQL tuning and helps to improve the stability of production databases.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support writing general logs to a separate file #51248 @Defined2014

  The general log is a MySQL-compatible feature that logs all executed SQL statements to help diagnose issues. TiDB also supports this feature. You can enable it by setting the variable `tidb_general_log`. However, in previous versions, the content of general logs can only be written to the TiDB instance log along with other information, which is inconvenient for users who need to keep logs for a long time.

  Starting from v8.0.0, you can write the general log to a specified file by setting the configuration item `log.general-log-file` to a valid filename. The general log follows the same rotation and retention policies as the instance log.

In addition, to reduce the disk space occupied by historical log files, TiDB v8.0.0 introduces a native log compression option. You can set the configuration item `log.file.compression` to `gzip` to automatically compress rotated logs using the `gzip` format.

For more information, see documentation.

16.11.1.1.6 Observability

- Support monitoring index usage statistics #49830 @YangKeao

  Proper index design is a crucial prerequisite to maintaining database performance. TiDB v8.0.0 introduces the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` table, which records the statistics of all indexes on the current TiDB node, including the following information:

  - The cumulative execution count of statements that scan the index
  - The total number of rows scanned when accessing the index
  - The selectivity distribution when scanning the index
  - The time of the most recent access to the index

With this information, you can identify indexes that are not used by the optimizer and indexes with poor selectivity, thereby optimizing index design to improve database performance.

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Additionally, TiDB v8.0.0 introduces a view [`sys.schema_unused_indexes`](#`
    ↪ schema_unused_indexes`), which is compatible with MySQL. This view
    ↪ shows indexes that have not been used since the last start of TiDB
    ↪ instances. For clusters upgraded from versions earlier than v8.0.0,
    ↪ the `sys` schema and the views are not created automatically. You can
    ↪  manually create them by referring to [`sys.schema_unused_indexes`](#
    ↪ manually-create-the-schema_unused_indexes-view).

For more information, see [documentation](#tidb_index_usage).
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16.11.1.1.7 Security

- TiKV encryption at rest supports Google Key Management Service (Cloud KMS) (experimental) #8906 @glorv

  TiKV ensures data security by encrypting stored data using the encryption at rest technique. The core of encryption at rest for security is key management. Starting from v8.0.0, you can manage the master key of TiKV using Google Cloud KMS to establish encryption-at-rest capabilities based on Cloud KMS, thereby enhancing the security of user data.

To enable encryption at rest based on Google Cloud KMS, you need to create a key on Google Cloud and then configure the `[security.encryption.master-key]` section in the TiKV configuration file.

For more information, see documentation.

- Enhance TiDB log desensitization #51306 @xhebox

  The enhancement of TiDB log desensitization is based on marking SQL text information in log files, facilitating the safe display of sensitive data when users view the logs. You can control whether to desensitize log information to enable secure use of TiDB logs in different scenarios, enhancing the security and flexibility of using log desensitization. To use this feature, set the system variable `tidb_redact_log` to `MARKER`. This marks the SQL text in TiDB logs. When you view the logs, sensitive data is securely displayed based on the markers, thus protecting the log information.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.11.1.1.8 Data migration

- TiCDC adds support for the Simple protocol #9898 @3AceShowHand

  TiCDC introduces a new protocol, the Simple protocol. This protocol provides in-band schema tracking capabilities by embedding table schema information in DDL and BOOTSTRAP events.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC adds support for the Debezium format protocol #1799 @breezewish

  TiCDC can now publish data change events to a Kafka sink using a protocol that generates event messages in a Debezium style format. This helps to simplify the migration from MySQL to TiDB for users who are currently using Debezium to pull data from MySQL for downstream processing.

  For more information, see documentation.

- DM supports using a user-provided secret key to encrypt and decrypt passwords of source and target databases #9492 @D3Hunter

  In earlier versions, DM uses a built-in fixed secret key with relatively low security. Starting from v8.0.0, you can upload and specify a secret key file for encrypting and decrypting passwords of upstream and downstream databases. In addition, you can replace the secret key file as needed to enhance data security.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Supports the `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` syntax to enhance the `IMPORT INTO` functionality (experimental) #49883 @D3Hunter

  In earlier TiDB versions, importing query results into a target table could only be done using the `INSERT INTO ... SELECT` statement, which is relatively inefficient in

some large dataset scenarios. Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB enables you to use `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` to import the results of a `SELECT` query into an empty TiDB target table, which achieves up to 8 times the performance of `INSERT INTO ... SELECT` and significantly reduces the import time.

In addition, you can use `IMPORT INTO ... FROM SELECT` to import historical data queried with `AS OF TIMESTAMP`.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB Lightning simplifies conflict resolution strategies and supports handling conflicting data using the `replace` strategy (experimental) #51036 @lyzx2001

  In earlier versions, TiDB Lightning has one data conflict resolution strategy for the logical import mode and two data conflict resolution strategies for the physical import mode, which are not easy to understand and configure.

  Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB Lightning deprecates the old version of conflict detection strategy for the physical import mode, enables you to control the conflict detection strategy for both logical and physical import modes via the `conflict.strategy` parameter, and simplifies the configuration of this parameter. In addition, in the physical import mode, the `replace` strategy now supports retaining the latest data and overwriting the old data when the import detects data with primary key or unique key conflicts.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Global Sort becomes generally available (GA), improving the performance and stability of `IMPORT INTO` significantly #45719 @lance6716

  Before v7.4.0, when executing `IMPORT INTO` tasks using the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF), TiDB only locally sorts part of the data before importing it into TiKV due to limited local storage space. This results in significant overlap of the imported data in TiKV, requiring TiKV to perform additional compaction operations during import and affecting the TiKV performance and stability.

  With the Global Sort experimental feature introduced in v7.4.0, TiDB can temporarily store the data to be imported in an external storage (such as Amazon S3) for global sorting before importing it into TiKV, which eliminates the need for TiKV compaction operations during import. In v8.0.0, Global Sort becomes GA. This feature reduces the resource consumption of TiKV and significantly improves the performance and stability of `IMPORT INTO`. If you enable the Global Sort, each `IMPORT INTO` task supports importing data within 40 TiB.

For more information, see documentation.

16.11.1.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
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> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v7.6.0 to the current version (v8.0.0). If you are upgrading from v7.5.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

- Upgrade the default Prometheus version deployed by TiUP from 2.27.1 to 2.49.1.
- Upgrade the default Grafana version deployed by TiUP from 7.5.11 to 7.5.17.
- Remove witness-related schedulers that are not GA but are enabled by default #7765 @rleungx

16.11.1.2.1 Behavior changes

- Prohibit setting `require_secure_transport` to `ON` in Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) to prevent potential connectivity issues for users. #47665 @tiancaiamao
- DM removes the fixed secret key for encryption and decryption and enables you to customize a secret key for encryption and decryption. If encrypted passwords are used in data source configurations and migration task configurations before the upgrade, you need to refer to the upgrade steps in Customize a Secret Key for DM Encryption and Decryption for additional operations. #9492 @D3Hunter
- Before v8.0.0, after enabling the acceleration of `ADD INDEX` and `CREATE INDEX` (`tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg = ON`), the encoded index key ingests data to TiKV with a fixed concurrency of `16`, which cannot be dynamically adjusted according to the downstream TiKV capacity. Starting from v8.0.0, you can adjust the concurrency using the `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` system variable. The default value is `4`. Compared with the previous default value of `16`, the new default value reduces performance when ingesting indexed key-value pairs. You can adjust this system variable based on the workload of your cluster.

16.11.1.2.2 MySQL compatibility

- The `KEY` partition type supports statements with an empty list of partition fields, which is consistent with the behavior of MySQL.

16.11.1.2.3 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description

Variable name	Change type	Description

tidb_ ↪ disable ↪ _txn ↪ _ ↪ auto ↪ _ ↪ retry ↪	Deprecated	Starting from v8.0.0, this system variable is deprecated, and TiDB no longer supports automatic retries of optimistic transactions. It is recommended to use the Pessimistic transaction mode. If you encounter optimistic transaction conflicts, you can cap-

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_↪ ddl_↪ version↪`	Renamed	Controls whether to enable TiDB DDL V2. Starting from v8.0.0, this variable is renamed to `tidb_↪ enable↪ _↪ fast↪ _↪ create↪ _↪ table↪` to better reflect its purpose.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ collect ↪ _ ↪ execution ↪ _ ↪ info	Modified	Adds a control to whether to record the usage statistics of indexes. The default value is ON.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ redact ↪ _log	Modified	Controls how to handle user information in SAL text when logging TiDB logs and slow logs. The value options are OFF (indicating not processing user information in the log) and ON (indicating hiding user information in the log). To provide a richer way of processing user infor-

Variable name	Change type	Description
`div_precision_increment`	Newly added	Controls the number of digits by which to increase the scale of the result of a division operation performed using the / operator. This variable is the same as MySQL.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ dml_ ↪ type	Newly added	Controls the execution mode of DML statements. The value options are " ↪ standard ↪ " and "bulk" ↪ .

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_auto_analyze_priority_queue	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the priority queue to schedule the tasks of automatically collecting statistics. When this variable is enabled, TiDB prioritizes collecting statistics for the tables that most need statistics.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_parallel_hashagg_spill	Newly added	Controls whether TiDB supports disk spill for the parallel HashAgg algorithm. When it is ON, disk spill can be triggered for the parallel HashAgg algorithm. This variable will be deprecated when this feature is generally available in a future release.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_fast_create_table	Newly added	Controls whether to enable TiDB Accelerates Table Creation. Set the value to ON to enable it and OFF to disable it. The default value is ON. When this variable is enabled, TiDB accelerates table creation by using CREATE TABLE .

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_load_binding_timeout	Newly added	Controls the timeout of loading bindings. If the execution time of loading bindings exceeds this value, the loading will stop.
tidb_low_resolution_tso_update_interval	Newly added	Controls the interval for updating TiDB cache timestamp.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ ordering ↪ _ ↪ index ↪ _ ↪ selectivity ↪ _ ↪ ratio ↪	Newly added	Controls the estimated number of rows for an index that matches the SQL statement ORDER ↪ BY when there are ORDER ↪ BY and LIMIT clauses in a SQL statement, but some filter conditions not covered by the index. The default value is -1, which means to disable

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ use_ ↪ invisible ↪ _ ↪ indexes ↪	Newly added	Controls whether the optimizer can select invisible indexes for query optimization in the current session. When the variable is set to ON, the optimizer can select invisible indexes for query optimization in the session.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_schema_cache_size	Newly added	Controls the upper limit of memory that can be used for caching the schema information to avoid occupying too much memory. When this feature is enabled, the LRU algorithm is used to cache the required tables, effectively reducing the memory occupied by the schema

Variable name	Change type	Description

16.11.1.2.4 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`instance.tidb_enable_collect_execution_info`	Modified	Adds a control to whether to record the usage statistics of indexes. The default value is `true`.
TiDB	`tls-version`	Modified	This parameter no longer supports `"TLSv1.0"` and `"TLSv1.1"`. Now it only supports `"TLSv1.2"` and `"TLSv1.3"`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`log.` ↪ `file` ↪ `.` ↪ `compression` ↪	Newly added	Specifies the compression format of the polling log. The default value is null, which means that the polling log is not compressed.
TiDB	`log.` ↪ `general` ↪ `-log` ↪ `-` ↪ `file`	Newly added	Specifies the file to save the general log to. The default is null, which means that the general log will be written to the instance file.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`tikv-` ↪ `client` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `replica` ↪ `-` ↪ `selector` ↪ `-v2`	Newly added	Controls whether to use the new version of the Region replica selector when sending RPC requests to TiKV. The default value is `true`.
TiKV	`log-` ↪ `backup` ↪ `.` ↪ `initial` ↪ `-` ↪ `scan` ↪ `-` ↪ `rate` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	Modified	Adds a limit of `1MiB` as the minimum value.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `store` ↪ `-io-` ↪ `pool` ↪ `-` ↪ `size`	Modified	Changes the default value from `0` to `1` to improve TiKV performance, meaning that the size of the StoreWriter thread pool now defaults to `1`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `defaultcf` ↪ `.` ↪ `titan` ↪ `.` ↪ `blob` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `-` ↪ `size`	Modified	Starting from v8.0.0, TiKV introduces the `shared-` ↪ `blob` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ configuration item and enables it by default, so there is no need to set `blob-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` separately. The configuration of `blob-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` only takes effect when `shared-` ↪ `blob` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ is set to `false`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `titan` ↪ `.max` ↪ `-` ↪ `background` ↪ `-gc`	Modified	Changes the default value from `4` to `1` to reduce the occupation of thread resources by the Titan GC process.
TiKV	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `encryption` ↪ `.` ↪ `master` ↪ `-key` ↪ `.` ↪ `vendor` ↪	Modified	Adds `gcp` as an available type for the service provider.
TiKV	`storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `block` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `.low` ↪ `-pri` ↪ `-` ↪ `pool` ↪ `-` ↪ `ratio` ↪	Newly added	Specifies the proportion of the entire block cache that the Titan component can use. The default value is `0.2`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `defaultcf` ↪ `.` ↪ `titan` ↪ `.` ↪ `shared` ↪ `-` ↪ `blob` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the shared cache for Titan blob files and RocksDB block files. The default value is `true`.
TiKV	`security` ↪ `.` ↪ `encryption` ↪ `.` ↪ `master` ↪ `-key` ↪ `.gcp` ↪ `.` ↪ `credential` ↪ `-` ↪ `file` ↪ `-` ↪ `path`	Newly added	Specifies the path to the Google Cloud authentication credentials file when `security` ↪ `.` ↪ `encryption` ↪ `.` ↪ `master` ↪ `-key` ↪ `.` ↪ `vendor` ↪ is `gcp`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `heartbeat` ↪ `-` ↪ `breakdown` ↪ `-` ↪ `metrics` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable breakdown metrics for Region heartbeats. These metrics measure the time consumed in each stage of Region heartbeat processing, facilitating analysis through monitoring. The default value is `true`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`schedule` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `heartbeat` ↪ `-` ↪ `concurrent` ↪ `-` ↪ `runner` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable asynchronous concurrent processing for Region heartbeats. When enabled, an independent executor handles Region heartbeat requests asynchronously and concurrently, which can improve heartbeat processing throughput and reduce latency. The default value is `true`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`tikv-importer.duplicate-resolution`	Deprecated	Controls whether to detect and resolve unique key conflicts in physical import mode. Starting from v8.0.0, it is replaced by `conflict.strategy`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`conflict` ↪ `.` ↪ `precheck` ↪ `-` ↪ `conflict` ↪ `-` ↪ `before` ↪ `-` ↪ `import` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable pre-import conflict detection, which checks conflicts in data before importing it to TiDB. The default value of this parameter is `false`, which means that TiDB Lightning only checks conflicts after the data import. This parameter can be used only in the physical import mode (`tikv-` ↪ `importer` ↪ `.`

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`logical` ↪ `-` ↪ `import` ↪ `-` ↪ `batch` ↪ `-` ↪ `rows`	Newly added	Controls the maximum number of rows inserted per transaction in the logical import mode. The default value is 65536 rows.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`logical` ↪ `-` ↪ `import` ↪ `-` ↪ `batch` ↪ `-` ↪ `size`	Newly added	Controls the maximum size of each SQL query executed on the downstream TiDB server in the logical import mode. The default value is `"96KiB"`. The unit can be KB, KiB, MB, or MiB.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
Data Migration	`secret-key-path`	Newly added	Specifies the file path of the secret key, which is used to encrypt and decrypt upstream and downstream passwords. The file must contain a 64-character hexadecimal AES-256 secret key.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`debezium` ↪ `-` ↪ `disable` ↪ `-` ↪ `schema` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to disable the output of schema information. This parameter only takes effect when the sink type is MQ and the output protocol is Debezium.
TiCDC	`tls-` ↪ `certificate` ↪ `-` ↪ `file`	Newly added	Specifies the path to the encrypted certificate file on the client, which is required when Pulsar enables TLS encrypted transmission.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`tls-key` ↪ `-` ↪ `file` ↪ `-` ↪ `path`	Newly added	Specifies the path to the encrypted private key on the client, which is required when Pulsar enables TLS encrypted transmission.

16.11.1.2.5 System tables

- Add new system tables `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` and `INFORMATION ↪ _SCHEMA.CLUSTER_TIDB_INDEX_USAGE` to record index usage statistics on TiDB nodes.
- Add a new system schema `sys` and a new view `sys.schema_unused_indexes`, which records indexes that have not been used since the last start of TiDB.

16.11.1.3 Deprecated features

- Starting from v8.0.0, the `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` system variable is deprecated, and TiDB no longer supports automatic retries of optimistic transactions. As an alternative, when encountering optimistic transaction conflicts, you can capture the error and retry transactions in your application, or use the Pessimistic transaction mode instead.
- Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB no longer supports the TLSv1.0 and TLSv1.1 protocols. You must upgrade TLS to TLSv1.2 or TLSv1.3.
- Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB Lightning deprecates the old version of conflict detection strategy for the physical import mode, and enables you to control the conflict detection strategy for both logical and physical import modes via the `conflict.strategy`

parameter. The `duplicate-resolution` parameter for the old version of conflict detection will be removed in a future release.
- It is planned to redesign the auto-evolution of execution plan bindings in subsequent releases, and the related variables and behavior will change.

16.11.1.4 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Improve the performance of executing the `CREATE TABLE` DDL statement by 10 times and support linear scalability #50052 @GMHDBJD
    - Support submitting 16 `IMPORT INTO ... FROM FILE` tasks simultaneously, facilitating bulk data import into target tables and significantly improving the efficiency and performance of importing data files #49008 @D3Hunter
    - Improve the performance of spilling data to disk for the `Sort` operator #47733 @xzhangxian1008
    - Support canceling queries during spilling data to disk, which optimizes the exit mechanism of the data spill feature #50511 @wshwsh12
    - Support using an index that matches partial conditions to construct Index Join when processing table join queries with multiple equal conditions #47233 @winoros
    - Enhance the capability of Index Merge to identify sorting requirements in queries and select indexes that meet the sorting requirements #48359 @AilinKid
    - When the `Apply` operator is not executed concurrently, TiDB enables you to view the name of the operator that blocks the concurrency by executing `SHOW WARNINGS` #50256 @hawkingrei
    - Optimize the index selection for `point get` queries by selecting the most optimal index for queries when all indexes support `point get` queries #50184 @elsa0520
    - Temporarily adjust the priority of statistics synchronously loading tasks to high to avoid widespread timeouts during TiKV high loads, as these timeouts might result in statistics not being loaded #50332 @winoros
    - When the `PREPARE` statement fails to hit the execution plan cache, TiDB enables you to view the reason by executing `SHOW WARNINGS` #50407 @hawkingrei
    - Improve the accuracy of query estimation information when the same row of data is updated multiple times #47523 @terry1purcell
    - Index Merge supports embedding multi-value indexes and `OR` operators in `AND` predicates #51778 @time-and-fate
    - When `force-init-stats` is set to `true`, TiDB waits for statistics initialization to finish before providing services during TiDB startup. This setting no longer blocks the startup of HTTP servers, which enables users to continue monitoring #50854 @hawkingrei
    - MemoryTracker can track the memory usage of the `IndexLookup` operator #45901 @solotzg
    - MemoryTracker can track the memory usage of the `MemTableReaderExec` operator #51456 @wshwsh12

- Support loading Regions in batch from PD to speed up the conversion process from the KV range to Regions when querying large tables #51326 @SeaRise
- Optimize the query performance of the system tables `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES`, `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATISTICS`, `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.KEY_COLUMN_USAGE`, and `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS`. Compared with earlier versions, the performance has been improved by up to 100 times. #50305 @ywqzzy

- TiKV

    - Enhance TSO verification and detection to improve the robustness of the cluster TSO when the configuration or operation is improper #16545 @cfzjywxk
    - Optimize the logic of cleaning up pessimistic locks to improve the processing performance of uncommitted transactions #16158 @cfzjywxk
    - Introduce unified health control for TiKV to reduce the impact of abnormal single TiKV node on cluster access performance. You can disable this optimization by setting `tikv-client.enable-replica-selector-v2` to `false`. #16297 #1104 #1167 @MyonKeminta @zyguan @crazycs520
    - The PD client uses the metadata storage interface to replace the previous global configuration interface #14484 @HuSharp
    - Enhance the scanning performance by determining the data loading behavior through write cf stats #16245 @Connor1996
    - Check the latest heartbeat for nodes being deleted and voters being demoted during the Raft conf change process to ensure that this behavior does not make the Region inaccessible #15799 @tonyxuqqi
    - Add Flush and BufferBatchGet interfaces for Pipelined DML #16291 @ekexium
    - Add monitoring and alerting for cgroup CPU and memory limits #16392 @pingandb
    - Add CPU monitoring for Region workers and snapshot generation workers #16562 @Connor1996
    - Add slow logs for peer and store messages #16600 @Connor1996

- PD

    - Enhance the service discovery capability of the PD client to improve its high availability and load balancing #7576 @CabinfeverB
    - Enhance the retry mechanism of the PD client #7673 @JmPotato
    - Add monitoring and alerting for cgroup CPU and memory limits #7716 #7918 @pingandb @rleungx
    - Improve the performance and high availability when using etcd watch #7738 #7724 #7689 @lhy1024
    - Add more monitoring metrics for heartbeat to better analyze performance bottlenecks #7868 @nolouch
    - Reduce the impact of the etcd leader on the PD leader #7499 @JmPotato @HuSharp

- Enhance the detection mechanism for unhealthy etcd nodes #7730 @JmPotato @HuSharp
- Optimize the output of GC safepoint in pd-ctl #7767 @nolouch
- Support dynamic modification of the historical window configuration in the hotspot scheduler #7877 @lhy1024
- Reduce the lock contention issue in creating operators #7837 @Leavrth
- Adjust GRPC configurations to improve availability #7821 @rleungx

- TiFlash

  - Support using non-constant values for the `json_path` argument in the `JSON_EXTRACT()` function #8510 @SeaRise
  - Support the `JSON_LENGTH(json, path)` function #8711 @SeaRise

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Introduce a new restore parameter `--load-stats` for the `br` command-line tool, which controls whether to restore statistics #50568 @Leavrth
    - Introduce a new restore parameter `--tikv-max-restore-concurrency` for the `br` command-line tool, which controls the maximum number of download and ingest files for each TiKV node. This parameter also controls the memory consumption of a BR node by controlling the maximum length of the job queue. #51621 @3pointer
    - Enhance restore performance by enabling the coarse-grained Region scatter algorithm to adaptively obtain concurrent parameters #50701 @3pointer
    - Display the `log` command in the command-line help information of `br` #50927 @RidRisR
    - Support pre-allocating Table ID during the restore process to maximize the reuse of Table ID and improve restore performance #51736 @Leavrth
    - Disable the GC memory limit tuner feature within TiDB when using BR to avoid OOM issues #51078 @Leavrth
    - Improve the speed of merging SST files during data restore by using a more efficient algorithm #50613 @Leavrth
    - Support creating databases in batch during data restore #50767 @Leavrth
    - Print the information of the slowest Region that affects global checkpoint advancement in logs and metrics during log backups #51046 @YuJuncen
    - Improve the table creation performance of the `RESTORE` statement in scenarios with large datasets #48301 @Leavrth

  - TiCDC

    - Optimize the memory consumption of `RowChangedEvent` to reduce memory consumption when TiCDC replicates data #10386 @lidezhu
    - Verify that the start-ts parameter is valid when creating and resuming a changefeed task #10499 @3AceShowHand

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - In a MariaDB primary-secondary replication scenario, where the migration path is: MariaDB primary instance -> MariaDB secondary instance -> DM -> TiDB, when `gtid_strict_mode = off` and the GTID of the MariaDB secondary instance is not strictly incrementing (for example, there is data writing to the MariaDB secondary instance), the DM task will report an error `less than global checkpoint position`. Starting from v8.0.0, TiDB is compatible with this scenario and data can be migrated downstream normally. #10741 @okJiang
- TiDB Lightning
  - Support configuring the maximum number of rows in a batch in logical import mode using `logical-import-batch-rows` #46607 @kennytm
  - TiDB Lightning reports an error when the space of TiFlash is insufficient #50324 @okJiang

16.11.1.5 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that `auto analyze` is triggered multiple times when there is no data change #51775 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue that the `auto analyze` concurrency is set incorrectly #51749 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue of index inconsistency caused by adding multiple indexes using a single SQL statement #51746 @tangenta
  - Fix the `Column ... in from clause is ambiguous` error that might occur when a query uses `NATURAL JOIN` #32044 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue of wrong query results due to TiDB incorrectly eliminating constant values in `group by` #38756 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue that the `LEADING` hint does not take effect in `UNION ALL` statements #50067 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue that `BIT` type columns might cause query errors due to decode failures when they are involved in calculations of some functions #49566 #50850 #50855 @jiyfhust
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when performing a rolling upgrade using `tiup cluster upgrade/start` due to an interaction issue with PD #50152 @zimulala
  - Fix the issue that executing `UNIQUE` index lookup with an `ORDER BY` clause might cause an error #49920 @jackysp
  - Fix the issue that TiDB returns wrong query results when processing `ENUM` or `SET` types by constant propagation #49440 @winoros
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when a query contains the Apply operator and the `fatal error: concurrent map writes` error occurs #50347 @SeaRise

- Fix the issue that the control of `SET_VAR` for variables of the string type might become invalid #50507 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the `SYSDATE()` function incorrectly uses the time in the plan cache when `tidb_sysdate_is_now` is set to `1` #49299 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that when executing the `CREATE GLOBAL BINDING` statement, if the schema name is in uppercase, the binding does not take effect #50646 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that `Index Path` selects duplicated indexes #50496 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that `PLAN REPLAYER` fails to load bindings when the `CREATE GLOBAL BINDING` statement contains `IN()` #43192 @King-Dylan
- Fix the issue that when multiple `analyze` tasks fail, the failure reasons are not recorded correctly #50481 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that `tidb_stats_load_sync_wait` does not take effect #50872 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that `max_execute_time` settings at multiple levels interfere with each other #50914 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue of thread safety caused by concurrent updating of statistics #50835 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that executing `auto analyze` on a partition table might cause TiDB to panic #51187 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that SQL bindings might not work when `IN()` in a SQL statement contains a different number of values #51222 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that TiDB cannot correctly convert the type of a system variable in an expression #43527 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that TiDB does not listen to the corresponding port when `force-init-stats` is configured #51473 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that in `determinate` mode (`tidb_opt_objective='determinate'`), if a query does not contain predicates, statistics might not be loaded #48257 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that the `init-stats` process might cause TiDB to panic and the `load stats` process to quit #51581 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the query result is incorrect when the `IN()` predicate contains `NULL` #51560 @winoros
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  - Fix the issue that the entire Region becomes unavailable when one replica is offline, by checking the last heartbeat time of all replicas of the Region before taking a node offline #16465 @tonyxuqqi
  - Fix the issue that JSON integers greater than the maximum `INT64` value but less than the maximum `UINT64` value are parsed as `FLOAT64` by TiKV, resulting in inconsistency with TiDB #16512 @YangKeao
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  - Fix the issue that the changefeed reports an error after `TRUNCATE PARTITION` is executed on the upstream table #10522 @sdojjy
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16.12 v7.6

16.12.1 TiDB 7.6.0 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start

7.6.0 introduces the following key features and improvements:

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<th>Category</th>
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```
<td rowspan="4">Scalability and Performance</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.6/sql-plan-management#cross-
    ↪ database-binding">Cross-database SQL binding</a></td>
```

```
<td>When managing hundreds of databases with the same schema, it is often
   ↪ necessary to apply SQL bindings across these databases. For example,
   ↪ in SaaS or PaaS data platforms, each user typically operates separate
   ↪  databases with the same schema and runs similar SQL queries on them.
   ↪  In this case, it is impractical to bind SQL for each database one by
   ↪  one. TiDB v7.6.0 introduces cross-database SQL bindings that enable
   ↪ matching bindings across all schema-equivalent databases.</td>
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```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.6/br-snapshot-guide#restore-
   ↪ cluster-snapshots">Achieve up to 10 times faster for snapshot restore
   ↪  (experimental)</a></td>
<td>BR v7.6.0 introduces an experimental coarse-grained Region scatter
   ↪ algorithm to accelerate snapshot restores for clusters. In clusters
   ↪ with many TiKV nodes, this algorithm significantly improves cluster
   ↪ resource efficiency by more evenly distributing load across nodes and
   ↪  better utilizing per-node network bandwidth. In several real-world
   ↪ cases, this improvement accelerates restore process by about up to 10
   ↪  times.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.6/ddl-v2">Achieve up to 10
   ↪ times faster for creating tables in batch (experimental)</a></td>
<td>With the implementation of the new DDL architecture in v7.6.0, the
   ↪ performance of batch table creation has witnessed a remarkable
   ↪ improvement, up to 10 times faster. This substantial enhancement
   ↪ drastically reduces the time needed for creating numerous tables.
   ↪ This acceleration is particularly noteworthy in SaaS scenarios, where
   ↪  the prevalence of high volumes of tables, ranging from tens to
   ↪ hundreds of thousands, is a common challenge.</td>
```

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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.6/tune-region-performance#use-
   ↪ the-active-pd-follower-feature-to-enhance-the-scalability-of-pds-
   ↪ region-information-query-service">Use Active PD Followers to enhance
   ↪ PD's Region information query service (experimental)</a></td>
<td>TiDB v7.6.0 introduces an experimental feature "Active PD Follower",
   ↪ which allows PD followers to provide Region information query
   ↪ services. This feature improves the capability of the PD cluster to
   ↪ handle <code>GetRegion</code> and <code>ScanRegions</code> requests
   ↪ in clusters with a large number of TiDB nodes and Regions, thereby
   ↪ reducing the CPU pressure on the PD leader.</td>
```

```
<td rowspan="2">Reliability and Availability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.6/tiproxy-overview">Support
   ↪ TiProxy (experimental)</a></td>
<td>Full support for the TiProxy service, easily deployable via deployment
   ↪ tooling, to manage and maintain connections to TiDB so that they live
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   ↪  through rolling restarts, upgrades, or scaling events.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.6/dm-compatibility-catalog">
   ↪ Data Migration (DM) officially supports MySQL 8.0 (GA)</a></td>
<td>Previously, using DM to migrate data from MySQL 8.0 is an experimental
   ↪ feature and is not available for production environments. TiDB v7.6.0
   ↪  enhances the stability and compatibility of this feature to help you
   ↪  smoothly and quickly migrate data from MySQL 8.0 to TiDB in
   ↪ production environments. In v7.6.0, this feature becomes generally
   ↪ available (GA).</td>
```

16.12.1.1 Feature details

16.12.1.1.1 Scalability

- Use the Active PD Follower feature to enhance the scalability of PD's Region information query service (experimental) #7431 @CabinfeverB

  In a TiDB cluster with a large number of Regions, the PD leader might experience high CPU load due to the increased overhead of handling heartbeats and scheduling tasks. If the cluster has many TiDB instances, and there is a high concurrency of requests for Region information, the CPU pressure on the PD leader increases further and might cause PD services to become unavailable.

  To ensure high availability, TiDB v7.6.0 supports using the Active PD Follower feature to enhance the scalability of PD's Region information query service. You can enable the Active PD Follower feature by setting the system variable `pd_enable_follower_handle_region` to `ON`. After this feature is enabled, TiDB evenly distributes Region information requests to all PD servers, and PD followers can also handle Region requests, thereby reducing the CPU pressure on the PD leader.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.12.1.1.2 Performance

- BR improves snapshot restore speed by up to 10 times (experimental) #33937 #49886 @3pointer

  As a TiDB cluster scales up, it becomes increasingly crucial to quickly restore the cluster from failures to minimize business downtime. Before v7.6.0, the Region scattering algorithm is a primary bottleneck in performance restoration. In v7.6.0, BR optimizes the Region scattering algorithm, which quickly splits the restore task into a large number of small tasks and scatters them to all TiKV nodes in batches. The new parallel recovery algorithm fully utilizes the resources of each TiKV node, thereby achieving a

rapid parallel recovery. In several real-world cases, the snapshot restore speed of the cluster is improved by about 10 times in large-scale Region scenarios.

The new coarse-grained Region scatter algorithm is experimental. To use it, you can configure the `--granularity="coarse-grained"` parameter in the `br` command. For example:

```
br restore full \
--pd "${PDIP}:2379" \
--storage "s3://${Bucket}/${Folder}" \
--s3.region "${region}" \
--granularity "coarse-grained" \
--send-credentials-to-tikv=true \
--log-file restorefull.log
```

For more information, see documentation.

- The Titan engine is enabled by default #16245 @Connor1996 @v01dstar @tonyxuqqi

  To better support TiDB wide table write scenarios, especially with support for JSON, starting from TiDB v7.6.0, the Titan engine is enabled by default. The Titan engine automatically segregates large values exceeding 32 KB from RocksDB's LSM Tree, and stores them separately in Titan to optimize the handling of large values. The Titan engine is completely compatible with RocksDB features utilized by TiKV. This strategic shift not only diminishes write amplification effect, but also enhances performance in write, update, and point-query scenarios involving large values. Additionally, in Range Scan scenarios, the Titan engine's optimization has resulted in performance comparable to that of RocksDB in the default configuration.

  This configuration change remains compatible with earlier versions. For existing TiDB clusters, when upgrading to TiDB v7.6.0 or a later version, the Titan engine is disabled by default. You have the flexibility to manually enable or disable the Titan engine based on your specific requirements.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support pushing down the following string functions to TiKV #48170 @gengliqi

  - `LOWER()`
  - `UPPER()`

For more information, see documentation.

- Support pushing down the following JSON functions to TiFlash #48350 #48986 #48994 #49345 #49392 @SeaRise @yibin87

  - `JSON_UNQUOTE()`
  - `JSON_ARRAY()`

- `JSON_DEPTH()`
- `JSON_VALID()`
- `JSON_KEYS()`
- `JSON_CONTAINS_PATH()`

For more information, see documentation.

- Improve the performance of creating tables by 10 times (experimental) #49752 @gmhdbjd

  In previous versions, when migrating tens of thousands of tables from the upstream database to TiDB, it is time-consuming and inefficient for TiDB to create these tables. Starting from v7.6.0, TiDB introduces a new TiDB DDL V2 architecture. You can enable it by configuring the system variable `tidb_ddl_version`. Compared with previous versions, the new version of the DDL improves the performance of creating batch tables by 10 times, and significantly reduces time for creating tables.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support periodic full compaction (experimental) #12729 afeinberg

  Starting from v7.6.0, TiDB supports periodic full compaction for TiKV. This feature serves as an enhancement to Garbage Collection (GC) to eliminate redundant data versions. In scenarios where application activity shows obvious peaks and valleys, you can use this feature to perform data compaction during idle periods to improve the performance during peak periods.

  You can set the specific times that TiKV initiates periodic full compaction by configuring the TiKV configuration item `periodic-full-compact-start-times` and limit the maximum CPU usage rate for TiKV periodic full compaction by configuring `periodic-full-compact-start-max-cpu`. The default value of `periodic-full-compact-start-max-cpu` is `0.1`, which means that periodic full compaction is triggered only when the CPU utilization of TiKV is lower than 10%, thereby reducing the impact on application traffic.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.12.1.1.3 Reliability

- Cross-database execution plan binding #48875 @qw4990

  When running SaaS services on TiDB, it is common practice to store data for each tenant in separate databases for easier data maintenance and management. This results in hundreds of databases with the same table and index definitions, and similar SQL statements. In such scenario, when you create an execution plan binding for a SQL statement, this binding usually applies to the SQL statements in other databases as well.

For this scenario, TiDB v7.6.0 introduces the cross-database binding feature, which supports binding the same execution plan to SQL statements with the same schema, even if they are in different databases. When creating a cross-database binding, you need to use the wildcard `*` to represent the database name, as shown in the following example. After the binding is created, regardless of which database the tables `t1` and `t2` are in, TiDB will try to use this binding to generate an execution plan for any SQL statement with the same schema, which saves your effort to create a binding for each database.

```
CREATE GLOBAL BINDING FOR
USING
    SELECT /*+ merge_join(t1, t2) */ t1.id, t2.amount
    FROM *.t1, *.t2
    WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
```

In addition, cross-database binding can effectively mitigate SQL performance issues caused by uneven distribution and rapid changes in user data and workload. SaaS providers can use cross-database binding to fix execution plans validated by users with large data volumes, thereby fixing execution plans for all users. For SaaS providers, this feature provides significant convenience and experience improvements.

Due to the system overhead (less than 1%) introduced by cross-database binding, TiDB disables this feature by default. To use cross-database binding, you need to first enable the `tidb_opt_enable_fuzzy_binding` system variable.

For more information, see documentation.

16.12.1.1.4 Availability

- Support the proxy component TiProxy (experimental) #413 @djshow832 @xhebox

  TiProxy is the official proxy component of TiDB, located between the client and TiDB server. It provides load balancing and connection persistence functions for TiDB, making the workload of the TiDB cluster more balanced and not affecting user access to the database during maintenance operations.

  - During maintenance operations such as rolling restarts, rolling upgrades, and scaling-in in a TiDB cluster, changes occur in the TiDB servers which result in interruptions in connections between clients and the TiDB servers. By using TiProxy, connections can be smoothly migrated to other TiDB servers during these maintenance operations so that clients are not affected.
  - Client connections to a TiDB server cannot be dynamically migrated to other TiDB servers. When the workload of multiple TiDB servers is unbalanced, it might result in a situation where the overall cluster resources are sufficient, but certain TiDB servers experience resource exhaustion leading to a significant increase in latency. To address this issue, TiProxy provides dynamic migration for connection, which allows connections to be migrated from one TiDB server to

another without any impact on the clients, thereby achieving load balancing for the TiDB cluster.

TiProxy has been integrated into TiUP, TiDB Operator, and TiDB Dashboard, making it easy to configure, deploy and maintain.

```
For more information, see [documentation](#tiproxy-overview).
```

16.12.1.1.5 SQL

- `LOAD DATA` supports explicit transactions and rollbacks #49079 @ekexium

  Compared with MySQL, the transactional behavior of the `LOAD DATA` statement varies in different TiDB versions before v7.6.0, so you might need to make additional adjustments when using this statement. Specifically, before v4.0.0, `LOAD DATA` commits every 20000 rows. From v4.0.0 to v6.6.0, TiDB commits all rows in one transaction by default and also supports committing every fixed number of rows by setting the `tidb_dml_batch_size` system variable. Starting from v7.0.0, `tidb_dml_batch_size` no longer takes effect on `LOAD DATA` and TiDB commits all rows in one transaction.

  Starting from v7.6.0, TiDB processes `LOAD DATA` in transactions in the same way as other DML statements, especially in the same way as MySQL. The `LOAD DATA` statement in a transaction no longer automatically commits the current transaction or starts a new transaction. Moreover, you can explicitly commit or roll back the `LOAD DATA` statement in a transaction. Additionally, the `LOAD DATA` statement is affected by the TiDB transaction mode setting (optimistic or pessimistic transaction). These improvements simplify the migration process from MySQL to TiDB and offer a more unified and controllable experience for data import.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.12.1.1.6 DB operations

- `FLASHBACK CLUSTER` supports specifying a precise TSO #48372 @BornChanger

  In TiDB v7.6.0, the flashback feature is more powerful and precise. It not only supports rolling back a cluster to a specified historical timestamp but also enables you to specify a precise recovery TSO using `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TSO`, thereby increasing flexibility in data recovery. For example, you can use this feature with TiCDC. After pausing data replication and conducting pre-online read-write tests in your downstream TiDB cluster, this feature allows the cluster to gracefully and quickly roll back to the paused TSO and continue to replicate data using TiCDC. This streamlines the pre-online validation process and simplifies data management.

  ```
  FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TSO 445494839813079041;
  ```

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support automatically terminating long-running idle transactions #48714 @crazycs520

  In scenarios where network disconnection or application failure occurs, `COMMIT` ↪ `/ROLLBACK` statements might fail to be transmitted to the database. This could lead to delayed release of database locks, causing transaction lock waits and a rapid increase in database connections. Such issues are common in test environments but can also occur occasionally in production environments, and they are sometimes difficult to diagnose promptly. To avoid these issues, TiDB v7.6.0 introduces the `tidb_idle_transaction_timeout` system variable, which automatically terminates long-running idle transactions. When a user session in a transactional state remains idle for a duration exceeding the value of this variable, TiDB will terminate the database connection of the transaction and roll back it.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Simplify the syntax for creating execution plan bindings #48876 @qw4990

  TiDB v7.6.0 simplifies the syntax for creating execution plan bindings. When creating an execution plan binding, you no longer need to provide the original SQL statement. TiDB identifies the original SQL statement based on the statement with hints. This improvement enhances the convenience of creating execution plan bindings. For example:

  ```
  CREATE GLOBAL BINDING
  USING
  SELECT /*+ merge_join(t1, t2) */ * FROM t1, t2 WHERE t1.id = t2.id;
  ```

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support dynamically modifying the size limit of a single row record in TiDB #49237 @zyguan

  Before v7.6.0, the size of a single row record in a transaction is limited by the TiDB configuration item `txn-entry-size-limit`. If the size limit is exceeded, TiDB returns the `entry too large` error. In this case, you need to manually modify the TiDB configuration file and restart TiDB to make the modification take effect. To reduce your management overhead, TiDB v7.6.0 introduces the system variable `tidb_txn_` ↪ `entry_size_limit`, which supports dynamically modifying the value of the `txn-` ↪ `entry-size-limit` configuration item. The default value of this variable is `0`, which means that TiDB uses the value of the configuration item `txn-entry-size-limit` by default. When this variable is set to a non-zero value, TiDB limits the size of a row record in transactions to the value of this variable. This improvement enhances the flexibility for you to adjust system configurations without restarting TiDB.

  For more information, see documentation.

- BR restores system tables by default, such as user data #48567 @BornChanger #49627 @Leavrth

  Starting from v5.1.0, when you back up snapshots, BR automatically backs up system tables in the `mysql` schema, but does not restore these system tables by default. In

v6.2.0, BR adds the parameter `--with-sys-table` to support restoring data in some system tables, providing more flexibility in operations.

To further reduce your management overhead and provide more intuitive default behavior, starting from v7.6.0, BR enables the parameter `--with-sys-table` by default. This means that BR restores some system tables by default during restoration, especially user account and table statistics data. This improvement makes backup and restore operations more intuitive, thereby reducing the burden of manual configuration and improving the overall operation experience.

For more information, see documentation.

16.12.1.1.7 Observability

- Enhance observability related to resource control #49318 @glorv @bufferflies @nolouch

  As more and more users use resource groups to isolate application workloads, Resource Control provides enhanced data based on resource groups. This helps you monitor resource group workloads and settings, ensuring that you can quickly identify and accurately diagnose problems, including:

  - Slow Queries: add the resource group name, resource unit (RU) consumption, and time for waiting for resources.
  - Statement Summary Tables: add the resource group name, RU consumption, and time for waiting for resources.
  - In the system variable `tidb_last_query_info`, add a new entry `ru_consumption` to indicate the consumed RU by SQL statements. You can use this variable to get the resource consumption of the last statement in the session.
  - Add database metrics based on resource groups: QPS/TPS, execution time (P999/P99/P95), number of failures, and number of connections.
  - Add the system table `request_unit_by_group` to record the history records of daily consumed RUs of all resource groups.

For more information, see Identify Slow Queries, Statement Summary Tables, and Key Monitoring Metrics of Resource Control.

16.12.1.1.8 Data migration

- Data Migration (DM) support for migrating MySQL 8.0 becomes generally available (GA) #10405 @lyzx2001

  Previously, using DM to migrate data from MySQL 8.0 is an experimental feature and is not available for production environments. TiDB v7.6.0 enhances the stability and compatibility of this feature to help you smoothly and quickly migrate data from MySQL 8.0 to TiDB in production environments. In v7.6.0, this feature becomes generally available (GA).

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC supports replicating DDL statements in bi-directional replication (BDR) mode (experimental) #10301 #48519 @okJiang @asddongmen

  Starting from v7.6.0, TiCDC supports replication of DDL statements with bi-directional replication configured. Previously, replicating DDL statements was not supported by TiCDC, so users of TiCDC's bi-directional replication had to apply DDL statements to both TiDB clusters separately. With this feature, TiCDC allows for a cluster to be assigned the `PRIMARY` BDR role, and enables the replication of DDL statements from that cluster to the downstream cluster.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC supports querying the downstream synchronization status of a changefeed #10289 @hongyunyan

  Starting from v7.6.0, TiCDC introduces a new API `GET /api/v2/changefeed/{ ↪ changefeed_id}/synced` to query the downstream synchronization status of a specified replication task (changefeed). By using this API, you can determine whether the upstream data received by TiCDC has been synchronized to the downstream system completely.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC adds support for three-character delimiters with CSV output protocol #9969 @zhangjinpeng87

  Starting from v7.6.0, you can specify the CSV output protocol delimiters as 1 to 3 characters long. With this change, you can configure TiCDC to generate file output using two-character delimiters (such as `||` or `$^`) or three-character delimiters (such as `|@|`) to separate fields in the output.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.12.1.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v7.5.0 to the current version (v7.6.0). If you are upgrading from v7.4.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.12.1.2.1 MySQL compatibility

- Before TiDB v7.6.0, the `LOAD DATA` operation commits all rows in a single transaction or commits transactions in a batch, which is slightly different from MySQL behaviors.

Starting from v7.6.0, TiDB processes `LOAD DATA` in transactions in the same way as MySQL. The `LOAD DATA` statement in a transaction no longer automatically commits the current transaction or starts a new transaction. Moreover, you can explicitly commit or roll back the `LOAD DATA` statement in a transaction. Additionally, the `LOAD DATA` statement is affected by the TiDB transaction mode setting (optimistic or pessimistic transaction). #49079 @ekexium

16.12.1.2.2 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_auto_analyze_partition_batch_size`	Modified	Changes the default value from `1` to `128` after further tests.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_sysproc_scan_concurrency`	Modified	In a large-scale cluster, the concurrency of `scan` operations can be adjusted higher to meet the needs of `ANALYZE`. Therefore, change the maximum value from `256` to `4294967295`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_analyze_distsql_scan_concurrency`	Newly added	Sets the concurrency of the `scan` operation when executing the `ANALYZE` operation. The default value is `4`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ddl_ ↪ version ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable TiDB DDL V2. Set the value to 2 to enable it and 1 to disable it. The default value is 1. When TiDB DDL V2 is enabled, DDL statements will be executed using TiDB DDL V2. The execution speed of DDL statements for creating tables is increased by 10

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_enable_global_index`	Newly added	Controls whether to support creating `Global indexes` for partitioned tables. The default value is `OFF`. `Global index` is currently in the development stage. **It is not recommended to modify the value of this system variable.**

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_idle_transaction_timeout	Newly added	Controls the idle timeout for transactions in a user session. When a user session is in a transactional state and remains idle for a duration exceeding the value of this variable, TiDB will terminate the session. The default value 0 means unlimited.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ignore ↪ _ ↪ inlist ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ digest ↪	Newly added	Controls whether TiDB ignores the element differences in the `IN` list across different queries when generating Plan Digests. The default value `OFF` means differences are not ignored.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_` ↪ `opt_` ↪ `enable` ↪ `_` ↪ `fuzzy` ↪ `_` ↪ `binding` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the cross-database binding feature. The default value `OFF` means cross-database binding is disabled.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_txn_entry_size_limit	Newly added	Dynamically modifies the TiDB configuration item performance.txn-entry-size. It limits the size of a single row of data in TiDB. The default value of this variable is 0, which means that TiDB uses the value of the configuration item txn-entry-size

Variable name	Change type	Description
pd_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ follower ↪ _ ↪ handle ↪ _ ↪ region ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the Active PD Follower feature (experimental). When the value is `OFF`, TiDB only obtains Region information from the PD leader. When the value is `ON`, TiDB evenly distributes requests for Region information to all PD servers, and PD followers can

Variable name	Change type	Description

16.12.1.2.3 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`tls-version`	Modified	The default value is “”. The default supported TLS versions of TiDB are changed from `TLS1.1` or higher to `TLS1.2` or higher.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	raftstore ↪ . ↪ report ↪ -min ↪ - ↪ resolved ↪ -ts- ↪ interval ↪	Renamed	To make the name more accurate, this configuration item is renamed to raftstore ↪ .pd- ↪ report ↪ -min ↪ - ↪ resolved ↪ -ts- ↪ interval ↪ . raftstore ↪ . ↪ report ↪ -min ↪ - ↪ resolved ↪ -ts- ↪ interval ↪ is no longer effective.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`blob-file-compression`	Modified	The algorithm used for compressing values in Titan, which takes value as the unit. Starting from TiDB v7.6.0, the default compression algorithm is `zstd`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `defaultcf` ↪ `.` ↪ `titan` ↪ `.min` ↪ `-` ↪ `blob` ↪ `-` ↪ `size`	Modified	Starting from TiDB v7.6.0, the default value for new clusters is `32KB`. For existing clusters upgrading to v7.6.0, the default value `1KB` remains unchanged.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `titan` ↪ `.` ↪ `enabled` ↪	Modified	Enables or disables Titan. For v7.5.0 and earlier versions, the default value is `false`. Starting from v7.6.0, the default value is `true` for only new clusters. Existing clusters upgraded to v7.6.0 or later versions will retain the original configuration.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`cdc.` ↪ `incremental` ↪ `-` ↪ `scan` ↪ `-` ↪ `concurrency` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	Newly added	Sets the maximum queue length for the tasks of incrementally scanning historical data waiting to be executed. The default value is `10000`, which means that at most 10000 tasks can be queued for execution.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`gc.num-threads`	Newly added	When `enable-compaction-filter` is set to `false`, this parameter controls the number of GC threads. The default value is `1`.
TiKV	`raftstore.periodic-full-compact-start-times`	Newly added	Sets the specific times that TiKV initiates periodic full compaction. The default value `[]` means periodic full compaction is disabled.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `periodic` ↪ `-` ↪ `full` ↪ `-` ↪ `compact` ↪ `-` ↪ `start` ↪ `-max` ↪ `-cpu`	Newly added	Limits the maximum CPU usage rate for TiKV periodic full compaction. The default value is `0.1`.
TiKV	`raftstore` ↪ `.pd-` ↪ `report` ↪ `-min` ↪ `-` ↪ `resolved` ↪ `-ts-` ↪ `interval` ↪	Newly added	Renamed from `raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `report` ↪ `-min` ↪ `-` ↪ `resolved` ↪ `-ts-` ↪ `interval` ↪ . It specifies the minimum interval for TiKV to report Resolved TS to the PD leader. The default value is `"1s"`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`zstd-dict-size`	Newly added	Specifies the `zstd` dictionary compression size. The default value is `"0KB"`, which means to disable the `zstd` dictionary compression.
TiFlash	`logger.level`	Modified	Changes the default value from `"debug"` to `"INFO"` to reduce the cost of logging.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`tidb.pd` ↪ `-` ↪ `addr`	Modified	Configures the addresses of the PD Servers. Starting from v7.6.0, TiDB supports setting multiple PD addresses.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`block-size`	Newly added	Controls the I/O block size for sorting local files in Physical Import Mode (`backend='local'`). The default value is `16KiB`. When the disk IOPS is a bottleneck, you can increase this value to improve performance.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
BR	`--granularity`	Newly added	Uses the coarse-grained Region scatter algorithm (experimental) by specifying `--granularity="coarse-grained"`. This accelerates restore speed in large-scale Region scenarios.
TiCDC	`compression`	Newly added	Controls the behavior to compress redo log files.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	sink. ↪ cloud ↪ - ↪ storage ↪ - ↪ config ↪	Newly added	Sets the automatic cleanup of historical data when replicating data to object storage.

16.12.1.2.4 System tables

- Add a new system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.KEYWORDS` to display the information of all keywords supported by TiDB.
- In the system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SLOW_QUERY`, add the following fields related to Resource Control:
  - `Resource_group`: the resource group that the statement is bound to.
  - `Request_unit_read`: the total read RUs consumed by the statement.
  - `Request_unit_write`: the total write RUs consumed by the statement.
  - `Time_queued_by_rc`: the total time that the statement waits for available resources.

16.12.1.3 Offline package changes

Starting from v7.6.0, the `TiDB-community-server` binary-package now includes `tiproxy-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz`, which is the installation package for the proxy component TiProxy.

16.12.1.4 Deprecated features

- Support for the TLSv1.0 and TLSv1.1 protocols is deprecated in TiDB v7.6.0 and will be removed in v8.0.0. Please upgrade to TLSv1.2 or TLSv1.3.
- The baseline evolution feature for execution plans will be deprecated in TiDB v8.0.0. The equivalent functionality will be redesigned in the subsequent versions.
- The `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` system variable will be deprecated in TiDB v8.0.0. After that, TiDB will no longer support automatic retries of optimistic transactions.

16.12.1.5 Improvements

- TiDB
    - When a non-binary collation is set and the query includes `LIKE`, the optimizer generates an `IndexRangeScan` to improve the execution efficiency #48181 #49138 @time-and-fate
    - Enhance the ability to convert `OUTER JOIN` to `INNER JOIN` in specific scenarios #49616 @qw4990
    - Improve the balance of Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) tasks in the scenario where nodes are restarted #47298 @ywqzzy
    - Support multiple accelerated `ADD INDEX` DDL tasks to be queued for execution, instead of falling back to normal `ADD INDEX` tasks #47758 @tangenta
    - Improve the compatibility of `ALTER TABLE ... ROW_FORMAT` #48754 @hawkingrei
    - Modify the `CANCEL IMPORT JOB` statement to a synchronous statement #48736 @D3Hunter
    - Improve the speed of adding indexes to empty tables #49682 @zimulala
    - When the columns of a correlated subquery are not referenced by the upper-level operator, the correlated subquery can be eliminated directly #45822 @King-Dylan
    - `EXCHANGE PARTITION` operations now trigger maintenance updates of statistics #47354 @hi-rustin
    - TiDB supports building binary files that meet the requirements of Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) #47948 @tiancaiamao
    - Optimize the TiDB implementation when handling some type conversions and fix related issues #47945 #47864 #47829 #47816 @YangKeao @lcwangchao
    - When obtaining the schema version, TiDB uses the KV timeout feature to read by default, reducing the impact of slow meta Region leader reads on schema version updates #48125 @cfzjywxk
- TiKV
    - Add an API endpoint `/async_tasks` for querying asynchronous tasks #15759 @YuJuncen
    - Add priority labels to gRPC monitoring to display resource group data of different priorities #49318 @bufferflies
    - Support dynamically adjusting the value of `readpool.unified.max-tasks-per-worker`, which can calculate the number of running tasks separately based on priority #16026 @glorv
    - Support dynamically adjusting the number of GC threads, with a default value of `1` #16101 @tonyxuqqi
- PD
    - Improve the availability of PD TSO during disk jitter #7377 @HuSharp
- TiFlash

- Reduce the impact of disk performance jitter on read latency #8583 @JaySon-Huang
- Reduce the impact of background GC tasks on read and write task latency #8650 @JaySon-Huang
- Support merging identical data reading operations in a storage-compute separation architecture to improve data scanning performance under high concurrency #6834 @JinheLin
- Optimize the execution performance of `SEMI JOIN` and `LEFT OUTER SEMIJOIN` when only JOIN KEY equality conditions are included in `JOIN ON` #47424 @gengliqi

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Support authentication using Amazon S3 `session-token` and `assume-role` during full backup recovery phase #39832 @3pointer
    - Introduce a new integration test for Point-In-Time Recovery (PITR) in the `delete range` scenario, enhancing PITR stability #47738 @Leavrth
    - Improve the table creation performance of the `RESTORE` statement in scenarios with large datasets #48301 @Leavrth
    - Refactor the BR exception handling mechanism to increase tolerance for unknown errors #47656 @3pointer
  - TiCDC
    - Improve the performance of TiCDC replicating data to object storage by increasing parallelism #10098 @CharlesCheung96
    - Support making TiCDC Canal-JSON content format compatible with the content format of the official Canal output by setting `content-compatible=true` in the `sink-uri` configuration #10106 @3AceShowHand
  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
    - Add configurations for full data physical import to DM OpenAPI #10193 @GMHDBJD
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Support configuring multiple PD addresses to enhance stability #49515 @mittalrishabh
    - Support configuring the `block-size` parameter to control the I/O block size for sorting local files to improve performance #45037 @mittalrishabh

16.12.1.6 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that TiDB panics and reports an error `invalid memory address or nil pointer dereference` #42739 @CbcWestwolf

- Fix the TiDB node panic issue that occurs when DDL `jobID` is restored to 0 #46296 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that the same query plan has different `PLAN_DIGEST` values in some cases #47634 @King-Dylan
- Fix the issue that executing `UNION ALL` with the DUAL table as the first subnode might cause an error #48755 @winoros
- Fix the issue that queries containing common table expressions (CTEs) report `runtime error: index out of range [32] with length 32` when `tidb_max_chunk_size` is set to a small value #48808 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue of Goroutine leak when using `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` #46324 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the result of `COUNT(INT)` calculated by MPP might be incorrect #48643 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that executing `ALTER TABLE ... LAST PARTITION` fails when the partition column type is `DATETIME` #48814 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that using the `_` wildcard in `LIKE` when the data contains trailing spaces can result in incorrect query results #48983 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that high CPU usage of TiDB occurs due to long-term memory pressure caused by `tidb_server_memory_limit` #48741 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that the query result is incorrect when an `ENUM` type column is used as the join key #48991 @winoros
- Fix the issue that queries containing CTEs unexpectedly get stuck when the memory limit is exceeded #49096 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that TiDB server might consume a significant amount of resources when the enterprise plugin for audit logging is used #49273 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that the optimizer incorrectly converts TiFlash selection path to the DUAL table in specific scenarios #49285 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that `UPDATE` or `DELETE` statements containing `WITH RECURSIVE` CTEs might produce incorrect results #48969 @winoros
- Fix the issue that a query containing the IndexHashJoin operator gets stuck when memory exceeds `tidb_mem_quota_query` #49033 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that in non-strict mode (`sql_mode = ''`), truncation during executing `INSERT` still reports an error #49369 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that CTE queries might report an error `type assertion for CTEStorageMap failed` during the retry process #46522 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that `LIMIT` and `ORDER BY` might be invalid in nested `UNION` queries #49377 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that parsing invalid values of `ENUM` or `SET` types would directly cause SQL statement errors #49487 @winoros
- Fix the issue of excessive statistical error in constructing statistics caused by Golang's implicit conversion algorithm #49801 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that Daylight Saving Time is displayed incorrectly in some time zones #49586 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that tables with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` might lead to gRPC client leaks when there are a large number of tables #48869 @tiancaiamao

- Fix the issue that TiDB server might panic during graceful shutdown #36793 @bb7133
- Fix the issue that `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX` reports `ERROR 1105` when processing a table containing `CommonHandle` #47687 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that specifying placement rules when executing `ALTER TABLE t PARTITION BY` reports the error `ERROR 8239` #48630 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that the `START_TIME` column type in `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_INFO` is not valid #45221 @dveeden
- Fix the issue that invalid `EXTRA` column type in `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS` leads to the error `Data Too Long, field len 30, data len 45` #42030 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that `IN (...)` causes different plan digests in `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATEMENTS_SUMMARY` #33559 @King-Dylan
- Fix the issue that when converting the `TIME` type to the `YEAR` type, the returned result mixes `TIME` and the year #48557 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that disabling `tidb_enable_collect_execution_info` causes the coprocessor cache to panic #48212 @you06
- Fix the issue that TiDB crashes when `shuffleExec` quits unexpectedly #48230 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that static `CALIBRATE RESOURCE` relies on the Prometheus data #49174 @glorv
- Fix the issue that when adding a large interval to a date, it returns an incorrect result. After the fix, an interval with an invalid prefix or the string `true` is treated as zero, which is consistent with MySQL 8.0 #49227 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that the `ROW` function incorrectly infers the `null` type and causes an unexpected error #49015 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that the `ILIKE` function might cause data race in some scenarios #49677 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that query results are incorrect due to `STREAM_AGG()` incorrectly handling CI #49902 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that encoding fails when converting bytes to `TIME` #47346 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that the behavior of the `ENFORCED` option in the `CHECK` constraint is inconsistent with MySQL 8.0 #47567 #47631 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that DDL statements with the `CHECK` constraint are stuck #47632 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that adding index fails for DDL statements due to out of memory #47862 @GMHDBJD
- Fix the issue that upgrading the cluster during executing `ADD INDEX` might cause the data to be inconsistent with the indexes #46306 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that executing `ADMIN CHECK` after updating the `tidb_mem_quota_query` system variable returns `ERROR 8175` #49258 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that when `ALTER TABLE` modifies the type of a column referenced by a foreign key, the change in `DECIMAL` precision is not reported as an error #49836 @yoshikipom

- Fix the issue that when `ALTER TABLE` modifies the type of a column referenced by a foreign key, the change in `INTEGER` length is reported as an error by mistake #47702 @yoshikipom
- Fix the issue that in some scenarios the expression index does not detect that the divisor is 0 #50053 @lcwangchao
- Mitigate the issue that TiDB nodes might encounter OOM errors when dealing with a large number of tables #50077 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that DDL gets stuck in the running state during cluster rolling restart #50073 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that results might be incorrect when accessing global indexes of partitioned tables using `PointGet` or `BatchPointGet` operators #47539 @L-maple
- Fix the issue that MPP plans might not be selected when indexes on generated columns are set as visible #47766 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that `LIMIT` might not be pushed down to the `OR` type `Index Merge` #48588 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that duplicate built-in rows might exist in the `mysql.bind_info` table after BR import #46527 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that statistics for partitioned tables are not updated as expected after partitions are dropped #48182 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that errors might be returned during the concurrent merging of global statistics for partitioned tables #48713 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that query results might be incorrect when the `LIKE` operator is used for index range scans on a column with PADDING SPACE #48821 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that generated columns might trigger concurrent read and write on memory and result in data race #44919 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that `ANALYZE TABLE` might still collect Top1 statistics even when `WITH 0 TOPN` (indicating not collecting topN statistics) is specified #49080 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that illegal optimizer hints might cause valid hints to be ineffective #49308 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that statistics for Hash partitioned tables are not correspondingly updated when you add, drop, reorganize, or `TRUNCATE` partitions #48235 #48233 #48226 #48231 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that after the time window for automatic statistics updates is configured, statistics might still be updated outside that time window #49552 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that old statistics are not automatically deleted when a partitioned table is converted to a non-partitioned table #49547 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that old statistics are not automatically deleted when you clear data from a non-partitioned table using `TRUNCATE TABLE` #49663 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that enforced sorting might become ineffective when a query uses optimizer hints (such as `STREAM_AGG()`) that enforce sorting and its execution plan contains `IndexMerge` #49605 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that histogram statistics might not be parsed into readable strings

when the histogram boundary contains `NULL` #49823 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that executing queries containing the `GROUP_CONCAT(ORDER BY)` syntax might return errors #49986 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that `UPDATE`, `DELETE`, and `INSERT` statements return overflow errors instead of warnings when the `SQL_MODE` is not strict #49137 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that data cannot be inserted when a table has a composite index consisting of multi-valued indexes and non-binary type strings #49680 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that `LIMIT` in multi-level nested `UNION` queries might become ineffective #49874 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that querying partitioned tables with the `BETWEEN ... AND ...` condition returns incorrect results #49842 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that hints cannot be used in `REPLACE INTO` statements #34325 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that TiDB might select the wrong partition when querying Hash partitioned tables #50044 @Defined2014
- Fix the connection error that occurs when you use MariaDB Connector/J with compression enabled #49845 @onlyacat

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that the damaged SST files might spread to other TiKV nodes and cause TiKV to panic #15986 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that Online Unsafe Recovery cannot handle merge abort #15580 @v01dstar
  - Fix the issue that the joint state of DR Auto-Sync might time out when scaling out #15817 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that `blob-run-mode` in Titan cannot be updated online #15978 @tonyxuqqi
  - Fix the issue that Resolved TS might be blocked for two hours #11847 #15520 #39130 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that Flashback might get stuck when encountering `notLeader` or `regionNotFound` #15712 @HuSharp
  - Fix the issue that if TiKV runs extremely slowly, it might panic after Region merge #16111 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that TiKV cannot read in-memory pessimistic locks when GC scans expired locks #15066 @cfzjywxk
  - Fix the issue that the blob file size in Titan monitoring is incorrect #15971 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that replicating large tables using TiCDC might cause TiKV to OOM #16035 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that TiDB and TiKV might produce inconsistent results when processing `DECIMAL` arithmetic multiplication truncation #16268 @solotzg
  - Fix the issue that `cast_duration_as_time` might return incorrect results #16211 @gengliqi

- Fix the issue that TiKV converts the time zone incorrectly for Brazil and Egypt #16220 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when gRPC threads are checking `is_shutdown` #16236 @pingyu

- PD

  - Fix the issue that the etcd health check in PD does not remove expired addresses #7226 @iosmanthus
  - Fix the issue that when PD leader is transferred and there is a network partition between the new leader and the PD client, the PD client fails to update the information of the leader #7416 @CabinfeverB
  - Fix some security issues by upgrading the version of Gin Web Framework from v1.8.1 to v1.9.1 #7438 @niubell
  - Fix the issue that the orphan peer is deleted when the number of replicas does not meet the requirements #7584 @bufferflies

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue of memory leak when TiFlash encounters memory limitation during query #8447 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that data of TiFlash replicas would still be garbage collected after executing `FLASHBACK DATABASE` #8450 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that the memory usage increases significantly due to slow queries #8564 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that some TiFlash replica data cannot be recovered through `RECOVER TABLE` or `FLASHBACK TABLE` in scenarios with frequent execution of `CREATE TABLE` and `DROP TABLE` #1664 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that query results are incorrect when querying with filtering conditions like `ColumnRef in (Literal, Func...)` #8631 @Lloyd-Pottiger
  - Fix the TiFlash panic issue when TiFlash encounters conflicts during concurrent DDL execution #8578 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might not be able to select the GC owner of object storage data under the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #8519 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that the `lowerUTF8` and `upperUTF8` functions do not allow characters in different cases to occupy different bytes #8484 @gengliqi
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash incorrectly handles `ENUM` when the `ENUM` value is 0 #8311 @solotzg
  - Fix the incompatibility issue in the `INET_NTOA()` expression #8211 @solotzg
  - Fix the potential OOM issue that might occur when scanning multiple partitioned tables during stream read #8505 @gengliqi
  - Fix the issue that short queries executed successfully print excessive info logs #8592 @windtalker
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might crash when it is stopped #8550 @guo-shaoge

- Fix the random invalid memory access issue that might occur with `GREATEST` or `LEAST` functions containing constant string parameters #8604 @windtalker

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that BR generates incorrect URIs for external storage files #48452 @3AceShowHand
    - Fix the issue that the log backup task can start but does not work properly if failing to connect to PD during task initialization #16056 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that the log backup task might encounter memory leak and fail to run properly after startup #16070 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that inserting data into the system table `mysql.gc_delete_range` during the PITR process returns an error #49346 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that the `Unsupported collation` error is reported when you restore data from backups of an old version #49466 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that permissions are not updated timely after user tables are recovered through snapshots in certain scenarios #49394 @Leavrth

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the issue that the `WHERE` clause does not use the primary key as a condition when replicating `DELETE` statements in certain scenarios #9812 @asddongmen
    - Fix the issue that the TiCDC server might panic when replicating data to an object storage service #10137 @sdojjy
    - Fix the potential data race issue during `kv-client` initialization #10095 @3AceShowHand
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    - Fix the issue that `checkpoint-ts` might get stuck when TiCDC replicates data to downstream MySQL #10334 @zhangjinpeng87

  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

    - Fix the issue that DM encounters "event type truncate not valid" error that causes the upgrade to fail #10282 @GMHDBJD
    - Fix the performance degradation issue when replicating data in GTID mode #9676 @feran-morgan-pingcap
    - Fix the issue that a migration task error occurs when the downstream table structure contains `shard_row_id_bits` #10308 @GMHDBJD

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16.13.1 TiDB 7.5.6 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.13.1.1 Compatibility changes

- Support the openEuler 22.03 LTS SP3/SP4 operating system. For more information, see OS and platform requirements.

16.13.1.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Adjust estimation results from 0 to 1 for equality conditions that do not hit TopN when statistics are entirely composed of TopN and the modified row count in the corresponding table statistics is non-zero #47400 @terry1purcell
    - Enhance the timestamp validity check #57786 @MyonKeminta
    - Limit the execution of GC for TTL tables and related statistics collection tasks to the owner node, thereby reducing overhead #59357 @lcwangchao

- TiKV
    - Add the detection mechanism for invalid `max_ts` updates #17916 @ekexium
    - Add slow logs for peer and store messages #16600 @Connor1996
    - Optimize the jittery access delay when restarting TiKV due to waiting for the log to be applied, improving the stability of TiKV #15874 @LykxSassinator
- TiFlash
    - Mitigate the issue that TiFlash might panic due to updating certificates after TLS is enabled #8535 @windtalker
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Disable the table-level checksum calculation during full backups by default (`--checksum=false`) to improve backup performance #56373 @Tristan1900
        - Add a check to verify whether the target cluster contains a table with the same name for non-full restore #55087 @RidRisR
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Add a row width check when parsing CSV files to prevent OOM issues #58590 @D3Hunter

16.13.1.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that some predicates might be lost when constructing `IndexMerge` #58476 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that the `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY` setting does not take effect on statements in views #53175 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that creating two views with the same name does not report an error #58769 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the issue that converting data from the `BIT` type to the `CHAR` type might cause TiKV panics #56494 @lcwangchao
    - Fix the issue that a TTL job that loses the heartbeat blocks other jobs from getting heartbeats #57915 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that querying partitioned tables using an `IN` condition containing a mismatched value type and a type conversion error leads to incorrect query results #54746 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that the default value of the `BIT` column is incorrect #57301 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that in the Prepare protocol, an error occurs when the client uses a non-UTF8 character set #58870 @xhebox

- Fix the issue that using variables or parameters in the `CREATE VIEW` statement does not report errors #53176 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that loading statistics manually might fail when the statistics file contains null values #53966 @King-Dylan
- Fix the issue that when querying the `information_schema.cluster_slow_query` table, if the time filter is not added, only the latest slow log file is queried #56100 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that querying temporary tables might trigger unexpected TiKV requests in some cases #58875 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the data in the **Stats Healthy Distribution** panel of Grafana might be incorrect #57176 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that some TTL jobs might hang when modifying `tidb_ttl_delete_rate_limit` #58484 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that improper exception handling for statistics causes in-memory statistics to be mistakenly deleted when background tasks time out #57901 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that using `ORDER BY` when querying `cluster_slow_query table` might generate unordered results #51723 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that when a virtual generated column's dependencies contain a column with the `ON UPDATE` attribute, the data of the updated row and its index data might be inconsistent #56829 @joechenrh
- Fix the issue that TTL jobs cannot be canceled if the TiDB heartbeat is lost #57784 @YangKeao
- When the parameter is of `Enum`, `Bit`, or `Set` type, the `Conv()` function is no longer pushed down to TiKV #51877 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that after executing `ALTER TABLE ... PLACEMENT POLICY ...` in a cluster with TiFlash nodes in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, Region peers might be accidentally added to TiFlash Compute nodes #58633 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that job status is overwritten when the DDL owner changes #52747 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that queries with `is null` conditions on Hash partitioned tables cause a panic #58374 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that an error occurs when querying partitioned tables that contain generated columns #58475 @joechenrh
- Fix the issue that TTL jobs might be ignored or processed multiple times #59347 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that incorrect judgment in exchange partition causes execution failure #59534 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that setting the `tidb_audit_log` variable with multi-level relative paths causes errors in the log directory #58971 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that different data types on both sides of the equality condition in Join might cause incorrect results in TiFlash #59877 @yibin87

- TiKV

- Fix the issue that the leader could not be quickly elected after Region split #17602 @LykxSassinator
- Fix the issue that time rollback might cause abnormal RocksDB flow control, leading to performance jitter #17995 @LykxSassinator
- Fix the issue that the latest written data might not be readable when only one-phase commit (1PC) is enabled and Async Commit is not enabled #18117 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that TiKV converts the time zone incorrectly for Brazil and Egypt #16220 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that a deadlock might occur when GC Worker is under heavy load #18214 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that disk stalls might prevent leader migration, leading to performance jitter #17363 @hhwyt
- Fix the issue that encoding might fail when processing GBK/GB18030 encoded data #17618 @CbcWestwolf
- Fix the issue that CDC connections might cause resource leakage when encountering exceptions #18245 @wlwilliamx
- Fix the issue that Region merge might lead to TiKV abnormal exit due to Raft index mismatch #18129 @glorv
- Fix the issue that Resolved-TS monitoring and logs might be abnormal #17989 @ekexium
- Fix the issue that an incompatibility with the Titan component causes upgrade failure #18263 @v01dstar @LykxSassinator

- PD

    - Fix the issue that the default value of `max-size` for a single log file is not correctly set #9037 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that the value of the `flow-round-by-digit` configuration item might be overwritten after a restart #8980 @nolouch
    - Fix the issue that operations in data import or adding index scenarios might fail due to unstable PD network #8962 @okJiang
    - Fix the issue that PD might panic when the `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy` system variable is enabled #8950 @okJiang
    - Fix the issue that the `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy` system variable might not take effect #8947 @JmPotato
    - Fix the issue that memory leaks might occur when allocating TSOs #9004 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that Region syncer might not exit in time during the PD Leader switch #9017 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that a PD node might still generate TSOs even when it is not the Leader #9051 @rleungx

- TiFlash

- Fix the issue that TiFlash might unexpectedly reject processing Raft messages when memory usage is low #9745 @CalvinNeo
- Fix the issue that TiFlash might maintain high memory usage after importing large amounts of data #9812 @CalvinNeo
- Fix the issue that queries on a partitioned table might return errors after executing `ALTER TABLE ... RENAME COLUMN` on that partitioned table #9787 @Lloyd-Pottiger
- Fix the issue that TiFlash might fail to print error stack traces when it unexpectedly exits in certain situations #9902 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that TiFlash startup might be blocked when `profiles.default.init_thread_count_scale` is set to `0` #9906 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that a `Not found column` error might occur when a query involves virtual columns and triggers remote reads #9561 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, TiFlash compute nodes might be incorrectly selected as target nodes for adding Region peers #9750 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that log backup fails to exit properly when encountering a fatal error due to not being able to access PD #18087 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that BR fails to restore due to getting the `rpcClient is idle` error when sending requests to TiKV #58845 @Tristan1900
    - Fix the issue that PITR fails to restore indexes larger than 3072 bytes #58430 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that the `status` field is missing in the result when querying log backup tasks using `br log status --json` #57959 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that log backup might unexpectedly enter a paused state when the advancer owner switches #58031 @3pointer
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that enabling TiCDC in scenarios with many small tables might cause TiKV to restart #18142 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue that after the default value of a newly added column in the upstream is changed from `NOT NULL` to `NULL`, the default values of that column in the downstream are incorrect #12037 @wk989898
    - Fix the issue that out-of-order messages resent by the Sarama client cause Kafka message order to be incorrect #11935 @3AceShowHand
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC uses incorrect table names for filtering during `RENAME TABLE` operations #11946 @wk989898
    - Fix the issue that goroutines leak occurs after a changefeed is deleted #11954 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue that using the `--overwrite-checkpoint-ts` parameter in the `changefeed pause` command might cause the changefeed to be stuck #12055 @hongyunyan

- Fix the issue that TiCDC reports errors when replicating `default NULL` SQL statements via the Avro protocol #11994 @wk989898
- Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to properly connect to PD after PD scale-in #12004 @lidezhu

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that logs are not properly desensitized #59086 @GMHDBJD

16.13.2 TiDB 7.5.5 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.13.2.1 Compatibility changes

- Add a new system variable `tidb_ddl_reorg_max_write_speed` to limit the maximum speed of the ingest phase when adding indexes #57156 @CbcWestwolf
- Change the default value of the TiKV configuration item `raft-client-queue-size` from `8192` to `16384` #17101 @Connor1996

16.13.2.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Adjust estimation results from 0 to 1 for equality conditions that do not hit TopN when statistics are entirely composed of TopN and the modified row count in the corresponding table statistics is non-zero #47400 @terry1purcell
- TiKV
  - Fix the issue that when Raft and RocksDB are deployed on different disks, the slow disk detection does not work for the disk where RocksDB is located #17884 @LykxSassinator
  - Add slow logs for peer and store messages #16600 @Connor1996
  - Optimize the jittery access delay when restarting TiKV due to waiting for the log to be applied, improving the stability of TiKV #15874 @LykxSassinator
- TiFlash
  - Mitigate the issue that TiFlash might panic due to updating certificates after TLS is enabled #8535 @windtalker
  - Improve the garbage collection speed of outdated data in the background for tables with clustered indexes #9529 @JaySon-Huang

- Optimize the retry strategy for TiFlash compute nodes in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture to handle exceptions when downloading files from Amazon S3 #9695 @JinheLin

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Reduce unnecessary log printing during backup #55902 @Leavrth

  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

    - Lower the log level for unrecognized MariaDB binlog events #10204 @dveeden

16.13.2.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue that TiDB cannot resume Reorg DDL tasks from the previous progress after the DDL owner node is switched #56506 @tangenta
  - Fix the issue that invalid `NULL` values can be inserted in non-strict mode (`sql_mode = ''`) #56381 @joechenrh
  - Fix the issue that the data in the **Stats Healthy Distribution** panel of Grafana might be incorrect #57176 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue of illegal memory access that might occur when a Common Table Expression (CTE) has multiple data consumers and one consumer exits without reading any data #55881 @windtalker
  - Fix the issue that existing TTL tasks are executed unexpectedly frequently in a cluster that is upgraded from v6.5 to v7.5 or later #56539 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the issue that TTL tasks are not canceled after the `tidb_ttl_job_enable` variable is disabled #57404 @YangKeao
  - Fix the issue that the query latency of stale reads increases, caused by information schema cache misses #53428 @crazycs520
  - Fix the issue that stale read does not strictly verify the timestamp of the read operation, resulting in a small probability of affecting the consistency of the transaction when an offset exists between the TSO and the real physical time #56809 @MyonKeminta
  - Fix the issue that the `AUTO_INCREMENT` field is not correctly set after importing data using the `IMPORT INTO` statement #56476 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that two DDL Owners might exist at the same time #54689 @joccau
  - Fix the issue that TTL might fail if TiKV is not selected as the storage engine #56402 @YangKeao
  - Fix the issue that TiDB does not check the index length limitation when executing `ADD INDEX` #56930 @fzzf678
  - Fix the issue that when canceling a TTL task, the corresponding SQL is not killed forcibly #56511 @lcwangchao

- Fix the issue that execution plan bindings cannot be created for the multi-table `DELETE` statement with aliases #56726 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that when using `ANALYZE` to collect statistics for a table, if the table contains expression indexes of virtually generated columns, the execution reports an error #57079 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that Plan Replayer might report an error when importing a table structure containing Placement Rules #54961 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that when parsing a database name in CTE, it returns a wrong database name #54582 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `INSERT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY` statement is not compatible with `mysql_insert_id` #55965 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that improper use of metadata locks might lead to writing anomalous data when using the plan cache under certain circumstances #53634 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that the performance is unstable when adding indexes using Global Sort #54147 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that Plan Replayer might report an error when importing a table structure containing foreign keys #56456 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that using the `RANGE COLUMNS` partition function and the `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` collation at the same time could result in incorrect query results #57261 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that using subqueries after the `NATURAL JOIN` or `USING` clause might result in errors #53766 @dash12653
- Fix the issue that TTL tasks cannot be canceled when there is a write conflict #56422 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that if a CTE contains the `ORDER BY`, `LIMIT`, or `SELECT DISTINCT` clause and is referenced by the recursive part of another CTE, it might be incorrectly inlined and result in an execution error #56603 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that the `UPDATE` statement incorrectly updates values of the `ENUM` type #56832 @xhebox
- Fix the issue that executing `RECOVER TABLE BY JOB JOB_ID;` might cause TiDB to panic #55113 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that the `read_from_storage` hint might not take effect when the query has an available Index Merge execution plan #56217 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that `INDEX_HASH_JOIN` might hang during an abnormal exit #54055 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that querying system tables related to the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) might lead to upgrade failures #49263 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that the DDL internal transaction error `GC life time is shorter than transaction duration` causes index addition to fail #57043 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that when executing `EXCHANGE PARTITION` and encountering invalid rows, InfoSchema is fully loaded and the error `failed to load schema diff` is reported #56685 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that collation is not handled correctly when `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg` and `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` are enabled, re-

sulting in inconsistent data indexes #58036 @djshow832
- Fix the issue that data indexes are inconsistent because plan cache uses the wrong schema when adding indexes #56733 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that executing `ALTER TABLE TIFLASH REPLICA` during upgrade causes the TiDB node to crash #57863 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the performance of querying `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.columns` degrades #58184 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that the default timeout for querying the TiFlash system table is too short #57816 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that the value of the `default_collation_for_utf8mb4` variable does not work for the `SET NAMES` statement #56439 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that TTL internal coroutine might panic when you manually delete a timer in the `mysql.tidb_timer` table #57112 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that when converting a normal table to a partitioned table using the `ALTER TABLE` statement, insufficient checks might result in incorrect data #55721 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that when setting `tidb_gogc_tuner_max_value` and `tidb_gogc_tuner_min_value`, if the maximum value is null, an incorrect warning message occurs #57889 @hawkingrei
- Fix the potential data race issue that might occur in TiDB's internal coroutine #57798 #56053 @fishiu @tiancaiamao
- Update `golang-jwt` and `jwt` to prevent potential security risks #57135 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that concurrent writes might result in duplicate data when converting a table with clustered indexes to a partitioned table using the `ALTER TABLE` statement #57510 @mjonss

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that merging Regions might cause TiKV to panic in rare cases #17840 @glorv
  - Fix the issue that when Raft and RocksDB are deployed on different disks, the slow disk detection does not work for the disk where RocksDB is located #17884 @LykxSassinator
  - Fix the issue that the output of jprof is not correctly captured and processed when the `log-file` parameter is not specified #17607 @Hexilee
  - Fix the issue that latency might increase when hibernated Regions are awake #17101 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when executing queries containing `RADIANS()` or `DEGREES()` functions #17852 @gengliqi
  - Fix the panic issue that occurs when read threads access outdated indexes in the MemTable of the Raft Engine #17383 @LykxSassinator
  - Fix the issue that when a large number of transactions are queuing for lock release on the same key and the key is frequently updated, excessive pressure on deadlock detection might cause TiKV OOM issues #17394 @MyonKeminta

- Fix the issue that write jitter might occur when all hibernated Regions are awakened #17101 @hhwyt
- Fix the issue that TiKV converts the time zone incorrectly for Brazil and Egypt #16220 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that Online Unsafe Recovery cannot handle merge abort #15580 @v01dstar
- Fix the issue that CPU profiling flag is not reset correctly when an error occurs #17234 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that large batch writes cause performance jitter when `raft-entry-max-size` is set too high #17701 @SpadeA-Tang
- Fix the issue that improper error handling in the conflict detection interface of the import module might cause TiKV to panic #17830 @joccau

- PD

  - Fix the issue that when creating `evict-leader-scheduler` or `grant-leader-scheduler` encounters an error, the error message is not returned to pd-ctl #8759 @okJiang
  - Fix the issue that PD cannot quickly re-elect a leader during etcd leader transition #8823 @rleungx
  - Fix the memory leak issue in label statistics #8700 @lhy1024
  - Fix the issue that `evict-leader-scheduler` fails to work properly when it is repeatedly created with the same Store ID #8756 @okJiang
  - Fix the issue that slots are not fully deleted in a resource group client, which causes the number of the allocated tokens to be less than the specified value #7346 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that when using a wrong parameter in `evict-leader-scheduler`, PD does not report errors correctly and some schedulers are unavailable #8619 @rleungx
  - Fix the memory leak issue in hotspot cache #8698 @lhy1024
  - Fix the performance jitter issue caused by frequent creation of random number generator #8674 @rleungx

- TiFlash

  - Fix the TiFlash panic issue when TiFlash encounters conflicts during concurrent DDL execution #8578 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that `LPAD()` and `RPAD()` functions return incorrect results in some cases #9465 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING()` function returns incorrect results when the second parameter is negative #9604 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to parse the table schema when the table contains Bit-type columns with a default value that contains invalid characters #9461 @Lloyd-Pottiger
  - Fix the issue that querying new columns might return incorrect results under the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9665 @zimulala

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that when resuming from a checkpoint after data restore fails, an error `the target cluster is not fresh` occurs #50232 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that log backups cannot resolve residual locks promptly, causing the checkpoint to fail to advance #57134 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that logs might print out encrypted information #57585 @kennytm
    - Fix the issue that the `TestStoreRemoved` test case is unstable #52791 @YuJuncen
    - Fix potential security vulnerabilities by upgrading the `k8s.io/api` library version #57790 @BornChanger
    - Fix the issue that PITR tasks might return the `Information schema is out of date` error when there are a large number of tables in the cluster but the actual data size is small #57743 @Tristan1900
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC might report an error when replicating a `TRUNCATE TABLE` DDL on a table without valid index #11765 @asddongmen
    - Fix the issue that the `tableID` for partitioned tables is not correctly set in Simple Protocol messages #11846 @3AceShowHand
    - Fix the issue that the redo module fails to properly report errors #11744 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that after filtering out `add table partition` events is configured in `ignore-event`, TiCDC does not replicate other types of DML changes for related partitions to the downstream #10524 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC mistakenly discards DDL tasks when the schema versions of DDL tasks become non-incremental during TiDB DDL owner changes #11714 @wlwilliamx
  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
    - Fix the issue that automatically generated IDs in a table might have significant jumps after data import in physical import mode #11768 @D3Hunter
    - Fix the issue that the pre-check of `start-task` fails when both TLS and `shard-mode` are configured #11842 @sunxiaoguang
    - Fix the issue that connecting to MySQL 8.0 fails when the password length exceeds 19 characters #11603 @fishiu
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to receive oversized messages sent from TiKV #56114 @fishiu
    - Fix the issue that the `AUTO_INCREMENT` value is set too high after importing data using the physical import mode #56814 @D3Hunter

- Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning does not automatically retry when encountering `Lock wait timeout` errors during metadata updates #53042 @guoshouyan
- Fix the issue that the performance degrades when importing data from a cloud storage in high-concurrency scenarios #57413 @xuanyu66
- Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning might get stuck for a long time during the preparation phase when importing a large number of Parquet files #56104 @zeminzhou
- Fix the issue that the error report output is truncated when importing data using TiDB Lightning #58085 @lance6716

- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that Dumpling fails to retry properly when receiving a 503 error from Google Cloud Storage (GCS) #56127 @OliverS929

16.13.3 TiDB 7.5.4 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.13.3.1 Compatibility changes

- Set a default limit of 2048 for DDL historical tasks retrieved through the TiDB HTTP API to prevent OOM issues caused by excessive historical tasks #55711 @joccau

16.13.3.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Support applying the `tidb_redact_log` setting to the output of `EXPLAIN` statements and further optimize the logic in processing logs #54565 @hawkingrei
  - Optimize the query speed of TiDB slow queries #54630 @yibin87

- TiKV
  - Optimize the trigger mechanism of RocksDB compaction to accelerate disk space reclamation when handling a large number of DELETE versions #17269 @AndreMouche
  - Reduce the memory usage of the peer message channel #16229 @Connor1996
  - Optimize the jittery access delay when restarting TiKV due to waiting for the log to be applied, improving the stability of TiKV #15874 @LykxSassinator

- Optimize TiKV's `DiskFull` detection to make it compatible with RaftEngine's `spill-dir` configuration, ensuring that this feature works consistently #17356 @LykxSassinator

- TiFlash

  - Optimize the execution efficiency of `LENGTH()` and `ASCII()` functions #9344 @xzhangxian1008
  - Mitigate the issue that TiFlash might panic due to updating certificates after TLS is enabled #8535 @windtalker
  - Improve the cancel mechanism of the JOIN operator, so that the JOIN operator can respond to cancel requests in a timely manner #9430 @windtalker

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Support checking whether the disk space in TiKV is sufficient before TiKV downloads each SST file. If the space is insufficient, BR terminates the restore and returns an error #17224 @RidRisR

  - TiCDC

    - When the downstream is TiDB with the `SUPER` permission granted, TiCDC supports querying the execution status of `ADD INDEX DDL` from the downstream database to avoid data replication failure due to timeout in retrying executing the DDL statement in some cases #10682 @CharlesCheung96

16.13.3.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue that `FLASHBACK DATABASE` fails when many tables exist in the database #54415 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that RANGE partitioned tables that are not strictly self-incrementing can be created #54829 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that a query statement that contains `UNION` might return incorrect results #52985 @XuHuaiyu
  - Fix the issue that `INDEX_HASH_JOIN` cannot exit properly when SQL is abnormally interrupted #54688 @wshwsh12
  - Reset the parameters in the `Open` method of `PipelinedWindow` to fix the unexpected error that occurs when the `PipelinedWindow` is used as a child node of `Apply` due to the reuse of previous parameter values caused by repeated opening and closing operations #53600 @XuHuaiyu
  - Fix the issue that the query latency of stale reads increases, caused by information schema cache misses #53428 @crazycs520

- Fix the issue that disk files might not be deleted after the `Sort` operator spills and a query error occurs #55061 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that the query might return incorrect results instead of an error after being killed #50089 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that table replication fails when the index length of the table replicated from DM exceeds the maximum length specified by `max-index-length` #55138 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that the `SUB_PART` value in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATISTICS` table is `NULL` #55812 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that an error occurs when a DML statement contains nested generated columns #53967 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that the `tot_col_size` column in the `mysql.stats_histograms` table might be a negative number #55126 @qw4990
- Fix the data race issue in `IndexNestedLoopHashJoin` #49692 @solotzg
- Fix the issue that the query might get stuck when terminated because the memory usage exceeds the limit set by `tidb_mem_quota_query` #55042 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that `columnEvaluator` cannot identify the column references in the input chunk, which leads to `runtime error: index out of range` when executing SQL statements #53713 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that the performance of the `SELECT ... WHERE ... ORDER BY ...` statement execution is poor in some cases #54969 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that empty `groupOffset` in `StreamAggExec` might cause TiDB to panic #53867 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that TiDB queries cannot be canceled during cop task construction #55957 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that an `out of range` error might occur when a small display width is specified for a column of the integer type #55837 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that `duplicate entry` might occur when adding unique indexes #56161 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that TiDB panics when importing temporary tables using the `IMPORT INTO` statement #55970 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue of data index inconsistency caused by retries during index addition #55808 @lance6716

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when a stale replica processes Raft snapshots, triggered by a slow split operation and immediate removal of the new replica #17469 @hbisheng
  - Fix the flow control issue that might occur after deleting large tables or partitions #17304 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that bloom filters are incompatible between earlier versions (earlier than v7.1) and later versions #17272 @v01dstar
  - Fix the issue that prevents master key rotation when the master key is stored in a Key Management Service (KMS) #17410 @hhwyt

- Fix the issue that the **Storage async write duration** monitoring metric on the TiKV panel in Grafana is inaccurate #17579 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that when a large number of transactions are queuing for lock release on the same key and the key is frequently updated, excessive pressure on deadlock detection might cause TiKV OOM issues #17394 @MyonKeminta

- PD

    - Fix the issue that PD's Region API cannot be requested when a large number of Regions exist #55872 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that when using a wrong parameter in `evict-leader-scheduler`, PD does not report errors correctly and some schedulers are unavailable #8619 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that data race might occur in the scheduling server when a PD leader is switched in the microservice mode #8538 @lhy1024
    - Fix the issue that slots are not fully deleted in a resource group client, which causes the number of the allocated tokens to be less than the specified value #7346 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that the time data type in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.RUNAWAY_WATCHES` table is incorrect #54770 @HuSharp
    - Fix the issue that setting `replication.strictly-match-label` to `true` causes TiFlash to fail to start #8480 @rleungx

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that TiFlash write nodes might fail to restart in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9282 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that a network partition (network disconnection) between TiFlash and any PD might cause read request timeout errors #9243 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that when using the `CAST()` function to convert a string to a datetime with a time zone or invalid characters, the result is incorrect #8754 @solotzg
    - Fix the issue that read snapshots of TiFlash write nodes are not released in a timely manner in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #9298 @JinheLin
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to parse the table schema when the table contains Bit-type columns with a default value that contains invalid characters #9461 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that some queries might report errors when late materialization is enabled #9472 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that converting a data type to the `DECIMAL` type might lead to wrong query results in some extreme cases #53892 @guo-shaoge

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

- Fix the issue that backup tasks might get stuck if TiKV becomes unresponsive during the backup process #53480 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that the checkpoint path of backup and restore is incompatible with some external storage #55265 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that after a log backup PITR task fails and you stop it, the safe-points related to that task are not properly cleared in PD #17316 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that BR logs might print sensitive credential information when log backup is enabled #55273 @RidRisR
- Fix the issue that BR integration test cases are unstable, and add a new test case to simulate snapshot or log backup file corruption #53835 @Leavrth

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that the **barrier-ts** monitoring metric for changefeed checkpoints might be inaccurate #11553 @3AceShowHand
- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that data replication is interrupted when the index length exceeds the default value of `max-index-length` #11459 @michaelmdeng
  - Fix the issue that DM does not set the default database when processing the `ALTER DATABASE` statement, which causes a replication error #11503 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that multiple DM-master nodes might simultaneously become leaders, leading to data inconsistency #11602 @GMHDBJD
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that transaction conflicts occur during data import using TiDB Lightning #49826 @lance6716

16.13.4 TiDB 7.5.3 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 7.5.3

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.13.4.1 Compatibility changes

- Add a new system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.KEYWORDS` to display the information of all keywords supported by TiDB #48801 @dveeden
- Change the scope of the TiKV configuration item `server.grpc-compression-type`:
  - In v7.5.x versions earlier than v7.5.3, this configuration item only affects the compression algorithm of gRPC messages between TiKV nodes.
  - Starting from v7.5.3, this configuration item also affects the compression algorithm of gRPC response messages sent from TiKV to TiDB. Enabling compression might consume more CPU resources. #17176 @ekexium

16.13.4.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - By batch deleting TiFlash placement rules, improve the processing speed of data GC after performing the `TRUNCATE` or `DROP` operation on partitioned tables #54068 @Lloyd-Pottiger
- TiFlash
  - Mitigate the issue that TiFlash might panic due to updating certificates after TLS is enabled #8535 @windtalker
  - Reduce lock conflicts under highly concurrent data read operations and optimize short query performance #9125 @JinheLin
- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Except for the `br log restore` subcommand, all other `br log` subcommands support skipping the loading of the TiDB `domain` data structure to reduce memory consumption #52088 @Leavrth
    - Support automatically abandoning log backup tasks when encountering a large checkpoint lag, to avoid prolonged blocking GC and potential cluster issues #50803 @RidRisR
    - Increase the number of retries for failures caused by DNS errors #53029 @YuJuncen
    - Add PITR integration test cases to cover compatibility testing for log backup and adding index acceleration #51987 @Leavrth
    - Increase the number of retries for failures caused by the absence of a leader in a Region #54017 @Leavrth
    - Support setting Alibaba Cloud access credentials through environment variables #45551 @RidRisR
  - TiCDC
    - Support directly outputting raw events when the downstream is a Message Queue (MQ) or cloud storage #11211 @CharlesCheung96

16.13.4.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that loading index statistics might cause memory leaks #54022 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue that the `UPDATE` operation can cause TiDB OOM in multi-table scenarios #53742 @hawkingrei

- Fix the issue that indirect placeholder `?` references in a `GROUP BY` statement cannot find columns #53872 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the `LENGTH()` condition is unexpectedly removed when the collation is `utf8_bin` or `utf8mb4_bin` #53730 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that inserting an overlarge number in scientific notation returns a warning instead of an error, making it consistent with MySQL #47787 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that recursive CTE queries might result in invalid pointers #54449 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that statistics collection does not update the `stats_history` table when encountering duplicate primary keys #47539 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that when queries contain non-correlated subqueries and `LIMIT` clauses, column pruning might be incomplete, resulting in a less optimal plan #54213 @qw4990
- Fix the issue of abnormally high memory usage caused by `memTracker` not being detached when the `HashJoin` or `IndexLookUp` operator is the driven side sub-node of the `Apply` operator #54005 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that the recursive CTE operator incorrectly tracks memory usage #54181 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that the memory used by transactions might be tracked multiple times #53984 @ekexium
- Fix the issue that using `SHOW WARNINGS;` to obtain warnings might cause a panic #48756 @xhebox
- Fix the issue that updating an `UNSIGNED` type of field to `-1` returns `null` instead of `0` when `sql_mode=''` #47816 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that the `TIMESTAMPADD()` function goes into an infinite loop when the first argument is `month` and the second argument is negative #54908 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that the Connection Count monitoring metric in Grafana is incorrect when some connections exit before the handshake is complete #54428 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the Connection Count of each resource group is incorrect when using TiProxy and resource groups #54545 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that executing `CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW` concurrently might result in the `table doesn't exist` error #53673 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that TiDB might return incorrect query results when you query tables with virtual columns in transactions that involve data modification operations #53951 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that executing the `SELECT DISTINCT CAST(col AS DECIMAL), ↪ CAST(col AS SIGNED)FROM ...` query might return incorrect results #53726 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue of incorrect WARNINGS information when using Optimizer Hints #53767 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the illegal column type `DECIMAL(0,0)` can be created in some cases #53779 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the `memory_quota` hint might not work in subqueries #53834 @qw4990

- Fix the issue that JSON-related functions return errors inconsistent with MySQL in some cases #53799 @dveeden
- Fix the issue that improper use of metadata locks might lead to writing anomalous data when using the plan cache under certain circumstances #53634 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that certain filter conditions in queries might cause the planner module to report an `invalid memory address or nil pointer dereference` error #53582 #53580 #53594 #53603 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that after a statement within a transaction is killed by OOM, if TiDB continues to execute the next statement within the same transaction, you might get an error `Trying to start aggressive locking while it's already started` and a panic occurs #53540 @MyonKeminta
- Fix the issue that executing `ALTER TABLE ... REMOVE PARTITIONING` might cause data loss #53385 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that `PREPARE`/`EXECUTE` statements with the `CONV` expression containing a `?` argument might result in incorrect query results when executed multiple times #53505 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that TiDB fails to reject unauthenticated user connections in some cases when using the `auth_socket` authentication plugin #54031 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that the query latency of stale reads increases, caused by information schema cache misses #53428 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that the `STATE` field in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_TRX` table is empty due to the `size` of the `STATE` field not being defined #53026 @cfzjywxk
- Fix the issue that the `tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats` and `tidb_analyze_partition_concurrency` system variables do not take effect during automatic statistics collection #53972 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that using `CURRENT_DATE()` as the default value for a column results in incorrect query results #53746 @tangenta
- Fix the issue of reusing wrong point get plans for `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE` #54652 @qw4990

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that setting the gRPC message compression method via `grpc-compression-type` does not take effect on messages sent from TiKV to TiDB #17176 @ekexium
  - Fix the issue that highly concurrent Coprocessor requests might cause TiKV OOM #16653 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that CDC and log-backup do not limit the timeout of `check_leader` using the `advance-ts-interval` configuration, causing the `resolved_ts` lag to be too large when TiKV restarts normally in some cases #17107 @MyonKeminta
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might repeatedly panic when applying a corrupted Raft data snapshot #15292 @LykxSassinator

- PD

- Fix the issue that slots are not fully deleted in a resource group client, which causes the number of the allocated tokens to be less than the specified value #7346 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that a resource group encounters quota limits when requesting tokens for more than 500 ms #8349 @nolouch
- Fix the data race issue of resource groups #8267 @HuSharp
- Fix the data race issue that PD encounters during operator checks #8263 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that deleted nodes still appear in the candidate connection list in etcd client #8286 @JmPotato
- Fix the issue that setting the TiKV configuration item `coprocessor.region-split-size` to a value less than 1 MiB causes PD panic #8323 @JmPotato
- Fix the issue that the encryption manager is not initialized before use #8384 @releungx
- Fix the issue that PD logs are not fully redacted when the PD configuration item `security.redact-info-log` is enabled #8419 @releungx
- Fix the issue that no error is reported when binding a role to a resource group #54417 @JmPotato

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that a large number of duplicate rows might be read in FastScan mode after importing data via BR or TiDB Lightning #9118 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING_INDEX()` function might cause TiFlash to crash in some corner cases #9116 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that setting the SSL certificate configuration to an empty string in TiFlash incorrectly enables TLS and causes TiFlash to fail to start #9235 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that some queries might report a column type mismatch error after late materialization is enabled #9175 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that queries with virtual generated columns might return incorrect results after late materialization is enabled #9188 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic after executing `RENAME TABLE ... TO ...` on a partitioned table with empty partitions across databases #9132 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when a database is deleted shortly after creation #9266 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that log backup might be paused after the advancer owner migration #53561 @RidRisR
    - Fix the issue that BR fails to correctly identify errors due to multiple nested retries during the restore process #54053 @RidRisR

- Fix the inefficiency issue in scanning DDL jobs during incremental backups #54139 @3pointer
- Fix the issue that the backup performance during checkpoint backups is affected due to interruptions in seeking Region leaders #17168 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that after pausing, stopping, and rebuilding the log backup task, the task status is normal, but the checkpoint does not advance #53047 @RidRisR
- Fix the issue that DDLs requiring backfilling, such as `ADD INDEX` and `MODIFY COLUMN`, might not be correctly recovered during incremental restore #54426 @3pointer

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that the checksum is not correctly set to `0` after splitting `UPDATE` events #11402 @3AceShowHand
  - Fix the issue that the Processor module might get stuck when the downstream Kafka is inaccessible #11340 @asddongmen
- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that Dumpling reports an error when exporting tables and views at the same time #53682 @tangenta

16.13.5 TiDB 7.5.2 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 7.5.2

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.13.5.1 Compatibility changes

- Add a TiKV configuration item `track-and-verify-wals-in-manifest` for RocksDB, which helps you investigate possible corruption of Write Ahead Log (WAL) #16549 @v01dstar
- Must set the line terminator when using TiDB Lightning `strict-format` or `SPLIT_FILE` to import CSV files #37338 @lance6716
- Add the `sink.open.output-old-value` configuration item for TiCDC Open Protocol to control whether to output the value before the update to the downstream #10916 @sdojjy
- In earlier versions, when processing a transaction containing `UPDATE` changes, if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in an `UPDATE` event, TiCDC splits this event into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events. Starting from v7.5.2, when using the MySQL sink, TiCDC splits an `UPDATE` event into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events if the transaction `commitTS` for the `UPDATE` change is less than TiCDC `thresholdTS` (which is the current timestamp fetched from PD when TiCDC starts replicating the corresponding table to the downstream). This behavior change addresses the issue of

downstream data inconsistencies caused by the potentially incorrect order of `UPDATE` events received by TiCDC, which can lead to an incorrect order of split `DELETE` and `INSERT` events. For more information, see documentation. #10918 @lidezhu

16.13.5.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Optimize the issue that the `ANALYZE` statement blocks the metadata lock #47475 @wjhuang2016
    - Improve the MySQL compatibility of expression default values displayed in the output of `SHOW CREATE TABLE` #52939 @CbcWestwolf
    - Enhance the handling of DNF items that are always `false` by directly ignoring such filter conditions, thus avoiding unnecessary full table scans #40997 @hi-rustin
    - Optimize the statistics for the execution process of the TiFlash `TableScan` operator in `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` #51727 @JinheLin
    - Remove stores without Regions during MPP load balancing #52313 @xzhangxian1008
    - Support loading Regions in batch from PD to speed up the conversion process from the KV range to Regions when querying large tables #51326 @SeaRise
    - On the `Resource Control` monitoring page, add a new panel `RU(Max)` to show the maximum RU consumption rate for each resource group #49318 @nolouch
    - Improve sync load performance to reduce latency in loading statistics #52994 hawkingrei
    - Increase concurrency of statistics initialization to speed up startup #52466 #52102 #52553 hawkingrei
- TiKV
    - Adjust the log level of coprocessor errors from `warn` to `debug` to reduce unnecessary logs of the cluster #15881 @cfzjywxk
    - Add monitoring metrics for the queue time for processing CDC events to facilitate troubleshooting downstream CDC event latency issues #16282 @hicqu
    - Avoid performing IO operations on snapshot files in raftstore threads to improve TiKV stability #16564 @Connor1996
    - Add slow logs for peer and store messages #16600 @Connor1996
    - When TiKV detects the existence of corrupted SST files, it logs the specific reasons for the corruption #16308 @overvenus
    - Remove unnecessary async blocks to reduce memory usage #16540 @overvenus
    - Accelerate the shutdown speed of TiKV #16680 @LykxSassinator
- PD
    - Upgrade the etcd version to v3.4.30 #7904 @JmPotato

- Add the monitoring metric for the maximum Request Unit (RU) per second #7908 @nolouch

- TiFlash

  - Mitigate the issue that TiFlash might panic due to updating certificates after TLS is enabled #8535 @windtalker

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - BR cleans up empty SST files during data recovery #16005 @Leavrth
    - Add PITR integration test cases to cover compatibility testing for log backup and adding index acceleration #51987 @Leavrth
    - Enhance the tolerance of log backup to merge operations. When encountering a reasonably long merge operation, log backup tasks are less likely to enter the error state #16554 @YuJuncen
    - Improve the table creation performance of the `RESTORE` statement in scenarios with large datasets #48301 @Leavrth
    - Support pre-allocating Table ID during the restore process to maximize the reuse of Table ID and improve restore performance #51736 @Leavrth
    - Remove the invalid verification for active DDL jobs when log backup starts #52733 @Leavrth
    - Remove an outdated compatibility check when using Google Cloud Storage (GCS) as the external storage #50533 @lance6716
    - Increase the number of retries for failures caused by DNS errors #53029 @YuJuncen

  - TiCDC

    - Improve memory stability during data recovery using redo logs to reduce the probability of OOM #10900 @CharlesCheung96
    - Significantly improve the stability of data replication in transaction conflict scenarios, with up to 10 times performance improvement #10896 @CharlesCheung96
    - Enable the PD client forwarding function to make TiCDC more stable during network isolation between TiCDC and the PD leader #10849 @asddongmen
    - Improve the initialization speed of replication tasks #11124 @asddongmen
    - Initialize replication tasks asynchronously to reduce initialization time for the processor and owner #10845 @sdojjy
    - Detect the Kafka cluster version automatically to improve compatibility with Kafka #10852 @wk989898

16.13.5.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB

- Fix the issue of inconsistent data indexes caused by concurrent DML operations when adding a unique index #52914 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue of inconsistent data indexes caused by adding indexes with multi-schema changes on partitioned tables #52080 @tangenta
- Fix the issue of inconsistent data indexes caused by adding multi-valued indexes #51162 @ywqzzy
- Fix the issue that DDL operations get stuck due to network problems #47060 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that TiDB might report an error due to GC when loading statistics at startup #53592 @you06
- Fix the issue that TiDB might send requests to unready TiKV nodes #50758 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that Stale Read might miss after a TiKV rolling restart #52193 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that data race might occur during KV request retries, leading to TiDB panics #51921 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when parsing index data #47115 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when the JOIN condition contains an implicit type conversion #46556 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that comparing a column of `YEAR` type with an unsigned integer that is out of range causes incorrect results #50235 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that subqueries in an `UPDATE` list might cause TiDB to panic #52687 @winoros
- Fix the overflow issue of the `Longlong` type in predicates #45783 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that `SELECT INTO OUTFILE` does not work when clustered indexes are used as predicates #42093 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the TopN operator might be pushed down incorrectly #37986 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that an empty projection causes TiDB to panic #49109 @winoros
- Fix the issue that Index Merge incorrectly pushes partial limit down when index plans are kept ordered #52947 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that using a view does not work in recursive CTE #49721 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that unstable unique IDs of columns might cause the `UPDATE` statement to return errors #53236 @winoros
- Fix the issue that TiDB panics when executing the `SHOW ERRORS` statement with a predicate that is always `true` #46962 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that the `final` AggMode and the `non-final` AggMode cannot coexist in Massively Parallel Processing (MPP) #51362 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that a wrong TableDual plan causes empty query results #50051 @onlyacat
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when initializing statistics after enabling both `lite-init-stats` and `concurrently-init-stats` #52223 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that `NO_JOIN` hints do not work with `CREATE BINDING` #52813 @qw4990

- Fix the issue that subqueries included in the `ALL` function might cause incorrect results #52755 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that `VAR_SAMP()` cannot be used as a window function #52933 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that column pruning without using shallow copies of slices might cause TiDB to panic #52768 @winoros
- Fix the issue that adding a unique index might cause TiDB to panic #52312 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that the TiDB server is marked as health before the initialization is complete #51596 @shenqidebaozi
- Fix the issue that the type returned by the `IFNULL` function is inconsistent with MySQL #51765 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that parallel `Apply` might generate incorrect results when the table has a clustered index #51372 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that query results might be incorrect when the `HAVING` clause in a subquery contains correlated columns #51107 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that querying the `TIDB_HOT_REGIONS` table might incorrectly return `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` tables #50810 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that automatic statistics collection is triggered before the initialization of statistics finishes #52346 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that AutoID Leader change might cause the value of the auto-increment column to decrease in the case of `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` #52600 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that query results might be incorrect when you use Common Table Expressions (CTE) to access partitioned tables with missing statistics #51873 @qw4990
- Fix the incorrect calculation and display of the number of connections (Connection Count) on the TiDB Dashboard Monitoring page #51889 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that DDL operations get stuck when restoring a table with the foreign key #51838 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that getting the default value of a column returns an error if the column default value is dropped #50043 #51324 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that TiDB does not listen to the corresponding port when `force-init-stats` is configured #51473 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the query result is incorrect when the `IN()` predicate contains `NULL` #51560 @winoros
- Fix the issue that the TiDB synchronously loading statistics mechanism retries to load empty statistics indefinitely and prints the `fail to get stats version for this histogram` log #52657 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that `EXCHANGE PARTITION` incorrectly processes foreign keys #51807 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that `LIMIT` might not be pushed down to the `OR` type `Index Merge` #48588 @AilinKid
- Fix the incorrect result of the TopN operator in correlated subqueries #52777 @yibin87

- Fix the issue that the `CPS by type` metric displays incorrect values #52605 @nolouch
- Fix the issue that the `EXPLAIN` statement might display incorrect column IDs in the result when statistics for certain columns are not fully loaded #52207 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that expressions containing different collations might cause the query to panic when the new framework for collations is disabled #52772 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that executing SQL statements containing tables with multi-valued indexes might return the `Can't find a proper physical plan for this query` error #49438 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that TiDB cannot correctly convert the type of a system variable in an expression #43527 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that executing `INSERT IGNORE` might result in inconsistency between the unique index and the data #51784 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that automatic statistics collection gets stuck after an OOM error occurs #51993 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that TiDB might crash when `tidb_mem_quota_analyze` is enabled and the memory used by updating statistics exceeds the limit #52601 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that `max_execute_time` settings at multiple levels interfere with each other #50914 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue of index inconsistency caused by adding multiple indexes using a single SQL statement #51746 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the Window function might panic when there is a related subquery in it #42734 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that TiDB crashes when `shuffleExec` quits unexpectedly #48230 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that the status gets stuck when rolling back the partition DDL tasks #51090 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that querying JSON of `BINARY` type might cause an error in some cases #51547 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that adding indexes to large tables fails after enabling the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) #52640 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the TTL feature causes data hotspots due to incorrect data range splitting in some cases #51527 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT TIFLASH REPLICA` might incorrectly end when the primary key type is `VARCHAR` #51810 @breezewish
- Fix the issue of inconsistent data indexes caused by cluster upgrade during adding indexes #52411 @tangenta
- Fix the performance regression issue caused by disabling predicate pushdown in TableDual #50614 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that the TiDB server adds a label via the HTTP interface and returns success, but does not take effect #51427 @you06
- Fix the issue that adding indexes in the ingest mode might cause inconsistent data index in some corner cases #51954 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that the `init-stats` process might cause TiDB to panic and the

`load stats` process to quit #51581 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the configuration file does not take effect when it contains an invalid configuration item #51399 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that query execution using MPP might lead to incorrect query results when a SQL statement contains `JOIN` and the `SELECT` list in the statement contains only constants #50358 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that in `determinate` mode (`tidb_opt_objective='determinate'` ↪), if a query does not contain predicates, statistics might not be loaded #48257 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that the `SURVIVAL_PREFERENCES` attribute might not appear in the output of the `SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY` statement under certain conditions #51699 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that IndexJoin produces duplicate rows when calculating hash values in the Left Outer Anti Semi type #52902 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that the `TIMESTAMPADD()` function returns incorrect results #41052 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that data conversion from the `FLOAT` type to the `UNSIGNED` type returns incorrect results #41736 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that the `TRUNCATE()` function returns incorrect results when its second argument is a large negative number #52978 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that duplicated panel IDs in Grafana might cause abnormal display #51556 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that TiDB unexpectedly restarts when logging gRPC errors #51301 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that TiDB loading statistics during startup might cause OOM #52219 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the TTL job for a table does not stop after the table is deleted #51540 @YangKeao

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that `thread_id` values are incorrectly displayed as `0x5` in TiKV logs #16398 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue of unstable test cases, ensuring that each test uses an independent temporary directory to avoid online configuration changes affecting other test cases #16871 @glorv
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic during the conversion from Binary to JSON #16616 @YangKeao
  - Fix the issue that the output of the `raft region` command in tikv-ctl does not include the Region status information #17037 @glorv
  - Fix the issue that slow `check-leader` operations on one TiKV node cause `resolved-ts` on other TiKV nodes to fail to advance normally #15999 @crazycs520
  - Fix the issue that after the process of destroying Peer is interrupted by applying snapshots, it does not resume even after applying snapshots is complete #16561

@tonyxuqqi
- Fix the issue that the decimal part of the `DECIMAL` type is incorrect in some cases #16913 @gengliqi
- Fix the issue that the `CONV()` function in queries might overflow during numeric system conversion, leading to TiKV panic #16969 @gengliqi
- Fix the issue that TiKV converts the time zone incorrectly for Brazil and Egypt #16220 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that the monitoring metric `tikv_unified_read_pool_thread_count` has no data in some cases #16629 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that inactive Write Ahead Logs (WALs) in RocksDB might corrupt data #16705 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that resolve-ts is blocked when a stale Region peer ignores the GC message #16504 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that during the execution of an optimistic transaction, if other transactions initiate the resolving lock operation on it, there is a small chance that the atomicity of the transaction might be broken if the transaction's primary key has data that was previously committed in Async Commit or 1PC mode #16620 @MyonKeminta

- PD

  - Fix the issue of connection panic after fault recovery in the TiDB network partition #7926 @CabinfeverB
  - Fix the issue that scheduling might be incorrectly paused after online data recovery #8095 @JmPotato
  - Fix the issue that the CPS By Type monitoring types display incorrectly after enabling resource groups #52605 @nolouch
  - Fix the issue that changing the log level via the configuration file does not take effect #8117 @rleungx
  - Fix the issue that a large number of retries occur when canceling resource groups queries #8217 @nolouch
  - Fix the issue that `ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY` cannot modify the placement policy #52257 #51712 @jiyfhust
  - Fix the issue that down peers might not recover when using Placement Rules #7808 @rleungx
  - Fix the issue that manually transferring the PD leader might fail #8225 @HuSharp
  - Fix the issue that the scheduling of write hotspots might break placement policy constraints #7848 @lhy1024
  - Fix the issue that slots are not fully deleted in a resource group client, which causes the number of the allocated tokens to be less than the specified value #7346 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that the scaling progress is not correctly displayed #7726 @CabinfeverB

- Fix the issue that the Leader fails to transfer when you switch it between two deployed data centers #7992 @TonsnakeLin
- Fix the issue that the `Filter target` monitoring metric for PD does not provide scatter range information #8125 @HuSharp
- Fix the issue that the query result of `SHOW CONFIG` includes the deprecated configuration item `trace-region-flow` #7917 @rleungx

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, null values might be incorrectly returned in queries after adding non-null columns in DDL operations #9084 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue of query timeout when executing queries on partitioned tables that contain empty partitions #9024 @JinheLin
    - Fix the issue that in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, TiFlash might panic when the compute node process is stopped #8860 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that querying generated columns returns an error #8787 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash metadata might become corrupted and cause the process to panic when upgrading a cluster from a version earlier than v6.5.0 to v6.5.0 or later #9039 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that the `ENUM` column might cause TiFlash to crash during chunk encoding #8674 @yibin87
    - Fix incorrect `local_region_num` values in logs #8895 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, TiFlash might panic during shutdown #8837 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might return transiently incorrect results in high-concurrency read scenarios #8845 @JinheLin
    - Fix the issue that in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, the disk `used_size` metric displayed in Grafana is incorrect after you modify the value of the `storage.remote.cache.capacity` configuration item for TiFlash compute nodes #8920 @JinheLin
    - Fix the issue that in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, queries might be permanently blocked after network isolation #8806 @JinheLin
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when you insert data to columns with invalid default values in non-strict `sql_mode` #8803 @Lloyd-Pottiger

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix a rare issue that special event timing might cause the data loss in log backup #16739 @YuJuncen
        - Fix the issue that too many logs are printed when a full backup fails #51572 @Leavrth

- Fix the issue that a PD connection failure could cause the TiDB instance where the log backup advancer owner is located to panic #52597 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that the global checkpoint of log backup is advanced ahead of the actual backup file write point due to TiKV restart, which might cause a small amount of backup data loss #16809 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when resuming a paused log backup task with unstable network connections to PD #17020 @YuJuncen
- Fix an unstable test case #52547 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that the Region fetched from PD does not have a Leader when restoring data using BR or importing data using TiDB Lightning in physical import mode #51124 #50501 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that TiKV panics when a full backup fails to find a peer in some extreme cases #16394 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that removing a log backup task after it is paused does not immediately restore the GC safepoint #52082 @3pointer
- Fix the unstable test case `TestClearCache` #50743 @3pointer
- Fix the issue that BR fails to restore a transactional KV cluster due to an empty `EndKey` #52574 @3pointer
- Fix the issue that the transfer of PD leaders might cause BR to panic when restoring data #53724 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that BR could not back up the `AUTO_RANDOM` ID allocation progress in a union clustered index that contains an `AUTO_RANDOM` column #52255 @Leavrth

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that high latency in the PD disk I/O causes severe latency in data replication #9054 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that calling the API (`/api/v2/owner/resign`) that evicts the TiCDC owner node causes the TiCDC task to restart unexpectedly #10781 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue that data is written to a wrong CSV file due to wrong BarrierTS in scenarios where DDL statements are executed frequently #10668 @lidezhu
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to validate `TIMESTAMP` type checksum due to time zone mismatch after data integrity validation for single-row data is enabled #10573 @3AceShowHand
  - Fix the issue that a changefeed with eventual consistency enabled might fail when the object storage sink encounters a temporary failure #10710 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that `DROP PRIMARY KEY` and `DROP UNIQUE KEY` statements are not replicated correctly #10890 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue TiCDC panics when scheduling table replication tasks #10613 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that when the downstream Pulsar is stopped, removing the changefeed causes the normal TiCDC process to get stuck, which causes other changefeed processes to get stuck #10629 @asddongmen

- Fix the issue that restarting PD might cause the TiCDC node to restart with an error #10799 @3AceShowHand
- Fix the issue that the old value part of `open-protocol` incorrectly outputs the default value according to the `STRING` type instead of its actual type #10803 @3AceShowHand
- Fix the issue that the default value of `TIMEZONE` type is not set according to the correct time zone #10931 @3AceShowHand
- Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to execute the `Exchange Partition ... With Validation` DDL downstream after it is written upstream, causing the changefeed to get stuck #10859 @hongyunyan
- Fix the issue that data race in the KV client causes TiCDC to panic #10718 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue that updating the primary key or the unique key in upstream might cause data inconsistency between upstream and downstream #10918 @lidezhu

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the connection blocking issue by upgrading `go-mysql` #11041 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that data is lost when the upstream primary key is of binary type #10672 @GMHDBJD
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning might fail to import data when EBS BR is running #49517 @mittalrishabh
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning reports `no database selected` during data import due to incompatible SQL statements in the source files #51800 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that killing the PD Leader causes TiDB Lightning to report the `invalid store ID 0` error during data import #50501 @Leavrth
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning panics when importing an empty table of Parquet format #52518 @kennytm

16.13.6 TiDB 7.5.1 Release Notes

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16.13.6.1 Compatibility changes

- Prohibit setting `require_secure_transport` to `ON` in Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) to prevent potential connectivity issues for users #47665 @tiancaiamao
- To reduce the overhead of log printing, TiFlash changes the default value of `logger.level` from `"debug"` to `"info"` #8641 @JaySon-Huang

- Introduce the TiKV configuration item `gc.num-threads` to set the number of GC threads when `enable-compaction-filter` is `false` #16101 @tonyxuqqi
- TiCDC Changefeed introduces the following new configuration items:
    - `compression`: enables you to configure the compression behavior of redo log files #10176 @sdojjy
    - `sink.cloud-storage-config`: enables you to set the automatic cleanup of historical data when replicating data to object storage #10109 @CharlesCheung96
    - `consistent.flush-concurrency`: enables you to set the concurrency for uploading a single redo file #10226 @sdojjy

16.13.6.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Use `tikv_client_read_timeout` during the DDL schema reload process to reduce the impact of Meta Region Leader read unavailability on the cluster #48124 @cfzjywxk
    - Enhance observability related to resource control #49318 @glorv @bufferflies @nolouch

      As more and more users use resource groups to isolate application workloads, Resource Control provides enhanced data based on resource groups. This helps you monitor resource group workloads and settings, ensuring that you can quickly identify and accurately diagnose problems, including:

        - Slow Queries: add the resource group name, resource unit (RU) consumption, and time for waiting for resources.
        - Statement Summary Tables: add the resource group name, RU consumption, and time for waiting for resources.
        - In the system variable `tidb_last_query_info`, add a new entry `ru_consumption` to indicate the consumed RU by SQL statements. You can use this variable to get the resource consumption of the last statement in the session.
        - Add database metrics based on resource groups: QPS/TPS, execution time (P999/P99/P95), number of failures, and number of connections.
    - Modify the `CANCEL IMPORT JOB` statement to a synchronous statement #48736 @D3Hunter
    - Support the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TSO` syntax #48372 @BornChanger
    - Optimize the TiDB implementation when handling some type conversions and fix related issues #47945 #47864 #47829 #47816 @YangKeao @lcwangchao
    - When a non-binary collation is set and the query includes `LIKE`, the optimizer generates an `IndexRangeScan` to improve the execution efficiency #48181 #49138 @time-and-fate

- Enhance the ability to convert `OUTER JOIN` to `INNER JOIN` in specific scenarios #49616 @qw4990
- Support multiple accelerated `ADD INDEX` DDL tasks to be queued for execution, instead of falling back to normal `ADD INDEX` tasks #47758 @tangenta
- Improve the speed of adding indexes to empty tables #49682 @zimulala

- TiKV
  - Enhance the slow store detection algorithm by improving its sensitivity and reducing the false-positive rate, especially in intensive read and write load scenarios #15909 @LykxSassinator

- TiFlash
  - Improve the calculation method for Request Unit (RU) to make RU values more stable #8391 @guo-shaoge
  - Reduce the impact of disk performance jitter on read latency #8583 @JaySon-Huang
  - Reduce the impact of background GC tasks on read and write task latency #8650 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Improve the speed of merging SST files during data restore by using a more efficient algorithm #50613 @Leavrth
    - Support creating databases in batch during data restore #50767 @Leavrth
    - Support ingesting SST files in batch during data restore #16267 @3pointer
    - Print the information of the slowest Region that affects global checkpoint advancement in logs and metrics during log backups #51046 @YuJuncen
    - Improve the table creation performance of the `RESTORE` statement in scenarios with large datasets #48301 @Leavrth
    - BR can pause Region merging by setting the `merge-schedule-limit` configuration to `0` #7148 @BornChanger
    - Refactor the BR exception handling mechanism to increase tolerance for unknown errors #47656 @3pointer
  - TiCDC
    - Support searching TiCDC logs in the TiDB Dashboard #10263 @CharlesCheung96
    - Support querying the downstream synchronization status of a changefeed, which helps you determine whether the upstream data changes received by TiCDC have been synchronized to the downstream system completely #10289 @hongyunyan
    - Improve the performance of TiCDC replicating data to object storage by increasing parallelism #10098 @CharlesCheung96

- TiDB Lightning
  - Improve the performance of `ALTER TABLE` when importing a large number of small tables #50105 @D3Hunter

16.13.6.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that setting the system variable `tidb_service_scope` does not take effect #49245 @ywqzzy
  - Fix the issue that the communication protocol cannot handle packets larger than or equal to 16 MB when compression is enabled #47157 #47161 @dveeden
  - Fix the issue that the `approx_percentile` function might cause TiDB panic #40463 @xzhangxian1008
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might implicitly insert the `from_binary` function when the argument of a string function is a `NULL` constant, causing some expressions unable to be pushed down to TiFlash #49526 @YangKeao
  - Fix the goroutine leak issue that might occur when the `HashJoin` operator fails to spill to disk #50841 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that `BIT` type columns might cause query errors due to decode failures when they are involved in calculations of some functions #49566 #50850 #50855 @jiyfhust
  - Fix the goroutine leak issue that occurs when the memory usage of CTE queries exceed limits #50337 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that wrong results might be returned when TiFlash late materialization processes associated columns #49241 #51204 @Lloyd-Pottiger
  - Fix the issue that the background job thread of TiDB might panic when TiDB records historical statistics #49076 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the error that might occur when TiDB merges histograms of global statistics for partitioned tables #49023 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue that the historical statistics of the `stats_meta` table are not updated after a partition is dropped #49334 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue of incorrect query results caused by multi-valued indexes mistakenly selected as the `Index Join` probe side #50382 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue that the `USE_INDEX_MERGE` hint does not take effect on multi-valued indexes #50553 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue that users might get errors when querying the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` ↪ `.ANALYZE_STATUS` system table #48835 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue of wrong query results due to TiDB incorrectly eliminating constant values in `group by` #38756 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue that the `processed_rows` of the `ANALYZE` task on a table might exceed the total number of rows in that table #50632 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when using the `EXECUTE` statement to execute `PREPARE STMT` after the `tidb_enable_prepared_plan_cache` system variable is enabled and then disabled #49344 @qw4990

- Fix the `Column ... in from clause is ambiguous` error that might occur when a query uses `NATURAL JOIN` #32044 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that using a multi-valued index to access an empty JSON array might return incorrect results #50125 @YangKeao
- Fix the `Can't find column ...` error that might occur when aggregate functions are used for group calculations #50926 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the control of `SET_VAR` for variables of the string type might become invalid #50507 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that high CPU usage of TiDB occurs due to long-term memory pressure caused by `tidb_server_memory_limit` #48741 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that the completion times of two DDL tasks with dependencies are incorrectly sequenced #49498 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that illegal optimizer hints might cause valid hints to be ineffective #49308 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that DDL statements with the `CHECK` constraint are stuck #47632 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that the behavior of the `ENFORCED` option in the `CHECK` constraint is inconsistent with MySQL 8.0 #47567 #47631 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that CTE queries might report an error `type assertion for CTEStorageMap failed` during the retry process #46522 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the `DELETE` and `UPDATE` statements using index lookup might report an error when `tidb_multi_statement_mode` mode is enabled #50012 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that `UPDATE` or `DELETE` statements containing `WITH RECURSIVE` CTEs might produce incorrect results #48969 @winoros
- Fix the issue that the optimizer incorrectly converts TiFlash selection path to the DUAL table in specific scenarios #49285 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that the same query plan has different `PLAN_DIGEST` values in some cases #47634 @King-Dylan
- Fix the issue that after the time window for automatic statistics updates is configured, statistics might still be updated outside that time window #49552 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the query result is incorrect when an `ENUM` type column is used as the join key #48991 @winoros
- Fix the issue that executing `UNIQUE` index lookup with an `ORDER BY` clause might cause an error #49920 @jackysp
- Fix the issue that `LIMIT` in multi-level nested `UNION` queries might become ineffective #49874 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that the result of `COUNT(INT)` calculated by MPP might be incorrect #48643 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that parsing invalid values of `ENUM` or `SET` types would directly cause SQL statement errors #49487 @winoros
- Fix the issue that TiDB panics and reports an error `invalid memory address or nil pointer dereference` #42739 @CbcWestwolf
- Fix the issue that executing `UNION ALL` with the DUAL table as the first subnode

might cause an error #48755 @winoros
- Fix the issue that common hints do not take effect in `UNION ALL` statements #50068 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that TiDB server might panic during graceful shutdown #36793 @bb7133
- Fix the issue that Daylight Saving Time is displayed incorrectly in some time zones #49586 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that static `CALIBRATE RESOURCE` relies on the Prometheus data #49174 @glorv
- Fix the issue that hints cannot be used in `REPLACE INTO` statements #34325 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that executing queries containing the `GROUP_CONCAT(ORDER BY)` syntax might return errors #49986 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that TiDB server might consume a significant amount of resources when the enterprise plugin for audit logging is used #49273 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that using old interfaces might cause inconsistent metadata for tables #49751 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that disabling `tidb_enable_collect_execution_info` causes the coprocessor cache to panic #48212 @you06
- Fix the issue that executing `ALTER TABLE ... LAST PARTITION` fails when the partition column type is `DATETIME` #48814 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that the `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` operation executed through `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` fails to terminate transactions that have timed out #49151 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that histogram statistics might not be parsed into readable strings when the histogram boundary contains `NULL` #49823 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that queries containing common table expressions (CTEs) unexpectedly get stuck when the memory limit is exceeded #49096 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that data is inconsistent under the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) when executing `ADD INDEX` after the DDL Owner is network isolated #49773 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the auto-increment ID allocation reports an error due to concurrent conflicts when using an auto-increment column with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` #50519 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when a query contains the Apply operator and the `fatal error: concurrent map writes` error occurs #50347 @SeaRise
- Fix the TiDB node panic issue that occurs when DDL `jobID` is restored to 0 #46296 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that query results are incorrect due to `STREAM_AGG()` incorrectly handling CI #49902 @wshwsh12
- Mitigate the issue that TiDB nodes might encounter OOM errors when dealing with a large number of tables or partitions #50077 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that the `LEADING` hint does not take effect in `UNION ALL` statements #50067 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that `LIMIT` and `OPRDERBY` might be invalid in nested `UNION` queries #49377 @AilinKid

- Fix the issue that a query containing the IndexHashJoin operator gets stuck when memory exceeds `tidb_mem_quota_query` #49033 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that TiDB returns wrong query results when processing `ENUM` or `SET` types by constant propagation #49440 @winoros
- Fix the issue that executing `SELECT INTO OUTFILE` using the `PREPARE` method incorrectly returns a success message instead of an error #49166 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that enforced sorting might become ineffective when a query uses optimizer hints (such as `STREAM_AGG()`) that enforce sorting and its execution plan contains `IndexMerge` #49605 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that tables with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` might lead to gRPC client leaks when there are a large number of tables #48869 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that in non-strict mode (`sql_mode = ''`), truncation during executing `INSERT` still reports an error #49369 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that using the `_` wildcard in `LIKE` when the data contains trailing spaces can result in incorrect query results #48983 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that executing `ADMIN CHECK` after updating the `tidb_mem_quota_query` system variable returns `ERROR 8175` #49258 @tangenta
- Fix the issue of excessive statistical error in constructing statistics caused by Golang's implicit conversion algorithm #49801 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that queries containing CTEs report `runtime error: index out of range [32] with length 32` when `tidb_max_chunk_size` is set to a small value #48808 @guo-shaoge

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that enabling `tidb_enable_row_level_checksum` might cause TiKV to panic #16371 @cfzjywxk
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when gRPC threads are checking `is_shutdown` #16236 @pingyu
  - Fix the issue that TiKV converts the time zone incorrectly for Brazil and Egypt #16220 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that `blob-run-mode` in Titan cannot be updated online #15978 @tonyxuqqi
  - Fix the issue that TiDB and TiKV might produce inconsistent results when processing `DECIMAL` arithmetic multiplication truncation #16268 @solotzg
  - Fix the issue that Flashback might get stuck when encountering `notLeader` or `regionNotFound` #15712 @HuSharp
  - Fix the issue that damaged SST files might be spread to other TiKV nodes #15986 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that if TiKV runs extremely slowly, it might panic after Region merge #16111 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that the joint state of DR Auto-Sync might time out when scaling out #15817 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that Resolved TS might be blocked for two hours #11847 #15520 #39130 @overvenus

- Fix the issue that `cast_duration_as_time` might return incorrect results #16211 @gengliqi
- Fix the issue that TiKV hangs in corner cases (for example, when disk I/O operations are blocked), which affects availability #16368 @LykxSassinator

- PD

    - Fix the issue that querying resource groups in batch might cause PD to panic #7206 @nolouch
    - Fix the issue that PD cannot read resource limitations when it is started with `systemd` #7628 @bufferflies
    - Fix the issue that continuous jitter in PD disk latency might cause PD to fail to select a new leader #7251 @HuSharp
    - Fix the issue that a network partition in PD might cause scheduling not to be started immediately #7016 @HuSharp
    - Fix the issue that the PD monitoring item `learner-peer-count` does not synchronize the old value after a leader switch #7728 @CabinfeverB
    - Fix the issue that when PD leader is transferred and there is a network partition between the new leader and the PD client, the PD client fails to update the information of the leader #7416 @CabinfeverB
    - Fix some security issues by upgrading the version of Gin Web Framework from v1.8.1 to v1.9.1 #7438 @niubell
    - Fix the issue that the orphan peer is deleted when the number of replicas does not meet the requirements #7584 @bufferflies
    - Fix the issue that querying a Region without a leader using `pd-ctl` might cause PD to panic #7630 @rleungx

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic due to unstable network connections with PD during replica migration #8323 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that removing and then re-adding TiFlash replicas might lead to data corruption in TiFlash #8695 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix a potential issue that `FLASHBACK TABLE` or `RECOVER TABLE` might fail to recover data of some TiFlash replicas if `DROP TABLE` is executed immediately after data insertion #8395 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix incorrect display of maximum percentile time for some panels in Grafana #8076 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might crash during remote reads #8685 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash incorrectly handles `ENUM` when the `ENUM` value is 0 #8311 @solotzg
    - Fix the issue that short queries executed successfully print excessive info logs #8592 @windtalker
    - Fix the issue that the memory usage increases significantly due to slow queries #8564 @JinheLin

- Fix the issue that the `lowerUTF8` and `upperUTF8` functions do not allow characters in different cases to occupy different bytes #8484 @gengliqi
- Fix the potential OOM issue that might occur when scanning multiple partitioned tables during stream read #8505 @gengliqi
- Fix the issue of memory leak when TiFlash encounters memory limitation during query #8447 @JinheLin
- Fix the TiFlash panic issue when TiFlash encounters conflicts during concurrent DDL execution #8578 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that TiFlash panics after executing `ALTER TABLE ... MODIFY COLUMN ... NOT NULL`, which changes nullable columns to non-nullable #8419 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that query results are incorrect when querying with filtering conditions like `ColumnRef in (Literal, Func...)` #8631 @Lloyd-Pottiger
- Fix the issue that data of TiFlash replicas would still be garbage collected after executing `FLASHBACK DATABASE` #8450 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that TiFlash might not be able to select the GC owner of object storage data under the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #8519 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the random invalid memory access issue that might occur with `GREATEST` or `LEAST` functions containing constant string parameters #8604 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that TiFlash replica data might be accidentally deleted after performing point-in-time recovery (PITR) or executing `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO`, which might result in data anomalies #8777 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that TiFlash Anti Semi Join might return incorrect results when the join includes non-equivalent conditions #8791 @windtalker

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that data restore is slowed down due to absence of a leader on a TiKV node #50566 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that full restore still requires the target cluster to be empty after the `--filter` option is specified #51009 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that when resuming from a checkpoint after data restore fails, an error `the target cluster is not fresh` occurs #50232 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that stopping a log backup task causes TiDB to crash #50839 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that the `Unsupported collation` error is reported when you restore data from backups of an old version #49466 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that the log backup task can start but does not work properly if failing to connect to PD during task initialization #16056 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that BR generates incorrect URIs for external storage files #48452 @3AceShowHand
    - Fix the issue that log backup gets stuck after changing the TiKV IP address on the same node #50445 @3pointer

    - Fix the issue that BR cannot retry when encountering an error while reading file content from S3 #49942 @Leavrth

- TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that the sink module fails to restart correctly after encountering an error when Syncpoint is enabled (`enable-sync-point = true`) #10091 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue that the file sequence number generated by the storage service might not increment correctly when using the storage sink #10352 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that the Syncpoint table might be incorrectly replicated #10576 @asddongmen
    - Fix the issue that OAuth2.0, TLS, and mTLS cannot be enabled properly when using Apache Pulsar as the downstream #10602 @asddongmen
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC returns the `ErrChangeFeedAlreadyExists` error when concurrently creating multiple changefeeds #10430 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that the changefeed `resolved ts` does not advance in extreme cases #10157 @sdojjy
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC mistakenly closes the connection with TiKV in certain special scenarios #10239 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue that the TiCDC server might panic when replicating data to an object storage service #10137 @sdojjy
    - Fix the issue that the changefeed reports an error after `TRUNCATE PARTITION` is executed on the upstream table #10522 @sdojjy
    - Fix the issue that after filtering out `add table partition` events is configured in `ignore-event`, TiCDC does not replicate other types of DML changes for related partitions to the downstream #10524 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the potential data race issue during `kv-client` initialization #10095 @3AceShowHand

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
    - Fix the issue that a migration task error occurs when the downstream table structure contains `shard_row_id_bits` #10308 @GMHDBJD
    - Fix the issue that DM encounters "event type truncate not valid" error that causes the upgrade to fail #10282 @GMHDBJD

16.13.7 TiDB 7.5.0 Release Notes

Release date: December 1, 2023

TiDB version: 7.5.0

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

TiDB 7.5.0 is a Long-Term Support Release (LTS).

Compared with the previous LTS 7.1.0, 7.5.0 includes new features, improvements, and bug fixes released in 7.2.0-DMR, 7.3.0-DMR, and 7.4.0-DMR. When you upgrade from 7.1.x

to 7.5.0, you can download the TiDB Release Notes PDF to view all release notes between the two LTS versions. The following table lists some highlights from 7.2.0 to 7.5.0:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Description</th>
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```
<td>Scalability and Performance</td>
<td>Support running multiple <code>ADD INDEX</code> statements in parallel</
   ↪ td>
<td>This feature allows for concurrent jobs to add multiple indexes for a
   ↪ single table. Previously, it would take the time of X plus the time
   ↪ of Y to execute two <code>ADD INDEX</code> statements simultaneously
   ↪ (X and Y). With this feature, adding two indexes X and Y in one SQL
   ↪ can be concurrently executed, and the total execution time of DDL is
   ↪ significantly reduced. Especially in scenarios with wide tables,
   ↪ internal test data shows that performance can be improved by up to
   ↪ 94%.</td>
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<td rowspan="3">Reliability and Availability</td>
<td>Optimize <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/tidb-global-sort"
   ↪ target="_blank">Global Sort</a> (experimental, introduced in v7.4.0)
   ↪ </td>
<td>TiDB v7.1.0 introduced the <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/
   ↪ tidb-distributed-execution-framework" target="_blank">Distributed
   ↪ eXecution Framework (DXF)</a>. For tasks that take advantage of this
   ↪ framework, v7.4 introduces global sorting to eliminate the
   ↪ unnecessary I/O, CPU, and memory spikes caused by temporarily out-of-
   ↪ order data during data re-organization tasks. The global sorting
   ↪ takes advantage of external shared object storage (Amazon S3 in this
   ↪ first iteration) to store intermediary files during the job, adding
   ↪ flexibility and cost savings. Operations like <code>ADD INDEX</code>
   ↪ and <code>IMPORT INTO</code> will be faster, more resilient, more
   ↪ stable, more flexible, and cost less to run.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/tidb-resource-control#manage
   ↪ -background-tasks" target="_blank">Resource control for background
   ↪ tasks</a> (experimental, introduced in v7.4.0)</td>
<td>In v7.1.0, the <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/tidb-resource
   ↪ -control" target="_blank">Resource Control</a> feature was introduced
   ↪  to mitigate resource and storage access interference between
   ↪ workloads. TiDB v7.4.0 applied this control to the priority of
   ↪ background tasks as well. In v7.4.0, Resource Control now identifies
   ↪ and manages the priority of background task execution, such as auto-
   ↪ analyze, Backup & Restore, bulk load with TiDB Lightning, and online
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    ↪ DDL. In future releases, this control will eventually apply to all
    ↪ background tasks.</td>
```

```
<td>Resource control for <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/tidb-
    ↪ resource-control#manage-queries-that-consume-more-resources-than-
    ↪ expected-runaway-queries"> managing runaway queries</a> (experimental
    ↪ , introduced in v7.2.0)</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/tidb-resource-control"
    ↪ target="_blank">Resource Control</a> is a framework for resource-
    ↪ isolating workloads by Resource Groups, but it makes no calls on how
    ↪ individual queries affect work inside of each group. TiDB v7.2.0
    ↪ introduces "runaway queries control" to let you control how TiDB
    ↪ identifies and treats these queries per Resource Group. Depending on
    ↪ needs, long running queries might be terminated or throttled, and the
    ↪  queries can be identified by exact SQL text, SQL digests or their
    ↪ plan digests, for better generalization. In v7.3.0, TiDB enables you
    ↪ to proactively watch for known bad queries, similar to a SQL
    ↪ blocklist at the database level.</td>
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<td>SQL</td>
<td>MySQL 8.0 compatibility (introduced in v7.4.0)</td>
<td>In MySQL 8.0, the default character set is utf8mb4, and the default
    ↪ collation of utf8mb4 is <code>utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci</code>. TiDB v7.4.0
    ↪ adding support for this enhances compatibility with MySQL 8.0 so that
    ↪  migrations and replications from MySQL 8.0 databases with the
    ↪ default collation are now much smoother.</td>
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<td rowspan="4">DB Operations and Observability</td>
<td>TiDB Lightning's physical import mode integrated into TiDB with <a href
    ↪ ="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/sql-statement-import-into"><code
    ↪ >IMPORT INTO</code></a> (GA)</td>
<td>Before v7.2.0, to import data based on the file system, you needed to
    ↪ install <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/tidb-lightning-
    ↪ overview">TiDB Lightning</a> and used its physical import mode. Now,
    ↪ the same capability is integrated into the <code>IMPORT INTO</code>
    ↪ statement so you can use this statement to quickly import data
    ↪ without installing any additional tool. This statement also supports
    ↪ the <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/tidb-distributed-
    ↪ execution-framework" target="_blank">Distributed eXecution Framework
    ↪ (DXF)</a> for parallel import, which improves import efficiency
    ↪ during large-scale imports.</td>
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<td>Specify <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/system-variables#
    ↪ tidb_service_scope-new-in-v740" target="_blank">the respective TiDB
```

```
    ↪ nodes</a> to execute the <code>ADD INDEX</code> and <code>IMPORT INTO
    ↪ </code> SQL statements (GA)</td>
<td>You have the flexibility to specify whether to execute <code>ADD INDEX</
    ↪ code> or <code>IMPORT INTO</code> SQL statements on some of the
    ↪ existing TiDB nodes or newly added TiDB nodes. This approach enables
    ↪ resource isolation from the rest of the TiDB nodes, preventing any
    ↪ impact on business operations while ensuring optimal performance for
    ↪ executing the preceding SQL statements. In v7.5.0, this feature
    ↪ becomes generally available (GA).</td>
```

```
<td>DDL supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/ddl-
    ↪ introduction#ddl-related-commands">pause and resume operations</a> (
    ↪ GA)</td>
<td>Adding indexes can be big resource consumers and can affect online
    ↪ traffic. Even when throttled in a Resource Group or isolated to
    ↪ labeled nodes, there may still be a need to suspend these jobs in
    ↪ emergencies. As of v7.2.0, TiDB now natively supports suspending any
    ↪ number of these background jobs at once, freeing up needed resources
    ↪ while avoiding having to cancel and restart the jobs.</td>
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```
<td>TiDB Dashboard supports heap profiling for TiKV<a href="https://docs.
    ↪ pingcap.com/tidb/v7.5/dashboard-profiling" target="_blank"></a></td>
<td>Previously, addressing TiKV OOM or high memory usage issues typically
    ↪ required manual execution of <code>jeprof</code> to generate a heap
    ↪ profile in the instance environment. Starting from v7.5.0, TiKV
    ↪ enables remote processing of heap profiles. You can now directly
    ↪ access the flame graph and call graph of heap profile. This feature
    ↪ provides the same simple and easy-to-use experience as Go heap
    ↪ profiling.</td>
```

16.13.7.1 Feature details

16.13.7.1.1 Scalability

- Support designating and isolating TiDB nodes to distributedly execute `ADD INDEX` or `IMPORT INTO` tasks when the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) is enabled #46258 @ywqzzy

  Executing `ADD INDEX` or `IMPORT INTO` tasks in parallel in a resource-intensive cluster can consume a large amount of TiDB node resources, which can lead to cluster performance degradation. To avoid performance impact on existing services, v7.4.0 introduces the system variable `tidb_service_scope` as an experimental feature to control the service scope of each TiDB node under the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF). You can select several existing TiDB nodes or set the TiDB service

scope for new TiDB nodes, and all distributedly executed `ADD INDEX` and `IMPORT INTO` tasks only run on these nodes. In v7.5.0, this feature becomes generally available (GA).

For more information, see documentation.

16.13.7.1.2 Performance

- The TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) becomes generally available (GA), improving the performance and stability of `ADD INDEX` and `IMPORT INTO` tasks in parallel execution #45719 @wjhuang2016

  The DXF introduced in v7.1.0 has become GA. In versions before TiDB v7.1.0, only one TiDB node can execute DDL tasks at the same time. Starting from v7.1.0, multiple TiDB nodes can execute the same DDL task in parallel under the DXF. Starting from v7.2.0, the DXF supports multiple TiDB nodes to execute the same `IMPORT INTO` task in parallel, thereby better utilizing the resources of the TiDB cluster and significantly improving the performance of DDL and `IMPORT INTO` tasks. In addition, you can also increase TiDB nodes to linearly improve the performance of these tasks.

  To use the DXF, set `tidb_enable_dist_task` value to `ON`.

  ```
  SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_dist_task = ON;
  ```

  For more information, see documentation.

- Improve the performance of adding multiple indexes in a single SQL statement #41602 @tangenta

  Before v7.5.0, when you add multiple indexes (`ADD INDEX`) in a single SQL statement, the performance was similar to adding multiple indexes using separate SQL statements. Starting from v7.5.0, the performance of adding multiple indexes in a single SQL statement is significantly improved. Especially in scenarios with wide tables, internal test data shows that performance can be improved by up to 94%.

16.13.7.1.3 DB operations

- DDL jobs support pause and resume operations (GA) #18015 @godouxm

  The pause and resume operations for DDL jobs introduced in v7.2.0 become generally available (GA). These operations let you pause resource-intensive DDL jobs (such as creating indexes) to save resources and minimize the impact on online traffic. When resources permit, you can seamlessly resume DDL jobs without canceling and restarting them. This feature improves resource utilization, enhances user experience, and simplifies the schema change process.

  You can pause and resume multiple DDL jobs using `ADMIN PAUSE DDL JOBS` or `ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS`:

```
ADMIN PAUSE DDL JOBS 1,2;
ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS 1,2;
```

For more information, see documentation.

- BR supports backing up and restoring statistics #48008 @Leavrth

  Starting from TiDB v7.5.0, the br command-line tool introduces the `--ignore-stats` parameter to back up and restore database statistics. When you set this parameter to `false`, the br command-line tool supports backing up and restoring statistics of columns, indexes, and tables. In this case, you do not need to manually run the statistics collection task for the TiDB database restored from the backup, or wait for the completion of automatic collection tasks. This feature simplifies database maintenance work and improves query performance.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.13.7.1.4 Observability

- TiDB Dashboard supports heap profiling for TiKV #15927 @Connor1996

  Previously, addressing TiKV OOM or high memory usage issues typically required manual execution of `jeprof` to generate a heap profile in the instance environment. Starting from v7.5.0, TiKV enables remote processing of heap profiles. You can now directly access the flame graph and call graph of heap profile. This feature provides the same simple and easy-to-use experience as Go heap profiling.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.13.7.1.5 Data migration

- Support the `IMPORT INTO` SQL statement (GA) #46704 @D3Hunter

  In v7.5.0, the `IMPORT INTO` SQL statement becomes generally available (GA). This statement integrates the Physical Import Mode capability of TiDB Lightning and allows you to quickly import data in formats such as CSV, SQL, and PARQUET into an empty table in TiDB. This import method eliminates the need for a separate deployment and management of TiDB Lightning, thereby reducing the complexity of data import and greatly improving import efficiency.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Data Migration (DM) supports blocking incompatible (data-consistency-corrupting) DDL changes #9692 @GMHDBJD

  Before v7.5.0, the DM Binlog Filter feature can only migrate or filter specified events, and the granularity is relatively coarse. For example, it can only filter large granularity of DDL events such as `ALTER`. This method is limited in some scenarios. For example,

the application allows `ADD COLUMN` but not `DROP COLUMN`, but they are both filtered by `ALTER` events in the earlier DM versions.

To address such issues, v7.5.0 refines the granularity of the supported DDL events, such as support filtering `MODIFY COLUMN` (modify the column data type), `DROP COLUMN`, and other fine-grained DDL events that lead to data loss, truncation of data, and loss of precision. You can configure it as needed. This feature also supports blocking incompatible DDL changes and reporting errors for such changes, so that you can intervene manually in time to avoid impacting downstream application data.

For more information, see documentation.

- Support real-time checkpoint updates for continuous data validation #8463 @lichunzhu

  Before v7.5.0, the continuous data validation feature ensures the data consistency during replication from DM to downstream. This serves as the basis for cutting over business traffic from the upstream database to TiDB. However, due to various factors such as replication delay and waiting for re-validation of inconsistent data, the continuous validation checkpoint must be refreshed every few minutes. This is unacceptable for some business scenarios where the cutover time is limited to tens of seconds.

  With the introduction of real-time updating of checkpoint for continuous data validation, you can now provide the binlog position from the upstream database. Once the continuous validation program detects this binlog position in memory, it immediately refreshes the checkpoint instead of refreshing it every few minutes. Therefore, you can quickly perform cut-off operations based on this immediately updated checkpoint.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.13.7.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v7.4.0 to the current version (v7.5.0). If you are upgrading from v7.3.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.13.7.2.1 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_fast_analyze	Deprecated	Controls whether to enable the statistics `Fast Analyze` feature. This feature is deprecated in v7.5.0.
tidb_analyze_partition_concurrency	Modified	Changes the default value from `1` to `2` after further tests.
tidb_build_stats_concurrency	Modified	Changes the default value from `4` to `2` after further tests.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ merge ↪ _ ↪ partition ↪ _ ↪ stats ↪ _ ↪ concurrency ↪	Modified	This system variable takes effect starting from v7.5.0. It specifies the concurrency of merging statistics for a partitioned table when TiDB analyzes the partitioned table.
tidb_ ↪ build ↪ _ ↪ sampling ↪ _ ↪ stats ↪ _ ↪ concurrency ↪	Newly added	Controls the sampling concurrency of the `ANALYZE` ↪ process.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ async ↪ _ ↪ merge ↪ _ ↪ global ↪ _ ↪ stats ↪	Newly added	This variable is used by TiDB to merge statistics asynchronously to avoid OOM issues.
tidb_ ↪ gogc ↪ _ ↪ tuner ↪ _max ↪ _ ↪ value ↪	Newly added	Controls the maximum value of GOGC that the GOGC Tuner can adjust.
tidb_ ↪ gogc ↪ _ ↪ tuner ↪ _min ↪ _ ↪ value ↪	Newly added	Controls the minimum value of GOGC that the GOGC Tuner can adjust.

16.13.7.2.2 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`tikv-` ↪ `client` ↪ `.` ↪ `copr` ↪ `-req` ↪ `-` ↪ `timeout` ↪	Newly added	Sets the timeout of a single Coprocessor request.
TiKV	`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `inspect` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	Modified	Changes the default value from `500ms` to `100ms` after optimizing the algorithm to improve the sensitivity of slow node detection.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `compact` ↪ `-min` ↪ `-` ↪ `redundant` ↪ `-` ↪ `rows`	Modified	Sets the number of redundant MVCC rows required to trigger RocksDB compaction. Starting from v7.5.0, this configuration item takes effect for the `"raft-` ↪ `kv"` storage engine.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raftstore` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `compact` ↪ `-` ↪ `redundant` ↪ `-` ↪ `rows` ↪ `-` ↪ `percent` ↪	Modified	Sets the percentage of redundant MVCC rows required to trigger RocksDB compaction. Starting from v7.5.0, this configuration item takes effect for the `"raft-` ↪ `kv"` storage engine.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	raftstore ↪ . ↪ evict ↪ - ↪ cache ↪ -on- ↪ memory ↪ - ↪ ratio ↪	Newly added	When the memory usage of TiKV exceeds 90% of the system available memory, and the memory occupied by Raft entry cache exceeds the evict- ↪ cache ↪ -on- ↪ memory ↪ - ↪ ratio ↪ of used memory, TiKV evicts the Raft entry cache.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`memory.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `heap` ↪ `-` ↪ `profiling` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable Heap Profiling to track the memory usage of TiKV.
TiKV	`memory.` ↪ `profiling` ↪ `-` ↪ `sample` ↪ `-per` ↪ `-` ↪ `bytes` ↪	Newly added	Specifies the amount of data sampled by Heap Profiling each time, rounding up to the nearest power of 2.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
BR	`--ignore-stats`	Newly added	Controls whether to back up and restore database statistics. When you set this parameter to `false`, the br command-line tool supports backing up and restoring statistics of columns, indexes, and tables.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`case-sensitive`	Modified	Changes the default value from `true` to `false` after further tests, which means that the table names and database names in the TiCDC configuration file are case-insensitive by default.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `dispatchers` ↪ `.` ↪ `partition` ↪	Modified	Controls how TiCDC dispatches incremental data to Kafka partitions. v7.5.0 introduces a new value option `columns`, which uses the explicitly specified column values to calculate the partition number.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	changefeed ↪ - ↪ error ↪ - ↪ stuck ↪ - ↪ duration ↪	Newly added	Controls the duration for which the changefeed is allowed to automatically retry when internal errors or exceptions occur.
TiCDC	encoding ↪ - ↪ worker ↪ -num	Newly added	Controls the number of encoding and decoding workers in the redo module.
TiCDC	flush- ↪ worker ↪ -num	Newly added	Controls the number of flushing workers in the redo module.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `column` ↪ `-` ↪ `selectors` ↪	Newly added	Controls the specified columns of data change events that TiCDC sends to Kafka when dispatching incremental data.
TiCDC	`sql-` ↪ `mode`	Newly added	Specifies the SQL mode used by TiCDC when parsing DDL statements. The default value is the same as the default SQL mode of TiDB.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`--importer`	Deleted	Specifies the address of TiKV-importer, which is deprecated in v7.5.0.

16.13.7.3 Offline package changes

Starting from v7.5.0, the following contents are removed from the `TiDB-community-toolkit` binary package:

- `tikv-importer-{version}-linux-{arch}.tar.gz`
- `mydumper`
- `spark-{version}-any-any.tar.gz`
- `tispark-{version}-any-any.tar.gz`

16.13.7.4 Deprecated features

- Mydumper is deprecated in v7.5.0 and most of its features have been replaced by Dumpling. It is strongly recommended that you use Dumpling instead of Mydumper.
- TiKV-importer is deprecated in v7.5.0. It is strongly recommended that you use the Physical Import Mode of TiDB Lightning as an alternative.
- Starting from TiDB v7.5.0, technical support for the data replication feature of TiDB Binlog is no longer provided. It is strongly recommended to use TiCDC as an alternative solution for data replication. Although TiDB Binlog v7.5.0 still supports the Point-in-Time Recovery (PITR) scenario, this component will be completely deprecated in future versions. It is recommended to use PITR as an alternative solution for data recovery.
- The `Fast Analyze` feature (experimental) for statistics is deprecated in v7.5.0.
- The incremental collection feature (experimental) for statistics is deprecated in v7.5.0.

16.13.7.5 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Optimize the concurrency model of merging global statistics: introduce `tidb_enable_async_merge_global_stats` to enable simultaneous loading and merging of statistics, which speeds up the generation of global statistics on partitioned tables. Optimize the memory usage of merging global statistics to avoid OOM and reduce memory allocations. #47219 @hawkingrei
    - Optimize the `ANALYZE` process: introduce `tidb_build_sampling_stats_concurrency` to better control the `ANALYZE` concurrency to reduce resource consumption. Optimize the memory usage of `ANALYZE` to reduce memory allocation and avoid frequent GC by reusing some intermediate results. #47275 @hawkingrei
    - Optimize the use of placement policies: support configuring the range of a policy to global and improve the syntax support for common scenarios. #45384 @nolouch
    - Improve the performance of adding indexes with `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg` enabled. In internal tests, v7.5.0 improves the performance by up to 62.5% compared with v6.5.0. #47757 @tangenta
- TiKV
    - Avoid holding mutex when writing Titan manifest files to prevent affecting other threads #15351 @Connor1996
- PD
    - Improve the stability and usability of the `evict-slow-trend` scheduler #7156 @LykxSassinato
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Add a new inter-table backup parameter `table-concurrency` for snapshot backups. This parameter is used to control the inter-table concurrency of meta information such as statistics backup and data validation #48571 @3pointer
        - During restoring a snapshot backup, BR retries when it encounters certain network errors #48528 @Leavrth

16.13.7.6 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Prohibit split table operations on non-integer clustered indexes #47350 @tangenta
    - Fix the issue of encoding time fields with incorrect timezone information #46033 @tangenta
    - Fix the issue that the Sort operator might cause TiDB to crash during the spill process #47538 @windtalker
    - Fix the issue that TiDB returns `Can't find column` for queries with `GROUP_CONCAT` #41957 @AilinKid
    - Fix the panic issue of `batch-client` in `client-go` #47691 @crazycs520
    - Fix the issue of incorrect memory usage estimation in `INDEX_LOOKUP_HASH_JOIN` #47788 @SeaRise
    - Fix the issue of uneven workload caused by the rejoining of a TiFlash node that has been offline for a long time #35418 @windtalker
    - Fix the issue that the chunk cannot be reused when the HashJoin operator performs probe #48082 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that the `COALESCE()` function returns incorrect result type for `DATE` type parameters #46475 @xzhangxian1008
    - Fix the issue that `UPDATE` statements with subqueries are incorrectly converted to PointGet #48171 @hi-rustin
    - Fix the issue that incorrect results are returned when the cached execution plans contain the comparison between date types and `unix_timestamp` #48165 @qw4990
    - Fix the issue that an error is reported when default inline common table expressions (CTEs) with aggregate functions or window functions are referenced by recursive CTEs #47881 @elsa0520
    - Fix the issue that the optimizer mistakenly selects IndexFullScan to reduce sort introduced by window functions #46177 @qw4990
    - Fix the issue that multiple references to CTEs result in incorrect results due to condition pushdown of CTEs #47881 @winoros
    - Fix the issue that the MySQL compression protocol cannot handle large loads of data (>=16M) #47152 #47157 #47161 @dveeden
    - Fix the issue that TiDB does not read `cgroup` resource limits when it is started with `systemd` #47442 @hawkingrei
- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that retrying prewrite requests in the pessimistic transaction mode might cause the risk of data inconsistency in rare cases #11187 @MyonKeminta
- PD
    - Fix the issue that `evict-leader-scheduler` might lose configuration #6897 @HuSharp

- Fix the issue that after a store goes offline, the monitoring metric of its statistics is not deleted #7180 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that `canSync` and `hasMajority` might be calculated incorrectly for clusters adopting the Data Replication Auto Synchronous (DR Auto-Sync) mode when the configuration of Placement Rules is complex #7201 @disksing
- Fix the issue that the rule checker does not add Learners according to the configuration of Placement Rules #7185 @nolouch
- Fix the issue that TiDB Dashboard cannot read PD `trace` data correctly #7253 @nolouch
- Fix the issue that PD might panic due to empty Regions obtained internally #7261 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that `available_stores` is calculated incorrectly for clusters adopting the Data Replication Auto Synchronous (DR Auto-Sync) mode #7221 @disksing
- Fix the issue that PD might delete normal Peers when TiKV nodes are unavailable #7249 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that adding multiple TiKV nodes to a large cluster might cause TiKV heartbeat reporting to become slow or stuck #7248 @rleungx

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that the `UPPER()` and `LOWER()` functions return inconsistent results between TiDB and TiFlash #7695 @windtalker
    - Fix the issue that executing queries on empty partitions causes query failure #8220 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the panic issue caused by table creation failure when replicating TiFlash replicas #8217 @hongyunyan

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix the issue that PITR might skip restoring the `CREATE INDEX` DDL statement #47482 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that the log backup might get stuck in some scenarios when backing up large wide tables #15714 @YuJuncen

    - TiCDC

        - Fix the performance issue caused by accessing NFS directories when replicating data to an object store sink #10041 @CharlesCheung96
        - Fix the issue that the storage path is misspelled when `claim-check` is enabled #10036 @3AceShowHand
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC scheduling is not balanced in some cases #9845 @3AceShowHand
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC might get stuck when replicating data to Kafka #9855 @hicqu

- Fix the issue that the TiCDC processor might panic in some cases #9849 #9915 @hicqu @3AceShowHand
- Fix the issue that enabling `kv-client.enable-multiplexing` causes replication tasks to get stuck #9673 @fubinzh
- Fix the issue that an owner node gets stuck due to NFS failure when the redo log is enabled #9886 @3AceShowHand

16.13.7.7 Performance test

To learn about the performance of TiDB v7.5.0, you can refer to the TPC-C performance test report and Sysbench performance test report of the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

16.13.7.8 Contributors

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16.14 v7.4

16.14.1 TiDB 7.4.0 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 7.4.0

Quick access: Quick start

7.4.0 introduces the following key features and improvements:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Description</th>
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```
<td rowspan="3">Reliability and Availability</td>
<td>Improve the performance and stability of <code>IMPORT INTO</code> and <
    ↪ code>ADD INDEX</code> operations via <a href="https://docs-archive.
    ↪ pingcap.com/tidb/v7.4/tidb-global-sort" target="_blank">global sort</
    ↪ a> (experimental)</td>
<td>Before v7.4.0, tasks such as <code>ADD INDEX</code> or <code>IMPORT INTO
    ↪ </code> using the <a href="https://docs-archive.pingcap.com/tidb/v7
    ↪ .4/tidb-distributed-execution-framework" target="_blank">TiDB
    ↪ Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF)</a> meant localized and partial
    ↪  sorting, which ultimately led to TiKV doing a lot of extra work to
    ↪ make up for the partial sorting. These jobs also required TiDB nodes
    ↪ to allocate local disk space for sorting, before loading to TiKV.<br
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   ↪ />With the introduction of the Global Sort feature in v7.4.0, data is
   ↪  temporarily stored in external shared storage (S3 in this version)
   ↪ for global sorting before being loaded into TiKV. This eliminates the
   ↪  need for TiKV to consume extra resources and significantly improves
   ↪ the performance and stability of operations like <code>ADD INDEX</
   ↪ code> and <code>IMPORT INTO</code>.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs-archive.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.4/tidb-resource-
   ↪ control#manage-background-tasks" target="_blank">Resource control</a>
   ↪  for background tasks (experimental)</td>
<td>In v7.1.0, the <a href="https://docs-archive.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.4/tidb-
   ↪ resource-control#use-resource-control-to-achieve-resource-isolation"
   ↪ target="_blank">Resource Control</a> feature was introduced to
   ↪ mitigate resource and storage access interference between workloads.
   ↪ TiDB v7.4.0 applies this control to background tasks as well. In v7
   ↪ .4.0, Resource Control now identifies and manages the resources
   ↪ produced by background tasks, such as auto-analyze, Backup & Restore,
   ↪  bulk load with TiDB Lightning, and online DDL. This will eventually
   ↪ apply to all background tasks.</td>
```

```
<td>TiFlash supports <a href="https://docs-archive.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.4/
   ↪ tiflash-disaggregated-and-s3" target="_blank">storage-computing
   ↪ separation and S3</a> (GA) </td>
<td>TiFlash disaggregated storage and compute architecture and S3 shared
   ↪ storage become generally available:
  <ul>
    <li>Disaggregates TiFlash's compute and storage, which is a milestone
       ↪ for elastic HTAP resource utilization.</li>
    <li>Supports using S3-based storage engine, which can provide shared
       ↪ storage at a lower cost.</li>
  </ul>
</td>
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```
<td rowspan="2">SQL</td>
<td>TiDB supports <a href="https://docs-archive.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.4/
   ↪ partitioned-table#convert-a-partitioned-table-to-a-non-partitioned-
   ↪ table" target="_blank">partition type management</a> </td>
<td>Before v7.4.0, Range/List partitioned tables support partition
   ↪ management operations such as <code>TRUNCATE</code>, <code>EXCHANGE</
   ↪ code>, <code>ADD</code>, <code>DROP</code>, and <code>REORGANIZE</
   ↪ code>, and Hash/Key partitioned tables support partition management
   ↪ operations such as <code>ADD</code> and <code>COALESCE</code>.
<p>Now TiDB also supports the following partition type management operations
   ↪ :</p>
  <ul>
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    <li>Convert partitioned tables to non-partitioned tables</li>
    <li>Partition existing non-partitioned tables</li>
    <li>Modify partition types for existing tables</li>
  </ul>
</td>
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<td>MySQL 8.0 compatibility: support<a href="https://docs-archive.pingcap.
    ↪ com/tidb/v7.4/character-set-and-collation#character-sets-and-
    ↪ collations-supported-by-tidb" target="_blank"> collation <code>
    ↪ utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci</code></a></td>
<td>One notable change in MySQL 8.0 is that the default character set is
    ↪ utf8mb4, and the default collation of utf8mb4 is <code>utf8mb4_0900_
    ↪ ai_ci</code>. TiDB v7.4.0 adding support for this enhances
    ↪ compatibility with MySQL 8.0 so that migrations and replications from
    ↪  MySQL 8.0 databases with the default collation are now much smoother
    ↪ .</td>
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<td>DB Operations and Observability</td>
<td>Specify<a href="https://docs-archive.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.4/system-
    ↪ variables#tidb_service_scope-new-in-v740" target="_blank"> the
    ↪ respective TiDB nodes</a> to execute the <code>IMPORT INTO</code> and
    ↪  <code>ADD INDEX</code> SQL statements (experimental)</td>
<td>You have the flexibility to specify whether to execute <code>IMPORT INTO
    ↪ </code> or <code>ADD INDEX</code> SQL statements on some of the
    ↪ existing TiDB nodes or newly added TiDB nodes. This approach enables
    ↪ resource isolation from the rest of the TiDB nodes, preventing any
    ↪ impact on business operations while ensuring optimal performance for
    ↪ executing the preceding SQL statements.</td>
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16.14.1.1 Feature details

16.14.1.1.1 Scalability

- Support selecting the TiDB nodes to parallelly execute the backend `ADD INDEX` or `IMPORT INTO` tasks of the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) (experimental) #46453 @ywqzzy

  Executing `ADD INDEX` or `IMPORT INTO` tasks in parallel in a resource-intensive cluster can consume a large amount of TiDB node resources, which can lead to cluster performance degradation. Starting from v7.4.0, you can use the system variable `tidb_service_scope` to control the service scope of each TiDB node under the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF). You can select several existing TiDB nodes or set the TiDB service scope for new TiDB nodes, and all parallel `ADD INDEX` and

`IMPORT INTO` tasks only run on these nodes. This mechanism can avoid performance impact on existing services.

For more information, see documentation.

- Enhance the Partitioned Raft KV storage engine (experimental) #11515 #12842 @busyjay @tonyxuqqi @tabokie @bufferflies @5kbpers @SpadeA-Tang @nolouch

  TiDB v6.6.0 introduces the Partitioned Raft KV storage engine as an experimental feature, which uses multiple RocksDB instances to store TiKV Region data, and the data of each Region is independently stored in a separate RocksDB instance.

  In v7.4.0, TiDB further improves the compatibility and stability of the Partitioned Raft KV storage engine. Through large-scale data testing, the compatibility with TiDB ecosystem tools and features such as DM, Dumpling, TiDB Lightning, TiCDC, BR, and PITR is ensured. Additionally, the Partitioned Raft KV storage engine provides more stable performance under mixed read and write workloads, making it especially suitable for write-heavy scenarios. Furthermore, each TiKV node now supports 8 core CPUs and can be configured with 8 TB data storage, and 64 GB memory.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports the disaggregated storage and compute architecture (GA) #6882 @JaySon-Huang @JinheLin @breezewish @lidezhu @CalvinNeo @Lloyd-Pottiger

  In v7.0.0, TiFlash introduces the disaggregated storage and compute architecture as an experimental feature. With a series of improvements, the disaggregated storage and compute architecture for TiFlash becomes GA starting from v7.4.0.

  In this architecture, TiFlash nodes are divided into two types (Compute Nodes and Write Nodes) and support object storage that is compatible with S3 API. Both types of nodes can be independently scaled for computing or storage capacities. In the disaggregated storage and compute architecture, you can use TiFlash in the same way as the coupled storage and compute architecture, such as creating TiFlash replicas, querying data, and specifying optimizer hints.

  Note that the TiFlash **disaggregated storage and compute architecture** and **coupled storage and compute architecture** cannot be used in the same cluster or converted to each other. You can configure which architecture to use when you deploy TiFlash.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.14.1.1.2 Performance

- Support pushing down the JSON operator `MEMBER OF` to TiKV #46307 @wshwsh12
  - `value MEMBER OF(json_array)`

For more information, see documentation.

- Support pushing down window functions with any frame definition type to TiFlash #7376 @xzhangxian1008

  Before v7.4.0, TiFlash does not support window functions containing `PRECEDING` or `FOLLOWING`, and all window functions containing such frame definitions cannot be pushed down to TiFlash. Starting from v7.4.0, TiFlash supports frame definitions of all window functions. This feature is enabled automatically, and window functions containing frame definitions will be automatically pushed down to TiFlash for execution when the related requirements are met.

- Introduce cloud storage-based global sort capability to improve the performance and stability of `ADD INDEX` and `IMPORT INTO` tasks in parallel execution (experimental) #45719 @wjhuang2016

  Before v7.4.0, when executing tasks like `ADD INDEX` or `IMPORT INTO` in the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF), each TiDB node needs to allocate a significant amount of local disk space for sorting encoded index KV pairs and table data KV pairs. However, due to the lack of global sorting capability, there might be overlapping data between different TiDB nodes and within each individual node during the process. As a result, TiKV has to constantly perform compaction operations while importing these KV pairs into its storage engine, which impacts the performance and stability of `ADD INDEX` and `IMPORT INTO`.

  In v7.4.0, TiDB introduces the Global Sort feature. Instead of writing the encoded data locally and sorting it there, the data is now written to cloud storage for global sorting. Once sorted, both the indexed data and table data are imported into TiKV in parallel, thereby improving performance and stability.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support caching execution plans for non-prepared statements (GA) #36598 @qw4990

  TiDB v7.0.0 introduces non-prepared plan cache as an experimental feature to improve the load capacity of concurrent OLTP. In v7.4.0, this feature becomes GA. The execution plan cache will be applied to more scenarios, thereby improving the concurrent processing capacity of TiDB.

  Enabling the non-prepared plan cache might incur additional memory and CPU overhead and might not be suitable for all situations. Starting from v7.4.0, this feature is disabled by default. You can enable it using `tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache` and control the cache size using `tidb_session_plan_cache_size`.

  Additionally, this feature does not support DML statements by default and has certain restrictions on SQL statements. For more details, see Restrictions.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.14.1.1.3 Reliability

- TiFlash supports query-level data spilling #7738 @windtalker

Starting from v7.0.0, TiFlash supports controlling data spilling for three operators: `GROUP BY`, `ORDER BY`, and `JOIN`. This feature prevents issues such as query termination or system crashes when the data size exceeds the available memory. However, managing spilling for each operator individually can be cumbersome and ineffective for overall resource control.

In v7.4.0, TiFlash introduces the query-level data spilling. By setting the memory limit for a query on a TiFlash node using `tiflash_mem_quota_query_per_node` and the memory ratio that triggers data spilling using `tiflash_query_spill_ratio`, you can conveniently manage the memory usage of a query and have better control over TiFlash memory resources.

For more information, see documentation.

- Support user-defined TiKV read timeout #45380 @crazycs520

  Normally, TiKV processes requests very quickly, in a matter of milliseconds. However, when a TiKV node encounters disk I/O jitter or network latency, the request processing time can increase significantly. In versions earlier than v7.4.0, the timeout limit for TiKV requests is fixed and unadjustable. Hence, TiDB has to wait for a fixed-duration timeout response when a TiKV node encounters issues, which results in a noticeable impact on application query performance during jitter.

  TiDB v7.4.0 introduces a new system variable `tikv_client_read_timeout`, which lets you customize the timeout for RPC read requests that TiDB sends to TiKV in a query. It means that when the request sent to a TiKV node is delayed due to disk or network issues, TiDB can time out faster and resend the request to other TiKV nodes, thus reducing query latency. If timeouts occur for all TiKV nodes, TiDB will retry using the default timeout. Additionally, you can also use the optimizer hint `/*+ SET_VAR(TIKV_CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT=N)*/` in a query to set the timeout for TiDB to send a TiKV RPC read request. This enhancement gives TiDB the flexibility to adapt to unstable network or storage environments, improving query performance and enhancing the user experience.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support temporarily modifying some system variable values using an optimizer hint #45892 @winoros

  TiDB v7.4.0 introduces the optimizer hint `SET_VAR()`, which is similar to that of MySQL 8.0. By including the hint `SET_VAR()` in SQL statements, you can temporarily modify the value of system variables during statement execution. This helps you set the environment for different statements. For example, you can actively increase the parallelism of resource-intensive SQL statements or change the optimizer behavior through variables.

  You can find the system variables that can be modified using the hint `SET_VAR()` in system variables. It is strongly recommended not to modify variables that are not explicitly supported, as this might cause unpredictable behavior.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports resource control #7660 @guo-shaoge

  In TiDB v7.1.0, the resource control feature becomes generally available and provides resource management capabilities for TiDB and TiKV. In v7.4.0, TiFlash supports the resource control feature, improving the overall resource management capabilities of TiDB. The resource control of TiFlash is fully compatible with the existing TiDB resource control feature, and the existing resource groups will manage the resources of TiDB, TiKV, and TiFlash at the same time.

  To control whether to enable the TiFlash resource control feature, you can configure the TiFlash parameter `enable_resource_control`. After enabling this feature, TiFlash performs resource scheduling and management based on the resource group configuration of TiDB, ensuring the reasonable allocation and use of overall resources.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports the pipeline execution model (GA) #6518 @SeaRise

  Starting from v7.2.0, TiFlash introduces a pipeline execution model. This model centrally manages all thread resources and schedules task execution uniformly, maximizing the utilization of thread resources while avoiding resource overuse. In v7.4.0, TiFlash improves the statistics of thread resource usage, and the pipeline execution model becomes a GA feature and is enabled by default. Since this feature is mutually dependent with the TiFlash resource control feature, TiDB v7.4.0 removes the variable `tidb_enable_tiflash_pipeline_model` used to control whether to enable the pipeline execution model in previous versions. Instead, you can enable or disable the pipeline execution model and the TiFlash resource control feature by configuring the TiFlash parameter `tidb_enable_resource_control`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Add the option of optimizer mode #46080 @time-and-fate

  In v7.4.0, TiDB introduces a new system variable `tidb_opt_objective`, which controls the estimation method used by the optimizer. The default value `moderate` maintains the previous behavior of the optimizer, where it uses runtime statistics to adjust estimations based on data changes. If this variable is set to `determinate`, the optimizer generates execution plans solely based on statistics without considering runtime corrections.

  For long-term stable OLTP applications or situations where you are confident in the existing execution plans, it is recommended to switch to `determinate` mode after testing. This reduces potential plan changes.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB resource control supports managing background tasks (experimental) #44517 @glorv

  Background tasks, such as data backup and automatic statistics collection, are low-priority but consume many resources. These tasks are usually triggered periodically or irregularly. During execution, they consume a lot of resources, thus affecting the

performance of online high-priority tasks. Starting from v7.4.0, the TiDB resource control feature supports managing background tasks. This feature reduces the performance impact of low-priority tasks on online applications, enabling rational resource allocation, and greatly improving cluster stability.

TiDB supports the following types of background tasks:

- `lightning`: perform import tasks using TiDB Lightning or `IMPORT INTO`.
- `br`: perform backup and restore tasks using BR. PITR is not supported.
- `ddl`: control the resource usage during the batch data write back phase of Reorg DDLs.
- `stats`: the collect statistics tasks that are manually executed or automatically triggered by TiDB.

By default, the task types that are marked as background tasks are empty, and the management of background tasks is disabled. This default behavior is the same as that of versions prior to TiDB v7.4.0. To manage background tasks, you need to manually modify the background task types of the `default` resource group.

```
For more information, see [documentation](#use-resource-control-to-manage-
    ↪ background-tasks).
```

- Lock statistics becomes generally available (GA) #46351 @hi-rustin

  In v7.4.0, lock statistics becomes generally available. Now, to ensure operational security, locking and unlocking statistics require the same privileges as collecting statistics. In addition, TiDB supports locking and unlocking statistics for specific partitions, providing greater flexibility. If you are confident in queries and execution plans in the database and want to prevent any changes from occurring, you can lock statistics to enhance stability.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Introduce a system variable to control whether to select hash joins for tables #46695 @coderplay

  MySQL 8.0 introduces hash joins for tables as a new feature. This feature is primarily used to join two relatively large tables and result sets. However, for transactional workloads, or some applications running on MySQL 5.7, hash joins for tables might pose a performance risk. MySQL provides the `optimizer_switch` to control whether to select hash joins at the global or session level.

  Starting from v7.4.0, TiDB introduces the system variable `tidb_opt_enable_hash_join` to have control over hash joins for tables. It is enabled by default (`ON`). If you are sure that you do not need to select hash joins between tables in your execution plan, you can modify the variable to `OFF` to reduce the possibility of execution plan rollbacks and improve system stability.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Memory control for the statistics cache is generally available (GA) #45367 @hawkingrei

  TiDB instances can cache table statistics to accelerate execution plan generation and improve SQL performance. Starting from v6.1.0, TiDB introduces the system variable `tidb_stats_cache_mem_quota`. By configuring this system variable, you can set a memory usage limit for the statistics cache. When the cache reaches its limit, TiDB automatically evicts inactive cache entries, helping control instance memory usage and improve stability.

  Starting from v7.4.0, this feature becomes generally available (GA).

  For more information, see documentation.

16.14.1.1.4 SQL

- TiDB supports partition type management #42728 @mjonss

  Before v7.4.0, partition types of partitioned tables in TiDB cannot be modified. Starting from v7.4.0, TiDB supports modifying partitioned tables to non-partitioned tables or non-partitioned tables to partitioned tables, and supports changing partition types. Hence, now you can flexibly adjust the partition type and number for a partitioned table. For example, you can use the `ALTER TABLE t PARTITION BY ...` statement to modify the partition type.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB supports using the `ROLLUP` modifier and the `GROUPING` function #44487 @AilinKid

  The `WITH ROLLUP` modifier and `GROUPING` function are commonly used in data analysis for multi-dimensional data summarization. Starting from v7.4.0, you can use the `WITH ROLLUP` modifier and `GROUPING` function in the `GROUP BY` clause. For example, you can use the `WITH ROLLUP` modifier in the `SELECT ... FROM ... GROUP BY ... WITH ROLLUP` syntax.

For more information, see documentation.

16.14.1.1.5 DB operations

- Support collation `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` and `utf8mb4_0900_bin` #37566 @YangKeao @zimulala @bb7133

  TiDB v7.4.0 enhances the support for migrating data from MySQL 8.0 and adds two collations: `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` and `utf8mb4_0900_bin`. `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` is the default collation in MySQL 8.0.

  TiDB v7.4.0 also introduces the system variable `default_collation_for_utf8mb4` which is compatible with MySQL 8.0. This enables you to specify the default collation for the utf8mb4 character set and provides compatibility with migration or data replication from MySQL 5.7 or earlier versions.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.14.1.1.6 Observability

- Support adding session connection IDs and session aliases to logs #46071 @lcwangchao

  When you troubleshoot a SQL execution problem, it is often necessary to correlate the contents of TiDB component logs to pinpoint the root cause. Starting from v7.4.0, TiDB can write session connection IDs (`CONNECTION_ID`) to session-related logs, including TiDB logs, slow query logs, and slow logs from the coprocessor on TiKV. You can correlate the contents of several types of logs based on session connection IDs to improve troubleshooting and diagnostic efficiency.

  In addition, by setting the session-level system variable `tidb_session_alias`, you can add custom identifiers to the logs mentioned above. With this ability to inject your application identification information into the logs, you can correlate the contents of the logs with the application, build the link from the application to the logs, and reduce the difficulty of diagnosis.

- TiDB Dashboard supports displaying execution plans in a table view #1589 @baurine

  In v7.4.0, TiDB Dashboard supports displaying execution plans on the **Slow Query** and **SQL Statement** pages in a table view to improve the diagnosis experience.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.14.1.1.7 Data migration

- Enhance the `IMPORT INTO` feature #46704 @D3Hunter

  Starting from v7.4.0, you can add the `CLOUD_STORAGE_URI` option in the `IMPORT INTO` statement to enable the Global Sort feature (experimental), which helps boost import performance and stability. In the `CLOUD_STORAGE_URI` option, you can specify a cloud storage address for the encoded data.

  In addition, in v7.4.0, the `IMPORT INTO` feature introduces the following functionalities:

  - Support configuring the `Split_File` option, which allows you to split a large CSV file into multiple 256 MiB small CSV files for parallel processing, improving import performance.
  - Support importing compressed CSV and SQL files. The supported compression formats include `.gzip`, `.gz`, `.zstd`, `.zst`, and `.snappy`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Dumpling supports the user-defined terminator when exporting data to CSV files #46982 @GMHDBJD

  Before v7.4.0, Dumpling uses `"\r\n"` as the line terminator when exporting data to a CSV file. As a result, certain downstream systems that only recognize `"\n"` as the

terminator cannot parse the exported CSV file, or have to use a third-party tool for conversion before parsing the file.

Starting from v7.4.0, Dumpling introduces a new parameter `--csv-line-terminator`. This parameter allows you to specify a desired terminator when you export data to a CSV file. This parameter supports `"\r\n"` and `"\n"`. The default terminator is `"\r\n"` to keep consistent with earlier versions.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC supports replicating data to Pulsar #9413 @yumchina @asddongmen

  Pulsar is a cloud-native and distributed message streaming platform that significantly enhances your real-time data streaming experience. Starting from v7.4.0, TiCDC supports replicating change data to Pulsar in `canal-json` format to achieve seamless integration with Pulsar. With this feature, TiCDC provides you with the ability to easily capture and replicate TiDB changes to Pulsar, offering new possibilities for data processing and analytics capabilities. You can develop your own consumer applications that read and process newly generated change data from Pulsar to meet specific business needs.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC improves large message handling with claim-check pattern #9153 @3AceShowHand

  Before v7.4.0, TiCDC is unable to send large messages exceeding the maximum message size (`max.message.bytes`) of Kafka to downstream. Starting from v7.4.0, when configuring a changefeed with Kafka as the downstream, you can specify an external storage location for storing the large message, and send a reference message containing the address of the large message in the external storage to Kafka. When consumers receive this reference message, they can retrieve the message content from the external storage address.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.14.1.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v7.3.0 to the current version (v7.4.0). If you are upgrading from v7.2.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.14.1.2.1 Behavior changes

- Starting with v7.4.0, TiDB is compatible with essential features of MySQL 8.0, and `version()` returns the version prefixed with `8.0.11`.
- After TiFlash is upgraded to v7.4.0 from an earlier version, in-place downgrading to the original version is not supported. This is because, starting from v7.4, TiFlash optimizes the data compaction logic of PageStorage V3 to reduce the read and write amplification generated during data compaction, which leads to changes to some of the underlying storage file names.
- A `TIDB_PARSE_TSO_LOGICAL()` function is added to allow the extraction of the logical part of the TSO timestamp.
- The `information_schema.CHECK_CONSTRAINTS` table is added for improved compatibility with MySQL 8.0.
- For transactions containing multiple changes, if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in the update event, TiCDC splits an event into delete and insert events and ensures that all events follow the sequence of delete events preceding insert events. For more information, see documentation.

16.14.1.2.2 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_enable_tiflash_pipeline_model`	Deleted	This variable was used to control whether to enable the TiFlash pipeline execution model. Starting from v7.4.0, the TiFlash pipeline execution model is automatically enabled when the TiFlash resource control feature is enabled.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache	Modified	Changes the default value from ON to OFF after further tests, meaning that non-prepared execution plan cache is disabled.
default_collation_for_utf8mb4	Newly added	Controls the default collation for the utf8mb4 character set. The default value is utf8mb4_bin.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_cloud_storage_uri	Newly added	Specifies the cloud storage URI to enable Global Sort.
tidb_opt_enable_hash_join	Newly added	Controls whether the optimizer will select hash joins for tables. The value is `ON` by default. If set to `OFF`, the optimizer avoids selecting a hash join of a table unless there is no other execution plan available.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_opt_objective`	Newly added	This variable controls the objective of the optimizer. `moderate` maintains the default behavior in versions prior to TiDB v7.4.0, where the optimizer tries to use more information to generate better execution plans. `determinate` mode tends to be more conservative and

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_request_source_type	Newly added	Explicitly specifies the task type for the current session, which is identified and controlled by Resource Control. For example: SET @@tidb_request_source_type = "background".

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_schema_version_cache_limit	Newly added	This variable limits how many historical schema versions can be cached in a TiDB instance. The default value is 16, which means that TiDB caches 16 historical schema versions by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_service_scope	Newly added	This variable is an instance-level system variable. You can use it to control the service scope of TiDB nodes under the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF). When you set tidb_service_scope of a TiDB node to background, the DXF schedules that TiDB

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_session_alias`	Newly added	Controls the value of the `session_alias` column in the logs related to the current session.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tiflash ↪ _mem ↪ _ ↪ quota ↪ _ ↪ query ↪ _per ↪ _ ↪ node	Newly added	Limits the maximum memory usage for a query on a TiFlash node. When the memory usage of a query exceeds this limit, TiFlash returns an error and terminates the query. The default value is 0, which means no limit.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tiflash_query_spill_ratio	Newly added	Controls the threshold for TiFlash query-level spilling. The default value is 0.7.
tikv_client_read_timeout	Newly added	Controls the timeout for TiDB to send a TiKV RPC read request in a query. The default value 0 indicates that the default timeout (usually 40 seconds) is used.

16.14.1.2.3 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`enable-stats-cache-mem-quota`	Modified	The default value is changed from `false` to `true`, which means the memory limit for caching TiDB statistics is enabled by default.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].[periodic-compaction-seconds]	Modified	The default value is changed from `"30d"` to `"0s"` to disable periodic compaction of RocksDB by default. This change avoids a significant number of compactions being triggered after the TiDB upgrade, which affects the read and write performance of the frontend.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].[ttl|periodic-compaction-seconds]	Modified	The default value is changed from `"30d"` to `"0s"` so that SST files do not trigger compactions by default due to TTL, which avoids affecting the read and write performance of the frontend.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`flash.compact_log_min_gap`	Newly added	When the gap between the `applied_index` advanced by the current Raft state machine and the `applied_index` at the last disk spilling exceeds `compact_log_min_gap`, TiFlash executes the `CompactLog` command from TiKV and spills data to disk.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`profiles` ↪ `.` ↪ `default` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `_` ↪ `resource` ↪ `_` ↪ `control` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the TiFlash resource control feature.
TiFlash	`storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `format` ↪ `_` ↪ `version` ↪	Modified	Change the default value from `4` to `5`. The new format can reduce the number of physical files by merging smaller files.
TiFlash	`task_` ↪ `scheduler` ↪ `_` ↪ `active` ↪ `_set` ↪ `_` ↪ `soft` ↪ `_` ↪ `limit` ↪	Modified	Change the default value from `vcpu *` ↪ `0.25` to `vcpu` ↪ `* 2`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
Dumpling	`--csv-line-terminator`	Newly added	Specifies the desired terminator of CSV files. This option supports `"\r\n"` and `"\n"`. The default value is `"\r\n"`, which is consistent with the earlier versions.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`claim-check-storage-uri`	Newly added	When `large-message-handle-option` is set to `claim-check`, `claim-check-storage-uri` must be set to a valid external storage address. Otherwise, creating a changefeed results in an error.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`large-` ↪ `message` ↪ `-` ↪ `handle` ↪ `-` ↪ `compression` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable compression during encoding. The default value is empty, which means not enabled.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`large-message-handle-option`	Modified	This configuration item adds a new value `claim-check`. When it is set to `claim-check`, TiCDC Kafka sink supports sending the message to external storage when the message size exceeds the limit and sends a message to Kafka containing the address of this large message in external storage.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description

16.14.1.3 Deprecated and removed features

- Mydumper will be deprecated in v7.5.0 and most of its features have been replaced by Dumpling. It is strongly recommended that you use Dumpling instead of mydumper.
- TiKV-importer will be deprecated in v7.5.0. It is strongly recommended that you use the Physical Import Mode of TiDB Lightning as an alternative.
- The `enable-old-value` parameter of TiCDC is removed. #9667 @3AceShowHand

16.14.1.4 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Optimize memory usage and performance for `ANALYZE` operations on partitioned tables #47071 #47104 #46804 @hawkingrei
  - Optimize memory usage and performance for statistics garbage collection #31778 @winoros
  - Optimize the pushdown of `limit` for index merge intersections to improve query performance #46863 @AilinKid
  - Improve the cost model to minimize the chances of mistakenly choosing a full table scan when `IndexLookup` involves many table retrieval tasks #45132 @qw4990
  - Optimize the join elimination rule to improve the query performance of `join on unique keys` #46248 @fixdb
  - Change the collation of multi-valued index columns to `binary` to avoid execution failure #46717 @YangKeao
- TiKV
  - Optimize memory usage of Resolver to prevent OOM #15458 @overvenus
  - Eliminate LRUCache in Router objects to reduce memory usage and prevent OOM #15430 @Connor1996
  - Reduce memory usage of TiCDC Resolver #15412 @overvenus
  - Reduce memory fluctuations caused by RocksDB compaction #15324 @overvenus
  - Reduce memory consumption in the flow control module of Partitioned Raft KV #15269 @overvenus
  - Add the backoff mechanism for the PD client in the process of connection retries, which gradually increases retry intervals during error retries to reduce PD pressure #15428 @nolouch
  - Support dynamically adjusting `background_compaction` of RocksDB #15424 @glorv

- PD
    - Optimize TSO tracing information for easier investigation of TSO-related issues #6856 @tiancaiamao
    - Support reusing HTTP Client connections to reduce memory usage #6913 @nolouch
    - Improve the speed of PD automatically updating cluster status when the backup cluster is disconnected #6883 @disksing
    - Enhance the configuration retrieval method of the resource control client to dynamically fetch the latest configurations #7043 @nolouch
- TiFlash
    - Improve write performance during random write workloads by optimizing the spilling policy of the TiFlash write process #7564 @CalvinNeo
    - Add more metrics about the Raft replication process for TiFlash #8068 @CalvinNeo
    - Reduce the number of small files to avoid potential exhaustion of file system inodes #7595 @hongyunyan
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Alleviate the issue that the latency of the PITR log backup progress increases when Region leadership migration occurs #13638 @YuJuncen
        - Enhance support for connection reuse of log backup and PITR restore tasks by setting `MaxIdleConns` and `MaxIdleConnsPerHost` parameters in the HTTP client #46011 @Leavrth
        - Improve fault tolerance of BR when it fails to connect to PD or external S3 storage #42909 @Leavrth
        - Add a new restore parameter `WaitTiflashReady`. When this parameter is enabled, the restore operation will be completed after TiFlash replicas are successfully replicated #43828 #46302 @3pointer
        - Reduce the CPU overhead of log backup `resolve lock` #40759 @3pointer
    - TiCDC
        - Optimize the execution logic of replicating the `ADD INDEX` DDL operations to avoid blocking subsequent DML statements #9644 @sdojjy
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Optimize the retry logic of TiDB Lightning during the Region scatter phase #46203 @mittalrishabh
        - Optimize the retry logic of TiDB Lightning for the `no leader` error during the data import phase #46253 @lance6716

16.14.1.5 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the `BatchPointGet` operator returns incorrect results for tables that are not hash partitioned #45889 @Defined2014
    - Fix the issue that the `BatchPointGet` operator returns incorrect results for hash partitioned tables #46779 @jiyfhust
    - Fix the issue that the TiDB parser remains in a state and causes parsing failure #45898 @qw4990
    - Fix the issue that `EXCHANGE PARTITION` does not check constraints #45922 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that the `tidb_enforce_mpp` system variable cannot be correctly restored #46214 @djshow832
    - Fix the issue that the `_` in the `LIKE` clause is incorrectly handled #46287 #46618 @Defined2014
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    - Fix the issue that `Duplicate entry` might occur when `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` is set #46444 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the issue that TiDB recovers slowly after a panic when `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` is set #46454 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the issue that the `next_row_id` in `SHOW CREATE TABLE` is incorrect when `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` is set #46545 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs during parsing when using CTE in subqueries #45838 @djshow832
    - Fix the issue that restrictions on partitioned tables remain on the original table when `EXCHANGE PARTITION` fails or is canceled #45920 #45791 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that the definition of List partitions does not support using both `NULL` and empty strings #45694 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue of not being able to detect data that does not comply with partition definitions during partition exchange #46492 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that the `tmp-storage-quota` configuration does not take effect #45161 #26806 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that the `WEIGHT_STRING()` function does not match the collation #45725 @dveeden
    - Fix the issue that an error in Index Join might cause the query to get stuck #45716 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that the behavior is inconsistent with MySQL when comparing a `DATETIME` or `TIMESTAMP` column with a number constant #38361 @yibin87
    - Fix the incorrect result that occurs when comparing unsigned types with `Duration` type constants #45410 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that access path pruning logic ignores the `READ_FROM_STORAGE` ↪ `(TIFLASH[...])` hint, which causes the `Can't find a proper physical` ↪ `plan` error #40146 @AilinKid

- Fix the issue that `GROUP_CONCAT` cannot parse the `ORDER BY` column #41986 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that HashCode is repeatedly calculated for deeply nested expressions, which causes high memory usage and OOM #42788 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that the `cast(col)=range` condition causes FullScan when CAST has no precision loss #45199 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that when Aggregation is pushed down through Union in MPP execution plans, the results are incorrect #45850 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that bindings with `in (?)` cannot match `in (?, ... ?)` #44298 @qw4990
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- Fix the issue that `plan replayer dump explain` reports an error #46197 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that executing DML statements with CTE can cause panic #46083 @winoros
- Fix the issue that the `TIDB_INLJ` hint does not take effect when joining two subqueries #46160 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the results of `MERGE_JOIN` are incorrect #46580 @qw4990

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that TiKV fails to start when Titan is enabled and the `Blob file ↪ deleted twice` error occurs #15454 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue of no data in the Thread Voluntary and Thread Nonvoluntary monitoring panels #15413 @SpadeA-Tang
  - Fix the data error of continuously increasing raftstore-applys #15371 @Connor1996
  - Fix the TiKV panic issue caused by incorrect metadata of Region #13311 @zyguan
  - Fix the issue of QPS dropping to 0 after switching from `sync_recovery` to `sync` #15366 @nolouch
  - Fix the issue that Online Unsafe Recovery does not abort on timeout #15346 @Connor1996
  - Fix the potential memory leak issue caused by CpuRecord #15304 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that `"Error 9002: TiKV server timeout"` occurs when the backup cluster is down and the primary cluster is queried #12914 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that the backup TiKV gets stuck when TiKV restarts after the primary cluster recovers #12320 @disksing

- PD

  - Fix the issue that the Region information is not updated and saved during Flashback #6912 @overvenus

- Fix the issue of slow switching of PD Leaders due to slow synchronization of store config #6918 @bufferflies
- Fix the issue that the groups are not considered in Scatter Peers #6962 @bufferflies
- Fix the issue that RU consumption less than 0 causes PD to crash #6973 @CabinfeverB
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- TiFlash
  - Fix the issue that the `max_snapshot_lifetime` metric is displayed incorrectly on Grafana #7713 @JaySon-Huang
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- Fix the issue that sensitive user information is recorded in the logs #9690 @sdojjy

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  - Fix the issue that DM skips all DMLs when resuming a task in optimistic mode #9588 @GMHDBJD
  - Fix the issue that DM skips partition DDLs in optimistic mode #9788 @GMHDBJD
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that inserting data returns an error after TiDB Lightning imports the `NONCLUSTERED auto_increment` and `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` tables #46100 @tiancaiamao
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16.15 v7.3

16.15.1 TiDB 7.3.0 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start

7.3.0 introduces the following major features. In addition to that, 7.3.0 also includes a series of enhancements (described in the Feature details section) to query stability in TiDB server and TiFlash. These enhancements are more miscellaneous in nature and not user-facing so they are not included in the following table.

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Description</th>
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```
<td>Scalability and Performance</td>
<td>TiDB Lightning supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.3/
    ↪ partitioned-raft-kv">Partitioned Raft KV</a> (experimental)</td>
<td>TiDB Lightning now supports the new Partitioned Raft KV architecture, as
    ↪  part of the near-term GA of the architecture.
</td>
```

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<td rowspan="2">Reliability and Availability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.3/tidb-lightning-physical-
    ↪ import-mode-usage#conflict-detection">Add automatic conflict
    ↪ detection and resolution on data imports</a></td>
<td>The TiDB Lightning Physical Import Mode supports a new version of
    ↪ conflict detection, which implements the semantics of replacing (<
    ↪ code>replace</code>) or ignoring (<code>ignore</code>) conflict data
    ↪ when encountering conflicts. It automatically handles conflict data
    ↪ for you while improving the performance of conflict resolution.</td>
```

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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.3/tidb-resource-control#query-
    ↪ watch-parameters">Manual management of runaway queries </a>(
    ↪ experimental)</td>
<td>Queries might take longer than you expect. With the new watch list of
    ↪ resource groups, you can now manage queries more effectively and
    ↪ either deprioritize or kill them. Allowing operators to mark target
    ↪ queries by exact SQL text, SQL digest, or plan digest and deal with
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    ↪ the queries at a resource group level, this feature gives you much
    ↪ more control over the potential impact of unexpected large queries on
    ↪  a cluster.</td>
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<td>SQL</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.3/optimizer-hints">Enhance
    ↪ operator control over query stability by adding more optimizer hints
    ↪ to the query planner</a></td>
<td>Added hints: <code>NO_INDEX_JOIN()</code>, <code>NO_MERGE_JOIN()</code>,
    ↪  <code>NO_INDEX_MERGE_JOIN()</code>, <code>NO_HASH_JOIN()</code>, <
    ↪ code>NO_INDEX_HASH_JOIN()</code>
</td>
```

```
<td>DB Operations and Observability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.3/sql-statement-show-analyze-
    ↪ status">Show the progress of statistics collection tasks</a></td>
<td>Support viewing the progress of <code>ANALYZE</code> tasks using the <
    ↪ code>SHOW ANALYZE STATUS</code> statement or through the <code>mysql.
    ↪ analyze_jobs</code> system table.</td>
```

16.15.1.1 Feature details

16.15.1.1.1 Performance

- TiFlash supports the replica selection strategy #44106 @XuHuaiyu

  Before v7.3.0, TiFlash uses replicas from all its nodes for data scanning and MPP calculations to maximize performance. Starting from v7.3.0, TiFlash introduces the replica selection strategy and lets you configure it using the `tiflash_replica_read` ↪ system variable. This strategy supports selecting specific replicas based on the zone attributes of nodes and scheduling specific nodes for data scanning and MPP calculations.

  For a cluster that is deployed in multiple data centers and each data center has complete TiFlash data replicas, you can configure this strategy to only select TiFlash replicas from the current data center. This means data scanning and MPP calculations are performed only on TiFlash nodes in the current data center, which avoids excessive network data transmission across data centers.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports Runtime Filter within nodes #40220 @elsa0520

  Runtime Filter is a **dynamic predicate** generated during the query planning phase. In the process of table joining, these dynamic predicates can effectively filter out rows that do not meet the join conditions, reducing scan time and network overhead, and

improving the efficiency of table joining. Starting from v7.3.0, TiFlash supports Runtime Filter within nodes, improving the overall performance of analytical queries. In some TPC-DS workloads, the performance can be improved by 10% to 50%.

This feature is disabled by default in v7.3.0. To enable this feature, set the system variable `tidb_runtime_filter_mode` to `LOCAL`.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports executing common table expressions (CTEs) (experimental) #43333 @winoros

  Before v7.3.0, the MPP engine of TiFlash cannot execute queries that contain CTEs by default. To achieve the best execution performance within the MPP framework, you need to use the system variable `tidb_opt_force_inline_cte` to enforce inlining CTE.

  Starting from v7.3.0, TiFlash's MPP engine supports executing queries with CTEs without inlining them, allowing for optimal query execution within the MPP framework. In TPC-DS benchmark tests, compared with inlining CTEs, this feature has shown a 20% improvement in overall query execution speed for queries containing CTE.

  This feature is experimental and is disabled by default. It is controlled by the system variable `tidb_opt_enable_mpp_shared_cte_execution`.

16.15.1.1.2 Reliability

- Add new optimizer hints #45520 @qw4990

  In v7.3.0, TiDB introduces several new optimizer hints to control the join methods between tables, including:

  - `NO_MERGE_JOIN()` selects join methods other than merge join.
  - `NO_INDEX_JOIN()` selects join methods other than index nested loop join.
  - `NO_INDEX_MERGE_JOIN()` selects join methods other than index nested loop merge join.
  - `NO_HASH_JOIN()` selects join methods other than hash join.
  - `NO_INDEX_HASH_JOIN()` selects join methods other than index nested loop hash join.

For more information, see documentation.

- Manually mark queries that use resources more than expected (experimental) #43691 @Connor1996 @CabinfeverB

  In v7.2.0, TiDB automatically manages queries that use resources more than expected (Runaway Query) by automatically downgrading or canceling runaway queries. In actual practice, rules alone cannot cover all cases. Therefore, TiDB v7.3.0 introduces

the ability to manually mark runaway queries. With the new command `QUERY WATCH`, you can mark runaway queries based on SQL text, SQL Digest, or execution plan, and the marked runaway queries can be downgraded or cancelled.

This feature provides an effective intervention method for sudden performance issues in the database. For performance issues caused by queries, before identifying the root cause, this feature can quickly alleviate its impact on overall performance, thereby improving system service quality.

For more information, see documentation.

16.15.1.1.3 SQL

- List and List COLUMNS partitioned tables support default partitions #20679 @mjonss @bb7133

  Before v7.3.0, when you use the `INSERT` statement to insert data into a List or List COLUMNS partitioned table, the data needs to meet the specified partitioning conditions of the table. If the data to be inserted does not meet any of these conditions, either the execution of the statement will fail or the non-compliant data will be ignored.

Starting from v7.3.0, List and List COLUMNS partitioned tables support default partitions. After a default partition is created, if the data to be inserted does not meet any partitioning condition, it will be written to the default partition. This feature improves the usability of List and List COLUMNS partitioning, avoiding the execution failure of the `INSERT` statement or data being ignored due to data that does not meet partitioning conditions.

```
Note that this feature is a TiDB extension to MySQL syntax. For a
    ↪ partitioned table with a default partition, the data in the table
    ↪ cannot be directly replicated to MySQL.

For more information, see [documentation](#list-partitioning).
```

16.15.1.1.4 Observability

- Show the progress of collecting statistics #44033 @hawkingrei

  Collecting statistics for large tables often takes a long time. In previous versions, you cannot see the progress of collecting statistics, and therefore cannot predict the completion time. TiDB v7.3.0 introduces a feature to show the progress of collecting statistics. You can view the overall workload, current progress, and estimated completion time for each subtask using the system table `mysql.analyze_jobs` or `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS`. In scenarios such as large-scale data import and SQL performance optimization, this feature helps you understand the overall task progress and improves the user experience.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Plan Replayer supports exporting historical statistics #45038 @time-and-fate

  Starting from v7.3.0, with the newly added `dump with stats as of timestamp` clause, you can use Plan Replayer to export the statistics of specified SQL-related objects at a specific point in time. During the diagnosis of execution plan issues, accurately capturing historical statistics can help analyze more precisely how the execution plan was generated at the time when the issue occurred. This helps identify the root cause of the issue and greatly improves efficiency in diagnosing execution plan issues.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.15.1.1.5 Data migration

- TiDB Lightning introduces a new version of conflict data detection and handling strategy #41629 @lance6716

  In previous versions, TiDB Lightning uses different conflict detection and handling methods for Logical Import Mode and Physical Import Mode, which are complex to configure and not easy for users to understand. In addition, Physical Import Mode cannot handle conflicts using the `replace` or `ignore` strategy. Starting from v7.3.0, TiDB Lightning introduces a unified conflict detection and handling strategy for both Logical Import Mode and Physical Import Mode. You can choose to report an error (`error`), replace (`replace`) or ignore (`ignore`) conflicting data when encountering conflicts. You can limit the number of conflict records, such as the task is interrupted and terminated after processing a specified number of conflict records. Furthermore, the system can record conflicting data for troubleshooting.

  For import data with many conflicts, it is recommended to use the new version of the conflict detection and handling strategy for better performance. In the lab environment, the new version strategy can improve the performance of conflict detection and handling up to three times faster than the old version. This performance value is for reference only. The actual performance might vary depending on your configuration, table structure, and the percentage of conflicting data. Note that the new version and the old version of the conflict strategy cannot be used at the same time. The old conflict detection and handling strategy will be deprecated in the future.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB Lightning supports Partitioned Raft KV (experimental) #14916 @GMHDBJD

  TiDB Lightning now supports Partitioned Raft KV. This feature helps improve the data import performance of TiDB Lightning.

- TiDB Lightning introduces a new parameter `enable-diagnose-log` to enhance troubleshooting by printing more diagnostic logs #45497 @D3Hunter

  By default, this feature is disabled and TiDB Lightning only prints logs containing `lightning/main`. When enabled, TiDB Lightning prints logs for all packages (including `client-go` and `tidb`) to help diagnose issues related to `client-go` and `tidb`.

For more information, see documentation.

16.15.1.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v7.2.0 to the current version (v7.3.0). If you are upgrading from v7.1.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.15.1.2.1 Behavior changes

- TiDB
    - MPP is a distributed computing framework provided by the TiFlash engine, which allows data exchange between nodes and provides high-performance, high-throughput SQL algorithms. Compared with other protocols, the MPP protocol is more mature and can provide better task and resource management. Starting from v7.3.0, when TiDB pushes computation tasks to TiFlash, the optimizer only generates execution plans using the MPP protocol by default. If `tidb_allow_mpp` is set to `OFF`, queries might return errors after you upgrade TiDB. It is recommended that you check the value of `tidb_allow_mpp` and set it to `ON` before the upgrade. If you still need the optimizer to choose one of the Cop, BatchCop, and MPP protocols for generating execution plans based on cost estimates, you can set the `tidb_allow_tiflash_cop` variable to `ON`.
- Backup & Restore (BR)
    - BR adds an empty cluster check before performing a full data restoration. By default, restoring data to a non-empty cluster is not allowed. If you want to force the restoration, you can use the `--filter` option to specify the corresponding table name to restore data to.
- TiDB Lightning
    - `tikv-importer.on-duplicate` is deprecated and replaced by `conflict.strategy`.
    - The `max-error` parameter, which controls the maximum number of non-fatal errors that TiDB Lightning can tolerate before stopping the migration task, no longer limits import data conflicts. The `conflict.threshold` parameter now controls the maximum number of conflicting records that can be tolerated.

- TiCDC
    - When Kafka sink uses Avro protocol, if the `force-replicate` parameter is set to `true`, TiCDC reports an error when creating a changefeed.
    - Due to incompatibility between `delete-only-output-handle-key-columns` and `force-replicate` parameters, when both parameters are enabled, TiCDC reports an error when creating a changefeed.
    - When the output protocol is Open Protocol, the `UPDATE` events only output the changed columns.

16.15.1.2.2 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_opt_enable_mpp_shared_cte_execution`	Modified	This system variable takes effect starting from v7.3.0. It controls whether non-recursive Common Table Expressions (CTEs) can be executed in TiFlash MPP.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_allow_tiflash_cop	Newly added	This system variable is used to select the protocol for generating execution plans when TiDB pushes computation tasks down to TiFlash.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ lock ↪ _ ↪ unchanged ↪ _ ↪ keys	Newly added	This variable is used to control in certain scenarios whether to lock the keys that are involved but not modified in a transaction.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ enable ↪ _non ↪ _ ↪ eval ↪ _ ↪ scalar ↪ _ ↪ subquery ↪	Newly added	Controls whether the EXPLAIN ↪ statement disables the execution of constant subqueries that can be expanded at the optimization stage.
tidb_ ↪ skip ↪ _ ↪ missing ↪ _ ↪ partition ↪ _ ↪ stats ↪	Newly added	This variable controls the generation of global statistics when partition statistics are missing.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tiflash ↪ _ ↪ replica ↪ _ ↪ read	Newly added	Controls the strategy for selecting TiFlash replicas when a query requires the TiFlash engine.

16.15.1.2.3 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	enable ↪ -32 ↪ bits ↪ - ↪ connection ↪ -id	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the 32-bit connection ID feature.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`in-mem-` ↪ `slow` ↪ `-` ↪ `query` ↪ `-` ↪ `recent` ↪ `-num`	Newly added	Controls the number of recently used slow queries that are cached in memory.
TiDB	`in-mem-` ↪ `slow` ↪ `-` ↪ `query` ↪ `-` ↪ `topn` ↪ `-num`	Newly added	Controls the number of slowest queries that are cached in memory.
TiKV	`coprocessor` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `bucket` ↪ `-` ↪ `size`	Modified	Changes the default value from `96MiB` to `50MiB`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raft-engine.format-version`	Modified	When using Partitioned Raft KV (`storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`), Ribbon filter is used. Therefore, TiKV changes the default value from `2` to `5`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raftdb.max-total-wal-size`	Modified	When using Partitioned Raft KV (`storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`), TiKV skips writing WAL. Therefore, TiKV changes the default value from `"4GB"` to `1`, meaning that WAL is disabled.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lock].[compaction-guard-min-output-file-size	Modified	Changes the default value from `"1MB"` to `"8MB"` to resolve the issue that compaction speed cannot keep up with the write speed during large data writes.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].format-version	Modified	When using Partitioned Raft KV (`storage.engine="partitioned-raft-kv"`), Ribbon filter is used. Therefore, TiKV changes the default value from `2` to `5`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `lockcf` ↪ `.` ↪ `write` ↪ `-` ↪ `buffer` ↪ `-` ↪ `size`	Modified	When using Partitioned Raft KV (`storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `engine` ↪ `="` ↪ `partitioned` ↪ `-` ↪ `raft` ↪ `-kv"` ↪), to speed up compaction on lockcf, TiKV changes the default value from `"32MB"` to `"4MB"`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.max` ↪ `-` ↪ `total` ↪ `-wal` ↪ `-` ↪ `size`	Modified	When using Partitioned Raft KV (`storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `engine` ↪ `="` ↪ `partitioned` ↪ `-` ↪ `raft` ↪ `-kv"` ↪), TiKV skips writing WAL. Therefore, TiKV changes the default value from `"4GB"` to `1`, meaning that WAL is disabled.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `stats` ↪ `-` ↪ `dump` ↪ `-` ↪ `period` ↪	Modified	When using Partitioned Raft KV (`storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `engine` ↪ `="` ↪ `partitioned` ↪ `-` ↪ `raft` ↪ `-kv"` ↪), to disable redundant log printing, changes the default value from `"10m"` to `"0"`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `write` ↪ `-` ↪ `buffer` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	Modified	To reduce the memory overhead of memtables, when `storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `engine` ↪ `="` ↪ `raft` ↪ `-kv"`, TiKV changes the default value from 25% of the memory of the machine to `0`, which means no limit. When using Partitioned Raft KV (`storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `engine` ↪ `="` ↪ `partitioned` ↪ `-` ↪ `raft` ↪ `-kv"` ↪), TiKV changes

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	storage ↪ . ↪ block ↪ - ↪ cache ↪ . ↪ capacity ↪	Modified	When using Partitioned Raft KV (storage ↪ . ↪ engine ↪ =" ↪ partitioned ↪ - ↪ raft ↪ -kv" ↪), to compensate for the memory overhead of memtables, TiKV changes the default value from 45% to 30% of the size of total system memory.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `format` ↪ `_` ↪ `version` ↪	Modified	Introduces a new DTFile format `format_` ↪ `version` ↪ `= 5` to reduce the number of physical files by merging smaller files. Note that this format is experimental and not enabled by default.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`tikv-importer.incremental-import`	Deleted	TiDB Lightning parallel import parameter. Because it could easily be mistaken as an incremental import parameter, this parameter is now renamed to `tikv-importer.parallel-import`. If a user passes in the old parameter name, it will be automatically converted to the new one.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`tikv-importer.on-duplicate`	Deprecated	Controls action to do when trying to insert a conflicting record in the logical import mode. Starting from v7.3.0, this parameter is replaced by `conflict.strategy`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`conflict` ↪ `.max` ↪ `-` ↪ `record` ↪ `-` ↪ `rows`	Newly added	The new version of strategy to handle conflicting data. It controls the maximum number of rows in the `conflict` ↪ `_` ↪ `records` ↪ table. The default value is 100.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`conflict` ↪ `.` ↪ `strategy` ↪	Newly added	The new version of strategy to handle conflicting data. It includes the following options: "" (TiDB Lightning does not detect and process conflicting data), `error` (terminate the import and report an error if a primary or unique key conflict is detected in the imported data), `replace` (when encountering data

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`conflict ↪ . ↪ threshold ↪`	Newly added	Controls the upper limit of the conflicting data. When `conflict ↪ . ↪ strategy ↪ =" ↪ error ↪ "`, the default value is `0`. When `conflict ↪ . ↪ strategy ↪ =" ↪ replace ↪ "` or `conflict ↪ . ↪ strategy ↪ =" ↪ ignore ↪ "`, you can set it as a maxint.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`enable-diagnose-logs`	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the diagnostic logs. The default value is `false`, that is, only the logs related to the import are output, and the logs of other dependent components are not output. When you set it to `true`, logs from both the import process and other dependent components are output, and GRPC debugging is enabled, which

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`tikv-importer.parallel-import`	Newly added	TiDB Lightning parallel import parameter. It replaces the existing `tikv-importer.incremental-import` parameter, which could be mistaken as an incremental import parameter and misused.
BR	`azblob.encryption-scope`	Newly added	BR provides encryption scope support for Azure Blob Storage.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
BR	`azblob.` ↪ `encryption` ↪ `-key`	Newly added	BR provides encryption key support for Azure Blob Storage.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`large-message-handle-option`	Newly added	Empty by default, which means that when the message size exceeds the limit of Kafka topic, the changefeed fails. When this configuration is set to `"handle-key-only"`, if the message exceeds the size limit, only the handle key will be sent to reduce the message size; if the reduced message still exceeds

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `csv.` ↪ `binary` ↪ `-` ↪ `encoding` ↪ `-` ↪ `method` ↪	Newly added	The encoding method of binary data, which can be `'base64` ↪ `'` or `'hex'`. The default value is `'base64` ↪ `'`.

16.15.1.2.4 System tables

- Add a new system table `mysql.tidb_timers` to store the metadata of internal timers.

16.15.1.3 Deprecated features

- TiDB
  - The `Fast Analyze` feature (experimental) for statistics will be deprecated in v7.5.0.
  - The incremental collection feature for statistics will be deprecated in v7.5.0.

16.15.1.4 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Introduce a new system variable `tidb_opt_enable_non_eval_scalar_subquery` to control whether the `EXPLAIN` statement executes subqueries in advance during the optimization phase #22076 @winoros
  - When Global Kill is enabled, you can terminate the current session by pressing Control+C #8854 @pingyu
  - Support the `IS_FREE_LOCK()` and `IS_USED_LOCK()` locking functions #44493 @dveeden

- Optimize the performance of reading the dumped chunks from disk #45125 @YangKeao
- Optimize the overestimation issue of the inner table of Index Join by using Optimizer Fix Controls #44855 @time-and-fate

- TiKV
  - Add the `Max gap of safe-ts` and `Min safe ts region` metrics and introduce the `tikv-ctl get-region-read-progress` command to better observe and diagnose the status of resolved-ts and safe-ts #15082 @ekexium

- PD
  - Support blocking the Swagger API by default when the Swagger server is not enabled #6786 @bufferflies
  - Improve the high availability of etcd #6554 #6442 @lhy1024
  - Reduce the memory consumption of `GetRegions` requests #6835 @lhy1024

- TiFlash
  - Support a new DTFile format version `storage.format_version = 5` to reduce the number of physical files (experimental) #7595 @hongyunyan

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - When backing up data to Azure Blob Storage using BR, you can specify either an encryption scope or an encryption key for server-side encryption #45025 @Leavrth
  - TiCDC
    - Optimize the message size of the Open Protocol output to make it include only the updated column values when sending `UPDATE` events #9336 @3AceShowHand
    - Storage Sink now supports hexadecimal encoding for HEX formatted data, making it compatible with AWS DMS format specifications #9373 @CharlesCheung96
    - Kafka Sink supports sending only handle key data when the message is too large, reducing the size of the message #9382 @3AceShowHand

16.15.1.5 Bug fixes

- TiDB

- Fix the issue that when the MySQL Cursor Fetch protocol is used, the memory consumption of result sets might exceed the `tidb_mem_quota_query` limit and causes TiDB OOM. After the fix, TiDB will automatically write result sets to the disk to release memory #43233 @YangKeao
- Fix the TiDB panic issue caused by data race #45561 @genliqi
- Fix the hang-up issue that occurs when queries with `indexMerge` are killed #45279 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that query results in MPP mode are incorrect when `tidb_enable_parallel_apply` is enabled #45299 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that `resolve lock` might hang when there is a sudden change in PD time #44822 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that the GC Resolve Locks step might miss some pessimistic locks #45134 @MyonKeminta
- Fix the issue that the query with `ORDER BY` returns incorrect results in dynamic pruning mode #45007 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that `AUTO_INCREMENT` can be specified on the same column with the `DEFAULT` column value #45136 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that querying the system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_REGION_STATUS` returns incorrect results in some cases #45531 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue of incorrect partition table pruning in some cases #42273 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that global indexes are not cleared when truncating partition of a partitioned table #42435 @L-maple
- Fix the issue that other TiDB nodes do not take over TTL tasks after failures in one TiDB node #45022 @lcwangchao
- Fix the memory leak issue when TTL is running #45510 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue of inaccurate error messages when inserting data into partitioned tables #44966 @lilinghai
- Fix the read permission issue on the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_REPLICA` table #7795 @Lloyd-Pottiger
- Fix the issue that an error occurs when using a wrong partition table name #44967 @River2000i
- Fix the issue that creating indexes gets stuck when `tidb_enable_dist_task` is enabled in some cases #44440 @tangenta
- Fix the `duplicate entry` error that occurs when restoring a table with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` using BR #44716 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the time consumed for executing `TRUNCATE TABLE` is inconsistent with the task execution time shown in `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` #44785 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that upgrading TiDB gets stuck when reading metadata takes longer than one DDL lease #45176 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that the query result of the `SELECT CAST(n AS CHAR)` statement is incorrect when `n` in the statement is a negative number #44786 @xhebox
- Fix the issue that queries might return incorrect results when `tidb_opt_agg_push_down` is enabled #44795 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue of wrong results that occurs when a query with `current_date()`

uses plan cache #45086 @qw4990

- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that reading data during GC might cause TiKV panic in some rare cases #15109 @MyonKeminta
- PD
    - Fix the issue that restarting PD might cause the `default` resource group to be reinitialized #6787 @glorv
    - Fix the issue that when etcd is already started but the client has not yet connected to it, calling the client might cause PD to panic #6860 @HuSharp
    - Fix the issue that the `health-check` output of a Region is inconsistent with the Region information returned by querying the Region ID #6560 @JmPotato
    - Fix the issue that failed learner peers in `unsafe recovery` are ignored in `auto-detect` mode #6690 @v01dstar
    - Fix the issue that Placement Rules select TiFlash learners that do not meet the rules #6662 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that unhealthy peers cannot be removed when rule checker selects peers #6559 @nolouch
- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash cannot replicate partitioned tables successfully due to deadlocks #7758 @hongyunyan
    - Fix the issue that the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_REPLICA` system table contains tables that users do not have privileges to access #7795 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that when there are multiple HashAgg operators within the same MPP task, the compilation of the MPP task might take an excessively long time, severely affecting query performance #7810 @SeaRise
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Fix the issue that changefeeds would fail due to the temporary unavailability of PD #9294 @asddongmen
        - Fix the data inconsistency issue that might occur when some TiCDC nodes are isolated from the network #9344 @CharlesCheung96
        - Fix the issue that when Kafka Sink encounters errors it might indefinitely block changefeed progress #9309 @hicqu
        - Fix the panic issue that might occur when the TiCDC node status changes #9354 @sdojjy
        - Fix the encoding error for the default `ENUM` values #9259 @3AceShowHand
    - TiDB Lightning

- Fix the issue that executing checksum after TiDB Lightning completes import might get SSL errors #45462 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that in Logical Import Mode, deleting tables downstream during import might cause TiDB Lightning metadata not to be updated in time #44614 @dsdashun

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16.16 v7.2

16.16.1 TiDB 7.2.0 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start

7.2.0 introduces the following key features and improvements:

```
<th>Category</th>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Description</th>
```

```
<td rowspan="2">Scalability and Performance</td>
<td>Resource groups support <a href="https://docs-archive.pingcap.com/tidb/
    ↪ v7.2/tidb-resource-control#manage-queries-that-consume-more-resources
    ↪ -than-expected-runaway-queries"> managing runaway queries</a> (
    ↪ experimental)</td>
```

```
<td>You can now manage query timeout with more granularity, allowing for
   ↪ different behaviors based on query classifications. Queries meeting
   ↪ your specified threshold can be deprioritized or terminated.
</td>
```

```
<td>TiFlash supports the <a href="https://docs-archive.pingcap.com/tidb/v7
   ↪ .2/tiflash-pipeline-model">pipeline execution model</a> (experimental
   ↪ )</td>
<td>TiFlash supports a pipeline execution model to optimize thread resource
   ↪ control.</td>
```

```
<td rowspan="1">SQL</td>
<td>Support a new SQL statement, <a href="https://docs-archive.pingcap.com/
   ↪ tidb/v7.2/sql-statement-import-into">IMPORT INTO</a>, for data import
   ↪  (experimental)</td>
```

To simplify the deployment and maintenance of TiDB Lightning, TiDB introduces a new SQL statement IMPORT INTO, which integrates physical import mode of TiDB Lightning, including remote import from Amazon S3 or Google Cloud Storage (GCS) directly into TiDB.

```
<td rowspan="2">DB Operations and Observability</td>
<td>DDL supports <a href="https://docs-archive.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.2/ddl-
   ↪ introduction#ddl-related-commands">pause and resume operations</a> (
   ↪ experimental)</td>
<td>This new capability lets you temporarily suspend resource-intensive DDL
   ↪ operations, such as index creation, to conserve resources and
   ↪ minimize the impact on online traffic. You can seamlessly resume
   ↪ these operations when ready, without the need to cancel and restart.
   ↪ This feature enhances resource utilization, improves user experience,
   ↪  and streamlines schema changes.</td>
```

16.16.1.1 Feature details

16.16.1.1.1 Performance

- Support pushing down the following two window functions to TiFlash #7427 @xzhangxian1008
  - `FIRST_VALUE`
  - `LAST_VALUE`
- TiFlash supports the pipeline execution model (experimental) #6518 @SeaRise

Prior to v7.2.0, each task in the TiFlash engine must individually request thread resources during execution. TiFlash controls the number of tasks to limit thread resource usage and prevent overuse, but this issue could not be completely eliminated. To address this problem, starting from v7.2.0, TiFlash introduces a pipeline execution model. This model centrally manages all thread resources and schedules task execution uniformly, maximizing the utilization of thread resources while avoiding resource overuse. To enable or disable the pipeline execution model, modify the `tidb_enable_tiflash_pipeline_model` system variable.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash reduces the latency of schema replication #7630 @hongyunyan

  When the schema of a table changes, TiFlash needs to replicate the latest schema from TiKV in a timely manner. Before v7.2.0, when TiFlash accesses table data and detects a table schema change within a database, TiFlash needs to replicate the schemas of all tables in this database again, including those tables without TiFlash replicas. As a result, in a database with a large number of tables, even if you only need to read data from a single table using TiFlash, you might experience significant latency to wait for TiFlash to complete the schema replication of all tables.

  In v7.2.0, TiFlash optimizes the schema replication mechanism and supports only replicating schemas of tables with TiFlash replicas. When a schema change is detected for a table with TiFlash replicas, TiFlash only replicates the schema of that table, which reduces the latency of schema replication of TiFlash and minimizes the impact of DDL operations on TiFlash data replication. This optimization is automatically applied and does not require any manual configuration.

- Improve the performance of statistics collection #44725 @xuyifangreeneyes

  TiDB v7.2.0 optimizes the statistics collection strategy, skipping some of the duplicate information and information that is of little value to the optimizer. The overall speed of statistics collection has been improved by 30%. This improvement allows TiDB to update the statistics of the database in a more timely manner, making the generated execution plans more accurate, thus improving the overall database performance.

  By default, statistics collection skips the columns of the `JSON`, `BLOB`, `MEDIUMBLOB`, and `LONGBLOB` types. You can modify the default behavior by setting the `tidb_analyze_skip_column_types` system variable. TiDB supports skipping the `JSON`, `BLOB`, and `TEXT` types and their subtypes.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Improve the performance of checking data and index consistency #43693 @wjhuang2016

  The `ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]` statement is used to check the consistency between data in a table and its corresponding indexes. In v7.2.0, TiDB optimizes the method for checking data consistency and improves the execution efficiency of `ADMIN CHECK [TABLE|INDEX]` greatly. In scenarios with large amounts of data, this optimization can provide a performance boost of hundreds of times.

The optimization is enabled by default (`tidb_enable_fast_table_check` is `ON` by default) to greatly reduce the time required for data consistency checks in large-scale tables and enhance operational efficiency.

For more information, see documentation.

16.16.1.1.2 Reliability

- Automatically manage queries that consume more resources than expected (experimental) #43691 @Connor1996 @CabinfeverB @glorv @HuSharp @nolouch

  The most common challenge to database stability is the degradation of overall database performance caused by abrupt SQL performance problems. There are many causes for SQL performance issues, such as new SQL statements that have not been fully tested, drastic changes in data volume, and abrupt changes in execution plans. These issues are difficult to completely avoid at the root. TiDB v7.2.0 provides the ability to manage queries that consume more resources than expected. This feature can quickly reduce the scope of impact when a performance issue occurs.

  To manage these queries, you can set the maximum execution time of queries for a resource group. When the execution time of a query exceeds this limit, the query is automatically deprioritized or cancelled. You can also set a period of time to immediately match identified queries by text or execution plan. This helps prevent high concurrency of the problematic queries during the identification phase that could consume more resources than expected.

  Automatic management of queries that consume more resources than expected provides you with an effective means to quickly respond to unexpected query performance problems. This feature can reduce the impact of the problem on overall database performance, thereby improving database stability.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Enhance the capability of creating a binding according to a historical execution plan #39199 @qw4990

  TiDB v7.2.0 enhances the capability of creating a binding according to a historical execution plan. This feature improves the parsing and binding process for complex statements, making the bindings more stable, and supports the following new hints:

  - `AGG_TO_COP()`
  - `LIMIT_TO_COP()`
  - `ORDER_INDEX`
  - `NO_ORDER_INDEX()`

For more information, see documentation.

- Introduce the Optimizer Fix Controls mechanism to provide fine-grained control over optimizer behaviors #43169 @time-and-fate

  To generate more reasonable execution plans, the behavior of the TiDB optimizer evolves over product iterations. However, in some particular scenarios, the changes might lead to performance regression. TiDB v7.2.0 introduces Optimizer Fix Controls to let you control some of the fine-grained behaviors of the optimizer. This enables you to roll back or control some new changes.

  Each controllable behavior is described by a GitHub issue corresponding to the fix number. All controllable behaviors are listed in Optimizer Fix Controls. You can set a target value for one or more behaviors by setting the `tidb_opt_fix_control` system variable to achieve behavior control.

  The Optimizer Fix Controls mechanism helps you control the TiDB optimizer at a granular level. It provides a new means of fixing performance issues caused by the upgrade process and improves the stability of TiDB.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Lightweight statistics initialization becomes generally available (GA) #42160 @xuyifangreeneyes

  Starting from v7.2.0, the lightweight statistics initialization feature becomes GA. Lightweight statistics initialization can significantly reduce the number of statistics that must be loaded during startup, thus improving the speed of loading statistics. This feature increases the stability of TiDB in complex runtime environments and reduces the impact on the overall service when TiDB nodes restart.

  For newly created clusters of v7.2.0 or later versions, TiDB loads lightweight statistics by default during TiDB startup and will wait for the loading to finish before providing services. For clusters upgraded from earlier versions, you can set the TiDB configuration items `lite-init-stats` and `force-init-stats` to `true` to enable this feature.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.16.1.1.3 SQL

- Support the `CHECK` constraints #41711 @fzzf678

  Starting from v7.2.0, you can use `CHECK` constraints to restrict the values of one or more columns in a table to meet your specified conditions. When a `CHECK` constraint is added to a table, TiDB checks whether the constraint is satisfied before inserting or updating data in the table. Only the data that satisfies the constraint can be written.

  This feature is disabled by default. You can set the `tidb_enable_check_constraint` system variable to `ON` to enable it.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.16.1.1.4 DB operations

- DDL jobs support pause and resume operations (experimental) #18015 @godouxm

  Before TiDB v7.2.0, when a DDL job encounters a business peak during execution, you can only manually cancel the DDL job to reduce its impact on the business. In v7.2.0, TiDB introduces pause and resume operations for DDL jobs. These operations let you pause DDL jobs during a peak and resume them after the peak ends, thus avoiding impact on your application workloads.

  For example, you can pause and resume multiple DDL jobs using `ADMIN PAUSE DDL JOBS` or `ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS`:

  ```
  ADMIN PAUSE DDL JOBS 1,2;
  ADMIN RESUME DDL JOBS 1,2;
  ```

  For more information, see documentation.

16.16.1.1.5 Data migration

- Introduce a new SQL statement `IMPORT INTO` to improve data import efficiency greatly (experimental) #42930 @D3Hunter

  The `IMPORT INTO` statement integrates the Physical Import Mode capability of TiDB Lightning. With this statement, you can quickly import data in formats such as CSV, SQL, and PARQUET into an empty table in TiDB. This import method eliminates the need for a separate deployment and management of TiDB Lightning, thereby reducing the complexity of data import and greatly improving import efficiency.

  For data files stored in Amazon S3 or GCS, when the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) is enabled, `IMPORT INTO` also supports splitting a data import job into multiple sub-jobs and scheduling them to multiple TiDB nodes for parallel import, which further enhances import performance.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB Lightning supports importing source files with the Latin-1 character set into TiDB #44434 @lance6716

  With this feature, you can directly import source files with the Latin-1 character set into TiDB using TiDB Lightning. Before v7.2.0, importing such files requires your additional preprocessing or conversion. Starting from v7.2.0, you only need to specify `character-set = "latin1"` when configuring the TiDB Lightning import task. Then, TiDB Lightning automatically handles the character set conversion during the import process to ensure data integrity and accuracy.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.16.1.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v7.1.0 to the current version (v7.2.0). If you are upgrading from v7.0.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.16.1.2.1 Behavior changes

- When processing update event, TiCDC splits an event into delete and insert events if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in the event. For more information, see documentation.
- Changes the default value of `tidb_remove_orderby_in_subquery` from `OFF` to `ON` ↪ , meaning that the optimizer removes `ORDER BY` clauses from subqueries to avoid unnecessary sorting operations. This change might result in a different order of rows in query results. The ISO/IEC SQL standard does not require query results to follow the `ORDER BY` sorting specified in subqueries. If you need to ensure a specific order in the final result, add an `ORDER BY` clause to the outer query. If your applications rely on subquery sorting, you can set this variable to `OFF`. Clusters upgraded from earlier versions retain the previous behavior by default.

16.16.1.2.2 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
last_ ↪ insert ↪ _id	Modified	Changes the maximum value from 922337203685477580 ↪ to 184467440737095516 ↪ to be consistent with that of MySQL.
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _non ↪ _ ↪ prepared ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪	Modified	Changes the default value from OFF to ON after further tests, meaning that non-prepared execution plan cache is enabled.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_remove_orderby_in_subquery`	Modified	Changes the default value from `OFF` to `ON` after further tests, meaning that the optimizer removes the `ORDER BY` clause in a subquery.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_analyze_skip_column_types	Newly added	Controls which types of columns are skipped for statistics collection when executing the ANALYZE command to collect statistics. The variable is only applicable for tidb_analyze_version = 2. When using the syntax of ANALYZE TABLE t COLUMNS c1

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ check ↪ _ ↪ constraint ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable CHECK constraints. The default value is OFF, which means this feature is disabled.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ fast ↪ _ ↪ table ↪ _ ↪ check ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to use a checksum-based approach to quickly check the consistency of data and indexes in a table. The default value is ON, which means this feature is enabled.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_tiflash_pipeline_model	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the new execution model of TiFlash, the pipeline model. The default value is OFF, which means the pipeline model is disabled.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ expensive ↪ _txn ↪ _ ↪ time ↪ _ ↪ threshold ↪	Newly added	Controls the threshold for logging expensive transactions, which is 600 seconds by default. When the duration of a transaction exceeds the threshold, and the transaction is neither committed nor rolled back, it is considered an expensive transaction and will be

Variable name	Change type	Description

16.16.1.2.3 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`lite-init-stats`	Modified	Changes the default value from `false` to `true` after further tests, meaning that TiDB uses lightweight statistics initialization by default during TiDB startup to improve the initialization efficiency.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`force-init-stats`	Modified	Changes the default value from `false` to `true` to align with `lite-init-stats`, meaning that TiDB waits for statistics initialization to finish before providing services during TiDB startup.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].compaction-guard-min-output-file-size	Modified	Changes the default value from `"8MB"` to `"1MB"` to reduce the data volume of compaction tasks in RocksDB.
TiKV	rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].optimize-filters-for-memory	Newly added	Controls whether to generate Bloom/Ribbon filters that minimize memory internal fragmentation.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].periodic-compaction-seconds	Newly added	Controls the time interval for periodic compaction. SST files with updates older than this value will be selected for compaction and rewritten to the same level where these SST files originally reside.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].ribbon-filter-above-level	Newly added	Controls whether to use Ribbon filters for levels greater than or equal to this value and use non-block-based bloom filters for levels less than this value.
TiKV	rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].ttl	Newly added	SST files with updates older than the TTL will be automatically selected for compaction.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`send-kv-pairs`	Deprecated	Starting from v7.2.0, the parameter `send-kv-pairs` is deprecated. You can use `send-kv-size` to control the maximum size of one request when sending data to TiKV in physical import mode.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`character-set`	Modified	Introduces a new value option `latin1` for the supported character sets of data import. You can use this option to import source files with the Latin-1 character set.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	send-kv ↪ - ↪ size	Newly added	Specify the maximum size of one request when sending data to TiKV in physical import mode. When the size of key-value pairs reaches the specified threshold, TiDB Lightning will immediately send them to TiKV. This avoids the OOM problems caused by TiDB Lightning nodes accumulating too many key-

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description

Data Migration	`strict-optimistic`
	`-`
	`shard-mode`
		Newly added	This configuration item is used to be compatible with the DDL shard merge behavior in TiDB Data Migration v2.0. You can enable this configuration item in optimistic mode. After this is enabled, the replication task will be interrupted when it encounters a Type 2 DDL statement. In scenarios where there are dependencies between

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sink.protocol`	Modified	Introduces a new value option `"open-protocol"` when the downstream is Kafka. Specifies the protocol format used for encoding messages.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `delete` ↪ `-` ↪ `only` ↪ `-` ↪ `output` ↪ `-` ↪ `handle` ↪ `-key` ↪ `-` ↪ `columns` ↪	Newly added	Specifies the output of DELETE events. This parameter is valid only for `"canal-` ↪ `json` ↪ `"` and `"open-` ↪ `protocol` ↪ `"` protocols. The default value is `false`, which means outputting all columns. When you set it to `true`, only primary key columns or unique index columns are output.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description

16.16.1.3 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Optimize the logic of constructing index scan range so that it supports converting complex conditions into index scan range #41572 #44389 @xuyifangreeneyes
    - Add new monitoring metrics `Stale Read OPS` and `Stale Read Traffic` #43325 @you06
    - When the retry leader of stale read encounters a lock, TiDB forcibly retries with the leader after resolving the lock, which avoids unnecessary overhead #43659 @you06
    - Use estimated time to calculate stale read ts and reduce the overhead of stale read #44215 @you06
    - Add logs and system variables for long-running transactions #41471 @crazycs520
    - Support connecting to TiDB through the compressed MySQL protocol, which improves the performance of data-intensive queries under low bandwidth networks and saves bandwidth costs. This supports both `zlib` and `zstd` based compression. #22605 @dveeden
    - Recognize both `utf8` and `utf8bm3` as the legacy three-byte UTF-8 character set encodings, which facilitates the migration of tables with legacy UTF-8 encodings from MySQL 8.0 to TiDB #26226 @dveeden
    - Support using `:=` for assignment in `UPDATE` statements #44751 @CbcWestwolf
- TiKV
    - Support configuring the retry interval of PD connections in scenarios such as connection request failures using `pd.retry-interval` #14964 @rleungx
    - Optimize the resource control scheduling algorithm by incorporating the global resource usage #14604 @Connor1996
    - Use gzip compression for `check_leader` requests to reduce traffic #14553 @you06
    - Add related metrics for `check_leader` requests #14658 @you06
    - Provide detailed time information during TiKV handling write commands #12362 @cfzjywxk
- PD
    - Use a separate gRPC connection for PD leader election to prevent the impact of other requests #6403 @rleungx
    - Enable the bucket splitting by default to mitigate hotspot issues in multi-Region scenarios #6433 @bufferflies

- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Support access to Azure Blob Storage by shared access signature (SAS) #44199 @Leavrth
    - TiCDC
        - Optimize the structure of the directory where data files are stored when a DDL operation occurs in the scenario of replication to an object storage service #8891 @CharlesCheung96
        - Support the OAUTHBEARER authentication in the scenario of replication to Kafka #8865 @hi-rustin
        - Add the option of outputting only the handle keys for the `DELETE` operation in the scenario of replication to Kafka #9143 @3AceShowHand
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Support reading compressed binlogs in MySQL 8.0 as a data source for incremental replication #6381 @dveeden
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Optimize the retry mechanism during import to avoid errors caused by leader switching #44263 @lance6716
        - Verify checksum through SQL after the import to improve stability of verification #41941 @GMHDBJD
        - Optimize TiDB Lightning OOM issues when importing wide tables #43853 @D3Hunter

16.16.1.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the query with CTE causes TiDB to hang #43749 #36896 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that the `min, max` query result is incorrect #43805 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that the `SHOW PROCESSLIST` statement cannot display the TxnStart of the transaction of the statement with a long subquery time #40851 @crazycs520
    - Fix the issue that the stale read global optimization does not take effect due to the lack of `TxnScope` in Coprocessor tasks #43365 @you06
    - Fix the issue that follower read does not handle flashback errors before retrying, which causes query errors #43673 @you06
    - Fix the issue that data and indexes are inconsistent when the `ON UPDATE` statement does not correctly update the primary key #44565 @zyguan
    - Fix the case sensitivity issue in some columns of the permission table #41048 @bb7133

- Modify the upper limit of the `UNIX_TIMESTAMP()` function to `3001-01-19 03:14:07.999999 UTC` to be consistent with that of MySQL 8.0.28 or later versions #43987 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that adding an index fails in the ingest mode #44137 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that canceling a DDL task in the rollback state causes errors in related metadata #44143 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that using `memTracker` with cursor fetch causes memory leaks #44254 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that dropping a database causes slow GC progress #33069 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that TiDB returns an error when the corresponding rows in partitioned tables cannot be found in the probe phase of index join #43686 @AilinKid @mjonss
- Fix the issue that there is no warning when using `SUBPARTITION` to create partitioned tables #41198 #41200 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that when a query is killed because it exceeds `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME`, the returned error message is inconsistent with that of MySQL #43031 @dveeden
- Fix the issue that the `LEADING` hint does not support querying block aliases #44645 @qw4990
- Modify the return type of the `LAST_INSERT_ID()` function from VARCHAR to LONGLONG to be consistent with that of MySQL #44574 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that incorrect results might be returned when using a common table expression (CTE) in statements with non-correlated subqueries #44051 @winoros
- Fix the issue that Join Reorder might cause incorrect outer join results #44314 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that `PREPARE stmt FROM "ANALYZE TABLE xxx"` might be killed by `tidb_mem_quota_query` #44320 @chrysan

- TiKV

    - Fix the issue that the transaction returns an incorrect value when TiKV handles stale pessimistic lock conflicts #13298 @cfzjywxk
    - Fix the issue that in-memory pessimistic lock might cause flashback failures and data inconsistency #13303 @JmPotato
    - Fix the issue that the fair lock might be incorrect when TiKV handles stale requests #13298 @cfzjywxk
    - Fix the issue that `autocommit` and `point get replica read` might break linearizability #14715 @cfzjywxk

- PD

    - Fix the issue that redundant replicas cannot be automatically repaired in some corner cases #6573 @nolouch

- TiFlash

- Fix the issue that queries might consume more memory than needed when the data on the Join build side is very large and contains many small string type columns #7416 @yibin87

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that `checksum mismatch` is falsely reported in some cases #44472 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that `resolved lock timeout` is falsely reported in some cases #43236 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when restoring statistics information #44490 @tangenta

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the issue that Resolved TS does not advance properly in some cases #8963 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that the `UPDATE` operation cannot output old values when the Avro or CSV protocol is used #9086 @3AceShowHand
    - Fix the issue of excessive downstream pressure caused by reading downstream metadata too frequently when replicating data to Kafka #8959 @hi-rustin
    - Fix the issue of too many downstream logs caused by frequently setting the downstream bidirectional replication-related variables when replicating data to TiDB or MySQL #9180 @asddongmen
    - Fix the issue that the PD node crashing causes the TiCDC node to restart #8868 @asddongmen
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC cannot create a changefeed with a downstream Kafka-on-Pulsar #8892 @hi-rustin

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Fix the TiDB Lightning panic issue when `experimental.allow-expression-index` is enabled and the default value is UUID #44497 @lichunzhu
    - Fix the TiDB Lightning panic issue when a task exits while dividing a data file #43195 @lance6716

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16.17.1 TiDB 7.1.6 Release Notes

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16.17.1.1 Compatibility changes

- Set a default limit of 2048 for DDL historical tasks retrieved through the TiDB HTTP API to prevent OOM issues caused by excessive historical tasks #55711 @joccau
- In earlier versions, when processing a transaction containing `UPDATE` changes, if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in an `UPDATE` event, TiCDC splits this event into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events. Starting from v7.1.6, when using the MySQL sink, TiCDC splits an `UPDATE` event into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events if the transaction `commitTS` for the `UPDATE` change is less than TiCDC `thresholdTS` (which is the current timestamp fetched from PD when TiCDC starts replicating the corresponding table to the downstream). This behavior change addresses the issue of downstream data inconsistencies caused by the potentially incorrect order of `UPDATE` events received by TiCDC, which can lead to an incorrect order of split `DELETE` and `INSERT` events. For more information, see documentation. #10918 @lidezhu
- Must set the line terminator when using TiDB Lightning `strict-format` to import CSV files #37338 @lance6716
- Change the scope of the TiKV configuration item `server.grpc-compression-type`:
    - In v7.1.x versions earlier than v7.1.6, this configuration item only affects the compression algorithm of gRPC messages between TiKV nodes.
    - Starting from v7.1.6, this configuration item also affects the compression algorithm of gRPC response messages sent from TiKV to TiDB. Enabling compression might consume more CPU resources. #17176 @ekexium

16.17.1.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Adjust estimation results from 0 to 1 for equality conditions that do not hit TopN when statistics are entirely composed of TopN and the modified row count in the corresponding table statistics is non-zero #47400 @terry1purcell
    - Remove stores without Regions during MPP load balancing #52313 @xzhangxian1008
    - Improve the MySQL compatibility of expression default values displayed in the output of `SHOW CREATE TABLE` #52939 @CbcWestwolf
    - By batch deleting TiFlash placement rules, improve the processing speed of data GC after performing the `TRUNCATE` or `DROP` operation on partitioned tables #54068 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Improve sync load performance to reduce latency in loading statistics #52294 hawkingrei
- TiKV
    - Add slow logs for peer and store messages #16600 @Connor1996
    - Optimize the compaction trigger mechanism of RocksDB to accelerate disk space reclamation when handling a large number of DELETE versions #17269 @AndreMouche
    - Optimize the jittery access delay when restarting TiKV due to waiting for the log to be applied, improving the stability of TiKV #15874 @LykxSassinator
    - Remove unnecessary async blocks to reduce memory usage #16540 @overvenus
- TiFlash
    - Optimize the execution efficiency of `LENGTH()` and `ASCII()` functions #9344 @xzhangxian1008
    - Mitigate the issue that TiFlash might panic due to updating certificates after TLS is enabled #8535 @windtalker
    - Improve the cancel mechanism of the JOIN operator, so that the JOIN operator can respond to cancel requests in a timely manner #9430 @windtalker
    - Reduce lock conflicts under highly concurrent data read operations and optimize short query performance #9125 @JinheLin
    - Improve the garbage collection speed of outdated data in the background for tables with clustered indexes #9529 @JaySon-Huang
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Enhance the tolerance of log backup to merge operations. When encountering a reasonably long merge operation, log backup tasks are less likely to enter the error state #16554 @YuJuncen

- BR cleans up empty SST files during data recovery #16005 @Leavrth
- Increase the number of retries for failures caused by DNS errors #53029 @YuJuncen
- Increase the number of retries for failures caused by the absence of a leader in a Region #54017 @Leavrth
- Except for the `br log restore` subcommand, all other `br log` subcommands support skipping the loading of the TiDB `domain` data structure to reduce memory consumption #52088 @Leavrth
- Support checking whether the disk space in TiKV is sufficient before TiKV downloads each SST file. If the space is insufficient, BR terminates the restore and returns an error #17224 @RidRisR
- Support setting Alibaba Cloud access credentials through environment variables #45551 @RidRisR
- Reduce unnecessary log printing during backup #55902 @Leavrth

- TiCDC
  - Support directly outputting raw events when the downstream is a Message Queue (MQ) or cloud storage #11211 @CharlesCheung96
  - Improve memory stability during data recovery using redo logs to reduce the probability of OOM #10900 @CharlesCheung96
  - When the downstream is TiDB with the `SUPER` permission granted, TiCDC supports querying the execution status of `ADD INDEX DDL` from the downstream database to avoid data replication failure due to timeout in retrying executing the DDL statement in some cases #10682 @CharlesCheung96
- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Upgrade `go-mysql` to 1.9.1 to support connecting to MySQL server 8.0 using passwords longer than 19 characters #11603 @fishiu

16.17.1.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue of inconsistent data indexes caused by concurrent DML operations when adding a unique index #52914 @wjhuang2016
  - Fix the issue that comparing a column of `YEAR` type with an unsigned integer that is out of range causes incorrect results #50235 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that `INDEX_HASH_JOIN` cannot exit properly when SQL is abnormally interrupted #54688 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that the network partition during adding indexes using the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) might cause inconsistent data indexes #54897 @tangenta
  - Fix the issue that using `SHOW WARNINGS;` to obtain warnings might cause a panic #48756 @xhebox

- Fix the issue that querying the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY` table might cause TiDB to panic #54324 @tiancaiamao
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- Fix the issue that an empty projection causes TiDB to panic #49109 @winoros
- Fix the issue that TiDB might return incorrect query results when you query tables with virtual columns in transactions that involve data modification operations #53951 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that for tables containing auto-increment columns with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1`, setting `auto_increment_increment` and `auto_increment_offset` system variables to non-default values might cause incorrect auto-increment ID allocation #52622 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that subqueries included in the `ALL` function might cause incorrect results #52755 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that predicates cannot be pushed down properly when the filter condition of a SQL query contains virtual columns and the execution condition contains `UnionScan` #54870 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that subqueries in an `UPDATE` list might cause TiDB to panic #52687 @winoros
- Fix the issue that indirect placeholder `?` references in a `GROUP BY` statement cannot find columns #53872 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that disk files might not be deleted after the `Sort` operator spills and a query error occurs #55061 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue of reusing wrong point get plans for `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE` #54652 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that `max_execute_time` settings at multiple levels interfere with each other #50914 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that the histogram and TopN in the primary key column statistics are not loaded after restarting TiDB #37548 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the TopN operator might be pushed down incorrectly #37986 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the performance of the `SELECT ... WHERE ... ORDER BY ...` statement execution is poor in some cases #54969 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that TiDB reports an error in the log when closing the connection in some cases #53689 @jackysp
- Fix the issue that the illegal column type `DECIMAL(0,0)` can be created in some cases #53779 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that obtaining the column information using `information_schema.columns` returns warning 1356 when a subquery is used as a column definition in a view definition #54343 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that the optimizer incorrectly estimates the number of rows as 1 when accessing a unique index with the query condition `column IS NULL` #56116

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- Fix the issue that `SELECT INTO OUTFILE` does not work when clustered indexes are used as predicates #42093 @qw4990
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- Fix the overflow issue of the `Longlong` type in predicates #45783 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that incorrect results are returned when the cached execution plans contain the comparison between date types and `unix_timestamp` #48165 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the `LENGTH()` condition is unexpectedly removed when the collation is `utf8_bin` or `utf8mb4_bin` #53730 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that when an `UPDATE` or `DELETE` statement contains a recursive CTE, the statement might report an error or not take effect #55666 @time-and-fate
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- Fix the issue that the `tot_col_size` column in the `mysql.stats_histograms` table might be a negative number #55126 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that data conversion from the `FLOAT` type to the `UNSIGNED` type returns incorrect results #41736 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that TiDB fails to reject unauthenticated user connections in some

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- Fix the issue that using `CURRENT_DATE()` as the default value for a column results in incorrect query results #53746 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the `COALESCE()` function returns incorrect result type for `DATE` type parameters #46475 @xzhangxian1008
- Reset the parameters in the `Open` method of `PipelinedWindow` to fix the unexpected error that occurs when the `PipelinedWindow` is used as a child node of `Apply` due to the reuse of previous parameter values caused by repeated opening and closing operations #53600 @XuHuaiyu
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- Fix the issue that the recursive CTE operator incorrectly tracks memory usage #54181 @guo-shaoge
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- Fix the issue that the `Distinct_count` information in GlobalStats might be in-

correct #53752 @hawkingrei

- Fix the issue that executing the `SELECT DISTINCT CAST(col AS DECIMAL), ↪ CAST(col AS SIGNED)FROM ...` query might return incorrect results #53726 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `read_from_storage` hint might not take effect when the query has an available Index Merge execution plan #56217 @AilinKid
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- Fix the issue that the `LOAD DATA ... REPLACE INTO` operation causes data inconsistency #56408 @fzzf678
- Fix the issue that the `AUTO_INCREMENT` field is not correctly set after importing data using the `IMPORT INTO` statement #56476 @D3Hunter

- Fix the issue that TiDB does not check for the existence of local files before restoring from a checkpoint #53009 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that the DM schema tracker cannot create indexes longer than the default length #55138 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that `ALTER TABLE` does not handle the `AUTO_INCREMENT` field correctly #47899 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that unreleased session resources might lead to memory leaks #56271 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that float or integer overflow affects the plan cache #46538 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that part of the memory of the `IndexLookUp` operator is not tracked #56440 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that stale read does not strictly verify the timestamp of the read operation, resulting in a small probability of affecting the consistency of the transaction when an offset exists between the TSO and the real physical time #56809 @MyonKeminta
- Fix the issue that TTL might fail if TiKV is not selected as the storage engine #56402 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that TTL tasks cannot be canceled when there is a write conflict #56422 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that inserting oversized numbers in scientific notation causes an error `ERROR 1264 (22003)`, to make the behavior consistent with MySQL #47787 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that when canceling a TTL task, the corresponding SQL is not killed forcibly #56511 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that the `INSERT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY` statement is not compatible with `mysql_insert_id` #55965 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that audit log filtering does not take effect when SQL cannot build an execution plan #50988 @CbcWestwolf
- Fix the issue that existing TTL tasks are executed unexpectedly frequently in a cluster that is upgraded from v6.5 to v7.5 or later #56539 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that the `CAST` function does not support explicitly setting the character set #55677 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that TiDB does not check the index length limitation when executing `ADD INDEX` #56930 @fzzf678

- TiKV

  - Add the `RawKvMaxTimestampNotSynced` error, log detailed error information in `errorpb.Error.max_ts_not_synced`, and add a retry mechanism for the `must_raw_put` operation when this error occurs #16789 @pingyu
  - Fix a traffic control issue that might occur after deleting large tables or partitions #17304 @SpadeA-Tang
  - Fix the panic issue that occurs when read threads access outdated indexes in the MemTable of the Raft Engine #17383 @LykxSassinator

- Fix the issue that CDC and log-backup do not limit the timeout of `check_leader` using the `advance-ts-interval` configuration, causing the `resolved_ts` lag to be too large when TiKV restarts normally in some cases #17107 @SpadeA-Tang
- Fix the issue that SST files imported by TiDB Lightning are lost after TiKV is restarted #15912 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that TiKV might panic due to ingesting deleted `sst_importer` SST files #15053 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that when there are a large number of Regions in a TiKV instance, TiKV might be OOM during data import #16229 @SpadeA-Tang
- Fix the issue that bloom filters are incompatible between earlier versions (earlier than v7.1) and later versions #17272 @v01dstar
- Fix the issue that setting the gRPC message compression method via `grpc-compression-type` does not take effect on messages sent from TiKV to TiDB #17176 @ekexium
- Fix the issue of unstable test cases, ensuring that each test uses an independent temporary directory to avoid online configuration changes affecting other test cases #16871 @glorv
- Fix the issue that when a large number of transactions are queuing for lock release on the same key and the key is frequently updated, excessive pressure on deadlock detection might cause TiKV OOM issues #17394 @MyonKeminta
- Fix the issue that the decimal part of the `DECIMAL` type is incorrect in some cases #16913 @gengliqi
- Fix the issue that the `CONV()` function in queries might overflow during numeric system conversion, leading to TiKV panic #16969 @gengliqi
- Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when a stale replica processes Raft snapshots, triggered by a slow split operation and immediate removal of the new replica #17469 @hbisheng
- Fix the issue that highly concurrent Coprocessor requests might cause TiKV OOM #16653 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that prevents master key rotation when the master key is stored in a Key Management Service (KMS) #17410 @hhwyt
- Fix the issue that the output of the `raft region` command in tikv-ctl does not include the Region status information #17037 @glorv
- Fix the issue that the **Storage async write duration** monitoring metric on the TiKV panel in Grafana is inaccurate #17579 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that TiKV converts the time zone incorrectly for Brazil and Egypt #16220 @overvenus

- PD

  - Fix the memory leak issue in label statistics #8700 @lhy1024
  - Fix the issue that resource groups print excessive logs #8159 @nolouch
  - Fix the performance jitter issue caused by frequent creation of random number generator #8674 @rleungx
  - Fix the memory leak issue in Region statistics #8710 @rleungx

- Fix the memory leak issue in hotspot cache #8698 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that `evict-leader-scheduler` fails to work properly when it is repeatedly created with the same Store ID #8756 @okJiang
- Fix the issue that setting `replication.strictly-match-label` to `true` causes TiFlash to fail to start #8480 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that changing the log level via the configuration file does not take effect #8117 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that resource groups could not effectively limit resource usage under high concurrency #8435 @nolouch
- Fix the data race issue that PD encounters during operator checks #8263 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that a resource group encounters quota limits when requesting tokens for more than 500 ms #8349 @nolouch
- Fix the issue that some logs are not redacted #8419 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that no error is reported when binding a role to a resource group #54417 @JmPotato
- Fix the issue that PD's Region API cannot be requested when a large number of Regions exist #55872 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that a large number of retries occur when canceling resource groups queries #8217 @nolouch
- Fix the issue that the encryption manager is not initialized before use #8384 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that the `Filter target` monitoring metric for PD does not provide scatter range information #8125 @HuSharp
- Fix the data race issue of resource groups #8267 @HuSharp
- Fix the issue that setting the TiKV configuration item `coprocessor.region-split-size` to a value less than 1 MiB causes PD panic #8323 @JmPotato
- Fix the issue that when using a wrong parameter in `evict-leader-scheduler`, PD does not report errors correctly and some schedulers are unavailable #8619 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that slots are not fully deleted in a resource group client, which causes the number of the allocated tokens to be less than the specified value #7346 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that down peers might not recover when using Placement Rules #7808 @rleungx

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that TiFlash metadata might become corrupted and cause the process to panic when upgrading a cluster from a version earlier than v6.5.0 to v6.5.0 or later #9039 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that some queries might report a column type mismatch error after late materialization is enabled #9175 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that some queries might report errors when late materialization is enabled #9472 @Lloyd-Pottiger

- Fix the issue that some JSON functions unsupported by TiFlash are pushed down to TiFlash #9444 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that setting the SSL certificate configuration to an empty string in TiFlash incorrectly enables TLS and causes TiFlash to fail to start #9235 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that a network partition (network disconnection) between TiFlash and any PD might cause read request timeout errors #9243 @Lloyd-Pottiger
- Fix the issue that a large number of duplicate rows might be read in FastScan mode after importing data via BR or TiDB Lightning #9118 @JinheLin
- Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to parse the table schema when the table contains Bit-type columns with a default value that contains invalid characters #9461 @Lloyd-Pottiger
- Fix the issue that queries with virtual generated columns might return incorrect results after late materialization is enabled #9188 @JinheLin
- Fix the issue that TiFlash might fail to synchronize schemas after executing `ALTER TABLE ... EXCHANGE PARTITION` across databases #7296 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when a database is deleted shortly after creation #9266 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that when using the `CAST()` function to convert a string to a datetime with a time zone or invalid characters, the result is incorrect #8754 @solotzg
- Fix the issue that TiFlash might return transiently incorrect results in high-concurrency read scenarios #8845 @JinheLin
- Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING_INDEX()` function might cause TiFlash to crash in some corner cases #9116 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that frequent `EXCHANGE PARTITION` and `DROP TABLE` operations over a long period in a cluster might slow down the replication of TiFlash table metadata and degrade the query performance #9227 @JaySon-Huang
- Fix the issue that a query with an empty key range fails to correctly generate read tasks on TiFlash, which might block TiFlash queries #9108 @JinheLin
- Fix the issue that the sign in the result of the `CAST AS DECIMAL` function is incorrect in certain cases #9301 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING()` function does not support the `pos` and `len` arguments for certain integer types, causing query errors #9473 @gengliqi
- Fix the issue that executing `DROP TABLE` on large tables might cause TiFlash OOM #9437 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that BR integration test cases are unstable, and add a new test case to simulate snapshot or log backup file corruption #53835 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that DDLs requiring backfilling, such as `ADD INDEX` and `MODIFY COLUMN`, might not be correctly recovered during incremental restore #54426 @3pointer

- Fix the issue that after a log backup PITR task fails and you stop it, the safepoints related to that task are not properly cleared in PD #17316 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that log backup might be paused after the advancer owner migration #53561 @RidRisR
- Fix the inefficiency issue in scanning DDL jobs during incremental backups #54139 @3pointer
- Fix the issue that the backup performance during checkpoint backups is affected due to interruptions in seeking Region leaders #17168 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that BR logs might print sensitive credential information when log backup is enabled #55273 @RidRisR
- Fix the issue that BR fails to correctly identify errors due to multiple nested retries during the restore process #54053 @RidRisR
- Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when resuming a paused log backup task with unstable network connections to PD #17020 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that backup tasks might get stuck if TiKV becomes unresponsive during the backup process #53480 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that the checkpoint path of backup and restore is incompatible with some external storage #55265 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that the Region fetched from PD does not have a Leader when restoring data using BR or importing data using TiDB Lightning in physical import mode #51124 #50501 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that the transfer of PD leaders might cause BR to panic when restoring data #53724 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that after pausing, stopping, and rebuilding the log backup task, the task status is normal, but the checkpoint does not advance #53047 @RidRisR
- Fix the issue that log backups cannot resolve residual locks promptly, causing the checkpoint to fail to advance #57134 @3pointer

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that the default value of `TIMEZONE` type is not set according to the correct time zone #10931 @3AceShowHand
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC might panic when the Sorter module reads disk data #10853 @hicqu
  - Fix the issue that data inconsistency might occur when restarting Changefeed repeatedly when performing a large number of `UPDATE` operations in a multi-node environment #11219 @lidezhu
  - Fix the issue that after filtering out `add table partition` events is configured in `ignore-event`, TiCDC does not replicate other types of DML changes for related partitions to the downstream #10524 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC might get stuck when replicating data to Kafka #9855 @hicqu
  - Fix the issue that `DROP PRIMARY KEY` and `DROP UNIQUE KEY` statements are not replicated correctly #10890 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that the Processor module might get stuck when the downstream

Kafka is inaccessible #11340 @asddongmen

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that DM does not set the default database when processing the `ALTER DATABASE` statement, which causes a replication error #11503 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that multiple DM-master nodes might simultaneously become leaders, leading to data inconsistency #11602 @GMHDBJD
  - Fix the connection blocking issue by upgrading `go-mysql` #11041 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that data replication is interrupted when the index length exceeds the default value of `max-index-length` #11459 @michaelmdeng
  - Fix the issue that DM returns an error when replicating the `ALTER TABLE ... DROP PARTITION` statement for LIST partitioned tables #54760 @lance6716
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to receive oversized messages sent from TiKV #56114 @fishiu
  - Fix the issue that TiKV data might be corrupted when importing data after disabling the import mode of TiDB Lightning #15003 #47694 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that transaction conflicts occur during data import using TiDB Lightning #49826 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning might fail to import data when EBS BR is running #49517 @mittalrishabh
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning reports a `verify allocator base failed` error when two instances simultaneously start parallel import tasks and are assigned the same task ID #55384 @ei-sugimoto
  - Fix the issue that killing the PD Leader causes TiDB Lightning to report the `invalid store ID 0` error during data import #50501 @Leavrth
- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that Dumpling reports an error when exporting tables and views at the same time #53682 @tangenta
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that deleting rows during the execution of `ADD COLUMN` might report an error `data and columnID count not match` when TiDB Binlog is enabled #53133 @tangenta

16.17.2 TiDB 7.1.5 Release Notes

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16.17.2.1 Compatibility changes

- Add a TiKV configuration item `track-and-verify-wals-in-manifest` for RocksDB, which helps you investigate possible corruption of Write Ahead Log (WAL) #16549 @v01dstar

16.17.2.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Support loading Regions in batch from PD to speed up the conversion process from the KV range to Regions when querying large tables #51326 @SeaRise
    - Optimize the issue that the `ANALYZE` statement blocks the metadata lock #47475 @wjhuang2016
    - Add a timeout mechanism for LDAP authentication to avoid the issue of resource lock (RLock) not being released in time #51883 @YangKeao
- TiKV
    - Add slow logs for peer and store messages #16600 @Connor1996
    - Avoid performing IO operations on snapshot files in raftstore threads to improve TiKV stability #16564 @Connor1996
- PD
    - Upgrade the etcd version to v3.4.30 #7904 @JmPotato
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Support automatically abandoning log backup tasks when encountering a large checkpoint lag, to avoid prolonged blocking GC and potential cluster issues #50803 @RidRisR
        - Add PITR integration test cases to cover compatibility testing for log backup and adding index acceleration #51987 @Leavrth
        - Remove the invalid verification for active DDL jobs when log backup starts #52733 @Leavrth

16.17.2.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that querying JSON of `BINARY` type might cause an error in some cases #51547 @YangKeao

- Fix the issue that query execution using MPP might lead to incorrect query results when a SQL statement contains `JOIN` and the `SELECT` list in the statement contains only constants #50358 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that the `init-stats` process might cause TiDB to panic and the `load stats` process to quit #51581 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the TiDB server is marked as health before the initialization is complete #51596 @shenqidebaozi
- Fix the issue that `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT TIFLASH REPLICA` might incorrectly end when the primary key type is `VARCHAR` #51810 @breezewish
- Fix the issue that TiDB crashes when `shuffleExec` quits unexpectedly #48230 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that the `SURVIVAL_PREFERENCES` attribute might not appear in the output of the `SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY` statement under certain conditions #51699 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that after the time window for automatic statistics updates is configured, statistics might still be updated outside that time window #49552 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that query results might be incorrect when the `HAVING` clause in a subquery contains correlated columns #51107 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `approx_percentile` function might cause TiDB panic #40463 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that the query result is incorrect when the `IN()` predicate contains `NULL` #51560 @winoros
- Fix the issue that the configuration file does not take effect when it contains an invalid configuration item #51399 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that `EXCHANGE PARTITION` incorrectly processes foreign keys #51807 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that querying the `TIDB_HOT_REGIONS` table might incorrectly return `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` tables #50810 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that the type returned by the `IFNULL` function is inconsistent with MySQL #51765 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the TTL feature causes data hotspots due to incorrect data range splitting in some cases #51527 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that TiDB keeps sending probe requests to a TiFlash node that has been offline #46602 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that AutoID Leader change might cause the value of the auto-increment column to decrease in the case of `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` #52600 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that executing `INSERT IGNORE` might result in inconsistency between the unique index and the data #51784 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that adding a unique index might cause TiDB to panic #52312 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that the Window function might panic when there is a related subquery in it #42734 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that the `init-stats` process might cause TiDB to panic and the

`load stats` process to quit #51581 @hawkingrei
- Fix the performance regression issue caused by disabling predicate pushdown in TableDual #50614 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that query results might be incorrect when the `HAVING` clause in a subquery contains correlated columns #51107 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `EXPLAIN` statement might display incorrect column IDs in the result when statistics for certain columns are not fully loaded #52207 @time-and-fate

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that resolve-ts is blocked when a stale Region peer ignores the GC message #16504 @crazycs520
  - Fix the issue that inactive Write Ahead Logs (WALs) in RocksDB might corrupt data #16705 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that the monitoring metric `tikv_unified_read_pool_thread_count` has no data in some cases #16629 @YuJuncen
  - Fix the issue that during the execution of an optimistic transaction, if other transactions initiate the resolving lock operation on it, there is a small chance that the atomicity of the transaction might be broken if the transaction's primary key has data that was previously committed in Async Commit or 1PC mode #16620 @MyonKeminta

- PD

  - Fix the issue that the scheduling of write hotspots might break placement policy constraints #7848 @lhy1024
  - Fix the issue that the query result of `SHOW CONFIG` includes the deprecated configuration item `trace-region-flow` #7917 @rleungx
  - Fix the issue that the scaling progress is not correctly displayed #7726 @CabinfeverB

- TiFlash

  - Fix incorrect `local_region_num` values in logs #8895 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that querying generated columns returns an error #8787 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that the `ENUM` column might cause TiFlash to crash during chunk encoding #8674 @yibin87
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when you insert data to columns with invalid default values in non-strict `sql_mode` #8803 @Lloyd-Pottiger
  - Fix the issue that if Region migration, split, or merge occurs after the precision of a `TIME` column is modified, queries might fail #8601 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools

- Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that removing a log backup task after it is paused does not immediately restore the GC safepoint #52082 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that too many logs are printed when a full backup fails #51572 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that BR could not back up the `AUTO_RANDOM` ID allocation progress if the `AUTO_RANDOM` column is in a composite clustered index #52255 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that TiKV panics when a full backup fails to find a peer in some extreme cases #16394 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that a PD connection failure could cause the TiDB instance where the log backup advancer owner is located to panic #52597 @YuJuncen
    - Fix an unstable test case #52547 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that the global checkpoint of log backup is advanced ahead of the actual backup file write point due to TiKV restart, which might cause a small amount of backup data loss #16809 @YuJuncen
    - Fix a rare issue that special event timing might cause the data loss in log backup #16739 @YuJuncen
- TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to execute the `Exchange Partition ... With Validation` DDL downstream after it is written upstream, causing the changefeed to get stuck #10859 @hongyunyan
    - Fix the issue that `snapshot lost caused by GC` is not reported in time when resuming a changefeed and the `checkpoint-ts` of the changefeed is smaller than the GC safepoint of TiDB #10463 @sdojjy
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC panics when scheduling table replication tasks #10613 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that data is written to a wrong CSV file due to wrong BarrierTS in scenarios where DDL statements are executed frequently #10668 @lidezhu
    - Fix the issue that a changefeed with eventual consistency enabled might fail when the object storage sink encounters a temporary failure #10710 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that the old value part of `open-protocol` incorrectly outputs the default value according to the `STRING` type instead of its actual type #10803 @3AceShowHand
- TiDB Lightning
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning panics when importing an empty table of Parquet format #52518 @kennytm
    - Fix the issue that sensitive information in logs is printed in server mode #36374 @kennytm

16.17.3 TiDB 7.1.4 Release Notes

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16.17.3.1 Compatibility changes

- To reduce the overhead of log printing, TiFlash changes the default value of `logger.level` from `"debug"` to `"info"` #8641 @JaySon-Huang
- Introduce the TiKV configuration item `gc.num-threads` to set the number of GC threads when `enable-compaction-filter` is `false` #16101 @tonyxuqqi

16.17.3.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Enhance the ability to convert `OUTER JOIN` to `INNER JOIN` in specific scenarios #49616 @qw4990
  - When `force-init-stats` is set to `true`, TiDB waits for statistics initialization to finish before providing services during TiDB startup. This setting no longer blocks the startup of HTTP servers, which enables users to continue monitoring #50854 @hawkingrei
- TiKV
  - When TiKV detects the existence of corrupted SST files, it logs the specific reasons for the corruption #16308 @overvenus
- PD
  - Improve the speed of PD automatically updating cluster status when the backup cluster is disconnected #6883 @disksing
- TiFlash
  - Reduce the impact of background GC tasks on read and write task latency #8650 @JaySon-Huang
  - Reduce the impact of disk performance jitter on read latency #8583 @JaySon-Huang
- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)

- Support creating databases in batch during data restore #50767 @Leavrth
- Improve the table creation performance of the `RESTORE` statement in scenarios with large datasets #48301 @Leavrth
- Improve the speed of merging SST files during data restore by using a more efficient algorithm #50613 @Leavrth
- Support ingesting SST files in batch during data restore #16267 @3pointer
- Print the information of the slowest Region that affects global checkpoint advancement in logs and metrics during log backups #51046 @YuJuncen
- Remove an outdated compatibility check when using Google Cloud Storage (GCS) as the external storage #50533 @lance6716
- Implement a lock mechanism to avoid executing multiple log backup truncation tasks (`br log truncate`) simultaneously #49414 @YuJuncen

- TiCDC
  - When the downstream is Kafka, the topic expression allows `schema` to be optional and supports specifying a topic name directly #9763 @3AceShowHand
  - Support querying the downstream synchronization status of a changefeed, which helps you determine whether the upstream data changes received by TiCDC have been synchronized to the downstream system completely #10289 @hongyunyan
  - Support searching TiCDC logs in the TiDB Dashboard #10263 @CharlesCheung96
- TiDB Lightning
  - Improve the performance in scenarios where multiple tables are imported by removing the lock operation when executing `ALTER TABLE` #50105 @D3Hunter

16.17.3.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that the `DELETE` and `UPDATE` statements using index lookup might report an error when `tidb_multi_statement_mode` mode is enabled #50012 @tangenta
  - Fix the issue that CTE queries might report an error `type assertion for CTEStorageMap failed` during the retry process #46522 @tiancaiamao
  - Fix the issue of excessive statistical error in constructing statistics caused by Golang's implicit conversion algorithm #49801 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that errors might be returned during the concurrent merging of global statistics for partitioned tables #48713 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue of wrong query results due to TiDB incorrectly eliminating constant values in `group by` #38756 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue that `BIT` type columns might cause query errors due to decode failures when they are involved in calculations of some functions #49566 #50850 #50855 @jiyfhust

- Fix the issue that `LIMIT` in multi-level nested `UNION` queries might become ineffective #49874 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that the auto-increment ID allocation reports an error due to concurrent conflicts when using an auto-increment column with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` #50519 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the `Column ... in from clause is ambiguous` error that might occur when a query uses `NATURAL JOIN` #32044 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that enforced sorting might become ineffective when a query uses optimizer hints (such as `STREAM_AGG()`) that enforce sorting and its execution plan contains `IndexMerge` #49605 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that query results are incorrect due to `STREAM_AGG()` incorrectly handling CI #49902 @wshwsh12
- Fix the goroutine leak issue that might occur when the `HashJoin` operator fails to spill to disk #50841 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that hints cannot be used in `REPLACE INTO` statements #34325 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that executing queries containing the `GROUP_CONCAT(ORDER BY)` syntax might return errors #49986 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that using a multi-valued index to access an empty JSON array might return incorrect results #50125 @YangKeao
- Fix the goroutine leak issue that occurs when the memory usage of CTE queries exceeds limits #50337 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that using old interfaces might cause inconsistent metadata for tables #49751 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that executing `UNIQUE` index lookup with an `ORDER BY` clause might cause an error #49920 @jackysp
- Fix the issue that common hints do not take effect in `UNION ALL` statements #50068 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that a query containing the IndexHashJoin operator gets stuck when memory exceeds `tidb_mem_quota_query` #49033 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that `UPDATE` or `DELETE` statements containing `WITH RECURSIVE` CTEs might produce incorrect results #48969 @winoros
- Fix the issue that histogram statistics might not be parsed into readable strings when the histogram boundary contains `NULL` #49823 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when a query contains the Apply operator and the `fatal error: concurrent map writes` error occurs #50347 @SeaRise
- Fix the `Can't find column ...` error that might occur when aggregate functions are used for group calculations #50926 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that TiDB returns wrong query results when processing `ENUM` or `SET` types by constant propagation #49440 @winoros
- Fix the issue that the completion times of two DDL tasks with dependencies are incorrectly sequenced #49498 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when using the `EXECUTE` statement to execute `PREPARE STMT` after the `tidb_enable_prepared_plan_cache` system variable is enabled and then disabled #49344 @qw4990

- Fix the issue that `LIMIT` and `OPRDERBY` might be invalid in nested `UNION` queries #49377 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that the `LEADING` hint does not take effect in `UNION ALL` statements #50067 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` operation executed through `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` fails to terminate transactions that have timed out #49151 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that illegal optimizer hints might cause valid hints to be ineffective #49308 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that Daylight Saving Time is displayed incorrectly in some time zones #49586 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that executing `SELECT INTO OUTFILE` using the `PREPARE` method incorrectly returns a success message instead of an error #49166 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when performing a rolling upgrade using `tiup cluster upgrade/start` due to an interaction issue with PD #50152 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that the expected optimization does not take effect when adding an index to an empty table #49682 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that TiDB might OOM when a large number of tables or partitions are created #50077 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that adding an index might cause inconsistent index data when the network is unstable #49773 @tangenta
- Fix the execution order of DDL jobs to prevent TiCDC from receiving out-of-order DDLs #49498 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the `tidb_gogc_tuner_threshold` system variable is not adjusted accordingly after the `tidb_server_memory_limit` variable is modified #48180 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the query result of a range partitioned table is incorrect in some cases due to wrong partition pruning #50082 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that DDL operations such as renaming tables are stuck when the `CREATE TABLE` statement contains specific partitions or constraints #50972 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that getting the default value of a column returns an error if the column default value is dropped #50043 #51324 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that the monitoring metric `tidb_statistics_auto_analyze_total` on Grafana is not displayed as an integer #51051 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `tidb_merge_partition_stats_concurrency` variable does not take effect when `auto analyze` is processing partitioned tables #47594 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `index out of range` error might occur when a query involves JOIN operations #42588 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that wrong results might be returned when TiFlash late materialization processes associated columns #49241 #51204 @Lloyd-Pottiger
- Fix the issue that parallel `Apply` might generate incorrect results when the table has a clustered index #51372 @guo-shaoge

- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that hibernated Regions are not promptly awakened in exceptional circumstances #16368 @LykxSassinator
    - Fix the issue that the entire Region becomes unavailable when one replica is offline, by checking the last heartbeat time of all replicas of the Region before taking a node offline #16465 @tonyxuqqi
    - Fix the issue that table properties stored in RocksDB might be inaccurate when Titan is enabled #16319 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue that executing `tikv-ctl compact-cluster` fails when a cluster has TiFlash nodes #16189 @frew
    - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when gRPC threads are checking `is_shutdown` #16236 @pingyu
    - Fix the issue that TiDB and TiKV might produce inconsistent results when processing `DECIMAL` arithmetic multiplication truncation #16268 @solotzg
    - Fix the issue that `cast_duration_as_time` might return incorrect results #16211 @gengliqi
    - Fix the issue that TiKV converts the time zone incorrectly for Brazil and Egypt #16220 @overvenus
    - Fix the issue that JSON integers greater than the maximum `INT64` value but less than the maximum `UINT64` value are parsed as `FLOAT64` by TiKV, resulting in inconsistency with TiDB #16512 @YangKeao
- PD
    - Fix the issue that slots are not fully deleted in a resource group client, which causes the number of the allocated tokens to be less than the specified value #7346 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that some TSO logs do not print the error cause #7496 @CabinfeverB
    - Fix the issue that the default resource group accumulates unnecessary tokens when `BURSTABLE` is enabled #7206 @CabinfeverB
    - Fix the issue that there is no output when the `evict-leader-scheduler` interface is called #7672 @CabinfeverB
    - Fix the memory leak issue that occurs when `watch etcd` is not turned off correctly #7807 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that data race occurs when the `MergeLabels` function is called #7535 @lhy1024
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Dashboard fails to get the TiKV profile when TLS is enabled #7561 @Connor1996
    - Fix the issue that the orphan peer is deleted when the number of replicas does not meet the requirements #7584 @bufferflies
    - Fix the issue that `available_stores` is calculated incorrectly for clusters adopting the Data Replication Auto Synchronous (DR Auto-Sync) mode #7221 @disksing

- Fix the issue that `canSync` and `hasMajority` might be calculated incorrectly for clusters adopting the Data Replication Auto Synchronous (DR Auto-Sync) mode when the configuration of Placement Rules is complex #7201 @disksing
- Fix the issue that the primary AZ cannot add TiKV nodes when the secondary AZ is down for clusters adopting the Data Replication Auto Synchronous (DR Auto-Sync) mode #7218 @disksing
- Fix the issue that querying resource groups in batch might cause PD to panic #7206 @nolouch
- Fix the issue that querying a Region without a leader using `pd-ctl` might cause PD to panic #7630 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that the PD monitoring item `learner-peer-count` does not synchronize the old value after a leader switch #7728 @CabinfeverB
- Fix the issue that PD cannot read resource limitations when it is started with `systemd` #7628 @bufferflies

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic due to unstable network connections with PD during replica migration #8323 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash incorrectly handles `ENUM` when the `ENUM` value is 0 #8311 @solotzg
  - Fix the random invalid memory access issue that might occur with `GREATEST` or `LEAST` functions containing constant string parameters #8604 @windtalker
  - Fix the issue that the `lowerUTF8` and `upperUTF8` functions do not allow characters in different cases to occupy different bytes #8484 @gengliqi
  - Fix the issue that short queries executed successfully print excessive info logs #8592 @windtalker
  - Fix the issue that the memory usage increases significantly due to slow queries #8564 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash panics after executing `ALTER TABLE ... MODIFY COLUMN ... NOT NULL`, which changes nullable columns to non-nullable #8419 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that after terminating a query, TiFlash crashes due to concurrent data conflicts when a large number of tasks on TiFlash are canceled at the same time #7432 @SeaRise
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might crash during remote reads #8685 @zanmato1984
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash Anti Semi Join might return incorrect results when the join includes non-equivalent conditions #8791 @windtalker

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that stopping a log backup task causes TiDB to crash #50839 @YuJuncen

- Fix the issue that data restore is slowed down due to absence of a leader on a TiKV node #50566 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that log backup gets stuck after changing the TiKV IP address on the same node #50445 @3pointer
- Fix the issue that BR cannot retry when encountering an error while reading file content from S3 #49942 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that the `Unsupported collation` error is reported when you restore data from backups of an old version #49466 @3pointer

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that the changefeed reports an error after `TRUNCATE PARTITION` is executed on the upstream table #10522 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue that the changefeed `resolved ts` does not advance in extreme cases #10157 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue that the Syncpoint table might be incorrectly replicated #10576 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that after filtering out `add table partition` events is configured in `ignore-event`, TiCDC does not replicate other types of DML changes for related partitions to the downstream #10524 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that the file sequence number generated by the storage service might not increment correctly when using the storage sink #10352 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC returns the `ErrChangeFeedAlreadyExists` error when concurrently creating multiple changefeeds #10430 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that `snapshot lost caused by GC` is not reported in time when resuming a changefeed and the `checkpoint-ts` of the changefeed is smaller than the GC safepoint of TiDB #10463 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to validate `TIMESTAMP` type checksum due to time zone mismatch after data integrity validation for single-row data is enabled #10573 @3AceShowHand

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that a wrong binlog event type in the task configuration causes upgrade failures #10282 @GMHDBJD
  - Fix the issue that a table with `shard_row_id_bits` causes the schema tracker to fail to initialize #10308 @GMHDBJD

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning reports an error when encountering invalid symbolic link files during file scanning #49423 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to correctly parse date values containing `0` when `NO_ZERO_IN_DATE` is not included in `sql_mode` #50757 @GMHDBJD

16.17.4 TiDB 7.1.3 Release Notes

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16.17.4.1 Compatibility changes

- After further testing, the default value of the TiCDC Changefeed configuration item `case-sensitive` is changed from `true` to `false`. This means that by default, table and database names in the TiCDC configuration file are case-insensitive #10047 @sdojjy
- TiCDC Changefeed introduces the following new configuration items:
  - `sql-mode`: enables you to set the SQL mode used by TiCDC to parse DDL statements when TiCDC replicates data #9876 @asddongmen
  - `encoding-worker-num` and `flush-worker-num`: enables you to set different concurrency parameters for the redo module based on specifications of different machines #10048 @CharlesCheung96
  - `compression`: enables you to configure the compression behavior of redo log files #10176 @sdojjy
  - `sink.cloud-storage-config`: enables you to set the automatic cleanup of historical data when replicating data to object storage #10109 @CharlesCheung96

16.17.4.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Support the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TSO` syntax #48372 @BornChanger
- PD
  - Enhance the configuration retrieval method of the resource control client to dynamically fetch the latest configurations #7043 @nolouch
- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Enable automatic retry of Region scatter during snapshot recovery when encountering timeout failures or cancellations of Region scatter #47236 @Leavrth
    - During restoring a snapshot backup, BR retries when it encounters certain network errors #48528 @Leavrth
    - Introduce a new integration test for Point-In-Time Recovery (PITR) in the `delete range` scenario, enhancing PITR stability #47738 @Leavrth

- TiCDC
  - Optimize the memory consumption when TiCDC nodes replicate data to TiDB #9935 @3AceShowHand
  - Optimize some alarm rules #9266 @asddongmen
  - Optimize the performance of redo log, including parallel writing data to S3 and adopting lz4 compression algorithm #10176 #10226 @sdojjy
  - Improve the performance of TiCDC replicating data to object storage by increasing parallelism #10098 @CharlesCheung96
  - Reduce the impact of TiCDC incremental scanning on upstream TiKV #11390 @hicqu
  - Support making TiCDC Canal-JSON content format compatible with the content format of the official Canal output by setting `content-compatible =true` in the `sink-uri` configuration #10106 @3AceShowHand
- TiDB Lightning
  - Add a retry mechanism for `GetTS` failure caused by PD leader change #45301 @lance6716

16.17.4.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that queries containing common table expressions (CTEs) unexpectedly get stuck when the memory limit is exceeded #49096 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue that high CPU usage of TiDB occurs due to long-term memory pressure caused by `tidb_server_memory_limit` #48741 @XuHuaiyu
  - Fix the issue that queries containing CTEs report `runtime error: index out of range [32] with length 32` when `tidb_max_chunk_size` is set to a small value #48808 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that the query result is incorrect when an `ENUM` type column is used as the join key #48991 @winoros
  - Fix the parsing error caused by aggregate or window functions in recursive CTEs #47711 @elsa0520
  - Fix the issue that `UPDATE` statements might be incorrectly converted to PointGet #47445 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the OOM issue that might occur when TiDB performs garbage collection on the `stats_history` table #48431 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue that the same query plan has different `PLAN_DIGEST` values in some cases #47634 @King-Dylan
  - Fix the issue that `GenJSONTableFromStats` cannot be killed when it consumes a large amount of memory #47779 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue that the result might be incorrect when predicates are pushed down to common table expressions #47881 @winoros
  - Fix the issue that `Duplicate entry` might occur when `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` is set #46444 @tiancaiamao

- Fix the issue that TiDB server might consume a significant amount of resources when the enterprise plugin for audit logging is used #49273 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that TiDB server might panic during graceful shutdown #36793 @bb7133
- Fix the issue that tables with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` might lead to gRPC client leaks when there are a large number of tables #48869 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the incorrect error message for `ErrLoadDataInvalidURI` (invalid S3 URI error) #48164 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that executing `ALTER TABLE ... LAST PARTITION` fails when the partition column type is `DATETIME` #48814 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that the actual error message during `IMPORT INTO` execution might be overridden by other error messages #47992 #47781 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that TiDB deployed in the cgroup v2 container cannot be detected #48342 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that executing `UNION ALL` with the DUAL table as the first subnode might cause an error #48755 @winoros
- Fix the TiDB node panic issue that occurs when DDL `jobID` is restored to 0 #46296 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue of unsorted row data returned by `TABLESAMPLE` #48253 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that panic might occur when `tidb_enable_ordered_result_mode` is enabled #45044 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the optimizer mistakenly selects IndexFullScan to reduce sort introduced by window functions #46177 @qw4990
- Fix the issue of not handling locks in the MVCC interface when reading schema diff commit versions from the TiDB schema cache #48281 @cfzjywxk
- Fix the issue of incorrect memory usage estimation in `INDEX_LOOKUP_HASH_JOIN` #47788 @SeaRise
- Fix the issue of `IMPORT INTO` task failure caused by PD leader malfunction for 1 minute #48307 @D3Hunter
- Fix the panic issue of `batch-client` in `client-go` #47691 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that column pruning can cause panic in specific situations #47331 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that TiDB does not read `cgroup` resource limits when it is started with `systemd` #47442 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue of possible syntax error when a common table expression (CTE) containing aggregate or window functions is referenced by other recursive CTEs #47603 #47711 @elsa0520
- Fix the panic issue that might occur when constructing TopN structure for statistics #35948 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that the result of `COUNT(INT)` calculated by MPP might be incorrect #48643 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that the chunk cannot be reused when the HashJoin operator performs probe #48082 @wshwsh12

- TiKV

- Fix the issue that if TiKV runs extremely slowly, it might panic after Region merge #16111 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that Resolved TS might be blocked for two hours #15520 #39130 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that TiKV reports the `ServerIsBusy` error because it can not append the raft log #15800 @tonyxuqqi
- Fix the issue that snapshot restore might get stuck when BR crashes #15684 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that Resolved TS in stale read might cause TiKV OOM issues when tracking large transactions #14864 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that damaged SST files might be spread to other TiKV nodes #15986 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that the joint state of DR Auto-Sync might time out when scaling out #15817 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that the scheduler command variables are incorrect in Grafana on the cloud environment #15832 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that stale peers are retained and block resolved-ts after Regions are merged #15919 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that Online Unsafe Recovery cannot handle merge abort #15580 @v01dstar
- Fix the TiKV OOM issue that occurs when restarting TiKV and there are a large number of Raft logs that are not applied #15770 @overvenus
- Fix security issues by upgrading the version of `lz4-sys` to 1.9.4 #15621 @SpadeA-Tang
- Fix the issue that `blob-run-mode` in Titan cannot be updated online #15978 @tonyxuqqi
- Fix the issue that network interruption between PD and TiKV might cause PITR to get stuck #15279 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that TiKV coprocessor might return stale data when removing a Raft peer #16069 @overvenus

- PD

    - Fix the issue that the `resource_manager_resource_unit` metric is empty in TiDB Dashboard when executing `CALIBRATE RESOURCE` #45166 @CabinfeverB
    - Fix the issue that the Calibrate by Workload page reports an error #48162 @CabinfeverB
    - Fix the issue that deleting a resource group can damage DDL atomicity #45050 @glorv
    - Fix the issue that when PD leader is transferred and there is a network partition between the new leader and the PD client, the PD client fails to update the information of the leader #7416 @CabinfeverB
    - Fix the issue that adding multiple TiKV nodes to a large cluster might cause TiKV heartbeat reporting to become slow or stuck #7248 @rleungx

- Fix the issue that TiDB Dashboard cannot read PD `trace` data correctly #7253 @nolouch
- Fix some security issues by upgrading the version of Gin Web Framework from v1.8.1 to v1.9.1 #7438 @niubell
- Fix the issue that the rule checker does not add Learners according to the configuration of Placement Rules #7185 @nolouch
- Fix the issue that PD might delete normal Peers when TiKV nodes are unavailable #7249 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that it takes a long time to switch the leader in DR Auto-Sync mode #6988 @HuSharp

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that executing the `ALTER TABLE ... EXCHANGE PARTITION ...` statement causes panic #8372 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue of memory leak when TiFlash encounters memory limitation during query #8447 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that data of TiFlash replicas would still be garbage collected after executing `FLASHBACK DATABASE` #8450 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix incorrect display of maximum percentile time for some panels in Grafana #8076 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that a query returns the unexpected error message "Block schema mismatch in FineGrainedShuffleWriter-V1" #8111 @SeaRise

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that the default values for BR SQL commands and CLI are different, which might cause OOM issues #48000 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that the log backup might get stuck in some scenarios when backing up large wide tables #15714 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that BR generates incorrect URIs for external storage files #48452 @3AceShowHand
    - Fix the issue that the retry after an EC2 metadata connection reset causes degraded backup and restore performance #47650 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that the log backup task can start but does not work properly if failing to connect to PD during task initialization #16056 @YuJuncen

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the issue that the `WHERE` clause does not use the primary key as a condition when replicating `DELETE` statements in certain scenarios #9812 @asddongmen
    - Fix the issue that replication tasks get stuck in certain special scenarios when replicating data to object storage #10041 #10044 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that replication tasks get stuck in certain special scenarios after enabling sync-point and redo log #10091 @CharlesCheung96

- Fix the issue that TiCDC mistakenly closes the connection with TiKV in certain special scenarios #10239 @hicqu
- Fix the issue that the changefeed cannot replicate DML events in bidirectional replication mode if the target table is dropped and then recreated in upstream #10079 @asddongmen
- Fix the performance issue caused by accessing NFS directories when replicating data to an object store sink #10041 @CharlesCheung96
- Fix the issue that the TiCDC server might panic when replicating data to an object storage service #10137 @sdojjy
- Fix the issue that the interval between replicating DDL statements is too long when redo log is enabled #9960 @CharlesCheung96
- Fix the issue that an owner node gets stuck due to NFS failure when the redo log is enabled #9886 @3AceShowHand

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that DM performance is degraded due to an inappropriate algorithm used for `CompareGTID` #9676 @GMHDBJD
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that data import fails due to the PD leader being killed or slow processing of PD requests #46950 #48075 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning gets stuck during `writeToTiKV` #46321 #48352 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that data import fails because HTTP retry requests do not use the current request content #47930 @lance6716
  - Remove unnecessary `get_regions` calls in physical import mode #45507 @mittalrishabh

16.17.5 TiDB 7.1.2 Release Notes

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16.17.5.1 Compatibility changes

- Prohibit setting `require_secure_transport` to `ON` in Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) to prevent potential connectivity issues for users #47665 @tiancaiamao
- Disable the smooth upgrade feature by default. You can enable it by sending the `/upgrade/start` and `upgrade/finish` HTTP requests #47172 @zimulala
- Introduce the `tidb_opt_enable_hash_join` system variable to control whether the optimizer selects hash joins for tables #46695 @coderplay

- Disable periodic compaction of RocksDB by default, so that the default behavior of TiKV RocksDB is now consistent with that in versions before v6.5.0. This change prevents potential performance impact caused by a significant number of compactions after upgrading. In addition, TiKV introduces two new configuration items `rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].periodic-compaction-seconds` and `rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].ttl`, enabling you to manually configure periodic compaction of RocksDB #15355 @LykxSassinator
- TiCDC introduces the `sink.csv.binary-encoding-method` configuration item to control the encoding method of binary data in the CSV protocol. The default value is `'base64'` #9373 @CharlesCheung96
- TiCDC introduces the `large-message-handle-option` configuration item. It is empty by default, which means that the changefeed fails when the message size exceeds the limit of the Kafka topic. When this configuration is set to `"handle-key-only"`, if the message exceeds the size limit, only the handle key will be sent to reduce the message size; if the reduced message still exceeds the limit, then the changefeed fails #9680 @3AceShowHand

16.17.5.1.1 Behavior changes

- For transactions containing multiple changes, if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in the update event, TiCDC splits an event into delete and insert events and ensures that all events follow the sequence of delete events preceding insert events. For more information, see documentation.

16.17.5.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Add new optimizer hints, including `NO_MERGE_JOIN()`, `NO_INDEX_JOIN()`, `NO_INDEX_MERGE_JOIN()`, `NO_HASH_JOIN()`, and `NO_INDEX_HASH_JOIN()` #45520 @qw4990
    - Add request source information related to the coprocessor #46514 @you06
    - Add the `/upgrade/start` and `upgrade/finish` APIs to mark the start and end of the upgrade status for TiDB nodes #47172 @zimulala
- TiKV
    - Optimize the compaction mechanism: when a Region is split, if there is no key to split, a compaction is triggered to eliminate excessive MVCC versions #15282 @SpadeA-Tang
    - Eliminate LRUCache in Router objects to reduce memory usage and prevent OOM #15430 @Connor1996
    - Add the `Max gap of safe-ts` and `Min safe ts region` metrics and introduce the `tikv-ctl get-region-read-progress` command to better observe and diagnose the status of resolved-ts and safe-ts #15082 @ekexium

    - Expose some RocksDB configurations in TiKV that allow users to disable features such as TTL and periodic compaction #14873 @LykxSassinator
    - Add the backoff mechanism for the PD client in the process of connection retries, which gradually increases retry intervals during error retries to reduce PD pressure #15428 @nolouch
    - Avoid holding mutex when writing Titan manifest files to prevent affecting other threads #15351 @Connor1996
    - Optimize memory usage of Resolver to prevent OOM #15458 @overvenus

- PD

    - Optimize the backoff mechanism in the PD caller to reduce the frequency of RPC requests when a call fails #6556 @nolouch @rleungx @HuSharp
    - Introduce the cancel mechanism for the `GetRegions` interface to release CPU and memory in time when the caller is disconnected #6835 @lhy1024

- TiFlash

    - Add monitoring metrics for the memory usage of index data in Grafana #8050 @hongyunyan

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Enhance support for connection reuse of log backup and PITR restore tasks by setting `MaxIdleConns` and `MaxIdleConnsPerHost` parameters in the HTTP client #46011 @Leavrth
        - Reduce the CPU overhead of log backup `resolve lock` #40759 @3pointer
        - Add a new restore parameter `WaitTiflashReady`. When this parameter is enabled, the restore operation will be completed after TiFlash replicas are successfully replicated #43828 #46302 @3pointer

    - TiCDC

        - Optimize several TiCDC monitoring metrics and alarm rules #9047 @asddongmen
        - Kafka Sink supports sending only handle key data when a message is too large, avoiding changefeed failure caused by excessive message size #9680 @3AceShowHand
        - Optimize the execution logic of replicating the `ADD INDEX` DDL operations to avoid blocking subsequent DML statements #9644 @sdojjy
        - Refine the status message when TiCDC retries after a failure #9483 @asddongmen

    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

        - Support strict optimistic mode for incompatible DDL statements #9112 @GMHDBJD

- TiDB Lightning
  - Change the default value of `checksum-via-sql` to `false` to improve the performance of import tasks #45368 #45094 @GMHDBJD
  - Optimize the retry logic of TiDB Lightning for the `no leader` error during the data import phase #46253 @lance6716

16.17.5.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that `GROUP_CONCAT` cannot parse the `ORDER BY` column #41986 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue that querying the system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_REGION_STATUS` returns incorrect results in some cases #45531 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that upgrading TiDB gets stuck when reading metadata takes longer than one DDL lease #45176 @zimulala
  - Fix the issue that executing DML statements with CTE can cause panic #46083 @winoros
  - Fix the issue of not being able to detect data that does not comply with partition definitions during partition exchange #46492 @mjonss
  - Fix the issue that the results of `MERGE_JOIN` are incorrect #46580 @qw4990
  - Fix the incorrect result that occurs when comparing unsigned types with `Duration` type constants #45410 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that `Duplicate entry` might occur when `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` is set #46444 @tiancaiamao
  - Fix the memory leak issue when TTL is running #45510 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the issue that killing a connection might cause go coroutine leaks #46034 @pingyu
  - Fix the issue that an error in Index Join might cause the query to get stuck #45716 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that the `BatchPointGet` operator returns incorrect results for hash partitioned tables #46779 @jiyfhust
  - Fix the issue that restrictions on partitioned tables remain on the original table when `EXCHANGE PARTITION` fails or is canceled #45920 #45791 @mjonss
  - Fix the issue that the `TIDB_INLJ` hint does not take effect when joining two subqueries #46160 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that the behavior is inconsistent with MySQL when comparing a `DATETIME` or `TIMESTAMP` column with a number constant #38361 @yibin87
  - Fix the issue that HashCode is repeatedly calculated for deeply nested expressions, which causes high memory usage and OOM #42788 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue that access path pruning logic ignores the `READ_FROM_STORAGE(TIFLASH[...])` hint, which causes the `Can't find a proper physical plan` error #40146 @AilinKid

- Fix the issue that the `cast(col)=range` condition causes FullScan when CAST has no precision loss #45199 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that `plan replayer dump explain` reports an error #46197 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that the `tmp-storage-quota` configuration does not take effect #45161 #26806 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that the TiDB parser remains in a state and causes parsing failure #45898 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that when Aggregation is pushed down through Union in MPP execution plans, the results are incorrect #45850 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that TiDB recovers slowly after a panic when `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` is set #46454 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the Sort operator might cause TiDB to crash during the spill process #47538 @windtalker
- Fix the issue of duplicate primary keys when using BR to restore non-clustered index tables with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` #46093 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the query might report an error when querying partitioned tables in static pruning mode and the execution plan contains `IndexLookUp` #45757 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that inserting data into a partitioned table might fail after exchanging partitions between the partition table and a table with placement policies #45791 @mjonss
- Fix the issue of encoding time fields with incorrect timezone information #46033 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that DDL statements that fast add indexes would get stuck when the `tmp` directory does not exist #45456 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that upgrading multiple TiDB instances simultaneously might block the upgrade process #46228 @zimulala
- Fix the issue of uneven Region scattering caused by incorrect parameters used in splitting Regions #46135 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that DDL operations might get stuck after TiDB is restarted #46751 @wjhuang2016
- Prohibit split table operations on non-integer clustered indexes #47350 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that DDL operations might get permanently blocked due to incorrect MDL handling #46920 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue of duplicate rows in `information_schema.columns` caused by renaming a table #47064 @jiyfhust
- Fix the panic issue of `batch-client` in `client-go` #47691 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that statistics collection on partitioned tables is not killed in time when its memory usage exceeds memory limits #45706 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that query results are inaccurate when queries contain `UNHEX` conditions #45378 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that TiDB returns `Can't find column` for queries with `GROUP_CONCAT` #41957 @AilinKid

- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that the `ttl-check-poll-interval` configuration item does not take effect on RawKV API V2 #15142 @pingyu
    - Fix the data error of continuously increasing raftstore-applys #15371 @Connor1996
    - Fix the issue that the QPS drops to zero in the sync-recover phase under the Data Replication Auto Synchronous mode #14975 @nolouch
    - Fix the data inconsistency issue that might occur when one TiKV node is isolated and another node is restarted #15035 @overvenus
    - Fix the issue that Online Unsafe Recovery cannot handle merge abort #15580 @v01dstar
    - Fix the issue that network interruption between PD and TiKV might cause PITR to get stuck #15279 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that Region Merge might be blocked after executing `FLASHBACK` #15258 @overvenus
    - Fix the issue of heartbeat storms by reducing the number of store heartbeat retries #15184 @nolouch
    - Fix the issue that Online Unsafe Recovery does not abort on timeout #15346 @Connor1996
    - Fix the issue that encryption might cause data corruption during partial write #15080 @tabokie
    - Fix the TiKV panic issue caused by incorrect metadata of Region #13311 @cfzjywxk
    - Fix the issue that requests of the TiDB Lightning checksum coprocessor time out when there is online workload #15565 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that moving a peer might cause the performance of the Follower Read to deteriorate #15468 @YuJuncen
- PD
    - Fix the issue that hot Regions might not be scheduled in the v2 scheduler algorithm #6645 @lhy1024
    - Fix the issue that the TLS handshake might cause high CPU usage in an empty cluster #6913 @nolouch
    - Fix the issue that injection errors between PD nodes might cause PD panic #6858 @HuSharp
    - Fix the issue that store information synchronization might cause the PD leader to exit and get stuck #6918 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that the Region information is not updated after Flashback #6912 @overvenus
    - Fix the issue that PD might panic during exiting #7053 @HuSharp
    - Fix the issue that the context timeout might cause the `lease timeout` error #6926 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that peers are not properly scattered by group, which might cause uneven distribution of leaders #6962 @rleungx

- Fix the issue that the isolation level label is not synchronized when updating using pd-ctl #7121 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that `evict-leader-scheduler` might lose configuration #6897 @HuSharp
- Fix potential security risks of the plugin directory and files #7094 @HuSharp
- Fix the issue that DDL might not guarantee atomicity after enabling resource control #45050 @glorv
- Fix the issue that unhealthy peers cannot be removed when rule checker selects peers #6559 @nolouch
- Fix the issue that when etcd is already started but the client has not yet connected to it, calling the client might cause PD to panic #6860 @HuSharp
- Fix the issue that RU consumption less than 0 causes PD to crash #6973 @CabinfeverB
- Fix the issue that the client-go regularly updating `min-resolved-ts` might cause PD OOM when the cluster is large #46664 @HuSharp

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that the memory usage reported by MemoryTracker is inaccurate #8128 @JinheLin
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash data is inconsistent due to invalid range keys of a region #7762 @lidezhu
  - Fix the issue that queries fail after `fsp` is changed for `DATETIME`, `TIMESTAMP`, or `TIME` data type #7809 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that when there are multiple HashAgg operators within the same MPP task, the compilation of the MPP task might take an excessively long time, severely affecting query performance #7810 @SeaRise

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that recovering implicit primary keys using PITR might cause conflicts #46520 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that PITR fails to recover data from GCS #47022 @Leavrth
    - Fix the potential error in fine-grained backup phase in RawKV mode #37085 @pingyu
    - Fix the issue that recovering meta-kv using PITR might cause errors #46578 @Leavrth
    - Fix the errors in BR integration test cases #46561 @purelind
    - Fix the issue of restore failures by increasing the default values of the global parameters `TableColumnCountLimit` and `IndexLimit` used by BR to their maximum values #45793 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that the br CLI client gets stuck when scanning restored data #45476 @3pointer

- Fix the issue that PITR might skip restoring the `CREATE INDEX` DDL statement #47482 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that running PITR multiple times within 1 minute might cause data loss #15483 @YuJuncen

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that a replication task in an abnormal state blocks upstream GC #9543 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that replicating data to an object storage might cause data inconsistency #9592 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that enabling `redo-resolved-ts` might cause changefeed to fail #9769 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that fetching wrong memory information might cause OOM issues in some operating systems #9762 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue of uneven distribution of write keys among nodes when `scale-out` is enabled #9665 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue that sensitive user information is recorded in the logs #9690 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC might incorrectly synchronize rename DDL operations #9488 #9378 #9531 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that upstream TiDB GC is blocked after all changefeeds are removed #9633 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC replication tasks might fail in some corner cases #9685 #9697 #9695 #9736 @hicqu @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue of high TiCDC replication latency caused by network isolation of PD nodes #9565 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC accesses the invalid old address during PD scaling up and down #9584 @fubinzh @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC cannot recover quickly from TiKV node failures when there are a lot of Regions upstream #9741 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC incorrectly changes the `UPDATE` operation to `INSERT` when using the CSV format #9658 @3AceShowHand
  - Fix the issue that a replication error occurs when multiple tables are renamed in the same DDL statement on the upstream #9476 #9488 @CharlesCheung96 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that the replication task fails due to short retry intervals when synchronizing to Kafka #9504 @3AceShowHand
  - Fix the issue that replication write conflicts might occur when the unique keys for multiple rows are modified in one transaction on the upstream #9430 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue that the replication task might get stuck when the downstream encounters a short-term failure #9542 #9272 #9582 #9592 @hicqu
  - Fix the issue that the replication task might get stuck when the downstream encounters an error and retries #9450 @hicqu

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)

- Fix the issue that replication lag returned by DM keeps growing when a failed DDL is skipped and no subsequent DDLs are executed #9605 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that DM cannot handle conflicts correctly with case-insensitive collations #9489 @hihihuhu
- Fix the DM validator deadlock issue and enhance retries #9257 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that DM skips all DMLs when resuming a task in optimistic mode #9588 @GMHDBJD
- Fix the issue that DM cannot properly track upstream table schemas when skipping online DDLs #9587 @GMHDBJD
- Fix the issue that DM skips partition DDLs in optimistic mode #9788 @GMHDBJD

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that when importing a table with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1`, a wrong `row_id` is assigned #46100 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that the data type is wrong when saving `NEXT_GLOBAL_ROW_ID` #45427 @lyzx2001
  - Fix the issue that checksum still reports errors when `checksum = "optional ↪ "` #45382 @lyzx2001
  - Fix the issue that data import fails when the PD cluster address changes #43436 @lichunzhu
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to start when PD topology is changed #46688 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that route might panic when importing CSV data #43284 @lyzx2001
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that Drainer exits when transporting a transaction greater than 1 GB #28659 @jackysp

16.17.6 TiDB 7.1.1 Release Notes

Release date: July 24, 2023

TiDB version: 7.1.1

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16.17.6.1 Compatibility changes

- TiDB introduces a new system variable `tidb_lock_unchanged_keys` to control whether to lock unchanged keys #44714 @ekexium

16.17.6.1.1 Behavior changes

- When processing update event, TiCDC splits an event into delete and insert events if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in the event. For more information, see documentation.

16.17.6.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Plan Cache supports queries with more than 200 parameters #44823 @qw4990
  - Optimize the performance of reading the dumped chunks from disk #45125 @YangKeao
  - Optimize the logic of constructing index scan range so that it supports converting complex conditions into index scan range #41572 #44389 @xuyifangreeneyes
  - When the retry leader of stale read encounters a lock, TiDB forcibly retries with the leader after resolving the lock, which avoids unnecessary overhead #43659 @you06
- PD
  - PD blocks Swagger API by default when the Swagger server is disabled #6786 @bufferflies
- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Optimize the encoding format of binary fields when TiCDC replicates data to object storage services #9373 @CharlesCheung96
    - Support the OAUTHBEARER authentication in the scenario of replication to Kafka #8865 @hi-rustin
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Improve the retry logic of TiDB Lightning for the PD `ClientTSOStreamClosed` ↪ error during the checksum phase #45301 @lance6716
    - Verify checksum through SQL after the import to improve stability of verification #41941 @GMHDBJD
  - Dumpling
    - Dumpling avoids executing table queries when the `--sql` parameter is used, thereby reducing the export overhead #45239 @lance6716
  - TiDB Binlog
    - Optimize the method of retrieving table information to reduce the initialization time and memory usage of Drainer #1137 @lichunzhu

16.17.6.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the GC Resolve Locks step might miss some pessimistic locks #45134 @MyonKeminta
    - Fix the issue that Stats Collector might cause deadlock when a new session is created #44502 @xuyifangreeneyes
    - Fix the potential memory leak issue in memory tracker #44612 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that batch coprocessor retry might generate incorrect Region information that causes query failure #44622 @windtalker
    - Fix the potential data race issue in index scan #45126 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that query results in MPP mode are incorrect when `tidb_enable_parallel_apply` is enabled #45299 @windtalker
    - Fix the hang-up issue that occurs when queries with `indexMerge` are killed #45279 @xzhangxian1008
    - Fix the issue that excessive memory consumption of SQL execution details in statistics causes TiDB OOM in extreme cases #44047 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that the `FormatSQL()` method cannot properly truncate extremely long SQL statements in input #44542 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that DDL operations get stuck during cluster upgrade, which causes upgrade failure #44158 @zimulala
    - Fix the issue that other TiDB nodes do not take over TTL tasks after failures in one TiDB node #45022 @lcwangchao
    - Fix the issue that when the MySQL Cursor Fetch protocol is used, the memory consumption of result sets might exceed the `tidb_mem_quota_query` limit and causes TiDB OOM. After the fix, TiDB will automatically write result sets to the disk to release memory #43233 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that users can view information in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_REPLICA` table even without permissions #45320 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that `ROW_COUNT` returned by the `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` statement is inaccurate #44044 @tangenta
    - Fix the issue that querying a Range COLUMNS partitioned table might get an error #43459 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that resuming a paused DDL task fails #44217 @dhysum
    - Fix the issue that in-memory pessimistic locks cause `FLASHBACK` failures and data inconsistency #44292 @JmPotato
    - Fix the issue that deleted tables can still be read from `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` #43714 @tangenta
    - Fix the issue that the cluster upgrade fails when there are paused DDL operations before the upgrade #44225 @zimulala
    - Fix the `duplicate entry` error that occurs when restoring a table with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` using BR #44716 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the data index inconsistency issue triggered by multiple switches of DDL owner #44619 @tangenta

- Fix the issue that canceling an `ADD INDEX` DDL task in the `none` status might cause memory leak because this task is not removed from the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) task queue #44205 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the proxy protocol reports the `Header read timeout` error when processing certain erroneous data #43205 @blacktear23
- Fix the issue that PD isolation might block the running DDL #44267 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that the query result of the `SELECT CAST(n AS CHAR)` statement is incorrect when `n` in the statement is a negative number #44786 @xhebox
- Fix the issue of excessive memory usage after creating a large number of empty partitioned tables #44308 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that Join Reorder might cause incorrect outer join results #44314 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that queries containing Common Table Expressions (CTEs) might cause insufficient disk space #44477 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that dropping a database causes slow GC progress #33069 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that adding an index fails in the ingest mode #44137 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the `SELECT` statement returns an error for a partitioned table if the table partition definition uses the `FLOOR()` function to round a partitioned column #42323 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that follower read does not handle flashback errors before retrying, which causes query errors #43673 @you06
- Fix the issue that using `memTracker` with cursor fetch causes memory leaks #44254 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the `SHOW PROCESSLIST` statement cannot display the TxnStart of the transaction of the statement with a long subquery time #40851 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that the `LEADING` hint does not support querying block aliases #44645 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that `PREPARE stmt FROM "ANALYZE TABLE xxx"` might be killed by `tidb_mem_quota_query` #44320 @chrysan
- Fix the panic issue caused by empty `processInfo` #43829 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that data and indexes are inconsistent when the `ON UPDATE` statement does not correctly update the primary key #44565 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that queries might return incorrect results when `tidb_opt_agg_push_down` is enabled #44795 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that using CTEs and correlated subqueries simultaneously might result in incorrect query results or panic #44649 #38170 #44774 @winoros @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that canceling a DDL task in the rollback state causes errors in related metadata #44143 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that executing the `UPDATE` statement causes errors due to checking foreign key constraints #44848 @crazycs520

- PD

- Fix the issue that Resource Manager repeatedly initializes the default resource group #6787 @glorv
- Fix the issue that in some cases, the `location-labels` set in the Placement Rules in SQL does not schedule as expected #6662 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that redundant replicas cannot be automatically repaired in some corner cases #6573 @nolouch

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture mode, the TiFlash compute node fetches inaccurate CPU core information #7436 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash takes too long to restart after using Online Unsafe Recovery #7671 @hongyunyan

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix the issue that `checksum mismatch` is falsely reported in some cases #44472 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that the frequency of `resolve lock` is too high when there is no PITR backup task in the TiDB cluster #40759 @joccau

    - TiCDC

        - Fix the issue that a PD exception might cause the replication task to get stuck #8808 #9054 @asddongmen @fubinzh
        - Fix the issue of excessive memory consumption when replicating to an object storage service #8894 @CharlesCheung96
        - Fix the issue that the replication task might get stuck when the redo log is enabled and there is an exception downstream #9172 @CharlesCheung96
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC keeps retrying when there is a downstream failure, which causes the retry time to be too long #9272 @asddongmen
        - Fix the issue of excessive downstream pressure caused by reading downstream metadata too frequently when replicating data to Kafka #8959 @hi-rustin
        - Fix the issue that when the downstream is Kafka, TiCDC queries the downstream metadata too frequently and causes excessive workload in the downstream #8957 #8959 @hi-rustin
        - Fix the OOM issue caused by excessive memory usage of the sorter component in some special scenarios #8974 @hicqu
        - Fix the issue that the `UPDATE` operation cannot output old values when the Avro or CSV protocol is used #9086 @3AceShowHand
        - Fix the issue that when replicating data to storage services, the JSON file corresponding to downstream DDL statements does not record the default values of table fields #9066 @CharlesCheung96

- Fix the issue of too many downstream logs caused by frequently setting the downstream bidirectional replication-related variables when replicating data to TiDB or MySQL #9180 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue that when a replication error occurs due to an oversized Kafka message, the message body is recorded in the log #9031 @darraes
- Fix the issue that TiCDC gets stuck when PD fails such as network isolation or PD Owner node reboot #8808 #8812 #8877 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue that Avro protocol incorrectly identifies `Enum` type values #9259 @3AceShowHand

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that DM-master exits abnormally when a unique index contains empty columns in the table to be migrated #9247 @lance6716
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that the failed connection between TiDB Lightning and PD cannot be retried, improving the import success rate #43400 @lichunzhu
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning does not correctly display the error message when writing data to TiKV returns an out of space error #44733 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that the `Region is unavailable` error is reported during checksum operation #45462 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the TiDB Lightning panic issue when `experimental.allow-expression-index` is enabled and the default value is UUID #44497 @lichunzhu
  - Fix the issue that disk quota might be inaccurate due to competing conditions #44867 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that in Logical Import Mode, deleting tables downstream during import might cause TiDB Lightning metadata not to be updated in time #44614 @dsdashun
- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that Dumpling exits abnormally when the query result set of `--sql` is empty #45200 @D3Hunter
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that TiDB cannot correctly query Binlog node status via `SHOW PUMP STATUS` or `SHOW DRAINER STATUS` after a complete change of the PD address #42643 @lichunzhu
  - Fix the issue that TiDB cannot write binlogs after a complete change of the PD address #42643 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that the etcd client does not automatically synchronize the latest node information during initialization #1236 @lichunzhu

16.17.7 TiDB 7.1.0 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 7.1.0

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TiDB 7.1.0 is a Long-Term Support Release (LTS).

Compared with the previous LTS 6.5.0, 7.1.0 not only includes new features, improvements, and bug fixes released in 6.6.0-DMR, 7.0.0-DMR, but also introduces the following key features and improvements:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Description</th>
```

```
<td rowspan="4">Scalability and Performance</td>
<td>TiFlash supports the <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.1/tiflash
   ↪ -disaggregated-and-s3" target="_blank">disaggregated storage and
   ↪ compute architecture and S3 shared storage</a> (experimental,
   ↪ introduced in v7.0.0)</td>
<td>TiFlash introduces a cloud-native architecture as an option:
  <ul>
    <li>Disaggregates TiFlash's compute and storage, which is a milestone
       ↪ for elastic HTAP resource utilization.</li>
    <li>Introduces S3-based storage engine, which can provide shared storage
       ↪  at a lower cost.</li>
  </ul>
</td>
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<td>TiKV supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.1/system-
   ↪ variables#tidb_store_batch_size" target="_blank">batch aggregating
   ↪ data requests</a> (introduced in v6.6.0) </td>
<td>This enhancement significantly reduces total RPCs in TiKV batch-get
   ↪ operations. In situations where data is highly dispersed and the gRPC
   ↪  thread pool has insufficient resources, batching coprocessor
   ↪ requests can improve performance by more than 50%.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.1/troubleshoot-hot-spot-issues
   ↪ #scatter-read-hotspots" target="_blank">Load-based replica read</a></
   ↪ td>
<td>In a read hotspot scenario, TiDB can redirect read requests for a
   ↪ hotspot TiKV node to its replicas. This feature efficiently scatters
   ↪ read hotspots and optimizes the use of cluster resources. To control
   ↪ the threshold for triggering load-based replica read, you can adjust
   ↪ the system variable <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.1/
   ↪ system-variables#tidb_load_based_replica_read_threshold-new-in-v700"
   ↪ target="_blank"><code>tidb_load_based_replica_read_threshold</code></
   ↪ a>.</td>
```

```
  <td>TiKV supports<a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.1/partitioned-
    ↪ raft-kv" target="_blank"> partitioned Raft KV storage engine </a> (
    ↪ experimental)</td>
<td>TiKV introduces a new generation of storage engine, the partitioned Raft
   ↪  KV. By allowing each data Region to have a dedicated RocksDB
   ↪ instance, it can expand the cluster's storage capacity from TB-level
   ↪ to PB-level and provide more stable write latency and stronger
   ↪ scalability.</td>
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<td rowspan="2">Reliability and availability</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.1/tidb-resource-control"
   ↪ target="_blank">Resource control by resource groups</a> (GA)</td>
```

Support resource management based on resource groups, which allocates and isolates resources for different workloads in the same cluster. This feature significantly enhances the stability of multi-application clusters and lays the foundation for multi-tenancy. In v7.1.0, this feature introduces the ability to estimate system capacity based on actual workload or hardware deployment.

```
<td>TiFlash supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.1/tiflash-
   ↪ spill-disk" target="_blank">spill to disk</a> (introduced in v7.0.0)
   ↪ </td>
<td>TiFlash supports intermediate result spill to disk to mitigate OOMs in
   ↪ data-intensive operations such as aggregations, sorts, and hash joins
   ↪ .</td>
```

```
<td rowspan="3">SQL</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.1/sql-statement-create-index#
   ↪ multi-valued-indexes" target="_blank">Multi-valued indexes</a> (GA)</
   ↪ td>
<td>Support MySQL-compatible multi-valued indexes and enhance the JSON type
   ↪ to improve compatibility with MySQL 8.0. This feature improves the
   ↪ efficiency of membership checks on multi-valued columns.</td>
```

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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.1/time-to-live" target="_blank
   ↪ ">Row-level TTL</a> (GA in v7.0.0)</td>
<td>Support managing database size and improve performance by automatically
   ↪ expiring data of a certain age.</td>
```

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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.1/generated-columns" target="_
   ↪ blank">Generated columns</a> (GA)</td>
<td>Values in a generated column are calculated by a SQL expression in the
   ↪ column definition in real time. This feature pushes some application
   ↪ logic to the database level, thus improving query efficiency.</td>
```

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<td rowspan="2">Security</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.1/security-compatibility-with-
    ↪ mysql" target="_blank">LDAP authentication</a></td>
<td>TiDB supports LDAP authentication, which is compatible with <a href="
    ↪ https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/ldap-pluggable-authentication
    ↪ .html" target="_blank">MySQL 8.0</a>.</td>
```

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<td><a href="https://static.pingcap.com/files/2023/09/18204824/TiDB-Database
    ↪ -Auditing-User-Guide1.pdf" target="_blank">Audit log enhancement</a>
    ↪ (<a href="https://www.pingcap.com/tidb-enterprise" target="_blank">
    ↪ Enterprise Edition</a> only)</td>
<td>TiDB Enterprise Edition enhances the database auditing feature. It
    ↪ significantly improves the system auditing capacity by providing more
    ↪  fine-grained event filtering controls, more user-friendly filter
    ↪ settings, a new file output format in JSON, and lifecycle management
    ↪ of audit logs.</td>
```

16.17.7.1 Feature details

16.17.7.1.1 Performance

- Enhance the Partitioned Raft KV storage engine (experimental) #11515 #12842 @busyjay @tonyxuqqi @tabokie @bufferflies @5kbpers @SpadeA-Tang @nolouch

  TiDB v6.6.0 introduces the Partitioned Raft KV storage engine as an experimental feature, which uses multiple RocksDB instances to store TiKV Region data, and the data of each Region is independently stored in a separate RocksDB instance. The new storage engine can better control the number and level of files in the RocksDB instance, achieve physical isolation of data operations between Regions, and support stably managing more data. Compared with the original TiKV storage engine, using the Partitioned Raft KV storage engine can achieve about twice the write throughput and reduce the elastic scaling time by about 4/5 under the same hardware conditions and mixed read and write scenarios.

  In TiDB v7.1.0, the Partitioned Raft KV storage engine supports tools such as TiDB Lightning, BR, and TiCDC.

  Currently, this feature is experimental and not recommended for use in production environments. You can only use this engine in a newly created cluster and you cannot directly upgrade from the original TiKV storage engine.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports late materialization (GA) #5829 @Lloyd-Pottiger

In v7.0.0, late materialization was introduced in TiFlash as an experimental feature for optimizing query performance. This feature is disabled by default (the `tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization` system variable defaults to `OFF`). When processing a `SELECT` statement with filter conditions (`WHERE` clause), TiFlash reads all the data from the columns required by the query, and then filters and aggregates the data based on the query conditions. When Late materialization is enabled, TiDB supports pushing down part of the filter conditions to the TableScan operator. That is, TiFlash first scans the column data related to the filter conditions that are pushed down to the TableScan operator, filters the rows that meet the condition, and then scans the other column data of these rows for further calculation, thereby reducing IO scans and computations of data processing.

Starting from v7.1.0, the TiFlash late materialization feature is generally available and enabled by default (the `tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization` system variable defaults to `ON`). The TiDB optimizer decides which filters to be pushed down to the TableScan operator based on the statistics and the filter conditions of the query.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports automatically choosing an MPP Join algorithm according to the overhead of network transmission #7084 @solotzg

  The TiFlash MPP mode supports multiple Join algorithms. Before v7.1.0, TiDB determines whether the MPP mode uses the Broadcast Hash Join algorithm based on the `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_count` and `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size` variables and the actual data volume.

  In v7.1.0, TiDB introduces the `tidb_prefer_broadcast_join_by_exchange_data_size` variable, which controls whether to choose the MPP Join algorithm based on the minimum overhead of network transmission. This variable is disabled by default, indicating that the default algorithm selection method remains the same as that before v7.1.0. You can set the variable to `ON` to enable it. When it is enabled, you no longer need to manually adjust the `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_count` and `tidb_broadcast_join_threshold_size` variables (both variables does not take effect at this time), TiDB automatically estimates the threshold of network transmission by different Join algorithms, and then chooses the algorithm with the smallest overhead overall, thus reducing network traffic and improving MPP query performance.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support load-based replica read to mitigate read hotspots #14151 @sticnarf @you06

  In a read hotspot scenario, the hotspot TiKV node cannot process read requests in time, resulting in the read requests queuing. However, not all TiKV resources are exhausted at this time. To reduce latency, TiDB v7.1.0 introduces the load-based replica read feature, which allows TiDB to read data from other TiKV nodes without queuing on the hotspot TiKV node. You can control the queue length of read requests using the `tidb_load_based_replica_read_threshold` system variable. When the estimated queue time of the leader node exceeds this threshold, TiDB prioritizes reading data

from follower nodes. This feature can improve read throughput by 70% to 200% in a read hotspot scenario compared to not scattering read hotspots.

For more information, see documentation.

- Enhance the capability of caching execution plans for non-prepared statements (experimental) #36598 @qw4990

  TiDB v7.0.0 introduces non-prepared plan cache as an experimental feature to improve the load capacity of concurrent OLTP. In v7.1.0, TiDB enhances this feature and supports caching more SQL statements.

  To improve memory utilization, TiDB v7.1.0 merges the cache pools of non-prepared and prepared plan caches. You can control the cache size using the system variable `tidb_session_plan_cache_size`. The `tidb_prepared_plan_cache_size` and `tidb_non_prepared_plan_cache_size` system variables are deprecated.

  To maintain forward compatibility, when you upgrade from an earlier version to v7.1.0 or later versions, the cache size `tidb_session_plan_cache_size` remains the same value as `tidb_prepared_plan_cache_size`, and `tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache` remains the setting before the upgrade. After sufficient performance testing, you can enable non-prepared plan cache using `tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache`. For a newly created cluster, non-prepared plan cache is enabled by default.

  Non-prepared plan cache does not support DML statements by default. To remove this restriction, you can set the `tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache_for_dml` system variable to `ON`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) (experimental) #41495 @benjamin2037

  Before TiDB v7.1.0, only one TiDB node can serve as the DDL owner and execute DDL tasks at the same time. Starting from TiDB v7.1.0, in the new DXF, multiple TiDB nodes can execute the same DDL task in parallel, thus better utilizing the resources of the TiDB cluster and significantly improving the performance of DDL. In addition, you can linearly improve the performance of DDL by adding more TiDB nodes. Note that this feature is currently experimental and only supports `ADD INDEX` operations.

  To use the DXF, set the value of `tidb_enable_dist_task` to `ON`:

  ```
  SET GLOBAL tidb_enable_dist_task = ON;
  ```

  For more information, see documentation.

16.17.7.1.2 Reliability

- Resource Control becomes generally available (GA) #38825 @nolouch @BornChanger @glorv @tiancaiamao @Connor1996 @JmPotato @hnes @CabinfeverB @HuSharp

TiDB enhances the resource control feature based on resource groups, which becomes GA in v7.1.0. This feature significantly improves the resource utilization efficiency and performance of TiDB clusters. The introduction of the resource control feature is a milestone for TiDB. You can divide a distributed database cluster into multiple logical units, map different database users to corresponding resource groups, and set the quota for each resource group as needed. When the cluster resources are limited, all resources used by sessions in the same resource group are limited to the quota. In this way, even if a resource group is over-consumed, the sessions in other resource groups are not affected.

With this feature, you can combine multiple small and medium-sized applications from different systems into a single TiDB cluster. When the workload of an application grows larger, it does not affect the normal operation of other applications. When the system workload is low, busy applications can still be allocated the required system resources even if they exceed the set quotas, which can achieve the maximum utilization of resources. In addition, the rational use of the resource control feature can reduce the number of clusters, ease the difficulty of operation and maintenance, and save management costs.

In TiDB v7.1.0, this feature introduces the ability to estimate system capacity based on actual workload or hardware deployment. The estimation ability provides you with a more accurate reference for capacity planning and assists you in better managing TiDB resource allocation to meet the stability needs of enterprise-level scenarios.

To improve user experience, TiDB Dashboard provides the Resource Manager page. You can view the resource group configuration on this page and estimate cluster capacity in a visual way to facilitate reasonable resource allocation.

For more information, see documentation.

- Support the checkpoint mechanism for Fast Online DDL to improve fault tolerance and automatic recovery capability #42164 @tangenta

  TiDB v7.1.0 introduces a checkpoint mechanism for Fast Online DDL, which significantly improves the fault tolerance and automatic recovery capability of Fast Online DDL. Even if the TiDB owner node is restarted or changed due to failures, TiDB can still recover progress from checkpoints that are automatically updated on a regular basis, making the DDL execution more stable and efficient.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Backup & Restore supports checkpoint restore #42339 @Leavrth

  Snapshot restore or log restore might be interrupted due to recoverable errors, such as disk exhaustion and node crash. Before TiDB v7.1.0, the recovery progress before the interruption would be invalidated even after the error is addressed, and you need to start the restore from scratch. For large clusters, this incurs considerable extra cost.

  Starting from TiDB v7.1.0, Backup & Restore (BR) introduces the checkpoint restore feature, which enables you to continue an interrupted restore. This feature can retain most recovery progress of the interrupted restore.

For more information, see documentation.

- Optimize the strategy of loading statistics #42160 @xuyifangreeneyes

TiDB v7.1.0 introduces lightweight statistics initialization as an experimental feature. Lightweight statistics initialization can significantly reduce the number of statistics that must be loaded during startup, thus improving the speed of loading statistics. This feature increases the stability of TiDB in complex runtime environments and reduces the impact on the overall service when TiDB nodes restart. You can set the parameter `lite-init-stats` to `true` to enable this feature.

```
During TiDB startup, SQL statements executed before the initial statistics
    ↪ are fully loaded might have suboptimal execution plans, thus causing
    ↪ performance issues. To avoid such issues, TiDB v7.1.0 introduces the
    ↪ configuration parameter [`force-init-stats`](#force-init-stats-new-in
    ↪ -v657-and-v710). With this option, you can control whether TiDB
    ↪ provides services only after statistics initialization has been
    ↪ finished during startup. This parameter is disabled by default.

For more information, see [documentation](#load-statistics).
```

- TiCDC supports the data integrity validation feature for single-row data #8718 #42747 @3AceShowHand @zyguan

  Starting from v7.1.0, TiCDC introduces the data integrity validation feature, which uses a checksum algorithm to validate the integrity of single-row data. This feature helps verify whether any error occurs in the process of writing data from TiDB, replicating it through TiCDC, and then writing it to a Kafka cluster. The data integrity validation feature only supports changefeeds that use Kafka as the downstream and currently supports the Avro protocol.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC optimizes DDL replication operations #8686 @hi-rustin

  Before v7.1.0, when you perform a DDL operation that affects all rows on a large table (such as adding or deleting a column), the replication latency of TiCDC would significantly increase. Starting from v7.1.0, TiCDC optimizes this replication operation and mitigates the impact of DDL operations on downstream latency.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Improve the stability of TiDB Lightning when importing TiB-level data #43510 #43657 @D3Hunter @lance6716

  Starting from v7.1.0, TiDB Lightning has added four configuration items to improve stability when importing TiB-level data.

- `tikv-importer.region-split-batch-size` controls the number of Regions when splitting Regions in a batch. The default value is `4096`.
- `tikv-importer.region-split-concurrency` controls the concurrency when splitting Regions. The default value is the number of CPU cores.
- `tikv-importer.region-check-backoff-limit` controls the number of retries to wait for the Region to come online after the split and scatter operations. The default value is `1800` and the maximum retry interval is two seconds. The number of retries is not increased if any Region becomes online between retries.
- `tikv-importer.pause-pd-scheduler-scope` controls the scope in which TiDB Lightning pauses PD scheduling. Value options are `"table"` and `"global"`. The default value is `"table"`. For TiDB versions earlier than v6.1.0, you can only configure the `"global"` option, which pauses global scheduling during data import. Starting from v6.1.0, the `"table"` option is supported, which means that scheduling is only paused for the Region that stores the target table data. It is recommended to set this configuration item to `"global"` in scenarios with large data volumes to improve stability.

For more information, see documentation.

16.17.7.1.3 SQL

- Support saving TiFlash query results using the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement (GA) #37515 @gengliqi

  Starting from v6.5.0, TiDB supports pushing down the `SELECT` clause (analytical query) of the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement to TiFlash. In this way, you can easily save the TiFlash query result to a TiDB table specified by `INSERT INTO` for further analysis, which takes effect as result caching (that is, result materialization).

  In v7.1.0, this feature is generally available. During the execution of the `SELECT` clause in the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement, the optimizer can intelligently decide whether to push a query down to TiFlash based on the SQL mode and the cost estimates of the TiFlash replica. Therefore, the `tidb_enable_tiflash_read_for_write_stmt` system variable introduced during the experimental phase is now deprecated. Note that the computation rules of `INSERT INTO SELECT` statements for TiFlash do not meet the `STRICT SQL Mode` requirement, so TiDB allows the `SELECT` clause in the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement to be pushed down to TiFlash only when the SQL mode of the current session is not strict, which means that the `sql_mode` value does not contain `STRICT_TRANS_TABLES` and `STRICT_ALL_TABLES`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- MySQL-compatible multi-valued indexes become generally available (GA) #39592 @xiongjiwei @qw4990 @YangKeao

  Filtering the values of an array in a JSON column is a common operation, but normal indexes cannot help speed up such an operation. Creating a multi-valued index on an

array can greatly improve filtering performance. If an array in the JSON column has a multi-valued index, you can use the multi-valued index to filter retrieval conditions in `MEMBER OF()`, `JSON_CONTAINS()`, and `JSON_OVERLAPS()` functions, thereby reducing I/O consumption and improving operation speed.

In v7.1.0, the multi-valued indexes feature becomes generally available (GA). It supports more complete data types and is compatible with TiDB tools. You can use multi-valued indexes to speed up the search operations on JSON arrays in production environments.

For more information, see documentation.

- Improve the partition management for Hash and Key partitioned tables #42728 @mjonss

  Before v7.1.0, Hash and Key partitioned tables in TiDB only support the `TRUNCATE PARTITION` partition management statement. Starting from v7.1.0, Hash and Key partitioned tables also support `ADD PARTITION` and `COALESCE PARTITION` partition management statements. Therefore, you can flexibly adjust the number of partitions in Hash and Key partitioned tables as needed. For example, you can increase the number of partitions with the `ADD PARTITION` statement, or decrease the number of partitions with the `COALESCE PARTITION` statement.

  For more information, see documentation.

- The syntax of Range INTERVAL partitioning becomes generally available (GA) #35683 @mjonss

  The syntax of Range INTERVAL partitioning (introduced in v6.3.0) becomes GA. With this syntax, you can define Range partitioning by a desired interval without enumerating all partitions, which drastically reduces the length of Range partitioning DDL statements. The syntax is equivalent to that of the original Range partitioning.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Generated columns become generally available (GA) @bb7133

  Generated columns are a valuable feature for a database. When creating a table, you can define that the value of a column is calculated based on the values of other columns in the table, rather than being explicitly inserted or updated by users. This generated column can be either a virtual column or a stored column. TiDB has supported MySQL-compatible generated columns since earlier versions, and this feature becomes GA in v7.1.0.

  Using generated columns can improve MySQL compatibility for TiDB, simplifying the process of migrating from MySQL. It also reduces data maintenance complexity and improves data consistency and query efficiency.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.17.7.1.4 DB operations

- Support smooth cluster upgrade without manually canceling DDL operations (experimental) #39751 @zimulala

  Before TiDB v7.1.0, to upgrade a cluster, you must manually cancel its running or queued DDL tasks before the upgrade and then add them back after the upgrade.

  To provide a smoother upgrade experience, TiDB v7.1.0 supports automatically pausing and resuming DDL tasks. Starting from v7.1.0, you can upgrade your clusters without manually canceling DDL tasks in advance. TiDB will automatically pause any running or queued user DDL tasks before the upgrade and resume these tasks after the rolling upgrade, making it easier for you to upgrade your TiDB clusters.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.17.7.1.5 Observability

- Enhance optimizer diagnostic information #43122 @time-and-fate

  Obtaining sufficient information is the key to SQL performance diagnostics. In v7.1.0, TiDB continues to add optimizer runtime information to various diagnostic tools, providing better insights into how execution plans are selected and assisting in troubleshooting SQL performance issues. The new information includes:

  - `debug_trace.json` in the output of `PLAN REPLAYER`.
  - Partial statistics details for `operator info` in the output of `EXPLAIN`.
  - Partial statistics details in the `Stats` field of slow queries.

For more information, see Use `PLAN REPLAYER` to save and restore the on-site information of a cluster, `EXPLAIN` walkthrough, and Identify slow queries.

16.17.7.1.6 Security

- Replace the interface used for querying TiFlash system table information #6941 @flowbehappy

  Starting from v7.1.0, when providing the query service of `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_TABLES` and `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_SEGMENTS` system tables for TiDB, TiFlash uses the gRPC port instead of the HTTP port, which avoids the security risks of the HTTP service.

- Support LDAP authentication #43580 @YangKeao

  Starting from v7.1.0, TiDB supports LDAP authentication and provides two authentication plugins: `authentication_ldap_sasl` and `authentication_ldap_simple`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Enhance the database auditing feature (Enterprise Edition)

  In v7.1.0, TiDB Enterprise Edition enhances the database auditing feature, which significantly expands its capacity and improves the user experience to meet the needs of enterprises for database security compliance:

  - Introduce the concepts of "Filter" and "Rule" for more granular audit event definitions and more fine-grained audit settings.
  - Support defining rules in JSON format, providing a more user-friendly configuration method.
  - Add automatic log rotation and space management functions, and support configuring log rotation in two dimensions: retention time and log size.
  - Support outputting audit logs in both TEXT and JSON formats, facilitating easier integration with third-party tools.
  - Support audit log redaction. You can replace all literals to enhance security.

Database auditing is an important feature in TiDB Enterprise Edition. This feature provides a powerful monitoring and auditing tool for enterprises to ensure data security and compliance. It can help enterprise managers in tracking the source and impact of database operations to prevent illegal data theft or tampering. Furthermore, database auditing can also help enterprises meet various regulatory and compliance requirements, ensuring legal and ethical compliance. This feature has important application value for enterprise information security.

```
For more information, see [user guide](https://static.pingcap.com/files
    ↪ /2023/09/18204824/TiDB-Database-Auditing-User-Guide1.pdf). This
    ↪ feature is included in TiDB Enterprise Edition. To use this feature,
    ↪ navigate to the [TiDB Enterprise](https://www.pingcap.com/tidb-
    ↪ enterprise) page to get TiDB Enterprise Edition.
```

16.17.7.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v7.0.0 to the current version (v7.1.0). If you are upgrading from v6.6.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.17.7.2.1 Behavior changes

- To improve security, TiFlash deprecates the HTTP service port (default `8123`) and uses the gRPC port as a replacement

  If you have upgraded TiFlash to v7.1.0, then during the TiDB upgrade to v7.1.0, TiDB cannot read the TiFlash system tables (`INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_TABLES` and `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_SEGMENTS`).

- TiDB Lightning in TiDB versions from v6.2.0 to v7.0.0 decides whether to pause global scheduling based on the TiDB cluster version. When TiDB cluster version >= v6.1.0, scheduling is only paused for the Region that stores the target table data and is resumed after the target table import is complete. While for other versions, TiDB Lightning pauses global scheduling. Starting from TiDB v7.1.0, you can control whether to pause global scheduling by configuring `pause-pd-scheduler-scope`. By default, TiDB Lightning pauses scheduling for the Region that stores the target table data. If the target cluster version is earlier than v6.1.0, an error occurs. In this case, you can change the value of the parameter to `"global"` and try again.

- When you use `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` in TiDB v7.1.0, some Regions might remain in the FLASHBACK process even after the completion of the FLASHBACK operation. It is recommended to avoid using this feature in v7.1.0. For more information, see issue #44292. If you have encountered this issue, you can use the TiDB snapshot backup and restore feature to restore data.

16.17.7.2.2 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_tiflash_read_for_write_stmt	Deprecated	Changes the default value from OFF to ON. When tidb_allow_mpp = ON, the optimizer intelligently decides whether to push a query down to TiFlash based on the SQL mode and the cost estimates of the TiFlash replica.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ non_ ↪ prepared ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _ ↪ size	Deprecated	Starting from v7.1.0, this system variable is deprecated. You can use tidb_ ↪ session ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _ ↪ size ↪ to control the maximum number of plans that can be cached.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ prepared ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _ ↪ size	Deprecated	Starting from v7.1.0, this system variable is deprecated. You can use tidb_ ↪ session ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _ ↪ size ↪ to control the maximum number of plans that can be cached.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ddl_ ↪ distribute ↪ _ ↪ reorg ↪	Deleted	This variable is renamed to tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ dist ↪ _ ↪ task ↪ .
default ↪ _ ↪ authentication ↪ _ ↪ plugin ↪	Modified	Introduces two new value options: authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ sasl ↪ and authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ simple ↪ .

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_load_based_replica_read_threshold	Modified	Takes effect starting from v7.1.0 and controls the threshold for triggering load-based replica read. Changes the default value from `"0s"` to `"1s"` after further tests.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ late ↪ _ ↪ materialization ↪	Modified	Changes the default value from OFF to ON, meaning that the TiFlash late materialization feature is enabled by default.
authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ sasl ↪ _ ↪ auth ↪ _ ↪ method ↪ _ ↪ name	Newly added	Specifies the authentication method name in LDAP SASL authentication.

Variable name	Change type	Description
authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ sasl ↪ _ ↪ bind ↪ _ ↪ base ↪ _dn	Newly added	Limits the search scope within the search tree in LDAP SASL authentication. If a user is created without AS ... clause, TiDB automatically searches the dn in LDAP server according to the user name.

Variable name	Change type	Description
authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ sasl ↪ _ ↪ bind ↪ _ ↪ root ↪ _dn	Newly added	Specifies the dn used to login to the LDAP server to search users in LDAP SASL authentication.
authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ sasl ↪ _ ↪ bind ↪ _ ↪ root ↪ _pwd	Newly added	Specifies the password used to login to the LDAP server to search users in LDAP SASL authentication.

Variable name	Change type	Description
authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ sasl ↪ _ca_ ↪ path	Newly added	Specifies the absolute path of the certificate authority file for StartTLS connections in LDAP SASL authentication.
authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ sasl ↪ _ ↪ init ↪ _ ↪ pool ↪ _ ↪ size	Newly added	Specifies the initial connections in the connection pool to the LDAP server in LDAP SASL authentication.

Variable name	Change type	Description
authentication_ldap_sasl_max_pool_size	Newly added	Specifies the maximum connections in the connection pool to the LDAP server in LDAP SASL authentication.
authentication_ldap_sasl_server_host	Newly added	Specifies the LDAP server host in LDAP SASL authentication.
authentication_ldap_sasl_server_port	Newly added	Specifies the LDAP server TCP/IP port number in LDAP SASL authentication.

Variable name	Change type	Description
authentication_ldap_tls	Newly added	Specifies whether connections by the plugin to the LDAP server are protected with StartTLS in LDAP SASL authentication.
authentication_ldap_simple_auth_method_name	Newly added	Specifies the authentication method name in LDAP simple authentication. It only supports SIMPLE.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`authentication` ↪ `_` ↪ `ldap` ↪ `_` ↪ `simple` ↪ `_` ↪ `bind` ↪ `_` ↪ `base` ↪ `_dn`	Newly added	Limits the search scope within the search tree in LDAP simple authentication. If a user is created without `AS ...` clause, TiDB will automatically search the `dn` in LDAP server according to the user name.

Variable name	Change type	Description
authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ simple ↪ _ ↪ bind ↪ _ ↪ root ↪ _dn	Newly added	Specifies the dn used to login to the LDAP server to search users in LDAP simple authentication.
authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ simple ↪ _ ↪ bind ↪ _ ↪ root ↪ _pwd	Newly added	Specifies the password used to login to the LDAP server to search users in LDAP simple authentication.

Variable name	Change type	Description
authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ simple ↪ _ca_ ↪ path	Newly added	Specifies the absolute path of the certificate authority file for StartTLS connections in LDAP simple authentication.
authentication ↪ _ ↪ ldap ↪ _ ↪ simple ↪ _ ↪ init ↪ _ ↪ pool ↪ _ ↪ size	Newly added	Specifies the initial connections in the connection pool to the LDAP server in LDAP simple authentication.

Variable name	Change type	Description
authentication_ldap_simple_max_pool_size	Newly added	Specifies the maximum connections in the connection pool to the LDAP server in LDAP simple authentication.
authentication_ldap_simple_server_host	Newly added	Specifies the LDAP server host in LDAP simple authentication.
authentication_ldap_simple_server_port	Newly added	Specifies the LDAP server TCP/IP port number in LDAP simple authentication.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`authentication` ↪ `_` ↪ `ldap` ↪ `_` ↪ `simple` ↪ `_tls`	Newly added	Specifies whether connections by the plugin to the LDAP server are protected with StartTLS in LDAP simple authentication.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ dist ↪ _ ↪ task	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF). After enabling the DXF, DDL, import, and other supported DXF tasks will be jointly completed by multiple TiDB nodes in the cluster. This variable was renamed from tidb_ ↪ ddl ↪ _ ↪ distribute ↪ _

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _non ↪ _ ↪ prepared ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _for ↪ _dml	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the Non-prepared plan cache feature for DML statements.
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _row ↪ _ ↪ level ↪ _ ↪ checksum ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the TiCDC data integrity validation for single-row data feature.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ fix_ ↪ control ↪	Newly added	This variable provides more fine-grained control over the optimizer and helps to prevent performance regression after upgrading caused by behavior changes in the optimizer.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_plan_cache_invalidation_on_fresh_stats	Newly added	Controls whether to invalidate the plan cache automatically when statistics on related tables are updated.
tidb_plan_cache_max_plan_size	Newly added	Controls the maximum size of a plan that can be cached in prepared or non-prepared plan cache.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ prefer ↪ _ ↪ broadcast ↪ _ ↪ join ↪ _by_ ↪ exchange ↪ _ ↪ data ↪ _ ↪ size	Newly added	Controls whether to use the algorithm with the minimum overhead of network transmission. If this variable is enabled, TiDB estimates the size of the data to be exchanged in the network using `Broadcast` ↪ ↪ `Hash` ↪ ↪ `Join` ↪ and `Shuffled` ↪ ↪ `Hash` ↪ ↪ `Join`

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ session ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _ ↪ size	Newly added	Controls the maximum number of plans that can be cached. Prepared plan cache and non-prepared plan cache share the same cache.

16.17.7.2.3 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`performance` ↪ `.` ↪ `force` ↪ `-` ↪ `init` ↪ `-` ↪ `stats` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to wait for statistics initialization to finish before providing services during TiDB startup.
TiDB	`performance` ↪ `.` ↪ `lite` ↪ `-` ↪ `init` ↪ `-` ↪ `stats` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to use lightweight statistics initialization during TiDB startup.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`log.` ↪ `timeout` ↪	Newly added	Sets the timeout for log-writing operations in TiDB. In case of a disk failure that prevents logs from being written, this configuration item can trigger the TiDB process to panic instead of hang. The default value is `0`, which means no timeout is set.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`region-compact-min-redundant-rows`	Newly added	Sets the number of redundant MVCC rows required to trigger RocksDB compaction. The default value is `50000`.
TiKV	`region-compact-redundant-rows-percent`	Newly added	Sets the percentage of redundant MVCC rows required to trigger RocksDB compaction. The default value is `20`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`split.byte-threshold`	Modified	Changes the default value from `30MiB` to `100MiB` when `region-split-size` is greater than or equal to 4 GB.
TiKV	`split.qps-threshold`	Modified	Changes the default value from `3000` to `7000` when `region-split-size` is greater than or equal to 4 GB.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	split. ↪ region ↪ -cpu ↪ - ↪ overload ↪ - ↪ threshold ↪ - ↪ ratio ↪	Modified	Changes the default value from 0.25 to 0.75 when region- ↪ split ↪ - ↪ size is greater than or equal to 4 GB.
TiKV	region- ↪ compact ↪ - ↪ check ↪ - ↪ step	Modified	Changes the default value from 100 to 5 when Partitioned Raft KV is enabled (storage ↪ . ↪ engine ↪ =" ↪ partitioned ↪ - ↪ raft ↪ -kv" ↪).

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`store-limit-version`	Newly added	Controls the mode of store limit. Value options are `"v1"` and `"v2"`.
PD	`schedule.enable-diagnostic`	Modified	Changes the default value from `false` to `true`, meaning that the diagnostic feature of scheduler is enabled by default.
TiFlash	`http_port`	Deleted	Deprecates the HTTP service port (default `8123`).

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`tikv-importer.pause-pd-scheduler-scope`	Newly added	Controls the scope in which TiDB Lightning pauses PD scheduling. The default value is `"table"` and value options are `"global"` and `"table"`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`tikv-importer.region-check-backoff-limit`	Newly added	Controls the number of retries to wait for the Region to come online after the split and scatter operations. The default value is `1800`. The maximum retry interval is two seconds. The number of retries is not increased if any Region becomes online between retries.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`tikv-importer.region-split-batch-size`	Newly added	Controls the number of Regions when splitting Regions in a batch. The default value is `4096`.
TiDB Lightning	`tikv-importer.region-split-concurrency`	Newly added	Controls the concurrency when splitting Regions. The default value is the number of CPU cores.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`insecure` ↪ `-` ↪ `skip` ↪ `-` ↪ `verify` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether the authentication algorithm is set when TLS is enabled in the scenario of replicating data to Kafka.
TiCDC	`integrity` ↪ `.` ↪ `corruption` ↪ `-` ↪ `handle` ↪ `-` ↪ `level` ↪	Newly added	Specifies the log level of the Changefeed when the checksum validation for single-row data fails. The default value is `"warn"`. Value options are `"warn"` and `"error"`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`integrity` ↪ `.` ↪ `integrity` ↪ `-` ↪ `check` ↪ `-` ↪ `level` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the checksum validation for single-row data. The default value is `"none"`, which means to disable the feature.
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `only` ↪ `-` ↪ `output` ↪ `-` ↪ `updated` ↪ `-` ↪ `columns` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to only output the updated columns. The default value is `false`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `partition` ↪ `-` ↪ `separator` ↪	Modified	Changes the default value from `false` to `true` after further tests, meaning that partitions in a table are stored in separate directories by default. It is recommended that you keep the value as `true` to avoid the potential issue of data loss during replication of partitioned tables to storage services.

16.17.7.3 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Display the number of distinct values for the corresponding column in the Cardinality column of the `SHOW INDEX` result #42227 @winoros
    - Use `SQL_NO_CACHE` to prevent TTL Scan queries from impacting the TiKV block cache #43206 @lcwangchao
    - Improve an error message related to `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME` to make it compatible with MySQL #43031 @dveeden
    - Support using the MergeSort operator on partitioned tables in IndexLookUp #26166 @Defined2014
    - Enhance `caching_sha2_password` to make it compatible with MySQL #43576 @asjdf
- TiKV
    - Reduce the impact of split operations on write QPS when using partitioned Raft KV #14447 @SpadeA-Tang
    - Optimize the space occupied by snapshots when using partitioned Raft KV #14581 @bufferflies
    - Provide more detailed time information for each stage of processing requests in TiKV #12362 @cfzjywxk
    - Use PD as metastore in log backup #13867 @YuJuncen
- PD
    - Add a controller that automatically adjusts the size of the store limit based on the execution details of the snapshot. To enable this controller, set `store-limit-version` to `v2` (experimental). Once enabled, you do not need to manually adjust the `store limit` configuration to control the speed of scaling in or scaling out #6147 @bufferflies
    - Add historical load information to avoid frequent scheduling of Regions with unstable loads by the hotspot scheduler when the storage engine is raft-kv2 #6297 @bufferflies
    - Add a leader health check mechanism. When the PD server where the etcd leader is located cannot be elected as the leader, PD actively switches the etcd leader to ensure that the PD leader is available #6403 @nolouch
- TiFlash
    - Improve TiFlash performance and stability in the disaggregated storage and compute architecture #6882 @JaySon-Huang @breezewish @JinheLin
    - Support optimizing query performance in Semi Join or Anti Semi Join by selecting the smaller table as the build side #7280 @yibin87

- Improve performance of data import from BR and TiDB Lightning to TiFlash with default configurations #7272 @breezewish

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Support modifying the TiKV configuration item `log-backup.max-flush-interval` during log backup #14433 @joccau

  - TiCDC

    - Optimize the directory structure when DDL events occur in the scenario of replicating data to object storage #8890 @CharlesCheung96
    - Optimize the method of setting GC TLS for the upstream when the TiCDC replication task fails #8403 @charleszheng44
    - Support replicating data to the Kafka-on-Pulsar downstream #8892 @hi-rustin
    - Support using the open-protocol protocol to only replicate the changed columns after an update occurs when replicating data to Kafka #8706 @sdojjy
    - Optimize the error handling of TiCDC in the downstream failures or other scenarios #8657 @hicqu
    - Add a configuration item `insecure-skip-verify` to control whether to set the authentication algorithm in the scenario of enabling TLS #8867 @hi-rustin

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Change the severity level of the precheck item related to uneven Region distribution from `Critical` to `Warn` to avoid blocking users from importing data #42836 @okJiang
    - Add a retry mechanism when encountering an `unknown RPC` error during data import #43291 @D3Hunter
    - Enhance the retry mechanism for Region jobs #43682 @lance6716

16.17.7.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue that there is no prompt about manually executing `ANALYZE TABLE` after reorganizing partitions #42183 @CbcWestwolf
  - Fix the issue of missing table names in the `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` result when a `DROP TABLE` operation is being executed #42268 @tiancaiamao
  - Fix the issue that `Ignore Event Per Minute` and `Stats Cache LRU Cost` charts might not be displayed normally in the Grafana monitoring panel #42562 @pingandb

- Fix the issue that the `ORDINAL_POSITION` column returns incorrect results when querying the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS` table #43379 @bb7133
- Fix the issue that after a new column is added in the cache table, the value is `NULL` instead of the default value of the column #42928 @lqs
- Fix the issue that CTE results are incorrect when pushing down predicates #43645 @winoros
- Fix the issue of DDL retry caused by write conflict when executing `TRUNCATE TABLE` for partitioned tables with many partitions and TiFlash replicas #42940 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that there is no warning when using `SUBPARTITION` in creating partitioned tables #41198 #41200 @mjonss
- Fix the incompatibility issue with MySQL when dealing with value overflow issues in generated columns #40066 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that `REORGANIZE PARTITION` cannot be concurrently executed with other DDL operations #42442 @bb7133
- Fix the issue that canceling the partition reorganization task in DDL might cause subsequent DDL operations to fail #42448 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that assertions on delete operations are incorrect under certain conditions #42426 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that TiDB server cannot start due to an error in reading the cgroup information with the error message "can't read file memory.stat from cgroup v1: open /sys/memory.stat no such file or directory" #42659 @hawkingrei
- Fix the `Duplicate Key` issue that occurs when updating the partition key of a row on a partitioned table with a global index #42312 @L-maple
- Fix the issue that the `Scan Worker Time By Phase` chart in the TTL monitoring panel does not display data #42515 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that some queries on partitioned tables with a global index return incorrect results #41991 #42065 @L-maple
- Fix the issue of displaying some error logs during the process of reorganizing a partitioned table #42180 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that the data length in the `QUERY` column of the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.DDL_JOBS` table might exceed the column definition #42440 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_HARDWARE` table might display incorrect values in containers #42851 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that an incorrect result is returned when you query a partitioned table using `ORDER BY` + `LIMIT` #43158 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue of multiple DDL tasks running simultaneously using the ingest method #42903 @tangenta
- Fix the wrong value returned when querying a partitioned table using `Limit` #24636
- Fix the issue of displaying the incorrect TiDB address in IPv6 environment #43260 @nexustar
- Fix the issue of displaying incorrect values for system variables `tidb_enable_tiflash_read_for_write_stmt` and `tidb_enable_exchange_partition`

#43281 @gengliqi

- Fix the issue that when `tidb_scatter_region` is enabled, Region does not automatically split after a partition is truncated #43174 #43028 @jiyfhust
- Add checks on the tables with generated columns and report errors for unsupported DDL operations on these columns #38988 #24321 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the error message is incorrect in certain type conversion errors #41730 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that after a TiDB node is normally shutdown, DDL tasks triggered on this node will be canceled #43854 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that when the PD member address changes, allocating ID for the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column will be blocked for a long time #42643 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue of reporting the `GC lifetime is shorter than transaction duration` error during DDL execution #40074 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that metadata locks unexpectedly block the DDL execution #43755 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that the cluster cannot query some system views in IPv6 environment #43286 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue of not finding the partition during inner join in dynamic pruning mode #43686 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that TiDB reports syntax errors when analyzing tables #43392 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that TiCDC might lose some row changes during table renaming #43338 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that TiDB server crashes when the client uses cursor reads #38116 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS LIMIT` returns incorrect results #42298 @CbcWestwolf
- Fix the TiDB panic issue that occurs when querying union views and temporary tables with `UNION` #42563 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that renaming tables does not take effect when committing multiple statements in a transaction #39664 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the incompatibility issue between the behavior of prepared plan cache and non-prepared plan cache during time conversion #42439 @qw4990
- Fix the wrong results caused by plan cache for Decimal type #43311 @qw4990
- Fix the TiDB panic issue in null-aware anti join (NAAJ) due to the wrong field type check #42459 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that DML execution failures in pessimistic transactions at the RC isolation level might cause inconsistency between data and indexes #43294 @ekexium
- Fix the issue that in some extreme cases, when the first statement of a pessimistic transaction is retried, resolving locks on this transaction might affect transaction correctness #42937 @MyonKeminta
- Fix the issue that in some rare cases, residual pessimistic locks of pessimistic transactions might affect data correctness when GC resolves locks #43243 @MyonKeminta
- Fix the issue that the `LOCK` to `PUT` optimization leads to duplicate data being

returned in specific queries #28011 @zyguan
    - Fix the issue that when data is changed, the locking behavior of the unique index is not consistent with that when the data is unchanged #36438 @zyguan

- TiKV

    - Fix the issue that when you enable `tidb_pessimistic_txn_fair_locking`, in some extreme cases, expired requests caused by failed RPC retries might affect data correctness during the resolve lock operation #14551 @MyonKeminta
    - Fix the issue that when you enable `tidb_pessimistic_txn_fair_locking`, in some extreme cases, expired requests caused by failed RPC retries might cause transaction conflicts to be ignored, thus affecting transaction consistency #14311 @MyonKeminta
    - Fix the issue that encryption key ID conflict might cause the deletion of the old keys #14585 @tabokie
    - Fix the performance degradation issue caused by accumulated lock records when a cluster is upgraded from a previous version to v6.5 or later versions #14780 @MyonKeminta
    - Fix the issue that the `raft entry is too large` error occurs during the PITR recovery process #14313 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that TiKV panics during the PITR recovery process due to `log_batch` exceeding 2 GB #13848 @YuJuncen

- PD

    - Fix the issue that the number of `low space store` in the PD monitoring panel is abnormal after TiKV panics #6252 @HuSharp
    - Fix the issue that Region Health monitoring data is deleted after PD leader switch #6366 @iosmanthus
    - Fix the issue that the rule checker cannot repair unhealthy Regions with the `schedule=deny` label #6426 @nolouch
    - Fix the issue that some existing labels are lost after TiKV or TiFlash restarts #6467 @JmPotato
    - Fix the issue that the replication status cannot be switched when there are learner nodes in the replication mode #14704 @nolouch

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that querying data in the `TIMESTAMP` or `TIME` type returns errors after enabling late materialization #7455 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that large update transactions might cause TiFlash to repeatedly report errors and restart #7316 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

- Fix the issue of backup slowdown when a TiKV node crashes in a cluster #42973 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue of inaccurate error messages caused by a backup failure in some cases #43236 @YuJuncen

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue of TiCDC time zone setting #8798 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC cannot automatically recover when PD address or leader fails #8812 #8877 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that checkpoint lag increases when one of the upstream TiKV nodes crashes #8858 @hicqu
  - Fix the issue that when replicating data to object storage, the `EXCHANGE PARTITION` operation in the upstream cannot be properly replicated to the downstream #8914 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the OOM issue caused by excessive memory usage of the sorter component in some special scenarios #8974 @hicqu
  - Fix the TiCDC node panic that occurs when the downstream Kafka sinks are rolling restarted #9023 @asddongmen
- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that latin1 data might be corrupted during replication #7028 @lance6716
- TiDB Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that the `UNSIGNED INTEGER` type primary key cannot be used for splitting chunks #42620 @lichunzhu
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Dumpling might panic when `--output-file-template` is incorrectly set #42391 @lichunzhu
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that an error might occur when encountering a failed DDL statement #1228 @okJiang
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the performance degradation issue during data import #42456 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue of `write to tikv with no leader returned` when importing a large amount of data #43055 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue of excessive `keys within region is empty, skip doIngest` logs during data import #43197 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that panic might occur during partial write #43363 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that OOM might occur when importing a wide table #43728 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue of missing data in the TiDB Lightning Grafana dashboard #43357 @lichunzhu
  - Fix the import failure due to incorrect setting of `keyspace-name` #43684 @zeminzhou

- Fix the issue that data import might be skipped during range partial write in some cases #43768 @lance6716

16.17.7.5 Performance test

To learn about the performance of TiDB v7.1.0, you can refer to the TPC-C performance test report and Sysbench performance test report of the TiDB Cloud Dedicated cluster.

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16.18 v7.0

16.18.1 TiDB 7.0.0 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 7.0.0-DMR

Quick access: Quick start

In v7.0.0-DMR, the key new features and improvements are as follows:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td rowspan="2">Scalability and Performance<br/></td>
<td>Session level <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.0/sql-non-
    ↪ prepared-plan-cache" target="_blank">non-prepared SQL plan cache</a>
    ↪ (experimental)</td>
<td>Support automatically reusing plan cache at the session level to reduce
    ↪ compilation and shorten the query time for the same SQL patterns
    ↪ without manually setting prepare statements in advance.</td>
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<td>TiFlash supports the <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.0/tiflash
   ↪ -disaggregated-and-s3" target="_blank">disaggregated storage and
   ↪ compute architecture and S3 shared storage</a> (experimental)</td>
<td>TiFlash introduces a cloud-native architecture as an option:
  <ul>
    <li>Disaggregates TiFlash's compute and storage, which is a milestone
       ↪ for elastic HTAP resource utilization.</li>
    <li>Introduces S3-based storage engine, which can provide shared storage
       ↪  at a lower cost.</li>
  </ul>
</td>
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<td rowspan="2">Reliability and Availability<br/></td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.0/tidb-resource-control"
   ↪ target="_blank">Resource control enhancement</a> (experimental) </td>
<td>Support using resource groups to allocate and isolate resources for
   ↪ various applications or workloads within one cluster. In this release
   ↪ , TiDB adds support for different resource binding modes (user,
   ↪ session, and statement levels) and user-defined priorities.
   ↪ Additionally, you can also use commands to perform resource
   ↪ calibration (estimation for the whole resource amount).</td>
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<td>TiFlash supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.0/tiflash-
   ↪ spill-disk" target="_blank">spill to disk</a></td>
<td>TiFlash supports intermediate result spill to disk to mitigate OOMs in
   ↪ data-intensive operations such as aggregations, sorts, and hash joins
   ↪ .</td>
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<td rowspan="2">SQL</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.0/time-to-live" target="_blank
   ↪ ">Row-level TTL</a> (GA)</td>
<td>Support managing database size and improve performance by automatically
   ↪ expiring data of a certain age.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.0/partitioned-table#reorganize
   ↪ -partitions" target="_blank">Reorganize <code>LIST</code>/<code>RANGE
   ↪ </code> partition</a></td>
<td>The <code>REORGANIZE PARTITION</code> statement can be used for merging
   ↪ adjacent partitions or splitting one partition into many, which
   ↪ provides better usability of partitioned tables.</td>
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<td rowspan="2">DB Operations and Observability<br/></td>
<td>TiDB enhances the functionalities of <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/
   ↪ tidb/v7.0/sql-statement-load-data" target="_blank"><code>LOAD DATA</
   ↪ code> statements</a> (experimental)</td>
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<td>TiDB enhances the functionalities of <code>LOAD DATA</code> SQL
    ↪ statements, such as supporting data import from S3/GCS.<br/></td>
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<td>TiCDC supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v7.0/ticdc-sink-to
    ↪ -cloud-storage" target="_blank">object storage sink</a> (GA)</td>
<td>TiCDC supports replicating row change events to object storage services,
    ↪  including Amazon S3, GCS, Azure Blob Storage, and NFS.<br/></td>
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16.18.1.1 Feature details

16.18.1.1.1 Scalability

- TiFlash supports the disaggregated storage and compute architecture and supports object storage in this architecture (experimental) #6882 @flowbehappy

  Before v7.0.0, TiFlash only supports the coupled storage and compute architecture. In this architecture, each TiFlash node acts as both storage and compute node, and its computing and storage capabilities cannot be independently expanded. In addition, TiFlash nodes can only use local storage.

  Starting from v7.0.0, TiFlash also supports the disaggregated storage and compute architecture. In this architecture, TiFlash nodes are divided into two types (Compute Nodes and Write Nodes) and support object storage that is compatible with S3 API. Both types of nodes can be independently scaled for computing or storage capacities. The **disaggregated storage and compute architecture** and **coupled storage and compute architecture** cannot be used in the same cluster or converted to each other. You can configure which architecture to use when you deploy TiFlash.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.18.1.1.2 Performance

- Achieve compatibility between Fast Online DDL and PITR #38045 @Leavrth

  In TiDB v6.5.0, Fast Online DDL is not fully compatible with PITR. To ensure a full data backup, it is recommended to first stop the PITR background backup task, quickly add indexes using Fast Online DDL, and then resume the PITR backup task.

  Starting from TiDB v7.0.0, Fast Online DDL and PITR are fully compatible. When restoring cluster data through PITR, the index operations added via Fast Online DDL during log backup will be automatically replayed to achieve compatibility.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports null-aware semi join and null-aware anti semi join operators #6674 @gengliqi

When using `IN`, `NOT IN`, `= ANY`, or `!= ALL` operators in correlated subqueries, TiDB optimizes the computing performance by converting them to semi join or anti semi join. If the join key column might be `NULL`, a null-aware join algorithm is required, such as Null-aware semi join and Null-aware anti semi join.

Before v7.0.0, TiFlash does not support null-aware semi join and null-aware anti semi join operators, preventing these subqueries from being directly pushed down to TiFlash. Starting from v7.0.0, TiFlash supports null-aware semi join and null-aware anti semi join operators. If a SQL statement contains these correlated subqueries, the tables in the query have TiFlash replicas, and MPP mode is enabled, the optimizer automatically determines whether to push down null-aware semi join and null-aware anti semi join operators to TiFlash to improve overall performance.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports using FastScan (GA) #5252 @hongyunyan

  Starting from v6.3.0, TiFlash introduces FastScan as an experimental feature. In v7.0.0, this feature becomes generally available. You can enable FastScan using the system variable `tiflash_fastscan`. By sacrificing strong consistency, this feature significantly improves table scan performance. If the corresponding table only involves `INSERT` operations without any `UPDATE/DELETE` operations, FastScan can keep strong consistency and improve the scan performance.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports late materialization (experimental) #5829 @Lloyd-Pottiger

  When processing a `SELECT` statement with filter conditions (`WHERE` clause), TiFlash reads all the data from the columns required by the query by default, and then filters and aggregates the data based on the query conditions. Late materialization is an optimization method that supports pushing down part of the filter conditions to the TableScan operator. That is, TiFlash first scans the column data related to the filter conditions that are pushed down, filters the rows that meet the condition, and then scans the other column data of these rows for further calculation, thereby reducing IO scans and computations of data processing.

  The TiFlash late materialization feature is not enabled by default. You can enable it by setting the `tidb_opt_enable_late_materialization` system variable to `OFF`. When the feature is enabled, the TiDB optimizer will determine which filter conditions to be pushed down based on statistics and filter conditions.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support caching execution plans for non-prepared statements (experimental) #36598 @qw4990

  The execution plan cache is important for improving the load capacity of concurrent OLTP and TiDB already supports Prepared execution plan cache. In v7.0.0, TiDB can also cache execution plans for non-Prepare statements, expanding the scope of execution plan cache and improving the concurrent processing capacity of TiDB.

This feature is disabled by default. You can enable it by setting the system variable `tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache` to `ON`. For stability reasons, TiDB v7.0.0 allocates a new area for caching non-prepared execution plans and you can set the cache size using the system variable `tidb_non_prepared_plan_cache_size`. Additionally, this feature has certain restrictions on SQL statements. For more information, see Restrictions.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB removes the execution plan cache constraint for subqueries #40219 @fzzf678

  TiDB v7.0.0 removes the execution plan cache constraint for subqueries. This means that the execution plan of SQL statements with subqueries can now be cached, such as `SELECT * FROM t WHERE a > (SELECT ...)`. This feature further expands the application scope of execution plan cache and improves the execution efficiency of SQL queries.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiKV supports automatically generating empty log files for log recycling #14371 @LykxSassinator

  In v6.3.0, TiKV introduced the Raft log recycling feature to reduce long-tail latency caused by write load. However, log recycling can only take effect when the number of Raft log files reaches a certain threshold, making it difficult for users to directly experience the throughput improvement brought by this feature.

  In v7.0.0, a new configuration item called `raft-engine.prefill-for-recycle` was introduced to improve user experience. This item controls whether empty log files are generated for recycling when the process starts. When this configuration is enabled, TiKV automatically fills a batch of empty log files during initialization, ensuring that log recycling takes effect immediately after initialization.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support deriving the TopN or Limit operator from window functions to improve window function performance #13936 @windtalker

  This feature is disabled by default. To enable it, you can set the session variable tidb_opt_derive_topn to `ON`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support creating unique indexes through Fast Online DDL #40730 @tangenta

  TiDB v6.5.0 supports creating ordinary secondary indexes via Fast Online DDL. TiDB v7.0.0 supports creating unique indexes via Fast Online DDL. Compared to v6.1.0, adding unique indexes to large tables is expected to be several times faster with improved performance.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.18.1.1.3 Reliability

- Enhance the resource control feature (experimental) #38825 @nolouch @BornChanger @glorv @tiancaiamao @Connor1996 @JmPotato @hnes @CabinfeverB @HuSharp

  TiDB enhances the resource control feature based on resource groups. This feature significantly improves the resource utilization efficiency and performance of TiDB clusters. The introduction of the resource control feature is a milestone for TiDB. You can divide a distributed database cluster into multiple logical units, map different database users to corresponding resource groups, and set the quota for each resource group as needed. When the cluster resources are limited, all resources used by sessions in the same resource group are limited to the quota. In this way, even if a resource group is over-consumed, the sessions in other resource groups are not affected.

  With this feature, you can combine multiple small and medium-sized applications from different systems into a single TiDB cluster. When the workload of an application grows larger, it does not affect the normal operation of other applications. When the system workload is low, busy applications can still be allocated the required system resources even if they exceed the set quotas, so as to achieve the maximum utilization of resources. In addition, the rational use of the resource control feature can reduce the number of clusters, ease the difficulty of operation and maintenance, and save management costs.

  This feature provides a built-in Resource Control Dashboard for the actual usage of resources in Grafana, assisting you to allocate resources more rationally. It also supports dynamic resource management capabilities based on both session and statement levels (Hint). The introduction of this feature will help you gain more precise control over the resource usage of your TiDB cluster, and dynamically adjust quotas based on actual needs.

  In TiDB v7.0.0, you can set the absolute scheduling priority (`PRIORITY`) for resource groups to guarantee that important services can get resources. It also extends the way to set resource groups.

  You can use resource groups in the following ways:

  - User level. Bind a user using the `CREATE USER` or `ALTER USER` statements to a specific resource group. After binding a resource group to a user, sessions newly created by the user are automatically bound to the corresponding resource group.
  - Session level. Set the resource group used by the current session via `SET RESOURCE GROUP`.
  - Statement level. Set the resource group used by the current statement via `RESOURCE_GROUP()`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support a checkpoint mechanism for Fast Online DDL, improving fault tolerance and automatic recovery capability #42164 @tangenta

TiDB v7.0.0 introduces a checkpoint mechanism for Fast Online DDL, which significantly improves its fault tolerance and automatic recovery capabilities. By periodically recording and synchronizing the DDL progress, ongoing DDL operations can continue to be executed in Fast Online DDL mode even if there is a TiDB DDL Owner failure or switch. This makes the execution of DDL more stable and efficient.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports spilling to disk #6528 @windtalker

  To improve execution performance, TiFlash runs data entirely in memory as much as possible. When the amount of data exceeds the total size of memory, TiFlash terminates the query to avoid system crashes caused by running out of memory. Therefore, the amount of data that TiFlash can handle is limited by the available memory.

  Starting from v7.0.0, TiFlash supports spilling to disk. By adjusting the threshold of memory usage for operators (`tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_group_by`, `tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_sort`, and `tidb_max_bytes_before_tiflash_external_join`), you can control the maximum amount of memory that an operator can use. When the memory used by the operator exceeds the threshold, it automatically writes data to disk. This sacrifices some performance but allows for processing of more data.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Improve the efficiency of collecting statistics #41930 @xuyifangreeneyes

  In v7.0.0, TiDB further optimizes the logic of collecting statistics, reducing the collection time by about 25%. This optimization improves the operational efficiency and stability of large database clusters, reducing the impact of statistics collection on cluster performance.

- Add new optimizer hints for MPP optimization #39710 @Reminiscent

  In v7.0.0, TiDB adds a series of optimizer hints to influence the generation of MPP execution plans.

  - `SHUFFLE_JOIN()`: takes effect on MPP. It hints the optimizer to use the Shuffle Join algorithm for the specified table.
  - `BROADCAST_JOIN()`: takes effect on MPP. It hints the optimizer to use the Broadcast Join algorithm for the specified table.
  - `MPP_1PHASE_AGG()`: takes effect on MPP. It hints the optimizer to use the one-phase aggregation algorithm for all aggregate functions in the specified query block.
  - `MPP_2PHASE_AGG()`: takes effect on MPP. It hints the optimizer to use the two-phase aggregation algorithm for all aggregate functions in the specified query block.

MPP optimizer hints can help you intervene in HTAP queries, improving performance and stability for HTAP workloads.

For more information, see documentation.

- Optimizer hints support specifying join methods and join orders #36600 @Reminiscent

  In v7.0.0, the optimizer hint `LEADING()` can be used in conjunction with hints that affect the join method, and their behaviors are compatible. In the case of multi-table joins, you can effectively specify the optimal join method and join order, thereby enhancing the control of optimizer hints over execution plans.

  The new hint behavior has minor changes. To ensure forward compatibility, TiDB introduces the system variable `tidb_opt_advanced_join_hint`. When this variable is set to `OFF`, the optimizer hint behavior is compatible with earlier versions. When you upgrade your cluster from earlier versions to v7.0.0 or later versions, this variable will be set to `OFF`. To obtain more flexible hint behavior, after you confirm that the behavior does not cause a performance regression, it is strongly recommended to set this variable to `ON`.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.18.1.1.4 Availability

- Support the `prefer-leader` option, which provides higher availability for read operations and reduces response latency in unstable network conditions #40905 @LykxSassinator

  You can control TiDB's data reading behavior through the system variable `tidb_replica_read`. In v7.0.0, this variable adds the `prefer-leader` option. When the variable is set to `prefer-leader`, TiDB prioritizes selecting the leader replica to perform read operations. When the processing speed of the leader replica slows down significantly, such as due to disk or network performance fluctuations, TiDB selects other available follower replicas to perform read operations, providing higher availability and reducing response latency.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.18.1.1.5 SQL

- Time to live (TTL) is generally available #39262 @lcwangchao @YangKeao

  TTL provides row-level lifecycle control policies. In TiDB, tables with TTL attributes set automatically check and delete expired row data based on the configuration. The goal of TTL is to help users periodically clean up unnecessary data in time while minimizing the impact on cluster workloads.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support `ALTER TABLE⋯REORGANIZE PARTITION` #15000 @mjonss

  TiDB supports the `ALTER TABLE...REORGANIZE PARTITION` syntax. Using this syntax, you can reorganize some or all of the partitions of a table, including merging, splitting, or other modifications, without losing data.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support Key partitioning #41364 @TonsnakeLin

  Now TiDB supports Key partitioning. Both Key partitioning and Hash partitioning can evenly distribute data into a certain number of partitions. The difference is that Hash partitioning only supports distributing data based on a specified integer expression or an integer column, while Key partitioning supports distributing data based on a column list, and partitioning columns of Key partitioning are not limited to the integer type.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.18.1.1.6 DB operations

- TiCDC supports replicating change data to storage services (GA) #6797 @zhaoxinyu

  TiCDC supports replicating changed data to Amazon S3, GCS, Azure Blob Storage, NFS, and other S3-compatible storage services. Storage services are reasonably priced and easy to use. If you are not using Kafka, you can use storage services. TiCDC saves the changed logs to a file and then sends it to the storage services instead. From the storage services, your own consumer program can read the newly generated changed log files periodically. Currently, TiCDC supports replicating changed logs in canal-json and CSV formats to the storage service.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC OpenAPI v2 #8019 @sdojjy

  TiCDC provides OpenAPI v2. Compared with OpenAPI v1, OpenAPI v2 provides more comprehensive support for replication tasks. The features provided by TiCDC OpenAPI are a subset of the `cdc cli` tool. You can query and operate TiCDC clusters via OpenAPI v2, such as getting TiCDC node status, checking cluster health status, and managing replication tasks.

  For more information, see documentation.

- DBeaver v23.0.1 supports TiDB by default #17396 @Icemap

  - Provides an independent TiDB module, icon, and logo.
  - The default configuration supports TiDB Cloud Serverless, making it easier to connect to TiDB Cloud Serverless.
  - Supports identifying TiDB versions to display or hide foreign key tabs.
  - Supports visualizing SQL execution plans in `EXPLAIN` results.

- Supports highlighting TiDB keywords such as `PESSIMISTIC`, `OPTIMISTIC`, `AUTO_RANDOM`, `PLACEMENT`, `POLICY`, `REORGANIZE`, `EXCHANGE`, `CACHE`, `NONCLUSTERED`, and `CLUSTERED`.
- Supports highlighting TiDB functions such as `TIDB_BOUNDED_STALENESS`, `TIDB_DECODE_KEY`, `TIDB_DECODE_PLAN`, `TIDB_IS_DDL_OWNER`, `TIDB_PARSE_TSO`, `TIDB_VERSION`, `TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS`, and `TIDB_SHARD`.

For more information, see DBeaver documentation.

16.18.1.1.7 Data migration

- Enhance the functionalities of `LOAD DATA` statements and support importing data from cloud storage (experimental) #40499 @lance6716

  Before TiDB v7.0.0, the `LOAD DATA` statement could only import data files from the client side. If you wanted to import data from cloud storage, you had to rely on TiDB Lightning. However, deploying TiDB Lightning separately would bring additional deployment and management costs. In v7.0.0, you can directly import data from cloud storage using the `LOAD DATA` statement. Some examples of the feature are as follows:

  - Supports importing data from Amazon S3 and Google Cloud Storage to TiDB. Supports importing multiple source files to TiDB in one go with wildcards.
  - Support using `DEFINED NULL BY` to define null.
  - Support source files in CSV and TSV formats.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB Lightning supports enabling compressed transfers when sending key-value pairs to TiKV (GA) #41163 @sleepymole

  Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB Lightning supports compressing locally encoded and sorted key-value pairs for network transfer when sending them to TiKV, thus reducing the amount of data transferred over the network and lowering the network bandwidth overhead. In the earlier TiDB versions before this feature is supported, TiDB Lightning requires relatively high network bandwidth and incurs high traffic charges in case of large data volumes.

  In v7.0.0, this feature becomes GA and is disabled by default. To enable it, you can set the `compress-kv-pairs` configuration item of TiDB Lightning to `"gzip"` or `"gz"`.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.18.1.2 Compatibility changes

Note:

This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v6.6.0 to the current version (v7.0.0). If you are upgrading from v6.5.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.18.1.2.1 MySQL compatibility

- TiDB removes the constraint that the auto-increment column must be an index #40580 @tiancaiamao

  Before v7.0.0, TiDB's behavior is consistent with MySQL, requiring the auto-increment column to be an index or index prefix. Starting from v7.0.0, TiDB removes the constraint that the auto-increment column must be an index or index prefix. Now you can define the primary key of a table more flexibly and use the auto-increment column to implement sorting and pagination more conveniently. This also avoids the write hotspot problem caused by the auto-increment column and improves query performance by using the table with clustered indexes. With the new release, you can create a table using the following syntax:

```
CREATE TABLE test1 (
    `id` int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
    `k` int(11) NOT NULL DEFAULT '0',
    `c` char(120) COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
    PRIMARY KEY(`k`, `id`)
);
```

  This feature does not affect TiCDC data replication.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB supports Key partitions, as shown in the following example:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
id INT NOT NULL,
fname VARCHAR(30),
lname VARCHAR(30),
hired DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT '1970-01-01',
separated DATE DEFAULT '9999-12-31',
job_code INT,
store_id INT) PARTITION BY KEY(store_id) PARTITIONS 4;
```

Starting from v7.0.0, TiDB supports Key partitions and can parse the MySQL `PARTITION BY LINEAR KEY` syntax. However, TiDB ignores the `LINEAR` keyword and uses a non-linear hash algorithm instead. Currently, the `KEY` partition type does not support partition statements with an empty partition column list.

For more information, see documentation.

16.18.1.2.2 Behavior changes

- TiCDC fixes the issue of incorrect encoding of `FLOAT` data in Avro #8490 @3AceShowHand

  When upgrading the TiCDC cluster to v7.0.0, if a table replicated using Avro contains the `FLOAT` data type, you need to manually adjust the compatibility policy of Confluent Schema Registry to `None` before upgrading so that the changefeed can successfully update the schema. Otherwise, after upgrading, the changefeed will be unable to update the schema and enter an error state.

- Starting from v7.0.0, `tidb_dml_batch_size` system variable no longer takes effect on the `LOAD DATA` statement.

16.18.1.2.3 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_pessimistic_txn_aggressive_locking`	Deleted	This variable is renamed to `tidb_pessimistic_txn_fair_locking`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _non ↪ _ ↪ prepared ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪	Modified	Takes effect starting from v7.0.0 and controls whether to enable the Non-prepared plan cache feature.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_enable_null_aware_anti_join`	Modified	Changes the default value from `OFF` to `ON` after further tests, meaning that TiDB applies Null-Aware Hash Join when Anti Join is generated by subqueries led by special set operators `NOT IN` and `!= ALL` by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_resource_control	Modified	Changes the default value from OFF to ON, meaning that the cluster isolates resources by resource group by default. Resource Control is enabled by default in v7.0.0, so that you can use this feature whenever you want.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ non_ ↪ prepared ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _ ↪ size	Modified	Takes effect starting from v7.0.0 and controls the maximum number of execution plans that can be cached by Non-prepared plan cache.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_rc ↪ _ ↪ read ↪ _ ↪ check ↪ _ts	Modified	Starting from v7.0.0, this variable is no longer effective for cursor fetch read in the prepared statement protocol.
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _inl ↪ _ ↪ join ↪ _ ↪ inner ↪ _ ↪ multi ↪ _ ↪ pattern ↪	Newly added	This variable controls whether Index Join is supported when the inner table has `Selection` ↪ or `Projection` ↪ operators on it.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _for ↪ _ ↪ subquery ↪	Newly added	This variable controls whether Prepared Plan Cache caches queries that contain subqueries.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_plan_replayer_continuous_capture	Newly added	This variable controls whether to enable the PLAN REPLAYER CONTINUOUS CAPTURE feature. The default value OFF means to disable the feature.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_load_based_replica_read_threshold	Newly added	This variable sets the threshold for triggering load-based replica read. The feature controlled by this variable is not fully functional in TiDB v7.0.0. Do not change the default value.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ advanced ↪ _ ↪ join ↪ _ ↪ hint	Newly added	This variable controls whether the join method hint influences the optimization of join reorder. The default value is `ON`, which means the new compatible control mode is used. The value `OFF` means the behavior before v7.0.0 is used. For forward compatibility, the value of this vari-

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ derive ↪ _ ↪ topn	Newly added	This variable controls whether to enable the Derive TopN or Limit from Window Functions optimization rule. The default value is OFF, which means the optimization rule is not enabled.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ late ↪ _ ↪ materialization ↪	Newly added	This variable controls whether to enable the TiFlash Late Materialization feature. The default value is OFF, which means the feature is not enabled.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ ordering ↪ _ ↪ index ↪ _ ↪ selectivity ↪ _ ↪ threshold ↪	Newly added	This variable controls how the optimizer selects indexes when the SQL statement contains ORDER ↪ BY and LIMIT clauses and has filtering conditions.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_pessimistic_txn_fair_locking	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the enhanced pessimistic lock-waking model to reduce the tail latency of transactions under single-row conflict scenarios. The default value is ON. When the cluster is upgraded from an earlier version to v7.0.0 or later, the value of this variable is set to

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ slow ↪ _txn ↪ _log ↪ _ ↪ threshold ↪	Newly added	Sets the threshold for slow transaction logging. When the execution time of a transaction exceeds this threshold, TiDB logs detailed information about the transaction. The default value 0 means that this feature is disabled.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_ttl_running_tasks`	Newly added	This variable is used to limit the concurrency of TTL tasks across the entire cluster. The default value `-1` means that the TTL tasks are the same as the number of TiKV nodes.

16.18.1.2.4 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`server.` ↪ `snap` ↪ `-max` ↪ `-` ↪ `write` ↪ `-` ↪ `bytes` ↪ `-per` ↪ `-sec`	Deleted	This parameter is renamed to `server.` ↪ `snap` ↪ `-io-` ↪ `max-` ↪ `bytes` ↪ `-per` ↪ `-sec`.
TiKV	`raft-` ↪ `engine` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-log` ↪ `-` ↪ `recycle` ↪	Modified	The default value changes from `false` to `true`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`resolved-ts.advance-ts-interval`	Modified	The default value changes from `"1s"` to `"20s"`. This modification can increase the interval of the regular advancement of Resolved TS and reduce the traffic consumption between TiKV nodes.
TiKV	`resource-control.enabled`	Modified	The default value changes from `false` to `true`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	raft- ↪ engine ↪ . ↪ prefill ↪ -for ↪ - ↪ recycle ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to generate empty log files for log recycling in Raft Engine. The default value is `false`.
PD	degraded ↪ - ↪ mode ↪ - ↪ wait ↪ - ↪ duration ↪	Newly added	A Resource Control-related configuration item. It controls the waiting time for triggering the degraded mode. The default value is `0s`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`read-` ↪ `base` ↪ `-` ↪ `cost`	Newly added	A Resource Control-related configuration item. It controls the basis factor for conversion from a read request to RU. The default value is `0.25`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`read-cost-per-byte`	Newly added	A Resource Control-related configuration item. It controls the basis factor for conversion from read flow to RU. The default value is `1/ (64 * 1024)`.
PD	`read-cpu-ms-cost`	Newly added	A Resource Control-related configuration item. It controls the basis factor for conversion from CPU to RU. The default value is `1/3`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`write-` ↪ `base` ↪ `-` ↪ `cost`	Newly added	A Resource Control-related configuration item. It controls the basis factor for conversion from a write request to RU. The default value is `1`.
PD	`write-` ↪ `cost` ↪ `-per` ↪ `-` ↪ `byte`	Newly added	A Resource Control-related configuration item. It controls the basis factor for conversion from write flow to RU. The default value is `1/1024`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`mark_cache_size`	Modified	Change the default cache limit of the metadata for a data block in TiFlash from `5368709120` to `1073741824` to reduce unnecessary memory usage.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`minmax_index_cache_size`	Modified	Change the default cache limit of the min-max index for a data block in TiFlash from `5368709120` to `1073741824` to reduce unnecessary memory usage.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`flash.disaggregated_mode`	Newly added	In the disaggregated architecture of TiFlash, it indicates whether this TiFlash node is a write node or a compute node. The value can be `tiflash_write` or `tiflash_compute`.
TiFlash	`storage.s3.endpoint`	Newly added	The endpoint to connect to S3.
TiFlash	`storage.s3.bucket`	Newly added	The bucket where TiFlash stores all data.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiFlash	storage ↪ .s3. ↪ root	Newly added	The root directory of data storage in S3 bucket.
TiFlash	storage ↪ .s3. ↪ access ↪ _key ↪ _id	Newly added	ACCESS_ ↪ KEY_ ↪ ID for accessing S3.
TiFlash	storage ↪ .s3. ↪ secret ↪ _ ↪ access ↪ _key	Newly added	SECRET_ ↪ ACCESS ↪ _KEY for accessing S3.
TiFlash	storage ↪ . ↪ remote ↪ . ↪ cache ↪ .dir	Newly added	The local data cache directory of TiFlash compute node.
TiFlash	storage ↪ . ↪ remote ↪ . ↪ cache ↪ . ↪ capacity ↪	Newly added	The size of the local data cache directory of TiFlash compute node.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`add-index-by-sql`	Newly added	Controls whether to use SQL to add indexes in physical import mode. The default value is `false`, which means that TiDB Lightning will encode both row data and index data into KV pairs and import them into TiKV together. The advantage of adding indexes using SQL is to separate the import of data and the import

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`enable-table-across-nodes`	Newly added	Determines whether to divide a table into multiple sync ranges according to the number of Regions. These ranges can be replicated by multiple TiCDC nodes.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`region-threshold`	Newly added	When `enable-table-across-nodes` is enabled, this feature only takes effect on tables with more than `region-threshold` Regions.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	analyze	Newly added	Controls whether to execute the `ANALYZE TABLE <table>` operation on each table after CHECKSUM is completed. It can be configured as "required"/"optional"/"off". The default value is "optional".

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	`range-concurrency`	Newly added	Controls the concurrency of dm-worker writing KV data to TiKV.
DM	`compress-kv-pairs`	Newly added	Controls whether to enable compression when dm-worker sends KV data to TiKV. Currently, only gzip is supported. The default value is empty, which means no compression.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	`pd-addr`	Newly added	Controls the address of the downstream PD server in the Physical Import mode. You can fill in either one or more PD servers. If this configuration item is empty, use the PD address information from the TiDB query by default.

16.18.1.3 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Introduce the `EXPAND` operator to optimize the performance of SQL queries with multiple `DISTINCT` in a single `SELECT` statement #16581 @AilinKid
    - Support more SQL formats for Index Join #40505 @Yisaer

- Avoid globally sorting partitioned table data in TiDB in some cases #26166 @Defined2014
- Support using `fair lock mode` and `lock only if exists` at the same time #42068 @MyonKeminta
- Support printing transaction slow logs and transaction internal events #41863 @ekexium
- Support the `ILIKE` operator #40943 @xzhangxian1008

- PD

  - Add a new monitoring metric for scheduling failures due to the store limit #6043 @nolouch

- TiFlash

  - Reduce TiFlash's memory usage on write path #7144 @hongyunyan
  - Reduce TiFlash's restart time in scenarios with many tables #7146 @hongyunyan
  - Support pushing down the `ILIKE` operator #6740 @xzhangxian1008

- Tools

  - TiCDC

    - Support distributing data changes of a single large table to multiple TiCDC nodes in scenarios where Kafka is the downstream, thus solving the scalability issue of single tables in data integration scenarios of large-scale TiDB clusters #8247 @overvenus
      You can enable this feature by setting the TiCDC configuration item `enable_table_across_nodes` to `true`. You can use `region_threshold` to specify that when the number of Regions for a table exceeds this threshold, TiCDC starts distributing data changes of the corresponding table to multiple TiCDC nodes.
    - Support splitting transactions in the redo applier to improve its throughput and reduce RTO in disaster recovery scenarios #8318 @CharlesCheung96
    - Improve the table scheduling to split a single table more evenly across various TiCDC nodes #8247 @overvenus
    - Add the Large Row monitoring metrics in MQ sink #8286 @hi-rustin
    - Reduce network traffic between TiKV and TiCDC nodes in scenarios where a Region contains data of multiple tables #6346 @overvenus
    - Move the P99 metrics panel of Checkpoint TS and Resolved TS to the Lag analyze panel #8524 @hi-rustin
    - Support applying DDL events in redo logs #8361 @CharlesCheung96
    - Support splitting and scheduling tables to TiCDC nodes based on upstream write throughput #7720 @overvenus

  - TiDB Lightning

- TiDB Lightning Physical Import Mode supports separating data import and index import to improve import speed and stability #42132 @sleepymole

  Add the `add-index-by-sql` parameter. The default value is `false`, which means that TiDB Lightning encodes both row data and index data into KV pairs and import them into TiKV together. If you set it to `true`, it means that TiDB Lightning adds indexes via the `ADD INDEX` SQL statement after importing the row data to improve import speed and stability.

  - Add the `tikv-importer.keyspace-name` parameter. The default value is an empty string, which means TiDB Lightning automatically gets the key space name of the corresponding tenant to import data. If you specify a value, the specified key space name will be used to import data. This parameter provides flexibility in the configuration of TiDB Lightning when you import data to a multi-tenant TiDB cluster. #41915 @lichunzhu

16.18.1.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue of missing updates when upgrading TiDB from v6.5.1 to a later version #41502 @chrysan
  - Fix the issue that the default values of some system variables are not modified after upgrading #41423 @crazycs520
  - Fix the issue that Coprocessor request types related to adding indexes are displayed as unknown #41400 @tangenta
  - Fix the issue of returning "PessimisticLockNotFound" when adding an index #41515 @tangenta
  - Fix the issue of mistakenly returning `found duplicate key` when adding a unique index #41630 @tangenta
  - Fix the panic issue when adding an index #41880 @tangenta
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash reports an error for generated columns during execution #40663 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might not be able to obtain statistics correctly when there is a time type #41938 @xuyifangreeneyes
  - Fix the issue that full index scans might cause errors when prepared plan cache is enabled #42150 @fzzf678
  - Fix the issue that `IFNULL(NOT NULL COLUMN, ...)` might return incorrect results #41734 @LittleFall
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might produce incorrect results when all data in a partitioned table is in a single Region #41801 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might produce incorrect results when different partitioned tables appear in a single SQL statement #42135 @mjonss
  - Fix the issue that statistics auto-collection might not trigger correctly on a partitioned table after adding a new index to the partitioned table #41638 @xuyifangreeneyes

- Fix the issue that TiDB might read incorrect column statistics information after collecting statistics twice in a row #42073 @xuyifangreeneyes
- Fix the issue that IndexMerge might produce incorrect results when prepare plan cache is enabled #41828 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that IndexMerge might have goroutine leakage #41605 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that non-BIGINT unsigned integers might produce incorrect results when compared with strings/decimals #41736 @LittleFall
- Fix the issue that killing a previous `ANALYZE` statement due to memory over-limit might cause the current `ANALYZE` statement in the same session to be killed #41825 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that data race might occur during the information collection process of the batch coprocessor #41412 @you06
- Fix the issue that an assertion error prevents printing MVCC information for partitioned tables #40629 @ekexium
- Fix the issue that fair lock mode adds locking to non-existent keys #41527 @ekexium
- Fix the issue that `INSERT IGNORE` and `REPLACE` statements do not lock keys that do not modify values #42121 @zyguan

- PD

    - Fix the issue that the Region Scatter operation might cause uneven distribution of leaders #6017 @HunDunDM
    - Fix the issue that data race might occur when getting PD members during startup #6069 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that data race might occur when collecting hotspot statistics #6069 @lhy1024
    - Fix the issue that switching placement rule might cause uneven distribution of leaders #6195 @bufferflies

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that Decimal division does not round up the last digit in certain cases #7022 @LittleFall
    - Fix the issue that Decimal cast rounds up incorrectly in certain cases #6994 @windtalker
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    - Fix the issue that TiFlash reports an error when aggregating a result set larger than 12 million rows on a single TiFlash node #6993 @windtalker

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix the issue of insufficient wait time for splitting Region retry during the PITR recovery process #42001 @joccau

- Fix the issue of recovery failures due to `memory is limited` error encountered during the PITR recovery process #41983 @joccau
- Fix the issue that PITR log backup progress does not advance when a PD node is down #14184 @YuJuncen
- Alleviate the issue that the latency of the PITR log backup progress increases when Region leadership migration occurs #13638 @YuJuncen

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that restarting the changefeed might cause data loss or that the checkpoint cannot advance #8242 @overvenus
  - Fix the data race issue in DDL sink #8238 @3AceShowHand
  - Fix the issue that the changefeed in the `stopped` status might restart automatically #8330 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue that the TiCDC server panics when all downstream Kafka servers are unavailable #8523 @3AceShowHand
  - Fix the issue that data might be lost when the downstream is MySQL and the executed statement is incompatible with TiDB #8453 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that rolling upgrade might cause TiCDC OOM or that the checkpoint gets stuck #8329 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that graceful upgrade for TiCDC clusters fails on Kubernetes #8484 @overvenus
- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that when a DM worker node uses Google Cloud Storage, due to too frequent breakpoints, the request frequency limit of Google Cloud Storage is reached and the DM worker cannot write the data into Google Cloud Storage, thus causing the full data to fail to load #8482 @maxshuang
  - Fix the issue that when multiple DM tasks replicate the same downstream data at the same time and all use the downstream metadata table to record the breakpoint information, the breakpoint information of all tasks is written to the same metadata table and uses the same task ID #8500 @maxshuang
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that when Physical Import Mode is used for importing data, if there is an `auto_random` column in the composite primary key of the target table, but the value of the column is not specified in the source data, TiDB Lightning does not generate data for the `auto_random` column automatically #41454 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that when Logical Import Mode is used for importing data, the import fails due to lack of the `CONFIG` permission for the target cluster #41915 @lichunzhu

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16.19.1 TiDB 6.6.0 Release Notes

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> **Note:**
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> The TiDB 6.6.0-DMR documentation has been archived. PingCAP encourages you to use the latest LTS version of the TiDB database.

Quick access: Quick start

In v6.6.0-DMR, the key new features and improvements are as follows:

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<th>Category</th>
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<td rowspan="3">Scalability and Performance<br /></td>
<td>TiKV supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v6.6/partitioned-
    ↪ raft-kv" target="_blank">Partitioned Raft KV storage engine</a> (
    ↪ experimental)</td>
<td>TiKV introduces the Partitioned Raft KV storage engine, and each Region
    ↪ uses an independent RocksDB instance, which can easily expand the
    ↪ storage capacity of the cluster from TB to PB and provide more stable
    ↪  write latency and stronger scalability.</td>
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<td>TiKV supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v6.6/system-
   ↪ variables#tidb_store_batch_size" target="_blank">batch aggregating
   ↪ data requests</a></td>
<td>This enhancement significantly reduces total RPCs in TiKV batch-get
   ↪ operations. In situations where data is highly dispersed and the gRPC
   ↪  thread pool has insufficient resources, batching coprocessor
   ↪ requests can improve performance by more than 50%.</td>
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<td>TiFlash supports <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v6.6/stale-read"
   ↪  target="_blank">Stale Read</a> and <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com
   ↪ /tidb/v6.6/explain-mpp#mpp-version-and-exchange-data-compression"
   ↪ target="_blank">compression exchange</a></td>
<td>TiFlash supports the stale read feature, which can improve query
   ↪ performance in scenarios where real-time requirements are not
   ↪ restricted. TiFlash supports data compression to improve the
   ↪ efficiency of parallel data exchange, and the overall TPC-H
   ↪ performance improves by 10%, which can save more than 50% of the
   ↪ network usage.</td>
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<td rowspan="2">Reliability and availability<br /></td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v6.6/tidb-resource-control"
   ↪ target="_blank">Resource control</a> (experimental)</td>
<td>Support resource management based on resource groups, which maps
   ↪ database users to the corresponding resource groups and sets quotas
   ↪ for each resource group based on actual needs.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v6.6/sql-plan-management#create-a
   ↪ -binding-according-to-a-historical-execution-plan" target="_blank">
   ↪ Historical SQL binding</a></td>
<td>Support binding historical execution plans and quickly binding execution
   ↪  plans on TiDB Dashboard.</td>
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<td rowspan="2">SQL functionalities<br /></td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v6.6/foreign-key" target="_blank
   ↪ ">Foreign key</a> (experimental)</td>
<td>Support MySQL-compatible foreign key constraints to maintain data
   ↪ consistency and improve data quality.</td>
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<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v6.6/sql-statement-create-index#
   ↪ multi-valued-indexes" target="_blank">Multi-valued indexes</a> (
   ↪ experimental)</td>
<td>Introduce MySQL-compatible multi-valued indexes and enhance the JSON
   ↪ type to improve TiDB's compatibility with MySQL 8.0.</td>
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<td>DB operations and observability<br /></td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/v6.6/dm-precheck#check-items-for-
    ↪ physical-import" target="_blank">DM supports physical import</a> (
    ↪ experimental)</td>
<td>TiDB Data Migration (DM) integrates TiDB Lightning's physical import
    ↪ mode to improve the performance of full data migration, with
    ↪ performance being up to 10 times faster.</td>
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16.19.1.1 Feature details

16.19.1.1.1 Scalability

- Support Partitioned Raft KV storage engine (experimental) #11515 #12842 @busyjay @tonyxuqqi @tabokie @bufferflies @5kbpers @SpadeA-Tang @nolouch

  Before TiDB v6.6.0, TiKV's Raft-based storage engine used a single RocksDB instance to store the data of all 'Regions' of the TiKV instance. To support larger clusters more stably, starting from TiDB v6.6.0, a new TiKV storage engine is introduced, which uses multiple RocksDB instances to store TiKV Region data, and the data of each Region is independently stored in a separate RocksDB instance. The new engine can better control the number and level of files in the RocksDB instance, achieve physical isolation of data operations between Regions, and support stably managing more data. You can see it as TiKV managing multiple RocksDB instances through partitioning, which is why the feature is named Partitioned-Raft-KV. The main advantage of this feature is better write performance, faster scaling, and larger volume of data supported with the same hardware. It can also support larger cluster scales.

  Currently, this feature is experimental and not recommended for use in production environments.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support the distributed parallel execution framework for DDL operations (experimental) #37125 @zimulala

  In previous versions, only one TiDB instance in the entire TiDB cluster was allowed to handle schema change tasks as a DDL owner. To further improve DDL concurrency for large table's DDL operations, TiDB v6.6.0 introduces the distributed parallel execution framework for DDL, through which all TiDB instances in the cluster can concurrently execute the `StateWriteReorganization` phase of the same task to speed up DDL execution. This feature is controlled by the system variable `tidb_ddl_distribute_reorg` and is currently only supported for `Add Index` operations.

16.19.1.1.2 Performance

- Support a stable wake-up model for pessimistic lock queues #13298 @MyonKeminta

  If an application encounters frequent single-point pessimistic lock conflicts, the existing wake-up mechanism cannot guarantee the time for transactions to acquire locks, which causes high long-tail latency and even lock acquisition timeout. Starting from v6.6.0, you can enable a stable wake-up model for pessimistic locks by setting the value of the system variable `tidb_pessimistic_txn_aggressive_locking` to `ON`. In this wake-up model, the wake-up sequence of a queue can be strictly controlled to avoid the waste of resources caused by invalid wake-ups. In scenarios with serious lock conflicts, the stable wake-up model can reduce long-tail latency and the P99 response time.

  Tests indicate this reduces tail latency 40-60%.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Batch aggregate data requests #39361 @cfzjywxk @you06

  When TiDB sends a data request to TiKV, TiDB compiles the request into different sub-tasks according to the Region where the data is located, and each sub-task only processes the request of a single Region. When the data to be accessed is highly dispersed, even if the size of the data is not large, many sub-tasks will be generated, which in turn will generate many RPC requests and consume extra time. Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports partially merging data requests that are sent to the same TiKV instance, which reduces the number of sub-tasks and the overhead of RPC requests. In the case of high data dispersion and insufficient gRPC thread pool resources, batching requests can improve performance by more than 50%.

  This feature is enabled by default. You can set the batch size of requests using the system variable `tidb_store_batch_size`.

- Remove the limit on `LIMIT` clauses #40219 @fzzf678

  Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB plan cache supports caching execution plans with a variable as the `LIMIT` parameter, such as `LIMIT ?` or `LIMIT 10, ?`. This feature allows more SQL statements to benefit from plan cache, thus improving execution efficiency. Currently, for security considerations, TiDB can only cache execution plans with `?` not greater than 10000.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports data exchange with compression #6620 @solotzg

  To cooperate with multiple nodes for computing, the TiFlash engine needs to exchange data among different nodes. When the size of the data to be exchanged is very large, the performance of data exchange might affect the overall computing efficiency. In v6.6.0, the TiFlash engine introduces a compression mechanism to compress the data that needs to be exchanged when necessary, and then to perform the exchange, thereby improving the efficiency of data exchange.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash supports the Stale Read feature #4483 @hehechen

The Stale Read feature has been generally available (GA) since v5.1.1, which allows you to read historical data at a specific timestamp or within a specified time range. Stale read can reduce read latency and improve query performance by reading data from local TiKV replicas directly. Before v6.6.0, TiFlash does not support Stale Read. Even if a table has TiFlash replicas, Stale Read can only read its TiKV replicas.

Starting from v6.6.0, TiFlash supports the Stale Read feature. When you query the historical data of a table using the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` syntax or the `tidb_read_staleness` system variable, if the table has a TiFlash replica, the optimizer now can choose to read the corresponding data from the TiFlash replica, thus further improving query performance.

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For more information, see [documentation](#usage-scenarios-of-stale-read).
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- Support pushing down the `regexp_replace` string function to TiFlash #6115 @xzhangxian1008

16.19.1.1.3 Reliability

- Support resource control based on resource groups (experimental) #38825 @nolouch @BornChanger @glorv @tiancaiamao @Connor1996 @JmPotato @hnes @CabinfeverB @HuSharp

  Now you can create resource groups for a TiDB cluster, bind different database users to corresponding resource groups, and set quotas for each resource group according to actual needs. When the cluster resources are limited, all resources used by sessions in the same resource group will be limited to the quota. In this way, even if a resource group is over-consumed, the sessions in other resource groups are not affected. TiDB provides a built-in view of the actual usage of resources on Grafana dashboards, assisting you to allocate resources more rationally.

  The introduction of the resource control feature is a milestone for TiDB. It can divide a distributed database cluster into multiple logical units. Even if an individual unit overuses resources, it does not crowd out the resources needed by other units.

  With this feature, you can:

  - Combine multiple small and medium-sized applications from different systems into a single TiDB cluster. When the workload of an application grows larger, it does not affect the normal operation of other applications. When the system workload is low, busy applications can still be allocated the required system resources even if they exceed the set read and write quotas, so as to achieve the maximum utilization of resources.
  - Choose to combine all test environments into a single TiDB cluster, or group the batch tasks that consume more resources into a single resource group. It can improve hardware utilization and reduce operating costs while ensuring that critical applications can always get the necessary resources.

In addition, the rational use of the resource control feature can reduce the number of clusters, ease the difficulty of operation and maintenance, and save management costs.

In v6.6, you need to enable both TiDB's global variable `tidb_enable_resource_control` and the TiKV configuration item `resource-control.enabled` to enable resource control. Currently, the supported quota method is based on "Request Unit (RU)". RU is TiDB's unified abstraction unit for system resources such as CPU and IO.

For more information, see documentation.

- Binding historical execution plans is GA #39199 @fzzf678

  In v6.5.0, TiDB extends the binding targets in the `CREATE [GLOBAL | SESSION] BINDING` statements and supports creating bindings according to historical execution plans. In v6.6.0, this feature is GA. The selection of execution plans is not limited to the current TiDB node. Any historical execution plan generated by any TiDB node can be selected as the target of SQL binding, which further improves the feature usability.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Add several optimizer hints #39964 @Reminiscent

  TiDB adds several optimizer hints in v6.6.0 to control the execution plan selection of `LIMIT` operations.

  - `ORDER_INDEX()`: tells the optimizer to use the specified index, to keep the order of the index when reading data, and generates plans similar to `Limit + IndexScan(keep order: true)`.
  - `NO_ORDER_INDEX()`: tells the optimizer to use the specified index, not to keep the order of the index when reading data, and generates plans similar to `TopN + IndexScan(keep order: false)`.

Continuously introducing optimizer hints provides users with more intervention methods, helps solve SQL performance issues, and improves the stability of overall performance.

- Support dynamically managing the resource usage of DDL operations (experimental) #38025 @hawkingrei

  TiDB v6.6.0 introduces resource management for DDL operations to reduce the impact of DDL changes on online applications by automatically controlling the CPU usage of these operations. This feature is effective only after the DDL distributed parallel execution framework is enabled.

16.19.1.1.4 Availability

- Support configuring `SURVIVAL_PREFERENCE` for placement rules in SQL #38605 @nolouch

  `SURVIVAL_PREFERENCES` provides data survival preference settings to increase the disaster survivability of data. By specifying `SURVIVAL_PREFERENCE`, you can control the following:

  - For TiDB clusters deployed across cloud regions, when a cloud region fails, the specified databases or tables can survive in another cloud region.
  - For TiDB clusters deployed in a single cloud region, when an availability zone fails, the specified databases or tables can survive in another availability zone.

For more information, see documentation.

- Support rolling back DDL operations via the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` statement #14045 @Defined2014 @JmPotato

  The `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` statement supports restoring the entire cluster to a specified point in time within the Garbage Collection (GC) lifetime. In TiDB v6.6.0, this feature adds support for rolling back DDL operations. This can be used to quickly undo a DML or DDL misoperation on a cluster, roll back a cluster within minutes, and roll back a cluster multiple times on the timeline to determine when specific data changes occurred.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.19.1.1.5 SQL

- Support MySQL-compatible foreign key constraints (experimental) #18209 @crazycs520

  TiDB v6.6.0 introduces the foreign key constraints feature, which is compatible with MySQL. This feature supports referencing within a table or between tables, constraints validation, and cascade operations. This feature helps to migrate applications to TiDB, maintain data consistency, improve data quality, and facilitate data modeling.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support MySQL-compatible multi-valued indexes (experimental) #39592 @xiongjiwei @qw4990

  TiDB introduces MySQL-compatible multi-valued indexes in v6.6.0. Filtering the values of an array in a JSON column is a common operation, but normal indexes cannot help speed up such an operation. Creating a multi-valued index on an array can greatly improve filtering performance. If an array in the JSON column has a multi-valued index, you can use the multi-valued index to filter the retrieval conditions with `MEMBER OF()`, `JSON_CONTAINS()`, `JSON_OVERLAPS()` functions, thereby reducing much I/O consumption and improving operation speed.

Introducing multi-valued indexes further enhances TiDB's support for the JSON data type and also improves TiDB's compatibility with MySQL 8.0.

For more information, see documentation.

16.19.1.1.6 DB operations

- Support configuring read-only storage nodes for resource-consuming tasks @v01dstar

  In production environments, some read-only operations might consume a large number of resources regularly and affect the performance of the entire cluster, such as backups and large-scale data reading and analysis. TiDB v6.6.0 supports configuring read-only storage nodes for resource-consuming read-only tasks to reduce the impact on the online application. Currently, TiDB, TiSpark, and BR support reading data from read-only storage nodes. You can configure read-only storage nodes according to steps and specify where data is read through the system variable `tidb_replica_read`, the TiSpark configuration item `spark.tispark.replica_read`, or the br command line argument `--replica-read-label`, to ensure the stability of cluster performance.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support dynamically modifying `store-io-pool-size` #13964 @LykxSassinator

  The TiKV configuration item `raftstore.store-io-pool-size` specifies the allowable number of threads that process Raft I/O tasks, which can be adjusted when tuning TiKV performance. Before v6.6.0, this configuration item cannot be modified dynamically. Starting from v6.6.0, you can modify this configuration without restarting the server, which means more flexible performance tuning.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support specifying the SQL script executed upon TiDB cluster initialization #35624 @morgo

  When you start a TiDB cluster for the first time, you can specify the SQL script to be executed by configuring the command line parameter `--initialize-sql-file`. You can use this feature when you need to perform such operations as modifying the value of a system variable, creating a user, or granting privileges.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB Data Migration (DM) integrates with TiDB Lightning's physical import mode for up to a 10x performance boost for full migration (experimental) @lance6716

  In v6.6.0, DM full migration capability integrates with physical import mode of TiDB Lightning, which enables DM to improve the performance of full data migration by up to 10 times, greatly reducing the migration time in large data volume scenarios.

  Before v6.6.0, for large data volume scenarios, you were required to configure physical import tasks in TiDB Lightning separately for fast full data migration, and then use DM for incremental data migration, which was a complex configuration. Starting

from v6.6.0, you can migrate large data volumes without the need to configure TiDB Lightning tasks; one DM task can accomplish the migration.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB Lightning adds a new configuration parameter `"header-schema-match"` to address the issue of mismatched column names between the source file and the target table @dsdashun

  In v6.6.0, TiDB Lightning adds a new profile parameter `"header-schema-match"`. The default value is `true`, which means the first row of the source CSV file is treated as the column name, and consistent with that in the target table. If the field name in the CSV table header does not match the column name of the target table, you can set this configuration to `false`. TiDB Lightning will ignore the error and continue to import the data in the order of the columns in the target table.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB Lightning supports enabling compressed transfers when sending key-value pairs to TiKV #41163 @sleepymole

  Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB Lightning supports compressing locally encoded and sorted key-value pairs for network transfer when sending them to TiKV, thus reducing the amount of data transferred over the network and lowering the network bandwidth overhead. In the earlier TiDB versions before this feature is supported, TiDB Lightning requires relatively high network bandwidth and incurs high traffic charges in case of large data volumes.

  This feature is disabled by default. To enable it, you can set the `compress-kv-pairs` configuration item of TiDB Lightning to `"gzip"` or `"gz"`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- The TiKV-CDC tool is now GA and supports subscribing to data changes of RawKV #48 @zeminzhou @haojinming @pingyu

  TiKV-CDC is a CDC (Change Data Capture) tool for TiKV clusters. TiKV and PD can constitute a KV database when used without TiDB, which is called RawKV. TiKV-CDC supports subscribing to data changes of RawKV and replicating them to a downstream TiKV cluster in real time, thus enabling cross-cluster replication of RawKV.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC supports scaling out a single table on Kafka changefeeds and distributing the changefeed to multiple TiCDC nodes (experimental) #7720 @overvenus

  Before v6.6.0, when a table in the upstream accepts a large amount of writes, the replication capability of this table cannot be scaled out, resulting in an increase in the replication latency. Starting from TiCDC v6.6.0. the changefeed of an upstream table can be distributed to multiple TiCDC nodes in a Kafka sink, which means the replication capability of a single table is scaled out.

For more information, see documentation.

- GORM adds TiDB integration tests. Now TiDB is the default database supported by GORM. #6014 @Icemap

    - In v1.4.6, GORM MySQL driver adapts to the `AUTO_RANDOM` attribute of TiDB #104
    - In v1.4.6, GORM MySQL driver fixes the issue that when connecting to TiDB, the `Unique` attribute of the `Unique` field cannot be modified during `AutoMigrate` #105
    - GORM documentation mentions TiDB as the default database #638

    For more information, see GORM documentation.

16.19.1.1.7 Observability

- Support quickly creating SQL binding on TiDB Dashboard #781 @YiniXu9506

    TiDB v6.6.0 supports creating SQL binding from statement history, which allows you to quickly bind a SQL statement to a specific plan on TiDB Dashboard.

    By providing a user-friendly interface, this feature simplifies the process of binding plans in TiDB, reduces the operation complexity, and improves the efficiency and user experience of the plan binding process.

    For more information, see documentation.

- Add warning for caching execution plans @qw4990

    When an execution plan cannot be cached, TiDB indicates the reason in warning to make diagnostics easier. For example:

```
mysql> PREPARE st FROM 'SELECT * FROM t WHERE a<?';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> SET @a='1';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> EXECUTE st USING @a;
Empty set, 1 warning (0.01 sec)

mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+---------+------+-------------------------------------------------+
| Level   | Code | Message                                         |
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| Warning | 1105 | skip plan-cache: '1' may be converted to INT |
+---------+------+-------------------------------------------------+
```

In the preceding example, the optimizer converts a non-INT type to an INT type, and the execution plan might change with the change of the parameter, so TiDB does not cache the plan.

For more information, see documentation.

- Add a `Warnings` field to the slow query log #39893 @time-and-fate

  TiDB v6.6.0 adds a `Warnings` field to the slow query log to help diagnose performance issues. This field records warnings generated during the execution of a slow query. You can also view the warnings on the slow query page of TiDB Dashboard.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Automatically capture the generation of SQL execution plans #38779 @Yisaer

  In the process of troubleshooting execution plan issues, `PLAN REPLAYER` can help preserve the scene and improve the efficiency of diagnosis. However, in some scenarios, the generation of some execution plans cannot be reproduced freely, which makes the diagnosis work more difficult.

  To address such issues, in TiDB v6.6.0, `PLAN REPLAYER` extends the capability of automatic capture. With the `PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE` command, you can register the target SQL statement in advance and also specify the target execution plan at the same time. When TiDB detects the SQL statement or the execution plan that matches the registered target, it automatically generates and packages the `PLAN REPLAYER` information. When the execution plan is unstable, this feature can improve diagnostic efficiency.

  To use this feature, set the value of `tidb_enable_plan_replayer_capture` to `ON`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support persisting statements summary (experimental) #40812 @mornyx

  Before v6.6.0, statements summary data is kept in memory and would be lost upon a TiDB server restart. Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB supports enabling statements summary persistence, which allows historical data to be written to disks on a regular basis. In the meantime, the result of queries on system tables will derive from disks, instead of memory. After TiDB restarts, all historical data remains available.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.19.1.1.8 Security

- TiFlash supports automatic rotations of TLS certificates #5503 @ywqzzy

  In v6.6.0, TiDB supports automatic rotations of TiFlash TLS certificates. For a TiDB cluster with encrypted data transmission between components enabled, when a TLS certificate of TiFlash expires and needs to be reissued with a new one, the new TiFlash TLS certificate can be automatically loaded without restarting the TiDB cluster. In addition, the rotation of a TLS certificate between components within a TiDB cluster

does not affect the use of the TiDB cluster, which ensures high availability of the cluster.

For more information, see documentation.

- TiDB Lightning supports accessing Amazon S3 data via AWS IAM role keys and session tokens #40750 @okJiang

  Before v6.6.0, TiDB Lightning only supports accessing S3 data via AWS IAM **user's access keys** (each access key consists of an access key ID and a secret access key) so you cannot use a temporary session token to access S3 data. Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB Lightning supports accessing S3 data via AWS IAM **role's access keys + session tokens** as well to improve the data security.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.19.1.1.9 Telemetry

- Starting from February 20, 2023, the telemetry feature is disabled by default in new versions of TiDB and TiDB Dashboard (including v6.6.0). If you upgrade from a previous version that uses the default telemetry configuration, the telemetry feature is disabled after the upgrade. For the specific versions, see TiDB Release Timeline.
- Starting from v1.11.3, the telemetry feature is disabled by default in newly deployed TiUP. If you upgrade from a previous version of TiUP to v1.11.3 or a later version, the telemetry feature keeps the same status as before the upgrade.

16.19.1.2 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
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> This section provides compatibility changes you need to know when you upgrade from v6.5.0 to the current version (v6.6.0). If you are upgrading from v6.4.0 or earlier versions to the current version, you might also need to check the compatibility changes introduced in intermediate versions.

16.19.1.2.1 MySQL compatibility

- Support MySQL-compatible foreign key constraints (experimental) #18209 @crazycs520

  For more information, see the SQL section in this document and documentation.

- Support the MySQL-compatible multi-valued indexes (experimental) #39592 @xiongjiwei @qw4990

  For more information, see the SQL section in this document and documentation.

16.19.1.2.2 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_enable_amend_pessimistic_txn`	Deleted	Starting from v6.5.0, this variable is deprecated. Starting from v6.6.0, this variable and the `AMEND TRANSACTION` feature are deleted. TiDB will use meta lock to avoid the `Information schema is changed` error.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_enable_concurrent_ddl`	Deleted	This variable controls whether to allow TiDB to use concurrent DDL statements. When this variable is disabled, TiDB uses the old DDL execution framework, which provides limited support for concurrent DDL execution. Starting from v6.6.0, this variable is

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_` ↪ `ttl_` ↪ `job_` ↪ `run_` ↪ `interval` ↪	Deleted	This variable is used to control the scheduling interval of TTL jobs in the background. Starting from v6.6.0, this variable is deleted, because TiDB provides the `TTL_` ↪ `JOB` ↪ `_` ↪ `INTERVAL` ↪ attribute for every table to control the TTL runtime, which is more

Variable name	Change type	Description
foreign_key_checks	Modified	This variable controls whether to enable the foreign key constraint check. The default value changes from OFF to ON, which means enabling the foreign key check by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ foreign ↪ _key	Modified	This variable controls whether to enable the foreign key feature. The default value changes from `OFF` to `ON`, which means enabling foreign key by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_enable_general_plan_cache`	Modified	This variable controls whether to enable General Plan Cache. Starting from v6.6.0, this variable is renamed to `tidb_enable_non_prepared_plan_cache`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_historical_stats	Modified	This variable controls whether to enable historical statistics. The default value changes from OFF to ON, which means that historical statistics are enabled by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_plan_replayer_capture	Modified	This variable takes effect starting from v6.6.0 and controls whether to enable the PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE feature. The default value changes from OFF to ON, which means that the PLAN REPLAYER CAPTURE feature is enabled by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ telemetry ↪	Modified	The default value changes from `ON` to `OFF`, which means that telemetry is disabled by default in TiDB.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_` ↪ `general` ↪ `_` ↪ `plan` ↪ `_` ↪ `cache` ↪ `_` ↪ `size`	Modified	This variable controls the maximum number of execution plans that can be cached by General Plan Cache. Starting from v6.6.0, this variable is renamed to `tidb_` ↪ `non` ↪ `_` ↪ `prepared` ↪ `_` ↪ `plan` ↪ `_` ↪ `cache` ↪ `_` ↪ `size` ↪ .

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_replica_read`	Modified	A new value option `learner` is added for this variable to specify the learner replicas with which TiDB reads data from read-only nodes.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ replica ↪ _ ↪ read	Modified	A new value option prefer ↪ - ↪ leader ↪ is added for this variable to improve the overall read availability of TiDB clusters. When this option is set, TiDB prefers to read from the leader replica. When the performance of the leader replica significantly decreases, TiDB automati-

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_store_batch_size	Modified	This variable controls the batch size of the Coprocessor Tasks of the IndexLookUp operator. 0 means to disable batch. Starting from v6.6.0, the default value is changed from 0 to 4, which means 4 Coprocessor tasks will be batched into one task for each batch of requests.

Variable name	Change type	Description
mpp_ ↪ exchange ↪ _ ↪ compression ↪ _ ↪ mode	Newly added	This variable specifies the data compression mode of the MPP Exchange operator. It takes effect when TiDB selects the MPP execution plan with the version number 1. The default value UNSPECIFIED ↪ means that TiDB automatically selects the FAST compres-

Variable name	Change type	Description
mpp_version	Newly added	This variable specifies the version of the MPP execution plan. After a version is specified, TiDB selects the specified version of the MPP execution plan. The default value UNSPECIFIED means that TiDB automatically selects the latest version 1.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ddl_ ↪ distribute ↪ _ ↪ reorg ↪	Newly added	This variable controls whether to enable distributed execution of the DDL reorg phase to accelerate this phase. The default value `OFF` means not to enable distributed execution of the DDL reorg phase by default. Currently, this variable takes effect only for

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ historical ↪ _ ↪ stats ↪ _for ↪ _ ↪ capture ↪	Newly added	This variable controls whether the information captured by PLAN ↪ REPLAYER ↪ ↪ CAPTURE ↪ includes historical statistics by default. The default value OFF means that historical statistics are not included by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_plan_cache_for_param_limit	Newly added	This variable controls whether Prepared Plan Cache caches execution plans that contain `COUNT` after `Limit`. The default value is `ON`, which means Prepared Plan Cache supports caching such execution plans. Note that Prepared Plan Cache does not support

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_enable_resource_control`	Newly added	This variable controls whether to enable the resource control feature. The default value is `OFF`. When this variable is set to `ON`, the TiDB cluster supports resource isolation of applications based on resource groups.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_historical_stats_duration	Newly added	This variable controls how long the historical statistics are retained in storage. The default value is 7 days.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_index_join_double_read_penalty_cost_rate`	Newly added	This variable controls whether to add some penalty cost to the selection of index join. The default value `0` means that this feature is disabled by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ pessimistic ↪ _txn ↪ _ ↪ aggressive ↪ _ ↪ locking ↪	Newly added	This variable controls whether to use enhanced pessimistic locking wake-up model for pessimistic transactions. The default value `OFF` means not to use such a wake-up model for pessimistic transactions by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ stmt ↪ _ ↪ summary ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ persistent ↪	Newly added	This variable is read-only. It controls whether to enable statements summary persistence. The value of this variable is the same as that of the configuration item tidb_ ↪ stmt ↪ _ ↪ summary ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ persistent ↪ .

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ stmt ↪ _ ↪ summary ↪ _ ↪ filename ↪	Newly added	This variable is read-only. It specifies the file to which persistent data is written when statements summary persistence is enabled. The value of this variable is the same as that of the configuration item tidb_ ↪ stmt ↪ _ ↪ summary ↪ _ ↪ filename ↪ .

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ stmt ↪ _ ↪ summary ↪ _ ↪ file ↪ _max ↪ _ ↪ backups ↪	Newly added	This variable is read-only. It specifies the maximum number of data files that can be persisted when statements summary persistence is enabled. The value of this variable is the same as that of the configuration item tidb_ ↪ stmt ↪ _ ↪ summary ↪ _ ↪ file ↪ _ ↪ max

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ stmt ↪ _ ↪ summary ↪ _ ↪ file ↪ _max ↪ _ ↪ days	Newly added	This variable is read-only. It specifies the maximum number of days to keep persistent data files when statements summary persistence is enabled. The value of this variable is the same as that of the configuration item tidb_ ↪ stmt ↪ _ ↪ summary ↪ _ ↪ file ↪ _ ↪ max

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ stmt ↪ _ ↪ summary ↪ _ ↪ file ↪ _max ↪ _ ↪ size	Newly added	This variable is read-only. It specifies the maximum size of a persistent data file when statements summary persistence is enabled. The value of this variable is the same as that of the configuration item tidb_ ↪ stmt ↪ _ ↪ summary ↪ _ ↪ file ↪ _ ↪ max ↪ _ ↪ size ↪ .

Variable name	Change type	Description

16.19.1.2.3 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `statistics` ↪	Deleted	This configuration item specifies whether to enable RocksDB statistics. Starting from v6.6.0, this item is deleted. RocksDB statistics are enabled for all clusters by default to help diagnostics. For details, see #13942.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raftdb.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `statistics` ↪	Deleted	This configuration item specifies whether to enable Raft RocksDB statistics. Starting from v6.6.0, this item is deleted. Raft RocksDB statistics are enabled for all clusters by default to help diagnostics. For details, see #13942.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `block` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `.` ↪ `shared` ↪	Deleted	Starting from v6.6.0, this configuration item is deleted, and the block cache is enabled by default and cannot be disabled. For details, see #12936.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	`on-duplicate`	Deleted	This configuration item controls the methods to resolve conflicts during the full import phase. In v6.6.0, new configuration items `on-duplicate-logical` and `on-duplicate-physical` are introduced to replace `on-duplicate`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description

TiDB	`enable-`
	`↪ telemetry`
	`↪`
		Modified	Starting from v6.6.0, the default value changes from `true` to `false`, which means that telemetry is disabled by default in TiDB.

TiKV	`rocksdb`
	`↪ .`
	`↪ defaultcf`
	`↪ .`
	`↪ block`
	`↪ -`
	`↪ size`
	and
	`rocksdb`
	`↪ .`
	`↪ writecf`
	`↪ .`
	`↪ block`
	`↪ -`
	`↪ size`
		Modified	The default values change from `64K` to `32K`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `defaultcf` ↪ `.` ↪ `block` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `-` ↪ `size`, `rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `writecf` ↪ `.` ↪ `block` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `-` ↪ `size`, `rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `lockcf` ↪ `.` ↪ `block` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `-` ↪ `size`	Deprecated	Starting from v6.6.0, these configuration items are deprecated. For details, see #12936.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`enable-telemetry`	Modified	Starting from v6.6.0, the default value changes from `true` to `false`, which means that telemetry is disabled by default in TiDB Dashboard.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	`import-mode`	Modified	The possible values of this configuration item are changed from `"sql"` and `"loader"` to `"logical"` and `"physical"`. The default value is `"logical"`, which means using TiDB Lightning's logical import mode to import data.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`profile` ↪ `.` ↪ `default` ↪ `.max` ↪ `_` ↪ `memory` ↪ `_` ↪ `usage` ↪ `_for` ↪ `_all` ↪ `_` ↪ `queries` ↪	Modified	Specifies the memory usage limit for the generated intermediate data in all queries. Starting from v6.6.0, the default value changes from `0` to `0.8`, which means the limit is 80% of the total memory.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`consistent` ↪ `.` ↪ `storage` ↪	Modified	This configuration item specifies the path under which redo log backup is stored. Two more value options are added for `scheme`, GCS, and Azure.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`initialize` ↪ `-sql` ↪ `-` ↪ `file`	Newly added	This configuration item specifies the SQL script to be executed when the TiDB cluster is started for the first time. The default value is empty.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`tidb_` ↪ `stmt` ↪ `_` ↪ `summary` ↪ `_` ↪ `enable` ↪ `_` ↪ `persistent` ↪	Newly added	This configuration item controls whether to enable statements summary persistence. The default value is `false`, which means this feature is not enabled by default.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`tidb_` ↪ `stmt` ↪ `_` ↪ `summary` ↪ `_` ↪ `file` ↪ `_max` ↪ `_` ↪ `backups` ↪	Newly added	When statements summary persistence is enabled, this configuration specifies the maximum number of data files that can be persisted. `0` means no limit on the number of files.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`tidb_` ↪ `stmt` ↪ `_` ↪ `summary` ↪ `_` ↪ `file` ↪ `_max` ↪ `_` ↪ `days`	Newly added	When statements summary persistence is enabled, this configuration specifies the maximum number of days to keep persistent data files.
TiDB	`tidb_` ↪ `stmt` ↪ `_` ↪ `summary` ↪ `_` ↪ `file` ↪ `_max` ↪ `_` ↪ `size`	Newly added	When statements summary persistence is enabled, this configuration specifies the maximum size of a persistent data file (in MiB).

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`tidb_` ↪ `stmt` ↪ `_` ↪ `summary` ↪ `_` ↪ `filename` ↪	Newly added	When statements summary persistence is enabled, this configuration specifies the file to which persistent data is written.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`resource` ↪ `-` ↪ `control` ↪ `.` ↪ `enabled` ↪	Newly added	Whether to enable scheduling for user foreground read/write requests according to the Request Unit (RU) of the corresponding resource groups. The default value is `false`, which means to disable scheduling according to the RU of the corresponding resource groups.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	storage ↪ . ↪ engine ↪	Newly added	This configuration item specifies the type of the storage engine. Value options are "raft- ↪ kv" and " ↪ partitioned ↪ - ↪ raft ↪ -kv". This configuration item can only be specified when creating a cluster and cannot be modified once being specified.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `write` ↪ `-` ↪ `buffer` ↪ `-` ↪ `flush` ↪ `-` ↪ `oldest` ↪ `-` ↪ `first` ↪	Newly added	This configuration item specifies the flush strategy used when the memory usage of `memtable` ↪ of the current RocksDB reaches the threshold.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`rocksdb` ↪ `.` ↪ `write` ↪ `-` ↪ `buffer` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	Newly added	This configuration item specifies the limit on total memory used by `memtable` ↪ of all RocksDB instances in a single TiKV. The default value is 25% of the total machine memory.
PD	`pd-` ↪ `server` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `gogc` ↪ `-` ↪ `tuner` ↪	Newly added	This configuration item controls whether to enable the GOGC tuner, which is disabled by default.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`pd-server-gc-tuner-threshold`	Newly added	This configuration item specifies the maximum memory threshold ratio for tuning GOGC. The default value is `0.6`.
PD	`pd-server.server-memory-limit-gc-trigger`	Newly added	This configuration item specifies the threshold ratio at which PD tries to trigger GC. The default value is `0.7`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`pd-server.server-memory-limit`	Newly added	This configuration item specifies the memory limit ratio for a PD instance. The value `0` means no memory limit.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`scheduler` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-per` ↪ `-` ↪ `span`	Newly added	This configuration item controls whether to split a table into multiple replication ranges based on the number of Regions, and these ranges can be replicated by multiple TiCDC nodes. The default value is `50000`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`compress -kv- pairs`	Newly added	This configuration item controls whether to enable compression when sending KV pairs to TiKV in the physical import mode. The default value is empty, meaning that the compression is not enabled.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	`checksum` ↪ `-` ↪ `physical` ↪	Newly added	This configuration item controls whether DM performs `ADMIN` ↪ `CHECKSUM` ↪ ↪ `TABLE` ↪ `<` ↪ `table` ↪ `>` for each table to verify data integrity after the import. The default value is `"` ↪ `required` ↪ `"`, which performs admin checksum after the import. If checksum fails, DM pauses the task and you need to manually handle

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	`disk-quota-physical`	Newly added	This configuration item sets the disk quota. It corresponds to the `disk-quota` configuration of TiDB Lightning.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	`on-duplicate-logical`	Newly added	This configuration item controls how DM resolves conflicting data in the logical import mode. The default value is "`replace`", which means using the new data to replace the existing data.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	`on-duplicate-physical`	Newly added	This configuration item controls how DM resolves conflicting data in the physical import mode. The default value is `"none"`, which means not resolving conflicting data. `"none"` has the best performance, but might lead to inconsistent data in the downstream database.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	`sorting` ↪ `-dir` ↪ `-` ↪ `physical` ↪	Newly added	This configuration item specifies the directory used for local KV sorting in the physical import mode. The default value is the same as the `dir` configuration.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
sync-diff-inspector	`skip-` ↪ `non-` ↪ `existing` ↪ `-` ↪ `table` ↪	Newly added	This configuration item controls whether to skip checking upstream and downstream data consistency when tables in the downstream do not exist in the upstream.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiSpark	`spark.tispark.replica_read`	Newly added	This configuration item controls the type of replicas to be read. The value options are `leader`, `follower`, and `learner`.
TiSpark	`spark.tispark.replica_read.label`	Newly added	This configuration item is used to set labels for the target TiKV node.

16.19.1.2.4 Others

- Support dynamically modifying `store-io-pool-size`. This facilitates more flexible TiKV performance tuning.
- Remove the limit on `LIMIT` clauses, thus improving the execution performance.
- Starting from v6.6.0, BR does not support restoring data to clusters earlier than v6.1.0.
- Starting from v6.6.0, TiDB no longer supports modifying column types on partitioned tables because of potential correctness issues.

16.19.1.3 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Improve the scheduling mechanism of TTL background cleaning tasks to allow the cleaning task of a single table to be split into several sub-tasks and scheduled to run on multiple TiDB nodes simultaneously #40361 @YangKeao
    - Optimize the column name display of the result returned by running multi-statements after setting a non-default delimiter #39662 @mjonss
    - Optimize the execution efficiency of statements after warning messages are generated #39702 @tiancaiamao
    - Support distributed data backfill for `ADD INDEX` (experimental) #37119 @zimulala
    - Support using `CURDATE()` as the default value of a column #38356 @CbcWestwolf
    - `partial order prop push down` now supports the LIST-type partitioned tables #40273 @winoros
    - Add error messages for conflicts between optimizer hints and execution plan bindings #40910 @Reminiscent
    - Optimize the plan cache strategy to avoid non-optimal plans when using plan cache in some scenarios #40312 #40218 #40280 #41136 #40686 @qw4990
    - Clear expired region cache regularly to avoid memory leak and performance degradation #40461 @sticnarf
    - `MODIFY COLUMN` is not supported on partitioned tables #39915 @wjhuang2016
    - Disable renaming of columns that partition tables depend on #40150 @mjonss
    - Refine the error message reported when a column that a partitioned table depends on is deleted #38739 @jiyfhust
    - Add a mechanism that `FLASHBACK CLUSTER` retries when it fails to check the `min-resolved-ts` #39836 @Defined2014
- TiKV
    - Optimize the default values of some parameters in partitioned-raft-kv mode: the default value of the TiKV configuration item `storage.block-cache.capacity` is adjusted from 45% to 30%, and the default value of `region-split-size` is adjusted from `96MiB` adjusted to `10GiB`. When using raft-kv mode and `enable-region-bucket` is `true`, `region-split-size` is adjusted to 1 GiB by default. #12842 @tonyxuqqi
    - Support priority scheduling in Raftstore asynchronous writes #13730 @Connor1996
    - Support starting TiKV on a CPU with less than 1 core #13586 #13752 #14017 @andreid-db
    - Optimize the new detection mechanism of Raftstore slow score and add `evict-slow-trend-scheduler` #14131 @innerr
    - Force the block cache of RocksDB to be shared and no longer support setting the block cache separately according to CF #12936 @busyjay
- PD
    - Support managing the global memory threshold to alleviate the OOM problem (experimental) #5827 @hnes

- Add the GC Tuner to alleviate the GC pressure (experimental) #5827 @hnes
- Add the `evict-slow-trend-scheduler` scheduler to detect and schedule abnormal nodes #5808 @innerr
- Add the keyspace manager to manage keyspace #5293 @AmoebaProtozoa

- TiFlash

  - Support an independent MVCC bitmap filter that decouples the MVCC filtering operations in the TiFlash data scanning process, which provides the foundation for future optimization of the data scanning process #6296 @JinheLin
  - Reduce the memory usage of TiFlash by up to 30% when there is no query #6589 @hongyunyan

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Optimize the concurrency of downloading log backup files on the TiKV side to improve the performance of PITR recovery in regular scenarios #14206 @YuJuncen

  - TiCDC

    - Support batch `UPDATE` DML statements to improve TiCDC replication performance #8084 @amyangfei
    - Implement MQ sink and MySQL sink in the asynchronous mode to improve the sink throughput #5928 @hicqu @hi-rustin

  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

    - Optimize DM alert rules and content #7376 @D3Hunter
      Previously, alerts similar to "DM_XXX_process_exits_with_error" were raised whenever a related error occurred. But some alerts are caused by idle database connections, which can be recovered after reconnecting. To reduce these kinds of alerts, DM divides errors into two types: automatically recoverable errors and unrecoverable errors:
      - For an error that is automatically recoverable, DM reports the alert only if the error occurs more than 3 times within 2 minutes.
      - For an error that is not automatically recoverable, DM maintains the original behavior and reports the alert immediately.
    - Optimize relay performance by adding the async/batch relay writer #4287 @GMHDBJD

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Physical Import Mode supports keyspace #40531 @iosmanthus
    - Support setting the maximum number of conflicts by `lightning.max-error` #40743 @dsdashun
    - Support importing CSV data files with BOM headers #40744 @dsdashun

    - Optimize the processing logic when encountering TiKV flow-limiting errors and try other available regions instead #40205 @lance6716
    - Disable checking the table foreign keys during import #40027 @sleepymole
  - Dumpling
    - Support exporting settings for foreign keys #39913 @lichunzhu
  - sync-diff-inspector
    - Add a new parameter `skip-non-existing-table` to control whether to skip checking upstream and downstream data consistency when tables in the downstream do not exist in the upstream #692 @lichunzhu @liumengya94

16.19.1.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that a statistics collection task fails due to an incorrect `datetime` value #39336 @xuyifangreeneyes
  - Fix the issue that `stats_meta` is not created following table creation #38189 @xuyifangreeneyes
  - Fix frequent write conflicts in transactions when performing DDL data backfill #24427 @mjonss
  - Fix the issue that sometimes an index cannot be created for an empty table using ingest mode #39641 @tangenta
  - Fix the issue that `wait_ts` in the slow query log is the same for different SQL statements within the same transaction #39713 @TonsnakeLin
  - Fix the issue that the `Assertion Failed` error is reported when adding a column during the process of deleting a row record #39570 @wjhuang2016
  - Fix the issue that the `not a DDL owner` error is reported when modifying a column type #39643 @zimulala
  - Fix the issue that no error is reported when inserting a row after exhaustion of the auto-increment values of the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column #38950 @Dousir9
  - Fix the issue that the `Unknown column` error is reported when creating an expression index #39784 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that data cannot be inserted into a renamed table when the generated expression includes the name of this table #39826 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that the `INSERT ignore` statement cannot fill in default values when the column is write-only #40192 @YangKeao
  - Fix the issue that resources are not released when disabling the resource management module #40546 @zimulala
  - Fix the issue that TTL tasks cannot trigger statistics updates in time #40109 @YangKeao
  - Fix the issue that unexpected data is read because TiDB improperly handles `NULL` values when constructing key ranges #40158 @tiancaiamao

- Fix the issue that illegal values are written to a table when the `MODIFY COLUMN` statement also changes the default value of a column #40164 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that the adding index operation is inefficient due to invalid Region cache when there are many Regions in a table #38436 @tangenta
- Fix data race occurred in allocating auto-increment IDs #40584 @Dousir9
- Fix the issue that the implementation of the not operator in JSON is incompatible with the implementation in MySQL #40683 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that concurrent view might cause DDL operations to be blocked #40352 @zeminzhou
- Fix data inconsistency caused by concurrently executing DDL statements to modify columns of partitioned tables #40620 @mjonss @mjonss
- Fix the issue that "Malformed packet" is reported when using `caching_sha2_password` for authentication without specifying a password #40831 @dveeden
- Fix the issue that a TTL task fails if the primary key of the table contains an `ENUM` column #40456 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that some DDL operations blocked by MDL cannot be queried in `mysql.tidb_mdl_view` #40838 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that data race might occur during DDL ingestion #40970 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that TTL tasks might delete some data incorrectly after the time zone changes #41043 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that `JSON_OBJECT` might report an error in some cases #39806 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that TiDB might deadlock during initialization #40408 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that the value of system variables might be incorrectly modified in some cases due to memory reuse #40979 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that data might be inconsistent with the index when a unique index is created in the ingest mode #40464 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that some truncate operations cannot be blocked by MDL when truncating the same table concurrently #40484 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that the `SHOW PRIVILEGES` statement returns an incomplete privilege list #40591 @CbcWestwolf
- Fix the issue that TiDB panics when adding a unique index #40592 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that executing the `ADMIN RECOVER` statement might cause the index data to be corrupted #40430 @xiongjiwei
- Fix the issue that a query might fail when the queried table contains a `CAST` expression in the expression index #40130 @xiongjiwei
- Fix the issue that a unique index might still produce duplicate data in some cases #40217 @tangenta
- Fix the PD OOM issue when there is a large number of Regions but the table ID cannot be pushed down when querying some virtual tables using `Prepare` or `Execute` #39605 @djshow832
- Fix the issue that data race might occur when an index is added #40879 @tangenta
- Fix the `can't find proper physical plan` issue caused by virtual columns

#41014 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that TiDB cannot restart after global bindings are created for partition tables in dynamic trimming mode #40368 @Yisaer
- Fix the issue that `auto analyze` causes graceful shutdown to take a long time #40038 @xuyifangreeneyes
- Fix the panic of the TiDB server when the IndexMerge operator triggers memory limiting behaviors #41036 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that the `SELECT * FROM table_name LIMIT 1` query on partitioned tables is slow #40741 @solotzg

- TiKV

  - Fix an error that occurs when casting the `const Enum` type to other types #14156 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that Resolved TS causes higher network traffic #14092 @overvenus
  - Fix the data inconsistency issue caused by network failure between TiDB and TiKV during the execution of a DML after a failed pessimistic DML #14038 @MyonKeminta

- PD

  - Fix the issue that the Region Scatter task generates redundant replicas unexpectedly #5909 @HundunDM
  - Fix the issue that the Online Unsafe Recovery feature would get stuck and time out in `auto-detect` mode #5753 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that the execution `replace-down-peer` slows down under certain conditions #5788 @HundunDM
  - Fix the PD OOM issue that occurs when the calls of `ReportMinResolvedTS` are too frequent #5965 @HundunDM

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that querying TiFlash-related system tables might get stuck #6745 @lidezhu
  - Fix the issue that semi-joins use excessive memory when calculating Cartesian products #6730 @gengliqi
  - Fix the issue that the result of the division operation on the DECIMAL data type is not rounded #6393 @LittleFall
  - Fix the issue that `start_ts` cannot uniquely identify an MPP query in TiFlash queries, which might cause an MPP query to be incorrectly canceled #43426 @hehechen

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

- Fix the issue that when restoring log backup, hot Regions cause the restore to fail #37207 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that restoring data to a cluster on which the log backup is running causes the log backup file to be unrecoverable #40797 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that the PITR feature does not support CA-bundles #38775 @YuJuncen
- Fix the panic issue caused by duplicate temporary tables during recovery #40797 @joccau
- Fix the issue that PITR does not support configuration changes for PD clusters #14165 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that the connection failure between PD and tidb-server causes PITR backup progress not to advance #41082 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that TiKV cannot listen to PITR tasks due to the connection failure between PD and TiKV #14159 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that the frequency of `resolve lock` is too high when there is no PITR backup task in the TiDB cluster #40759 @joccau
- Fix the issue that when a PITR backup task is deleted, the residual backup data causes data inconsistency in new tasks #40403 @joccau

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that `transaction_atomicity` and `protocol` cannot be updated via the configuration file #7935 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that precheck is not performed on the storage path of redo log #6335 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue of insufficient duration that redo log can tolerate for S3 storage failure #8089 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that changefeed might get stuck in special scenarios such as when scaling in or scaling out TiKV or TiCDC nodes #8174 @hicqu
  - Fix the issue of too high traffic among TiKV nodes #14092 @overvenus
  - Fix the performance issues of TiCDC in terms of CPU usage, memory control, and throughput when the pull-based sink is enabled #8142 #8157 #8001 #5928 @hicqu @hi-rustin
- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that the `binlog-schema delete` command fails to execute #7373 @liumengya94
  - Fix the issue that the checkpoint does not advance when the last binlog is a skipped DDL #8175 @D3Hunter
  - Fix a bug that when the expression filters of both "update" and "non-update" types are specified in one table, all `UPDATE` statements are skipped #7831 @lance6716
  - Fix a bug that when only one of `update-old-value-expr` or `update-new-value-expr` is set for a table, the filter rule does not take effect or DM panics #7774 @lance6716
- TiDB Lightning

- Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning timeout hangs due to TiDB restart in some scenarios #33714 @lichunzhu
- Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning might incorrectly skip conflict resolution when all but the last TiDB Lightning instance encounters a local duplicate record during a parallel import #40923 @lichunzhu
- Fix the issue that precheck cannot accurately detect the presence of a running TiCDC in the target cluster #41040 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning panics in the split-region phase #40934 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that the conflict resolution logic (`duplicate-resolution`) might lead to inconsistent checksums #40657 @sleepymole
- Fix a possible OOM problem when there is an unclosed delimiter in the data file #40400 @buchuitoudegou
- Fix the issue that the file offset in the error report exceeds the file size #40034 @buchuitoudegou
- Fix an issue with the new version of PDClient that might cause parallel import to fail #40493 @AmoebaProtozoa
- Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning prechecks cannot find dirty data left by previously failed imports #39477 @dsdashun

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16.20 v6.5

16.20.1 TiDB 6.5.12 Release Notes

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16.20.1.1 Compatibility changes

- Support the openEuler 22.03 LTS SP3/SP4 operating system. For more information, see OS and platform requirements.
- Set a default limit of 2048 for DDL historical tasks retrieved through the TiDB HTTP API to prevent OOM issues caused by excessive historical tasks #55711 @joccau
- Add a new system variable `tidb_ddl_reorg_max_write_speed` to limit the maximum speed of the ingest phase when adding indexes #57156 @CbcWestwolf

16.20.1.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Enhance the validity check for read timestamps #57786 @MyonKeminta
- TiKV
    - Add the detection mechanism for invalid `max_ts` updates #17916 @ekexium
- TiFlash
    - Improve the garbage collection speed of outdated data in the background for tables with clustered indexes #9529 @JaySon-Huang
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Add a check to verify whether the target cluster is an empty cluster for full restore #35744 @3pointer
        - Add a check to verify whether the target cluster contains a table with the same name for non-full restore #55087 @RidRisR
        - Except for the `br log restore` subcommand, all other `br log` subcommands support skipping the loading of the TiDB `domain` data structure to reduce memory consumption #52088 @Leavrth
        - Disable the table-level checksum calculation during full backups by default (`--checksum=false`) to improve backup performance #56373 @Tristan1900
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Add a row width check when parsing CSV files to prevent OOM issues #58590 @D3Hunter

16.20.1.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB

    - Fix the issue that using subqueries after the `NATURAL JOIN` or `USING` clause might result in errors #53766 @dash12653
    - Fix the issue that the `CAST` function does not support explicitly setting the character set #55677 @Defined2014
    - Fix the issue that the `LOAD DATA ... REPLACE INTO` operation causes data inconsistency #56408 @fzzf678
    - Fix the issue that TiDB does not check the index length limitation when executing `ADD INDEX` #56930 @fzzf678
    - Fix the issue of illegal memory access that might occur when a Common Table Expression (CTE) has multiple data consumers and one consumer exits without reading any data #55881 @windtalker
    - Fix the issue that some predicates might be lost when constructing `IndexMerge` #58476 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that converting data from the `BIT` type to the `CHAR` type might cause TiKV panics #56494 @lcwangchao
    - Fix the issue that using variables or parameters in the `CREATE VIEW` statement does not report errors #53176 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that unreleased session resources might lead to memory leaks #56271 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that executing `ADD INDEX` might fail after modifying the PD member in the distributed execution framework #48680 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that using `ORDER BY` when querying `cluster_slow_query table` might generate unordered results #51723 @Defined2014
    - Fix the issue that stale read does not strictly verify the timestamp of the read operation, resulting in a small probability of affecting the consistency of the transaction when an offset exists between the TSO and the real physical time #56809 @MyonKeminta
    - Fix the issue that the performance of querying `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.columns` degrades #58184 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that the `INSERT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY` statement is not compatible with `mysql_insert_id` #55965 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the issue that the optimizer incorrectly estimates the number of rows as 1 when accessing a unique index with the query condition `column IS NULL` #56116 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that part of the memory of the `IndexLookUp` operator is not tracked #56440 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the potential data race issue that might occur in TiDB's internal coroutine #57798 #56053 @fishiu @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the issue that the `read_from_storage` hint might not take effect when the query has an available Index Merge execution plan #56217 @AilinKid

- Fix the issue that execution plan bindings cannot be created for the multi-table `DELETE` statement with aliases #56726 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that `INDEX_HASH_JOIN` might hang during an abnormal exit #54055 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that two DDL Owners might exist at the same time #54689 @joccau
- Fix the issue that when querying the `information_schema.cluster_slow_query` table, if the time filter is not added, only the latest slow log file is queried #56100 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that `duplicate entry` might occur when adding unique indexes #56161 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the error message is incorrect in certain type conversion errors #41730 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the CTE defined in `VIEW` is incorrectly inlined #56582 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that the `UPDATE` statement incorrectly updates values of the `ENUM` type #56832 @xhebox
- Fix the issue that executing the `UPDATE` statement after adding a `DATE` column results in the error `Incorrect date value: '0000-00-00'` in some cases #59047 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that in the Prepare protocol, an error occurs when the client uses a non-UTF8 character set #58870 @xhebox
- Fix the issue that querying temporary tables might trigger unexpected TiKV requests in some cases #58875 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY` setting does not take effect on statements in views #53175 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that querying partitioned tables using an `IN` condition containing a mismatched value type and a type conversion error leads to incorrect query results #54746 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that querying slow logs might fail when certain fields contain empty values #58147 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that the `RADIANS()` function computes values in an incorrect order #57671 @gengliqi
- Fix the issue that the default value of the `BIT` column is incorrect #57301 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that an inline error might occur if a CTE contains `ORDER BY`, `LIMIT`, or `SELECT DISTINCT` clauses and is referenced by the recursive part of another CTE #56603 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that the timeout that occurs when loading statistics synchronically might not be handled correctly #57710 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that an incorrect database name might be returned when parsing the database name in a CTE #54582 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic during startup due to invalid data binding #58016 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that cost estimation might generate invalid INF/NaN values in certain extreme cases, which could lead to incorrect Join Reorder results #56704 @winoros

- Fix the issue that loading statistics manually might fail when the statistics file contains null values #53966 @King-Dylan
- Fix the issue that creating two views with the same name does not report an error #58769 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that when a virtual generated column's dependencies contain a column with the `ON UPDATE` attribute, the data of the updated row and its index data might be inconsistent #56829 @joechenrh
- Fix the issue that the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES` system table returns incorrect results #57345 @tangenta

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that Follower Read might read stale data #17018 @glorv
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when destroying a peer #18005 @glorv
  - Fix the issue that time rollback might cause abnormal RocksDB flow control, leading to performance jitter #17995 @LykxSassinator
  - Fix the issue that disk stalls might prevent leader migration, leading to performance jitter #17363 @hhwyt
  - Fix the issue that the latest written data might not be readable when only one-phase commit (1PC) is enabled and Async Commit is not enabled #18117 @zyguan
  - Fix the issue that a deadlock might occur when GC Worker is under heavy load #18214 @zyguan
  - Fix the issue that the **Storage async write duration** monitoring metric on the TiKV panel in Grafana is inaccurate #17579 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when executing queries containing `RADIANS ↪ ()` or `DEGREES()` functions #17852 @gengliqi
  - Fix the issue that merging Regions might cause TiKV to panic in rare cases #17840 @glorv
  - Fix the issue that the leader could not be quickly elected after Region split #17602 @LykxSassinator
  - Fix the issue that encoding might fail when processing GBK/GB18030 encoded data #17618 @CbcWestwolf

- PD

  - Fix the issue that memory leaks might occur when allocating TSOs #9004 @rleungx
  - Fix the issue that the `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy` system variable might not take effect #8947 @JmPotato
  - Fix a potential issue that might cause PD to panic #8915 @bufferflies
  - Fix the issue that memory leaks might occur in long-running clusters #9047 @bufferflies
  - Fix the issue that a PD node might still generate TSOs even when it is not the Leader #9051 @rleungx

- Fix the issue that Region syncer might not exit in time during the PD Leader switch #9017 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that when creating `evict-leader-scheduler` or `grant-leader-scheduler` encounters an error, the error message is not returned to pd-ctl #8759 @okJiang
- Fix the memory leak issue in hotspot cache #8698 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that PD's Region API cannot be requested when a large number of Regions exist #55872 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that `evict-leader-scheduler` fails to work properly when it is repeatedly created with the same Store ID #8756 @okJiang
- Upgrade the version of Gin Web Framework from v1.9.1 to v1.10.0 to fix potential security vulnerabilities #8643 @JmPotato
- Fix the issue that when using a wrong parameter in `evict-leader-scheduler`, PD does not report errors correctly and some schedulers are unavailable #8619 @rleungx
- Fix the memory leak issue in label statistics #8700 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that TiDB Dashboard cannot read PD `trace` data correctly #7253 @nolouch
- Fix the memory leak issue in Region statistics #8710 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that PD cannot quickly re-elect a leader during etcd leader transition #8823 @rleungx

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING()` function does not support the `pos` and `len` arguments for certain integer types, causing query errors #9473 @gengliqi
    - Fix the issue that some JSON functions unsupported by TiFlash are pushed down to TiFlash #9444 @windtalker
    - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING()` function returns incorrect results when the second parameter is negative #9604 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that `LPAD()` and `RPAD()` functions return incorrect results in some cases #9465 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that executing `DROP TABLE` on large tables might cause TiFlash OOM #9437 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to start due to a division by zero error when retrieving the number of CPU cores #9212 @xzhangxian1008
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might maintain high memory usage after importing large amounts of data #9812 @CalvinNeo

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix the issue that BR fails to restore due to getting the `rpcClient is idle` error when sending requests to TiKV #58845 @Tristan1900

- Fix the issue that the `status` field is missing in the result when querying log backup tasks using `br log status --json` #57959 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that PD Leader I/O latency during log backup might increase checkpoint latency #58574 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that the `tiup br restore` command omits checking whether the target cluster table already exists during database or table restoration, which might overwrite existing tables #58168 @RidRisR
- Fix the issue that log backup might unexpectedly enter a paused state when the advancer owner switches #58031 @3pointer
- Fix the issue that log backups cannot resolve residual locks promptly, causing the checkpoint to fail to advance #57134 @3pointer
- Fix the issue that BR integration test cases are unstable, and add a new test case to simulate snapshot or log backup file corruption #53835 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that logs might print out encrypted information #57585 @kennytm
- Fix the issue that PITR tasks might return the `Information schema is out of date` error when there are a large number of tables in the cluster but the actual data size is small #57743 @Tristan1900

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC uses incorrect table names for filtering during `RENAME TABLE` operations #11946 @wk989898
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC reports errors when replicating `default NULL` SQL statements via the Avro protocol #11994 @wk989898
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to properly connect to PD after PD scale-in #12004 @lidezhu
  - Fix the issue that Initial Scan is not canceled after the changefeed is stopped or deleted #11638 @3AceShowHand
  - Fix the issue that after the default value of a newly added column in the upstream is changed from `NOT NULL` to `NULL`, the default values of that column in the downstream are incorrect #12037 @wk989898
  - Fix the issue that using the `--overwrite-checkpoint-ts` parameter in the `changefeed pause` command might cause the changefeed to be stuck #12055 @hongyunyan
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC might panic when replicating `CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS` or `CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS` statements #11839 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC might report an error when replicating a `TRUNCATE TABLE` DDL on a table without valid index #11765 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC mistakenly discards DDL tasks when the schema versions of DDL tasks become non-incremental during TiDB DDL owner changes #11714 @wlwilliamx
  - Fix the issue that the changefeed might get stuck after new TiKV nodes are added to the cluster #11766 @lidezhu
  - Fix the issue that out-of-order messages resent by the Sarama client cause

Kafka message order to be incorrect #11935 @3AceShowHand
- Fix the issue that the Resolved TS latency monitoring in the Puller module displays incorrect values #11561 @wlwilliamx
- Fix the issue that the redo module fails to properly report errors #11744 @CharlesCheung96

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that multiple DM-master nodes might simultaneously become leaders, leading to data inconsistency #11602 @GMHDBJD
  - Fix the issue that connecting to MySQL 8.0 fails when the password length exceeds 19 characters #11603 @fishiu
  - Fix the issue that the pre-check of `start-task` fails when both TLS and `shard-mode` are configured #11842 @sunxiaoguang
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that logs are not properly desensitized #59086 @GMHDBJD
  - Fix the issue that the lack of caching in the encoding phase causes performance regression #56705 @OliverS929
  - Fix the issue that the performance degrades when importing data from a cloud storage in high-concurrency scenarios #57413 @xuanyu66
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning does not automatically retry when encountering `Lock wait timeout` errors during metadata updates #53042 @guoshouyan
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to receive oversized messages sent from TiKV #56114 @fishiu
  - Fix the issue that the error report output is truncated when importing data using TiDB Lightning #58085 @lance6716
- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that Dumpling fails to retry properly when receiving a 503 error from Google Cloud Storage (GCS) #56127 @OliverS929

16.20.2 TiDB 6.5.11 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.20.2.1 Compatibility changes

- Change the scope of the TiKV configuration item `server.grpc-compression-type`:
  - In v6.5.x versions earlier than v6.5.11, this configuration item only affects the compression algorithm of gRPC messages between TiKV nodes.

- Starting from v6.5.11, this configuration item also affects the compression algorithm of gRPC response messages sent from TiKV to TiDB. Enabling compression might consume more CPU resources. #17176 @ekexium

16.20.2.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - By batch deleting TiFlash placement rules, improve the processing speed of data GC after performing the `TRUNCATE` or `DROP` operation on partitioned tables #54068 @Lloyd-Pottiger
- TiKV
  - Optimize the compaction trigger mechanism of RocksDB to accelerate disk space reclamation when handling a large number of DELETE versions #17269 @AndreMouche
- TiFlash
  - Reduce lock conflicts under highly concurrent data read operations and optimize short query performance #9125 @JinheLin
  - Optimize the execution efficiency of `LENGTH()` and `ASCII()` functions #9344 @xzhangxian1008
- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - When the downstream is TiDB with the `SUPER` permission granted, TiCDC supports querying the execution status of `ADD INDEX DDL` from the downstream database to avoid data replication failure due to timeout in retrying executing the DDL statement in some cases #10682 @CharlesCheung96

16.20.2.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that the recursive CTE operator incorrectly tracks memory usage #54181 @guo-shaoge
  - Reset the parameters in the `Open` method of `PipelinedWindow` to fix the unexpected error that occurs when the `PipelinedWindow` is used as a child node of `Apply` due to the reuse of previous parameter values caused by repeated opening and closing operations #53600 @XuHuaiyu
  - Fix the issue that the memory used by transactions might be tracked multiple times #53984 @ekexium

- Fix the issue of abnormally high memory usage caused by `memTracker` not being detached when the `HashJoin` or `IndexLookUp` operator is the driven side sub-node of the `Apply` operator #54005 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that `INDEX_HASH_JOIN` cannot exit properly when SQL is abnormally interrupted #54688 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that table replication fails when the index length of the table replicated from DM exceeds the maximum length specified by `max-index-length` #55138 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that indirect placeholder `?` references in a `GROUP BY` statement cannot find columns #53872 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the illegal column type `DECIMAL(0,0)` can be created in some cases #53779 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that predicates cannot be pushed down properly when the filter condition of a SQL query contains virtual columns and the execution condition contains `UnionScan` #54870 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that executing the `SELECT DISTINCT CAST(col AS DECIMAL), CAST(col AS SIGNED)FROM ...` query might return incorrect results #53726 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue of reusing wrong point get plans for `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE` #54652 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that RANGE partitioned tables that are not strictly self-incrementing can be created #54829 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that the `TIMESTAMPADD()` function goes into an infinite loop when the first argument is `month` and the second argument is negative #54908 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that TiDB fails to reject unauthenticated user connections in some cases when using the `auth_socket` authentication plugin #54031 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that the network partition during adding indexes using the Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) might cause inconsistent data indexes #54897 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the query might get stuck when terminated because the memory usage exceeds the limit set by `tidb_mem_quota_query` #55042 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that improper use of metadata locks might lead to writing anomalous data when using the plan cache under certain circumstances #53634 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that recursive CTE queries might result in invalid pointers #54449 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `tot_col_size` column in the `mysql.stats_histograms` table might be a negative number #55126 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that obtaining the column information using `information_schema.columns` returns warning 1356 when a subquery is used as a column definition in a view definition #54343 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that TiDB reports an error in the log when closing the connection in some cases #53689 @jackysp
- Fix the issue that the performance of the `SELECT ... WHERE ... ORDER BY ...` statement execution is poor in some cases #54969 @tiancaiamao

- Fix the issue that the `SUB_PART` value in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATISTICS` table is `NULL` #55812 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that the query might return incorrect results instead of an error after being killed #50089 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue that querying the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY` table might cause TiDB to panic #54324 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that empty `groupOffset` in `StreamAggExec` might cause TiDB to panic #53867 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that disk files might not be deleted after the `Sort` operator spills and a query error occurs #55061 @wshwsh12
- Fix the data race issue in `IndexNestedLoopHashJoin` #49692 @solotzg
- Fix the issue that an error occurs when using `SHOW COLUMNS` to view columns in a view #54964 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that an error occurs when a DML statement contains nested generated columns #53967 @wjhuang2016

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that prevents master key rotation when the master key is stored in a Key Management Service (KMS) #17410 @hhwyt
  - Fix a traffic control issue that might occur after deleting large tables or partitions #17304 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic due to ingesting deleted `sst_importer` SST files #15053 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when a stale replica processes Raft snapshots, triggered by a slow split operation and immediate removal of the new replica #17469 @hbisheng
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might repeatedly panic when applying a corrupted Raft data snapshot #15292 @LykxSassinator
  - Fix the issue that setting the gRPC message compression method via `grpc-compression-type` does not take effect on messages sent from TiKV to TiDB #17176 @ekexium
  - Fix the issue that CDC and log-backup do not limit the timeout of `check_leader` using the `advance-ts-interval` configuration, causing the `resolved_ts` lag to be too large when TiKV restarts normally in some cases #17107 @MyonKeminta

- PD

  - Fix the issue that some logs are not redacted #8419 @rleungx
  - Fix the issue that setting the TiKV configuration item `coprocessor.region-split-size` to a value less than 1 MiB causes PD panic #8323 @JmPotato
  - Fix the issue that setting `replication.strictly-match-label` to `true` causes TiFlash to fail to start #8480 @rleungx
  - Fix the data race issue that PD encounters during operator checks #8263 @lhy1024

- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue that when using the `CAST()` function to convert a string to a datetime with a time zone or invalid characters, the result is incorrect #8754 @solotzg
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when a database is deleted shortly after creation #9266 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that setting the SSL certificate configuration to an empty string in TiFlash incorrectly enables TLS and causes TiFlash to fail to start #9235 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that a network partition (network disconnection) between TiFlash and any PD might cause read request timeout errors #9243 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might crash if an error occurs during the execution of a query containing outer join #9190 @windtalker
    - Fix the issue that converting data types to `DECIMAL` might cause incorrect query results in some corner cases #53892 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that frequent `EXCHANGE PARTITION` and `DROP TABLE` operations over a long period in a cluster might slow down the replication of TiFlash table metadata and degrade the query performance #9227 @JaySon-Huang
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the issue that the checkpoint path of backup and restore is incompatible with some external storage #55265 @Leavrth
        - Fix the inefficiency issue in scanning DDL jobs during incremental backups #54139 @3pointer
        - Fix the issue that the backup performance during checkpoint backups is affected due to interruptions in seeking Region leaders #17168 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that DDLs requiring backfilling, such as `ADD INDEX` and `MODIFY COLUMN`, might not be correctly recovered during incremental restore #54426 @3pointer
        - Fix the issue that after a log backup PITR task fails and you stop it, the safepoints related to that task are not properly cleared in PD #17316 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that backup tasks might get stuck if TiKV becomes unresponsive during the backup process #53480 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that BR logs might print sensitive credential information when log backup is enabled #55273 @RidRisR
    - TiCDC
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC might panic when the Sorter module reads disk data #10853 @hicqu
        - Fix the issue that the Processor module might get stuck when the downstream Kafka is inaccessible #11340 @asddongmen
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

- Fix the issue that data replication is interrupted when the index length exceeds the default value of `max-index-length` #11459 @michaelmdeng
- Fix the issue that schema tracker incorrectly handles LIST partition tables, causing DM errors #11408 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that DM returns an error when replicating the `ALTER TABLE ... DROP PARTITION` statement for LIST partitioned tables #54760 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that DM does not set the default database when processing the `ALTER DATABASE` statement, which causes a replication error #11503 @lance6716

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that transaction conflicts occur during data import using TiDB Lightning #49826 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that TiKV data might be corrupted when importing data after disabling the import mode of TiDB Lightning #15003 #47694 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that during importing data using TiDB Lightning, an error occurs when restarting TiKV #15912 @lance6716

16.20.3 TiDB 6.5.10 Release Notes

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16.20.3.1 Compatibility changes

- In earlier versions, when processing a transaction containing `UPDATE` changes, if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in an `UPDATE` event, TiCDC splits this event into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events. Starting from v6.5.10, when using the MySQL sink, TiCDC splits an `UPDATE` event into `DELETE` and `INSERT` events if the transaction `commitTS` for the `UPDATE` change is less than TiCDC `thresholdTS` (which is the current timestamp fetched from PD when TiCDC starts replicating the corresponding table to the downstream). This behavior change addresses the issue of downstream data inconsistencies caused by the potentially incorrect order of `UPDATE` events received by TiCDC, which can lead to an incorrect order of split `DELETE` and `INSERT` events. For more information, see documentation. #10918 @lidezhu
- Must set the line terminator when using TiDB Lightning `strict-format` to import CSV files #37338 @lance6716

16.20.3.2 Improvements

- TiDB

- Improve the MySQL compatibility of expression default values displayed in the output of `SHOW CREATE TABLE` #52939 @CbcWestwolf
- Remove stores without Regions during MPP load balancing #52313 @xzhangxian1008

- TiKV

  - Accelerate the shutdown speed of TiKV #16680 @LykxSassinator
  - Add monitoring metrics for the queue time for processing CDC events to facilitate troubleshooting downstream CDC event latency issues #16282 @hicqu

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - BR cleans up empty SST files during data recovery #16005 @Leavrth
    - Increase the number of retries for failures caused by DNS errors #53029 @YuJuncen
    - Increase the number of retries for failures caused by the absence of a leader in a Region #54017 @Leavrth

  - TiCDC

    - Support directly outputting raw events when the downstream is a Message Queue (MQ) or cloud storage #11211 @CharlesCheung96
    - Improve memory stability during data recovery using redo logs to reduce the probability of OOM #10900 @CharlesCheung96
    - Significantly improve the stability of data replication in transaction conflict scenarios, with up to 10 times performance improvement #10896 @CharlesCheung96

16.20.3.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue that querying metadata during statistics initialization might cause OOM #52219 @hawkingrei
  - Fix the issue that for tables containing auto-increment columns with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1`, setting `auto_increment_increment` and `auto_increment_offset` system variables to non-default values might cause incorrect auto-increment ID allocation #52622 @tiancaiamao
  - Fix the issue that restoring a table with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` using the `RESTORE` statement might cause a `Duplicate entry` error #52680 @tiancaiamao
  - Fix the issue that the `STATE` field in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_TRX` table is empty due to the `size` of the `STATE` field not being defined #53026 @cfzjywxk
  - Fix the issue that TiDB does not create corresponding statistics metadata (`stats_meta`) when creating a table with foreign keys #53652 @hawkingrei

- Fix the issue that the statistics synchronous loading mechanism might fail unexpectedly under high query concurrency #52294 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `Distinct_count` information in global statistics might be incorrect #53752 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the histogram and TopN in the primary key column statistics are not loaded after restarting TiDB #37548 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that certain filter conditions in queries might cause the planner module to report an `invalid memory address or nil pointer dereference` error #53582 #53580 #53594 #53603 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that `PREPARE`/`EXECUTE` statements with the `CONV` expression containing a `?` argument might result in incorrect query results when executed multiple times #53505 @qw4990
- Fix the issue of incorrect WARNINGS information when using Optimizer Hints #53767 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the query latency of stale reads increases, caused by information schema cache misses #53428 @crazycs520
- Fix the issue that DDL statements incorrectly use etcd and cause tasks to queue up #52335 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that internal columns are not renamed when executing `RENAME INDEX` to rename expression indexes #51431 @ywqzzy
- Fix the issue that executing `CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW` concurrently might result in the `table doesn't exist` error #53673 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when the JOIN condition contains an implicit type conversion #46556 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that DDL operations get stuck due to network problems #47060 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that IndexJoin produces duplicate rows when calculating hash values in the Left Outer Anti Semi type #52902 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that subqueries included in the `ALL` function might cause incorrect results #52755 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `TIMESTAMPADD()` function returns incorrect results #41052 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that TiDB might crash when `tidb_mem_quota_analyze` is enabled and the memory used by updating statistics exceeds the limit #52601 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that subqueries in an `UPDATE` list might cause TiDB to panic #52687 @winoros
- Fix the overflow issue of the `Longlong` type in predicates #45783 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue of inconsistent data indexes caused by concurrent DML operations when adding a unique index #52914 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when parsing index data #47115 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that column pruning without using shallow copies of slices might cause TiDB to panic #52768 @winoros
- Fix the issue that using a view does not work in recursive CTE #49721 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `LEADING` hint does not support querying block aliases

#44645 @qw4990
- Fix the incorrect result of the TopN operator in correlated subqueries #52777 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that unstable unique IDs of columns might cause the `UPDATE` statement to return errors #53236 @winoros
- Fix the issue that TiDB keeps sending probe requests to a TiFlash node that has been offline #46602 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that comparing a column of `YEAR` type with an unsigned integer that is out of range causes incorrect results #50235 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that AutoID Leader change might cause the value of the auto-increment column to decrease in the case of `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` #52600 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that non-BIGINT unsigned integers might produce incorrect results when compared with strings/decimals #41736 @LittleFall
- Fix the issue that data conversion from the `FLOAT` type to the `UNSIGNED` type returns incorrect results #41736 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that `VAR_SAMP()` cannot be used as a window function #52933 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that a wrong TableDual plan causes empty query results #50051 @onlyacat
- Fix the issue that the TiDB synchronously loading statistics mechanism retries to load empty statistics indefinitely and prints the `fail to get stats version for this histogram` log #52657 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that an empty projection causes TiDB to panic #49109 @winoros
- Fix the issue that the TopN operator might be pushed down incorrectly #37986 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that TiDB panics when executing the `SHOW ERRORS` statement with a predicate that is always `true` #46962 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that the metadata lock fails to prevent DDL operations from executing in the plan cache scenario #51407 @wjhuang2016

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that slow `check-leader` operations on one TiKV node cause `resolved-ts` on other TiKV nodes to fail to advance normally #15999 @crazycs520
  - Fix the issue that the `CONV()` function in queries might overflow during numeric system conversion, leading to TiKV panic #16969 @gengliqi
  - Fix the issue of unstable test cases, ensuring that each test uses an independent temporary directory to avoid online configuration changes affecting other test cases #16871 @glorv
  - Fix the issue that the decimal part of the `DECIMAL` type is incorrect in some cases #16913 @gengliqi
  - Fix the issue that resolve-ts is blocked when a stale Region peer ignores the GC message #16504 @crazycs520

- PD
    - Fix the issue that the Leader fails to transfer when you switch it between two deployed data centers #7992 @TonsnakeLin
    - Fix the issue that down peers might not recover when using Placement Rules #7808 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that the `Filter target` monitoring metric for PD does not provide scatter range information #8125 @HuSharp
- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might fail to synchronize schemas after executing `ALTER TABLE ... EXCHANGE PARTITION` across databases #7296 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that a query with an empty key range fails to correctly generate read tasks on TiFlash, which might block TiFlash queries #9108 @JinheLin
    - Fix the issue that the `SUBSTRING_INDEX()` function might cause TiFlash to crash in some corner cases #9116 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash metadata might become corrupted and cause the process to panic when upgrading a cluster from a version earlier than v6.5.0 to v6.5.0 or later #9039 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might return transiently incorrect results in high-concurrency read scenarios #8845 @JinheLin
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the issue that the test case `TestGetTSWithRetry` takes too long to execute #52547 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that the Region fetched from PD does not have a Leader when restoring data using BR or importing data using TiDB Lightning in physical import mode #51124 #50501 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that a PD connection failure could cause the TiDB instance where the log backup advancer owner is located to panic #52597 @YuJuncen
        - Fix the issue that after pausing, stopping, and rebuilding the log backup task, the task status is normal, but the checkpoint does not advance #53047 @RidRisR
        - Fix the issue that data restore is slowed down due to the absence of a leader on a TiKV node #50566 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that the global checkpoint of log backup is advanced ahead of the actual backup file write point due to TiKV restart, which might cause a small amount of backup data loss #16809 @YuJuncen
        - Fix the issue that the transfer of PD leaders might cause BR to panic when restoring data #53724 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when resuming a paused log backup task with unstable network connections to PD #17020 @YuJuncen

- Fix the issue that log backup might be paused after the advancer owner migration #53561 @RidRisR
- Fix the issue that BR fails to correctly identify errors due to multiple nested retries during the restore process #54053 @RidRisR

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to create a changefeed with Syncpoint enabled when the downstream database password is Base64 encoded #10516 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that `DROP PRIMARY KEY` and `DROP UNIQUE KEY` statements are not replicated correctly #10890 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that the default value of `TIMEZONE` type is not set according to the correct time zone #10931 @3AceShowHand
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that killing the PD Leader causes TiDB Lightning to report the `invalid store ID 0` error during data import #50501 @Leavrth
  - Fix the issue of missing data in the TiDB Lightning Grafana dashboard #43357 @lichunzhu
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning might print sensitive information to logs in server mode #36374 @kennytm
  - Fix the issue that TiDB fails to generate auto-increment IDs and reports an error `Failed to read auto-increment value from storage engine` after importing a table with both `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` and `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` set using TiDB Lightning #52654 @D3Hunter
- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that Dumpling reports an error when exporting tables and views at the same time #53682 @tangenta
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that deleting rows during the execution of `ADD COLUMN` might report an error `data and columnID count not match` when TiDB Binlog is enabled #53133 @tangenta

16.20.4 TiDB 6.5.9 Release Notes

Release date: April 12, 2024

TiDB version: 6.5.9

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.20.4.1 Compatibility changes

- Add a TiKV configuration item `track-and-verify-wals-in-manifest` for RocksDB, which helps you investigate possible corruption of Write Ahead Log (WAL) #16549 @v01dstar

- DR Auto-Sync supports configuring `wait-recover-timeout`, which enables you to control the waiting time for switching back to the `sync-recover` status after the network recovers #6295 @disksing

16.20.4.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - When `force-init-stats` is set to `true`, TiDB waits for statistics initialization to finish before providing services during TiDB startup. This setting no longer blocks the startup of HTTP servers, which enables users to continue monitoring #50854 @hawkingrei
    - Optimize the issue that the `ANALYZE` statement blocks the metadata lock #47475 @wjhuang2016
- TiKV
    - Remove unnecessary async blocks to reduce memory usage #16540 @overvenus
    - Avoid performing IO operations on snapshot files in raftstore threads to improve TiKV stability #16564 @Connor1996
    - Add slow logs for peer and store messages #16600 @Connor1996
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Optimize the Recovery Point Objective (RPO) for log backup during rolling restarts. Now, the checkpoint lag of log backup tasks will be smaller during rolling restarts #15410 @YuJuncen
        - Enhance the tolerance of log backup to merge operations. When encountering a reasonably long merge operation, log backup tasks are less likely to enter the error state #16554 @YuJuncen
        - Support automatically abandoning log backup tasks when encountering a large checkpoint lag, to avoid prolonged blocking GC and potential cluster issues #50803 @RidRisR
        - Alleviate the issue that the latency of the PITR log backup progress increases when Region leadership migration occurs #13638 @YuJuncen
        - Improve the speed of merging SST files during data restore by using a more efficient algorithm #50613 @Leavrth
        - Support ingesting SST files in batch during data restore #16267 @3pointer
        - Remove an outdated compatibility check when using Google Cloud Storage (GCS) as the external storage #50533 @lance6716
        - Print the information of the slowest Region that affects global checkpoint advancement in logs and metrics during log backups #51046 @YuJuncen
        - Refactor the BR exception handling mechanism to increase tolerance for unknown errors #47656 @3pointer

16.20.4.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that dropped tables are still counted by the Grafana `Stats Healthy` ↪ `Distribution` panel #39349 @xuyifangreeneyes
    - Fix the issue that TiDB does not handle the `WHERE <column_name>` filtering condition in a SQL statement when the query of that statement involves the `MemTableScan` operator #40937 @zhongzc
    - Fix the issue that query results might be incorrect when the `HAVING` clause in a subquery contains correlated columns #51107 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that query results might be incorrect when you use Common Table Expressions (CTE) to access partitioned tables with missing statistics #51873 @qw4990
    - Fix the issue that query execution using MPP might lead to incorrect query results when a SQL statement contains `JOIN` and the `SELECT` list in the statement contains only constants #50358 @yibin87
    - Fix the issue that the `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute causes non-consecutive IDs due to unnecessary transaction conflicts when assigning auto-increment IDs #50819 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the issue that the monitoring metric `tidb_statistics_auto_analyze_total` on Grafana is not displayed as an integer #51051 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that errors might be returned during the concurrent merging of global statistics for partitioned tables #48713 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that getting the default value of a column returns an error if the column default value is dropped #50043 #51324 @crazycs520
    - Fix the issue that the `INSERT ignore` statement cannot fill in default values when the column is write-only #40192 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that TiDB crashes when `shuffleExec` quits unexpectedly #48230 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the goroutine leak issue that might occur when the `HashJoin` operator fails to spill to disk #50841 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that renaming tables does not take effect when committing multiple statements in a transaction #39664 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the issue that the query result is incorrect when the `IN()` predicate contains `NULL` #51560 @winoros
    - Fix the issue that querying JSON of `BINARY` type might cause an error in some cases #51547 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that parallel `Apply` might generate incorrect results when the table has a clustered index #51372 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that the `init-stats` process might cause TiDB to panic and the `load stats` process to quit #51581 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that the `tidb_merge_partition_stats_concurrency` variable does not take effect when `auto analyze` is processing partitioned tables #47594 @hawkingrei

- Fix the issue that after the time window for automatic statistics updates is configured, statistics might still be updated outside that time window #49552 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that the `approx_percentile` function might cause TiDB panic #40463 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that `BIT` type columns might cause query errors due to decode failures when they are involved in calculations of some functions #49566 #50850 #50855 @jiyfhust
- Fix the goroutine leak issue that occurs when the memory usage of CTE queries exceed limits #50337 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that TiDB does not listen to the corresponding port when `force-init-stats` is configured #51473 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT TIFLASH REPLICA` might incorrectly end when the primary key type is `VARCHAR` #51810 @breezewish
- Fix the issue that the `tidb_gogc_tuner_threshold` system variable is not adjusted accordingly after the `tidb_server_memory_limit` variable is modified #48180 @hawkingrei
- Fix the `Can't find column ...` error that might occur when aggregate functions are used for group calculations #50926 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the `REVERSE` function reports an error when processing columns of the `BIT` type #50850 #50855 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that `INSERT IGNORE` reports an error when inserting data in bulk into a table undergoing a DDL operation #50993 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the TiDB server adds a label via the HTTP interface and returns success, but does not take effect #51427 @you06
- Fix the issue that the type returned by the `IFNULL` function is inconsistent with MySQL #51765 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the TiDB server is marked as health before the initialization is complete #51596 @shenqidebaozi
- Fix the issue that querying the `TIDB_HOT_REGIONS` table might incorrectly return `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` tables #50810 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that `EXCHANGE PARTITION` incorrectly processes foreign keys #51807 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that executing queries containing CTEs causes TiDB to panic #41688 @srstack

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that after the process of destroying Peer is interrupted by applying snapshots, it does not resume even after applying snapshots is complete #16561 @tonyxuqqi
  - Fix the issue that inactive Write Ahead Logs (WALs) in RocksDB might corrupt data #16705 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that TiKV converts the time zone incorrectly for Brazil and Egypt #16220 @overvenus

- Fix the issue that the monitoring metric `tikv_unified_read_pool_thread_count` has no data in some cases #16629 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that JSON integers greater than the maximum `INT64` value but less than the maximum `UINT64` value are parsed as `FLOAT64` by TiKV, resulting in inconsistency with TiDB #16512 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that during the execution of an optimistic transaction, if other transactions initiate the resolving lock operation on it, there is a small chance that the atomicity of the transaction might be broken if the transaction's primary key has data that was previously committed in Async Commit or 1PC mode #16620 @MyonKeminta

- PD

  - Fix the issue that the scaling progress is not correctly displayed #7726 @CabinfeverB
  - Fix the issue that data race occurs when the `MergeLabels` function is called #7535 @lhy1024
  - Fix the issue that the PD monitoring item `learner-peer-count` does not synchronize the old value after a leader switch #7728 @CabinfeverB
  - Fix the issue that the query result of `SHOW CONFIG` includes the deprecated configuration item `trace-region-flow` #7917 @rleungx

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic due to unstable network connections with PD during replica migration #8323 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might crash due to data race in case of remote reads #8685 @solotzg
  - Fix the issue that the `ENUM` column might cause TiFlash to crash during chunk encoding #8674 @yibin87
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when you insert data to columns with invalid default values in non-strict `sql_mode` #8803 @Lloyd-Pottiger
  - Fix the issue that if Region migration, split, or merge occurs after the precision of a `TIME` column is modified, queries might fail #8601 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that too many logs are printed when a full backup fails #51572 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that removing a log backup task after it is paused does not immediately restore the GC safepoint #52082 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that BR could not back up the `AUTO_RANDOM` ID allocation progress in a union clustered index that contains an `AUTO_RANDOM` column #52255 @Leavrth

- Fix the issue that stopping a log backup task causes TiDB to crash #50839 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that TiKV panics when a full backup fails to find a peer in some extreme cases #16394 @Leavrth

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that `snapshot lost caused by GC` is not reported in time when resuming a changefeed and the `checkpoint-ts` of the changefeed is smaller than the GC safepoint of TiDB #10463 @sdojjy
  - Fix the issue that data is written to a wrong CSV file due to wrong BarrierTS in scenarios where DDL statements are executed frequently #10668 @lidezhu
  - Fix the issue that the Syncpoint table might be incorrectly replicated #10576 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue TiCDC panics when scheduling table replication tasks #10613 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that data race in the KV client causes TiCDC to panic #10718 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that the file sequence number generated by the storage service might not increment correctly when using the storage sink #10352 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC cannot access Azure and GCS properly in storage sink scenarios #10592 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that the old value part of `open-protocol` incorrectly outputs the default value according to the `STRING` type instead of its actual type #10803 @3AceShowHand
  - Fix the issue that a changefeed with eventual consistency enabled might fail when the object storage sink encounters a temporary failure #10710 @CharlesCheung96

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that data is lost when the upstream primary key is of binary type #10672 @GMHDBJD

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning reports an error when encountering invalid symbolic link files during file scanning #49423 @lance6716

16.20.5 TiDB 6.5.8 Release Notes

Release date: February 2, 2024

TiDB version: 6.5.8

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.20.5.1 Compatibility changes

- Introduce the TiKV configuration item `gc.num-threads` to set the number of GC threads when `enable-compaction-filter` is `false` #16101 @tonyxuqqi

16.20.5.2 Improvements

- TiFlash
  - Reduce the impact of background GC tasks on read and write task latency #8650 @JaySon-Huang
- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Support querying the downstream synchronization status of a changefeed, which helps you determine whether the upstream data changes received by TiCDC have been synchronized to the downstream system completely #10289 @hongyunyan
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Improve the performance of `ALTER TABLE` when importing a large number of small tables #50105 @D3Hunter

16.20.5.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that enforced sorting might become ineffective when a query uses optimizer hints (such as `STREAM_AGG()`) that enforce sorting and its execution plan contains `IndexMerge` #49605 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue that histogram statistics might not be parsed into readable strings when the histogram boundary contains `NULL` #49823 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue that hints cannot be used in `REPLACE INTO` statements #34325 @YangKeao
  - Fix the issue that query results are incorrect due to `STREAM_AGG()` incorrectly handling CI #49902 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that the query result of a range partitioned table is incorrect in some cases due to wrong partition pruning #50082 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that the auto-increment ID allocation reports an error due to concurrent conflicts when using an auto-increment column with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` #50519 @tiancaiamao
  - Mitigate the issue that TiDB nodes might encounter OOM errors when dealing with a large number of tables or partitions #50077 @zimulala
  - Fix the issue that data is inconsistent under the TiDB Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) when executing `ADD INDEX` after the DDL Owner is network isolated #49773 @tangenta

- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when a query contains the Apply operator and the `fatal error: concurrent map writes` error occurs #50347 @SeaRise
- Fix the issue that the `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` operation executed through `COM_STMT_EXECUTE` fails to terminate transactions that have timed out #49151 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that executing `SELECT INTO OUTFILE` using the `PREPARE` method incorrectly returns a success message instead of an error #49166 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that executing `UNIQUE` index lookup with an `ORDER BY` clause might cause an error #49920 @jackysp
- Fix the issue that the `DELETE` and `UPDATE` statements using index lookup might report an error when `tidb_multi_statement_mode` mode is enabled #50012 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the `LEADING` hint does not take effect in `UNION ALL` statements #50067 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that using old interfaces might cause inconsistent metadata for tables #49751 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that common hints do not take effect in `UNION ALL` statements #50068 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that TiDB returns wrong query results when processing `ENUM` or `SET` types by constant propagation #49440 @winoros

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when gRPC threads are checking `is_shutdown` #16236 @pingyu
  - Fix the issue that TiKV converts the time zone incorrectly for Brazil and Egypt #16220 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that TiDB and TiKV might produce inconsistent results when processing `DECIMAL` arithmetic multiplication truncation #16268 @solotzg

- PD

  - Fix the issue that querying a Region without a leader using `pd-ctl` might cause PD to panic #7630 @rleungx

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that the `lowerUTF8` and `upperUTF8` functions do not allow characters in different cases to occupy different bytes #8484 @gengliqi
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash panics after executing `ALTER TABLE ... MODIFY COLUMN ... NOT NULL`, which changes nullable columns to non-nullable #8419 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that after terminating a query, TiFlash crashes due to concurrent data conflicts when a large number of tasks on TiFlash are canceled at the same time #7432 @SeaRise

- Tools

- Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that the `Unsupported collation` error is reported when you restore data from backups of an old version #49466 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that BR cannot retry when encountering an error while reading file content from S3 #49942 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that log backup gets stuck after changing the TiKV IP address on the same node #50445 @3pointer
- TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that after filtering out `add table partition` events is configured in `ignore-event`, TiCDC does not replicate other types of DML changes for related partitions to the downstream #10524 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that the changefeed reports an error after `TRUNCATE PARTITION` is executed on the upstream table #10522 @sdojjy
    - Fix the issue that the changefeed `resolved ts` does not advance in extreme cases #10157 @sdojjy
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC returns the `ErrChangeFeedAlreadyExists` error when concurrently creating multiple changefeeds #10430 @CharlesCheung96
- TiDB Lightning
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning might fail to import data when EBS BR is running #49517 @mittalrishabh
    - Fix the issue that data might be lost when TiDB Lightning ingests files in batches #50198 @D3Hunter

16.20.6 TiDB 6.5.7 Release Notes

Release date: January 8, 2024

TiDB version: 6.5.7

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.20.6.1 Compatibility changes

- Introduce the TiDB configuration item `performance.force-init-stats` to control whether TiDB needs to wait for statistics initialization to finish before providing services during TiDB startup #43385 @xuyifangreeneyes
- To reduce the overhead of log printing, TiFlash changes the default value of `logger.level` from `"debug"` to `"info"` #8568 @xzhangxian1008

16.20.6.2 Improvements

- TiDB

- Optimize memory usage and performance for `ANALYZE` operations on partitioned tables #47071 #47104 #46804 @hawkingrei
- Support Plan Cache to cache execution plans with the `PointGet` operator generated during physical optimization using Optimizer Fix Controls #44830 @qw4990
- Enhance the ability to convert `OUTER JOIN` to `INNER JOIN` in specific scenarios #49616 @qw4990

- TiFlash
  - Reduce the impact of disk performance jitter on read latency #8583 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Improve the table creation performance of the `RESTORE` statement in scenarios with large datasets #48301 @Leavrth
    - Resolve compatibility issues between EBS-based snapshot backups and TiDB Lightning imports #46850 @YuJuncen
    - Alleviate the issue that the latency of the PITR log backup progress increases when Region leadership migration occurs #13638 @YuJuncen
  - TiCDC
    - When the downstream is Kafka, the topic expression allows `schema` to be optional and supports specifying a topic name directly #9763 @3AceShowHand

16.20.6.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might not simultaneously create the new statistics metadata when a large number of `CREATE TABLE` statements are executed in a short period of time, causing subsequent query estimation to fail to get accurate row count information #36004 #38189 @xuyifangreeneyes
  - Fix the issue that TiDB server might consume a significant amount of resources when the enterprise plugin for audit logging is used #49273 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the incorrect error message for `ErrLoadDataInvalidURI` (invalid S3 URI error) #48164 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that high CPU usage of TiDB occurs due to long-term memory pressure caused by `tidb_server_memory_limit` #48741 @XuHuaiyu
  - Fix the issue that queries containing common table expressions (CTEs) unexpectedly get stuck when the memory limit is exceeded #49096 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue that the same query plan has different `PLAN_DIGEST` values in some cases #47634 @King-Dylan

- Fix the issue that queries containing CTEs report `runtime error: index out of range [32] with length 32` when `tidb_max_chunk_size` is set to a small value #48808 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that TiDB server might panic during graceful shutdown #36793 @bb7133
- Fix the issue of possible statistics data errors when importing statistics exported from early versions of TiDB #42931 @xuyifangreeneyes
- Fix the issue of excessive statistical error in constructing statistics caused by Golang's implicit conversion algorithm #49801 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the optimizer incorrectly converts TiFlash selection path to the DUAL table in specific scenarios #49285 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that parsing invalid values of `ENUM` or `SET` types would directly cause SQL statement errors #49487 @winoros
- Fix the issue that `UPDATE` or `DELETE` statements containing `WITH RECURSIVE` CTEs might produce incorrect results #48969 @winoros
- Fix the issue that using the `_` wildcard in `LIKE` when the data contains trailing spaces can result in incorrect query results #48983 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that a query containing the IndexHashJoin operator gets stuck when memory exceeds `tidb_mem_quota_query` #49033 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that `LIMIT` and `OPRDERBY` might be invalid in nested `UNION` queries #49377 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that in non-strict mode (`sql_mode = ''`), truncation during executing `INSERT` still reports an error #49369 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that TiDB panics and reports an error `invalid memory address or nil pointer dereference` #42739 @CbcWestwolf
- Fix the issue that CTE queries might report an error `type assertion for CTEStorageMap failed` during the retry process #46522 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that Daylight Saving Time is displayed incorrectly in some time zones #49586 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that the completion times of two DDL tasks with dependencies are incorrectly sequenced #49498 @tangenta

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that damaged SST files might be spread to other TiKV nodes #15986 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that Resolved TS in stale read might cause TiKV OOM issues when tracking large transactions #14864 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that TiKV reports the `ServerIsBusy` error because it cannot append the raft log #15800 @tonyxuqqi

- PD

  - Fix the issue that the `location-labels` set by Placement Rules in SQL are not scheduled as expected under specific conditions #6637 @rleungx

    - Fix the issue that the orphan peer is deleted when the number of replicas does not meet the requirements #7584 @bufferflies

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that data of TiFlash replicas would still be garbage collected after executing `FLASHBACK DATABASE` #8450 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue of memory leak when TiFlash encounters memory limitation during query #8447 @JinheLin
    - Fix incorrect display of maximum percentile time for some panels in Grafana #8076 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that the memory usage increases significantly due to slow queries #8564 @JinheLin

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix the issue that the log backup task can start but does not work properly if failing to connect to PD during task initialization #16056 @YuJuncen

    - TiCDC

        - Fix the issue that `checkpoint-ts` might get stuck when TiCDC replicates data to downstream MySQL #10334 @zhangjinpeng87
        - Fix the potential data race issue during `kv-client` initialization #10095 @3AceShowHand

16.20.7 TiDB 6.5.6 Release Notes

Release date: December 7, 2023

TiDB version: 6.5.6

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.20.7.1 Compatibility changes

- Prohibit setting `require_secure_transport` to `ON` in Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) to prevent potential connectivity issues for users #47665 @tiancaiamao
- Introduce the `tidb_opt_enable_hash_join` system variable to control whether the optimizer selects hash joins for tables #46695 @coderplay
- After further testing, the default value of the TiCDC Changefeed configuration item `case-sensitive` is changed from `true` to `false`. This means that by default, table and database names in the TiCDC configuration file are case-insensitive #10047 @sdojjy
- TiCDC Changefeed introduces the following new configuration items:

- `sql-mode`: enables you to set the SQL mode used by TiCDC to parse DDL statements when TiCDC replicates data #9876 @asddongmen
- `encoding-worker-num` and `flush-worker-num`: enables you to set different concurrency parameters for the redo module based on specifications of different machines #10048 @CharlesCheung96
- `compression`: enables you to configure the compression behavior of redo log files #10176 @sdojjy
- `changefeed-error-stuck-duration`: enables you to set the duration for which the changefeed is allowed to automatically retry when internal errors or exceptions occur #9875 @asddongmen
- `sink.cloud-storage-config`: enables you to set the automatic cleanup of historical data when replicating data to object storage #10109 @CharlesCheung96

16.20.7.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Support the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TSO` syntax #48372 @BornChanger
- TiKV
  - Optimize memory usage of Resolver to prevent OOM #15458 @overvenus
  - Eliminate LRUCache in Router objects to reduce memory usage and prevent OOM #15430 @Connor1996
  - Add the `alive` and `leak` monitoring dimensions for the `apply_router` and `raft_router` metrics #15357 @tonyxuqqi
- PD
  - Add monitoring metrics such as `Status` and `Sync Progress` for `DR Auto-Sync` on the Grafana dashboard #6975 @disksing
- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - During restoring a snapshot backup, BR retries when it encounters certain network errors #48528 @Leavrth
    - Introduce a new integration test for Point-In-Time Recovery (PITR) in the `delete range` scenario, enhancing PITR stability #47738 @Leavrth
    - Enable automatic retry of Region scatter during snapshot recovery when encountering timeout failures or cancellations of Region scatter #47236 @Leavrth
    - BR can pause Region merging by setting the `merge-schedule-limit` configuration to `0` #7148 @BornChanger

- TiCDC
  - Support making TiCDC Canal-JSON content format compatible with the content format of the official Canal output by setting `content-compatible =true` in the `sink-uri` configuration #10106 @3AceShowHand
  - Optimize the execution logic of replicating the `ADD INDEX` DDL operations to avoid blocking subsequent DML statements #9644 @sdojjy
  - Reduce the impact of TiCDC incremental scanning on upstream TiKV #11390 @hicqu

16.20.7.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that the chunk cannot be reused when the HashJoin operator performs probe #48082 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that `Duplicate entry` might occur when `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` is set #46444 @tiancaiamao
  - Fix the issue that the `TIDB_INLJ` hint does not take effect when joining two subqueries #46160 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that DDL operations might get stuck after TiDB is restarted #46751 @wjhuang2016
  - Fix the issue that DDL operations might get permanently blocked due to incorrect MDL handling #46920 @wjhuang2016
  - Fix the issue that the results of `MERGE_JOIN` are incorrect #46580 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that the Sort operator might cause TiDB to crash during the spill process #47538 @windtalker
  - Fix the issue that the `cast(col)=range` condition causes FullScan when CAST has no precision loss #45199 @AilinKid
  - Fix the panic issue of `batch-client` in `client-go` #47691 @crazycs520
  - Prohibit split table operations on non-integer clustered indexes #47350 @tangenta
  - Fix the incompatibility issue between the behavior of prepared plan cache and non-prepared plan cache during time conversion #42439 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that sometimes an index cannot be created for an empty table using ingest mode #39641 @tangenta
  - Fix the issue of not being able to detect data that does not comply with partition definitions during partition exchange #46492 @mjonss
  - Fix the issue that `GROUP_CONCAT` cannot parse the `ORDER BY` column #41986 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue that HashCode is repeatedly calculated for deeply nested expressions, which causes high memory usage and OOM #42788 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue that when Aggregation is pushed down through Union in MPP execution plans, the results are incorrect #45850 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue of incorrect memory usage estimation in `INDEX_LOOKUP_HASH_JOIN` #47788 @SeaRise

- Fix the issue that the zip file generated by `plan replayer` cannot be imported back into TiDB #46474 @YangKeao
- Fix the incorrect cost estimation caused by an excessively large `N` in `LIMIT N` #43285 @qw4990
- Fix the panic issue that might occur when constructing TopN structure for statistics #35948 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that the result of `COUNT(INT)` calculated by MPP might be incorrect #48643 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that panic might occur when `tidb_enable_ordered_result_mode` is enabled #45044 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the optimizer mistakenly selects IndexFullScan to reduce sort introduced by window functions #46177 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the result might be incorrect when predicates are pushed down to common table expressions #47881 @winoros
- Fix the issue that executing `UNION ALL` with the DUAL table as the first subnode might cause an error #48755 @winoros
- Fix the issue that column pruning can cause panic in specific situations #47331 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue of possible syntax error when a common table expression (CTE) containing aggregate or window functions is referenced by other recursive CTEs #47603 #47711 @elsa0520
- Fix the issue that an exception might occur when using the `QB_NAME` hint in a prepared statement #46817 @jackysp
- Fix the issue of Goroutine leak when using `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` #46324 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when shutting down #32110 @july2993
- Fix the issue of not handling locks in the MVCC interface when reading schema diff commit versions from the TiDB schema cache #48281 @cfzjywxk
- Fix the issue of duplicate rows in `information_schema.columns` caused by renaming a table #47064 @jiyfhust
- Fix the bugs in the `LOAD DATA REPLACE INTO` statement #47995) @lance6716
- Fix the issue of `IMPORT INTO` task failure caused by PD leader malfunction for 1 minute #48307 @D3Hunter
- Fix the issue of `ADMIN CHECK` failure caused by creating an index on a date type field #47426 @tangenta
- Fix the issue of unsorted row data returned by `TABLESAMPLE` #48253 @tangenta
- Fix the TiDB node panic issue that occurs when DDL `jobID` is restored to 0 #46296 @jiyfhust

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that moving a peer might cause the performance of the Follower Read to deteriorate #15468 @YuJuncen
  - Fix the data error of continuously increasing raftstore-applys #15371 @Connor1996

- Fix the issue that requests of the TiDB Lightning checksum coprocessor time out when there is online workload #15565 @lance6716
- Fix security issues by upgrading the version of `lz4-sys` to 1.9.4 #15621 @SpadeA-Tang
- Fix security issues by upgrading the version of `tokio` to 6.5 #15621 @LykxSassinator
- Fix security issues by removing the `flatbuffer` #15621 @tonyxuqqi
- Fix the issue that resolved-ts lag increases when TiKV stores are partitioned #15679 @hicqu
- Fix the TiKV OOM issue that occurs when restarting TiKV and there are a large number of Raft logs that are not applied #15770 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that stale peers are retained and block resolved-ts after Regions are merged #15919 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that the scheduler command variables are incorrect in Grafana on the cloud environment #15832 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that `blob-run-mode` in Titan cannot be updated online #15978 @tonyxuqqi
- Fix the issue that TiKV panics due to inconsistent metadata between Regions #13311 @cfzjywxk
- Fix the issue that TiKV panics when the leader is forced to exit during Online Unsafe Recovery #15629 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that the joint state of DR Auto-Sync might time out when scaling out #15817 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that TiKV coprocessor might return stale data when removing a Raft peer #16069 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that resolved-ts might be blocked for 2 hours #39130 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that Flashback might get stuck when encountering `notLeader` or `regionNotFound` #15712 @HuSharp

- PD

    - Fix potential security risks of the plugin directory and files #7094 @HuSharp
    - Fix the issue that modified isolation levels are not synchronized to the default placement rules #7121 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that `evict-leader-scheduler` might lose configuration #6897 @HuSharp
    - Fix the issue that the method for counting empty Regions might cause Regions to be unbalanced during the recovery process of BR #7148 @Cabinfever
    - Fix the issue that `canSync` and `hasMajority` might be calculated incorrectly for clusters adopting the Data Replication Auto Synchronous (DR Auto-Sync) mode when the configuration of Placement Rules is complex #7201 @disksing
    - Fix the issue that `available_stores` is calculated incorrectly for clusters adopting the Data Replication Auto Synchronous (DR Auto-Sync) mode #7221 @disksing
    - Fix the issue that the primary AZ cannot add TiKV nodes when the secondary

AZ is down for clusters adopting the Data Replication Auto Synchronous (DR Auto-Sync) mode #7218 @disksing
- Fix the issue that adding multiple TiKV nodes to a large cluster might cause TiKV heartbeat reporting to become slow or stuck #7248 @rleungx
- Fix the issue that PD might delete normal Peers when TiKV nodes are unavailable #7249 @lhy1024
- Fix the issue that it takes a long time to switch the leader in DR Auto-Sync mode #6988 @HuSharp
- Upgrade the version of Gin Web Framework from v1.8.1 to v1.9.1 to fix some security issues #7438 @niubell

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that the `max_snapshot_lifetime` metric is displayed incorrectly on Grafana #7713 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that executing the `ALTER TABLE ... EXCHANGE PARTITION ...` statement causes panic #8372 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that the memory usage reported by MemoryTracker is inaccurate #8128 @JinheLin

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that the log backup might get stuck in some scenarios when backing up large wide tables #15714 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that frequent flushes cause log backup to get stuck #15602 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that the retry after an EC2 metadata connection reset cause degraded backup and restore performance #47650 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that running PITR multiple times within 1 minute might cause data loss #15483 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that the default values for BR SQL commands and CLI are different, which might cause OOM issues #48000 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that log backup might panic when the PD owner is transferred #47533 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that BR generates incorrect URIs for external storage files #48452 @3AceShowHand

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the issue that TiCDC server might panic when executing lossy DDL statements in upstream #9739 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue that the replication task reports an error when executing `RESUME` with the redo log feature enabled #9769 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue that replication lag becomes longer when the TiKV node crashes #9741 @sdojjy

- Fix the issue that the `WHERE` statement does not use the primary key as the condition when replicating data to TiDB or MySQL #9988 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue that the workload of a replication task is not distributed evenly across TiCDC nodes #9839 @3AceShowHand
- Fix the issue that the interval between replicating DDL statements is too long when redo log is enabled #9960 @CharlesCheung96
- Fix the issue that the changefeed cannot replicate DML events in bidirectional replication mode if the target table is dropped and then recreated in upstream #10079 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue that the replication lag becomes longer due to too many NFS files when replicating data to an object storage service #10041 @CharlesCheung96
- Fix the issue that the TiCDC server might panic when replicating data to an object storage service #10137 @sdojjy
- Fix the issue that TiCDC accesses the invalid old address during PD scaling up and down #9584 @fubinzh @asddongmen
- Fix the issue that fetching wrong memory information might cause OOM issues in some operating systems #9762 @sdojjy

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that DM skips partition DDLs in optimistic mode #9788 @GMHDBJD
  - Fix the issue that DM cannot properly track upstream table schemas when skipping online DDLs #9587 @GMHDBJD
  - Fix the issue that replication lag returned by DM keeps growing when a failed DDL is skipped and no subsequent DDLs are executed #9605 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that DM skips all DMLs when resuming a task in optimistic mode #9588 @GMHDBJD

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that data import fails when encountering the `write to tikv with no leader returned` error #45673 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that data import fails because HTTP retry requests do not use the current request content #47930 @lance6716
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning gets stuck during `writeToTiKV` #46321 @lance6716
  - Remove unnecessary `get_regions` calls in physical import mode #45507 @mittalrishabh

- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that Drainer exits when transporting a transaction greater than 1 GB #28659 @jackysp

16.20.8 TiDB 6.5.5 Release Notes

Release date: September 21, 2023

TiDB version: 6.5.5

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.20.8.1 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Add new optimizer hints, including `NO_MERGE_JOIN()`, `NO_INDEX_JOIN()`, `NO_INDEX_MERGE_JOIN()`, `NO_HASH_JOIN()`, and `NO_INDEX_HASH_JOIN()` #45520 @qw4990
  - Add request source information related to the coprocessor #46514 @you06
- TiKV
  - Add the backoff mechanism for the PD client in the process of connection retries, which gradually increases retry intervals during error retries to reduce PD pressure #15428 @nolouch
  - Add monitoring metrics for snapshots #15401 @SpadeA-Tang
  - Improve stability of PITR checkpoint lag during leader transfers #13638 @YuJuncen
  - Add logs and monitoring metrics related to `safe-ts` #15082 @ekexium
  - Provide more logs and monitoring metrics for `resolved-ts` #15082 @ekexium
- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Reduce the CPU overhead of log backup `resolve lock` #40759 @3pointer

16.20.8.2 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that Stale Read might select an unavailable replica #46198 @zyguan
  - Fix the issue that additional overhead is incurred due to the incompatibility between Stale Read and Schema Cache #43481 @crazycs520
- TiKV
  - Fix the issue that TiKV fails to start when Titan is enabled and the `Blob file deleted twice` error occurs #15454 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that Online Unsafe Recovery cannot handle merge abort #15580 @v01dstar
- PD

- Fix the issue that the scheduler takes a long time to start up #6920 @HuSharp
- Fix the issue that the logic for handling Leaders and Peers in Scatter Region is inconsistent #6962 @bufferflies
- Fix the issue that the `empty-region-count` monitoring metric is abnormal when the cluster is restarted or the PD Leader is switched #7008 @CabinfeverB

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that restoring implicit primary keys by PITR might lead to conflicts #46520 @3pointer
    - Fix the issue that an error occurs when PITR recovers the meta-kv #46578 @Leavrth
    - Fix an error in BR integration test cases #46561 @purelind
    - Fix the issue that PITR fails to restore data from GCS #47022 @Leavrth

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the issue of high TiCDC replication latency caused by network isolation of PD nodes #9565 @asddongmen
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC incorrectly changes the `UPDATE` operation to `INSERT` when using the CSV format #9658 @3AceShowHand
    - Fix the issue that user passwords are recorded in some logs #9690 @sdojjy
    - Fix the issue that using the SASL authentication might cause TiCDC to panic #9669 @sdojjy
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC replication tasks might fail in some corner cases #9685 #9697 #9695 #9736 @hicqu @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC cannot recover quickly from TiKV node failures when there are a lot of Regions upstream #9741 @sdojjy

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to start when TiCDC is deployed on the target server #41040 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to start when PD topology is changed #46688 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning cannot continue importing data after PD switching Leaders #46540 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that precheck cannot accurately detect the presence of a running TiCDC in the target cluster #41040 @lance6716

16.20.9 TiDB 6.5.4 Release Notes

Release date: August 28, 2023

TiDB version: 6.5.4

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.20.9.1 Compatibility changes

- To fix the issue that TiDB consumes too much memory when using `Cursor Fetch` to fetch a large result set, TiDB automatically writes the result set to the disk to release memory #43233 @YangKeao
- Disable periodic compaction of RocksDB by default, so that the default behavior of TiKV RocksDB is now consistent with that in versions before v6.5.0. This change prevents potential performance impact caused by a significant number of compactions after upgrading. In addition, TiKV introduces two new configuration items `rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].periodic-compaction-seconds` and `rocksdb.[defaultcf|writecf|lockcf].ttl`, enabling you to manually configure periodic compaction of RocksDB #15355 @LykxSassinator

16.20.9.1.1 Behavior changes

- For transactions containing multiple changes, if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in the update event, TiCDC splits an event into delete and insert events and ensures that all events follow the sequence of delete events preceding insert events. For more information, see documentation.

16.20.9.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Optimize the performance of `LOAD DATA` statements that contain assignment expressions #46081 @gengliqi
  - Optimize the performance of reading the dumped chunks from disk #45125 @YangKeao
  - Add a `halt-scheduling` configuration item to suspend PD scheduling #6493 @JmPotato
- TiKV
  - Use gzip compression for `check_leader` requests to reduce traffic #14553 @you06
  - Add the `Max gap of safe-ts` and `Min safe ts region` metrics and introduce the `tikv-ctl get-region-read-progress` command to better observe and diagnose the status of resolved-ts and safe-ts #15082 @ekexium
  - Expose some RocksDB configurations in TiKV that allow users to disable features such as TTL and periodic compaction #14873 @LykxSassinator
  - Avoid holding mutex when writing Titan manifest files to prevent affecting other threads #15351 @Connor1996
  - Optimize the compaction mechanism: when a Region is split, if there is no key to split, a compaction is triggered to eliminate excessive MVCC versions #15282 @SpadeA-Tang

- PD
    - Support blocking the Swagger API by default when the Swagger server is not enabled #6786 @bufferflies
    - Improve the high availability of etcd #6554 #6442 @lhy1024
    - Reduce the memory consumption of `GetRegions` requests #6835 @lhy1024
    - Support reusing HTTP connections #6913 @nolouch
- TiFlash
    - Improve TiFlash write performance through IO batch optimization #7735 @lidezhu
    - Improve TiFlash write performance by removing unnecessary fsync operations #7736 @lidezhu
    - Limit the maximum length of the TiFlash coprocessor task queue to avoid excessive queuing of coprocessor tasks, which impacts TiFlash's service availability #7747 @LittleFall
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Enhance support for connection reuse by setting `MaxIdleConns` and `MaxIdleConnsPerHost` parameters in the HTTP client #46011 @Leavrth
        - Improve fault tolerance of BR when it fails to connect to PD or external S3 storage #42909 @Leavrth
        - Add a new restore parameter `WaitTiflashReady`. When this parameter is enabled, the restore operation will be completed after TiFlash replicas are successfully replicated #43828 #46302 @3pointer
    - TiCDC
        - Refine the status message when TiCDC retries after a failure #9483 @asddongmen
        - Optimize the way TiCDC handles messages that exceed the limit when synchronizing to Kafka by supporting only sending the primary key to the downstream #9574 @3AceShowHand
        - Storage Sink now supports hexadecimal encoding for HEX formatted data, making it compatible with AWS DMS format specifications #9373 @CharlesCheung96
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Support strict optimistic mode for incompatible DDL statements #9112 @GMHDBJD
    - Dumpling
        - Reduce export overhead by skipping querying all databases and tables when exporting data with the `-sql` parameter #45239 @lance6716

16.20.9.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the `index out of range` error might be reported when pushing down the `STREAM_AGG()` operator #40857 @Dousir9
    - Fix the issue that TiDB ignores all partition information and creates a non-partitioned table when the `CREATE TABLE` statement contains sub-partition definitions #41198 #41200 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that incorrect `stale_read_ts` setting might cause `PREPARE stmt` to read data incorrectly #43044 @you06
    - Fix the issue of possible data race in ActivateTxn #42092 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that a batch client does not reconnect timely #44431 @crazycs520
    - Fix the issue that SQL compile error logs are not redacted #41831 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that using CTEs and correlated subqueries simultaneously might result in incorrect query results or panic #44649 #38170 #44774 @winoros @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that TTL tasks cannot trigger statistics updates in time #40109 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that the GC Resolve Locks step might miss some pessimistic locks #45134 @MyonKeminta
    - Fix the issue that memory leaks and duration continues to increase when connecting to TiDB using the binary protocol and executing a large number of `PREPARE` and `EXECUTE` statements #44612 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that the data length in the `QUERY` column of the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.DDL_JOBS` table might exceed the column definition #42440 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the PD OOM issue when there is a large number of Regions but the table ID cannot be pushed down when querying some virtual tables using `Prepare` or `Execute` #39605 @djshow832
    - Fix the issue that statistics auto-collection might not trigger correctly on a partitioned table after adding a new index to the partitioned table #41638 @xuyifangreeneyes
    - Fix the issue that excessive memory consumption of SQL execution details in statistics causes TiDB OOM in extreme cases #44047 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that batch coprocessor retry might generate incorrect Region information that causes query failure #44622 @windtalker
    - Fix the hang-up issue that occurs when queries with `indexMerge` are killed #45279 @xzhangxian1008
    - Fix the issue that querying the system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_REGION_STATUS` returns incorrect results in some cases #45531 @Defined2014
    - Fix the issue that query results in MPP mode are incorrect when `tidb_enable_parallel_apply` is enabled #45299 @windtalker
    - Fix the issue that queries might return incorrect results when `tidb_opt_agg_push_down` is enabled #44795 @AilinKid

- Fix the can't find proper physical plan issue caused by virtual columns #41014 @AilinKid
- Fix the panic issue caused by empty `processInfo` #43829 @zimulala
- Fix the issue that the query result of the `SELECT CAST(n AS CHAR)` statement is incorrect when `n` in the statement is a negative number #44786 @xhebox
- Fix the issue that when the MySQL Cursor Fetch protocol is used, the memory consumption of result sets might exceed the `tidb_mem_quota_query` limit and causes TiDB OOM. After the fix, TiDB will automatically write result sets to the disk to release memory #43233 @YangKeao
- Fix the `duplicate entry` error that occurs when restoring a table with `AUTO_ID_CACHE=1` using BR #44716 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the `SELECT` statement returns an error for a partitioned table if the table partition definition uses the `FLOOR()` function to round a partitioned column #42323 @jiyfhust
- Fix the issue that concurrent view might cause DDL operations to be blocked #40352 @zeminzhou
- Fix the issue that a statistics collection task fails due to an incorrect `datetime` value #39336 @xuyifangreeneyes
- Fix the issue that some DDL statements might be stuck for a period after the PD node of a cluster is replaced #33908
- Fix the issue that `resolve lock` might hang when there is a sudden change in PD time #44822 @zyguan
- Fix the potential data race issue in index scan #45126 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that the `FormatSQL()` method cannot properly truncate extremely long SQL statements in input #44542 @hawkingrei
- Fix the issue that users can view information in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_REPLICA` table even without permissions #45320 @Lloyd-Pottiger
- Fix the issue that the behavior is inconsistent with MySQL when comparing a `DATETIME` or `TIMESTAMP` column with a number constant #38361 @yibin87
- Fix the issue that an error in Index Join might cause the query to get stuck #45716 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that killing a connection might cause go coroutine leaks #46034 @pingyu
- Fix the issue that the `tmp-storage-quota` configuration does not take effect #45161 #26806 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that TiFlash replicas might be unavailable when a TiFlash node is down in the cluster #38484 @hehechen
- Fix the issue that TiDB crashes due to possible data race when reading and writing `Config.Labels` concurrently #45561 @genliqi
- Fix the issue that the client-go regularly updating `min-resolved-ts` might cause PD OOM when the cluster is large #46664 @HuSharp

- TiKV
  - Fix the issue that the `ttl-check-poll-interval` configuration item does not

take effect on RawKV API V2 #15142 @pingyu
- Fix the issue that Online Unsafe Recovery does not abort on timeout #15346 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that Region Merge might be blocked after executing `FLASHBACK` #15258 @overvenus
- Fix the data inconsistency issue that might occur when one TiKV node is isolated and another node is restarted #15035 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that the QPS drops to zero in the sync-recover phase under the Data Replication Auto Synchronous mode #14975 @nolouch
- Fix the issue that encryption might cause data corruption during partial write #15080 @tabokie
- Fix the issue of heartbeat storms by reducing the number of store heartbeat retries #15184 @nolouch
- Fix the issue that traffic control might not work when there is a high amount of pending compaction bytes #14392 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that network interruption between PD and TiKV might cause PITR to get stuck #15279 @YuJuncen
- Fix the issue that TiKV might consume more memory when the Old Value feature in TiCDC is enabled #14815 @YuJuncen

- PD

  - Fix the issue that when etcd is already started but the client has not yet connected to it, calling the client might cause PD to panic #6860 @HuSharp
  - Fix the issue that a leader cannot exit for a long time #6918 @bufferflies
  - Fix the issue that when the placement rule uses `LOCATION_LABELS`, SQL and the Rule Checker are not compatible #38605 @nolouch
  - Fix the issue that PD might unexpectedly add multiple Learners to a Region #5786 @HunDunDM
  - Fix the issue that unhealthy peers cannot be removed when rule checker selects peers #6559 @nolouch
  - Fix the issue that failed learner peers in `unsafe recovery` are ignored in `auto-detect` mode #6690 @v01dstar

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that queries fail after `fsp` is changed for `DATETIME`, `TIMESTAMP`, or `TIME` data type #7809 @JaySon-Huang
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash data is inconsistent due to invalid range keys of a region #7762 @lidezhu
  - Fix the issue that when there are multiple HashAgg operators within the same MPP task, the compilation of the MPP task might take an excessively long time, severely affecting query performance #7810 @SeaRise
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash takes too long to restart after using Online Unsafe Recovery #7671 @hongyunyan

- Fix the issue that TiFlash rounds the `DECIMAL` result incorrectly when doing division #6462 @LittleFall

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue of restore failures by increasing the default values of the global parameters `TableColumnCountLimit` and `IndexLimit` used by BR to their maximum values #45793 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue of rewrite failures when processing DDL meta information in PITR #43184 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue of panic caused by not checking function returns during PITR execution #45853 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue of obtaining invalid region ID when using S3-compatible storage other than Amazon S3 #41916 #42033 @3pointer
    - Fix the potential error in fine-grained backup phase in RawKV mode #37085 @pingyu
    - Fix the issue that the frequency of `resolve lock` is too high when there is no PITR backup task in the TiDB cluster #40759 @joccau
    - Alleviate the issue that the latency of the PITR log backup progress increases when Region leadership migration occurs #13638 @YuJuncen

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the issue that the replication task might get stuck when the downstream encounters an error and retries #9450 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue that the replication task fails due to short retry intervals when synchronizing to Kafka #9504 @3AceShowHand
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC might cause synchronization write conflicts when modifying multiple unique key rows in one transaction on the upstream #9430 @sdojjy
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC might incorrectly synchronize rename DDL operations #9488 #9378 #9531 @asddongmen
    - Fix the issue that the replication task might get stuck when the downstream encounters a short-term failure #9542 #9272#9582 #9592 @hicqu
    - Fix the panic issue that might occur when the TiCDC node status changes #9354 @sdojjy
    - Fix the issue that when Kafka Sink encounters errors it might indefinitely block changefeed progress #9309 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue that when the downstream is Kafka, TiCDC queries the downstream metadata too frequently and causes excessive workload in the downstream #8957 #8959 @hi-rustin
    - Fix the data inconsistency issue that might occur when some TiCDC nodes are isolated from the network #9344 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that the replication task might get stuck when the redo log is enabled and there is an exception downstream #9172 @CharlesCheung96

- Fix the issue that changefeeds would fail due to the temporary unavailability of PD #9294 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue of too many downstream logs caused by frequently setting the downstream bidirectional replication-related variables when replicating data to TiDB or MySQL #9180 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue that Avro protocol incorrectly identifies `Enum` type values #9259 @3AceShowHand

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the panic issue when the unique key column name is null #9247 @lance6716
  - Fix the deadlock issue that might occur when the validator handles errors incorrectly, and optimize the retry mechanism #9257 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that collation is not considered when calculating the causality key #9489 @hihihuhu
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that the disk quota check might block when an engine is importing data #44867 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that checksum reports an error `Region is unavailable` when SSL is enabled on the target cluster #45462 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue that encoding errors cannot be logged correctly #44321 @lyzx2001
  - Fix the issue that route might panic when importing CSV data #43284 @lyzx2001
  - Fix the issue that importing table A in logical import mode might mistakenly report that table B does not exist #44614 @dsdashun
  - Fix the issue that the data type is wrong when saving `NEXT_GLOBAL_ROW_ID` #45427 @lyzx2001
  - Fix the issue that checksum still reports errors when `checksum = "optional ↪ "` #45382 @lyzx2001
  - Fix the issue that data import fails when the PD cluster address changes #43436 @lichunzhu
  - Fix the issue that data import fails when some PD nodes fail #43400 @lichunzhu
  - Fix the issue that when a table with auto-incremental columns sets `AUTO ↪ _ID_CACHE=1`, the base value of the ID allocator is incorrect #46100 @D3Hunter
- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that the exported file is lost due to unprocessed file writer closing error when exporting to Amazon S3 #45353 @lichunzhu
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that the etcd client does not automatically synchronize the latest node information during initialization #1236 @lichunzhu

16.20.10 TiDB 6.5.3 Release Notes

Release date: June 14, 2023

TiDB version: 6.5.3

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.20.10.1 Compatibility changes

16.20.10.1.1 Behavior changes

- When processing update event, TiCDC splits an event into delete and insert events if the primary key or non-null unique index value is modified in the event. For more information, see documentation.

16.20.10.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Improve the performance of `TRUNCATE` on partitioned tables with Placement Rules #43070 @Lloyd-Pottiger
  - Avoid invalid Stale Read retries after resolving locks #43659 @you06
  - Reduce latency by using leader read when Stale Read encounters the `DataIsNotReady` error #765 @Tema
  - Add `Stale Read OPS` and `Stale Read MBps` metrics to track hit rate and traffic when using Stale Read #43325 @you06
- TiKV
  - Reduce traffic by using gzip to compress `check_leader` requests #14839 @cfzjywxk
- PD
  - Use a separate gRPC connection for PD leader election to prevent the impact of other requests #6403 @rleungx
- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Optimize the way TiCDC handles DDLs so that DDLs do not block the use of other unrelated DML Events, and reduce memory usage #8106 @asddongmen
    - Optimize the Decoder interface and add a new method `AddKeyValue` #8861 @3AceShowHand

- Optimize the directory structure when DDL events occur in the scenario of replicating data to object storage #8890 @CharlesCheung96
- Support replicating data to the Kafka-on-Pulsar downstream #8892 @hi-rustin
- Support using the OAuth protocol for validation when replicating data to Kafka #8865 @hi-rustin
- Optimize the way TiCDC handles the `UPDATE` statement during data replication using the Avro or CSV protocol, by splitting `UPDATE` into `DELETE` and `INSERT` statements, so that you can get the old value from the `DELETE` statement #9086 @3AceShowHand
- Add a configuration item `insecure-skip-verify` to control whether to set the authentication algorithm in the scenario of enabling TLS #8867 @hi-rustin
- Optimize DDL replication operations to mitigate the impact of DDL operations on downstream latency #8686 @hi-rustin
- Optimize the method of setting GC TLS for the upstream when the TiCDC replication task fails #8403 @charleszheng44

- TiDB Binlog
  - Optimize the method of retrieving table information to reduce the initialization time and memory usage of Drainer #1137 @lichunzhu

16.20.10.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that the `min, max` query result is incorrect #43805 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue of incorrect execution plans when pushing down window functions to TiFlash #43922 @gengliqi
  - Fix the issue that the query with CTE causes TiDB to hang #43749 #36896 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that the SQL statement reports the `runtime error: index out of range` error when using the `AES_DECRYPT` expression #43063 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the issue that the `SHOW PROCESSLIST` statement cannot display the TxnStart of the transaction of the statement with a long subquery time #40851 @crazycs520
  - Fix the issue that PD isolation might block the running DDL #44014 #43755 #44267 @wjhuang2016
  - Fix the TiDB panic issue that occurs when querying union views and temporary tables with `UNION` #42563 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the behavior issue of Placement Rules in partitioned tables, so that the Placement Rules in deleted partitions can be correctly set and recycled #44116 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the issue that truncating a partition of a partitioned table might cause the Placement Rule of the partition to become invalid #44031 @lcwangchao

- Fix the issue that TiCDC might lose some row changes during table renaming #43338 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the DDL job history is lost after importing a table using BR #43725 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that `JSON_OBJECT` might report an error in some cases #39806 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the cluster cannot query some system views in IPv6 environment #43286 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that when the PD member address changes, allocating ID for the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column will be blocked for a long time #42643 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that TiDB sends duplicate requests to PD during placement rules recycling, causing numerous `full config reset` entries in the PD log #33069 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the `SHOW PRIVILEGES` statement returns an incomplete privilege list #40591 @CbcWestwolf
- Fix the issue that `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS LIMIT` returns incorrect results #42298 @CbcWestwolf
- Fix the issue that the `tidb_auth_token` user fails to be created when the password complexity check is enabled #44098 @CbcWestwolf
- Fix the issue of not finding the partition during inner join in dynamic pruning mode #43686 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that the `Data Truncated` warning occurs when executing `MODIFY` ↪ `COLUMN` on a partitioned table #41118 @mjonss
- Fix the issue of displaying the incorrect TiDB address in IPv6 environment #43260 @nexustar
- Fix the issue that CTE results are incorrect when pushing down predicates #43645 @winoros
- Fix the issue that incorrect results might be returned when using a common table expression (CTE) in statements with non-correlated subqueries #44051 @winoros
- Fix the issue that Join Reorder might cause incorrect outer join results #44314 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that in some extreme cases, when the first statement of a pessimistic transaction is retried, resolving locks on this transaction might affect transaction correctness #42937 @MyonKeminta
- Fix the issue that in some rare cases, residual pessimistic locks of pessimistic transactions might affect data correctness when GC resolves locks #43243 @MyonKeminta
- Fix the issue that the scan detail information during the execution of `batch cop` might be inaccurate #41582 @you06
- Fix the issue that TiDB cannot read data updates when Stale Read and `PREPARE` statements are used at the same time #43044 @you06
- Fix the issue that an `assertion failed` error might be mistakenly reported when executing the `LOAD DATA` statement #43849 @you06
- Fix the issue that the coprocessor cannot fall back to the leader when a `region` ↪ `data not ready` error occurs during the use of Stale Read #43365 @you06

- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that the peers of the corresponding Region mistakenly hibernate when a TiKV node fails #14547 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue of file handle leakage in Continuous Profiling #14224 @tabokie
    - Fix the issue that PD crash might cause PITR to fail to proceed #14184 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the issue that encryption key ID conflict might cause the deletion of the old keys #14585 @tabokie
    - Fix the issue that autocommit and point get replica read might break linearizability #14715 @cfzjywxk
    - Fix the performance degradation issue caused by accumulated lock records when a cluster is upgraded from a previous version to v6.5 or later versions #14780 @MyonKeminta
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning might cause SST file leakage #14745 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the potential conflict between the encryption key and raft log file deletion that might cause TiKV to fail to start #14761 @Connor1996
- TiFlash
    - Fix the performance degradation issue of the partition TableScan operator during Region transfer #7519 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that a TiFlash query might report an error if the `GENERATED` type field is present along with the `TIMESTAMP` or `TIME` type #7468 @Lloyd-Pottiger
    - Fix the issue that large update transactions might cause TiFlash to repeatedly report errors and restart #7316 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that the error "Truncate error cast decimal as decimal" occurs when reading data from TiFlash with the `INSERT SELECT` statement #7348 @windtalker
    - Fix the issue that queries might consume more memory than needed when the data on the Join build side is very large and contains many small string type columns #7416 @yibin87
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the issue that the error message "resolve lock timeout" of BR is misleading when a backup fails, which hides the actual error information #43236 @YuJuncen
    - TiCDC
        - Fix an OOM issue that might occur when there are as many as 50,000 tables #7872 @sdojjy
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC gets stuck when an OOM occurs in upstream TiDB #8561 @overvenus

- Fix the issue that TiCDC gets stuck when PD fails such as network isolation or PD Owner node reboot #8808 #8812 #8877 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue of TiCDC time zone setting #8798 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that checkpoint lag increases when one of the upstream TiKV nodes crashes #8858 @hicqu
- Fix the issue that when replicating data to downstream MySQL, a replication error occurs after the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` statement is executed in the upstream TiDB #8040 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue that when replicating data to object storage, the `EXCHANGE PARTITION` operation in the upstream cannot be properly replicated to the downstream #8914 @CharlesCheung96
- Fix the OOM issue caused by excessive memory usage of the sorter component in some special scenarios #8974 @hicqu
- Fix the issue that when the downstream is Kafka, TiCDC queries the downstream metadata too frequently and causes excessive workload in the downstream #8957 #8959 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that when a replication error occurs due to an oversized Kafka message, the message body is recorded in the log #9031 @darraes
- Fix the TiCDC node panic that occurs when the downstream Kafka sinks are rolling restarted #9023 @asddongmen
- Fix the issue that when replicating data to storage services, the JSON file corresponding to downstream DDL statements does not record the default values of table fields #9066 @CharlesCheung96

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that OOM might occur when importing a wide table #43728 @D3Hunter
  - Fix the issue of `write to tikv with no leader returned` when importing a large amount of data #43055 @lance6716
  - Fix a possible OOM problem when there is an unclosed delimiter in the data file #40400 @buchuitoudegou
  - Add a retry mechanism when encountering an `unknown RPC` error during data import #43291 @D3Hunter
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Binlog reports an error when encountering a `CANCELED` DDL statement #1228 @okJiang

16.20.11 TiDB 6.5.2 Release Notes

Release date: April 21, 2023

TiDB version: 6.5.2

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.20.11.1 Compatibility changes

- TiCDC fixes the issue of incorrect encoding of `FLOAT` data in Avro #8490 @3AceShowHand

  When upgrading the TiCDC cluster to v6.5.2 or a later v6.5.x version, if a table replicated using Avro contains the `FLOAT` data type, you need to manually adjust the compatibility policy of Confluent Schema Registry to `None` before upgrading so that the changefeed can successfully update the schema. Otherwise, after upgrading, the changefeed will be unable to update the schema and enter an error state.

- To fix the potential issue of data loss during replication of partitioned tables to storage services, the default value of the TiCDC `sink.enable-partition-separator` configuration item is changed from `false` to `true`. This means that partitions in a table are stored in separate directories by default. It is recommended that you keep the value as `true` to avoid the data loss issue. #8724 @CharlesCheung96

16.20.11.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Support caching the execution plan for `BatchPointGet` in Prepared Plan Cache #42125 @qw4990
  - Support more SQL formats for Index Join #40505 @Yisaer
  - Change the log level of some Index Merge readers from `"info"` to `"debug"` #41949 @yibin87
  - Optimize the `distsql_concurrency` setting for Range partitioned tables with Limit to reduce query latency #41480 @you06
- TiFlash
  - Reduce CPU consumption of task scheduling during TiFlash reads #6495 @JinheLin
  - Improve performance of data import from BR and TiDB Lightning to TiFlash with default configurations #7272 @breezewish
- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Release TiCDC Open API v2.0 #8743 @sdojjy
    - Introduce `gomemlimit` to prevent TiCDC from OOM issues #8675 @amyangfei
    - Use the multi-statement approach to optimize the replication performance in scenarios involving batch execution of `UPDATE` statements #8057 @amyangfei

- Support splitting transactions in the redo applier to improve its throughput and reduce RTO in disaster recovery scenarios #8318 @CharlesCheung96
- Support applying DDL events in redo logs #8361 @CharlesCheung96

- TiDB Lightning
  - Support importing CSV data files with BOM headers #40744 @dsdashun

16.20.11.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that after a new column is added in the cache table, the value is `NULL` instead of the default value of the column #42928 @lqs
  - Fix the issue of DDL retry caused by write conflict when executing `TRUNCATE TABLE` for partitioned tables with many partitions and TiFlash replicas #42940 @mjonss
  - Fix the issue of missing table names in the `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` result when a `DROP TABLE` operation is being executed #42268 @tiancaiamao
  - Fix the issue that TiDB server cannot start due to an error in reading the cgroup information with the error message "can't read file memory.stat from cgroup v1: open /sys/memory.stat no such file or directory" #42659 @hawkingrei
  - Fix frequent write conflicts in transactions when performing DDL data backfill #24427 @mjonss
  - Fix the issue that TiDB panic occurs due to inconsistent InfoSchema being obtained when generating the execution plan #41622 @tiancaiamao
  - Fix the issue that when modifying the floating-point type using DDL to keep the length unchanged and reduce the decimal places, the old data still remains the same #41281 @zimulala
  - Fix the issue that after executing `PointUpdate` within a transaction, TiDB returns incorrect results for the `SELECT` statement #28011 @zyguan
  - Fix the issue that, when using Cursor Fetch and running other statements among Execute, Fetch, and Close, the Fetch and Close commands might return incorrect results or cause TiDB to panic #40094 @YangKeao
  - Fix the issue that `INSERT IGNORE` and `REPLACE` statements do not lock keys that do not modify values #42121 @zyguan
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash reports an error for generated columns during execution #40663 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might produce incorrect results when different partitioned tables appear in a single SQL statement #42135 @mjonss
  - Fix the issue that full index scans might cause errors when prepared plan cache is enabled #42150 @fzzf678
  - Fix the issue that IndexMerge might produce incorrect results when prepare plan cache is enabled #41828 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that the configuration of `max_prepared_stmt_count` does not take effect #39735 @xuyifangreeneyes

- Fix the issue that global memory control might incorrectly kill SQL statements with memory usage less than `tidb_server_memory_limit_sess_min_size` #42662 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that Index Join might cause panic in dynamic trimming mode of partition tables #40596 @tiancaiamao

- TiKV
  - Fix the issue that TiKV does not correctly parse the : character when processing the cgroup path #14538 @SpadeA-Tang

- PD
  - Fix the issue that PD might unexpectedly add multiple Learners to a Region #5786 @HunDunDM
  - Fix the issue that switching placement rule might cause uneven distribution of leaders #6195 @bufferflies

- TiFlash
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash cannot recognize generated columns #6801 @guo-shaoge
  - Fix the issue that Decimal division does not round up the last digit in certain cases #7022 @LittleFall
  - Fix the issue that Decimal cast rounds up incorrectly in certain cases #6994 @windtalker
  - Fix the issue that TopN/Sort operators produce incorrect results after enabling the new collation #6807 @xzhangxian1008
  - Fix the issue of TiFlash process failures due to TiCDC incompatibility #7212 @hongyunyan

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that the frequency of `resolve lock` is too high when there is no PITR backup task in the TiDB cluster #40759 @joccau
    - Fix the issue of insufficient wait time for splitting Region retry during the PITR recovery process #42001 @joccau
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that the partition separator does not work when TiCDC replicates data to object storage #8581 @CharlesCheung96 @hi-rustin
    - Fix the issue that table scheduling might cause data loss when TiCDC replicates data to object storage #8256 @zhaoxinyu
    - Fix the issue that the replication gets stuck due to non-reentrant DDL statements #8662 @hicqu

- Fix the issue that TiCDC scaling might cause data loss when TiCDC replicates data to object storage #8666 @CharlesCheung96
- Fix the issue that the memory usage of `db sorter` is not controlled by `cgroup memory limit` #8588 @amyangfei
- Fix the issue that data loss might occur in special cases during the apply of Redo log #8591 @CharlesCheung96
- Fix the issue that the memory usage of `db sorter` is not controlled by `cgroup memory limit` #8588 @amyangfei
- Fix the issue that the disorder of `UPDATE` and `INSERT` statements during data replication might cause the `Duplicate entry` error #8597 @sdojjy
- Fix the abnormal exit issue of the TiCDC service caused by network isolation between PD and TiCDC #8562 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that graceful upgrade for TiCDC clusters fails on Kubernetes #8484 @overvenus
- Fix the issue that the TiCDC server panics when all downstream Kafka servers are unavailable #8523 @3AceShowHand
- Fix the issue that restarting the changefeed might cause data loss or that the checkpoint cannot advance #8242 @overvenus

16.20.12 TiDB 6.5.1 Release Notes

Release date: March 10, 2023

TiDB version: 6.5.1

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.20.12.1 Compatibility changes

- Starting from February 20, 2023, the telemetry feature is disabled by default in new versions of TiDB and TiDB Dashboard, including v6.5.1, and usage information is not collected and shared with PingCAP. Before upgrading to these versions, if the cluster uses the default telemetry configuration, the telemetry feature is disabled after the upgrade. See TiDB Release Timeline for specific versions.
    - The default value of the `tidb_enable_telemetry` system variable is changed from `ON` to `OFF`.
    - The default value of the TiDB `enable-telemetry` configuration item is changed from `true` to `false`.
    - The default value of the PD `enable-telemetry` configuration item is changed from `true` to `false`.
- Starting from v1.11.3, the telemetry feature is disabled by default in newly deployed TiUP, and usage information is not collected. If you upgrade from a TiUP version earlier than v1.11.3 to v1.11.3 or a later version, the telemetry feature keeps the same status as before the upgrade.

- No longer support modifying column types on partitioned tables because of potential correctness issues. #40620 @mjonss
- The default value of the TiKV `advance-ts-interval` configuration item is changed from `1s` to `20s`. You can modify this configuration item to reduce the latency and improve the timeliness of the Stale Read data. See Reduce Stale Read latency for details.
- The default value of the TiKV `cdc.min-ts-interval` configuration item is changed from `"200ms"` to `"1s"` to reduce network traffic.

16.20.12.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Starting from v6.5.1, the TiDB cluster deployed by TiDB Operator v1.4.3 or higher supports IPv6 addresses. This means that TiDB can support a larger address space and bring you better security and network performance.
    - Full support for IPv6 addressing: TiDB supports using IPv6 addresses for all network connections, including client connections, internal communication between nodes, and communication with external systems.
    - Dual-stack support: If you are not ready to fully switch to IPv6 yet, TiDB also supports dual-stack networks. This means that you can use both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses in the same TiDB cluster and choose a network deployment mode that prioritizes IPv6 by configuration.

  For more information on IPv6 deployment, see TiDB on Kubernetes documentation.

  - Support specifying the SQL script executed upon TiDB cluster initialization #35624 @morgo

    TiDB v6.5.1 adds a new configuration item `initialize-sql-file`. When you start a TiDB cluster for the first time, you can specify the SQL script to be executed by configuring the command line parameter `--initialize-sql-file`. You can use this feature when you need to perform such operations as modifying the value of a system variable, creating a user, or granting privileges. For more information, see documentation.
  - Clear expired region cache regularly to avoid memory leak and performance degradation #40461 @sticnarf
  - Add a new configuration item `--proxy-protocol-fallbackable` to control whether to enable PROXY protocol fallback mode. When this parameter is set to `true`, TiDB accepts PROXY client connections and client connections without any PROXY protocol header #41409 @blacktear23
  - Improve the accuracy of Memory Tracker #40900 #40500 @wshwsh12

- When the plan cache fails to take effect, the system returns the reason as a warning #40210 @qw4990
- Improve the optimizer strategy for out-of-range estimation #39008 @time-and-fate

- TiKV
  - Support starting TiKV on a CPU with less than 1 core #13586 #13752 #14017 @andreid-db
  - Increase the thread limit of the Unified Read Pool (`readpool.unified.max-thread-count`) to 10 times the CPU quota, to better handle high-concurrency queries #13690 @v01dstar
  - Change the default value of `resolved-ts.advance-ts-interval` from `"1s"` to `"20s"`, to reduce cross-region traffic #14100 @overvenus

- TiFlash
  - Accelerate TiFlash startup greatly when the data volume is large #6395 @hehechen

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Optimize the concurrency of downloading log backup files on the TiKV side to improve the performance of PITR in regular scenarios #14206 @YuJuncen
  - TiCDC
    - Enable pull-based sink to optimize system throughput #8232 @hi-rustin
    - Support storing redo logs to GCS-compatible or Azure-compatible object storage #7987 @CharlesCheung96
    - Implement MQ sink and MySQL sink in the asynchronous mode to improve the sink throughput #5928 @amyangfei @CharlesCheung96

16.20.12.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that the `pessimistic-auto-commit` configuration item does not take effect for point-get queries #39928 @zyguan
  - Fix the issue that the `INSERT` or `REPLACE` statements might panic in long session connections #40351 @winoros
  - Fix the issue that `auto analyze` causes graceful shutdown to take a long time #40038 @xuyifangreeneyes
  - Fix the issue that data race might occur during DDL ingestion #40970 @tangenta

- Fix the issue that data race might occur when an index is added #40879 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that the adding index operation is inefficient due to invalid Region cache when there are many Regions in a table #38436 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that TiDB might deadlock during initialization #40408 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that unexpected data is read because TiDB improperly handles `NULL` values when constructing key ranges #40158 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the value of system variables might be incorrectly modified in some cases due to memory reuse #40979 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that a TTL task fails if the primary key of the table contains an `ENUM` column #40456 @lcwangchao
- Fix the issue that TiDB panics when adding a unique index #40592 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that some truncate operations cannot be blocked by MDL when truncating the same table concurrently #40484 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that TiDB cannot restart after global bindings are created for partition tables in dynamic trimming mode #40368 @Yisaer
- Fix the issue that reading data using the "cursor read" method might return an error because of GC #39447 @zyguan
- Fix the issue that the `EXECUTE` information is null in the result of `SHOW PROCESSLIST` #41156 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that when `globalMemoryControl` is killing a query, the `KILL` operation might not end #41057 @wshwsh12
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic after `indexMerge` encounters an error #41047 #40877 @guo-shaoge @windtalker
- Fix the issue that the `ANALYZE` statement might be terminated by `KILL` #41825 @XuHuaiyu
- Fix the issue that goroutine leak might occur in `indexMerge` #41545 #41605 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue of potential wrong results when comparing unsigned `TINYINT/SMALLINT/INT` values with `DECIMAL/FLOAT/DOUBLE` values smaller than `0` #41736 @LittleFall
- Fix the issue that enabling `tidb_enable_reuse_chunk` might lead to memory leak #40987 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that data race in time zone might cause data-index inconsistency #40710 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that the scan detail information during the execution of `batch cop` might be inaccurate #41582 @you06
- Fix the issue that the upper concurrency of `cop` is not limited #41134 @you06
- Fix the issue that the `statement context` in `cursor read` is mistakenly cached #39998 @zyguan
- Periodically clean up stale Region cache to avoid memory leak and performance degradation #40355 @sticnarf
- Fix the issue that using plan cache on queries that contain `year <cmp> const` might get a wrong result #41626 @qw4990

- Fix the issue of large estimation errors when querying with a large range and a large amount of data modification #39593 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that some conditions cannot be pushed down through Join operators when using Plan Cache #40093 #38205 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that IndexMerge plans might generate incorrect ranges on the SET type columns #41273 #41293 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that Plan Cache might cache FullScan plans when processing `int_col <cmp> decimal` conditions #40679 #41032 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that Plan Cache might cache FullScan plans when processing `int_col in (decimal...)` conditions #40224 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that the `ignore_plan_cache` hint might not work for `INSERT` statements #40079 #39717 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that Auto Analyze might hinder TiDB from exiting #40038 @xuyifangreeneyes
- Fix the issue that incorrect access intervals might be constructed on Unsigned Primary Keys in partitioned tables #40309 @winoros
- Fix the issue that Plan Cache might cache Shuffle operators and return incorrect results #38335 @qw4990
- Fix the issue that creating Global Binding on partitioned tables might cause TiDB to fail to start #40368 @Yisaer
- Fix the issue that query plan operators might be missing in slow logs #41458 @time-and-fate
- Fix the issue that incorrect results might be returned when TopN operators with virtual columns are mistakenly pushing down to TiKV or TiFlash #41355 @Dousir9
- Fix the issue of inconsistent data when adding indexes #40698 #40730 #41459 #40464 #40217 @tangenta
- Fix the issue of getting the `Pessimistic lock not found` error when adding indexes #41515 @tangenta
- Fix the issue of misreported duplicate key errors when adding unique indexes #41630 @tangenta
- Fix the issue of performance degradation when using `paging` in TiDB #40741 @solotzg

- TiKV

    - Fix the issue that Resolved TS causes higher network traffic #14092 @overvenus
    - Fix the data inconsistency issue caused by network failure between TiDB and TiKV during the execution of a DML after a failed pessimistic DML #14038 @MyonKeminta
    - Fix an error that occurs when casting the `const Enum` type to other types #14156 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that the paging in a cop task is inaccurate #14254 @you06
    - Fix the issue that the `scan_detail` field is inaccurate in `batch_cop` mode #14109 @you06

    - Fix a potential error in the Raft Engine that might cause TiKV to detect Raft data corruption and fail to restart #14338 @tonyxuqqi

- PD

    - Fix the issue that the execution `replace-down-peer` slows down under certain conditions #5788 @HundunDM
    - Fix the issue that PD might unexpectedly add multiple Learners to a Region #5786 @HunDunDM
    - Fix the issue that the Region Scatter task generates redundant replicas unexpectedly #5909 @HundunDM
    - Fix the PD OOM issue that occurs when the calls of `ReportMinResolvedTS` are too frequent #5965 @HundunDM
    - Fix the issue that the Region Scatter might cause uneven distribution of leader #6017 @HunDunDM

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that semi-joins use excessive memory when calculating Cartesian products #6730 @gengliqi
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash log search is too slow #6829 @hehechen
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash cannot start because files are mistakenly deleted after repeated restarts #6486 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might report an error when performing a query after adding a new column #6726 @JaySon-Huang
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash does not support IPv6 configuration #6734 @ywqzzy

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix the issue that the connection failure between PD and tidb-server causes PITR backup progress not to advance #41082 @YuJuncen
        - Fix the issue that TiKV cannot listen to PITR tasks due to the connection failure between PD and TiKV #14159 @YuJuncen
        - Fix the issue that PITR does not support configuration changes for PD clusters #14165 @YuJuncen
        - Fix the issue that the PITR feature does not support CA-bundles #38775 @3pointer
        - Fix the issue that when a PITR backup task is deleted, the residual backup data causes data inconsistency in new tasks #40403 @joccau
        - Fix the issue that causes panic when BR parses the `backupmeta` file #40878 @MoCuishle28
        - Fix the issue that restore is interrupted due to failure in getting the Region size #36053 @YuJuncen
        - Fix the issue that the frequency of `resolve lock` is too high when there is no PITR backup task in the TiDB cluster #40759 @joccau

- Fix the issue that restoring data to a cluster on which the log backup is running causes the log backup file unable to be restored #40797 @Leavrth
- Fix the panic issue that occurs when attempting to resume backup from a checkpoint after a full backup failure #40704 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that PITR errors are overwritten #40576 @Leavrth
- Fix the issue that checkpoints do not advance in PITR backup tasks when the advance owner and gc owner are different #41806 @joccau

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that changefeed might get stuck in special scenarios such as when scaling in or scaling out TiKV or TiCDC nodes #8174 @hicqu
  - Fix the issue that precheck is not performed on the storage path of redo log #6335 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue of insufficient duration that redo log can tolerate for S3 storage failure #8089 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that `transaction-atomicity` and `protocol` cannot be updated via the configuration file #7935 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that the checkpoint cannot advance when TiCDC replicates an excessively large number of tables #8004 @overvenus
  - Fix the issue that applying redo log might cause OOM when the replication lag is excessively high #8085 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that the performance degrades when redo log is enabled to write meta #8074 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix a bug that the context deadline is exceeded when TiCDC replicates data without splitting large transactions #7982 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the issue that pausing a changefeed when PD is abnormal results in incorrect status #8330 @sdojjy
  - Fix the data inconsistency that occurs when replicating data to a TiDB or MySQL sink and when `CHARACTER SET` is specified on the column that has the non-null unique index without a primary key #8420 @asddongmen
  - Fix the panic issue in table scheduling and blackhole sink #8024 #8142 @hicqu

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that the `binlog-schema delete` command fails to execute #7373 @liumengya94
  - Fix the issue that the checkpoint does not advance when the last binlog is a skipped DDL #8175 @D3Hunter
  - Fix a bug that when the expression filters of both "update" and "non-update" types are specified in one table, all `UPDATE` statements are skipped #7831 @lance6716

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning prechecks cannot find dirty data left by previously failed imports #39477 @dsdashun

- Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning panics in the split-region phase #40934 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that the conflict resolution logic (`duplicate-resolution`) might lead to inconsistent checksums #40657 @sleepymole
- Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning might incorrectly skip conflict resolution when all but the last TiDB Lightning instance encounters a local duplicate record during a parallel import #40923 @lichunzhu
- Fix the issue that when importing data in Local Backend mode, the target columns do not automatically generate data if the compound primary key of the imported target table has an `auto_random` column and no value for the column is specified in the source data #41454 @D3Hunter

16.20.13 TiDB 6.5.0 Release Notes

Release date: December 29, 2022

TiDB version: 6.5.0

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

TiDB 6.5.0 is a Long-Term Support Release (LTS).

Compared with TiDB 6.4.0-DMR, TiDB 6.5.0 introduces the following key features and improvements:

> **Tip:**
>
> Compared with the previous LTS 6.1.0, TiDB 6.5.0 also includes new features, improvements, and bug fixes released in 6.2.0-DMR, 6.3.0-DMR, and 6.4.0-DMR.
>
> - To get a full list of changes between the 6.1.0 LTS and 6.5.0 LTS versions, in addition to this release notes, also see 6.2.0-DMR release notes, 6.3.0-DMR release notes, and 6.4.0-DMR release notes.
> - To have a quick comparison of key features between the 6.1.0 LTS and 6.5.0 LTS versions, you can check the `v6.1` and `v6.5` columns in TiDB features.

- The index acceleration feature becomes generally available (GA), which improves the performance of adding indexes by about 10 times compared with v6.1.0.
- The TiDB global memory control becomes GA, and you can control the memory consumption threshold via `tidb_server_memory_limit`.
- The high-performance and globally monotonic `AUTO_INCREMENT` column attribute becomes GA, which is compatible with MySQL.

- `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` is now compatible with TiCDC and PITR and becomes GA.
- Enhance TiDB optimizer by making the more accurate Cost Model version 2 generally available and supporting expressions connected by `AND` for INDEX MERGE.
- Support pushing down the `JSON_EXTRACT()` function to TiFlash.
- Support password management policies that meet password compliance auditing requirements.
- TiDB Lightning and Dumpling support importing and exporting compressed SQL and CSV files.
- TiDB Data Migration (DM) continuous data validation becomes GA.
- TiDB Backup & Restore supports snapshot checkpoint backup, improves the recovery performance of PITR by 50%, and reduces the RPO in common scenarios to as short as 5 minutes.
- Improve the TiCDC throughput of replicating data to Kafka from 4000 rows/s to 35000 rows/s, and reduce the replication latency to 2s.
- Provide row-level Time to live (TTL) to manage data lifecycle (experimental).
- TiCDC supports replicating changed logs to object storage such as Amazon S3, Azure Blob Storage, and NFS (experimental).

16.20.13.1 New features

16.20.13.1.1 SQL

- The performance of TiDB adding indexes is improved by about 10 times (GA) #35983 @benjamin2037 @tangenta

  TiDB v6.3.0 introduces the Add index acceleration as an experimental feature to improve the speed of backfilling when creating an index. In v6.5.0, this feature becomes GA and is enabled by default, and the performance on large tables is expected to be about 10 times faster than that in v6.1.0. The acceleration feature is suitable for scenarios where a single SQL statement adds an index serially. When multiple SQL statements add indexes in parallel, only one of the SQL statements will be accelerated.

- Provide lightweight metadata lock to improve the DML success rate during DDL change (GA) #37275 @wjhuang2016

  TiDB v6.3.0 introduces Metadata lock as an experimental feature. To avoid the `Information schema is changed` error caused by DML statements, TiDB coordinates the priority of DMLs and DDLs during table metadata change, and makes the ongoing DDLs wait for the DMLs with old metadata to commit. In v6.5.0, this feature becomes GA and is enabled by default. It is suitable for various types of DDLs change scenarios. When you upgrade your existing cluster from versions earlier than v6.5.0 to v6.5.0 or later, TiDB automatically enables metadata lock. To disable this feature, you can set the system variable `tidb_enable_metadata_lock` to `OFF`.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support restoring a cluster to a specific point in time by using `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` (GA) #37197 #13303 @Defined2014 @bb7133 @JmPotato @Connor1996 @HuSharp @CalvinNeo

  Since v6.4.0, TiDB has introduced the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` statement as an experimental feature. You can use this statement to restore a cluster to a specific point in time within the Garbage Collection (GC) life time. In v6.5.0, this feature is now compatible with TiCDC and PITR and becomes GA. This feature helps you to easily undo DML misoperations, restore the original cluster in minutes, and roll back data at different time points to determine the exact time when data changes.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Fully support non-transactional DML statements including `INSERT`, `REPLACE`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE` #33485 @ekexium

  In the scenarios of large data processing, a single SQL statement with a large transaction might have a negative impact on the cluster stability and performance. A non-transactional DML statement is a DML statement split into multiple SQL statements for internal execution. The split statements compromise transaction atomicity and isolation but greatly improve the cluster stability. TiDB has supported non-transactional `DELETE` statements since v6.1.0, and non-transactional `INSERT`, `REPLACE`, and `UPDATE` statements since v6.5.0.

  For more information, see Non-Transactional DML statements and `BATCH` syntax.

- Support time to live (TTL) (experimental) #39262 @lcwangchao

  TTL provides row-level data lifetime management. In TiDB, a table with the TTL attribute automatically checks data lifetime and deletes expired data at the row level. TTL is designed to help you clean up unnecessary data periodically and in a timely manner without affecting the online read and write workloads.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support saving TiFlash query results using the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement (experimental) #37515 @gengliqi

  Starting from v6.5.0, TiDB supports pushing down the `SELECT` clause (analytical query) of the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement to TiFlash. In this way, you can easily save the TiFlash query result to a TiDB table specified by `INSERT INTO` for further analysis, which takes effect as result caching (that is, result materialization). For example:

  ```
  INSERT INTO t2 SELECT Mod(x,y) FROM t1;
  ```

  During the experimental phase, this feature is disabled by default. To enable it, you can set the `tidb_enable_tiflash_read_for_write_stmt` system variable to `ON`. There are no special restrictions on the result table specified by `INSERT INTO` for this feature, and you are free to add or not add a TiFlash replica to that result table. Typical usage scenarios of this feature include:

- Run complex analytical queries using TiFlash
- Reuse TiFlash query results or deal with highly concurrent online requests
- Need a relatively small result set compared with the input data size, preferably smaller than 100 MiB.

For more information, see documentation.

- Support binding history execution plans (experimental) #39199 @fzzf678

  For a SQL statement, due to various factors during execution, the optimizer might occasionally choose a new execution plan instead of its previous optimal execution plan, and the SQL performance is impacted. In this case, if the optimal execution plan has not been cleared yet, it still exists in the SQL execution history.

  In v6.5.0, TiDB supports binding historical execution plans by extending the binding object in the `CREATE [GLOBAL | SESSION] BINDING` statement. When the execution plan of a SQL statement changes, you can bind the original execution plan by specifying `plan_digest` in the `CREATE [GLOBAL | SESSION] BINDING` statement to quickly recover SQL performance, as long as the original execution plan is still in the SQL execution history memory table (for example, `statements_summary`). This feature can simplify the process of handling execution plan change issues and improve your maintenance efficiency.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.20.13.1.2 Security

- Support the password complexity policy #38928 @CbcWestwolf

  After this policy is enabled, when you set a password, TiDB checks the password length, whether uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters in the password are sufficient, whether the password matches the dictionary, and whether the password matches the username. This ensures that you set a secure password.

  TiDB provides the SQL function `VALIDATE_PASSWORD_STRENGTH()` to validate the password strength.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support the password expiration policy #38936 @CbcWestwolf

  TiDB supports configuring the password expiration policy, including manual expiration, global-level automatic expiration, and account-level automatic expiration. After this policy is enabled, you must change your passwords periodically. This reduces the risk of password leakage due to long-term use and improves password security.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support the password reuse policy #38937 @keeplearning20221

  TiDB supports configuring the password reuse policy, including global-level password reuse policy and account-level password reuse policy. After this policy is enabled, you cannot use the passwords that you have used within a specified period or the most recent several passwords that you have used. This reduces the risk of password leakage due to repeated use of passwords and improves password security.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support failed-login tracking and temporary account locking policy #38938 @lastincisor

  After this policy is enabled, if you log in to TiDB with incorrect passwords multiple times consecutively, the account is temporarily locked. After the lock time ends, the account is automatically unlocked.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.20.13.1.3 Observability

- TiDB Dashboard can be deployed on Kubernetes as an independent Pod #1447 @SabaPing

  TiDB v6.5.0 (and later) and TiDB Operator v1.4.0 (and later) support deploying TiDB Dashboard as an independent Pod on Kubernetes. Using TiDB Operator, you can access the IP address of this Pod to start TiDB Dashboard.

  Independently deploying TiDB Dashboard provides the following benefits:

  - The compute work of TiDB Dashboard does not pose pressure on PD nodes. This ensures more stable cluster operation.
  - The user can still access TiDB Dashboard for diagnosis even if the PD node is unavailable.
  - Accessing TiDB Dashboard on the internet does not involve the privileged interfaces of PD. Therefore, the security risk of the cluster is reduced.

For more information, see documentation.

- Performance Overview dashboard adds TiFlash and CDC (Change Data Capture) panels #39230 @dbsid

  Since v6.1.0, TiDB has introduced the Performance Overview dashboard in Grafana, which provides a system-level entry for overall performance diagnosis of TiDB, TiKV, and PD. In v6.5.0, the Performance Overview dashboard adds TiFlash and CDC panels. With these panels, starting from v6.5.0, you can use the Performance Overview dashboard to analyze the performance of all components in a TiDB cluster.

  The TiFlash and CDC panels reorganize the TiFlash and TiCDC monitoring information, which can help you greatly improve the efficiency of analyzing and troubleshooting TiFlash and TiCDC performance issues.

- On the TiFlash panels, you can easily view the request types, latency analysis, and resource usage overview of your TiFlash cluster.
- On the CDC panels, you can easily view the health, replication latency, data flow, and downstream write latency of your TiCDC cluster.

For more information, see documentation.

16.20.13.1.4 Performance

- INDEX MERGE supports expressions connected by `AND` #39333 @guo-shaoge @time-and-fate @hailanwhu

  Before v6.5.0, TiDB only supported using index merge for the filter conditions connected by `OR`. Starting from v6.5.0, TiDB has supported using index merge for filter conditions connected by `AND` in the `WHERE` clause. In this way, the index merge of TiDB can now cover more general combinations of query filter conditions and is no longer limited to union (`OR`) relationship. The current v6.5.0 version only supports index merge under `OR` conditions as automatically selected by the optimizer. To enable index merge for `AND` conditions, you need to use the `USE_INDEX_MERGE` hint.

  For more details about index merge, see v5.4.0 Release Notes and Explain Index Merge.

- Support pushing down the following JSON functions to TiFlash #39458 @yibin87

  - `->`
  - `->>`
  - `JSON_EXTRACT()`

The JSON format provides a flexible way for application data modeling. Therefore, more and more applications are using the JSON format for data exchange and data storage. By pushing down JSON functions to TiFlash, you can improve the efficiency of analyzing data in the JSON type and use TiDB for more real-time analytics scenarios.

- Support pushing down the following string functions to TiFlash #6115 @xzhangxian1008

  - `regexp_like`
  - `regexp_instr`
  - `regexp_substr`

- Support the global optimizer hint to interfere with the execution plan generation in Views #37887 @Reminiscent

  In some view access scenarios, you need to use optimizer hints to interfere with the execution plan of a query in the view to achieve the optimal performance. Starting from v6.5.0, TiDB supports adding global hints to query blocks in views, making the hints defined in the query effective in the view. This feature provides a way to inject

hints into complex SQL statements that contain nested views, enhances the execution plan control, and stabilizes the performance of complex statements. To use global hints, you need to name the query blocks and specify hint references.

For more information, see documentation.

- Support pushing down sorting operations of partitioned tables to TiKV #26166 @winoros

  Although the partitioned table feature has been GA since v6.1.0, TiDB is continually improving its performance. In v6.5.0, TiDB supports pushing down sorting operations such as `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT` to TiKV for computation and filtering, which reduces network I/O overhead and improves SQL performance when you use partitioned tables.

- Optimizer introduces a more accurate Cost Model Version 2 (GA) #35240 @qw4990

  TiDB v6.2.0 introduces the Cost Model Version 2 as an experimental feature. This model uses a more accurate cost estimation method to help the optimizer choose the optimal execution plan. Especially when TiFlash is deployed, Cost Model Version 2 automatically helps choose the appropriate storage engine and avoids much manual intervention. After real-scene testing for a period of time, this model becomes GA in v6.5.0. Starting from v6.5.0, newly created clusters use Cost Model Version 2 by default. For clusters upgrade to v6.5.0, because Cost Model Version 2 might cause changes to query plans, you can set the `tidb_cost_model_version = 2` variable to use the new cost model after sufficient performance testing.

  Cost Model Version 2 becomes a generally available feature that significantly improves the overall capability of the TiDB optimizer and helps TiDB evolve towards a more powerful HTAP database.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiFlash optimizes the operations of getting the number of table rows #37165 @elsa0520

  In the scenarios of data analysis, It is a common operation to get the actual number of rows of a table through `COUNT(*)` without filter conditions. In v6.5.0, TiFlash optimizes the rewriting of `COUNT(*)` and automatically selects the not-null columns with the shortest column definition to count the number of rows, which can effectively reduce the number of I/O operations in TiFlash and improve the execution efficiency of getting row counts.

16.20.13.1.5 Stability

- The global memory control feature is now GA #37816 @wshwsh12

  Since v6.4.0, TiDB has introduced global memory control as an experimental feature. In v6.5.0, it becomes GA and can track the main memory consumption. When the global memory consumption reaches the threshold defined by `tidb_server_memory_limit`, TiDB tries to limit the memory usage by GC or canceling SQL operations, to ensure stability.

Note that the memory consumed by the transaction in a session (the maximum value was previously set by the configuration item `txn-total-size-limit`) is now tracked by the memory management module: when the memory consumption of a single session reaches the threshold defined by the system variable `tidb_mem_quota_query`, the behavior defined by the system variable `tidb_mem_oom_action` will be triggered (the default is `CANCEL`, that is, canceling operations). To ensure forward compatibility, when `txn-total-size-limit` is configured as a non-default value, TiDB will still ensure that transactions can use the memory set by `txn-total-size-limit`.

If you are using TiDB v6.5.0 or later, it is recommended to remove `txn-total-size-limit` and not to set a separate limit on the memory usage of transactions. Instead, use the system variables `tidb_mem_quota_query` and `tidb_server_memory_limit` to manage global memory, which can improve the efficiency of memory usage.

For more information, see documentation.

16.20.13.1.6 Ease of use

- Refine the execution information of the TiFlash `TableFullScan` operator in the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` output #5926 @hongyunyan

  The `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement is used to print execution plans and runtime statistics. In v6.5.0, TiFlash has refined the execution information of the `TableFullScan` operator by adding the DMFile-related execution information. Now the TiFlash data scan status information is presented more intuitively, which helps you analyze TiFlash performance more easily.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Support the output of execution plans in the JSON format #39261 @fzzf678

  In v6.5.0, TiDB extends the output format of execution plans. By specifying `FORMAT = "tidb_json"` in the `EXPLAIN` statement, you can output SQL execution plans in the JSON format. With this capability, SQL debugging tools and diagnostic tools can read execution plans more conveniently and accurately, thus improving the ease of use of SQL diagnosis and tuning.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.20.13.1.7 MySQL compatibility

- Support a high-performance and globally monotonic `AUTO_INCREMENT` column attribute (GA) #38442 @tiancaiamao

  Since v6.4.0, TiDB has introduced the `AUTO_INCREMENT` MySQL compatibility mode as an experimental feature. This mode introduces a centralized auto-increment ID allocating service that ensures IDs monotonically increase on all TiDB instances. This feature makes it easier to sort query results by auto-increment IDs. In v6.5.0, this

feature becomes GA. The insert TPS of a table using this feature is expected to exceed 20,000, and this feature supports elastic scaling to improve the write throughput of a single table and entire clusters. To use the MySQL compatibility mode, you need to set `AUTO_ID_CACHE` to `1` when creating a table. The following is an example:

```
CREATE TABLE t(a int AUTO_INCREMENT key) AUTO_ID_CACHE 1;
```

For more information, see documentation.

16.20.13.1.8 Data migration

- Support exporting and importing SQL and CSV files in gzip, snappy, and zstd compression formats #38514 @lichunzhu

  Dumpling supports exporting data to compressed SQL and CSV files in these compression formats: gzip, snappy, and zstd. TiDB Lightning also supports importing compressed files in these formats.

  Previously, you had to provide large storage space for exporting or importing data to store CSV and SQL files, resulting in high storage costs. With the release of this feature, you can greatly reduce your storage costs by compressing the data files.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Optimize binlog parsing capability #924 @gmhdbjd

  TiDB can filter out binlog events of the schemas and tables that are not in the migration task, thus improving the parsing efficiency and stability. This policy takes effect by default in v6.5.0. No additional configuration is required.

  Previously, even if only a few tables were migrated, the entire binlog file upstream had to be parsed. The binlog events of the tables in the binlog file that did not need to be migrated still had to be parsed, which was not efficient. Meanwhile, if these binlog events do not support parsing, the task will fail. By only parsing the binlog events of the tables in the migration task, the binlog parsing efficiency can be greatly improved and the task stability can be enhanced.

- Disk quota in TiDB Lightning is GA #446 @buchuitoudegou

  You can configure disk quota for TiDB Lightning. When there is not enough disk quota, TiDB Lightning stops reading source data and writing temporary files. Instead, it writes the sorted key-values to TiKV first, and then continues the import process after TiDB Lightning deletes the local temporary files.

  Previously, when TiDB Lightning imported data using physical mode, it would create a large number of temporary files on the local disk for encoding, sorting, and splitting the raw data. When your local disk ran out of space, TiDB Lightning would exit with an error due to failing to write to the file. With this feature, TiDB Lightning tasks can avoid overwriting the local disk.

  For more information, see documentation.

- Continuous data validation in DM is GA #4426 @D3Hunter

  In the process of migrating incremental data from upstream to downstream databases, there is a small probability that data flow might cause errors or data loss. In scenarios where strong data consistency is required, such as credit and securities businesses, you can perform a full volume checksum on the data after migration to ensure data consistency. However, in some incremental replication scenarios, upstream and downstream writes are continuous and uninterrupted because the upstream and downstream data is constantly changing, making it difficult to perform consistency checks on all data.

  Previously, you needed to interrupt the business to validate the full data, which would affect your business. Now, with this feature, you can perform incremental data validation without interrupting the business.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.20.13.1.9 TiDB data share subscription

- TiCDC supports replicating changed logs to storage sinks (experimental) #6797 @zhaoxinyu

  TiCDC supports replicating changed logs to Amazon S3, Azure Blob Storage, NFS, and other S3-compatible storage services. Cloud storage is reasonably priced and easy to use. If you are not using Kafka, you can use storage sinks. TiCDC saves the changed logs to a file and then sends it to the storage system. From the storage system, the consumer program reads the newly generated changed log files periodically.

  The storage sink supports changed logs in the canal-json and CSV formats. For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC supports bidirectional replication between two clusters #38587 @xiongjiwei @asddongmen

  TiCDC supports bidirectional replication between two TiDB clusters. If you need to build geo-distributed and multiple active data centers for your application, you can use this feature as a solution. By configuring the `bdr-mode = true` parameter for the TiCDC changefeeds from one TiDB cluster to another TiDB cluster, you can achieve bidirectional data replication between the two TiDB clusters.

  For more information, see documentation.

- TiCDC supports updating TLS online #7908 @CharlesCheung96

  To keep security of the database system, you need to set an expiration policy for the certificate used by the system. After the expiration period, the system needs a new certificate. TiCDC v6.5.0 supports online updates of TLS certificates. Without interrupting the replication tasks, TiCDC can automatically detect and update the certificate, without the need for manual intervention.

- TiCDC performance improves significantly #7540 #7478 #7532 @sdojjy @3AceShowHand

  In a test scenario of the TiDB cluster, the performance of TiCDC has improved significantly. Specifically, in the scenario of replicating data to Kafka, the maximum row changes that a single TiCDC can process reaches 30K rows/s, and the replication latency is reduced to 10s. Even during TiKV and TiCDC rolling upgrade, the replication latency is less than 30s.

  In a disaster recovery (DR) scenario, if TiCDC redo log and Syncpoint are enabled, the TiCDC throughput can be improved from 4000 rows/s to 35000 rows/s, and the replication latency can be limited to 2s.

16.20.13.1.10 Backup and restore

- TiDB Backup & Restore supports snapshot checkpoint backup #38647 @Leavrth

  TiDB snapshot backup supports resuming backup from a checkpoint. When Backup & Restore (BR) encounters a recoverable error, it retries backup. However, BR exits if the retry fails for several times. The checkpoint backup feature allows for longer recoverable failures to be retried, for example, a network failure of tens of minutes.

  Note that if you do not recover the system from a failure within one hour after BR exits, the snapshot data to be backed up might be recycled by the GC mechanism, causing the backup to fail. For more information, see documentation.

- PITR performance improved remarkably @joccau

  In the log restore stage, the restore speed of one TiKV can reach 9 MiB/s, which is 50% faster than before. The restore speed is scalable and the RTO in DR scenarios is reduced greatly. The RPO in DR scenarios can be as short as 5 minutes. In normal cluster operation and maintenance (OM), for example, a rolling upgrade is performed or only one TiKV is down, the RPO can be 5 minutes.

- TiKV-BR GA: Supports backing up and restoring RawKV #67 @pingyu @haojinming

  TiKV-BR is a backup and restore tool used in TiKV clusters. TiKV and PD can constitute a KV database when used without TiDB, which is called RawKV. TiKV-BR supports data backup and restore for products that use RawKV. TiKV-BR can also upgrade the `api-version` from `API V1` to `API V2` for TiKV cluster.

  For more information, see documentation.

16.20.13.2 Compatibility changes

16.20.13.2.1 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_enable_amend_pessimistic_txn`	Deprecated	Starting from v6.5.0, this variable is deprecated, and TiDB uses the Metadata Lock feature by default to avoid the `Information schema is changed` error.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_outer_join_reorder	Modified	Changes the default value from OFF to ON after further tests, meaning that the support of Outer Join for the Join Reorder algorithm is enabled by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_cost_model_version`	Modified	Changes the default value from `1` to `2` after further tests, meaning that Cost Model Version 2 is used for index selection and operator selection by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_gc_aware_memory_track	Modified	Changes the default value from ON to OFF. Because the GC-aware memory track is found inaccurate in tests and causes too large analyzed memory size tracked, the memory track is disabled. In addition, in Golang 1.19, the memory tracked by the GC-aware

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ metadata ↪ _ ↪ lock	Modified	Changes the default value from `OFF` to `ON` after further tests, meaning that the metadata lock feature is enabled by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ tiflash ↪ _ ↪ read ↪ _for ↪ _ ↪ write ↪ _ ↪ stmt	Modified	Takes effect starting from v6.5.0. It controls whether read operations in SQL statements containing `INSERT` ↪ , `DELETE` ↪ , and `UPDATE` can be pushed down to TiFlash. The default value is `OFF`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ddl_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ fast ↪ _ ↪ reorg ↪	Modified	Changes the default value from OFF to ON after further tests, meaning that the acceleration of ADD ↪ INDEX ↪ and CREATE ↪ ↪ INDEX ↪ is enabled by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ mem_ ↪ quota ↪ _ ↪ query ↪	Modified	For versions earlier than TiDB v6.5.0, this variable is used to set the threshold value of memory quota for a query. For TiDB v6.5.0 and later versions, to control the memory of DML statements more accurately, this variable is used to set the threshold value

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_replica_read	Modified	Starting from v6.5.0, to optimize load balancing across TiDB nodes, when this variable is set to`closest-adaptive` and the estimated result of a read request is greater than or equal to tidb_adaptive_closest_read_threshold, the number of TiDB nodes

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_server_memory_limit`	Modified	Changes the default value from `0` to `80%`. As the TiDB global memory control becomes GA, this default value change enables the memory control by default and sets the memory limit for a TiDB instance to 80% of the total memory by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`default_password_lifetime`	Newly added	Sets the global policy for automatic password expiration to require users to change passwords periodically. The default value `0` indicates that passwords never expire.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`disconnect_on_expired_password`	Newly added	Indicates whether TiDB disconnects the client connection when the password is expired. This variable is read-only.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ store ↪ _ ↪ batch ↪ _ ↪ size	Newly added	This variable is disabled by default, and the feature controlled by it is not stable yet. It is not recommended to modify this variable in production environments.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`password_history`	Newly added	This variable is used to establish a password reuse policy that allows TiDB to limit password reuse based on the number of password changes. The default value `0` means disabling the password reuse policy based on the number of password changes.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`password_reuse_interval`	Newly added	This variable is used to establish a password reuse policy that allows TiDB to limit password reuse based on time elapsed. The default value `0` means disabling the password reuse policy based on time elapsed.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ auto ↪ _ ↪ build ↪ _ ↪ stats ↪ _ ↪ concurrency ↪	Newly added	This variable is used to set the concurrency of executing the automatic update of statistics. The default value is 1.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_cdc_write_source`	Newly added	When this variable is set to a value other than 0, data written in this session is considered to be written by TiCDC. This variable can only be modified by TiCDC. Do not manually modify this variable in any case.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ replayer ↪ _ ↪ capture ↪	Newly added	The feature controlled by this variable is not fully functional in TiDB v6.5.0. Do not change the default value.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_index_merge_intersection_concurrency	Newly added	Sets the maximum concurrency for the intersection operations that index merge performs. It is effective only when TiDB accesses partitioned tables in the dynamic pruning mode.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ source ↪ _id	Newly added	This variable is used to configure the different cluster IDs in a bi-directional replication cluster.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_sysproc_scan_concurrency`	Newly added	This variable is used to set the concurrency of scan operations performed when TiDB executes internal SQL statements (such as an automatic update of statistics). The default value is `1`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ttl_ ↪ delete ↪ _ ↪ batch ↪ _ ↪ size	Newly added	This variable is used to set the maximum number of rows that can be deleted in a single `DELETE` transaction in a TTL job.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ttl_ ↪ delete ↪ _ ↪ rate ↪ _ ↪ limit ↪	Newly added	This variable is used to limit the maximum number of DELETE statements allowed per second in a single node in a TTL job. When this variable is set to 0, no limit is applied.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ttl_ ↪ delete ↪ _ ↪ worker ↪ _ ↪ count ↪	Newly added	This variable is used to set the maximum concurrency of TTL jobs on each TiDB node.
tidb_ ↪ ttl_ ↪ job_ ↪ enable ↪	Newly added	This variable is used to control whether to enable TTL jobs. If it is set to `OFF`, all tables with TTL attributes automatically stop cleaning up expired data.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_` ↪ `ttl_` ↪ `job_` ↪ `run_` ↪ `interval` ↪	Newly added	This variable is used to control the scheduling interval of the TTL job in the background. For example, if the current value is set to `1h0m0s` ↪ , each table with TTL attributes will clean up expired data once every hour.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ttl_ ↪ job_ ↪ schedule ↪ _ ↪ window ↪ _ ↪ start ↪ _ ↪ time	Newly added	This variable is used to control the start time of the scheduling window of the TTL job in the background. When you modify the value of this variable, be cautious that a small window might cause the cleanup of expired data to fail.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ttl_ ↪ job_ ↪ schedule ↪ _ ↪ window ↪ _end ↪ _ ↪ time	Newly added	This variable is used to control the end time of the scheduling window of the TTL job in the background. When you modify the value of this variable, be cautious that a small window might cause the cleanup of expired data to fail.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ttl_ ↪ scan ↪ _ ↪ batch ↪ _ ↪ size	Newly added	This variable is used to set the `LIMIT` value of each `SELECT` statement used to scan expired data in a TTL job.
tidb_ ↪ ttl_ ↪ scan ↪ _ ↪ worker ↪ _ ↪ count ↪	Newly added	This variable is used to set the maximum concurrency of TTL scan jobs on each TiDB node.

Variable name	Change type	Description
validate ↪ _ ↪ password ↪ . ↪ check ↪ _ ↪ user ↪ _ ↪ name	Newly added	A check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password matches the username. This variable takes effect only when validate ↪ _ ↪ password ↪ . ↪ enable ↪ is enabled. The default value is ON.

Variable name	Change type	Description
validate_password.dictionary	Newly added	A check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password matches any word in the dictionary. This variable takes effect only when validate_password.enable is enabled and validate_password.policy is set to 2 (STRONG). The

Variable name	Change type	Description
`validate_password.enable`	Newly added	This variable controls whether to perform password complexity check. If this variable is set to `ON`, TiDB performs the password complexity check when you set a password. The default value is `OFF`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`validate_password.length`	Newly added	A check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password length is sufficient. By default, the minimum password length is 8. This variable takes effect only when `validate_password.enable` is enabled.

Variable name	Change type	Description
validate_password.mixed_case_count	Newly added	A check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password contains sufficient uppercase and lowercase letters. This variable takes effect only when validate_password.enable is enabled and validate_password.policy is

Variable name	Change type	Description
validate_password.number_count	Newly added	A check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password contains sufficient numbers. This variable takes effect only when validate_password.enable is enabled and validate_password.policy is set to 1 (MEDIUM) or

Variable name	Change type	Description
validate_password.policy	Newly added	This variable controls the policy for the password complexity check. The value can be 0, 1, or 2 (corresponds to LOW, MEDIUM, or STRONG). This variable takes effect only when validate_password.enable is enabled. The default value is 1.

Variable name	Change type	Description
validate_password.special_char_count	Newly added	A check item in the password complexity check. It checks whether the password contains sufficient special characters. This variable takes effect only when validate_password.enable is enabled and validate_password.policy is set to 1 (MEDIUM)

Variable name	Change type	Description

16.20.13.2.2 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	server- ↪ memory ↪ - ↪ quota ↪	Deprecated	Starting from v6.5.0, this configuration item is deprecated. Instead, use the system variable tidb_ ↪ server ↪ _ ↪ memory ↪ _ ↪ limit ↪ to manage memory globally.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	disconnect ↪ -on- ↪ expired ↪ - ↪ password ↪	Newly added	Determines whether TiDB disconnects the client connection when the password is expired. The default value is `true`, which means the client connection is disconnected when the password is expired.
TiKV	raw-min ↪ -ts- ↪ outlier ↪ - ↪ threshold ↪	Deleted	This configuration item was deprecated in v6.4.0 and deleted in v6.5.0.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raft-engine.bytes-per-sync`	Deprecated	Starting from v6.5.0, Raft Engine writes logs to disk directly without buffering. Therefore, this configuration item is deprecated and no longer functional.
TiKV	`cdc.min-ts-interval`	Modified	To reduce CDC latency, the default value is changed from `"1s"` to `"200ms"`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	`memory-` ↪ `use-` ↪ `ratio` ↪	Newly added	Indicates the ratio of available memory to total system memory in PITR log recovery.
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `terminator` ↪	Newly added	Indicates the row terminator, which is used for separating two data change events. The value is empty by default, which means `\r\n` is used.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `date` ↪ `-` ↪ `separator` ↪	Newly added	Indicates the date separator type of the file directory. Value options are `none`, `year`, `month`, and `day`. `none` is the default value and means that the date is not separated.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `partition` ↪ `-` ↪ `separator` ↪	Newly added	Specifies whether to use partitions as the separation string. The default value is `false`, which means that partitions in a table are not stored in separate directories.
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `csv.` ↪ `delimiter` ↪	Newly added	Indicates the delimiter between fields. The value must be an ASCII character and defaults to `,`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `csv.` ↪ `quote` ↪	Newly added	The quotation that surrounds the fields. The default value is `"`. When the value is empty, no quotation is used.
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `csv.` ↪ `null`	Newly added	Specifies the character displayed when the CSV column is null. The default value is `\N`.
TiCDC	`sink.` ↪ `csv.` ↪ `include` ↪ `-` ↪ `commit` ↪ `-ts`	Newly added	Specifies whether to include commit-ts in CSV rows. The default value is `false`.

16.20.13.2.3 Others

- Starting from v6.5.0, the `mysql.user` table adds two new columns: `Password_reuse_history` and `Password_reuse_time`.
- Starting from v6.5.0, the index acceleration feature is enabled by default. This feature is not fully compatible with altering multiple columns or indexes in a single `ALTER TABLE` statement. When adding a unique index with the index acceleration, you need to avoid altering other columns or indexes in the same statement. This feature is incompatible with PITR (Point-in-time recovery) either. When using the index acceleration feature, you need to make sure that no PITR backup task is running in the background; otherwise, unexpected results might occur. For more information, see documentation.

16.20.13.3 Deprecated feature

Starting from v6.5.0, the `AMEND TRANSACTION` mechanism introduced in v4.0.7 is deprecated and replaced by Metadata Lock.

16.20.13.4 Improvements

- TiDB
  - For `BIT` and `CHAR` columns, make the result of `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS` consistent with MySQL #25472 @hawkingrei
  - Optimize the TiDB probing mechanism for TiFlash nodes in the TiFlash MPP mode to mitigate the performance impact when nodes are abnormal #39686 @hackersean
- TiKV
  - Stop writing to Raft Engine when there is insufficient space to avoid exhausting disk space #13642 @jiayang-zheng
  - Support pushing down the `json_valid` function to TiKV #13571 @lizhenhuan
  - Support backing up multiple ranges of data in a single backup request #13701 @Leavrth
  - Support backing up data to the Asia Pacific region (ap-southeast-3) of AWS by updating the rusoto library #13751 @3pointer
  - Reduce pessimistic transaction conflicts #13298 @MyonKeminta
  - Improve recovery performance by caching external storage objects #13798 @YuJuncen
  - Run the CheckLeader in a dedicated thread to reduce TiCDC replication latency #13774 @overvenus
  - Support pull model for Checkpoints #13824 @YuJuncen
  - Avoid spinning issues on the sender side by updating crossbeam-channel #13815 @sticnarf

- Support batch Coprocessor tasks processing in TiKV #13849 @cfzjywxk
- Reduce waiting time on failure recovery by notifying TiKV to wake up Regions #13648 @LykxSassinator
- Reduce the requested size of memory usage by code optimization #13827 @BusyJay
- Introduce the Raft extension to improve code extensibility #13827 @BusyJay
- Support using tikv-ctl to query which Regions are included in a certain key range #13760 @HuSharp
- Improve read and write performance for rows that are not updated but locked continuously #13694 @sticnarf

- PD

  - Optimize the granularity of locks to reduce lock contention and improve the handling capability of heartbeats under high concurrency #5586 @rleungx
  - Optimize scheduler performance for large-scale clusters and accelerate the production of scheduling policies #5473 @bufferflies
  - Improve the speed of loading Regions #5606 @rleungx
  - Reduce unnecessary overhead by optimized handling of Region heartbeats #5648 @rleungx
  - Add the feature of automatically garbage collecting tombstone stores #5348 @nolouch

- TiFlash

  - Improve write performance in scenarios where there is no batch processing on the SQL side #6404 @lidezhu
  - Add more details for TableFullScan in the `explain analyze` output #5926 @hongyunyan

- Tools

  - TiDB Dashboard

    - Add three new fields to the slow query page: “Is Prepared?”, “Is Plan from Cache?”, “Is Plan from Binding?” #1451 @shhdgit

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Optimize BR memory usage during the process of cleaning backup log data #38869 @Leavrth
    - Fix the restoration failure issue caused by PD leader switch during the restoration process #36910 @MoCuishle28
    - Improve TLS compatibility by using the OpenSSL protocol in log backup #13867 @YuJuncen

  - TiCDC

    - Improve the performance of Kafka protocol encoder #7540 #7532 #7543 @3AceShowHand @sdojjy
- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
    - Improve the data replication performance for DM by not parsing the data of tables in the block list #7622 @GMHDBJD
    - Improve the write efficiency of DM relay by using asynchronous write and batch write #7580 @GMHDBJD
    - Optimize the error messages in DM precheck #7621 @buchuitoudegou
    - Improve the compatibility of `SHOW SLAVE HOSTS` for old MySQL versions #5017 @lyzx2001

16.20.13.5 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue of memory chunk misuse for the chunk reuse feature that occurs in some cases #38917 @keeplearning20221
    - Fix the issue that the internal sessions of `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic` might be affected by the global setting #38766 @ekexium
    - Fix the issue that the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column cannot work with the `CHECK` constraint #38894 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that using `INSERT IGNORE INTO` to insert data of the `STRING` type into an auto-increment column of the `SMALLINT` type will cause an error #38483 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that the null pointer error occurs in the operation of renaming the partition column of a partitioned table #38932 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that modifying the partition column of a partitioned table causes DDL to hang #38530 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that the `ADMIN SHOW JOB` operation panics after upgrading from v4.0.16 to v6.4.0 #38980 @tangenta
    - Fix the issue that the `tidb_decode_key` function fails to correctly parse the encoding of partitioned tables #39304 @Defined2014
    - Fix the issue that gRPC error logs are not redirected to the correct log file during log rotation #38941 @xhebox
    - Fix the issue that TiDB generates an unexpected execution plan for the `BEGIN; SELECT... FOR UPDATE;` point query when TiKV is not configured as a read engine #39344 @Yisaer
    - Fix the issue that mistakenly pushing down `StreamAgg` to TiFlash causes wrong results #39266 @fixdb
- TiKV
    - Fix an error in Raft Engine ctl #11119 @tabokie

- Fix the `Get raft db is not allowed` error when executing the `compact raft` command in tikv-ctl #13515 @guoxiangCN
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- Fix the support issue of the Geometry field type #13651 @dveeden
- Fix the issue that `_` in the `LIKE` operator cannot match non-ASCII characters when new collation is not enabled #13769 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that tikv-ctl is terminated unexpectedly when executing the `reset -to-version` command #13829 @tabokie

- PD
  - Fix the issue that the `balance-hot-region-scheduler` configuration is not persisted if not modified #5701 @HunDunDM
  - Fix the issue that `rank-formula-version` does not retain the pre-upgrade configuration during the upgrade process #5698 @HunDunDM

- TiFlash
  - Fix the issue that column files in the delta layer cannot be compacted after restarting TiFlash #6159 @lidezhu
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash File Open OPS is too high #6345 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that when BR deletes log backup data, it mistakenly deletes data that should not be deleted #38939 @Leavrth
    - Fix the issue that restore tasks fail when using old framework for collations in databases or tables #39150 @MoCuishle28
    - Fix the issue that backup fails because Alibaba Cloud and Huawei Cloud are not fully compatible with Amazon S3 storage #39545 @3pointer
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC gets stuck when the PD leader crashes #7470 @zeminzhou
    - Fix data loss occurred in the scenario of executing DDL statements first and then pausing and resuming the changefeed #7682 @asddongmen
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC mistakenly reports an error when there is a later version of TiFlash #7744 @overvenus
    - Fix the issue that the sink component gets stuck if the downstream network is unavailable #7706 @hicqu
    - Fix the issue that data is lost when a user quickly deletes a replication task and then creates another one with the same task name #7657 @overvenus
  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

- Fix the issue that a `task-mode:all` task cannot be started when the upstream database enables the GTID mode but does not have any data #7037 @liumengya94
- Fix the issue that data is replicated for multiple times when a new DM worker is scheduled before the existing worker exits #7658 @GMHDBJD
- Fix the issue that DM precheck is not passed when the upstream database uses regular expressions to grant privileges #7645 @lance6716

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the memory leakage issue when TiDB Lightning imports a huge source data file #39331 @dsdashun
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning cannot detect conflicts correctly when importing data in parallel #39476 @dsdashun

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16.21.1 TiDB 6.4.0 Release Notes

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> **Note:**
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> The TiDB 6.4.0-DMR documentation has been archived. PingCAP encourages you to use the latest LTS version of the TiDB database.

Quick access: Quick start

In v6.4.0-DMR, the key new features and improvements are as follows:

- Support restoring a cluster to a specific point in time by using `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` (experimental).
- Support tracking the global memory usage of TiDB instances (experimental).
- Be compatible with the Linear Hash partitioning syntax.
- Support a high-performance and globally monotonic `AUTO_INCREMENT` (experimental).
- Support range selection of array data in the JSON type.
- Accelerate fault recovery in extreme situations such as disk failures and stuck I/O.
- Add the dynamic planning algorithm to determine table join order.
- Introduce a new optimizer hint `NO_DECORRELATE` to control whether to perform decorrelation for correlated subqueries.
- The cluster diagnostics feature becomes GA.
- TiFlash supports the SM4 algorithm for encryption at rest.
- Support using a SQL statement to compact TiFlash replicas of specified partitions in a table immediately.
- Support backing up a TiDB cluster using EBS volume snapshots.
- DM supports writing upstream data source information to the extended columns of the downstream merged table.

16.21.1.1 New features

16.21.1.1.1 SQL

- Support using a SQL statement to compact TiFlash replicas of specified partitions in a table immediately #5315 @hehechen

  Since v6.2.0, TiDB has supported the feature of compacting physical data immediately on a full-table replica of TiFlash. You can choose the right time to manually execute SQL statements to immediately compact the physical data in TiFlash, which helps to reduce storage space and improve query performance. In v6.4.0, we refine the granularity of TiFlash replica data to be compacted and support compacting TiFlash replicas of specified partitions in a table immediately.

  By executing the SQL statement `ALTER TABLE table_name COMPACT [PARTITION PartitionNameList] [engine_type REPLICA]`, you can immediately compact TiFlash replicas of specified partitions in a table.

  For more information, see User document.

- Support restoring a cluster to a specific point in time by using `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` (experimental) #37197 #13303 @Defined2014 @bb7133 @JmPotato @Connor1996 @HuSharp @CalvinNeo

  You can use the `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` syntax to restore a cluster to a specific point in time quickly within the Garbage Collection (GC) lifetime. This feature helps you to easily and quickly undo DML misoperations. For example, you can use this syntax to restore the original cluster in minutes after mistakenly executing `DELETE` without a `WHERE` clause. This feature does not rely on database backups and

supports rolling back data at different time points to determine the exact time when data changes. Note that `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP` cannot replace database backups.

Before executing `FLASHBACK CLUSTER TO TIMESTAMP`, you need to pause PITR and replication tasks running on such tools as TiCDC and restart them after the `FLASHBACK` is completed. Otherwise, replication tasks might fail.

For more information, see User document.

- Support restoring a deleted database by using `FLASHBACK DATABASE` #20463 @erwadba

  By using `FLASHBACK DATABASE`, you can restore a database and its data deleted by `DROP` within the garbage collection (GC) life time. This feature does not depend on any external tools. You can quickly restore data and metadata using SQL statements.

  For more information, see User document.

16.21.1.1.2 Security

- TiFlash supports the SM4 algorithm for encryption at rest #5953 @lidezhu

  Add the SM4 algorithm for TiFlash encryption at rest. When you configure encryption at rest, you can enable the SM4 encryption capacity by setting the value of the `data-encryption-method` configuration to `sm4-ctr` in the `tiflash-learner.toml` configuration file.

  For more information, see User document.

16.21.1.1.3 Observability

- Cluster diagnostics becomes GA #1438 @Hawkson-jee

  The cluster diagnostics feature in TiDB Dashboard diagnoses the problems that might exist in a cluster within a specified time range, and summarizes the diagnostic results and the cluster-related load monitoring information into a diagnostic report. This diagnostic report is in the form of a web page. You can browse the page offline and circulate this page link after saving the page from a browser.

  With the diagnostic reports, you can quickly understand the basic health information of the cluster, including the load, component status, time consumption, and configurations. If the cluster has some common problems, you can locate the causes in the result of the built-in automatic diagnosis in the diagnostic information section.

16.21.1.1.4 Performance

- Introduce the concurrency adaptive mechanism for coprocessor tasks #37724 @you06

  As the number of coprocessor tasks increases, based on TiKV's processing speed, TiDB automatically increases concurrency (adjust the value of `tidb_distsql_scan_concurrency`) to reduce the coprocessor task queue and thus reduce latency.

- Add the dynamic planning algorithm to determine table join order #37825 @winoros

  In earlier versions, TiDB uses the greedy algorithm to determine the join order of tables. In v6.4.0, the TiDB optimizer introduces the dynamic planning algorithm. The dynamic planning algorithm can enumerate more possible join orders than the greedy algorithm, so it increases the possibility to find a better execution plan and improves SQL execution efficiency in some scenarios.

  Because the dynamic programming algorithm consumes more time, the selection of the TiDB Join Reorder algorithms is controlled by the `tidb_opt_join_reorder_threshold` variable. If the number of nodes participating in Join Reorder is greater than this threshold, TiDB uses the greedy algorithm. Otherwise, TiDB uses the dynamic programming algorithm.

  For more information, see User document.

- The prefix index supports filtering null values. #21145 @xuyifangreeneyes

  This feature is an optimization for the prefix index. When a column in a table has a prefix index, the `IS NULL` or `IS NOT NULL` condition of the column in the SQL statement can be directly filtered by the prefix, which avoids table lookup in this case and improves the performance of the SQL execution.

  For more information, see User document.

- Enhance the TiDB chunk reuse mechanism #38606 @keeplearning20221

  In earlier versions, TiDB only reuses chunks in the `writechunk` function. TiDB v6.4.0 extends the chunk reuse mechanism to operators in Executor. By reusing chunks, TiDB does not need to frequently request memory release and SQL queries are executed more efficiently in some scenarios. You can use the system variable `tidb_enable_reuse_chunk` to control whether to reuse chunk objects, which is enabled by default.

  For more information, see User document.

- Introduce a new optimizer hint `NO_DECORRELATE` to control whether to perform decorrelation for correlated subqueries #37789 @time-and-fate

  By default, TiDB always tries to rewrite correlated subqueries to perform decorrelation, which usually improves execution efficiency. However, in some scenarios, decorrelation reduces the execution efficiency. In v6.4.0, TiDB introduces the optimizer hint `NO_DECORRELATE` to tell the optimizer not to perform decorrelation for specified query blocks to improve query performance in some scenarios.

  For more information, see User document.

- Improve the performance of statistics collection on partitioned tables #37977 @Yisaer

  In v6.4.0, TiDB optimizes the strategy of collecting statistics on partitioned tables. You can use the system variable `tidb_auto_analyze_partition_batch_size` to set the concurrency of collecting statistics on partitioned tables in parallel to speed up the collection and shorten the analysis time.

16.21.1.1.5 Stability

- Accelerate fault recovery in extreme situations such as disk failures and stuck I/O #13648 @LykxSassinator

  For enterprise users, database availability is one of the most important metrics. While in complex hardware environments, how to quickly detect and recover from failures has always been one of the challenges of database availability. In v6.4.0, TiDB fully optimizes the state detection mechanism of TiKV nodes. Even in extreme situations such as disk failures and stuck I/O, TiDB can still report node state quickly and use the active wake-up mechanism to launch Leader election in advance, which accelerates cluster self-healing. Through this optimization, TiDB can shorten the cluster recovery time by about 50% in the case of disk failures.

- Global control on TiDB memory usage #37816 @wshwsh12

  In v6.4.0, TiDB introduces global control of memory usage as an experimental feature that tracks the global memory usage of TiDB instances. You can use the system variable `tidb_server_memory_limit` to set the upper limit for the global memory usage. When the memory usage reaches the threshold, TiDB tries to reclaim and release more free memory. When the memory usage exceeds the threshold, TiDB identifies and cancels the SQL operation that has the highest memory usage to avoid system issues caused by excessive memory usage.

  When the memory consumption of TiDB instances has potential risks, TiDB will collect diagnostic information in advance and write it to the specified directory to facilitate the issue diagnosis. At the same time, TiDB provides system table views `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.MEMORY_USAGE` and `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.MEMORY_USAGE_OPS_HISTORY` that show the memory usage and operation history to help you better understand the memory usage.

  Global memory control is a milestone in TiDB memory management. It introduces a global view for instances and adopts systematic management for memory, which can greatly enhance database stability and service availability in more key scenarios.

  For more information, see User document.

- Control the memory usage of the range-building optimizer #37176 @xuyifangreeneyes

  In v6.4.0, the system variable `tidb_opt_range_max_size` is introduced to limit the maximum memory usage of the optimizer that builds ranges. When the memory usage exceeds the limit, the optimizer will build more coarse-grained ranges instead of more exact ranges to reduce memory consumption. If a SQL statement has many `IN` conditions, this optimization can significantly reduce the memory usage of compiling and ensure system stability.

  For more information, see User document.

- Support synchronously loading statistics (GA) #37434 @chrysan

TiDB v6.4.0 enables the synchronously loading statistics feature by default. This feature allows TiDB to synchronously load large-sized statistics (such as histograms, TopN, and Count-Min Sketch statistics) into memory when you execute SQL statements, which improves the completeness of statistics for SQL optimization.

For more information, see User document.

- Reduce the impact of batch write requests on the response time of lightweight transactional writes #13313 @glorv

  The business logic of some systems requires periodic batch DML tasks, but processing these batch write tasks increases the latency of online transactions. In v6.3.0, TiKV optimizes the scheduling of read requests in hybrid workload scenarios, so you can enable the `readpool.unified.auto-adjust-pool-size` configuration item to have TiKV automatically adjust the size of the UnifyReadPool thread pool for all read requests. In v6.4.0, TiKV can dynamically identify and prioritize write requests as well, and control the maximum bytes that the Apply thread can write for one FSM (Finite-state Machine) in one round of poll, thus reducing the impact of batch write requests on the response time of transactional writes.

16.21.1.1.6 Ease of use

- TiKV API V2 becomes generally available (GA) #11745 @pingyu

  Before v6.1.0, TiKV only provides basic Key Value read and write capability because it only stores the raw data passed in by the client. In addition, due to different coding methods and unscoped data ranges, TiDB, Transactional KV, and RawKV cannot be used at the same time in the same TiKV cluster; instead, multiple clusters are needed in this case, thus increasing machine and deployment costs.

  TiKV API V2 provides a new RawKV storage format and access interface, which delivers the following benefits:

  - Store data in MVCC with the change timestamp of the data recorded, based on which Change Data Capture (CDC) is implemented. This feature is experimental and is detailed in TiKV-CDC.
  - Data is scoped according to different usage and API V2 supports co-existence of TiDB, Transactional KV, and RawKV applications in a single cluster.
  - Reserve the Key Space field to support features such as multi-tenancy.

To enable TiKV API V2, set `api-version = 2` in the `[storage]` section of the TiKV configuration file.

For more information, see User document.

- Improve the accuracy of TiFlash data replication progress #4902 @hehechen

  In TiDB, the `PROGRESS` field of the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_REPLICA` table is used to indicate the progress of data replication from the corresponding tables in TiKV

to the TiFlash replicas. In earlier TiDB versions, the `PROCESS` field only provides the progress of data replication during the creation of the TiFlash replicas. After a TiFlash replica is created, if new data is imported to a corresponding table in TiKV, this field will not be updated to show the replication progress from TiKV to TiFlash for the new data.

In v6.4.0, TiDB improves the update mechanism of data replication progress for TiFlash replicas. After a TiFlash replica is created, if new data is imported to a corresponding table in TiKV, the `PROGRESS` value in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIFLASH_REPLICA` table will be updated to show the actual replication progress from TiKV to TiFlash for the new data. With this improvement, you can easily view the actual progress of TiFlash data replication.

For more information, see User document.

16.21.1.1.7 MySQL compatibility

- Be compatible with the Linear Hash partitioning syntax #38450 @mjonss

  In the earlier version, TiDB has supported the Hash, Range, and List partitioning. Starting from v6.4.0, TiDB can also be compatible with the syntax of MySQL Linear Hash partitioning.

  In TiDB, you can execute the existing DDL statements of your MySQL Linear Hash partitions directly, and TiDB will create the corresponding Hash partition tables (note that there is no Linear Hash partition inside TiDB). You can also execute the existing DML statements of your MySQL Linear Hash partitions directly, and TiDB will return the query result of the corresponding TiDB Hash partitions normally. This feature ensures the TiDB syntax compatibility with MySQL Linear Hash partitions and facilitates seamless migration from MySQL-based applications to TiDB.

  If the number of partitions is a power of 2, the rows in a TiDB Hash partitioned table are distributed the same as that in the MySQL Linear Hash partitioned table. Otherwise, the distribution of these rows in TiDB is different from MySQL.

  For more information, see User document.

- Support a high-performance and globally monotonic `AUTO_INCREMENT` (experimental) #38442 @tiancaiamao

  TiDB v6.4.0 introduces the `AUTO_INCREMENT` MySQL compatibility mode. This mode introduces a centralized auto-increment ID allocating service that ensures IDs monotonically increase on all TiDB instances. This feature makes it easier to sort query results by auto-increment IDs. To use the MySQL compatibility mode, you need to set `AUTO_ID_CACHE` to `1` when creating a table. The following is an example:

```
CREATE TABLE t (a INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY) AUTO_ID_CACHE = 1;
```

  For more information, see User document.

- Support range selection of array data in the JSON type #13644 @YangKeao

  Starting from v6.4.0, you can use the MySQL-compatible range selection syntax in TiDB.

  - With the keyword `to`, you can specify the start and end positions of array elements and select elements of a continuous range in an array. With `0`, you can specify the position of the first element in an array. For example, using `$[0 to 2]`, you can select the first three elements of an array.
  - With the keyword `last`, you can specify the position of the last element in an array, which allows you to set the position from right to left. For example, using `$[last-2 to last]`, you can select the last three elements of an array.

This feature simplifies the process of writing SQL statements, further improves the JSON type compatibility, and reduces the difficulty of migrating MySQL applications to TiDB.

- Support adding additional descriptions for database users #38172 @CbcWestwolf

  In TiDB v6.4, you can use the `CREATE USER` or `ALTER USER` to add additional descriptions for database users. TiDB provides two description formats. You can add a text comment using `COMMENT` and add a set of structured attributes in JSON format using `ATTRIBUTE`.

  In addition, TiDB v6.4.0 adds the `USER_ATTRIBUTES` table, where you can view the information of user comments and user attributes.

```
CREATE USER 'newuser1'@'%' COMMENT 'This user is created only for test'
    ↪ ;
CREATE USER 'newuser2'@'%' ATTRIBUTE '{"email": "user@pingcap.com"}';
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.USER_ATTRIBUTES;
```

```
+--
    ↪ ---------+------+-------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| USER     | HOST | ATTRIBUTE                                       |
+--
    ↪ ---------+------+-------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
| newuser1 | %    | {"comment": "This user is created only for test"} |
| newuser1 | %    | {"email": "user@pingcap.com"}                     |
+--
    ↪ ---------+------+-------------------------------------------------+
    ↪
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

  This feature improves TiDB compatibility with MySQL syntax and makes it easier to integrate TiDB into tools or platforms in the MySQL ecosystem.

16.21.1.1.8 Backup and restore

- Support backing up a TiDB cluster using EBS volume snapshots #33849 @fengou1

  If your TiDB cluster is deployed on EKS and uses AWS EBS volumes, and you have the following requirements when backing up TiDB cluster data, you can use TiDB Operator to back up the data by volume snapshots and metadata to AWS S3:

  - Minimize the impact of backup, for example, to keep the impact on QPS and transaction latency less than 5%, and to occupy no cluster CPU and memory.
  - Back up and restore data in a short time. For example, finish backup within 1 hour and restore data in 2 hours.

For more information, see User document.

16.21.1.1.9 Data migration

- DM supports writing upstream data source information to the extended columns of the downstream merged table #37797 @lichunzhu

  When merging sharded schemas and tables from upstream to TiDB, you can manually add several fields (extended columns) in the target table and specify their values when configuring the DM task. For example, if you specify the names of the upstream sharded schema and table for the extended columns, the data written to the downstream by DM will include the schema name and table name. When the downstream data looks unusual, you can use this feature to quickly locate the data source information in the target table, such as the schema name and table name.

  For more information, see Extract table, schema, and source information and write into the merged table.

- DM optimizes the pre-check mechanism by changing some mandatory check items to optional ones #7333 @lichunzhu

  To run a data migration task smoothly, DM triggers a precheck automatically at the start of the task and returns the check results. DM starts the migration only after the precheck is passed.

  In v6.4.0, DM changes the following three check items from mandatory to optional, which improves the pass rate of the pre-check:

  - Check whether the upstream tables use character sets that are incompatible with TiDB.
  - Check whether the upstream tables have primary key constraints or unique key constraints
  - Check whether the database ID `server_id` for the upstream database has been specified in the primary-secondary configuration.

- DM supports configuring binlog position and GTID as optional parameters for incremental migration tasks #7393 @GMHDBJD

  Since v6.4.0, you can perform incremental migration directly without specifying the binlog position or GTID. DM automatically obtains the binlog files generated after the task starts from upstream and migrates these incremental data to the downstream. This relieves users from laborious understanding and complicated configuration.

  For more information, see DM Advanced Task Configuration File.

- DM adds more status indicators for migration tasks #7343 @okJiang

  In v6.4.0, DM adds more performance and progress indicators for migration tasks, which helps you understand the migration performance and progress more intuitively and provides you with a reference for troubleshooting.

  - Add status indicators (in bytes/s) showing data importing and exporting performance.
  - Rename the performance indicator for writing data to the downstream database from TPS to RPS (in rows/s).
  - Add progress indicators showing the data export progress of DM full migration tasks.

  For more information about these indicators, see Query Task Status in TiDB Data Migration.

16.21.1.1.10 TiDB data share subscription

- TiCDC supports replicating data to Kafka of the `3.2.0` version #7191 @3AceShowHand

  From v6.4.0, TiCDC supports replicating data to Kafka of the `3.2.0` version and earlier.

16.21.1.2 Compatibility changes

16.21.1.2.1 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
max_execution_time	Modified	Before v6.4.0, this variable takes effect on all types of statements. Starting from v6.4.0, this variable only controls the maximum execution time of read-only statements.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ constraint ↪ _ ↪ check ↪ _in_ ↪ place ↪ _ ↪ pessimistic ↪	Modified	Removes the GLOBAL scope and allows you to modify the default value using the pessimistic ↪ - ↪ txn ↪ . ↪ constraint ↪ - ↪ check ↪ -in ↪ - ↪ place ↪ - ↪ pessimistic ↪ configuration item. This variable controls when TiDB checks the unique constraints in pessimistic transactions.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ ddl_ ↪ flashback ↪ _ ↪ concurrency ↪	Modified	Takes effect starting from v6.4.0 and controls the concurrency of FLASHBACK ↪ ↪ CLUSTER ↪ TO ↪ ↪ TIMESTAMP ↪ . The default value is 64.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_clustered_index	Modified	Changes the default value from INT_ONLY to ON, meaning that primary keys are created as clustered indexes by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ paging ↪	Modified	Changes the default value from `OFF` to `ON`, meaning that the method of paging to send coprocessor requests is used by default.
tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ prepared ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪	Modified	Adds the SESSION scope. This variable controls whether to enable Prepared Plan Cache.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ memory ↪ _ ↪ usage ↪ _ ↪ alarm ↪ _ ↪ ratio ↪	Modified	Changes the default value from 0.8 to 0.7. This variable controls the memory usage ratio that triggers the tidb-server memory alarm.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ agg_ ↪ push ↪ _ ↪ down	Modified	Adds the GLOBAL scope. This variable controls whether the optimizer executes the optimization operation of pushing down the aggregate function to the position before Join, Projection, and UnionAll.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ prepared ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _ ↪ size	Modified	Adds the SESSION scope. This variable controls the maximum number of plans that can be cached in a session.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_stats_load_sync_wait`	Modified	Changes the default value from `0` to `100`, meaning that the SQL execution can wait for at most 100 milliseconds by default to synchronously load complete column statistics.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_stats_load_pseudo_timeout	Modified	Changes the default value from `OFF` to `ON`, meaning that the SQL optimization gets back to using pseudo statistics after reaching the timeout of synchronously loading complete column statistics.

Variable name	Change type	Description
last_sql_use_alloc	Newly added	Shows whether the previous statement uses a cached chunk object (chunk allocation). This variable is read-only and the default value is OFF.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ auto ↪ _ ↪ analyze ↪ _ ↪ partition ↪ _ ↪ batch ↪ _ ↪ size	Newly added	Specifies the number of partitions that TiDB can automatically analyzes at a time when analyzing a partitioned table (which means automatically collecting statistics on a partitioned table). The default value is 1.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_external_ts_read	Newly added	Controls whether TiDB reads data with the timestamp specified by tidb_external_ts. The default value is OFF.
tidb_enable_gogc_tuner	Newly added	Controls whether to enable GOGC Tuner. The default value is ON.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_reuse_chunk	Newly added	Controls whether TiDB enables chunk objects cache. The default value is ON, meaning that TiDB prefers to use the cached chunk object and only requests from the system if the requested object is not in the cache. If the value is OFF, TiDB requests chunk objects from the system directly.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_prepared_plan_cache_memory_monitor	Newly added	Controls whether to count the memory consumed by the execution plans cached in the Prepared Plan Cache. The default value is `ON`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ external ↪ _ts	Newly added	The default value is 0. If tidb_ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ external ↪ _ts ↪ _ ↪ read ↪ is set to ON, TiDB reads data with the timestamp specified by this variable.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_gogc_tuner_threshold	Newly added	Specifies the maximum memory threshold for tuning GOGC. When the memory exceeds this threshold, GOGC Tuner stops working. The default value is 0.6.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_memory_usage_alarm_keep_record_num	Newly added	When the tidb-server memory usage exceeds the memory alarm threshold and triggers an alarm, TiDB only retains the status files generated during the recent 5 alarms by default. You can adjust this number with this variable.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ prefix ↪ _ ↪ index ↪ _ ↪ single ↪ _ ↪ scan	Newly added	Controls whether the TiDB optimizer pushes down some filter conditions to the prefix index to avoid unnecessary table lookup and to improve query performance. The default value is ON.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ opt_ ↪ range ↪ _max ↪ _ ↪ size	Newly added	Specifies the upper limit of memory usage for the optimizer to construct a scan range. The default value is 67108864 ↪ (64 MiB).

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_server_memory_limit	Newly added	Controls the upper limit of memory usage for the optimizer to build scan ranges (experimental). The default value is 0, meaning that there is no memory limit.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ server ↪ _ ↪ memory ↪ _ ↪ limit ↪ _gc_ ↪ trigger ↪	Newly added	Controls the threshold at which TiDB tries to trigger GC (experimental). The default value is 70%.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_server_memory_limit_sess_min_size	Newly added	After you enable the memory limit, TiDB will terminate the SQL statement with the highest memory usage on the current instance. This variable specifies the minimum memory usage of the SQL statement to be terminated. The default value is 134217728

Variable name	Change type	Description

16.21.1.2.2 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`tidb_` ↪ `memory` ↪ `_` ↪ `usage` ↪ `_` ↪ `alarm` ↪ `_` ↪ `ratio` ↪	Deleted	This configuration item is no longer effective.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`memory-usage-alarm-ratio`	Deleted	Replaced by the system variable `tidb_memory_usage_alarm_ratio`. If this configuration item has been configured in a TiDB version earlier than v6.4.0, it will not take effect after the upgrade.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`pessimistic-txn.constraint-check-in-place-pessimistic`	Newly added	Controls the default value of the system variable `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic`. The default value is `true`.
TiDB	`tidb-max-reuse-chunk`	Newly added	Controls the maximum cached chunk objects of chunk allocation. The default value is `64`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiDB	`tidb-` ↪ `max-` ↪ `reuse` ↪ `-` ↪ `column` ↪	Newly added	Controls the maximum cached column objects of chunk allocation. The default value is `256`.
TiKV	`cdc.raw` ↪ `-min` ↪ `-ts-` ↪ `outlier` ↪ `-` ↪ `threshold` ↪	Deprecated	This configuration item is no longer effective.
TiKV	`causal-` ↪ `ts.` ↪ `alloc` ↪ `-` ↪ `ahead` ↪ `-` ↪ `buffer` ↪	Newly added	The pre-allocated TSO cache size (in duration). The default value is `3s`.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiKV	causal- ↪ ts. ↪ renew ↪ - ↪ batch ↪ -max ↪ - ↪ size	Newly added	Controls the maximum number of TSOs in a timestamp request. The default value is 8192.
TiKV	raftstore ↪ . ↪ apply ↪ - ↪ yield ↪ - ↪ write ↪ - ↪ size	Newly added	Controls the maximum number of bytes that the Apply thread can write for one FSM (Finite-state Machine) in one round of poll. The default value is 32KiB. This is a soft limit.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
PD	`tso-` ↪ `update` ↪ `-` ↪ `physical` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	Newly added	Takes effect starting from v6.4.0 and controls the interval at which PD updates the physical time of TSO. The default value is `50ms`.
TiFlash	`data-` ↪ `encryption` ↪ `-` ↪ `method` ↪	Modified	Introduces a new value option `sm4-ctr`. When this configuration item is set to `sm4-ctr`, data is encrypted using SM4 before being stored.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	routes. ↪ route ↪ - ↪ rule ↪ -1. ↪ extract ↪ - ↪ table ↪	Newly added	Optional. Used in the sharding scenario for extracting the source information of sharded tables. The extracted information will be written to the merged table in the downstream to identify the data source. If this parameter is configured, you need to manually create a merged table in the downstream in advance.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	routes. ↪ route ↪ - ↪ rule ↪ -1. ↪ extract ↪ - ↪ schema ↪	Newly added	Optional. Used in the sharding scenario for extracting the source information of sharded schemas. The extracted information will be written to the merged table in the downstream to identify the data source. If this parameter is configured, you need to manually create a merged table in the downstream in advance.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
DM	routes. ↪ route ↪ - ↪ rule ↪ -1. ↪ extract ↪ - ↪ source ↪	Newly added	Optional. Used in the sharding scenario for extracting the source instance information. The extracted information will be written to the merged table in the downstream to identify the data source. If this parameter is configured, you need to manually create a merged table in the downstream in advance.

Configuration file	Configuration parameter	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`transaction` ↪ `-` ↪ `atomicity` ↪	Modified	Changes the default value from `table` to `none`. This change helps reduce replication latency and OOM risks. In addition, TiCDC now only splits a few transactions (the size of a single transaction exceeds 1024 rows), instead of all transactions.

16.21.1.2.3 Others

- Starting from v6.4.0, the `mysql.user` table adds two new columns: `User_attributes` and `Token_issuer`. If you restore system tables in the `mysql` schema from backup data

of earlier TiDB versions to TiDB v6.4.0, BR will report the `column count mismatch` ↪ error for the `mysql.user` table. If you do not restore system tables in the `mysql` schema, this error will not be reported.

- For files whose names match the format of Dumpling exported files but end with uncompressed formats (such as `test-schema-create.sql.origin` and `test.table` ↪ `-schema.sql.origin`), the way how TiDB Lightning handles them is changed. Before v6.4.0, if the files to be imported include such files, TiDB Lightning skips importing such files. Starting from v6.4.0, TiDB Lightning assumes that such files use unsupported compression formats, so the import task will fail.
- Starting with v6.4.0, only the changefeed with the `SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN` or `SUPER` privilege can use the TiCDC Syncpoint feature.

16.21.1.3 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Allow modifying the noop variable `lc_messages` #38231 @djshow832
  - Support the `AUTO_RANDOM` column as the first column of the clustered composite index #38572 @tangenta
  - Use pessimistic transactions in internal transaction retry to avoid retry failure and reduce time consumption #38136 @jackysp
- TiKV
  - Add a new configuration item `apply-yield-write-size` to control the maximum number of bytes that the Apply thread can write for one Finite-state Machine in one round of poll, and relieve Raftstore congestion when the Apply thread writes a large volume of data #13313 @glorv
  - Warm up the entry cache before migrating the leader of Region to avoid QPS jitter during the leader transfer process #13060 @cosven
  - Support pushing down the `json_constrains` operator to Coprocessor #13592 @lizhenhuan
  - Add the asynchronous function for `CausalTsProvider` to improve the flush performance in some scenarios #13428 @zeminzhou
- PD
  - The v2 algorithm of the hot Region scheduler becomes GA. In some scenarios, the v2 algorithm can achieve better balancing in both configured dimensions and reduce invalid scheduling #5021 @HundunDM
  - Optimize the timeout mechanism of operator step to avoid premature timeout #5596 @bufferflies
  - Improve the performance of the scheduler in large clusters #5473 @bufferflies
  - Support using external timestamp which is not provided by PD #5637 @lhy1024

- TiFlash
    - Refactor the TiFlash MPP error handling logic to further improve the stability of MPP #5095 @windtalker
    - Optimize the sorting of the TiFlash computation process, and optimize the key handling for Join and Aggregation #5294 @solotzg
    - Optimize the memory usage for decoding and remove redundant transfer columns to improve Join performance #6157 @yibin87
- Tools
    - TiDB Dashboard
        - Support displaying TiFlash metrics on the Monitoring page and optimize the presentation of metrics on that page #1440 @YiniXu9506
        - Show the number of rows for results in the Slow Query list and SQL Statement list #1443 @baurine
        - Optimize the Dashboard to not report the Alertmanager errors when Alertmanager does not exist #1444 @baurine
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Improve the mechanism for loading the metadata. The metadata is loaded into memory only when necessary, which significantly reduces the memory usage during PITR #38404 @YuJuncen
    - TiCDC
        - Support replicating the exchange partition DDL statements #639 @asddongmen
        - Improve non-batch sending performance for the MQ sink module #7353 @hi-rustin
        - Improve performance of TiCDC puller when a table has a large number of Regions #7078 #7281 @sdojjy
        - Support reading historical data in the downstream TiDB by using the `tidb_enable_external_ts_read` variable when Syncpoint is enabled #7419 @asddongmen
        - Enable transaction split and disable safeMode by default to improve the replication stability #7505 @asddongmen
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Remove the useless `operate-source update` command from dmctl #7246 @buchuitoudegou
        - Fix the issue that DM full import fails if the upstream database uses DDL statements that are incompatible with TiDB. You can create the schema of target tables in TiDB manually in advance using DDL statements supported by TiDB to ensure successful import #37984 @lance6716
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Optimize the file scanning logic to accelerate the scan of schema files #38598 @dsdashun

16.21.1.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the potential issue of index inconsistency that occurs after you create a new index #38165 @tangenta
    - Fix a permission issue of the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_REGION_STATUS` table #38407 @CbcWestwolf
    - Fix the issue that the `grantor` field is missing in the `mysql.tables_priv` table #38293 @CbcWestwolf
    - Fix the issue that the join result of common table expressions might be wrong #38170 @wjhuang2016
    - Fix the issue that the union result of common table expressions might be wrong #37928 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that the information in the **transaction region num** monitoring panel is incorrect #38139 @jackysp
    - Fix the issue that the system variable `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic` might affect internal transactions. The variable scope is modified to SESSION. #38766 @ekexium
    - Fix the issue that conditions in a query are mistakenly pushed down to projections #35623 @Reminiscent
    - Fix the issue that the wrong `isNullRejected` check results for `AND` and `OR` cause wrong query results #38304 @Yisaer
    - Fix the issue that `ORDER BY` in `GROUP_CONCAT` is not considered when the outer join is eliminated, which causes wrong query results #18216 @winoros
    - Fix the issue of the wrong query result that occurs when the mistakenly pushed-down conditions are discarded by Join Reorder #38736 @winoros
- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that TiDB fails to start on Gitpod when there are multiple `cgroup` and `mountinfo` records #13660 @tabokie
    - Fix the wrong expression of a TiKV metric `tikv_gc_compaction_filtered` #13537 @Defined2014
    - Fix the performance issue caused by the abnormal `delete_files_in_range` #13534 @tabokie
    - Fix abnormal Region competition caused by expired lease during snapshot acquisition #13553 @SpadeA-Tang
    - Fix errors occurred when `FLASHBACK` fails in the first batch #13672 #13704 #13723 @HuSharp
- PD
    - Fix inaccurate Stream timeout and accelerate leader switchover #5207 @CabinfeverB

- TiFlash
    - Fix the OOM issue due to oversized WAL files that occurs when PageStorage GC does not clear the Page deletion marker properly #6163 @JaySon-Huang
- Tools
    - TiDB Dashboard
        - Fix the TiDB OOM issue when querying execution plans of certain complex SQL statements #1386 @baurine
        - Fix the issue that the Top SQL switch might not take effect when NgMonitoring loses the connection to the PD nodes #164 @zhongzc
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the restoration failure issue caused by PD leader switch during the restoration process #36910 @MoCuishle28
        - Fix the issue that the log backup task cannot be paused #38250 @joccau
        - Fix the issue that when BR deletes log backup data, it mistakenly deletes data that should not be deleted #38939 @Leavrth
        - Fix the issue that BR fails to delete data when deleting the log backup data stored in Azure Blob Storage or Google Cloud Storage for the first time #38229 @Leavrth
    - TiCDC
        - Fix the issue that `sasl-password` in the `changefeed query` result is not masked #7182 @dveeden
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC might become unavailable when too many operations in an etcd transaction are committed #7131 @asddongmen
        - Fix the issue that redo logs might be deleted incorrectly #6413 @asddongmen
        - Fix performance regression when replicating wide tables in Kafka Sink V2 #7344 @hi-rustin
        - Fix the issue that checkpoint ts might be advanced incorrectly #7274 @hi-rustin
        - Fix the issue that too many logs are printed due to improper log level of the mounter module #7235 @hi-rustin
        - Fix the issue that a TiCDC cluster might have two owners #4051 @asddongmen
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Fix the issue that DM WebUI generates the wrong `allow-list` parameter #7096 @zoubingwu
        - Fix the issue that a DM-worker has a certain probability of triggering data race when it starts or stops #6401 @liumengya94
        - Fix the issue that when DM replicates an `UPDATE` or `DELETE` statement but the corresponding row data does not exist, DM silently ignores the event #6383 @GMHDBJD

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- Fix the issue that in full task mode, when a task enters the sync stage and fails immediately, DM may lose upstream table schema information #7159 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that deadlock may be triggered when the consistency check is enabled #7241 @buchuitoudegou
- Fix the issue that task precheck requires the `SELECT` privilege for the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` table #7317 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that an empty TLS configuration causes an error #7384 @liumengya94

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the import performance degradation when importing the Apache Parquet files to the target tables that contain the string type columns in the`binary` encoding format #38351 @dsdashun
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  - Fix the issue that Dumpling might time out when exporting a lot of tables #36549 @lance6716
  - Fix lock errors reported when consistency lock is enabled but the upstream has no target table #38683 @lance6716

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16.22.1 TiDB 6.3.0 Release Notes

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> The TiDB 6.3.0-DMR documentation has been archived. PingCAP encourages you to use the latest LTS version of the TiDB database.

Quick access: Quick start

In v6.3.0-DMR, the key new features and improvements are as follows:

- TiKV supports encryption at rest using the SM4 algorithm.
- TiDB supports authentication using the SM3 algorithm.
- The `CREATE USER` and `ALTER USER` statements support the `ACCOUNT LOCK/UNLOCK` option.
- JSON data type and functions become generally available (GA).
- TiDB supports null-aware anti join.
- TiDB provides execution time metrics at a finer granularity.
- A new syntactic sugar is added to simplify Range partition definitions.
- Range COLUMNS partitioning supports defining multiple columns.
- The performance of adding indexes is tripled.
- Reduce the impact of resource-consuming queries on the response time of lightweight queries by more than 50%.

16.22.1.1 New features

16.22.1.1.1 SQL

- Add a new syntactic sugar (Range INTERVAL partitioning) to simplify Range partition definitions (experimental) #35683 @mjonss

  TiDB provides INTERVAL partitioning as a new way of defining Range partitions. You do not need to enumerate all partitions, which drastically reduces the length of Range partitioning DDL statements. The syntax is equivalent to that of the original Range partitioning.

- Range COLUMNS partitioning supports defining multiple columns #36636 @mjonss

  TiDB supports PARTITION BY RANGE COLUMNS (column_list). `column_list` is no longer limited to a single column. The basic feature is the same as MySQL.

- EXCHANGE PARTITION becomes GA #35996 @ymkzpx

- Support pushdown of two more window functions to TiFlash #5579 @SeaRise

  - `LEAD()`
  - `LAG()`

- Provide lightweight metadata lock to improve the DML success rate during DDL change (experimental) #37275 @wjhuang2016

  TiDB uses the online asynchronous schema change algorithm to support changing metadata objects. When a transaction is executed, it obtains the corresponding metadata snapshot at the transaction start. If the metadata is changed during a transaction, to ensure data consistency, TiDB returns an `Information schema is changed` error and the transaction fails to commit. To solve the problem, TiDB v6.3.0 introduces metadata lock into the online DDL algorithm. To avoid DML errors whenever possible, TiDB coordinates the priority of DMLs and DDLs during table metadata change, and makes executing DDLs wait for the DMLs with old metadata to commit.

- Improve the performance of adding indexes and reduce its impact on DML transactions (experimental) #35983 @benjamin2037

  To improve the speed of backfilling when creating an index, TiDB v6.3.0 accelerates the `ADD INDEX` and `CREATE INDEX` DDL operations when the `tidb_ddl_enable_fast_reorg` system variable is enabled. When the feature is enabled, the performance of adding indexes is about tripled.

16.22.1.1.2 Security

- TiKV supports the SM4 algorithm for encryption at rest #13041 @jiayang-zheng

  Add the SM4 algorithm for TiKV encryption at rest. When you configure encryption at rest, you can enable the SM4 encryption capacity by setting the value of the `data-encryption-method` configuration to `sm4-ctr`.

- TiDB supports authentication with the SM3 algorithm #36192 @CbcWestwolf

  TiDB adds an authentication plugin `tidb_sm3_password` based on the SM3 algorithm. When this plugin is enabled, the user password is encrypted and validated using the SM3 algorithm.

- TiDB JDBC supports authentication with the SM3 algorithm #25 @lastincisor

  Authenticating the user password needs client-side support. Now because JDBC supports the SM3 algorithm, you can connect to TiDB using SM3 authentication via TiDB-JDBC.

16.22.1.1.3 Observability

- TiDB provides fine-grained metrics of SQL query execution time #34106 @cfzjywxk

  TiDB v6.3.0 provides fine-grained data metrics for detailed observation of execution time. Through the complete and segmented metrics, you can clearly understand the main time consumption of SQL queries, and then quickly find key problems and save time in troubleshooting.

- Enhanced output for slow logs and `TRACE` statements #34106 @cfzjywxk

  TiDB v6.3.0 enhances the output of slow logs and `TRACE`. You can observe the full-link duration of SQL queries from TiDB parsing to KV RocksDB writing to disk, which further enhances the diagnostic capabilities.

- TiDB Dashboard provides deadlock history information #34106 @cfzjywxk

  From v6.3.0, TiDB Dashboard provides deadlock history. If you check the slow log in TiDB Dashboard and find the lock waiting time of some SQL statements to be excessively long, you can check the deadlock history to locate the root cause, which makes your diagnosis easier.

16.22.1.1.4 Performance

- TiFlash changes the way of using FastScan (experimental) #5252 @hongyunyan

  In v6.2.0, TiFlash introduces the FastScan feature, which brings expected performance improvements but lacks flexibility in use. Therefore, in v6.3.0, TiFlash changes the way of using FastScan: the `ALTER TABLE ... SET TIFLASH MODE ...` syntax to enable or disable FastScan is deprecated. Instead, you can use the system variable `tiflash_fastscan` to easily control whether to enable FastScan.

  When you upgrade from v6.2.0 to v6.3.0, all FastScan settings in v6.2.0 will become invalid, but will not affect the normal reading of data. You need to set the variable `tiflash_fastscan`. When you upgrade from v6.2.0 or an earlier version to v6.3.0, the FastScan feature is not enabled by default for all sessions to keep data consistency.

- TiFlash optimizes data scanning performance in scenarios of multiple concurrency tasks #5376 @JinheLin

  TiFlash reduces duplicate reads of the same data by combining read operations of the same data. It optimizes the resource overhead and improves the performance of data scanning in the case of concurrent tasks. For multiple concurrent tasks, it avoids the situation where each task needs to read the same data separately, and avoids the possibility of multiple reads of the same data at the same time.

  This feature is experimental in v6.2.0, and becomes GA in v6.3.0.

- TiFlash improves performance of data replication #5237 @breezewish

  TiFlash uses the Raft protocol for data replication from TiKV. Prior to v6.3.0, it often took a long time to replicate large amounts of replica data. TiDB v6.3.0 optimizes the TiFlash data replication mechanism and significantly improves the replication speed. When you use BR to recover data, use TiDB Lightning to import data, or add new TiFlash replicas, the TiFlash replicas can be replicated more quickly. You can query with TiFlash in a more timely manner. In addition, TiFlash replicas will also reach a secure and balanced state faster when you scale up, scale down, or modify the number of TiFlash replicas.

- TiFlash supports three-stage aggregation of individual `COUNT(DISTINCT)` #37202 @fixdb

  TiFlash supports rewriting queries containing only one `COUNT(DISTINCT)` into a three-stage aggregation. This improves concurrency and performance.

- TiKV supports log recycling #214 @LykxSassinator

  TiKV supports recycling log files in Raft Engine. This reduces the long tail latency in network disks during Raft log appending and improves performance under write workloads.

- TiDB supports null-aware anti join #37525 @Arenatlx

  TiDB v6.3.0 introduces a new join type Null-aware anti join (NAAJ). NAAJ can be aware of whether the collection is empty or `NULL` when processing collection operations. This optimizes the execution efficiency of operations such as `IN` and `= ANY` and improves SQL performance.

- Add optimizer hints to control the build end of Hash Join #35439 @Reminiscent

  In v6.3.0, the TiDB optimizer introduces 2 hints, `HASH_JOIN_BUILD()` and `HASH_JOIN_PROBE()`, to specify the Hash Join, its probe end, and its build end. When the optimizer fails to select the optimal execution plan, you can use these hints to intervene with the plan.

- Support session-level common table expressions (CTE) inline #36514 @elsa0520

  TiDB v6.2.0 introduced the `MERGE` hint in optimizers to allow CTE inline, so that the consumers of a CTE query result can execute it in parallel in TiFlash. In v6.3.0, a session variable `tidb_opt_force_inline_cte` is introduced to allow CTE inline in sessions. This can greatly improve the ease of use.

16.22.1.1.5 Transactions

- Support deferring checks of unique constraints in pessimistic transactions #36579 @ekexium

  You can use the `tidb_constraint_check_in_place_pessimistic` system variable to control when TiDB checks unique constraints in pessimistic transactions. This variable

is disabled by default. When the variable is enabled (set to `ON`), TiDB will defer locking operations and unique constraint checks in pessimistic transactions until necessary, thus improving the performance of bulk DML operations.

- Optimize the way of fetching TSO in the Read-Committed isolation level #36812 @TonsnakeLin

  In the Read-Committed isolation level, the system variable `tidb_rc_write_check_ts` is introduced to control how TSO is fetched. In the case of Plan Cache hit, TiDB improves the execution efficiency of batch DML statements by reducing the frequency of fetching TSO, and reduces the execution time of running tasks in batch.

16.22.1.1.6 Stability

- Reduce the impact of resource-consuming queries on the response time of lightweight queries #13313 @glorv

  When resource-consuming queries and lightweight queries are executed at the same time, the response time of lightweight queries is affected. In this case, to ensure the quality of transactional services, lightweight queries are expected to be processed by TiDB first. In v6.3.0, TiKV optimizes the scheduling mechanism of read requests, so that the execution time of resource-consuming queries in each round can meet expectations. This drastically reduces the impact of resource-consuming queries on the response time of lightweight queries and reduces P99 latency by more than 50% for mixed workload scenarios.

- Modify the default policy of loading statistics when statistics become outdated #27601 @xuyifangreeneyes

  In v5.3.0, TiDB introduced the system variable `tidb_enable_pseudo_for_outdated_stats` to control how the optimizer behaves when the statistics become outdated. The default value is `ON`, which means keeping the behavior of the old version: When the statistics on objects that are involved in a SQL statement are outdated, the optimizer considers that statistics (other than the total number of rows on the table) are no longer reliable and uses pseudo statistics instead. After tests and analyses of actual user scenarios, the default value of `tidb_enable_pseudo_for_outdated_stats` is changed to `OFF` since v6.3.0. Even if the statistics become outdated, the optimizer will still use the statistics on the table, which makes the execution plan more stable.

- Disabling Titan becomes GA @tabokie

  You can disable Titan for online TiKV nodes.

- Use `static` partition pruning when global statistics are not ready #37535 @Yisaer

  When `dynamic pruning` is enabled, the optimizer selects execution plans based on global statistics. Before global statistics are fully collected, using pseudo statistics might cause performance regression. In v6.3.0, if you enable the `dynamic` pruning

mode before global statistics collection is completed, TiDB remains in the `static` ↪ mode until global statistics are fully collected. This ensures performance stability when you change the partition pruning settings.

16.22.1.1.7 Ease of use

- Address the conflict between SQL-based data Placement Rules and TiFlash replicas #37171 @lcwangchao

  TiDB v6.0.0 provides SQL-based data Placement Rules. But this feature conflicts with TiFlash replicas due to implementation issues. TiDB v6.3.0 optimizes the implementation mechanisms, and resolves the conflict between SQL-based data Placement Rules and TiFlash.

16.22.1.1.8 MySQL compatibility

- Improve MySQL 8.0 compatibility by adding support for four regular expression functions: `REGEXP_INSTR()`, `REGEXP_LIKE()`, `REGEXP_REPLACE()`, and `REGEXP_SUBSTR()` #23881 @windtalker

  For more details about the compatibility with MySQL, see Regular expression compatibility with MySQL.

- The `CREATE USER` and `ALTER USER` statements support the `ACCOUNT LOCK/UNLOCK` option #37051 @CbcWestwolf

  When you create a user using the `CREATE USER` statement, you can specify whether the created user is locked using the `ACCOUNT LOCK/UNLOCK` option. A locked user cannot log in to the database.

  You can modify the lock state of an existing user using the `ACCOUNT LOCK/UNLOCK` option in the `ALTER USER` statement.

- JSON data type and JSON functions become GA #36993 @xiongjiwei

  JSON is a popular data format adopted by a large number of programs. TiDB has introduced the JSON support as an experimental feature since an earlier version, compatible with MySQL's JSON data type and some JSON functions.

  In TiDB v6.3.0, the JSON data type and functions become GA, which enriches TiDB's data types, supports using JSON functions in expression indexes and generated-columns, and further improves TiDB's compatibility with MySQL.

16.22.1.1.9 Backup and restore

- PITR supports GCS and Azure Blob Storage as backup storages @joccau

  If your TiDB cluster is deployed on Google Cloud or Azure, you can use the PITR feature after upgrading your cluster to v6.3.0.

- BR supports AWS S3 Object Lock #13442 @3pointer

  You can protect backup data on AWS from being tampered with or deleted by enabling S3 Object Lock.

16.22.1.1.10 Data migration

- TiDB Lightning supports importing Parquet files exported by Apache Hive into TiDB #37536 @buchuitoudegou
- DM adds a new configuration item `safe-mode-duration` #6224 @okJiang

  This configuration item is added to the task configuration file. You can adjust the automatic safe mode duration after DM exits abnormally. The default value is 60 seconds. If `safe-mode-duration` is set to `"0s"`, an error is reported when DM tries to enter safe mode after an abnormal restart.

16.22.1.1.11 TiDB data share subscription

- TiCDC supports a deployment topology that can replicate data from multiple geo-distributed data sources #5301 @sdojjy

  To support replicating data from a single TiDB cluster to multiple geo-distributed data systems, starting from v6.3.0, you can deploy TiCDC in multiple IDCs to replicate data for each IDC. This feature helps deliver the capability of geo-distributed data replication and deployment topology.

- TiCDC supports keeping the snapshots consistent between the upstream and the downstream (sync point) #6977 @asddongmen

  In the scenarios of data replication for disaster recovery, TiCDC supports periodically maintaining a downstream data snapshot so that the downstream snapshot is consistent with the upstream snapshot. With this feature, TiCDC can better support the scenarios where reads and writes are separate, and help you lower the cost.

- TiCDC supports graceful upgrade #4757 @overvenus @3AceShowHand

  When TiCDC is deployed using TiUP (>=v1.11.0) or TiDB Operator (>=v1.3.8), you can gracefully upgrade the TiCDC cluster. During the upgrade, data replication latency is kept as low as 30 seconds. This improves stability, empowering TiCDC to better support latency-sensitive applications.

16.22.1.2 Compatibility changes

16.22.1.2.1 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
`default_authentication_plugin`	Modified	Adds a new option `tidb_sm3_password`. When this variable is set to `tidb_sm3_password`, SM3 is used as the encryption algorithm.

Variable name	Change type	Description
sql ↪ _ ↪ require ↪ _ ↪ primary ↪ _ ↪ key ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enforce the requirement that a table has a primary key. After this variable is enabled, attempting to create or alter a table without a primary key will produce an er-

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_adaptive_closest_read_threshold	Newly added	Controls the threshold at which the TiDB server prefers to send read requests to the replica in the same region as the TiDB server when tidb_replica_read is set to closest-adaptive.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ constraint ↪ _ ↪ check ↪ _ ↪ in ↪ _ ↪ place ↪ _ ↪ pessimistic ↪	Newly added	Controls when TiDB checks unique constraints in pessimistic transactions.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ ddl ↪ _ ↪ disk ↪ _ ↪ quota ↪	Newly added	Takes effect only when tidb ↪ _ ↪ ddl ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ fast ↪ _ ↪ reorg ↪ is enabled. It sets the usage limit of local storage during backfilling when creating an index.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ ddl ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ fast ↪ _ ↪ reorg ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the acceleration of ADD ↪ ↪ INDEX ↪ and CREATE ↪ ↪ INDEX ↪ DDL operations to improve the speed of backfilling when creating an index.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ ddl ↪ _ ↪ flashback ↪ _ ↪ concurrency ↪	Newly added	Controls the concurrency of `flashback` ↪ ↪ `cluster` ↪ . The feature controlled by this variable is not fully functional in TiDB v6.3.0. Do not change the default value.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_exchange_partition	Deprecated	Controls whether to enable the exchange partitions with tables feature. The default value is ON, that is, exchange partitions with tables is enabled by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_foreign_key	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the FOREIGN KEY feature. The feature controlled by this variable is not fully functional in TiDB v6.3.0. Do not change the default value.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `enable` ↪ `_` ↪ `general` ↪ `_` ↪ `plan` ↪ `_` ↪ `cache` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the General Plan Cache feature. The feature controlled by this variable is not fully functional in TiDB v6.3.0. Do not change the default value.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ metadata ↪ _ ↪ lock ↪	Newly added	Specifies whether to enable the Metadata lock feature.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_null_aware_anti_join	Newly added	Controls whether TiDB applies Null-Aware Hash Join when Anti Join is generated by subqueries led by special set operators `NOT IN` and `!= ALL`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_pseudo_for_outdated_stats	Modified	Controls the behavior of the optimizer on using statistics of a table when the statistics are outdated. The default value changes from ON to OFF, which means the optimizer still keeps using the statistics of the

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_rate_limit_action	Modified	Controls whether to enable the dynamic memory control feature for the operator that reads data. When this variable is set to ON, the memory usage might not be under the control of tidb_mem

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ tiflash ↪ _ ↪ read ↪ _ ↪ for ↪ _ ↪ write ↪ _ ↪ stmt ↪	Newly added	Controls whether read requests in SQL write statements are pushed down to TiFlash. The feature controlled by this variable is not fully functional in TiDB v6.3.0. Do not change the default value.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ unsafe ↪ _ ↪ substitute ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to replace expressions with generated columns in an unsafe way.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `general` ↪ `_` ↪ `plan` ↪ `_` ↪ `cache` ↪ `_` ↪ `size` ↪	Newly added	Controls the maximum number of execution plans that can be cached by General Plan Cache. The feature controlled by this variable is not fully functional in TiDB v6.3.0. Do not change the default value.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ last ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ replayer ↪ _ ↪ token ↪	Newly added	Read-only and used to obtain the result of the last PLAN ↪ ↪ REPLAYER ↪ ↪ DUMP ↪ ↪ execution in the current session.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_max_paging_size	Newly added	This variable is used to set the minimum number of rows during the coprocessor paging request process.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_opt_force_inline_cte	Newly added	Controls whether common table expressions (CTEs) in the entire session are inlined or not. The default value is OFF, which means that inlining CTE is not enforced by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ opt ↪ _ ↪ three ↪ _ ↪ stage ↪ _ ↪ distinct ↪ _ ↪ agg ↪	Newly added	Specifies whether to rewrite a `COUNT ↪ ( ↪ DISTINCT ↪ ) ↪` aggregation into a three-stage aggregation in MPP mode. The default value is `ON`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
`tidb_partition_prune_mode`	Modified	Specifies whether to enable dynamic pruning. Since v6.3.0, the default value changes to `dynamic`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ rc ↪ _ ↪ read ↪ _ ↪ check ↪ _ ↪ ts ↪	Modified	Used for optimizing the timestamp acquisition, which is suitable for scenarios with read-committed isolation level where read-write conflicts are rare. This feature is oriented to specific service workloads

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ rc ↪ _ ↪ write ↪ _ ↪ check ↪ _ ↪ ts ↪	Newly added	Used for optimizing the acquisition of timestamps and is suitable for scenarios with few point-write conflicts in RC isolation level of pessimistic transactions. Enabling this variable can avoid the

Variable name	Change type	Description
tiflash ↪ _ ↪ fastscan ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable FastScan. If FastScan is enabled (set to ON), TiFlash provides more efficient query performance, but does not guarantee the accuracy of the query results or data consistency.

Variable name	Change type	Description

16.22.1.2.2 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	`temp-dir`	Newly added	Specifies the file system location used by TiDB to store temporary data. If a feature requires local storage in TiDB nodes, TiDB stores the corresponding temporary data in this location.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`auto` ↪ `-` ↪ `adjust` ↪ `-` ↪ `pool` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to automatically adjust the thread pool size. When it is enabled, the read performance of TiKV is optimized by automatically adjusting the UnifyReadPool thread pool size based

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`data` ↪ `-` ↪ `encryption` ↪ `-` ↪ `method` ↪	Modified	Introduces a new value option `sm4` ↪ `-` ↪ `ctr` ↪ . When this configuration item is set to `sm4` ↪ `-` ↪ `ctr` ↪ , data is encrypted using SM4 before being stored.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `log` ↪ `-` ↪ `recycle` ↪	Newly added	Determines whether to recycle stale log files in Raft Engine. When it is enabled, logically purged log files will be reserved for recycling. This reduces the long tail latency on write workloads. This config-

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`format` ↪ `-` ↪ `version` ↪	Newly added	Specifies the version of log files in Raft Engine. The default log file version is `1` for TiKV earlier than v6.3.0. The log files can be read by TiKV >= v6.1.0. The default log file version is `2` for TiKV v6.3.0 and

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`log` ↪ `-` ↪ `backup` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪	Modified	Since v6.3.0, the default value changes from `false` ↪ to `true` ↪ .
TiKV	`log` ↪ `-` ↪ `backup` ↪ `.` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `flush` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	Modified	Since v6.3.0, the default value changes from `5` ↪ `min` ↪ to `3` ↪ `min` ↪ .

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
PD	enable-diagnostic	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the diagnostic feature. The default value is `false` ↪ .

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`dt_` ↪ `enable` ↪ `_` ↪ `read` ↪ `_` ↪ `thread` ↪	Deprecated	Since v6.3.0, this configuration item is deprecated. The thread pool is used to handle read requests from the storage engine by default and cannot be disabled.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
DM	`safe` ↪ `-` ↪ `mode` ↪ `-` ↪ `duration` ↪	Newly added	Specifies the duration of the automatic safe mode.
TiCDC	`enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `sync` ↪ `-` ↪ `point` ↪	Newly added	Specifies whether to enable the Syncpoint feature.
TiCDC	`sync` ↪ `-` ↪ `point` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	Newly added	Specifies the interval at which Syncpoint aligns the upstream and downstream snapshots.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sync` ↪ `-` ↪ `point` ↪ `-` ↪ `retention` ↪	Newly added	Specifies how long the data is retained by Syncpoint in the downstream table. When this duration is exceeded, the data is cleaned up.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sink` ↪ `-` ↪ `uri` ↪ `.` ↪ `memory` ↪	Deprecated	The `memory` ↪ sorting is deprecated. It is not recommended to use it in any situation.

16.22.1.2.3 Others

- Log backup supports GCS and Azure Blob Storage as backup storage.
- Log backup is now compatible with the `exchange partition` DDL.
- The SQL statement `ALTER TABLE ...SET TiFLASH MODE ...` previously used for enabling fastscan is deprecated, and replaced by the system variable `tiflash_fastscan`. When you upgrade from v6.2.0 to v6.3.0, all FastScan settings in v6.2.0 will become invalid, but will not affect the normal reading of data. In this case, you need to configure the variable `tiflash_fastscan` to enable or disable FastScan. When you upgrade from an earlier version to v6.3.0, the FastScan feature is not enabled by default for all sessions to keep data consistent.
- To deploy TiFlash under the Linux AMD64 architecture, the CPU must support the AVX2 instruction set. Ensure that `grep avx2 /proc/cpuinfo` has output. To deploy TiFlash under the Linux ARM64 architecture, the CPU must support the ARMv8 instruction set architecture. Ensure that `grep 'crc32' /proc/cpuinfo | grep '` ↪ `asimd'` has output. By using the instruction set extensions, TiFlash's vectorization engine can deliver better performance.

- The minimum version of HAProxy that works with TiDB is now v1.5. HAProxy versions between v1.5 and v2.1 now require the `post-41` configuration option to be set in `mysql-check`. It is recommended to use HAProxy v2.2 or newer.

16.22.1.3 Removed feature

Since v6.3.0, TiCDC no longer supports configuring Pulsar sink. kop provided by StreamNative can be used as an alternative.

16.22.1.4 Improvements

- TiDB
    - TiDB is now case-insensitive to the target table name when checking the table existence #34610 @tiancaiamao
    - Improve MySQL compatibility by adding a parsing check when setting the value of `init_connect` #35324 @CbcWestwolf
    - Improve the log warning generated for new connections #34964 @xiongjiwei
    - Optimize the HTTP API for querying DDL history jobs, and add support for the `start_job_id` parameter #35838 @tiancaiamao
    - Report errors when the JSON path has wrong syntax #22525 #34959 @xiongjiwei
    - Improve the performance of Join operations by fixing a false sharing issue #37641 @gengliqi
    - Support exporting the execution plan information of multiple SQL statements at a time using `PLAN REPLAYER`, which makes troubleshooting more efficient #37798 @Yisaer
- TiKV
    - Support configuring the `unreachable_backoff` item to avoid Raftstore broadcasting too many messages after one peer becomes unreachable #13054 @5kbpers
    - Improve the fault tolerance of TSO service #12794 @pingyu
    - Support dynamically modifying the number of sub-compaction operations performed concurrently in RocksDB (`rocksdb.max-sub-compactions`) #13145 @ethercflow
    - Optimize the performance of merging empty Regions #12421 @tabokie
    - Support more regular expression functions #13483 @gengliqi
    - Support automatically adjusting the thread pool size based on the CPU usage #13313 @glorv
- PD
    - Improve the query of the TiKV IO MBps metric in TiDB Dashboard #5366 @YiniXu9506

- Modify the URL in TiDB Dashboard from `metrics` to `monitoring` #5366 @YiniXu9506

- TiFlash

  - Support pushing down the `elt` function to TiFlash #5104 @Willendless
  - Support pushing down the `leftShift` function to TiFlash #5099 @AnnieoftheStars
  - Support pushing down the `castTimeAsDuration` function to TiFlash #5306 @AntiTopQuark
  - Support pushing down the `HexIntArg/HexStrArg` function to TiFlash #5107 @YangKeao
  - Refactor TiFlash's interpreter, and support the new interpreter Planner #4739 @SeaRise
  - Improve the accuracy of memory tracker in TiFlash #5609 @bestwoody
  - Improve the performance of string columns with the `UTF8_BIN/ASCII_BIN/` ↪ `LATIN1_BIN/UTF8MB4_BIN` collations #5294 @solotzg
  - Calculate the I/O throughput in background in ReadLimiter #5401, #5091 @Lloyd-Pottiger

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - PITR can merge small files generated in log backup, which greatly reduces the number of backup files #13232 @Leavrth
    - PITR supports automatically configuring the number of TiFlash replicas based on the upstream cluster configuration after the restoration #37208 @YuJuncen

  - TiCDC

    - Improve TiCDC's compatibility with the concurrent DDL framework introduced in the upstream TiDB #6506 @lance6716
    - Support logging `start ts` of DML statements when MySQL sink gets an error #6460 @overvenus
    - Enhance the `api/v1/health` API to return a more accurate health state of a TiCDC cluster #4757 @overvenus
    - Implement MQ sink and MySQL sink in the asynchronous mode to improve the sink throughput #5928 @hicqu @hi-rustin
    - Delete the deprecated pulsar sink #7087 @hi-rustin
    - Improve replication performance by discarding DDL statements that are irrelevant to a changefeed #6447 @asddongmen

  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

    - Improve compatibility with MySQL 8.0 as data source #6448 @lance6716
    - Optimize DDL by executing DDL asynchronously when encounter "invalid connection" #4689 @lyzx2001

- TiDB Lightning
    - Add query parameters for S3 external storage URL to support accessing the S3 data in another account by assuming a given role #36891 @dsdashun

16.22.1.5 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the privilege check is skipped for `PREPARE` statements #35784 @lcwangchao
    - Fix the issue that the system variable `tidb_enable_noop_variable` can be set to `WARN` #36647 @lcwangchao
    - Fix the issue that when an expression index is defined, the `ORDINAL_POSITION` column of the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS` table might be incorrect #31200 @bb7133
    - Fix the issue that TiDB does not report an error when the timestamp is larger than `MAXINT32` #31585 @bb7133
    - Fix the issue that TiDB server cannot be started when the enterprise plugin is used #37319 @xhebox
    - Fix the incorrect output of `SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY` #37526 @xhebox
    - Fix the unexpected `EXCHANGE PARTITION` behaviors with temporary tables #37201 @lcwangchao
    - Fix the issue that querying `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_REGION_STATUS` returns an incorrect result @zimulala
    - Fix the issue that the `EXPLAIN` query on views does not check privileges #34326 @hawkingrei
    - Fix the issue that JSON `null` cannot be updated to `NULL` #37852 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that `row_count` of DDL jobs is inaccurate #25968 @Defined2014
    - Fix the issue that `FLASHBACK TABLE` does not work properly #37386 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the issue of failing to handle `prepared` statement flags in the typical MySQL protocol #36731 @dveeden
    - Fix the issue of incorrect TiDB status that might appear on startup in some extreme cases #36791 @xhebox
    - Fix the issue that `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.VARIABLES_INFO` does not comply with security enhanced mode (SEM) #37586 @CbcWestwolf
    - Fix the issue that casting string to string goes wrong in queries with `UNION` #31678 @cbcwestwolf
    - Fix the wrong result that occurs when enabling dynamic mode in partitioned tables for TiFlash #37254 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue that the cast and comparison between binary strings and JSON in TiDB are incompatible with MySQL #31918 #25053 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that `JSON_OBJECTAGG` and `JSON_ARRAYAGG` in TiDB are not compatible with MySQL on binary values #25053 @YangKeao

- Fix the issue that the comparison between JSON opaque values causes panic #37315 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the single precision float cannot be used in JSON aggregation functions #37287 @YangKeao
- Fix the issue that the `UNION` operator might return unexpected empty result #36903 @tiancaiamao
- Fix the issue that the result of the `castRealAsTime` expression is inconsistent with MySQL #37462 @mengxin9014
- Fix the issue that pessimistic DML operations lock non-unique index keys #36235 @ekexium
- Fix the issue that `auto-commit` change affects transaction commit behaviours #36581 @cfzjywxk
- Fix the issue that the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement with DML executors might return result before the transaction commit finishes #37373 @cfzjywxk
- Fix the issue that the UPDATE statements incorrectly eliminate the projection in some cases, which causes the `Can't find column` error #37568 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that the Join Reorder operation will mistakenly push down its Outer Join condition #37238 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that the `IN` and `NOT IN` subqueries in some patterns report the `Can't find column` error #37032 @AilinKid
- Fix the issue that `Can't find column` is reported if an `UPDATE` statement contains common table expressions (CTE) #35758 @AilinKid
- Fix incorrect `PromQL` #35856 @Defined2014

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that PD does not reconnect to TiKV after the Region heartbeat is interrupted #12934 @bufferflies
  - Fix the issue that Regions might be overlapped if Raftstore is busy #13160 @5kbpers
  - Fix the issue that the PD client might cause deadlocks #13191 @bufferflies #12933 @BurtonQin
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when encryption is disabled #13081 @jiayang-zheng
  - Fix the wrong expression of `Unified Read Pool CPU` in Dashboard #13086 @glorv
  - Fix the issue that the TiKV service is unavailable for several minutes when a TiKV instance is in an isolated network environment #12966 @cosven
  - Fix the issue that TiKV mistakenly reports a `PessimisticLockNotFound` error #13425 @sticnarf
  - Fix the issue that PITR might cause data loss in some situations #13281 @YuJuncen
  - Fix the issue that causes checkpoint not advanced when there are some long pessimistic transactions #13304 @YuJuncen

- Fix the issue that TiKV does not distinguish the datetime type (`DATETIME`, `DATE`, `TIMESTAMP` and `TIME`) and `STRING` type in JSON #13417 @YangKeao
- Fix incompatibility with MySQL of comparison between JSON bool and other JSON value #13386 #37481 @YangKeao

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  - Fix the issue that unhealthy Region might cause PD panic #5491 @nolouch
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  - Fix the issue that a window function might cause TiFlash to crash when the query is canceled #5814 @SeaRise
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- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

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    - Fix the issue that the regions are not balanced because the concurrency is set too large during the restoration #37549 @3pointer
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    - Fix the issue that TiCDC returns an inaccurate error for a wrong PD address with a grpc service #6458 @crelax
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    - Fix goroutine leak when relay meets an error #6193 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that when `collation_compatible` is set to `"strict"`, DM might generate SQL with duplicated collations #6832 @lance6716
    - Reduce the appearance of the warning message "found error when get time-zone from binlog status_vars" in DM-worker log #6628 @lyzx2001
    - Fix the issue that latin1 data might be corrupted during replication #7028 @lance6716

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16.23 v6.2

16.23.1 TiDB 6.2.0 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 6.2.0-DMR

> **Note:**
>
> The TiDB 6.2.0-DMR documentation has been archived. PingCAP encourages you to use the latest LTS version of the TiDB database.

In v6.2.0-DMR, the key new features and improvements are as follows:

- TiDB Dashboard supports visual execution plans, allowing more intuitive display of execution plans.
- Add a Monitoring page in TiDB Dashboard to make the performance analysis and tuning more efficient.
- The Lock View of TiDB feature supports showing the waiting information of optimistic transactions, facilitating quick locating of lock conflicts.
- TiFlash supports a newer version of storage format, enhancing stability and performance.
- The Fine Grained Shuffle feature allows parallel execution of window functions in multiple threads.
- A new concurrent DDL framework: Less DDL statements blocked and higher execution efficiency.
- TiKV supports automatically tuning the CPU usage, thus ensuring stable and efficient database operations.
- Point-in-time recovery (PITR) is introduced to restore a snapshot of a TiDB cluster to a new cluster from any given time point in the past.
- TiDB Lightning supports pausing the scheduling on the table level in the physical import mode, instead of on the cluster level.
- BR supports restoring user and privilege data, making backup and restore smoother.
- TiCDC unlocks more data replication scenarios by supporting filtering specific types of DDL events.
- The `SAVEPOINT` mechanism is supported, with which you can flexibly control the rollback points within a transaction.
- TiDB supports adding, dropping, and modifying multiple columns or indexes with only one `ALTER TABLE` statement.
- Cross-cluster RawKV replication is now supported.

16.23.1.1 New features

16.23.1.1.1 SQL

- The physical data compaction feature is GA

  The TiFlash backend automatically compacts physical data based on specific conditions to reduce the backlog of useless data and optimize the data storage structure.

  There is often a certain amount of useless data in TiFlash tables before data compaction is automatically triggered. This feature lets you choose the right timing and manually execute SQL statements to immediately compact the physical data in TiFlash, thus reducing storage space usage and improving query performance. This feature is experimental in TiDB v6.1, and now is in General Availability (GA) in TiDB v6.2.0.

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16.23.1.1.2 Observability

- Split TiDB Dashboard from PD

  TiDB Dashboard is moved from PD to the monitoring node. This reduces the impact of TiDB Dashboard on PD and makes PD more stable.

  @Hawkson-jee

- TiDB Dashboard adds a Monitoring page

  The new Monitoring page shows key indicators required for performance tuning, based on which you can analyze and tune performance with reference to Performance tuning by database time.

  Specifically, you can analyze user response time and database time from a global and top-down perspective, to confirm whether the bottleneck in user response time is caused by database issues. If the bottleneck is in the database, you can use the database time overview and SQL latency breakdowns to identify the bottleneck and tune performance.

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- TiDB Dashboard supports visual execution plans

  TiDB Dashboard provides visual execution plans and basic diagnosis service through the SQL Statements and Monitoring pages. This feature offers a fresh new perspective for you to identify each step of a query plan. Therefore, you can learn all traces of query execution plans more intuitively.

  This feature is particularly useful when you are trying to learn the execution of complex and large queries. Meanwhile, for each query execution plan, TiDB Dashboard automatically analyzes the execution details, spots potential problems, and provides optimization suggestions to reduce the time required for executing specific query plans.

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- Lock View supports showing the waiting information of optimistic transactions

  Too many lock conflicts might cause serious performance problems, and detecting the lock conflicts is a necessary way to troubleshoot such problems. Before v6.2.0, TiDB supported viewing the lock conflict relationships using the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.DATA_LOCK_WAITS` system view, but it does not show the waiting information of optimistic transactions. TiDB v6.2.0 extends the `DATA_LOCK_WAITS` view and lists the optimistic transactions blocked by pessimistic locks in the view. This feature helps users detect lock conflicts quickly, and provides a basis for improving the application, thus reducing the frequency of lock conflicts and improving the overall performance.

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16.23.1.1.3 Performance

- Improve the `LEADING` optimizer hint to support outer join ordering

  In v6.1.0, the optimizer hint `LEADING` was introduced to modify the join order of tables. But this hint was not applicable to queries that contain outer joins. For more information, see `LEADING` document. In v6.2.0, TiDB lifts this restriction. In a query that contains outer join, now you can use this hint to specify the join order of tables to get better SQL execution performance and to avoid the sudden change of execution plans.

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- Add a new optimizer `SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE` to improve the performance of `EXISTS` queries

  In some scenarios, queries with `EXISTS` cannot have the optimal execution plan and might be executed for too long. In v6.2.0, the optimizer adds rewriting rules for such scenarios, and you can use `SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE` in queries to forcibly make the optimizer rewrite the query and get better query performance.

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- Add a new optimizer hint `MERGE` to improve the performance of analytical queries

  Common table expression (CTE) is an effective way to simplify the query logic. It is widely used to write complex queries. Before v6.2.0, CTE cannot be automatically expanded in TiFlash environments, which, to some extent, limits the execution efficiency of MPP. In v6.2.0, a MySQL-compatible optimizer hint `MERGE` is introduced. With this hint, the optimizer now allows CTE inlines to be expanded, so that the consumers of the CTE query results can concurrently execute the query in TiFlash, which improves the performance of some analytical queries.

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- Optimize the performance of aggregation operations in some analytical scenarios

When you use TiFlash to perform aggregation operations on a column in an OLAP scenario, if serious data skew exists due to uneven distribution of the aggregated column, and if the aggregated column has many different values, the execution efficiency of `COUNT(DISTINCT)` queries on the column is low. In v6.2.0, new rewriting rules are introduced to improve the performance of `COUNT(DISTINCT)` queries on a single column.

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- TiDB supports concurrent DDL operations

  TiDB v6.2.0 introduces a new concurrent DDL framework, which enables DDL statements to be concurrently executed on different table objects and fixes the issue that DDL operations are blocked by DDL operations on other tables. In addition, TiDB supports concurrent DDL execution when adding an index on multiple tables or changing a column type. This improves the efficiency of DDL execution.

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- Optimizer enhances the estimation of string matching

  In the string matching scenario, if the optimizer cannot accurately estimate the number of rows, it affects the generation of the optimal execution plan. For example, the condition is `like '%xyz'` or using a regular expression `regex ()`. To improve the estimation accuracy in such scenarios, TiDB v6.2.0 enhances the estimation method. The new method combines the TopN information of statistics and system variables to improve the accuracy and makes it possible to modify the match selectivity manually, thus improving the SQL performance.

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- Window functions pushed down to TiFlash can be executed in multiple threads

  After the Fine Grained Shuffle feature is enabled, window functions can be executed in multiple threads, instead of in a single thread. This feature reduces the query response time significantly without changing user behavior. You can control the granularity of the shuffle by adjusting the value of the variables.

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- TiFlash supports a newer version of storage format

  The new storage format relieves high CPU usage caused by GC in high-concurrency and heavy workload scenarios. This significantly reduces IO traffic of background tasks, thereby boosting stability under high concurrencies and heavy workloads. At the same time, space amplification and disk waste can be significantly reduced.

  In TiDB v6.2.0, data is stored in the new storage format by default. Note that if TiFlash is upgraded from earlier versions to v6.2.0, you cannot perform in-place downgrade on TiFlash, because earlier TiFlash versions cannot recognize the new storage format.

  For more information about upgrading TiFlash, see TiFlash Upgrade Guide.

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- TiFlash optimizes data scanning performance in multiple concurrency scenarios (experimental)

  TiFlash reduces duplicate reads of the same data by merging read operations of the same data, and optimizes the resource overhead in the case of multiple concurrent tasks to improve data scanning performance. It avoids the situation where the same data has to be read separately in each task, or even the same data may be read multiple times at the same time, if the same data is involved in multiple concurrent tasks.

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- TiFlash adds FastScan for data scanning to increase read and write speed by sacrificing data consistency (experimental)

  TiDB introduces FastScan in v6.2.0. It supports skipping consistency checks to increase the speed significantly. FastScan is suitable for scenarios that do not require high accuracy and consistency of data such as offline analysis tasks. Previously, to ensure data consistency, TiFlash needed to perform data consistency checks during the data scanning process to find the required data from multiple different versions.

  When you upgrade from an earlier version to TiDB v6.2.0, FastScan is not enabled by default for all tables, which ensures data consistency. You can enable FastScan for each table independently. If the table is set to FastScan in TiDB v6.2.0, it will be disabled when you downgrade to a lower version, but this does not affect the normal data read. In this case, it is equivalent to strong consistency read.

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16.23.1.1.4 Stability

- TiKV supports automatically tuning the CPU usage (experimental)

  Databases usually have background processes to perform internal operations. Statistical information can be collected to help identify performance problems, generate better execution plans, and improve the stability and performance of the database. However, how to more efficiently collect information, and how to balance the resource overhead of background operations and foreground operations without affecting the daily use have always been one of the headaches in the database industry.

  Starting from v6.2.0, TiDB supports setting the CPU usage rate of background requests using the TiKV configuration file, thereby limiting the CPU usage ratio of background operations such as automatically collecting statistics in TiKV, and avoiding the resource preemption of user operations by background operations in extreme cases. This ensures that the operations of the database are stable and efficient.

  At the same time, TiDB also supports automatically adjusting CPU usage. Then, TiKV will adaptively adjust the CPU resources occupied by background requests according to the CPU usage of the instance. This feature is disabled by default.

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16.23.1.1.5 Ease of use

- TiKV supports listing detailed configuration information using command-line flags

  The TiKV configuration file can be used to manage TiKV instances. However, for instances that run for a long time and are managed by different users, it is difficult to know which configuration item has been modified and what the default value is. This might cause confusion when you upgrade the cluster or migrate data. Since TiDB v6.2.0, tikv-server supports a new command-line flag `—-config-info` that lists default and current values of all TiKV configuration items, helps users to quickly verify the startup parameters of the TiKV process, and improves usability.

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16.23.1.1.6 MySQL compatibility

- TiDB supports modifying multiple columns or indexes in a single `ALTER TABLE` statement

  Before v6.2.0, TiDB only supports single DDL changes, which leads to incompatible DDL operations when migrating heterogeneous databases, and it takes extra effort to modify a complex DDL statement into multiple TiDB-supported simple DDL statements. In addition, some users rely on the ORM framework to create assembly in SQL, thus causing SQL incompatibility. Since v6.2.0, TiDB supports modifying multiple schema objects in a single SQL statement, which is convenient for users to implement SQL and improves usability.

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- Support setting savepoints in transactions

  A transaction is a logical collection of a series of consecutive operations with which the database guarantees ACID properties. In some complex application scenarios, you might need to manage many operations in a transaction, and sometimes you might need to roll back some operations in the transaction. “Savepoint” is a nameable mechanism for the internal implementation of transactions. With this mechanism, you can flexibly control the rollback points within a transaction, thereby managing the more complex transactions and having more freedom in designing diverse applications.

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16.23.1.1.7 Data migration

- BR supports restoring user and privilege data

  BR supports restoring user and privilege data when it performs a normal restoration. You do not need any additional restoration plan to restore user and privilege data. To enable this feature, specify the `--with-sys-table` parameter when you use BR to restore data.

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- Support point-in-time recovery (PITR) based on backup and restoration of log and snapshot

  PITR is implemented based on the backup and restoration of log and snapshot. It allows you to restore the snapshots of a cluster at any point in history to a new cluster. This feature satisfies the following needs:

  - Reduce the RPO in disaster recovery to less than 20 minutes.
  - Handle the cases of incorrect writes from applications by, for example, rolling back data to before the error event.
  - Perform history data auditing to meet the requirements of laws and regulations.

  This feature has usage limitations. For details, refer to the user document.

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- DM supports continuous data validation (experimental)

  Continuous data validation is used to continuously compare the upstream binlog with the data written into the downstream during data migration. The validator identifies data exceptions, such as inconsistent data and missing records.

  This feature solves the issues of lagging validation and excessive resource consumption in common full data validation schemes.

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- Automatically identify the region of Amazon S3 buckets

  Data migration tasks can automatically identify the region of Amazon S3 buckets. You do not need to explicitly pass the region parameter.

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- Support configuring disk quota for TiDB Lightning (experimental)

  When TiDB Lightning imports data in the physical import mode (backend='local'), sorted-kv-dir must have enough space to store the source data. Insufficient disk space might cause the import task to fail. Now you can use the new `disk_quota` configuration to limit the total amount of disk space used by TiDB Lightning, so that the import task can be completed normally even when sorted-kv-dir does not have enough storage space.

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- TiDB Lightning supports importing data to production clusters in the physical import mode

  Previously, the physical import mode of TiDB Lightning (backend='local') had a significant impact on the target cluster. For example, during the migration, PD global scheduling is paused. Therefore, the previous physical import mode is only suitable for initial data import.

TiDB Lightning improves the existing physical import mode. By allowing pausing the scheduling of tables, the impact of import is reduced from cluster level to table level. That is, you can read and write tables that are not being imported.

This feature does not need manual configuration. If your TiDB cluster is v6.1.0 or later versions and TiDB Lightning is v6.2.0 or later versions, the new physical import mode takes effect automatically.

User document #35148 @sleepymole

- Refactor the user documentation of TiDB Lightning to make its structure more reasonable and clear. The terms for "backend" is also modified to lower the understanding barrier for new users:

  - Replace "local backend" with "physical import mode".
  - Replace "tidb backend" with "logical import mode".

16.23.1.1.8 TiDB data share subscription

- Support cross-cluster RawKV replication (experimental)

  Support subscribing to the data change of RawKV and replicating the data change to a downstream TiKV cluster in real-time using a new component TiKV-CDC, which makes the cross-cluster replication possible.

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- Support filtering DDL and DML events

  In some special occasions, you might want to set filter rules for incremental data change logs. For example, filtering high risk DDL events such as DROP TABLE. Starting from v6.2.0, TiCDC supports filtering DDL events of specified types and filtering DML events based on SQL expressions. This makes TiCDC applicable to more data replication scenarios.

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16.23.1.2 Compatibility changes

16.23.1.2.1 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_new_cost_interface	Newly added	This variable controls whether to enable the refactored Cost Model implementation.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_cost_model_version	Newly added	TiDB uses a cost model to choose an index and operator during physical optimization. This variable is used to select the cost model version. TiDB v6.2.0 introduces the Cost Model Version 2, which is

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_concurrent_ddl	Newly added	This variable controls whether to allow TiDB to use concurrent DDL statements. DO NOT modify this variable. The risk of disabling this variable is unknown and might corrupt the metadata of the cluster.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_stream_count	Newly added	This variable controls the concurrency level of the window function execution When the window function is pushed down to TiFlash for execution.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tiflash_fine_grained_shuffle_batch_size	Newly added	When Fine Grained Shuffle is enabled, the window function pushed down to TiFlash can be executed in parallel. This variable controls the batch size of the data sent by the sender. The sender will send data once the

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_default_string_match_selectivity	Newly added	This variable is used to set the default selectivity of `like` ↪ , `rlike` ↪ , and `regexp` ↪ functions in the filter condition when estimating the number of rows. This variable also controls whether

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_analyze_snapshot	Newly added	This variable controls whether to read historical data or the latest data when performing `ANALYZE` ↪ .

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_generate_binary_plan	Newly added	This variable controls whether to generate binary-encoded execution plans in slow logs and statement summaries.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_opt_skew_distinct_agg	Newly added	This variable sets whether the optimizer rewrites the aggregate functions with DISTINCT to the two-level aggregate functions, such as rewriting SELECT b , COUNT (DISTINCT a) FROM t GROUP

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_noop_variables	Newly added	This variable controls whether to show `noop` variables in the result of `SHOW [GLOBAL] VARIABLES`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_min_paging_size	Newly added	This variable is used to set the maximum number of rows during the coprocessor paging request process.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_txn_commit_batch_size	Newly added	This variable is used to control the batch size of transaction commit requests that TiDB sends to TiKV.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_change_multi_schema	Deleted	This variable is deleted because, starting from v6.2.0, you can alter multiple columns or indexes in one `ALTER TABLE` statement by default.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_outer_join_reorder	Modified	This variable controls whether the Join Reorder algorithm of TiDB supports Outer Join. In v6.1.0, the default value is `ON`, which means the Join Reorder's support for Outer Join is enabled by default. From v6.2.0, the de-

Variable name	Change type	Description

16.23.1.2.2 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	feedback-probability	Deleted	This configuration is no longer effective and is not recommended.
TiDB	query-feedback-limit	Deleted	This configuration is no longer effective and is not recommended.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	server.simplify-metrics	Newly added	This configuration specifies whether to simplify the returned monitoring metrics.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	quota.background-cpu-time	Newly added	This configuration specifies the soft limit on the CPU resources used by TiKV background to process read and write requests.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	quota.background-write-bandwidth	Newly added	This configuration specifies the soft limit on the bandwidth with which background transactions write data (not effective currently).

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	quota.background-read-bandwidth	Newly added	This configuration specifies the soft limit on the bandwidth with which background transactions and the Coprocessor read data (not effective currently).

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	quota.enable-auto-tune	Newly added	This configuration specifies whether to enable the auto-tuning of quota. If this configuration item is enabled, TiKV dynamically adjusts the quota for the background requests based on the

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	rocksdb.enable-pipelined-commit	Deleted	This configuration is no longer effective.
TiKV	gc-merge-rewrite	Deleted	This configuration is no longer effective.
TiKV	log-backup.enable	Newly added	This configuration controls whether to enable log backup on TiKV.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	log-backup.file-size-limit	Newly added	This configuration specifies the size limit on log backup data. Once this limit is reached, data is automatically flushed to external storage.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	log-backup.initial-scan-pending-memory-quota	Newly added	This configuration specifies the quota of cache used for storing incremental scan data.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	log-backup.max-flush-interval	Newly added	This configuration specifies the maximum interval for writing backup data to external storage in log backup.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	log-backup.initial-scan-rate-limit	Newly added	This configuration specifies the rate limit on throughput in an incremental data scan in log backup.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	log-backup.num-threads	Newly added	This configuration specifies the number of threads used in log backup.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	log-backup.temp-path	Newly added	This configuration specifies temporary path to which log files are written before being flushed to external storage.
TiKV	rocksdb.defaultcf.format-version	Newly added	The format version of SST files.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	rocksdb.writecf.format-version	Newly added	The format version of SST files.
TiKV	rocksdb.lockcf.format-version	Newly added	The format version of SST files.
PD	replication-mode.dr-auto-sync.wait-async-timeout	Deleted	This configuration does not take effect and is deleted.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
PD	replication-mode.dr-auto-sync.wait-sync-timeout	Deleted	This configuration does not take effect and is deleted.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`storage` ↪ `.` ↪ `format` ↪ `_` ↪ `version` ↪	Modified	The default value of `format` ↪ `_` ↪ `version` ↪ changes to `4`, the default format for v6.2.0 and later versions, which reduces write amplification and background task resource consumption.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiFlash	profiles.default.dt_enable_read_thread	Newly added	This configuration controls whether to use the thread pool to handle read requests from the storage engine. The default value is `false` ↪ .

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiFlash	profiles.default.dt_page_gc_threshold	Newly added	This configuration specifies the minimum ratio of valid data in a PageStorage data file.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiCDC	– overwrite-checkpoint-ts	Newly added	This configuration is added to the `cdc cli changefeed resume` subcommand.
TiCDC	– no-confirm	Newly added	This configuration is added to the `cdc cli changefeed resume` subcommand.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
DM	mode	Newly added	This configuration is a validator parameter. Optional values are `full` ↪ , `fast` ↪ , and `none` ↪ . The default value is `none` ↪ , which does not validate the data.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
DM	worker-count	Newly added	This configuration is a validator parameter and specifies the number of validation workers in the background. The default value is 4.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
DM	row-error-delay	Newly added	This configuration is a validator parameter. If a row is not validated within the specified time, it will be marked as an error row. The default value is 30m, which means 30 minutes.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	tikv-importer.store-write-bwlimit	Newly added	This configuration determines the write bandwidth when TiDB Lightning writes data to each TiKV Store. The default value is `0`, indicating the bandwidth is not limited.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	tikv-importer.disk-quota	Newly added	This configuration limits the storage space used by TiDB Lightning.

16.23.1.2.3 Others

- TiFlash `format_version` cannot be downgraded from `4` to `3`. For details, see TiFlash Upgrade Guide.
- In v6.2.0 and later versions, it is strongly recommended to keep the default value `false` of `dt_enable_logical_split` and not to change it to `true`. For details, see known issue #5576.
- If the backup cluster has a TiFlash replica, after you perform PITR, the restoration cluster does not contain the data in the TiFlash replica. To restore data from the TiFlash replica, you need to manually configure TiFlash replicas. Executing the `exchange partition` DDL statement might result in a failure of PITR. If the upstream database uses TiDB Lightning's physical import mode to import data, the data cannot be backed up in log backup. It is recommended to perform a full backup after the data import. For other compatibility issues of PITR, see PITR limitations.
- Since TiDB v6.2.0, you can restore table in `mysql` schema by specifying the parameter `--with-sys-table=true` when restoring data.
- When you execute the `ALTER TABLE` statement to add, drop, or modify multiple columns or indexes, TiDB checks table consistency by comparing the table before and after statement execution, regardless of the change in the same DDL statement. The execution order of the DDLs is not fully compatible with MySQL in some scenarios.
- If the TiDB component is v6.2.0 or later, the TiKV component should not be earlier than v6.2.0.
- TiKV adds a configuration item `split.region-cpu-overload-threshold-ratio` that supports dynamic configuration.

- Slow query logs, `information_schema.statements_summary`, and `information_schema.slow_query`can export `binary_plan`, or execution plans encoded in the binary format.
- Two columns are added to the `SHOW TABLE ... REGIONS` statement: `SCHEDULING_CONSTRAINTS` and `SCHEDULING_STATE`, which respectively indicate Region scheduling constraints in Placement in SQL and the current scheduling state.
- Since TiDB v6.2.0, you can capture data changes of RawKV via TiKV-CDC.
- When `ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT` is used to roll back a transaction to a specified savepoint, MySQL releases the locks held only after the specified savepoint, while in TiDB pessimistic transaction, TiDB does not immediately release the locks held after the specified savepoint. Instead, TiDB releases all locks when the transaction is committed or rolled back.
- Since TiDB v6.2.0, the `SELECT tidb_version()` statement also returns Store type (tikv or unistore).
- TiDB no longer has hidden system variables.
- TiDB v6.2.0 introduces two new system tables:
    - `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.VARIABLES_INFO`: used for viewing information about TiDB system variables.
    - `PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA.SESSION_VARIABLES`: used for viewing information about TiDB session-level system variables.

16.23.1.3 Removed feature

Since TiDB v6.2.0, backing up and restoring RawKV using BR is deprecated.

16.23.1.4 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Support the `SHOW COUNT(*)WARNINGS` and `SHOW COUNT(*)ERRORS` statements #25068 @likzn
    - Add validation check for some system variables #35048 @morgo
    - Optimize the error messages for some type conversions #32744 @fanrenhoo
    - The `KILL` command now supports DDL operations #24144 @morgo
    - Make the output of `SHOW TABLES/DATABASES LIKE ···` more MySQL-compatible. The column names in the output contain the `LIKE` value #35116 @likzn
    - Improve the performance of JSON-related functions #35859 @wjhuang2016
    - Improve the verification speed of password login using SHA-2 #35998 @virusdefender
    - Simplify some log outputs #36011 @dveeden

- Optimize the Coprocessor communication protocol. This can greatly reduce the memory consumption of the TiDB processes when reading data, and further alleviate the OOM issue in the scenario of scanning tables and exporting data by Dumpling. The system variable `tidb_enable_paging` is introduced to control whether to enable this communication protocol (with the scope of SESSION or GLOBAL). This protocol is disabled by default. To enable it, set the variable value to `true` #35633 @tiancaiama @wshwsh12
- Optimize the accuracy of memory tracking for some operators (HashJoin, HashAgg, Update, Delete) (#35634, #35631, #35635 @wshwsh12) (#34096 @ekexium)
- The system table `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.DATA_LOCK_WAIT` supports recording the locking information of optimistic transactions #34609 @longfangson
- Add some monitoring metrics for transactions #34456 @longfangsong

- TiKV
  - Support compressing the metrics response using gzip to reduce the HTTP body size #12355 @glorv
  - Improve the readability of the TiKV panel in Grafana Dashboard #12007 @kevin-xianliu
  - Optimize the commit pipeline performance of the Apply operator #12898 @ethercflow
  - Support dynamically modifying the number of sub-compaction operations performed concurrently in RocksDB (`rocksdb.max-sub-compactions`) #13145 @ethercflow

- PD
  - Support the statistical dimension of CPU usage of a Region and enhance the usage scenarios of Load Base Split #12063 @Jmpotato

- TiFlash
  - Refine error handling of the TiFlash MPP engine, thereby enhancing stability #5095 @windtalker @yibin87
  - Optimize the comparison and sorting of UTF8_BIN and UTF8MB4_BIN collations #5294 @solotzg

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Adjust the backup data directory structure to fix backup failure caused by S3 rate limiting in large cluster backup #30087 @MoCuishle28
  - TiCDC

- Reduce performance overhead caused by runtime context switching in multi-Region scenarios #5610 @hicqu
- Optimize redo log performance, and fix meta and data inconsistency problems (#6011 @CharlesCheung96) (#5924 @zhaoxinyu) (#6277 @hicqu)

- TiDB Lightning
  - Add more retryable errors, including EOF, Read index not ready, and Coprocessor timeout #36674, #36566 @D3Hunter

- TiUP
  - When a new cluster is deployed using TiUP, node-exporter will use the 1.3.1 version, and blackbox-exporter will use the 0.21.1 version, which ensures successful deployment in different systems and environments

16.23.1.5 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that a partition is incorrectly pruned if a partition key is used in the query condition and the collate is different from the one in the query partition table #32749 @mjonss
  - Fix the issue that `SET ROLE` cannot match the granted role if there are capital letters in the host #33061 @morgo
  - Fix the issue that columns with `auto_increment` cannot be dropped #34891 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that `SHOW CONFIG` shows some configuration items that have been removed #34867 @morgo
  - Fix the issue that `SHOW DATABASES LIKE ···` is case-sensitive #34766 @e1ijah1
  - Fix the issue that `SHOW TABLE STATUS LIKE ...` is case-sensitive #7518 @likzn
  - Fix the issue that `max-index-length` still reports an error in non-strict mode #34931 @e1ijah1
  - Fix the issue that `ALTER COLUMN ... DROP DEFAULT` does not work #35018 @Defined2014
  - Fix the issue that when you create a table, the default value and the type of a column are not consistent and are not automatically corrected #34881 @Lloyd-Pottiger
  - Fix the issue that data in the `mysql.columns_priv` table is not deleted synchronously after you run `DROP USER` #35059 @lcwangchao
  - Fix the issue of DDL jam by disallowing creating tables within the schemas of some systems #35205 @tangenta
  - Fix the issue that querying partitioned tables might report "index-out-of-range" and "non used index" errors in some cases #35181 @mjonss
  - Fix the issue that `INTERVAL expr unit + expr` might report an error #30253 @mjonss

- Fix a bug that a temporary table cannot be found after being created in a transaction #35644 @djshow832
- Fix the panic issue that occurs when setting collation to the `ENUM` column #31637 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that when one PD node goes down, the query of `information_schema.TIKV_REGION_STATUS` fails due to not retrying other PD nodes #35708 @tangenta
- Fix the issue that `SHOW CREATE TABLE ⋯` cannot correctly display set or `ENUM` columns after `SET character_set_results = GBK` #31338 @tangenta
- Fix the incorrect scope of the system variables `tidb_log_file_max_days` and `tidb_config` #35190 @morgo
- Fix the issue that the output of `SHOW CREATE TABLE` is not compatible with MySQL for the `ENUM` or `SET` column #36317 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that when creating a table, the behavior of a `LONG BYTE` column is not compatible with MySQL #36239 @Defined2014
- Fix the issue that `auto_increment = x` does not take effect on temporary tables #36224 @djshow832
- Fix the wrong default value when modifying columns concurrently #35846 @wjhuang2016
- Avoid sending requests to unhealthy TiKV nodes to improve availability #34906 @sticnarf
- Fix the issue that the column list does not work in the LOAD DATA statement #35198 @SpadeA-Tang
- Fix the issue that in some scenarios the pessimistic lock is incorrectly added to the non-unique secondary index #36235 @ekexium

- TiKV

    - Avoid reporting `WriteConflict` errors in pessimistic transactions #11612 @sticnarf
    - Fix the possible duplicate commit records in pessimistic transactions when async commit is enabled #12615 @sticnarf
    - Fix the issue that TiKV panics when modifying the `storage.api-version` from `1` to `2` #12600 @pingyu
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    - Fix the issue that TiKV keeps reconnecting PD clients #12506, #12827 @Connor1996
    - Fix the issue that TiKV panics when performing type conversion for an empty string #12673 @wshwsh12
    - Fix the issue of time parsing error that occurs when the `DATETIME` values contain a fraction and `Z` #12739 @gengliqi
    - Fix the issue that the perf context written by the Apply operator to TiKV RocksDB is coarse-grained #11044 @LykxSassinator

- Fix the issue that TiKV fails to start when the configuration of backup/import/cdc is invalid #12771 @3pointer
- Fix the panic issue that might occur when a peer is being split and destroyed at the same time #12825 @BusyJay
- Fix the panic issue that might occur when the source peer catches up logs by snapshot in the Region merge process #12663 @BusyJay
- Fix the panic issue caused by analyzing statistics when `max_sample_size` is set to `0` #11192 @LykxSassinator
- Fix the issue that encryption keys are not cleaned up when Raft Engine is enabled #12890 @tabokie
- Fix the issue that the `get_valid_int_prefix` function is incompatible with TiDB. For example, the `FLOAT` type was incorrectly converted to `INT` #13045 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that the Commit Log Duration of a new Region is too high, which causes QPS to drop #13077 @Connor1996
- Fix the issue that PD does not reconnect to TiKV after the Region heartbeat is interrupted #12934 @bufferflies

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that BR does not reset the rate limit after finishing a rate-limited backup task #31722 @MoCuishle28

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16.24.1 TiDB 6.1.7 Release Notes

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16.24.1.1 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Use pessimistic transactions in internal transaction retry to avoid retry failure and reduce time consumption #38136 @jackysp
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Support batch `UPDATE` DML statements to improve TiCDC replication performance #8084 @amyangfei
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Verify checksum through SQL after the import to improve stability of verification #41941 @GMHDBJD

16.24.1.2 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the panic issue caused by empty `processInfo` #43829 @zimulala
    - Fix the issue that `resolve lock` might hang when there is a sudden change in PD time #44822 @zyguan
    - Fix the issue that queries containing Common Table Expressions (CTEs) might cause insufficient disk space #44477 @guo-shaoge
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- Fix the issue that the join result of common table expressions might be wrong #38170 @wjhuang2016
- Fix the issue that in some rare cases, residual pessimistic locks of pessimistic transactions might affect data correctness when GC resolves locks #43243 @MyonKeminta
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- Fix the issue that CTE results are incorrect when pushing down predicates #43645 @winoros
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16.24.2.1 Compatibility changes

- TiCDC fixes the issue of incorrect encoding of FLOAT data in Avro #8490 @3AceShowHand

  When upgrading the TiCDC cluster to v6.1.6 or a later v6.1.x version, if a table replicated using Avro contains the `FLOAT` data type, you need to manually adjust the compatibility policy of Confluent Schema Registry to `None` before upgrading so that the changefeed can successfully update the schema. Otherwise, after upgrading, the changefeed will be unable to update the schema and enter an error state.

16.24.2.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Supports caching the execution plan for `BatchPointGet` in Prepared Plan Cache #42125 @qw4990
  - Support more SQL formats for Index Join #40505 @Yisaer
- TiKV
  - Support starting TiKV on a CPU with less than 1 core #13586 #13752 #14017 @andreid-db @andreid-db

16.24.2.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that the `ignore_plan_cache` hint might not work for `INSERT` statements #40079 #39717 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might panic after `indexMerge` encounters an error #41047 #40877 @guo-shaoge @windtalker
  - Fix the issue that incorrect results might be returned when TopN operators with virtual columns are mistakenly pushing down to TiKV or TiFlash #41355 @Dousir9
  - Fix the PD OOM issue when there is a large number of Regions but the table ID cannot be pushed down when querying some virtual tables using `Prepare` or `Execute` #39605 @djshow832
  - Fix the issue that Plan Cache might cache FullScan plans when processing `int_col in (decimal...)` conditions #40224 @qw4990
  - Fix the issue that IndexMerge plans might generate incorrect ranges on the SET type columns #41273 #41293 @time-and-fate
  - Fix the issue of potential wrong results when comparing unsigned `TINYINT/SMALLINT/INT` values with `DECIMAL/FLOAT/DOUBLE` values smaller than `0` #41736 @LittleFall
  - Fix the issue that the TiDB server might run out of memory when the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY` table is queried. This issue can be triggered when you check slow queries on the Grafana dashboard #33893 @crazycs520
  - Fix the issue that range partitions allow multiple `MAXVALUE` partitions #36329 @u5surf
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- Fix the issue that joining the `information_schema.columns` table causes TiDB to panic #32459 @tangenta
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- Fix the issue that TiFlash reports an error for generated columns during execution #40663 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that TiDB might produce incorrect results when different partitioned tables appear in a single SQL statement #42135 @mjonss
- Fix the issue that Plan Cache might cache Shuffle operators and return incorrect results #38335 @qw4990 @fzzf678
- Fix the issue that using Index Merge to read a table containing the `SET` type column might lead to incorrect results #41293 @time-and-fate
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- Fix the issue that after executing `PointUpdate` within a transaction, TiDB returns incorrect results for the `SELECT` statement #28011 @zyguan
- Clear expired region cache regularly to avoid memory leak and performance degradation #40461 @sticnarf @zyguan
- Fix the issue that `INSERT IGNORE` and `REPLACE` statements do not lock keys that do not modify values #42121 @zyguan

- TiKV

  - Fix an error that occurs when casting the `const Enum` type to other types #14156 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue of CPU quota limitation #13084 @BornChanger
  - Fix the issue of incorrect snapshot last index #12618 @LintianShi

- PD

  - Fix the issue that the Region Scatter might cause uneven distribution of leader #6017 @HunDunDM
  - Fix the issue that the timeout mechanism of Online Unsafe Recovery does not work #6107 @v01dstar

- TiFlash

- Fix the issue that semi-joins use excessive memory when calculating Cartesian products #6730 @gengliqi
- Fix the issue that TiFlash log search is too slow #6829 @hehechen
- Fix the issue that TopN/Sort operators produce incorrect results after enabling the new collation #6807 @xzhangxian1008
- Fix the issue that Decimal cast rounds up incorrectly in certain cases #6994 @windtalker
- Fix the issue that TiFlash cannot recognize generated columns #6801 @guo-shaoge
- Fix the issue that Decimal division does not round up the last digit in certain cases #7022 @LittleFall

- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that the disorder of `UPDATE` and `INSERT` statements during data replication might cause the `Duplicate entry` error #8597 @sdojjy
    - Fix the abnormal exit issue of the TiCDC service caused by network isolation between PD and TiCDC #8562 @overvenus
    - Fix the data inconsistency that occurs when replicating data to a TiDB or MySQL sink and when `CHARACTER SET` is specified on the column that has the non-null unique index without a primary key #8420 @zhaoxinyu
    - Fix the issue that the memory usage of `db sorter` is not controlled by `cgroup memory limit` #8588 @amyangfei
    - Optimize the error message of `cdc cli` for invalid input #7903 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue of insufficient duration that redo log can tolerate for S3 storage failure #8089 @CharlesCheung96
    - Fix the issue that pausing a changefeed when PD is abnormal results in incorrect status #8330 @sdojjy
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Fix the issue that the conflict resolution logic (`duplicate-resolution`) might lead to inconsistent checksums #40657 @sleepymole
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning panics in the split-region phase #40934 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that when importing data in Local Backend mode, the target columns do not automatically generate data if the compound primary key of the imported target table has an `auto_random` column and no value for the column is specified in the source data #41454 @D3Hunter
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning might incorrectly skip conflict resolution when all but the last TiDB Lightning instance encounters a local duplicate record during a parallel import #40923 @lichunzhu

16.24.3 TiDB 6.1.5 Release Notes

Release date: February 28, 2023

TiDB version: 6.1.5

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.24.3.1 Compatibility changes

- Starting from February 20, 2023, the telemetry feature is disabled by default in new versions of TiDB and TiDB Dashboard, including v6.1.5, and usage information is not collected and shared with PingCAP. Before upgrading to these versions, if the cluster uses the default telemetry configuration, the telemetry feature is disabled after the upgrade. See TiDB Release Timeline for a specific version.
    - The default value of the `tidb_enable_telemetry` system variable is changed from `ON` to `OFF`.
    - The default value of the TiDB `enable-telemetry` configuration item is changed from `true` to `false`.
    - The default value of the PD `enable-telemetry` configuration item is changed from `true` to `false`.
- Starting from v1.11.3, the telemetry feature is disabled by default in newly deployed TiUP, and usage information is not collected. If you upgrade from a TiUP version earlier than v1.11.3 to v1.11.3 or a later version, the telemetry feature keeps the same status as before the upgrade.

16.24.3.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Support the `AUTO_RANDOM` column as the first column of the clustered composite index #38572 @tangenta

16.24.3.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that data race might cause TiDB to restart #27725 @XuHuaiyu
    - Fix the issue that the `UPDATE` statement might not read the latest data when the Read Committed isolation level is used #41581 @cfzjywxk
- PD
    - Fix the PD OOM issue that occurs when the calls of `ReportMinResolvedTS` are too frequent #5965 @HundunDM
- Tools

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that applying redo log might cause OOM when the replication lag is excessively high #8085 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that the performance degrades when redo log is enabled to write meta #8074 @CharlesCheung96
- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that the `binlog-schema delete` command fails to execute #7373 @liumengya94
  - Fix the issue that the checkpoint does not advance when the last binlog is a skipped DDL #8175 @D3Hunter

16.24.4 TiDB 6.1.4 Release Notes

Release date: February 8, 2023

TiDB version: 6.1.4

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.24.4.1 Compatibility changes

- TiDB
  - No longer support modifying column types on partitioned tables because of potential correctness issues #40620 @mjonss

16.24.4.2 Improvements

- TiFlash
  - Reduce the IOPS by up to 95% and the write amplification by up to 65% for TiFlash instances under high update throughput workloads #6460 @flowbehappy
- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Add the DML batch operation mode to improve the throughput when SQL statements are generated in batches #7653 @asddongmen
    - Support storing redo logs to GCS- or Azure-compatible object storage #7987 @CharlesCheung96
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Change the severity of the precheck items `clusterResourceCheckItem` and `emptyRegionCheckItem` from `Critical` to `Warning` #37654 @niubell

16.24.4.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that when you create a table, the default value and the type of a column are not consistent and are not automatically corrected #34881 @Lloyd-Pottiger @mjonss
    - Fix the data race issue in the `LazyTxn.LockKeys` function #40355 @HuSharp
    - Fix the issue that the `INSERT` or `REPLACE` statements might panic in long session connections #40351 @fanrenhoo
    - Fix the issue that reading data using the "cursor read" method might return an error because of GC #39447 @zyguan
    - Fix the issue that the `pessimistic-auto-commit` configuration item does not take effect for point-get queries #39928 @zyguan
    - Fix the issue that querying the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIKV_REGION_STATUS` table returns an incorrect result #37436 @zimulala
    - Fix the issue that the `IN` and `NOT IN` subqueries in some patterns report the `Can't find column` error #37032 @AilinKid @lance6716
- PD
    - Fix the issue that PD might unexpectedly add multiple Learners to a Region #5786 @HunDunDM
- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that TiDB fails to start on Gitpod when there are multiple `cgroup` and `mountinfo` records #13660 @tabokie
    - Fix the issue that tikv-ctl is terminated unexpectedly when executing the `reset -to-version` command #13829 @tabokie
    - Fix the issue that TiKV mistakenly reports a `PessimisticLockNotFound` error #13425 @sticnarf
    - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when the size of one single write exceeds 2 GiB #13848 @YuJuncen
    - Fix the data inconsistency issue caused by network failure between TiDB and TiKV during the execution of a DML after a failed pessimistic DML #14038 @MyonKeminta
    - Fix the issue that `_` in the `LIKE` operator cannot match non-ASCII characters when new collation is not enabled #13769 @YangKeao @tonyxuqqi
- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash global locks are blocked for a long time occasionally #6418 @SeaRise
    - Fix the issue that high throughput writes cause OOM #6407 @JaySon-Huang

- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the issue that restore is interrupted due to failure in getting the Region size #36053 @YuJuncen
        - Fix the issue that causes panic when BR debugs the `backupmeta` file #40878 @MoCuishle28
    - TiCDC
        - Fix the issue that the checkpoint cannot advance when TiCDC replicates an excessively large number of tables #8004 @asddongmen
        - Fix the issue that `transaction-atomicity` and `protocol` cannot be updated via the configuration file #7935 @CharlesCheung96
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC mistakenly reports an error when the version of TiFlash is later than that of TiCDC #7744 @overvenus
        - Fix the issue that OOM occurs when TiCDC replicates large transactions #7913 @overvenus
        - Fix a bug that the context deadline is exceeded when TiCDC replicates data without splitting large transactions #7982 @hi-rustin
        - Fix the issue that `sasl-password` in the `changefeed query` result is not masked #7182 @dveeden
        - Fix the issue that data is lost when a user quickly deletes a replication task and then creates another one with the same task name #7657 @overvenus
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Fix a bug that DM might raise an error during precheck when the downstream database name in `SHOW GRANTS` contains a wildcard ("*") #7645 @lance6716
        - Fix the issue that DM prints too many logs caused by "COMMIT" in binlog query events #7525 @liumengya94
        - Fix the issue that the DM task fails to start when only `ssl-ca` is configured for SSL #7941 @liumengya94
        - Fix a bug that when the expression filters of both "update" and "non-update" types are specified in one table, all `UPDATE` statements are skipped #7831 @lance6716
        - Fix a bug that when only one of `update-old-value-expr` or `update-new-value-expr` is set for a table, the filter rule does not take effect or DM panics #7774 @lance6716
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Fix the memory leakage issue when TiDB Lightning imports a huge source data file #39331 @dsdashun
        - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning prechecks cannot find dirty data left by previously failed imports #39477 @dsdashun

16.24.5 TiDB 6.1.3 Release Notes

Release date: December 5, 2022

TiDB version: 6.1.3

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.24.5.1 Compatibility changes

- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Change the default value of `transaction-atomicity` from `table` to `none`, which helps reduce replication latency and reduce OOM risks, and ensures that only a few transactions (the size of a single transaction exceeds 1024 rows) are split, instead of all transactions #7505 #5231 @asddongmen

16.24.5.2 Improvements

- PD
  - Optimize the granularity of locks to reduce lock contention and improve the capability of processing heartbeat in high concurrency #5586 @rleungx
- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Enable transaction split and disable the safe mode of a changefeed in TiCDC by default to improve performance #7505 @asddongmen
    - Improve the performance of Kafka protocol encoder #7540, #7532, #7543 @sdojjy @3AceShowHand
- Others
  - Upgrade the Go compiler version of TiDB from go1.18 to go1.19, which improves the TiDB stability. Specifically, a Go environment variable `GOMEMLIMIT` is introduced to keep the memory usage of TiDB below a certain threshold. This helps mitigate most OOM issues. For more information, see Mitigate OOM issues by configuring the `GOMEMLIMIT`.

16.24.5.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the `grantor` field is missing in the `mysql.tables_priv` table #38293 @CbcWestwolf
    - Fix the issue of the wrong query result that occurs when the mistakenly pushed-down conditions are discarded by Join Reorder #38736 @winoros
    - Fix the issue that the lock acquired by `get_lock()` cannot hold for more than 10 minutes #38706 @tangenta
    - Fix the issue that the auto-increment column cannot be used with check constraint #38894 @YangKeao
    - Fix the issue that the gPRC log is output to a wrong file #38941 @xhebox
    - Fix the issue that the TiFlash sync status of a table is not deleted from etcd when the table is truncated or dropped #37168 @CalvinNeo
    - Fix the issue that data files can be accessed unrestrainedly via data source name injection (CVE-2022-3023) #38541 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that the function `str_to_date` returns wrong result in the `NO_ZERO` ↪ `_DATE` SQL mode #39146 @mengxin9014
    - Fix the issue that statistics collection tasks in the background might panic #35421 @lilinghai
    - Fix the issue that in some scenarios the pessimistic lock is incorrectly added to the non-unique secondary index #36235 @ekexium
- PD
    - Fix inaccurate Stream timeout and accelerate leader switchover #5207 @CabinfeverB
- TiKV
    - Fix abnormal Region competition caused by expired lease during snapshot acquisition #13553 @SpadeA-Tang
- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue that logical operators return wrong results when the argument type is `UInt8` #6127 @xzhangxian1008
    - Fix the issue that wrong data input for `CAST(value AS DATETIME)` causing high TiFlash sys CPU #5097 @xzhangxian1008
    - Fix the issue that heavy write pressure might generate too many column files in the delta layer #6361 @lidezhu
    - Fix the issue that column files in the delta layer cannot be compacted after restarting TiFlash #6159 @lidezhu
- Tools

- Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that restore tasks fail when using old framework for collations in databases or tables #39150 @MoCuishle28
- TiCDC
    - Fix data loss occurred in the scenario of executing DDL statements first and then pausing and resuming the changefeed #7682 @asddongmen
    - Fix the issue that the sink component gets stuck if the downstream network is unavailable #7706 @hicqu
- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
    - Fix the issue that when `collation_compatible` is set to `"strict"`, DM might generate SQL with duplicated collations #6832 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that DM tasks might stop with an `Unknown placement policy` error #7493 @lance6716
    - Fix the issue that relay logs might be pulled from upstream again in some cases #7525 @liumengya94
    - Fix the issue that data is replicated for multiple times when a new DM worker is scheduled before the existing worker exits #7658 @GMHDBJD

16.24.6 TiDB 6.1.2 Release Notes

Release date: October 24, 2022

TiDB version: 6.1.2

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.24.6.1 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Allow setting placement rules and TiFlash replicas at the same time in one table #37171 @lcwangchao
- TiKV
    - Support configuring the `unreachable_backoff` item to avoid Raftstore broadcasting too many messages after one peer becomes unreachable #13054 @5kbpers
    - Support configuring the RocksDB write stall settings to a value smaller than the flow control threshold #13467 @tabokie
- Tools
    - TiDB Lightning

- Add retryable errors during checksum to improve robustness #37690 @D3Hunter

- TiCDC
  - Enhance the performance of the region worker by handling resolved TS in a batch #7078 @sdojjy

16.24.6.2 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that database-level privileges are incorrectly cleaned up #38363 @dveeden
  - Fix the incorrect output of `SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY` #37526 @xhebox
  - Fix the issue that when one PD node goes down, the query of `information_schema.TIKV_REGION_STATUS` fails due to not retrying other PD nodes #35708 @tangenta
  - Fix the issue that the `UNION` operator might return unexpected empty result #36903 @tiancaiamao
  - Fix the wrong result that occurs when enabling dynamic mode in partitioned tables for TiFlash #37254 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue that the Region cache is not cleaned up in time when the Region is merged #37141 @sticnarf
  - Fix the issue that the KV client sends unnecessary ping messages #36861 @jackysp
  - Fix the issue that the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement with DML executors might return result before the transaction commit finishes #37373 @cfzjywxk
  - Fix the issue that `GROUP CONCAT` with `ORDER BY` might fail when the `ORDER BY` clause contains a correlated subquery #18216 @winoros
  - Fix the issue that `Can't find column` is reported if an `UPDATE` statement contains common table expressions (CTE) #35758 @AilinKid
  - Fix the issue that the `EXECUTE` might throw an unexpected error in specific scenarios #37187 @Reminiscent

- TiKV
  - Fix the issue that the snapshot data might be incomplete caused by batch snapshot across Regions #13553 @SpadeA-Tang
  - Fix the issue of QPS drop when flow control is enabled and `level0_slowdown_trigger` is set explicitly #11424 @Connor1996
  - Fix the issue that causes permission denied error when TiKV gets an error from the web identity provider and fails back to the default provider #13122 @3pointer
  - Fix the issue that the TiKV service is unavailable for several minutes when a TiKV instance is in an isolated network environment #12966 @cosven

- PD
    - Fix the issue that the statistics of the Region tree might be inaccurate #5318 @rleungx
    - Fix the issue that the TiFlash learner replica might not be created #5401 @HunDunDM
    - Fix the issue that PD cannot correctly handle dashboard proxy requests #5321 @HunDunDM
    - Fix the issue that unhealthy Region might cause PD panic #5491 @nolouch
- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue that I/O Limiter might incorrectly throttle the I/O throughput of query requests after bulk writes, which reduces the query performance #5801 @JinheLin
    - Fix the issue that a window function might cause TiFlash to crash when the query is canceled #5814 @SeaRise
    - Fix the panic that occurs after creating the primary index with a column containing the `NULL` value #5859 @JaySon-Huang
- Tools
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Fix panic of TiDB Lightning caused by invalid metric counters #37338 @D3Hunter
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Fix the issue that upstream table structure information is lost when DM tasks enter the sync unit and are interrupted #7159 @lance6716
        - Fix large transaction errors by splitting SQL statements when saving checkpoints #5010 @lance6716
        - Fix the issue that DM precheck requires the `SELECT` privilege on `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` #7317 @lance6716
        - Fix the issue that DM-worker triggers a deadlock error after running DM tasks with fast/full validators #7241 @buchuitoudegou
        - Fix the issue that DM reports the `Specified key was too long` error #5315 @lance6716
        - Fix the issue that latin1 data might be corrupted during replication #7028 @lance6716
    - TiCDC
        - Fix the issue that the cdc server might panic if it receives an HTTP request before the cdc server fully starts #6838 @asddongmen
        - Fix the log flooding issue during upgrade #7235 @hi-rustin
        - Fix the issue that changefeed's redo log files might be deleted by mistake #6413 @hi-rustin

- Fix the issue that TiCDC might become unavailable when too many operations in an etcd transaction are committed #7131 @hi-rustin
- Fix the issue that data inconsistency might occur when non-reentrant DDL statements in redo logs are executed twice #6927 @hicqu

- Backup & Restore (BR)
  - Fix the issue that the regions are not balanced because the concurrency is set too large during the restoration #37549 @3pointer
  - Fix the issue that might lead to backup and restoration failure if special characters exist in the authorization key of external storage #37469 @MoCuishle28

16.24.7 TiDB 6.1.1 Release Notes

Release date: September 1, 2022

TiDB version: 6.1.1

Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

16.24.7.1 Compatibility changes

- TiDB
  - Make the `SHOW DATABASES LIKE ···` statement case-insensitive #34766 @e1ijah1
  - Change the default value of `tidb_enable_outer_join_reorder` from `1` to `0`, which disables Join Reorder's support for Outer Join by default.

- Diagnosis
  - Disable the Continuous Profiling feature by default, which avoids the possible TiFlash crash issue that occurs when this feature is enabled. For details, see #5687 @mornyx

16.24.7.2 Other changes

- Add the following contents in the `TiDB-community-toolkit` binary package. For details, see TiDB Installation Packages.
  - `server-{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz`
  - `grafana-{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz`
  - `alertmanager-{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz`
  - `prometheus-{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz`
  - `blackbox_exporter-{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz`
  - `node_exporter-{version}-linux-amd64.tar.gz`

- Introduce multi-level support for different quality standards on the combination of operating systems and CPU architectures. See OS and platform requirements.

16.24.7.3 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Add a new optimizer `SEMI_JOIN_REWRITE` to improve the performance of `EXISTS` queries #35323 @winoros
- TiKV
  - Support compressing the metrics response using gzip to reduce the HTTP body size #12355 @winoros
  - Support reducing the amount of data returned for each request by filtering out some metrics using the `server.simplify-metrics` configuration item #12355 @glorv
  - Support dynamically modifying the number of sub-compaction operations performed concurrently in RocksDB (`rocksdb.max-sub-compactions`) #13145 @ethercflow
- PD
  - Improve the scheduling speed of Balance Region in specific stages #4990 @bufferflies
- Tools
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Add a retry mechanism on errors such as `stale command` to improve import success rate #36877 @D3Hunter
  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
    - Users can manually set the amount of concurrency for lightning loader #5505 @buchuitoudegou
  - TiCDC
    - Add a sink uri parameter `transaction-atomicity` to support splitting the large transaction in a changefeed. This can greatly reduce the latency and memory consumption of large transactions #5231 @CharlesCheung96
    - Reduce performance overhead caused by runtime context switching in multi-Region scenarios #5610 @hicqu
    - Enhance the MySQL sink to turn off the safe mode automatically #5611 @overvenus

16.24.7.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that `INL_HASH_JOIN` might hang when used with `LIMIT` #35638 @guo-shaoge
    - Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when executing the `UPDATE` statement #32311 @Yisaer
    - Fix a bug that TiDB might send coprocessor requests when executing the `SHOW COLUMNS` statement #36496 @tangenta
    - Fix a bug that TiDB might return the `invalid memory address or nil pointer dereference` error when executing the `SHOW WARNINGS` statement #31569 @zyguan
    - Fix a bug that in the static partition prune mode, SQL statements with an aggregate condition might return wrong result when the table is empty #35295 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the issue that the Join Reorder operation will mistakenly push down its Outer Join condition #37238 @winoros
    - Fix the issue that CTE-schema hash code is cloned mistakenly, which causes the `Can't find column ... in schema ...` error when CTE is referenced more than once #35404 @AilinKid
    - Fix the issue that the wrong join reorder in some right outer join scenarios causes wrong query result #36912 @winoros
    - Fix the issue of incorrectly inferred null flag of the TiFlash `firstrow` aggregate function in the EqualAll case #34584 @fixdb
    - Fix the issue that Plan Cache does not work when a binding is created with the `IGNORE_PLAN_CACHE` hint #34596 @fzzf678
    - Fix the issue that an `EXCHANGE` operator is missing between the hash-partition window and the single-partition window #35990 @LittleFall
    - Fix the issue that partitioned tables cannot fully use indexes to scan data in some cases #33966 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue of wrong query result when a wrong default value is set for partial aggregation after the aggregation is pushed down #35295 @tiancaiamao
    - Fix the issue that querying partitioned tables might get the `index-out-of-range` error in some cases #35181 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that a partition is incorrectly pruned if a partition key is used in the query condition and the collate is different from the one in the query partition table #32749 @mjonss
    - Fix the issue that when TiDB Binlog is enabled, executing the `ALTER SEQUENCE` statement might cause a wrong metadata version and cause Drainer to exit #36276 @AilinKid
    - Fix the issue of incorrect TiDB status that might appear on startup in some extreme cases #36791 @xhebox
    - Fix the potential `UnknownPlanID` issue that occurs when querying the execution plans for partitioned tables in TiDB Dashboard #35153 @time-and-fate

- Fix the issue that the column list does not work in the LOAD DATA statement #35198 @SpadeA-Tang
- Fix the issue of the `data and columnID count not match` error that occurs when inserting duplicated values with TiDB Binlog enabled #33608 @zyguan
- Remove the limitation of `tidb_gc_life_time` #35392 @TonsnakeLin
- Fix the `LOAD DATA` statement dead loop when an empty filed terminator is used #33298 @zyguan
- Avoid sending requests to unhealthy TiKV nodes to improve availability #34906 @sticnarf

- TiKV

  - Fix a bug that Regions might be overlapped if Raftstore is busy #13160 @5kbpers
  - Fix the issue that PD does not reconnect to TiKV after the Region heartbeat is interrupted #12934 @bufferflies
  - Fix the issue that TiKV panics when performing type conversion for an empty string #12673 @wshwsh12
  - Fix the issue of inconsistent Region size configuration between TiKV and PD #12518 @5kbpers
  - Fix the issue that encryption keys are not cleaned up when Raft Engine is enabled #12890 @tabokie
  - Fix the panic issue that might occur when a peer is being split and destroyed at the same time #12825 @BusyJay
  - Fix the panic issue that might occur when the source peer catches up logs by snapshot in the Region merge process #12663 @BusyJay
  - Fix the issue of frequent PD client reconnection that occurs when the PD client meets an error #12345 @Connor1996
  - Fix potential panic when parallel recovery is enabled for Raft Engine #13123 @tabokie
  - Fix the issue that the Commit Log Duration of a new Region is too high, which causes QPS to drop #13077 @Connor1996
  - Fix rare panics when Raft Engine is enabled #12698 @tabokie
  - Avoid redundant log warnings when proc filesystem (procfs) cannot be found #13116 @tabokie
  - Fix the wrong expression of `Unified Read Pool CPU` in dashboard #13086 @glorv
  - Fix the issue that when a Region is large, the default `region-split-check-diff` might be larger than the bucket size #12598 @tonyxuqqi
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might panic when Apply Snapshot is aborted and Raft Engine is enabled #12470 @tabokie
  - Fix the issue that the PD client might cause deadlocks #13191 @bufferflies #12933 @BurtonQin

- PD

- Fix the issue that the online progress is inaccurate when label configurations of cluster nodes are invalid #5234 @rleungx
- Fix PD panics caused by the issue that gRPC handles errors inappropriately when `enable-forwarding` is enabled #5373 @bufferflies
- Fix the issue that `/regions/replicated` might return a wrong status #5095 @rleungx

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that TiFlash crashes after dropping a column of a table with clustered indexes in some situations #5154 @hongyunyan
  - Fix the issue that the `format` function might return a `Data truncated` error #4891 @xzhangxian1008
  - Fix the issue that some obsolete data might persist in storage and cannot be deleted #5659 @lidezhu
  - Fix unnecessary CPU usage in some edge cases #5409 @breezewish
  - Fix a bug that TiFlash cannot work in a cluster using IPv6 #5247 @solotzg
  - Fix a bug that TiFlash might crash due to an error in parallel aggregation #5356 @gengliqi
  - Fix a bug that thread resources might leak in case of `MinTSOScheduler` query errors #5556 @windtalker

- Tools

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to connect to TiDB when TiDB uses an IPv6 host #35880 @D3Hunter
    - Fix the `read index not ready` error by adding a retry mechanism #36566 @D3Hunter
    - Fix the issue that sensitive information in logs is printed in server mode #36374 @lichunzhu
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning does not support columns starting with slash, number, or non-ascii characters in Parquet files #36980 @D3Hunter
    - Fix the issue that de-duplication might cause TiDB Lightning to panic in extreme cases #34163 @ForwardStar

  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)

    - Fix the issue that the `txn-entry-size-limit` configuration item does not take effect in DM #6161 @ForwardStar
    - Fix the issue that the `check-task` command cannot handle special characters #5895 @Ehco1996
    - Fix the issue of possible data race in `query-status` #4811 @lyzx2001
    - Fix the different output format for the `operate-schema` command #5688 @ForwardStar
    - Fix goroutine leak when relay meets an error #6193 @lance6716

- Fix the issue that DM Worker might get stuck when getting DB Conn #3733 @lance6716
- Fix the issue that DM fails to start when TiDB uses an IPv6 host #6249 @D3Hunter

- TiCDC
  - Fix the wrong maximum compatible version number #6039 @hi-rustin
  - Fix a bug that may cause the cdc server to panic when it receives an HTTP request before it fully starts #5639 @asddongmen
  - Fix the ddl sink panic issue when the changefeed sync-point is enabled #4934 @asddongmen
  - Fix the issue that a changefeed is stuck in some scenarios when sync-point is enabled #6827 @hicqu
  - Fix a bug that changefeed API does not work properly after the cdc server restarts #5837 @asddongmen
  - Fix the data race issue in the black hole sink #6206 @asddongmen
  - Fix the TiCDC panic issue when you set `enable-old-value = false` #6198 @hi-rustin
  - Fix the data consistency issue when the redo log feature is enabled #6189 #6368 #6277 #6456 #6695 #6764 #6859 @asddongmen
  - Fix poor redo log performance by writing redo events asynchronously #6011 @CharlesCheung96
  - Fix the issue that the MySQL sink cannot connect to IPv6 addresses #6135 @hi-rustin

- Backup & Restore (BR)
  - Fix a bug that BR reports `ErrRestoreTableIDMismatch` in RawKV mode #35279 @3pointer
  - Adjust the backup data directory structure to fix backup failure caused by S3 rate limiting in large cluster backup #30087 @MoCuishle28
  - Fix incorrect backup time in the summary log #35553 @ixuh12

- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that GetDSN does not support IPv6 #36112 @D3Hunter

- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix a bug that Drainer cannot send requests correctly to Pump when `compressor` is set to `gzip` #1152 @lichunzhu

16.24.8 TiDB 6.1.0 Release Notes

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Quick access: Quick start | Production deployment

In 6.1.0, the key new features or improvements are as follows:

- List partitioning and list COLUMNS partitioning become GA, compatible with MySQL 5.7
- TiFlash partitioned table (dynamic pruning) becomes GA
- Support user-level lock management, compatible with MySQL
- Support non-transactional DML statements (only support `DELETE`)
- TiFlash supports on-demand data compaction
- MPP introduces the window function framework
- TiCDC supports replicating changelogs to Kafka via Avro
- TiCDC supports splitting large transactions during replication, which significantly reduces replication latency caused by large transactions
- The optimistic mode for merging and migrating sharded tables becomes GA

16.24.8.1 New Features

16.24.8.1.1 SQL

- List partitioning and list COLUMNS partitioning become GA. Both are compatible with MySQL 5.7.

  User documents: List partitioning, List COLUMNS partitioning

- TiFlash supports initiating a compact command. (experimental)

  TiFlash v6.1.0 introduces the `ALTER TABLE ... COMPACT` statement, which provides a manual way to compact physical data based on the existing background compaction mechanism. With this statement, you can update data in earlier formats and improve read/write performance any time as appropriate. It is recommended that you execute this statement to compact data after upgrading your cluster to v6.1.0. This statement is an extension of the standard SQL syntax and therefore is compatible with MySQL clients. For scenarios other than TiFlash upgrade, usually there is no need to use this statement.

  User document, #4145

- TiFlash implements the window function framework and supports the following window functions:

  - `RANK()`
  - `DENSE_RANK()`
  - `ROW_NUMBER()`

  User document, #33072

16.24.8.1.2 Observability

- Continuous Profiling supports the ARM architecture and TiFlash.

  User document

- Grafana adds a Performance Overview dashboard to provide a system-level entry for overall performance diagnosis.

  As a new dashboard in the TiDB visualized monitoring component Grafana, Performance Overview provides a system-level entry for overall performance diagnosis. According to the top-down performance analysis methodology, the Performance Overview dashboard reorganizes TiDB performance metrics based on database time breakdown and displays these metrics in different colors. By checking these colors, you can identify performance bottlenecks of the entire system at the first glance, which significantly reduces performance diagnosis time and simplifies performance analysis and diagnosis.

  User document

16.24.8.1.3 Performance

- Support customized Region size

  Starting from v6.1.0, you can configure `coprocessor.region-split-size` to set Regions to a larger size. This can effectively reduce the number of Regions, make Regions easier to manage, and improve the cluster performance and stability.

  User document, #11515

- Support using buckets to increase concurrency (experimental)

  To help you further improve the query concurrency after setting Regions to a larger size, TiDB introduces the concept of bucket, which is a smaller range within a Region. Using buckets as the query unit can optimize concurrent query performance when Regions are set to a larger size. Using buckets as the query unit can also dynamically adjust the sizes of hotspot Regions to ensure the scheduling efficiency and load balance. This feature is currently experimental. It is not recommended to use it in production environments.

  User document, #11515

- Use Raft Engine as the default log storage engine

  Since v6.1.0, TiDB uses Raft Engine as the default storage engine for logs. Compared with RocksDB, Raft Engine can reduce TiKV I/O write traffic by up to 40% and CPU usage by 10%, while improving foreground throughput by about 5% and reducing tail latency by 20% under certain loads.

  User document, #95

- Support the join order hint syntax

- The `LEADING` hint reminds the optimizer to use the specified order as the prefix of join operations. A good prefix of join can quickly reduce the amount of data at the early phase of join and improve the query performance.
- The `STRAIGHT_JOIN` hint reminds the optimizer to join tables in an order that is consistent with the order of tables in the `FROM` clause.

This provides a method for you to fix the order of table joins. A proper use of the hints can effectively enhance the SQL performance and cluster stability.

User document: `LEADING`, `STRAIGHT_JOIN`, #29932

- TiFlash supports four more functions:

  - `FROM_DAYS`
  - `TO_DAYS`
  - `TO_SECONDS`
  - `WEEKOFYEAR`

  User document, #4679, #4678, #4677

- TiFlash supports partitioned tables in dynamic pruning mode.

  To enhance performance in OLAP scenarios, dynamic pruning mode is supported for partitioned tables. If your TiDB is upgraded from versions earlier than v6.0.0, it is recommended that you manually update statistics of existing partitioned tables, so as to maximize the performance (not required for new installations or new partitions created after upgrade to v6.1.0).

  User documents: Access partitioned tables in the MPP mode, Dynamic pruning mode, #3873

16.24.8.1.4 Stability

- Automatic recovery from SST corruption

  When RocksDB detects a damaged SST file in the background, TiKV will try to schedule the affected Peer and recover its data using other replicas. You can set the maximum allowable time for the recovery using the `background-error-recovery-window` parameter. If the recovery operation is not completed within the time window, TiKV will panic. This feature automatically detects and recovers recoverable damaged storage, thus improving the cluster stability.

  User document, #10578

- Support non-transactional DML statement

  In the scenarios of large data processing, a single SQL statement with a large transaction might have a negative impact on the cluster stability and performance. Since v6.1.0, TiDB supports providing a syntax in which a `DELETE` statement is split into

multiple statements for batch processing. The split statements compromise transactional atomicity and isolation but greatly improve the cluster stability. For detailed syntax, see `BATCH`.

User document

- TiDB supports configuring the maximum GC wait time

  The transaction of TiDB adopts the Multi-Version Concurrency Control (MVCC) mechanism. When the newly written data overwrites the old data, the old data is not replaced, and both versions of data are stored. The old data is cleaned up by the Garbage Collection (GC) task periodically, which helps reclaim storage space to improve the performance and stability of the cluster. GC is triggered every 10 minutes by default. To ensure that long-running transactions can access the corresponding historical data, when there are transactions in execution, the GC task is delayed. To ensure that the GC task is not delayed indefinitely, TiDB introduces the system variable `tidb_gc_max_wait_time` to control the maximum delay time of the GC task. If the maximum delay time is exceeded, the GC will be forcibly executed. The default value of the variable is 24 hours. This feature enables you to control the relationship between the GC waiting time and the long-running transaction, which improves the stability of the cluster.

  User document

- TiDB supports configuring the maximum execution time for automatic statistics collection tasks

  Databases can effectively understand the distribution of data by collecting statistics, which helps generate reasonable execution plans and improve the efficiency of SQL execution. TiDB regularly collects statistics on frequently changed data objects in the background. However, collecting statistics takes up cluster resources and might affect the stable operation of the business during business peaks.

  Starting from v6.1.0, TiDB introduces `tidb_max_auto_analyze_time` to control the maximum execution time for background statistics collection, which is 12 hours by default. When the application does not encounter a resource bottleneck, it is recommended not to modify this variable so that TiDB can timely collect statistics.

  User document

16.24.8.1.5 Ease of use

- Support a one-stop online data recovery when multiple replicas are lost

  Before TiDB v6.1.0, when multiple Region replicas are lost because of machine failure, users have to stop all TiKV servers and use TiKV Control to recover TiKV one by one. Since TiDB v6.1.0, the recovery process is fully automated, does not require to stop TiKV, and does not affect other applications online. The recovery process can be triggered using PD Control and provides a more user-friendly summary information.

  User document, #10483

- Support viewing history statistics collection tasks

  You can use the `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` statement to show cluster-level statistics collection tasks. Before TiDB v6.1.0, the `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` statement shows instance-level tasks only, and history task records are cleared after a TiDB restart. Therefore, you cannot view history statistics collection time and details. Starting from TiDB v6.1.0, history records of statistics collection tasks are persisted and can be queried after a cluster restart, which provides a reference for troubleshooting query performance issues caused by statistics anomalies.

  User document

- Support modifying TiDB, TiKV, and TiFlash configurations dynamically

In earlier TiDB versions, after modifying a configuration item, you must restart the cluster to make the modification effective. This might interrupt online services. To address this issue, TiDB v6.1.0 introduces the dynamic configuration feature, which allows you to validate a parameter change without restarting the cluster. The specific optimizations are as follows:

```
* Transform some TiDB configuration items to system variables, so that they
   ↪ can be modified dynamically and persisted. Note that the original
   ↪ configuration items are deprecated after transformation. For a
   ↪ detailed list of the transformed configuration items, see [
   ↪ Configuration file parameters](#configuration-file-parameters).
* Support configuring some TiKV parameters online. For a detailed list of
   ↪ the parameters, see [Others](#others).
* Transform the TiFlash configuration item `max_threads` to a system
   ↪ variable `tidb_max_tiflash_threads`, so that the configuration can be
   ↪  modified dynamically and persisted. Note that the original
   ↪ configuration item remains after transformation.
```

For v6.1.0 clusters upgraded (including online and offline upgrades) from earlier versions, note that:

```
* If the configuration items specified in the configuration file before the
   ↪ upgrade already exist, TiDB will automatically update the values of
   ↪ the configured items to those of the corresponding system variables
   ↪ during the upgrade process. In this way, after the upgrade, the
   ↪ system behavior is not affected by parameter optimization.
* The automatic update mentioned above occurs only once during the upgrade.
   ↪ After the upgrade, the deprecated configuration items are no longer
   ↪ effective.
```

This feature allows you to modify parameters dynamically, and validate and persist them, instead of restarting the system and interrupting services. This makes your daily maintenance easier.

User document

- Support killing queries or connections globally

  You can control the Global Kill feature using the `enable-global-kill` configuration (enabled by default).

  Before TiDB v6.1.0, when an operation consumes a lot of resources and causes cluster stability issues, you have to connect to the target TiDB instance and then run the `KILL TIDB ${id};` command to terminate the target connection and operation. In the case of many TiDB instances, this method is not easy to use and prone to wrong operations. Starting from v6.1.0, the `enable-global-kill` configuration is introduced and enabled by default. You can run the kill command in any TiDB instance to terminate a specified connection and operation, without worrying about incorrectly terminating other queries or sessions by mistake when there is a proxy between the client and TiDB. Currently, TiDB does not support using Ctrl+C to terminate queries or sessions.

  User document, #8854

- TiKV API V2 (experimental)

  Before v6.1.0, when TiKV is used as Raw Key Value storage, TiKV only provides basic Key Value read and write capability because it only stores the raw data passed in by the client.

  TiKV API V2 provides a new Raw Key Value storage format and access interface, including:

  - The data is stored in MVCC and the change timestamp of the data is recorded. This feature will lay the foundation for implementing Change Data Capture and incremental backup and restore.
  - Data is scoped according to different usage and supports co-existence of a single TiDB cluster, Transactional KV, RawKV applications.

Due to significant changes in the underlying storage format, after enabling API V2, you cannot roll back a TiKV cluster to a version earlier than v6.1.0. Downgrading TiKV might result in data corruption.

```
[User document](#api-version-new-in-v610), [#11745](https://github.com/tikv/
    ↪ tikv/issues/11745)
```

16.24.8.1.6 MySQL compatibility

- Support compatibility with user-level lock management with MySQL

  User-level locks are a user-named lock management system provided by MySQL through built-in functions. The locking functions can provide lock blocking, waiting, and other lock management capabilities. User-level locks are also widely used in ORM

frameworks, such as Rails, Elixir, and Ecto. Since v6.1.0, TiDB has supported MySQL-compatible user-level lock management, and supports `GET_LOCK`, `RELEASE_LOCK`, and `RELEASE_ALL_LOCKS` functions.

User document, #14994

16.24.8.1.7 Data migration

- The optimistic mode for merging and migrating sharded tables becomes GA

  DM adds a large number of scenario tests for tasks that merge and migrate data from sharded tables in the optimistic mode, which covers 90% of the daily use scenarios. Compared with the pessimistic mode, the optimistic mode is simpler and more efficient to use. It is recommended to use the optimistic mode preferably after you are familiar with the usage notes.

  User document

- DM WebUI supports starting a task according to the specified parameters

  When starting a migration task, you can specify a start time and a safe mode duration. This is especially useful when you create an incremental migration task with lots of sources, eliminating the need to specify the binlog start position specifically for each source.

  User document, #5442

16.24.8.1.8 TiDB data share subscription

- TiDB supports data sharing with various third-party data ecosystems

  - TiCDC supports sending TiDB incremental data to Kafka in the Avro format, allowing data sharing with third-parties, such as KSQL and Snowflake via Confluent.

    User document, #5338

  - TiCDC supports dispatching incremental data from TiDB to different Kafka topics by table, which, combined with the Canal-json format, allows sharing data directly with Flink.

    User document, #4423

  - TiCDC supports SASL GSSAPI authentication types and adds SASL authentication examples using Kafka.

    User document, #4423

- TiCDC supports replicating `charset=GBK` tables.

  User document, #4806

16.24.8.2 Compatibility changes

16.24.8.2.1 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_list_partition	Modified	The default value is changed from OFF to ON.
tidb_mem_quota_query	Modified	This variable adds the GLOBAL scope, and the variable value persists to the cluster.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_query_log_max_len	Modified	The variable scope is changed from INSTANCE to GLOBAL. The variable value persists to the cluster, and the value range is changed to [0, 1073741824].

Variable name	Change type	Description
require_secure_transport	Newly added	This setting was previously a tidb.toml option (security.require-secure-transport), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ committer ↪ _ ↪ concurrency ↪	Newly added	This setting was previously a tidb ↪ . ↪ toml ↪ option (performance ↪ . ↪ committer ↪ - ↪ concurrency ↪), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ auto ↪ _ ↪ analyze ↪	Newly added	This setting was previously a tidb ↪ . ↪ toml ↪ option (run ↪ - ↪ auto ↪ - ↪ analyze ↪), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ new ↪ _ ↪ only ↪ _ ↪ full ↪ _ ↪ group ↪ _ ↪ by ↪ _ ↪ check ↪	Newly added	This variable controls the behavior when TiDB performs the ONLY ↪ _ ↪ FULL ↪ _ ↪ GROUP ↪ _ ↪ BY ↪ check.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ enable ↪ _ ↪ outer ↪ _ ↪ join ↪ _ ↪ reorder ↪	Newly added	Since v6.1.0, the Join Reorder algorithm of TiDB supports Outer Join. This variable controls the support behavior, and the default value is ON.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_enable_prepared_plan_cache	Newly added	This setting was previously a tidb.toml option (prepared-plan-cache.enabled), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ gc ↪ _ ↪ max ↪ _ ↪ wait ↪ _ ↪ time ↪	Newly added	This variable is used to set the maximum time of GC safe point blocked by uncommitted transactions.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_max_auto_analyze_time	Newly added	This variable is used to specify the maximum execution time of auto analyze.
tidb_max_tiflash_threads	Newly added	This variable is used to set the maximum concurrency for TiFlash to execute a request.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_mem_oom_action	Newly added	This setting was previously a tidb.toml option (oom-action), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ mem ↪ _ ↪ quota ↪ _ ↪ analyze ↪	Newly added	This variable controls the maximum memory usage when TiDB updates statistics, including manually executed ANALYZE ↪ ↪ TABLE ↪ by users and automatic analyze tasks in the TiDB background.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ nontransactional ↪ _ ↪ ignore ↪ _ ↪ error ↪	Newly added	This variable specifies whether to return error immediately when an error occurs in a non-transactional DML statement.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ prepared ↪ _ ↪ plan ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _ ↪ memory ↪ _ ↪ guard ↪ _ ↪ ratio ↪	Newly added	This setting was previously a tidb ↪ . ↪ toml ↪ option (prepared ↪ - ↪ plan ↪ - ↪ cache ↪ . ↪ memory ↪ - ↪ guard ↪ - ↪ ratio ↪), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_prepared_plan_cache_size	Newly added	This setting was previously a tidb.toml option (prepared-plan-cache.capacity), but changed to a system variable starting from TiDB v6.1.0.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb ↪ _ ↪ stats ↪ _ ↪ cache ↪ _ ↪ mem ↪ _ ↪ quota ↪	Newly added	This variable sets the memory quota for the TiDB statistics cache.

16.24.8.2.2 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description

TiDB	`committer` ↪ `-` ↪ `concurrency` ↪	Deleted	Replaced by the system variable `tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `committer` ↪ `_` ↪ `concurrency` ↪ . This configuration item is no longer valid, if you want to modify the value, you need to modify the corresponding system vari-

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	`lower` ↪ `-` ↪ `case` ↪ `-` ↪ `table` ↪ `-` ↪ `names` ↪	Deleted	Currently TiDB only supports `lower` ↪ `_` ↪ `case` ↪ `_` ↪ `table` ↪ `_` ↪ `name` ↪ `=2` ↪ . If another value is set, after the cluster is upgraded to v6.1.0, the value is lost.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	`mem` ↪ `-` ↪ `quota` ↪ `-` ↪ `query` ↪	Deleted	Replaced by the system variable `tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `mem` ↪ `_` ↪ `quota` ↪ `_` ↪ `query` ↪ . This configuration item is no longer valid, if you want to modify the value, you need to modify the corresponding system vari-

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	`oom` ↪ `-` ↪ `action` ↪	Deleted	Replaced by the system variable `tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `mem` ↪ `_` ↪ `oom` ↪ `_` ↪ `action` ↪ . This configuration item is no longer valid, if you want to modify the value, you need to modify the corresponding system vari-

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	`prepared` ↪ `-` ↪ `plan` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `.` ↪ `capacity` ↪	Deleted	Replaced by the system variable `tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `prepared` ↪ `_` ↪ `plan` ↪ `_` ↪ `cache` ↪ `_` ↪ `size` ↪ . This configuration item is no longer valid, if you want to modify the value, you need to modify the corresponding sys-

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	`prepared` ↪ `-` ↪ `plan` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `.` ↪ `enabled` ↪	Deleted	Replaced by the system variable `tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `enable` ↪ `_` ↪ `prepared` ↪ `_` ↪ `plan` ↪ `_` ↪ `cache` ↪ . This configuration item is no longer valid, if you want to modify the value, you need to modify the corresponding sys-

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	`query` ↪ `-` ↪ `log` ↪ `-` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `len` ↪	Deleted	Replaced by the system variable `tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `query` ↪ `_` ↪ `log` ↪ `_` ↪ `max` ↪ `_` ↪ `len` ↪ . This configuration item is no longer valid, if you want to modify the value, you need to modify the corresponding sys-

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	`require` ↪ `-` ↪ `secure` ↪ `-` ↪ `transport` ↪	Deleted	Replaced by the system variable `require` ↪ `_` ↪ `secure` ↪ `_` ↪ `transport` ↪ . This configuration item is no longer valid, if you want to modify the value, you need to modify the corresponding system variable.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	`run` ↪ `-` ↪ `auto` ↪ `-` ↪ `analyze` ↪	Deleted	Replaced by the system variable `tidb` ↪ `_` ↪ `enable` ↪ `_` ↪ `auto` ↪ `_` ↪ `analyze` ↪ . This configuration item is no longer valid, if you want to modify the value, you need to modify the corresponding system vari-

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	`enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `global` ↪ `-` ↪ `kill` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the Global Kill (terminating queries or connections across instances) feature. When the value is `true` ↪ , both `KILL` ↪ and `KILL` ↪ ↪ `TIDB` ↪ statements can terminate queries or connections

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	`enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `stats` ↪ `-` ↪ `cache` ↪ `-` ↪ `mem` ↪ `-` ↪ `quota` ↪	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the memory quota for the statistics cache.
TiKV	`raft` ↪ `-` ↪ `engine` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪	Modified	The default value is changed from `FALSE` ↪ to `TRUE` ↪ .

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`region` ↪ `-` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `keys` ↪	Modified	The default value is changed from 1440000 to `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `split` ↪ `-` ↪ `keys` ↪ ↪ `/` ↪ ↪ `2` ↪ ↪ `*` ↪ ↪ `3` ↪ `.`

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`region` ↪ `-` ↪ `max` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	Modified	The default value is changed from 144 MB to `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `split` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪ ↪ `/` ↪ ↪ `2` ↪ ↪ `*` ↪ ↪ `3` ↪ `.`
TiKV	`coprocessor` ↪ `.` ↪ `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `bucket` ↪	Newly added	Determines whether to divide a Region into smaller ranges called buckets.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`coprocessor` ↪ `.` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `bucket` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	Newly added	The size of a bucket when `enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `region` ↪ `-` ↪ `bucket` ↪ is true.
TiKV	`causal` ↪ `-` ↪ `ts` ↪ `.` ↪ `renew` ↪ `-` ↪ `batch` ↪ `-` ↪ `min` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	Newly added	The minimum number of locally cached timestamps.
TiKV	`causal` ↪ `-` ↪ `ts` ↪ `.` ↪ `renew` ↪ `-` ↪ `interval` ↪	Newly added	The interval at which the locally cached timestamps are refreshed.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`max` ↪ `-` ↪ `snapshot` ↪ `-` ↪ `file` ↪ `-` ↪ `raw` ↪ `-` ↪ `size` ↪	Newly added	The snapshot file will split to multiple files when the snapshot file size exceeds this value.
TiKV	`raft` ↪ `-` ↪ `engine` ↪ `.` ↪ `memory` ↪ `-` ↪ `limit` ↪	Newly added	Specifies the limit on the memory usage of Raft Engine.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	storage ↪ . ↪ background ↪ - ↪ error ↪ - ↪ recovery ↪ - ↪ window ↪	Newly added	The maximum recovery time is allowed after RocksDB detects a recoverable background error.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	storage ↪ . ↪ api ↪ - ↪ version ↪	Newly added	The storage format and interface version used by TiKV when TiKV serves as the raw key-value store.
PD	schedule ↪ . ↪ max ↪ - ↪ store ↪ - ↪ preparing ↪ - ↪ time ↪	Newly added	Controls the maximum waiting time for the store to go online.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`enable` ↪ `-` ↪ `tls` ↪	Newly added	Whether to use TLS to connect to the downstream Kafka instance.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`sasl` ↪ `-` ↪ `gssapi` ↪ `-` ↪ `user` ↪ `sasl` ↪ `-` ↪ `gssapi` ↪ `-` ↪ `password` ↪ `sasl` ↪ `-` ↪ `gssapi` ↪ `-` ↪ `auth` ↪ `-` ↪ `type` ↪ `sasl` ↪ `-` ↪ `gssapi` ↪ `-` ↪ `service` ↪ `-` ↪ `name` ↪ `sasl` ↪ `-` ↪ `gssapi` ↪ `-` ↪ `realm` ↪ `sasl` ↪ `-` ↪ `gssapi` ↪ `-` ↪ `key` ↪ `-` ↪ `tab` ↪ `-` ↪ `path` ↪ `sasl` ↪ `-` ↪ `gssapi` ↪ `-` ↪ `kerberos` ↪ `-` ↪ `config` ↪ `-` ↪ `path`	Newly added	Used to support SASL/GSSAPI authentication for Kafka. For details, see Configure sink URI with `kafka` ↪ .

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiCDC	avro ↪ - ↪ decimal ↪ - ↪ handling ↪ - ↪ mode ↪ avro ↪ - ↪ bigint ↪ - ↪ unsigned ↪ - ↪ handling ↪ - ↪ mode ↪	Newly added	Determines the output details of Avro format.
TiCDC	dispatchers ↪ . ↪ topic ↪	Newly added	Controls how TiCDC dispatches incremental data to different Kafka topics.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`dispatchers` ↪ `.` ↪ `partition` ↪	Newly added	`dispatchers` ↪ `.` ↪ `partition` ↪ is an alias for `dispatchers` ↪ `.` ↪ `dispatcher` ↪ `.` Controls how TiCDC dispatches incremental data to Kafka partitions.
TiCDC	`schema` ↪ `-` ↪ `registry` ↪	Newly added	Specifies the schema registry endpoint that stores Avro schema.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
DM	`worker` ↪ in the `dmctl` ↪ ↪ `start` ↪ `-` ↪ `relay` ↪ command	Deleted	This parameter is not recommended for use. Will provide a simpler implementation.
DM	`relay` ↪ `-` ↪ `dir` ↪ in the source configuration file	Deleted	Replaced by the same configuration item in the worker configuration file.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
DM	`is-sharding` in the task configuration file	Deleted	Replaced by the `shard-mode` configuration item.
DM	`auto-fix-gtid` in the task configuration file	Deleted	Deprecated in v5.x and officially deleted in v6.1.0.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
DM	`meta` ↪ `-` ↪ `dir` ↪ and `charset` ↪ in the source configuration file	Deleted	Deprecated in v5.x and officially deleted in v6.1.0.

16.24.8.2.3 Others

- Enable Prepared Plan Cache by default

  Prepared Plan Cache is enabled by default in new clusters to cache the execution plans for `Prepare` / `Execute` requests. In the subsequent execution, query plan optimization can be skipped and thus leads to a performance boost. Upgraded clusters inherit the configuration from the configuration file. New clusters use the new default values, which means Prepared Plan Cache is enabled by default and each session can cache 100 plans at most (`capacity=100`). For the memory consumption of this feature, see memory management of Prepared Plan Cache.

- Prior to TiDB v6.1.0, `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` shows instance-level tasks and the task records are cleared after TiDB restarts. Since TiDB v6.1.0, `SHOW ANALYZE STATUS` ↪ shows cluster-level tasks, and the task records persist after the restart. When `tidb_analyze_version = 2`, the `Job_info` column adds the `analyze option` information.

- Damaged SST files in TiKV might cause the TiKV process to panic. Before TiDB v6.1.0, damaged SST files caused TiKV to panic immediately. Since TiDB v6.1.0, the TiKV process will panic 1 hour after SST files are damaged.

- The following TiKV configuration items support modifying values dynamically:

  - `raftstore.raft-entry-max-size`
  - `quota.foreground-cpu-time`

- `quota.foreground-write-bandwidth`
- `quota.foreground-read-bandwidth`
- `quota.max-delay-duration`
- `server.grpc-memory-pool-quota`
- `server.max-grpc-send-msg-len`
- `server.raft-msg-max-batch-size`

- In v6.1.0, some configuration file parameters are converted to system variables. For v6.1.0 clusters upgraded (including online and offline upgrades) from earlier versions, note that:

    - If the configuration items specified in the configuration file before the upgrade already exist, TiDB will automatically update the values of the configured items to those of the corresponding system variables during the upgrade process. In this way, after the upgrade, the system behavior does not change thanks to parameter optimization.
    - The automatic update mentioned above occurs only once during the upgrade. After the upgrade, the deprecated configuration items are no longer effective.

- The Dashboard page is removed from DM WebUI.

- When `dispatchers.topic` and `dispatchers.partition` are enabled, TiCDC cannot be downgraded to versions earlier than v6.1.0.

- TiCDC Changefeed using the Avro protocol cannot be downgraded to versions earlier than v6.1.0.

16.24.8.3 Improvements

- TiDB

    - Improve the performance of the `UnionScanRead` operator #32433
    - Improve the display of task types in the output of `EXPLAIN` (add the MPP task type) #33332
    - Support using `rand()` as the default value of a column #10377
    - Support using `uuid()` as the default value of a column #33870
    - Support modifying the character set of columns from `latin1` to `utf8`/`utf8mb4` #34008

- TiKV

    - Improve the old value hit rate of CDC when using in-memory pessimistic lock #12279
    - Improve the health check to detect unavailable Raftstore, so that the TiKV client can update Region Cache in time #12398
    - Support setting memory limit on Raft Engine #12255

- TiKV automatically detects and deletes the damaged SST files to improve the product availability #10578
- CDC supports RawKV #11965
- Support splitting a large snapshot file into multiple files #11595
- Move the snapshot garbage collection from Raftstore to background thread to prevent snapshot GC from blocking Raftstore message loops #11966
- Support dynamic setting of the maximum message length (`max-grpc-send-msg-len`) and the maximum batch size of gPRC messages (`raft-msg-max-batch-size`) #12334
- Support executing online unsafe recovery plan through Raft #10483

- PD

  - Support time-to-live (TTL) for region labels #4694
  - Support Region Buckets #4668
  - Disable compiling swagger server by default #4932

- TiFlash

  - Optimize memory calculation for an aggregate operator so that a more efficient algorithm is used in the merge phase #4451

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Support backing up and restoring empty databases #33866

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Optimize Scatter Region to batch mode to improve the stability of the Scatter Region process #33618

  - TiCDC

    - TiCDC supports splitting large transactions during replication, which significantly reduces replication latency caused by large transactions #5280

16.24.8.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue of possible panic that might occur when the `in` function processes the `bit` type data #33070
  - Fix the issue of wrong query result because the `UnionScan` operator cannot maintain the order #33175
  - Fix the issue that the Merge Join operator gets wrong results in certain cases #33042

- Fix the issue that the `index join` result might be wrong in the dynamic pruning mode #33231
- Fix the issue that data might not be garbage-collected when some partitions of a partitioned table is dropped #33620
- Fix the issue that some DDL statements might be stuck for a period after the PD node of a cluster is replaced #33908
- Fix the issue that the TiDB server might run out of memory when the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY` table is queried. This issue can be triggered when you check slow queries on the Grafana dashboard #33893
- Fix the issue that the system variable `max_allowed_packet` does not take effect #31422
- Fix the issue of memory leak in the TopSQL module #34525 #34502
- Fix the issue that the Plan Cache might be wrong on the PointGet plan #32371
- Fix the issue that query result might be wrong when Plan Cache is started in the RC isolation level #34447

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that the Raft log lag is increasing when a TiKV instance is taken offline #12161
  - Fix the issue that TiKV panics and destroys peers unexpectedly because the target Region to be merged is invalid #12232
  - Fix the issue that TiKV reports the `failed to load_latest_options` error when upgrading from v5.3.1 or v5.4.0 to v6.0.0 or later versions #12269
  - Fix the issue of OOM caused by appending Raft logs when the memory resource is insufficient #11379
  - Fix the issue of TiKV panic caused by the race between destroying peers and batch splitting Regions #12368
  - Fix the issue of TiKV memory usage spike in a short time after `stats_monitor` falls into a dead loop #12416
  - Fix the issue that TiKV reports the `invalid store ID 0` error when using Follower Read #12478

- PD

  - Fix the wrong status code of `not leader` #4797
  - Fix a bug of TSO fallback in some corner cases #4884
  - Fix the issue that a removed tombstone store appears again after the PD leader transfer #4941
  - Fix the issue that scheduling cannot start immediately after the PD leader transfer #4769

- TiDB Dashboard

  - Fix a bug that Top SQL cannot collect the CPU overhead of the SQL statements that were running before the Top SQL feature is enabled #33859

- TiFlash
    - Fix potential data inconsistency after a lot of INSERT and DELETE operations #4956
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Fix excessive memory usage by optimizing the way DDL schemas are buffered #1386
        - Fix data loss that occurs in special incremental scanning scenarios #5468
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Fix the `start-time` time zone issue and change DM behavior from using the downstream time zone to using the upstream time zone #5471
        - Fix the issue that DM occupies more disk space after the task automatically resumes #3734 #5344
        - Fix the problem that checkpoint flush may cause the data of failed rows to be skipped #5279
        - Fix the issue that in some cases manually executing the filtered DDL in the downstream might cause task resumption failure #5272
        - Fix an issue that the uppercase table cannot be replicated when `case-sensitive: true` is not set #5255
        - Fix the DM worker panic issue that occurs when the primary key is not first in the index returned by the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement #5159
        - Fix the issue that CPU usage may increase and a large amount of log is printed when GTID is enabled or when the task is automatically resumed #5063
        - Fix the offline option and other usage issues in DM WebUI #4993
        - Fix the issue that incremental tasks fail to start when GTID is empty in the upstream #3731
        - Fix the issue that empty configurations may cause dm-master to panic #3732
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Fix the issue that the precheck does not check local disk resources and cluster availability #34213
        - Fix the issue of incorrect routing for schemas #33381
        - Fix the issue that the PD configuration is not restored correctly when TiDB Lightning panics #31733
        - Fix the issue of Local-backend import failure caused by out-of-bounds data in the `auto_increment` column #27937
        - Fix the issue of local backend import failure when the `auto_random` or `auto_increment` column is null #34208

16.25 v6.0

16.25.1 TiDB 6.0.0 Release Notes

Release date: April 7, 2022

TiDB version: 6.0.0-DMR

> **Note:**
>
> The TiDB 6.0.0-DMR documentation has been archived. PingCAP encourages you to use the latest LTS version of the TiDB database.

In 6.0.0-DMR, the key new features or improvements are as follows:

- Support placement rules in SQL to provide more flexible management for data placement.
- Add a consistency check between data and indexes at the kernel level, which improves system stability and robustness, with only very low resource overhead.
- Provide Top SQL, a self-serving database performance monitoring and diagnosis feature for non-experts.
- Support Continuous Profiling that collects cluster performance data all the time, reducing MTTR for technical experts.
- Cache hotspot small tables in memory, which greatly improves the access performance, improves the throughput and reduces access latency.
- Optimize in-memory pessimistic locking. Under the performance bottleneck caused by pessimistic locks, memory optimization for pessimistic locks can effectively reduce latency by 10% and increase QPS by 10%.
- Enhance prepared statements to share execution plans, which lessens CPU resource consumption and improves SQL execution efficiency.
- Improve the computing performance of the MPP engine by supporting pushing down more expressions and the general availability (GA) of the elastic thread pool.
- Add DM WebUI to facilitate managing a large number of migration tasks.
- Improve the stability and efficiency of TiCDC when replicating data in large clusters. TiCDC now supports replicating 100,000 tables simultaneously.
- Accelerate leader balancing after restarting TiKV nodes, which improves the speed of business recovery after a restart.
- Support canceling the automatic update of statistics, which reduces resource contention and limits the impact on SQL performance.
- Provide PingCAP Clinic, an automatic diagnosis service for TiDB clusters (Technical Preview version).
- Provide TiDB Enterprise Manager, an enterprise-level database management platform.

Also, as a core component of TiDB's HTAP solution, TiFlashTM is officially open source in this release. For details, see TiFlash repository.

16.25.1.1 Release strategy changes

Starting from TiDB v6.0.0, TiDB provides two types of releases:

- Long-Term Support Releases

  Long-Term Support (LTS) releases are released approximately every six months. An LTS release introduces new features and improvements, and accepts patch releases within its release lifecycle. For example, v6.1.0 will be an LTS release.

- Development Milestone Releases

  Development Milestone Releases (DMR) are released approximately every two months. A DMR introduces new features and improvements, but does not accept patch releases. It is not recommended for users to use DMR in production environments. For example, v6.0.0-DMR is a DMR.

TiDB v6.0.0 is a DMR, and its version is 6.0.0-DMR.

16.25.1.2 New features

16.25.1.2.1 SQL

- SQL-based placement rules for data

  TiDB is a distributed database with excellent scalability. Usually, data is deployed across multiple servers or even multiple data centers. Therefore, data scheduling management is one of the most important basic capabilities of TiDB. In most cases, users do not need to care about how to schedule and manage data. However, with the increasing application complexity, deployment changes caused by isolation and access latency have become new challenges for TiDB. Since v6.0.0, TiDB officially provides data scheduling and management capabilities based on SQL interfaces. It supports flexible scheduling and management in dimensions such as replica counts, role types, and placement locations for any data. TiDB also supports more flexible management for data placement in multi-service shared clusters and cross-AZ deployments.

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- Support building TiFlash replicas by databases. To add TiFlash replicas for all tables in a database, you only need to use a single SQL statement, which greatly saves operation and maintenance costs.

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16.25.1.2.2 Transaction

- Add a check for data index consistency at the kernel level

  Add a check for data index consistency when a transaction is executed, which improves system stability and robustness, with only very low resource overhead. You can control the check behavior using the `tidb_enable_mutation_checker` and `tidb_txn_assertion_level` variables. With the default configuration, the QPS drop is controlled within 2% in most scenarios. For the error description of the consistency check, see user document.

16.25.1.2.3 Observability

- Top SQL: Performance diagnosis for non-experts

  Top SQL is a self-serving database performance monitoring and diagnosis feature in TiDB Dashboard, for DBAs and App developers, which is now generally available in TiDB v6.0.

  Unlike existing diagnostic features for experts, Top SQL is designed for non-experts: you do not need to traverse thousands of monitoring charts to find correlations or understand TiDB internal mechanisms such as Raft Snapshot, RocksDB, MVCC, and TSO. To use Top SQL for analyzing database load quickly and improving App performance, only basic database knowledge (such as index, lock conflict, and execution plans) is needed.

  Top SQL is not enabled by default. When enabled, Top SQL provides you with the real-time CPU load of each TiKV or TiDB node. Therefore, you can spot SQL statements consuming high CPU loads at first glimpse, and quickly analyze the issues such as database hotspots and sudden load increases. For example, you can use Top SQL to pinpoint and diagnose an unusual query that consumes 90% CPU of a single TiKV node.

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- Support Continuous Profiling

  TiDB Dashboard introduces the Continuous Profiling feature, which is now generally available in TiDB v6.0. Continuous profiling is not enabled by default. When enabled, the performance data of individual TiDB, TiKV, and PD instances will be collected all the time, with negligible overhead. With history performance data, technical experts can backtrack and pinpoint the root causes of issues like high memory consumption, even when the issues are difficult to reproduce. In this way, the mean time to recovery (MTTR) can be reduced.

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16.25.1.2.4 Performance

- Cache hotspot small tables

  For user applications in scenarios where hotspot small tables are accessed, TiDB supports explicitly caching the hotspot tables in memory, which greatly improves the access performance, improves the throughput, and reduces access latency. This solution can effectively avoid introducing a third-party cache middleware, reduce the complexity of the architecture, and cut the cost of operation and maintenance. The solution is suitable for scenarios where small tables are frequently accessed but rarely updated, such as the configuration tables or exchange rate tables.

  User document, #25293

- In-memory pessimistic locking

  Since TiDB v6.0.0, in-memory pessimistic locking is enabled by default. After enabling this feature, pessimistic transaction locks are managed in memory. This avoids persisting pessimistic locks and the Raft replication of the lock information, and greatly reduces the overhead of managing pessimistic transaction locks. Under the performance bottleneck caused by pessimistic locks, memory optimization for pessimistic locks can effectively reduce latency by 10% and increase QPS by 10%.

  User document, #11452

- Optimization to get TSO at the Read Committed isolation level

  To reduce query latency, when read-write conflicts are rare, TiDB adds the `tidb_rc_read_check_ts` system variable at the Read Committed isolation level to get less unnecessary TSO. This variable is disabled by default. When the variable is enabled, this optimization avoids getting duplicated TSO to reduce latency in scenarios where there is no read-write conflict. However, in scenarios with frequent read-write conflicts, enabling this variable might cause a performance regression.

  User document, #33159

- Enhance prepared statements to share execution plans

  Reusing SQL execution plans can effectively reduce the time for parsing SQL statements, lessen CPU resource consumption, and improve SQL execution efficiency. One of the important methods of SQL tuning is to reuse SQL execution plans effectively. TiDB has supported sharing execution plans with prepared statements. However, when the prepared statements are closed, TiDB automatically clears the corresponding plan cache. After that, TiDB might unnecessarily parse the repeated SQL statements, affecting the execution efficiency. Since v6.0.0, TiDB supports controlling whether to ignore the `COM_STMT_CLOSE` command through the `tidb_ignore_prepared_cache_close_stmt` parameter (disabled by default). When the parameter is enabled, TiDB ignores the command of closing prepared statements and keeps the execution plan in the cache, improving the reuse rate of the execution plan.

  User document, #31056

- Improve query pushdown

  With its native architecture of separating computing from storage, TiDB supports filtering out invalid data by pushing down operators, which greatly reduces the data transmission between TiDB and TiKV and thereby improves the query efficiency. In v6.0.0, TiDB supports pushing down more expressions and the `BIT` data type to TiKV, improving the query efficiency when computing the expressions and data type.

  User document, #30738

- Optimization of hotspot index

  Writing monotonically increasing data in batches to the secondary index causes an index hotspot and affects the overall write throughput. Since v6.0.0, TiDB supports scattering the index hotspot using the `tidb_shard` function to improve the write performance. Currently, `tidb_shard` only takes effect on the unique secondary index. This application-friendly solution does not require modifying the original query conditions. You can use this solution in the scenarios of high write throughput, point queries, and batch point queries. Note that using the data that has been scattered by range queries in the application might cause a performance regression. Therefore, do not use this function in such cases without verification.

  User document, #31040

- Support dynamic pruning mode for partitioned tables in TiFlash MPP engine (experimental)

  In this mode, TiDB can read and compute the data on partitioned tables using the MPP engine of TiFlash, which greatly improves the query performance of partitioned tables.

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- Improve the computing performance of the MPP engine

  - Support pushing down more functions and operators to the MPP engine
    - Logical functions: `IS`, `IS NOT`
    - String functions: `REGEXP()`, `NOT REGEXP()`
    - Mathematical functions: `GREATEST(int/real)`, `LEAST(int/real)`
    - Date functions: `DAYNAME()`, `DAYOFMONTH()`, `DAYOFWEEK()`, `DAYOFYEAR()`, `LAST_DAY()`, `MONTHNAME()`
    - Operators: Anti Left Outer Semi Join, Left Outer Semi Join

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  - The elastic thread pool (enabled by default) becomes GA. This feature aims to improve CPU utilization.

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16.25.1.2.5 Stability

- Enhance baseline capturing of execution plans

  Enhance the usability of baseline capturing of execution plans by adding a blocklist with such dimensions as table name, frequency, and user name. Introduce a new algorithm to optimize memory management for caching bindings. After baseline capturing is enabled, the system automatically creates bindings for most OLTP queries. Execution plans of bound statements are fixed, avoiding performance problems due to any change in the execution plans. Baseline capturing is applicable to scenarios such as major version upgrades and cluster migration, and helps reduce performance problems caused by regression of execution plans.

  User document, #32466

- Support TiKV quota limiter (experimental)

  If your machine deployed with TiKV has limited resources and the foreground is burdened by an excessively large amount of requests, background CPU resources are occupied by the foreground, causing TiKV performance unstable. In TiDB v6.0.0, you can use the quota-related configuration items to limit the resources used by the foreground, including CPU and read/write bandwidth. This greatly improves stability of clusters under long-term heavy workloads.

  User document, #12131

- Support the zstd compression algorithm in TiFlash

  TiFlash introduces two parameters, `profiles.default.dt_compression_method` and `profiles.default.dt_compression_level`, which allow users to select the optimal compression algorithm based on performance and capacity balance.

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- Enable all I/O checks (Checksum) by default

  This feature was introduced in v5.4.0 as experimental. It enhances data accuracy and security without imposing an obvious impact on users' businesses.

  Warning: Newer version of data format cannot be downgraded in place to versions earlier than v5.4.0. During such a downgrade, you need to delete TiFlash replicas and replicate data after the downgrade. Alternatively, you can perform a downgrade by referring to dttool migrate.

  User document

- Improve thread utilization

  TiFlash introduces asynchronous gRPC and Min-TSO scheduling mechanisms. Such mechanisms ensure more efficient use of threads and avoid system crashes caused by excessive threads.

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16.25.1.2.6 Data migration

TiDB Data Migration (DM)

- Add WebUI (experimental)

  With the WebUI, you can easily manage a large number of migration tasks. On the WebUI, you can:

  - View migration tasks on Dashboard
  - Manage migration tasks
  - Configure upstream settings
  - Query replication status
  - View master and worker information

  WebUI is still experimental and is still under development. Therefore, it is recommended only for trial. A known issue is that problems might occur if you use WebUI and dmctl to operate the same task. This issue will be resolved in later versions.

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- Add an error handling mechanism

  More commands are introduced to address problems that interrupt a migration task. For example:

  - In case of a schema error, you can update the schema file by using the `--from-source/--from-target` parameter of the `binlog-schema update` command, instead of editing the schema file separately.
  - You can specify a binlog position to inject, replace, skip, or revert a DDL statement.

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- Support full data storage to Amazon S3

  When DM performs all or full data migration tasks, sufficient hard disk space is required for storing full data from upstream. Compared with EBS, Amazon S3 has nearly infinite storage at lower costs. Now, DM supports configuring Amazon S3 as the dump directory. That means you can use S3 to store full data when you perform all or full data migration tasks.

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- Support starting a migration task from specified time

  A new parameter `--start-time` is added to migration tasks. You can define time in the format of '2021-10-21 00:01:00' or '2021-10-21T00:01:00'.

  This feature is particularly useful in scenarios where you migrate and merge incremental data from shard mysql instances. Specifically, you do not need to set a binlog start

point for each source in an incremental migration task. Instead, you can create an incremental migration task quickly by using the `--start-time` parameter in `safe-mode`.

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TiDB Lightning

- Support configuring the maximum number of tolerable errors

  Added a configuration item `lightning.max-error`. The default value is 0. When the value is greater than 0, the max-error feature is enabled. If an error occurs in a row during encoding, a record containing this row is added to `lightning_task_info.type_error_v1` in the target TiDB and this row is ignored. When rows with errors exceed the threshold, TiDB Lightning exits immediately.

  Matching the `lightning.max-error` configuration, the `lightning.task-info-schema-name` configuration item records the name of the database that reports a data saving error.

  This feature does not cover all types of errors, for example, syntax errors are not applicable.

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16.25.1.2.7 TiDB data share subscription

- Support replicating 100,000 tables simultaneously

  By optimizing the data processing flow, TiCDC reduces the resource consumption of processing incremental data for each table, which greatly improves the replication stability and efficiency when replicating data in large clusters. The result of an internal test shows that TiCDC can stably support replicating 100,000 tables simultaneously.

16.25.1.2.8 Deployment and maintenance

- Enable new collation rules by default

  Since v4.0, TiDB has supported new collation rules that behave the same way as MySQL in the case-insensitive, accent-insensitive, and padding rules. The new collation rules are controlled by the `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` parameter, which was disabled by default. Since v6.0, TiDB enables the new collation rules by default. Note that this configuration takes effect only upon TiDB cluster initialization.

  User documentation

- Accelerate leader balancing after restarting TiKV nodes

  After a restart of TiKV nodes, the unevenly scattered leaders must be redistributed for load balance. In large-scale clusters, leader balancing time is positively correlated with the number of Regions. For example, the leader balancing of 100K Regions can take 20-30 minutes, which is prone to performance issues and stability risks due to uneven load. TiDB v6.0.0 provides a parameter to control the balancing concurrency and enlarges the default value to 4 times of the original, which greatly shortens the leader rebalancing time and accelerates the business recovery after a restart of the TiKV nodes.

  User documentation, #4610

- Support canceling the automatic update of statistics

  Statistics are one of the most important basic data that affect SQL performance. To ensure the completeness and timeliness of statistics, TiDB automatically updates object statistics periodically in the background. However, automatic statistics updates may result in resource contention, affecting SQL performance. To address this issue, you can manually cancel the automatic update of statistics since v6.0.

  User documentation

- PingCAP Clinic diagnostic service (Technical Preview version)

  PingCAP Clinic is a diagnostic service for TiDB clusters. This service helps troubleshoot cluster issues remotely and provides a quick check of cluster status locally. With PingCAP Clinic, you can ensure the stable operation of your TiDB cluster during its full life cycle, predict potential issues, reduce the probability of issues, and quickly troubleshoot cluster issues.

  When contacting PingCAP technical support for remote assistance to troubleshoot cluster issues, you can use the PingCAP Clinic service to collect and upload diagnostic data, thereby improving the troubleshooting efficiency.

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- An enterprise-level database management platform, TiDB Enterprise Manager

  TiDB Enterprise Manager (TiEM) is an enterprise-level database management platform based on the TiDB database, which aims to help users manage TiDB clusters in self-hosted or public cloud environments.

  TiEM not only provides full lifecycle visual management for TiDB clusters, but also provides one-stop services: parameter management, version upgrades, cluster clone, active-standby cluster switching, data import and export, data replication, and data backup and restore services. TiEM can improve the efficiency of DevOps on TiDB and reduce the DevOps cost for enterprises.

  Currently, TiEM is provided in the TiDB Enterprise edition only. To get TiEM, contact us via the TiDB Enterprise page.

- Support customizing configurations of the monitoring components

  When you deploy a TiDB cluster using TiUP, TiUP automatically deploys monitoring components such as Prometheus, Grafana, and Alertmanager, and automatically adds new nodes into the monitoring scope after scale-out. You can customize the configurations of the monitoring components by adding configuration items to the `topology.yaml` file.

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16.25.1.3 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> When upgrading from an earlier TiDB version to v6.0.0, if you want to know the compatibility change notes of all intermediate versions, you can check the Release Notes of the corresponding version.

16.25.1.3.1 System variables

```
<th>Variable name</th>
<th>Change type</th>
<th>Description</th>
```

```
<td><code>placement_checks</code></td>
<td>Deleted</td>
<td>Controls whether the DDL statement validates the placement rules
   ↪ specified by <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/placement-
   ↪ rules-in-sql">Placement Rules in SQL</a>. Replaced by <code>tidb_
   ↪ placement_mode</code>.</td>
```

```
<td><code>tidb_enable_alter_placement</code></td>
<td>Deleted</td>
<td>Controls whether to enable <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/
   ↪ placement-rules-in-sql">placement rules in SQL</a>.</td>
```

```
<td>
  <code>tidb_mem_quota_hashjoin</code><br/>
  <code>tidb_mem_quota_indexlookupjoin</code><br/>
  <code>tidb_mem_quota_indexlookupreader</code><br/>
  <code>tidb_mem_quota_mergejoin</code><br/>
  <code>tidb_mem_quota_sort</code><br/>
  <code>tidb_mem_quota_topn</code>
```

```
</td>
<td>Deleted</td>
<td>Since v5.0, these variables have been replaced by <code>tidb_mem_quota_
    ↪ query</code> and removed from the <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/
    ↪ tidb/dev/system-variables">system variables</a> document. To ensure
    ↪ compatibility, these variables were kept in source code. Since TiDB
    ↪ 6.0.0, these variables are removed from the code, too.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_enable_
    ↪ mutation_checker-new-in-v600"><code>tidb_enable_mutation_checker</
    ↪ code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls whether to enable the mutation checker. The default value is <
    ↪ code>ON</code>. For existing clusters that upgrade from versions
    ↪ earlier than v6.0.0, the mutation checker is disabled by default.</td
    ↪ >
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_ignore_
    ↪ prepared_cache_close_stmt-new-in-v600"><code>tidb_ignore_prepared_
    ↪ cache_close_stmt</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls whether to ignore the command that closes Prepared Statement.
    ↪ The default value is <code>OFF</code>.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_mem_
    ↪ quota_binding_cache-new-in-v600"><code>tidb_mem_quota_binding_cache</
    ↪ code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Sets the memory usage threshold for the cache holding binding. The
    ↪ default value is <code>67108864</code> (64 MiB).</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_
    ↪ placement_mode-new-in-v600"><code>tidb_placement_mode</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls whether DDL statements ignore the placement rules specified by
    ↪ <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/placement-rules-in-sql">
    ↪ Placement Rules in SQL</a>. The default value is <code>strict</code>,
    ↪  which means that DDL statements do not ignore placement rules.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_rc_read
    ↪ _check_ts-new-in-v600"><code>tidb_rc_read_check_ts</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>
  <ul>
```

```
    <li>Optimizes read statement latency within a transaction. If read/write
       ↪  conflicts are more severe, turning this variable on will add
       ↪ additional overhead and latency, causing regressions in
       ↪ performance. The default value is <code>off</code>.</li>
    <li>This variable is not yet compatible with <a href="https://docs.
       ↪ pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_replica_read-new-in-v40
       ↪ ">replica-read</a>. If a read request has <code>tidb_rc_read_check
       ↪ _ts</code> on, it might not be able to use replica-read. Do not
       ↪ turn on both variables at the same time.</li>
  </ul>
</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_sysdate
   ↪ _is_now-new-in-v600"><code>tidb_sysdate_is_now</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls whether the <code>SYSDATE</code> function can be replaced by
   ↪ the <code>NOW</code> function. This configuration item has the same
   ↪ effect as the MySQL option <a href="https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman
   ↪ /8.0/en/server-options.html#option_mysqld_sysdate-is-now"><code>
   ↪ sysdate-is-now</code></a>. The default value is <code>OFF</code>.</td
   ↪ >
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_table_
   ↪ cache_lease-new-in-v600"><code>tidb_table_cache_lease</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls the lease time of <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/
   ↪ cached-tables">table cache</a>, in seconds. The default value is <
   ↪ code>3</code>.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_top_sql
   ↪ _max_meta_count-new-in-v600"><code>tidb_top_sql_max_meta_count</code
   ↪ ></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls the maximum number of SQL statement types collected by <a href
   ↪ ="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/top-sql">Top SQL</a> per minute.
   ↪ The default value is <code>5000</code>.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_top_sql
   ↪ _max_time_series_count-new-in-v600"><code>tidb_top_sql_max_time_
   ↪ series_count</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls how many SQL statements that contribute the most to the load (
   ↪ that is, top N) can be recorded by <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/
   ↪ tidb/dev/top-sql">Top SQL</a> per minute. The default value is <code
   ↪ >100</code>.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_txn_
   ↪ assertion_level-new-in-v600"><code>tidb_txn_assertion_level</code></a
   ↪ ></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls the assertion level. The assertion is a consistency check
   ↪ between data and indexes, which checks whether a key being written
   ↪ exists in the transaction commit process. By default, the check
   ↪ enables most of the check items, with almost no impact on performance
   ↪ . For existing clusters that upgrade from versions earlier than v6
   ↪ .0.0, the check is disabled by default.</td>
```

16.25.1.3.2 Configuration file parameters

```
<th>Configuration file</th>
<th>Configuration</th>
<th>Change type</th>
<th>Description</th>
```

```
<td>TiDB</td>
<td>
  <code>stmt-summary.enable</code><br/>
  <code>stmt-summary.enable-internal-query</code><br/>
  <code>stmt-summary.history-size</code><br/>
  <code>stmt-summary.max-sql-length</code><br/>
  <code>stmt-summary.max-stmt-count</code><br/>
  <code>stmt-summary.refresh-interval</code>
</td>
<td>Deleted</td>
<td>Configuration related to the <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/
   ↪ statement-summary-tables">statement summary tables</a>. All these
   ↪ configuration items are removed. You need to use SQL variables to
   ↪ control the statement summary tables.</td>
```

```
<td>TiDB</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tidb-configuration-file#new_
   ↪ collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap"><code>new_collations_enabled_
   ↪ on_first_bootstrap</code></a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>Controls whether to enable support for the new collation. Since v6.0,
   ↪ the default value is changed from <code>false</code> to <code>true</
   ↪ code>. This configuration item only takes effect when the cluster is
   ↪ initialized for the first time. After the first bootstrap, you cannot
   ↪  enable or disable the new collation framework using this
   ↪ configuration item.</td>
```

```
<td>TiKV</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tikv-configuration-file#num-
    ↪ threads-1"><code>backup.num-threads</code></a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>The value range is modified to <code>[1, CPU]</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiKV</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tikv-configuration-file#apply
    ↪ -max-batch-size"><code>raftstore.apply-max-batch-size</code></a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>The maximum value is changed to <code>10240</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiKV</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tikv-configuration-file#raft-
    ↪ max-size-per-msg"><code>raftstore.raft-max-size-per-msg</code></a></
    ↪ td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>The minimum value is changed from <code>0</code> to larger than <code
    ↪ >0</code>.<br/>The maximum value is set to <code>3GB</code>.<br/>The
    ↪ unit is changed from <code>MB</code> to <code>KB|MB|GB</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiKV</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tikv-configuration-file#store
    ↪ -max-batch-size"><code>raftstore.store-max-batch-size</code></a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>The maximum value is set to <code>10240</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiKV</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tikv-configuration-file#max-
    ↪ thread-count"><code>readpool.unified.max-thread-count</code></a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>The adjustable range is changed to <code>[min-thread-count, MAX(4, CPU)
    ↪ ]</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiKV</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tikv-configuration-file#
    ↪ enable-pipelined-write"><code>rocksdb.enable-pipelined-write</code></
    ↪ a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>The default value is changed from <code>true</code> to <code>false</code
    ↪ >. When this configuration is enabled, the previous Pipelined Write
    ↪ is used. When this configuration is disabled, the new Pipelined
    ↪ Commit mechanism is used.</td>
```

```
<td>TiKV</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tikv-configuration-file#max-
    ↪ background-flushes"><code>rocksdb.max-background-flushes</code></a></
    ↪ td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>When the number of CPU cores is 10, the default value is <code>3</code
    ↪ >.<br/>When the number of CPU cores is 8, the default value is <code
    ↪ >2</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiKV</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tikv-configuration-file#max-
    ↪ background-jobs"><code>rocksdb.max-background-jobs</code></a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>When the number of CPU cores is 10, the default value is <code>9</code
    ↪ >.<br/>When the number of CPU cores is 8, the default value is <code
    ↪ >7</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiFlash</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tiflash-configuration#
    ↪ configure-the-tiflashtoml-file"><code>profiles.default.dt_enable_
    ↪ logical_split</code></a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>Determines whether the segment of DeltaTree Storage Engine uses logical
    ↪ split. The default value is changed from <code>true</code> to <code>
    ↪ false</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiFlash</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tiflash-configuration#
    ↪ configure-the-tiflashtoml-file"><code>profiles.default.enable_elastic
    ↪ _threadpool</code></a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>Controls whether to enable the elastic thread pool. The default value is
    ↪  changed from <code>false</code> to <code>true</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiFlash</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tiflash-configuration#
    ↪ configure-the-tiflashtoml-file"><code>storage.format_version</code></
    ↪ a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>Controls the data validation feature of TiFlash. The default value is
    ↪ changed from <code>2</code> to <code>3</code>.<br/>When <code>format_
    ↪ version</code> is set to <code>3</code>, consistency check is
    ↪ performed on the read operations for all TiFlash data to avoid
    ↪ incorrect read due to hardware failure.<br/>Note that the new format
```

```
    ↪ version cannot be downgraded in place to versions earlier than v5
    ↪ .4.</td>
```

```
<td>TiDB</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tidb-configuration-file#
    ↪ pessimistic-auto-commit-new-in-v600"><code>pessimistic-txn.
    ↪ pessimistic-auto-commit</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Determines the transaction mode that the auto-commit transaction uses
    ↪ when the pessimistic transaction mode is globally enabled (<code>tidb
    ↪ _txn_mode='pessimistic'</code>).</td>
```

```
<td>TiKV</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tikv-configuration-file#in-
    ↪ memory-new-in-v600"><code>pessimistic-txn.in-memory</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls whether to enable the in-memory pessimistic lock. With this
    ↪ feature enabled, pessimistic transactions store pessimistic locks in
    ↪ TiKV memory as much as possible, instead of writing pessimistic locks
    ↪  to disks or replicating to other replicas. This improves the
    ↪ performance of pessimistic transactions; however, there is a low
    ↪ probability that a pessimistic lock will be lost, which might cause
    ↪ the pessimistic transaction to fail to commit. The default value is <
    ↪ code>true</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiKV</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tikv-configuration-file#quota
    ↪ "><code>quota</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Add configuration items related to Quota Limiter, which limit the
    ↪ resources occupied by frontend requests. Quota Limiter is an
    ↪ experimental feature and is disabled by default. New quota-related
    ↪ configuration items are <code>foreground-cpu-time</code>, <code>
    ↪ foreground-write-bandwidth</code>, <code>foreground-read-bandwidth</
    ↪ code>, and <code>max-delay-duration</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiFlash</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tiflash-configuration#
    ↪ configure-the-tiflashtoml-file"><code>profiles.default.dt_compression
    ↪ _method</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Specifies the compression algorithm for TiFlash. The optional values are
    ↪  <code>LZ4</code>, <code>zstd</code> and <code>LZ4HC</code>, all case
    ↪  insensitive. The default value is <code>LZ4</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiFlash</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/tiflash-configuration#
    ↪ configure-the-tiflashtoml-file"><code>profiles.default.dt_compression
    ↪ _level</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Specifies the compression level of TiFlash. The default value is <code
    ↪ >1</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>DM</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/task-configuration-file-full#
    ↪ task-configuration-file-template-advanced"><code>loaders.&lt;name&gt
    ↪ ;.import-mode</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>The import mode during the full import phase. Since v6.0, DM uses TiDB
    ↪ Lightning's TiDB-backend mode to import data during the full import
    ↪ phase; the previous Loader component is no longer used. This is an
    ↪ internal replacement and has no obvious impact on daily operations.<
    ↪ br/>The default value is set to <code>sql</code>, which means using
    ↪ tidb-backend mode. In some rare cases, tidb-backend might not be
    ↪ fully compatible. You can fall back to Loader mode by configuring
    ↪ this parameter to <code>loader</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>DM</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/task-configuration-file-full#
    ↪ task-configuration-file-template-advanced"><code>loaders.&lt;name&gt
    ↪ ;.on-duplicate</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Specifies the methods to resolve conflicts during the full import phase.
    ↪  The default value is <code>replace</code>, which means using the new
    ↪  data to replace the existing data.</td>
```

```
<td>TiCDC</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/ticdc-sink-to-kafka#configure
    ↪ -sink-uri-for-kafka"><code>dial-timeout</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>The timeout in establishing a connection with the downstream Kafka. The
    ↪ default value is <code>10s</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiCDC</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/ticdc-sink-to-kafka#configure
    ↪ -sink-uri-for-kafka"><code>read-timeout</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>The timeout in getting a response returned by the downstream Kafka. The
    ↪ default value is <code>10s</code>.</td>
```

```
<td>TiCDC</td>
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/ticdc-sink-to-kafka#configure
    ↪ -sink-uri-for-kafka"><code>write-timeout</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>The timeout in sending a request to the downstream Kafka. The default
    ↪ value is <code>10s</code>.</td>
```

16.25.1.3.3 Others

- The data placement policy has the following compatibility changes:
  - Binding is not supported. The direct placement option is removed from the syntax.
  - The `CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY` and `ALTER PLACEMENT POLICY` statements no longer support the `VOTERS` and `VOTER_CONSTRAINTS` placement options.
  - TiDB migration tools (TiDB Binlog, TiCDC, and BR) are now compatible with placement rules. The placement option is moved to a special comment in TiDB Binlog.
  - The `information_schema.placement_rules` system table is renamed to `information_schema.placement_policies`. This table now only displays information about placement policies.
  - The `placement_checks` system variable is replaced by `tidb_placement_mode`.
  - It is prohibited to add partitions with placement rules to tables that have TiFlash replicas.
  - Remove the `TIDB_DIRECT_PLACEMENT` column from the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` table.
- The `status` value of SQL plan management (SPM) binding is modified:
  - Remove `using`.
  - Add `enabled` (available) to replace `using`.
  - Add `disabled` (unavailable).
- DM modifies the OpenAPI interface
  - Because of internal mechanism changes, the interface related to task management cannot be compatible with the previous experimental version. You need to refer to the new DM OpenAPI documentation for adaptation.
- DM changes the methods to resolve conflicts during the full import phase
  - A `loader.<name>.on-duplicate` parameter is added. The default value is `replace`, which means using the new data to replace the existing data. If you want to keep the previous behavior, you can set the value to `error`. This parameter only controls the behavior during the full import phase.
- To use DM, you should use the corresponding version of `dmctl`

    - Due to internal mechanism changes, after upgrading DM to v6.0.0, you should also upgrade `dmctl` to v6.0.0.

- For v5.4 and earlier versions, TiDB allows incorrect values for some noop system variables. Starting from v6.0.0, TiDB disallows setting incorrect values for system variables. #31538

16.25.1.4 Improvements

- TiDB

    - Clear the placement rule settings of a table automatically after restoring the table using the `FLASHBACK` or `RECOVER` statement #31668
    - Add a performance overview dashboard to show core performance metrics on typical critical paths, making metrics analysis on TiDB easier #31676
    - Support using the `REPLACE` keyword in the `LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE` statement #24515
    - Support partition pruning for the built-in `IN` expression in Range partition tables #26739
    - Improve query efficiency by eliminating potentially redundant Exchange operations in MPP aggregation queries #31762
    - Improve compatibility with MySQL by allowing duplicate partition names in the `TRUNCATE PARTITION` and `DROP PARTITION` statements #31681
    - Support showing the `CREATE_TIME` information in the results of the `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` statement #23494
    - Support a new built-in function `CHARSET()` #3931
    - Support filtering a baseline capturing blocklist by usernames #32558
    - Support using wildcards in a baseline capturing blocklist #32714
    - Optimize the results of the `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` and `SHOW TABLE STATUS` statements by displaying the time according to the current `time_zone` #26642
    - Support pushing down the `DAYNAME()` and `MONTHNAME()` functions to TiFlash #32594
    - Support pushing down the `REGEXP` function to TiFlash #32637
    - Support pushing down the `DAYOFMONTH()` and `LAST_DAY()` functions to TiFlash #33012
    - Support pushing down the `DAYOFWEEK()` and `DAYOFYEAR()` functions to TiFlash #33130
    - Support pushing down the `IS_TRUE`, `IS_FALSE`, and `IS_TRUE_WITH_NULL` functions to TiFlash #33047
    - Support pushing down the `GREATEST` and `LEAST` functions to TiFlash #32787
    - Support tracking the execution of the `UnionScan` operator #32631
    - Support using the PointGet plan for queries that read the `_tidb_rowid` column #31543
    - Support showing the original partition name in the output of the `EXPLAIN` statement without converting the name to lowercase #32719

- Enable partition pruning for RANGE COLUMNS partitionings on IN conditions and string type columns #32626
- Return an error message when a system variable is set to NULL #32850
- Remove Broadcast Join from the non-MPP mode #31465
- Support executing MPP plans on partitioned tables in dynamic pruning mode #32347
- Support pushing down predicates for common table expressions (CTEs) #28163
- Simplify the configurations of `Statement Summary` and `Capture Plan Baselines` to be available on a global basis only #30557
- Update gopsutil to v3.21.12 to address alarms reported when building binary on macOS 12 #31607

- TiKV

  - Improve the sampling accuracy of the Raftstore for batches with many key ranges #12327
  - Add the correct "Content-Type" for `debug/pprof/profile` to make the Profile more easily identified #11521
  - Renew the lease time of the leader infinitely when the Raftstore has heartbeats or handles read requests, which helps reduce latency jitter #11579
  - Choose the store with the least cost when switching the leader, which helps improve performance stability #10602
  - Fetch Raft logs asynchronously to reduce the performance jitter caused by blocking the Raftstore #11320
  - Support the `QUARTER` function in vector calculation #5751
  - Support pushing down the `BIT` data type to TiKV #30738
  - Support pushing down the `MOD` function and the `SYSDATE` function to TiKV #11916
  - Reduce the TiCDC recovery time by reducing the number of the Regions that require the Resolve Locks step #11993
  - Support dynamically modifying `raftstore.raft-max-inflight-msgs` #11865
  - Support `EXTRA_PHYSICAL_TABLE_ID_COL_ID` to enable dynamic pruning mode #11888
  - Support calculation in buckets #11759
  - Encode the keys of RawKV API V2 as `user-key` + `memcomparable-padding` + `timestamp` #11965
  - Encode the values of RawKV API V2 as `user-value` + `ttl` + `ValueMeta` and encode `delete` in `ValueMeta` #11965
  - Support dynamically modifying `raftstore.raft-max-size-per-msg` #12017
  - Support monitoring multi-k8s in Grafana #12014
  - Transfer the leadership to CDC observer to reduce latency jitter #12111
  - Support dynamically modifying `raftstore.apply_max_batch_size` and `raftstore.store_max_batch_size` #11982
  - RawKV V2 returns the latest version upon receiving the `raw_get` or `raw_scan` request #11965

- Support the RCCheckTS consistency reads #12097
- Support dynamically modifying `storage.scheduler-worker-pool-size`(the thread count of the Scheduler pool) #12067
- Control the use of CPU and bandwidth by using the global foreground flow controller to improve the performance stability of TiKV #11855
- Support dynamically modifying `readpool.unified.max-thread-count` (the thread count of the UnifyReadPool) #11781
- Use the TiKV internal pipeline to replace the RocksDB pipeline and deprecate the `rocksdb.enable-multibatch-write` parameter #12059

- PD

  - Support automatically selecting the fastest object for transfer when evicting the leader, which helps speed up the eviction process #4229
  - Forbid deleting a voter from a 2-replica Raft group in case the Region becomes unavailable #4564
  - Speed up the scheduling of the balance leader #4652

- TiFlash

  - Forbid the logical splitting of TiFlash files (by adjusting the default value of `profiles.default.dt_enable_logical_split` to `false`. See user document for details) and improve the space usage efficiency of the TiFlash columnar storage so that the space occupation of a table synchronized to TiFlash is similar to the space occupation of the table in TiKV
  - Optimize the cluster management and replica replication mechanism for TiFlash by integrating the previous cluster management module into TiDB, which accelerates replica creation for small tables #29924

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Improve the speed of restoring the backup data. In the simulation test when BR restores 16 TB data to a TiKV cluster with 15 nodes (each node has 16 CPU cores), the throughput reaches 2.66 GiB/s. #27036
    - Support importing and exporting placement rules. Add a `--with-tidb-placement-mode` parameter to control whether to ignore the placement rules when importing data. #32290

  - TiCDC

    - Add a `Lag analyze` panel in Grafana #4891
    - Support placement rules #4846
    - Synchronize HTTP API handling #1710
    - Add the exponential backoff mechanism for restarting a changefeed #3329
    - Set the default isolation level of MySQL sink to read-committed to reduce deadlocks in MySQL #3589

    - Validate changefeed parameters upon creation and refine error messages #1716 #1718 #1719 #4472
    - Expose configuration parameters of the Kafka producer to make them configurable in TiCDC #4385
  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
    - Support starting a task when upstream table schemas are inconsistent and in optimistic mode #3629 #3708 #3786
    - Support creating a task in the `stopped` state #4484
    - Support Syncer using the working directory of the DM-worker rather than `/tmp` to write internal files, and cleaning the directory after the task is stopped #4107
    - Precheck has improved. Some important checks are no longer skipped. #3608
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Add more retryable error types #31376
    - Support the base64 format password string #31194
    - Standardize error codes and error outputs #32239

16.25.1.5 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix a bug that TiDB fails to create tables with placement rules when `SCHEDULE = majority_in_primary`, and `PrimaryRegion` and `Regions` are of the same value #31271
  - Fix the `invalid transaction` error when executing a query using index lookup join #30468
  - Fix a bug that `show grants` returns incorrect results when two or more privileges are granted #30855
  - Fix a bug that `INSERT INTO t1 SET timestamp_col = DEFAULT` would set the timestamp to the zero timestamp for the field defaulted to `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` #29926
  - Fix errors reported in reading the results by avoiding encoding the maximum value and minimum non-null value of the string type #31721
  - Fix load data panic if the data is broken at an escape character #31589
  - Fix the issue that the `greatest` or `least` function with collation gets a wrong result #31789
  - Fix a bug that the date_add and date_sub functions might return incorrect data types #31809
  - Fix possible panic when inserting data to virtually generated columns using an insert statement #31735
  - Fix a bug that no error is reported when duplicate columns are present in the created list partition #31784

- Fix wrong results returned when `select for update union select` uses incorrect snapshots #31530
- Fix the potential issue that Regions might be unevenly distributed after a restore operation is finished #31034
- Fix a bug that COERCIBILITY is wrong for the `json` type #31541
- Fix wrong collation of the `json` type when this type is processed using builtin-func #31320
- Fix a bug that PD rules are not deleted when the count of TiFlash replicas is set to 0 #32190
- Fix the issue that `alter column set default` wrongly updates the table schema #31074
- Fix the issue that `date_format` in TiDB handles `'\n'` in a MySQL-incompatible way #32232
- Fix a bug that errors may occur when updating partitioned tables using join #31629
- Fix wrong range calculation results for Nulleq function on Enum values #32428
- Fix possible panic in `upper()` and `lower()` functions #32488
- Fix time zone problems encountered when changing the other type columns to timestamp type columns #29585
- Fix TiDB OOM when exporting data using ChunkRPC #31981 #30880
- Fix a bug that sub SELECT LIMIT does not work as expected in dynamic partition pruning mode #32516
- Fix wrong or inconsistent format of bit default value in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` ↪ `.COLUMNS` table #32655
- Fix a bug that partition table pruning might not work for listing partition tables after server restart #32416
- Fix a bug that `add column` might use a wrong default timestamp after `SET` ↪ `timestamp` is executed #31968
- Fix a bug that connecting to a TiDB passwordless account from MySQL 5.5 or 5.6 client may fail #32334
- Fix wrong results when reading partitioned tables in dynamic mode in transactions #29851
- Fix a bug that TiDB may dispatch duplicate tasks to TiFlash #32814
- Fix wrong results returned when the input of the `timdiff` function contains a millisecond #31680
- Fix wrong results when explicitly reading partitions and using the IndexJoin plan #32007
- Fix a bug that renaming a column fails when changing its column type concurrently #31075
- Fix a bug that the formula for calculating net cost for TiFlash plans is not aligned with TiKV plans #30103
- Fix a bug that `KILL TIDB` cannot take effect immediately on idle connections #24031
- Fix possible wrong results when querying a table with generated columns #33038
- Fix wrong results of deleting data of multiple tables using `left join` #31321

- Fix a bug that the `SUBTIME` function returns a wrong result in case of overflow #31868
- Fix a bug that the `selection` operator cannot be pushed down when an aggregation query contains the `having` condition #33166
- Fix a bug that CTE might be blocked when a query reports errors #31302
- Fix a bug that excessive length of varbinary or varchar columns when creating tables in non-strict mode might result in errors #30328
- Fix the wrong number of followers in `information_schema.placement_policies` when no follower is specified #31702
- Fix the issue that TiDB allows to specify column prefix length as 0 when an index is created #31972
- Fix the issue that TiDB allows partition names ending with spaces #31535
- Correct the error message of the `RENAME TABLE` statement #29893

- TiKV

    - Fix the panic issue caused by deleting snapshot files when the peer status is `Applying` #11746
    - Fix the issue of QPS drop when flow control is enabled and `level0_slowdown_trigger` is set explicitly #11424
    - Fix the issue that destroying a peer might cause high latency #10210
    - Fix a bug that TiKV cannot delete a range of data (which means the internal command `unsafe_destroy_range` is executed) when the GC worker is busy #11903
    - Fix a bug that TiKV panics when the data in `StoreMeta` is accidentally deleted in some corner cases #11852
    - Fix a bug that TiKV panics when performing profiling on an ARM platform #10658
    - Fix a bug that TiKV might panic if it has been running for 2 years or more #11940
    - Fix the compilation issue on the ARM64 architecture caused by missing SSE instruction set #12034
    - Fix the issue that deleting an uninitialized replica might cause an old replica to be recreated #10533
    - Fix a bug that stale messages cause TiKV to panic #12023
    - Fix the issue that undefined behavior (UB) might occur in TsSet conversions #12070
    - Fix a bug that replica reads might violate the linearizability #12109
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when TiKV performs profiling on Ubuntu 18.04 #9765
    - Fix the issue that tikv-ctl returns an incorrect result due to its wrong string match #12329
    - Fix the issue of intermittent packet loss and out of memory (OOM) caused by the overflow of memory metrics #12160
    - Fix the potential issue of mistakenly reporting TiKV panics when exiting TiKV #12231

- PD
    - Fix the issue that PD generates the operator with meaningless steps of Joint Consensus #4362
    - Fix a bug that the TSO revoking process might get stuck when closing the PD client #4549
    - Fix the issue that the Region scatterer scheduling lost some peers #4565
    - Fix the issue that `Duration` fields of `dr-autosync` cannot be dynamically configured #4651
- TiFlash
    - Fix the TiFlash panic issue that occurs when the memory limit is enabled #3902
    - Fix the issue that expired data is recycled slowly #4146
    - Fix the potential issue of TiFlash panic when `Snapshot` is applied simultaneously with multiple DDL operations #4072
    - Fix the potential query error after adding columns under heavy read workload #3967
    - Fix the issue that the `SQRT` function with a negative argument returns `NaN` instead of `Null` #3598
    - Fix the issue that casting `INT` to `DECIMAL` might cause overflow #3920
    - Fix the issue that the result of `IN` is incorrect in multi-value expressions #4016
    - Fix the issue that the date format identifies `'\n'` as an invalid separator #4036
    - Fix the issue that the learner-read process takes too much time under high concurrency scenarios #3555
    - Fix the wrong result that occurs when casting `DATETIME` to `DECIMAL` #4151
    - Fix the issue of memory leak that occurs when a query is canceled #4098
    - Fix a bug that enabling the elastic thread pool might cause a memory leak #4098
    - Fix a bug that canceled MPP queries might cause tasks to hang forever when the local tunnel is enabled #4229
    - Fix a bug that the failure of the HashJoin build side might cause MPP queries to hang forever #4195
    - Fix a bug that MPP tasks might leak threads forever #4238
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix a bug that BR gets stuck when the restore operation meets some unrecoverable errors #33200
        - Fix a bug that causes the restore operation to fail when the encryption information is lost during backup retry #32423
    - TiCDC
        - Fix a bug that MySQL sink generates duplicated `replace` SQL statements when `batch-replace-enable` is disabled #4501

- Fix a bug that a TiCDC node exits abnormally when a PD leader is killed #4248
- Fix the error `Unknown system variable 'transaction_isolation'` for some MySQL versions #4504
- Fix the TiCDC panic issue that might occur when `Canal-JSON` incorrectly handles `string` #4635
- Fix a bug that sequence is incorrectly replicated in some cases #4552
- Fix the TiCDC panic issue that might occur because `Canal-JSON` does not support nil #4736
- Fix the wrong data mapping for avro codec of type `Enum/Set` and `TinyText` ↪ `/MediumText/Text/LongText` #4454
- Fix a bug that Avro converts a `NOT NULL` column to a nullable field #4818
- Fix an issue that TiCDC cannot exit #4699

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that syncer metrics are updated only when querying the status #4281
  - Fix the issue that execution errors of the update statement in safemode may cause the DM-worker panic #4317
  - Fix a bug that long varchars report an error `Column length too big` #4637
  - Fix the conflict issue caused by multiple DM-workers writing data from the same upstream #3737
  - Fix the issue that hundreds of "checkpoint has no change, skip sync flush checkpoint" print in the log and the replication is very slow #4619
  - Fix the DML loss issue when merging shards and replicating incremental data from upstream in the pessimistic mode #5002

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix a bug that TiDB Lightning may not delete the metadata schema when some import tasks do not contain source files #28144
  - Fix the panic that occurs when the table names in the source file and in the target cluster are different #31771
  - Fix the checksum error "GC life time is shorter than transaction duration" #32733
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning gets stuck when it fails to check empty tables #31797

- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that the displayed progress is not accurate when running `dumpling --sql $query` #30532
  - Fix the issue that Amazon S3 cannot correctly calculate the size of compressed data #30534

- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Binlog might be skipped when large upstream write transactions are replicated to Kafka #1136

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16.26.1 TiDB 5.4.3 Release Notes

Release date: October 13, 2022

TiDB version: 5.4.3

16.26.1.1 Improvements

- TiKV
    - Support configuring the RocksDB write stall settings to a value smaller than the flow control threshold #13467
    - Support configuring the `unreachable_backoff` item to avoid Raftstore broadcasting too many messages after one peer becomes unreachable #13054
- Tools
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Optimize Scatter Region to batch mode to improve the stability of the Scatter Region process #33618
    - TiCDC
        - Reduce performance overhead caused by runtime context switching in multi-Region scenarios #5610

16.26.1.2 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the incorrect output of `SHOW CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY` #37526
    - Fix the issue that some DDL statements might be stuck for a period after the PD node of a cluster is replaced #33908
    - Fix the issue that `KILL TIDB` cannot take effect immediately on idle connections #24031
    - Fix the issue that incorrect results are returned in the `DATA_TYPE` and `COLUMN_TYPE` columns when querying the `INFORMSTION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS` system table #36496
    - Fix the issue that when TiDB Binlog is enabled, executing the `ALTER SEQUENCE` statement might cause a wrong metadata version and cause Drainer to exit #36276
    - Fix the issue that the `UNION` operator might return unexpected empty result #36903

- Fix the wrong result that occurs when enabling dynamic mode in partitioned tables for TiFlash #37254
- Fix the issue that `INL_HASH_JOIN` might hang when used with `LIMIT` #35638
- Fix the issue that TiDB might return the `invalid memory address or nil pointer dereference` error when executing the `SHOW WARNINGS` statement #31569
- Fix the `invalid transaction` error that occurs when performing Stale Read in the RC isolation level #30872
- Fix the issue that the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement with DML executors might return result before the transaction commit finishes #37373
- Fix the issue of the `data and columnID count not match` error that occurs when inserting duplicated values with TiDB Binlog enabled #33608
- Fix the issue that in the static partition prune mode, SQL statements with an aggregate condition might return wrong result when the table is empty #35295
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when executing the `UPDATE` statement #32311
- Fix the issue of wrong query result because the `UnionScan` operator cannot maintain the order #33175
- Fix the issue that the UPDATE statements incorrectly eliminate the projection in some cases, which causes the `Can't find column` error #37568
- Fix the issue that partitioned tables cannot fully use indexes to scan data in some cases #33966
- Fix the issue that the `EXECUTE` might throw an unexpected error in specific scenarios #37187
- Fix the issue that TiDB might return wrong results when using a `BIT` type index with prepared plan cache enabled #33067

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue of continuous SQL execution errors in the cluster after the PD leader is switched or PD is restarted #12934
    - Cause: This issue is caused by a TiKV bug that TiKV does not retry sending heartbeat information to PD client after heartbeat requests fail, until TiKV reconnects to PD client. As a result, the Region information on the failed TiKV node becomes outdated, and TiDB cannot get the latest Region information, which causes SQL execution errors.
    - Affected versions: v5.3.2 and v5.4.2. This issue has been fixed in v5.3.3 and v5.4.3. If you are using v5.4.2, you can upgrade your cluster to v5.4.3.
    - Workaround: In addition to upgrade, you can also restart the TiKV nodes that cannot send Region heartbeat to PD, until there is no Region heartbeat to send.
  - Fix the issue that causes permission denied error when TiKV gets an error from the web identity provider and fails back to the default provider #13122
  - Fix the issue that the PD client might cause deadlocks #13191
  - Fix the issue that Regions might be overlapped if Raftstore is busy #13160

- PD
    - Fix the issue that PD cannot correctly handle dashboard proxy requests #5321
    - Fix the issue that a removed tombstone store appears again after the PD leader transfer #4941
    - Fix the issue that the TiFlash learner replica might not be created #5401
- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue that the `format` function might return a `Data truncated` error #4891
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might crash due to an error in parallel aggregation #5356
    - Fix the panic that occurs after creating the primary index with a column containing the `NULL` value #5859
- Tools
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Fix the issue that an auto-increment column of the `BIGINT` type might be out of range #27937
        - Fix the issue that de-duplication might cause TiDB Lightning to panic in extreme cases #34163
        - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning does not support columns starting with slash, number, or non-ascii characters in Parquet files #36980
        - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to connect to TiDB when TiDB uses an IPv6 host #35880
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Fix the issue that DM Worker might get stuck when getting DB Conn #3733
        - Fix the issue that DM reports the `Specified key was too long` error #5315
        - Fix the issue that latin1 data might be corrupted during replication #7028
        - Fix the issue that DM fails to start when TiDB uses an IPv6 host #6249
        - Fix the issue of possible data race in `query-status` #4811
        - Fix goroutine leak when relay meets an error #6193
    - TiCDC
        - Fix the TiCDC panic issue when you set `enable-old-value = false` #6198
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the issue that might lead to backup and restoration failure if special characters exist in the authorization key of external storage #37469
        - Fix the issue that the regions are not balanced because the concurrency is set too large during the restoration #37549
    - Dumpling
        - Fix the issue that GetDSN does not support IPv6 #36112

16.26.2 TiDB 5.4.2 Release Notes

Release Date: July 8, 2022

TiDB version: 5.4.2

> **Warning:**
>
> It is not recommended to use v5.4.2, because this version has a known bug. For details, see #12934. This bug has been fixed in v5.4.3. It is recommended to use v5.4.3.

16.26.2.1 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Avoid sending requests to unhealthy TiKV nodes to improve availability #34906
- TiKV
  - Reload TLS certificate automatically for each update to improve availability #12546
  - Improve the health check to detect unavailable Raftstore, so that the TiKV client can update Region Cache in time #12398
  - Transfer the leadership to CDC observer to reduce latency jitter #12111
- PD
  - Disable compiling swagger server by default #4932
- Tools
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Optimize Scatter Region to batch mode to improve the stability of the Scatter Region process #33618

16.26.2.2 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue of wrong TableDual plans cached in binary protocol #34690 #34678
  - Fix the issue of incorrectly inferred null flag of the TiFlash `firstrow` aggregate function in the EqualAll case #34584

- Fix the issue that the planner generates wrong 2-phase aggregate plan for TiFlash #34682
- Fix the planner wrong behaviors that occur when `tidb_opt_agg_push_down` and `tidb_enforce_mpp` are enabled #34465
- Fix the wrong memory-usage value used when Plan Cache is evicted #34613
- Fix the issue that the column list does not work in the `LOAD DATA` statement #35198
- Avoid reporting `WriteConflict` errors in pessimistic transactions #11612
- Fix the issue that the prewrite requests are not idempotency when Region errors and network issues occur #34875
- Fix the issue that the async commit transactions being rolled back might not meet atomicity #33641
- Previously, when a network connectivity issue occurred, TiDB did not always correctly free the resources held by the disconnected session. This issue has been fixed so that open transactions can be rolled back and other associated resources can be released. #34722
- Fix the issue that the `references invalid table` error might be incorrectly reported when TiDB queries views with CTE #33965
- Fix the panic issue caused by the `fatal error: concurrent map read and map write` error #35340

- TiKV

  - Fix the panic issue caused by analyzing statistics when `max_sample_size` is set to `0` #11192
  - Fix the potential issue of mistakenly reporting TiKV panics when exiting TiKV #12231
  - Fix the panic issue that might occur when the source peer catches up logs by snapshot in the Region merge process #12663
  - Fix the panic issue that might occur when a peer is being split and destroyed at the same time #12825
  - Fix the issue of frequent PD client reconnection that occurs when the PD client meets an error #12345
  - Fix the issue of time parsing error that occurs when the `DATETIME` values contain a fraction and `Z` #12739
  - Fix the issue that TiKV panics when performing type conversion for an empty string #12673
  - Fix the possible duplicate commit records in pessimistic transactions when async commit is enabled #12615
  - Fix the issue that TiKV reports the `invalid store ID 0` error when using Follower Read #12478
  - Fix the issue of TiKV panic caused by the race between destroying peers and batch splitting Regions #12368
  - Fix the issue that tikv-ctl returns an incorrect result due to its wrong string match #12329

    - Fix the issue of failing to start TiKV on AUFS #12543

- PD

    - Fix the wrong status code of `not leader` #4797
    - Fix the PD panic that occurs when a hot region has no leader #5005
    - Fix the issue that scheduling cannot start immediately after the PD leader transfer #4769
    - Fix a bug of TSO fallback in some corner cases #4884

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that TiFlash crashes after dropping a column of a table with clustered indexes in some situations #5154
    - Fix potential data inconsistency after a lot of INSERT and DELETE operations #4956
    - Fix wrong decimal comparison results in corner cases #4512

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix a bug that BR reports `ErrRestoreTableIDMismatch` in RawKV mode #35279
        - Fix a bug that BR does not retry when an error occurs in saving files #34865
        - Fix a panic issue when BR is running #34956
        - Fix the issue that BR cannot handle S3 internal errors #34350
        - Fix a bug that BR gets stuck when the restore operation meets some unrecoverable errors #33200
    - TiCDC
        - Fix data loss that occurs in special incremental scanning scenarios #5468
        - Fix a bug that the redo log manager flushes logs before writing logs #5486
        - Fix a bug that the resolved ts moves too fast when some tables are not maintained by the redo writer #5486
        - Fix the issue that file name conflicts may cause data loss #5486
        - Fix replication interruption that occurs when Region leader is missing and the retry exceeds the limit #5230
        - Fix the bug that MySQL Sink may save a wrong checkpointTs #5107
        - Fix a bug that may cause goroutine leak in the HTTP server #5303
        - Fix the issue that changes in meta Region can lead to latency increase #4756 #4762
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Fix the issue that DM occupies more disk space after a task automatically resumes #5344
        - Fix the issue that the uppercase table cannot be replicated when `case-sensitive: true` is not set #5255

16.26.3 TiDB 5.4.1 Release Notes

Release Date: May 13, 2022

TiDB version: 5.4.1

16.26.3.1 Compatibility changes

TiDB v5.4.1 does not introduce any compatibility changes in product design. But note that bug fixes in this release might result in compatibility changes, too. For more information, see Bug Fixes.

16.26.3.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Support using the PointGet plan for queries that read the `_tidb_rowid` column #31543
  - Add more logs and metrics for the `Apply` operator to show whether it is parallel #33887
  - Improve the `TopN` pruning logic for Analyze Version 2 used for collecting statistics #34256
  - Support displaying multiple Kubernetes clusters in the Grafana dashboard #32593
- TiKV
  - Support displaying multiple Kubernetes clusters in the Grafana dashboard #12104
- PD
  - Support displaying multiple Kubernetes clusters in the Grafana dashboard #4673
- TiFlash
  - Support displaying multiple Kubernetes clusters in the Grafana dashboard #4129
- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Support multiple Kubernetes clusters in Grafana dashboards #4665
    - Expose configuration parameters of the Kafka producer to make them configurable in TiCDC #4385
  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
    - Support Syncer using the working directory of the DM-worker rather than `/tmp` to write internal files, and cleaning the directory after the task is stopped #4107

16.26.3.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that `date_format` in TiDB handles `'\n'` in a MySQL-incompatible way #32232
    - Fix the issue that TiDB writes wrong data due to the wrong encoding of the `ENUM` or `SET` column #32302
    - Fix the issue that the Merge Join operator gets wrong results in certain cases #33042
    - Fix the issue that TiDB gets a wrong result when a correlated subquery returns a constant #32089
    - Fix the issue that TiDB gets the wrong result when using TiFlash to scan tables with empty range although TiFlash does not support reading tables with empty range yet #33083
    - Fix the issue that the `MAX` or `MIN` function on the `ENUM` or `SET` column returns a wrong result when the new collation is enabled in TiDB #31638
    - Fix a bug that CTE might be blocked when a query reports errors #31302
    - Fix wrong range calculation results for Nulleq function on Enum values #32428
    - Fix TiDB OOM when exporting data using ChunkRPC #31981 #30880
    - Fix a bug that `tidb_super_read_only` is not automatically enabled when `tidb_restricted_read_only` is enabled #31745
    - Fix the issue that the `greatest` or `least` function with collation gets a wrong result #31789
    - Fix load data panic if the data is broken at an escape character #31589
    - Fix the `invalid transaction` error when executing a query using index lookup join #30468
    - Fix wrong results of deleting data of multiple tables using `left join` #31321
    - Fix a bug that TiDB may dispatch duplicate tasks to TiFlash #32814
    - Fix the issue that granting the `all` privilege might fail in clusters that are upgraded from v4.0 #33588
    - Fix the session panic that occurs when executing the prepared statement after table schema change with the MySQL binary protocol #33509
    - Fix the issue that executing SQL statements that have the `compress()` expression with `tidb_enable_vectorized_expression` enabled will fail #33397
    - Fix the issue of high CPU usage by the `reArrangeFallback` function #30353
    - Fix the issue that the table attributes are not indexed when a new partition is added and the issue that the table range information is not updated when the partition changes #33929
    - Fix a bug that the `TopN` statistical information of a table during the initialization is not correctly sorted #34216
    - Fix the error that occurs when reading from the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.ATTRIBUTES` table by skipping the unidentifiable table attributes #33665
    - Fix a bug that even if `@@tidb_enable_parallel_apply` is set, the `Apply` operator is not paralleled when an `order` property exists #34237

- Fix a bug that `'0000-00-00 00:00:00'` can be inserted into a `datetime` column when `sql_mode` is set to `NO_ZERO_DATE` #34099
- Fix the issue that the TiDB server might run out of memory when the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY` table is queried. This issue can be triggered when you check slow queries on the Grafana dashboard #33893
- Fix a bug that in the `NOWAIT` statement, a transaction being executed does not return immediately when encountering a lock #32754
- Fix a bug that causes a failure when creating a table with the `GBK` charset and `gbk_bin` collation #31308
- Fix a bug that when `enable-new-charset` is `on`, creating a `GBK` charset table with collation fails with the "Unknown character set" error #31297

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that TiKV panics and destroys peers unexpectedly because the target Region to be merged is invalid #12232
  - Fix a bug that stale messages cause TiKV to panic #12023
  - Fix the issue of intermittent packet loss and out of memory (OOM) caused by the overflow of memory metrics #12160
  - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when TiKV performs profiling on Ubuntu 18.04 #9765
  - Fix a bug that replica reads might violate the linearizability #12109
  - Fix the TiKV panic issue that occurs when the target peer is replaced with the peer that is destroyed without being initialized when merging a Region #12048
  - Fix a bug that TiKV might panic if it has been running for 2 years or more #11940
  - Reduce the TiCDC recovery time by reducing the number of the Regions that require the Resolve Locks step #11993
  - Fix the panic issue caused by deleting snapshot files when the peer status is `Applying` #11746
  - Fix the issue that destroying a peer might cause high latency #10210
  - Fix the panic issue caused by invalid assertion in resource metering #12234
  - Fix the issue that slow score calculation is inaccurate in some corner cases #12254
  - Fix the OOM issue caused by the `resolved_ts` module and add more metrics #12159
  - Fix the issue that successfully committed optimistic transactions may report the `Write Conflict` error when the network is poor #34066
  - Fix the TiKV panic issue that occurs when replica read is enabled on a poor network #12046

- PD

  - Fix the issue that `Duration` fields of `dr-autosync` cannot be dynamically configured #4651

    - Fix the issue that when there exists a Store with large capacity (2T for example), fully allocated small Stores cannot be detected, which results in no balance operator being generated #4805
    - Fix the issue that the label distribution has residual labels in the metrics #4825

- TiFlash

    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when TLS is enabled #4196
    - Fix possible metadata corruption caused by Region merge on a lagging Region peer #4437
    - Fix the issue that a query containing `JOIN` might be hung if an error occurs #4195
    - Fix a bug that MPP tasks might leak threads forever #4238
    - Fix the overflow that occurs when casting `FLOAT` to `DECIMAL` #3998
    - Fix the issue that expired data is recycled slowly #4146
    - Fix a bug that canceled MPP queries might cause tasks to hang forever when the local tunnel is enabled #4229
    - Fix the issue of memory leak that occurs when a query is canceled #4098
    - Fix the wrong result that occurs when casting `DATETIME` to `DECIMAL` #4151
    - Fix the potential issue of TiFlash panic when `Snapshot` is applied simultaneously with multiple DDL operations #4072
    - Fix the bug that invalid storage directory configurations lead to unexpected behaviors #4093
    - Fix the bug that some exceptions are not handled properly #4101
    - Fix the issue that casting `INT` to `DECIMAL` might cause overflow #3920
    - Fix the issue that the result of `IN` is incorrect in multi-value expressions #4016
    - Fix the issue that the date format identifies `'\n'` as an invalid separator #4036
    - Fix the potential query error after adding columns under heavy read workload #3967
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when the memory limit is enabled #3902
    - Fix potential data corruption in DTFiles #4778
    - Fix potential errors when querying on a table with many delete operations #4747
    - Fix a bug that TiFlash reports many "Keepalive watchdog fired" errors randomly #4192
    - Fix a bug that data not matching any region range remains on a TiFlash node #4414
    - Fix a bug that empty segments cannot be merged after GC #4511

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix a bug that causes the restore operation to fail when the encryption information is lost during backup retry #32423
        - Fix the issue that BR fails to back up RawKV #32607
        - Fix duplicate primary keys when inserting a record into a table after incremental restoration #33596

- Fix a bug that BR incremental restore returns errors mistakenly due to DDL jobs with empty query #33322
- Fix the potential issue that Regions might be unevenly distributed after a restore operation is finished #31034
- Fix the issue that BR does not retry enough times when Regions are not consistent during restoration #33419
- Fix the issue that BR might panic occasionally when merging small files is enabled #33801
- Fix the issue that schedulers do not resume after BR or TiDB Lightning exits abnormally #33546

- TiCDC
  - Fix incorrect metrics caused by owner changes #4774
  - Fix the TiCDC panic issue that might occur because `Canal-JSON` does not support nil #4736
  - Fix a stability problem in workerpool used by Unified Sorter #4447
  - Fix a bug that sequence is incorrectly replicated in some cases #4552
  - Fix the TiCDC panic issue that might occur when `Canal-JSON` incorrectly handles `string` #4635
  - Fix a bug that a TiCDC node exits abnormally when a PD leader is killed #4248
  - Fix a bug that MySQL sink generates duplicated `replace` SQL statements when `batch-replace-enable` is disabled #4501
  - Fix the DML construct error caused by the `rename tables` DDL #5059
  - Fix the issue that in rare cases replication can be stuck if the owner is changed and the new scheduler is enabled (disabled by default) #4963
  - Fix the issue that the error ErrProcessorDuplicateOperations is reported when the new scheduler is enabled (disabled by default) #4769
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to start when the first PD set in `--pd` is not available after TLS is enabled #4777
  - Fix the issue that the checkpoint metrics are missing when tables are being scheduled #4714
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the checksum error "GC life time is shorter than transaction duration" #32733
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning gets stuck when it fails to check empty tables #31797
  - Fix a bug that TiDB Lightning may not delete the metadata schema when some import tasks do not contain source files #28144
  - Fix the issue that the precheck does not check local disk resources and cluster availability #34213
- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that hundreds of "checkpoint has no change, skip sync flush checkpoint" print in the log and the replication is very slow #4619

- Fix a bug that long varchars report an error `Column length too big` #4637
- Fix the issue that execution errors of the update statement in safemode may cause the DM-worker panic #4317
- Fix the issue that in some cases manually executing the filtered DDL in the downstream might cause task resumption failure #5272
- Fix a bug that no data is returned for the `query-status` command when binlog is not enabled in the upstream #5121
- Fix the DM worker panic issue that occurs when the primary key is not first in the index returned by the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement #5159
- Fix the issue that CPU usage may increase and a large amount of log is printed when GTID is enabled or when the task is automatically resumed #5063

16.26.4 TiDB 5.4 Release Notes

Release date: February 15, 2022

TiDB version: 5.4.0

In v5.4, the key new features or improvements are as follows:

- Support the GBK character set
- Support using Index Merge to access data, which merges the filtering results of indexes on multiple columns
- Support reading stale data using a session variable
- Support persisting the configuration for collecting statistics
- Support using Raft Engine as the log storage engine of TiKV (experimental)
- Optimize the impact of backup on the cluster
- Support using Azure Blob storage as the backup storage
- Continuously improve the stability and performance of TiFlash and the MPP engine
- Add a switch in TiDB Lightning to determine whether to allow importing to an existing table with data
- Optimize the Continuous Profiling feature (experimental)
- TiSpark supports user identification and authentication

16.26.4.1 Compatibility changes

Note:

When upgrading from an earlier TiDB version to v5.4.0, if you want to know the compatibility change notes of all intermediate versions, you can check the Release Notes of the corresponding version.

16.26.4.1.1 System variables

```
<th>Variable name</th>
<th>Change type</th>
<th>Description</th>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_enable_
    ↪ column_tracking-new-in-v540"><code>tidb_enable_column_tracking</code
    ↪ ></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls whether to allow TiDB to collect <code>PREDICATE COLUMNS</code
    ↪ >. The default value is <code>OFF.</code></td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_enable_
    ↪ paging-new-in-v540"><code>tidb_enable_paging</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls whether to use the method of paging to send coprocessor
    ↪ requests in <code>IndexLookUp</code> operator. The default value is <
    ↪ code>OFF</code>.<br/>For read queries that use <code>IndexLookup</
    ↪ code> and <code>Limit</code> and that <code>Limit</code> cannot be
    ↪ pushed down to <code>IndexScan</code>, there might be high latency
    ↪ for the read queries and high CPU usage for TiKV's <code>unified read
    ↪  pool</code>. In such cases, because the <code>Limit</code> operator
    ↪ only requires a small set of data, if you set <code>tidb_enable_
    ↪ paging</code> to <code>ON</code>, TiDB processes less data, which
    ↪ reduces query latency and resource consumption.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_enable_
    ↪ top_sql-new-in-v540"><code>tidb_enable_top_sql</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls whether to enable the Top SQL feature. The default value is <
    ↪ code>OFF</code>.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_persist
    ↪ _analyze_options-new-in-v540"><code>tidb_persist_analyze_options</
    ↪ code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls whether to enable the <a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/
    ↪ dev/statistics#persist-analyze-configurations">ANALYZE configuration
    ↪ persistence</a> feature. The default value is <code>ON</code>.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_read_
    ↪ staleness-new-in-v540"><code>tidb_read_staleness</code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls the range of historical data that can be read in the current
    ↪ session. The default value is <code>0</code>.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_regard_
    ↪ null_as_point-new-in-v540"><code>tidb_regard_null_as_point</code></a
    ↪ ></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls whether the optimizer can use a query condition including null
    ↪ equivalence as a prefix condition for index access.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_stats_
    ↪ load_sync_wait-new-in-v540"><code>tidb_stats_load_sync_wait</code></a
    ↪ ></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls whether to enable the synchronously loading statistics feature.
    ↪  The default value <code>0</code> means that the feature is disabled
    ↪ and that the statistics is asynchronously loaded. When the feature is
    ↪  enabled, this variable controls the maximum time that SQL
    ↪ optimization can wait for synchronously loading statistics before
    ↪ timeout.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_stats_
    ↪ load_pseudo_timeout-new-in-v540"><code>tidb_stats_load_pseudo_timeout
    ↪ </code></a></td>
<td>Newly added</td>
<td>Controls when synchronously loading statistics reaches timeout, whether
    ↪ SQL fails (<code>OFF</code>) or falls back to using pseudo statistics
    ↪  (<code>ON</code>). The default value is <code>OFF</code>.</td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_backoff
    ↪ _lock_fast"><code>tidb_backoff_lock_fast</code></a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>The default value is changed from <code>100</code> to <code>10</code>.</
    ↪ td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_enable_
    ↪ index_merge-new-in-v40"><code>tidb_enable_index_merge</code></a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>The default value is changed from <code>OFF</code> to <code>ON</code>.<
    ↪ ul><li>If you upgrade a TiDB cluster from versions earlier than v4
    ↪ .0.0 to v5.4.0 or later, this variable is <code>OFF</code> by default
    ↪ .</li><li>If you upgrade a TiDB cluster from v4.0.0 or later to v5
    ↪ .4.0 or later, this variable remains the same as before the upgrade
    ↪ .</li><li>For the newly created TiDB clusters of v5.4.0 and later,
    ↪ this variable is <code>ON</code> by default.</li></ul></td>
```

```
<td><a href="https://docs.pingcap.com/tidb/dev/system-variables#tidb_store_
   ↪ limit-new-in-v304-and-v40"><code>tidb_store_limit</code></a></td>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>Before v5.4.0, this variable can be configured at instance level and
   ↪ globally. Starting from v5.4.0, this variable only supports global
   ↪ configuration.</td>
```

16.26.4.1.2 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB	stats-load ↪ - ↪ concurrency ↪	Newly added	Controls the maximum number of columns that the TiDB synchronously loading statistics feature can process concurrently. The default value is 5.
TiDB	stats-load ↪ -queue- ↪ size	Newly added	Controls the maximum number of column requests that the TiDB synchronously loading statistics feature can cache. The default value is1000.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	snap- ↪ generator ↪ -pool- ↪ size	Newly added	The size of the snap- ↪ generator ↪ thread pool. The default value is 2.
TiKV	log.file. ↪ max- ↪ size, log.file. ↪ max- ↪ days, log.file. ↪ max- ↪ backups	Newly added	For details, see TiKV Configuration File - log.file.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raft-engine`	Newly added	Includes `enable`, `dir`, `batch-compression-threshold`, `bytes-per-sync`, `target-file-size`, `purge-threshold`, `recovery-mode`, `recovery-read-block-size`, `recovery-read-block-size`, and `recovery-threads`. For details, see TiKV Configuration File - `raft-engine`.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`backup.` ↪ `enable-` ↪ `auto-` ↪ `tune`	Newly added	In v5.3.0, the default value is `false`. Since v5.4.0, the default value is changed to `true`. This parameter controls whether to limit the resources used by backup tasks to reduce the impact on the cluster when the cluster resource utilization is high. In the default configuration, the speed of backup tasks might slow down.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`log-level`, `log-format`, `log-file`, `log-rotation-size`	Modified	The names of TiKV log parameters are replaced with the names that are consistent with TiDB log parameters, which are `log.level`, `log.format`, `log.file.filename`, and `log.enable-timestamp`. If you only set the old parameters, and their values are set to non-default values, the old parameters remain compatible with the new parameters. If both old and new parameters are set, the new parameters take effect. For details, see TiKV Configuration File -

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiKV	`log-` ↪ `rotation` ↪ `-` ↪ `timespan` ↪	Deleted	The timespan between log rotations. After this timespan passes, a log file is rotated, which means a timestamp is appended to the file name of the current log file, and a new log file is created.
TiKV	`allow-` ↪ `remove-` ↪ `leader`	Deleted	Determines whether to allow deleting the main switch.
TiKV	`raft-msg-` ↪ `flush-` ↪ `interval` ↪	Deleted	Determines the interval at which Raft messages are sent in batches. The Raft messages are sent in batches at every interval specified by this configuration item.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
PD	`log.level`	Modified	The default value is changed from "INFO" to "info", guaranteed to be case-insensitive.
TiFlash	`profile.` ↪ `default` ↪ `.enable` ↪ `_` ↪ `elastic` ↪ `_` ↪ `threadpool` ↪	Newly added	Determines whether to enable or disable the elastic thread pool function. Enabling this configuration item can significantly improve TiFlash CPU utilization in high concurrency scenarios. The default value is `false`.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`storage.format_version`	Newly added	Specifies the version of DTFile. The default value is 2, under which hashes are embedded in the data file. You can also set the value to 3. When it is 3, the data file contains metadata and token data checksum, and supports multiple hash algorithms.
TiFlash	`logger.count`	Modified	The default value is changed to 10.
TiFlash	`status.metrics_port`	Modified	The default value is changed to 8234.
TiFlash	`raftstore.apply-pool-size`	Newly added	The allowable number of threads in the pool that flushes Raft data to storage. The default value is 4.

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiFlash	`raftstore.` ↪ `store-` ↪ `pool-` ↪ `size`	Newly added	The allowable number of threads that process Raft, which is the size of the Raftstore thread pool. The default value is `4`.
TiDB Data Migration (DM)	`collation_` ↪ `compatible` ↪	Newly added	The mode to sync the default collation in `CREATE` SQL statements. The value options are "loose" (by default) and "strict".
TiCDC	`max-` ↪ `message` ↪ `-bytes`	Modified	Change the default value of `max-` ↪ `message` ↪ `-bytes` in Kafka sink to `104857601` (10MB)

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiCDC	`partition-num`	Modified	Change the default value of `partition-num` in Kafka Sink from `4` to `3`. It makes TiCDC send messages to Kafaka partitions more evenly.
TiDB Lightning	`meta-schema-name`	Modified	Specifies the schema name for the metadata in the target TiDB. From v5.4.0, this schema is created only if you have enabled parallel import (the corresponding parameter is `tikv-importer.incremental-import = true`).

Configuration file	Configuration	Change type	Description
TiDB Lightning	`task-info-schema-name`	Newly added	Specifies the name of the database where duplicated data is stored when TiDB Lightning detects conflicts. By default, the value is "lightning_task_info". Specify this parameter only if you have enabled the "duplicate-resolution" feature.
TiDB Lightning	`incremental-import`	Newly added	Determines whether to allow importing data to tables where data already exists. The default value is `false`.

16.26.4.1.3 Others

- An interface is added between TiDB and PD. When you use the `information_schema.TIDB_HOT_REGIONS_HISTORY` system table, TiDB needs to use PD in the corresponding version.
- TiDB Server, PD Server, and TiKV Server start using a unified naming method for the log-related parameters to manage log names, output formats, and the rules for rotation and expiration. For details, see TiKV configuration file - log.

- Since v5.4.0, if you create a SQL binding for an execution plan that has been cached via Plan Cache, the binding invalidates the plan already cached for the corresponding query. The new binding does not affect execution plans cached before v5.4.0.
- In v5.3 and earlier versions, TiDB Data Migration (DM) documentation is independent of TiDB documentation. Since v5.4, DM documentation is integrated into TiDB documentation with the same version. You can directly read DM documentation without accessing the DM documentation site.
- Remove the experimental feature of Point-in-time recovery (PITR) along with cdclog. Since v5.4.0, cdclog-based PITR and cdclog are no longer supported.
- Make the behavior of setting system variables to the "DEFAULT" more MySQL-compatible #29680
- Set the system variable `lc_time_names` to read-only #30084
- Set the scope of `tidb_store_limit` from INSTANCE or GLOBAL to GLOBAL #30756
- Forbid converting the integer type column to the time type column when the column contains zero #25728
- Fix the issue that no error is reported for the `Inf` or `NAN` value when inserting floating-point values #30148
- Fix the issue that the `REPLACE` statement incorrectly changes other rows when the auto ID is out of range #30301

16.26.4.2 New features

16.26.4.2.1 SQL

- **TiDB supports the GBK character set since v5.4.0**

  Before v5.4.0, TiDB supports `ascii`, `binary`, `latin1`, `utf8`, and `utf8mb4` character sets.

  To better support Chinese users, TiDB supports the GBK character set since v5.4.0. After enabling the `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` option in the TiDB configuration file when initializing a TiDB cluster for the first time, the TiDB GBK character set supports both `gbk_bin` and `gbk_chinese_ci` collations.

  When using the GBK character set, you need to pay attention to the compatibility restrictions. For details, see Character Set and Collation - GBK.

16.26.4.2.2 Security

- **TiSpark supports user authentication and authorization**

  Since TiSpark 2.5.0, TiSpark supports both database user authentication and read-/write authorization at a database or table level. After enabling this feature, you can prevent the business from running unauthorized batch tasks such as draws to obtain data, which improves the stability and data security of online clusters.

This feature is disabled by default. When it is enabled, if a user operating through TiSpark does not have the needed permissions, the user gets an exception from TiSpark.

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- **TiUP supports generating an initial password for the root user**

  An `--init` parameter is introduced to the command for starting a cluster. With this parameter, in a TiDB cluster deployed using TiUP, TiUP generates an initial strong password for the database root user. This avoids security risks in using a root user with an empty password and ensures the security of databases.

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16.26.4.2.3 Performance

- **Continue improving the stability and performance of the columnar storage engine TiFlash and the computing engine MPP**

  - Support pusing down more functions to the MPP engine:
    - String functions: `LPAD()`, `RPAD()`, `STRCMP()`
    - Date functions: `ADDDATE(string, real)`, `DATE_ADD(string, real)`, `DATE_SUB(string, real)`, `SUBDATE(string, real)`, `QUARTER()`
  - Introduce the elastic thread pool feature to improve resource utilization (experimental)
  - Improve the efficiency of converting data from row-based storage format to column-based storage format when replicating data from TiKV, which brings 50% improvement in the overall performance of data replication
  - Improve TiFlash performance and stability by tuning the default values of some configuration items. In an HTAP hybrid load, the performance of simple queries on a single table improves up to 20%.

  User documents: Supported push-down calculations, Configure the tiflash.toml file

- **Read historical data within a specified time range through a session variable**

  TiDB is a multi-replica distributed database based on the Raft consensus algorithm. In face of high-concurrency and high-throughput application scenarios, TiDB can scale out its read performance through follower replicas, separating read and write requests.

  For different application scenarios, TiDB provides two modes of follower read: strongly consistent read and weakly consistent history read. The strongly consistent read mode is suitable for application scenarios that require real-time data. However, in this mode, because of the data replication latency between leaders and followers and the reduced throughput, the read request might have high latency, especially for geo-distributed deployments.

For the application scenarios that have less strict requirements on real-time data, the history read mode is recommended. This mode can reduce latency and improve throughput. TiDB currently supports reading historical data by the following methods: Use SQL statements to read data from a time point in the past, or start a read-only transaction based on a time point in the past. Both methods support reading the historical data of a specific point in time or within a specified time range. For details, refer to Read Historical Data Using the `AS OF TIMESTAMP` Clause.

Since v5.4.0, TiDB improves the usability of the history read mode by supporting reading historical data within a specified time range through a session variable. This mode serves low-latency, high-throughput read requests in quasi-real-time scenarios. You can set the variable as follows:

```
set @@tidb_replica_read=leader_and_follower
set @@tidb_read_staleness="-5"
```

By this setting, TiDB can select the nearest leader or follower node and read the latest historical data within 5 seconds.

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- **GA for Index Merge**

  Index Merge is introduced in TiDB v4.0 as an experimental feature for SQL optimization. This method greatly accelerates condition filtering when a query requires scanning of multiple columns of data. Take the following query as an example. In the `WHERE` statement, if the filtering conditions connected by `OR` have their respective indexes on columns *key1* and *key2*, the Index Merge feature filters the respective indexes at the same time, merges the query results, and returns the merged result.

  ```
  SELECT * FROM table WHERE key1 <= 100 OR key2 = 200;
  ```

  Before TiDB v4.0, a query on a table supports using only one index for filtering at one time. If you want to query multiple columns of data, you can enable Index Merge to get the exact query result in a short time by using the indexes in individual columns. Index Merge avoids unnecessary full table scans and does not require establishing a large number of composite indexes.

  In v5.4.0, Index Merge becomes GA. However, you still need to pay attention to the following restrictions:

  - Index Merge supports only disjunctive normal form (X1 X2 …Xn). That is, this feature only works when filtering conditions in a `WHERE` clause are connected by `OR`.
  - For newly deployed TiDB clusters of v5.4.0 or later, this feature is enabled by default. For v5.4.0 or later TiDB clusters upgraded from earlier versions, this feature inherits the setting before the upgrade and you can change the setting as required (for TiDB clusters earlier than v4.0, this feature does not exist and is disabled by default).

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- **Support Raft Engine (experimental)**

  Support using Raft Engine as the log storage engine in TiKV. Compared with RocksDB, Raft Engine can reduce TiKV I/O write traffic by up to 40% and CPU usage by 10%, while improving foreground throughput by about 5% and reducing tail latency by 20% under certain loads. In addition, Raft Engine improves the efficiency of log recycling and fixes the issue of log accumulation in extreme conditions.

  Raft Engine is still an experimental feature and is disabled by default. Note that the data format of Raft Engine in v5.4.0 is not compatible with previous versions. Before upgrading the cluster, you need to make sure that Raft Engine on all TiKV nodes is disabled. It is recommended to use Raft Engine only in v5.4.0 or a later version.

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- **Support collecting statistics on `PREDICATE COLUMNS` (experimental)**

  In most cases, when executing SQL statements, the optimizer only uses statistics of some columns (such as columns in the `WHERE`, `JOIN`, `ORDER BY`, and `GROUP BY` statements). These used columns are called `PREDICATE COLUMNS`.

  Since v5.4.0, you can set the value of the `tidb_enable_column_tracking` system variable to `ON` to enable TiDB to collect `PREDICATE COLUMNS`.

  After the setting, TiDB writes the `PREDICATE COLUMNS` information to the `mysql.column_stats_usage` system table every 100 * `stats-lease`. When the query pattern of your business is stable, you can use the `ANALYZE TABLE TableName PREDICATE COLUMNS` syntax to collect statistics on the `PREDICATE COLUMNS` columns only, which can greatly reduce the overhead of collecting statistics.

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- **Support synchronously loading statistics (experimental)**

  Since v5.4.0, TiDB introduces the synchronously loading statistics feature. This feature is disabled by default. After enabling the feature, TiDB can synchronously load large-sized statistics (such as histograms, TopN, and Count-Min Sketch statistics) into memory when you execute SQL statements, which improves the completeness of statistics for SQL optimization.

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16.26.4.2.4 Stability

- **Support persisting ANALYZE configurations**

  Statistics are one type of the basic information that the optimizer refers to when generating execution plans. The accuracy of the statistics directly affects whether the generated execution plans are reasonable. To ensure the accuracy of the statistics,

sometimes it is necessary to set different collection configurations for different tables, partitions, and indexes.

Since v5.4.0, TiDB supports persisting some `ANALYZE` configurations. With this feature, the existing configurations can be easily reused for future statistics collection.

The `ANALYZE` configuration persistence feature is enabled by default (the system variable `tidb_analyze_version` is `2` and `tidb_persist_analyze_options` is `ON` by default). You can use this feature to record the persistence configurations specified in the `ANALYZE` statement when executing the statement manually. Once recorded, the next time TiDB automatically updates statistics or you manually collect statistics without specifying these configurations, TiDB will collect statistics according to the recorded configurations.

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16.26.4.2.5 High availability and disaster recovery

- **Reduce the impact of backup tasks on the cluster**

  Backup & Restore (BR) introduces the auto-tune feature (enabled by default). This feature can reduce the impact of backup tasks on the cluster by monitoring the cluster resource usage and adjusting the number of threads used by the backup tasks. In some cases, if you increase the cluster hardware resource for backup and enable the auto-tune feature, it can limit the impact of backup tasks on the cluster to 10% or less.

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- **Support Azure Blob Storage as a target storage for backup**

Backup & Restore (BR) supports Azure Blob Storage as a remote backup storage. If you deploy TiDB in Azure Cloud, now you can back up the cluster data to the Azure Blob Storage service.

```
[User document](#backup-storages)
```

16.26.4.2.6 Data migration

- **TiDB Lightning introduces a new feature to determine whether to allow importing data to tables with data**

  TiDB Lightning introduces a configuration item`incremental-import`. It determines whether to allow importing data to tables with data. The default value is `false`. When using the parallel import mode, you must set the configuration to `true`.

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- **TiDB Lightning introduces the schema name that stores the meta information for parallel import**

  TiDB Lightning introduces the `meta-schema-name` configuration item. In parallel import mode, this parameter specifies the schema name that stores the meta information for each TiDB Lightning instance in the target cluster. By default, the value is "lightning_metadata". The value set for this parameter must be the same for each TiDB Lightning instance that participates in the same parallel import; otherwise, the correctness of the imported data cannot be ensured.

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- **TiDB Lightning introduces duplicate resolution**

  In Local-backend mode, TiDB Lightning outputs duplicated data before the data import is completed, and then removes that duplicated data from the database. You can resolve the duplicated data after the import is completed and select suitable data to insert according to application rules. It is recommended to clean upstream data sources based on duplicated data to avoid data inconsistency caused by duplicated data encountered in the subsequent incremental data migration phase.

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- **Optimize the usage of relay log in TiDB Data Migration (DM)**

  - Recover the `enable-relay` switch in the `source` configuration.
  - Support dynamically enabling and disabling relay log using the `start-relay` and `stop-relay` commands.
  - Bind the status of relay log to `source`. `source` keeps its original status of being enabled or disabled after it is migrated to any DM-worker.
  - Move the storage path of relay log to the DM-worker configuration file.

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- **Optimize the processing of collation in DM**

  Add the `collation_compatible` configuration item. The value options are `loose` (default) and `strict`:

  - If your application does not have strict requirements on collation, and the collation of query results can be different between the upstream and downstream, you can use the default `loose` mode to avoid reporting errors.
  - If your application has strict requirements on collation, and the collation must be consistent between the upstream and downstream, you can use the `strict` mode. However, if the downstream does not support the upstream's default collation, the data replication might report errors.

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- **Optimize `transfer source` in DM to support running replication tasks smoothly**

  When the DM-worker nodes have an unbalanced load, the `transfer source` command can be used to manually transfer the configuration of a `source` to another load. After the optimization, the `transfer source` command simplifies the manual operation. You can smoothly transfer the source instead of pausing all related tasks, because DM completes other operations internally.

- **DM OpenAPI becomes generally available (GA)**

  DM supports daily management via API, including adding data sources and managing tasks. In v5.4.0, DM OpenAPI becomes GA.

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16.26.4.2.7 Diagnostic efficiency

- **Top SQL (experimental feature)**

  A new experimental feature, Top SQL (disabled by default), is introduced to help you easily find source-consuming queries.

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16.26.4.2.8 TiDB data share subscription

- **Optimize the impact of TiCDC on clusters**

  Significantly reduces the impact on the performance of TiDB clusters when you use TiCDC. In the test environment, the performance impact of TiCDC on TiDB can be reduced to less than 5%.

16.26.4.2.9 Deployment and maintenance

- **Enhance Continuous Profiling (experimental)**

  - More components supported: Besides TiDB, PD, and TiKV, TiDB v5.4.0 also supports CPU profiling of TiFlash.
  - More forms of profiling display: Supports showing CPU profiling and Goroutine results on flame charts.
  - More deployment environments supported: Continuous Profiling can also be used for clusters deployed using TiDB Operator.

Continuous Profiling is disabled by default and can be enabled on TiDB Dashboard.

```
Continuous Profiling is applicable to clusters deployed or upgraded using
    ↪ TiUP of v1.9.0 or later or TiDB Operator of v1.3.0 or later.

[User document](#tidb-dashboard-instance-profiling---continuous-profiling)
```

16.26.4.3 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Support the `ADMIN {SESSION | INSTANCE | GLOBAL} PLAN_CACHE` syntax to clear the cached query plan #30370
- TiKV
    - Coprocessor supports paging API to process requests in a stream-like way #11448
    - Support `read-through-lock` so that read operations do not need to wait for secondary locks to be resolved #11402
    - Add a disk protection mechanism to avoid panic caused by disk space drainage #10537
    - Support archiving and rotating logs #11651
    - Reduce the system call by the Raft client and increase CPU efficiency #11309
    - Coprocessor supports pushing down substring to TiKV #11495
    - Improve the scan performance by skip reading locks in the Read Committed isolation level #11485
    - Reduce the default thread pool size used by backup operations and limit the use of thread pool when the stress is high #11000
    - Support dynamically adjusting the sizes of the Apply thread pool and the Store thread pool #11159
    - Support configuring the size of the `snap-generator` thread pool #11247
    - Optimize the issue of global lock race that occurs when there are many files with frequent reads and writes #250
- PD
    - Record the historic hotspot information by default #25281
    - Add signature for the HTTP component to identify the request source #4490
    - Update TiDB Dashboard to v2021.12.31 #4257
- TiFlash
    - Optimize the communication of local operators
    - Increase the non-temporary thread count of gRPC to avoid the frequent creation or destruction of threads

- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Add a validity check for the key when BR performs encrypted backup #29794
    - TiCDC
        - Reduce the count of "EventFeed retry rate limited" logs #4006
        - Reduce the replication latency when replicating many tables #3900
        - Reduce the time for the KV client to recover when a TiKV store is down #3191
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Lower the usage rate of CPU when the relay is enabled #2214
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Use optimistic transactions by default to write data to improve performance in TiDB-backend mode #30953
    - Dumpling
        - Improve compatibility when Dumpling checks the database version #29500
        - Add the default collation when dumping `CREATE DATABASE` and `CREATE TABLE` #3420

16.26.4.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue of the `tidb_analyze_version` value change that occurs when upgrading the cluster from v4.x to v5.x #25422
    - Fix the issue of the wrong result that occurs when using different collations in a subquery #30748
    - Fix the issue that the result of `concat(ifnull(time(3))` in TiDB is different from that in MySQL #29498
    - Fix the issue of potential data index inconsistency in optimistic transaction mode #30410
    - Fix the issue that the query execution plan of IndexMerge is wrong when an expression cannot be pushed down to TiKV #30200
    - Fix the issue that concurrent column type change causes inconsistency between the schema and the data #31048
    - Fix the issue that the IndexMerge query result is wrong when there is a subquery #30913
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when the FetchSize is set too large in the client #30896
    - Fix the issue that LEFT JOIN might be mistakenly converted to INNER JOIN #20510

- Fix the issue that panic might occur when the `CASE-WHEN` expression and collation are used together #30245
- Fix the issue of wrong query result that occurs when the `IN` value contains a binary constant #31261
- Fix the issue of wrong query result that occurs when CTE has a subquery #31255
- Fix the issue that executing the `INSERT ... SELECT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` statement gets panic #28078
- Fix the issue that INDEX HASH JOIN returns the `send on closed channel` error #31129

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that the MVCC deletion records are not cleared by GC #11217
  - Fix the issue that retrying prewrite requests in the pessimistic transaction mode might cause the risk of data inconsistency in rare cases #11187
  - Fix the issue that GC scan causes memory overflow #11410
  - Fix the issue that RocksDB flush or compaction causes panic when the disk capacity is full #11224

- PD

  - Fix the issue that Region statistics are not affected by `flow-round-by-digit` #4295
  - Fix the issue that the scheduling operator cannot fail fast because the target store is down #3353
  - Fix the issue that Regions on offline stores cannot be merged #4119
  - Fix the issue that the cold hotspot data cannot be deleted from the hotspot statistics #4390

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when an MPP query is stopped
  - Fix the issue that queries with the `where <string>` clause return wrong results
  - Fix the potential issue of data inconsistency that might occur when setting the column type of an integer primary key to a larger range
  - Fix the issue that when an input time is earlier than 1970-01-01 00:00:01 UTC, the behavior of `unix_timestamp` is inconsistent with that of TiDB or MySQL
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might return the `EstablishMPPConnection` error after it is restarted
  - Fix the issue that the `CastStringAsDecimal` behavior is inconsistent in TiFlash and in TiDB/TiKV
  - Fix the issue that the `DB::Exception: Encode type of coprocessor response is not CHBlock` error is returned in the query result
  - Fix the issue that the `castStringAsReal` behavior is inconsistent in TiFlash and in TiDB/TiKV

- Fix the issue that the returned result of the `date_add_string_xxx` function in TiFlash is inconsistent with that in MySQL

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the potential issue that Region distribution might be uneven after a restore operation is finished #30425
    - Fix the issue that `'/'` cannot be specified in endpoint when `minio` is used as the backup storage #30104
    - Fix the issue that system tables cannot be restored because concurrently backing up system tables makes the table name fail to update #29710
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that replication cannot be performed when `min.insync.replicas` is smaller than `replication-factor` #3994
    - Fix the issue that the `cached region` monitoring metric is negative #4300
    - Fix the issue that `mq sink write row` does not have monitoring data #3431
    - Fix the compatibility issue of `sql mode` #3810
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when a replication task is removed #3128
    - Fix the issue of panic and data inconsistency that occurs when outputting the default column value #3929
    - Fix the issue that default values cannot be replicated #3793
    - Fix the potential issue that the deadlock causes a replication task to get stuck #4055
    - Fix the issue that no log is output when the disk is fully written #3362
    - Fix the issue that special comments in DDL statements cause the replication task to stop #3755
    - Fix the issue that the service cannot be started because of a timezone issue in the RHEL release #3584
    - Fix the issue of potential data loss caused by inaccurate checkpoint #3545
    - Fix the OOM issue in the container environment #1798
    - Fix the issue of replication stop caused by the incorrect configuration of `config.Metadata.Timeout` #3352
  - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
    - Fix the issue that the `CREATE VIEW` statement interrupts data replication #4173
    - Fix the issue the schema needs to be reset after a DDL statement is skipped #4177
    - Fix the issue that the table checkpoint is not updated in time after a DDL statement is skipped #4184
    - Fix a compatibility issue of the TiDB version with the Parser version #4298
    - Fix the issue that syncer metrics are updated only when querying the status #4281

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue of wrong import result that occurs when TiDB Lightning does not have the privilege to access the `mysql.tidb` table #31088
  - Fix the issue that some checks are skipped when TiDB Lightning is restarted #30772
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to report the error when the S3 path does not exist #30674
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that Drainer fails because it is incompatible with the `CREATE PLACEMENT POLICY` statement #1118

16.27 v5.3

16.27.1 TiDB 5.3.4 Release Notes

Release date: November 24, 2022

TiDB version: 5.3.4

16.27.1.1 Improvements

- TiKV
  - Reload TLS certificate automatically for each update to improve availability #12546

16.27.1.2 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that the Region cache is not cleaned up in time when the Region is merged #37141
  - Fix the issue that TiDB writes wrong data due to the wrong encoding of the `ENUM` or `SET` column #32302
  - Fix the issue that database-level privileges are incorrectly cleaned up #38363
  - Fix the issue that the `grantor` field is missing in the `mysql.tables_priv` table #38293
  - Fix the issue that `KILL TIDB` cannot take effect immediately on idle connections #24031
  - Fix the issue that the return type of `date_add` and `date_sub` is different between TiDB and MySQL #36394, #27573
  - Fix the incorrect `INSERT_METHOD` value when Parser restores table options #38368

- Fix the issue that authentication fails when a MySQL client of v5.1 or earlier connects to the TiDB server #29725
- Fix wrong results of `GREATEST` and `LEAST` when passing in unsigned `BIGINT` arguments #30101
- Fix the issue that the result of `concat(ifnull(time(3))` in TiDB is different from that in MySQL #29498
- Fix the issue that the `avg()` function returns `ERROR 1105 (HY000): other error for mpp stream: Could not convert to the target type - - value is out of range.` when queried from TiFlash #29952
- Fix the issue that `ERROR 1105 (HY000): close of nil channel` is returned when using `HashJoinExec` #30289
- Fix the issue that TiKV and TiFlash return different results when querying logical operations #37258
- Fix the issue that the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement with DML executors might return result before the transaction commit finishes #37373
- Fix the issue that Region cache is not cleared properly after merging many Regions #37174
- Fix the issue that the `EXECUTE` statement might throw an unexpected error in specific scenarios #37187
- Fix the issue that `GROUP CONCAT` with `ORDER BY` might fail when the `ORDER BY` clause contains a correlated subquery #18216
- Fix wrong results returned when length and width are incorrectly set for Decimal and Real when using plan cache #29565

- PD
  - Fix the issue that PD cannot correctly handle dashboard proxy requests #5321
  - Fix the issue that the TiFlash learner replica might not be created in specific scenarios #5401
  - Fix inaccurate Stream timeout and accelerate leader switchover #5207

- TiFlash
  - Fix the issue that logical operators return wrong results when the argument type is UInt8 #6127
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash bootstrap fails when `0.0` is used as the default value for integers, for example, `` `i` int(11)NOT NULL DEFAULT '0.0' `` #3157

- Tools
  - Dumpling
    - Fix the issue that Dumpling cannot dump data when the `--compress` option and the S3 output directory are set simultaneously #30534
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that changefeed state is incorrect because a MySQL-related error is not reported to the owner in time #6698

16.27.2 TiDB 5.3.3 Release Note

Release date: September 14, 2022

TiDB version: 5.3.3

16.27.2.1 Bug fix

- TiKV
    - Fix the issue of continuous SQL execution errors in the cluster after the PD leader is switched or PD is restarted.
        - Cause: This issue is caused by a TiKV bug that TiKV does not retry sending heartbeat information to PD client after heartbeat requests fail, until TiKV reconnects to PD client. As a result, the Region information on the failed TiKV node becomes outdated, and TiDB cannot get the latest Region information, which causes SQL execution errors.
        - Affected versions: v5.3.2 and v5.4.2. This issue has been fixed in v5.3.3. If you are using v5.3.2, you can upgrade your cluster to v5.3.3.
        - Workaround: In addition to upgrade, you can also restart the TiKV nodes that cannot send Region heartbeat to PD, until there is no Region heartbeat to send.

      For bug details, see #12934.

16.27.3 TiDB 5.3.2 Release Notes

Release Date: June 29, 2022

TiDB version: 5.3.2

> **Warning:**
>
> It is not recommended to use v5.3.2, because this version has a known bug. For details, see #12934. This bug has been fixed in v5.3.3. It is recommended to use v5.3.3.

16.27.3.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the `REPLACE` statement incorrectly changes other rows when the auto ID is out of range #29483

- PD
    - Disable compiling swagger server by default #4932

16.27.3.2 Improvements

- TiKV
    - Reduce the system call by the Raft client and increase CPU efficiency #11309
    - Improve the health check to detect unavailable Raftstore, so that the TiKV client can update Region Cache in time #12398
    - Transfer the leadership to CDC observer to reduce latency jitter #12111
    - Add more metrics for the garbage collection module of Raft logs to locate performance problems in the module #11374
- Tools
    - TiDB Data Migration (DM)
        - Support Syncer using the working directory of the DM-worker rather than `/tmp` to write internal files, and cleaning the directory after the task is stopped #4107
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Optimize Scatter Region to batch mode to improve the stability of the Scatter Region process #33618

16.27.3.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that Amazon S3 cannot correctly calculate the size of compressed data #30534
    - Fix the issue of potential data index inconsistency in optimistic transaction mode #30410
    - Fix the issue that a SQL operation is canceled when its JSON type column joins its `CHAR` type column #29401
    - Previously, when a network connectivity issue occurred, TiDB did not always correctly free the resources held by the disconnected session. This issue has been fixed so that open transactions can be rolled back and other associated resources can be released. #34722
    - Fix the issue of the `data and columnID count not match` error that occurs when inserting duplicated values with TiDB Binlog enabled #33608
    - Fix the issue that query result might be wrong when Plan Cache is started in the RC isolation level #34447

- Fix the session panic that occurs when executing the prepared statement after table schema change with the MySQL binary protocol #33509
- Fix the issue that the table attributes are not indexed when a new partition is added and the issue that the table range information is not updated when the partition changes #33929
- Fix the issue that the TiDB server might run out of memory when the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY` table is queried. This issue can be triggered when you check slow queries on the Grafana dashboard #33893
- Fix the issue that some DDL statements might be stuck for a period after the PD node of a cluster is replaced #33908
- Fix the issue that granting the `all` privilege might fail in clusters that are upgraded from v4.0 #33588
- Fix wrong results of deleting data of multiple tables using `left join` #31321
- Fix a bug that TiDB may dispatch duplicate tasks to TiFlash #32814
- Fix the issue that the background HTTP service of TiDB might not exit successfully and makes the cluster in an abnormal state #30571
- Fix the panic issue caused by the `fatal error: concurrent map read and map write` error #35340

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue of frequent PD client reconnection that occurs when the PD client meets an error #12345
  - Fix the issue of time parsing error that occurs when the `DATETIME` values contain a fraction and `Z` #12739
  - Fix the issue that TiKV panics when performing type conversion for an empty string #12673
  - Fix the possible duplicate commit records in pessimistic transactions when async commit is enabled #12615
  - Fix the bug that TiKV reports the `invalid store ID 0` error when using Follower Read #12478
  - Fix the issue of TiKV panic caused by the race between destroying peers and batch splitting Regions #12368
  - Fix the issue that successfully committed optimistic transactions may report the `Write Conflict` error when the network is poor #34066
  - Fix the issue that TiKV panics and destroys peers unexpectedly when the target Region to be merged is invalid #12232
  - Fix a bug that stale messages cause TiKV to panic #12023
  - Fix the issue of intermittent packet loss and out of memory (OOM) caused by the overflow of memory metrics #12160
  - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when TiKV performs profiling on Ubuntu 18.04 #9765
  - Fix the issue that tikv-ctl returns an incorrect result due to its wrong string match #12329
  - Fix a bug that replica reads might violate the linearizability #12109

- Fix the TiKV panic issue that occurs when the target peer is replaced with the peer that is destroyed without being initialized when merging a Region #12048
- Fix a bug that TiKV might panic if it has been running for 2 years or more #11940

- PD

  - Fix the PD panic that occurs when a hot region has no leader #5005
  - Fix the issue that scheduling cannot start immediately after the PD leader transfer #4769
  - Fix the issue that a removed tombstone store appears again after the PD leader transfer #4941
  - Fix a bug of TSO fallback in some corner cases #4884
  - Fix the issue that when there exists a Store with large capacity (2T for example), fully allocated small Stores cannot be detected, which results in no balance operator being generated #4805
  - Fix the issue that schedulers do not work when `SchedulerMaxWaitingOperator` is set to `1` #4946
  - Fix the issue that the label distribution has residual labels in the metrics #4825

- TiFlash

  - Fix the bug that invalid storage directory configurations lead to unexpected behaviors #4093
  - Fix `TiFlash_schema_error` reported when `NOT NULL` columns are added #4596
  - Fix repeated crashes caused by the `commit state jump backward` errors #2576
  - Fix potential data inconsistency after a lot of INSERT and DELETE operations #4956
  - Fix a bug that canceled MPP queries might cause tasks to hang forever when the local tunnel is enabled #4229
  - Fix false reports of inconsistent TiFlash versions when TiFlash uses remote read #3713
  - Fix a bug that an MPP query might fail due to random gRPC keepalive timeout #4662
  - Fix a bug that an MPP query might hang forever if there are retries in the exchange receiver #3444
  - Fix the wrong result that occurs when casting `DATETIME` to `DECIMAL` #4151
  - Fix the overflow that occurs when casting `FLOAT` to `DECIMAL` #3998
  - Fix the potential `index out of bounds` error if calling `json_length` with empty string #2705
  - Fix wrong decimal comparison results in corner cases #4512
  - Fix bug that MPP query may hang forever if query failed in join build stage #4195
  - Fix possible wrong results when a query contains the `where <string>` clause #3447

- Fix the issue that the `CastStringAsReal` behavior is inconsistent in TiFlash and in TiDB or TiKV #3475
- Fix incorrect `microsecond` when casting string to datetime #3556
- Fix potential errors when querying on a table with many delete operations #4747
- Fix a bug that TiFlash reports many "Keepalive watchdog fired" errors randomly #4192
- Fix a bug that data not matching any region range remains on a TiFlash node #4414
- Fix a bug that MPP tasks might leak threads forever #4238
- Fix a bug that empty segments cannot be merged after GC #4511
- Fix the panic issue that occurs when TLS is enabled #4196
- Fix the issue that expired data is recycled slowly #4146
- Fix the bug that invalid storage directory configurations lead to unexpected behaviors #4093
- Fix the bug that some exceptions are not handled properly #4101
- Fix the potential query error after adding columns under heavy read workload #3967
- Fix the bug that the `STR_TO_DATE()` function incorrectly handles leading zeros when parsing microseconds #3557
- Fix the issue that TiFlash might return the `EstablishMPPConnection` error after it is restarted #3615

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix duplicate primary keys when inserting a record into a table after incremental restoration #33596
    - Fix the issue that schedulers do not resume after BR or TiDB Lightning exits abnormally #33546
    - Fix a bug that BR incremental restore returns errors mistakenly due to DDL jobs with empty query #33322
    - Fix the issue that BR does not retry enough times when Regions are not consistent during restoration #33419
    - Fix a bug that BR gets stuck when the restore operation meets some unrecoverable errors #33200
    - Fix the issue that BR fails to back up RawKV #32607
    - Fix the issue that BR cannot handle S3 internal errors #34350
  - TiCDC
    - Fix incorrect metrics caused by owner changes #4774
    - Fix the bug that the redo log manager flushes logs before writing logs #5486
    - Fix the bug that the resolved ts moves too fast when some tables are not maintained by the redo writer #5486
    - Add the UUID suffix to the redo log file name to fix the issue that file name conflicts may cause data loss #5486

- Fix the bug that MySQL Sink may save a wrong checkpointTs #5107
- Fix the issue that TiCDC clusters may panic after upgrade #5266
- Fix the issue that changefeed gets stuck when tables are repeatedly scheduled in the same node #4464
- Fix the issue that TiCDC fails to start when the first PD set in `--pd` is not available after TLS is enabled #4777
- Fix a bug that querying status through open API may be blocked when the PD node is abnormal #4778
- Fix a stability problem in workerpool used by Unified Sorter #4447
- Fix a bug that sequence is incorrectly replicated in some cases #4552

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix the issue that DM occupies more disk space after the task automatically resumes #3734 #5344
  - Fix an issue that the uppercase table cannot be replicated when `case-sensitive: true` is not set #5255
  - Fix the issue that in some cases manually executing the filtered DDL in the downstream might cause task resumption failure #5272
  - Fix the DM worker panic issue that occurs when the primary key is not first in the index returned by the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement #5159
  - Fix the issue that CPU usage may increase and a large amount of log is printed when GTID is enabled or when the task is automatically resumed #5063
  - Fix the issue that the relay log may be disabled after the DM-master reboots #4803
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue of Local-backend import failure caused by out-of-bounds data in the `auto_increment` column #27937
  - Fix the issue that the precheck does not check local disk resources and cluster availability #34213
  - Fix the checksum error "GC life time is shorter than transaction duration" #32733

16.27.4 TiDB 5.3.1 Release Notes

Release Date: March 3, 2022

TiDB version: 5.3.1

16.27.4.1 Compatibility changes

- Tools
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Change the default value of `regionMaxKeyCount` from 1_440_000 to 1_280_000, to avoid too many empty Regions after data import #30018

16.27.4.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Optimize the mapping logic of user login mode to make the logging more MySQL-compatible #32648
- TiKV
    - Reduce the TiCDC recovery time by reducing the number of the Regions that require the Resolve Locks step #11993
    - Speed up the Garbage Collection (GC) process by increasing the write batch size when performing GC to Raft logs #11404
    - Update the proc filesystem (procfs) to v0.12.0 #11702
- PD
    - Optimize the content format of the `DR_STATE` file #4341
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Expose configuration parameters of the Kafka producer to make them configurable in TiCDC #4385
        - Add a pre-cleanup process upon TiCDC startup if S3 is used as backend storage #3878
        - The TiCDC client works when no certificate name is specified #3627
        - Manage sink checkpoints per table to avoid unexpected advance of checkpoint timestamps #3545
        - Add the exponential backoff mechanism for restarting a changefeed. #3329
        - Change the default value of Kafka Sink `partition-num` to 3 so that TiCDC distributes messages across Kafka partitions more evenly #3337
        - Reduce the count of "EventFeed retry rate limited" logs #4006
        - Set the default value of `max-message-bytes` to 10M #4041
        - Add more Prometheus and Grafana monitoring metrics and alerts, including `no owner alert`, `mounter row`, `table sink total row`, and `buffer sink total row` #4054 #1606
        - Reduce the time for the KV client to recover when a TiKV store is down #3191
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Refine the output message of the precheck to make it more user-friendly when the local disk space check fails #30395

16.27.4.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that `date_format` in TiDB handles `'\n'` in a MySQL-incompatible way #32232
    - Fix the issue that `alter column set default` wrongly updates the table schema #31074
    - Fix a bug that `tidb_super_read_only` is not automatically enabled when `tidb_restricted_read_only` is enabled #31745
    - Fix the issue that the `greatest` or `least` function with collation gets a wrong result #31789
    - Fix the MPP task list empty error when executing a query #31636
    - Fix wrong results of index join caused by an innerWorker panic #31494
    - Fix wrong query results after changing the column type from `FLOAT` to `DOUBLE` #31372
    - Fix the `invalid transaction` error when executing a query using index lookup join #30468
    - Fix wrong query results due to the optimization of `Order By` #30271
    - Fix the issue that the configurations of `MaxDays` and `MaxBackups` do not take effect on the slow log #25716
    - Fix the issue that executing the `INSERT ... SELECT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` statement gets panic #28078
- TiKV
    - Fix the panic issue caused by deleting snapshot files when the peer status is `Applying` #11746
    - Fix the issue of QPS drop when flow control is enabled and `level0_slowdown_trigger` is set explicitly #11424
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when the cgroup controller is not mounted #11569
    - Fix the issue that the latency of Resolved TS increases after TiKV stops operating #11351
    - Fix a bug that TiKV cannot delete a range of data (`unsafe_destroy_range` cannot be executed) when the GC worker is busy #11903
    - Fix the issue that destroying a peer might cause high latency #10210
    - Fix a bug that the `any_value` function returns a wrong result when regions are empty #11735
    - Fix the issue that deleting an uninitialized replica might cause an old replica to be recreated #10533
    - Fix the metadata corruption issue when `Prepare Merge` is triggered after a new election is finished but the isolated peer is not informed #11526
    - Fix the deadlock issue that happens occasionally when coroutines run too fast #11549
    - Fix the issue that a down TiKV node causes the resolved timestamp to lag #11351

- Fix the issue that batch messages are too large in Raft client implementation #9714
- Fix a panic issue that occurs when Region merge, ConfChange, and Snapshot happen at the same time in extreme conditions #11475
- Fix the issue that TiKV cannot detect the memory lock when TiKV performs a reverse table scan #11440
- Fix the issue that RocksDB flush or compaction causes panic when the disk capacity is full #11224
- Fix a bug that tikv-ctl cannot return the correct Region-related information #11393
- Fix the issue that the average latency of the by-instance gRPC requests is inaccurate in TiKV metrics #11299

- PD

    - Fix a bug that the scheduling process has the unnecessary JointConsensus steps in certain cases #4362
    - Fix a bug that the scheduling cannot be executed when demoting a voter directly #4444
    - Fix a data race issue that occurs when updating the configuration of the replication mode of replicas #4325
    - Fix a bug that the Read lock is not released in certain cases #4354
    - Fix the issue that the cold hotspot data cannot be deleted from the hotspot statistics #4390

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that `cast(arg as decimal(x,y))` returns a wrong result when the input argument `arg` overflows the range of `decimal(x,y)`
    - Fix the TiFlash crash issue that occurs when `max_memory_usage` and `max_memory_usage_for_all_queries` are enabled
    - Fix the issue that `cast(string as real)` returns a wrong result
    - Fix the issue that `cast(string as decimal)` returns a wrong result
    - Fix potential data inconsistency after altering a primary key column to a larger int data type
    - Fix the bug that when `in` has multiple arguments in the statements like `select (arg0, arg1)in (x,y)`, `in` returns a wrong result
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when an MPP query is stopped
    - Fix the issue that `str_to_date` returns a wrong result when the input argument has leading zeros
    - Fix the issue that the query returns a wrong result when the filter is in the `where <string>` format
    - Fix the issue that `cast(string as datetime)` returns a wrong result when the input argument `string` is in the `%Y-%m-%d\n%H:%i:%s` format

- Tools

- Backup & Restore (BR)
  - Fix the potential issue that Regions might be unevenly distributed after a restore operation is finished #31034
- TiCDC
  - Fix a bug that long varchars report an error `Column length too big` #4637
  - Fix a bug that a TiCDC node exits abnormally when a PD leader is killed #4248
  - Fix the issue that execution errors of the update statement in safemode may cause the DM-worker panic #4317
  - Fix the issue that cached region metric of the TiKV client may be negative #4300
  - Fix the bug that HTTP API panics when the required processor information does not exist #3840
  - Fix a bug that redo logs are not cleaned up when removing a paused changefeed #4740
  - Fix OOM in container environments #1798
  - Fix a bug that stopping a loading task results in unexpected transfer of the task #3771
  - Fix the issue that wrong progress is returned for the `query-status` command on loader #3252
  - Fix the issue that HTTP API fails to work if there are TiCDC nodes of different versions in a cluster #3483
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC exits abnormally when the S3 storage is configured with TiCDC Redo Log #3523
  - Fix the issue that default values cannot be replicated #3793
  - Fix a bug that MySQL sink generates duplicated `replace` SQL statements if `batch-replace-enable` is disabled #4501
  - Fix the issue that syncer metrics are updated only when querying the status #4281
  - Fix the issue that `mq sink write row` does not have monitoring data #3431
  - Fix the issue that replication cannot be performed when `min.insync.` ↪ `replicas` is smaller than `replication-factor` #3994
  - Fix the issue that `mq sink write row` does not have monitoring data #3431
  - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when a replication task is removed #3128
  - Fix the potential issue that the deadlock causes a replication task to get stuck #4055
  - Fix the TiCDC panic issue that occurs when manually cleaning the task status in etcd #2980
  - Fix the issue that special comments in DDL statements cause the replication task to stop #3755
  - Fix the issue of replication stop caused by the incorrect configuration of `config.Metadata.Timeout` #3352
  - Fix the issue that the service cannot be started because of a timezone issue

in some RHEL releases #3584
- Fix the issue that `stopped` changefeeds resume automatically after a cluster upgrade #3473
- Fix the issue that default values cannot be replicated #3793
- Fix the issue of overly frequent warnings caused by MySQL sink deadlock #2706
- Fix the bug that the `enable-old-value` configuration item is not automatically set to `true` on the Canal protocol #3676
- Fix the issue that Avro sink does not support parsing JSON type columns #3624
- Fix the negative value error in the changefeed checkpoint lag #3010

- TiDB Data Migration (DM)
  - Fix a bug that the relay status in the DM-master is wrong after restarting the DM-master and DM-worker in a particular order #3478
  - Fix a bug that the DM-worker fails to boot up after a restart #3344
  - Fix a bug that a DM task fails if running a PARTITION DDL takes too long time #3854
  - Fix a bug that DM may report `invalid sequence` when upstream is MySQL 8.0 #3847
  - Fix a bug of data loss when DM does finer grained retry #3487
  - Fix the issue that the `CREATE VIEW` statement interrupts data replication #4173
  - Fix the issue the schema needs to be reset after a DDL statement is skipped #4177
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the bug that TiDB Lightning may not delete the metadata schema when some import tasks do not contain source files #28144
  - Fix the bug that TiDB Lightning returns an error if the storage URL prefix is "gs://xxx", instead of "gcs://xxx" #32742
  - Fix the issue that setting –log-file="-" does not print any log to stdout #29876
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning does not report errors when the S3 storage path does not exist #30709

16.27.5 TiDB 5.3 Release Notes

Release date: November 30, 2021

TiDB version: 5.3.0

In v5.3, the key new features or improvements are as follows:

- Introduce temporary tables to simplify your application logic and improve performance
- Support setting attributes for tables and partitions

- Support creating users with the least privileges on TiDB Dashboard to enhance system security
- Optimize the timestamp processing flow in TiDB to improve the overall performance
- Enhance the performance of TiDB Data Migration (DM) so that data is migrated from MySQL to TiDB with lower latency
- Support parallel import using multiple TiDB Lightning instances to improve the efficiency of full data migration
- Support saving and restoring the on-site information of a cluster with a single SQL statement, which helps improve the efficiency of troubleshooting issues relating to execution plans
- Support the continuous profiling experimental feature to improve the observability of database performance
- Continue optimizing the storage and computing engines to improve the system performance and stability
- Reduce the write latency of TiKV by separating I/O operations from Raftstore thread pool (disabled by default)

16.27.5.1 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> When upgrading from an earlier TiDB version to v5.3.0, if you want to know the compatibility change notes of all intermediate versions, you can check the Release Notes of the corresponding version.

16.27.5.1.1 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable_ ↪ noop_ ↪ functions ↪	Modified	Temporary tables are now supported by TiDB so CREATE ↪ TEMPORARY ↪ TABLE and DROP ↪ TEMPORARY ↪ TABLE no longer require enabling tidb_enable ↪ _noop_ ↪ functions ↪ .

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable_ ↪ pseudo_ ↪ for_ ↪ outdated ↪ _stats	Newly added	Controls the behavior of the optimizer when the statistics on a table expire. The default value is `ON`. When the number of modified rows in the table is greater than 80% of the total rows (This ratio can be adjusted by the configuration pseudo- ↪ estimate ↪ -ratio), the optimizer considers that the statistics other than the total number of rows are no longer reliable and use pseudo statistics instead. When you set the value as `OFF`, even if the statistics expire, the optimizer still uses them.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable_ ↪ tso_ ↪ follower ↪ _proxy	Newly added	Determines whether to enable or disable the TSO Follower Proxy feature. The default value is `OFF`, which means the TSO Follower Proxy feature is disabled. At this time, TiDB only gets TSO from PD leader. When this feature is enabled, TiDB evenly sends the requests to all PD nodes when acquiring TSO. The PD follower then forwards the TSO requests to reduce the CPU pressure of PD leader.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_tso_client_batch_max_wait_time	Newly added	Sets the maximum waiting time for a batch saving operation when TiDB requests TSO from PD. The default value is 0, which means no additional waiting.
tidb_tmp_table_max_size	Newly added	Limits the maximum size of a single temporary table. If the temporary table exceeds this size, an error will occur.

16.27.5.1.2 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiDB	prepared-plan-cache.capacity	Modified	Controls the number of cached statements. The default value is changed from 100 to 1000.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiKV	storage. ↪ reserve ↪ -space	Modified	Controls space reserved for disk protection when TiKV is started. Starting from v5.3.0, 80% of the reserved space is used as the extra disk space required for operations and maintenance when the disk space is insufficient, and the other 20% is used to store temporary files.
TiKV	memory- ↪ usage- ↪ limit	Modified	This configuration item is new in TiDB v5.3.0 and its value is calculated based on storage.block-cache.capacity.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raftstore.` ↪ `store-` ↪ `io-pool` ↪ `-size`	Newly added	The allowable number of threads that process Raft I/O tasks, which is the size of the StoreWriter thread pool. When you modify the size of this thread pool, refer to Performance tuning for TiKV thread pools.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raftstore.` ↪ `raft-` ↪ `write-` ↪ `size-` ↪ `limit`	Newly added	Determines the threshold at which Raft data is written into the disk. If the data size is larger than the value of this configuration item, the data is written to the disk. When the value of `raftstore.` ↪ `store-` ↪ `io-pool` ↪ `-size` is `0`, this configuration item does not take effect.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiKV	`raftstore.` ↪ `raft-` ↪ `msg-` ↪ `flush-` ↪ `interval` ↪	Newly added	Determines the interval at which Raft messages are sent in batches. The Raft messages in batches are sent at every interval specified by this configuration item. When the value of `raftstore.` ↪ `store-` ↪ `io-pool` ↪ `-size` is `0`, this configuration item does not take effect.
TiKV	`raftstore.` ↪ `raft-` ↪ `reject-` ↪ `transfer` ↪ `-leader` ↪ `-` ↪ `duration` ↪	Deleted	Determines the smallest duration that a Leader is transferred to a newly added node.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
PD	`log.file.` ↪ `max-` ↪ `days`	Modified	Controls the maximum number of days that logs are retained for. The default value is changed from `1` to `0`.
PD	`log.file.` ↪ `max-` ↪ `backups`	Modified	Controls the maximum number of logs that are retained for. The default value is changed from `7` to `0`.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
PD	`patrol-region-interval`	Modified	Controls the running frequency at which replicaChecker checks the health state of a Region. The smaller this value is, the faster replicaChecker runs. Normally, you do not need to adjust this parameter. The default value is changed from `100ms` to `10ms`.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
PD	`max-snapshot-count`	Modified	Controls the maximum number of snapshots that a single store receives or sends at the same time. PD schedulers depend on this configuration to prevent the resources used for normal traffic from being preempted. The default value is changed from `3` to `64`.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
PD	max- ↪ pending ↪ -peer- ↪ count	Modified	Controls the maximum number of pending peers in a single store. PD schedulers depend on this configuration to prevent too many Regions with outdated logs from being generated on some nodes. The default value is changed from 16 to 64.
TiD Lightning	meta- ↪ schema- ↪ name	Newly added	The schema name where the meta information for each TiDB Lightning instance is stored in the target cluster. The default value is "lightning_metadata".

16.27.5.1.3 Others

- Temporary tables:
  - If you have created local temporary tables in a TiDB cluster earlier than v5.3.0, these tables are actually ordinary tables, and handled as ordinary tables after the cluster is upgraded to v5.3.0 or a later version. If you have created global temporary tables in a TiDB cluster of v5.3.0 or a later version, when the cluster is downgraded to a version earlier than v5.3.0, these tables are handled as ordinary tables and cause a data error.
  - Since v5.3.0, TiCDC and BR support global temporary tables. If you use TiCDC and BR of a version earlier than v5.3.0 to replicate global temporary tables to the downstream, a table definition error occurs.
  - The following clusters are expected to be v5.3.0 or later; otherwise, data error is reported when you create a global temporary table:
    - the cluster to be imported using TiDB migration tools
    - the cluster restored using TiDB migration tools
    - the downstream cluster in a replication task using TiDB migration tools
  - For the compatibility information of temporary tables, refer to Compatibility with MySQL temporary tables and Compatibility restrictions with other TiDB features.

- For releases earlier than v5.3.0, TiDB reports an error when a system variable is set to an illegal value. For v5.3.0 and later releases, TiDB returns success with a warning such as "|Warning | 1292 | Truncated incorrect xxx: 'xx' " when a system variable is set to an illegal value.

- Fix the issue that the `SHOW VIEW` permission is not required to execute `SHOW CREATE VIEW`. Now you are expected to have the `SHOW VIEW` permission to execute the `SHOW CREATE VIEW` statement.

- The system variable `sql_auto_is_null` is added to the noop functions. When `tidb_enable_noop_functions = 0/OFF`, modifying this variable value causes an error.

- The `GRANT ALL ON performance_schema.*` syntax is no longer permitted. If you execute this statement in TiDB, an error occurs.

- Fix the issue that auto-analyze is unexpectedly triggered outside the specified time period when new indexes are added before v5.3.0. In v5.3.0, after you set the time period through the `tidb_auto_analyze_start_time` and `tidb_auto_analyze_end_time` variables, auto-analyze is triggered only during this time period.

- The default storage directory for plugins is changed from `""` to `/data/deploy/plugin`.

- The DM code is migrated to the folder "dm" in TiCDC code repository. Now DM follows TiDB in version numbers. Next to v2.0.x, the new DM version is v5.3.0, and you can upgrade from v2.0.x to v5.3.0 without any risk.

- The default deployed version of Prometheus is upgraded from v2.8.1 to v2.27.1, which is released in May 2021. This version provides more features and fixes a security issue. Compared with Prometheus v2.8.1, alert time representation in v2.27.1 is changed from Unix timestamp to UTC. For details, refer to Prometheus commit for more details.

16.27.5.2 New features

16.27.5.2.1 SQL

- **Use SQL interface to set placement rules for data (experimental feature)**

  Support the `[CREATE | ALTER] PLACEMENT POLICY` syntax that provides a SQL interface to set placement rules for data. Using this feature, you can specify tables and partitions to be scheduled to specific regions, data centers, racks, hosts, or replica count rules. This meets your application demands for lower cost and higher flexibility. The typical user scenarios are as follows:

  - Merge multiple databases of different applications to reduce the cost on database maintenance, and achieve application resource isolation through the rule configuration
  - Increase replica count for important data to improve the application availability and data reliability
  - Store new data into SSDs and store old data into HHDs to lower the cost on data archiving and storage
  - Schedule the leaders of hotspot data to high-performance TiKV instances
  - Separate cold data to lower-cost storage mediums to improve cost efficiency

  User document, #18030

- **Temporary tables**

  Support the `CREATE [GLOBAL] TEMPORARY TABLE` statement to create temporary tables. Using this feature, you can easily manage the temporary data generated in the calculation process of an application. Temporary data is stored in memory and you can use the `tidb_tmp_table_max_size` variable to limit the size of a temporary table. TiDB supports the following types of temporary tables:

  - Global temporary tables
    - Visible to all sessions in the cluster, and table schemas are persistent.
    - Provides transaction-level data isolation. The temporary data is effective only in the transaction. After the transaction finishes, the data is automatically dropped.
  - Local temporary tables
    - Visible only to the current session, and tables schemas are not persistent.

- Supports duplicated table names. You do not need to design complicated naming rules for your application.
- Provides session-level data isolation, which enables you to design a simpler application logic. After the transaction finishes, the temporary tables are dropped.

User document, #24169

- **Support the `FOR UPDATE OF TABLES` syntax**

  For a SQL statement that joins multiple tables, TiDB supports acquiring pessimistic locks on the rows correlated to the tables that are included in `OF TABLES`.

  User document, #28689

- **Table attributes**

  Support the `ALTER TABLE [PARTITION] ATTRIBUTES` statement that allows you to set attributes for a table or partition. Currently, TiDB only supports setting the `merge_option` attribute. By adding this attribute, you can explicitly control the Region merge behavior.

  User scenarios: When you perform the `SPLIT TABLE` operation, if no data is inserted after a certain period of time (controlled by the PD parameter `split-merge-interval`), the empty Regions are automatically merged by default. In this case, you can set the table attribute to `merge_option=deny` to avoid the automatic merging of Regions.

  User document, #3839

16.27.5.2.2 Security

- **Support creating users with the least privileges on TiDB Dashboard**

  The account system of TiDB Dashboard is consistent with that of TiDB SQL. Users accessing TiDB Dashboard are authenticated and authorized based on TiDB SQL users' privileges. Therefore, TiDB Dashboard requires limited privileges, or merely the read-only privilege. You can configure users to access TiDB Dashboard based on the principle of least privilege, thus avoiding access of high-privileged users.

  It is recommended that you create a least-privileged SQL user to access and sign in with TiDB Dashboard. This avoids access of high-privileged users and improves security.

  User document

16.27.5.2.3 Performance

- **Optimize the timestamp processing flow of PD**

  TiDB optimizes its timestamp processing flow and reduces the timestamp processing load of PD by enabling PD Follower Proxy and modifying the batch waiting time required when the PD client requests TSO in batches. This helps improve the overall scalability of the system.

- Support enabling or disabling PD Follower Proxy through the system variable `tidb_enable_tso_follower_proxy`. Suppose that the TSO requests load of PD is too high. In this case, enabling PD follower proxy can batch forward the TSO requests collected during the request cycle on followers to the leader nodes. This solution can effectively reduce the number of direct interactions between clients and leaders, reduce the pressure of the load on leaders, and improve the overall performance of TiDB.

> **Note:**
> When the number of clients is small and the PD leader CPU load is not full, it is NOT recommended to enable PD Follower Proxy.

- Support using the system variable `tidb_tso_client_batch_max_wait_time` to set the maximum waiting time needed for the PD client to batch request TSO. The unit of this time is milliseconds. In case that PD has a high TSO requests load, you can reduce the load and improve the throughput by increasing the waiting time to get a larger batch size.

> **Note:**
> When the TSO request load is not high, it is NOT recommended to modify this variable value.

User document, #3149

16.27.5.2.4 Stability

- **Support Online Unsafe Recovery after some stores are permanently damaged (experimental feature)**

  Support the `pd-ctl unsafe remove-failed-stores` command that performs online data unsafe recovery. Suppose that the majority of data replicas encounter issues like permanent damage (such as disk damage), and these issues cause the data ranges in an application to be unreadable or unwritable. In this case, you can use the Online Unsafe Recovery feature implemented in PD to recover the data, so that the data is readable or writable again.

  It is recommended to perform the feature-related operations with the support of the TiDB team.

  User document, #10483

16.27.5.2.5 Data migration

- **DM replication performance enhanced**

  Supports the following features to ensure lower-latency data replication from MySQL to TiDB:

  - Compact multiple updates on a single row into one statement
  - Merge batch updates of multiple rows into one statement

- **Add DM OpenAPI to better maintain DM clusters (experimental feature)**

  DM provides the OpenAPI feature for querying and operating the DM cluster. It is similar to the feature of dmctl tools.

  Currently, DM OpenAPI is an experimental feature and disabled by default. It is not recommended to use it in a production environment.

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- **TiDB Lightning Parallel Import**

  TiDB Lightning provides parallel import capability to extend the original feature. It allows you to deploy multiple Lightning instances at the same time to import single tables or multiple tables to downstream TiDB in parallel. Without changing the way customers use it, it greatly improves the data migration ability, allowing you to migrate data in a more real-time way to further process, integrate and analyze them. It improves the efficiency of enterprise data management.

  In our test, using 10 TiDB Lightning instances, a total of 20 TiB MySQL data can be imported to TiDB within 8 hours. The performance of multiple table import is also improved. A single TiDB Lightning instance can support importing at 250 GiB/h, and the overall migration is 8 times faster than the original performance.

  User document

- **TiDB Lightning Prechecks**

  TiDB Lightning provides the ability to check the configuration before running a migration task. It is enabled by default. This feature automatically performs some routine checks for disk space and execution configuration. The main purpose is to ensure that the whole subsequent import process goes smoothly.

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- **TiDB Lightning supports importing files of GBK character set**

  You can specify the character set of the source data file. TiDB Lightning will convert the source file from the specified character set to UTF-8 encoding during the import process.

  User document

- **Sync-diff-inspector improvement**

  - Improve the comparison speed from 375 MB/s to 700 MB/s
  - Reduce the memory consumption of TiDB nodes by nearly half during comparison
  - Optimize the user interface and display the progress bar during comparison

  User document

16.27.5.2.6 Diagnostic efficiency

- **Save and restore the on-site information of a cluster**

  When you locate and troubleshoot the issues of a TiDB cluster, you often need to provide information on the system and the query plan. To help you get the information and troubleshoot cluster issues in a more convenient and efficient way, the `PLAN REPLAYER` command is introduced in TiDB v5.3.0. This command enables you to easily save and restore the on-site information of a cluster, improves the efficiency of troubleshooting, and helps you more easily archive the issues for management.

  The features of `PLAN REPLAYER` are as follows:

  - Exports the information of a TiDB cluster at an on-site troubleshooting to a ZIP-formatted file for storage.
  - Imports into a cluster the ZIP-formatted file exported from another TiDB cluster. This file contains the information of the latter TiDB cluster at an on-site troubleshooting.

  User document, #26325

16.27.5.2.7 TiDB data share subscription

- **TiCDC Eventually Consistent Replication**

  TiCDC provides the eventually consistent replication capability in disaster scenarios. When a disaster occurs in the primary TiDB cluster and the service cannot be resumed in a short period of time, TiCDC needs to provide the ability to ensure the consistency of data in the secondary cluster. Meanwhile, TiCDC needs to allow the business to quickly switch the traffic to the secondary cluster to avoid the database being unavailable for a long time and affecting the business.

  This feature supports TiCDC to replicate incremental data from a TiDB cluster to the secondary relational database TiDB/Aurora/MySQL/MariaDB. In case the primary cluster crashes, TiCDC can recover the secondary cluster to a certain snapshot in the primary cluster within 5 minutes, given the condition that before disaster the replication status of TiCDC is normal and replication lag is small. It allows data loss of less than 30 minutes, that is, RTO <= 5min, and RPO <= 30min.

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- **TiCDC supports the HTTP protocol OpenAPI for managing TiCDC tasks**

  Since TiDB v5.3.0, TiCDC OpenAPI becomes a General Availability (GA) feature. You can query and operate TiCDC clusters using OpenAPI in the production environment.

16.27.5.2.8 Deployment and maintenance

- **Continuous Profiling (experimental feature)**

  TiDB Dashboard supports the Continuous Profiling feature, which stores instance performance analysis results automatically in real time when TiDB clusters are running. You can check the performance analysis result in a flame graph, which is more observable and shortens troubleshooting time.

  This feature is disabled by default and needs to be enabled on the **Continuous Profile** page of TiDB Dashboard.

  This feature is only available for clusters upgraded or installed using TiUP v1.7.0 or above.

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16.27.5.3 Telemetry

TiDB adds the information to the telemetry report about whether or not the TEMPORARY TABLE feature is used. This does not include table names or table data.

To learn more about telemetry and how to disable this behavior, refer to Telemetry.

16.27.5.4 Removed feature

Starting from TiCDC v5.3.0, the cyclic replication feature between TiDB clusters (an experimental feature in v5.0.0) has been removed. If you have already used this feature to replicate data before upgrading TiCDC, the related data is not affected after the upgrade.

16.27.5.5 Improvements

- TiDB

  - Show the affected SQL statements in the debug log when the coprocessor encounters a lock, which is helpful in diagnosing problems #27718
  - Support showing the size of the backup and restore data when backing up and restoring data in the SQL logical layer #27247
  - Improve the default collection logic of ANALYZE when `tidb_analyze_version` is `2`, which accelerates collection and reduces resource overhead
  - Introduce the `ANALYZE TABLE table_name COLUMNS col_1, col_2, ... , col_n` syntax. The syntax allows collecting statistics only on a portion of the columns in wide tables, which improves the speed of statistics collection

- TiKV
    - Enhance disk space protection to improve storage stability

      To solve the issue that TiKV might panic in case of a disk fully-written error, TiKV introduces a two-level threshold defense mechanism to protect the disk remaining space from being exhausted by excess traffic. Additionally, the mechanism provides the ability to reclaim space when the threshold is triggered. When the remaining space threshold is triggered, some write operations will fail and TiKV will return a disk full error as well as a list of disk full nodes. In this case, to recover the space and restore the service, you can execute `Drop/Truncate Table` or scale out the nodes.
    - Simplify the algorithm of L0 flow control #10879
    - Improve the error log report in the raft client module #10944
    - Improve logging threads to avoid them becoming a performance bottleneck #10841
    - Add more statistics types of write queries #10507
    - Reduce the write latency by separating I/O operations from Raftstore thread pool (disabled by default). For more information about tuning, see Tune TiKV Thread Pool Performance #10540
- PD
    - Add more types of write queries to QPS dimensions in the hotspot scheduler #3869
    - Support dynamically adjusting the retry limit of the Balance Region scheduler to improve the performance of the scheduler #3744
    - Update TiDB Dashboard to v2021.10.08.1 #4070
    - Support that the evict leader scheduler can schedule Regions with unhealthy peers #4093
    - Speed up the exit process of schedulers #4146
- TiFlash
    - Improve the execution efficiency of the TableScan operator greatly
    - Improve the execution efficiency of the Exchange operator
    - Reduce write amplification and memory usage during GC of the storage engine (experimental feature)
    - Improve the stability and availability of TiFlash when TiFlash restarts, which reduces possible query failures following the restart
    - Support pushing down multiple new String and Time functions to the MPP engine
        - String functions: LIKE pattern, FORMAT(), LOWER(), LTRIM(), RTRIM(), SUBSTRING_INDEX(), TRIM(), UCASE(), UPPER()

    - Mathematical functions: ROUND (decimal, int)
    - Date and time functions: HOUR(), MICROSECOND(), MINUTE(), SECOND(), SYSDATE()
    - Type conversion function: CAST(time, real)
    - Aggregation functions: GROUP_CONCAT(), SUM(enum)
  - Support 512-bit SIMD
  - Enhance the cleanup algorithm for outdated data to reduce disk usage and read files more efficiently
  - Fix the issue that dashboard does not display memory or CPU information in some non-Linux systems
  - Unify the naming style of TiFlash log files (keep the naming style consistent with that of TiKV) and support dynamic modification of logger.count and logger.size
  - Improve the data validation capability of column-based files (checksums, experimental feature)

- Tools

  - TiCDC

    - Reduce the default value of the Kafka sink configuration item `MaxMessageBytes` ↪ from 64 MB to 1 MB to fix the issue that large messages are rejected by the Kafka Broker #3104
    - Reduce memory usage in the replication pipeline #2553 #3037 #2726
    - Optimize monitoring items and alert rules to improve observability of synchronous links, memory GC, and stock data scanning processes #2735 #1606 #3000 #2985 #2156
    - When the sync task status is normal, no more historical error messages are displayed to avoid misleading users #2242

16.27.5.6 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix an error that occurs during execution caused by the wrong execution plan. The wrong execution plan is caused by the shallow copy of schema columns when pushing down the aggregation operators on partitioned tables #27797 #26554
  - Fix the issue that `plan cache` cannot detect changes of unsigned flags #28254
  - Fix the wrong partition pruning when the partition function is out of range #28233
  - Fix the issue that planner might cache invalid plans for `join` in some cases #28087
  - Fix wrong `IndexLookUpJoin` when hash column type is `enum` #27893
  - Fix a batch client bug that recycling idle connection might block sending requests in some rare cases #27688

- Fix the TiDB Lightning panic issue when it fails to perform checksum on a target cluster #27686
- Fix wrong results of the `date_add` and `date_sub` functions in some cases #27232
- Fix wrong results of the `hour` function in vectorized expression #28643
- Fix the authenticating issue when connecting to MySQL 5.1 or an older client version #27855
- Fix the issue that auto analyze might be triggered out of the specified time when a new index is added #28698
- Fix a bug that setting any session variable invalidates `tidb_snapshot` #28683
- Fix a bug that BR is not working for clusters with many missing-peer Regions #27534
- Fix the unexpected error like `tidb_cast to Int32 is not supported` when the unsupported `cast` is pushed down to TiFlash #23907
- Fix the issue that `DECIMAL overflow` is missing in the `%s value is out of range in '%s'` error message #27964
- Fix a bug that the availability detection of MPP node does not work in some corner cases #3118
- Fix the `DATA RACE` issue when assigning `MPP task ID` #27952
- Fix the `INDEX OUT OF RANGE` error for a MPP query after deleting an empty `dual table` #28250
- Fix the issue of false positive error log `invalid cop task execution summaries length` for MPP queries #1791
- Fix the issue of error log `cannot found column in Schema column` for MPP queries #28149
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when TiFlash is shutting down #28096
- Remove the support for insecure 3DES (Triple Data Encryption Algorithm) based TLS cipher suites #27859
- Fix the issue that Lightning connects to offline TiKV nodes during pre-check and causes import failures #27826
- Fix the issue that pre-check cost too much time when importing many files to tables #27605
- Fix the issue that rewriting expressions makes `between` infer wrong collation #27146
- Fix the issue that `group_concat` function did not consider the collation #27429
- Fix the result wrong that occurs when the argument of the `extract` function is a negative duration #27236
- Fix the issue that creating partition fails if `NO_UNSIGNED_SUBTRACTION` is set #26765
- Avoid expressions with side effects in column pruning and aggregation pushdown #27106
- Remove useless gRPC logs #24190
- Limit the valid decimal length to fix precision-related issues #3091
- Fix the issue of a wrong way to check for overflow in `plus` expression #26977
- Fix the issue of `data too long` error when dumping statistics from the table with `new collation` data #27024

- Fix the issue that the retried transactions' statements are not included in `TIDB_TRX` #28670
- Fix the wrong default value of the `plugin_dir` configuration #28084
- Fix the issue that the `CONVERT_TZ` function returns `NULL` when it is given a named timezone and a UTC offset #8311
- Fix the issue that `CREATE SCHEMA` does not use the character set specified by `character_set_server` and `collation_server` for new schemas if none are provided as part of the statement #27214

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue of unavailable TiKV caused by Raftstore deadlock when migrating Regions. The workaround is to disable the scheduling and restart the unavailable TiKV #10909
  - Fix the issue that CDC adds scan retries frequently due to the Congest error #11082
  - Fix the issue that the Raft connection is broken when the channel is full #11047
  - Fix the issue that batch messages are too large in Raft client implementation #9714
  - Fix the issue that some coroutines leak in `resolved_ts` #10965
  - Fix a panic issue that occurs to the coprocessor when the size of response exceeds 4 GiB #9012
  - Fix the issue that snapshot Garbage Collection (GC) misses GC snapshot files when snapshot files cannot be garbage collected #10813
  - Fix a panic issue caused by timeout when processing Coprocessor requests #10852
  - Fix a memory leak caused by monitoring data of statistics threads #11195
  - Fix a panic issue caused by getting the cgroup information from some platforms #10980
  - Fix the issue of poor scan performance because MVCC Deletion versions are not dropped by compaction filter GC #11248

- PD

  - Fix the issue that PD incorrectly delete the peers with data and in pending status because the number of peers exceeds the number of configured peers #4045
  - Fix the issue that PD does not fix down peers in time #4077
  - Fix the issue that the scatter range scheduler cannot schedule empty Regions #4118
  - Fix the issue that the key manager cost too much CPU #4071
  - Fix the data race issue that might occur when setting configurations of hot Region scheduler #4159
  - Fix slow leader election caused by stuck Region syncer #3936

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue of inaccurate TiFlash Store Size statistics

- Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to start up on some platforms due to the absence of library `nsl`
- Block the infinite wait of `wait index` when writing pressure is heavy (a default timeout of 5 minutes is added), which prevents TiFlash from waiting too long for data replication to provide services
- Fix the slow and no result issues of the log search when the log volume is large
- Fix the issue that only the most recent logs can be searched when searching old historical logs
- Fix the possible wrong result when a new collation is enabled
- Fix the possible parsing errors when an SQL statement contains extremely long nested expressions
- Fix the possible `Block schema mismatch` error of the Exchange operator
- Fix the possible `Can't compare` error when comparing Decimal types
- Fix the `3rd arguments of function substringUTF8 must be constants` error of the `left/substring` function

- Tools

    - TiCDC

        - Fix the issue that TiCDC replication task might terminate when the upstream TiDB instance unexpectedly exits #3061
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC process might panic when TiKV sends duplicate requests to the same Region #2386
        - Fix unnecessary CPU consumption when verifying downstream TiDB/MySQL availability #3073
        - Fix the issue that the volume of Kafka messages generated by TiCDC is not constrained by `max-message-size` #2962
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC sync task might pause when an error occurs during writing a Kafka message #2978
        - Fix the issue that some partitioned tables without valid indexes might be ignored when `force-replicate` is enabled #2834
        - Fix the issue that scanning stock data might fail due to TiKV performing GC when scanning stock data takes too long #2470
        - Fix a possible panic issue when encoding some types of columns into Open Protocol format #2758
        - Fix a possible panic issue when encoding some types of columns into Avro format #2648

    - TiDB Binlog

        - Fix the issue that when most tables are filtered out, checkpoint cannot be updated under some special load #1075

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16.28.1 TiDB 5.2.4 Release Notes

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16.28.1.1 Compatibility change(s)

- TiDB
    - Change the default value of the system variable `tidb_analyze_version` from `2` to `1` #31748
- TiKV
    - Add `raft-log-compact-sync-interval` to control the time interval (`"2s"` by default) to compact unnecessary Raft logs #11404
    - Change the default value of `raft-log-gc-tick-interval` from `"10s"` to `"3s"` #11404
    - When `storage.flow-control.enable` is set to `true`, the value of `storage.flow-control.hard-pending-compaction-bytes-limit` overwrites that of `rocksdb.(defaultcf|writecf|lockcf).hard-pending-compaction-bytes-limit` #11424
- Tools
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Change the default value of `regionMaxKeyCount` from 1_440_000 to 1_280_000, to avoid too many empty Regions after data import #30018

16.28.1.2 Improvements

- TiKV
    - Transfer the leadership to CDC observer to reduce latency jitter #12111
    - Reduce the TiCDC recovery time by reducing the number of the Regions that require the Resolve Locks step #11993
    - Update the proc filesystem (procfs) to v0.12.0 #11702
    - Speed up the Garbage Collection (GC) process by increasing the write batch size when performing GC to Raft logs #11404
    - Increase the speed of inserting SST files by moving the verification process to the `Import` thread pool from the `Apply` thread pool #11239

- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Change the default value of Kafka Sink `partition-num` to 3 so that TiCDC distributes messages across Kafka partitions more evenly #3337
        - Reduce the time for the KV client to recover when a TiKV store is down #3191
        - Add a `Lag analyze` panel in Grafana #4891
        - Expose configuration parameters of the Kafka producer to make them configurable in TiCDC #4385
        - Add the exponential backoff mechanism for restarting a changefeed #3329
        - Reduce the count of "EventFeed retry rate limited" logs #4006
        - Set the default value of `max-message-bytes` to 10M #4041
        - Add more Prometheus and Grafana monitoring metrics and alerts, including `no owner alert`, `mounter row`, `table sink total row`, and `buffer sink total row` #4054 #1606
        - Support multiple Kubernetes clusters in Grafana dashboards #4665
        - Add catch-up ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival) to the `changefeed checkpoint` monitoring metric #5232

16.28.1.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix wrong range calculation results for Nulleq function on Enum values #32428
    - Fix the issue that INDEX HASH JOIN returns the `send on closed channel` error #31129
    - Fix the issue that concurrent column type change causes inconsistency between the schema and the data #31048
    - Fix the issue of potential data index inconsistency in optimistic transaction mode #30410
    - Fix the issue that a SQL operation is canceled when its JSON type column joins its `CHAR` type column #29401
    - Fix the issue that window functions might return different results when using a transaction or not #29947
    - Fix the issue that the `Column 'col_name' in field list is ambiguous` error is reported unexpectedly when a SQL statement contains natural join #25041
    - Fix the issue that the length information is wrong when casting `Decimal` to `String` #29417
    - Fix the issue that the `GREATEST` function returns inconsistent results due to different values of `tidb_enable_vectorized_expression` (set to `on` or `off`) #29434
    - Fix wrong results of deleting data of multiple tables using `left join` #31321
    - Fix a bug that TiDB may dispatch duplicate tasks to TiFlash #32814
    - Fix the MPP task list empty error when executing a query #31636

- Fix wrong results of index join caused by an innerWorker panic #31494
- Fix the issue that executing the `INSERT ... SELECT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` statement gets panic #28078
- Fix wrong query results due to the optimization of `Order By` #30271
- Fix the wrong result that might occur when performing `JOIN` on `ENUM` type columns #27831
- Fix the panic when using the `CASE WHEN` function on the `ENUM` data type #29357
- Fix wrong results of the `microsecond` function in vectorized expressions #29244
- Fix the issue that the window function causes TiDB to panic instead of reporting an error #30326
- Fix the issue that the Merge Join operator gets wrong results in certain cases #33042
- Fix the issue that TiDB gets a wrong result when a correlated subquery returns a constant #32089
- Fix the issue that TiDB writes wrong data due to the wrong encoding of the `ENUM` or `SET` column #32302
- Fix the issue that the `MAX` or `MIN` function on the `ENUM` or `SET` column returns a wrong result when the new collation is enabled in TiDB #31638
- Fix the issue that the IndexHashJoin operator does not exit successfully #31062
- Fix the issue that TiDB might read wrong data when a table has a virtual column #30965
- Fix the issue that the setting of the log level does not take effect on the slow query log #30309
- Fix the issue that partitioned tables cannot fully use indexes to scan data in some cases #33966
- Fix the issue that the background HTTP service of TiDB might not exit successfully and makes the cluster in an abnormal state #30571
- Fix the issue that TiDB might unexpectedly output many logs of failed authentication #29709
- Fix the issue that the system variable `max_allowed_packet` does not take effect #31422
- Fix the issue that the `REPLACE` statement incorrectly changes other rows when the auto ID is out of range #29483
- Fix the issue that the slow query log cannot output log normally and might consume too much memory #32656
- Fix the issue that the result of NATURAL JOIN might include unexpected columns #29481
- Fix the issue that using `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT` together in one statement might output wrong results if a prefix-column index is used to query data #29711
- Fix the issue that the DOUBLE type auto-increment column might be changed when the optimistic transaction retries #29892
- Fix the issue that the STR_TO_DATE function cannot handle the preceding zero of the microsecond part correctly #30078
- Fix the issue that TiDB gets the wrong result when using TiFlash to scan tables with empty range although TiFlash does not support reading tables with empty

range yet #33083

- TiKV
    - Fix a bug that stale messages cause TiKV to panic #12023
    - Fix the issue of intermittent packet loss and out of memory (OOM) caused by the overflow of memory metrics #12160
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when TiKV performs profiling on Ubuntu 18.04 #9765
    - Fix the issue that tikv-ctl returns an incorrect result due to its wrong string match #12329
    - Fix a bug that replica reads might violate the linearizability #12109
    - Fix a bug that TiKV might panic if it has been running for 2 years or more #11940
    - Fix the issue of QPS drop when flow control is enabled and `level0_slowdown_trigger` is set explicitly #11424
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when the cgroup controller is not mounted #11569
    - Fix possible metadata corruption caused by Region merge on a lagging Region peer #11526
    - Fix the issue that the latency of Resolved TS increases after TiKV stops operating #11351
    - Fix a panic issue that occurs when Region merge, ConfChange, and Snapshot happen at the same time in extreme conditions #11475
    - Fix a bug that tikv-ctl cannot return the correct Region-related information #11393
    - Fix the issue of negative sign when the decimal divide result is zero #29586
    - Fix the issue that retrying prewrite requests in the pessimistic transaction mode might cause the risk of data inconsistency in rare cases #11187
    - Fix a memory leak caused by monitoring data of statistics threads #11195
    - Fix the issue that the average latency of the by-instance gRPC requests is inaccurate in TiKV metrics #11299
    - Fix the panic issue caused by deleting snapshot files when the peer status is `Applying` #11746
    - Fix a bug that TiKV cannot delete a range of data (which means the internal command `unsafe_destroy_range` is executed) when the GC worker is busy #11903
    - Fix the issue that deleting an uninitialized replica might cause an old replica to be recreated #10533
    - Fix the issue that TiKV cannot detect the memory lock when TiKV performs a reverse table scan #11440
    - Fix the deadlock issue that happens occasionally when coroutines run too fast #11549
    - Fix the issue that destroying a peer might cause high latency #10210
    - Fix the issue that TiKV panics and destroys peers unexpectedly because the target Region to be merged is invalid #12232

- Fix the TiKV panic issue that occurs when the target peer is replaced with the peer that is destroyed without being initialized when merging a Region #12048
- Fix the TiKV panic issue that occurs when applying snapshot is aborted #11618
- Fix a bug that TiKV cannot correctly calculate the number of snapshots being sent when the operator execution fails #11341

- PD

    - Fix the issue that the Region scatterer scheduling lost some peers #4565
    - Fix the issue that the cold hotspot data cannot be deleted from the hotspot statistics #4390

- TiFlash

    - Fix a bug that MPP tasks might leak threads forever #4238
    - Fix the issue that the result of `IN` is incorrect in multi-value expressions #4016
    - Fix the issue that the date format identifies `'\n'` as an invalid separator #4036
    - Fix the potential query error after adding columns under heavy read workload #3967
    - Fix the bug that invalid storage directory configurations lead to unexpected behaviors #4093
    - Fix the bug that some exceptions are not handled properly #4101
    - Fix the bug that the `STR_TO_DATE()` function incorrectly handles leading zeros when parsing microseconds #3557
    - Fix the issue that casting `INT` to `DECIMAL` might cause overflow #3920
    - Fix the wrong result that occurs when casting `DATETIME` to `DECIMAL` #4151
    - Fix the overflow that occurs when casting `FLOAT` to `DECIMAL` #3998
    - Fix the issue that the `CastStringAsReal` behavior is inconsistent in TiFlash and in TiDB or TiKV #3475
    - Fix the issue that the `CastStringAsDecimal` behavior is inconsistent in TiFlash and in TiDB or TiKV #3619
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash might return the `EstablishMPPConnection` error after it is restarted #3615
    - Fix the issue that obsolete data cannot be reclaimed after setting the number of TiFlash replicas to 0 #3659
    - Fix potential data inconsistency when widening the primary key column with the primary key being `handle` #3569
    - Fix possible parsing errors when an SQL statement contains extremely long nested expressions #3354
    - Fix possible wrong results when a query contains the `where <string>` clause #3447
    - Fix possible wrong results when `new_collations_enabled_on_first_bootstrap` is enabled #3388, #3391
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when TLS is enabled #4196
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when the memory limit is enabled #3902

- Fix the issue that TiFlash crashes occasionally when an MPP query is stopped #3401
- Fix the unexpected error of `Unexpected type of column: Nullable(Nothing)` #3351
- Fix possible metadata corruption caused by Region merge on a lagging Region peer #4437
- Fix the issue that a query containing `JOIN` might be hung if an error occurs #4195
- Fix possible wrong results returned for MPP queries due to incorrect execution plans #3389

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that BR fails to back up RawKV #32607
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that default values cannot be replicated #3793
    - Fix a bug that sequence is incorrectly replicated in some cases #4552
    - Fix a bug that a TiCDC node exits abnormally when a PD leader is killed #4248
    - Fix a bug that MySQL sink generates duplicated `replace` SQL statements when `batch-replace-enable` is disabled #4501
    - Fix the issue of panic and data inconsistency that occurs when outputting the default column value #3929
    - Fix the issue that `mq sink write row` does not have monitoring data #3431
    - Fix the issue that replication cannot be performed when `min.insync.` ↪ `replicas` is smaller than `replication-factor` #3994
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when a replication task is removed #3128
    - Fix the bug that HTTP API panics when the required processor information does not exist #3840
    - Fix the issue of potential data loss caused by inaccurate checkpoint #3545
    - Fix the potential issue that the deadlock causes a replication task to get stuck #4055
    - Fix the TiCDC panic issue that occurs when manually cleaning the task status in etcd #2980
    - Fix the issue that special comments in DDL statements cause the replication task to stop #3755
    - Fix the issue of replication stop caused by the incorrect configuration of `config.Metadata.Timeout` #3352
    - Fix the issue that the service cannot be started because of a timezone issue in the RHEL release #3584
    - Fix the issue that `stopped` changefeeds resume automatically after a cluster upgrade #3473

- Fix the issue of overly frequent warnings caused by MySQL sink deadlock #2706
- Fix the bug that the `enable-old-value` configuration item is not automatically set to `true` on the Canal protocol #3676
- Fix the issue that Avro sink does not support parsing JSON type columns #3624
- Fix the negative value error in the changefeed checkpoint lag #3010
- Fix the OOM issue in the container environment #1798
- Fix the memory leak issue after processing DDLs #3174
- Fix the issue that changefeed gets stuck when tables are repeatedly scheduled in the same node #4464
- Fix a bug that querying status through open API may be blocked when the PD node is abnormal #4778
- Fix incorrect metrics caused by owner changes #4774
- Fix a stability problem in workerpool used by Unified Sorter #4447
- Fix the issue that the `cached region` monitoring metric is negative #4300

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue of wrong import result that occurs when TiDB Lightning does not have the privilege to access the `mysql.tidb` table #31088
  - Fix the checksum error "GC life time is shorter than transaction duration" #32733
  - Fix a bug that TiDB Lightning may not delete the metadata schema when some import tasks do not contain source files #28144
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning does not report errors when the S3 storage path does not exist #28031 #30709
  - Fix an error that occurs when iterating more than 1000 keys on GCS #30377

16.28.2 TiDB 5.2.3 Release Note

Release date: December 3, 2021

TiDB version: 5.2.3

16.28.2.1 Bug fix

- TiKV
  - Fix the issue that the `GcKeys` task does not work when it is called by multiple keys. Caused by this issue, compaction filter GC might not drop the MVCC deletion information. #11217

16.28.3 TiDB 5.2.2 Release Notes

Release Date: October 29, 2021

TiDB version: 5.2.2

16.28.3.1 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Show the affected SQL statements in the debug log when the coprocessor encounters a lock, which is helpful in diagnosing problems #27718
    - Support showing the size of the backup and restore data when backing up and restoring data in the SQL logical layer #27247
- TiKV
    - Simplify the algorithm of L0 flow control #10879
    - Improve the error log report in the raft client module #10983
    - Improve logging threads to avoid them becoming a performance bottleneck #10841
    - Add more statistics types of write queries #10507
- PD
    - Add more types of write queries to QPS dimensions in the hotspot scheduler #3869
    - Support dynamically adjusting the retry limit of the balance region scheduler to improve the performance of the scheduler #3744
    - Update TiDB Dashboard to v2021.10.08.1 #4070
    - Support that the evict leader scheduler can schedule regions with unhealthy peers #4093
    - Speed up the exit process of schedulers #4146
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Reduce the default value of the Kafka sink configuration item `MaxMessageBytes` ↪ from 64 MB to 1 MB to fix the issue that large messages are rejected by the Kafka Broker #3104
        - Reduce memory usage in the relpication pipeline #2553 #3037 #2726
        - Optimize monitoring items and alert rules to improve observability of synchronous links, memory GC, and stock data scanning processes #2735 #1606 #3000 #2985 #2156
        - When the sync task status is normal, no more historical error messages are displayed to avoid misleading users #2242

16.28.3.2 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that plan-cache cannot detect changes of unsigned flags #28254
    - Fix the wrong partition pruning when the partition function is out of range #28233
    - Fix the issue that planner might cache invalid plans for `join` in some cases #28087
    - Fix wrong index hash join when hash column type is enum #27893
    - Fix a batch client bug that recycling idle connection might block sending requests in some rare cases #27688
    - Fix the TiDB Lightning panic issue when it fails to perform checksum on a target cluster #27686
    - Fix wrong results of the `date_add` and `date_sub` functions in some cases #27232
    - Fix wrong results of the `hour` function in vectorized expression #28643
    - Fix the authenticating issue when connecting to MySQL 5.1 or an older client version #27855
    - Fix the issue that auto analyze might be triggered out of the specified time when a new index is added #28698
    - Fix a bug that setting any session variable invalidates `tidb_snapshot` #28683
    - Fix a bug that BR is not working for clusters with many missing-peer regions #27534
    - Fix the unexpected error like `tidb_cast to Int32 is not supported` when the unsupported `cast` is pushed down to TiFlash #23907
    - Fix the issue that `DECIMAL overflow` is missing in the `%s value is out of range in '%s'` error message #27964
    - Fix a bug that the availability detection of MPP node does not work in some corner cases #3118
    - Fix the `DATA RACE` issue when assigning `MPP task ID` #27952
    - Fix the `INDEX OUT OF RANGE` error for a MPP query after deleting an empty `dual table`. #28250
    - Fix the issue of false positive error log `invalid cop task execution summaries length` for MPP queries #1791
    - Fix the issue of error log `cannot found column in Schema column` for MPP queries #28149
    - Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when TiFlash is shutting down #28096
    - Remove the support for insecure 3DES (Triple Data Encryption Algorithm) based TLS cipher suites #27859
    - Fix the issue that Lightning connects to offline TiKV nodes during pre-check and causes import failures #27826
    - Fix the issue that pre-check cost too much time when importing many files to tables #27605
    - Fix the issue that rewriting expressions makes `between` infer wrong collation #27146
    - Fix the issue that `group_concat` function did not consider the collation #27429

- Fix the result wrong that occurs when the argument of the `extract` function is a negative duration #27236
- Fix the issue that creating partition fails if `NO_UNSIGNED_SUBTRACTION` is set #26765
- Avoid expressions with side effects in column pruning and aggregation pushdown #27106
- Remove useless gRPC logs #24190
- Limit the valid decimal length to fix precision-related issues #3091
- Fix the issue of a wrong way to check for overflow in `plus` expression #26977
- Fix the issue of `data too long` error when dumping statistics from the table with `new collation` data #27024
- Fix the issue that the retried transactions' statements are not included in `TIDB_TRX` #28670

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that CDC adds scan retries frequently due to the Congest error #11082
  - Fix the issue that the raft connection is broken when the channel is full #11047
  - Fix the issue that batch messages are too large in Raft client implementation #9714
  - Fix the issue that some coroutines leak in `resolved_ts` #10965
  - Fix a panic issue that occurs to the coprocessor when the size of response exceeds 4 GiB #9012
  - Fix the issue that snapshot Garbage Collection (GC) misses GC snapshot files when snapshot files cannot be garbage collected #10813
  - Fix a panic issue caused by timeout when processing Coprocessor requests #10852

- PD

  - Fix the issue that PD incorrectly delete the peers with data and in pending status because the number of peers exceeds the number of configured peers #4045
  - Fix the issue that PD does not fix down peers in time #4077
  - Fix the issue that the scatter range scheduler cannot schedule empty regions #4118
  - Fix the issue that the key manager cost too much CPU #4071
  - Fix the data race issue that might occur when setting configurations of hot region scheduler #4159
  - Fix slow leader election caused by stuck region syncer #3936

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to start up on some platforms due to the absence of library `nsl`

- Tools

- TiCDC
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC replication task might terminate when the upstream TiDB instance unexpectedly exits #3061
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC process might panic when TiKV sends duplicate requests to the same Region #2386
  - Fix unnecessary CPU consumption when verifying downstream TiDB/MySQL availability #3073
  - Fix the issue that the volume of Kafka messages generated by TiCDC is not constrained by `max-message-size` #2962
  - Fix the issue that TiCDC sync task might pause when an error occurs during writing a Kafka message #2978
  - Fix the issue that some partitioned tables without valid indexes might be ignored when `force-replicate` is enabled #2834
  - Fix the issue that scanning stock data might fail due to TiKV performing GC when scanning stock data takes too long #2470
  - Fix a possible panic issue when encoding some types of columns into Open Protocol format #2758
  - Fix a possible panic issue when encoding some types of columns into Avro format #2648
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that when most tables are filtered out, checkpoint cannot be updated under some special load #1075

16.28.4 TiDB 5.2.1 Release Notes

Release date: September 9, 2021

TiDB version: 5.2.1

16.28.4.1 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix an error that occurs during execution caused by the wrong execution plan. The wrong execution plan is caused by the shallow copy of schema columns when pushing down the aggregation operators on partitioned tables. #27797 #26554
- TiKV
  - Fix the issue of unavailable TiKV caused by Raftstore deadlock when migrating Regions. The workaround is to disable the scheduling and restart the unavailable TiKV. #10909

16.28.5 TiDB 5.2 Release Notes

Release date: August 27, 2021

TiDB version: 5.2.0

> **Warning:**
>
> Some known issues are found in this version, and these issues are fixed in new versions. It is recommended that you use the latest 5.2.x version.

In v5.2, the key new features and improvements are as follows:

- Support using several functions in expression indexes to greatly improve query performance
- Improve the accuracy of optimizer cardinality estimation to help to select optimal execution plans
- Announce the general availability (GA) for the Lock View feature to observe transaction locking events and troubleshoot deadlock problems
- Add the TiFlash I/O traffic limit feature to improve the stability of read and write for TiFlash
- TiKV introduces a new flow control mechanism to replace the previous RocksDB write stall mechanism to improve the stability of TiKV flow control
- Simplify the operation and maintenance of Data Migration (DM) to reduce the management cost.
- TiCDC supports HTTP protocol OpenAPI to manage TiCDC tasks. It provides a more user-friendly operation method for both Kubernetes and self-hosted environments. (Experimental feature)

16.28.5.1 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> When upgrading from an earlier TiDB version to v5.2, if you want to know the compatibility change notes of all intermediate versions, you can check the Release Note for the corresponding version.

16.28.5.1.1 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
default_ ↪ authentication ↪ _plugin	Newly added	Sets the authentication method that the server advertises. The default value is mysql_ ↪ native_ ↪ password ↪ .
tidb_ ↪ enable_ ↪ auto_ ↪ increment ↪ _in_ ↪ generated ↪	Newly added	Determines whether to include the AUTO_ ↪ INCREMENT ↪ columns when creating a generated column or an expression index. The default value is OFF.
tidb_opt_ ↪ enable_ ↪ correlation ↪ _ ↪ adjustment ↪	Newly added	Controls whether the optimizer estimates the number of rows based on column order correlation. The default value is ON.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_opt_limit_push_down_threshold	Newly added	Sets the threshold that determines whether to push the Limit or TopN operator down to TiKV. The default value is 100.
tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count	Modified	Sets the maximum number of statements that the statement summary tables store in memory. The default value is changed from 200 to 3000.
tidb_enable_streaming	Deprecated	The system variable enable-streaming is deprecated and it is not recommended to use it any more.

16.28.5.1.2 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiDB configuration file	pessimistic ↪ -txn. ↪ deadlock ↪ - ↪ history ↪ - ↪ collect ↪ - ↪ retryable ↪	Newly added	Controls whether the INFORMATION ↪ _SCHEMA ↪ . ↪ DEADLOCKS ↪ table collects retryable deadlock error messages or not.
TiDB configuration file	security. ↪ auto- ↪ tls	Newly added	Determines whether to automatically generate the TLS certificates on startup. The default value is `false`.
TiDB configuration file	stmt- ↪ summary ↪ .max- ↪ stmt- ↪ count	Modified	Indicates the maximum number of SQL categories allowed to be saved in the statement summary tables. The default value is changed from 200 to 3000.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiDB configuration file	`experimental ↪ .allow- ↪ expression ↪ -index`	Deprecated	The `allow- ↪ expression ↪ -index` configuration in the TiDB configuration file is deprecated.
TiKV configuration file	`raftstore. ↪ cmd- ↪ batch`	Newly added	Controls whether to enable batch processing of the requests. When it is enabled, the write performance is significantly improved. The default value is `true`.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiKV configuration file	`raftstore.inspect-interval`	Newly added	At a certain interval, TiKV inspects the latency of the Raftstore component. This configuration item specifies the interval of the inspection. If the latency exceeds this value, this inspection is marked as timeout. The default value is `500ms`.
TiKV configuration file	`raftstore.max-peer-down-duration`	Modified	Indicates the longest inactive duration allowed for a peer. A peer with timeout is marked as `down`, and PD tries to delete it later. The default value is changed from `5m` to `10m`.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiKV configuration file	`server.raft-client-queue-size`	Newly added	Specifies the queue size of the Raft messages in TiKV. The default value is `8192`.
TiKV configuration file	`storage.flow-control.enable`	Newly added	Determines whether to enable the flow control mechanism. The default value is `true`.
TiKV configuration file	`storage.flow-control.memtables-threshold`	Newly added	When the number of kvDB memtables reaches this threshold, the flow control mechanism starts to work. The default value is `5`.
TiKV configuration file	`storage.flow-control.l0-files-threshold`	Newly added	When the number of kvDB L0 files reaches this threshold, the flow control mechanism starts to work. The default value is `9`.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiKV configuration file	`storage.flow-control.soft-pending-compaction-bytes-limit`	Newly added	When the pending compaction bytes in KvDB reach this threshold, the flow control mechanism starts to reject some write requests and reports the `ServerIsBusy` error. The default value is "192GB".
TiKV configuration file	`storage.flow-control.hard-pending-compaction-bytes-limit`	Newly added	When the pending compaction bytes in KvDB reach this threshold, the flow control mechanism rejects all write requests and reports the `ServerIsBusy` error. The default value is "1024GB".

16.28.5.1.3 Others

- Before the upgrade, check whether the value of the `tidb_evolve_plan_baselines` system variable is `ON`. If the value is `ON`, set it to `OFF`; otherwise, the upgrade will fail.
- For TiDB clusters upgraded from v4.0 to v5.2, the default value of `tidb_multi_statement_mode` changes from `WARN` to `OFF`.
- Before the upgrade, check the value of the TiDB configuration `feedback-probability`. If the value is not `0`, the "panic in the recoverable goroutine" error will occur after the upgrade, but this error does not affect the upgrade.
- TiDB is now compatible with MySQL 5.7's noop variable `innodb_default_row_format`. Setting this variable has no effect. #23541
- Starting from TiDB 5.2, to improve system security, it is recommended (but not mandatory) to encrypt the transport layer for connections from clients. TiDB provides the Auto TLS feature to automatically configure and enable encryption in TiDB. To use the Auto TLS feature, before the TiDB upgrade, set `security.auto-tls` in the TiDB configuration file to `true`.
- Support the `caching_sha2_password` authentication method to make migration from MySQL 8.0 easier and to improve security.

16.28.5.2 New features

16.28.5.2.1 SQL

- **Support using several functions in expression indexes**

  The expression index is a type of special index that can be created on an expression. After an expression index is created, TiDB supports expression-based queries, which greatly improves query performance.

  User document, #25150

- **Support the `translate` function in Oracle**

  The `translate` function replaces all occurrences of characters by other characters in a string. In TiDB, this function does not treat empty strings as `NULL` as Oracle does.

  User document

- **Support spilling HashAgg**

  Support spilling HashAgg into disk. When a SQL statement that includes an HashAgg operator causes out of memory (OOM), you can try to set the concurrency of this operator to `1` to trigger disk spill, which alleviates memory stress.

  User document, #25882

- **Improve the accuracy of optimizer cardinality estimation**

  - Improve the accuracy of TiDB's estimation of TopN/Limit. For example, for pagination queries on a large table that contain the `order by col limit x` condition, TiDB can more easily select the right index and reduce query response time.

- Improve the accuracy of out-of-range estimation. For example, even if the statistics for a day have not been updated, TiDB can accurately select the corresponding index for a query that contains `where date=Now()`.
- Introduce the `tidb_opt_limit_push_down_threshold` variable to control the optimizer's behavior of pushing down Limit/TopN, which resolves the issue that Limit/TopN cannot be pushed down in some situations due to wrong estimation.

User document, #26085

- **Improve index selection of the optimizer**

  Add pruning rules for index selection. Before using the statistics for comparison, TiDB uses these rules to narrow down the scope of possible indexes to be selected, which reduces the possibility of selecting non-optimal indexes.

  User document

16.28.5.2.2 Transaction

- **General availability (GA) for Lock View**

  The Lock View feature provides more information about lock conflicts and lock waits of pessimistic locks, which helps DBAs to observe transaction locking events and troubleshoot deadlock problems.

  In v5.2, the following enhancements are made to Lock View:

  - In addition to the SQL digest column in the Lock View-related tables, add a column to these tables that shows the corresponding normalized SQL text. You do not have to manually query the statement corresponding to a SQL digest.
  - Add the `TIDB_DECODE_SQL_DIGESTS` function to query the normalized SQL statements (a form without formats and arguments) corresponding to a set of SQL digests in the cluster. This simplifies the operation of querying the statements that have been historically executed by a transaction.
  - Add a column in the `DATA_LOCK_WAITS` and `DEADLOCKS` system tables to show the table name, row ID, index value, and other key information interpreted from a key. This simplifies the operations such as locating the table to which a key belongs and interpreting the key information.
  - Support collecting the information of retryable deadlock errors in the `DEADLOCKS` table, which makes it easier to troubleshoot issues caused by such errors. The error collection is disabled by default and can be enabled using the `pessimistic-txn.deadlock-history-collect-retryable` configuration.
  - Support distinguishing query-executing transactions from idle transactions on the `TIDB_TRX` system table. The `Normal` state is now divided into `Running` and `Idle` states.

User documents:

```
- View the pessimistic lock-waiting events that are occurring on all TiKV
    ↪ nodes in the cluster: [`DATA_LOCK_WAITS`](#data_lock_waits)
- View the deadlock errors recently occurred on a TiDB node: [`DEADLOCKS`](#
    ↪ deadlocks)
- View the executing transaction on a TiDB node: [`TIDB_TRX`](#tidb_trx)
```

- Optimize the user scenarios of adding indexes on tables with the `AUTO_RANDOM` or `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` attribute.

16.28.5.2.3 Stability

- **Add TiFlash I/O traffic limit**

  This new feature is suitable for cloud storage with disk bandwidth of a small and specific size. It is disabled by default.

  TiFlash I/O Rate Limiter provides a new mechanism to avoid excessive race for I/O resources between read and write tasks. It balances the responses to read and write tasks, and limits the rate automatically according to read/write workload.

  User document

- **Improve stability of TiKV flow control**

  TiKV introduces a new flow control mechanism to replace the previous RocksDB write stall mechanism. Compared with the write stall mechanism, this new mechanism reduces the impact on the stability of foreground write.

  In specific, when the stress of RocksDB compaction accumulates, flow control is performed at the TiKV scheduler layer instead of the RocksDB layer, to avoid the following issues:

  - Raftstore is stuck, which is caused by RocksDB write stall.
  - Raft election times out, and the node leader is transferred as a result.

  This new mechanism improves the flow control algorithm to mitigate QPS decrease when the write traffic is high.

  User document, #10137

- **Detect and recover automatically from impact caused by a single slow TiKV node in a cluster**

  TiKV introduces the slow node detection mechanism. This mechanism calculates a score by inspecting the rate of TiKV Raftstore, and then reports the score to PD through store heartbeats. Meanwhile, it adds the `evict-slow-store-scheduler` scheduler on PD to automatically evict the leader on a single slow TiKV node. In this way, the impact on the whole cluster is mitigated. At the same time, more alert items about slow nodes are introduced to help you quickly pinpoint and solve problems.

  User document, #10539

16.28.5.2.4 Data Migration

- **Simplify operations of Data Migration (DM)**

  DM v2.0.6 can automatically identify the change event (failover or plan change) of the data source using VIP, and can automatically connect to a new data source instance, to reduce data replication latency and simplify operation procedures.

- TiDB Lightning supports customized line terminators in the CSV data, and is compatible with the MySQL LOAD DATA CSV data formats. You can then use TiDB Lightning directly in your data flow architecture.

  #1297

16.28.5.2.5 TiDB data share subscription

TiCDC supports using the HTTP protocol (OpenAPI) to manage TiCDC tasks, which is a more user-friendly operation method for both Kubernetes and self-hosted environments. (Experimental feature)

#2411

16.28.5.2.6 Deployment and operations

Support running the `tiup playground` command on Mac computers with Apple M1 chips.

16.28.5.3 Feature Enhancements

- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Add the binary MQ format designed for TiDB. It is more compact than the open protocols based on JSON #1621
    - Remove support for file sorter #2114
    - Support log rotation configurations #2182
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Support customized line terminators (except `\r` and `\n`) #1297
    - Support expression index and the index that depends on virtual generated columns #1407
  - Dumpling
    - Support backing up MySQL compatible databases but does not support `START TRANSACTION ... WITH CONSISTENT SNAPSHOT` or`SHOW CREATE TABLE` #311

16.28.5.4 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Support pushing down the built-in function `json_unquote()` to TiKV #24415
    - Support removing the `union` branch from the dual table #25614
    - Optimize the aggregate operator's cost factor #25241
    - Allow the MPP outer join to choose the build table based on the table row count #25142
    - Support balancing the MPP query workload among different TiFlash nodes based on Regions #24724
    - Support invalidating stale Regions in the cache after the MPP query is executed #24432
    - Improve the MySQL compatibility of the built-in function`str_to_date` for the format specifiers `%b/%M/%r/%T` #25767
    - Fix the issue that inconsistent binding caches might be created in multiple TiDB after recreating different bindings for the same query #26015
    - Fix the issue that the existing bindings cannot be loaded into cache after upgrade #23295
    - Support ordering the result of `SHOW BINDINGS` by (`original_sql`, `update_time`) #26139
    - Improve the logic of query optimization when bindings exist, and reduce optimization times of a query #26141
    - Support completing the garbage collection automatically for the bindings in the "deleted" status #26206
    - Support showing whether a binding is used for query optimization in the result of `EXPLAIN VERBOSE` #26930
    - Add a new status variation `last_plan_binding_update_time` to view the timestamp corresponding to the binding cache in the current TiDB instance #26340
    - Support reporting an error when starting binding evolution or running `admin ↪ evolve bindings` to ban the baseline evolution (currently disabled in the TiDB Self-Managed version because it is an experimental feature) affecting other features #26333
- PD
    - Add more QPS dimensions for hot Region scheduling, and support adjusting the priority of the scheduling #3869
    - Support hot Region balance scheduling for the write hotspot of TiFlash #3900
- TiFlash
    - Add operators: `MOD / %`, `LIKE`
    - Add string functions: `ASCII()`, `COALESCE()`, `LENGTH()`, `POSITION()`, `TRIM()`
    - Add mathematical functions: `CONV()`, `CRC32()`, `DEGREES()`, `EXP()`, `LN()`, `LOG()`, `LOG10()`, `LOG2()`, `POW()`, `RADIANS()`, `ROUND(decimal)`, `SIN()`, `MOD()`

- Add date functions: `ADDDATE(string, real)`, `DATE_ADD(string, real)`, `DATE_ADD()`
- Add other functions: `INET_NTOA()`, `INET_ATON()`, `INET6_ATON`, `INET6_NTOA()`
- Support Shuffled Hash Join calculation and Shuffled Hash Aggregation calculation in the MPP mode when a new collation is enabled
- Optimize basic code to improve MPP performance
- Support casting the `STRING` type to the `DOUBLE` type
- Optimize the non-joined data in right outer join using multiple threads
- Support automatically invalidating stale Regions in MPP queries

- Tools

  - TiCDC

    - Add the concurrency limit to the incremental scan of kv client #1899
    - TiCDC can always pull the old value internally #2271
    - TiCDC can fail and exit fast when unrecoverable DML errors occur #1928
    - `resolve lock` cannot be run immediately after a Region is initialized #2235
    - Optimize workerpool to reduce the number of goroutines under high concurrency #2201

  - Dumpling

    - Support always splitting TiDB v3.x tables through `tidb_rowid` to save TiDB memory #301
    - Reduce access of Dumpling to the `information_schema` to improve stability #305

16.28.5.5 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue that an incorrect result is returned when using merge join on the `SET` type column #25669
  - Fix the data corruption issue in the `IN` expression's arguments #25591
  - Avoid the sessions of GC being affected by global variables #24976
  - Fix the panic issue that occurs when using `limit` in the window function queries #25344
  - Fix the wrong value returned when querying a partitioned table using `Limit` #24636
  - Fix the issue that `IFNULL` does not correctly take effect on the `ENUM` or `SET` type column #24944
  - Fix the wrong results caused by changing the `count` in the join subqueries to `first_row` #24865
  - Fix the query hang issue that occurs when `ParallelApply` is used under the `TopN` operator #24930

- Fix the issue that more results than expected are returned when executing SQL statements using multi-column prefix indexes #24356
- Fix the issue that the `<=>` operator cannot correctly take effect #24477
- Fix the data race issue of the parallel `Apply` operator #23280
- Fix the issue that the `index out of range` error is reported when sorting the IndexMerge results of the PartitionUnion operator #23919
- Fix the issue that setting the `tidb_snapshot` variable to an unexpectedly large value might damage the transaction isolation #25680
- Fix the issue that the ODBC-styled constant (for example, `{d '2020-01-01'}`) cannot be used as the expression #25531
- Fix the issue that `SELECT DISTINCT` converted to `Batch Get` causes incorrect results #25320
- Fix the issue that backing off queries from TiFlash to TiKV cannot be triggered #23665 #24421
- Fix the `index-out-of-range` error that occurs when checking `only_full_group_by` #23839)
- Fix the issue that the result of index join in correlated subqueries is wrong #25799

- TiKV

    - Fix the wrong `tikv_raftstore_hibernated_peer_state` metric #10330
    - Fix the wrong arguments type of the `json_unquote()` function in the coprocessor #10176
    - Skip clearing callback during graceful shutdown to avoid breaking ACID in some cases #10353 #10307
    - Fix a bug that the read index is shared for replica reads on a Leader #10347
    - Fix the wrong function that casts `DOUBLE` to `DOUBLE` #25200

- PD

    - Fix the issue that the expected scheduling cannot be generated due to scheduling conflicts among multiple schedulers #3807 #3778

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that TiFlash keeps restarting because of the split failure
    - Fix the potential issue that TiFlash cannot delete the delta data
    - Fix a bug that TiFlash adds wrong padding for non-binary characters in the `CAST` function
    - Fix the issue of incorrect results when handling aggregation queries with complex `GROUP BY` columns
    - Fix the TiFlash panic issue that occurs under heavy write pressure
    - Fix the panic that occurs when the right jon key is not nullable and the left join key is nullable
    - Fix the potential issue that the `read-index` requests take a long time
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when the read load is heavy

    - Fix the panic issue that might occur when the `Date_Format` function is called with the `STRING` type argument and `NULL` values

- Tools

    - TiCDC

        - Fix a bug that TiCDC owner exits abnormally when refreshing the checkpoint #1902
        - Fix a bug that changefeed fails immediately after its successful creation #2113
        - Fix a bug that changefeed fails due to the invalid format of rules filter #1625
        - Fix the potential DDL loss issue when the TiCDC owner panics #1260
        - Fix the CLI compatibility issue with 4.0.x clusters on the default sort-engine option #2373
        - Fix a bug that changefeed might be reset unexpectedly when TiCDC gets the `ErrSchemaStorageTableMiss` error #2422
        - Fix a bug that changefeed cannot be removed when TiCDC gets the `ErrGCTTLExceeded` error #2391
        - Fix a bug that TiCDC fails to synchronize large tables to cdclog #1259 #2424
        - Fix a bug that multiple processors might write data to the same table when TiCDC is rescheduling the table #2230

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix a bug that BR skips restoring all system tables during the restore #1197 #1201
        - Fix a bug that BR misses DDL operations when restoring cdclog #870

    - TiDB Lightning

        - Fix a bug that TiDB Lightning fails to parse the `DECIMAL` data type in Parquet file #1272
        - Fix a bug that TiDB Lightning reports the "Error 9007: Write conflict" error when restoring table schemas #1290
        - Fix a bug that TiDB Lightning fails to import data due to the overflow of int handle #1291
        - Fix a bug that TiDB Lightning might get a checksum mismatching error due to data loss in the local backend mode #1403
        - Fix the Lightning incompatibility issue with clustered index when TiDB Lightning is restoring table schemas #1362

    - Dumpling

        - Fix a bug that the data export fails because the Dumpling GC safepoint is set too late #290
        - Fix the Dumpling getting stuck issue when exporting table names from the upstream database in certain MySQL versions #322

16.29 v5.1

16.29.1 TiDB 5.1.5 Release Notes

Release date: December 28, 2022

TiDB version: 5.1.5

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16.29.1.1 Compatibility changes

- PD
    - Disable compiling swagger server by default #4932

16.29.1.2 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the window function causes TiDB to panic instead of reporting an error #30326
    - Fix the wrong result that occurs when enabling dynamic mode in partitioned tables for TiFlash #37254
    - Fix wrong results of `GREATEST` and `LEAST` when passing in unsigned `BIGINT` arguments #30101
    - Fix wrong results of deleting data of multiple tables using `left join` #31321
    - Fix the issue that the result of `concat(ifnull(time(3)))` in TiDB is different from that in MySQL #29498
    - Fix the issue that the SQL statements that contain `cast(integer as char) union string` return wrong results #29513
    - Fix the issue that `INL_HASH_JOIN` might hang when used with `LIMIT` #35638
    - Fix the wrong `ANY_VALUE` result that occurs when a Region returns empty data #30923
    - Fix wrong results of index join caused by an innerWorker panic #31494
    - Fix the issue that a SQL operation is canceled when its JSON type column joins its `CHAR` type column #29401
    - Fix the issue that the background HTTP service of TiDB might not exit successfully and makes the cluster in an abnormal state #30571
    - Fix the issue that concurrent column type change causes inconsistency between the schema and the data #31048
    - Fix the issue that `KILL TIDB` cannot take effect immediately on idle connections #24031
    - Fix the bug that setting any session variable will make `tidb_snapshot` fail to work #35515

- Fix the issue that the Region cache is not cleaned up in time when the Region is merged #37141
- Fix the panic issue caused by the connection array race in the KV client #33773
- Fix the issue that when TiDB Binlog is enabled, executing the `ALTER SEQUENCE` ↪ statement might cause a wrong metadata version and cause Drainer to exit #36276
- Fix the bug that TiDB may panic when querying statement summary tables #35340
- Fix the issue that TiDB gets the wrong result when using TiFlash to scan tables with empty range although TiFlash does not support reading tables with empty range yet #33083
- Fix the issue that the `avg()` function returns `ERROR 1105 (HY000): other` ↪ `error for mpp stream: Could not convert to the target type - -` ↪ `value is out of range.` when queried from TiFlash #29952
- Fix the issue that `ERROR 1105 (HY000): close of nil channel` is returned when using `HashJoinExec` #30289
- Fix the issue that TiKV and TiFlash return different results when querying logical operations #37258
- Fix the issue that the `EXECUTE` statement might throw an unexpected error in specific scenarios #37187
- Fix the planner wrong behaviors that occur when `tidb_opt_agg_push_down` and `tidb_enforce_mpp` are enabled #34465
- Fix a bug that TiDB might send coprocessor requests when executing the `SHOW` ↪ `COLUMNS` statement #36496
- Add warnings for `lock tables` and `unlock tables` when the `enable-table-` ↪ `lock` flag is not enabled #28967
- Fix the issue that range partitions allow multiple `MAXVALUE` partitions #36329

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue of time parsing error that occurs when the `DATETIME` values contain a fraction and `Z` #12739
  - Fix a bug that replica reads might violate the linearizability #12109
  - Fix a bug that Regions might be overlapped if Raftstore is busy #13160
  - Fix the TiKV panic issue that occurs when applying snapshot is aborted #11618
  - Fix a bug that TiKV might panic if it has been running for 2 years or more #11940
  - Fix the panic issue that might occur when the source peer catches up logs by snapshot in the Region merge process #12663
  - Fix the issue that TiKV panics when performing type conversion for an empty string #12673
  - Fix a bug that stale messages cause TiKV to panic #12023
  - Fix the panic issue that might occur when a peer is being split and destroyed at the same time #12825

- Fix the TiKV panic issue that occurs when the target peer is replaced with the peer that is destroyed without being initialized when merging a Region #12048
- Fix the issue that TiKV reports the `invalid store ID 0` error when using Follower Read #12478
- Fix the possible duplicate commit records in pessimistic transactions when async commit is enabled #12615
- Support configuring the `unreachable_backoff` item to avoid Raftstore broadcasting too many messages after one peer becomes unreachable #13054
- Fix the issue that successfully committed optimistic transactions may report the `Write Conflict` error when the network is poor #34066
- Fix the wrong expression of `Unified Read Pool CPU` in dashboard #13086

- PD

    - Fix the issue that a removed tombstone store appears again after the PD leader transfer #4941
    - Fix the issue that scheduling cannot start immediately after the PD leader transfer #4769
    - Fix the wrong status code of `not leader` #4797
    - Fix the issue that PD cannot correctly handle dashboard proxy requests #5321
    - Fix a bug of TSO fallback in some corner cases #4884
    - Fix the issue that the TiFlash learner replica might not be created in specific scenarios #5401
    - Fix the issue that the label distribution has residual labels in the metrics #4825
    - Fix the issue that when there exists a Store with large capacity (2T for example), fully allocated small Stores cannot be detected, which results in no balance operator being generated #4805
    - Fix the issue that schedulers do not work when `SchedulerMaxWaitingOperator` is set to `1` #4946

- TiFlash

    - Fix incorrect `microsecond` when casting string to datetime #3556
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when TLS is enabled #4196
    - Fix a bug that TiFlash might crash due to an error in parallel aggregation #5356
    - Fix the issue that a query containing `JOIN` might be hung if an error occurs #4195
    - Fix the issue that the function `OR` returns wrong results #5849
    - Fix the bug that invalid storage directory configurations lead to unexpected behaviors #4093
    - Fix potential data inconsistency after a lot of INSERT and DELETE operations #4956
    - Fix a bug that data not matching any region range remains on a TiFlash node #4414
    - Fix the potential query error after adding columns under heavy read workload #3967

- Fix repeated crashes caused by the `commit state jump backward` errors #2576
- Fix potential errors when querying on a table with many delete operations #4747
- Fix the issue that the date format identifies `''` as an invalid separator #4036
- Fix the wrong result that occurs when casting `DATETIME` to `DECIMAL` #4151
- Fix the bug that some exceptions are not handled properly #4101
- Fix the issue that `Prepare Merge` might damage the metadata of the raft store and cause TiFlash to restart #3435
- Fix a bug that an MPP query might fail due to random gRPC keepalive timeout #4662
- Fix the issue that the result of `IN` is incorrect in multi-value expressions #4016
- Fix a bug that MPP tasks might leak threads forever #4238
- Fix the issue that expired data is recycled slowly #4146
- Fix the overflow that occurs when casting `FLOAT` to `DECIMAL` #3998
- Fix the issue that logical operators return wrong results when the argument type is UInt8 #6127
- Fix the potential `index out of bounds` error if calling `json_length` with empty string #2705
- Fix wrong decimal comparison results in corner cases #4512
- Fix `TiFlash_schema_error` reported when `NOT NULL` columns are added #4596
- Fix the issue that TiFlash bootstrap fails when `0.0` is used as the default value for integers, for example, ``` `i` int(11)NOT NULL DEFAULT '0.0' ``` #3157

- Tools

  - TiDB Binlog

    - Fix the issue that Drainer cannot send requests to Pump correctly when `compressor` is set to `zip` #1152

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that system tables cannot be restored because concurrently backing up system tables makes the table name fail to update #29710

  - TiCDC

    - Fix data loss that occurs in special incremental scanning scenarios #5468
    - Fix the issue that there are no sorter metrics #5690
    - Fix excessive memory usage by optimizing the way DDL schemas are buffered #1386

16.29.2 TiDB 5.1.4 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 5.1.4

16.29.2.1 Compatibility changes

- TiDB
    - Change the default value of the system variable `tidb_analyze_version` from `2` to `1` #31748
    - Since v5.1.4, if TiKV is configured with `storage.enable-ttl = true`, the requests from TiDB are rejected, because the TTL feature of TiKV only supports the RawKV mode #27303
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Set the default value of `max-message-bytes` to 10M #4041

16.29.2.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Support partition pruning for the built-in `IN` expression in Range partition tables #26739
    - Improve the accuracy of tracking memory usage when `IndexJoin` is executed #28650
- TiKV
    - Update the proc filesystem (procfs) to v0.12.0 #11702
    - Improve the error log report in the Raft client #11959
    - Increase the speed of inserting SST files by moving the verification process to the `Import` thread pool from the `Apply` thread pool #11239
- PD
    - Speed up the exit process of schedulers #4146
- TiFlash
    - Support pushing down `ADDDATE()` and `DATE_ADD()` to TiFlash
    - Support pushing down `INET6_ATON()` and `INET6_NTOA()` to TiFlash
    - Support pushing down `INET_ATON()` and `INET_NTOA()` to TiFlash
    - Increase the max supported depth of an expression or a plan tree in a DAG request from `100` to `200`
- Tools

- TiCDC
  - Add the exponential backoff mechanism for restarting a changefeed. #3329
  - Reduce the replication latency when replicating many tables #3900
  - Add metrics for observing the remaining time of incremental scan #2985
  - Reduce the count of "EventFeed retry rate limited" logs #4006
  - Add more Prometheus and Grafana monitoring metrics and alerts, including `no owner alert`, `mounter row`, `table sink total row`, and `buffer sink total row` #4054 #1606
  - Optimize rate limiting control on TiKV reloads to reduce gPRC congestion during changefeed initialization #3110
  - Reduce the time for the KV client to recover when a TiKV store is down #3191

16.29.2.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix a memory leak bug that occurs when the system variable `tidb_analyze_version` is set to `2` #32499
  - Fix the issue that the `MaxDays` and `MaxBackups` configurations do not take effect for the slow log #25716
  - Fix the issue that executing the `INSERT ... SELECT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` statement gets panic #28078
  - Fix the wrong result that might occur when performing `JOIN` on `ENUM` type columns #27831
  - Fix the issue that INDEX HASH JOIN returns the `send on closed channel` error #31129
  - Fix the issue that using the `BatchCommands` API might block sending TiDB requests to TiKV in some rare cases #32500
  - Fix the issue of potential data index inconsistency in optimistic transaction mode #30410
  - Fix the issue that window functions might return different results when using a transaction or not #29947
  - Fix the issue that the length information is wrong when casting `Decimal` to `String` #29417
  - Fix the issue that the `GREATEST` function returns incorrect result that occurs when setting the `tidb_enable_vectorized_expression` vectorized expression to `off` #29434
  - Fix the issue that the optimizer might cache invalid plans for `join` in some cases #28087
  - Fix wrong results of the `microsecond` and `hour` functions in vectorized expressions #29244 #28643
  - Fix the TiDB panic when executing the `ALTER TABLE.. ADD INDEX` statement in some cases #27687

- Fix a bug that the availability detection of MPP node does not work in some corner cases #3118
- Fix the `DATA RACE` issue when assigning `MPP task ID` #27952
- Fix the `INDEX OUT OF RANGE` error for a MPP query after deleting an empty `dual table` #28250
- Fix the issue of false positive error log `invalid cop task execution summaries length` for MPP queries #1791
- Fix the issue that SET GLOBAL tidb_skip_isolation_level_check=1 doesn't affect new session settings #27897
- Fix the `index out of range` issue that occurs when `tiup bench` runs for a long time #26832

- TiKV

  - Fix a bug that TiKV cannot delete a range of data (`unsafe_destroy_range` cannot be executed) when the GC worker is busy #11903
  - Fix the issue that destroying a peer might cause high latency #10210
  - Fix a bug that the `any_value` function returns a wrong result when regions are empty #11735
  - Fix the issue that deleting an uninitialized replica might cause an old replica to be recreated #10533
  - Fix the metadata corruption issue when `Prepare Merge` is triggered after a new election is finished but the isolated peer is not informed #11526
  - Fix the deadlock issue that happens occasionally when coroutines run too fast #11549
  - Fix the potential deadlock and memory leak issues when profiling flame graphs #11108
  - Fix the rare data inconsistency issue when retrying a prewrite request in pessimistic transactions #11187
  - Fix a bug that the configuration `resource-metering.enabled` does not work #11235
  - Fix the issue that some coroutines leak in `resolved_ts` #10965
  - Fix the issue of reporting false "GC can not work" alert under low write flow #9910
  - Fix a bug that tikv-ctl cannot return the correct Region-related information #11393
  - Fix the issue that a down TiKV node causes the resolved timestamp to lag #11351
  - Fix a panic issue that occurs when Region merge, ConfChange, and Snapshot happen at the same time in extreme conditions #11475
  - Fix the issue that TiKV cannot detect the memory lock when TiKV performs a reverse table scan #11440
  - Fix the issue of negative sign when the decimal divide result is zero #29586
  - Fix a memory leak caused by the monitoring data of statistics threads #11195
  - Fix the issue of TiCDC panic that occurs when the downstream database is missing #11123

- Fix the issue that TiCDC adds scan retries frequently due to the Congest error #11082
- Fix the issue that batch messages are too large in Raft client implementation #9714
- Collapse some uncommon storage-related metrics in Grafana dashboard #11681

- PD

  - Fix a bug that the schedule generated by the region scatterer might decrease the number of peers #4565
  - Fix the issue that Region statistics are not affected by `flow-round-by-digit` #4295
  - Fix slow leader election caused by stuck region syncer #3936
  - Support that the evict leader scheduler can schedule regions with unhealthy peers #4093
  - Fix the issue that the cold hotspot data cannot be deleted from the hotspot statistics #4390
  - Fix a panic issue that occurs after the TiKV node is removed #4344
  - Fix the issue that the scheduling operator cannot fail fast because the target store is down #3353

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that the `str_to_date()` function incorrectly handles leading zeros when parsing microseconds
  - Fix the TiFlash crash problem when the memory limit is enabled
  - Fix the issue that when an input time is earlier than 1970-01-01 00:00:01 UTC, the behavior of `unix_timestamp` is inconsistent with that of TiDB or MySQL
  - Fix the potential data inconsistency caused by widening the primary key column when the primary key is handle
  - Fix the overflow bug and the issue of reporting `Can't compare` error when comparing data in the `DECIMAL` data type
  - Fix the unexpected error of `3rd arguments of function substringUTF8 must be constants.`
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to start on platforms without the `nsl` library
  - Fix the overflow bug when casting data to the `DECIMAL` data type
  - Fix the issue that the `castStringAsReal` behavior is inconsistent in TiFlash and in TiDB/TiKV
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash might return the `EstablishMPPConnection` error after it is restarted
  - Fix the issue that obsolete data cannot be reclaimed after setting the number of TiFlash replicas to 0
  - Fix the issue that the `CastStringAsDecimal` behavior is inconsistent in TiFlash and in TiDB/TiKV
  - Fix the issue that queries with the `where <string>` clause return wrong results

- Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic when an MPP query is stopped
- Fix the unexpected error of `Unexpected type of column: Nullable(Nothing)`

- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Fix a bug that MySQL sink generates duplicated `replace` SQL statements if `batch-replace-enable` is disabled #4501
    - Fix the issue that the `cached region` monitoring metric is negative #4300
    - Fix the issue that replication cannot be performed when `min.insync.replicas` is smaller than `replication-factor` #3994
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when a replication task is removed #3128
    - Fix the issue of potential data loss caused by inaccurate checkpoint #3545
    - Fix the potential issue that the deadlock causes a replication task to get stuck #4055
    - Fix the issue that special comments in DDL statements cause the replication task to stop #3755
    - Fix a bug that EtcdWorker might hang the owner and processor #3750
    - Fix the issue that `stopped` changefeeds resume automatically after a cluster upgrade #3473
    - Fix the issue that default values cannot be replicated #3793
    - Fix data inconsistency caused by TiCDC default value padding exceptions #3918 #3929
    - Fix a bug that an owner gets stuck when a PD leader shuts down and transfers to a new node #3615
    - Fix the TiCDC panic issue that occurs when manually cleaning the task status in etcd #2980
    - Fix the issue that the service cannot be started because of a timezone issue in the RHEL release #3584
    - Fix the issue of overly frequent warnings caused by MySQL sink deadlock #2706
    - Fix the bug that the `enable-old-value` configuration item is not automatically set to `true` on the Canal protocol #3676
    - Fix the issue that Avro sink does not support parsing JSON type columns #3624
    - Fix the negative value error in the changefeed checkpoint lag #3010
    - Fix the OOM issue in the container environment #1798
    - Fix the TiCDC replication interruption issue when multiple TiKVs crash or during a forced restart #3288
    - Fix the memory leak issue after processing DDLs #3174
    - Fix the issue that changefeed does not fail fast enough when the ErrGCTTLExceeded error occurs #3111
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC replication task might terminate when the upstream TiDB instance unexpectedly exits #3061

- Fix the issue that TiCDC process might panic when TiKV sends duplicate requests to the same Region #2386
- Fix the issue that Kafka may send excessively large messages by setting the default value of `max-message-bytes` to `10M` #3081
- Fix the issue that TiCDC sync task might pause when an error occurs during writing a Kafka message #2978

- Backup & Restore (BR)
  - Fix the potential issue that Regions might be unevenly distributed after a restore operation is finished #30425 #31034
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that DBaaS importing CSV fails with InvalidRange if CSV file size is about 256MB and `strict-format` is `true` #27763
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning does not report errors when the S3 storage path does not exist #28031 #30709

16.29.3 TiDB 5.1.3 Release Note

Release date: December 3, 2021

TiDB version: 5.1.3

16.29.3.1 Bug fix

- TiKV
  - Fix the issue that the `GcKeys` task does not work when it is called by multiple keys. Caused by this issue, compaction filter GC might not drop the MVCC deletion information. #11217

16.29.4 TiDB 5.1.2 Release Notes

Release Date: September 27, 2021

TiDB version: 5.1.2

16.29.4.1 Compatibility changes

- TiDB
  - The following bug fixes change execution results, which might cause upgrade incompatibilities:

- Fix the issue that `greatest(datetime)union null` returns empty string #26532
- Fix the issue that the `having` clause might not work correctly #26496
- Fix the wrong execution results that occur when the collations around the `between` expression are different #27146
- Fix the wrong execution results that occur when the column in the `group_concat` function has a non-bin collation #27429
- Fix an issue that using a `count(distinct)` expression on multiple columns returns wrong result when the new collation is enabled #27091
- Fix the result wrong that occurs when the argument of the `extract` function is a negative duration #27236
- Fix the issue that inserting an invalid date does not report an error when the `SQL_MODE` is 'STRICT_TRANS_TABLES' #26762
- Fix the issue that using an invalid default date does not report an error when the `SQL_MODE` is 'NO_ZERO_IN_DATE' #26766

- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Set the compatible version from `5.1.0-alpha` to `5.2.0-alpha` #2659

16.29.4.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Trigger auto-analyze by histogram row count and increase the accuracy of this trigger action #24237
- TiKV
  - Support dynamically modifying TiCDC configurations #10645
  - Reduce the size of Resolved TS message to save network bandwidth #2448
  - Limit the counts of peer stats in the heartbeat message reported by a single store #10621
- PD
  - Allow empty Regions to be scheduled and use a separate tolerance configuration in scatter range scheduler #4117
  - Improve the performance of synchronizing Region information between PDs #3933
  - Support dynamically adjusting the retry limit of a store based on the generated operator #3744
- TiFlash

- Support the `DATE()` function
- Add Grafana panels for write throughput per instance
- Optimize the performance of the `leader-read` process
- Accelerate the process of canceling MPP tasks

- Tools

  - TiCDC

    - Optimize memory management when the Unified Sorter is using memory to sort data #2553
    - Optimize workerpool for fewer goroutines when concurrency is high #2211
    - Reduce goroutine usage when a table's Region transfer away from a TiKV node #2284
    - Add a global gRPC connection pool and share gRPC connections among KV clients #2534
    - Prohibit operating TiCDC clusters across major and minor versions #2599

  - Dumpling

    - Support backing up MySQL-compatible databases that do not support `START TRANSACTION ... WITH CONSISTENT SNAPSHOT` and `SHOW CREATE TABLE` #309

16.29.4.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the potential wrong results of index hash join when the hash column is the `ENUM` type #27893
  - Fix a batch client bug that recycle idle connection might block sending requests in some rare cases #27678
  - Fix the issue that the overflow check of the `FLOAT64` type is different with that of MySQL #23897
  - Fix the issue that TiDB returns an `unknow` error while it should return the `pd is timeout` error #26147
  - Fix the wrong character set and collation for the `case when` expression #26662
  - Fix the potential `can not found column in Schema column` error for MPP queries #28148
  - Fix a bug that TiDB might panic when TiFlash is shutting down #28096
  - Fix the issue of wrong range caused by using `enum like 'x%'` #27130
  - Fix the Common Table Expression (CTE) dead lock issue when used with IndexLookupJoin #27410
  - Fix a bug that retryable deadlocks are incorrectly recorded into the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.DEADLOCKS` table #27400
  - Fix the issue that the `TABLESAMPLE` query result from partitioned tables is not sorted as expected #27349

- Remove the unused `/debug/sub-optimal-plan` HTTP API #27265
- Fix a bug that the query might return wrong results when the hash partitioned table deals with unsigned data #26569
- Fix a bug that creating partition fails if `NO_UNSIGNED_SUBTRACTION` is set #26765
- Fix the issue that the `distinct` flag is missing when `Apply` is converted to `Join` #26958
- Set a block duration for the newly recovered TiFlash node to avoid blocking queries during this time #26897
- Fix a bug that might occur when the CTE is referenced more than once #26212
- Fix a CTE bug when MergeJoin is used #25474
- Fix a bug that the `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statement does not correctly lock the data when a normal table joins a partitioned table #26251
- Fix the issue that the `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statement returns an error when a normal table joins a partitioned table #26250
- Fix the issue that `PointGet` does not use the lite version of resolving lock #26562

- TiKV

  - Fix a panic issue that occurs after TiKV is upgraded from v3.x to later versions #10902
  - Fix the potential disk full issue caused by corrupted snapshot files #10813
  - Make the slow log of TiKV coprocessor only consider the time spent on processing requests #10841
  - Drop log instead of blocking threads when the slogger thread is overloaded and the queue is filled up #10841
  - Fix a panic issue that occurs when processing Coprocessor requests times out #10852
  - Fix the TiKV panic issue that occurs when upgrading from a pre-5.0 version with Titan enabled #10842
  - Fix the issue that TiKV of a newer version cannot be rolled back to v5.0.x #10842
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might delete files before ingesting data to RocksDB #10438
  - Fix the parsing failure caused by the left pessimistic locks #26404

- PD

  - Fix the issue that PD does not fix the down peers in time #4077
  - Fix the issue that the replica count of the default placement rules stays constant after `replication.max-replicas` is updated #3886
  - Fix a bug that PD might panic when scaling out TiKV #3868
  - Fix a bug that the hot Region scheduler cannot work when the cluster has the evict leader scheduler #3697

- TiFlash

- Fix the issue of unexpected results when TiFlash fails to establish MPP connections
- Fix the potential issue of data inconsistency that occurs when TiFlash is deployed on multiple disks
- Fix a bug that MPP queries get wrong results when TiFlash server is under high load
- Fix a potential bug that MPP queries hang forever
- Fix the panic issue when operating store initialization and DDL simultaneously
- Fix a bug of incorrect results that occurs when queries contain filters like `CONSTANT` ↪ , `<`, `<=`, `>`, `>=`, or `COLUMN`
- Fix the potential panic issue when `Snapshot` is applied simultaneously with multiple DDL operations
- Fix the issue that the store size in metrics is inaccurate under heavy writing
- Fix the potential issue that TiFlash cannot garbage-collect the delta data after running for a long time
- Fix the issue of wrong results when the new collation is enabled
- Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when resolving locks
- Fix a potential bug that metrics display wrong values

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that the average speed is not accurate during data backup and restore #1405
  - Dumpling
    - Fix the issue that Dumpling is pending when `show table status` returns incorrect results in some MySQL versions (8.0.3 and 8.0.23) #322
    - Fix the CLI compatibility issue with 4.0.x clusters on the default `sort-` ↪ `engine` option #2373
  - TiCDC
    - Fix a bug that the JSON encoding might cause panic when processing a string type value that is `string` or `[]byte` #2758
    - Reduce gRPC window size to avoid OOM #2673
    - Fix a gRPC `keepalive` error under high memory pressure #2202
    - Fix a bug that an unsigned `tinyint` causes TiCDC to panic #2648
    - Fix an empty value issue in TiCDC Open Protocol. An empty value is no longer output when there is no change in one transaction. #2612
    - Fix a bug in DDL handling during manual restarts #2603
    - Fix the issue that `EtcdWorker`'s snapshot isolation might be wrongly violated when managing the metadata #2559
    - Fix a bug that multiple processors might write data to the same table when TiCDC is rescheduling the table #2230
    - Fix a bug that changefeed might be reset unexpectedly when TiCDC gets the `ErrSchemaStorageTableMiss` error #2422

- Fix a bug that changefeed cannot be removed when TiCDC gets the `ErrGCTTLExceeded` error #2391
- Fix a bug that TiCDC fails to synchronize large tables to cdclog #1259 #2424

16.29.5 TiDB 5.1.1 Release Notes

Release Date: July 30, 2021

TiDB version: 5.1.1

16.29.5.1 Compatibility changes

- TiDB
  - For TiDB clusters upgrade from v4.0 to v5.1, the default value of `tidb_multi_statement_mode` is `OFF`. It is recommended to use the multi-statement feature of your client library instead. See the documentation on `tidb_multi_statement_mode` for details. #25751
  - Change the default value of the `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` variable from `200` to `3000` #25874
  - Require the `SUPER` privilege to access the `table_storage_stats` table #26352
  - Require the `SELECT` privilege on `mysql.user` to access the `information_schema.user_privileges` table to show other user's privileges #26311
  - Require the `CONFIG` privilege to access the `information_schema.cluster_hardware` table #26297
  - Require the `PROCESS` privilege to access the `information_schema.cluster_info` table #26297
  - Require the `PROCESS` privilege to access the `information_schema.cluster_load` table #26297
  - Require the `PROCESS` privilege to access the `information_schema.cluster_systeminfo` table #26297
  - Require the `PROCESS` privilege to access the `information_schema.cluster_log` table #26297
  - Require the `CONFIG` privilege to access the `information_schema.cluster_config` table #26150

16.29.5.2 Feature enhancements

- TiDB Dashboard
  - Support OIDC SSO. By setting the OIDC-compatible SSO services (such as Okta and Auth0), users can log into TiDB Dashboard without entering the SQL password. #3883
- TiFlash
  - Support the `HAVING()` function in DAG requests

16.29.5.3 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Announce the general availability (GA) of the Stale Read feature
    - Avoid allocation for `paramMarker` to speed up data insertion #26076
    - Support the stable result mode to make the query results more stable #25995
    - Support pushing down the built-in function `json_unquote()` to TiKV #26265
    - Support retrying MPP queries #26480
    - Change the `LOCK` record into the `PUT` record for the index keys using `point get` or `batch point get` for `UPDATE` reads #26225
    - Forbid creating views from stale queries #26200
    - Thoroughly push down the `COUNT(DISTINCT)` aggregation function in the MPP mode #26194
    - Check the availability of TiFlash before launching MPP queries #26192
    - Do not allow setting the read timestamp to a future time #25763
    - Print log warnings when aggregation functions cannot be pushed down in `EXPLAIN` statements #25737
    - Add the `statements_summary_evicted` table to record the evicted count information of a cluster #25587
    - Improve the MySQL compatibility of the built-in function `str_to_date` for the format specifiers `%b/%M/%r/%T` #25768
- TiKV
    - Make the prewrite requests as idempotent as possible to reduce the chance of undetermined errors #10586
    - Prevent the risk of stack overflow when handling many expired commands #10502
    - Avoid excessive commit request retrying by not using the Stale Read request's `start_ts` to update `max_ts` #10451
    - Handle read ready and write ready separately to reduce read latency #10592
    - Reduce the impact on data import speed when the I/O rate limiting is enabled #10390
    - Improve the load balance between Raft gRPC connections #10495
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Remove `file sorter` #2327
        - Improve the error message returned when a PD endpoint misses the certificate #1973
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Add a retry mechanism for restoring schemas #1294
    - Dumpling

- Always split tables using `_tidb_rowid` when the upstream is a TiDB v3.x cluster, which helps reduce TiDB's memory usage #295
- Reduce the frequency of accessing the database metadata to improve Dumpling's performance and stability #315

16.29.5.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the data loss issue that might occur when changing the column type with `tidb_enable_amend_pessimistic_txn=on` #26203
  - Fix the issue that the behavior of the `last_day` function is incompatible in the SQL mode #26001
  - Fix the panic issue that might occur when `LIMIT` is on top of window functions #25344
  - Fix the issue that committing pessimistic transactions might cause write conflict #25964
  - Fix the issue that the result of index join in correlated subqueries is wrong #25799
  - Fix a bug that the successfully committed optimistic transactions might report commit errors #10468
  - Fix the issue that an incorrect result is returned when using merge join on the `SET` type column #25669
  - Fix a bug that the index keys in a pessimistic transaction might be repeatedly committed #26359
  - Fix the risk of integer overflow when the optimizer is locating partitions #26227
  - Fix the issue that invalid values might be written when casting `DATE` to timestamp #26292
  - Fix the issue that the Coprocessor Cache metrics are not displayed on Grafana #26338
  - Fix the issue of annoying logs caused by telemetry #25760 #25785
  - Fix a bug on the query range of prefix index #26029
  - Fix the issue that concurrently truncating the same partition hangs DDL executions #26229
  - Fix the issue of duplicate `ENUM` items #25955
  - Fix a bug that the CTE iterator is not correctly closed #26112
  - Fix the issue that the `LOAD DATA` statement might abnormally import non-utf8 data #25979
  - Fix the panic issue that might occur when using the window function on the unsigned integer columns #25956
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when resolving async commit locks #25778
  - Fix the issue that Stale Read is not fully compatible with the `PREPARE` statements #25800
  - Fix the issue that the ODBC-styled constant (for example, `{d '2020-01-01'}`) cannot be used as the expression #25531

    - Fix an error that occurs when running TiDB alone #25555

- TiKV

    - Fix the issue that the duration calculation might panic on certain platforms #10569
    - Fix the issue that Load Base Split mistakenly uses the unencoded keys of `batch_get_command` #10542
    - Fix the issue that changing the `resolved-ts.advance-ts-interval` configuration dynamically cannot take effect immediately #10426
    - Fix the issue of follower metadata corruption in rare cases with more than 4 replicas #10225
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when building a snapshot twice if encryption is enabled #9786 #10407
    - Fix the wrong `tikv_raftstore_hibernated_peer_state` metric #10330
    - Fix the wrong arguments type of the `json_unquote()` function in the coprocessor #10176
    - Fix a bug that the index keys in a pessimistic transaction might be repeatedly committed #10468
    - Fix the issue that the `ReadIndex` request returns stale result right after the leader is transferred #9351

- PD

    - Fix the issue the expected scheduling cannot be generated when the conflict occurs due to multiple schedulers running at the same time #3807 #3778
    - Fix the issue that the scheduler might appear again even if the scheduler is already deleted #2572

- TiFlash

    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when running table scan tasks
    - Fix a bug that TiFlash raises the error about `duplicated region` when handling DAQ requests
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when the read load is heavy
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when executing the `DateFormat` function
    - Fix the potential memory leak issue that occurs when executing MPP tasks
    - Fix the issue of unexpected results when executing the aggregation functions `COUNT` or `COUNT DISTINCT`
    - Fix a potential bug that TiFlash cannot restore data when deployed on multiple disks
    - Fix the issue that TiDB Dashboard cannot display the disk information of TiFlash correctly
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when deconstructing `SharedQueryBlockInputStream`
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when deconstructing `MPPTask`

    - Fix the potential issue of data inconsistency after synchronizing data via snapshot

- Tools

    - TiCDC
        - Fix the support for the new collation feature #2301
        - Fix the issue that an unsynchronized access to a shared map at runtime might cause panic #2300
        - Fix the potential DDL loss issue that occurs when the owner crashes while executing the DDL statement #2290
        - Fix the issue of trying to resolve locks in TiDB prematurely #2188
        - Fix a bug that might cause data loss if a TiCDC node is killed immediately after a table migration #2033
        - Fix the handling logic of `changefeed update` on `--sort-dir` and `--start-ts` #1921
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the issue that the size of the data to restore is incorrectly calculated #1270
        - Fix the issue of missed DDL events that occurs when restoring from cdclog #870
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Fix the issue that TiDB fails to parse the `DECIMAL` type data in Parquet files #1275
        - Fix the issue of integer overflow when calculating key intervals #1291 #1290

16.29.6 TiDB 5.1 Release Notes

Release date: June 24, 2021

TiDB version: 5.1.0

In v5.1, the key new features or improvements are as follows:

- Support the Common Table Expression (CTE) feature of MySQL 8.0 to improve the readability and execution efficiency of SQL statements.
- Support changing column types online to improve code development flexibility.
- Introduce a new statistics type to improve query stability, which is enabled as an experimental feature by default.
- Support the dynamic privilege feature of MySQL 8.0 to implement more fine-grained control over certain operations.
- Support directly reading data from the local replica using the Stale Read feature to reduce read latency and improve query performance (Experimental).
- Add the Lock View feature to facilitate database administrators (DBAs) to observe transaction locking events and troubleshoot deadlock problems (Experimental).
- Add TiKV write rate limiter for background tasks to ensure that the latency of read and write requests is stable.

16.29.6.1 Compatibility changes

> **Note:**
>
> When upgrading from an earlier TiDB version to v5.1, if you want to know the compatibility change notes of all intermediate versions, you can check the Release Notes for the corresponding version.

16.29.6.1.1 System variables

Variable name	Change type	Description
cte_max_recursion_depth	Newly added	Controls the maximum recursion depth in Common Table Expressions.
init_connect	Newly added	Controls the initial connection to a TiDB server.
tidb_analyze_version	Newly added	Controls how TiDB collects statistics. The default value of this variable is 2. This is an experimental feature.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ enable_ ↪ enhanced ↪ _ ↪ security ↪	Newly added	Indicates whether the TiDB server you are connected to has the Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) enabled. This variable setting cannot be changed without restarting the TiDB server.
tidb_ ↪ enforce ↪ _mpp	Newly added	Controls whether to ignore the optimizer's cost estimation and to forcibly use the MPP mode for query execution. The data type of this variable is `BOOL` and the default value is `false`.

Variable name	Change type	Description
tidb_ ↪ partition ↪ _prune_ ↪ mode	Newly added	Specifies whether to enable dynamic pruning mode for partitioned tables. This feature is experimental. The default value of this variable is `static`, which means the dynamic pruning mode for partitioned tables is disabled by default.

16.29.6.1.2 Configuration file parameters

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiDB configuration file	`security.enable-sem`	Newly added	Controls whether to enable the Security Enhanced Mode (SEM). The default value of this configuration item is `false`, which means the SEM is disabled.
TiDB configuration file	`performance.committer-concurrency`	Modified	Controls the concurrency number for requests related to commit operations in the commit phase of a single transaction. The default value is changed from `16` to `128`.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiDB configuration file	performance ↪ .tcp-no ↪ -delay	Newly added	Determines whether to enable TCP_NODELAY at the TCP layer. The default value is `true`, which means TCP_NODELAY is enabled.
TiDB configuration file	performance ↪ . ↪ enforce ↪ -mpp	Newly added	Controls whether TiDB ignores cost estimates of Optimizer at the instance level and enforces the MPP mode. The default value is `false`. This configuration item controls the initial value of the system variable tidb_ ↪ enforce ↪ _mpp.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiDB configuration file	pessimistic-txn.deadlock-history-capacity	Newly added	Sets the maximum number of deadlock events that can be recorded in the INFORMATION_SCHEMA.DEADLOCKS table of a single TiDB server. The default value is 10.
TiKV configuration file	abort-on-panic	Newly added	Sets whether the abort process allows the system to generate core dump files when TiKV panics. The default value is false, which means it is not allowed to generate core dump files.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiKV configuration file	`hibernate-regions`	Modified	The default value is changed from `false` to `true`. If a Region is idle for a long time, it is automatically set as hibernated.
TiKV configuration file	`old-value-cache-memory-quota`	Newly added	Sets the upper limit of memory usage by TiCDC old values. The default value is `512MB`.
TiKV configuration file	`sink-memory-quota`	Newly added	Sets the upper limit of memory usage by TiCDC data change events. The default value is `512MB`.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiKV configuration file	`incremental-scan-threads`	Newly added	Sets the number of threads for the task of incrementally scanning historical data. The default value is `4`, which means there are four threads for the task.
TiKV configuration file	`incremental-scan-concurrency`	Newly added	Sets the maximum number of concurrent executions for the tasks of incrementally scanning historical data. The default value is `6`, which means that six tasks can be concurrently executed at most.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiKV configuration file	soft-pending-compaction-bytes-limit	Modified	The soft limit on the pending compaction bytes. The default value is changed from "64GB" to "192GB".
TiKV configuration file	storage.io-rate-limit	Newly added	Controls the I/O rate of TiKV writes. The default value of storage.io-rate-limit.max-bytes-per-sec is "0MB".
TiKV configuration file	resolved-ts.enable	Newly added	Determines whether to maintain the resolved-ts for all Region leaders. The default value is true.
TiKV configuration file	resolved-ts.advance-ts-interval	Newly added	The interval at which the resolved-ts is forwarded. The default value is "1s". You can change the value dynamically.

Configuration file	Configuration item	Change type	Description
TiKV configuration file	`resolved-ts.scan-lock-pool-size`	Newly added	The number of threads that TiKV uses to scan the MVCC (multi-version concurrency control) lock data when initializing the `resolved-ts`. The default value is 2.

16.29.6.1.3 Others

- Before the upgrade, check the value of the TiDB configuration `feedback-probability`. If the value is not 0, the "panic in the recoverable goroutine" error will occur after the upgrade, but this error does not affect the upgrade.
- Upgrade the Go compiler version of TiDB from go1.13.7 to go1.16.4, which improves the TiDB performance. If you are a TiDB developer, upgrade your Go compiler version to ensure a smooth compilation.
- Avoid creating tables with clustered indexes in the cluster that uses TiDB Binlog during the TiDB rolling upgrade.
- Avoid executing statements like `alter table ... modify column` or `alter table ... change column` during the TiDB rolling upgrade.
- Since v5.1, setting the replica of system tables, when building TiFlash replicas for each table, is no longer supported. Before upgrading the cluster, you need to clear the relevant system table replicas; otherwise, the upgrade will fail.
- Deprecate the `--sort-dir` parameter in the `cdc cli changefeed` command of TiCDC. Instead, you can set `--sort-dir` in the `cdc server` command. #1795
- After upgrading to TiDB 5.1, if TiDB returns the "function READ ONLY has only noop implementation" error, you can let TiDB ignore this error by setting the value of `tidb_enable_noop_functions` to `ON`. This is because the `read_only` variable in MySQL does not yet take effect in TiDB (which is a 'noop' behavior in TiDB). Therefore, even if this variable is set in TiDB, you can still write data into the TiDB cluster.

16.29.6.2 New features

16.29.6.2.1 SQL

- Support the Common Table Expression (CTE) feature of MySQL 8.0.

  This feature empowers TiDB with the capability of querying hierarchical data recursively or non-recursively and meets the needs of using tree queries to implement application logics in multiple sectors such as human resources, manufacturing, financial markets, and education.

  In TiDB, you can apply the `WITH` statement to use Common Table Expressions. User document, #17472

- Support the dynamic privilege feature of MySQL 8.0.

  Dynamic privileges are used to limit the `SUPER` privilege and provide TiDB with more flexible privilege configuration for more fine-grained access control. For example, you can use dynamic privileges to create a user account that can only perform `BACKUP` and `RESTORE` operations.

  The supported dynamic privileges are as follows:

  - `BACKUP_ADMIN`
  - `RESTORE_ADMIN`
  - `ROLE_ADMIN`
  - `CONNECTION_ADMIN`
  - `SYSTEM_VARIABLES_ADMIN`

  You can also use plugins to add new privileges. To check out all supported privileges, execute the `SHOW PRIVILEGES` statement. User document

- Add a new configuration item for the Security Enhanced Mode (SEM), which divides the TiDB administrator privileges in a finer-grained way.

  The Security Enhanced Mode is disabled by default. To enable it, see the user document.

- Enhance the capability of changing column types online. Support changing the column type online using the `ALTER TABLE` statement, including but not limited to:

  - Changing `VARCHAR` to `BIGINT`
  - Modifying the `DECIMAL` precision
  - Compressing the length of `VARCHAR(10)` to `VARCHAR(5)`

  User document

- Introduce a new SQL syntax `AS OF TIMESTAMP` to perform Stale Read, a new experimental feature used to read historical data from a specified point in time or from a specified time range.

  User document, #21094

  The examples of `AS OF TIMESTAMP` are as follows:

```
SELECT * FROM t AS OF TIMESTAMP '2020-09-06 00:00:00';
START TRANSACTION READ ONLY AS OF TIMESTAMP '2020-09-06 00:00:00';
SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY as of timestamp '2020-09-06 00:00:00';
```

- Introduce a new statistics type `tidb_analyze_version = 2` (Experimental).

  `tidb_analyze_version` is set to 2 by default, which avoids the large errors that might occur in the large data volume caused by hash conflicts in Version 1 and maintains the estimation accuracy in most scenarios.

  User document

16.29.6.2.2 Transaction

- Support the Lock View feature (Experimental)

  The Lock View feature provides more information about lock conflicts and lock waits of pessimistic locks, which helps DBAs to observe transaction locking conditions and troubleshoot deadlock problems. #24199

  User document:

  - View the pessimistic locks and other locks that currently occur on all TiKV nodes in the clusters: `DATA_LOCK_WAITS`
  - View several deadlock errors that recently occurred on the TiDB nodes: `DEADLOCKS`
  - View the transaction information executed currently on the TiDB nodes: `TIDB_TRX`

16.29.6.2.3 Performance

- Stale read of data replicas (Experimental)

  Read local replicas data directly to reduce read latency and improve the query performance

  User document, #21094

- Enable the Hibernate Region feature by default.

  If a Region is in an inactive state for a long time, it is automatically set to a silent state, which reduces the system overhead of the heartbeat information between the Leader and the Follower.

  User document, #10266

16.29.6.2.4 Stability

- Solve the replication stability issue of TiCDC
  - Improve TiCDC memory usage to avoid OOM in the following scenarios
  - If large amounts of data is accumulated during the replication interruption, exceeding 1TB, the re-replication causes OOM problems.
  - Large amounts of data writes cause OOM problems in TiCDC.
  - Reduce the possibility of TiCDC replication interruption in the following scenarios:

    project#11
    - Replication interruption when the network is unstable
    - Replication interruption when some TiKV/PD/TiCDC nodes are down
- TiFlash storage memory control

  Optimize the speed and memory usage of Region snapshot generation and reduce the possibility of OOM
- Add a write rate limiter for TiKV background tasks (TiKV Write Rate Limiter)

  To ensure the duration stability of read and write requests, TiKV Write Rate Limiter smoothes the write traffic of TiKV background tasks such as GC and Compaction. The default value of TiKV background task write rate limiter is "0MB". It is recommended to set this value to the optimal I/O bandwidth of the disk, such as the maximum I/O bandwidth specified by the cloud disk manufacturer.

  User document, #9156
- Solve scheduling stability issues when multiple scaling tasks are performed at the same time

16.29.6.2.5 Telemetry

TiDB adds the running status of TiDB cluster requests in telemetry, including execution status and failure status.

To learn more about the information and how to disable this behavior, refer to Telemetry.

16.29.6.3 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Support the built-in function `VITESS_HASH()` #23915
  - Support pushing down data of the enumerated type to TiKV to improve performance when using enumerated types in `WHERE` clauses #23619

- Support the `RENAME USER` syntax #23648
- Optimize the calculation of Window Function to solve TiDB OOM problems when paging data with ROW_NUMBER() #23807
- Optimize the calculation of `UNION ALL` to solve the TiDB OOM problems when using `UNION ALL` to join a large number of `SELECT` statements #21441
- Optimize the dynamic pruning mode of partitioned tables to improve performance and stability #24150
- Fix the `Region is Unavailable` issue that occurs in multiple scenarios project#62
- Fix multiple `Region is Unavailable` issues that might occur in frequent scheduling situations
- Fix `Region is Unavailable` issue that might occur in some high stress write situations
- Avoid frequently reading the `mysql.stats_histograms` table if the cached statistics is up-to-date to avoid high CPU usage #24317

- TiKV

  - Use `zstd` to compress Region snapshots, preventing large space differences between nodes in case of heavy scheduling or scaling #10005
  - Solve OOM issues in multiple cases #10183
    - Add memory usage tracking for each module
    - Solve the OOM issue caused by oversized Raft entries cache
    - Solve the OOM issue caused by stacked GC tasks
    - Solve the OOM issue caused by fetching too many Raft entries from the Raft log to memory at one time
  - Split Regions more evenly to mitigate the issue that the growth of Region size exceeds the splitting speed when there are hotspot writes #9785

- TiFlash

  - Support `Union All`, `TopN`, and `Limit` functions
  - Support the Cartesian product including left outer join and semi anti join in MPP mode
  - Optimize lock operations to avoid that running DDL statements and read operations are blocked by each other
  - Optimize cleanup of expired data by TiFlash
  - Support further filtering of query filters on `timestamp` columns at the TiFlash storage level
  - Improve the startup and scalability speed of TiFlash when a large number of tables are in a cluster
  - Improve TiFlash compatibility when running on unknown CPUs

- PD

- Avoid unexpected statistics after adding the `scatter region` scheduler #3602
- Solve multiple scheduling issues in the scaling process
    - Optimize the generation process of replica snapshots to solve slow scheduling issues during scaling #3563 #10059 #10001
    - Solve slow scheduling issues caused by heartbeat pressure due to traffic changes #3693 #3739 #3728 #3751
    - Reduce the space discrepancies of large clusters due to scheduling, and optimize the scheduling formula to prevent the bursting issue (which is similar to heterogeneous space clusters) caused by large compression rate discrepancies #3592 #10005

- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Support backing up and restoring system tables in the `mysql` schema #1143 #1078
        - Support the S3-compatible storage that is based on the virtual-host addressing mode #10243
        - Optimize the format of backupmeta to reduce memory usage #1171
    - TiCDC
        - Improve the descriptions of some log messages to be clearer and more useful for diagnosing problems #1759
        - Support the back pressure feature to allow the TiCDC scanning speed to sense the downstream processing capacity #10151
        - Reduce memory usage when TiCDC performs the initial scan #10133
        - Improve the cache hit rate for the TiCDC Old Value in pessimistic transactions #10089
    - Dumpling
        - Improve the logic of exporting data from TiDB v4.0 to avoid TiDB becoming out of memory (OOM) #273
        - Fix the issue that no error is output when a backup operation fails #280
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Improve data importing speed. The optimization results show that the speed of importing TPC-C data is increased by 30%, and the speed of importing large tables (2TB+) with more indexes (5 indexes) is increased by more than 50%. #753
        - Add a pre-check on the data to be imported and also on the target cluster before importing, and report errors to reject the import process if it does not meet the import requirements #999
        - Optimize the timing of checkpoint updates on the Local backend to improve performance of restarting from breakpoints #1080

16.29.6.4 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the execution result of project elimination might be wrong when the projection result is empty #23887
    - Fix the issue of wrong query results when a column contains `NULL` values in some cases #23891
    - Forbid generating MPP plans when the scan contains virtual columns #23886
    - Fix the wrong reuse of `PointGet` and `TableDual` in Plan Cache #23187 #23144 #23304 #23290
    - Fix the error that occurs when the optimizer builds the `IndexMerge` plan for clustered indexes #23906
    - Fix the type inference of the BIT-type errors #23832
    - Fix the issue that some optimizer hints do not take effect when the `PointGet` operator exists #23570
    - Fix the issue that DDL operations might fail when rolling back due to an error #23893
    - Fix the issue that the index range of the binary literal constant is incorrectly built #23672
    - Fix the potential wrong results of the `IN` clause in some cases #23889
    - Fix the wrong results of some string functions #23759
    - Users now need both `INSERT` and `DELETE` privileges on a table to perform `REPLACE` operations #23909
    - Users now need both `INSERT` and `DELETE` privileges on a table to perform `REPLACE` operations #24070
    - Fix the wrong `TableDual` plans caused by incorrectly comparing binaries and bytes #23846
    - Fix the panic issue caused by using the prefix index and index join in some cases #24547 #24716 #24717
    - Fix the issue that the prepared plan cache of `point get` is incorrectly used by the `point get` statement in the transaction #24741
    - Fix the issue of writing the wrong prefix index value when the collation is `ascii` ↪ `_bin` or `latin1_bin` #24569
    - Fix the issue that the ongoing transaction might be interrupted by the GC worker #24591
    - Fix a bug that the point query might get wrong on the clustered index when `new-collation` is enabled but `new-row-format` is disabled #24541
    - Refactor the conversion of partition keys for shuffle hash join #24490
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when building the plan for queries that contain the `HAVING` clause #24045
    - Fix the issue that the column pruning improvement causes the `Apply` and `Join` operators' results to go wrong #23887
    - Fix a bug that the primary lock fallen back from async commit cannot be resolved #24384

- Fix a GC issue of statistics that might cause duplicated fm-sketch records #24357
- Avoid unnecessary pessimistic rollback when the pessimistic locking receives the `ErrKeyExists` error #23799
- Fix the issue that numeric literals cannot be recognized when the sql_mode contains `ANSI_QUOTES` #24429
- Forbid statements such as `INSERT INTO table PARTITION (<partitions>)... ↪ ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` to read data from non-listed partitions #24746
- Fix the potential `index out of range` error when a SQL statement contains both `GROUP BY` and `UNION` #24281
- Fix the issue that the `CONCAT` function incorrectly handles the collation #24296
- Fix the issue that the `collation_server` global variable does not take effect in new sessions #24156

- TiKV

  - Fix the issue that the coprocessor fails to properly handle the signed or unsigned integer types in the `IN` expression #9821
  - Fix the issue of many empty Regions after batch ingesting SST files #964
  - Fix a bug that TiKV cannot start up after the file dictionary file is damaged #9886
  - Fix a TiCDC OOM issue caused by reading old values #9996 #9981
  - Fix the issue of empty value in the secondary index for the clustered primary key column when collation is `latin1_bin` #24548
  - Add the `abort-on-panic` configuration, which allows TiKV to generate the core dump file when panic occurs. Users still need to correctly configure the environment to enable core dump #10216
  - Fix the performance regression issue of `point get` queries that occurs when TiKV is not busy #10046

- PD

  - Fix the issue that the PD Leader re-election is slow when there are many stores #3697
  - Fix the panic issue that occurs when removing the evict leader scheduler from a non-existent store #3660
  - Fix the issue that the statistics are not updated after offline peers are merged #3611

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue of incorrect results when casting the time type to the integer type
  - Fix a bug that the `receiver` cannot find corresponding tasks within 10 seconds
  - Fix the issue that there might be invalid iterators in `cancelMPPQuery`
  - Fix a bug that the behavior of the `bitwise` operator is different from that of TiDB

- Fix the alert issue caused by overlapping ranges when using the `prefix key`
- Fix the issue of incorrect results when casting the string type to the integer type
- Fix the issue that consecutive and fast writes might make TiFlash out of memory
- Fix the potential issue that the exception of null pointer might be raised during the table GC
- Fix the TiFlash panic issue that occurs when writing data to dropped tables
- Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic during BR restore
- Fix the issue of incorrect results when cloning shared delta index concurrently
- Fix the potential panic that occurs when the Compaction Filter feature is enabled
- Fix the issue that TiFlash cannot resolve the lock fallen back from async commit
- Fix the issue of incorrect results returned when the casted result of the `TIMEZONE` type contains the `TIMESTAMP` type
- Fix the TiFlash panic issue that occurs during Segment Split

- Tools
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Fix the issue of TiDB Lightning panic that occurs when generating KV data #1127
    - Fix a bug that the batch split Region fails due to the total key size exceeding the raft entry limit during the data import #969
    - Fix the issue that when importing CSV files, if the last line of the file does not contain line break characters (`\r\n`), an error will be reported #1133
    - Fix the issue that if a table to be imported includes an auto-increment column of the double type, the auto_increment value becomes abnormal #1178
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue of backup interruption caused by the failure of a few TiKV nodes #980
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the concurrency issue in Unified Sorter and filter the unhelpful error messages #1678
    - Fix a bug that the creation of redundant directories might interrupt the replication with MinIO #1463
    - Set the default value of the `explicit_defaults_for_timestamp` session variable to ON to make the MySQL 5.7 downstream keep the same behavior with the upstream TiDB #1585
    - Fix the issue that the incorrect handling of `io.EOF` might cause replication interruption #1633
    - Correct the TiKV CDC endpoint CPU metric in the TiCDC dashboard #1645
    - Increase `defaultBufferChanSize` to avoid replication blocking in some cases #1259
    - Fix the issue that the time zone information is lost in the Avro output #1712
    - Support cleaning up stale temporary files in Unified Sorter and forbid sharing the `sort-dir` directory #1742

- Fix a deadlock bug in the KV client that occurs when many stale Regions exist #1599
- Fix the wrong help information in the `--cert-allowed-cn` flag #1697
- Revert the update for `explicit_defaults_for_timestamp` which requires the SUPER privilege when replicating data to MySQL #1750
- Support the sink flow control to reduce the risk of memory overflow #1840
- Fix a bug that the replication task might stop when moving a table #1828
- Fix the issue that the TiKV GC safe point is blocked due to the stagnation of TiCDC changefeed checkpoint #1759

16.30 v5.0

16.30.1 TiDB 5.0.6 Release Notes

Release date: December 31, 2021

TiDB version: 5.0.6

16.30.1.1 Compatibility changes

- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Change the output of the `cdc server` command error from stdout to stderr #3133
    - Set the default value of Kafka sink `max-message-bytes` to `10M` #3081
    - Change the default value of Kafka Sink `partition-num` to 3 so that TiCDC distributes messages across Kafka partitions more evenly #3337

16.30.1.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Show the affected SQL statements in the debug log when the coprocessor encounters a lock, which is helpful in diagnosing problems #27718
- TiKV
  - Increase the speed of inserting SST files by moving the verification process to the `Import` thread pool from the `Apply` thread pool #11239
  - Add more metrics for the garbage collection module of Raft logs to locate performance problems in the module #11374
  - Collapse some uncommon storage-related metrics in Grafana dashboard #11681

- PD
    - Speed up the exit process of schedulers #4146
    - Make the scheduling results of the `scatter-range-scheduler` scheduler more even by allowing the scheduler to schedule empty Regions and fix the configurations of the scheduler #4497
    - Support that the evict leader scheduler can schedule Regions with unhealthy peers #4093
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Optimize rate limiting control on TiKV reloads to reduce gPRC congestion during changefeed initialization #3110
        - Add a tick frequency limit to EtcdWorker to prevent frequent etcd writes from affecting PD services #3112
        - Add the default configuration for `config.Metadata.Timeout` in Kafka sink #3352
        - Set the default value of `max-message-bytes` to `10M`, to reduce the probability that Kafka messages cannot be sent #3081
        - Add more Prometheus and Grafana monitoring metrics and alerts, including `no owner alert`, `mounter row`, `table sink total row`, and `buffer sink total row` #4054 #1606
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Retry BR tasks when encountering the PD request error or the TiKV I/O timeout error #27787
        - Improve the robustness of restoring #27421
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Support importing data into tables that have expression index or the index that depends on virtual generated columns #1404

16.30.1.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that optimistic transaction conflicts might cause transactions to block each other #11148
    - Fix the issue of false positive error log `invalid cop task execution summaries length` for MPP queries #1791
    - Fix the panic that might occur when DML and DDL statements are executed concurrently #30940
    - Fix the `privilege check fail` error when performing the `grant` and `revoke` operations to grant and revoke global level privileges #29675

- Fix the TiDB panic when executing the `ALTER TABLE.. ADD INDEX` statement in some cases #27687
- Fix the issue that the `enforce-mpp` configuration does not take effect in v5.0.4 #29252
- Fix the panic when using the `CASE WHEN` function on the `ENUM` data type #29357
- Fix wrong results of the `microsecond` function in vectorized expressions #29244
- Fix the issue of incomplete log information from the `auto analyze` result #29188
- Fix wrong results of the `hour` function in vectorized expression #28643
- Fix the unexpected error like `tidb_cast to Int32 is not supported` when the unsupported `cast` is pushed down to TiFlash #23907
- Fix a bug that the availability detection of MPP node does not work in some corner cases #3118
- Fix the `DATA RACE` issue when assigning `MPP task ID` #27952
- Fix the `INDEX OUT OF RANGE` error for a MPP query after deleting an empty `dual table` #28250
- Fix the TiDB panic when inserting invalid date values concurrently #25393
- Fix the unexpected `can not found column in Schema column` error for queries in the MPP mode #30980
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when TiFlash is shutting down #28096
- Fix the unexpected `index out of range` error when the planner is doing join reorder #24095
- Fix wrong results of the control functions (such as `IF` and `CASE WHEN`) when using the `ENUM` type data as parameters of such functions #23114
- Fix the wrong result of `CONCAT(IFNULL(TIME(3))` #29498
- Fix wrong results of `GREATEST` and `LEAST` when passing in unsigned `BIGINT` arguments #30101
- Fix the issue that a SQL operation is canceled when its JSON type column joins its `CHAR` type column #29401
- Fix the data inconsistency issue caused by incorrect usage of lazy existence check and untouched key optimization #30410
- Fix the issue that window functions might return different results when using a transaction or not #29947
- Fix the issue that the SQL statements that contain `cast(integer as char)` ↪ `union string` return wrong results #29513
- Fix the issue that the length information is wrong when casting `Decimal` to `String` #29417
- Fix the issue that the `Column 'col_name' in field list is ambiguous` error is reported unexpectedly when a SQL statement contains natural join #25041
- Fix the issue that the `GREATEST` function returns inconsistent results due to different values of `tidb_enable_vectorized_expression` (set to `on` or `off`) #29434
- Fix the issue that the planner might cache invalid plans for `join` in some cases #28087
- Fix the issue that the `index out of range [1] with length 1` error is reported when a SQL statement evaluates an aggregation result on the result of join in some cases #1978

- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that a down TiKV node causes the resolved timestamp to lag #11351
    - Fix the issue that batch messages are too large in Raft client implementation #9714
    - Fix a panic issue that occurs when Region merge, ConfChange, and Snapshot happen at the same time in extreme conditions #11475
    - Fix the issue that TiKV cannot detect the memory lock when TiKV perform a reverse table scan #11440
    - Fix the issue of negative sign when the decimal divide result is zero #29586
    - Fix the issue that the accumulation of GC tasks might cause TiKV to be OOM (out of memory) #11410
    - Fix the issue that the average latency of the by-instance gRPC requests is inaccurate in TiKV metrics #11299
    - Fix a memory leak caused by monitoring data of statistics threads #11195
    - Fix the issue of TiCDC panic that occurs when the downstream database is missing #11123
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC adds scan retries frequently due to the Congest error #11082
    - Fix the issue that the Raft connection is broken when the channel is full #11047
    - Fix the issue of TiKV panic that occurs when the files do not exist when TiDB Lightning imports data #10438
    - Fix the issue that TiDB cannot correctly identify whether the `Int64` types in `Max`/`Min` functions are a signed integer or not, which causes the wrong calculation result of `Max`/`Min` #10158
    - Fix the issue that the node of a TiKV replica is down after the node gets snapshots because TiKV cannot modify the metadata accurately #10225
    - Fix the leak issue of the backup thread pool #10287
    - Fix the issue of casting illegal strings into floating-point numbers #23322
- PD
    - Fix a panic issue that occurs after the TiKV node is removed #4344
    - Fix the issue that operator can get blocked due to down store #3353
    - Fix slow leader election caused by stuck Region syncer #3936
    - Fix the issue that the speed of removing peers is limited when repairing the down nodes #4090
    - Fix the issue that the hotspot cache cannot be cleared when the Region heartbeat is less than 60 seconds #4390
- TiFlash
    - Fix potential data inconsistency after altering a primary key column to a larger int data type
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to start up on some platforms, such as ARM, due to the absence of the `libnsl.so` library

- Fix the issue that the `Store size` metric does not match the actual data size on a disk
- Fix the issue that TiFlash crashes due to a `Cannot open file` error
- Fix occasional crashes of TiFlash when an MPP query is killed
- Fix the unexpected error `3rd arguments of function substringUTF8 must be constants`
- Fix query failures caused by excessive `OR` conditions
- Fix the bug that results of `where <string>` are wrong
- Fix inconsistent behaviors of `CastStringAsDecimal` between TiFlash and TiDB/TiKV
- Fix query failures caused by the error `different types: expected Nullable(Int64), got Int64`
- Fix query failures caused by the error `Unexpected type of column: Nullable(Nothing)`
- Fix query failures caused by overflow when comparing data in the `DECIMAL` data type

- Tools

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the issue that some partitioned tables without valid indexes might be ignored when `force-replicate` is enabled #2834
    - Fix the issue that `cdc cli` silently truncates user parameters when receiving unexpected parameters, causing the user input parameters to be lost #2303
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC sync task might pause when an error occurs during writing a Kafka message #2978
    - Fix a possible panic issue when encoding some types of columns into Open Protocol format #2758
    - Fix the issue that Kafka may send excessively large messages by setting the default value of `max-message-bytes` to `10M` #3081
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC replication task might terminate when the upstream TiDB instance unexpectedly exits #3061
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC process might panic when TiKV sends duplicate requests to the same Region #2386
    - Fix the TiCDC replication interruption issue when multiple TiKVs crash or during a forced restart #3288
    - Fix the negative value error in the changefeed checkpoint lag #3010
    - Fix the issue of overly frequent warnings caused by MySQL sink deadlock #2706
    - Fix the issue that Avro sink does not support parsing JSON type columns #3624
    - Fix the bug that TiCDC reads the incorrect schema snapshot from TiKV when the TiKV owner restarts #2603
    - Fix the memory leak issue after processing DDLs #3174

- Fix the bug that the `enable-old-value` configuration item is not automatically set to `true` on the Canal protocol #3676
- Fix the timezone error that occurs when the `cdc server` command runs on some Red Hat Enterprise Linux releases (such as 6.8 and 6.9) #3584
- Fix the issue of the inaccurate `txn_batch_size` monitoring metric for Kafka sink #3431
- Fix the issue that `tikv_cdc_min_resolved_ts_no_change_for_1m` keeps alerting when there is no changefeed #11017
- Fix the TiCDC panic issue that occurs when manually cleaning the task status in etcd #2980
- Fix the issue that changefeed does not fail fast enough when the ErrGCTTLExceeded error occurs #3111
- Fix the issue that scanning stock data might fail due to TiKV performing GC when scanning stock data takes too long #2470
- Fix OOM in container environments #1798

- Backup & Restore (BR)
  - Fix a bug that the average speed is inaccurately calculated for backup and restore #1405
- Dumpling
  - Fix the bug that Dumpling becomes very slow when dumping tables with the composite primary key or unique key #29386

16.30.2 TiDB 5.0.5 Release Note

Release date: December 3, 2021

TiDB version: 5.0.5

16.30.2.1 Bug fix

- TiKV
  - Fix the issue that the `GcKeys` task does not work when it is called by multiple keys. Caused by this issue, compaction filter GC might not drop the MVCC deletion information. #11217

16.30.3 TiDB 5.0.4 Release Notes

Release Date: September 27, 2021

TiDB version: 5.0.4

16.30.3.1 Compatibility changes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that executing `SHOW VARIABLES` in a new session is slow. This fix reverts some changes made in #19341 and might cause compatibility issues. #24326
  - Change the default value of the `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` variable from `200` to `3000` #25873
  - The following bug fixes change execution results, which might cause upgrade incompatibilities:
    - Fix the issue that TiDB returns wrong result when the children of `UNION` contain the `NULL` value #26559
    - Fix the issue that `greatest(datetime)union null` returns empty string #26532
    - Fix the issue that the behavior of the `last_day` function is incompatible in SQL mode #26000
    - Fix the issue that the `having` clause might not work correctly #26496
    - Fix the wrong execution results that occur when the collations around the `between` expression are different #27146
    - Fix the wrong execution results that occur when the column in the `group_concat` function has a non-bin collation #27429
    - Fix an issue that using a `count(distinct)` expression on multiple columns returns wrong result when the new collation is enabled #27091
    - Fix the result wrong that occurs when the argument of the `extract` function is a negative duration #27236
    - Fix the issue that inserting an invalid date does not report an error when the `SQL_MODE` is 'STRICT_TRANS_TABLES' #26762
    - Fix the issue that using an invalid default date does not report an error when the `SQL_MODE` is 'NO_ZERO_IN_DATE' #26766
    - Fix a bug on the query range of prefix index #26029
    - Fix the issue that the `LOAD DATA` statement might abnormally import non-utf8 data #25979
    - Fix the issue that `insert ignore on duplicate update` might insert wrong data when the secondary index has the same column with the primary key #25809
    - Fix the issue that `insert ignore duplicate update` might insert wrong data when a partitioned table has a clustered index #25846
    - Fix the issue that the query result might be wrong when the key is the `ENUM` type in point get or batch point get #24562
    - Fix the wrong result that occurs when dividing a `BIT`-type value #23479
    - Fix the issue that the results of `prepared` statements and direct queries might be inconsistent #22949
    - Fix the issue that the query result might be wrong when a `YEAR` type is compared with a string or an integer type #23262

16.30.3.2 Feature enhancements

- TiDB
    - Support setting `tidb_enforce_mpp=1` to ignore the optimizer estimation and forcibly use the MPP mode #26382
- TiKV
    - Support changing TiCDC configurations dynamically #10645
- PD
    - Add OIDC-based SSO support for TiDB Dashboard #3884
- TiFlash
    - Support the `HAVING()` function in DAG requests
    - Support the `DATE()` function
    - Add Grafana panels for write throughput per instance

16.30.3.3 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Trigger auto-analyze based on the histogram row count #24237
    - Stop sending requests to a TiFlash node for a period if the node has failed and restarted before #26757
    - Increase the `split region` upper limit to make `split table` and `presplit` more stable #26657
    - Support retry for MPP queries #26483
    - Check the availability of TiFlash before launching MPP queries #1807
    - Support the stable result mode to make the query result more stable #26084
    - Support the MySQL system variable `init_connect` and its associated features #18894
    - Thoroughly push down the `COUNT(DISTINCT)` aggregation function in the MPP mode #25861
    - Print log warnings when the aggregation function cannot be pushed down in `EXPLAIN` statements #25736
    - Add error labels for `TiFlashQueryTotalCounter` in Grafana dashboard #25327
    - Support getting the MVCC data of a clustered index table through a secondary index by HTTP API #24209
    - Optimize the memory allocation of `prepared` statement in parser #24371
- TiKV

- Handle read ready and write ready separately to reduce read latency #10475
- Reduce the size of Resolved TS messages to save network bandwidth #2448
- Drop log instead of blocking threads when the slogger thread is overloaded and the queue is filled up #10841
- Make the slow log of TiKV coprocessor only consider the time spent on processing requests #10841
- Make prewrite as idempotent as possible to reduce the chance of undetermined errors #10587
- Avoid the false "GC can not work" alert under low write flow #10662
- Make the database to be restored always match the original cluster size during backup. #10643
- Ensure that the panic output is flushed to the log #9955

- PD

  - Improve the performance of synchronizing Region information between PDs #3993

- Tools

  - Dumpling

    - Support backing up MySQL-compatible databases that do not support the `START TRANSACTION ... WITH CONSISTENT SNAPSHOT` or the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` syntax #309

  - TiCDC

    - Optimize memory management when Unified Sorter is using memory to sort #2553
    - Prohibit operating TiCDC clusters across major or minor versions #2598
    - Reduce the goroutine usage when a table's Regions are all transferred away from a TiKV node #2284
    - Remove `file sorter` #2326
    - Always pull the old values from TiKV and the output is adjusted according to `enable-old-value` #2301
    - Improve the error message returned when a PD endpoint misses the certificate #1973
    - Optimize workerpool for fewer goroutines when concurrency is high #2211
    - Add a global gRPC connection pool and share gRPC connections among KV clients #2533

16.30.3.4 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when querying a partitioned table and the partition key has the `IS NULL` condition #23802
- Fix the issue that the overflow check of the `FLOAT64` type is different with that of MySQL #23897
- Fix the wrong character set and collation for the `case when` expression #26662
- Fix the issue that committing pessimistic transactions might cause write conflicts #25964
- Fix a bug that the index keys in a pessimistic transaction might be repeatedly committed #26359 #10600
- Fix the issue that TiDB might panic when resolving the async commit locks #25778
- Fix a bug that a column might not be found when using `INDEX MERGE` #25045
- Fix a bug that `ALTER USER REQUIRE SSL` clears users' `authentication_string` #25225
- Fix a bug that the value of the `tidb_gc_scan_lock_mode` global variable on a new cluster shows "PHYSICAL" instead of the actual default mode "LEGACY" #25100
- Fix the bug that the `TIKV_REGION_PEERS` system table does not show the correct `DOWN` status #24879
- Fix the issue of memory leaks that occurs when HTTP API is used #24649
- Fix the issue that views do not support `DEFINER` #24414
- Fix the issue that `tidb-server --help` exits with the code `2` #24046
- Fix the issue that setting the global variable `dml_batch_size` does not take effect #24709
- Fix the issue that using `read_from_storage` and partitioned table at the same time causes an error #20372
- Fix the issue that TiDB panics when executing the projection operator #24264
- Fix the issue that statistics might cause queries to panic #24061
- Fix the issue that using the `approx_percentile` function on a `BIT` column might panic #23662
- Fix the issue that the metrics on the **Coprocessor Cache** panel in Grafana are wrong #26338
- Fix the issue that concurrently truncating the same partition causes DDL statements to stuck #26229
- Fix the issue of wrong query results that occurs when the session variable is used as the `GROUP BY` item #27106
- Fix the wrong implicit conversion between `VARCHAR` and timestamp when joining tables #25902
- Fix the wrong results in associated subquery statements #27233

- TiKV

  - Fix the potential disk full issue caused by corrupted snapshot files #10813
  - Fix the TiKV panic issue that occurs when upgrading from a pre-5.0 version with Titan enabled #10843

- Fix the issue that TiKV of a newer version cannot be rolled back to v5.0.x #10843
- Fix the TiKV panic issue that occurs when upgrading from a pre-5.0 version to a 5.0 version or later. If a cluster was upgraded from TiKV v3.x with Titan enabled before the upgrade, this cluster might encounter the issue. #10774
- Fix the parsing failure caused by the left pessimistic locks #26404
- Fix the panic that occurs when calculating duration on certain platforms #10571
- Fix the issue that the keys of `batch_get_command` in Load Base Split are unencoded #10542

- PD

    - Fix the issue that PD does not fix the down peers in time #4077
    - Fix the issue that the replica count of the default placement rules stays constant after `replication.max-replicas` is updated #3886
    - Fix a bug that PD might panic when scaling out TiKV #3868
    - Fix the scheduling conflict issue that occurs when multiple schedulers are running at same time #3807
    - Fix the issue that the scheduler might appear again even if it has been deleted #2572

- TiFlash

    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when running table scan tasks
    - Fix the potential memory leak issue that occurs when executing MPP tasks
    - Fix a bug that TiFlash raises the `duplicated region` error when handling DAQ requests
    - Fix the issue of unexpected results when executing the aggregation functions `COUNT` or `COUNT DISTINCT`
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when executing MPP tasks
    - Fix a potential bug that TiFlash cannot restore data when deployed on multiple disks
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when deconstructing `SharedQueryBlockInputStream` ↪
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when deconstructing `MPPTask`
    - Fix the issue of unexpected results when TiFlash fails to establish MPP connections
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when resolving locks
    - Fix the issue that the store size in metrics is inaccurate under heavy writing
    - Fix a bug of incorrect results that occurs when queries contain filters like `CONSTANT` ↪ , `<`, `<=`, `>`, `>=`, or `COLUMN`
    - Fix the potential issue that TiFlash cannot garbage-collect the delta data after running for a long time
    - Fix a potential bug that metrics display wrong values
    - Fix the potential issue of data inconsistency that occurs when TiFlash is deployed on multiple disks

- Tools
  - Dumpling
    - Fix the issue that the execution of `show table status` is stuck in MySQL 8.0.3 or a later version #322
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue of process panic that occurs when encoding the data types such as `mysql.TypeString`, `mysql.TypeVarString`, `mysql.TypeVarchar` into JSON #2758
    - Fix a data inconsistency issue that occurs because multiple processors might write data to the same table when this table is being re-scheduled #2417
    - Decrease the gRPC window size to avoid the OOM that occurs when TiCDC captures too many Regions #2724
    - Fix the error that the gRPC connection is frequently broken when the memory pressure is high #2202
    - Fix a bug that causes TiCDC to panic on the unsigned `TINYINT` type #2648
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC Open Protocol outputs an empty value when inserting a transaction and deleting data of the same row in the upstream #2612
    - Fix a bug that DDL handling fails when a changefeed starts at the finish TS of a schema change #2603
    - Fix the issue that irresponsive downstreams interrupt the replication task in old owner until the task times out #2295
    - Fix a bug in metadata management #2558
    - Fix the issue of data inconsistency that occurs after the TiCDC owner switch #2230
    - Fix the issue that outdated capture might appear in the output of the `capture list` command #2388
    - Fix the `ErrSchemaStorageTableMiss` error that occurs when the DDL Job duplication is encountered in the integrated test #2422
    - Fix the bug that a changefeed cannot be removed if the `ErrGCTTLExceeded` error occurs #2391
    - Fix a bug that replicating large tables to cdclog fails #1259 #2424
    - Fix the CLI backward compatibility issue #2373
    - Fix the issue of insecure concurrent access to the map in `SinkManager` #2299
    - Fix the issue of potential DDL loss when the owner crashes when executing DDL statements #1260
    - Fix the issue that the lock is resolved immediately after a Region is initialized #2188
    - Fix the issue of extra partition dispatching that occurs when adding a new partitioned table #2263
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC keeps warning on removed changefeeds #2156

16.30.4 TiDB 5.0.3 Release Notes

Release date: July 2, 2021

TiDB version: 5.0.3

16.30.4.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
    - After a v4.0 cluster is upgraded to v5.0 or a later version (dev or v5.1), the default value of the `tidb_multi_statement_mode` variable changes from `WARN` to `OFF`
    - TiDB is now compatible with MySQL 5.7's noop variable `innodb_default_row_format`. Setting this variable will have no effect. #23541

16.30.4.2 Feature Enhancements

- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Add an HTTP API to get the changefeed information and the health information of the node #1955
        - Add the SASL/SCRAM support for the kafka sink #1942
        - Make TiCDC support `--data-dir` at the server level #2070

16.30.4.3 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Support pushing down the `TopN` operator to TiFlash #25162
    - Support pushing down the built-in function `json_unquote()` to TiKV #24415
    - Support removing the union branch from the dual table #25614
    - Support pushing down the built-in function `replace()` to TiFlash #25565
    - Support pushing down the built-in functions `unix_timestamp()`, `concat()`, `year()`, `day()`, `datediff()`, `datesub()`, and `concat_ws()` to TiFlash #25564
    - Optimize the aggregate operator's cost factor #25241
    - Support pushing down the `Limit` operator to TiFlash #25159
    - Support pushing down the built-in function `str_to_date` to TiFlash #25148
    - Allow the MPP outer join to choose the build table based on the table row count #25142
    - Support pushing down the built-in functions `left()`, `right()`, and `abs()` to TiFlash #25133
    - Support pushing down the Broadcast Cartesian join to TiFlash #25106
    - Support pushing down the `Union All` operator to TiFlash #25051

- Support balancing the MPP query workload among different TiFlash nodes based on Regions #24724
- Support invalidating stale Regions in the cache after the MPP query is executed #24432
- Improve the MySQL compatibility of the built-in function `str_to_date` for the format specifiers `%b/%M/%r/%T` #25767

- TiKV

  - Limit the TiCDC sink's memory consumption #10305
  - Add the memory-bounded upper limit for the TiCDC old value cache #10313

- PD

  - Update TiDB Dashboard to v2021.06.15.1 #3798

- TiFlash

  - Support casting the `STRING` type to the `DOUBLE` type
  - Support the `STR_TO_DATE()` function
  - Optimize the non-joined data in right outer join using multiple threads
  - Support the Cartesian join
  - Support the `LEFT()` and `RIGHT()` functions
  - Support automatically invalidating stale Regions in MPP queries
  - Support the `ABS()` function

- Tools

  - TiCDC

    - Refine gRPC's reconnection logic and increase the KV client's throughput #1586 #1501 #1682 #1393 #1847 #1905 #1904
    - Make the sorter I/O errors more user-friendly

16.30.4.4 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue that an incorrect result is returned when using merge join on the `SET` type column #25669
  - Fix the data corruption issue in the `IN` expression's arguments #25591
  - Avoid the sessions of GC being affected by global variables #24976
  - Fix the panic issue that occurs when using `limit` in the window function queries #25344
  - Fix the wrong value returned when querying a partitioned table using `Limit` #24636

- Fix the issue that `IFNULL` does not correctly take effect on the `ENUM` or `SET` type column #24944
- Fix the wrong results caused by changing the `count` in the join subqueries to `first_row` #24865
- Fix the query hang issue that occurs when `ParallelApply` is used under the `TopN` operator #24930
- Fix the issue that more results than expected are returned when executing SQL statements using multi-column prefix indexes #24356
- Fix the issue that the `<=>` operator cannot correctly take effect #24477
- Fix the data race issue of the parallel `Apply` operator #23280
- Fix the issue that the `index out of range` error is reported when sorting the IndexMerge results of the PartitionUnion operator #23919
- Fix the issue that setting the `tidb_snapshot` variable to an unexpectedly large value might damage the transaction isolation #25680
- Fix the issue that the ODBC-styled constant (for example, `{d '2020-01-01'}`) cannot be used as the expression #25531
- Fix the issue that `SELECT DISTINCT` converted to `Batch Get` causes incorrect results #25320
- Fix the issue that backing off queries from TiFlash to TiKV cannot be triggered #23665 #24421
- Fix the `index-out-of-range` error that occurs when checking `only_full_group_by` #23839)
- Fix the issue that the result of index join in correlated subqueries is wrong #25799

- TiKV

  - Fix the wrong `tikv_raftstore_hibernated_peer_state` metric #10330
  - Fix the wrong arguments type of the `json_unquote()` function in the coprocessor #10176
  - Skip clearing callback during graceful shutdown to avoid breaking ACID in some cases #10353 #10307
  - Fix a bug that the read index is shared for replica reads on a Leader #10347
  - Fix the wrong function that casts `DOUBLE` to `DOUBLE` #25200

- PD

  - Fix the data race issue that occurs when loading TTL configurations after the scheduler is started #3771
  - Fix a bug that the `is_learner` field of the `TIKV_REGION_PEERS` table in TiDB is incorrect #3372 #24293
  - Fix the issue that when all TiKV nodes in a zone are offline or down, PD does not schedule replicas to other zones #3705
  - Fix the issue that PD might get panic after the scatter Region scheduler is added #3762

- TiFlash

- Fix the issue that TiFlash keeps restarting because of the split failure
- Fix the potential issue that TiFlash cannot delete the delta data
- Fix a bug that TiFlash adds wrong padding for non-binary characters in the `CAST` function
- Fix the issue of incorrect results when handling aggregation queries with complex `GROUP BY` columns
- Fix the TiFlash panic issue that occurs under heavy write pressure
- Fix the panic that occurs when the right jon key is not nullalbe and the left join key is nullable
- Fix the potential issue that the `read-index` requests take a long time
- Fix the panic issue that occurs when the read load is heavy
- Fix the panic issue that might occur when the `Date_Format` function is called with the `STRING` type argument and `NULL` values

- Tools

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the issue that TiCDC owner exits when refreshing the checkpoint #1902
    - Fix a bug that some MySQL connection might leak after MySQL sink meets the error and pauses #1946
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when TiCDC fails to read `/proc/meminfo` #2024
    - Reduce TiCDC's runtime memory consumption #2012 #1958
    - Fix a bug that might cause TiCDC server panic due to the late calculation of resolved ts #1576
    - Fix the potential deadlock issue for the processor #2142

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix a bug that all system tables are filtered during restore #1197 #1201
    - Fix the issue that Backup & Restore reports the error of "file already exists" when TDE is enabled during the restore #1179

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Fix the TiDB Lightning panic issue for some special data #1213
    - Fix the EOF error reported when TiDB Lightning splits the imported large CSV files #1133
    - Fix a bug that an excessively large base value is generated when TiDB Lightning imports tables with the `auto_increment` column of the `FLOAT` or `DOUBLE` type #1186
    - Fix the issue that TiDB fails to parse the `DECIMAL` type data in Parquet files #1277

16.30.5 TiDB 5.0.2 Release Notes

Release date: June 10, 2021

TiDB version: 5.0.2

16.30.5.1 Compatibility Changes

- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Deprecate `--sort-dir` in the `cdc cli changefeed` command. Instead, users can set `--sort-dir` in the `cdc server` command. #1795

16.30.5.2 New Features

- TiKV
  - Enable the Hibernate Region feature by default #10266

16.30.5.3 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Avoid frequently reading the `mysql.stats_histograms` table if the cached statistics is up-to-date to avoid high CPU usage #24317
- TiKV
  - BR now supports the S3-compatible storage using the virtual-host addressing mode #10243
  - Support the back pressure for TiCDC's scan speed #10151
  - Reduce the memory usage of TiCDC's initial scan #10133
  - Improve the cache hit ratio of the TiCDC's Old Value feature in the pessimistic transaction #10089
  - Split Regions more evenly to mitigate the issue that the growth of Region size exceeds the splitting speed when there are hotspot writes #9785
- TiFlash
  - Optimize the table lock to prevent DDL jobs and data reads from blocking each other
  - Support casting the `INTEGER` or `REAL` type to `REAL` type
- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Add monitoring metrics for the table memory consumption #1885
    - Optimize the memory and CPU usages during the sorting stage #1863
    - Delete some useless log information that might cause user confusion #1759

- Backup & Restore (BR)
  - Clarify some ambiguous error messages #1132
  - Support checking the cluster version of a backup #1091
  - Support backing up and restoring system tables in the `mysql` schema #1143 #1078
- Dumpling
  - Fix the issue that no error is output when a backup operation fails #280

16.30.5.4 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the panic issue caused by using the prefix index and index join in some cases #24547 #24716 #24717
  - Fix the issue that the prepared plan cache of `point get` is incorrectly used by the `point get` statement in the transaction #24741
  - Fix the issue of writing the wrong prefix index value when the collation is `ascii` ↪ `_bin` or `latin1_bin` #24569
  - Fix the issue that the ongoing transaction might be interrupted by the GC worker #24591
  - Fix a bug that the point query might get wrong on the clustered index when `new-collation` is enabled but `new-row-format` is disabled #24541
  - Refactor the conversion of partition keys for shuffle hash join #24490
  - Fix the panic issue that occurs when building the plan for queries that contain the `HAVING` clause #24045
  - Fix the issue that the column pruning improvement causes the `Apply` and `Join` operators' results to go wrong #23887
  - Fix a bug that the primary lock fallen back from async commit cannot be resolved #24384
  - Fix a GC issue of statistics that might cause duplicated fm-sketch records #24357
  - Avoid unnecessary pessimistic rollback when the pessimistic locking receives the `ErrKeyExists` error #23799
  - Fix the issue that numeric literals cannot be recognized when the sql_mode contains `ANSI_QUOTES` #24429
  - Forbid statements such as `INSERT INTO table PARTITION (<partitions>)...` ↪ `ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` to read data from non-listed partitions #24746
  - Fix the potential `index out of range` error when a SQL statement contains both `GROUP BY` and `UNION` #24281
  - Fix the issue that the `CONCAT` function incorrectly handles the collation #24296
  - Fix the issue that the `collation_server` global variable does not take effect in new sessions #24156
- TiKV

    - Fix a TiCDC OOM issue caused by reading old values #9996 #9981
    - Fix the issue of empty value in the secondary index for the clustered primary key column when collation is `latin1_bin` #24548
    - Add the `abort-on-panic` configuration, which allows TiKV to generate the core dump file when panic occurs. Users still need to correctly configure the environment to enable core dump #10216
    - Fix the performance regression issue of `point get` queries that occurs when TiKV is not busy #10046

- PD

    - Fix the issue that the PD Leader re-election is slow when there are many stores #3697
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when removing the evict leader scheduler from a non-existent store #3660
    - Fix the issue that the statistics are not updated after offline peers are merged #3611

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue of incorrect results when cloning shared delta index concurrently
    - Fix the potential issue that TiFlash fails to restart with incomplete data
    - Fix the issue that old dm files are not removed automatically
    - Fix the potential panic that occurs when the Compaction Filter feature is enabled
    - Fix the potential issue that `ExchangeSender` sends duplicated data
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash cannot resolve the lock fallen back from async commit
    - Fix the issue of incorrect results returned when the casted result of the `TIMEZONE` type contains the `TIMESTAMP` type
    - Fix the TiFlash panic issue that occurs during Segment Split
    - Fix the issue that the execution information about the non-root MPP task is not accurate

- Tools

    - TiCDC

        - Fix the issue that the time zone information is lost in the Avro output #1712
        - Support cleaning up stale temporary files in Unified Sorter and forbid sharing the `sort-dir` directory #1742
        - Fix a deadlock bug in the KV client that occurs when many stale Regions exist #1599
        - Fix the wrong help information in the `--cert-allowed-cn` flag #1697
        - Revert the update for `explicit_defaults_for_timestamp` which requires the `SUPER` privilege when replicating data to MySQL #1750
        - Support the sink flow control to reduce the risk of memory overflow #1840
        - Fix a bug that the replication task might stop when moving a table #1828

- Fix the issue that the TiKV GC safe point is blocked due to the stagnation of TiCDC changefeed checkpoint #1759

- Backup & Restore (BR)
  - Fix the issue that the `DELETE` events are lost during the log restore #1063
  - Fix a bug that causes BR to send too many useless RPC requests to TiKV #1037
  - Fix the issue that no error is output when a backup operation fails #1043
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue of TiDB Lightning panic that occurs when generating KV data #1127
  - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning in the TiDB-backend mode cannot load any data when the autocommit is disabled #1104
  - Fix a bug that the batch split Region fails due to the total key size exceeding the raft entry limit during the data import #969

16.30.6 TiDB 5.0.1 Release Notes

Release date: April 24, 2021

TiDB version: 5.0.1

16.30.6.1 Compatibility change

- The default value of the `committer-concurrency` configuration item is changed from `16` to `128`.

16.30.6.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Support the built-in function `VITESS_HASH()` #23915
- TiKV
  - Use `zstd` to compress the Region snapshot #10005
- PD
  - Modify the Region score calculator to better satisfy isomerous stores #3605
  - Avoid unexpected statistics after adding the `scatter region` scheduler #3602
- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Remove some misleading information from the summary log #1009

16.30.6.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the execution result of project elimination might be wrong when the projection result is empty #24093
    - Fix the issue of wrong query results when a column contains `NULL` values in some cases #24063
    - Forbid generating MPP plans when the scan contains virtual columns #24058
    - Fix the wrong reuse of `PointGet` and `TableDual` in Plan Cache #24043
    - Fix the error that occurs when the optimizer builds the `IndexMerge` plan for clustered indexes #24042
    - Fix the type inference of the BIT-type errors #24027
    - Fix the issue that some optimizer hints do not take effect when the `PointGet` operator exists #23685
    - Fix the issue that DDL operations might fail when rolling back due to an error #24080
    - Fix the issue that the index range of the binary literal constant is incorrectly built #24041
    - Fix the potential wrong results of the `IN` clause in some cases #24023
    - Fix the wrong results of some string functions #23879
    - Users now need both `INSERT` and `DELETE` privileges on a table to perform `REPLACE` operations #23939
    - Fix the performance regression when executing the point query #24070
    - Fix the wrong `TableDual` plans caused by incorrectly comparing binaries and bytes #23918
- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that the coprocessor fails to properly handle the signed or unsigned integer types in the `IN` expression #10018
    - Fix the issue of many empty Regions after batch ingesting SST files #10015
    - Fix the potential panic that occurs when the input of `cast_string_as_time` is invalid UTF-8 bytes #9995
    - Fix a bug that TiKV cannot start up after the file dictionary file is damaged #9992
- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue that the storage engine fails to remove the data of some ranges
    - Fix the issue of incorrect results when casting the time type to the integer type
    - Fix a bug that the `receiver` cannot find corresponding tasks within 10 seconds
    - Fix the issue that there might be invalid iterators in `cancelMPPQuery`
    - Fix a bug that the behavior of the `bitwise` operator is different from that of TiDB

- Fix the alert issue caused by overlapping ranges when using the `prefix key`
- Fix the issue of incorrect results when casting the string type to the integer type
- Fix the issue that consecutive and fast writes might make TiFlash out of memory
- Fix the issue that duplicated column names will make TiFlash raise errors
- Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to parse MPP plans
- Fix the potential issue that the exception of null pointer might be raised during the table GC
- Fix the TiFlash panic issue that occurs when writing data to dropped tables
- Fix the issue that TiFlash might panic during BR restore

- Tools
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Fix the issue of the inaccurate table count in the progress log during the import #1005
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix a bug that the actual backup speed exceeds the `--ratelimit` limit #1026
    - Fix the issue of backup interruption caused by the failure of a few TiKV nodes #1019
    - Fix the issue of the inaccurate table count in the progress log during TiDB Lightning's import #1005
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the concurrency issue in Unified Sorter and filter the unhelpful error messages #1678
    - Fix a bug that the creation of redundant directories might interrupt the replication with MinIO #1672
    - Set the default value of the `explicit_defaults_for_timestamp` session variable to `ON` to make the MySQL 5.7 downstream keep the same behavior with the upstream TiDB #1659
    - Fix the issue that the incorrect handling of `io.EOF` might cause replication interruption #1648
    - Correct the TiKV CDC endpoint CPU metric in the TiCDC dashboard #1645
    - Increase `defaultBufferChanSize` to avoid replication blocking in some cases #1632

16.30.7 What's New in TiDB 5.0

Release date: April 7, 2021

TiDB version: 5.0.0

In v5.0, PingCAP is dedicated to helping enterprises quickly build applications based on TiDB, freeing them from worries about database performance, performance jitter, security, high availability, disaster recovery, troubleshooting SQL performance, and so on.

In v5.0, the key new features or improvements are as follows:

- Introduce Massively Parallel Processing (MPP) architecture through TiFlash nodes, which shares the execution workloads of large join queries among TiFlash nodes. When the MPP mode is enabled, TiDB, based on cost, determines whether to use the MPP framework to perform the calculation. In the MPP mode, the join keys are redistributed through the `Exchange` operation while being calculated, which distributes the calculation pressure to each TiFlash node and speeds up the calculation. According to the benchmark, with the same cluster resource, TiDB 5.0 MPP shows 2 to 3 times of speedup over Greenplum 6.15.0 and Apache Spark 3.1.1, and some queries have 8 times better performance.
- Introduce the clustered index feature to improve database performance. For example, in the TPC-C tpmC test, the performance of TiDB, with clustered index enabled, improves by 39%.
- Enable the async commit feature to reduce the write latency. For example, in the 64-thread Sysbench test, the average latency of updating indexes, with async commit enabled, is reduced by 41.7%, from 12.04 ms to 7.01 ms.
- Reduce jitters. This is achieved by improving the optimizer stability and by limiting system tasks' usages of I/O, network, CPU, and memory resources. For example, in the 8-hour performance test, the standard deviation of TPC-C tpmC does not exceed 2%.
- Enhance system stability by improving scheduling and by keeping execution plans stable as much as possible.
- Introduces Raft Joint Consensus algorithm, which ensures the system availability during the Region membership change.
- Optimize `EXPLAIN` features and invisible index, which helps Database Administrators (DBAs) debug SQL statements more efficiently.
- Guarantee reliability for enterprise data. You can back up data from TiDB to Amazon S3 storage and Google Cloud GCS, or restore data from these cloud storage platforms.
- Improve performance of data import from or data export to Amazon S3 storage or TiDB/MySQL, which helps enterprises quickly build applications on the cloud. For example, in the TPC-C test, the performance of importing 1 TiB data improves by 40%, from 254 GiB/h to 366 GiB/h.

16.30.7.1 Compatibility changes

16.30.7.1.1 System variables

- Add the `tidb_executor_concurrency` system variable to control the concurrency of multiple operators. The previous `tidb_*_concurrency` settings (such as `tidb_projection_concurrency`) still take effect but with a warning when you use them.
- Add the `tidb_skip_ascii_check` system variable to specify whether to skip the ASCII validation check when the ASCII character set is written. This default value is `OFF`.
- Add the `tidb_enable_strict_double_type_check` system variable to determine whether the syntax like `double(N)` can be defined in the table schema. This default

value is `OFF`.

- Change the default value of `tidb_dml_batch_size` from `20000` to `0`. This means that batch DML statements are no longer used by default in `LOAD/INSERT INTO SELECT ...`. Instead, large transactions are used to comply with the strict ACID semantics.

> **Note:**
> The scope of the variable is changed from session to global, and the default value is changed from `20000` to `0`. If the application relies on the original default value, you need to use the `set global` statement to modify the variable to the original value after the upgrade.

- Control temporary tables' syntax compatibility using the `tidb_enable_noop_functions` system variable. When this variable value is `OFF`, the `CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE` syntax returns an error.
- Add the following system variables to directly control the garbage collection-related parameters:
  - `tidb_gc_concurrency`
  - `tidb_gc_enable`
  - `tidb_gc_life_time`
  - `tidb_gc_run_interval`
  - `tidb_gc_scan_lock_mode`
- Change the default value of `enable-joint-consensus` from `false` to `true`, which enables the Joint Consensus feature by default.
- Change the value of `tidb_enable_amend_pessimistic_txn` from `0` or `1` to `ON` or `OFF`.
- Change the default value of `tidb_enable_clustered_index` from `OFF` to `INT_ONLY` with the following new meanings:
  - `ON`: clustered index is enabled. Adding or deleting non-clustered indexes is supported.
  - `OFF`: clustered index is disabled. Adding or deleting non-clustered indexes is supported.
  - `INT_ONLY`: the default value. The behavior is consistent with that before v5.0. You can control whether to enable clustered index for the INT type together with `alter-primary-key = false`.

Note:

The `INT_ONLY` value of `tidb_enable_clustered_index` in 5.0 GA has the same meaning as the `OFF` value in 5.0 RC. After upgrading from a 5.0 RC cluster with the `OFF` setting to 5.0 GA, it will be displayed as `INT_ONLY`.

16.30.7.1.2 Configuration file parameters

- Add the `index-limit` configuration item for TiDB. Its value defaults to `64` and ranges between `[64,512]`. A MySQL table supports 64 indexes at most. If its value exceeds the default setting and more than 64 indexes are created for a table, when the table schema is re-imported into MySQL, an error will be reported.
- Add the `enable-enum-length-limit` configuration item for TiDB to be compatible and consistent with MySQL's ENUM/SET length (ENUM length < 255). The default value is `true`.
- Replace the `pessimistic-txn.enable` configuration item with the `tidb_txn_mode` environment variable.
- Replace the `performance.max-memory` configuration item with `performance.server-memory-quota`
- Replace the `tikv-client.copr-cache.enable` configuration item with `tikv-client.copr-cache.capacity-mb`. If the item's value is `0.0`, this feature is disabled. If the item's value is greater than `0.0`, this feature is enabled. Its default value is `1000.0`.
- Replace the `rocksdb.auto-tuned` configuration item with `rocksdb.rate-limiter-auto-tuned`.
- Delete the `raftstore.sync-log` configuration item. By default, written data is forcibly spilled to the disk. Before v5.0, you can explicitly disable `raftstore.sync-log`. Since v5.0, the configuration value is forcibly set to `true`.
- Change the default value of the `gc.enable-compaction-filter` configuration item from `false` to `true`.
- Change the default value of the `enable-cross-table-merge` configuration item from `false` to `true`.
- Change the default value of the `rate-limiter-auto-tuned` configuration item from `false` to `true`.

16.30.7.1.3 Others

- Before the upgrade, check the value of the TiDB configuration `feedback-probability`. If the value is not 0, the "panic in the recoverable goroutine" error will occur after the upgrade, but this error does not affect the upgrade.
- Forbid conversion between `VARCHAR` type and `CHAR` type during the column type change to avoid data correctness issues.

16.30.7.2 New features

16.30.7.2.1 SQL

List partitioning (**Experimental**)

User document

With the list partitioning feature, you can effectively query and maintain tables with a large amount of data.

With this feature enabled, partitions and how data is distributed among partitions are defined according to the `PARTITION BY LIST(expr)PARTITION part_name VALUES IN (...)` expression. The partitioned tables' data set supports at most 1024 distinct integer values. You can define the values using the `PARTITION ... VALUES IN (...)` clause.

To enable list partitioning, set the session variable `tidb_enable_list_partition` to `ON`.

List COLUMNS partitioning (**Experimental**)

User document

List COLUMNS partitioning is a variant of list partitioning. You can use multiple columns as partition keys. Besides the integer data type, you can also use the columns in the string, `DATE`, and `DATETIME` data types as partition columns.

To enable List COLUMNS partitioning, set the session variable `tidb_enable_list_partition` to `ON`.

Invisible indexes

User document, #9246

When you tune performance or select optimal indexes, you can set an index to be `Visible` or `Invisible` by using SQL statements. This setting can avoid performing resource-consuming operations, such as `DROP INDEX` and `ADD INDEX`.

To modify the visibility of an index, use the `ALTER INDEX` statement. After the modification, the optimizer decides whether to add this index to the index list based on the index visibility.

`EXCEPT` and `INTERSECT` operators

User document, #18031

The `INTERSECT` operator is a set operator, which returns the intersection of the result sets of two or more queries. To some extent, it is an alternative to the `Inner Join` operator.

The `EXCEPT` operator is a set operator, which combines the result sets of two queries and returns elements that are in the first query result but not in the second.

16.30.7.2.2 Transaction

#18005

In the pessimistic transaction mode, if the tables involved in a transaction contain concurrent DDL operations or `SCHEMA VERSION` changes, the system automatically updates the transaction's `SCHEMA VERSION` to the latest to ensure the successful transaction commit, and to avoid that the client receives the `Information schema is changed` error when the transaction is interrupted by DDL operations or `SCHEMA VERSION` changes.

This feature is disabled by default. To enable the feature, modify the value of `tidb_enable_amend_pessimistic_txn` system variable. This feature is introduced in v4.0.7 and has the following issues fixed in v5.0:

- The compatibility issue that occurs when TiDB Binlog executes `Add Column` operations
- The data inconsistency issue that occurs when using the feature together with the unique index
- The data inconsistency issue that occurs when using the feature together with the added index

Currently, this feature still has the following incompatibility issues:

- Transaction's semantics might change when there are concurrent transactions
- Known compatibility issue that occurs when using the feature together with TiDB Binlog
- Incompatibility with `Change Column`

16.30.7.2.3 Character set and collation

- Support the `utf8mb4_unicode_ci` and `utf8_unicode_ci` collations. User document, #17596
- Support the case-insensitive comparison sort for collations

16.30.7.2.4 Security

User document, #18566

To meet security compliance requirements (such as *General Data Protection Regulation*, or GDPR), the system supports desensitizing information (such as ID and credit card number) in the output error messages and logs, which can avoid leaking sensitive information.

TiDB supports desensitizing the output log information. To enable this feature, use the following switches:

- The global variable `tidb_redact_log`. Its default value is `0`, which means that desensitization is disabled. To enable desensitization for tidb-server logs, set the variable value to `1`.
- The configuration item `security.redact-info-log`. Its default value is `false`, which means that desensitization is disabled. To enable desensitization for tikv-server logs, set the variable value to `true`.

- The configuration item `security.redact-info-log`. Its default value is `false`, which means that desensitization is disabled. To enable desensitization for pd-server logs, set the variable value to `true`.
- The configuration item `security.redact_info_log` for tiflash-server and `security.redact-info-log` for tiflash-learner. Their default values are both `false`, which means that desensitization is disabled. To enable desensitization for tiflash-server and tiflash-learner logs, set the values of both variables to `true`.

This feature is introduced in v5.0. To use the feature, enable the system variable and all configuration items above.

16.30.7.3 Performance optimization

16.30.7.3.1 MPP architecture

User document

TiDB introduces the MPP architecture through TiFlash nodes. This architecture allows multiple TiFlash nodes to share the execution workload of large join queries.

When the MPP mode is on, TiDB determines whether to send a query to the MPP engine for computation based on the calculation cost. In the MPP mode, TiDB distributes the computation of table joins to each running TiFlash node by redistributing the join key during data calculation (`Exchange` operation), and thus accelerates the calculation. Furthermore, with the aggregation computing feature that TiFlash has already supported, TiDB can pushdown the computation of a query to the TiFlash MPP cluster. Then the distributed environment can help accelerate the entire execution process and dramatically increase the speed of analytic queries.

In the TPC-H 100 benchmark test, TiFlash MPP delivers significant processing speed over analytic engines of traditional analytic databases and SQL on Hadoop. With this architecture, you can perform large-scale analytic queries directly on the latest transaction data, with a higher performance than traditional offline analytic solutions. According to the benchmark, with the same cluster resource, TiDB 5.0 MPP shows 2 to 3 times of speedup over Greenplum 6.15.0 and Apache Spark 3.1.1, and some queries have 8 times better performance.

Currently, the main features that the MPP mode does not support are as follows (For details, refer to Use TiFlash):

- Table partitioning
- Window Function
- Collation
- Some built-in functions
- Reading data from TiKV
- OOM spill
- Union
- Full Outer Join

16.30.7.3.2 Clustered index

User document, #4841

When you are designing table structures or analyzing database behaviors, it is recommended to use the clustered index feature if you find that some columns with primary keys are often grouped and sorted, queries on these columns often return a certain range of data or a small amount of data with different values, and the corresponding data does not cause read or write hotspot issues.

Clustered indexes is a storage structure associated with the data of a table. Some database management systems refer to clustered index tables as *index-organized tables*. When creating a clustered index, you can specify one or more columns from the table as the keys for the index. TiDB stores these keys in a specific structure, which allows TiDB to quickly and efficiently find the rows associated with the keys, thus improves the performance of querying and writing data.

When the clustered index feature is enabled, the TiDB performance improves significantly (for example in the TPC-C tpmC test, the performance of TiDB, with clustered index enabled, improves by 39%) in the following cases:

- When data is inserted, the clustered index reduces one write of the index data from the network.
- When a query with an equivalent condition only involves the primary key, the clustered index reduces one read of index data from the network.
- When a query with a range condition only involves the primary key, the clustered index reduces multiple reads of index data from the network.
- When a query with an equivalent or range condition involves the primary key prefix, the clustered index reduces multiple reads of index data from the network.

Each table can either use a clustered or non-clustered index to sort and store data. The differences of these two storage structures are as follows:

- When creating a clustered index, you can specify one or more columns in the table as the key value of the index. A clustered index sorts and stores the data of a table according to the key value. Each table can have only one clustered index. If a table has a clustered index, it is called a clustered index table. Otherwise, it is called a non-clustered index table.
- When you create a non-clustered index, the data in the table is stored in an unordered structure. You do not need to explicitly specify the key value of the non-clustered index, because TiDB automatically assigns a unique ROWID to each row of data. During a query, the ROWID is used to locate the corresponding row. Because there are at least two network I/O operations when you query or insert data, the performance is degraded compared with clustered indexes.

When table data is modified, the database system automatically maintains clustered indexes and non-clustered indexes for you.

All primary keys are created as non-clustered indexes by default. You can create a primary key as a clustered index or non-clustered index in either of the following two ways:

- Specify the keyword `CLUSTERED | NONCLUSTERED` in the statement when creating a table, then the system creates the table in the specified way. The syntax is as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE `t` (`a` VARCHAR(255), `b` INT, PRIMARY KEY (`a`, `b`)
    ↪ CLUSTERED);
```

Or

```
CREATE TABLE `t` (`a` VARCHAR(255) PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED, `b` INT);
```

You can execute the statement `SHOW INDEX FROM tbl-name` to query whether a table has a clustered index.

- Configure the system variable `tidb_enable_clustered_index` to control the clustered index feature. Supported values are `ON`, `OFF`, and `INT_ONLY`.
    - `ON`: Indicates that the clustered index feature is enabled for all types of primary keys. Adding and dropping non-clustered indexes are supported.
    - `OFF`: Indicates that the clustered index feature is disabled for all types of primary keys. Adding and dropping non-clustered indexes are supported.
    - `INT_ONLY`: The default value. If the variable is set to `INT_ONLY` and `alter-primary-key` is set to `false`, the primary keys which consist of single integer columns are created as clustered indexes by default. The behavior is consistent with that of TiDB v5.0 and earlier versions.

If a `CREATE TABLE` statement contains the keyword `CLUSTERED | NONCLUSTERED`, the statement overrides the configuration of the system variable and the configuration item.

You are recommended to use the clustered index feature by specifying the keyword `CLUSTERED | NONCLUSTERED` in statements. In this way, it is more flexible for TiDB to use all data types of clustered and non-clustered indexes in the system at the same time as required.

It is not recommended to use `tidb_enable_clustered_index = INT_ONLY`, because `INT_ONLY` is temporarily used to make this feature compatible and will be deprecated in the future.

Limitations for the clustered index are as follows:

- Mutual conversion between clustered indexes and non-clustered indexes is not supported.
- Dropping clustered indexes is not supported.
- Adding, dropping, and altering clustered indexes using `ALTER TABLE` statements are not supported.

- Reorganizing and re-creating a clustered index is not supported.
- Enabling or disabling indexes is not supported, which means the invisible index feature is not effective for clustered indexes.
- Creating a `UNIQUE KEY` as a clustered index is not supported.
- Using the clustered index feature together with TiDB Binlog is not supported. After TiDB Binlog is enabled, TiDB only supports creating a single integer primary key as a clustered index. TiDB Binlog does not replicate data changes of existing tables with clustered indexes to the downstream.
- Using the clustered index feature together with the attributes `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` and `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` is not supported.
- If the cluster is upgraded to a later version then rolls back, you need to downgrade newly-added tables by exporting table data before the rollback and importing the data after the rollback. Other tables are not affected.

16.30.7.3.3 Async Commit

User document, #8316

The client of the database will wait for the database system to complete the transaction commit in two phases (2PC) synchronously. The transaction returns the result to the client after the first phase commit is successful, and the system executes the second phase commit operation in the background asynchronously to reduce the transaction commit latency. If the transaction write involves only one Region, the second phase is omitted directly, and the transaction becomes a one-phase commit.

After the Async Commit feature is enabled, with the same hardware and configuration, when Sysbench is set to test the Update index with 64 threads, the average latency decreases by 41.7% from 12.04ms to 7.01ms.

When Async Commit feature is enabled, to reduce one network interaction latency and improve the performance of data writes, database application developers are recommended to consider reducing the consistency of transactions from linear consistency to causal consistency. The SQL statement to enable causal consistency is `START TRANSACTION WITH CAUSAL CONSISTENCY`.

After the causal consistency is enabled, with the same hardware and configuration, when Sysbench is set to test oltp_write_only with 64 threads, the average latency decreased by 5.6% from 11.86ms to 11.19ms.

After the consistency of transactions is reduced from the linear consistency to causal consistency, if there is no interdependence between multiple transactions in the application, the transactions do not have a globally consistent order.

The Async Commit feature is enabled by default for newly created v5.0 clusters.

This feature is disabled by default for clusters upgraded from earlier versions to v5.0. You can enable this feature by executing the `set global tidb_enable_async_commit = ON;` and `set global tidb_enable_1pc = ON;` statements.

The limitation for the Async Commit feature is as follows:

- Direct downgrade is not supported.

16.30.7.3.4 Enable the Coprocessor cache feature by default

User document, #18028

In 5.0 GA, the Coprocessor cache feature is enabled by default. After this feature is enabled, to reduce the latency of reading data, TiDB caches the calculation results of the operators pushed down to tikv-server in tidb-server.

To disable the Coprocessor cache feature, you can modify the `capacity-mb` configuration item of `tikv-client.copr-cache` to `0.0`.

16.30.7.3.5 Improve the execution performance of `delete from table where id <? Limit ?` statement

#18028

The p99 performance of the `delete from table where id <? limit ?` statement is improved by 4 times.

16.30.7.3.6 Optimize load base split strategy to solve the performance problem that data cannot be split in some small table hotspot read scenarios

#18005

16.30.7.4 Improve stability

16.30.7.4.1 Optimize the performance jitter issue caused by imperfect scheduling

#18005

The TiDB scheduling process occupies resources such as I/O, network, CPU, and memory. If TiDB does not control the scheduled tasks, QPS and delay might cause performance jitter due to resource preemption.

After the following optimizations, in the 8-hour performance test, the standard deviation of TPC-C tpmC does not exceed 2%.

Introduce new scheduling calculation formulas to reduce unnecessary scheduling and performance jitter

When the node capacity is always near the waterline set in the system, or when the `store-limit` is set too large, to balance the capacity load, the system frequently schedules Regions to other nodes or even schedules Regions back to their original nodes. Because

scheduling occupies resources, such as I/O, network, CPU, and memory, and causes performance jitter, this type of scheduling is not necessary.

To mitigate this issue, PD introduces a new set of default scheduling calculation formulas. You can switch back to the old formulas by configuring `region-score-formula-version = v1`.

Enable the cross-table Region merge feature by default

User document

Before v5.0, TiDB disables the cross-table Region merge feature by default. Starting from v5.0, this feature is enabled by default to reduce the number of empty Regions and the overhead of network, memory, and CPU. You can disable this feature by modifying the `schedule.enable-cross-table-merge` configuration item.

Enable the system to automatically adjust the data compaction speed by default to balance the contention for I/O resources between background tasks and foreground reads and writes

User document

Before v5.0, to balance the contention for I/O resources between background tasks and foreground reads and writes, the feature that the system automatically adjusts the data compaction speed is disabled by default. Starting from v5.0, TiDB enables this feature by default and optimizes the algorithm so that the latency jitter is significantly reduced.

You can disable this feature by modifying the `rate-limiter-auto-tuned` configuration item.

Enable the GC Compaction Filter feature by default to reduce GC's consumption of CPU and I/O resources

User document, #18009

When TiDB performs garbage collection (GC) and data compaction, partitions occupy CPU and I/O resources. Overlapping data exists during the execution of these two tasks.

To reduce GC's consumption of CPU and I/O resources, the GC Compaction Filter feature combines these two tasks into one and executes them in the same task. This feature is enabled by default. You can disable it by configuring `gc.enable-compaction-filter = false`.

TiFlash limits the compression and data sorting's use of I/O resources (**experimental feature**)

This feature alleviates the contention for I/O resources between background tasks and foreground reads and writes.

This feature is disabled by default. You can enable this feature by modifying the `bg_task_io_rate_limit` configuration item.

Improve the performance of checking scheduling constraints and the performance of fixing the unhealthy Regions in a large cluster

16.30.7.4.2 Ensure that the execution plans are unchanged as much as possible to avoid performance jitter

User document

SQL Binding supports the `INSERT`, `REPLACE`, `UPDATE`, `DELETE` statements

When tuning performance or maintaining the database, if you find that the system performance is unstable due to unstable execution plans, you can select a manually optimized SQL statement according to your judgement or tested by `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`. You can bind the optimized SQL statement to the SQL statement to be executed in the application code to ensure stable performance.

When manually binding SQL statements using the SQL BINDING statement, you need to ensure that the optimized SQL statement has the same syntax as the original SQL statement.

You can view the manually or automatically bound execution plan information by running the `SHOW {GLOBAL | SESSION} BINDINGS` command. The output is the same as that of versions earlier than v5.0.

Automatically capture and bind execution plans

When upgrading TiDB, to avoid performance jitter, you can enable the baseline capturing feature to allow the system to automatically capture and bind the latest execution plan and store it in the system table. After TiDB is upgraded, you can export the bound execution plan by running the `SHOW GLOBAL BINDING` command and decide whether to delete these plans.

This feature is disabled by default. You can enable it by modifying the server or setting the `tidb_capture_plan_baselines` global system variable to `ON`. When this feature is enabled, the system fetches the SQL statements that appear at least twice from the Statement Summary every `bind-info-lease` (the default value is `3s`), and automatically captures and binds these SQL statements.

16.30.7.4.3 Improve stability of TiFlash queries

Add a system variable `tidb_allow_fallback_to_tikv` to fall back queries to TiKV when TiFlash fails. The default value is `OFF`.

16.30.7.4.4 Improve TiCDC stability and alleviate the OOM issue caused by replicating too much incremental data

User document, #1150

In TiCDC v4.0.9 or earlier versions, replicating too much data change might cause OOM. In v5.0, the Unified Sorter feature is enabled by default to mitigate OOM issues caused by the following scenarios:

- The data replication task in TiCDC is paused for a long time, during which a large amount of incremental data is accumulated and needs to be replicated.

- The data replication task is started from an early timestamp, so it becomes necessary to replicate a large amount of incremental data.

Unified Sorter is integrated with the `memory/file` sort-engine options of earlier versions. You do not need to manually configure the change.

Limitations:

- You need to provide sufficient disk capacity according to the amount of your incremental data. It is recommended to use SSDs with free capacity greater than 128 GB.

16.30.7.5 High availability and disaster recovery

16.30.7.5.1 Improve system availability during Region membership change

User document, #18079, #7587, #2860

In the process of Region membership changes, "adding a member" and "deleting a member" are two operations performed in two steps. If a failure occurs when the membership change finishes, the Regions will become unavailable and an error of foreground application is returned.

The introduced Raft Joint Consensus algorithm can improve the system availability during Region membership change. "adding a member" and "deleting a member" operations during the membership change are combined into one operation and sent to all members. During the change process, Regions are in an intermediate state. If any modified member fails, the system is still available.

This feature is enabled by default. You can disable it by running the `pd-ctl config set enable-joint-consensus` command to set the `enable-joint-consensus` value to `false`.

16.30.7.5.2 Optimize the memory management module to reduce system OOM risks

Track the memory usage of aggregate functions. This feature is enabled by default. When SQL statements with aggregate functions are executed, if the total memory usage of the current query exceeds the threshold set by `mem-quota-query`, the system automatically performs operations defined by `oom-action`.

16.30.7.5.3 Improve the system availability during network partition

16.30.7.6 Data migration

16.30.7.6.1 Migrate data from S3/Aurora to TiDB

TiDB data migration tools support using Amazon S3 (and other S3-compatible storage services) as the intermediate for data migration and initializing Aurora snapshot data directly into TiDB, providing more options for migrating data from Amazon S3/Aurora to TiDB.

To use this feature, refer to the following documents:

- Export data to Amazon S3 cloud storage, #8
- Migrate from Amazon Aurora MySQL Using TiDB Lightning, #266

16.30.7.6.2 Optimize the data import performance of TiDB Cloud

TiDB Lightning optimizes its data import performance specifically for AWS T1.standard configurations (or equivalent) of TiDB Cloud. Test results show that TiDB Lightning improves its speed of importing 1TB of TPC-C data into TiDB by 40%, from 254 GiB/h to 366 GiB/h.

16.30.7.7 Data sharing and subscription

16.30.7.7.1 Integrate TiDB to Kafka Connect (Confluent Platform) using TiCDC (experimental feature)

User document, #660

To support the business requirements of streaming TiDB data to other systems, this feature enables you to stream TiDB data to the systems such as Kafka, Hadoop, and Oracle.

The Kafka connectors protocol provided by the Confluent platform is widely used in the community, and it supports transferring data to either relational or non-relational databases in different protocols. By integrating TiCDC to Kafka Connect of the Confluent platform, TiDB extends the ability to stream TiDB data to other heterogeneous databases or systems.

16.30.7.8 Diagnostics

User document

During the troubleshooting of SQL performance issues, detailed diagnostic information is needed to determine the causes of performance issues. Before TiDB 5.0, the information collected by the `EXPLAIN` statements was not detailed enough. The root causes of the issues can only be determined based on log information, monitoring information, or even on guess, which might be inefficient.

In TiDB v5.0, the following improvements are made to help you troubleshoot performance issues more efficiently:

- Support using the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement to analyze all DML statements to show the actual performance plans and the execution information of each operator. #18056

- Support using the `EXPLAIN FOR CONNECTION` statement to check the real-time status of all the SQL statements being executed. For example, you can use the statement to check the execution duration of each operator and the number of processed rows. #18233
- Provide more details about the operator execution in the output of the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement, including the number of RPC requests sent by operators, the duration of resolving lock conflicts, network latency, the scanned volume of deleted data in RocksDB, and the hit rate of RocksDB caches. #18663
- Support automatically recording the detailed execution information of SQL statements in the slow log. The execution information in the slow log is consistent with the output information of the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement, which includes the time consumed by each operator, the number of processed rows, and the number of sent RPC requests. #15009

16.30.7.9 Deployment and maintenance

16.30.7.9.1 Optimize the logic of cluster deployment operations, to help DBAs deploy a set of standard TiDB production cluster faster

User Document

In previous TiDB versions, DBAs using TiUP to deploy TiDB clusters find that the environment initialization is complicated, the checksum configuration is excessive, and the cluster topology file is difficult to edit. All of these issues lead to low deployment efficiency for DBAs. In TiDB v5.0, the TiDB deployment efficiency using TiUP is improved for DBAs through the following items:

- TiUP Cluster supports the `check topo.yaml` command to perform a more comprehensive one-click environment check and provide repair recommendations.
- TiUP Cluster supports the `check topo.yaml --apply` command to automatically repair environmental problems found during the environment check.
- TiUP Cluster supports the `template` command to get the cluster topology template file for DBAs to edit and support modifying the global node parameters.
- TiUP supports editing the `remote_config` parameter using the `edit-config` command to configure remote Prometheus.
- TiUP supports editing the `external_alertmanagers` parameter to configure different AlertManagers using the `edit-config` command.
- When editing the topology file using the `edit-config` subcommand in tiup-cluster, you can modify the data types of the configuration item values.

16.30.7.9.2 Improve upgrade stability

Before TiUP v1.4.0, during the upgrade of a TiDB cluster using tiup-cluster, the SQL responses of the cluster jitter for a long period of time, and during PD online rolling upgrades, the QPS of the cluster jitter between 10s to 30s.

TiUP v1.4.0 adjusts the logic and makes the following optimizations:

- During the upgrade of PD nodes, TiUP automatically checks the status of the restarted PD node, and then rolls to upgrade the next PD node after confirming that the status is ready.
- TiUP identifies the PD role automatically, first upgrades the PD nodes of the follower role, and finally upgrades the PD Leader node.

16.30.7.9.3 Optimize the upgrade time

Before TiUP v1.4.0, when DBAs upgrade TiDB clusters using tiup-cluster, for clusters with a large number of nodes, the total upgrade time is long and cannot meet the upgrade time window requirement for certain users.

Starting from v1.4.0, TiUP optimizes the following items:

- Supports fast offline upgrades using the `tiup cluster upgrade --offline` subcommand.
- Speeds up the Region Leader relocation for users using rolling upgrades during upgrades by default, so that reduces the time of rolling TiKV upgrades.
- Checks the status of the Region monitor using the `check` subcommand before running a rolling upgrade. Ensure that the cluster is in a normal state before the upgrade, thus reducing the probability of upgrade failures.

16.30.7.9.4 Support the breakpoint feature

Before TiUP v1.4.0, when DBAs upgrade TiDB clusters using tiup-cluster, if the execution of a command is interrupted, all the upgrade operations have to be performed again from the beginning.

TiUP v1.4.0 supports retrying failed operations from breakpoints using the tiup-cluster `replay` subcommand, to avoid re-executing all operations after an upgrade interruption.

16.30.7.9.5 Enhance the functionalities of maintenance and operations

TiUP v1.4.0 further enhances the functionalities for operating and maintaining TiDB clusters.

- Supports the upgrade or patch operation on the downtime TiDB and DM clusters to adapt to more usage scenarios.
- Adds the `--version` parameter to the `display` subcommand of tiup-cluster to get the cluster version.
- When only Prometheus is included in the node being scaled out, the operation of updating the monitoring configuration is not performed, to avoid scale-out failure due to the absence of the Prometheus node.
- Adds user input to the error message when the results of the input TiUP commands are incorrect, so that you can locate the cause of the problem more quickly.

16.30.7.10 Telemetry

TiDB adds cluster usage metrics in telemetry, such as the number of data tables, the number of queries, and whether new features are enabled.

To learn more about details and how to disable this behavior, refer to telemetry.

16.30.8 TiDB 5.0 RC Release Notes

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TiDB version: 5.0.0-rc

TiDB v5.0.0-rc is the predecessor version of TiDB v5.0. In v5.0, PingCAP will be dedicated to helping enterprises quickly build applications based on TiDB, freeing them from worries about database performance, performance jitter, security, high availability, disaster recovery, troubleshooting SQL performance, and so on.

In v5.0, the key new features or improvements are as follows:

- Clustered index. When this feature is enabled, database performance is improved. For example, in the TPC-C tpmC test, TiDB's performance, with clustered index enabled, improves by 39%.
- Async commit. When this feature is enabled, the write latency is reduced. For example, in the Sysbench olpt-insert test, the write latency of TiDB, with async commit enabled, is reduced by 37.3%.
- Reduced jitters. This is achieved by improving the optimizer stability and by limiting system tasks' usages of I/O, network, CPU, and memory resources. For example, in the 72-hour performance test, the standard deviation of Sysbench TPS jitter is reduced from 11.09% to 3.36%.
- Raft Joint Consensus algorithm, which ensures the system availability during the Region membership change.
- Optimized `EXPLAIN` features and invisible index, which helps Database Administrators (DBAs) debug SQL statements more efficiently.
- Guaranteed reliability for enterprise data. You can back up data from TiDB to AWS S3 storage and Google Cloud GCS, or restore data from these cloud storage platforms.
- Improved performance of data import from or data export to AWS S3 storage or TiDB/MySQL, which helps enterprises quickly build applications on the cloud. For example, in the TPC-C test, the performance of importing 1 TiB data improves by 40%, from 254 GiB/h to 366 GiB/h.

16.30.8.1 SQL

16.30.8.1.1 Support clustered index (experimental)

When the clustered index feature is enabled, TiDB performance improves significantly (for example in the TPC-C tpmC test, TiDB's performance, with clustered index enabled, improves by 39%) in the following cases:

- When data is inserted, the clustered index reduces one write of the index data from the network.
- When a query with an equivalent condition only involves the primary key, the clustered index reduces one read of index data from the network.
- When a query with a range condition only involves the primary key, the clustered index reduces multiple reads of index data from the network.
- When a query with an equivalent or range condition involves the primary key prefix, the clustered index reduces multiple reads of index data from the network.

Clustered index defines the physical storage order of data in a table. The data in the table is sorted only according to the definition of the clustered index. Each table has only one clustered index.

Users can enable the clustered index feature by modifying the `tidb_enable_clustered_index` variable. When enabled, the feature takes effect only on newly created tables and applies to the primary key that has multiple columns or is non-integer types in a single column. If the primary key is an integer type in a single column, or if the table has no primary key, the data is sorted in the same way as before, without being affected by the clustered index.

For example, to check whether a table (`tbl_name`) has a clustered index, execute `select tidb_pk_type from information_schema.tables where table_name = '{tbl_name}'`.

- User document
- Related issue: #4841

16.30.8.1.2 Support invisible indexes

When users tune performance or select optimal indexes, they can set an index to be `Visible` or `Invisible` by using SQL statements. This setting can avoid performing resource-consuming operations, such as `DROP INDEX` and `ADD INDEX`.

To modify the visibility of an index, use the `ALTER INDEX` statement. After the modification, the optimizer decides whether to add this index to the index list based on the index visibility.

- User document
- Related issue: #9246

16.30.8.1.3 Support `EXCEPT` and `INTERSECT` operators

The `INTERSECT` operator is a set operator, which returns the intersection of the result sets of two or more queries. To some extent, it is an alternative to the `InnerJoin` operator.

The `EXCEPT` operator is a set operator, which combines the result sets of two queries and returns elements that are in the first query result but not in the second.

- User document
- Related issue: #18031

16.30.8.2 Transaction

16.30.8.2.1 Increase the success rate of executing pessimistic transactions

In the pessimistic transaction mode, if the tables involved in a transaction contain concurrent DDL operations or `SCHEMA VERSION` changes, the system automatically updates the transaction's `SCHEMA VERSION` to the latest to avoid the transaction being interrupted by DDL operations and to ensure the successful transaction commit. If the transaction is interrupted, the client receives the `Information schema is changed` error message.

- Related issue: #18005

16.30.8.3 Character set and collation

Support case-insensitive comparison sort for character sets.

- User document
- Related issue: #17596

16.30.8.4 Security

16.30.8.4.1 Support desensitizing error messages and log files

TiDB now supports desensitizing error messages and log files to avoid leaking sensitive information such as ID information and credit card number.

Users can enable the desensitization feature for different components:

- For the TiDB side, set the `tidb_redact_log=1` variable using SQL statements in tidb-server.
- For the TiKV side, set the `security.redact-info-log = true` configuration in tikv-server.
- For the PD side, set the `security.redact-info-log = true` configuration in pd-server. #2852 #3011
- For the TiFlash side, set the `security.redact_info_log = true` configuration in tiflash-server and set `security.redact-info-log = true` in tiflash-learner.

User document

Related issue: #18566

16.30.8.5 Performance improvements

16.30.8.5.1 Support async commit (experimental)

Enabling the async commit feature can significantly reduce the latency of transactions. For example, with this feature enabled, the latency of transactions in the Sysbench oltp-insert test is 37.3% lower than that when this feature is disabled.

Previously without the async commit feature, the statements being written were only returned to the client after the two-phase transaction commit finished. Now the async commit feature supports returning the result to the client after the first phase of the two-phase commit finishes. The second phase is then performed asynchronously in the background, thus reducing the latency of transaction commit.

However, when async commit is enabled, the external consistency of transactions can be guaranteed **only** when `tidb_guarantee_external_consistency = ON` is set. With async commit enabled, the performance might drop.

Users can enable this feature by setting the global variable `tidb_enable_async_commit = ON`.

- User document
- Related issue: #8316

16.30.8.5.2 Improve the optimizer's stability in index selection (experimental)

The optimizer's ability to always select a relatively suitable index greatly determines whether the latency of queries is stable. We have improved and refactored the statistics module to ensure that, for the same SQL statements, the optimizer does not select a different index from multiple candidate indexes each time due to missing or inaccurate statistics. The main improvements to help the optimizer select a relatively suitable index are as follows:

- Add more information to the statistics module, such as the multi-column NDV, the multi-column order dependency, and the multi-column function dependency.
- Refactor the statistics module.
    - Delete `TopN` values from `CMSKetch`.
    - Refactor the search logic of `TopN`.
    - Delete the `TopN` information from the histogram and create an index of the histogram for easy maintenance of Bucket NDV.

Related issue: #18065

16.30.8.5.3 Optimize performance jitter caused by imperfect scheduling or imperfect I/O flow control

The TiDB scheduling process occupies resources such as I/O, network, CPU, and memory. If TiDB does not control the scheduled tasks, QPS and delay might cause performance jitter due to resource preemption. After the following optimizations, in the 72-hour test, the standard deviation of Sysbench TPS jitter is reduced from 11.09% to 3.36%.

- Reduce the redundant scheduling issues caused by fluctuations of node capacity (always near the waterline) and caused by PD's `store-limit` configuration value set too large. This is achieved by introducing a new set of scheduling calculation formulas enabled via the `region-score-formula-version = v2` configuration item. #3269
- Enable the cross-Region merge feature by modifying `enable-cross-table-merge = true` to reduce the number of empty Regions. #3129
- Data compaction in the TiKV background occupies a lot of I/O resources. The system automatically adjusts the compaction rate to balance the contention for I/O resources between background tasks and foreground reads and writes. After enabling this feature via the `rate-limiter-auto-tuned` configuration item, the delay jitter is greatly reduced. #18011
- When TiKV performs garbage collection (GC) and data compaction, partitions occupy CPU and I/O resources. Overlapping data exists during the execution of these two tasks. To reduce I/O usage, the GC Compaction Filter feature combines these two tasks into one and executes them in the same task. This feature is still experimental and you can enable it via `gc.enable-compaction-filter = true`. #18009
- When TiFlash compresses or sorts data, it occupies a lot of I/O resources. The system alleviates contention for resources by limiting the compression and data sorting's use of I/O resources. This feature is still experimental and you can enable it via `bg_task_io_rate_limit`.

Related issue: #18005

16.30.8.5.4 Improve the stability of TiFlash in Real-time BI / Data Warehousing scenarios

- Limit the memory usage of DeltaIndex to avoid system out of memory (OOM) caused by excessive memory usage in the scenarios of huge data volume.
- Limit the I/O write traffic used by the background data sorting task to reduce the impact on the foreground tasks.
- Add new thread pools to queue coprocessor tasks, which avoids system OOM caused by excessive memory usage when processing coprocessors in high concurrency.

16.30.8.5.5 Other performance optimizations

- Improve the execution performance of `delete from table where id <?` statement. Its P99 performance improves by four times. #18028
- TiFlash supports concurrently reading and writing data in multiple local disks to improve performance.

16.30.8.6 High availability and disaster recovery

16.30.8.6.1 Improve system availability during Region membership change (experimental)

In the process of Region membership changes, "adding a member" and "deleting a member" are two operations performed in two steps. If a failure occurs when the membership change finishes, the Regions will become unavailable and an error of foreground application is returned. The introduced Raft Joint Consensus algorithm can improve the system availability during Region membership change. "adding a member" and "deleting a member" operations during the membership change are combined into one operation and sent to all members. During the change process, Regions are in an intermediate state. If any modified member fails, the system is still available. Users can enable this feature by modifying the membership variable by executing `pd-ctl config set enable-joint-consensus true`. #7587 #2860

- User document
- Related issue: #18079

16.30.8.6.2 Optimize the memory management module to reduce system OOM risks

- Reduce the memory consumption of caching statistics.
- Reduce the memory consumption of exporting data using the Dumpling tool.
- Reduced the memory consumption by storing the encrypted intermediate results of data to the disk.

16.30.8.7 Backup and restore

- The Backup & Restore tool (BR) supports backing up data to AWS S3 and Google Cloud GCS. (User document)
- The Backup & Restore tool (BR) supports restoring data from AWS S3 and Google Cloud GCS to TiDB. (User document)
- Related issue: #89

16.30.8.8 Data import and export

- TiDB Lightning supports importing Aurora snapshot data from AWS S3 storage to TiDB. (Related issue: #266)
- In the TPC-C test of importing 1 TiB of data into DBaaS T1.standard, the performance improves by 40%, from 254 GiB/h to 366 GiB/h.
- Dumpling supports exporting data from TiDB/MySQL to AWS S3 storage (experimental) (Related issue: #8, User document)

16.30.8.9 Diagnostics

16.30.8.9.1 Optimized `EXPLAIN` features with more collected information help users troubleshoot performance issues

When users troubleshoot SQL performance issues, they need detailed diagnostic information to determine the causes of performance issues. In previous TiDB versions, the information collected by the `EXPLAIN` statements was not detailed enough. DBAs performed troubleshooting only based on log information, monitoring information, or even on guess, which might be inefficient. The following improvements are made in TiDB v5.0 to help users troubleshoot performance issues more efficiently:

- `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` supports analyzing all DML statements and shows the actual performance plans and the execution information of each operator. #18056
- Users can use `EXPLAIN FOR CONNECTION` to analyze the status information of the SQL statements that are being executed. This information includes the execution duration of each operator and the number of processed rows. #18233
- More information is available in the output of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`, including the number of RPC requests sent by operators, the duration of resolving lock conflicts, network latency, the scanned volume of deleted data in RocksDB, and the hit rate of RocksDB caches. #18663
- The detailed execution information of SQL statements is recorded in the slow log, which is consistent with the output information of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`. This information includes the time consumed by each operator, the number of processed rows, and the number of sent RPC requests. #15009

User document

16.30.8.10 Deployment and maintenance

- Previously, when the configuration information of TiDB Ansible was imported to TiUP, TiUP put the user configuration in the `ansible-imported-configs` directory. When users later needed to edit the configuration using `tiup cluster edit-config`, the imported configuration was not displayed in the editor interface, which could be confusing for users. In TiDB v5.0, when TiDB Ansible configuration is imported, TiUP puts the configuration information both in `ansible-imported-configs` and in the editor interface. With this improvement, users can see the imported configuration when they are editing the cluster configuration.
- Enhanced `mirror` command that supports merging multiple mirrors into one, publishing components in the local mirror, and adding component owners in the local mirror. #814
    - For a large enterprise, especially for the financial industry, any change in the production environment is given careful consideration. It can be troublesome if each version requires users to use a CD for installation. In TiDB v5.0, the `merge` ↪ command of TiUP supports merging multiple installation packages into one, which makes the installation easier.

- In v4.0, users had to start tiup-server to publish the self-built mirror, which was not convenient enough. In v5.0, users can publish the self-built mirror simply by using `tiup mirror set` to set the current mirror to the local mirror.

16.31 v4.0

16.31.1 TiDB 4.0.16 Release Notes

Release date: December 17, 2021

TiDB version: 4.0.16

16.31.1.1 Compatibility changes

- TiKV
  - Before v4.0.16, when TiDB converts an illegal UTF-8 string to a Real type, an error is reported directly. Starting from v4.0.16, TiDB processes the conversion according to the legal UTF-8 prefix in the string #11466
- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Change the default value of Kafka Sink `max-message-bytes` to 1 MB to prevent TiCDC from sending too large messages to Kafka clusters #2962
    - Change the default value of Kafka Sink `partition-num` to 3 so that TiCDC distributes messages across Kafka partitions more evenly #3337

16.31.1.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Upgrade the Grafana version from 7.5.7 to 7.5.11
- TiKV
  - Reduce disk space consumption by adopting the zstd algorithm to compress SST files when restoring data using Backup & Restore or importing data using Local-backend of TiDB Lightning #11469
- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Improve the robustness of restoring #27421

- TiCDC
  - Add a tick frequency limit to EtcdWorker to prevent frequent etcd writes from affecting PD services #3112
  - Optimize rate limiting control on TiKV reloads to reduce gPRC congestion during changefeed initialization #3110

16.31.1.3 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the query panic caused by overflow in the statistics module when converting a range to points for cost estimation #23625
  - Fix wrong results of the control functions (such as `IF` and `CASE WHEN`) when using the `ENUM` type data as parameters of such functions #23114
  - Fix the issue that the `GREATEST` function returns inconsistent results due to different values of `tidb_enable_vectorized_expression` (`on` or `off`) #29434
  - Fix the panic when applying index join on prefix indexes in some cases #24547
  - Fix the issue that planner might cache invalid plans for `join` in some cases #28087
  - Fix a bug that TiDB cannot insert `null` into a non-null column when `sql_mode` is empty #11648
  - Fix the wrong result type of the `GREATEST` and `LEAST` functions #29019
  - Fix the `privilege check fail` error when performing the `grant` and `revoke` operations to grant and revoke global level privileges #29675
  - Fix the panic when using the `CASE WHEN` function on the `ENUM` data type #29357
  - Fix wrong results of the `microsecond` function in vectorized expressions #29244
  - Fix wrong results of the `hour` function in vectorized expression #28643
  - Fix the issue that optimistic transaction conflicts might cause transactions to block each other #11148
  - Fix the issue of incomplete log information from the `auto analyze` result #29188
  - Fix the issue that using an invalid default date does not report an error when the `SQL_MODE` is 'NO_ZERO_IN_DATE' #26766
  - Fix the issue that the Coprocessor Cache panel in Grafana does not display metrics. Now, Grafana displays the number of `hits/miss/evict` #26338
  - Fix the issue that concurrently truncating the same partition causes DDL statements to stuck #26229
  - Fix the issue that the length information is wrong when converting `Decimal` to `String` #29417
  - Fix the issue of an extra column in the query result when `NATURAL JOIN` is used to join multiple tables #29481
  - Fix the issue that `TopN` is wrongly pushed down to `indexPlan` when `IndexScan` uses a prefix index #29711
  - Fix the issue that retrying transactions with the auto-increment columns of `DOUBLE` type causes data corruption #29892
- TiKV

- Fix a panic issue that occurs when Region merge, ConfChange, and Snapshot happen at the same time in extreme conditions #11475
- Fix the issue of negative sign when the decimal divide result is zero #29586
- Fix the issue that the average latency of the by-instance gRPC requests is inaccurate in TiKV metrics #11299
- Fix the issue of TiCDC panic that occurs when the downstream database is missing #11123
- Fix the issue that the Raft connection is broken when the channel is full #11047
- Fix the issue that TiDB cannot correctly identify whether the `Int64` types in `Max`/`Min` functions are a signed integer or not, which causes the wrong calculation result of `Max`/`Min` #10158
- Fix the issue that CDC adds scan retries frequently due to the Congest error #11082

- PD

  - Fix a panic issue that occurs after the TiKV node is removed #4344
  - Fix slow leader election caused by stuck region syncer #3936
  - Support that the evict leader scheduler can schedule regions with unhealthy peers #4093

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to start up on some platforms due to the absence of library `nsl`

- Tools

  - TiDB Binlog

    - Fix the bug that Drainer exits when transporting a transaction greater than 1 GB #28659

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the negative value error in the changefeed checkpoint lag #3010
    - Fix OOM in container environments #1798
    - Fix the TiCDC replication interruption issue when multiple TiKVs crash or during a forced restart #3288
    - Fix the memory leak issue after processing DDLs #3174
    - Fix the issue that changefeed does not fail fast enough when the ErrGCTTLExceeded error occurs #3111
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC replication task might terminate when the upstream TiDB instance unexpectedly exits #3061
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC process might panic when TiKV sends duplicate requests to the same Region #2386
    - Fix the issue that the volume of Kafka messages generated by TiCDC is not constrained by `max-message-size` #2962

- Fix the issue that `tikv_cdc_min_resolved_ts_no_change_for_1m` keeps alerting when there is no changefeed #11017
- Fix the issue that TiCDC sync task might pause when an error occurs during writing a Kafka message #2978
- Fix the issue that some partitioned tables without valid indexes might be ignored when `force-replicate` is enabled #2834
- Fix the memory leak issue when creating a new changefeed #2389
- Fix the issue that might cause inconsistent data due to Sink components advancing resolved ts early #3503
- Fix the issue that scanning stock data might fail due to TiKV performing GC when scanning stock data takes too long #2470
- Fix the issue that the changefeed update command does not recognize global command line parameters #2803

16.31.2 TiDB 4.0.15 Release Notes

Release Date: September 27, 2021

TiDB version: 4.0.15

16.31.2.1 Compatibility changes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that executing `SHOW VARIABLES` in a new session is slow. This fix reverts some changes made in #21045 and might cause compatibility issues. #24326
    - The following bug fixes change execution results, which might cause upgrade incompatibilities:
        - Fix the issue that `greatest(datetime)union null` returns empty string #26532
        - Fix the issue that the `having` clause might not work correctly #26496
        - Fix the wrong execution results that occur when the collations around the `between` expression are different #27146
        - Fix the result wrong that occurs when the argument of the `extract` function is a negative duration #27236
        - Fix the wrong execution results that occur when the column in the `group_concat` function has a non-bin collation #27429
        - Fix the issue that column information is missed when converting the `Apply` operator to `Join` #27233
        - Fix the issue of unexpected behavior when casting the invalid string to `DATE` #26762
        - Fix a bug that the `count distinct` result on multiple columns is wrong when the new collation is enabled #27091

16.31.2.2 Feature enhancement

- TiKV
  - Support changing TiCDC configurations dynamically #10645

16.31.2.3 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Trigger auto-analyze based on the histogram row count #24237
- TiKV
  - Handle read ready and write ready separately to reduce read latency #10475
  - The slow log of TiKV coprocessor only considers the time spent on processing requests. #10841
  - Drop log instead of blocking threads when the slogger thread is overloaded and the queue is filled up #10841
  - Reduce the size of Resolved TS messages to save network bandwidth #2448
- PD
  - Improve the performance of synchronizing Region information between PDs #3932
- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Split and scatter Regions concurrently to improve restore speed #1363
    - Retry BR tasks when encountering the PD request error or the TiKV I/O timeout error #27787
    - Reduce empty Regions when restoring many small tables to avoid affecting cluster operations after the restore #1374
    - Perform the `rebase auto id` operation while creating tables, which saves the separate `rebase auto id` DDL operation and speeds up restore #1424
  - Dumpling
    - Filter the skipped databases before getting the table information to improve the filtering efficiency of `SHOW TABLE STATUS` #337
    - Use `SHOW FULL TABLES` to get table information for tables to be exported, because `SHOW TABLE STATUS` cannot work properly in some MySQL versions #322

    - Support backing up MySQL-compatible databases that do not support the `START TRANSACTION ... WITH CONSISTENT SNAPSHOT` or the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` syntax #309
    - Refine the Dumpling warning log to avoid the misleading information that a dump fails #340
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Support importing data into tables that have expression index or the index that depends on virtual generated columns #1404
  - TiCDC
    - Always pulls old values from TiKV internally to improve usability #2397
    - Reduce the goroutine usage when a table's Regions are all transferred away from a TiKV node #2284
    - Optimize workerpool for fewer goroutines when concurrency is high #2211
    - Execute DDL statements asynchronously to avoid affecting other changefeeds #2295
    - Add a global gRPC connection pool and share gRPC connections among KV clients #2531
    - Fail fast for unrecoverable DML errors #1724
    - Optimize memory management when the Unified Sorter is using memory to sort data #2553
    - Add Prometheus metrics for DDL executions #2595 #2669
    - Prohibit operating TiCDC clusters across major or minor versions #2601
    - Remove `file sorter` #2325
    - Clean up changefeed metrics when a changefeed is removed, and clean up processor metrics when a processor exits #2156
    - Optimize the lock-resolving algorithm after a Region is initialized #2188

16.31.2.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix a bug that collation is incorrectly set for binary literals when building ranges #23672
  - Fix the "index out of range" error that occurs when a query includes both `GROUP BY` and `UNION` #26553
  - Fix the issue that TiDB might fail to send requests if TiKV has tombstone stores #23676 #24648
  - Remove the undocumented `/debug/sub-optimal-plan` HTTP API #27264
  - Fix the issue of wrong character set and collation for the `case when` expression #26662
- TiKV

- Fix the issue that BR reports the "file already exists" error when TDE is enabled during data restore #1179
- Fix the potential disk full issue caused by corrupted snapshot files #10813
- Fix the issue that TiKV deletes stale Regions too frequently #10680
- Fix the issue that TiKV frequently reconnects the PD client #9690
- Check stale file information from the encryption file dictionary #9115

- PD
  - Fix the issue that PD does not fix the down peers in time #4077
  - Fix a bug that PD might panic when scaling out TiKV #3868

- TiFlash
  - Fix the potential issue of data inconsistency that occurs when TiFlash is deployed on multiple disks
  - Fix a bug of incorrect results that occurs when queries contain filters like `CONSTANT` ↪ , `<`, `<=`, `>`, `>=`, or `COLUMN`
  - Fix the issue that the store size in metrics is inaccurate under heavy writing
  - Fix a potential bug that TiFlash cannot restore data when deployed on multiple disks
  - Fix the potential issue that TiFlash cannot garbage-collect the delta data after running for a long time

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix a bug that the average speed is inaccurately calculated for backup and restore #1405
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the `ErrSchemaStorageTableMiss` error that occurs when the DDL Job duplication is encountered in the integrated test #2422
    - Fix a bug that a changefeed cannot be removed if the `ErrGCTTLExceeded` error occurs #2391
    - Fix the issue that outdated capture might appear in the output of the `capture` ↪ `list` command #2388
    - Fix the deadlock issue in the TiCDC processor #2017
    - Fix a data inconsistency issue that occurs because multiple processors might write data to the same table when this table is being re-scheduled #2230
    - Fix a bug that the `EtcdWorker` snapshot isolation is violated in metadata management #2557
    - Fix the issue that the changefeed cannot be stopped due to the DDL sink error #2552
    - Fix the issue of TiCDC Open Protocol: TiCDC outputs an empty value when there is no change in a transaction #2612

- Fix a bug that causes TiCDC to panic on the unsigned `TINYINT` type #2648
- Decrease the gRPC window size to avoid the OOM that occurs when TiCDC captures too many Regions #2202
- Fix the OOM issue that occurs when TiCDC captures too many Regions #2673
- Fix the issue of process panic that occurs when encoding the data types such as `mysql.TypeString`, `mysql.TypeVarString`, `mysql.TypeVarchar` into JSON #2758
- Fix the a memory leak issue that might occur when creating a new changefeed #2389
- Fix a bug that DDL handling fails when a changefeed starts at the finish TS of a schema change #2603
- Fix the issue of potential DDL loss when the owner crashes when executing DDL statements #1260
- Fix the issue of insecure concurrent access to the map in `SinkManager` #2298

16.31.3 TiDB 4.0.14 Release Notes

Release date: July 27, 2021

TiDB version: 4.0.14

16.31.3.1 Compatibility changes

- TiDB
    - Change the default value of `tidb_multi_statement_mode` from `WARN` to `OFF` in v4.0. It is recommended to use the multi-statement feature of your client library instead. See the documentation on `tidb_multi_statement_mode` for details. #25749
    - Upgrade Grafana dashboard from v6.1.16 to v7.5.7 to solve two security vulnerabilities. See the Grafana blog post for details.
    - Change the default value of the `tidb_stmt_summary_max_stmt_count` variable from `200` to `3000` #25872
- TiKV
    - Change the default value of `merge-check-tick-interval` from `10` to `2` to speed up the Region merge process #9676

16.31.3.2 Feature enhancements

- TiKV

- Add a metric `pending` to monitor the number of pending PD heartbeats, which helps locate the issue of slow PD threads #10008
- Support using the virtual-host addressing mode to make BR support the S3-compatible storage #10242

- TiDB Dashboard

  - Support OIDC SSO. By setting the OIDC-compatible SSO services (such as Okta and Auth0), users can log into TiDB Dashboard without entering the SQL password. #960
  - Add the **Debug API** UI, which is an alternative method to the command line to call several common TiDB and PD internal APIs for advanced debugging #927

16.31.3.3 Improvements

- TiDB

  - Change the `LOCK` record into the `PUT` record for the index keys using `point get` or `batch point get` for `UPDATE` reads #26223
  - Support the MySQL system variable `init_connect` and its associated features #26031
  - Support the stable result mode to make the query results more stable #26003
  - Support pushing down the built-in function `json_unquote()` to TiKV #25721
  - Make the SQL Plan Management (SPM) not affected by the character set #23295

- TiKV

  - Shutdown the status server first to make sure that the client can correctly check the shutdown status #10504
  - Always respond to stale peers to make sure that these peers are cleared quicker #10400
  - Limit the TiCDC sink's memory consumption #10147
  - When a Region is too large, use the even split to speed up the split process #10275

- PD

  - Reduce the conflicts among multiple schedulers that run at the same time #3858 #3854

- TiDB Dashboard

  - Update TiDB Dashboard to v2021.07.17.1 #3882
  - Support sharing the current session as a read-only session to avoid further modification to it #960

- Tools

- Backup & Restore (BR)
  - Speed up restore by merging small backup files #655
- Dumpling
  - Always split tables using `_tidb_rowid` when the upstream is a TiDB v3.x cluster, which helps reduce TiDB's memory usage #306
- TiCDC
  - Improve the error message returned when a PD endpoint misses the certificate #1973
  - Make the sorter I/O errors more user-friendly #1976
  - Add a concurrency limit on the Region incremental scan in the KV client to reduce the pressure of TiKV #1926
  - Add metrics for the table memory consumption #1884
  - Add `capture-session-ttl` to the TiCDC server configuration #2169

16.31.3.4 Bug fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that the `SELECT` result is incompatible with MySQL when joining a subquery with a `WHERE` clause evaluated to `false` #24865
  - Fix the calculation error of the `ifnull` function that occurs when the argument is the `ENUM` or `SET` type #24944
  - Fix the wrong aggregate pruning in some cases #25202
  - Fix the incorrect result of the merge join operation that might occur when the column is the `SET` type #25669
  - Fix the issue that TiDB returns wrong results for cartesian join #25591
  - Fix the panic issue that occurs when `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE` works on a join operation and the join uses a partitioned table #20028
  - Fix the issue that the cached `prepared` plan is incorrectly used for `point get` #24741
  - Fix the issue that the `LOAD DATA` statement can abnormally import non-utf8 data #25979
  - Fix a potential memory leak issue that occurs when accessing the statistics via an HTTP API #24650
  - Fix a security issue that occurs when executing the `ALTER USER` statement #25225
  - Fix a bug that the `TIKV_REGION_PEERS` table cannot correctly handle the `DOWN` status #24879
  - Fix the issue that invalid strings are not truncated when parsing `DateTime` #22231
  - Fix the issue that the `select into outfile` statement might have no result when the column type is `YEAR` #22159
  - Fix the issue that the query result might be wrong when `NULL` is in the `UNION` subquery #26532

    - Fix the issue that the projection operator in execution might cause panic in some cases #26534

- TiKV

    - Fix the issue that the duration calculation might panic on certain platforms #related-issue
    - Fix the wrong function that casts `DOUBLE` to `DOUBLE` #25200
    - Fix the issue that the panic log might be lost when using the async logger #8998
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when building a snapshot twice if encryption is enabled #9786 #10407
    - Fix the wrong arguments type of the `json_unquote()` function in the coprocessor #10176
    - Fix the issues of suspicious warnings during shutdown and the non-deterministic response from Raftstore #10353 #10307
    - Fix the issue of backup threads leak #10287
    - Fix the issue that Region split might panic and corrupt the metadata if the split process is too slow and Region merge is on-going #8456 #8783
    - Fix the issue that the Region heartbeats prevent TiKV from splitting large Regions in some situations #10111
    - Fix the wrong statistics caused by the format inconsistency of CM Sketch between TiKV and TiDB #25638
    - Fix the wrong statistics of the `apply wait duration` metric #9893
    - Fix the "Missing Blob" error after using `delete_files_in_range` in Titan #10232

- PD

    - Fix a bug that the scheduler might reappear after executing the delete operation #2572
    - Fix the data race issue that might occur when the scheduler is started before the temporary configuration is loaded #3771
    - Fix a PD panic issue that might occur during the Region scattering operation #3761
    - Fix the issue that the priority of some operators is not set correctly #3703
    - Fix a PD panic issue that might occur when deleting the `evict-leader` scheduler from a non-existent store #3660
    - Fix the issue that the PD Leader re-election is slow when there are many stores #3697

- TiDB Dashboard

    - Fix the issue that the **Profiling** UI cannot profile all TiDB instances #944
    - Fix the issue that the **Statements** UI does not display "Plan Count" #939
    - Fix the issue that the **Slow Query** UI might display the "unknown field" error after cluster upgrade #902

- TiFlash
    - Fix the potential panic issue that occurs when compiling DAG requests
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when the read load is heavy
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash keeps restarting because of the split failure in column storage
    - Fix a potential bug that TiFlash cannot delete the delta data
    - Fix the incorrect results that occur when cloning the shared delta index concurrently
    - Fix a bug that TiFlash fails to restart in the case of incomplete data
    - Fix the issue that the old dm files cannot be removed automatically
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when executing the `SUBSTRING` function with specific arguments
    - Fix the issue of incorrect results when casting the `INTEGER` type to the `TIME` type
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the issue that the data restore from the `mysql` schema might fail #1142
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Fix the issue that TiDB Lightning fails to parse the `DECIMAL` type data in Parquet files #1276
        - Fix the EOF error reported when TiDB Lightning splits the imported large CSV files #1133
        - Fix a bug that an excessively large base value is generated when TiDB Lightning imports tables with the `auto_increment` column of the `FLOAT` or `DOUBLE` type #1185
        - Fix the issue of TiDB Lightning panic that occurs when generating KV data larger than 4 GB #1128
    - Dumpling
        - When using Dumpling to export data to the S3 storage, the `s3:ListBucket` ↪ permission is no longer required on the entire bucket. The permission is required only on the data source prefix. #898
    - TiCDC
        - Fix the issue of extra partition dispatching after adding new table partitions #2205
        - Fix the panic issue that occurs when TiCDC fails to read `/proc/meminfo` #2023
        - Reduce TiCDC's runtime memory consumption #2011 #1957
        - Fix a bug that some MySQL connection might leak after MySQL sink meets the error and pauses #1945
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC changefeed cannot be created when start TS is less than current TS minus GC TTL #1839

- Reduce memory `malloc` in sort heap to avoid too much CPU overhead #1853
- Fix a bug that the replication task might stop when moving a table #1827

16.31.4 TiDB 4.0.13 Release Notes

Release date: May 28, 2021

TiDB version: 4.0.13

16.31.4.1 New Features

- TiDB
  - Support changing an `AUTO_INCREMENT` column to an `AUTO_RANDOM` one #24608
  - Add the `infoschema.client_errors_summary` tables to help users keep track of the errors that have been returned to clients #23267

16.31.4.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Avoid frequently reading the `mysql.stats_histograms` table if the cached statistics is up-to-date to avoid high CPU usage #24352
- TiKV
  - Make the calculation process of `store used size` more precise #9904
  - Set more Regions in the `EpochNotMatch` message to reduce Region misses #9731
  - Speed up freeing the memory accumulated in the long-running cluster #10035
- PD
  - Optimize the metrics of TSO processing time to help users determine whether the TSO processing time at the PD side is too long #3524
  - Update the dashboard version to v2021.03.12.1 #3469
- TiFlash
  - Automatically clean archived data to free up disk space
- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Support backing up user tables created in the `mysql` schema #1077
    - Update `checkVersion` to check the cluster data and the backup data #1090

    - Tolerate a small number of TiKV node failures during backup #1062
- TiCDC
    - Implement the processor flow control to avoid memory overflow (OOM) #1751
    - Support cleaning up stale temporary files in Unified Sorter and prevent multiple `cdc server` instances from sharing the same `sort-dir` directory #1741
    - Add the HTTP handler for the failpoint #1732

16.31.4.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when the `UPDATE` statement with a subquery updates the generated column #24658
    - Fix the issue that causes duplicate query results when using the multi-column index for data reads #24634
    - Fix the issue that causes wrong query result when using the `BIT` type constant as the divisor in the DIV expression #24266
    - Fix the issue that the `NO_ZERO_IN_DATE` SQL mode does not take effect for the default column value set in DDL statements #24185
    - Fix an issue which causes wrong query results when using `UNION` between a `BIT` type column and an `INTEGER` type column #24026
    - Fix the issue that the `TableDual` plans are mistakenly created when comparing the `BINARY` type and the `CHAR` type #23917
    - Fix the issue that the `insert ignore on duplicate` statement might unexpectedly delete table records #23825
    - Fix the issue that the Audit plugin causes TiDB panic #23819
    - Fix the issue that the `HashJoin` operator incorrectly processes the collation #23812
    - Fix the issue of disconnection that occurs when `batch_point_get` incorrectly handles abnormal values in the pessimistic transaction #23778
    - Fix the issue of inconsistent indexes that occurs when the `tidb_row_format_version` configuration value is set to `1` and the `enable_new_collation` value is set to `true` #23772
    - Fix a bug that occurs when comparing the `INTEGER` type column with the `STRING` constant value #23705
    - Fix the error that occurs when the `BIT` type column is passed into the `approx_percent` function #23702
    - Fix a bug that causes TiDB to mistakenly report the `TiKV server timeout` error when executing TiFlash batch requests #23700
    - Fix the issue that the `IndexJoin` operator returns wrong results on the prefix column index #23691
    - Fix the issue which causes wrong query results because the collation on the `BINARY` type column is not properly handled #23598

- Fix the issue of query panic that occurs when the `UPDATE` statement contains the join query with the `HAVING` clause #23575
- Fix the issue that causes TiFlash to return wrong results when using the `NULL` constant in the comparison expression #23474
- Fix the issue of wrong results when comparing the `YEAR` type column with the `STRING` constant #23335
- Fix the issue that `group_concat` panics when `session.group_concat_max_len` is set too small #23257
- Fix the issue of wrong query results that occurs when using the `BETWEEN` expression for the `TIME` type column #23233
- Fix the issue of privilege check in the `DELETE` statements #23215
- Fix the issue that no error is reported when inserting invalid strings to the `DECIMAL` type column #23196
- Fix the issue of parsing error occurred when inserting data to the `DECIMAL` type columns #23152
- Fix the issue that the `USE_INDEX_MERGE` hint does not take effect #22924
- Fix a bug that the query returns wrong results when using `ENUM` or `SET` columns in the `WHERE` clause as an filter #22814
- Fix a bug that the query returns wrong results when using the clustered index and the new collation at the same time #21408
- Fix the panic that occurs when executing `ANALYZE` with `enable_new_collation` enabled #21299
- Fix the issue that SQL views does not correctly handle the default roles associated with the SQL DEFINER #24531
- Fix the issue that cancelling DDL jobs gets stuck #24445
- Fix the issue that the `concat` function incorrectly handles the collation #24300
- Fix a bug that the query returns wrong results when the `SELECT` field has an `IN` subquery and the subquery's outer side contains `NULL` tuples #24022
- Fix a bug that TiFlash is chosen wrongly by the optimizer when `TableScan` is in descending order #23974
- Fix a bug that the `point_get` plan returns the column name that is inconsistent with that of MySQL #23970
- Fix the issue that executing the `show table status` statement on a database with a upper-cased name returns wrong results #23958
- Fix a bug that the users who do not have the `INSERT` and `DELETE` privileges on a table at the same time can perform the `REPLACE` operation #23938
- Fix the issue that the results of the `concat/make_set/insert` expressions are wrong because the collation is incorrectly handled #23878
- Fix the panic that occurs when executing a query on the table that has `RANGE` partitions #23689
- Fix the issue: In the cluster of an earlier version, if the `tidb_enable_table_partition` variable is set to `false`, the tables that contain partitions are handled as non-partitioned tables. Executing `batch point get` queries on this table, when the cluster is upgraded to a later version, causes connection panic. #23682

- Fix the issue that when TiDB is configured to listen on TCP and UNIX sockets, the remote hosts over the TCP connection are not correctly validated for connection #23513
- Fix a bug that the non-default collation causes wrong query results #22923
- Fix a bug that the **Coprocessor Cache** panel of Grafana does not work #22617
- Fix the error that occurs when the optimizer accesses the statistic cache #22565

- TiKV

  - Fix a bug that TiKV cannot start if the `file_dict` file is not fully written into the disk that has been full #9963
  - Limit TiCDC's scan speed at 128MB/s by default #9983
  - Reduce the memory usage of TiCDC's initial scan #10133
  - Support the back pressure for TiCDC's scan speed #10142
  - Fix a potential OOM issue by avoiding unnecessary reads to get TiCDC old values #10031
  - Fix a TiCDC OOM issue caused by reading old values #10197
  - Add a timeout mechanism for S3 storages to avoid the client hanging without responses #10132

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that number of `delta-merge-tasks` is not reported to Prometheus
  - Fix the TiFlash panic issue that occurs during `Segment Split`
  - Fix the issue that the `Region write Duration (write blocks)` panel in Grafana is shown in a wrong place
  - Fix the potential issue that the storage engine fails to remove data
  - Fix the issue of incorrect results when casting the `TIME` type to the `INTEGER` type
  - Fix a bug that the behavior of the `bitwise` operator is different from that of TiDB
  - Fix the issue of incorrect results when casting the `STRING` type to the `INTEGER` type
  - Fix the issue that consecutive and fast writes might make TiFlash out of memory
  - Fix the potential issue that the exception of null pointer might be raised during the table GC
  - Fix the TiFlash panic issue that occurs when writing data to dropped tables
  - Fix the TiFlash panic issue that occurs during BR restore
  - Fix a bug that the weights of some characters are wrong when using the general CI collation
  - Fix the potential issue that data will be lost in tombstoned tables
  - Fix the issue of incorrect results when comparing the string which contains zero bytes
  - Fix the issue that the logical function returns wrong results if the input column contains null constants
  - Fix the issue that the logical function only accepts the numeric type

- Fix the issue of incorrect results that occurs when the timestamp value is `1970-01-01` and the timezone offset is negative
- Fix the issue that hash value of `Decimal256` is not stable

- Tools

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the deadlock issue caused by the flow control when the sorter's input channel has been blocked #1779
    - Fix the issue that the TiKV GC safe point is blocked due to the stagnation of TiCDC changefeed checkpoint #1756
    - Revert the update in `explicit_defaults_for_timestamp` which requires the `SUPER` privilege when replicating data to MySQL #1749

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Fix a bug that TiDB Lightning's TiDB-backend cannot load any data when autocommit is disabled

16.31.5 TiDB 4.0.12 Release Notes

Release date: April 2, 2021

TiDB version: 4.0.12

16.31.5.1 New Features

- TiFlash

  - Add tools to check the status of `tiflash replica` for online rolling updates

16.31.5.2 Improvements

- TiDB

  - Refine the output information of the `EXPLAIN` statement for the `batch cop` mode #23164
  - Add the warning information for expressions that cannot be pushed to the storage layer in the output of the `EXPLAIN` statement #23020
  - Migrate a part of the DDL package code from `Execute`/`ExecRestricted` to the safe API (2) #22935
  - Migrate a part of the DDL package code from `Execute`/`ExecRestricted` to the safe API (1) #22929
  - Add `optimization-time` and `wait-TS-time` into the slow log #22918
  - Support querying `partition_id` from the `infoschema.partitions` table #22489

- Add `last_plan_from_binding` to help the users know whether a SQL statement's execution plan is matched with the hints in the binding #21430
- Scatter truncated tables without the `pre-split` option #22872
- Add three format specifiers for the `str_to_date` expression #22812
- Record the `PREPARE` execution failure as `Failed Query OPM` in the metrics monitor #22672
- Do not report errors for the `PREPARE` execution if `tidb_snapshot` is set #22641

- TiKV
  - Prevent a large number of reconnections in a short period of time #9879
  - Optimize the write operations and Batch Get in the scenarios of many tombstones #9729
  - Change the default value of `leader-transfer-max-log-lag` to `128` to increase the success rate of leader transfer #9605

- PD
  - Update the Region cache only when `pending-peers` or `down-peers` changes, which reduces the pressure of updating heartbeats #3471
  - Prevent the Regions in `split-cache` from becoming the target of merge #3459

- TiFlash
  - Optimize the configuration file and remove useless items
  - Reduce the size of TiFlash binary files
  - Use an adaptive aggressive GC strategy to reduce memory usage

- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Add a double confirmation when users create or resume the changefeed with the `start-ts` or `checkpoint-ts` 1 day before the current timestamp #1497
    - Add Grafana panels for the Old Value feature #1571
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Log the `HTTP_PROXY` and `HTTPS_PROXY` environmental variables #827
    - Improve the backup performance when there are many tables #745
    - Report errors if the service safe point check fails #826
    - Add the `cluster_version` and `br_version` information in `backupmeta` #803
    - Add retry for external storage errors to increase the success rate of backup #851
    - Reduce memory usage during backup #886
  - TiDB Lightning

- Check the TiDB cluster version before running TiDB Lightning to avoid unexpected errors #787
- Fail fast when TiDB Lightning meets the `cancel` error #867
- Add `tikv-importer.engine-mem-cache-size` and `tikv-importer.local-writer-mem-cache-size` configuration items to balance between memory usage and performance #866
- Run `batch split region` in parallel for TiDB Lightning's Local-backend to increase the import speed #868
- When using TiDB Lightning to import data from a S3 storage, TiDB Lightning no longer requires the `s3:ListBucket` permission #919
- When resuming from a checkpoint, TiDB Lightning keeps using the original engine #924

16.31.5.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue that the `get` variable expression goes wrong when the session variable is hexadecimal literals#23372
  - Fix the issue that wrong collation is used when creating the fast execution plan for the `Enum` or `Set` type #23292
  - Fix the possible wrong result of the `nullif` expression when it is used with `is-null` #23279
  - Fix the issue that the auto-analysis is triggered outside its time range #23219
  - Fix the issue that the `CAST` function might ignore errors for the `point get` plan #23211
  - Fix a bug that prevents SPM from taking effect when `CurrentDB` is empty #23209
  - Fix the issue of possible wrong table filters for the IndexMerge plan #23165
  - Fix the issue of unexpected `NotNullFlag` in the returning types of the `NULL` constant #23135
  - Fix a bug that collation might not be handled by the text type #23092
  - Fix the issue that the range partition might incorrectly handle the `IN` expression #23074
  - Fix the issue that after marking a TiKV store as tombstone, starting new TiKV stores with different StoreIDs with the same IP address and port keeps returning the `StoreNotMatch` error #23071
  - Do not adjust the `INT` type when it is `NULL` and compared with `YEAR` #22844
  - Fix the issue of lost connection when loading data on tables with the `auto_random` column #22736
  - Fix the issue of DDL hangover when the DDL operation meets panic in the cancelling path #23297
  - Fix the wrong key range of index scan when comparing the `YEAR` column with `NULL` #23104
  - Fix the issue that a successfully created view is failed to use #23083

- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that the `IN` expression does not properly handle unsigned/signed integers #9850
    - Fix the issue that the ingest operation is not re-entrant #9779
    - Fix the issue that the space is missed when converting JSON to string in TiKV coprocessor #9666
- PD
    - Fix a bug that the isolation level is wrong when the store lacks the label #3474
- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue of incorrect execution results when the default value of the `binary` type column contains leading or tailing zero bytes
    - Fix a bug that TiFlash fails to synchronize schema if the name of the database contains special characters
    - Fix the issue of incorrect results when handling the `IN` expression with decimal values
    - Fix a bug that the metric for the opened file count shown in Grafana is high
    - Fix a bug that TiFlash does not support the `Timestamp` literal
    - Fix the potential not responding issue while handling the `FROM_UNIXTIME` expression
    - Fix the issue of incorrect results when casting string as integer
    - Fix a bug that the `like` function might return wrong results
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Fix a disorder issue of the `resolved ts` event #1464
        - Fix a data loss issue caused by wrong table scheduling due to the network problem #1508
        - Fix a bug of untimely release of resources after a processor is stopped #1547
        - Fix a bug that the transaction counter is not correctly updated, which might cause database connection leak #1524
        - Fix the issue that multiple owners can co-exist when PD has jitter, which might lead to table missing #1540
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix a bug that `WalkDir` for the s3 storage returns `nil` if the target path is bucket name #733
        - Fix a bug that the `status` port is not served with TLS #839
    - TiDB Lightning

- Fix the error that TiKV Importer might ignore that the file has already existed #848
- Fix a bug that the TiDB Lightning might use the wrong timestamp and read the wrong data #850
- Fix a bug that TiDB Lightning's unexpected exit might cause damaged checkpoint file #889
- Fix the issue of possible data error that occurs because the `cancel` error is ignored #874

16.31.6 TiDB 4.0.11 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 4.0.11

16.31.6.1 New Features

- TiDB
  - Support the `utf8_unicode_ci` and `utf8mb4_unicode_ci` collations #22558
- TiKV
  - Support the `utf8mb4_unicode_ci` collation #9577
  - Support the `cast_year_as_time` collation #9299
- TiFlash
  - Add a Coprocessor thread pool to queue Coprocessor requests for execution, which avoids out of memory (OOM) in some cases, and add the `cop_pool_size` ↪ and `batch_cop_pool_size` configuration items with the default values of `NumOfPhysicalCores * 2`

16.31.6.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Reorder inner joins that are simplified from outer joins #22402
  - Support multiple clusters in Grafana dashboards #22534
  - Add a workaround for the issue of multiple statements #22468
  - Divide the metrics of slow query into `internal` and `general` #22405
  - Add interface for `utf8_unicode_ci` and `utf8mb4_unicode_ci` collations #22099
- TiKV

- Add metrics of server information for DBaaS #9591
- Support multiple clusters in Grafana dashboards #9572
- Report RocksDB metrics to TiDB #9316
- Record the suspension time for Coprocessor tasks #9277
- Add thresholds of key counts and key size for Load Base Split #9354
- Check whether the file exists before data import #9544
- Improve Fast Tune panels #9180

- PD

    - Support multiple clusters in Grafana dashboards #3398

- TiFlash

    - Optimize the performance of the `date_format` function
    - Optimize the memory consumption of handling ingest SST
    - Optimize the retrying logic in Batch Coprocessor to reduce the probability of Region error

- Tools

    - TiCDC

        - Add the version information in the `capture` metadata and add the CLI version of a `changefeed` in the `changefeed` metadata #1342

    - TiDB Lightning

        - Create tables in parallel to improve import performance #502
        - Skip splitting Regions to improve import performance if the engine's total size is smaller than the Region size #524
        - Add a import progress bar and optimize the accuracy of restore progress #506

16.31.6.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

    - Fix the issue of abnormal `unicode_ci` constant propagation #22614
    - Fix the issue that might cause wrong collation and coercibility #22602
    - Fix the issue that might cause wrong collation results #22599
    - Fix the issue of constant substitution for different collations #22582
    - Fix a bug that the `like` function might return wrong result when using collation #22531
    - Fix the issue of incorrect `duration` type inference in `least` and `greatest` functions #22580
    - Fix a bug that occurs when the `like` function handles a single character wildcard (`_`) followed by a multiple character wildcard (`%`) #22575

- Fix the type inference error of the TiDB's built-in functions (`least` and `greatest`) #22562
- Fix a bug that makes the `like` function get the wrong result if the pattern string is a unicode string #22529
- Fix a bug that the point get query does not get the snapshot data when the `@@tidb_snapshot` variable is set #22527
- Fix the potential panic that occurs when generating hints from joins #22518
- Fix the issue that strings are incorrectly converted to the `BIT` type #22420
- Fix the `index out of range` error that occurs when inserting values to the `tidb_rowid` column #22359
- Fix a bug that the cached plan is incorrectly used #22353
- Fix the runtime panic in the `WEIGHT_STRING` function when the length of the binary/char string is too large #22332
- Forbid using the generated column when the number of function parameters is invalid #22174
- Correctly set the process information before building the execution plan #22148
- Fix the issue of inaccurate runtime statistics of `IndexLookUp` #22136
- Add cache for the memory usage information when the cluster is deployed in a container #22116
- Fix the issue of the decoding plan errors #22022
- Report errors for using invalid window specifications #21976
- Report errors when the `PREPARE` statement is nested with `EXECUTE`, `DEALLOCATE` or `PREPARE` #21972
- Fix the issue that no error is reported when the `INSERT IGNORE` statement is used on a non-existing partition #21971
- Unify the encoding of `EXPLAIN` results and slow log #21964
- Fix the issue of unknown columns in join when using the aggregate operator #21957
- Fix the wrong type inference in the `ceiling` function #21936
- Fix the issue that the `Double` type column ignores its decimal #21916
- Fix the issue that the correlated aggregation is calculated in subqueries #21877
- Report errors for the JSON object with key length >= 65536 #21870
- Fix the issue that the `dyname` function is incompatible with MySQL #21850
- Fix the issue that the `to_base64` function returns `NULL` when the input data is too long #21813
- Fix the failure of comparing multiple fields in the subquery #21808
- Fix the issue that occurs when comparing the float type in JSON #21785
- Fix the issue that occurs when comparing the types of JSON objects #21718
- Fix the issue that the coercibility value of the `cast` function is incorrectly set #21714
- Fix an unexpected panic when using the `IF` function #21711
- Fix the issue that the `NULL` result returned from JSON search is incompatible with MySQL #21700
- Fix the issue that occurs when checking the `only_full_group_by` mode using `ORDER BY` and `HAVING` #21697

- Fix the issue that the units of `Day` and `Time` are incompatible with MySQL #21676
- Fix the issue that the default values of `LEAD` and `LAG` cannot adapt to the field type #21665
- Perform a check to ensure that the `LOAD DATA` statement can only load data into base tables #21638
- Fix the issue that occurs when `addtime` and `subtime` functions handle invalid arguments #21635
- Change the round rule for approximate values to "round to the nearest even number" #21628
- Fix the issue that `WEEK()` does not recognize `@@GLOBAL.default_week_format` until it has been explicitly read #21623

- TiKV

    - Fix the issue that TiKV is failed to build with `PROST=1` #9604
    - Fix the unmatched memory diagnostics #9589
    - Fix the issue that the end key of a partial RawKV-restore range is inclusive #9583
    - Fix the issue of TiKV panic that occurs when loading the old value of a key of a rolled-back transaction during TiCDC's incremental scan #9569
    - Fix the configuration glitch of old values when changefeeds with different settings connect to one Region #9565
    - Fix a crash issue that occurs when running a TiKV cluster on a machine with a network interface that lacks the MAC address (introduced in v4.0.9) #9516
    - Fix the issue of TiKV OOM when backing up a huge Region #9448
    - Fix the issue that `region-split-check-diff` cannot be customized #9530
    - Fix the issue of TiKV panic when the system time goes back #9542

- PD

    - Fix the issue that member health metrics are incorrectly displayed #3368
    - Forbid removing the tombstone store that still has peers #3352
    - Fix the issue that the store limit cannot be persisted #3403
    - Fix the limit constriction of the scatter range scheduler #3401

- TiFlash

    - Fix a bug that the `min`/`max` result is wrong for the decimal type
    - Fix a bug that TiFlash might crash when reading data
    - Fix the issue that some data written after DDL operations might be lost after data compaction
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash incorrectly handles decimal constants in Coprocessor
    - Fix the potential crash during the learner read process
    - Fix the inconsistent behaviors of division by `0` or `NULL` between TiDB and TiFlash

- Tools

- TiCDC
  - Fix a bug that the TiCDC service might unexpectedly exit when `ErrTaskStatusNotExists` and the closing of `capture` session occur at the same time #1240
  - Fix the old value switch issue that a `changefeed` might be affected by another `changefeed` #1347
  - Fix a bug that the TiCDC service might hang when processing a new `changefeed` with the invalid `sort-engine` parameter #1309
  - Fix the issue of panic that occurs when getting the debugging information on non-owner nodes #1349
  - Fix the issue that the `ticdc_processor_num_of_tables` and `ticdc_processor_table_resolved_ts` metrics are not properly updated when adding or removing tables #1351
  - Fix the issue of potential data loss if a processor crashes when adding a table #1363
  - Fix a bug that the owner might lead to abnormal TiCDC server exits during table migrations #1352
  - Fix a bug that TiCDC does not exit in time after the service GC safepoint is lost #1367
  - Fix a bug that the KV client might skip creating the event feed #1336
  - Fix a bug that the atomicity of transactions is broken when the transactions are replicated to the downstream #1375
- Backup & Restore (BR)
  - Fix the issue that TiKV might be caused to generate a big Region after BR restores the backup #702
  - Fix the issue that BR restores a table's Auto ID even if the table does not have Auto ID #720
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix a bug that `column count mismatch` might be triggered when using the TiDB-backend #535
  - Fix a bug that TiDB-backend panics if the column count of the source file and the column count of the target table mismatch #528
  - Fix a bug that TiKV might unexpectedly panic during TiDB Lightning's data import #554

16.31.7 TiDB 4.0.10 Release Notes

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16.31.7.1 New Features

- PD
    - Add the `enable-redact-log` configuration item to redact user data from logs #3266
- TiFlash
    - Add the `security.redact_info_log` configuration item to redact user data from logs

16.31.7.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Make the size limit of a key-value entry in transaction configurable using `txn-entry-size-limit` #21843
- PD
    - Optimize the `store-state-filter` metrics to show more information #3100
    - Upgrade the `go.etcd.io/bbolt` dependency to v1.3.5 #3331
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Enable the unified sorter feature by default #1230
    - Dumpling
        - Support checking unrecognized arguments and printing the current progress during dumping #228
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Support retrying the error that occurs when reading from S3 #533

16.31.7.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix a concurrency bug that might cause the batch client timeout #22336
    - Fix the issue of duplicate bindings caused by concurrent baseline capture #22295
    - Make the baseline capture bound to the SQL statement work when the log level is `'debug'` #22293
    - Correctly release GC locks when Region merge occurs #22267
    - Return correct values for user variables of the `datetime` type #22143
    - Fix the issue of using index merge when there are multiple table filters #22124

    - Fix the `wrong precision` issue in TiFlash caused by the `prepare` plan cache #21960
    - Fix the issue of incorrect results caused by schema change #21596
    - Avoid unnecessary column flag changes in `ALTER TABLE` #21474
    - Set the database name for table aliases of query blocks used in optimizer hints #21380
    - Generate the proper optimizer hint for `IndexHashJoin` and `IndexMergeJoin` #21020

- TiKV

    - Fix the wrong mapping between ready and peer #9409
    - Fix the issue that some logs are not redacted when `security.redact-info-log` is set to `true` #9314

- PD

    - Fix the issue that the ID allocation is not monotonic #3308 #3323
    - Fix the issue that the PD client might be blocked in some cases #3285

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to start because TiFlash fails to process the TiDB schema of an old version
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to start due to incorrect handling of `cpu_time` on the RedHat system
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to start when `path_realtime_mode` is set to `true`
    - Fix an issue of incorrect results when calling the `substr` function with three parameters
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash does not support changing the `Enum` type even if the change is lossless

- Tools

    - TiCDC

        - Fix a bug that outdated metadata might cause the newly created changefeed abnormal #1184
        - Fix the issue of creating the receiver on the closed notifier #1199
        - Fix a bug that the TiCDC owner might consume too much memory in the etcd watch client #1227
        - Fix the issue that `max-batch-size` does not take effect #1253
        - Fix the issue of cleaning up stale tasks before the capture information is constructed #1280
        - Fix the issue that the recycling of db conn is block because `rollback` is not called in MySQL sink #1285

- Dumpling
  - Avoid TiDB out of memory (OOM) by setting the default behavior of `tidb_mem_quota_query` #233
- Backup & Restore (BR)
  - Fix the issue that BR v4.0.9 cannot restore the files backed up using BR v4.0.8 on GCS #688
  - Fix the issue that BR panics when the GCS storage URL has no prefix #673
  - Disable backup statistics by default to avoid BR OOM #693
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that when the `AMEND TRANSACTION` feature is enabled, Drainer might choose the incorrect schema version to generate SQL statements #1033
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix a bug that the Region is not split because the Region key is incorrectly encoded #531
  - Fix the issue that the failure of `CREATE TABLE` might be lost when multiple tables are created #530
  - Fix the issue of `column count mismatch` when using the TiDB-backend #535

16.31.8 TiDB 4.0.9 Release Notes

Release date: December 21, 2020

TiDB version: 4.0.9

16.31.8.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
  - Deprecate the `enable-streaming` configuration item #21055
- TiKV
  - Reduce I/O and mutex contention when encryption at rest is enabled. The change is backwardly incompatible. If users need to downgrade the cluster to a version earlier than v4.0.9, `security.encryption.enable-file-dictionary-log` must be disabled and TiKV must be restarted before the downgrade. #9195

16.31.8.2 New Features

- TiFlash

    - Support storing the latest data of the storage engine on multiple disks (experimental)

- TiDB Dashboard

    - Support displaying and sorting by all fields in the **SQL Statements** page #749
    - Support zooming and panning the topology graph #772
    - Support displaying the disk usage information in the **SQL Statements** and **Slow Queries** pages #777
    - Support exporting list data in the **SQL Statements** and **Slow Queries** pages #778
    - Support customizing the Prometheus address #808
    - Add a page for cluster statistics #815
    - Add more time-related fields in the **Slow Queries** details #810

16.31.8.3 Improvements

- TiDB

    - Avoid the (index) merge join in a heuristical way when converting equal conditions to other conditions #21146
    - Differentiate the types of user variables #21107
    - Support setting the `GOGC` variable in the configuration file #20922
    - Make the dumped binary time (`Timestamp` and `Datetime`) more compatible with MySQL #21135
    - Provide an error message for statements that use the `LOCK IN SHARE MODE` syntax #21005
    - Avoid outputting unnecessary warnings or errors when folding constants in shortcut-able expressions #21040
    - Raise an error when preparing the `LOAD DATA` statement #21199
    - Ignore the attribute of the integer zero-fill size when changing the integer column types #20986
    - Add the executor-related runtime information of DML statements in the result of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` #21066
    - Disallow multiple updates on the primary key in a singe SQL statements #21113
    - Add a monitoring metric for the connection idle time #21301
    - Temporarily enable the slow log when the `runtime/trace` tool is running #20578

- TiKV

    - Add the tag to trace the source of the `split` command #8936
    - Support dynamically changing the `pessimistic-txn.pipelined` configuration #9100
    - Reduce the impact on performance when running Backup & Restore and TiDB Lightning #9098

- Add monitoring metrics for the ingesting SST errors #9096
- Prevent the leader from being hibernated when some peers still need to replicate logs #9093
- Increase the success rate of the pipelined pessimistic locking #9086
- Change the default value of `apply-max-batch-size` and `store-max-batch-size` to `1024` #9020
- Add the `max-background-flushes` configuration item #8947
- Disable `force-consistency-checks` by default to improve performance #9029
- Offload the queries on the Region size from `pd heartbeat worker` to `split check worker` #9185

- PD

    - Check the TiKV cluster version when a TiKV stores become `Tombstone`, which prevents users from enabling incompatible features during the process of downgrade or upgrade #3213
    - Disallow the TiKV store of a lower version to change from `Tombstone` back to `Up` #3206

- TiDB Dashboard

    - Keep expanding when "Expand" is clicked for SQL statements #775
    - Open detail pages in new windows for **SQL Statements** and **Slow Queries** #816
    - Improve descriptions for time-related fields in **Slow Queries** details #817
    - Display detailed error messages #794

- TiFlash

    - Reduce the latency of replica reads
    - Refine TiFlash's error messages
    - Limit the memory usage of cache data when the data volume is huge
    - Add a monitoring metric for the number of coprocessor tasks being handled

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Disallow the ambiguous `--checksum false` argument in the command line, which does not correctly disable checksum. Only `--checksum=false` is accepted. #588
        - Support changing the PD configuration temporarily so that PD can recover the original configuration after BR accidentally exists #596
        - Support analyzing tables after restore #622
        - Retry for the `read index not ready` and `proposal in merging mode` errors #626

- TiCDC
  - Add an alert for enabling TiKV's Hibernate Region feature #1120
  - Reduce memory usage in the schema storage #1127
  - Add the feature of unified sorter, which accelerates replication when the data size of the incremental scan is large (experimental) #1122
  - Support configuring the maximum message size and the maximum message batch in the TiCDC Open Protocol message (only for Kafka sink) #1079
- Dumpling
  - Retry dumping data on failed chunks #182
  - Support configuring both the `-F` and `-r` arguments at the same time #177
  - Exclude system databases in `--filter` by default #194
  - Support the `--transactional-consistency` parameter and support rebuilding MySQL connections during retry #199
  - Support using the `-c,--compress` parameter to specify the compression algorithm used by Dumpling. An empty string means no compression. #202
- TiDB Lightning
  - Filter out all system schemas by default #459
  - Support setting a default value for the auto-random primary key for the Local-backend or Importer-backend #457
  - Use range properties to make the range split more precise in Local-backend #422
  - Support a human-readable format (such as "2.5 GiB") in `tikv-importer` ↪ `.region-split-size`, `mydumper.read-block-size`, `mydumper.batch-` ↪ `size`, and `mydumper.max-region-size` #471
- TiDB Binlog
  - Exit the Drainer process with the non-zero code if the upstream PD is down or if applying DDL or DML statements to the downstream fails #1012

16.31.8.4 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue of incorrect results when using a prefix index with the `OR` condition #21287
  - Fix a bug that might cause panic when automatic retry is enabled #21285
  - Fix a bug that occurs when checking partition definition according to column type #21273
  - Fix a bug that the value type of the partition expression is not consistent with the partition column type #21136
  - Fix a bug that the hash-type partition does not check whether the partition name is unique #21257

- Fix the wrong results returned after inserting a value of the non-`INT` type into the hash partitioned table #21238
- Fix the unexpected error when using index join in the `INSERT` statement in some cases #21249
- Fix the issue that the `BigInt` unsigned column value in the `CASE WHEN` operator is incorrectly converted to the `BigInt` signed value #21236
- Fix a bug that index hash join and index merge join do not consider collation #21219
- Fix a bug that the partitioned table does not consider collation in the `CREATE` ↪ `TABLE` and `SELECT` syntax #21181
- Fix the issue that the query result of `slow_query` might miss some rows #21211
- Fix the issue that `DELETE` might not delete data correctly when the database name is not in a pure lower representation #21206
- Fix a bug that causes schema change after DML operations #21050
- Fix the bug that the coalesced column cannot be queried when using join #21021
- Fix the wrong results of some semi-join queries #21019
- Fix the issue that the table lock does not take effect on the `UPDATE` statement #21002
- Fix the issue of stack overflow that occurs when building the recursive view #21001
- Fix the unexpected result returned when performing index merge join operations on outer join #20954
- Fix the issue that sometimes a transaction that has an undetermined result might be treated as failed #20925
- Fix the issue that `EXPLAIN FOR CONNECTION` cannot show the last query plan #21315
- Fix the issue that when Index Merge is used in a transaction with the Read Committed isolation level, the result might be incorrect #21253
- Fix the auto-ID allocation failure caused by the transaction retry after the write conflict #21079
- Fix the issue that JSON data cannot be correctly imported to TiDB using `LOAD` ↪ `DATA` #21074
- Fix the issue that the default value of newly added `Enum`-type columns is incorrect #20998
- Fix the issue that the `adddate` function inserts invalid characters #21176
- Fix the issue that the wrong `PointGet` plan generated in some situations causes wrong results #21244
- Ignore the conversion of daylight saving time in the `ADD_DATE` function to be compatible with MySQL #20888
- Fix a bug that prevents inserting strings with trailing spaces that exceed `varchar` or `char`'s length constraint #21282
- Fix a bug that does not converting the integer from `[1, 69]` to `[2001, 2069]` or from `[70, 99]` to `[1970, 1999]` when comparing `int` with `year` #21283
- Fix the panic caused by the overflowing result of the `sum()` function when calculating the `Double` type field #21272

- Fix a bug that `DELETE` fails to add lock on the unique key #20705
- Fix a bug that snapshot reads hits the lock cache #21539
- Fix an issue of potential memory leak after reading a lot of data in a long-lived transaction #21129
- Fix the issue that omitting the table alias in a subquery will have a syntax error returned #20367
- Fix the issue that when the argument of the `IN` function in a query is the time type, the query might return an incorrect result #21290

- TiKV

    - Fix the issue that Coprocessor might return wrong results when there are more than 255 columns #9131
    - Fix the issue that Region Merge might cause data loss during network partition #9108
    - Fix the issue that the `ANALYZE` statement might cause panic when using the `latin1` character set #9082
    - Fix the wrong results returned when converting the numeric type to the time type #9031
    - Fix a bug that TiDB Lightning fails to ingest SST files to TiKV with the Importer-backend or Local-backend when Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) is enabled #8995
    - Fix the invalid `advertise-status-addr` value (`0.0.0.0`) #9036
    - Fix the issue that an error is returned indicating that a key exists when this key is locked and deleted in a committed transaction #8930
    - Fix the issue that the RocksDB cache mapping error causes data corruption #9029
    - Fix a bug that Follower Read might return stale data after the leader is transferred #9240
    - Fix the issue that stale old values might be read in the pessimistic lock #9282
    - Fix a bug that replica read might get stale data after the leader transfer #9240
    - Fix the issue of TiKV crash that occurs when receiving `SIGPROF` after profiling #9229

- PD

    - Fix the issue that the leader roles specified using placement rules do not take effect in some cases #3208
    - Fix the issue that the `trace-region-flow` value is unexpectedly set to `false` #3120
    - Fix a bug that the service safepoint with infinite Time To Live (TTL) does not work #3143

- TiDB Dashboard

    - Fix a display issue of time in the Chinese language #755
    - Fix a bug that the browser compatibility notice does not work #776

- Fix the issue that the transaction `start_ts` is incorrectly displayed in some scenarios #793
- Fix the issue that some SQL texts are incorrectly formatted #805

- TiFlash
  - Fix the issue that `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_HARDWARE` might contain the information of disks that are not in use
  - Fix the issue that the estimate on memory usage of Delta Cache is smaller than the actual usage
  - Fix the memory leak caused by thread information statistics

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the failure caused by special characters in S3 secret access keys #617
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that multiple owners might exist when the owner campaign key is deleted #1104
    - Fix a bug that TiCDC might fail to continue replicating data when a TiKV node crashes or recovers from a crash. This bug only exists in v4.0.8. #1198
    - Fix the issue that the metadata is repeatedly flushed to etcd before a table is initialized #1191
    - Fix an issue of replication interruption caused by early GC or the latency of updating `TableInfo` when the schema storage caches TiDB tables #1114
    - Fix the issue that the schema storage costs too much memory when DDL operations are frequent #1127
    - Fix the goroutine leak when a changefeed is paused or stopped #1075
    - Increase the maximum retry timeout to 600 seconds in Kafka producer to prevent replication interruption caused by the service or network jitter in the downstream Kafka #1118
    - Fix a bug that the Kafka batch size does not take effect #1112
    - Fix a bug that some tables' row change might be lost when the network between TiCDC and PD has jitter and when there are paused changefeeds being resumed at the same time #1213
    - Fix a bug that the TiCDC process might exit when the network between TiCDC and PD is not stable #1218
    - Use a singleton PD client in TiCDC and fix a bug that TiCDC closes PD client by accident which causes replication block #1217
    - Fix a bug that the TiCDC owner might consume too much memory in the etcd watch client #1224
  - Dumpling
    - Fix the issue that Dumpling might get blocked when its connection to the MySQL database server is closed #190

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that keys are encoded using the wrong field information #437
  - Fix the issue that GC life time TTL does not take effect #448
  - Fix the issue that causes panic when manually stops the running TiDB Lightning in the Local-backend mode #484

16.31.9 TiDB 4.0.8 Release Notes

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16.31.9.1 New Features

- TiDB
  - Support the new aggregate function `APPROX_PERCENTILE` #20197
- TiFlash
  - Support pushing down `CAST` functions
- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Support snapshot-level consistent replication #932

16.31.9.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Prioritize low-selectivity indexes in the greedy search procedure of `Selectivity()` #20154
  - Record more RPC runtime information in Coprocessor runtime statistics #19264
  - Speed up parsing the slow log to improve query performance #20556
  - Wait for timeout execution plans during the plan binding stage to record more debug information when the SQL optimizer is verifying potential new plans #20530
  - Add the execution retry time in the slow log and the slow query result #20495 #20494
  - Add the `table_storage_stats` system table #20431
  - Add the RPC runtime statistical information for the `INSERT`/`UPDATE`/`REPLACE` statement #20430
  - Add the operator information in the result of `EXPLAIN FOR CONNECTION` #20384

    - Adjust the TiDB error log to the `DEBUG` level for the client connection/disconnection activities #20321
    - Add monitoring metrics for Coprocessor Cache #20293
    - Add the runtime information of pessimistic lock keys #20199
    - Add two extra sections of time consumption information in the runtime information and `trace` span #20187
    - Add the runtime information of transaction commit in the slow log #20185
    - Disable the index merge join #20599
    - Add the ISO 8601 and timezone supports for temporal string literals #20670

- TiKV

    - Add the **Fast-Tune** panel page to assist performance diagnostics #8804
    - Add the `security.redact-info-log` configuration item, which redacts user data from logs #8746
    - Reformat the metafile of error codes #8877
    - Enable dynamically changing the `pessimistic-txn.pipelined` configuration #8853
    - Enable the memory profiling features by default #8801

- PD

    - Generate the metafile of errors #3090
    - Add the additional information for the operator #3009

- TiFlash

    - Add monitoring metrics of Raft logs
    - Add monitoring metrics of memory usage for `cop` tasks
    - Make the `min`/`max` index more accurate when data is deleted
    - Improve query performance in the case of a small data volume
    - Add the `errors.toml` file to support the standard error code

- Tools

    - Backup and Restore (BR)

        - Speed up the restore process by pipelining `split` and `ingest` #427
        - Support manually restoring PD schedulers #530
        - Use `pause` schedulers instead of `remove` schedulers #551

    - TiCDC

        - Print statistics in MySQL sink periodically #1023

    - Dumpling

        - Support dumpling data directly to S3 storages #155
        - Support dumping views #158

    - Support dumping the table that only contains generated columns #166
- TiDB Lightning
    - Support multi-byte CSV delimiters and separators #406
    - Speed up the restore process by disabling some PD schedulers #408
    - Use the GC-TTL API for checksum GC safepoint in the v4.0 cluster to avoid the GC error #396

16.31.9.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the unexpected panic that occurs when using partitioned tables #20565
    - Fix the wrong result of outer join when filtering the outer side using index merge join #20427
    - Fix the issue that the `NULL` value is returned when converting data to the `BIT` type if the data is too long #20363
    - Fix the corrupted default value for the `BIT` type column #20340
    - Fix the overflow error that might occur when converting the `BIT` type to the `INT64` type #20312
    - Fix the possible wrong result of the propagate column optimization for the hybrid type column #20297
    - Fix the panic that might occur when storing outdated plans from the plan cache #20246
    - Fix the bug that the returned result is mistakenly truncated if `FROM_UNIXTIME` and `UNION ALL` are used together #20240
    - Fix the issue that wrong results might be returned when the `Enum` type value is converted to the `Float` type #20235
    - Fix the possible panic of `RegionStore.accessStore` #20210
    - Fix the wrong result returned when sorting the maximum unsigned integer in `BatchPointGet` #20205
    - Fix the bug that the coercibilities of `Enum` and `Set` are wrong #20364
    - Fix an issue of ambiguous `YEAR` conversion #20292
    - Fix the issue of wrong reported result that occurs when the **KV duration** panel contains `store0` #20260
    - Fix the issue that the `Float` type data is mistakenly inserted regardless of the `out of range` error #20252
    - Fix the bug that the generated column does not handle bad `NULL` values #20216
    - Fix the inaccurate error information for the `YEAR` type data that is out of range #20170
    - Fix the unexpected `invalid auto-id` error that might occur during the pessimistic transaction retry #20134
    - Fix the issue that the constraint is not checked when using `ALTER TABLE` to change the `Enum`/`Set` type #20046

- Fix the wrong runtime information of `cop` tasks recorded when multiple operators are used for concurrency #19947
- Fix the issue that read-only system variables cannot be explicitly selected as the session variables #19944
- Fix the issue that the duplicate `ORDER BY` condition might cause sub-optimal execution plans #20333
- Fix the issue that the generated metric profile might fail if the font size exceeds the maximum allowable value #20637

- TiKV

    - Fix the bug that the mutex conflict in encryption causes pd-worker to process heartbeats slowly #8869
    - Fix the issue that the memory profile is mistakenly generated #8790
    - Fix the failure to back up databases on GCS when the storage class is specified #8763
    - Fix the bug that a learner cannot find a leader when the Region is restarted or newly split #8864

- PD

    - Fix a bug that Key Visualizer of TiDB Dashboard might cause PD panic in some cases #3096
    - Fix the bug that PD might panic if a PD store is down for more than 10 minutes #3069

- TiFlash

    - Fix the issue of wrong timestamp in the log message
    - Fix the issue that during the multi-disk TiFlash deployment, the wrong capacity causes the creation of TiFlash replicas to fail
    - Fix the bug that TiFlash might throw errors about broken data files after restart
    - Fix the issue that broken files might be left on disk after TiFlash crashes
    - Fix the bug that it might take a long time to wait for index during learner reads if the proxy cannot catch up with the latest Raft lease information
    - Fix the bug that the proxy writes too much Region state information to the key-value engine while replaying the outdated Raft log

- Tools

    - Backup and Restore (BR)

        - Fix the `send on closed channel` panic during restore #559

    - TiCDC

        - Fix the unexpected exit caused by the failure to update the GC safepoint #979

- Fix the issue that the task status is unexpectedly flushed because of the incorrect mod revision cache #1017

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue of wrong column information #420
  - Fix the infinity loop that occurs when retrying to get Region information in the local mode #418

16.31.10 TiDB 4.0.7 Release Notes

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16.31.10.1 New Features

- PD
  - Add the `GetAllMembers` function in the PD client to get PD member information #2980

- TiDB Dashboard
  - Support generating the metrics relationship graph #760

16.31.10.2 Improvements

- TiDB
  - Add more runtime information for the `join` operator #20093
  - Add the hit ratio information of coprocessor cache in `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` #19972
  - Support pushing down the `ROUND` function to TiFlash #19967
  - Add the default value of `CMSketch` for `ANALYZE` #19927
  - Refine error message desensitization #20004
  - Accept connections from clients using connectors from MySQL 8.0 #19959

- TiKV
  - Support the JSON log format #8382

- PD
  - Count schedule operators when they are finished rather than added #2983
  - Set the `make-up-replica` operator to high priority #2977

- TiFlash
    - Improve the error handling of the Region meta change that occurs during reads
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Support translating more execution-efficient SQL statements in MySQL sink when the old value feature is enabled #955
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Add connection retry when the connection is broken during backup #508
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Support dynamically updating the log level via the HTTP interface #393

16.31.10.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix a vectorization bug from `and`/`or`/`COALESCE` caused by shortcut #20092
    - Fix the issue that plan digests are the same when the cop task stores are of different types #20076
    - Fix the wrong behavior of the `!= any()` function #20062
    - Fix the query error that occurs when the `slow-log` file does not exist #20051
    - Fix the issue that Region requests continue to retry when the context is canceled #20031
    - Fix the issue that querying the time type of the `cluster_slow_query` table in streaming request might result in an error #19943
    - Fix the issue that DML statements using `case when` might cause schema change #20095
    - Fix the issue that the `prev_stmt` information in slow log is not desensitized #20048
    - Fix the issue that tidb-server does not release the table lock when it exits abnormally #20020
    - Fix the incorrect error message that occurs when inserting data of the `ENUM` and `SET` type #19950
    - Fix the wrong behavior of the `IsTrue` function in some situations #19903
    - Fix the issue that the `CLUSTER_INFO` system table might not work normally after PD is scaled in or out #20026
    - Avoid unnecessary warnings or errors when folding constants in `control` expressions #19910
    - Update the method of updating statistics to avoid Out of Memory (OOM) #20013
- TiKV

- Fix the issue of unavailable Status API when TLS handshake fails #8649
- Fix the potential undefined behaviors #7782
- Fix the possible panic caused by generating snapshots when executing `UnsafeDestroyRange` #8681

- PD
  - Fix the bug that PD might panic if some Regions have no Leader when `balance-region` is enabled #2994
  - Fix the statistical deviation of Region size and Region keys after Region merge #2985
  - Fix the incorrect hotspot statistics #2991
  - Fix the issue that there is no `nil` check in `redirectSchedulerDelete` #2974

- TiFlash
  - Fix the wrong result of right outer join

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix a bug that causes the TiDB configuration to change after the restore process #509
  - Dumpling
    - Fix the issue that Dumpling fails to parse metadata when some variables are `NULL` #150

16.31.11 TiDB 4.0.6 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 4.0.6

16.31.11.1 New Features

- TiFlash
  - Support outer join in TiFlash broadcast join

- TiDB Dashboard
  - Add Query Editor and execution UI (experimental) #713
  - Support store location topology visualization #719
  - Add cluster configuration UI (experimental) #733
  - Support sharing the current session #741

    - Support displaying the number of execution plans in SQL Statement list #746

- Tools

    - TiCDC (GA since v4.0.6)

16.31.11.2 Improvements

- TiDB

    - Replace error codes and messages with standard errors #19888
    - Improve the write performance of partitioned table #19649
    - Record more RPC runtime information in `Cop Runtime` statistics #19264
    - Forbid creating tables in `metrics_schema` and `performance_schema` #19792
    - Support adjusting the concurrency of the union executor #19886
    - Support out join in broadcast join #19664
    - Add SQL digest for the process list #19829
    - Switch to the pessimistic transaction mode for autocommit statement retry #19796
    - Support the `%r` and `%T` data format in `Str_to_date()` #19693
    - Enable `SELECT INTO OUTFILE` to require the file privilege #19577
    - Support the `stddev_pop` function #19541
    - Add the `TiDB-Runtime` dashboard #19396
    - Improve compatibility for the `ALTER TABLE` algorithms #19364
    - Encode `insert`/`delete`/`update` plans in the slow log `plan` field #19269

- TiKV

    - Reduce QPS drop when `DropTable` or `TruncateTable` is being executed #8627
    - Support generating metafile of error codes #8619
    - Add performance statistics for cf scan details #8618
    - Add the `rocksdb perf context` panel in the Grafana default template #8467

- PD

    - Update TiDB Dashboard to v2020.09.08.1 #2928
    - Add more metrics for Region and store heartbeat #2891
    - Change back to the original way to control the low space threshold #2875
    - Support standard error codes
        - #2918 #2911 #2913 #2915 #2912
        - #2907 #2906 #2903 #2806 #2900 #2902

- TiFlash

    - Add Grafana panels for data replication (`apply Region snapshots` and `ingest SST files`)

- Add Grafana panels for `write stall`
- Add `dt_segment_force_merge_delta_rows` and `dt_segment_force_merge_delta_deletes` to adjust the threshold of `write stall`
- Support setting `raftstore.snap-handle-pool-size` to `0` in TiFlash-Proxy to disable applying Region snapshot by multi-thread to reduce memory consumption during data replication
- Support CN check on `https_port` and `metrics_port`

- Tools
  - TiCDC
    - Skip resolved lock during puller initialization #910
    - Reduce PD write frequency #937
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Add real time cost in summary log #486
  - Dumpling
    - Support outputting `INSERT` with column names #135
    - Unify the `--filesize` and `--statement-size` definitions with those of mydumper #142
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Split and ingest Regions in more precise sizes #369
  - TiDB Binlog
    - Support setting GC time in `go time` package format #996

16.31.11.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix an issue of collecting the `tikv_cop_wait` time in metric profile #19881
  - Fix the wrong result of `SHOW GRANTS` #19834
  - Fix the incorrect query result of `!= ALL (subq)` #19831
  - Fix a bug of converting the `enum` and `set` types #19778
  - Add a privilege check for `SHOW STATS_META` and `SHOW STATS_BUCKET` #19760
  - Fix the error of unmatched column lengths caused by `builtinGreatestStringSig` and `builtinLeastStringSig` #19758
  - If unnecessary errors or warnings occur, the vectorized control expression fall back to their scalar execution #19749
  - Fix the error of the `Apply` operator when the type of the correlation column is `Bit` #19692
  - Fix the issue that occurs when the user queries `processlist` and `cluster_log` in MySQL 8.0 client #19690

- Fix the issue that plans of the same type have different plan digests #19684
- Forbid changing the column type from `Decimal` to `Int` #19682
- Fix the issue that `SELECT ... INTO OUTFILE` returns the runtime error #19672
- Fix the incorrect implementation of `builtinRealIsFalseSig` #19670
- Fix the issue that the partition expression check misses the parentheses expression #19614
- Fix a query error when there is an `Apply` operator upon `HashJoin` #19611
- Fix an incorrect result of vectorization that casts `Real` as `Time` #19594
- Fix the bug that the `SHOW GRANTS` statement shows grants for non-existent users #19588
- Fix a query error when there is an `Apply` executor upon `IndexLookupJoin` #19566
- Fix the wrong results when converting `Apply` to `HashJoin` on a partitioned table #19546
- Fix incorrect results when there is an `IndexLookUp` executor on the inner side of an `Apply` #19508
- Fix an unexpected panic when using view #19491
- Fix the incorrect result of the `anti-semi-join` query #19477
- Fix the bug that the `TopN` statistics is not deleted when the statistics is dropped #19465
- Fix a wrong result caused by mistaken usage of batch point get #19460
- Fix the bug that a column cannot be found in `indexLookupJoin` with a virtual generated column #19439
- Fix an error that different plans of the `select` and `update` queries compare datum #19403
- Fix a data race for TiFlash work index in Region cache #19362
- Fix the bug that the `logarithm` function does not show a warning #19291
- Fix an unexpected error that occurs when TiDB persists data to disks #19272
- Support using a single partitioned table on the inner side of index join #19197
- Fix the wrong hash key value generated for decimal #19188
- Fix the issue that TiDB returns a `no regions` error when table endKey and Region endKey are the same #19895
- Fix the unexpected success of alter partition #19891
- Fix the wrong value of the default maximum packet length allowed for pushed down expressions #19876
- Fix a wrong behavior for the `Max`/`Min` functions on the `ENUM`/`SET` columns #19869
- Fix the read failure from the `tiflash_segments` and `tiflash_tables` system tables when some TiFlash nodes are offline #19748
- Fix a wrong result of the `Count(col)` aggregation function #19628
- Fix a runtime error of the `TRUNCATE` operation #19445
- Fix the issue that `PREPARE statement FROM @Var` will fail when `Var` contains uppercase characters #19378
- Fix the bug that schema charset modification in an uppercase schema will cause panic #19302
- Fix the inconsistency of plans between `information_schema.statements_summary` and `explain`, when the information contains `tikv/tiflash` #19159

- Fix the error in tests that the file does not exist for `select into outfile` #19725
- Fix the issue that `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_HARDWARE` does not have raid device information #19457
- Make the `add index` operation that has a generated column with the `case-when` expression can exit normally when it encounters a parse error #19395
- Fix the bug that the DDL operation takes too long to retry #19488
- Make statements like `alter table db.t1 add constraint fk foreign key (c2)references t2(c1)` execute without first executing `use db` #19471
- Change the dispatch error from the `Error` to the `Info` message in the server log file #19454

- TiKV

  - Fix the estimation error for a non-index column when collation is enabled #8620
  - Fix the issue that Green GC might miss locks during the process of Region transfer #8460
  - Fix a panic issue that occurs when TiKV runs very slowly during Raft membership change #8497
  - Fix the deadlock issue that occurs between the PD client thread and other threads when calling PD sync requests #8612
  - Upgrade jemalloc to v5.2.1 to address the issue of memory allocation in huge page #8463
  - Fix the issue that the unified thread pool hangs for long-running queries #8427

- PD

  - Add the `initial-cluster-token` configuration to prevent different clusters from communicating with each other during bootstrap #2922
  - Fix the unit of store limit rate when the mode is `auto` #2826
  - Fix the issue that some schedulers persist configuration without solving errors #2818
  - Fix the empty HTTP response in scheduler #2871 #2874

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that after renaming the primary key column in previous versions, TiFlash might not start after upgrading to v4.0.4/v4.0.5
  - Fix the exceptions that occur after modifying the column's `nullable` attribute
  - Fix the crash caused by computing a table's replication status
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash is not available for data reads after users applied unsupported DDL operations
  - Fix the exceptions caused by unsupported collations which are treated as `utf8mb4_bin`
  - Fix the issue that the QPS panel for the TiFlash coprocessor executor always displays `0` in Grafana
  - Fix the wrong result of the `FROM_UNIXTIME` function when input is `NULL`

- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC leaks memory in some cases #942
        - Fix the issue that TiCDC might panic in Kafka sink #912
        - Fix the issue that CommitTs or ResolvedTs (CRTs) might be less than `resolvedTs` in puller #927
        - Fix the issue that `changefeed` might be blocked by MySQL driver #936
        - Fix the incorrect Resolved Ts interval of TiCDC #8573
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix a panic that might occur during checksum #479
        - Fix a panic that might occur after the change of PD Leader #496
    - Dumpling
        - Fix the issue that the `NULL` value for the binary type is not handled properly #137
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Fix the issue that all failed operations of writes and ingests are mistakenly displayed as successful #381
        - Fix the issue that some checkpoint updates might not be written to the database before TiDB Lightning exits #386

16.31.12 TiDB 4.0.5 Release Notes

Release date: August 31, 2020

TiDB version: 4.0.5

16.31.12.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
    - Change `drop partition` and `truncate partition`'s job arguments to support the ID array of multiple partitions #18930
    - Add the delete-only state for checking `add partition` replicas #18865

16.31.12.2 New Features

- TiKV
    - Define error code for errors #8387
- TiFlash

    - Support the unified log format with TiDB

- Tools

    - TiCDC

        - Support Kafka SSL connection #764
        - Support outputting the old value #708
        - Add the column flags #796
        - Support outputting the DDL statements and table schema of the previous version #799

16.31.12.3 Improvements

- TiDB

    - Optimize the performance of `DecodePlan` for big union queries #18941
    - Reduce the number of GC lock scans when the `Region cache miss` error occurs #18876
    - Ease the impact of statistical feedback on cluster performance #18772
    - Support canceling operations before the RPC response is returned #18580
    - Add the HTTP API to generate the TiDB metric profile #18531
    - Support scattering partitioned tables #17863
    - Add detailed memory usage of each instance in Grafana #18679
    - Show the detailed runtime information of the `BatchPointGet` operator in the result of `EXPLAIN` #18892
    - Show the detailed runtime information of the `PointGet` operator in the result of `EXPLAIN` #18817
    - Warn the potential deadlock for `Consume` in `remove()` #18395
    - Refine the behaviors of `StrToInt` and `StrToFloat` and support converting JSON to the `date`, `time`, and `timestamp` types #18159
    - Support limiting the memory usage of the `TableReader` operator #18392
    - Avoid too many times of backoff when retrying the `batch cop` request #18999
    - Improve compatibility for `ALTER TABLE` algorithms #19270
    - Make the single partitioned table support `IndexJoin` on the inner side #19151
    - Support searching the log file even when the log includes invalid lines #18579

- PD

    - Support scattering Regions in stores with special engines (such as TiFlash) #2706
    - Support the Region HTTP API to prioritize Region scheduling of a given key range #2687
    - Improve the leader distribution after Region scattering #2684
    - Add more tests and logs for the TSO request #2678
    - Avoid invalid cache updates after the leader of a Region has changed #2672

- Add an option to allow `store.GetLimit` to return the tombstone stores #2743
- Support synchronizing the Region leader change between the PD leader and followers #2795
- Add commands for querying the GC safepoint service #2797
- Replace the `region.Clone` call in filters to improve performance #2801
- Add an option to disable updating Region flow cache to improve the performance of the large cluster #2848

- TiFlash

  - Add more Grafana panels to display metrics of CPU, I/O, RAM usages and metrics of the storage engine
  - Reduce I/O operations by optimizing the processing logic of Raft logs
  - Accelerate Region scheduling for the blocked `add partition` DDL statement
  - Optimize compactions of delta data in DeltaTree to reduce read and write amplification
  - Optimize the performance of applying Region snapshots by preprocessing the snapshots using multiple threads
  - Optimize the number of opening file descriptors when the read load of TiFlash is low to reduce system resource consumption
  - Optimize the number of unnecessary small files created when TiFlash restarts
  - Support encryption at rest for data storage
  - Support TLS for data transfer

- Tools

  - TiCDC
    - Lower the frequency of getting TSO #801
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Optimize some logs #428
  - Dumpling
    - Release FTWRL after connections are created to reduce the lock time for MySQL #121
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Optimize some logs #352

16.31.12.4 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the `should ensure all columns have the same length` error that occurs because the `ErrTruncate/Overflow` error is incorrectly handled in the `builtinCastRealAsDecimalSig` function #18967

- Fix the issue that the `pre_split_regions` table option does not work in the partitioned table #18837
- Fix the issue that might cause a large transaction to be terminated prematurely #18813
- Fix the issue that using the `collation` functions get wrong query results #18735
- Fix the bug that the `getAutoIncrementID()` function does not consider the `tidb_snapshot` session variable, which might cause the dumper tool to fail with the `table not exist` error #18692
- Fix the `unknown column error` for SQL statement like `select a from t having t.a` #18434
- Fix the panic issue that writing the 64-bit unsigned type into the hash partitioned table causes overflow and gets an unexpected negative number when the partition key is the integer type #18186
- Fix the wrong behavior of the `char` function #18122
- Fix the issue that the `ADMIN REPAIR TABLE` statement cannot parse integer in the expressions on the range partition #17988
- Fix the wrong behavior of the `SET CHARSET` statement #17289
- Fix the bug caused by the wrong collation setting which leads to the wrong result of the `collation` function #17231
- Fix the issue that `STR_TO_DATE`'s handling of the format tokens'%r', '%h' is inconsistent with that of MySQL #18727
- Fix issues that the TiDB version information is inconsistent with that of PD/TiKV in the `cluster_info` table #18413
- Fix the existent checks for pessimistic transactions #19004
- Fix the issue that executing `union select for update` might cause concurrent race #19006
- Fix the wrong query result when `apply` has a child of the `PointGet` operator #19046
- Fix the incorrect result that occurs when `IndexLookUp` is in the inner side of the `Apply` operator #19496
- Fix the incorrect result of `anti-semi-join` queries #19472
- Fix the incorrect result caused by the mistaken usage of `BatchPointGet` #19456
- Fix the incorrect result that occurs when `UnionScan` is in the inner side of the `Apply` operator #19496
- Fix the panic caused by using the `EXECUTE` statement to print an expensive query log #17419
- Fix the index join error when the join key is `ENUM` or `SET` #19235
- Fix the issue that the query range cannot be built when the `NULL` value exists on the index column #19358
- Fix the data race issue caused by updating the global configuration #17964
- Fix the panic issue occurs when modifying the character set in an uppercase schema #19286
- Fix an unexpected error caused by changing the temporary directory during the disk spill action #18970
- Fix the wrong hash key for the decimal type #19131

- Fix the issue that the `PointGet` and `BatchPointGet` operators do not consider the partition selection syntax and get incorrect results #19141
- Fix the incorrect results when using the `Apply` operator together with the `UnionScan` operator #19104
- Fix the bug that causes the indexed virtual generated column to return wrong value #17989
- Add the lock for runtime statistics to fix a panic caused by concurrent execution #18983

- TiKV
  - Speed up leader election when Hibernate Region is enabled #8292
  - Fix the memory leak issue during scheduling #8357
  - Add the `hibernate-timeout` configuration item to prevent the leader from becoming hibernate too fast #8208

- PD
  - Fix the bug that the TSO request might fail at the time of leader change #2666
  - Fix the issue that sometimes Region replicas cannot be scheduled to the optimal state when placement rules are enabled #2720
  - Fix the issue that `Balance Leader` does not work when placement rules are enabled #2726
  - Fix the issue that unhealthy stores are not filtered from store load statistics #2805

- TiFlash
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash cannot start normally after upgrading from an earlier version if the name of the database or table contains special characters
  - Fix the issue that the TiFlash process cannot exit if any exceptions are thrown during initialization

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue of duplicated calculation of total KV and total bytes in the backup summary log #472
    - Fix the issue that the import mode does not work in the first 5 minutes after switching to this mode #473
  - Dumpling
    - Fix the issue that FTWRL lock is not released in time #128
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that the failed `changefeed` cannot be removed #782

- Fix invalid `delete` events by selecting one unique index as the handle index #787
- Fix the bug that GC safepoint is forwarded beyond the checkpoint of stopped `changefeed` #797
- Fix the bug that the network I/O waiting blocks tasks to exit #825
- Fix the bug that some unnecessary data might be mistakenly replicated to the downstream #743

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the syntax error on empty binary/hex literals when using TiDB backend #357

16.31.13 TiDB 4.0.4 Release Notes

Release date: July 31, 2020

TiDB version: 4.0.4

16.31.13.1 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue of getting stuck when querying `information_schema.columns` #18849
  - Fix the errors that occur when the `PointGet` and `BatchPointGet` operators encounter `in null` #18848
  - Fix the wrong result of `BatchPointGet` #18815
  - Fix the issue of incorrect query result that occurs when the `HashJoin` operator encounters the `set` or `enum` type #18859

16.31.14 TiDB 4.0.3 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 4.0.3

16.31.14.1 New Features

- TiDB Dashboard
  - Display detailed TiDB Dashboard version information #679
  - Show browser compatibility notice for unsupported browsers or outdated browsers #654
  - Support searching in the **SQL Statements** page #658

- TiFlash
    - Implement file encryption in TiFlash proxy
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Support compressing backup files using zstd, lz4 or snappy #404
    - TiCDC
        - Support configuring `kafka-client-id` in MQ sink-uri #706
        - Support updating `changefeed` configuration offline #699
        - Support setting customized `changefeed` name #727
        - Support TLS and MySQL SSL connection #347
        - Support outputting changes in the Avro format #753
        - Support the Apache Pulsar sink #751
    - Dumpling
        - Support the specialized CSV separator and delimiter #116
        - Support specifying the format of the output file name #122

16.31.14.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Add the `tidb_log_desensitization` global variable to control whether to do desensitization when logging SQL queries #18581
    - Enable `tidb_allow_batch_cop` by default #18552
    - Speed up canceling a query #18505
    - Add a header for the `tidb_decode_plan` result #18501
    - Make the configuration checker compatible with earlier versions of the configuration file #18046
    - Enable collecting the execution information by default #18518
    - Add the `tiflash_tables` and `tiflash_segments` system tables #18536
    - Move `AUTO RANDOM` out of experimental features and announce its general availability. The improvements and compatibility changes are as follows:
        - Deprecate `experimental.allow-auto-random` in the configuration file. No matter how this item is configured, you can always define the `AUTO RANDOM` feature on columns. #18613 #18623
        - Add the `tidb_allow_auto_random_explicit_insert` session variable to control the explicit writes on `AUTO RANDOM` columns. The default value is `false`. This is to avoid the unexpected `AUTO_RANDOM_BASE` update caused by explicit writes on columns. #18508

    - Allow defining `AUTO_RANDOM` only on `BIGINT` and `UNSIGNED BIGINT` columns and restrict the maximum number of shard bits to `15`, which avoids the allocatable space being consumed too quickly #18538
    - Do not trigger the `AUTO_RANDOM_BASE` update when defining the `AUTO_RANDOM` ↪ attribute on the `BIGINT` column and inserting the negative value into the primary key #17987
    - Use the highest bit of an integer for ID allocation when defining the `AUTO_` ↪ `RANDOM` attribute on `UNSIGNED BIGINT` columns, which gets more allocable space #18404
    - Support updating the `AUTO_RANDOM` attribute in the result of `SHOW CREATE` ↪ `TABLE` #18316

- TiKV

    - Introduce the new `backup.num-threads` configuration to control the size of the backup thread pool #8199
    - Do not send store heartbeats when receiving snapshots #8136
    - Support dynamically changing the shared block cache's capacity #8232

- PD

    - Support the JSON formatted log #2565

- TiDB Dashboard

    - Improve the Key Visualizer bucket merge for cold logical ranges #674
    - Rename the configuration item of `disable-telemetry` to `enable-telemetry` for consistency #684
    - Show the progress bar when switching pages #661
    - Ensure that the slow log search now follows the same behavior as log search when there are space separators #682

- TiFlash

    - Change the unit of the **DDL Jobs** panel in Grafana to `operations per minute`
    - Add a new dashboard in Grafana to show more metrics about **TiFlash-Proxy**
    - Reduce IOPS in TiFlash proxy

- Tools

    - TiCDC

        - Replace table ID with table name in metrics #695

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Support outputting JSON logs #336
        - Support enabling pprof during runtime #372

    - Speed up DDL executions by sending DDL concurrently during restore #377
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Deprecate `black-white-list` with a newer and easier-to-understand filter format #332

16.31.14.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
  - Return an error instead of an empty set for `IndexHashJoin` when an error occurs during execution #18586
  - Fix the recurring panic when gRPC transportReader is broken #18562
  - Fix the issue that Green GC does not scan locks on offline stores which might cause data incompleteness #18550
  - Forbid processing a non-read-only statement using TiFlash engine #18534
  - Return the actual error message when a query connection panics #18500
  - Fix the issue that the `ADMIN REPAIR TABLE` execution fails to reload the table metadata on the TiDB node #18323
  - Fix the data inconsistency issue occurred because the lock of a written and deleted primary key in one transaction is resolved by another transaction #18291
  - Make spilling disk work well #18288
  - Fix the error reported when the `REPLACE INTO` statement works on the table that contains generated columns #17907
  - Return the OOM error when the `IndexHashJoin` and `IndexMergeJoin` workers panic #18527
  - Fix the bug that the execution of `Index Join` might return wrong results in special cases when the index used by `Index Join` contains the integer primary key #18565
  - Fix the issue that when the new collation is enabled on the cluster, the data updated on columns with the new collation in a transaction cannot be read through the unique index #18703
- TiKV
  - Fix the issue that reads might get stale data during merging #8113
  - Fix the issue that collation does not work on the `min/max` function when aggregation is pushed down to TiKV #8108
- PD
  - Fix the issue that creating TSO stream might be blocked for a while if the server crashes #2648
  - Fix the issue that `getSchedulers` might cause a data race #2638
  - Fix the issue that deleting the scheduler might cause deadlocks #2637

- Fix the bug that placement rules are not considered when `balance-leader-scheduler` is enabled #2636
- Fix the issue that sometimes service `safepoint` cannot be set properly, which might make BR and dumpling fail #2635
- Fix the issue that the target store in `hot region scheduler` is incorrectly selected #2627
- Fix the issue that the TSO request might take too long when PD leader is switched #2622
- Fix the issue of stale scheduler after leader change #2608
- Fix the issue that sometimes replicas of a Region cannot be adjusted to the best location when placement rules are enabled #2605
- Fix the issue that the deployment path of the store is not updated according to the change of deployment directory #2600
- Prevent `store limit` from changing to zero #2588

- TiDB Dashboard

  - Fix the TiDB connection error when TiDB is scaled out #689
  - Fix the issue that TiFlash instances are not displayed in the log searching page #680
  - Fix the issue of metric selection reset after refreshing the overview page #663
  - Fix a connection issue in some TLS scenarios #660
  - Fix the issue that the language dropdown box is not displayed correctly in some cases #677

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that TiFlash crashes after renaming the primary key column
  - Fix the issue that concurrent `Learner Read` and `Remove Region` might cause deadlocks

- Tools

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the issue that TiCDC leaks memory in some cases #704
    - Fix the issue that unquoted table name causes the SQL syntax error #676
    - Fix the issue that the processor does not fully exit after `p.stop` is called #693

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - Fix the issue that the backup time might be negative #405

  - Dumpling

    - Fix the issue that Dumpling omits the `NULL` value when `--r` is specified #119
    - Fix the bug that flushing tables might not work for tables to dump #117

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Fix the issue that `--log-file` does not take effect #345
- TiDB Binlog
    - Fix the issue that when TiDB Binlog replicates data to the downstream with TLS enabled, Drainer cannot be started which occurs because TLS is not enabled on the database driver used to update the checkpoint #988

16.31.15 TiDB 4.0.2 Release Notes

Release date: July 1, 2020

TiDB version: 4.0.2

16.31.15.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
    - Remove sensitive information in the slow query log and the statement summary table #18130
    - Forbid negative value in the sequence cache #18103
    - Remove tombstone TiKV and TiFlash stores from the `CLUSTER_INFO` table #17953
    - Change the diagnostic rule from `current-load` to `node-check` #17660
- PD
    - Persist `store-limit` and remove `store-balance-rate` #2557

16.31.15.2 New Change

- By default, TiDB and TiDB Dashboard share usage details with PingCAP to help understand how to improve the product #18180. For details about what is shared and how to disable the sharing, see Telemetry.

16.31.15.3 New Features

- TiDB
    - Support the `MEMORY_QUOTA()` hint in `INSERT` statements #18101
    - Support authentication based on the `SAN` field of TLS certificate #17698
    - Support collation for the `REGEXP()` function #17581
    - Support the `sql_select_limit` session and global variable #17604
    - Support splitting the Region for the newly added partition by default #17665

- Support pushing the `IF()`/`BITXOR()`/`BITNEG()`/`JSON_LENGTH()` functions to the TiFlash Coprocessor #17651 #17592
- Support a new aggregate function `APPROX_COUNT_DISTINCT()` to calculate the approximate result of `COUNT(DISTINCT)` #18120
- Support collation in TiFlash and pushing collation-related functions to TiFlash #17705
- Add the `STATUS_ADDRESS` column in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.INSPECTION_RESULT` table to indicate the status address of servers #17695
- Add the `SOURCE` column in the `MYSQL.BIND_INFO` table to indicate the how the bindings are created #17587
- Add the `PLAN_IN_CACHE` and `PLAN_CACHE_HITS` columns in the `PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA.EVENTS_STATEMENTS_SUMMARY_BY_DIGEST` table to indicate the plan cache usage of SQL statements #17493
- Add the `enable-collect-execution-info` configuration item and the `tidb_enable_collect_execution_info` session variable to control whether to collect execution information of each operator and record the information in the slow query log #18073 #18072
- Add the `tidb_slow_log_masking` global variable to control whether to desensitize the queries in slow query log #17694
- Add a diagnostic rule in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.INSPECTION_RESULT` table for the `storage.block-cache.capacity` TiKV configuration item #17671
- Add the `BACKUP` and `RESTORE` SQL statements to back up and restore data #15274

- TiKV
    - Support the `encryption-meta` command in TiKV Control #8103
    - Add a perf context metric for `RocksDB::WriteImpl` #7991
- PD
    - Support the operator to fail immediately when trying to remove a leader peer #2551
    - Set a suitable default store limit for TiFlash stores #2559
- TiFlash
    - Support new aggregation function `APPROX_COUNT_DISTINCT` in Coprocessor
    - Enable the `rough set filter` feature by default
    - Enable TiFlash to run on the ARM architecture
    - Support pushing down the `JSON_LENGTH` function in Coprocessor
- Tools
    - TiCDC
        - Support migrating sub-tasks to new `captures` #665
        - Add a `cli` command to delete the TiCDC GC TTL #652
        - Support canal protocol in MQ sink #649

16.31.15.4 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Reduce the query latency caused by the Golang memory allocation when CM-Sketch consumes too much memory #17545
    - Reduce the QPS recovery duration of a cluster when a TiKV server is in the failure recovery process #17681
    - Support pushing aggregate functions to TiKV/TiFlash Coprocessor on partition tables #17655
    - Improve the accuracy of row count estimation for index equal conditions #17611
- TiKV
    - Improve the PD client panic log #8093
    - Add back the `process_cpu_seconds_total` and `process_start_time_seconds` monitoring metrics #8029
- TiFlash
    - Improve backward compatibility when upgrading from an older version #786
    - Reduce memory consumption of delta index #787
    - Use the more efficient update algorithm for delta index #794
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Improve the performance by pipelining the restore process #266

16.31.15.5 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue of incorrect execution plan obtained from the plan cache after `tidb_isolation_read_engines` is changed #17570
    - Fix the occasional runtime error that occurs when executing the `EXPLAIN FOR CONNECTION` statement #18124
    - Fix the incorrect result of the `last_plan_from_cache` session variable in some cases #18111
    - Fix the runtime error that occurs when executing the `UNIX_TIMESTAMP()` function from the plan cache #18002 #17673
    - Fix the runtime error when the child of `HashJoin` executor returns the `NULL` column #17937
    - Fix the runtime error caused by concurrently executing the `DROP DATABASE` statement and other DDL statements in the same database #17659

- Fix the incorrect result of the `COERCIBILITY()` function on user variables #17890
- Fix the issue that the `IndexMergeJoin` executor occasionally gets stuck #18091
- Fix the hang issue of the `IndexMergeJoin` executor when out of memory quota and query cancelling is triggered #17654
- Fix the excessive counting memory usage of the `Insert` and `Replace` executors #18062
- Fix the issue that the data replication to TiFlash storage is stopped when `DROP DATABASE` and `DROP TABLE` are executed concurrently in the same database #17901
- Fix the `BACKUP`/`RESTORE` failure between TiDB and the object storage service #17844
- Fix the incorrect error message of privilege check failure when access is denied #17724
- Discard the query feedbacks generated from the `DELETE`/`UPDATE` statement #17843
- Forbid altering `AUTO_RANDOM_BASE` for a table without `AUTO_RANDOM` property #17828
- Fix the issue that the `AUTO_RANDOM` column is allocated wrong results when the table is moved between databases by `ALTER TABLE ... RENAME` #18243
- Fix the issue that some system tables cannot be accessed when setting the value of `tidb_isolation_read_engines` without `tidb` #17719
- Fix the inaccurate result of JSON comparison on large integers and float values #17717
- Fix the incorrect decimal property for the result of the `COUNT()` function #17704
- Fix the incorrect result of the `HEX()` function when the type of input is the binary string #17620
- Fix the issue that an empty result is returned when querying the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.INSPECTION_SUMMARY` table without filter condition #17697
- Fix the issue that the hashed password used by the `ALTER USER` statement to update user information is unexpected #17646
- Support collation for `ENUM` and `SET` values #17701
- Fix the issue that the timeout mechanism for pre-splitting Regions does not work when creating a table #17619
- Fix the issue that the schema is unexpectedly updated when a DDL job is retried, which might break the atomicity of DDL jobs #17608
- Fix the incorrect result of the `FIELD()` function when the argument contains the column #17562
- Fix the issue that the `max_execution_time` hint does not work occasionally #17536
- Fix the issue that the concurrency information is redundantly printed in the result of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` #17350
- Fix the incompatible behavior of `%h` on the `STR_TO_DATE` function #17498
- Fix the issue that the follower/learner keeps retrying when `tidb_replica_read` is set to `follower` and there is a network partition between the leader and the follower/learner #17443

- Fix the issue that TiDB sends too many pings to PD follower in some cases #17947
- Fix the issue that the range partition table of older versions cannot be loaded in TiDB v4.0 #17983
- Fix the SQL statement timeout issue when multiple Region requests fail at the same time by assigning different `Backoffer` for each Region #17585
- Fix the MySQL incompatible behavior when parsing `DateTime` delimiters #17501
- Fix the issue that TiKV requests are occasionally sent to the TiFlash server #18105
- Fix the data inconsistency issue occurred because the lock of a written and deleted primary key in one transaction is resolved by another transaction #18250

- TiKV

  - Fix a memory safety issue for the status server #8101
  - Fix the issue of lost precision in JSON numeric comparison #8087
  - Fix the wrong query slow log #8050
  - Fix the issue that a peer cannot be removed when its store is isolated during multiple merge processes #8048
  - Fix the issue that `tikv-ctl recover-mvcc` does not remove invalid pessimistic locks #8047
  - Fix the issue that some Titan histogram metrics are missing #7997
  - Fix the issue that TiKV returns `duplicated error` to TiCDC #7887

- PD

  - Check the correctness of the `pd-server.dashboard-address` configuration item #2517
  - Fix the panic issue of PD when setting `store-limit-mode` to `auto` #2544
  - Fix the issue that hotspots cannot be identified in some cases #2463
  - Fix the issue that placement rules prevent the store from changing to `tombstone` in some cases #2546
  - Fix the panic issue of PD when upgrading from earlier versions in some cases #2564

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that the proxy might panic when the `region not found` error occurs
  - Fix the issue that the I/O exception thrown in `drop table` might lead to synchronization failure of TiFlash schema

16.31.16 TiDB 4.0.1 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 4.0.1

16.31.16.1 New Features

- TiKV
    - Add the `--advertise-status-addr` start flag to specify the status address to advertise #8046
- PD
    - Support the internal proxy for the built-in TiDB Dashboard #2511
    - Support setting a custom timeout for PD client #2509
- TiFlash
    - Support the TiDB new collation framework
    - Support pushing down the `If`/`BitAnd`/`BitOr`/`BitXor`/`BitNot`/`Json_length` functions to TiFlash
    - Support the Resolve Lock logic for large transactions in TiFlash
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Add a version check when starting BR to avoid the issue that BR and the TiDB cluster are incompatible #311

16.31.16.2 Bug Fixes

- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that the `use-unified-pool` configuration in the startup log is incorrectly printed #7946
    - Fix the issue that the tikv-ctl does not support relative path #7963
    - Fix the bug that the monitoring metric of Point Selects is inaccurate #8033
    - Fix the issue that a peer might not be destroyed after the network isolation disappears #8006
    - Fix the issue that a request for read index might get outdated commit index #8043
    - Improve the reliability of backup and restore with S3 and GCS storages #7917
- PD
    - Prevent misconfiguration of Placement Rules in some situations #2516
    - Fix the issue that deleting the Placement Rule might cause panic #2515
    - Fix a bug that the store information cannot be obtained when the store's used size is zero #2474

- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue that default value of the `bit` type column in TiFlash is incorrectly parsed
    - Fix the miscalculation of `1970-01-01 00:00:00 UTC` in some timezones in TiFlash

16.31.17 TiDB 4.0 GA Release Notes

Release date: May 28, 2020

TiDB version: 4.0.0

16.31.17.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
    - Optimize the error message of the large-sized transactions for easier troubleshooting #17219
- TiCDC
    - Optimize the structure of the `Changefeed` configuration file to improve usability #588
    - Add the `ignore-txn-start-ts` configuration item, and change the condition from `commit_ts` to `start_ts` during transactions filtering #589

16.31.17.2 Important Bug Fixes

- TiKV
    - Fix the `DefaultNotFound` error that occurs when backing up using Backup & Restore (BR) #7937
    - Fix system panics caused by the out-of-order `ReadIndex` packages #7930
    - Fix system panics caused by incorrectly removing snapshot files after TiKV is restarted #7927
- TiFlash
    - Fix the possible data loss issue that occurs when the system panics because of incorrect processing logic of `Raft Admin Command`

16.31.17.3 New Features

- TiDB
  - Add the `committer-concurrency` configuration item to control the number of `goroutines` in the retry-commit phase #16849
  - Support the `show table partition regions` syntax #17294
  - Add the `tmp-storage-quota` configuration item to limit the temporary disk space used by the TiDB server #15700
  - Support checking whether the partitioned table uses a unique prefix index when creating and changing tables #17213
  - Support the `insert/replace into tbl_name partition(partition_name_list)` statement #17313
  - Support checking the value of `collations` when using the `Distinct` function #17240
  - Support the `is null` filter condition during the Hash partition pruning #17310
  - Support `admin check index`, `admin cleanup index`, and `admin recover index` in partitioned tables #17392 #17405 #17317
  - Support range partition pruning for the `in` expressions #17320
- TiFlash
  - Support filtering out the data corresponding to the qualified `TSO` through the `min commit ts` value of the `Lock CF` when the Learner reads the data
  - Add the feature that the system explicitly reports an error to avoid incorrect calculation results when the value of `TIMESTAMP` type is less than `1970-01-01 00:00:00`
  - Support using flags in regular expressions when searching logs
- TiKV
  - Support collation rules of `ascii_bin` and `latin1_bin` encoding #7919
- PD
  - Support specifying the reverse proxy resource prefix for built-in TiDB Dashboard #2457
  - Support returning the `pending peer` and `down peer` information in interfaces of the PD client Region #2443
  - Add monitoring items such as `Direction of hotspot move leader`, `Direction of hotspot move peer`, and `Hot cache read entry number` #2448
- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Support the backup and restore of `Sequence` and `View` #242
  - TiCDC
    - Support checking the validity of `Sink URI` when creating `Changefeed` #561

- Support checking whether the PD and TiKV versions meet the system requirements during system startup #570
- Support scheduling multiple tables in the same scheduling task generation cycle #572
- Add information about node roles in HTTP API #591

16.31.17.4 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue of unexpected timeouts when sending and receiving messages by disabling TiDB to send batch commands to TiFlash #17307
  - Fix the issue of incorrectly distinguishing signed and unsigned integers during partition pruning, which improves performance #17230
  - Fix the issue of upgrade failure from v3.1.1 to v4.0 because of the incompatible `mysql.user` table #17300
  - Fix the issue of incorrect selection of the partition in the `update` statement #17305
  - Fix system panics when receiving an unknown error message from TiKV #17380
  - Fix system panics caused by incorrect processing logic when creating the table that is `key` partitioned #17242
  - Fix the issue that the wrong `Index Merge Join` plan is selected because of incorrect optimizer processing logic #17365
  - Fix the issue of inaccurate `duration` monitoring metric of the `SELECT` statement in Grafana #16561
  - Fix the issue that the GC worker is blocked when the system error occurs #16915
  - Fix the issue that the `UNIQUE` constraint on a boolean column results in an incorrect result in a comparison #17306
  - Fix system panics caused by incorrect processing logic when `tidb_opt_agg_push` ↪ `_down` is enabled and the aggregation function pushes down the partitioned table #17328
  - Fix the issue of accessing failed TiKV nodes in some cases #17342
  - Fix the issue that the `isolation-read` configuration item in `tidb.toml` does not take effect #17322
  - Fix the issue of incorrect order of output results due to incorrect processing logic when `hint` is used to enforce the stream aggregation #17347
  - Fix the behavior that `insert` processes DIV under different `SQL_MODE` #17314
- TiFlash
  - Fix the issue that the matching behavior of regular expressions in the search log feature is inconsistent with other components
  - Fix the issue of excessive restart time when nodes write large amounts of data by disabling the delay processing optimization of `Raft Compact Log Command` by default

- Fix the issue that the system fails to start because TiDB incorrectly processes the `DROP DATABASE` statement in some scenarios
- Fix the issue that the method of collecting CPU information in `Server_info` is different from that in other components
- Fix the issue that the error `Too Many Pings` is reported when the `Query` statement is executed if `batch coprocessor` is enabled
- Fix the issue that Dashboard fails to display the correct `deploy path` information because TiFlash does not report the related information

- TiKV

    - Fix the `DefaultNotFound` error that occurs when backing up using BR #7937
    - Fix system panics caused by out-of-order `ReadIndex` packets #7930
    - Fix the issue that an unexpected error is returned because the read request callback function is not called #7921
    - Fix system panics caused by incorrectly removing snapshot files when TiKV is restarted #7927
    - Fix the issue that the `master key` cannot be rotated due to incorrect processing logic in storage encryption #7898
    - Fix the issue that the received `lock cf` file of the snapshot is not encrypted when the storage encryption is enabled #7922

- PD

    - Fix the 404 error when deleting `evict-leader-scheduler` or `grant-leader-scheduler` using pd-ctl #2446
    - Fix the issue that the `presplit` feature might not work properly when the TiFlash replica exists #2447

- Tools

    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the issue that the data restoration fails due to network issues when BR restores data from cloud storage #298
    - TiCDC
        - Fix system panics caused by data race #565 #566
        - Fix resource leaks or system blockages caused by incorrect processing logic #574 #586
        - Fix the issue that the command line gets stuck because CLI cannot connect to PD #579

16.31.18 TiDB 4.0 RC.2 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 4.0.0-rc.2

16.31.18.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
    - Remove the size limit for a single transaction (100 MB) when TiDB Binlog is enabled. Now the size limit for a transaction is 10 GB. However, if TiDB Binlog is enabled and the downstream is Kafka, configure the `txn-total-size-limit` parameter according to the message size limit of 1 GB in Kafka #16941
    - Change the behavior from querying the default time range to returning an error and requesting a specified time range if the time range is not specified when querying the `CLUSTER_LOG` table #17003
    - If the unsupported `sub-partition` or `linear hash` option is specified when creating the partitioned table using the `CREATE TABLE` statement, the normal table is created rather than the partitioned table with the options ignored #17197
- TiKV
    - Move the encryption-related configuration to the security-related configuration, which means changing `[encryption]` in the TiKV configuration file to `[security ↪ .encryption]` #7810
- Tools
    - TiDB Lightning
        - Change the default SQL mode to `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,NO_AUTO_CREATE_ ↪ USER` when importing data to improve compatibility #316
        - Disallow accessing the PD or TiKV port in the tidb-backend mode #312
        - Print the log information to the tmp file by default, and print the path of the tmp file when TiDB Lightning is started #313

16.31.18.2 Important Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the wrong partition is chosen when the `WHERE` clause has only one equivalent condition #17054
    - Fix the issue of wrong results caused by building the incorrect Index range when the `WHERE` clause only contains the string column #16660
    - Fix the panic issue that occurs when executing the `PointGet` query in the transaction after the `DELETE` operation #16991
    - Fix the issue that the GC worker might encounter the deadlock when an error occurs #16915
    - Avoid the unnecessary RegionMiss retry when the TiKV response is slow but not down #16956

- Change the log level in the client in the handshake phase of the MySQL protocol to `DEBUG` to solve the problem that interferes with log output #16881
- Fix the issue that the Region is not pre-split according to the `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` information defined by the table after the `TRUNCATE` operation #16776
- Fix the issue of soaring goroutine caused by retry when TiKV is unavailable during the second phase of the two-phase commit #16876
- Fix the panic issue of statement execution when some expressions cannot be pushed down #16869
- Fix the wrong execution result of the IndexMerge operation on the partitioned table #17124
- Fix the performance reduction of `wide_table` caused by the mutex contention of Memory Trackers #17234

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that the system cannot start normally after the upgrade if the name of the database or table contains special characters

16.31.18.3 New Features

- TiDB

  - Add support for the `BACKUP` and `RESTORE` commands to back up and restore data #16960
  - Support pre-checking the data volume in a single Region before commit and pre-splitting the Region when the data volume exceeds the threshold #16959
  - Add the new `LAST_PLAN_FROM_CACHE` variable with a `Session` scope to indicate whether the last executed statement hits the plan cache #16830
  - Support recording the `Cop_time` information in slow log and the `SLOW_LOG` table #16904
  - Add in Grafana more metrics that monitor the memory status of Go Runtime #16928
  - Support outputting the `forUpdateTS` and `Read Consistency` isolation level information in General Log #16946
  - Support collapsing duplicate requests of resolving locks in TiKV Region #16925
  - Support using the `SET CONFIG` statement to modify the configuration of PD/TiKV nodes #16853
  - Support the `auto_random` option in the `CREATE TABLE` statement #16813
  - Allocate TaskID for the DistSQL request to help TiKV better schedule and process requests #17155
  - Support displaying the version information of the TiDB server after logging into the MySQL client #17187
  - Support the `ORDER BY` clause in the `GROUP_CONCAT` function #16990
  - Support displaying the `Plan_from_cache` information in slow log to indicate whether the statement hits plan cache #17121

    - Add the feature that TiDB Dashboard can display the capacity information of TiFlash multi-disk deployment
    - Add the feature of querying the TiFlash log using SQL statements in Dashboard

- TiKV

    - Support encryption debugging for tikv-ctl, so that tikv-ctl can be used to operate and manage the cluster when the encryption storage is enabled #7698
    - Support encrypting the lock column family in snapshots #7712
    - Use the heatmap in the Grafana dashboard for Raftstore latency summary to better diagnose the jitter issue #7717
    - Support setting the upper limit for the size of the gRPC message #7824
    - Add in Grafana dashboard the encryption-related monitoring metrics #7827
    - Support Application-Layer Protocol Negotiation (ALPN) #7825
    - Add more statistics about Titan #7818
    - Support using the task ID provided by the client as the identifier in the unified read pool to avoid that the priority of a task is lowered by another task in the same transaction #7814
    - Improve the performance of the `batch insert` request #7718

- PD

    - Eliminate the speed limit of removing peers when making a node offline #2372

- TiFlash

    - Change the name of the Count graph of **Read Index** in Grafana to **Ops**
    - Optimize the data for opening file descriptors when the system load is low to reduce system resource consumption
    - Add the capacity-related configuration parameter to limit the data storage capacity

- Tools

    - TiDB Lightning

        - Add the `fetch-mode` sub-command in tidb-lightning-ctl to print the TiKV cluster mode #287

    - TiCDC

        - Support managing the replication task by using `cdc cli` (changefeed) #546

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Support automatically adjusting GC time during backup #257
        - Adjust PD parameters when restoring data to speed up the restoration #198

16.31.18.4 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Improve the logic that determines whether to use vectorization for expression execution in multiple operators #16383
    - Fix the issue that the `IndexMerge` hint fails to check the database name correctly #16932
    - Forbid truncating the sequence object #17037
    - Fix the issue that the `INSERT/UPDATE/ANALYZE/DELETE` statements can be performed on a sequence object #16957
    - Fix the issue that the internal SQL statements in the bootstrap phase are not correctly marked as internal queries in the Statement Summary table #17062
    - Fix the error that occurs when a filter condition supported by TiFlash but not by TiKV is pushed down to the `IndexLookupJoin` operator #17036
    - Fix the concurrency issue of the `LIKE` expression that might occur after the collation is enabled #16997
    - Fix the issue that the `LIKE` function cannot correctly build the `Range` query index after the collation is enabled #16783
    - Fix the issue that a wrong value is returned when executing `@@LAST_PLAN_FROM_CACHE` after the `Plan Cache` statement is triggered #16831
    - Fix the issue that `TableFilter` on the index is missed when calculating candidate paths for `IndexMerge` #16947
    - Fix the issue that a physical query plan cannot be generated when using the `MergeJoin` hint and the `TableDual` operator exists #17016
    - Fix the wrong capitalization of the values in the `Stmt_Type` column of the Statement Summary table #17018
    - Fix the issue that the `Permission Denied` error is reported because the service cannot be started when different users use the same `tmp-storage-path` #16996
    - Fix the issue that the `NotNullFlag` result type is incorrectly set for an expression whose result type is determined by multiple input columns, such as `CASE WHEN` #16995
    - Fix the issue that the green GC might leave unresolved locks when dirty stores exist #16949
    - Fix the issue that the green GC might leave unresolved locks when encountering a single key with multiple different locks #16948
    - Fix the issue of inserting a wrong value in the `INSERT VALUE` statement because a sub-query refers to a parent query column #16952
    - Fix the issue of incorrect results when using the `AND` operator on the `Float` value #16666
    - Fix the wrong information of the `WAIT_TIME` field in the expensive log #16907
    - Fix the issue that the `SELECT FOR UPDATE` statement cannot be recorded in the slow log in the pessimistic transaction mode #16897
    - Fix the wrong result that occurs when executing `SELECT DISTINCT` on a column of the `Enum` or `Set` type #16892

- Fix the display error of `auto_random_base` in the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement #16864
- Fix the incorrect value of `string_value` in the `WHERE` clause #16559
- Fix the issue that the error message of the `GROUP BY` window function is inconsistent with that of MySQL #16165
- Fix the issue that the `FLASH TABLE` statement fails to execute when the database name contains the uppercase letter #17167
- Fix the inaccurate memory tracing of the Projection executor #17118
- Fix the issue of incorrect time filtering of the `SLOW_QUERY` table in different time zones #17164
- Fix the panic issue that occurs when `IndexMerge` is used with the virtual generated column #17126
- Fix the capitalization issue of the `INSTR` and `LOCATE` function #17068
- Fix the issue that the `tikv server timeout` error is reported frequently after the `tidb_allow_batch_cop` configuration is enabled #17161
- Fix the issue that the result of performing `XOR` operation on the Float type is inconsistent with that of MySQL 8.0 #16978
- Fix the issue that no error is reported when the unsupported `ALTER TABLE ↪ REORGANIZE PARTITION` statement is executed #17178
- Fix the issue that an error is reported when `EXPLAIN FORMAT="dot" FOR ↪ CONNECTION ID` encounters an unsupported plan #17160
- Fix the record issue of the prepared statement in the `EXEC_COUNT` column of the Statement Summary table #17086
- Fix the issue that the value is not validated when setting the Statement Summary system variable #17129
- Fix the issue that an error is reported if an overflow value is used to query the `UNSIGNED BIGINT` primary key when the plan cache is enabled #17120
- Fix the incorrect QPS display by the machine instance and request type on the Grafana **TiDB Summary** dashboard #17105

- TiKV

    - Fix the issue that many empty Regions are generated after restoration #7632
    - Fix the panic issue of Raftstore when receiving out-of-order read index responses #7370
    - Fix the issue that an invalid storage or coprocessor read pool configuration might not be rejected when the unified thread pool is enabled #7513
    - Fix the panic issue of the `join` operation when the TiKV server is shut down #7713
    - Fix the issue that no result is returned when searching TiKV slow logs via diagnostics API #7776
    - Fix the issue that notable memory fragmentation is generated when the TiKV node is running for a long time #7556
    - Fix the issue that the SQL statement fails to execute when an invalid date is stored #7268

- Fix the issue that the backup data cannot be restored from GCS #7739
- Fix the issue that KMS key ID is not validated during encryption at rest #7719
- Fix the underlying correctness issue of the Coprocessor in compilers of different architecture #7714 #7730
- Fix the `snapshot ingestion` error when encryption is enabled #7815
- Fix the `Invalid cross-device link` error when rewriting the configuration file #7817
- Fix the issue of wrong toml format when writing the configuration file to an empty file #7817
- Fix the issue that a destroyed peer in Raftstore can still process requests #7836

- PD

  - Fix the `404` issue that occurs when using the `region key` command in pd-ctl #2399
  - Fix the issue that the monitor metrics of TSO and ID allocation are missing from the Grafana dashboard #2405
  - Fix the issue that pd-recover is not included in the Docker image #2406
  - Parse the path of data directory to an absolute path to fix the issue that TiDB Dashboard might not correctly display PD information #2420
  - Fix the issue that there is no default output when using the `scheduler config` ↪ `shuffle-region-scheduler` command in pd-ctl #2416

- TiFlash

  - Fix the issue that the wrong information of used capacity is report in some scenarios

- Tools

  - TiDB Binlog

    - Fix the issue that data of the `mediumint` type is not processed when the downstream is Kafka #962
    - Fix the issue that the reparo fails to parse the DDL statement when the database name in DDL is a keyword #961

  - TiCDC

    - Fix the issue of using the wrong time zone when the `TZ` environment variable is not set #512
    - Fix the issue that the owner does not clean up the resources when the server exits because some errors are not handled correctly #528
    - Fix the issue that TiCDC might be stuck when reconnecting to TiKV #531
    - Optimize the memory usage when initializing the table schema #534
    - Use the `watch` mode to monitor the replication status changes and perform quasi-real-time updates to reduce replication delay #481

- Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that inserting data might trigger the `duplicate entry` error after BR restores a table with the `auto_random` attribute #241

16.31.19 TiDB 4.0 RC.1 Release Notes

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16.31.19.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiKV
    - Disable the Hibernate Region feature by default #7618
- TiDB Binlog
    - Support the sequence DDL operation in Drainer #950

16.31.19.2 Important Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the `INSERT ... ON DUPLICATE UPDATE` statement might be incorrectly executed on multiple rows in an explicit transaction because `MemBuffer` is not checked #16689
    - Fix the data inconsistency when locking duplicated keys on multiple rows #16769
    - Fix the panic that occurs when recycling the non-superbatch idle connection between TiDB instances #16303
- TiKV
    - Fix the deadlock issue caused by the probe request from TiDB #7540
    - Fix the issue that the minimum commit timestamp of a transaction might overflow which affects data correctness #7638
- TiFlash
    - Fix the data loss issue caused by the `rename table` operation when multiple data paths are configured
    - Fix the issue that an error occurs when reading data from a merged Region
    - Fix the issue that an error occurs when reading data from a Region that is in the abnormal state

- Modify the mapping of table names in TiFlash to correctly support `recover table/flashback table`
- Modify the storage path to fix the potential data loss issue that occurs when renaming the table
- Fix the potential panic of TiDB when Super Batch is enabled
- Modify the read mode in the online update scenario to improve the read performance

- TiCDC

  - Fix the replication failure that occurs because the schema internally maintained in TiCDC fails to correctly handle the timing issue of read and write operations #438 #450 #478 #496
  - Fix the bug that the TiKV client fails to correctly maintain the internal resources when encountering some TiKV anomalies #499 #492
  - Fix the bug that meta data is not correctly cleaned up and abnormally remains in the TiCDC nodes #488 #504
  - Fix the issue that the TiKV client fails to correctly handle the repeated sending of the prewrite event #446
  - Fix the issue that the TiKV client fails to correctly handle the redundant prewrite events received before the initialization #448

- Backup & Restore (BR)

  - Fix the issue that checksum is still executed when checksum is disabled #223
  - Fix the incremental replication failure when `auto-random` or `alter-pk` is enabled in TiDB #230 #231

16.31.19.3 New Features

- TiDB

  - Support sending Coprocessor requests to TiFlash in batches #16226
  - Enable the Coprocessor cache feature by default #16710
  - Parse only the registered sections of a statement in the special comment of the SQL statement #16157
  - Support using the `SHOW CONFIG` syntax to show the configurations of PD and TiKV instances #16475

- TiKV

  - Support using the user-owned KMS key for the server-side encryption when backing up data to S3 #7630
  - Enable the load-based `split region` operation #7623
  - Support validating common names #7468

    - Add the file lock check to avoid starting multiple TiKV instances that are bound to the same address #7447
    - Support AWS KMS in encryption at rest #7465

- Placement Driver (PD)

    - Remove `config manager` to let other components control their component configurations #2349

- TiFlash

    - Add the metrics report related to the read and write workloads of DeltaTree engine
    - Cache the `handle` and `version` columns to reduce the disk I/O of a single read or write request
    - Support pushing down the `fromUnixTime` and `dateFormat` functions
    - Evaluate the global state according to the first disk and report this evaluation
    - Add the graphics in Grafana related to the read and write workloads of DeltaTree engine
    - Optimize the decimal data encoding in the `Chunk` codec
    - Implement the gRPC API of Diagnostics (SQL diagnosis) to support querying system tables such as `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CLUSTER_INFO`

- TiCDC

    - Support sending messages in batches in the Kafka sink module #426
    - Support file sorting in the processor #477
    - Support automatic `resolve lock` #459
    - Add the feature that automatically updates the TiCDC service GC safe point to PD #487
    - Add the timezone setting for data replication #498

- Backup and Restore (BR)

    - Support configuring S3/GCS in the storage URL #246

16.31.19.4 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

- Fix the issue that negative numbers cannot be correctly displayed in the system table because the columns are defined as unsigned #16004

- Add a warning when the `use_index_merge` hint contains the invalid index name #15960

- Forbid multiple instances of a TiDB server sharing the same temporary directory #16026
- Fix the panic that occurs during the execution of `explain for connection` when the plan cache is enabled #16285
- Fix the issue that the result of the `tidb_capture_plan_baselines` system variable is incorrectly displayed #16048
- Fix the issue that the `group by` clause in the `prepare` statement is incorrectly parsed #16377
- Fix the panic that might occur during the execution of the `analyze primary key` statement #16081
- Fix the issue that the TiFlash store information in the `cluster_info` system table is wrong #16024
- Fix the panic that might occur during the Index Merge process #16360
- Fix the issue that an incorrect result might occur when the Index Merge reader reads the generated columns #16359
- Fix the incorrect display of the default sequence value in the `show create table` statement #16526
- Fix the issue that the `not-null` error is returned because the sequence is used as the default values of the primary key #16510
- Fix the issue that no error is reported for a blocked SQL execution when TiKV continues to return the `StaleCommand` error #16530
- Fix the issue that an error is reported if you only specify `COLLATE` when creating a database; add the missing `COLLATE` part in the result of `SHOW CREATE DATABASE` #16540
- Fix the partition pruning failure when the plan cache is enabled #16723
- Fix the bug that `PointGet` returns wrong results when handling the overflow #16755
- Fix the issue that a wrong result is returned when querying the `slow_query` system table with equal time values #16806
- TiKV
    - Address the OpenSSL security issue: CVE-2020-1967 #7622
    - Avoid protecting rollback records written by `BatchRollback` to improve performance when many write conflicts exist in optimistic transactions #7604
    - Fix the issue that the needless wake-up of transactions results in useless retry and performance reduction in heavy lock-race workloads #7551

- Fix the issue that the Region might be stuck in the multi-time merging #7518
- Fix the issue that the learner is not deleted when deleting the learner #7518
- Fix the issue that follower read might cause panic in raft-rs #7408
- Fix the bug that a SQL operation might fail because of the `group by constant` error #7383
- Fix the issue that an optimistic lock might block reads if the corresponding primary lock is a pessimistic lock #7328

- PD

    - Fix the issue that some APIs might fail in the TLS validation #2363
    - Fix the issue that the configuration API cannot accept a configuration item with a prefix #2354
    - Fix the issue that the `500` error is returned when the scheduler is not found #2328
    - Fix the issue that the `404` error is returned for the `scheduler config balance -hot-region-scheduler list` command #2321

- TiFlash

    - Disable the coarse-grained index optimization for the storage engine
    - Fix the bug that an exception is thrown when resolving locks for Regions and some locks need to be skipped
    - Fix the null pointer exception (NPE) when collecting the Coprocessor statistics
    - Fix the check for Region meta to ensure that the process of Region Split/Region Merge is correct
    - Fix the issue that the message size exceeds the limit for gRPC because the size of Coprocessor response is not estimated
    - Fix the handling of the `AdminCmdType::Split` command in TiFlash

16.31.20 TiDB 4.0 RC Release Notes

Release date: April 8, 2020

TiDB version: 4.0.0-rc

TiUP version: 0.0.3

> **Warning:**
>
> Some known issues are found in this version, and these issues are fixed in new versions. It is recommended that you use the latest 4.0.x version.

16.31.20.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
    - Refuse to get started instead of returning an alert log when the tidb-server status port is occupied #15177
- TiKV
    - Support the `pipelined` feature in pessimistic transactions, which improves the TPC-C performance by 20%. The risk is that the transaction commit might fail because of lock failure during the execution #6984
    - Enable the `unify-read-pool` configuration item in new clusters by default and use the previous setting of this item in old clusters #7059
- Tools
    - TiDB Binlog
        - Add the configuration item for verifying Common Name #934

16.31.20.2 Important Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that replication between the upstream and downstream might go wrong when the DDL job is executed using the `PREPARE` statement because of the incorrect job query in the internal records #15435
    - Fix the issue of incorrect subquery result in the `Read Committed` isolation level #15471
    - Fix the issue of incorrect results caused by the Inline Projection optimization #15411
    - Fix the issue that the SQL Hint `INL_MERGE_JOIN` is executed incorrectly in some cases #15515
    - Fix the issue that columns with the `AutoRandom` attribute are rebased when the negative number is explicitly written to these columns #15397

16.31.20.3 New Features

- TiDB
    - Add the case-insensitive collation so that users can enable `utf8mb4_general_ci` and `utf8_general_ci` in a new cluster #33
    - Enhance the `RECOVER TABLE` syntax to support recovering truncated tables #15398

- Refuse to get started instead of returning an alert log when the tidb-server status port is occupied #15177
- Optimize the write performance of using a sequence as the default column values #15216
- Add the `DDLJobs` system table to query the details of DDL jobs #14837
- Optimize the `aggFuncSum` performance #14887
- Optimize the output of `EXPLAIN` #15507

- TiKV

  - Support the `pipelined` feature in pessimistic transactions, which improves the TPC-C performance by 20%. The risk is that the transaction commit might fail because of lock failure during the execution #6984
  - Support TLS in the HTTP port #5393
  - Enable the `unify-read-pool` configuration item in new clusters by default and use the previous setting of this item in old clusters #7059

- PD

  - Support getting the default PD configuration information through the HTTP API #2258

- Tools

  - TiDB Binlog
    - Add the configuration item for verifying Common Name #934
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Optimize the performance of TiDB Lightning #281 #275

16.31.20.4 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue that replication between the upstream and downstream might go wrong when the DDL job is executed using the `PREPARE` statement because of the incorrect job query in the internal records #15435
  - Fix the issue of incorrect subquery result in the `Read Committed` isolation level #15471
  - Fix the issue of possible wrong behavior when using `INSERT ... VALUES` to specify the `BIT(N)` data type #15350
  - Fix the issue that the DDL Job internal retry does not fully achieve the expected outcomes because the values of `ErrorCount` fail to be summed correctly #15373
  - Fix the issue that Garbage Collection might work abnormally when TiDB connects to TiFlash #15505

- Fix the issue of incorrect result caused by the Inline Projection optimization #15411
- Fix the issue that the SQL Hint `INL_MERGE_JOIN` is executed incorrectly in some cases #15515
- Fix the issue that columns with the `AutoRandom` attribute are rebased when the negative number is explicitly written to these columns #15397

- TiKV
  - Fix the possible panic caused by transferring the leader when the Follower Read feature is enabled #7101

- Tools
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Fix the issue of data error caused by the error of character conversion when the backend is TiDB #283
  - TiCDC
    - Fix the issue that an error is returned if the `test` schema does not exist in the downstream when MySQL sink is executing the DDL statement #353
    - Support the real-time interactive mode in CDC cli #351
    - Support checking whether the table in the upstream can be replicated during data replication #368
    - Support asynchronous write to Kafka #344

16.31.21 TiDB 4.0.0 Beta.2 Release Notes

Release date: March 18, 2020

TiDB version: 4.0.0-beta.2

TiDB Ansible version: 4.0.0-beta.2

16.31.21.1 Compatibility Changes

- Tools
  - TiDB Binlog
    - Fix the issue that the system returns an error and exits when `disable-dispatch` and `disable-causality` are configured in Drainer #915

16.31.21.2 New Features

- TiKV
  - Support persisting the dynamically updated configuration into the hardware disk #6684
- PD
  - Support persisting the dynamically updated configuration into the hardware disk #2153
- Tools
  - TiDB Binlog
    - Support the bidirectional data replication between TiDB clusters #879 #903
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Support the TLS configuration #40 #270
  - TiCDC
    - Initial release of the change data capture (CDC), providing the following features:
      - Support capturing changed data from TiKV
      - Support replicating the changed data from TiKV to MySQL compatible databases, and guarantee the eventual data consistency
      - Support replicating the changed data to Kafka, and guarantee either the eventual data consistency or the row-level orderliness
      - Provide process-level high availability
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Enable experimental features such as incremental backup and backing up files to Amazon S3 #175
- TiDB Ansible
  - Support injecting the node information to etcd #1196
  - Support deploying TiDB services on the ARM platform #1204

16.31.21.3 Bug Fixes

- TiKV
  - Fix the panic issue that might occur when meeting empty short values during the backup #6718
  - Fix the issue that Hibernate Regions might not be correctly awakened in some cases #6772 #6648 #6376
- PD

- Fix the panic issue that the rule checker fails to allocate stores to Regions #2160
- Fix the issue that after the dynamic configuration is enabled, the configuration might have replication delay when the Leader is being switched #2154

- Tools
  - Backup & Restore (BR)
    - Fix the issue that BR might fail to restore data of a large size because PD cannot process large-sized data #167
    - Fix the BR failure occurred because the BR version is not compatible with the TiDB version #186
    - Fix the BR failure occurred because the BR version is not compatible with TiFlash #194

16.31.22 TiDB 4.0.0 Beta.1 Release Notes

Release date: February 28, 2020

TiDB version: 4.0.0-beta.1

TiDB Ansible version: 4.0.0-beta.1

16.31.22.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
  - Modify the type of the `log.enable-slow-log` configuration item from integer to Boolean #14864
  - Modify the `password` field name to `authentication_string` in the `mysql.user` system table to make it consistent with MySQL 5.7 (**This compatibility change means that you cannot roll back to earlier versions.**) #14598
  - Adjust the default value of the `txn-total-size-limit` configuration item from `1GB` to `100MB` #14522
  - Support dynamically modifying or updating configuration items read from PD #14750 #14303 #14830
- TiKV
  - Add the `readpool.unify-read-pool` configuration item (`True` by default) to control whether point queries use the same threads with Coprocessor #6375 #6401 #6534 #6582 #6585 #6593 #6597 #6677
- PD
  - Optimize the HTTP API to make it compatible with the configuration manager #2080
- TiDB Lightning

    - Use the default configurations specified in the document for certain items not configured in the configuration file #255

- TiDB Ansible

    - Rename `theflash` to `tiflash` #1130
    - Optimize the default values and related configurations in TiFlash's configuration file #1138

16.31.22.2 New Features

- TiDB

    - Support querying slow logs of any time in the `SLOW_QUERY / CLUSTER_SLOW_QUERY` system table #14840 #14878
    - Support SQL performance diagnosis
        - #14843 #14810 #14835 #14801 #14743
        - #14718 #14721 #14670 #14663 #14668
        - #14896
    - Support the `Sequence` function #14731 #14589 #14674 #14442 #14303 #14830
    - Support dynamically modifying or updating configuration items read from PD #14750 #14303 #14830
    - Add a feature of automatically reading data from different roles according to the load balancing policy and add the `leader-and-follower` system variable to enable this feature #14761
    - Add the `Coercibility` function #14739
    - Support setting TiFlash replicas in the partitioned table #14735 #14713 #14644
    - Improve the privilege check for the `SLOW_QUERY` table #14451
    - Support automatically write the intermediate results to the disk file if the memory is insufficient when using a SQL join #14708 #14279
    - Support checking table partitions by querying the `information_schema.PARTITIONS` system table #14347
    - Add the `json_objectagg` aggregate function #11154
    - Support logging rejected connection attempts in the audit log #14594
    - Add the `max-server-connections` configuration item (`4096` by default) to control the number of connections to a single server #14409
    - Support the isolation read specifying multiple storage engines at the server level #14440
    - Optimize the cost model of the `Apply` operator and the `Sort` operator to improve stability #13550 #14708

- TiKV

    - Support fetching configuration items from the status port via HTTP API #6480
    - Optimize the performance of `Chunk Encoder` in Coprocessor #6341

- PD

- Support accessing to the distribution of hotspots in the cluster through Dashboard UI #2086
- Support capturing and displaying `START_TIME` and `UPTIME` of cluster components #2116
- Add the information of deployment path and component version in the returned message of the `member` API #2130
- Add the `component` sub-command in pd-ctl to modify and check the configuration of other components (experimental) #2092

- TiDB Binlog

  - Support TLS between the components #904 #894
  - Add the `kafka-client-id` configuration item in Drainer to configure Kafka's client ID #902
  - Support purging the incremental backup data in Drainer #885

- TiDB Ansible

  - Support deploying multiple Grafana/Prometheus/Alertmanagers in one cluster #1142
  - Add the `metric_port` configuration item (`8234` by default) in TiFlash's configuration file #1145
  - Add the `flash_proxy_status_port` configuration item (`20292` by default) in TiFlash's configuration file #1141
  - Add the TiFlash monitoring dashboard #1147 #1151

16.31.22.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue that an error is reported when creating `view` with a column name that exceeds 64 characters #14850
  - Fix the issue that duplicate data exists in `information_schema.views` because the `create or replace view` statement is incorrectly processed #14832
  - Fix the incorrect results of `BatchPointGet` when `plan cache` is enabled #14855
  - Fix the issue that data is inserted into the wrong partitioned table after the timezone is modified #14370
  - Fix the panic occurred when rebuilding expression using the invalid name of the `IsTrue` function during the outer join simplification #14515
  - Fix the incorrect privilege check for the`show binding` statement #14443

- TiKV

  - Fix the inconsistent behaviors of the `CAST` function in TiDB and TiKV #6463 #6461 #6459 #6474 #6492 #6569

- TiDB Lightning

  - Fix the bug that the web interface does not work outside the Server mode #259

16.31.23 TiDB 4.0 Beta Release Notes

Release date: January 17, 2020

TiDB version: 4.0.0-beta

TiDB Ansible version: 4.0.0-beta

16.31.23.1 TiDB

- Print the log or cancel the SQL execution when the memory used during the execution of `INSERT/REPLACE/DELETE/UPDATE` exceeds the limit specified by the `MemQuotaQuery` ↪ configuration item. The actual behavior depends on the `OOMAction` configuration. #14179 #14289 #14299
- Increase the accuracy of calculating the cost of `Index Join` by considering the row counts of both driving tables and driven tables #12085
- Add 15 SQL hints to control the behavior of the optimizer and make the optimizer more stable
    - #11253 #11364 #11673 #11740 #11746
    - #11809 #11996 #12043 #12059 #12246
    - #12382
- Improve the performance when the columns involved in a query can be fully covered by indexes #12022
- Improve the performance of table query by supporting the Index Merge feature #10121 #10512 #11245 #12225 #12248 #12305 #12843
- Improve the performance of Range calculation and reduce the CPU overhead by caching index results and eliminating duplicate results #12856
- Decouple the level of slow logs from the level of ordinary logs #12359
- Add the `oom-use-tmp-storage` parameter (`true` by default) to control whether to use temporary files to cache intermediate results when the memory usage for the execution of a single SQL statement exceeds `mem-quota-query` and the SQL contains `Hash Join` #11832 #11937 #12116 #12067
- Support using `create index/alter table` to create expression index and using `drop` ↪ `index` to drop expression index #14117
- Increase the default value of the `query-log-max-len` parameter to `4096` to reduce the number of truncated SQL outputs. This parameter can be adjusted dynamically. #12491
- Support adding the `AutoRandom` keyword in the column attribute to control whether the system automatically assigns a random integer to the primary key, which avoids the hotspot problem caused by the `AUTO_INCREMENT` primary key #13127
- Support Table Locks #11038
- Support using the `LIKE` or `WHERE` clause in `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` for conditional filtering #12484

- Add the `TIDB_ROW_ID_SHARDING_INFO` column in the `information_schema.tables` table to output the `RowID` scattering information (for example, the value of the `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` column in table `A` is `"SHARD_BITS={bit_number}"`) #13418
- Optimize the error code of SQL error messages to avoid the situation that the `ERROR 1105 (HY000)` code is used for multiple error messages (the `Unknown Error` type)
    - #14002 #13874 #13733 #13654 #13646
    - #13540 #13366 #13329 #13300 #13233
    - #13033 #12866 #14054
- Convert a narrow data range of the discrete type into `point set` and use CM-Sketch to improve the estimation accuracy when estimating the number of rows #11524
- Extract the `TopN` information from CM-Sketch for normal `Analyze` and separately maintain the frequently occurring values #11409
- Support dynamically adjusting the depth and width of CM-Sketch and the number of `TopN` information #11278
- Support automatically capturing and evolving SQL Binding #13199 #12434
- Optimize the encoding format of communication with TiKV by using `Chunk` to improve communication performance #12023 #12536 #12613 #12621 #12899 #13060 #13349
- Support the new row store format to improve the performance of the wide table #12634
- Optimize the `Recover Binlog` interface to ensure waiting all transactions to be committed before returning to the client #13740
- Support querying the binlog statuses enabled by TiDB servers in the cluster through the HTTP `info/all` interface #13025
- Support the MySQL-compatible `Read Committed` transaction isolation level when using the pessimistic transaction mode #14087
- Support large-sized transactions. The transaction size is limited by the size of the physical memory.
    - #11999 #11986 #11974 #11817 #11807
    - #12133 #12223 #12980 #13123 #13299
    - #13432 #13599
- Improve the stability of `Kill` #10841
- Support hexadecimal and binary expressions as separators in `LOAD DATA` #11029
- Improve the performance of `IndexLookupJoin` and reduce memory consumption during execution by splitting `IndexLookupJoin` into `IndexHashJoin` and `IndexMergeJoin` #8861 #12139 #12349 #13238 #13451 #13714
- Fix several issues relating to RBAC #13896 #13820 #13940 #14090 #13940 #13014
- Fix the issue that `VIEW` cannot be created because the `SELECT` statement contains `union` #12595
- Fix several issues relating to the `CAST` function
    - #12858 #11968 #11640 #11483 #11493
    - #11376 #11355 #11114 #14405 #14323
    - #13837 #13401 #13334 #12652 #12864
    - #12623 #11989

- Output the detailed `backoff` information of TiKV RPC in the slow log to facilitate troubleshooting #13770
- Optimize and unify the format of the memory statistics in the expensive log #12809
- Optimize the explicit format of `EXPLAIN` and support outputting information about the operator's usage of memory and disk #13914 #13692 #13686 #11415 #13927 #13764 #13720
- Optimize the check for duplicate values in `LOAD DATA` based on the transaction size and support setting the transaction size by configuring the `tidb_dml_batch_size` parameter #11132
- Optimize the performance of `LOAD DATA` by separating the data preparing routine and the commit routine and assigning the workload to different Workers #11533 #11284

16.31.23.2 TiKV

- Upgrade the RocksDB version to 6.4.6
- Fix the issue that the system cannot perform the compaction task normally when the disk space is used up by automatically creating a 2GB empty file when TiKV is started #6321
- Support quick backup and restoration
    - #6462 #6395 #6378 #6374 #6349
    - #6339 #6308 #6295 #6286 #6283
    - #6261 #6222 #6209 #6204 #6202
    - #6198 #6186 #6177 #6146 #6071
    - #6042 #5877 #5806 #5803 #5800
    - #5781 #5772 #5689 #5683
- Support reading data from Follower replicas
    - #5051 #5118 #5213 #5316 #5401
    - #5919 #5887 #6340 #6348 #6396
- Improve the performance of TiDB reading data through index #5682
- Fix the issue that the `CAST` function behaves inconsistently in TiKV and in TiDB
    - #6459 #6461 #6458 #6447 #6440
    - #6425 #6424 #6390 #5842 #5528
    - #5334 #5199 #5167 #5146 #5141
    - #4998 #5029 #5099 #5006 #5095
    - #5093 #5090 #4987 #5066 #5038
    - #4962 #4890 #4727 #6060 #5761
    - #5793 #5468 #5540 #5548 #5455
    - #5543 #5433 #5431 #5423 #5179
    - #5134 #4685 #4650 #6463

16.31.23.3 PD

- Support optimizing hotspot scheduling according to the load information of storage nodes
    - #1870 #1982 #1998 #1843 #1750
- Add the Placement Rules feature that supports controlling the number of replicas of any data range, the storage location, the storage host type and roles by combining different scheduling rules
    - #2051 #1999 #2042 #1917 #1904
    - #1897 #1894 #1865 #1855 #1834
- Support using plugins (experimental) #1799
- Add the feature that the schedulers support the customized configuration and key ranges (experimental) #1735 #1783 #1791
- Support automatically adjusting the scheduling speed according the cluster load information (experimental, disabled by default) #1875 #1887 #1902

16.31.23.4 Tools

- TiDB Lightning
    - Add the parameter in the command-line tool to set the password of the downstream database #253

16.31.23.5 TiDB Ansible

- Add checksum check in the package in case that the downloaded package is incomplete #1002
- Support checking the systemd version which must be `systemd-219-52` or later #1020 #1074
- Fix the issue that the log directory is incorrectly created when TiDB Lightning is started #1103
- Fix the issue that the customized port of TiDB Lightning is invalid #1107
- Support deploying and maintaining TiFlash #1119

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16.32.1 TiDB 3.1.2 Release Notes

Release date: June 4, 2020

TiDB version: 3.1.2

16.32.1.1 Bug Fixes

- TiKV
    - Fix the error handling issue during backup and restoration with S3 and GCS #7965
    - Fix the `DefaultNotFound` error that occurs during restoration #7838
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Retry automatically when the network is poor to improve stability with S3 and GCS storages #314 #7965
        - Fix a restoration failure that occurs because the Region leader cannot be found when restoring small tables #303
        - Fix a data loss issue during restoration when a table's row ID exceeds `2^(63)` #323
        - Fix the issue that empty databases and tables cannot be restored #318
        - Support using AWS KMS for server-side encryption (SSE) when targeting the S3 storage #261

16.32.2 TiDB 3.1.1 Release Notes

Release date: April 30, 2020

TiDB version: 3.1.1

TiDB Ansible version: 3.1.1

16.32.2.1 New Features

- TiDB
    - Add the table option for `auto_rand_base` #16812
    - Add the `Feature ID` comment: In the special comments of SQL statements, only the registered statement fragment can be parsed by the parser; otherwise, the statement is ignored #16155
- TiFlash
    - Cache the `handle` and `version` columns to reduce the disk I/O for a single read request
    - Add in Grafana the graphics related to the read and write workloads of DeltaTree engine
    - Optimize the decimal data encoding in the `Chunk` codec
    - Reduce the number of open file descriptors when TiFlash is in low workload

16.32.2.2 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the isolation read setting at the instance level does not take effect, and that the isolation read setting is incorrectly retained after TiDB is upgraded #16482 #16802
    - Fix the partition selection syntax on the hash partitioned table so that an error is not reported for syntaxes such as `partition (P0)` #16076
    - Fix the issue that when an `UPDATE` SQL statement only queries from a view but does not update the view, the update statement still reports an error #16789
    - Fix the issue of wrong results caused by removing the `not not` from the nested query #16423
- TiFlash
    - Fix the issue that an error occurs when reading data from a Region that is in the abnormal state
    - Modify the mapping of table names in TiFlash to correctly support `recover table`/`flashback table`
    - Modify the storage path to fix the potential data loss issue that occurs when renaming a table
    - Modify the read mode in the online update scenario to improve the read performance
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash fails to start normally after upgrade if the database/table name contains special characters
- Tools
    - Backup & Restore (BR)
        - Fix the issue that after BR restores a table with the `auto_random` attribute, inserting data might trigger the duplicate entry error #241

16.32.3 TiDB 3.1.0 GA Release Notes

Release date: April 16, 2020

TiDB version: 3.1.0 GA

TiDB Ansible version: 3.1.0 GA

16.32.3.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB

- Support directly stopping starting TiDB if the HTTP listening port is unavailable when the `report-status` configuration item is enabled #16291

- Tools

  - Backup & Restore (BR)

    - BR does not support restoring data from the TiKV cluster earlier than 3.1 GA #233

16.32.3.2 New Features

- TiDB

  - Support displaying the information of Coprocessor tasks in `explain format = "dot"` #16125
  - Reduce the redundant stack information of log using the `disable-error-stack` configuration item #16182

- Placement Driver (PD)

  - Optimize the hot Region scheduling #2342

- TiFlash

  - Add the metrics report related to the read and write workloads of DeltaTree engine
  - Support pushing down the `fromUnixTime` and `dateFormat` functions
  - Disable the rough set filter by default

- TiDB Ansible

  - Add TiFlash monitor #1253 #1257
  - Optimize the configuration parameters of TiFlash #1262 #1265 #1271
  - Optimize the TiDB starting script #1268

16.32.3.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the panic issue caused by the merge join operation in some scenarios #15920
  - Fix the issue that some expressions are repeatedly counted in selectivity calculation #16052
  - Fix the panic issue occurred when loading the statistics information in extreme cases #15710

- Fix the issue that an error is returned in some cases when equivalent expressions cannot be recognized in SQL query #16015
- Fix the issue that an error is returned when querying the `view` of one database from another database #15867
- Fix the panic issue that occurs when the column is handled using `fast analyze` #16080
- Fix the incorrect character set of the `current_role` print result #16084
- Refine the log of MySQL connection handshake error #15799
- Fix the panic issue caused by port probing after the audit plugin is loaded #16065
- Fix the panic issue of the `sort` operator on left join because the `TypeNull` class is mistaken as a variable-length type #15739
- Fix the issue of inaccurate count of monitoring session retry errors #16120
- Fix the issue of wrong results of `weekday` in the `ALLOW_INVALID_DATES` mode #16171
- Fix the issue that Garbage Collection (GC) might not work normally when the cluster has TiFlash nodes #15761
- Fix the issue that TiDB goes out of memory (OOM) when users set a large partition count when creating the hash partitioned table #16219
- Fix the issue that warnings are mistaken as errors, and make the `UNION` statement have the same behavior as the `SELECT` statement #16138
- Fix the execution error when `TopN` is pushed down to mocktikv #16200
- Increase the initial length of `chunk.column.nullBitMap` to avoid unnecessary overhead of `runtime.growslice` #16142

- TiKV

    - Fix the panic issue caused by replica read #7418 #7369
    - Fix the issue that the restoration process creates empty Regions #7419
    - Fix the issue that repeated resolve lock requests might harm the atomicity of pessimistic transactions #7389

- TiFlash

    - Fix the potential issue of the `rename table` operation when replicating the schema from TiDB
    - Fix the issue of data loss caused by the `rename table` operation under multiple data path configurations
    - Fix the issue that TiFlash reports incorrect storage space in some scenarios
    - Fix the potential issue caused by reading from TiFlash when Region Merge is enabled

- Tools

    - TiDB Binlog

        - Fix the issue that TiFlash-related DDL jobs might interrupt the replication of Drainer #948 #942

- Backup & Restore (BR)
  - Fix the issue that the `checksum` operation is still executed when it is disabled #223
  - Fix the issue that incremental backup fails when TiDB enables `auto-random` or `alter-pk` #230 #231

16.32.4 TiDB 3.1 RC Release Notes

Release date: April 2, 2020

TiDB version: 3.1.0-rc

TiDB Ansible version: 3.1.0-rc

> **Warning:**
>
> Some known issues are found in this version, and these issues are fixed in new versions. It is recommended that you use the latest 3.1.x version.

16.32.4.1 New Features

- TiDB
  - Use the binary search to re-implement partition pruning for better performance #15678
  - Support using the `RECOVER` syntax to recover the truncated table #15460
  - Add the `AUTO_RANDOM` ID cache for retrying statements and recovering tables #15393
  - Support restoring the state of the `AUTO_RANDOM` ID allocator using the `recover table` statement #15393
  - Support `YEAR`, `MONTH`, and `TO_DAY` functions as the partitioning keys of the Hash partitioned table #15619
  - Add the table ID to the schema-change related tables only when keys need to be locked in the `SELECT... FOR UPDATE` statement #15708
  - Add the feature of automatically reading data from different roles according to the load balancing policy and add the `leader-and-follower` system variable to enable this feature #15721
  - Support dynamically updating the TLS certificate every time TiDB establishes a new connection to update expired client certificate without restarting the RPC client side #15163
  - Upgrade PD Client to support loading the latest certificate every time TiDB establishes a new connection #15425

    - Forcibly use the HTTPS protocol with the configured TLS certificates between a TiDB server and a PD server, or between two TiDB servers when `cluster-ssl-*` is configured #15430
    - Add the MySQL-compatible `--require-secure-transport` startup option to force the client to enable TLS authentication during the configuration #15442
    - Add the `cluster-verify-cn` configuration item. After configuration, the status service can only be used when with the corresponding CN certificate #15137

- TiKV

    - Support backing up data with the Raw KV API #7051
    - Support TLS authentication for the status server #7142
    - Support TLS authentication for the KV server #7305
    - Optimize the time to hold locks to improve the performance of backup #7202

- PD

    - Support scheduling learner using `shuffle-region-scheduler` #2235
    - Add commands in pd-ctl to configure Placement Rules #2306

- Tools

    - TiDB Binlog

        - Support TLS authentication between the components #931 #937 #939
        - Add the `kafka-client-id` configuration item in Drainer to configure Kafka's client ID #929

    - TiDB Lightning

        - Optimize the performance of TiDB Lightning #281 #275
        - Support TLS authentication for TiDB Lightning #270

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Optimize the log output #189

- TiDB Ansible

    - Optimize the way the TiFlash data directories are created #1242
    - Add the `Write Amplification` monitoring item in TiFlash #1234
    - Optimize the error message of failed preflight checks when CPU epollexclusive is unavailable #1243

16.32.4.2 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the information schema error caused by frequently updating the TiFlash replica #14884
    - Fix the issue that `last_insert_id` is incorrectly generated when applying `AUTO_RANDOM` #15149
    - Fix the issue that updating the status of TiFlash replica might cause the DDL operation to get stuck #15161
    - Forbid `Aggregation` pushdown and `TopN` pushdown when there are predicates that cannot be pushed down #15141
    - Forbid the nested `view` creation #15440
    - Fix the error occurred when executing `SELECT CURRENT_ROLE()` after `SET ROLE ALL` #15570
    - Fix the failure to identify the `view` name when executing the `select view_name .col_name from view_name` statement #15573
    - Fix the issue that an error might occur when pre-processing DDL statements during the write of binlog information #15444
    - Fix the panic occurred when accessing both `views` and partitioned tables #15560
    - Fix the error occurred when executing the `VALUES` function with the `update duplicate key` statement that contains the `bit(n)` data type #15487
    - Fix the issue that the specified maximum execution time fails to take effect in some scenarios #15616
    - Fix the issue that whether the current `ReadEngine` contains TiKV server is not checked when generating the execution plan using `Index Scan` #15773
- TiKV
    - Fix the issue of conflict check failure or data index inconsistency caused by inserting an existing key into a transaction and then deleting it immediately when disabling the consistency check parameter #7112
    - Fix the calculation error when `TopN` compares unsigned integers #7199
    - Introduce a flow control mechanism in Raftstore to solve the problem that without flow control, it might cause slow log tracking and cause the cluster to be stuck; and the problem that the large transaction size might cause the frequent reconnection among TiKV servers #7087 #7078
    - Fix the issue that pending read requests sent to replicas might be permanently blocked #6543
    - Fix the issue that replica read might be blocked by applying snapshots #7249
    - Fix the issue that transferring leader might cause TiKV to panic #7240
    - Fix the issue that all SST files are filled with zeroes when backing up data to S3 #6967
    - Fix the issue that the size of SST file is not recorded during backup, resulting in many empty Regions after restoration #6983

    - Support AWS IAM web identity for backup #7297

- PD

    - Fix the issue of incorrect Region information caused by data race when PD processes Region heartbeats #2234
    - Fix the issue that `random-merge-scheduler` fails to follow location labels and Placement Rules #2212
    - Fix the issue that a placement rule is overwritten by another placement rule with the same `startKey` and `endKey` #2222
    - Fix the issue that the version number of API is inconsistent with that of PD server #2192

- Tools

    - TiDB Lightning

        - Fix the bug that the `&` character is replaced by the `EOF` character in TiDB backend #283

    - Backup & Restore (BR)

        - Fix the issue that BR cannot restore the TiFlash cluster data #194

16.32.5 TiDB 3.1 Beta.2 Release Notes

Release date: March 9, 2020

TiDB version: 3.1.0-beta.2

TiDB Ansible version: 3.1.0-beta.2

> **Warning:**
>
> Some known issues are found in this version, and these issues are fixed in new versions. It is recommended that you use the latest 3.1.x version.

16.32.5.1 Compatibility Changes

- Tools

    - TiDB Lightning

        - Use the default configurations specified in the TiDB Lightning Configuration for certain items not configured in the configuration file #255
        - Add the `--tidb-password` CLI parameter to set the TiDB password #253

16.32.5.2 New Features

- TiDB
  - Support adding the `AutoRandom` keyword in the column attribute to enable TiDB to automatically assign random integers to the primary key, which avoids the write hot spot caused by the `AUTO_INCREMENT` primary key #14555
  - Support creating or deleting column store replicas through DDL statements #14537
  - Add the feature that the optimizer can independently select different storage engines #14537
  - Add the feature that the SQL hint supports different storage engines #14537
  - Support reading data from followers by using the `tidb_replica_read` system variable #13464
- TiKV
  - Raftstore
    - Add the `peer_address` parameter to connect other nodes to the TiKV server #6491
    - Add the `read_index` and `read_index_resp` monitoring metrics to monitor the number of `ReadIndex` requests #6610
- PD Client
  - Support reporting statistics of local threads to PD #6605
- Backup
  - Replace the `RocksIOLimiter` flow control library with Rust's `async-speed-limit` ↪ flow control library to eliminate extra memory copies when backing up a file #6462
- PD
  - Tolerate backslash in the location label name #2084
- TiFlash
  - Initial release
- TiDB Ansible
  - Support deploying multiple Grafana/Prometheus/Alertmanager in one cluster #1143
  - Support deploying the TiFlash component #1148
  - Add monitoring metrics related to the TiFlash component #1152

16.32.5.3 Bug Fixes

- TiKV
  - Raftstore
    - Fix the issue that the read requests cannot be processed because data is not properly read from Hibernate Regions #6450
    - Fix the panic issue caused by the `ReadIndex` requests during the leader transfer process #6613
    - Fix the issue that Hibernate Regions are not correctly awakened in some special conditions #6730 #6737 #6972
  - Backup
    - Fix the inconsistent data index during the restoration caused by the backup of the extra data #6659
    - Fix the panic caused by incorrectly processing the deleted values during the backup #6726
- PD
  - Fix the panic occurred because the rule checker fails to assign stores to Regions #2161
- Tools
  - TiDB Lightning
    - Fix the bug that the web interface does not work outside the Server mode #259
  - BR (Backup and Restore)
    - Fix the issue that BR cannot exit in time due to an unrecoverable error it encounters when restoring data #152
- TiDB Ansible
  - Fix the issue that the rolling update command fails because the PD Leader cannot be obtained in some scenarios #1122

16.32.6 TiDB 3.1 Beta.1 Release Notes

Release date: January 10, 2020

TiDB version: 3.1.0-beta.1

TiDB Ansible version: 3.1.0-beta.1

16.32.6.1 TiKV

- backup
  - Change the name of the backup file from `start_key` to the hash value of `start_key` to reduce the file name's length for easy reading #6198
  - Disable RocksDB's `force_consistency_checks` check to avoid false positives in the consistency check #6249
  - Add the incremental backup feature #6286
- sst_importer
  - Fix the issue that the SST file does not have MVCC properties during restoring #6378
  - Add the monitoring items such as `tikv_import_download_duration`, `tikv_import_download_bytes`, `tikv_import_ingest_duration`, `tikv_import_ingest_bytes`, and `tikv_import_error_counter` to observe the overheads of downloading and ingesting SST files #6404
- raftstore
  - Fix the issue of Follower Read that the follower reads stale data when the leader changes, thus breaking transaction isolation #6343

16.32.6.2 Tools

- BR (Backup and Restore)
  - Fix the inaccurate backup progress information #127
  - Improve the performance of splitting Regions #122
  - Add the backup and restore feature for partitioned tables #137
  - Add the feature of automatically scheduling PD schedulers #123
  - Fix the issue that data is overwritten after non `PKIsHandle` tables are restored #139

16.32.6.3 TiDB Ansible

- Add the feature of automatically disabling Transparent Huge Pages (THP) in the operating system during the initialization phase #1086
- Add the Grafana monitoring for BR components #1093
- Optimize the deployment of TiDB Lightning by automatically creating related directories #1104

16.32.7 TiDB 3.1 Beta Release Notes

Release date: December 20, 2019

TiDB version: 3.1.0-beta

TiDB Ansible version: 3.1.0-beta

16.32.7.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
    - Enrich SQL hints #12192
- New feature
    - Support the Follower Read feature #12535

16.32.7.2 TiKV

- Support the distributed backup and restore feature #5532
- Support the Follower Read feature #5562

16.32.7.3 PD

- Support the distributed backup and restore feature #1896

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16.33.1 TiDB 3.0.20 Release Notes

Release date: December 25, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.20

16.33.1.1 Compatibility Change

- TiDB
    - Deprecate the `enable-streaming` configuration item #21054

16.33.1.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Raise an error when preparing the `LOAD DATA` statement #21222
- TiKV
    - Add the `end_point_slow_log_threshold` configuration item #9145

16.33.1.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the incorrect cache of the transaction status for pessimistic transactions #21706
    - Fix the issue of inaccurate statistics that occurs when querying `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_HOT_REGIONS` #21319
    - Fix the issue that `DELETE` might not delete data correctly when the database name is not in a pure lower representation #21205
    - Fix the issue of stack overflow that occurs when building the recursive view #21000
    - Fix the issue of goroutine leak in TiKV client #20863
    - Fix the wrong default zero value for the `year` type #20828
    - Fix the issue of goroutine leak in index lookup join #20791
    - Fix the issue that executing `INSERT SELECT FOR UPDATE` returns the malformed packet in the pessimistic transaction #20681
    - Fix the unknown time zone `'posixrules'` #20605
    - Fix the issue that occurs when converting the unsigned integer type to the bit type #20362
    - Fix the corrupted default value of the bit type column #20339
    - Fix the potentially incorrect results when one of the equal condition is the `Enum` or `Set` type #20296
    - Fix a wrong behavior of `!= any()` #20061
    - Fix the issue that type conversion in `BETWEEN...AND...` returns invalid results #21503
    - Fix a compatibility issue with the `ADDDATE` function #21008
    - Set the correct default value for newly added `Enum` column #20999
    - Fix the result of SQL statements like `SELECT DATE_ADD('2007-03-28 22:08:28',INTERVAL "-2.-2" SECOND)` to be compatible with MySQL #20627
    - Fix the incorrect default value when modifying the column type #20532
    - Fix the issue that the `timestamp` function gets wrong result when the input argument is the `float` or `decimal` type #20469
    - Fix a potential deadlock issue in statistics #20424
    - Fix the issue that the overflown float type data is inserted #20251
- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that an error is returned indicating that a key exists when this key is locked and deleted in a committed transaction #8931
- PD
    - Fix the issue that too many logs are printed when starting PD and when there are too many stale Regions #3064

16.33.2 TiDB 3.0.19 Release Notes

Release date: September 25, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.19

16.33.2.1 Compatibility Changes

- PD
    - Change the import path from `pingcap/pd` to `tikv/pd` #2779
    - Change the copyright information from `PingCAP, Inc` to `TiKV Project Authors` #2777

16.33.2.2 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Mitigate the impact of failure recovery on QPS performance #19764
    - Support adjusting the concurrency of the `union` operator #19885
- TiKV
    - Set `sync-log` to `true` as a nonadjustable value #8636
- PD
    - Add an alert rule for PD restart #2789

16.33.2.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the query error that occurs when the `slow-log` file does not exist #20050
    - Add the privilege check for `SHOW STATS_META` and `SHOW STATS_BUCKET` #19759
    - Forbid changing the decimal type to the integer type #19681
    - Fix the issue that the constraint is not checked when altering the `ENUM`/`SET` type column #20045
    - Fix the bug that tidb-server does not release table locks after a panic #20021
    - Fix the bug that the `OR` operator is not handled correctly in the `WHERE` clause #19901
- TiKV

- Fix the bug that TiKV panics when parsing responses with missing reason phrases #8540

- Tools

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Fix the issue that the TiDB Lightning process does not exit in time when encountering illegal UTF characters in CSV in the strict mode #378

16.33.3 TiDB 3.0.18 Release Notes

Release date: August 21, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.18

16.33.3.1 Improvements

- Tools

  - TiDB Binlog

    - Support the time duration format of Go for the Pump GC configuration #996

16.33.3.2 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue that the wrong handling of the `decimal` type by the `Hash` function causes the wrong HashJoin result #19185
  - Fix the issue that the wrong handling of the `set` and `enum` types by the `Hash` function causes the wrong HashJoin result #19175
  - Fix the issue that the check for duplicate keys fails in the pessimistic locking mode #19236
  - Fix the issue that the `Apply` and `Union Scan` operators cause the wrong execution result #19297
  - Fix the issue that some cached execution plans are incorrectly executed in transaction #19274

- TiKV

  - Change the GC failure log from `error` to the `warning` level #8444

- Tools

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Fix the issue that the `--log-file` argument does not take effect #345
    - Fix the syntax error on empty binary/hex literals when using TiDB-backend #357
    - Fix the unexpected `switch-mode` call when using TiDB-backend #368

16.33.4 TiDB 3.0.17 Release Notes

Release date: Aug 3, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.17

16.33.4.1 Improvements

- TiDB
    - Decrease the default value of the `query-feedback-limit` configuration item from 1024 to 512, and improve the statistics feedback mechanism to ease its impact on the cluster #18770
    - Limit batch split count for one request #18694
    - Accelerate `/tiflash/replica` HTTP API when there are many history DDL jobs in the TiDB cluster #18386
    - Improve row count estimation for index equal condition #17609
    - Speed up the execution of `kill tidb conn_id` #18506
- TiKV
    - Add the `hibernate-timeout` configuration that delays region hibernation to improve rolling update performance #8207
- Tools
    - TiDB Lightning
        - `[black-white-list]` has been deprecated with a newer, easier-to-understand filter format #332

16.33.4.2 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Return the actual error message instead of an empty set when a query which contains `IndexHashJoin` or `IndexMergeJoin` encounters a panic #18498
    - Fix the unknown column error for SQL statements like `SELECT a FROM t HAVING t.a` #18432
    - Forbid adding a primary key for a table when the table has no primary key or when the table already has an integer primary key #18342
    - Return an empty set when executing `EXPLAIN FORMAT="dot" FOR CONNECTION` #17157
    - Fix `STR_TO_DATE`'s handling for format token'%r', '%h' #18725
- TiKV

- Fix a bug that might read stale data during region merging #8111
- Fix the issue of memory leak during the scheduling process #8355

- Tools

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Fix the issue that the `log-file` flag is ignored #345

16.33.5 TiDB 3.0.16 Release Notes

Release date: July 03, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.16

16.33.5.1 Improvements

- TiDB

  - Support the `is null` filter condition in hash partition pruning #17308
  - Assign different `Backoffer`s to each Region to avoid the SQL timeout issue when multiple Region requests fail at the same time #17583
  - Split separate Regions for the newly added partition #17668
  - Discard feedbacks generated from the `delete` or `update` statement #17841
  - Correct the usage of `json.Unmarshal` in `job.DecodeArgs` to be compatible with future Go versions #17887
  - Remove sensitive information in the slow query log and the statement summary table #18128
  - Match the MySQL behavior with `DateTime` delimiters #17499
  - Handle `%h` in date formats in the range that is consistent with MySQL #17496

- TiKV

  - Avoid sending store heartbeats to PD after snapshots are received #8145
  - Improve the PD client log #8091

16.33.5.2 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the data inconsistency issue occurred because the lock of a written and deleted primary key in one transaction is resolved by another transaction #18248
  - Fix the `Got too many pings` gRPC error log in the PD server-side followers #17944
  - Fix the panic issue that might occur when the child of HashJoin returns the `TypeNull` column #17935

- Fix the error message when access is denied #17722
- Fix JSON comparison issue for the `int` and `float` types #17715
- Update the failpoint which causes data race #17710
- Fix the issue that the timeout pre-split Regions might not work when creating tables #17617
- Fix the panic caused by ambiguous error messages after the sending failure #17378
- Fix the issue that `FLASHBACK TABLE` might fail in some special cases #17165
- Fix the issue of inaccurate range calculation results when statements only have string columns #16658
- Fix the query error occurred when the `only_full_group_by` SQL mode is set #16620
- Fix the issue that the field length of results returned from the `case when` function is inaccurate #16562
- Fix the type inference for the decimal property in the `count` aggregate function #17702

- TiKV

    - Fix the potential wrong result read from ingested files #8039
    - Fix the issue that a peer cannot be removed when its store is isolated during multiple merge processes #8005

- PD

    - Fix the `404` error when querying Region keys in PD Control #2577

16.33.6 TiDB 3.0.15 Release Notes

Release date: June 5, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.15

16.33.6.1 New Features

- TiDB

    - Forbid the query in partitioned tables to use the plan cache feature #16759
    - Support the `admin recover index` and `admin check index` statements on partitioned tables #17315 #17390
    - Support partition pruning of the `in` condition for Range partitioned tables #17318
    - Optimize the output of `SHOW CREATE TABLE`, and add quotation marks to the partition name #16315
    - Support the `ORDER BY` clause in the `GROUP_CONCAT` function #16988
    - Optimize the memory allocation mechanism of `CMSketch` statistics to reduce the impact of garbage collection (GC) on performance #17543

- PD
    - Add a policy in which PD performs scheduling in terms of the number of Leaders #2479

16.33.6.2 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Use deep copy to copy the `enum` and `set` type data in the `Hash` aggregate function; fix an issue of correctness #16890
    - Fix the issue that `PointGet` returns incorrect results because of the wrong processing logic of integer overflow #16753
    - Fix the issue of incorrect results caused by incorrect processing logic when the `CHAR()` function is used in the query predicate #16557
    - Fix the issue of inconsistent results in the storage layer and calculation layer of the `IsTrue` and `IsFalse` functions #16627
    - Fix the incorrect `NotNull` flags in some expressions, such as `case when` #16993
    - Fix the issue that the optimizer cannot find a physical plan for `TableDual` in some scenarios #17014
    - Fix the issue that the syntax for partition selection does not take effect correctly in the Hash partitioned table #17051
    - Fix the inconsistent results between TiDB and MySQL when XOR operates on a floating-point number #16976
    - Fix the error that occurs when executing DDL statement in the prepared manner #17415
    - Fix the incorrect processing logic of computing the batch size in the ID allocator #17548
    - Fix the issue that the `MAX_EXEC_TIME` SQL hint does not take effect when the time exceeds the expensive threshold #17534
- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that memory defragmentation is not effective after running for a long time #7790
    - Fix the panic issue caused by incorrectly removing snapshot files after TiKV is restarted accidentally #7925
    - Fix the gRPC disconnection caused by too large message packages #7822

16.33.7 TiDB 3.0.14 Release Notes

Release date: May 9, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.14

16.33.7.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
    - Adjust the user privilege in `performance_schema` and `metrics_schema` from read-write to read-only #15417

16.33.7.2 Important Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue that the query result of `index join` is incorrect when the `join` ↪ condition has multiple equivalent conditions on the column with the `handle` attribute #15734
    - Fix the panic that occurs when performing the `fast analyze` operation on the column with the `handle` attribute #16079
    - Fix the issue that the `query` field in the DDL job structure is incorrect when the DDL statement is executed in a way of `prepare`. This issue might cause data inconsistency between the upstream and the downstream when Binlog is used for data replication. #15443
- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that repeated requests on the cleanup of lock might destroy the atomicity of the transaction #7388

16.33.7.3 New Features

- TiDB
    - Add the schema name column and the table name column to the query results of the `admin show ddl jobs` statement #16428
    - Enhance the `RECOVER TABLE` syntax to support recovering truncated tables #15458
    - Support the privilege check for the `SHOW GRANTS` statement #16168
    - Support the privilege check for the `LOAD DATA` statement #16736
    - Improve the performance of partition pruning when functions related to time and date are used as partition keys #15618
    - Adjust the log level of `dispatch error` from `WARN` to `ERROR` #16232
    - Support the `require-secure-transport` startup option to force clients to use TLS #15415
    - Support HTTP communication between TiDB components when TLS is configured #15419

- Add the `start_ts` information of the current transaction to the `information_schema.processlist` table #16160
- Support automatically reloading the TLS certificate information used for communication among clusters #15162
- Improve the read performance of the partitioned tables by restructuring the partition pruning #15628
- Support the partition pruning feature when `floor(unix_timestamp(a))` is used as the partition expression of the `range` partition table #16521
- Allow executing the `update` statement that contains a `view` and does not update the `view` #16787
- Prohibit creating nested `views` #15424
- Prohibit truncating `view` #16420
- Prohibit using the `update` statement to explicitly update the values of a column when this column is not in the `public` state #15576
- Prohibit starting TiDB when the `status` port is occupied #15466
- Change the character set of the `current_role` function from `binary` to `utf8mb4` #16083
- Improve `max-execution-time` usability by checking the interrupt signal when the data of a new Region is read #15615
- Add the `ALTER TABLE ... AUTO_ID_CACHE` syntax for explicitly setting the cache step of `auto_id` #16287

- TiKV

  - Improve the performance when many conflicts and the `BatchRollback` condition exist in optimistic transactions #7605
  - Fix the issue of decreased performance that occurs because the pessimistic lock `waiter` is frequently awakened when many conflicts exist in pessimistic transactions #7584

- Tools

  - TiDB Lightning

    - Support printing the TiKV cluster mode using the `fetch-mode` sub-command of tidb-lightning-ctl #287

16.33.7.4 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

  - Fix the issue that `WEEKEND` function is not compatible with MySQL when the SQL mode is `ALLOW_INVALID_DATES` #16170
  - Fix the issue that the `DROP INDEX` statement fails to execute when the index column contains the auto-increment primary key #16008

- Fix the issue of incorrect values of the `TABLE_NAMES` column in the Statement Summary #15231
- Fix the issue that some expressions have incorrect results when the plan cache is enabled #16184
- Fix the issue that the result of the `not`/`istrue`/`isfalse` function is incorrect #15916
- Fix the panic caused by the `MergeJoin` operation on tables with redundant indexes #15919
- Fix the issue caused by incorrectly simplifying the link when the predicate only refers to the outer table #16492
- Fix the issue that the `CURRENT_ROLE` function reports an error caused by the `SET ROLE` statement #15569
- Fix the issue that the result of the `LOAD DATA` statement is incompatible with MySQL when this statement encounters `\` #16633
- Fix the issue that the database visibility is incompatible with MySQL #14939
- Fix the issue of incorrect privilege check for the `SET DEFAULT ROLE ALL` statement #15585
- Fix the issue of partition pruning failure caused by the plan cache #15818
- Fix the issue that `schema change` is reported during the transaction commit when concurrent DDL operations are performed on a table and blocking exists, because the transaction does not lock the related table #15707
- Fix the incorrect behavior of `IF(not_int, *, *)` #15356
- Fix the incorrect behavior of `CASE WHEN (not_int)` #15359
- Fix the issue that the `Unknown column` error message is returned when using a `view` that is not in the current schema #15866
- Fix the issue that the result of parsing time strings is incompatible with MySQL #16242
- Fix the possible panic of the collation operator in `left join` when a `null` column exists in the right child node #16528
- Fix the issue that no error message is returned even though the SQL execution is blocked when TiKV keeps returning the `StaleCommand` error message #16528
- Fix the possible panic caused by the port probing when the audit plugin is enabled #15967
- Fix the panic caused when `fast analyze` works on indices only #15967
- Fix the possible panic of the `SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PROCESSLIST` statement execution in some cases #16309
- Fix the issue of TiDB OOM caused by specifying a large number of partitions (for example, `9999999999999`) when the hash partition table is created without checking the number of partitions before allocating memory #16218
- Fix the issue of incorrect information of partitioned tables in `information_schema.tidb_hot_table` #16726
- Fix the issue that the partition selection algorithm does not take effect on the hash partitioned table #16070
- Fix the issue that the HTTP API of the MVCC series does not support partitioned tables #16191

- Keep the error handling of the `UNION` statement consistent with that of the `SELECT` statement #16137
- Fix the issue of incorrect behavior when the parameter type of the `VALUES` function is `bit(n)` #15486
- Fix the issue that the processing logic of TiDB is inconsistent with MySQL when the `view` column name is too long. In this case, the system automatically generates a short column name. #14873
- Fix the issue that `(not not col)` is incorrectly optimized as `col` #16094
- Fix the issue of incorrect `range` of the inner table built by `IndexLookupJoin` plans #15753
- Fix the issue that `only_full_group_by` fails to correctly check expressions with brackets #16012
- Fix the issue that an error is returned when the `select view_name.col_name from view_name` statement is executed #15572

- TiKV

    - Fix the issue that the node cannot be deleted correctly after the isolation recovery in some cases #7703
    - Fix the issue of data loss during network isolation caused by the Region Merge operation #7679
    - Fix the issue that learner cannot be removed correctly in some cases #7598
    - Fix the issue that the scanning result of raw key-value pairs might be out of order #7597
    - Fix the issue of reconnection when the batch of Raft messages is too large #7542
    - Fix the issue of gRPC thread deadlock caused by the empty request #7538
    - Fix the issue that the processing logic of restarting the learner is incorrect during the merge process #7457
    - Fix the issue that repeated requests on the cleanup of lock might destroy the atomicity of the transaction #7388

16.33.8 TiDB 3.0.13 Release Notes

Release date: April 22, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.13

16.33.8.1 Bug Fixes

- TiDB

    - Fix the issue caused by unchecked `MemBuffer` that the `INSERT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` statement might be executed incorrectly within a transaction when users need to insert multiple rows of duplicate data #16690

- TiKV
    - Fix the issue that the system might get stuck and the service is unavailable if `Region Merge` is executed repeatedly #7612

16.33.9 TiDB 3.0.12 Release Notes

Release date: March 16, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.12

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.12

> **Warning:**
>
> Some known issues are found in this version, and these issues are fixed in new versions. It is recommended that you use the latest 3.0.x version.

16.33.9.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
    - Fix the issue of inaccurate timing of prewrite binlog in slow query log. The original timing field was called `Binlog_prewrite_time`. After this fix, the name is changed to `Wait_prewrite_binlog_time`. #15276

16.33.9.2 New Features

- TiDB
    - Support dynamic loading of the replaced certificate file by using the `alter instance` statement #15080 #15292
    - Add the `cluster-verify-cn` configuration item. After configuration, the status service can only be used when with the corresponding CN certificate. #15164
    - Add a flow limiting feature for DDL requests in each TiDB server to reduce the error reporting frequency of DDL request conflicts #15148
    - Support exiting of the TiDB server when binlog write fails #15339
- Tools
    - TiDB Binlog
        - Add the `kafka-client-id` configuration item in Drainer, which supports connecting to Kafka clients to configure the client ID #929

16.33.9.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
    - Make `GRANT`, `REVOKE` guarantee atomicity when modifying multiple users #15092
    - Fix the issue that the locking of pessimistic lock on the partition table failed to lock the correct row #15114
    - Make the error message display according to the value of `max-index-length` in the configuration when the index length exceeds the limit #15130
    - Fix the incorrect decimal point issue of the `FROM_UNIXTIME` function #15270
    - Fix the issue of conflict detection failure or data index inconsistency caused by deleting records written by oneself in a transaction #15176
- TiKV
    - Fix the issue of conflict detection failure or data index inconsistency caused by inserting an existing key into a transaction and then deleting it immediately when disabling the consistency check parameter #7054
    - Introduce a flow control mechanism in Raftstore to solve the problem that without flow control, it might lead to too slow tracking and cause the cluster to be stuck, and the transaction size might cause frequent reconnection of TiKV connections #7072 #6993
- PD
    - Fix the issue of incorrect Region information caused by data race when PD processes Region heartbeats #2233
- TiDB Ansible
    - Support deploying multiple Grafana/Prometheus/Alertmanager in a cluster #1198

16.33.10 TiDB 3.0.11 Release Notes

Release date: March 4, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.11

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.11

> **Warning:**
>
> Some known issues are found in this version, and these issues are fixed in new versions. It is recommended that you use the latest 3.0.x version.

16.33.10.1 Compatibility Changes

- TiDB
  - Add the `max-index-length` configuration item to control the maximum index length, which is compatible with the behavior of TiDB versions before 3.0.7 or of MySQL #15057

16.33.10.2 New Features

- TiDB
  - Support showing the meta information of partitioned tables in the `information_schema.PARTITIONS` table #14849
- TiDB Binlog
  - Support the bidirectional data replication between TiDB clusters #884 #909
- TiDB Lightning
  - Support the TLS configuration #44 #270
- TiDB Ansible
  - Modify the logic of `create_users.yml` so that users of the control machine do not have to be consistent with `ansible_user` #1184

16.33.10.3 Bug Fixes

- TiDB
  - Fix the issue of Goroutine leaks when retrying an optimistic transaction because queries using `Union` are not marked read-only #15076
  - Fix the issue that `SHOW TABLE STATUS` fails to correctly output the table status at the snapshot time because the value of the `tidb_snapshot` parameter is not correctly used when executing the `SET SESSION tidb_snapshot = 'xxx';` statement #14391
  - Fix the incorrect result caused by a SQL statement that contains `Sort Merge Join` and `ORDER BY DESC` at the same time #14664
  - Fix the panic of TiDB server when creating partition tables using the unsupported expression. The error information `This partition function is not allowed` is returned after fixing this panic. #14769
  - Fix the incorrect result occurred when executing the `select max()from subquery` statement with the subquery containing `Union` #14944
  - Fix the issue that an error message is returned when executing the `SHOW BINDINGS` statement after executing `DROP BINDING` that drops the execution binding #14865

- Fix the issue that the connection is broken because the maximum length of an alias in a query is 256 characters in the MySQL protocol, but TiDB does not cut the alias in the query results according to this protocol #14940
- Fix the incorrect query result that might occur when using the string type in `DIV`. For instance, now you can correctly execute the `select 1 / '2007' div 1` statement #14098

- TiKV
  - Optimize the log output by removing unnecessary logs #6657
  - Fix the panic that might occur when the peer is removed under high loads #6704
  - Fix the issue that Hibernate Regions are not waken up in some cases #6732 #6738
- TiDB Ansible
  - Update outdated document links in `tidb-ansible` #1169
  - Fix the issue that undefined variables might occur in the `wait for region replication complete` task #1173

16.33.11 TiDB 3.0.10 Release Notes

Release date: February 20, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.10

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.10

> **Warning:**
>
> Some known issues are found in this version, and these issues are fixed in new versions. It is recommended that you use the latest 3.0.x version.

16.33.11.1 TiDB

- Fix wrong `Join` results when `IndexLookUpJoin` uses `OtherCondition` to construct `InnerRange` #14599
- Delete the `tidb_pprof_sql_cpu` configuration item and add the `tidb_pprof_sql_cpu` variable #14416
- Fix the issue that users can query all databases only when they have global privileges #14386
- Fix the issue that data visibility does not meet expectations due to transaction timeout when executing `PointGet` operations #14480
- Change the timing of pessimistic transaction activation to delayed activation, consistent with the optimistic transaction mode #14474

- Fix the incorrect time zone results when the `unixtimestamp` expression calculates the time zone of the table partitions #14476
- Add the `tidb_session_statement_deadlock_detect_duration_seconds` monitoring item to monitor deadlock detection duration #14484
- Fix the system panic issue caused by some logic errors of GC workers #14439
- Correct the expression name of the `IsTrue` function #14516
- Fix the issue that some memory usage is counted inaccurately #14533
- Fix the system panic issue caused by incorrect processing logic during CM-Sketch statistics initialization #14470
- Fix the issue of inaccurate partition pruning when querying partitioned tables #14546
- Fix the issue that the default database name of the SQL statement in SQL bindings is set incorrectly #14548
- Fix the issue that `json_key` is not compatible with MySQL #14561
- Add the feature of automatically updating the statistics of partitioned tables #14566
- Fix the issue that the plan ID changes when the `PointGet` operation is executed (the plan ID is expected to be `1` always) #14595
- Fix the system panic issue caused by incorrect processing logic when SQL bindings do not match exactly #14263
- Add the `tidb_session_statement_pessimistic_retry_count` monitoring item to monitor the number of retries after the failure to lock pessimistic transactions #14619
- Fix the incorrect privilege check for `show binding` statements #14618
- Fix the issue that the query cannot be killed because the `backoff` logic does not include checking the `killed` tag #14614
- Improve the performance of statement summary by reducing the time to hold internal locks #14627
- Fix the issue that TiDB's result of parsing strings to time is incompatible with MySQL #14570
- Record the user login failures in audit logs #14620
- Add the `tidb_session_statement_lock_keys_count` monitoring item to monitor the number of lock keys for pessimistic transactions #14634
- Fix the issue that characters in JSON such as `&`, `<`, and `>` are incorrectly escaped #14637
- Fix the system panic issue caused by excessive memory usage when the `HashJoin` operation is building a hash table #14642
- Fix the panic issue caused by incorrect processing logic when an SQL binding processes illegal records #14645
- ix a MySQL incompatibility issue by adding Truncated error detection to decimal division calculation #14673
- Fix the issue of successfully granting users privileges on a table that does not exist #14611

16.33.11.2 TiKV

- Raftstore

- Fix the system panic issue #6460 or data loss issue #598 caused by Region merge failure #6481
- Support `yield` to optimize scheduling fairness, and support pre-transferring the leader to improve leader scheduling stability #6563

16.33.11.3 PD

- Fix the invalid cache issue by supporting automatically updating the Region cache information when the system traffic changes #2103
- Use leader lease time to determine TSO service validity #2117

16.33.11.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Support relay log in Drainer #893
- TiDB Lightning
  - Make some configuration items use default values when a config file is missing #255
  - Fix the issue that the web interface cannot be opened in the non-server mode #259

16.33.11.5 TiDB Ansible

- Fix the issue that the command execution fails due to the failure to obtain PD leader in some scenarios #1121
- Add the `Deadlock Detect Duration` monitoring item in the TiDB dashboard #1127
- Add the `Statement Lock Keys Count` monitoring item in the TiDB dashboard #1132
- Add the `Statement Pessimistic Retry Count` monitoring item in the TiDB dashboard #1133

16.33.12 TiDB 3.0.9 Release Notes

Release date: January 14, 2020

TiDB version: 3.0.9

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.9

> **Warning:**
>
> Some known issues are found in this version, and these issues are fixed in new versions. It is recommended that you use the latest 3.0.x version.

16.33.12.1 TiDB

- Executor
  - Fix the incorrect result when the aggregate function is applied to the `ENUM` column and the collection column #14364
- Server
  - Support the `auto_increment_increment` and `auto_increment_offset` system variables #14396
  - Add the `tidb_tikvclient_ttl_lifetime_reach_total` monitoring metric to monitor the number of pessimistic transactions with a TTL of 10 minutes #14300
  - Output the SQL information in the log when the SQL query causes a panic during its execution #14322
  - Add the `plan` and `plan_digest` fields in the statement summary table to record the `plan` that is being executed and the `plan` signature #14285
  - Adjust the default value of the `stmt-summary.max-stmt-count` configuration item from `100` to `200` #14285
  - Add the `plan_digest` field in the slow query table to record the `plan` signature #14292
- DDL
  - Fix the issue that the results of anonymous indexes created using `alter table ... add index` on the `primary` column is inconsistent with MySQL #14310
  - Fix the issue that `VIEW`s are mistakenly dropped by the `drop table` syntax #14052
- Planner
  - Optimize the performance of statements such as `select max(a), min(a) from t`. If an index exists in the `a` column, the statement is optimized to `select * from (select a from t order by a desc limit 1)as t1, (select a from t order by a limit 1)as t2` to avoid full table scan #14410

16.33.12.2 TiKV

- Raftstore
  - Speed up the configuration change to speed up the Region scattering #6421
- Transaction
  - Add the `tikv_lock_manager_waiter_lifetime_duration`, `tikv_lock_manager_detect_duration`, and `tikv_lock_manager_detect_duration` monitoring metrics to monitor `waiters`' lifetime, the time cost of detecting deadlocks, and the status of `Wait` table #6392

- Optimize the following configuration items to reduce transaction execution latency caused by changing Region leader or the leader of deadlock detector in extreme situations #6429
  - Change the default value of `wait-for-lock-time` from `3s` to `1s`
  - Change the default value of `wake-up-delay-duration` from `100ms` to `20ms`
- Fix the issue that the leader of the deadlock detector might be incorrect during the Region Merge process #6431

16.33.12.3 PD

- Support using backlash `/` in the location label name #2083
- Fix the incorrect statistics because the tombstone store is mistakenly included by the label counter #2067

16.33.12.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Add the unique key information in the binlog protocol output by Drainer #862
  - Support using the encrypted password for database connection for Drainer #868

16.33.12.5 TiDB Ansible

- Support automatically creating directories to optimize the deployment of TiDB Lightning #1105

16.33.13 TiDB 3.0.8 Release Notes

Release date: December 31, 2019

TiDB version: 3.0.8

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.8

16.33.13.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Fix the wrong SQL binding plan caused by untimely cache updates #13891
  - Fix the issue that the SQL binding might be invalid when an SQL statement contains a symbol list #14004
  - Fix the issue that an SQL binding cannot be created or deleted because an SQL statement ends with `;` #14113

- Fix the issue that a wrong SQL query plan might be selected because the `PhysicalUnionScan` operator sets wrong statistics #14133
- Remove the `minAutoAnalyzeRatio` restriction to make `autoAnalyze` more timely #14015

- SQL Execution Engine
  - Fix issues that the `INSERT/REPLACE/UPDATE ... SET ... = DEFAULT` syntax might report an error and combining the usage of the `DEFAULT` expression with a virtual generated column might report an error #13682
  - Fix the issue that the `INSERT` statement might report an error when converting a string to a float #14011
  - Fix the issue that sometimes the aggregate operation is low effective because the concurrency value of the `HashAgg` executor is incorrectly initialized #13811
  - Fix the issue that an error is reported in the execution of`group by item` when the clause is in the parentheses #13658
  - Fix the issue that the execution of `OUTER JOIN` might report an error because TiDB incorrectly calculates `group by item` #14014
  - Fix the issue that the error message is inaccurate when Range-exceeding data is written into Range partitioned tables #14107
  - Revert PR #10124 and cancel the `PadCharToFullLength` effect to avoid unexpected query results in special cases, considering that MySQL 8 will discard `PadCharToFullLength` soon #14157
  - Fix the goroutine leak issue when executing the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement caused by unguaranteed `close()` calling in `ExplainExec` #14226

- DDL
  - Optimize the error message output of `change column`/`modify column` to make it easier to understand #13796
  - Add the `SPLIT PARTITION TABLE` syntax to support splitting Regions for partitioned tables #13929
  - Fix the issue that the index length exceeds 3072 bytes and no error is reported because the index length is incorrectly checked when an index is created #13779
  - Fix the issue that the `GC life time is shorter than transaction duration` error message might be reported because it takes too much time to add an index in partitioned tables #14132
  - Fix the panic when `SELECT * FROM information_schema.KEY_COLUMN_USAGE` is executed because the foreign key is not checked when `DROP COLUMN`/`MODIFY COLUMN`/`CHANGE COLUMN` is executed #14105

- Server
  - Statement Summary improvements:
    - Add a large number of SQL metric fields to facilitate analyzing SQL statements in more detail #14151, #14168

    - Add the `stmt-summary.refresh-interval` parameter to control whether to move the stale data from the `events_statements_summary_by_digest` table to the `events_statements_summary_by_digest_history` table (the default interval: 30 minutes) #14161
    - Add the `events_statements_summary_by_digest_history` table to save the stale data in `events_statements_summary_by_digest` #14166
- Fix the issue that the binlog is incorrectly output when RBAC-related internal SQL statements are executed #13890
- Add the `server-version` configuration item to control the feature of modifying the TiDB server version #13906
- Add the feature of using the HTTP interface to recover writing the TiDB binlog #13892
- Update the privilege required by `GRANT roles TO user` from `GrantPriv` to `ROLE_ADMIN` or `SUPER`, to keep consistency with the MySQL behavior #13932
- Modify the TiDB behavior from using the current database to reporting the `No database selected` error when the `GRANT` statement does not specify a database name, to keep compatibility with the MySQL behavior #13784
- Modify the execution privilege for the `REVOKE` statement from `SuperPriv` to `REVOKE` being executable only if the user has the privilege for the corresponding schema, to keep consistency with the MySQL behavior #13306
- Fix the issue that `GrantPriv` is mistakenly granted to the target user when the `GRANT ALL` syntax does not contain `WITH GRANT OPTION` #13943
- Fix the issue that the error message does not contain the cause for the `LOAD DATA` statement's wrong behavior when `LoadDataInfo` fails to call `addRecord` #13980
- Fix the issue that wrong slow query information is output because multiple SQL statements in a query share the same `StartTime` #13898
- Fix the issue that the memory might leak when `batchClient` processes a large transaction #14032
- Fix the issue that `system_time_zone` is always displayed as `CST` and now TiDB's `system_time_zone` is obtained from `systemTZ` in the `mysql.tidb` table #14086
- Fix the issue that the `GRANT ALL` syntax does not grant all privileges to the user #14092
- Fix the issue that the `Priv_create_user` privilege is invalid for `CREATE ROLE` and `DROP ROLE` #14088
- Modify the error code of `ErrInvalidFieldSize` from `1105(Unknow Error)` to `3013` #13737
- Add the `SHUTDOWN` command to stop a TiDB server and add the `ShutdownPriv` privilege #14104
- Fix the atomicity issue for the `DROP ROLE` statement to avoid some roles being deleted unexpectedly when TiDB fails to execute a statement #14130
- Fix the issue that the `tidb_enable_window_function` in the `SHOW VARIABLE` result incorrectly outputs `1` when a TiDB version is upgraded to 3.0, and replace the wrong result with `0` #14131
- Fix the issue that the goroutine might leak because `gcworker` continuously retries

when the TiKV node is offline #14106
- Record the binlog `Prewrite` time in the slow query log to improve the usability for issue tracking #14138
- Make the `tidb_enable_table_partition` variable support `GLOBAL SCOPE` #14091
- Fix the issue that the user privilege might be missing or mistakenly added because the newly added privilege is not correctly granted to the corresponding user when a new privilege is added #14178
- Fix the issue that the `CheckStreamTimeoutLoop` goroutine might leak because `rpcClient` does not close when the TiKV server is disconnected #14227
- Support certificate-based authentication (User document) #13955

- Transaction
  - Update the default value of the `tidb_txn_mode` variable from `""` to `"pessimistic ↪ "` when a new cluster is created #14171
  - Fix the issue that the lock waiting time is too long for a pessimistic transaction because the lock waiting time for a single statement is not reset when a transaction is retried #13990
  - Fix the issue that wrong data might be read because unmodified data is unlocked for the pessimistic transaction mode #14050
  - Fix repeated insert value restriction checks because transaction types are not distinguished when prewrite is performed in mocktikv #14175
  - Fix the panic because transactions are not correctly handled when `session. ↪ TxnState` is `Invalid` #13988
  - Fix the issue that the `ErrConfclit` structure in mocktikv does not contain `ConflictCommitTS` #14080
  - Fix the issue that the transaction is blocked because TiDB does not correctly check lock timeout after resolving the lock #14083

- Monitor
  - Add the `pessimistic_lock_keys_duration` monitoring item in `LockKeys` #14194

16.33.13.2 TiKV

- Coprocessor
  - Modify the level of the output log from `error` to `warn` when an error occurs in Coprocessor #6051
  - Modify the update behavior of statistics sampling data from directly updating the row to deleting before inserting, to keep consistency with the update behavior of tidb-server #6069

- Raftstore

- Fix the panic caused by repeatedly sending the `destroy` message to `peerfsm` and `peerfsm` being destroyed multiple times #6297
- Update the default value of `split-region-on-table` from `true` to `false` to disable splitting Regions by table by default #6253

- Engine
  - Fix the issue that empty data might be returned because RocksDB iterator errors are not correctly processed in extreme conditions #6326
- Transaction
  - Fix the issue that TiKV fails to write data into keys and GC is blocked because the pessimistic locks are incorrectly cleaned up #6354
  - Optimize the pessimistic lock waiting mechanism to improve the performance in scenarios where the lock conflict is severe #6296
- Update the default value of `tikv_alloc` from `tikv_alloc/default` to `jemalloc` #6206

16.33.13.3 PD

- Client
  - Support using `context` to create a client and setting the timeout duration when creating a new client #1994
  - Support creating the `KeepAlive` connection #2035
- Optimize the performance for the `/api/v1/regions` API #1986
- Fix the issue that deleting stores in a `tombstone` state might cause a panic #2038
- Fix the issue that overlapped Regions are mistakenly deleted when loading the Region information from disks #2011, #2040
- Upgrade etcd from v3.4.0 to v3.4.3 (note that after upgrading you can only degrade etcd using pd-recover) #2058

16.33.13.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that the binlog is ignored because Pump does not receive the DDL committed binlog #853

16.33.13.5 TiDB Ansible

- Revert the simplified configuration item #1053
- Optimize the logic for checking the TiDB version when performing a rolling update #1056

- Upgrade TiSpark to v2.1.8 #1061
- Fix the issue that the PD role monitoring item is wrongly displayed on Grafana #1065
- Optimize `Thread Voluntary Context Switches` and `Thread Nonvoluntary Context Switches` monitoring items on the TiKV Detail page on Grafana #1071

16.33.14 TiDB 3.0.7 Release Notes

Release date: December 4, 2019

TiDB version: 3.0.7

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.7

16.33.14.1 TiDB

- Fix the issue that the lock TTL's value is too large because the TiDB server's local time is behind PD's timestamp #13868
- Fix the issue that the timezone is incorrect after parsing the date from strings using `gotime.Local` #13793
- Fix the issue that the result might be incorrect because the `binSearch` function does not return an error in the implementation of `builtinIntervalRealSig` #13767
- Fix the issue that data is incorrect because the precision is lost when an integer is converted to an unsigned floating point or decimal type #13755
- Fix the issue that the result is incorrect because the `not null` flag is not properly reset when the `USING` clause is used in Natural Outer Join and Outer Join #13739
- Fix the issue that the statistics are not accurate because a data race occurs when statistics are updated #13687

16.33.14.2 TiKV

- Make the deadlock detector only observe valid Regions to make sure the deadlock manager is in a valid Region #6110
- Fix a potential memory leak issue #6128

16.33.15 TiDB 3.0.6 Release Notes

Release date: November 28, 2019

TiDB version: 3.0.6

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.6

16.33.15.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Fix the issue that the result is incorrect after the window function AST restores SQL text, for example, `over w` being mistakenly restored to `over (w)` #12933
  - Fix the issue of pushing down `STREAM AGG()` to `doubleRead` #12690
  - Fix the issue that quotes are incorrectly handled for SQL binding #13117
  - Optimize the `select max(_tidb_rowid)from t` scenario to avoid full table scans #13095
  - Fix the issue that the query result is incorrect when the query statement contains a variable assignment expression #13231
  - Fix the issue that the result is incorrect when the `UPDATE` statement contains both a sub-query and a generated column; fix the `UPDATE` statement execution error when this statement contains two same-named tables from different source databases #13350
  - Support `_tidb_rowid` for point queries #13416
  - Fix the issue that the generated query execution plan is incorrect, caused by incorrect usage of partitioned table statistics #13628
- SQL Execution Engine
  - Fix the issue that TiDB is incompatible with MySQL when handling invalid values of the year type #12745
  - Reuse `Chunk` in the `INSERT ON DUPLICATE UPDATE` statement to reduce the memory overhead #12998
  - Add the support for the `JSON_VALID` built-in function #13133
  - Support executing `ADMIN CHECK TABLE` on partitioned tables #13140
  - Fix the panic issue when `FAST ANALYZE` is executed on empty tables #13343
  - Fix the panic issue when executing `FAST ANALYZE` on an empty table that contains multi-column indexes #13394
  - Fix the issue that the estimated number of rows is greater than 1 when the `WHERE` clause contains an equal condition on the unique key #13382
  - Fix the issue that the returned data might be duplicated when `Streaming` is enabled in TiDB #13254
  - Extract the top N values from the count-min sketch to improve the estimation accuracy #13429
- Server
  - Make requests sent to TiKV fail quickly when the gRPC dial times out #12926
  - Add the following virtual tables: #13009
    - `performance_schema.tidb_profile_allocs`
    - `performance_schema.tidb_profile_block`
    - `performance_schema.tidb_profile_cpu`
    - `performance_schema.tidb_profile_goroutines`

- Fix the issue that the `kill` command does not work when the query is waiting for pessimistic locking #12989
- Do not do asynchronous rollback when acquiring pessimistic locking fails and the transaction only involves modifying a single key #12707
- Fix the panic issue when the response for the request of splitting Regions is empty #13092
- Avoid unnecessary backoff when `PessimisticLock` returns a locking error #13116
- Modify the TiDB behavior for checking configurations by printing a warning log for unrecognized configuration option #13272
- Support obtaining the binlog status of all TiDB nodes via the `/info/all` interface #13187
- Fix the issue that goroutine might leak when TiDB kills connections #13251
- Make the `innodb_lock_wait_timeout` parameter work in pessimistic transactions to control the lock wait timeout for pessimistic locking #13165
- Stop updating pessimistic transaction TTL when pessimistic transactional queries are killed to prevent other transactions from waiting unnecessarily #13046

- DDL
  - Fix the issue that the execution result of `SHOW CREATE VIEW` in TiDB is inconsistent with that in MySQL #12912
  - Support creating `View` based on `union`, for example, `create view v as select * from t1 union select * from t2` #12955
  - Add more transaction-related fields for the `slow_query` table: #13072
    - `Prewrite_time`
    - `Commit_time`
    - `Get_commit_ts_time`
    - `Commit_backoff_time`
    - `Backoff_types`
    - `Resolve_lock_time`
    - `Local_latch_wait_time`
    - `Write_key`
    - `Write_size`
    - `Prewrite_region`
    - `Txn_retry`
  - Use the table's `COLLATE` instead of the system's default charset in the column when a table is created and the table contains `COLLATE` #13174
  - Limit the length of the index name when creating a table #13310
  - Fix the issue that the table name length is not checked when a table is renamed #13346
  - Add the `alter-primary-key` configuration (disabled by default) to support adding/dropping the primary key in TiDB #13522

16.33.15.2 TiKV

- Fix the issue that the `acquire_pessimistic_lock` interface returns a wrong `txn_size` #5740
- Limit the writes for GC worker per second to reduce the impact on the performance #5735
- Make `lock_manager` accurate #5845
- Support `innodb_lock_wait_timeout` for pessimistic locking #5848
- Add the configuration check for Titan #5720
- Support using tikv-ctl to dynamically modify the GC I/O limit: `tikv-ctl --host= ↪ ip:port modify-tikv-config -m server -n gc.max_write_bytes_per_sec - ↪ v 10MB` #5957
- Reduce useless `clean up` requests to decrease the pressure on the deadlock detector #5965
- Avoid reducing TTL in pessimistic locking prewrite requests #6056
- Fix the issue that a missing blob file might occur in Titan #5968
- Fix the issue that `RocksDBOptions` might not take effect in Titan #6009

16.33.15.3 PD

- Add an `ActOn` dimension for each filter to indicate that each scheduler and checker is affected by the filter, and delete two unused filters: `disconnectFilter` and `rejectLeaderFilter` #1911
- Print a warning log when it takes more than 5 milliseconds to generate a timestamp in PD #1867
- Lower the client log level when passing unavailable endpoint to the client #1856
- Fix the issue that the gRPC message package might exceed the maximum size in the `region_syncer` replication process #1952

16.33.15.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Obtain the initial replication timestamp from PD when `initial-commit-ts` is set to "-1" in Drainer #788
  - Decouple Drainer's `Checkpoint` storage from the downstream and support saving `Checkpoint` in MySQL or local files #790
  - Fix the Drainer panic issue caused by using empty values when configuring replication database/table filtering #801
  - Fix the issue that processes get into the deadlock status instead of exiting after a panic occurs because Drainer fails to apply binlog files to the downstream #807
  - Fix the issue that Pump blocks when it exits because of gRPC's `GracefulStop` #817
  - Fix the issue that Drainer fails when it receives a binlog which misses a column during the execution of a `DROP COLUMN` statement in TiDB (v3.0.6 or later) #827
- TiDB Lightning

- Add the `max-allowed-packet` configuration (64 M by default) for the TiDB backend #248

16.33.16 TiDB 3.0.5 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 3.0.5

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.5

16.33.16.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Support boundary checking on Window Functions #12404
  - Fix the issue that `IndexJoin` on the partition table returns incorrect results #12712
  - Fix the issue that the `ifnull` function on the top of the outer join `Apply` operator returns incorrect results #12694
  - Fix the issue of update failure when a subquery was included in the `where` condition of `UPDATE` #12597
  - Fix the issue that outer join was incorrectly converted to inner join when the `cast` function was included in the query conditions #12790
  - Fix incorrect expression passing in the join condition of `AntiSemiJoin` #12799
  - Fix the statistics error caused by shallow copy when initializing statistics #12817
  - Fix the issue that the `str_to_date` function in TiDB returns a different result from MySQL when the date string and the format string do not match #12725
- SQL Execution Engine
  - Fix the panic issue when the `from_unixtime` function handles null #12551
  - Fix the `invalid list index` error reported when canceling DDL jobs #12671
  - Fix the issue that arrays were out of bounds when Window Functions are used #12660
  - Improve the behavior of the `AutoIncrement` column when it is implicitly allocated, to keep it consistent with the default mode of MySQL auto-increment locking ("consecutive" lock mode): for the implicit allocation of multiple `AutoIncrement` IDs in a single-line `Insert` statement, TiDB guarantees the continuity of the allocated values. This improvement ensures that the JDBC `getGeneratedKeys()` method will get the correct results in any scenario. #12602
  - Fix the issue that the query is hanged when `HashAgg` serves as a child node of `Apply` #12766
  - Fix the issue that the `AND` and `OR` logical expressions return incorrect results when it comes to type conversion #12811
- Server

- Implement the interface function that modifies transaction TTL to help support large transactions later #12397
- Support extending the transaction TTL as needed (up to 10 minutes) to support pessimistic transactions #12579
- Adjust the number of times that TiDB caches schema changes and corresponding changed table information from 100 to 1024, and support modification by using the `tidb_max_delta_schema_count` system variable #12502
- Update the behavior of the `kvrpc.Cleanup` protocol to no longer clean locks of transactions that are not overtime #12417
- Support logging Partition table information to the `information_schema.tables` table #12631
- Support modifying the TTL of Region Cache by configuring `region-cache-ttl` #12683
- Support printing the execution plan compression-encoded information in the slow log. This feature is enabled by default and can be controlled by using the `slow-log-plan` configuration or the `tidb_record_plan_in_slow_log` variable. In addition, the `tidb_decode_plan` function can decode the execution plan column encoded information in the slow log into execution plan information. #12808
- Support displaying memory usage information in the `information_schema.processlist` table #12801
- Fix the issue that an error and an unexpected alarm might occur when the TiKV Client judges an idle connection #12846
- Fix the issue that the `INSERT IGNORE` statement performance is decreased because `tikvSnapshot` does not properly cache the KV results of `BatchGet()` #12872
- Fix the issue that the TiDB response speed was relatively low because of slow connection to some KV services #12814

- DDL
  - Fix the issue that the `Create Table` operation does not correctly set the Int type default value for the Set column #12267
  - Support multiple `uniques` when creating a unique index in the `Create Table` statement #12463
  - Fix the issue that populating the default value of this column for existing rows might cause an error when adding a Bit type column using `Alter Table` #12489
  - Fix the failure of adding a partition when the Range partitioned table uses a Date or Datetime type column as the partitioning key #12815
  - Support checking the consistency of the partition type and the partition key type when creating a table or adding a partition, for the Range partitioned table with the Date or Datetime type column as the partition key #12792
  - Add a check that the Unique Key column set needs to be greater than or equal to the partitioned column set when creating a Range partitioned table #12718

- Monitor
  - Add the monitoring metrics of Commit and Rollback operations to the `Transaction OPS` dashboard #12505

- Add the monitoring metrics of `Add Index` operation progress #12390

16.33.16.2 TiKV

- Storage
  - Add a new feature of pessimistic transactions: the transaction cleanup interface supports only cleaning up locks whose TTL is outdated #5589
  - Fix the issue that Rollback of the transaction Primary key is collapsed #5646, #5671
  - Fix the issue that under pessimistic locks, point queries might return the previous version data #5634
- Raftstore
  - Reduce message flush operations in Raftstore to improve performance and reduce CPU usage #5617
  - Optimize the cost of obtaining the Region size and estimated number of keys, to reduce heartbeat overhead and CPU usage #5620
  - Fix the issue that Raftstore prints an error log and encounters a panic when getting invalid data #5643
- Engine
  - Enable RocksDB `force_consistency_checks` to improve data safety #5662
  - Fix the issue that concurrent flush operations in Titan might cause data loss #5672
  - Update the rust-rocksdb version to avoid the issue of TiKV crash and restart caused by intra-L0 compaction #5710

16.33.16.3 PD

- Improve the precision of storage occupied by Regions #1782
- Improve the output of the `--help` command #1763
- Fix the issue that the HTTP request fails to redirect after TLS is enabled #1777
- Fix the panic issue occurred when pd-ctl uses the `store shows limit` command #1808
- Improve readability of label monitoring metrics and reset the original leader's monitoring data when the leader switches, to avoid false reports #1815

16.33.16.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that `ALTER DATABASE` related DDL operations cause Drainer to exit abnormally #769

- Support querying the transaction status information for Commit binlog to improve replication efficiency #757
- Fix the issue that a Pump panic might occur when Drainer's `start_ts` is greater than Pump's largest `commit_ts` #758

- TiDB Lightning
  - Integrate the full logic import feature of Loader and support configuring the backend mode #221

16.33.16.5 TiDB Ansible

- Add the monitoring metrics of adding index speed #986
- Simplify the configuration file content and remove parameters that users do not need to configure #1043c, #998
- Fix the monitoring expression error of performance read and performance write #e90e7
- Update the monitoring display method and the alarm rules of Raftstore CPU usage #992
- Update the TiKV CPU monitoring item in the Overview monitoring dashboard to filter out the excess monitoring content #1001

16.33.17 TiDB 3.0.4 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 3.0.4

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.4

- New features
  - Add the `performance_schema.events_statements_summary_by_digest` system table to troubleshoot performance issues at the SQL level
  - Add the `WHERE` clause in TiDB's `SHOW TABLE REGIONS` syntax
  - Add the `worker-count` and `txn-batch` configuration items in Reparo to control the recovery speed

- Improvements
  - Support batch Region split command and empty split command in TiKV to improve split performance
  - Support double linked list for RocksDB in TiKV to improve performance of reverse scan
  - Add two perf tools `iosnoop` and `funcslower` in TiDB Ansible to better diagnose the cluster state
  - Optimize the output of slow query logs in TiDB by deleting redundant fields

- Changed behaviors

    - Update the default value of `txn-local-latches.enable` to `false` to disable the default behavior of checking conflicts of local transactions in TiDB
    - Add the `tidb_txn_mode` system variable of global scope in TiDB and allow using the pessimistic lock; note that TiDB still adopts the optimistic lock by default
    - Replace the `Index_ids` field in TiDB slow query logs with `Index_names` to improve the usability of slow query logs
    - Add the `split-region-max-num` parameter in the TiDB configuration file to modify the maximum number of Regions allowed in the `SPLIT TABLE` syntax
    - Return the `Out Of Memory Quota` error instead of disconnecting the link when a SQL execution exceeds the memory limit
    - Disallow dropping the `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute of columns in TiDB to avoid misoperations. To drop this attribute, change the `tidb_allow_remove_auto_inc` system variable

- Fixed issues

    - Fix the issue that the uncommented TiDB-specific syntax `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` might cause errors in the downstream database during data replication
    - Fix the issue in TiDB that the slow query logs are incorrect when getting the result of `PREPARE` + `EXECUTE` by using the cursor
    - Fix the issue in PD that adjacent small Regions cannot be merged
    - Fix the issue in TiKV that file descriptor leak in idle clusters might cause TiKV processes to exit abnormally when the processes run for a long time

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16.33.17.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer

    - Fix the issue that invalid query ranges might be resulted when split by feedback #12170
    - Display the returned error of the `SHOW STATS_BUCKETS` statement in hexadecimal rather than return errors when the result contains invalid Keys #12094
    - Fix the issue that when a query contains the `SLEEP` function (for example, `select 1 from (select sleep(1))t;`), column pruning causes invalid `sleep(1)` during query #11953
    - Use index scan to lower IO when a query only concerns the number of columns rather than the table data #12112

- Do not use any index when no index is specified in `use index()` to be compatible with MySQL #12100
- Strictly limit the number of `TopN` records in the `CMSketch` statistics to fix the issue that the `ANALYZE` statement fails because the statement count exceeds TiDB's limit on the size of a transaction #11914
- Fix the error occurred when converting the subqueries contained in the `Update` statement #12483
- Optimize execution performance of the `select ... limit ... offset ...` statement by pushing the Limit operator down to the `IndexLookUpReader` execution logic #12378

- SQL Execution Engine
  - Print the SQL statement in the log when the `PREPARED` statement is incorrectly executed #12191
  - Support partition pruning when the `UNIX_TIMESTAMP` function is used to implement partitioning #12169
  - Fix the issue that no error is reported when `AUTO_INCREMENT` incorrectly allocates `MAX int64` and `MAX uint64` #12162
  - Add the `WHERE` clause in the `SHOW TABLE ⋯ REGIONS` and `SHOW TABLE .. INDEX ⋯ REGIONS` syntaxes #12123
  - Return the `Out Of Memory Quota` error instead of disconnecting the link when a SQL execution exceeds the memory limit #12127
  - Fix the issue that incorrect result is returned when `JSON_UNQUOTE` function handles JSON text #11955
  - Fix the issue that `LAST INSERT ID` is incorrect when assigning values to the `AUTO_INCREMENT` column in the first row (for example, `insert into t (pk, c) values (1, 2), (NULL, 3)`) #12002
  - Fix the issue that the `GROUPBY` parsing rule is incorrect in the `PREPARE` statement #12351
  - Fix the issue that the privilege check is incorrect in the point queries #12340
  - Fix the issue that the duration by `sql_type` for the `PREPARE` statement is not shown in the monitoring record #12331
  - Support using aliases for tables in the point queries (for example, `select * from t tmp where a = "aa"`) #12282
  - Fix the error occurred when not handling negative values as unsigned when inserting negative numbers into BIT type columns #12423
  - Fix the incorrectly rounding of time (for example, `2019-09-11 11:17:47.999999666` should be rounded to `2019-09-11 11:17:48`.) #12258
  - Refine the usage of expression blocklist (for example, `<` is equivalent to `lt`.) #11975
  - Add the database prefix to the message of non-existing function error (for example, `[expression:1305]FUNCTION test.std_samp does not exist`) #12111

- Server
  - Add the `Prev_stmt` field in slow query logs to output the previous statement

when the last statement is `COMMIT` #12180
- Optimize the output of slow query logs by deleting redundant fields #12144
- Update the default value of `txn-local-latches.enable` to `false` to disable the default behavior of checking conflicts of local transactions in TiDB #12095
- Replace the `Index_ids` field in TiDB slow query logs with `Index_names` to improve the usability of slow query logs #12061
- Add the `tidb_txn_mode` system variable of global scope in TiDB and allow using pessimistic lock #12049
- Add the `Backoff` field in the slow query logs to record the Backoff information in the commit phase of 2PC #12335
- Fix the issue that the slow query logs are incorrect when getting the result of `PREPARE` + `EXECUTE` by using the cursor (for example, `PREPARE stmt1FROM ↪ SELECT * FROM t WHERE a > ?; EXECUTE stmt1 USING @variable`) #12392
- Support `tidb_enable_stmt_summary`. When this feature is enabled, TiDB counts the SQL statements and the result can be queried by using the system table `performance_schema.events_statements_summary_by_digest` #12308
- Adjust the level of some logs in tikv-client (for example, change the log level of `batchRecvLoop fails` from `ERROR` to `INFO`) #12383

- DDL
  - Add the `tidb_allow_remove_auto_inc` variable. Dropping the `AUTO INCREMENT` attribute of the column is disabled by default #12145
  - Fix the issue that the uncommented TiDB-specific syntax `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` might cause errors in the downstream database during data replication #12120
  - Add the `split-region-max-num` variable in the configuration file so that the maximum allowable number of Regions is adjustable #12097
  - Support splitting a Region into multiple Regions and fix the timeout issue during Region scatterings #12343
  - Fix the issue that the `drop index` statement fails when the index that contains an `AUTO_INCREMENT` column referenced by two indexes #12344
- Monitor
  - Add the `connection_transient_failure_count` monitoring metrics to count the number of gRPC connection errors in `tikvclient` #12093

16.33.17.2 TiKV

- Raftstore
  - Fix the issue that Raftstore inaccurately counts the number of keys in empty Regions #5414
  - Support double linked list for RocksDB to improve the performance of reverse scan #5368

    - Support batch Region split command and empty split command to improve split performance #5470

- Server

    - Fix the issue that the output format of the `-V` command is not consistent with the format of 2.X #5501
    - Upgrade Titan to the latest version in the 3.0 branch #5517
    - Upgrade grpcio to v0.4.5 #5523
    - Fix the issue of gRPC coredump and support shared memory to avoid OOM #5524
    - Fix the issue in TiKV that file descriptor leak in idle clusters might cause TiKV processes to exit abnormally when the processes run for a long time #5567

- Storage

    - Support the `txn_heart_beat` API to make the pessimistic lock in TiDB consistent with that in MySQL as much as possible #5507
    - Fix the issue that the performance of point queries is low in some situations #5495 #5463

16.33.17.3 PD

- Fix the issue that adjacent small Regions cannot be merged #1726
- Fix the issue that the TLS enabling parameter in `pd-ctl` is invalid #1738
- Fix the thread-safety issue that the PD operator is accidentally removed #1734
- Support TLS for Region syncer #1739

16.33.17.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog

    - Add the `worker-count` and `txn-batch` configuration items in Reparo to control the recovery speed #746
    - Optimize the memory usage of Drainer to enhance the efficiency of simultaneous execution #737

- TiDB Lightning

    - Fix the issue that re-importing data from checkpoint might cause TiDB Lightning to panic #237
    - Optimize the algorithm of `AUTO_INCREMENT` to reduce the risk of overflowing `AUTO` ↪ `_INCREMENT` columns #227

16.33.17.5 TiDB Ansible

- Upgrade TiSpark to v2.2.0 #926
- Update the default value of the TiDB configuration item `pessimistic_txn` to `true` #933
- Add more system-level monitoring metrics to `node_exporter` #938
- Add two perf tools `iosnoop` and `funcslower` in TiDB Ansible to better diagnose the cluster state #946
- Replace the raw module to shell module to address the long waiting time in such situations as the password expires #949
- Update the default value of the TiDB configuration item `txn_local_latches` to `false`
- Optimize the monitoring metrics and alert rules of Grafana dashboard #962 #963 #969
- Check the configuration file before the deployment and upgrade #934 #972

16.33.18 TiDB 3.0.3 Release Notes

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16.33.18.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
    - Add the `opt_rule_blacklist` table to disable logic optimization rules such as `aggregation_eliminate` and `column_prune` #11658
    - Fix the issue that incorrect results might be returned for `Index Join` when the join key uses a prefix index or an unsigned index column that is equal to a negative value #11759
    - Fix the issue that `"` or `\` in the `SELECT` statements of `create ⋯ binding ...` might result in parsing errors #11726
- SQL Execution Engine
    - Fix the issue that type errors in the return value might occur when the Quote function handles a null value #11619
    - Fix the issue that incorrect results for `ifnull` might be returned when Max/Min is used for type inferring with `NotNullFlag` retained #11641
    - Fix the potential error that occurs when comparing bit type data in string form #11660
    - Decrease the concurrency for data that requires sequential read to lower the possibility of OOM #11679

- Fix the issue that incorrect type inferring might be caused when multiple parameters are unsigned for some built-in functions (for example, `if` and `coalesce`) #11621
- Fix the incompatibility with MySQL when the `Div` function handles unsigned decimal types #11813
- Fix the issue that panic might occur when executing SQL statements that modify the status of Pump/Drainer #11827
- Fix the issue that panic might occur for `select ... for update` when Autocommit = 1 and there is no `begin` statement #11736
- Fix the permission check error that might occur when the `set default role` statement is executed #11777
- Fix the permission check error that might occur when `create user` or `drop user` is executed #11814
- Fix the issue that the `select ... for update` statement might auto retry when it is constructed into the `PointGetExecutor` function #11718
- Fix the boundary error that might occur when the Window function handles partition #11825
- Fix the issue that the `time` function hits EOF errors when handling an incorrectly formatted argument #11893
- Fix the issue that the Window function does not check the passed-in parameters #11705
- Fix the issue that the plan result viewed via `Explain` is inconsistent with the actually executed plan #11186
- Fix the issue that duplicate memory referenced by the Window function might result in a crash or incorrect results #11823
- Update the incorrect information in the `Succ` field in the slow log #11887

- Server
  - Rename the `tidb_back_off_wexight` variable to `tidb_backoff_weight` #11665
  - Update the minimum TiKV version compatible with the current TiDB to v3.0.0 #11618
  - Support `make testSuite` to ensure the suites in the test are correctly used #11685

- DDL
  - Skip the execution of unsupported partition-related DDL statements, including statements that modify the partition type while deleting multiple partitions #11373
  - Disallow a Generated Column to be placed before its dependent columns #11686
  - Modify the default values of `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` and `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size` #11874

- Monitor
  - Add new backoff monitoring types to record duration for each backoff type; add more backoff metrics to cover previously uncounted types such as commit backoff

#11728

16.33.18.2 TiKV

- Fix the issue that ReadIndex might fail to respond to requests because of duplicate context #5256
- Fix potential scheduling jitters caused by premature `PutStore` #5277
- Fix incorrect timestamps reported from Region heartbeats #5296
- Reduce the size of core dump by excluding the shared block cache from it #5322
- Fix potential TiKV panics during region merge #5291
- Speed up leader change check for the dead lock detector #5317
- Support using `grpc env` to create deadlock clients #5346
- Add `config-check` to check whether the configuration is correct #5349
- Fix the issue that ReadIndex does not return anything when there is no leader #5351

16.33.18.3 PD

- Return success message for `pdctl` #1685

16.33.18.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Modify the default value of `defaultBinlogItemCount` in Drainer from 65536 to 512 to reduce the chance of OOM on Drainer startup #721
  - Optimize the offline logic for pump server to avoid potential offline congestions #701
- TiDB Lightning:
  - Skip the system databases `mysql`, `information_schema`, `performance_schema`, and `sys` by default when importing #225

16.33.18.5 TiDB Ansible

- Optimize PD operations for rolling update to improve stability #894
- Remove the Grafana Collector components that are not supported by the current Grafana version #892
- Update TiKV alerting rules #898
- Fix the issue that the generated TiKV configuration misses the `pessimistic-txn` parameter #911
- Update Spark to V2.4.3, and update TiSpark to V2.1.4 that is compatible with Spark V2.4.3 #913, #918

16.33.19 TiDB 3.0.2 Release Notes

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TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.2

16.33.19.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
    - Fix the issue that the "Can't find column in schema" message is reported when the same table occurs multiple times in a query and logically the query result is always empty #11247
    - Fix the issue that the query plan does not meet the expectation caused by the `TIDB_INLJ` hint not working correctly in some cases (like `explain select /*+ TIDB_INLJ(t1)*/ t1.b, t2.a from t t1, t t2 where t1.b = t2.a`) #11362
    - Fix the issue that the column name in the query result is wrong in some cases (like `SELECT IF(1,c,c)FROM t`) #11379
    - Fix the issue that some queries like `SELECT 0 LIKE 'a string'` return `TRUE` because the `LIKE` expression is implicitly converted to 0 in some cases #11411
    - Support sub-queries in the `SHOW` statement, like `SHOW COLUMNS FROM tbl WHERE FIELDS IN (SELECT 'a')` #11459
    - Fix the issue that the related column of the aggregate function cannot be found and an error is reported caused by the `outerJoinElimination` optimizing rule not correctly handling the column alias; improve alias parsing in the optimizing process to make optimization cover more query types #11377
    - Fix the issue that no error is reported when the syntax restriction is violated in the Window function (for example, `UNBOUNDED PRECEDING` is not allowed to appear at the end of the Frame definition) #11543
    - Fix the issue that `FUNCTION_NAME` is in uppercase in the `ERROR 3593 (HY000): You cannot use the window function FUNCTION_NAME in this context` error message, which causes incompatibility with MySQL #11535
    - Fix the issue that the unimplemented `IGNORE NULLS` syntax in the Window function is used but no error is reported #11593
    - Fix the issue that the Optimizer does not correctly estimate time equal conditions #11512
    - Support updating the Top-N statistics based on the feedback information #11507
- SQL Execution Engine
    - Fix the issue that the returned value is not `NULL` when the `INSERT` function contains `NULL` in parameters #11248
    - Fix the issue that the computing result might be wrong when the partitioned table is checked by the `ADMIN CHECKSUM` operation #11266

- Fix the issue that the result might be wrong when INDEX JOIN uses the prefix index #11246
- Fix the issue that result might be wrong caused by incorrectly aligning fractions when the `DATE_ADD` function does subtraction on date numbers involving microseconds #11288
- Fix the wrong result caused by the `DATE_ADD` function incorrectly processing the negative numbers in `INTERVAL` #11325
- Fix the issue that the number of fractional digits returned by `Mod(%)`, `Multiple (*)` or `Minus(-)` is different from that in MySQL when `Mod(%)`, `Multiple(*)` or `Minus(-)` returns 0 and the number of fractional digits is large (like `select 0.000 % 0.11234500000000000000`) #11251
- Fix the issue that `NULL` with a warning is incorrectly returned when the length of the result returned by `CONCAT` and `CONCAT_WS` functions exceeds `max_allowed _packet` #11275
- Fix the issue that `NULL` with a warning is incorrectly returned when parameters in the `SUBTIME` and `ADDTIME` functions are invalid #11337
- Fix the issue that `NULL` is incorrectly returned when parameters in the `CONVERT_TZ` function are invalid #11359
- Add the `MEMORY` column to the result returned by `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` to show the memory usage of this query #11418
- Add `CARTESIAN` Join to the result of `EXPLAIN` #11429
- Fix the incorrect data of auto-increment columns of the float and double types #11385
- Fix the panic issue caused by some `nil` information when pseudo statistics are dumped #11460
- Fix the incorrect query result of `SELECT ⋯ CASE WHEN ⋯ ELSE NULL ...` caused by constant folding optimization #11441
- Fix the issue that `floatStrToIntStr` does not correctly parse the input such as `+999.9999e2` #11473
- Fix the issue that `NULL` is not returned in some cases when the result of the `DATE_ADD` and `DATE_SUB` function overflows #11476
- Fix the issue that the conversion result is different from that in MySQL if the string contains an invalid character when a long string is converted to an integer #11469
- Fix the issue that the result of the `REGEXP BINARY` function is incompatible with MySQL caused by case sensitiveness of this function #11504
- Fix the issue that an error is reported when the `GRANT ROLE` statement receives `CURRENT_ROLE`; fix the issue that the `REVOKE ROLE` statement does not correctly revoke the `mysql.default_role` privilege #11356
- Fix the display format issue of the `Incorrect datetime value` warning information when executing statements like `SELECT ADDDATE('2008-01-34', -1)` #11447
- Fix the issue that the error message reports `constant ⋯ overflows float` rather than `constant ⋯ overflows bigint` if the result overflows when a float field of the JSON data is converted to an integer #11534

- Fix the issue that the result might be wrong caused by incorrect type conversion when the `DATE_ADD` function receives `FLOAT`, `DOUBLE` and `DECIMAL` column parameters #11527
- Fix the wrong result caused by incorrectly processing the sign of the INTERVAL fraction in the `DATE_ADD` function #11615
- Fix the incorrect query result when Index Lookup Join contains the prefix index caused by `Ranger` not correctly handling the prefix index #11565
- Fix the issue that the "Incorrect arguments to NAME_CONST" message is reported if the `NAME_CONST` function is executed when the second parameter of `NAME_CONST` is a negative number #11268
- Fix the issue that the result is incompatible with MySQL when an SQL statement involves computing the current time and the value is fetched multiple times; use the same value when fetching the current time for the same SQL statement #11394
- Fix the issue that `Close` is not called for `ChildExecutor` when the `Close` of `baseExecutor` reports an error. This issue might lead to Goroutine leaks when the `KILL` statements do not take effect and `ChildExecutor` is not closed #11576

- Server

  - Fix the issue that the auto-added value is 0 instead of the current timestamp when `LOAD DATA` processes the missing `TIMESTAMP` field in the CSV file #11250
  - Fix issues that the `SHOW CREATE USER` statement does not correctly check related privileges, and `USER` and `HOST` returned by `SHOW CREATE USER CURRENT_USER()` might be wrong #11229
  - Fix the issue that the returned result might be wrong when `executeBatch` is used in JDBC #11290
  - Reduce printing the log information of the streaming client when changing the TiKV server's port #11370
  - Optimize the logic of reconnecting the streaming client to the TiKV server so that the streaming client will not be blocked for a long time #11372
  - Add `REGION_ID` in `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TIDB_HOT_REGIONS` #11350
  - Cancel the timeout duration of obtaining Region information from the PD API to ensure that obtaining Region information will not end in a failure when TiDB API `http://{TiDBIP}:10080/regions/hot` is called due to PD timeout when the number of Regions is large #11383
  - Fix the issue that Region related requests do not return partitioned table-related Regions in the HTTP API #11466
  - Make the following changes to reduce the probability of locking timeout caused by slow operations when the user manually validates pessimistic locking #11521:
    - Increase the default TTL of pessimistic locking from 30 seconds to 40 seconds
    - Increase the maximum TTL from 60 seconds to 120 seconds
    - Calculate the pessimistic locking duration from the first `LockKeys` request
  - Change the `SendRequest` function logic in the TiKV client: try to immediately connect to another peer instead of keeping waiting when the connect cannot be built #11531

- Optimize the Region cache: label the removed store as invalid when a store is moved while another store goes online with a same address, to update the store information in the cache as soon as possible #11567
- Add the Region ID to the result returned by the `http://{TiDB_ADDRESS:TIDB_IP}/mvcc/key/{db}/{table}/{handle}` API #11557
- Fix the issue that Scatter Table does not work caused by the Scatter Table API not escaping the Range key #11298
- Optimize the Region cache: label the store where the Region exists as invalid when the correspondent store is inaccessible, to avoid reduced query performance caused by accessing this store #11498
- Fix the error that the table schema can still be obtained through the HTTP API after dropping the database with the same name multiple times #11585

- DDL
  - Fix the issue that an error occurs when a non-string column with a zero length is being indexed #11214
  - Disallow modifying the columns with foreign key constraints and full-text indexes (Note: TiDB still supports foreign key constraints and full-text indexes in syntax) #11274
  - Fix the issue that the index offset of the column might be wrong because the position changed by the `ALTER TABLE` statement and the default value of the column are used concurrently #11346
  - Fix two issues that occur when parsing JSON files:
    - `int64` is used as the intermediate parsing result of `uint64` in `ConvertJSONToFloat`, which leads to the precision overflow error #11433
    - `int64` is used as the intermediate parsing result of `uint64` in `ConvertJSONToInt`, which leads to the precision overflow error #11551
  - Disallow dropping indexes on the auto-increment column to avoid that the auto-increment column might get an incorrect result #11399
  - Fix the following issues #11492:
    - The character set and the collation of the column are not consistent when explicitly specifying the collation but not the character set
    - The error is not correctly reported when there is a conflict between the character set and the collation that are specified by `ALTER TABLE ⋯ MODIFY COLUMN`
    - Incompatibility with MySQL when using `ALTER TABLE ⋯ MODIFY COLUMN` to specify character sets and collations multiple times
  - Add the trace details of the subquery to the result of the `TRACE` query #11458
  - Optimize the performance of executing `ADMIN CHECK TABLE` and greatly reduce its execution time #11547
  - Add the result returned by `SPLIT TABLE ⋯ REGIONS/INDEX` and make `TOTAL_SPLIT_REGION` and `SCATTER_FINISH_RATIO` display the number of Regions that have been split successfully before timeout in the result #11484

- Fix the issue that the precision displayed by statements like `SHOW CREATE TABLE` is incomplete when `ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` is the column attribute and the float precision is specified #11591
- Fix the issue that the index result of the column cannot be correctly calculated when the expression of a virtual generated column contains another virtual generated column #11475
- Fix the issue that the minus sign cannot be added after `VALUE LESS THAN` in the `ALTER TABLE ⋯ ADD PARTITION ⋯` statement #11581

- Monitor
  - Fix the issue that data is not collected and reported because the `TiKVTxnCmdCounter` ↪ monitoring metric is not registered #11316
  - Add the `BindUsageCounter`, `BindTotalGauge` and `BindMemoryUsage` monitoring metrics for the Bind Info #11467

16.33.19.2 TiKV

- Fix the bug that TiKV panics if the Raft log is not written in time #5160
- Fix the bug that the panic information is not written into the log file after TiKV panics #5198
- Fix the bug that the Insert operation might be incorrectly performed in the pessimistic transaction #5203
- Lower the output level of some logs that require no manual intervention to INFO #5193
- Improve the accuracy of monitoring the storage engine size #5200
- Improve the accuracy of the Region size in tikv-ctl #5195
- Improve the performance of the deadlock detector for pessimistic locking #5192
- Improve the performance of GC in the Titan storage engine #5197

16.33.19.3 PD

- Fix the bug that the Scatter Region scheduler cannot work #1642
- Fix the bug that the merge Region operation cannot be performed in pd-ctl #1653
- Fix the bug that the remove-tombstone operation cannot be performed in pd-ctl #1651
- Fix the issue that the Region overlapping with the key scope cannot be found when performing the scan Region operation #1648
- Add the retrying mechanism to make sure that the members are added successfully in PD #1643

16.33.19.4 Tools

TiDB Binlog

- Add the configuration item check feature when starting, which will stop the Binlog service and report an error when an invalid item is found #687

- Add the `node-id` configuration in Drainer to specify a specific logic used by Drainer #684

TiDB Lightning

- Fix the issue that `tikv_gc_life_time` fails to be changed back to its original value when 2 checksums are running at the same time #218
- Add the configuration item check feature when starting, which will stop the Binlog service and report an error when an invalid item is found #217

16.33.19.5 TiDB Ansible

- Fix the unit error that the Disk Performance monitor treats seconds as milliseconds #840
- Add the `log4j` configuration file in Spark #841
- Fix the issue that the Prometheus configuration file is generated in the wrong format when Binlog is enabled and Kafka or ZooKeeper is configured #844
- Fix the issue that the `pessimistic-txn` configuration parameter is left out in the generated TiDB configuration file #850
- Add and optimize metrics on the TiDB Dashboard #853
- Add descriptions for each monitoring item on the TiDB Dashboard #854
- Add the TiDB Summary Dashboard to better view the cluster status and troubleshoot issues #855
- Update the Allocator Stats monitoring item on the TiKV Dashboard #857
- Fix the unit error in the Node Exporter's alerting expression #860
- Upgrade the TiSpark jar package to v2.1.2 #862
- Update the descriptions of the Ansible Task feature #867
- Update the expression of the local reader requests monitoring item on the TiDB Dashboard #874
- Update the expression of the TiKV Memory monitoring item on the Overview Dashboard, and fix the issue of wrongly displayed monitoring #879
- Remove the Binlog support in the Kafka mode #878
- Fix the issue that PD fails to transfer the Leader when executing the `rolling_update` ↪ `.yml` operation #887

16.33.20 TiDB 3.0.1 Release Notes

Release date: July 16, 2019

TiDB version: 3.0.1

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.1

16.33.20.1 TiDB

- Add support for the `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME` feature #11026
- Add the `tidb_wait_split_region_finish_backoff` session variable to control the backoff time of splitting Regions #11166
- Support automatically adjusting the incremental gap allocated by auto-increment IDs based on the load, and the auto-adjustment scope of the incremental gap is 1000~2000000 #11006
- Add the `ADMIN PLUGINS ENABLE/ADMIN PLUGINS DISABLE` SQL statement to dynamically enable or disable plugins #11157
- Add the session connection information in the Audit plugin #11013
- Change the default behavior during the period of splitting Regions to wait for PD to finish scheduling #11166
- Prohibit Window Functions from being cached in Prepare Plan Cache to avoid incorrect results in some cases #11048
- Prohibit `ALTER` statements from modifying the definition of stored generated columns #11068
- Disallow changing virtual generated columns to stored generated columns #11068
- Disallow changing the generated column expression with indexes #11068
- Support compiling TiDB on the ARM64 architecture #11150
- Support modifying the collation of a database or a table, but the character set of the database/table has to be UTF-8 or utf8mb4 #11086
- Fix the issue that an error is reported when the `SELECT` subquery in the `UPDATE ⋯ SELECT` statement fails to parse the column in the `UPDATE` expression and the column is wrongly pruned #11252
- Fix the panic issue that happens when a column is queried on multiple times and the returned result is NULL during point queries #11226
- Fix the data race issue caused by non-thread safe `rand.Rand` when using the `RAND` function #11169
- Fix the bug that the memory usage of a SQL statement exceeds the threshold but the execution of this statement is not canceled in some cases when `oom-action="cancel"` is configured, and the returned result is incorrect #11004
- Fix the issue that `SHOW PROCESSLIST` shows that the memory usage is not `0` because the memory usage of MemTracker was not correctly cleaned #10970
- Fix the bug that the result of comparing integers and non-integers is not correct in some cases #11194
- Fix the bug that the query result is not correct when the query on table partitions contains a predicate in explicit transactions #11196
- Fix the DDL job panic issue because `infoHandle` might be `NULL` #11022
- Fix the issue that the query result is not correct because the queried column is not referenced in the subquery and is then wrongly pruned when running a nested aggregation query #11020
- Fix the issue that the `Sleep` function does not respond to the `KILL` statement in time #11028

- Fix the issue that the `DB` and `INFO` columns shown by the `SHOW PROCESSLIST` command are incompatible with MySQL #11003
- Fix the system panic issue caused by the `FLUSH PRIVILEGES` statement when `skip-grant-table=true` is configured #11027
- Fix the issue that the primary key statistics collected by `FAST ANALYZE` are not correct when the table primary key is an `UNSIGNED` integer #11099
- Fix the issue that the "invalid key" error is reported by the `FAST ANALYZE` statement in some cases #11098
- Fix the issue that the precision shown by the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement is incomplete when `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` is used as the default value of the column and the float precision is specified #11088
- Fix the issue that the function name is not in lowercase when window functions report an error to make it compatible with MySQL #11118
- Fix the issue that TiDB fails to connect to TiKV and thus cannot provide service after the background thread of TiKV Client Batch gRPC panics #11101
- Fix the issue that the variable is set incorrectly by `SetVar` because of the shallow copy of the string #11044
- Fix the issue that the execution fails and an error is reported when the `INSERT ⋯ ON DUPLICATE` statement is applied on table partitions #11231
- Pessimistic locking (experimental feature)
    - Fix the issue that an incorrect result is returned because of the invalid lock on the row when point queries are run using the pessimistic locking and the returned data is empty #10976
    - Fix the issue that the query result is not correct because `SELECT ⋯ FOR UPDATE` does not use the correct TSO when using the pessimistic locking in the query #11015
    - Change the detection behavior from immediate conflict detection to waiting when an optimistic transaction meets a pessimistic lock to avoid worsening the lock conflict #11051

16.33.20.2 TiKV

- Add the statistics of the size of blob files in statistics information #5060
- Fix the core dump issue caused by the incorrectly cleaned memory resources when the process exits #5053
- Add all monitoring metrics related to the Titan engine #4772, #4836
- Add the number of open file handles for Titan when counting the number of open file handles to avoid the issue that no file handle is available because of inaccurate statistics of file handles #5026
- Set `blob_run_mode` to decide whether to enable the Titan engine on a specific CF #4991
- Fix the issue that the read operations cannot get the commit information of pessimistic transactions #5067

- Add the `blob-run-mode` configuration parameter to control the running mode of the Titan engine, and its value can be `normal`, `read-only` or `fallback` #4865
- Improve the performance of detecting deadlocks #5089

16.33.20.3 PD

- Fix the issue that the scheduling limit is automatically adjusted to 0 when PD schedules hot Regions #1552
- Add the `enable-grpc-gateway` configuration option to enable the gRPC gateway feature of etcd #1596
- Add `store-balance-rate`, `hot-region-schedule-limit` and other statistics related to scheduler configuration #1601
- Optimize the hot Region scheduling strategy and skip the Regions that lack replicas during scheduling to prevent multiple replicas from being scheduled to the same IDC #1609
- Optimize the Region merge processing logic and support giving priority to merging the Regions with smaller sizes to speed up Region merging #1613
- Adjust the default limit of hot Region scheduling in a single time to 64 to prevent too many scheduling tasks from occupying system resources and impacting performance #1616
- Optimize the Region scheduling strategy and support giving high priority to scheduling Regions in the `Pending` status #1617
- Fix the issue that `random-merge` and `admin-merge-region` operators cannot be added #1634
- Adjust the format of the Region key in the log to hexadecimal notation to make it easier to view #1639

16.33.20.4 Tools

TiDB Binlog

- Optimize the Pump GC strategy and remove the restriction that the unconsumed binlog cannot be cleaned to make sure that the resources are not occupied for a long time #646

TiDB Lightning

- Fix the import error that happens when the column names specified by the SQL dump are not in lowercase #210

16.33.20.5 TiDB Ansible

- Add the precheck feature for the ansible command and its `jmespath` and `jinja2` dependency packages #803, #813

- Add the `stop-write-at-available-space` parameter (10 GiB by default) in Pump to stop writing binlog files in Pump when the available disk space is less than the parameter value #806
- Update the I/O monitoring items in the TiKV monitoring information and make them compatible with the monitoring components of the new version #820
- Update the PD monitoring information, and fix the anomaly that Disk Latency is empty in the disk performance dashboard #817
- Add monitoring items for Titan in the TiKV details dashboard #824

16.33.21 TiDB 3.0 GA Release Notes

Release date: June 28, 2019

TiDB version: 3.0.0

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.0

16.33.21.1 Overview

On June 28, 2019, TiDB 3.0 GA is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible version is 3.0.0. Compared with TiDB 2.1, this release has greatly improved in the following aspects:

- Stability. TiDB 3.0 has demonstrated long-term stability for large-scale clusters with up to 150+ nodes and 300+ TB of storage.
- Usability. TiDB 3.0 has multi-facet improvements in usability, including standardized slow query logs, well-developed log file specification, and new features such as `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` and SQL Trace to save operation costs for users.
- Performance. The performance of TiDB 3.0 is 4.5 times greater than TiDB 2.1 in TPC-C benchmarks, and over 1.5 times in Sysbench benchmarks. Thanks to the support for Views, TPC-H 50G Q15 can now run normally.
- New features including Window Functions, Views (**Experimental**), partitioned tables, the plugin framework, pessimistic locking (**Experimental**), and `SQL Plan Management`.

16.33.21.2 TiDB

- New Features
  - Support Window Functions; compatible with all window functions in MySQL 8.0, including `NTILE`, `LEAD`, `LAG`, `PERCENT_RANK`, `NTH_VALUE`, `CUME_DIST`, `FIRST_VALUE`, `LAST_VALUE`, `RANK`, `DENSE_RANK`, and `ROW_NUMBER`
  - Support Views (**Experimental**)
  - Improve Table Partition
    - Support Range Partition
    - Support Hash Partition

- Add the plug-in framework, supporting plugins such as IP Whitelist (**Enterprise**) and Audit Log (**Enterprise**).
- Support the SQL Plan Management function to create SQL execution plan binding to ensure query stability (**Experimental**)

- SQL Optimizer
  - Optimize the `NOT EXISTS` subquery and convert it to `Anti Semi Join` to improve performance
  - Optimize the constant propagation on the `Outer Join`, and add the optimization rule of `Outer Join` elimination to reduce non-effective computations and improve performance
  - Optimize the `IN` subquery to execute `Inner Join` after aggregation to improve performance
  - Optimize `Index Join` to adapt to more scenarios
  - Improve the Partition Pruning optimization rule of Range Partition
  - Optimize the query logic for `_tidb_rowid`to avoid full table scan and improve performance
  - Match more prefix columns of the indexes when extracting access conditions of composite indexes if there are relevant columns in the filter to improve performance
  - Improve the accuracy of cost estimates by using order correlation between columns
  - Optimize `Join Order` based on the greedy strategy and the dynamic programming algorithm to speed up the join operation of multiple tables
  - Support Skyline Pruning, with some rules to prevent the execution plan from relying too heavily on statistics to improve query stability
  - Improve the accuracy of row count estimation for single-column indexes with NULL values
  - Support `FAST ANALYZE` that randomly samples in each Region to avoid full table scan and improve performance with statistics collection
  - Support the incremental Analyze operation on monotonically increasing index columns to improve performance with statistics collection
  - Support using subqueries in the `DO` statement
  - Support using `Index Join` in transactions
  - Optimize `prepare`/`execute` to support DDL statements with no parameters
  - Modify the system behavior to auto load statistics when the `stats-lease` variable value is 0
  - Support exporting historical statistics
  - Support the `dump`/`load` correlation of histograms

- SQL Execution Engine
  - Optimize log output: `EXECUTE` outputs user variables and `COMMIT` outputs slow query logs to facilitate troubleshooting
  - Support the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` function to improve SQL tuning usability
  - Support the `admin show next_row_id` command to get the ID of the next row

- Add six built-in functions: `JSON_QUOTE`, `JSON_ARRAY_APPEND`, `JSON_MERGE_PRESERVE`, `BENCHMARK` ,`COALESCE`, and `NAME_CONST`
- Optimize control logics on the chunk size to dynamically adjust based on the query context, to reduce the SQL execution time and resource consumption
- Support tracking and controlling memory usage in three operators - `TableReader`, `IndexReader` and `IndexLookupReader`
- Optimize the Merge Join operator to support an empty `ON` condition
- Optimize write performance for single tables that contains too many columns
- Improve the performance of `admin show ddl jobs` by supporting scanning data in reverse order
- Add the `split table region` statement to manually split the table Region to alleviate hotspot issues
- Add the `split index region` statement to manually split the index Region to alleviate hotspot issues
- Add a blocklist to prohibit pushing down expressions to Coprocessor
- Optimize the `Expensive Query` log to print the SQL query in the log when it exceeds the configured limit of execution time or memory

- DDL
  - Support migrating from character set `utf8` to `utf8mb4`
  - Change the default character set from`utf8` to `utf8mb4`
  - Add the `alter schema` statement to modify the character set and the collation of the database
  - Support ALTER algorithm `INPLACE`/`INSTANT`
  - Support `SHOW CREATE VIEW`
  - Support `SHOW CREATE USER`
  - Support fast recovery of mistakenly deleted tables
  - Support adjusting the number of concurrencies of ADD INDEX dynamically
  - Add the `pre_split_regions` option that pre-allocates Regions when creating the table using the `CREATE TABLE` statement, to relieve write hot Regions caused by lots of writes after the table creation
  - Support splitting Regions by the index and range of the table specified using SQL statements to relieve hotspot issues
  - Add the `ddl_error_count_limit` global variable to limit the number of DDL task retries
  - Add a feature to use `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` to scatter row IDs when the column contains an AUTO_INCREMENT attribute to relieve hotspot issues
  - Optimize the lifetime of invalid DDL metadata to speed up recovering the normal execution of DDL operations after upgrading the TiDB cluster

- Transactions
  - Support the pessimistic transaction mode (**Experimental**)
  - Optimize transaction processing logics to adapt to more scenarios:
    - Change the default value `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` to `on`, which means non-auto committed transactions will not be retried

    - Add the `tidb_batch_commit` system variable to split a transaction into multiple ones to be executed concurrently
    - Add the `tidb_low_resolution_tso` system variable to control the number of TSOs to obtain in batches and reduce the number of times that transactions request for TSOs, to improve performance in scenarios with relatively low requirement of consistency
    - Add the `tidb_skip_isolation_level_check` variable to control whether to report errors when the isolation level is set to SERIALIZABLE
    - Modify the `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` system variable to make it work on all retryable errors

- Permission Management
    - Perform permission check on the `ANALYZE`, `USE`, `SET GLOBAL`, and `SHOW PROCESSLIST` statements
    - Support Role Based Access Control (RBAC) (**Experimental**)

- Server
    - Optimize slow query logs:
        - Restructure the log format
        - Optimize the log content
        - Optimize the log query method to support using the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SLOW_QUERY` and `ADMIN SHOW SLOW` statements of the memory table to query slow query logs
    - Develop a unified log format specification with restructured log system to facilitate collection and analysis by tools
    - Support using SQL statements to manage TiDB Binlog services, including querying status, enabling TiDB Binlog, maintaining and sending TiDB Binlog strategies.
    - Support using `unix_socket` to connect to the database
    - Support `Trace` for SQL statements
    - Support getting information for a TiDB instance via the `/debug/zip` HTTP interface to facilitate troubleshooting.
    - Optimize monitoring items to facilitate troubleshooting:
        - Add the `high_error_rate_feedback_total` monitoring item to monitor the difference between the actual data volume and the estimated data volume based on statistics
        - Add a QPS monitoring item in the database dimension
    - Optimize the system initialization process to only allow the DDL owner to perform the initialization. This reduces the startup time for initialization or upgrading.
    - Optimize the execution logic of `kill query` to improve performance and ensure resource is release properly
    - Add a startup option `config-check` to check the validity of the configuration file
    - Add the `tidb_back_off_weight` system variable to control the backoff time of internal error retries

    - Add the `wait_timeout`and `interactive_timeout` system variables to control the maximum idle connections allowed
    - Add the connection pool for TiKV to shorten the connection establishing time
- Compatibility
    - Support the `ALLOW_INVALID_DATES` SQL mode
    - Support the MySQL 320 Handshake protocol
    - Support manifesting unsigned BIGINT columns as auto-increment columns
    - Support the `SHOW CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS` syntax
    - Optimize the fault tolerance of `load data` for CSV files
    - Abandon the predicate pushdown operation when the filtering condition contains a user variable to improve the compatibility with MySQL's behavior of using user variables to simulate Window Functions

16.33.21.3 PD

- Support re-creating a cluster from a single node
- Migrate Region metadata from etcd to the go-leveldb storage engine to solve the storage bottleneck in etcd for large-scale clusters
- API
    - Add the `remove-tombstone` API to clear Tombstone stores
    - Add the `ScanRegions` API to batch query Region information
    - Add the `GetOperator` API to query running operators
    - Optimize the performance of the `GetStores` API
- Configurations
    - Optimize configuration check logic to avoid configuration item errors
    - Add `enable-two-way-merge` to control the direction of Region merge
    - Add `hot-region-schedule-limit` to control the scheduling rate for hot Regions
    - Add `hot-region-cache-hits-threshold` to identify hotspot when hitting multiple thresholds consecutively
    - Add the `store-balance-rate` configuration item to control the maximum numbers of balance Region operators allowed per minute
- Scheduler Optimizations
    - Add the store limit mechanism for separately controlling the speed of operators for each store
    - Support the `waitingOperator` queue to optimize the resource race among different schedulers
    - Support scheduling rate limit to actively send scheduling operations to TiKV. This improves the scheduling rate by limiting the number of concurrent scheduling tasks on a single node.
    - Optimize the `Region Scatter` scheduling to be not restrained by the limit mechanism

    - Add the `shuffle-hot-region` scheduler to facilitate TiKV stability test in scenarios of poor hotspot scheduling

- Simulator

    - Add simulator for data import scenarios
    - Support setting different heartbeats intervals for the Store

- Others

    - Upgrade etcd to solve the issues of inconsistent log output formats, Leader selection failure in prevote, and lease deadlocking
    - Develop a unified log format specification with restructured log system to facilitate collection and analysis by tools
    - Add monitoring metrics including scheduling parameters, cluster label information, and time consumed by PD to process TSO requests, Store ID, and address information.

16.33.21.4 TiKV

- Support distributed GC and concurrent lock resolving for improved GC performance
- Support reversed `raw_scan` and `raw_batch_scan`
- Support Multi-thread Raftstore and Multi-thread Apply to improve scalabilities, concurrency capacity, and resource usage within a single node. Performance improves by 70% under the same level of pressure
- Support batch receiving and sending Raft messages, improving TPS by 7% for write intensive scenarios
- Support checking RocksDB Level 0 files before applying snapshots to avoid write stall
- Introduce Titan, a key-value plugin that improves write performance for scenarios with value sizes greater than 1KiB, and relieves write amplification in certain degrees
- Support the pessimistic transaction mode (**Experimental**)
- Support getting monitoring information via HTTP
- Modify the semantics of `Insert` to allow Prewrite to succeed only when there is no Key
- Develop a unified log format specification with restructured log system to facilitate collection and analysis by tools
- Add performance metrics related to configuration information and key bound crossing
- Support Local Reader in RawKV to improve performance
- Engine

    - Optimize memory management to reduce memory allocation and copying for `Iterator Key Bound Option`
    - Support `block cache` sharing among different column families

- Server

    - Reduce context switch overhead from `batch commands`

    - Remove `txn scheduler`
    - Add monitoring items related to `read index` and `GC worker`
- RaftStore
    - Support Hibernate Regions to optimize CPU consumption from RaftStore (**Experimental**)
    - Remove the local reader thread
- Coprocessor
    - Refactor the computation framework to implement vector operators, computation using vector expressions, and vector aggregations to improve performance
    - Support providing operator execution status for the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement in TiDB
    - Switch to the `work-stealing` thread pool model to reduce context switch cost

16.33.21.5 Tools

- TiDB Lightning
    - Support redirected replication of data tables
    - Support importing CSV files
    - Improve performance for conversion from SQL to KV pairs
    - Support batch import of single tables to improve performance
    - Support separately importing data and indexes for big tables to improve the performance of TiKV-importer
    - Support filling the missing column using the `row_id` or the default column value when column data is missing in the new file
    - Support setting a speed limit in `TIKV-importer` when uploading SST files to TiKV
- TiDB Binlog
    - Add the `advertise-addr` configuration in Drainer to support the bridge mode in the container environment
    - Add the `GetMvccByEncodeKey` function in Pump to speed up querying the transaction status
    - Support compressing communication data among components to reduce network resource consumption
    - Add the Arbiter tool that supports reading binlog from Kafka and replicate the data into MySQL
    - Support filtering out files that don't require replication via Reparo
    - Support replicating generated columns
    - Add the `syncer.sql-mode` configuration item to support using different sql-modes to parse DDL queries
    - Add the `syncer.ignore-table` configuration item to support filtering tables not to be replicated

- sync-diff-inspector
    - Support checkpoint to record verification status and continue the verification from last saved point after restarting
    - Add the `only-use-checksum` configuration item to check data consistency by calculating checksum
    - Support using TiDB statistics and multiple columns to split chunks for comparison to adapt to more scenarios

16.33.21.6 TiDB Ansible

- Upgrade the following monitoring components to a stable version:
    - Prometheus from V2.2.1 to V2.8.1
    - Pushgateway from V0.4.0 to V0.7.0
    - Node_exporter from V0.15.2 to V0.17.0
    - Alertmanager from V0.14.0 to V0.17.0
    - Grafana from V4.6.3 to V6.1.6
    - Ansible from V2.5.14 to V2.7.11
- Add the TiKV summary monitoring dashboard to view cluster status conveniently
- Add the TiKV trouble_shooting monitoring dashboard to remove duplicate items and facilitate troubleshooting
- Add the TiKV details monitoring dashboard to facilitate debugging and troubleshooting
- Add concurrent check for version consistency during rolling updates to improve the update performance
- Support deployment and operations for TiDB Lightning
- Optimize the `table-regions.py` script to support displaying Leader distribution by tables
- Optimize TiDB monitoring and add latency related monitoring items by SQL categories
- Modify the operating system version limit to only support the CentOS 7.0+ and Red Hat 7.0+ operating systems
- Add the monitoring item to predict the maximum QPS of the cluster (hidden by default)

16.33.22 TiDB 3.0.0-rc.3 Release Notes

Release date: June 21, 2019

TiDB version: 3.0.0-rc.3

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.0-rc.3

16.33.22.1 Overview

On June 21, 2019, TiDB 3.0.0-rc.3 is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible version is 3.0.0-rc.3. Compared with TiDB 3.0.0-rc.2, this release has greatly improved the stability, usability, features, the SQL optimizer, statistics, and the execution engine.

16.33.22.2 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Remove the feature of collecting virtual generated column statistics #10629
  - Fix the issue that the primary key constant overflows during point queries #10699
  - Fix the issue that using uninitialized information in `fast analyze` causes panic #10691
  - Fix the issue that executing the `create view` statement using `prepare` causes panic because of wrong column information #10713
  - Fix the issue that the column information is not cloned when handling window functions #10720
  - Fix the wrong estimation for the selectivity rate of the inner table selection in index join #10854
  - Support automatic loading statistics when the `stats-lease` variable value is 0 #10811
- Execution Engine
  - Fix the issue that resources are not correctly released when calling the `Close` function in `StreamAggExec` #10636
  - Fix the issue that the order of `table_option` and `partition_options` is incorrect in the result of executing the `show create table` statement for partitioned tables #10689
  - Improve the performance of `admin show ddl jobs` by supporting scanning data in reverse order #10687
  - Fix the issue that the result of the `show grants` statement in RBAC is incompatible with that of MySQL when this statement has the `current_user` field #10684
  - Fix the issue that UUIDs might generate duplicate values on multiple nodes #10712
  - Fix the issue that the `show view` privilege is not considered in `explain` #10635
  - Add the `split table region` statement to manually split the table Region to alleviate the hotspot issue #10765
  - Add the `split index region` statement to manually split the index Region to alleviate the hotspot issue #10764
  - Fix the incorrect execution issue when you execute multiple statements such as `create user`, `grant`, or `revoke` consecutively #10737
  - Add a blocklist to prohibit pushing down expressions to Coprocessor #10791
  - Add the feature of printing the `expensive query` log when a query exceeds the memory configuration limit #10849

    - Add the `bind-info-lease` configuration item to control the update time of the modified binding execution plan #10727
    - Fix the OOM issue in high concurrent scenarios caused by the failure to quickly release Coprocessor resources, resulted from the `execdetails.ExecDetails` pointer #10832
    - Fix the panic issue caused by the `kill` statement in some cases #10876
- Server
    - Fix the issue that goroutine might leak when repairing GC #10683
    - Support displaying the `host` information in slow queries #10693
    - Support reusing idle links that interact with TiKV #10632
    - Fix the support for enabling the `skip-grant-table` option in RBAC #10738
    - Fix the issue that `pessimistic-txn` configuration goes invalid #10825
    - Fix the issue that the actively canceled ticlient requests are still retried #10850
    - Improve performance in the case where pessimistic transactions conflict with optimistic transactions #10881
- DDL
    - Fix the issue that modifying charset using `alter table` causes the `blob` type change #10698
    - Add a feature to use `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` to scatter row IDs when the column contains an `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute to alleviate the hotspot issue #10794
    - Prohibit adding stored generated columns by using the `alter table` statement #10808
    - Optimize the invalid survival time of DDL metadata to shorten the period during which the DDL operation is slower after cluster upgrade #10795

16.33.22.3 PD

- Add the `enable-two-way-merge` configuration item to allow only one-way merging #1583
- Add scheduling operations for `AddLightLearner` and `AddLightPeer` to make Region Scatter scheduling unrestricted by the limit mechanism #1563
- Fix the issue of insufficient reliability because the data might only have one replica replication when the system is started #1581
- Optimize configuration check logic to avoid configuration item errors #1585
- Adjust the definition of the `store-balance-rate` configuration to the upper limit of the number of balance operators generated per minute #1591
- Fix the issue that the store might have been unable to generate scheduled operations #1590

16.33.22.4 TiKV

- Engine

    - Fix the issue that incomplete snapshots are generated in the system caused by the iterator not checking the status #4936
    - Fix the data loss issue caused by a delay of flushing data to the disk when receiving snapshots after a power failure in abnormal conditions #4850

- Server

    - Add a feature to check the validity of the `block-size` configuration #4928
    - Add `READ_INDEX`-related monitoring metrics #4830
    - Add GC worker-related monitoring metrics #4922

- Raftstore

    - Fix the issue that the cache of the local reader is not cleared correctly #4778
    - Fix the issue that the request delay might be increased when transferring the leader and changing `conf` #4734
    - Fix the issue that a stale command is wrongly reported #4682
    - Fix the issue that the command might be pending for a long time #4810
    - Fix the issue that files are damaged after a power failure, which is caused by a delay of synchronizing the snapshot file to the disk #4807, #4850

- Coprocessor

    - Support Top-N in vector calculation #4827
    - Support `Stream` aggregation in vector calculation #4786
    - Support the `AVG` aggregate function in vector calculation #4777
    - Support the `First` aggregate function in vector calculation #4771
    - Support the `SUM` aggregate function in vector calculation #4797
    - Support the `MAX/MIN` aggregate function in vector calculation #4837
    - Support the `Like` expression in vector calculation #4747
    - Support the `MultiplyDecimal` expression in vector calculation #4849
    - Support the `BitAnd/BitOr/BitXor` expression in vector calculation #4724
    - Support the `UnaryNot` expression in vector calculation #4808

- Transaction

    - Fix the issue that an error occurs caused by non-pessimistic locking conflicts in pessimistic transactions #4801, #4883
    - Reduce unnecessary calculation for optimistic transactions after enabling pessimistic transactions to improve the performance #4813
    - Add a feature of single statement rollback to ensure that the whole transaction does not need a rollback operation in a deadlock situation #4848
    - Add pessimistic transaction-related monitoring items #4852
    - Support using the `ResolveLockLite` command to resolve lightweight locks to improve the performance when severe conflicts exist #4882

- tikv-ctl

    - Add the `bad-regions` command to support checking more abnormal conditions #4862

    - Add a feature of forcibly executing the `tombstone` command #4862

- Misc

    - Add the `dist_release` compiling command #4841

16.33.22.5 Tools

- TiDB Binlog

    - Fix the wrong offset issue caused by Pump not checking the returned value when it fails to write data #640
    - Add the `advertise-addr` configuration in Drainer to support the bridge mode in the container environment #634
    - Add the `GetMvccByEncodeKey` function in Pump to speed up querying the transaction status #632

16.33.22.6 TiDB Ansible

- Add a monitoring item to predict the maximum QPS value of the cluster ("hide" by default) #f5cfa4d

16.33.23 TiDB 3.0.0-rc.2 Release Notes

Release date: May 28, 2019

TiDB version: 3.0.0-rc.2

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.0-rc.2

16.33.23.1 Overview

On May 28, 2019, TiDB 3.0.0-rc.2 is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible version is 3.0.0-rc.2. Compared with TiDB 3.0.0-rc.1, this release has greatly improved the stability, usability, features, the SQL optimizer, statistics, and the execution engine.

16.33.23.2 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer

    - Support Index Join in more scenarios #10540
    - Support exporting historical statistics #10291
    - Support the incremental `Analyze` operation on monotonically increasing index columns #10355
    - Neglect the NULL value in the `Order By` clause #10488

- Fix the wrong schema information calculation of the `UnionAll` logical operator when simplifying the column information #10384
- Avoid modifying the original expression when pushing down the `Not` operator #10363
- Support the `dump/load` correlation of histograms #10573

- Execution Engine
  - Handle virtual columns with a unique index properly when fetching duplicate rows in `batchChecker` #10370
  - Fix the scanning range calculation issue for the `CHAR` column #10124
  - Fix the issue of `PointGet` incorrectly processing negative numbers #10113
  - Merge `Window` functions with the same name to improve execution efficiency #9866
  - Allow the `RANGE` frame in a `Window` function to contain no `OrderBy` clause #10496
- Server
  - Fix the issue that TiDB continuously creates a new connection to TiKV when a fault occurs in TiKV #10301
  - Make `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` affect all retryable errors instead of only write conflict errors #10339
  - Allow DDL statements without parameters to be executed using `prepare` ↪ `/execute` #10144
  - Add the `tidb_back_off_weight` variable to control the backoff time #10266
  - Prohibit TiDB retrying non-automatically committed transactions in default conditions by setting the default value of `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` to `on` #10266
  - Fix the database privilege judgment of `role` in `RBAC` #10261
  - Support the pessimistic transaction mode (experimental) #10297
  - Reduce the wait time for handling lock conflicts in some cases #10006
  - Make the Region cache able to visit follower nodes when a fault occurs in the leader node #10256
  - Add the `tidb_low_resolution_tso` variable to control the number of TSOs obtained in batches and reduce the times of transactions obtaining TSO to adapt for scenarios where data consistency is not so strictly required #10428
- DDL
  - Fix the uppercase issue of the charset name in the storage of the old version of TiDB #10272
  - Support `preSplit` of table partition, which pre-allocates table Regions when creating a table to avoid write hotspots after the table is created #10221
  - Fix the issue that TiDB incorrectly updates the version information in PD in some cases #10324
  - Support modifying the charset and collation using the `ALTER DATABASE` statement #10393

- Support splitting Regions based on the index and range of the specified table to relieve hotspot issues #10203
- Prohibit modifying the precision of the decimal column using the `alter table` statement #10433
- Fix the restriction for expressions and functions in hash partition #10273
- Fix the issue that adding indexes in a table that contains partitions will in some cases cause TiDB panic #10475
- Validate table information before executing the DDL to avoid invalid table schemas #10464
- Enable hash partition by default; and enable range columns partition when there is only one column in the partition definition #9936

16.33.23.3 PD

- Enable the Region storage by default to store the Region metadata #1524
- Fix the issue that hot Region scheduling is preempted by another scheduler #1522
- Fix the issue that the priority for the leader does not take effect #1533
- Add the gRPC interface for `ScanRegions` #1535
- Push operators actively #1536
- Add the store limit mechanism for separately controlling the speed of operators for each store #1474
- Fix the issue of inconsistent `Config` status #1476

16.33.23.4 TiKV

- Engine
  - Support multiple column families sharing a block cache #4563
- Server
  - Remove `TxnScheduler` #4098
  - Support pessimistic lock transactions #4698
- Raftstore
  - Support hibernate Regions to reduce the consumption of the raftstore CPU #4591
  - Fix the issue that the leader does not reply to the `ReadIndex` requests for the learner #4653
  - Fix transferring leader failures in some cases #4684
  - Fix the dirty read issue in some cases #4688
  - Fix the issue that a snapshot may lose applied data in some cases #4716
- Coprocessor
  - Add more RPN functions
    - `LogicalOr` #4691

- `LTReal` #4602
- `LEReal` #4602
- `GTReal` #4602
- `GEReal` #4602
- `NEReal` #4602
- `EQReal` #4602
- `IsNull` #4720
- `IsTrue` #4720
- `IsFalse` #4720
- Support comparison arithmetic for `Int` #4625
- Support comparison arithmetic for `Decimal` #4625
- Support comparison arithmetic for `String` #4625
- Support comparison arithmetic for `Time` #4625
- Support comparison arithmetic for `Duration` #4625
- Support comparison arithmetic for `Json` #4625
- Support plus arithmetic for `Int` #4733
- Support plus arithmetic for `Real` #4733
- Support plus arithmetic for `Decimal` #4733
- Support MOD functions for `Int` #4727
- Support MOD functions for `Real` #4727
- Support MOD functions for `Decimal` #4727
- Support minus arithmetic for `Int` #4746
- Support minus arithmetic for `Real` #4746
- Support minus arithmetic for `Decimal` #4746

16.33.23.5 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Add a metric to track the delay of data replication downstream #594
- TiDB Lightning
  - Support merging sharded databases and tables #95
  - Add the retry mechanism for KV write failure #176
  - Update the default value of `table-concurrency` to 6 #175
  - Reduce required configuration items by automatically discovering `tidb.pd-addr` and `tidb.port` if they are not provided #173

16.33.24 TiDB 3.0.0-rc.1 Release Notes

Release Date: May 10, 2019

TiDB version: 3.0.0-rc.1

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.0-rc.1

16.33.24.1 Overview

On May 10, 2019, TiDB 3.0.0-rc.1 is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible version is 3.0.0-rc.1. Compared with TiDB 3.0.0-beta.1, this release has greatly improved the stability, usability, features, the SQL optimizer, statistics, and the execution engine.

16.33.24.2 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
    - Improve the accuracy of cost estimates by using order correlation between columns; introduce a heuristic parameter `tidb_opt_correlation_exp_factor` to control the preference for index scans for scenarios when correlation cannot be directly used for estimation. #9839
    - Match more prefix columns of the indexes when extracting access conditions of composite indexes if there are relevant columns in the filter #10053
    - Use the dynamic programming algorithm to specify the execution order of join operations when the number of tables participating in the join is less than the value of `tidb_opt_join_reorder_threshold`. #8816
    - Match more prefix columns of the indexes in the inner tables that build the index join when using composite indexes as the access conditions #8471
    - Improve the accuracy of row count estimation for single-column indexes with NULL values #9474
    - Specially handle `GROUP_CONCAT` when eliminating aggregate functions during the logical optimization phase to prevent incorrect executions #9967
    - Properly push the filter down to child nodes of the join operator if the filter is a constant #9848
    - Specially handle some functions such as `RAND()` when pruning columns during the logical optimization phase to prevent incompatibilities with MySQL #10064
    - Support `FAST ANALYZE`, which speeds up statistics collection by sampling the region instead of scanning the entire region. This feature is controlled by the variable `tidb_enable_fast_analyze`. #10258
    - Support SQL Plan Management, which ensures execution stability by performing execution plan binding for SQL statements. This feature is currently in beta and only supports bound execution plans for SELECT statements. It is not recommended to use it in the production environment. #10284
- Execution Engine
    - Support tracking and controlling memory usage in three operators - `TableReader`, `IndexReader` and `IndexLookupReader` #10003
    - Support showing more information about coprocessor tasks in the slow log such as the number of tasks in coprocessor, the average/longest/90% of execution/waiting time and the addresses of the TiKVs which take the longest execution time or waiting time #10165
    - Support the prepared DDL statements with no placeholders #10144

- Server
    - Only allow the DDL owner to execute bootstrap when TiDB is started #10029
    - Add the variable `tidb_skip_isolation_level_check` to prevent TiDB from reporting errors when setting the transaction isolation level to SERIALIZABLE #10065
    - Merge the implicit commit time and the SQL execution time in the slow log #10294
        - Support for SQL Roles (RBAC Privilege Management)
        - Support `SHOW GRANT` #10016
        - Support `SET DEFAULT ROLE` #9949
    - Support `GRANT ROLE` #9721
    - Fix the `ConnectionEvent` error from the `whitelist` plugin that makes TiDB exit #9889
    - Fix the issue of mistakenly adding read-only statements to the transaction history #9723
    - Improve `kill` statements to stop SQL execution and release resources more quickly #9844
    - Add a startup option `config-check` to check the validity of the configuration file #9855
    - Fix the validity check of inserting NULL fields when the strict SQL mode is disabled #10161
- DDL
    - Add the `pre_split_regions` option for `CREATE TABLE` statements; this option supports pre-splitting the Table Region when creating a table to avoid write hot spots caused by lots of writes after the table creation #10138
    - Optimize the execution performance of some DDL statements #10170
    - Add the warning that full-text indexes are not supported for `FULLTEXT KEY` #9821
    - Fix the compatibility issue for the UTF8 and UTF8MB4 charsets in the old versions of TiDB #9820
    - Fix the potential bug in `shard_row_id_bits` of a table #9868
    - Fix the bug that the column charset is not changed after the table charset is changed #9790
    - Fix a potential bug in `SHOW COLUMN` when using `BINARY`/`BIT` as the column default value #9897
    - Fix the compatibility issue in displaying `CHARSET`/`COLLATION` descriptions in the `SHOW FULL COLUMNS` statement #10007
    - Fix the issue that the `SHOW COLLATIONS` statement only lists collations supported by TiDB #10186

16.33.24.3 PD

- Upgrade ETCD #1452

    - Unify the log format of etcd and PD server
    - Fix the issue of failing to elect Leader by PreVote
    - Support fast dropping the "propose" and "read" requests that are to fail to avoid blocking the subsequent requests
    - Fix the deadlock issue of Lease
- Fix the issue that a hot store makes incorrect statistics of keys #1487
- Support forcibly rebuilding a PD cluster from a single PD node #1485
- Fix the issue that `regionScatterer` might generate an invalid `OperatorStep` #1482
- Fix the too short timeout issue of the `MergeRegion` operator #1495
- Support giving high priority to hot region scheduling #1492
- Add the metrics for recording the time of handling TSO requests on the PD server side #1502
- Add the corresponding Store ID and Address to the metrics related to the store #1506
- Support the `GetOperator` service #1477
- Fix the issue that the error cannot be sent in the Heartbeat stream because the store cannot be found #1521

16.33.24.4 TiKV

- Engine
    - FIx the issue that may cause incorrect statistics on read traffic #4436
    - Fix the issue that may cause prefix extractor panic when deleting a range #4503
    - Optimize memory management to reduce memory allocation and copying for `Iterator Key Bound Option` #4537
    - Fix the issue that failing to consider learner log gap may in some cases cause panic #4559
    - Support `block cache` sharing among different `column families` #4612
- Server
    - Reduce context switch overhead of `batch commands` #4473
    - Check the validity of seek iterator status #4470
- RaftStore
    - Support configurable `properties index distance` #4517
- Coprocessor
    - Add batch index scan executor #4419
    - Add vectorized evaluation framework #4322
    - Add execution summary framework for batch executors #4433
    - Check the maximum column when constructing the RPN expression to avoid invalid column offset that may cause evaluation panic #4481
    - Add `BatchLimitExecutor` #4469

- Replace the original `futures-cpupool` with `tokio-threadpool` in ReadPool to reduce context switch #4486
- Add batch aggregation framework #4533
- Add `BatchSelectionExecutor` #4562
- Add batch aggression function `AVG` #4570
- Add RPN function `LogicalAnd`#4575

- Misc
  - Support `tcmalloc` as a memory allocator #4370

16.33.24.5 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the replication abortion issue when binlog data for the primary key column of unsigned int type is negative #573
  - Provide no compression option when downstream is `pb`; modify the downstream name from `pb` to `file` #559
  - Add the `storage.sync-log` configuration item in Pump that allows asynchronous flush on local storage #509
  - Support traffic compression for communications between Pump and Drainer #495
  - Add the `syncer.sql-mode` configuration item in Drainer to support parsing DDL queries in different sql-mode #511
  - Add the `syncer.ignore-table` configuration item to support filtering out tables that do not require replication #520
- Lightning
  - Use row IDs or default column values to populate the column data missed in the dump file #170
  - Fix the bug in Importer that import success may still be returned even if part of the SST failed to be imported #4566
  - Support speed limit in Importer when uploading SST to TiKV #4412
  - Support importing tables by size to reduce impacts on the cluster brought by Checksum and Analyze for big tables, and improve the success rate for Checksum and Analyze #156
  - Improve Lightning's SQL encoding performance by 50% by directly parsing data source file as types.Datum of TiDB and saving extra parsing overhead from the KV encoder #145
  - Change log format to Unified Log Format #162
  - Add some command line options for use when the configuration file is missing #157
- sync-diff-inspector
  - Support checkpoint to record verification status and continue the verification from last saved point after restarting #224

- Add the `only-use-checksum` configuration item to check data consistency by calculating checksum #215

16.33.24.6 TiDB Ansible

- Support more TiKV monitoring panels and update versions for Ansible, Grafana, and Prometheus #727
    - Summary dashboard for viewing cluster status
    - trouble_shooting dashboard for troubleshooting issues
    - Details dashboard for developers to analyze issues
- Fix the bug that causes the downloading failure of TiDB Binlog of Kafka version #730
- Modify version limits on supported operating systems as CentOS 7.0+ and later, and Red Hat 7.0 and later #733
- Change version detection mode during the rolling update to multi-concurrent #736
- Update documentation links in README #740
- Remove redundant TiKV monitoring metrics; add new metrics for troubleshooting #735
- Optimize `table-regions.py` script to display leader distribution by table #739
- Update configuration file for Drainer #745
- Optimize TiDB monitoring with new panels that display latencies by SQL categories #747
- Update the Lightning configuration file and add the `tidb_lightning_ctl` script #1e946f8

16.33.25 TiDB 3.0.0 Beta.1 Release Notes

Release Date: March 26, 2019

TiDB version: 3.0.0-beta.1

TiDB Ansible version: 3.0.0-beta.1

16.33.25.1 Overview

On March 26, 2019, TiDB 3.0.0 Beta.1 is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible version is 3.0.0 Beta.1. Compared with TiDB 3.0.0 Beta, this release has greatly improved the stability, usability, features, the SQL optimizer, statistics, and the execution engine.

16.33.25.2 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
    - Support calculating the Cartesian product by using `Sort Merge Join` #9032

    - Support Skyline Pruning, with some rules to prevent the execution plan from relying too heavily on statistics #9337
    - Support Window Functions
        - `NTILE` #9682
        - `LEAD` and `LAG` #9672
        - `PERCENT_RANK` #9671
        - `NTH_VALUE` #9596
        - `CUME_DIST` #9619
        - `FIRST_VALUE` and `LAST_VALUE` #9560
        - `RANK` and `DENSE_RANK` #9500
        - `RANGE FRAMED` #9450
        - `ROW FRAMED` #9358
        - `ROW NUMBER` #9098
    - Add a type of statistic that indicates the order correlation between columns and the handle column #9315
- SQL Execution Engine
    - Add built-in functions
        - `JSON_QUOTE` #7832
        - `JSON_ARRAY_APPEND` #9609
        - `JSON_MERGE_PRESERVE` #8931
        - `BENCHMARK` #9252
        - `COALESCE` #9087
        - `NAME_CONST` #9261
    - Optimize the Chunk size based on the query context, to reduce the execution time of SQL statements and resources consumption of the cluster #6489
- Privilege management
    - Support `SET ROLE` and `CURRENT_ROLE` #9581
    - Support `DROP ROLE` #9616
    - Support `CREATE ROLE` #9461
- Server
    - Add the `/debug/zip` HTTP interface to get information of the current TiDB instance #9651
    - Support the `show pump status` and `show drainer status` SQL statements to check the Pump or Drainer status #9456
    - Support modifying the Pump or Drainer status by using SQL statements #9789
    - Support adding HASH fingerprints to SQL text for easy tracking of slow SQL statements #9662
    - Add the `log_bin` system variable ("0" by default) to control the enabling state of binlog; only support checking the state currently #9343
    - Support managing the sending binlog strategy by using the configuration file #9864

- Support querying the slow log by using the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SLOW_QUERY` memory table #9290
- Change the MySQL version displayed in TiDB from 5.7.10 to 5.7.25 #9553
- Unify the log format for easy collection and analysis by tools
- Add the `high_error_rate_feedback_total` monitoring item to record the difference between the actual data volume and the estimated data volume based on statistics #9209
- Add the QPS monitoring item in the database dimension, which can be enabled by using a configuration item #9151

- DDL
  - Add the `ddl_error_count_limit` global variable ("512" by default) to limit the number of DDL task retries (If this number exceeds the limit, the DDL task is canceled) #9295
  - Support ALTER ALGORITHM `INPLACE/INSTANT` #8811
  - Support the `SHOW CREATE VIEW` statement #9309
  - Support the `SHOW CREATE USER` statement #9240

16.33.25.3 PD

- Unify the log format for easy collection and analysis by tools
- Simulator
  - Support different heartbeat intervals in different stores #1418
  - Add a case about importing data #1263
- Make hotspot scheduling configurable #1412
- Add the store address as the dimension monitoring item to replace the previous Store ID #1429
- Optimize the `GetStores` overhead to speed up the Region inspection cycle #1410
- Add an interface to delete the Tombstone Store #1472

16.33.25.4 TiKV

- Optimize the Coprocessor calculation execution framework and implement the TableScan section, with the Single TableScan performance improved by 5% ~ 30%
  - Implement the definition of the `BatchRows` row and the `BatchColumn` column #3660
  - Implement `VectorLike` to support accessing encoded and decoded data in the same way #4242
  - Define the `BatchExecutor` to interface and implement the way of converting requests to `BatchExecutor` #4243
  - Implement transforming the expression tree into the RPN format #4329

    - Implement the `BatchTableScanExecutor` vectorization operator to accelerate calculation #4351

- Unify the log format for easy collection and analysis by tools
- Support using the Local Reader to read in the Raw Read interface #4222
- Add metrics about configuration information #4206
- Add metrics about key exceeding bound #4255
- Add an option to control panic or return an error when encountering the key exceeding bound error #4254
- Add support for the `INSERT` operation, make prewrite succeed only when keys do not exist, and eliminate `Batch Get` #4085
- Use more fair batch strategy in the Batch System #4200
- Support Raw scan in tikv-ctl #3825

16.33.25.5 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
    - Add the Arbiter tool that supports reading binlog from Kafka and replicate the data into MySQL
    - Support filtering files that do not need to be replicated
    - Support replicating generated columns
- Lightning
    - Support disabling TiKV periodic Level-1 compaction, and when the TiKV cluster version is 2.1.4 or later, Level-1 compaction is automatically executed in the import mode #119, #4199
    - Add the `table_concurrency` configuration item to limit the number of import engines ("16" by default) and avoid overusing the importer disk space #119
    - Support saving the intermediate state SST to the disk, to reduce memory usage #4369
    - Optimize the import performance of TiKV-Importer and support separate import of data and indexes for large tables #132
    - Support importing CSV files #111
- Data replication comparison tool (sync-diff-inspector)
    - Support using TiDB statistics to split chunks to be compared #197
    - Support using multiple columns to split chunks to be compared #197

16.33.26 TiDB 3.0 Beta Release Notes

On January 19, 2019, TiDB 3.0 Beta is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible 3.0 Beta is also released. TiDB 3.0 Beta builds on TiDB 2.1 with an added focus in stability, the SQL optimizer, statistics, and the execution engine.

16.33.26.1 TiDB

- New Features
  - Support Views
  - Support Window Functions
  - Support Range Partitioning
  - Support Hash Partitioning
- SQL Optimizer
  - Re-support the optimization rule of `AggregationElimination` #7676
  - Optimize the `NOT EXISTS` subquery and convert it to Anti Semi Join #7842
  - Add the `tidb_enable_cascades_planner` variable to support the new Cascades optimizer. Currently, the Cascades optimizer is not yet fully implemented and is turned off by default #7879
  - Support using Index Join in transactions #7877
  - Optimize the constant propagation on the Outer Join, so that the filtering conditions related to the Outer table in the Join result can be pushed down through the Outer Join to the Outer table, reducing the useless calculation of the Outer Join and improving the execution performance #7794
  - Adjust the optimization rule of Projection Elimination to the position after the Aggregation Elimination, to avoid redundant `Project` operators #7909
  - Optimize the `IFNULL` function and eliminate this function when the input parameter has a non-NULL attribute #7924
  - Support Range for `_tidb_rowid` construction queries, to avoid full table scan and reduce cluster stress #8047
  - Optimize the `IN` subquery to do the Inner Join after the aggregation, and add the `tidb_opt_insubq_to_join_and_agg` variable to control whether to enable this optimization rule and open it by default #7531
  - Support using subqueries in the `DO` statement #8343
  - Add the optimization rule of Outer Join elimination to reduce unnecessary table scan and Join operations and improve execution performance #8021
  - Modify the Hint behavior of the `TIDB_INLJ` optimizer, and the optimizer will use the table specified in Hint as the Inner table of Index Join #8243
  - Use `PointGet` in a wide range so that it can be used when the execution plan cache of the `Prepare` statement takes effect #8108
  - Introduce the greedy `Join Reorder` algorithm to optimize the join order selection when joining multiple tables #8394
  - Support View #8757
  - Support Window Function #8630
  - Return warning to the client when `TIDB_INLJ` is not in effect, to enhance usability #9037
  - Support deducing the statistics for filtered data based on filtering conditions and table statistics #7921
  - Improve the Partition Pruning optimization rule of Range Partition #8885

- SQL Executor
    - Optimize the `Merge Join` operator to support the empty `ON` condition #9037
    - Optimize the log and print the user variables used when executing the `EXECUTE` statement #7684
    - Optimize the log to print slow query information for the `COMMIT` statement #7951
    - Support the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` feature to make the SQL tuning process easier #7827
    - Optimize the write performance of wide tables with many columns #7935
    - Support `admin show next_row_id` #8242
    - Add the `tidb_init_chunk_size` variable to control the size of the initial Chunk used by the execution engine #8480
    - Improve `shard_row_id_bits` and cross-check the auto-increment ID #8936
- `Prepare` Statement
    - Prohibit adding the `Prepare` statement containing subqueries to the query plan cache to guarantee the query plan is correct when different user variables are input #8064
    - Optimize the query plan cache to guarantee the plan can be cached when the statement contains non-deterministic functions #8105
    - Optimize the query plan cache to guarantee the query plan of `DELETE`/`UPDATE` ↪ `/INSERT` can be cached #8107
    - Optimize the query plan cache to remove the corresponding plan when executing the `DEALLOCATE` statement #8332
    - Optimize the query plan cache to avoid the TiDB OOM issue caused by caching too many plans by limiting the memory usage #8339
    - Optimize the `Prepare` statement to support using the `?` placeholder in the `ORDER` ↪ `BY`/`GROUP BY`/`LIMIT` clause #8206
- Privilege Management
    - Add the privilege check for the `ANALYZE` statement #8486
    - Add the privilege check for the `USE` statement #8414
    - Add the privilege check for the `SET GLOBAL` statement #8837
    - Add the privilege check for the `SHOW PROCESSLIST` statement #7858
- Server
    - Support the `Trace` feature #9029
    - Support the plugin framework #8788
    - Support using `unix_socket` and TCP simultaneously to connect to the database #8836
    - Support the `interactive_timeout` system variable #8573
    - Support the `wait_timeout` system variable #8346
    - Support splitting a transaction into multiple transactions based on the number of statements using the `tidb_batch_commit` variable #8293
    - Support using the `ADMIN SHOW SLOW` statement to check slow logs #7785

- Compatibility
    - Support the `ALLOW_INVALID_DATES` SQL mode #9027
    - Improve `LoadData` fault-tolerance for the CSV file #9005
    - Support the MySQL 320 handshake protocol #8812
    - Support using the unsigned `bigint` column as the auto-increment column #8181
    - Support the `SHOW CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS` syntax #8926
    - Abandon the predicate pushdown operation when the filtering condition contains a user variable to improve the compatibility with MySQL's behavior of using user variables to mock the Window Function behavior #8412
- DDL
    - Support fast recovery of mistakenly deleted tables #7937
    - Support adjusting the number of concurrencies of `ADD INDEX` dynamically #8295
    - Support changing the character set of tables or columns to `utf8`/`utf8mb4` #8037
    - Change the default character set from `utf8` to `utf8mb4` #7965
    - Support Range Partition #8011

16.33.26.2 Tools

- TiDB Lightning
    - Speed up converting SQL statements to KV pairs remarkably #110
    - Support batch import for a single table to improve import performance and stability #113

16.33.26.3 PD

- Add `RegionStorage` to store Region metadata separately #1237
- Add shuffle hot Region scheduler #1361
- Add scheduling parameter related metrics #1406
- Add cluster label related metrics #1402
- Add the importing data simulator #1263
- Fix the `Watch` issue about leader election #1396

16.33.26.4 TiKV

- Support distributed GC #3179
- Check RocksDB Level 0 files before applying snapshots to avoid Write Stall #3606
- Support reverse `raw_scan` and `raw_batch_scan` #3742
- Support using HTTP to obtain monitoring information #3855
- Support DST better #3786
- Support receiving and sending Raft messages in batch #3931
- Introduce a new storage engine Titan #3985

- Upgrade gRPC to v1.17.2 #4023
- Support receiving the client requests and sending replies in batch #4043
- Support multi-thread Apply #4044
- Support multi-thread Raftstore #4066

16.34 v2.1

16.34.1 TiDB 2.1.19 Release Notes

Release date: December 27, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.19

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.19

16.34.1.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Optimize the scenario of `select max(_tidb_rowid)from t` to avoid full table scan #13294
  - Fix the incorrect results caused by the incorrect value assigned to the user variable in the query and the push-down of predicates #13230
  - Fix the issue that the statistics are not accurate because a data race occurs when statistics are updated #13690
  - Fix the issue that the result is incorrect when the `UPDATE` statement contains both a sub-query and a stored generated column; fix the `UPDATE` statement execution error when this statement contains two same-named tables from different databases #13357
  - Fix the issue that the query plan might be incorrectly selected because the `PhysicalUnionScan` operator incorrectly sets the statistics #14134
  - Remove the `minAutoAnalyzeRatio` constraint to make the automatic `ANALYZE` more timely #14013
  - Fix the issue that the estimated number of rows is greater than `1` when the `WHERE` clause contains an equal condition on the unique key #13385
- SQL Execution Engine
  - Fix the precision overflow when using `int64` as the intermediate result of `unit64` in `ConvertJSONToInt` #13036
  - Fix the issue that when the `SLEEP` function is in a query (for example, `select 1 from (select sleep(1))t;`), column pruning causes `sleep(1)` in the query to be invalid #13039
  - Reduce memory overhead by reusing `Chunk` in the `INSERT ON DUPLICATE UPDATE` statement #12999
  - Add more transaction-related fields for the `slow_query` table #13129:

    - `Prewrite_time`
    - `Commit_time`
    - `Get_commit_ts_time`
    - `Commit_backoff_time`
    - `Backoff_types`
    - `Resolve_lock_time`
    - `Local_latch_wait_time`
    - `Write_key`
    - `Write_size`
    - `Prewrite_region`
    - `Txn_retry`
  - Fix the issue that a subquery contained in an `UPDATE` statement is incorrectly converted; fix the `UPDATE` execution failure when the `WHERE` clause contains a subquery #13120
  - Support executing `ADMIN CHECK TABLE` on partitioned tables #13143
  - Fix the issue that the precision of statements such as `SHOW CREATE TABLE` is incomplete when `ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` is used as a column attribute and floating point precision is specified #12462
  - Fix the panic occurred when executing the `SELECT * FROM information_schema` ↪ `.KEY_COLUMN_USAGE` statement because the foreign key is not checked when dropping, modifying or changing the column #14162
  - Fix the issue that the returned data might be duplicated when `Streaming` is enabled in TiDB #13255
  - Fix the `Invalid time format` error caused by daylight saving time #13624
  - Fix the issue that data is incorrect because the precision is lost when an integer is converted to an unsigned floating point or decimal type #13756
  - Fix the issue that an incorrect type of value is returned when the `Quote` function handles the `NULL` value #13681
  - Fix the issue that the timezone is incorrect after parsing the date from strings using `gotime.Local` #13792
  - Fix the issue that the result might be incorrect because the `binSearch` function does not return an error in the implementation of `builtinIntervalRealSig` #13768
  - Fix the issue that an error might occur when converting the string type to the floating point type in the `INSERT` statement execution #14009
  - Fix the incorrect result returned from the `sum(distinct)` function #13041
  - Fix the issue that `data too long` is returned when `CAST` converting the data in `union` of the same location to the merged type because the returned type length of the `jsonUnquoteFunction` function is given an incorrect value #13645
  - Fix the issue that the password cannot be set because the privilege check is too strict #13805
- Server
  - Fix the issue that `KILL CONNECTION` might cause the goroutine leak #13252

- Support getting the binlog status of all TiDB nodes via the `info/all` interface of the HTTP API #13188
- Fix the failure to build the TiDB project on Windows #13650
- Add the `server-version` configuration item to control and modify the version of TiDB server #13904
- Fix the issue that the binary `plugin` compiled with Go1.13 does not run normally #13527

- DDL
  - Use the table's `COLLATE` instead of the system's default charset in the column when a table is created and the table contains `COLLATE` #13190
  - Limit the length of the index name when creating a table #13311
  - Fix the issue that the length of the table name is not checked when renaming a table #13345
  - Check the width range of the `BIT` column #13511
  - Make the error information output from `change/modify column` more understandable #13798
  - Fix the issue that when executing the `drop column` operation that has not yet been handled by the downstream Drainer, the downstream might receive DML operations without the affected column #13974

16.34.1.2 TiKV

- Raftstore
  - Fix the panic occurred when restarting TiKV and `is_merging` is given an incorrect value in the process of merging Regions and applying the Compact log #5884
- Importer
  - Remove the limit on the gRPC message length #5809

16.34.1.3 PD

- Improve the performance of the HTTP API for getting all Regions #1988
- Upgrade etcd to fix the issue that etcd PreVote cannot elect a leader (downgrade not supported) #2052

16.34.1.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Optimize the node status information output through binlogctl #777

- Fix the panic occurred because of the `nil` value in the Drainer filter configuration #802
- Optimize the `Graceful` exit of Pump #825
- Add more detailed monitoring metrics when Pump writes binlog data #830
- Optimize Drainer's logic to refresh table information after Drainer has executed a DDL operation #836
- Fix the issue that the commit binlog of a DDL operation is ignored when Pump does not receive this binlog #855

16.34.1.5 TiDB Ansible

- Rename the `Uncommon Error OPM` monitoring item of TiDB service to `Write Binlog Error` and add the corresponding alert message #1038
- Upgrade TiSpark to 2.1.8 #1063

16.34.2 TiDB 2.1.18 Release Notes

Release date: November 4, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.18

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.18

16.34.2.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Fix the issue that invalid query ranges might appear when split by feedback #12172
  - Fix the issue that the privilege check is incorrect in point get plan #12341
  - Optimize execution performance of the `select ... limit ... offset ⋯` statement by pushing the Limit operator down to the `IndexLookUpReader` execution logic #12380
  - Support using parameters in `ORDER BY`, `GROUP BY` and `LIMIT OFFSET` #12514
  - Fix the issue that `IndexJoin` on the partition table returns incorrect results #12713
  - Fix the issue that the `str_to_date` function in TiDB returns a different result from MySQL when the date string and the format string do not match #12757
  - Fix the issue that outer join is incorrectly converted to inner join when the `cast` function is included in the query conditions #12791
  - Fix incorrect expression passing in the join condition of `AntiSemiJoin` #12800
- SQL Engine
  - Fix the incorrectly rounding of time (for example, `2019-09-11 11:17:47.999999666` should be rounded to `2019-09-11 11:17:48`) #12259

- Fix the issue that the duration by `sql_type` for the `PREPARE` statement is not shown in the monitoring record #12329
- Fix the panic issue when the `from_unixtime` function handles null #12572
- Fix the compatibility issue that when an invalid value is inserted as the `YEAR` type, the result is `NULL` instead of `0000` #12744
- Improve the behavior of the `AutoIncrement` column when it is implicitly allocated, to keep it consistent with the default mode of MySQL auto-increment locking ("consecutive" lock mode): for the implicit allocation of multiple `AutoIncrement` IDs in a single-line `Insert` statement, TiDB guarantees the continuity of the allocated values. This improvement ensures that the JDBC `getGeneratedKeys()` method will get the correct results in any scenario #12619
- Fix the issue that the query is hanged when `HashAgg` serves as a child node of `Apply` #12769
- Fix the issue that the `AND` and `OR` logical expressions return incorrect results when it comes to type conversion #12813

- Server
  - Fix the issue that the `SLEEP()` function is invalid for the `KILL TIDB QUERY` statements #12159
  - Fix the issue that no error is reported when `AUTO_INCREMENT` incorrectly allocates `MAX int64` and `MAX uint64` #12210
  - Fix the issue that the slow query logs are not recorded when the log level is `ERROR` #12373
  - Adjust the number of times that TiDB caches schema changes and corresponding changed table information from 100 to 1024, and support modification by using the `tidb_max_delta_schema_count` system variable #12515
  - Change the query start time from the point of "starting to execute" to "starting to compile" to make SQL statistics more accurate #12638
  - Add the record of `set session autocommit` in TiDB logs #12568
  - Record SQL query start time in `SessionVars` to prevent it from being reset during plan execution #12676
  - Support `?` placeholder in `ORDER BY`, `GROUP BY` and `LIMIT OFFSET` #12514
  - Add the `Prev_stmt` field in slow query logs to output the previous statement when the last statement is `COMMIT` #12724
  - Record the last statement before `COMMIT` into the log when the `COMMIT` fails in an explicitly committed transaction #12747
  - Optimize the saving method of the previous statement when the TiDB server executes a SQL statement to improve performance #12751
  - Fix the panic issue caused by `FLUSH PRIVILEGES` statements under the `skip-grant-table=true` configuration #12816
  - Increase the default minimum step of applying AutoID from `1000` to `30000` to avoid performance bottleneck when there are many write requests in a short time #12891
  - Fix the issue that the failed `Prepared` statement is not print in the error log when TiDB panics #12954

- Fix the issue that the `COM_STMT_FETCH` time record in slow query logs is inconsistent with that in MySQL #12953
- Add an error code in the error message for write conflicts to quickly locate the cause #12878

- DDL
  - Disallow dropping the `AUTO INCREMENT` attribute of a column by default. Modify the value of the `tidb_allow_remove_auto_inc` variable if you do need to drop this attribute. See System Variables for more details. #12146
  - Support multiple `uniques` when creating a unique index in the `Create Table` statement #12469
  - Fix a compatibility issue that if the foreign key constraint in `CREATE TABLE` statement has no schema, schema of the created table should be used instead of returning a `No Database selected` error #12678
  - Fix the issue that the `invalid list index` error is reported when executing `ADMIN CANCEL DDL JOBS` #12681

- Monitor
  - Add types for backoff monitoring and supplement the backoff time that is not recorded before, such as the backoff time when committing #12326
  - Add a new metric to monitor `Add Index` operation progress #12389

16.34.2.2 PD

- Improve the `--help` command output of pd-ctl #1772

16.34.2.3 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that `ALTER DATABASE` related DDL operations cause Drainer to exit abnormally #770
  - Support querying the transaction status information for Commit binlog to improve replication efficiency #761
  - Fix the issue that a Pump panic might occur when Drainer's `start_ts` is greater than Pump's largest `commit_ts` #759

16.34.2.4 TiDB Ansible

- Add two monitoring items "queue size" and "query histogram" for TiDB Binlog #952
- Update TiDB alerting rules #961
- Check the configuration file before the deployment and upgrade #973
- Add a new metric to monitor index speed in TiDB #987
- Update TiDB Binlog monitoring dashboard to make it compatible with Grafana v4.6.3 #993

16.34.3 TiDB 2.1.17 Release Notes

Release date: September 11, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.17

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.17

- New features
  - Add the `WHERE` clause in TiDB's `SHOW TABLE REGIONS` syntax
  - Add the `config-check` feature in TiKV and PD to check the configuration items
  - Add the `remove-tombstone` command in pd-ctl to clear tombstone store records
  - Add the `worker-count` and `txn-batch` configuration items in Reparo to control the recovery speed
- Improvements
  - Optimize PD's scheduling process by supporting actively pushing operators
  - Optimize TiKV's starting process to reduce jitters caused by restarting nodes
- Changed behaviors
  - Change `start ts` in TiDB slow query logs from the last retry time to the first execution time
  - Replace the `Index_ids` field in TiDB slow query logs with the `Index_names` field to improve the usability of slow query logs
  - Add the `split-region-max-num` parameter in TiDB's configuration files to modify the maximum number of Regions allowed by the `SPLIT TABLE` syntax, which is increased from 1,000 to 10,000 in the default configuration

16.34.3.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Fix the issue that the error message is not returned correctly when an error occurs during `EvalSubquery` building `Executor` #11811
  - Fix the issue that the query result might be incorrect when the number of rows in the outer table is greater than that in a single batch in Index Lookup Join; expand the functional scope of Index Lookup Join; `UnionScan` can be used as a subnode of `IndexJoin` #11843
  - Add the display of invalid keys (like `invalid encoded key flag 252`) in the `SHOW STAT_BUCKETS` syntax, for the situation where invalid keys might occur during the statistics feedback process #12098
- SQL Execution Engine
  - Fix some incorrect results (like `select cast(13835058000000000000 as double)`) caused by the number value that is first converted to `UINT` when the `CAST` function is converting the number value type #11712

- Fix the issue that the calculation result might be incorrect when the dividend of the `DIV` calculation is a decimal and this calculation contains a negative number #11812
- Add the `ConvertStrToIntStrict` function to fix the MySQL incompatibility issue caused by some strings being converted to the `INT` type when executing the `SELECT/EXPLAIN` statement #11892
- Fix the issue that the `Explain` result might be incorrect caused by wrong configuration of `stmtCtx` when `EXPLAIN ... FOR CONNECTION` is used #11978
- Fix the issue that the result returned by the `unaryMinus` function is incompatible with MySQL, caused by the non-decimal result when the integer result overflows #11990
- Fix the issue that `last_insert_id()` might be incorrect, caused by the counting order when the `LOAD DATA` statement is being executed #11994
- Fix the issue that `last_insert_id()` might be incorrect when the user writes auto-increment column data in an explicit-implicit mixed way #12001
- Fix an over-quoted bug for the `JSON_UNQUOTE` function: only values enclosed by double quote marks (") should be unquoted. For example, the result of "`SELECT JSON_UNQUOTE("\\\\")`" should be "\\" (not changed) #12096

- Server
  - Change `start ts` recorded in slow query logs from the last retry time to the first execution time when retrying TiDB transactions #11878
  - Add the number of keys of a transaction in `LockResolver` to avoid the scan operation on the whole Region and reduce costs of resolving locking when the number of keys is reduced #11889
  - Fix the issue that the `succ` field value might be incorrect in slow query logs #11886
  - Replace the `Index_ids` field in slow query logs with the `Index_names` field to improve the usability of slow query logs #12063
  - Fix the connection break issue caused by TiDB parsing `-` into EOF Error when `Duration` contains `-` (like `select time( '--')`) #11910
  - Remove an invalid Region from `RegionCache` more quickly to reduce the number of requests sent to this Region #11931
  - Fix the connection break issue caused by incorrectly handling the OOM panic issue when `oom-action = "cancel"` and OOM occurs in the `Insert Into ... Select` syntax #12126

- DDL
  - Add the reverse scan interface for `tikvSnapshot` to efficiently query DDL history jobs. After using this interface, the execution time of `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS` is remarkably decreased #11789
  - Improve the `CREATE TABLE ... PRE_SPLIT_REGION` syntax: change the number of pre-splitting Regions from 2^(N-1) to 2^N when `PRE_SPLIT_REGION = N` #11797

- Decrease the default parameter value for the background worker thread of the `Add Index` operation to avoid great impacts on online workloads #11875
- Improve the `SPLIT TABLE` syntax behavior: generate N data Region(s) and one index Region when `SPLIT TABLE ... REGIONS N` is used to divide Regions #11929
- Add the `split-region-max-num` parameter (`10000` by default) in the configuration file to make the maximum number of Regions allowed by the `SPLIT TABLE` syntax adjustable #12080
- Fix the issue that the `CREATE TABLE` clause cannot be parsed by the downstream MySQL, caused by uncommented `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` in this clause when the system writes the binlog #12121
- Add the `WHERE` sub-clause in `SHOW TABLE ⋯ REGIONS` and `SHOW TABLE .. ↪ INDEX ⋯ REGIONS` #12124

- Monitor
  - Add the `connection_transient_failure_count` monitoring metric to count gRPC connection errors of `tikvclient` #12092

16.34.3.2 TiKV

- Fix the incorrect result of counting keys in a Region in some cases #5415
- Add the `config-check` option in TiKV to check whether the TiKV configuration item is valid #5391
- Optimize the starting process to reduce jitters caused by restarting nodes #5277
- Optimize the resolving locking process in some cases to speed up resolving locking for transactions #5339
- Optimize the `get_txn_commit_info` process to speed up committing transactions #5062
- Simplify Raft-related logs #5425
- Resolve the issue that TiKV exits abnormally in some cases #5441

16.34.3.3 PD

- Add the `config-check` option in PD to check whether the PD configuration item is valid #1725
- Add the `remove-tombstone` command in pd-ctl to support clearing tombstone store records #1705
- Support actively pushing operators to speed up scheduling #1686

16.34.3.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Add `worker-count` and `txn-batch` configuration items in Reparo to control the recovery speed #746

- Optimize the memory usage of Drainer to improve the parallel execution efficiency #735
- Fix the bug that Pump cannot quit normally in some cases #739
- Optimize the processing logic of `LevelDB` in Pump to improve the execution efficiency of GC #720

- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the bug that tidb-lightning might crash caused by re-importing data from the checkpoint #239

16.34.3.5 TiDB Ansible

- Update the Spark version to 2.4.3, and update the TiSpark version to 2.2.0 that is compatible with Spark 2.4.3 #914, #919
- Fix the issue that there is a long waiting time when the remote machine password has expired #937, #948

16.34.4 TiDB 2.1.16 Release Notes

Release date: August 15, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.16

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.16

16.34.4.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Fix the issue that row count is estimated inaccurately for the equal condition on the time column #11526
  - Fix the issue that `TIDB_INLJ` Hint does not take effect or take effect on the specified table #11361
  - Change the implementation of `NOT EXISTS` in a query from OUTER JOIN to ANTI JOIN to find a more optimized execution plan #11291
  - Support subqueries within `SHOW` statements, allowing syntaxes such as `SHOW ↪ COLUMNS FROM tbl WHERE FIELDS IN (SELECT 'a')` #11461
  - Fix the issue that the `SELECT ⋯ CASE WHEN ⋯ ELSE NULL ...` query gets an incorrect result caused by the constant folding optimization #11441

- SQL Execution Engine
  - Fix the issue that the `DATE_ADD` function gets a wrong result when `INTERVAL` is negative #11616
  - Fix the issue that the `DATE_ADD` function might get an incorrect result because it performs type conversion wrongly when it accepts an argument of the `FLOAT`, `DOUBLE`, or `DECIMAL` type #11628

- Fix the issue that the error message is inaccurate when CAST(JSON AS SIGNED) overflows #11562
- Fix the issue that other child nodes are not closed when one child node fails to be closed and returns an error during the process of closing Executor #11598
- Support `SPLIT TABLE` statements that return the number of Regions that are successfully split and a finished percentage rather than an error when the scheduling is not finished for Region scatter before the timeout #11487
- Make `REGEXP BINARY` function case sensitive to be compatible with MySQL #11505
- Fix the issue that `NULL` is not returned correctly because the value of `YEAR` in the `DATE_ADD/DATE_SUB` result overflows when it is smaller than 0 or larger than 65535 #11477
- Add in the slow query table a `Succ` field that indicates whether the execution succeeds #11412
- Fix the MySQL incompatibility issue caused by fetching the current timestamp multiple times when a SQL statement involves calculations of the current time (such as `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` or `NOW`) #11392
- Fix the issue that the AUTO_INCREMENT columns do not handle the FLOAT or DOUBLE type #11389
- Fix the issue that `NULL` is not returned correctly when the `CONVERT_TZ` function accepts an invalid argument #11357
- Fix the issue that an error is reported by the `PARTITION BY LIST` statement. (Currently only the syntax is supported; when TiDB executes the statement, a regular table is created and a prompting message is provided) #11236
- Fix the issue that `Mod(%)`, `Multiple(*)`, and `Minus(-)` operations return an inconsistent `0` result with that in MySQL when there are many decimal digits (such as `select 0.000 % 0.11234500000000000000`) #11353

- Server
    - Fix the issue that the plugin gets a `NULL` domain when `OnInit` is called back #11426
    - Fix the issue that the table information in a schema can still be obtained through the HTTP interface after the schema has been deleted #11586

- DDL
    - Disallow dropping indexes on auto-increment columns to avoid incorrect results of the auto-increment columns caused by this operation #11402
    - Fix the issue that the character set of the column is not correct when creating and modifying the table with different character sets and collations #11423
    - Fix the issue that the column schema might get wrong when `alter table ... ↪ set default...` and another DDL statement that modifies this column are executed in parallel #11374
    - Fix the issue that data fails to be backfilled when Generated Column A depends on Generated Column B and A is used to create an index #11538
    - Speed up `ADMIN CHECK TABLE` operations #11538

16.34.4.2 TiKV

- Support returning an error message when the client accesses a TiKV Region that is being closed #4820
- Support reverse `raw_scan` and `raw_batch_scan` interfaces #5148

16.34.4.3 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Add the `ignore-txn-commit-ts` configuration item in Drainer to skip executing some statements in a transaction #697
  - Add the configuration item check on startup, which stops Pump and Drainer from running and returns an error message when meeting invalid configuration items #708
  - Add the `node-id` configuration in Drainer to specify Drainer's node ID #706
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the issue that `tikv_gc_life_time` fails to be changed back to its original value when 2 checksums are running at the same time #224

16.34.4.4 TiDB Ansible

- Add the `log4j` configuration file in Spark #842
- Update the tispark jar package to v2.1.2 #863
- Fix the issue that the Prometheus configuration file is generated in the wrong format when TiDB Binlog uses Kafka or ZooKeeper #845
- Fix the bug that PD fails to switch the Leader when executing the `rolling_update.yml` operation #888
- Optimize the logic of rolling updating PD nodes - upgrade Followers first and then the Leader - to improve stability #895

16.34.5 TiDB 2.1.15 Release Notes

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TiDB version: 2.1.15

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.15

16.34.5.1 TiDB

- Fix the issue that the `DATE_ADD` function returns wrong results due to incorrect alignment when dealing with microseconds #11289
- Fix the issue that an error is reported when the empty value in the string column is compared with `FLOAT` or `INT` #11279
- Fix the issue that the `INSERT` function fails to correctly return the `NULL` value when a parameter is `NULL` #11249
- Fix the issue that an error occurs when indexing the column of the non-string type and `0` length #11215
- Add the `SHOW TABLE REGIONS` statement to query the Region distribution of a table through SQL statements #11238
- Fix the issue that an error is reported when using the `UPDATE ··· SELECT` statement because the projection elimination is used to optimize rules in the `SELECT` subqueries #11254
- Add the `ADMIN PLUGINS ENABLE/ADMIN PLUGINS DISABLE` SQL statement to dynamically enable or disable plugins #11189
- Add the session connection information in the Audit plugin #11189
- Fix the panic issue that happens when a column is queried on multiple times and the returned result is `NULL` during point queries #11227
- Add the `tidb_scatter_region` configuration item to scatter table Regions when creating a table #11213
- Fix the data race issue caused by non-thread safe `rand.Rand` when using the `RAND` function #11170
- Fix the issue that the comparison result of integers and non-integers is incorrect in some cases #11191
- Support modifying the collation of a database or a table, but the character set of the database/table has to be UTF-8 or utf8mb4 #11085
- Fix the issue that the precision shown by the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` statement is incomplete when `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` is used as the default value of the column and the float precision is specified #11087

16.34.5.2 TiKV

- Unify the log format #5083
- Improve the accuracy of Region's approximate size or keys in extreme cases to improve the accuracy of scheduling #5085

16.34.5.3 PD

- Unify the log format #1625

16.34.5.4 Tools

TiDB Binlog

- Optimize the Pump GC strategy and remove the restriction that the unconsumed binlog cannot be cleaned to make sure that the resources are not occupied for a long time #663

TiDB Lightning

- Fix the import error that happens when the column names specified by the SQL dump are not in lowercase #210

16.34.5.5 TiDB Ansible

- Add the `parse duration` and `compile duration` monitoring items in TiDB Dashboard to monitor the time that it takes to parse SQL statements and execute compilation #815

16.34.6 TiDB 2.1.14 Release Notes

Release date: July 04, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.14

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.14

16.34.6.1 TiDB

- Fix wrong query results caused by column pruning in some cases #11019
- Fix the wrongly displayed information in `db` and `info` columns of `show processlist` #11000
- Fix the issue that `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME` as a SQL hint and global variable does not work in some cases #10999
- Support automatically adjust the incremental gap allocated by auto-increment ID based on the load #10997
- Fix the issue that the `Distsql` memory information of `MemTracker` is not correctly cleaned when a query ends #10971
- Add the `MEM` column in the `information_schema.processlist` table to describe the memory usage of a query #10896
- Add the `max_execution_time` global system variable to control the maximum execution time of a query #10940
- Fix the panic caused by using unsupported aggregate functions #10911
- Add an automatic rollback feature for the last transaction when the `load data` statement fails #10862

- Fix the issue that TiDB returns a wrong result in some cases when the `OOMAction` configuration item is set to `Cancel` #11016
- Disable the `TRACE` statement to avoid the TiDB panic issue #11039
- Add the `mysql.expr_pushdown_blacklist` system table that dynamically enables/disables pushing down specific functions to Coprocessor #10998
- Fix the issue that the `ANY_VALUE` function does not work in the `ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY` mode #10994
- Fix the incorrect evaluation caused by not doing a deep copy when evaluating the user variable of the string type #11043

16.34.6.2 TiKV

- Optimize processing the empty callback when processing the Raftstore message to avoid sending unnecessary message #4682

16.34.6.3 PD

- Adjust the log output level from `Error` to `Warning` when reading an invalid configuration item #1577

16.34.6.4 Tools

TiDB Binlog

- Reparo
  - Add the `safe-mode` configuration item, and support importing duplicated data after this item is enabled #662
- Pump
  - Add the `stop-write-at-available-space` configuration item to limit the available binlog space #659
  - Fix the issue that Garbage Collector does not work sometimes when the number of LevelDB L0 files is 0 #648
  - Optimize the algorithm of deleting log files to speed up releasing the space #648
- Drainer
  - Fix the failure to update `BIT` columns in the downstream #655

16.34.6.5 TiDB Ansible

- Add the precheck feature for the `ansible` command and its `jmespath` and `jinja2` dependency packages #807
- Add the `stop-write-at-available-space` parameter (10 GiB by default) in Pump, and stop writing binlog files in Pump when the available disk space is less than the parameter value #807

16.34.7 TiDB 2.1.13 Release Notes

Release date: June 21, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.13

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.13

16.34.7.1 TiDB

- Add a feature to use `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` to scatter row IDs when the column contains an `AUTO_INCREMENT` attribute to relieve the hotspot issue #10788
- Optimize the lifetime of invalid DDL metadata to speed up recovering the normal execution of DDL operations after upgrading the TiDB cluster #10789
- Fix the OOM issue in high concurrent scenarios caused by the failure to quickly release Coprocessor resources, resulted from the `execdetails.ExecDetails` pointer #10833
- Add the `update-stats` configuration item to control whether to update statistics #10772
- Add the following TiDB-specific syntax to support Region presplit to solve the hotspot issue:
- Add the `PRE_SPLIT_REGIONS` table option #10863
- Add the `SPLIT TABLE table_name INDEX index_name` syntax #10865
- Add the `SPLIT TABLE [table_name] BETWEEN (min_value...)AND (max_value ...)REGIONS [region_num]` syntax #10882
- Fix the panic issue caused by the `KILL` syntax in some cases #10879
- Improve the compatibility with MySQL for `ADD_DATE` in some cases #10718
- Fix the wrong estimation for the selectivity rate of the inner table selection in index join #10856

16.34.7.2 TiKV

- Fix the issue that incomplete snapshots are generated in the system caused by the iterator not checking the status #4940
- Add a feature to check the validity for the `block-size` configuration #4930

16.34.7.3 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
    - Fix the wrong offset issue caused by Pump not checking the returned value when it fails to write data #640
    - Add the `advertise-addr` configuration in Drainer to support the bridge mode in the container environment #634

16.34.8 TiDB 2.1.12 Release Notes

Release date: June 13, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.12

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.12

16.34.8.1 TiDB

- Fix the issue caused by unmatched data types when using the index query feedback #10755
- Fix the issue that the blob column is changed to the text column caused by charset altering in some cases #10745
- Fix the issue that the `GRANT` operation in the transaction mistakenly reports "Duplicate Entry" in some cases #10739
- Improve the compatibility with MySQL of the following features
    - The `DAYNAME` function #10732
    - The `MONTHNAME` function #10733
    - Support the 0 value for the `EXTRACT` function when processing `MONTH` #10702
    - The `DECIMAL` type can be converted to `TIMESTAMP` or `DATETIME` #10734
- Change the column charset while changing the table charset #10714
- Fix the overflow issue when converting a decimal to a float in some cases #10730
- Fix the issue that some extremely large messages report the "grpc: received message larger than max" error caused by inconsistent maximum sizes of messages sent/received by gRPC of TiDB and TiKV #10710
- Fix the panic issue caused by `ORDER BY` not filtering NULL in some cases #10488
- Fix the issue that values returned by the `UUID` function might be duplicate when multiple nodes exist #10711
- Change the value returned by `CAST(-num as datetime)` from `error` to NULL #10703
- Fix the issue that an unsigned histogram meets signed ranges in some cases #10695
- Fix the issue that an error is reported mistakenly for reading data when the statistics feedback meets the bigint unsigned primary key #10307
- Fix the issue that the result of `Show Create Table` for partitioned tables is not correctly displayed in some cases #10690
- Fix the issue that the calculation result of the `GROUP_CONCAT` aggregate function is not correct for some correlated subqueries #10670
- Fix the issue that the result is wrongly displayed when the memory table of slow queries parses the slow query log in some cases #10776

16.34.8.2 PD

- Fix the issue that etcd leader election is blocked in extreme conditions #1576

16.34.8.3 TiKV

- Fix the issue that Regions are not available during the leader transfer process in extreme conditions #4799
- Fix the issue that TiKV loses data when the power of the machine fails abnormally, caused by delayed data flush to the disk when receiving snapshots #4850

16.34.9 TiDB 2.1.11 Release Notes

Release date: June 03, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.11

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.11

16.34.9.1 TiDB

- Fix the issue that incorrect schema is used for `delete from join` #10595
- Fix the issue that the built-in `CONVERT()` may return incorrect field type #10263
- Merge non-overlapped feedback when updating bucket count #10569
- Fix calculation errors of `unix_timestamp()-unix_timestamp(now())` #10491
- Fix the incompatibility issue of `period_diff` with MySQL 8.0 #10501
- Skip `Virtual Column` when collecting statistics to avoid exceptions #10628
- Support the `SHOW OPEN TABLES` statement #10374
- Fix the issue that goroutine leak may happen in some cases #10656
- Fix the issue that setting the `tidb_snapshot` variable in some cases may cause incorrect parsing of time format #10637

16.34.9.2 PD

- Fix the issue that hots Region may fail to be scheduled due to `balance-region` #1551
- Set hotspot related scheduling priorities to high #1551
- Add two configuration items #1551
    - `hot-region-schedule-limit` to control the maximum number of concurrent hotspot scheduling tasks
    - `hot-region-cache-hits-threshold` to identify a hot Region

16.34.9.3 TiKV

- Fix the issue that the learner reads an empty index when there is only one leader and one learner #4751
- Process `ScanLock` and `ResolveLock` in the thread pool with a high priority to reduce their impacts on commands with a normal priority #4791
- Sync all files of received snapshots #4811

16.34.9.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Limit data deletion speed during GC to avoid QPS degrading caused by `WritePause` #620

16.34.9.5 TiDB Ansible

- Add Drainer parameters #760

16.34.10 TiDB 2.1.10 Release Notes

Release date: May 22, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.10

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.10

16.34.10.1 TiDB

- Fix the issue that some abnormalities cause incorrect table schema when using `tidb_snapshot` to read the history data #10359
- Fix the issue that the `NOT` function causes wrong read results in some cases #10363
- Fix the wrong behavior of `Generated Column` in the `Replace` or `Insert on duplicate update` statement #10385
- Fix a bug of the `BETWEEN` function in the `DATE/DATETIME` comparison #10407
- Fix the issue that a single line of a slow log that is too long causes an error report when using the `SLOW_QUERY` table to query a slow log #10412
- Fix the issue that the result of `DATETIME` plus `INTERVAL` is not the same with that of MySQL in some cases #10416, #10418
- Add the check for the invalid time of February in a leap year #10417
- Execute the internal initialization operation limitation only in the DDL owner to avoid a large number of conflict error reports when initializing the cluster #10426
- Fix the issue that `DESC` is incompatible with MySQL when the default value of the output timestamp column is `default current_timestamp on update current_timestamp` #10337
- Fix the issue that an error occurs during the privilege check in the `Update` statement #10439
- Fix the issue that wrong calculation of `RANGE` causes a wrong result in the `CHAR` column in some cases #10455
- Fix the issue that the data might be overwritten after decreasing `SHARD_ROW_ID_BITS` #9868
- Fix the issue that `ORDER BY RAND()` does not return random numbers #10064
- Prohibit the `ALTER` statement modifying the precision of decimals #10458

- Fix the compatibility issue of the `TIME_FORMAT` function with MySQL #10474
- Check the parameter validity of `PERIOD_ADD` #10430
- Fix the issue that the behavior of the invalid `YEAR` string in TiDB is incompatible with that in MySQL #10493
- Support the `ALTER DATABASE` syntax #10503
- Fix the issue that the `SLOW_QUERY` memory engine reports an error when no `;` exists in the slow query statement #10536
- Fix the issue that the `Add index` operation in partitioned tables cannot be canceled in some cases #10533
- Fix the issue that the OOM panic cannot be recovered in some cases #10545
- Improve the security of the DDL operation rewriting the table metadata #10547

16.34.10.2 PD

- Fix the issue that the priority of the leader does not take effect #1533

16.34.10.3 TiKV

- Reject transferring the leader in a Region whose configuration has been changed recently to avoid transfer failure #4684
- Add the priority label for Coprocessor metrics #4643
- Fix the possible dirty read issue during transferring the leader #4724
- Fix the issue that `CommitMerge` causes the restart failure of TiKV in some cases #4615
- Fix unknown logs #4730

16.34.10.4 Tools

- TiDB Lightning
  - Add the retry feature when TiDB Lightning fails to send data to `importer` #176
- TiDB Binlog
  - Optimize the Pump storage log to facilitate troubleshooting #607

16.34.10.5 TiDB Ansible

- Update the configuration file of TiDB Lightning and add the `tidb_lightning_ctl` script #d3a4a368

16.34.11 TiDB 2.1.9 Release Notes

Release date: May 6, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.9

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.9

16.34.11.1 TiDB

- Fix compatibility of the `MAKETIME` function when unsigned type overflows #10089
- Fix the stack overflow caused by constant folding in some cases #10189
- Fix the privilege check issue for `Update` when an alias exists in some cases #10157, #10326
- Track and control memory usage in DistSQL #10197
- Support specifying collation as `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci` #10201
- Fix the wrong result issue of the `MAX` function when the primary key is of the Unsigned type #10209
- Fix the issue that NULL values can be inserted into NOT NULL columns in the non-strict SQL mode #10254
- Fix the wrong result issue of the `COUNT` function when multiple columns exist in `DISTINCT` #10270
- Fix the panic issue occurred when `LOAD DATA` parses irregular CSV files #10269
- Ignore the overflow error when the outer and inner join key types are inconsistent in `Index Lookup Join` #10244
- Fix the issue that a statement is wrongly judged as point-get in some cases #10299
- Fix the wrong result issue when the time type does not convert the time zone in some cases #10345
- Fix the issue that TiDB character set cases are inconsistent in some cases #10354
- Support controlling the number of rows returned by operator #9166
    - Selection & Projection #10110
    - `StreamAgg` & `HashAgg` #10133
    - `TableReader` & `IndexReader` & `IndexLookup` #10169
- Improve the slow query log
    - Add `SQL Digest` to distinguish similar SQL #10093
    - Add version information of statistics used by slow query statements #10220
    - Show memory consumption of a statement in slow query log #10246
    - Adjust the output format of Coprocessor related information so it can be parsed by pt-query-digest #10300
    - Fix the `#` character issue in slow query statements #10275
    - Add some information columns to the memory table of slow query statements #10317
    - Add the transaction commit time to slow query log #10310
    - Fix the issue some time formats cannot be parsed by pt-query-digest #10323

16.34.11.2 PD

- Support the GetOperator service #1514

16.34.11.3 TiKV

- Fix potential quorum changes when transferring leader #4604

16.34.11.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the issue that data replication is interrupted because data in the unsigned int type of primary key column are minus numbers #574
  - Remove the compression option when the downstream is `pb` and change the downstream name from `pb` to `file` #597
  - Fix the bug that Reparo introduced in 2.1.7 generates wrong `UPDATE` statements #576
- TiDB Lightning
  - Fix the bug that the bit type of column data is incorrectly parsed by the parser #164
  - Fill the lacking column data in dump files using row id or the default column value #174
  - Fix the Importer bug that some SST files fail to be imported but it still returns successful import result #4566
  - Support setting a speed limit in Importer when uploading SST files to TiKV #4607
  - Change Importer RocksDB SST compression method to `lz4` to reduce CPU consumption #4624
- sync-diff-inspector
  - Support checkpoint #227

16.34.11.5 TiDB Ansible

- Update links in tidb-ansible documentation according to docs refactoring #740, #741
- Remove the `enable_slow_query_log` parameter in the `inventory.ini` file and output the slow query log to a separate log file by default #742

16.34.12 TiDB 2.1.8 Release Notes

Release date: April 12, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.8

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.8

16.34.12.1 TiDB

- Fix the issue that the processing logic of `GROUP_CONCAT` function is incompatible with MySQL when there is a NULL-valued parameter #9930
- Fix the equality check issue of decimal values in the `Distinct` mode #9931

- Fix the collation compatibility issue of the date, datetime, and timestamp types for the `SHOW FULL COLUMNS` statement
    - #9938
    - #10114
- Fix the issue that the row count estimation is inaccurate when the filtering condition contains correlated columns #9937
- Fix the compatibility issue between the `DATE_ADD` and `DATE_SUB` functions
    - #9963
    - #9966
- Support the `%H` format for the `STR_TO_DATE` function to improve compatibility #9964
- Fix the issue that the result is wrong when the `GROUP_CONCAT` function groups by a unique index #9969
- Return a warning when the Optimizer Hints contains an unmatched table name #9970
- Unify the log format to facilitate collecting logs using tools for analysis Unified Log Format
- Fix the issue that a lot of NULL values cause inaccurate statistics estimation #9979
- Fix the issue that an error is reported when the default value of the TIMESTAMP type is the boundary value #9987
- Validate the value of `time_zone` #10000
- Support the `2019.01.01` time format #10001
- Fix the issue that the row count estimation is displayed incorrectly in the result returned by the `EXPLAIN` statement in some cases #10044
- Fix the issue that `KILL TIDB [session id]` cannot instantly stop the execution of a statement in some cases #9976
- Fix the predicate pushdown issue of constant filtering conditions in some cases #10049
- Fix the issue that a read-only statement is not processed correctly in some cases #10048

16.34.12.2 PD

- Fix the issue that `regionScatterer` might generate an invalid `OperatorStep` #1482
- Fix the issue that a hot store makes incorrect statistics of keys #1487
- Fix the too short timeout issue of the `MergeRegion` operator #1495
- Add elapsed time metrics of the PD server handling TSO requests #1502

16.34.12.3 TiKV

- Fix the issue of wrong statistics of the read traffic #4441
- Fix the raftstore performance issue when too many Regions exist #4484
- Do not ingest files when the number of level 0 SST files exceeds `level_zero_slowdown_writes_trigger/2` #4464

16.34.12.4 Tools

- Optimize the order of importing tables for Lightning to reduce the effects of large tables executing `Checksum` and `Analyze` on the cluster during the importing process and improve the success rate of `Checksum` and `Analyze` #156
- Improve the encoding SQL performance by 50% for Lightning by directly parsing the data source file content to `types.Datum` of TiDB to avoid additional parsing working of the KV encoder #145
- Add the `storage.sync-log` configuration item in TiDB Binlog Pump to support flushing disks of the local storage asynchronously in Pump #529
- Support traffic compression of communication between TiDB Binlog Pump and Drainer #530
- Add the `syncer.sql-mode` configuration item in TiDB Binlog Drainer to support using different `sql-mode`s to parse DDL queries #513
- Add the `syncer.ignore-table` configuration item in TiDB Binlog Drainer to support filtering tables not to be replicated #526

16.34.12.5 TiDB Ansible

- Modify the version limit for the operating system and only support CentOS 7.0 or later and Red Hat 7.0 or later #734
- Add the feature of checking whether `epollexclusive` is supported in every OS #728
- Add the version limit for rolling update to prohibit upgrading a version of 2.0.1 or earlier to a version of 2.1 or later #728

16.34.13 TiDB 2.1.7 Release Notes

Release Date: March 28, 2019

TiDB version: 2.1.7

TiDB Ansible version: 2.1.7

16.34.13.1 TiDB

- Fix the issue of longer startup time when upgrading the program caused by canceling DDL operations #9768
- Fix the issue that the `check-mb4-value-in-utf8` configuration item is in the wrong position in the `config.example.toml` file #9852
- Improve the compatibility of the `str_to_date` built-in function with MySQL #9817
- Fix the compatibility issue of the `last_day` built-in function #9750
- Add the `tidb_table_id` column for `infoschema.tables` to facilitate getting `table_id` by using SQL statements and add the `tidb_indexes` system table to manage the relationship between Table and Index #9862

- Add a check about the null definition of Table Partition #9663
- Change the privileges required by `Truncate Table` from `Delete` to `Drop` to make it consistent with MySQL #9876
- Support using subqueries in the `DO` statement #9877
- Fix the issue that the `default_week_format` variable does not take effect in the `week` function #9753
- Support the plugin framework #9880, #9888
- Support checking the enabling state of binlog by using the `log_bin` system variable #9634
- Support checking the Pump/Drainer status by using SQL statements #9896
- Fix the compatibility issue about checking mb4 character on utf8 when upgrading TiDB #9887
- Fix the panic issue when the aggregate function calculates JSON data in some cases #9927

16.34.13.2 PD

- Fix the issue that the transferring leader step cannot be created in the balance-region when the number of replicas is one #1462

16.34.13.3 Tools

- Support replicating generated columns by using binlog

16.34.13.4 TiDB Ansible

Change the default retention time of Prometheus monitoring data to 30d

16.34.14 TiDB 2.1.6 Release Notes

On March 15, 2019, TiDB 2.1.6 is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible 2.1.6 is also released. Compared with TiDB 2.1.5, this release has greatly improved the stability, the SQL optimizer, statistics, and the execution engine.

16.34.14.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer/Executor
    - Optimize planner to select the outer table based on cost when both tables are specified in Hint of `TIDB_INLJ` #9615
    - Fix the issue that `IndexScan` cannot be selected correctly in some cases #9587
    - Fix incompatibility with MySQL of check in the `agg` function in subqueries #9551
    - Make `show stats_histograms` only output valid columns to avoid panics #9502

- Server
    - Support the `log_bin` variable to enable/disable Binlog #9634
    - Add a sanity check for transactions to avoid false transaction commit #9559
    - Fix the issue that setting variables may lead to panic #9539
- DDL
    - Fix the issue that the `Create Table Like` statement causes panic in some cases #9652
    - Enable the `AutoSync` feature of etcd clients to avoid connection issues between TiDB and etcd in some cases #9600

16.34.14.2 TiKV

- Fix the issue that a `protobuf` parsing failure would in some cases cause a `StoreNotMatch` error #4303

16.34.14.3 Tools

- Lightning
    - Change the default `region-split-size` of importer to 512 MiB #4369
    - Save the intermediate SST previously cached in memory to the local disk to reduce memory usage #4369
    - Limit the memory usage of RocksDB #4369
    - Fix the issue that Regions are scattered before scheduling is finished #4369
    - Separate importing of data and indexes for large tables to effectively reduce time consumption when importing in batches #132
    - Support CSV #111
    - Fix the error of import failure due to non-alphanumeric characters in schema names #9547

16.34.15 TiDB 2.1.5 Release Notes

On February 28, 2019, TiDB 2.1.5 is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible 2.1.5 is also released. Compared with TiDB 2.1.4, this release has greatly improved the stability, the SQL optimizer, statistics, and the execution engine.

16.34.15.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer/Executor
    - Make `SHOW CREATE TABLE` do not print the column charset information when the charset information of a column is the same with that of a table, to improve the compatibility of `SHOW CREATE TABLE` with MySQL #9306

- Fix the panic or the wrong result of the `Sort` operator in some cases by extracting `ScalarFunc` from `Sort` to a `Projection` operator for computing to simplify the computing logic of `Sort` #9319
- Remove the sorting field with constant values in the `Sort` operator #9335, #9440
- Fix the data overflow issue when inserting data into an unsigned integer column #9339
- Set `cast_as_binary` to `NULL` when the length of the target binary exceeds `max_allowed_packet` #9349
- Optimize the constant folding process of `IF` and `IFNULL` #9351
- Optimize the index selection of TiDB using skyline pruning to improve the stability of simple queries #9356
- Support computing the selectivity of the `DNF` expression #9405
- Fix the wrong SQL query result of `!=ANY()` and `=ALL()` in some cases #9403
- Fix the panic or the wrong result when the Join Key types of two tables on which the `Merge Join` operation is performed are different #9438
- Fix the issue that the result of the `RAND()` function is not compatible with MySQL #9446
- Refactor the logic of `Semi Join` processing `NULL` and the empty result set to get the correct result and improve the compatibility with MySQL #9449

- Server
    - Add the `tidb_constraint_check_in_place` system variable to check the data uniqueness constraint when executing the `INSERT` statement #9401
    - Fix the issue that the value of the `tidb_force_priority` system variable is different from that set in the configuration file #9347
    - Add the `current_db` field in general logs to print the name of the currently used database #9346
    - Add an HTTP API of obtaining the table information with the table ID #9408
    - Fix the issue that `LOAD DATA` loads incorrect data in some cases #9414
    - Fix the issue that it takes a long time to build a connection between the MySQL client and TiDB in some cases #9451

- DDL
    - Fix some issues when canceling the `DROP COLUMN` operation #9352
    - Fix some issues when canceling the `DROP` or `ADD` partitioned table operation #9376
    - Fix the issue that `ADMIN CHECK TABLE` mistakenly reports the data index inconsistency in some cases #9399
    - Fix the time zone issue of the `TIMESTAMP` default value #9108

16.34.15.2 PD

- Provide the `exclude_tombstone_stores` option in the `GetAllStores` interface to remove the Tombstone store from the returned result #1444

16.34.15.3 TiKV

- Fix the issue that Importer fails to import data in some cases #4223
- Fix the `KeyNotInRegion` error in some cases #4125
- Fix the panic issue caused by Region merge in some cases #4235
- Add the detailed `StoreNotMatch` error message #3885

16.34.15.4 Tools

- Lightning
  - Do not report an error or exit when a Tombstone store exists in the cluster #4223
- TiDB Binlog
  - Update the DDL binlog replication plan to guarantee the correctness of DDL event replication #9304

16.34.16 TiDB 2.1.4 Release Notes

On February 15, 2019, TiDB 2.1.4 is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible 2.1.4 is also released. Compared with TiDB 2.1.3, this release has greatly improved the stability, the SQL optimizer, statistics, and the execution engine.

16.34.16.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer/Executor
  - Fix the issue that the `VALUES` function does not handle the FLOAT type correctly #9223
  - Fix the wrong result issue when casting Float to String in some cases #9227
  - Fix the wrong result issue of the `FORMAT` function in some cases #9235
  - Fix the panic issue when handling the Join query in some cases #9264
  - Fix the issue that the `VALUES` function does not handle the ENUM type correctly #9280
  - Fix the wrong result issue of `DATE_ADD`/`DATE_SUB` in some cases #9284
- Server
  - Optimize the "reload privilege success" log and change it to the DEBUG level #9274
- DDL
  - Change `tidb_ddl_reorg_worker_cnt` and `tidb_ddl_reorg_batch_size` to global variables #9134
  - Fix the bug caused by adding an index to a generated column in some abnormal conditions #9289

16.34.16.2 TiKV

- Fix the duplicate write issue when closing TiKV #4146
- Fix the abnormal result issue of the event listener in some cases #4132

16.34.16.3 Tools

- Lightning
  - Optimize the memory usage #107, #108
  - Remove the chunk separation of dump files to avoid an extra parsing of dump files #109
  - Limit the I/O concurrency of reading dump files, to avoid performance degradation caused by too many cache misses #110
  - Support importing data in batches for a single table, to improve import stability #110
  - Enable auto compactions in the import mode in TiKV #4199
  - Support disabling the TiKV periodic Level-1 compaction parameter, because the Level-1 compaction is automatically executed in the import mode when the TiKV cluster version is 2.1.4 or later #119
  - Limit the number of import engines to avoid consuming too much importer disk space #119
- Support splitting chunks using the TiDB statistics in sync-diff-inspector #197

16.34.17 TiDB 2.1.3 Release Notes

On January 28, 2019, TiDB 2.1.3 is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible 2.1.3 is also released. Compared with TiDB 2.1.2, this release has great improvement in system stability, SQL optimizer, statistics information, and execution engine.

16.34.17.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer/Executor
  - Fix the panic issue of Prepared Plan Cache in some cases #8826
  - Fix the issue that Range computing is wrong when the index is a prefix index #8851
  - Make `CAST(str AS TIME(N))` return null if the string is in the illegal `TIME` format when `SQL_MODE` is not strict #8966
  - Fix the panic issue of Generated Column during the process of `UPDATE` in some cases #8980
  - Fix the upper bound overflow issue of the statistics histogram in some cases #8989
  - Support Range for `_tidb_rowid` construction queries, to avoid full table scan and reduce cluster stress #9059

- Return an error when the `CAST(AS TIME)` precision is too big #9058
- Allow using `Sort Merge Join` in the Cartesian product #9037
- Fix the issue that the statistics worker cannot resume after the panic in some cases #9085
- Fix the issue that `Sort Merge Join` returns the wrong result in some cases #9046
- Support returning the JSON type in the `CASE` clause #8355

- Server

  - Return a warning instead of an error when the non-TiDB hint exists in the comment #8766
  - Verify the validity of the configured TIMEZONE value #8879
  - Optimize the `QueryDurationHistogram` metrics item to display more statement types #8875
  - Fix the lower bound overflow issue of bigint in some cases #8544
  - Support the `ALLOW_INVALID_DATES` SQL mode #9110

- DDL

  - Fix a `RENAME TABLE` compatibility issue to keep the behavior consistent with that of MySQL #8808
  - Support making concurrent changes of `ADD INDEX` take effect immediately #8786
  - Fix the `UPDATE` panic issue during the process of `ADD COLUMN` in some cases #8906
  - Fix the issue of concurrently creating Table Partition in some cases #8902
  - Support converting the `utf8` character set to `utf8mb4` #8951 #9152
  - Fix the issue of Shard Bits overflow #8976
  - Support outputting the column character sets in `SHOW CREATE TABLE` #9053
  - Fix the issue of the maximum length limit of the varchar type column in `utf8mb4` #8818
  - Support `ALTER TABLE TRUNCATE TABLE PARTITION` #9093
  - Resolve the charset when the charset is not provided #9147

16.34.17.2 PD

- Fix the Watch issue related to leader election #1396

16.34.17.3 TiKV

- Support obtaining the monitoring information using the HTTP method #3855
- Fix the NULL issue of `data_format` #4075
- Add verifying the range for scan requests #4124

16.34.17.4 Tools

- TiDB Binlog

- Fix the `no available pump` issue while TiDB is started or restarted #157
- Enable outputting the Pump client log #165
- Fix the data inconsistency issue caused by the unique key containing the NULL value when the table only has the unique key and does not have the primary key

16.34.18 TiDB 2.1.2 Release Notes

On December 22, 2018, TiDB 2.1.2 is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible 2.1.2 is also released. Compared with TiDB 2.1.1, this release has great improvement in system compatibility and stability.

16.34.18.1 TiDB

- Make TiDB compatible with TiDB Binlog of the Kafka version #8747
- Improve the exit mechanism of TiDB in a rolling update #8707
- Fix the panic issue caused by adding the index for the generated column in some cases #8676
- Fix the issue that the optimizer cannot find the optimal query plan when `TIDB_SMJ` ↪ `Hint` exists in the SQL statement in some cases #8729
- Fix the issue that `AntiSemiJoin` returns an incorrect result in some cases #8730
- Improve the valid character check of the `utf8` character set #8754
- Fix the issue that the field of the time type might return an incorrect result when the write operation is performed before the read operation in a transaction #8746

16.34.18.2 PD

- Fix the Region information update issue about Region merge #1377

16.34.18.3 TiKV

- Support the configuration format in the unit of `DAY` (`d`) and fix the configuration compatibility issue #3931
- Fix the possible panic issue caused by `Approximate Size Split` #3942
- Fix two issues about Region merge #3822, #3873

16.34.18.4 Tools

- TiDB Lightning
  - Make TiDB 2.1.0 the minimum cluster version supported by Lightning
  - Fix the content error of the file involving parsed `JSON` data in Lightning #144
  - Fix the issue that `Too many open engines` occurs after the checkpoint is used to restart Lightning

- TiDB Binlog
    - Eliminate some bottlenecks of Drainer writing data to Kafka
    - Support the Kafka version of TiDB Binlog

16.34.19 TiDB 2.1.1 Release Notes

On December 12, 2018, TiDB 2.1.1 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.1.0, this release has great improvement in stability, SQL optimizer, statistics information, and execution engine.

16.34.19.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer/Executor
    - Fix the round error of the negative date #8574
    - Fix the issue that the `uncompress` function does not check the data length #8606
    - Reset bind arguments of the `prepare` statement after the `execute` command is executed #8652
    - Support automatically collecting the statistics information of a partition table #8649
    - Fix the wrongly configured integer type when pushing down the `abs` function #8628
    - Fix the data race on the JSON column #8660
- Server
    - Fix the issue that the transaction obtained TSO is incorrect when PD breaks down #8567
    - Fix the bootstrap failure caused by the statement that does not conform to ANSI standards #8576
    - Fix the issue that incorrect parameters are used in transaction retries #8638
- DDL
    - Change the default character set and collation of tables into `utf8mb4` #8590
    - Add the `ddl_reorg_batch_size` variable to control the speed of adding indexes #8614
    - Make the character set and collation options content in DDL case-insensitive #8611
    - Fix the issue of adding indexes for generated columns #8655

16.34.19.2 PD

- Fix the issue that some configuration items cannot be set to `0` in the configuration file #1334

- Check the undefined configuration when starting PD #1362
- Avoid transferring the leader to a newly created peer, to optimize the possible delay #1339
- Fix the issue that `RaftCluster` cannot stop caused by deadlock #1370

16.34.19.3 TiKV

- Avoid transferring the leader to a newly created peer, to optimize the possible delay #3878

16.34.19.4 Tools

- Lightning
  - Optimize the `analyze` mechanism on imported tables to increase the import speed
  - Support storing the checkpoint information to a local file
- TiDB Binlog
  - Fix the output bug of pb files that a table only with the primary key column cannot generate the pb event

16.34.20 TiDB 2.1 GA Release Notes

On November 30, 2018, TiDB 2.1 GA is released. See the following updates in this release. Compared with TiDB 2.0, this release has great improvements in stability, performance, compatibility, and usability.

16.34.20.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Optimize the selection range of `Index Join` to improve the execution performance
  - Optimize the selection of outer table for `Index Join` and use the table with smaller estimated value of Row Count the as the outer table
  - Optimize Join Hint `TIDB_SMJ` so that Merge Join can be used even without proper index available
  - Optimize Join Hint `TIDB_INLJ` to specify the Inner table to Join
  - Optimize correlated subquery, push down Filter, and extend the index selection range, to improve the efficiency of some queries by orders of magnitude
  - Support using Index Hint and Join Hint in the `UPDATE` and `DELETE` statement
  - Support pushing down more functions: `ABS/CEIL/FLOOR/IS TRUE/IS FALSE`

    - Optimize the constant folding algorithm for the `IF` and `IFNULL` built-in functions
    - Optimize the output of the `EXPLAIN` statement and use hierarchy structure to show the relationship between operators

- SQL executor

    - Refactor all the aggregation functions and improve execution efficiency of the `Stream` and `Hash` aggregation operators
    - Implement the parallel `Hash Aggregate` operators and improve the computing performance by 350% in some scenarios
    - Implement the parallel `Project` operators and improve the performance by 74% in some scenarios
    - Read the data of the Inner table and Outer table of `Hash Join` concurrently to improve the execution performance
    - Optimize the execution speed of the `REPLACE INTO` statement and increase the performance nearly by 10 times
    - Optimize the memory usage of the time data type and decrease the memory usage of the time data type by fifty percent
    - Optimize the point select performance and improve the point select efficiency result of Sysbench by 60%
    - Improve the performance of TiDB on inserting or updating wide tables by 20 times
    - Support configuring the memory upper limit of a single statement in the configuration file
    - Optimize the execution of Hash Join, if the Join type is Inner Join or Semi Join and the inner table is empty, return the result without reading data from the outer table
    - Support using the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement to check the runtime statistics including the execution time and the number of returned rows of each operator

- Statistics

    - Support enabling auto ANALYZE statistics only during certain period of the day
    - Support updating the table statistics automatically according to the feedback of the queries
    - Support configuring the number of buckets in the histogram using the `ANALYZE TABLE WITH BUCKETS` statement
    - Optimize the Row Count estimation algorithm using histogram for mixed queries of equality query and range queries

- Expressions

    - Support following built-in function:
        - `json_contains`
        - `json_contains_path`
        - `encode/decode`

- Server

    - Support queuing the locally conflicted transactions within tidb-server instance to optimize the performance of conflicted transactions
    - Support Server Side Cursor
    - Add the HTTP API
        - Scatter the distribution of table Regions in the TiKV cluster
        - Control whether to open the `general log`
        - Support modifying the log level online
        - Check the TiDB cluster information
    - Add the `auto_analyze_ratio` system variables to control the ratio of Analyze
    - Add the `tidb_retry_limit` system variable to control the automatic retry times of transactions
    - Add the `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` system variable to control whether the transaction retries automatically
    - Support using`admin show slow` statement to obtain the slow queries
    - Add the `tidb_slow_log_threshold` environment variable to set the threshold of slow log automatically
    - Add the `tidb_query_log_max_len` environment variable to set the length of the SQL statement to be truncated in the log dynamically

- DDL

    - Support the parallel execution of the Add index statement and other statements to avoid the time consuming Add index operation blocking other operations
    - Optimize the execution speed of `ADD INDEX` and improve it greatly in some scenarios
    - Support the `select tidb_is_ddl_owner()` statement to facilitate deciding whether TiDB is `DDL Owner`
    - Support the `ALTER TABLE FORCE` syntax
    - Support the `ALTER TABLE RENAME KEY TO` syntax
    - Add the table name and database name in the output information of `admin show ddl jobs`

    - Support using the `ddl/owner/resign` HTTP interface to release the DDL owner and start electing a new DDL owner

- Compatibility

    - Support more MySQL syntaxes
    - Make the `BIT` aggregate function support the `ALL` parameter
    - Support the `SHOW PRIVILEGES` statement
    - Support the `CHARACTER SET` syntax in the `LOAD DATA` statement
    - Support the `IDENTIFIED WITH` syntax in the `CREATE USER` statement
    - Support the `LOAD DATA IGNORE LINES` statement
    - The `Show ProcessList` statement returns more accurate information

16.34.20.2 Placement Driver (PD)

- Optimize availability

    - Introduce the version control mechanism and support rolling update of the cluster compatibly
    - Enable `Raft PreVote` among PD nodes to avoid leader reelection when network recovers after network isolation
    - Enable `raft learner` by default to lower the risk of unavailable data caused by machine failure during scheduling
    - TSO allocation is no longer affected by the system clock going backwards
    - Support the `Region merge` feature to reduce the overhead brought by metadata

- Optimize the scheduler

    - Optimize the processing of Down Store to speed up making up replicas
    - Optimize the hotspot scheduler to improve its adaptability when traffic statistics information jitters
    - Optimize the start of Coordinator to reduce the unnecessary scheduling caused by restarting PD
    - Optimize the issue that Balance Scheduler schedules small Regions frequently
    - Optimize Region merge to consider the number of rows within the Region
    - Add more commands to control the scheduling policy
    - Improve PD simulator to simulate the scheduling scenarios

- API and operation tools

- Add the `GetPrevRegion` interface to support the `TiDB reverse scan` feature
- Add the `BatchSplitRegion` interface to speed up TiKV Region splitting
- Add the `GCSafePoint` interface to support distributed GC in TiDB
- Add the `GetAllStores` interface, to support distributed GC in TiDB
- pd-ctl supports:
  - using statistics for Region split
  - calling `jq` to format the JSON output
  - checking the Region information of the specified store
  - checking topN Region list sorted by versions
  - checking topN Region list sorted by size
  - more precise TSO encoding
- pd-recover doesn't need to provide the `max-replica` parameter

- Metrics
  - Add related metrics for `Filter`
  - Add metrics about etcd Raft state machine

- Performance
  - Optimize the performance of Region heartbeat to reduce the memory overhead brought by heartbeats
  - Optimize the Region tree performance
  - Optimize the performance of computing hotspot statistics

16.34.20.3 TiKV

- Coprocessor
  - Add more built-in functions
  - Add Coprocessor `ReadPool` to improve the concurrency in processing the requests
  - Fix the time function parsing issue and the time zone related issues
  - Optimize the memory usage for pushdown aggregation computing

- Transaction
  - Optimize the read logic and memory usage of MVCC to improve the performance of the scan operation and the performance of full table scan is 1 time better than that in TiDB 2.0
  - Fold the continuous Rollback records to ensure the read performance

    - Add the `UnsafeDestroyRange` API to support to collecting space for the dropping table/index
    - Separate the GC module to reduce the impact on write
    - Add the `upper bound` support in the `kv_scan` command

- Raftstore

    - Improve the snapshot writing process to avoid RocksDB stall
    - Add the `LocalReader` thread to process read requests and reduce the delay for read requests
    - Support `BatchSplit` to avoid large Region brought by large amounts of write
    - Support `Region Split` according to statistics to reduce the I/O overhead
    - Support `Region Split` according to the number of keys to improve the concurrency of index scan
    - Improve the Raft message process to avoid unnecessary delay brought by `Region Split`
    - Enable the `PreVote` feature by default to reduce the impact of network isolation on services

- Storage Engine

    - Fix the `CompactFiles`bug in RocksDB and reduce the impact on importing data using Lightning
    - Upgrade RocksDB to v5.15 to fix the possible issue of snapshot file corruption
    - Improve `IngestExternalFile` to avoid the issue that flush could block write

- tikv-ctl

    - Add the `ldb` command to diagnose RocksDB related issues
    - The `compact` command supports specifying whether to compact data in the bottommost level

16.34.20.4 Tools

- Fast full import of large amounts of data: TiDB Lightning
- Support new TiDB Binlog

16.34.20.5 Upgrade caveat

- TiDB 2.1 does not support downgrading to v2.0.x or earlier due to the adoption of the new storage engine
- Parallel DDL is enabled in TiDB 2.1, so the clusters with TiDB version earlier than 2.0.1 cannot upgrade to 2.1 using rolling update. You can choose either of the following two options:
    - Stop the cluster and upgrade to 2.1 directly
    - Roll update to 2.0.1 or later 2.0.x versions, and then roll update to the 2.1 version
- If you upgrade from TiDB 2.0.6 or earlier to TiDB 2.1, check if there is any ongoing DDL operation, especially the time consuming `Add Index` operation, because the DDL operations slow down the upgrading process. If there is ongoing DDL operation, wait for the DDL operation finishes and then roll update.

16.34.21 TiDB 2.1 RC5 Release Notes

On November 12, 2018, TiDB 2.1 RC5 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.1 RC4, this release has great improvement in stability, SQL optimizer, statistics information, and execution engine.

16.34.21.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
    - Fix the issue that `IndexReader` reads the wrong handle in some cases #8132
    - Fix the issue occurred while the `IndexScan Prepared` statement uses `Plan Cache` #8055
    - Fix the issue that the result of the `Union` statement is unstable #8165
- SQL Execution Engine
    - Improve the performance of TiDB on inserting or updating wide tables #8024
    - Support the unsigned `int` flag in the `Truncate` built-in function #8068
    - Fix the error occurred while converting JSON data to the decimal type #8109
    - Fix the error occurred when you `Update` the float type #8170
- Statistics
    - Fix the incorrect statistics issue during point queries in some cases #8035
    - Fix the selectivity estimation of statistics for primary key in some cases #8149
    - Fix the issue that the statistics of deleted tables are not cleared up for a long period of time #8182
- Server

- Improve the readability of logs and make logs better
  - #8063
  - #8053
  - #8224
- Fix the error occurred when obtaining the table data of `infoschema.profiling` #8096
- Replace the unix socket with the pumps client to write binlogs #8098
- Add the threshold value for the `tidb_slow_log_threshold` environment variable, which dynamically sets the slow log #8094
- Add the original length of a SQL statement truncated while the `tidb_query_log_max_len` environment variable dynamically sets logs #8200
- Add the `tidb_opt_write_row_id` environment variable to control whether to allow writing `_tidb_rowid` #8218
- Add an upper bound to the `Scan` command of ticlient, to avoid overbound scan #8081, #8247

- DDL
  - Fix the issue that executing DDL statements in transactions encounters an error in some cases #8056
  - Fix the issue that executing `truncate table` in partition tables does not take effect #8103
  - Fix the issue that the DDL operation does not roll back correctly after being cancelled in some cases #8057
  - Add the `admin show next_row_id` command to return the next available row ID #8268

16.34.21.2 PD

- Fix the issues related to `pd-ctl` reading the Region key
  - #1298
  - #1299
  - #1308
- Fix the issue that the `regions/check` API returns the wrong result #1311
- Fix the issue that PD cannot restart join after a PD join failure #1279
- Fix the issue that `watch leader` might lose events in some cases #1317

16.34.21.3 TiKV

- Improve the error message of `WriteConflict` #3750
- Add the panic mark file #3746
- Downgrade grpcio to avoid the segment fault issue caused by the new version of gRPC #3650
- Add an upper limit to the `kv_scan` interface #3749

16.34.21.4 Tools

- Support the TiDB-Binlog cluster, which is not compatible with the older version of binlog #8093, documentation

16.34.22 TiDB 2.1 RC4 Release Notes

On October 23, 2018, TiDB 2.1 RC4 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.1 RC3, this release has great improvement in stability, SQL optimizer, statistics information, and execution engine.

16.34.22.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Fix the issue that column pruning of `UnionAll` is incorrect in some cases #7941
  - Fix the issue that the result of the `UnionAll` operator is incorrect in some cases #8007
- SQL Execution Engine
  - Fix the precision issue of the `AVG` function #7874
  - Support using the `EXPLAIN ANALYZE` statement to check the runtime statistics including the execution time and the number of returned rows of each operator during the query execution process #7925
  - Fix the panic issue of the `PointGet` operator when a column of a table appears multiple times in the result set #7943
  - Fix the panic issue caused by too large values in the `Limit` subclause #8002
  - Fix the panic issue during the execution process of the `AddDate`/`SubDate` statement in some cases #8009
- Statistics
  - Fix the issue of judging the prefix of the histogram low-bound of the combined index as out of range #7856
  - Fix the memory leak issue caused by statistics collecting #7873
  - Fix the panic issue when the histogram is empty #7928
  - Fix the issue that the histogram bound is out of range when the statistics is being uploaded #7944
  - Limit the maximum length of values in the statistics sampling process #7982
- Server
  - Refactor Latch to avoid misjudgment of transaction conflicts and improve the execution performance of concurrent transactions #7711
  - Fix the panic issue caused by collecting slow queries in some cases #7874

    - Fix the panic issue when `ESCAPED BY` is an empty string in the `LOAD DATA` statement #8005
    - Complete the "coprocessor error" log information #8006
- Compatibility
    - Set the `Command` field of the `SHOW PROCESSLIST` result to `Sleep` when the query is empty #7839
- Expressions
    - Fix the constant folding issue of the `SYSDATE` function #7895
    - Fix the issue that `SUBSTRING_INDEX` panics in some cases #7897
- DDL
    - Fix the stack overflow issue caused by throwing the `invalid ddl job type` error #7958
    - Fix the issue that the result of `ADMIN CHECK TABLE` is incorrect in some cases #7975

16.34.22.2 PD

- Fix the issue that the tombstone TiKV is not removed from Grafana #1261
- Fix the data race issue when grpc-go configures the status #1265
- Fix the issue that the PD server gets stuck caused by etcd startup failure #1267
- Fix the issue that data race might occur during leader switching #1273
- Fix the issue that extra warning logs might be output when TiKV becomes tombstone #1280

16.34.22.3 TiKV

- Optimize the RocksDB Write stall issue caused by applying snapshots #3606
- Add raftstore `tick` metrics #3657
- Upgrade RocksDB and fix the Write block issue and that the source file might be damaged by the Write operation when performing `IngestExternalFile` #3661
- Upgrade grpcio and fix the issue that "too many pings" is wrongly reported #3650

16.34.23 TiDB 2.1 RC3 Release Notes

On September 29, 2018, TiDB 2.1 RC3 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.1 RC2, this release has great improvement in stability, compatibility, SQL optimizer, and execution engine.

16.34.23.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Fix the incorrect result issue when a statement contains embedded `LEFT OUTER JOIN` #7689
  - Enhance the optimization rule of predicate pushdown on the `JOIN` statement #7645
  - Fix the optimization rule of predicate pushdown for the `UnionScan` operator #7695
  - Fix the issue that the unique key property of the `Union` operator is not correctly set #7680
  - Enhance the optimization rule of constant folding #7696
  - Optimize the data source in which the filter is null after propagation to table dual #7756
- SQL Execution Engine
  - Optimize the performance of read requests in a transaction #7717
  - Optimize the cost of allocating Chunk memory in some executors #7540
  - Fix the "index out of range" panic caused by the columns where point queries get all NULL values #7790
- Server
  - Fix the issue that the memory quota in the configuration file does not take effect #7729
  - Add the `tidb_force_priority` system variable to set the execution priority for each statement #7694
  - Support using the `admin show slow` statement to obtain the slow query log #7785
- Compatibility
  - Fix the issue that the result of `charset/collation` is incorrect in `information_schema.schemata` #7751
  - Fix the issue that the value of the `hostname` system variable is empty #7750
- Expressions
  - Support the `init_vecter` argument in the `AES_ENCRYPT/AES_DECRYPT` built-in function #7425
  - Fix the issue that the result of `Format` is incorrect in some expressions #7770
  - Support the `JSON_LENGTH` built-in function #7739
  - Fix the incorrect result issue when casting the unsigned integer type to the decimal type #7792
- DML

    - Fix the issue that the result of the `INSERT ⋯ ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` statement is incorrect while updating the unique key #7675

- DDL
    - Fix the issue that the index value is not converted between time zones when you create a new index on a new column of the timestamp type #7724
    - Support appending new values for the enum type #7767
    - Support creating an etcd session quickly, which improves the cluster availability after network isolation #7774

16.34.23.2 PD

- New feature
    - Add the API to get the Region list by size in reverse order #1254
- Improvement
    - Return more detailed information in the Region API #1252
- Bug fix
    - Fix the issue that `adjacent-region-scheduler` might lead to a crash after PD switches the leader #1250

16.34.23.3 TiKV

- Performance
    - Optimize the concurrency for coprocessor requests #3515
- New features
    - Add the support for Log functions #3603
    - Add the support for the `sha1` function #3612
    - Add the support for the `truncate_int` function #3532
    - Add the support for the `year` function #3622
    - Add the support for the `truncate_real` function #3633
- Bug fixes
    - Fix the reporting error behavior related to time functions #3487, #3615
    - Fix the issue that the time parsed from string is inconsistent with that in TiDB #3589

16.34.24 TiDB 2.1 RC2 Release Notes

On September 14, 2018, TiDB 2.1 RC2 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.1 RC1, this release has great improvement in stability, SQL optimizer, statistics information, and execution engine.

16.34.24.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Put forward a proposal of the next generation Planner #7543
  - Improve the optimization rules of constant propagation #7276
  - Enhance the computing logic of `Range` to enable it to handle multiple `IN` or `EQUAL` conditions simultaneously #7577
  - Fix the issue that the estimation result of `TableScan` is incorrect when `Range` is empty #7583
  - Support the `PointGet` operator for the `UPDATE` statement #7586
  - Fix the panic issue during the process of executing the `FirstRow` aggregate function in some conditions #7624
- SQL Execution Engine
  - Fix the potential `DataRace` issue when the `HashJoin` operator encounters an error #7554
  - Make the `HashJoin` operator read the inner table and build the hash table simultaneously #7544
  - Optimize the performance of Hash aggregate operators #7541
  - Optimize the performance of Join operators #7493, #7433
  - Fix the issue that the result of `UPDATE JOIN` is incorrect when the Join order is changed #7571
  - Improve the performance of Chunk's iterator #7585
- Statistics
  - Fix the issue that the auto Analyze work repeatedly analyzes the statistics #7550
  - Fix the statistics update error that occurs when there is no statistics change #7530
  - Use the RC isolation level and low priority when building `Analyze` requests #7496
  - Support enabling statistics auto-analyze on certain period of a day #7570
  - Fix the panic issue when logging the statistics information #7588
  - Support configuring the number of buckets in the histogram using the `ANALYZE` ↪ `TABLE WITH BUCKETS` statement #7619
  - Fix the panic issue when updating an empty histogram #7640
  - Update `information_schema.tables.data_length` using the statistics information #7657
- Server
  - Add Trace related dependencies #7532
  - Enable the `mutex profile` feature of Golang #7512
  - The `Admin` statement requires the `Super_priv` privilege #7486
  - Forbid users to `Drop` crucial system tables #7471
  - Switch from `juju/errors` to `pkg/errors` #7151
  - Complete the functional prototype of SQL Tracing #7016

    - Remove the goroutine pool #7564
    - Support viewing the goroutine information using the `USER1` signal #7587
    - Set the internal SQL to high priority while TiDB is started #7616
    - Use different labels to filter internal SQL and user SQL in monitoring metrics #7631
    - Store the top 30 slow queries in the last week to the TiDB server #7646
    - Put forward a proposal of setting the global system time zone for the TiDB cluster #7656
    - Enrich the error message of "GC life time is shorter than transaction duration" #7658
    - Set the global system time zone when starting the TiDB cluster #7638
- Compatibility
    - Add the unsigned flag for the `Year` type #7542
    - Fix the issue of configuring the result length of the `Year` type in the `Prepare` ↪ `/Execute` mode #7525
    - Fix the issue of inserting zero timestamp in the `Prepare/Execute` mode #7506
    - Fix the error handling issue of the integer division #7492
    - Fix the compatibility issue when processing `ComStmtSendLongData` #7485
    - Fix the error handling issue during the process of converting string to integer #7483
    - Optimize the accuracy of values in the `information_schema.columns_in_table` table #7463
    - Fix the compatibility issue when writing or updating the string type of data using the MariaDB client #7573
    - Fix the compatibility issue of aliases of the returned value #7600
    - Fix the issue that the `NUMERIC_SCALE` value of the float type is incorrect in the `information_schema.COLUMNS` table #7602
    - Fix the issue that Parser reports an error when the single line comment is empty #7612
- Expressions
    - Check the value of `max_allowed_packet` in the `insert` function #7528
    - Support the built-in function `json_contains` #7443
    - Support the built-in function `json_contains_path` #7596
    - Support the built-in function `encode/decode` #7622
    - Fix the issue that some time related functions are not compatible with the MySQL behaviors in some cases #7636
    - Fix the compatibility issue of parsing the time type of data in string #7654
    - Fix the issue that the time zone is not considered when computing the default value of the `DateTime` data #7655
- DML
    - Set correct `last_insert_id` in the `InsertOnDuplicateUpdate` statement #7534
    - Reduce the cases of updating the `auto_increment_id` counter #7515

    - Optimize the error message of `Duplicate Key` #7495
    - Fix the `insert...select...on duplicate key update` issue #7406
    - Support the `LOAD DATA IGNORE LINES` statement #7576
- DDL
    - Add the DDL job type and the current schema version information in the monitor #7472
    - Complete the design of the `Admin Restore Table` feature #7383
    - Fix the issue that the default value of the `Bit` type exceeds 128 #7249
    - Fix the issue that the default value of the `Bit` type cannot be `NULL` #7604
    - Reduce the interval of checking `CREATE TABLE/DATABASE` in the DDL queue #7608
    - Use the `ddl/owner/resign` HTTP interface ro release the DDL owner and start electing a new owner #7649
- TiKV Go Client
    - Support the issue that the `Seek` operation only obtains `Key` #7419
- Table Partition (Experimental)
    - Fix the issue that the `Bigint` type cannot be used as the partition key #7520
    - Support the rollback operation when an issue occurs during adding an index in the partitioned table #7437

16.34.24.2 PD

- Features
    - Support the `GetAllStores` interface #1228
    - Add the statistics of scheduling estimation in Simulator #1218
- Improvements
    - Optimize the handling process of down stores to make up replicas as soon as possible #1222
    - Optimize the start of Coordinator to reduce the unnecessary scheduling caused by restarting PD #1225
    - Optimize the memory usage to reduce the overhead caused by heartbeats #1195
    - Optimize error handling and improve the log information #1227
    - Support querying the Region information of a specific store in pd-ctl #1231
    - Support querying the topN Region information based on version comparison in pd-ctl #1233
    - Support more accurate TSO decoding in pd-ctl #1242
- Bug fix
    - Fix the issue that pd-ctl uses the `hot store` command to exit wrongly #1244

16.34.24.3 TiKV

- Performance
  - Support splitting Regions based on statistics estimation to reduce the I/O cost #3511
  - Reduce clone in the transaction scheduler #3530
- Improvements
  - Add the pushdown support for a large number of built-in functions
  - Add the `leader-transfer-max-log-lag` configuration to fix the failure issue of leader scheduling in specific scenarios #3507
  - Add the `max-open-engines` configuration to limit the number of engines opened by `tikv-importer` simultaneously #3496
  - Limit the cleanup speed of garbage data to reduce the impact on `snapshot apply` #3547
  - Broadcast the commit message for crucial Raft messages to avoid unnecessary delay #3592
- Bug fixes
  - Fix the leader election issue caused by discarding the `PreVote` message of the newly split Region #3557
  - Fix follower related statistics after merging Regions #3573
  - Fix the issue that the local reader uses obsolete Region information #3565

16.34.25 TiDB 2.1 RC1 Release Notes

On August 24, 2018, TiDB 2.1 RC1 is released! Compared with TiDB 2.1 Beta, this release has great improvement in stability, SQL optimizer, statistics information, and execution engine.

16.34.25.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Fix the issue that a wrong result is returned after the correlated subquery is decorrelated in some cases #6972
  - Optimize the output result of `Explain` #7011#7041
  - Optimize the choosing strategy of the outer table for `IndexJoin` #7019
  - Remove the Plan Cache of the non-`PREPARE` statement #7040
  - Fix the issue that the `INSERT` statement is not parsed and executed correctly in some cases #7068
  - Fix the issue that the `IndexJoin` result is not correct in some cases #7150
  - Fix the issue that the `NULL` value cannot be found using the unique index in some cases #7163

- Fix the range computing issue of the prefix index in UTF-8 #7194
- Fix the issue that result is not correct caused by eliminating the `Project` operator in some cases #7257
- Fix the issue that `USE INDEX(PRIMARY)` cannot be used when the primary key is an integer #7316
- Fix the issue that the index range cannot be computed using the correlated column in some cases #7357

- SQL Execution Engine
  - Fix the issue that the daylight saving time is not computed correctly in some cases #6823
  - Refactor the aggregation function framework to improve the execution efficiency of the `Stream` and `Hash` aggregation operators #6852
  - Fix the issue that the `Hash` aggregation operator cannot exit normally in some cases #6982
  - Fix the issue that `BIT_AND/BIT_OR/BIT_XOR` does not handle the non-integer data correctly #6994
  - Optimize the execution speed of the `REPLACE INTO` statement and increase the performance nearly 10 times #7027
  - Optimize the memory usage of time type data and decrease the memory usage of the time type data by fifty percent #7043
  - Fix the issue that the returned result is mixed with signed and unsigned integers in the `UNION` statement is not compatible with MySQL #7112
  - Fix the panic issue caused by the too much memory applied by `LPAD/RPAD/TO_BASE64/FROM_BASE64/REPEAT` #7171 #7266 #7409 #7431
  - Fix the incorrect result when `MergeJoin/IndexJoin` handles the `NULL` value #7255
  - Fix the incorrect result of `Outer Join` in some cases #7288
  - Improve the error message of `Data Truncated` to facilitate locating the wrong data and the corresponding field in the table #7401
  - Fix the incorrect result for `decimal` in some cases #7001 #7113 #7202 #7208
  - Optimize the point select performance #6937
  - Prohibit the isolation level of `Read Committed` to avoid the underlying problem #7211
  - Fix the incorrect result of `LTRIM/RTRIM/TRIM` in some cases #7291
  - Fix the issue that the `MaxOneRow` operator cannot guarantee that the returned result does not exceed one row #7375
  - Divide the Coprocessor requests with too many ranges #7454

- Statistics
  - Optimize the mechanism of statistics dynamic collection #6796
  - Fix the issue that `Auto Analyze` does not work when data is updated frequently #7022
  - Decrease the Write conflicts during the statistics dynamic update process #7124
  - Optimize the cost estimation when the statistics is incorrect #7175

    - Optimize the `AccessPath` cost estimation strategy #7233

- Server

    - Fix the bug in loading privilege information #6976
    - Fix the issue that the `Kill` command is too strict with privilege check #6954
    - Fix the issue of removing some binary numeric types #6922
    - Shorten the output log #7029
    - Handle the `mismatchClusterID` issue #7053
    - Add the `advertise-address` configuration item #7078
    - Add the `GrpcKeepAlive` option #7100
    - Add the connection or `Token` time monitor #7110
    - Optimize the data decoding performance #7149
    - Add the `PROCESSLIST` table in `INFORMMATION_SCHEMA` #7236
    - Fix the order issue when multiple rules are hit in verifying the privilege #7211
    - Change some default values of encoding related system variables to UTF-8 #7198
    - Make the slow query log show more detailed information #7302
    - Support registering tidb-server related information in PD and obtaining this information by HTTP API #7082

- Compatibility

    - Support Session variables `warning_count` and `error_count` #6945
    - Add `Scope` check when reading the system variables #6958
    - Support the `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME` syntax #7012
    - Support more statements of the `SET` syntax #7020
    - Add validity check when setting system variables #7117
    - Add the verification of the number of `PlaceHolders` in the `Prepare` statement #7162
    - Support `set character_set_results = null` #7353
    - Support the `flush status` syntax #7369
    - Fix the column size of `SET` and `ENUM` types in `information_schema` #7347
    - Support the `NATIONAL CHARACTER` syntax of statements for creating a table #7378
    - Support the `CHARACTER SET` syntax in the `LOAD DATA` statement #7391
    - Fix the column information of the `SET` and `ENUM` types #7417
    - Support the `IDENTIFIED WITH` syntax in the `CREATE USER` statement #7402
    - Fix the precision losing issue during `TIMESTAMP` computing process #7418
    - Support the validity verification of more `SYSTEM` variables #7196
    - Fix the incorrect result when the `CHAR_LENGTH` function computes the binary string #7410
    - Fix the incorrect `CONCAT` result in a statement involving `GROUP BY` #7448
    - Fix the imprecise type length issue when casting the `DECIMAL` type to the `STRING` type #7451

- DML

    - Fix the stability issue of the `Load Data` statement #6927
    - Fix the memory usage issue when performing some `Batch` operations #7086

    - Improve the performance of the `Replace Into` statement #7027
    - Fix the inconsistent precision issue when writing `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` #7355
- DDL
    - Improve the method of DDL judging whether `Schema` is replicated to avoid misjudgement in some cases #7319
    - Fix the `SHOW CREATE TABLE` result in adding index process #6993
    - Allow the default value of `text/blob/json` to be NULL in non-restrict `sql-mode` #7230
    - Fix the `ADD INDEX` issue in some cases #7142
    - Increase the speed of adding `UNIQUE-KEY` index operation largely #7132
    - Fix the truncating issue of the prefix index in UTF-8 character set #7109
    - Add the environment variable `tidb_ddl_reorg_priority` to control the priority of the `add-index` operation #7116
    - Fix the display issue of `AUTO-INCREMENT` in `information_schema.tables` #7037
    - Support the `admin show ddl jobs <number>` command and support output specified number of DDL jobs #7028
    - Support parallel DDL job execution #6955
- Table Partition (Experimental)
    - Support top level partition
    - Support `Range Partition`

16.34.25.2 PD

- Features
    - Introduce the version control mechanism and support rolling update of the cluster with compatibility
    - Enable the `region merge` feature
    - Support the `GetPrevRegion` interface
    - Support splitting Regions in batch
    - Support storing the GC safepoint
- Improvements
    - Optimize the issue that TSO allocation is affected by the system clock going backwards
    - Optimize the performance of handling Region heartbeats
    - Optimize the Region tree performance
    - Optimize the performance of computing hotspot statistics
    - Optimize returning the error code of API interface
    - Add options of controlling scheduling strategies
    - Prohibit using special characters in `label`
    - Improve the scheduling simulator

    - Support splitting Regions using statistics in pd-ctl
    - Support formatting JSON output by calling `jq` in pd-ctl
    - Add metrics about etcd Raft state machine

- Bug fixes

    - Fix the issue that the namespace is not reloaded after switching Leader
    - Fix the issue that namespace scheduling exceeds the schedule limit
    - Fix the issue that hotspot scheduling exceeds the schedule limit
    - Fix the issue that wrong logs are output when the PD client closes
    - Fix the wrong statistics of Region heartbeat latency

16.34.25.3 TiKV

- Features

    - Support `batch split` to avoid too large Regions caused by the Write operation on hot Regions
    - Support splitting Regions based on the number of rows to improve the index scan efficiency

- Performance

    - Use `LocalReader` to separate the Read operation from the raftstore thread to lower the Read latency
    - Refactor the MVCC framework, optimize the memory usage and improve the scan Read performance
    - Support splitting Regions based on statistics estimation to reduce the I/O usage
    - Optimize the issue that the Read performance is affected by continuous Write operations on the rollback record
    - Reduce the memory usage of pushdown aggregation computing

- Improvements

    - Add the pushdown support for a large number of built-in functions and better charset support
    - Optimize the GC workflow, improve the GC speed and decrease the impact of GC on the system
    - Enable `prevote` to speed up service recovery when the network is abnormal
    - Add the related configuration items of RocksDB log files
    - Adjust the default configuration of `scheduler_latch`
    - Support setting whether to compact the data in the bottom layer of RocksDB when using tikv-ctl to compact data manually
    - Add the check for environment variables when starting TiKV
    - Support dynamically configuring the `dynamic_level_bytes` parameter based on the existing data
    - Support customizing the log format

    - Integrate tikv-fail in tikv-ctl
    - Add I/O metrics of threads
- Bug fixes
    - Fix decimal related issues
    - Fix the issue that `gRPC max_send_message_len` is set mistakenly
    - Fix the issue caused by misconfiguration of `region_size`

16.34.26 TiDB 2.1 Beta Release Notes

On June 29, 2018, TiDB 2.1 Beta is released! Compared with TiDB 2.0, this release has great improvement in stability, SQL optimizer, statistics information, and execution engine.

16.34.26.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
    - Optimize the selection range of `Index Join` to improve the execution performance
    - Optimize correlated subquery, push down `Filter`, and extend the index range, to improve the efficiency of some queries by orders of magnitude
    - Support `Index Hint` and `Join Hint` in the `UPDATE` and `DELETE` statements
    - Validate Hint `TIDM_SMJ` when no available index exists
    - Support pushdown of the `ABS`, `CEIL`, `FLOOR`, `IS TRUE`, and `IS FALSE` functions
    - Handle the `IF` and `IFNULL` functions especially in the constant folding process
- SQL Execution Engine
    - Implement parallel `Hash Aggregate` operators and improve the computing performance of `Hash Aggregate` by 350% in some scenarios
    - Implement parallel `Project` operators and improve the performance by 74% in some scenarios
    - Read the data of the `Inner` table and `Outer` table of `Hash Join` concurrently to improve the execution performance
    - Fix incorrect results of `INSERT ⋯ ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE ⋯` in some scenarios
    - Fix incorrect results of the `CONCAT_WS`, `FLOOR`, `CEIL`, and `DIV` built-in functions
- Server
    - Add the HTTP API to scatter the distribution of table Regions in the TiKV cluster
    - Add the `auto_analyze_ratio` system variable to control the threshold value of automatic `Analyze`
    - Add the HTTP API to control whether to open the general log
    - Add the HTTP API to modify the log level online
    - Add the user information in the general log and the slow query log

    - Support the server side cursor
- Compatibility
    - Support more MySQL syntax
    - Make the `bit` aggregate function support the `ALL` parameter
    - Support the `SHOW PRIVILEGES` statement
- DML
    - Decrease the memory usage of the `INSERT INTO SELECT` statement
    - Fix the performance issue of `PlanCache`
    - Add the `tidb_retry_limit` system variable to control the automatic retry times of transactions
    - Add the `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` system variable to control whether the transaction tries automatically
    - Fix the accuracy issue of the written data of the `time` type
    - Support the queue of locally conflicted transactions to optimize the conflicted transaction performance
    - Fix `Affected Rows` of the `UPDATE` statement
    - Optimize the statement performance of `insert ignore on duplicate key update`
- DDL
    - Optimize the execution speed of the `CreateTable` statement
    - Optimize the execution speed of `ADD INDEX` and improve it greatly in some scenarios
    - Fix the issue that the number of added columns by `Alter table add column` exceeds the limit of the number of table columns
    - Fix the issue that DDL job retries lead to an increasing pressure on TiKV in abnormal conditions
    - Fix the issue that TiDB continuously reloads the schema information in abnormal conditions
    - Do not output the `FOREIGN KEY` related information in the result of `SHOW CREATE TABLE`
    - Support the `select tidb_is_ddl_owner()` statement to facilitate judging whether TiDB is `DDL Owner`
    - Fix the issue that the index is deleted in the `Year` type in some scenarios
    - Fix the renaming table issue in the concurrent execution scenario
    - Support the `AlterTableForce` syntax
    - Support the `AlterTableRenameIndex` syntax with `FromKey` and `ToKey`
    - Add the table name and database name in the output information of `admin show ddl jobs`

16.34.26.2 PD

- Enable Raft PreVote between PD nodes to avoid leader reelection when network recovers after network isolation
- Optimize the issue that Balance Scheduler schedules small Regions frequently
- Optimize the hotspot scheduler to improve its adaptability in traffic statistics information jitters
- Skip the Regions with a large number of rows when scheduling `region merge`
- Enable `raft learner` by default to lower the risk of unavailable data caused by machine failure during scheduling
- Remove `max-replica` from `pd-recover`
- Add `Filter` metrics
- Fix the issue that Region information is not updated after tikv-ctl unsafe recovery
- Fix the issue that TiKV disk space is used up caused by replica migration in some scenarios
- Compatibility notes
    - Do not support rolling back to v2.0.x or earlier due to update of the new version storage engine
    - Enable `raft learner` by default in the new version of PD. If the cluster is upgraded from 1.x to 2.1, the machine should be stopped before upgrade or a rolling update should be first applied to TiKV and then PD

16.34.26.3 TiKV

- Upgrade Rust to the `nightly-2018-06-14` version
- Enable `Raft PreVote` to avoid leader reelection generated when network recovers after network isolation
- Add a metric to display the number of files and `ingest` related information in each layer of RocksDB
- Print `key` with too many versions when GC works
- Use `static metric` to optimize multi-label metric performance (YCSB `raw get` is improved by 3%)
- Remove `box` in multiple modules and use patterns to improve the operating performance (YCSB `raw get` is improved by 3%)
- Use `asynchronous log` to improve the performance of writing logs
- Add a metric to collect the thread status
- Decease memory copy times by decreasing `box` used in the application to improve the performance

16.35 v2.0

16.35.1 TiDB 2.0.11 Release Notes

On January 03, 2019, TiDB 2.0.11 is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible 2.0.11 is also released. Compared with TiDB 2.0.10, this release has great improvement in system compatibility and stability.

16.35.1.1 TiDB

- Fix the issue that the error is not handled properly when PD is in an abnormal condition #8764
- Fix the issue that the `Rename` operation on a table in TiDB is not compatible with that in MySQL #8809
- Fix the issue that the error message is wrongly reported when the `ADMIN CHECK TABLE` operation is performed in the process of executing the `ADD INDEX` statement #8750
- Fix the issue that the prefix index range is incorrect in some cases #8877
- Fix the panic issue of the `UPDATE` statement when columns are added in some cases #8904

16.35.1.2 TiKV

- Fix two issues about Region merge #4003, #4004

16.35.2 TiDB 2.0.10 Release Notes

On December 18, 2018, TiDB 2.0.10 is released. The corresponding TiDB Ansible 2.0.10 is also released. Compared with TiDB 2.0.9, this release has great improvement in system compatibility and stability.

16.35.2.1 TiDB

- Fix the possible issue caused by canceling a DDL job #8513
- Fix the issue that the `ORDER BY` and `UNION` clauses cannot quote the column including a table name #8514
- Fix the issue that the `UNCOMPRESS` function does not judge the incorrect input length #8607
- Fix the issue encountered by `ANSI_QUOTES SQL_MODE` when upgrading TiDB #8575
- Fix the issue that `select` returns the wrong result in some cases #8570
- Fix the possible issue that TiDB cannot exit when it receives the exit signal #8501
- Fix the issue that `IndexLookUpJoin` returns the wrong result in some cases #8508
- Avoid pushing down the filter containing `GetVar` or `SetVar` #8454
- Fix the issue that the result length of the `UNION` clauses is incorrect in some cases #8491
- Fix the issue of `PREPARE FROM @var_name` #8488
- Fix the panic issue when dumping statistics information in some cases #8464
- Fix the statistics estimation issue of point queries in some cases #8493
- Fix the panic issue when the returned default `enum` value is a string #8476
- Fix the issue that too much memory is consumed in the scenario of wide tables #8467
- Fix the issue encountered when Parser incorrectly formats the mod opcode #8431

- Fix the panic issue caused by adding foreign key constraints in some cases #8421, #8410
- Fix the issue that the `YEAR` column type incorrectly converts the zero value #8396
- Fix the panic issue occurred when the argument of the `VALUES` function is not a column #8404
- Disable Plan Cache for statements containing subqueries #8395

16.35.2.2 PD

- Fix the possible issue that RaftCluster cannot stop caused by deadlock #1370

16.35.2.3 TiKV

- Avoid transferring the leader to a newly created peer, to optimize the possible delay #3929
- Fix redundant Region heartbeats #3930

16.35.3 TiDB 2.0.9 Release Notes

On November 19, 2018, TiDB 2.0.9 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.0.8, this release has great improvement in system compatibility and stability.

16.35.3.1 TiDB

- Fix the issue caused by the empty statistics histogram #7927
- Fix the panic issue of the `UNION ALL` statement in some cases #7942
- Fix the stack overflow issue caused by wrong DDL Jobs #7959
- Add the slow log for the `Commit` operation #7983
- Fix the panic issue caused by the too large `Limit` value #8004
- Support specifying the `utf8mb4` character set in the `USING` clause #8048
- Make the `TRUNCATE` built-in function support parameters of unsigned integer type #8069
- Fix the selectivity estimation issue of the primary key for the statistics module in some cases #8150
- Add the `Session` variable to control whether `_tidb_rowid` is allowed to be written in #8126
- Fix the panic issue of `PhysicalProjection` in some cases #8154
- Fix the unstable results of the `Union` statement in some cases #8168
- Fix the issue that `NULL` is not returned by `values` in the non-`Insert` statement #8179
- Fix the issue that the statistics module cannot clear the outdated data in some cases #8184
- Make the maximum allowed running time for a transaction a configurable option #8209
- Fix the wrong comparison algorithm of `expression rewriter` in some cases #8288

- Eliminate the extra columns generated by the `UNION ORDER BY` statement #8307
- Support the `admin show next_row_id` statement #8274
- Fix the escape issue of special characters in the `Show Create Table` statement #8321
- Fix the unexpected errors in the `UNION` statement in some cases #8318
- Fix the issue that canceling a DDL job causes no rollback of a schema in some cases #8312
- Change `tidb_max_chunk_size` to a global variable #8333
- Add an upper bound to the `Scan` command of ticlient, to avoid overbound scan #8309 #8310

16.35.3.2 PD

- Fix the issue that the PD server gets stuck caused by etcd startup failure #1267
- Fix the issues related to `pd-ctl` reading the Region key #1298 #1299 #1308
- Fix the issue that the `regions/check` API returns the wrong result #1311
- Fix the issue that PD cannot restart join after a PD join failure #1279

16.35.3.3 TiKV

- Add the `end-key` limit to the `kv_scan` interface #3749
- Abandon the `max-tasks-xxx` configuration and add `max-tasks-per-worker-xxx` #3093
- Fix the `CompactFiles` issue in RocksDB #3789

16.35.4 TiDB 2.0.8 Release Notes

On October 16, 2018, TiDB 2.0.8 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.0.7, this release has great improvement in system compatibility and stability.

16.35.4.1 TiDB

- Improvement
  - Slow down the AUTO-ID increasing speed when the `Update` statement does not modify the corresponding AUTO-INCREMENT column #7846
- Bug fixes
  - Quickly create a new etcd session to recover the service when the PD leader goes down #7810
  - Fix the issue that the time zone is not considered when the default value of the `DateTime` type is calculated #7672
  - Fix the issue that `duplicate key update` inserts values incorrectly in some conditions #7685

- Fix the issue that the predicate conditions of `UnionScan` are not pushed down #7726
- Fix the issue that the time zone is not correctly handled when you add the `TIMESTAMP` index #7812
- Fix the memory leak issue caused by the statistics module in some conditions #7864
- Fix the issue that the results of `ANALYZE` cannot be obtained in some abnormal conditions #7871
- Do not fold the function `SYSDATE`, to ensure the returned results are correct #7894
- Fix the `substring_index` panic issue in some conditions #7896
- Fix the issue that `OUTER JOIN` is mistakenly converted to `INNER JOIN` in some conditions #7899

16.35.4.2 TiKV

- Bug fix
  - Fix the issue that the memory consumed by Raftstore `EntryCache` keeps increasing when a node goes down #3529

16.35.5 TiDB 2.0.7 Release Notes

On September 7, 2018, TiDB 2.0.7 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.0.6, this release has great improvement in system compatibility and stability.

16.35.5.1 TiDB

- New Feature
  - Add the `PROCESSLIST` table in `information_schema` #7286
- Improvement
  - Collect more details about SQL statement execution and output the information in the `SLOW QUERY` log #7364
  - Drop the partition information in `SHOW CREATE TABLE` #7388
  - Improve the execution efficiency of the `ANALYZE` statement by setting it to the RC isolation level and low priority #7500
  - Speed up adding a unique index #7562
  - Add an option of controlling the DDL concurrency #7563
- Bug Fixes
  - Fix the issue that `USE INDEX(PRIMARY)` cannot be used in a table whose primary key is an integer #7298

- Fix the issue that `Merge Join` and `Index Join` output incorrect results when the inner row is `NULL` #7301
- Fix the issue that `Join` outputs an incorrect result when the chunk size is set too small #7315
- Fix the panic issue caused by a statement of creating a table involving `range column` #7379
- Fix the issue that `admin check table` mistakenly reports an error of a time-type column #7457
- Fix the issue that the data with a default value `current_timestamp` cannot be queried using the `=` condition #7467
- Fix the issue that the zero-length parameter inserted by using the `ComStmtSendLongData` command is mistakenly parsed to NULL #7508
- Fix the issue that `auto analyze` is repeatedly executed in specific scenarios #7556
- Fix the issue that the parser cannot parse a single line comment ended with a newline character #7635

16.35.5.2 TiKV

- Improvement
  - Open the `dynamic-level-bytes` parameter in an empty cluster by default, to reduce space amplification
- Bug Fix
  - Update `approximate size` and `approximate keys count` of a Region after Region merging

16.35.6 TiDB 2.0.6 Release Notes

On August 6, 2018, TiDB 2.0.6 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.0.5, this release has great improvement in system compatibility and stability.

16.35.6.1 TiDB

- Improvements
  - Make "set system variable" log shorter to save disk space #7031
  - Record slow operations during the execution of `ADD INDEX` in the log, to make troubleshooting easier #7083
  - Reduce transaction conflicts when updating statistics #7138
  - Improve the accuracy of row count estimation when the values pending to be estimated exceeds the statistics range #7185
  - Choose the table with a smaller estimated row count as the outer table for `Index Join` to improve its execution efficiency #7277

- Add the recover mechanism for panics occurred during the execution of `ANALYZE TABLE`, to avoid that the tidb-server is unavailable caused by abnormal behavior in the process of collecting statistics #7228
- Return `NULL` and the corresponding warning when the results of `RPAD`/`LPAD` exceed the value of the `max_allowed_packet` system variable, compatible with MySQL #7244
- Set the upper limit of placeholders count in the `PREPARE` statement to 65535, compatible with MySQL #7250

- Bug Fixes
  - Fix the issue that the `DROP USER` statement is incompatible with MySQL behavior in some cases #7014
  - Fix the issue that statements like `INSERT`/`LOAD DATA` meet OOM after opening `tidb_batch_insert` #7092
  - Fix the issue that the statistics fail to automatically update when the data of a table keeps updating #7093
  - Fix the issue that the firewall breaks inactive gPRC connections #7099
  - Fix the issue that prefix index returns a wrong result in some scenarios #7126
  - Fix the panic issue caused by outdated statistics in some scenarios #7155
  - Fix the issue that one piece of index data is missed after the `ADD INDEX` operation in some scenarios #7156
  - Fix the wrong result issue when querying `NULL` values using the unique index in some scenarios #7172
  - Fix the messy code issue of the `DECIMAL` multiplication result in some scenarios #7212
  - Fix the wrong result issue of `DECIMAL` modulo operation in some scenarios #7245
  - Fix the issue that the `UPDATE`/`DELETE` statement in a transaction returns a wrong result under some special sequence of statements #7219
  - Fix the panic issue of the `UNION ALL`/`UPDATE` statement during the process of building the execution plan in some scenarios #7225
  - Fix the issue that the range of prefix index is calculated incorrectly in some scenarios #7231
  - Fix the issue that the `LOAD DATA` statement fails to write the binlog in some scenarios #7242
  - Fix the wrong result issue of `SHOW CREATE TABLE` during the execution process of `ADD INDEX` in some scenarios #7243
  - Fix the issue that panic occurs when `Index Join` does not initialize timestamps in some scenarios #7246
  - Fix the false alarm issue when `ADMIN CHECK TABLE` mistakenly uses the timezone in the session #7258
  - Fix the issue that `ADMIN CLEANUP INDEX` does not clean up the index in some scenarios #7265
  - Disable the Read Committed isolation level #7282

16.35.6.2 TiKV

- Improvements
  - Enlarge scheduler's default slots to reduce false conflicts
  - Reduce continuous records of rollback transactions, to improve the Read performance when conflicts are extremely severe
  - Limit the size and number of RocksDB log files, to reduce unnecessary disk usage in long-running condition
- Bug Fixes
  - Fix the crash issue when converting the data type from string to decimal

16.35.7 TiDB 2.0.5 Release Notes

On July 6, 2018, TiDB 2.0.5 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.0.4, this release has great improvement in system compatibility and stability.

16.35.7.1 TiDB

- New Features
  - Add the `tidb_disable_txn_auto_retry` system variable which is used to disable the automatic retry of transactions #6877
- Improvements
  - Optimize the cost calculation of `Selection` to make the result more accurate #6989
  - Select the query condition that completely matches the unique index or the primary key as the query path directly #6966
  - Execute necessary cleanup when failing to start the service #6964
  - Handle `\N` as NULL in the `Load Data` statement #6962
  - Optimize the code structure of CBO #6953
  - Report the monitoring metrics earlier when starting the service #6931
  - Optimize the format of slow queries by removing the line breaks in SQL statements and adding user information #6920
  - Support multiple asterisks in comments #6858
- Bug Fixes
  - Fix the issue that `KILL QUERY` always requires SUPER privilege #7003
  - Fix the issue that users might fail to login when the number of users exceeds 1024 #6986
  - Fix an issue about inserting unsigned `float/double` data #6940
  - Fix the compatibility of the `COM_FIELD_LIST` command to resolve the panic issue in some MariaDB clients #6929
  - Fix the `CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS LIKE` behavior #6928
  - Fix an issue in the process of TopN pushdown #6923
  - Fix the ID record issue of the currently processing row when an error occurs in executing `Add Index` #6903

16.35.7.2 PD

- Fix the issue that replicas migration uses up TiKV disks space in some scenarios
- Fix the crash issue caused by `AdjacentRegionScheduler`

16.35.7.3 TiKV

- Fix the potential overflow issue in decimal operations
- Fix the dirty read issue that might occur in the process of merging

16.35.8 TiDB 2.0.4 Release Notes

On June 15, 2018, TiDB 2.0.4 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.0.3, this release has great improvement in system compatibility and stability.

16.35.8.1 TiDB

- Support the `ALTER TABLE t DROP COLUMN a CASCADE` syntax
- Support configuring the value of `tidb_snapshot` to TSO
- Refine the display of statement types in monitoring items
- Optimize the accuracy of query cost estimation
- Configure the `backoff max delay` parameter of gRPC
- Support configuring the memory threshold of a single statement in the configuration file
- Refactor the error of Optimizer
- Fix the side effects of the `Cast Decimal` data
- Fix the wrong result issue of the `Merge Join` operator in specific scenarios
- Fix the issue of converting the Null object to String
- Fix the issue of casting the JSON type of data to the JSON type
- Fix the issue that the result order is not consistent with MySQL in the condition of `Union` + `OrderBy`
- Fix the compliance rules issue when the `Union` statement checks the `Limit/OrderBy` clause
- Fix the compatibility issue of the `Union All` result
- Fix a bug in predicate pushdown
- Fix the compatibility issue of the `Union` statement with the `For Update` clause
- Fix the issue that the `concat_ws` function mistakenly truncates the result

16.35.8.2 PD

- Improve the behavior of the unset scheduling argument `max-pending-peer-count` by changing it to no limit for the maximum number of `PendingPeer`s

16.35.8.3 TiKV

- Add the RocksDB `PerfContext` interface for debugging
- Remove the `import-mode` parameter
- Add the `region-properties` command for `tikv-ctl`
- Fix the issue that `reverse-seek` is slow when many RocksDB tombstones exist
- Fix the crash issue caused by `do_sub`
- Make GC record the log when GC encounters many versions of data

16.35.9 TiDB 2.0.3 Release Notes

On June 1, 2018, TiDB 2.0.3 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.0.2, this release has great improvement in system compatibility and stability.

16.35.9.1 TiDB

- Support modifying the log level online
- Support the `COM_CHANGE_USER` command
- Support using the `TIME` type parameters under the binary protocol
- Optimize the cost estimation of query conditions with the `BETWEEN` expression
- Do not display the `FOREIGN KEY` information in the result of `SHOW CREATE TABLE`
- Optimize the cost estimation for queries with the `LIMIT` clause
- Fix the issue about the `YEAR` type as the unique index
- Fix the issue about `ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE` in conditions without the unique index
- Fix the compatibility issue of the `CEIL` function
- Fix the accuracy issue of the `DIV` calculation in the `DECIMAL` type
- Fix the false alarm of `ADMIN CHECK TABLE`
- Fix the panic issue of `MAX/MIN` under specific expression parameters
- Fix the issue that the result of `JOIN` is null in special conditions
- Fix the `IN` expression issue when building and querying Range
- Fix a Range calculation issue when using `Prepare` to query and `Plan Cache` is enabled
- Fix the issue that the Schema information is frequently loaded in abnormal conditions

16.35.9.2 PD

- Fix the panic issue when collecting hot-cache metrics in specific conditions
- Fix the issue about scheduling of the obsolete Regions

16.35.9.3 TiKV

- Fix the bug that the learner flag mistakenly reports to PD
- Report an error instead of getting a result if `divisor/dividend` is 0 in `do_div_mod`

16.35.10 TiDB 2.0.2 Release Notes

On May 21, 2018, TiDB 2.0.2 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.0.1, this release has great improvement in system stability.

16.35.10.1 TiDB

- Fix the issue of pushing down the Decimal division expression
- Support using the `USE INDEX` syntax in the `Delete` statement
- Forbid using the `shard_row_id_bits` feature in columns with `Auto-Increment`
- Add the timeout mechanism for writing Binlog

16.35.10.2 PD

- Make the balance leader scheduler filter the disconnected nodes
- Modify the timeout of the transfer leader operator to 10s
- Fix the issue that the label scheduler does not schedule when the cluster Regions are in an unhealthy state
- Fix the improper scheduling issue of `evict leader scheduler`

16.35.10.3 TiKV

- Fix the issue that the Raft log is not printed
- Support configuring more gRPC related parameters
- Support configuring the timeout range of leader election
- Fix the issue that the obsolete learner is not deleted
- Fix the issue that the snapshot intermediate file is mistakenly deleted

16.35.11 TiDB 2.0.1 Release Notes

On May 16, 2018, TiDB 2.0.1 is released. Compared with TiDB 2.0.0 (GA), this release has great improvement in MySQL compatibility and system stability.

16.35.11.1 TiDB

- Update the progress of `Add Index` to the DDL job information in real time
- Add the `tidb_auto_analyze_ratio` session variable to control the threshold value of automatic statistics update
- Fix an issue that not all residual states are cleaned up when the transaction commit fails
- Fix a bug about adding indexes in some conditions

- Fix the correctness related issue when DDL modifies surface operations in some concurrent scenarios
- Fix a bug that the result of `LIMIT` is incorrect in some conditions
- Fix a capitalization issue of the `ADMIN CHECK INDEX` statement to make its index name case insensitive
- Fix a compatibility issue of the `UNION` statement
- Fix a compatibility issue when inserting data of `TIME` type
- Fix a goroutine leak issue caused by `copIteratorTaskSender` in some conditions
- Add an option for TiDB to control the behaviour of Binlog failure
- Refactor the `Coprocessor` slow log to distinguish between the scenario of tasks with long processing time and long waiting time
- Log nothing when meeting MySQL protocol handshake error, to avoid too many logs caused by the load balancer Keep Alive mechanism
- Refine the "Out of range value for column" error message
- Fix a bug when there is a subquery in an `Update` statement
- Change the behaviour of handling `SIGTERM`, and do not wait for all queries to terminate anymore

16.35.11.2 PD

- Add the `Scatter Range` scheduler to balance Regions with the specified key range
- Optimize the scheduling of Merge Region to prevent the newly split Region from being merged
- Add Learner related metrics
- Fix the issue that the scheduler is mistakenly deleted after restart
- Fix the error that occurs when parsing the configuration file
- Fix the issue that the etcd leader and the PD leader are not replicated
- Fix the issue that Learner still appears after it is closed
- Fix the issue that Regions fail to load because the packet size is too large

16.35.11.3 TiKV

- Fix the issue that `SELECT FOR UPDATE` prevents others from reading
- Optimize the slow query log
- Reduce the number of `thread_yield` calls
- Fix the bug that raftstore is accidentally blocked when generating the snapshot
- Fix the issue that Learner cannot be successfully elected in special conditions
- Fix the issue that split might cause dirty read in extreme conditions
- Correct the default value of the read thread pool configuration
- Speed up Delete Range

16.35.12 TiDB 2.0 Release Notes

On April 27, 2018, TiDB 2.0 GA is released! Compared with TiDB 1.0, this release has great improvement in MySQL compatibility, SQL optimizer, executor, and stability.

16.35.12.1 TiDB

- SQL Optimizer
  - Use more compact data structure to reduce the memory usage of statistics information
  - Speed up loading statistics information when starting a tidb-server process
  - Support updating statistics information dynamically experimental
  - Optimize the cost model to provide more accurate query cost evaluation
  - Use `Count-Min Sketch` to estimate the cost of point queries more accurately
  - Support analyzing more complex conditions to make full use of indexes
  - Support manually specifying the `Join` order using the `STRAIGHT_JOIN` syntax
  - Use the Stream Aggregation operator when the `GROUP BY` clause is empty to improve the performance
  - Support using indexes for the `MAX/MIN` function
  - Optimize the processing algorithms for correlated subqueries to support decorrelating more types of correlated subqueries and transform them to `Left Outer Join`
  - Extend `IndexLookupJoin` to be used in matching the index prefix
- SQL Execution Engine
  - Refactor all operators using the Chunk architecture, improve the execution performance of analytical queries, and reduce memory usage. There is a significant improvement in the TPC-H benchmark result.
  - Support the Streaming Aggregation operators pushdown
  - Optimize the `Insert Into Ignore` statement to improve the performance by over 10 times
  - Optimize the `Insert On Duplicate Key Update` statement to improve the performance by over 10 times
  - Optimize `Load Data` to improve the performance by over 10 times
  - Push down more data types and functions to TiKV
  - Support computing the memory usage of physical operators, and specifying the processing behavior in the configuration file and system variables when the memory usage exceeds the threshold
  - Support limiting the memory usage by a single SQL statement to reduce the risk of OOM
  - Support using implicit RowID in CRUD operations
  - Improve the performance of point queries
- Server
  - Support the Proxy Protocol
  - Add more monitoring metrics and refine the log
  - Support validating the configuration files
  - Support obtaining the information of TiDB parameters through HTTP API
  - Resolve Lock in the Batch mode to speed up garbage collection

    - Support multi-threaded garbage collection
    - Support TLS
- Compatibility
    - Support more MySQL syntaxes
    - Support modifying the `lower_case_table_names` system variable in the configuration file to support the OGG data replication tool
    - Improve compatibility with the Navicat management tool
    - Support displaying the table creating time in `Information_Schema`
    - Fix the issue that the return types of some functions/expressions differ from MySQL
    - Improve compatibility with JDBC
    - Support more SQL Modes
- DDL
    - Optimize the `Add Index` operation to greatly improve the execution speed in some scenarios
    - Attach a lower priority to the `Add Index` operation to reduce the impact on online business
    - Output more detailed status information of the DDL jobs in `Admin Show DDL Jobs`
    - Support querying the original statements of currently running DDL jobs using `Admin Show DDL Job Queries JobID`
    - Support recovering the index data using `Admin Recover Index` for disaster recovery
    - Support modifying Table Options using the `Alter` statement

16.35.12.2 PD

- Support `Region Merge`, to merge empty Regions after deleting data experimental
- Support `Raft Learner` experimental
- Optimize the scheduler
    - Make the scheduler to adapt to different Region sizes
    - Improve the priority and speed of restoring data during TiKV outage
    - Speed up data transferring when removing a TiKV node
    - Optimize the scheduling policies to prevent the disks from becoming full when the space of TiKV nodes is insufficient
    - Improve the scheduling efficiency of the balance-leader scheduler
    - Reduce the scheduling overhead of the balance-region scheduler
    - Optimize the execution efficiency of the hot-region scheduler
- Operations interface and configuration
    - Support TLS

    - Support prioritizing the PD leaders
    - Support configuring the scheduling policies based on labels
    - Support configuring stores with a specific label not to schedule the Raft leader
    - Support splitting Region manually to handle the hotspot in a single Region
    - Support scattering a specified Region to manually adjust Region distribution in some cases
    - Add check rules for configuration parameters and improve validity check of the configuration items
- Debugging interface
    - Add the `Drop Region` debugging interface
    - Add the interfaces to enumerate the health status of each PD
- Statistics
    - Add statistics about abnormal Regions
    - Add statistics about Region isolation level
    - Add scheduling related metrics
- Performance
    - Keep the PD leader and the etcd leader together in the same node to improve write performance
    - Optimize the performance of Region heartbeat

16.35.12.3 TiKV

- Features
    - Protect critical configuration from incorrect modification
    - Support `Region Merge` experimental
    - Add the `Raw DeleteRange` API
    - Add the `GetMetric` API
    - Add `Raw Batch Put`, `Raw Batch Get`, `Raw Batch Delete` and `Raw Batch Scan`
    - Add Column Family options for the RawKV API and support executing operation on a specific Column Family
    - Support Streaming and Streaming Aggregation in Coprocessor
    - Support configuring the request timeout of Coprocessor
    - Carry timestamps with Region heartbeats
    - Support modifying some RocksDB parameters online, such as `block-cache-size`
    - Support configuring the behavior of Coprocessor when it encounters some warnings or errors
    - Support starting in the importing data mode to reduce write amplification during the data importing process
    - Support manually splitting Region in halves
    - Improve the data recovery tool `tikv-ctl`

    - Return more statistics in Coprocessor to guide the behavior of TiDB
    - Support the `ImportSST` API to import SST files experimental
    - Add the TiKV Importer binary to integrate with TiDB Lightning to import data quickly experimental

- Performance

    - Optimize read performance using `ReadPool` and increase the `raw_get/get/batch_get` by 30%
    - Improve metrics performance
    - Inform PD immediately once the Raft snapshot process is completed to speed up balancing
    - Solve performance jitter caused by RocksDB flushing
    - Optimize the space reclaiming mechanism after deleting data
    - Speed up garbage cleaning while starting the server
    - Reduce the I/O overhead during replica migration using `DeleteFilesInRanges`

- Stability

    - Fix the issue that gRPC call does not get returned when the PD leader switches
    - Fix the issue that it is slow to offline nodes caused by snapshots
    - Limit the temporary space usage consumed by migrating replicas
    - Report the Regions that cannot elect a leader for a long time
    - Update the Region size information in time according to compaction events
    - Limit the size of scan lock to avoid request timeout
    - Limit the memory usage when receiving snapshots to avoid OOM
    - Increase the speed of CI test
    - Fix the OOM issue caused by too many snapshots
    - Configure `keepalive` of gRPC
    - Fix the OOM issue caused by an increase of the Region number

16.35.12.4 TiSpark

TiSpark uses a separate version number. The current TiSpark version is 1.0 GA. The components of TiSpark 1.0 provide distributed computing of TiDB data using Apache Spark.

- Provide a gRPC communication framework to read data from TiKV
- Provide encoding and decoding of TiKV component data and communication protocol
- Provide calculation pushdown, which includes:

    - Aggregate pushdown
    - Predicate pushdown
    - TopN pushdown
    - Limit pushdown

- Provide index related support

    - Transform predicate into Region key range or secondary index

    - Optimize `Index Only` queries - Adaptively downgrade index scan to table scan per Region
- Provide cost-based optimization
    - Support statistics
    - Select index
    - Estimate broadcast table cost
- Provide support for multiple Spark interfaces
    - Support Spark Shell
    - Support ThriftServer/JDBC
    - Support Spark-SQL interaction
    - Support PySpark Shell
    - Support SparkR

16.35.13 TiDB 2.0 RC5 Release Notes

On April 17, 2018, TiDB 2.0 RC5 is released. This release has great improvement in MySQL compatibility, SQL optimization and stability.

16.35.13.1 TiDB

- Fix the issue about applying the `Top-N` pushdown rule
- Fix the estimation of the number of rows for the columns that contain NULL values
- Fix the zero value of the Binary type
- Fix the `BatchGet` issue within a transaction
- Clean up the written data while rolling back the `Add Index` operation, to reduce consumed space
- Optimize the `insert on duplicate key update` statement to improve the performance by 10 times
- Fix the issue about the type of the results returned by the `UNIX_TIMESTAMP` function
- Fix the issue that the NULL value is inserted while adding NOT NULL columns
- Support showing memory usage of the executing statements in the `Show Process List` statement
- Fix the issue that `Alter Table Modify Column` reports an error in extreme conditions
- Support setting the table comment using the `Alter` statement

16.35.13.2 PD

- Add support for Raft Learner
- Optimize the Balance Region Scheduler to reduce scheduling overhead
- Adjust the default value of `schedule-limit` configuration
- Fix the issue of allocating ID frequently
- Fix the compatibility issue when adding a new scheduler

16.35.13.3 TiKV

- Support the Region specified by `compact` in `tikv-ctl`
- Support Batch Put, Batch Get, Batch Delete and Batch Scan in the RawKVClient
- Fix the OOM issue caused by too many snapshots
- Return more detailed error information in Coprocessor
- Support dynamically modifying the `block-cache-size` in TiKV through `tikv-ctl`
- Further improve `importer`
- Simplify the `ImportSST::Upload` interface
- Configure the `keepalive` property of gRPC
- Split `tikv-importer` from TiKV as an independent binary
- Provide statistics about the number of rows scanned by each `scan range` in Coprocessor
- Fix the compilation issue on the macOS system
- Fix the issue of misusing a RocksDB metric
- Support the `overflow as warning` option in Coprocessor

16.35.14 TiDB 2.0 RC4 Release Notes

On March 30, 2018, TiDB 2.0 RC4 is released. This release has great improvement in MySQL compatibility, SQL optimization and stability.

16.35.14.1 TiDB

- Support `SHOW GRANTS FOR CURRENT_USER();`
- Fix the issue that the `Expression` in `UnionScan` is not cloned
- Support the `SET TRANSACTION` syntax
- Fix the potential goroutine leak issue in `copIterator`
- Fix the issue that `admin check table` misjudges the unique index including null
- Support displaying floating point numbers using scientific notation
- Fix the type inference issue during binary literal computing
- Fix the issue in parsing the `CREATE VIEW` statement
- Fix the panic issue when one statement contains both `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT 0`
- Improve the execution performance of `DecodeBytes`
- Optimize `LIMIT 0` to `TableDual`, to avoid building useless execution plans

16.35.14.2 PD

- Support splitting Region manually to handle the hot spot in a single Region
- Fix the issue that the label property is not displayed when `pdctl` runs `config show all`
- Optimize metrics and code structure

16.35.14.3 TiKV

- Limit the memory usage during receiving snapshots, to avoid OOM in extreme conditions
- Support configuring the behavior of Coprocessor when it encounters warnings
- Support importing the data pattern in TiKV
- Support splitting Region in the middle
- Increase the speed of CI test
- Use `crossbeam channel`
- Fix the issue that too many logs are output caused by leader missing when TiKV is isolated

16.35.15 TiDB 2.0 RC3 Release Notes

On March 23, 2018, TiDB 2.0 RC3 is released. This release has great improvement in MySQL compatibility, SQL optimization and stability.

16.35.15.1 TiDB

- Fix the wrong result issue of `MAX/MIN` in some scenarios
- Fix the issue that the result of `Sort Merge Join` does not show in order of Join Key in some scenarios
- Fix the error of comparison between `uint` and `int` in boundary conditions
- Optimize checks on length and precision of the floating point type, to improve compatibility with MySQL
- Improve the parsing error log of time type and add more error information
- Improve memory control and add statistics about `IndexLookupExecutor` memory
- Optimize the execution speed of `ADD INDEX` to greatly increase the speed in some scenarios
- Use the Stream Aggregation operator when the `GROUP BY` substatement is empty, to increase the speed
- Support closing the `Join Reorder` optimization in the optimizer using `STRAIGHT_JOIN`
- Output more detailed status information of DDL jobs in `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOBS`
- Support querying the original statements of currently running DDL jobs using `ADMIN SHOW DDL JOB QUERIES`
- Support recovering the index data using `ADMIN RECOVER INDEX` for disaster recovery
- Attach a lower priority to the `ADD INDEX` operation to reduce the impact on online business
- Support aggregation functions with JSON type parameters, such as `SUM/AVG`
- Support modifying the `lower_case_table_names` system variable in the configuration file, to support the OGG data replication tool
- Improve compatibility with the Navicat management tool
- Support using implicit RowID in CRUD operations

16.35.15.2 PD

- Support Region Merge, to merge empty Regions or small Regions after deleting data
- Ignore the nodes that have a lot of pending peers during adding replicas, to improve the speed of restoring replicas or making nodes offline
- Fix the frequent scheduling issue caused by a large number of empty Regions
- Optimize the scheduling speed of leader balance in scenarios of unbalanced resources within different labels
- Add more statistics about abnormal Regions

16.35.15.3 TiKV

- Support Region Merge
- Inform PD immediately once the Raft snapshot process is completed, to speed up balancing
- Add the Raw DeleteRange API
- Add the GetMetric API
- Reduce the I/O fluctuation caused by RocksDB sync files
- Optimize the space reclaiming mechanism after deleting data
- Improve the data recovery tool `tikv-ctl`
- Fix the issue that it is slow to make nodes down caused by snapshot
- Support streaming in Coprocessor
- Support Readpool and increase the `raw_get/get/batch_get` by 30%
- Support configuring the request timeout of Coprocessor
- Support streaming aggregation in Coprocessor
- Carry time information in Region heartbeats
- Limit the space usage of snapshot files to avoid consuming too much disk space
- Record and report the Regions that cannot elect a leader for a long time
- Speed up garbage cleaning when starting the server
- Update the size information about the corresponding Region according to compaction events
- Limit the size of `scan lock` to avoid request timeout
- Use `DeleteRange` to speed up Region deletion
- Support modifying RocksDB parameters online

16.35.16 TiDB 2.0 RC1 Release Notes

On March 9, 2018, TiDB 2.0 RC1 is released. This release has great improvement in MySQL compatibility, SQL optimization and stability.

16.35.16.1 TiDB

- Support limiting the memory usage by a single SQL statement, to reduce the risk of OOM

- Support pushing the Stream Aggregate operator down to TiKV
- Support validating the configuration file
- Support obtaining the information of TiDB configuration through HTTP API
- Compatible with more MySQL syntax in Parser
- Improve the compatibility with Navicat
- Improve the optimizer and extract common expressions with multiple OR conditions, to choose better query plan
- Improve the optimizer and convert subqueries to Join operators in more scenarios, to choose better query plan
- Resolve Lock in the Batch mode to increase the garbage collection speed
- Fix the length of Boolean field to improve compatibility
- Optimize the Add Index operation and give lower priority to all write and read operations, to reduce the impact on online business

16.35.16.2 PD

- Optimize the logic of code used to check the Region status to improve performance
- Optimize the output of log information in abnormal conditions to facilitate debugging
- Fix the monitor statistics that the disk space of TiKV nodes is not enough
- Fix the wrong reporting issue of the health interface when TLS is enabled
- Fix the issue that concurrent addition of replicas might exceed the threshold value of configuration, to improve stability

16.35.16.3 TiKV

- Fix the issue that gRPC call is not cancelled when PD leaders switch
- Protect important configuration which cannot be changed after initial configuration
- Add gRPC APIs used to obtain metrics
- Check whether SSD is used when you start the cluster
- Optimize the read performance using ReadPool, and improve the performance by 30% in the `raw get` test
- Improve metrics and optimize the usage of metrics

16.35.17 TiDB 1.1 Beta Release Notes

On February 24, 2018, TiDB 1.1 Beta is released. This release has great improvement in MySQL compatibility, SQL optimization, stability, and performance.

16.35.17.1 TiDB

- Add more monitoring metrics and refine the log
- Compatible with more MySQL syntax
- Support displaying the table creating time in `information_schema`

- Optimize queries containing the `MaxOneRow` operator
- Configure the size of intermediate result sets generated by Join, to further reduce the memory used by Join
- Add the `tidb_config` session variable to output the current TiDB configuration
- Fix the panic issue in the `Union` and `Index Join` operators
- Fix the wrong result issue of the `Sort Merge Join` operator in some scenarios
- Fix the issue that the `Show Index` statement shows indexes that are in the process of adding
- Fix the failure of the `Drop Stats` statement
- Optimize the query performance of the SQL engine to improve the test result of the Sysbench Select/OLTP by 10%
- Improve the computing speed of subqueries in the optimizer using the new execution engine; compared with TiDB 1.0, TiDB 1.1 Beta has great improvement in tests like TPC-H and TPC-DS

16.35.17.2 PD

- Add the Drop Region debug interface
- Support setting priority of the PD leader
- Support configuring stores with a specific label not to schedule Raft leaders
- Add the interfaces to enumerate the health status of each PD
- Add more metrics
- Keep the PD leader and the etcd leader together as much as possible in the same node
- Improve the priority and speed of restoring data when TiKV goes down
- Enhance the validity check of the `data-dir` configuration item
- Optimize the performance of Region heartbeat
- Fix the issue that hot spot scheduling violates label constraint
- Fix other stability issues

16.35.17.3 TiKV

- Traverse locks using offset + limit to avoid potential GC problems
- Support resolving locks in batches to improve GC speed
- Support GC concurrency to improve GC speed
- Update the Region size using the RocksDB compaction listener for more accurate PD scheduling
- Delete the outdated data in batches using `DeleteFilesInRanges`, to make TiKV start faster
- Configure the Raft snapshot max size to avoid the retained files taking up too much space
- Support more recovery operations in `tikv-ctl`
- Optimize the ordered flow aggregation operation
- Improve metrics and fix bugs

16.35.18 TiDB 1.1 Alpha Release Notes

On January 19, 2018, TiDB 1.1 Alpha is released. This release has great improvement in MySQL compatibility, SQL optimization, stability, and performance.

16.35.18.1 TiDB

- SQL parser
    - Support more syntax
- SQL query optimizer
    - Use more compact structure to reduce statistics info memory usage
    - Speed up loading statistics info when starting tidb-server
    - Provide more accurate query cost evaluation
    - Use `Count-Min Sketch` to estimate the cost of queries using unique index more accurately
    - Support more complex conditions to make full use of index
- SQL executor
    - Refactor all executor operators using Chunk architecture, improve the execution performance of analytical statements and reduce memory usage
    - Optimize performance of the `INSERT IGNORE` statement
    - Push down more types and functions to TiKV
    - Support more `SQL_MODE`
    - Optimize the `Load Data` performance to increase the speed by 10 times
    - Optimize the `Use Database` performance
    - Support statistics on the memory usage of physical operators
- Server
    - Support the PROXY protocol

16.35.18.2 PD

- Add more APIs
- Support TLS
- Add more cases for scheduling Simulator
- Schedule to adapt to different Region sizes
- Fix some bugs about scheduling

16.35.18.3 TiKV

- Support Raft learner
- Optimize Raft Snapshot and reduce the I/O overhead
- Support TLS
- Optimize the RocksDB configuration to improve performance
- Optimize `count (*)` and query performance of unique index in Coprocessor
- Add more failpoints and stability test cases
- Solve the reconnection issue between PD and TiKV
- Enhance the features of the data recovery tool `tikv-ctl`
- Support splitting according to table in Region
- Support the `Delete Range` feature
- Support setting the I/O limit caused by snapshot
- Improve the flow control mechanism

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16.36.1 TiDB 1.0.8 Release Notes

On February 11, 2018, TiDB 1.0.8 is released with the following updates:

16.36.1.1 TiDB

- Fix issues in the `Outer Join` result in some scenarios
- Optimize the performance of the `InsertIntoIgnore` statement
- Fix the issue in the `ShardRowID` option
- Add limitation (Configurable, the default value is 5000) to the DML statements number within a transaction
- Fix an issue in the Table/Column aliases returned by the `Prepare` statement
- Fix an issue in updating statistics delta
- Fix a panic error in the `Drop Column` statement
- Fix an DML issue when running the `Add Column After` statement
- Improve the stability of the GC process by ignoring the regions with GC errors
- Run GC concurrently to accelerate the GC process
- Provide syntax support for the `CREATE INDEX` statement

16.36.1.2 PD

- Reduce the lock overheat of the region heartbeats
- Fix the issue that a hot region scheduler selects the wrong Leader

16.36.1.3 TiKV

- Use `DeleteFilesInRanges` to clear stale data and improve the TiKV starting speed
- Using `Decimal` in Coprocessor sum
- Sync the metadata of the received Snapshot compulsorily to ensure its safety

To upgrade from 1.0.7 to 1.0.8, follow the rolling upgrade order of PD -> TiKV -> TiDB.

16.36.2 TiDB 1.0.7 Release Notes

On January 22, 2018, TiDB 1.0.7 is released with the following updates:

16.36.2.1 TiDB

- Optimize the `FIELD_LIST` command
- Fix data race of the information schema
- Avoid adding read-only statements to history
- Add the `session` variable to control the log query
- Fix the resource leak issue in statistics
- Fix the goroutine leak issue
- Add schema info API for the http status server
- Fix an issue about `IndexJoin`
- Update the behavior when `RunWorker` is false in DDL
- Improve the stability of test results in statistics
- Support `PACK_KEYS` syntax for the `CREATE TABLE` statement
- Add `row_id` column for the null pushdown schema to optimize performance

16.36.2.2 PD

- Fix possible scheduling loss issue in abnormal conditions
- Fix the compatibility issue with proto3
- Add the log

16.36.2.3 TiKV

- Support `Table Scan`
- Support the remote mode in tikv-ctl
- Fix the format compatibility issue of tikv-ctl proto
- Fix the loss of scheduling command from PD
- Add timeout in Push metric

To upgrade from 1.0.6 to 1.0.7, follow the rolling upgrade order of PD -> TiKV -> TiDB.

16.36.3 TiDB 1.0.6 Release Notes

On January 08, 2018, TiDB 1.0.6 is released with the following updates:

16.36.3.1 TiDB

- Support the `Alter Table Auto_Increment` syntax
- Fix the bug in Cost Based computation and the `Null Json` issue in statistics
- Support the extension syntax to shard the implicit row ID to avoid write hot spot for a single table
- Fix a potential DDL issue
- Consider the timezone setting in the `curtime`, `sysdate` and `curdate` functions
- Support the `SEPARATOR` syntax in the `GROUP_CONCAT` function
- Fix the wrong return type issue of the `GROUP_CONCAT` function.

16.36.3.2 PD

- Fix store selection problem of hot-region scheduler

16.36.3.3 TiKV

None.

To upgrade from 1.0.5 to 1.0.6, follow the rolling upgrade order of PD -> TiKV -> TiDB.

16.36.4 TiDB 1.0.5 Release Notes

On December 26, 2017, TiDB 1.0.5 is released with the following updates:

16.36.4.1 TiDB

- Add the max value for the current Auto_Increment ID in the `Show Create Table` statement.
- Fix a potential goroutine leak.
- Support outputting slow queries into a separate file.
- Load the `TimeZone` variable from TiKV when creating a new session.
- Support the schema state check so that the `Show Create Table`and `Analyze` statements process the public table/index only.
- The `set transaction read only` should affect the `tx_read_only` variable.
- Clean up incremental statistic data when rolling back.
- Fix the issue of missing index length in the `Show Create Table` statement.

16.36.4.2 PD

- Fix the issue that the leaders stop balancing under some circumstances.
    - 869
    - 874
- Fix potential panic during bootstrapping.

16.36.4.3 TiKV

- Fix the issue that it is slow to get the CPU ID using the `get_cpuid` function.
- Support the `dynamic-level-bytes` parameter to improve the space collection situation.

To upgrade from 1.0.4 to 1.0.5, follow the rolling upgrade order of PD -> TiKV -> TiDB.

16.36.5 TiDB 1.0.4 Release Notes

On December 11, 2017, TiDB 1.0.4 is released with the following updates:

16.36.5.1 TiDB

- Speed up the loading of the statistics when starting the `tidb-server`
- Improve the performance of the `show variables` statement
- Fix a potential issue when using the `Add Index` statement to handle the combined indexes
- Fix a potential issue when using the `Rename Table` statement to move a table to another database
- Accelerate the effectiveness for the `Alter/Drop User` statement

16.36.5.2 TiKV

- Fix a possible performance issue when a snapshot is applied
- Fix the performance issue for reverse scan after removing a lot of data
- Fix the wrong encoded result for the Decimal type under special circumstances

To upgrade from 1.0.3 to 1.0.4, follow the rolling upgrade order of PD -> TiKV -> TiDB.

16.36.6 TiDB 1.0.3 Release Notes

On November 28, 2017, TiDB 1.0.3 is released with the following updates:

16.36.6.1 TiDB

- Optimize the performance in transaction conflicts scenario
- Add the `TokenLimit` option in the config file
- Output the default database in slow query logs
- Remove the DDL statement from query duration metrics
- Optimize the query cost estimation
- Fix the index prefix issue when creating tables
- Support pushing down the expressions for the Float type to TiKV
- Fix the issue that it is slow to add index for tables with discrete integer primary index
- Reduce the unnecessary statistics updates
- Fix a potential issue during the transaction retry

16.36.6.2 PD

- Support adding more types of schedulers using API

16.36.6.3 TiKV

- Fix the deadlock issue with the PD client
- Fix the issue that the wrong leader value is prompted for `NotLeader`
- Fix the issue that the chunk size is too large in the coprocessor

To upgrade from 1.0.2 to 1.0.3, follow the rolling upgrade order of PD -> TiKV -> TiDB.

16.36.7 TiDB 1.0.2 Release Notes

On November 13, 2017, TiDB 1.0.2 is released with the following updates:

16.36.7.1 TiDB

- Optimize the cost estimation of index point query
- Support the `Alter Table Add Column (ColumnDef ColumnPosition)` syntax
- Optimize the queries whose `where` conditions are contradictory
- Optimize the `Add Index` operation to rectify the progress and reduce repetitive operations
- Optimize the `Index Look Join` operator to accelerate the query speed for small data size
- Fix the issue with prefix index judgment

16.36.7.2 Placement Driver (PD)

- Improve the stability of scheduling under exceptional situations

16.36.7.3 TiKV

- Support splitting table to ensure one region does not contain data from multiple tables
- Limit the length of a key to be no more than 4 KB
- More accurate read traffic statistics
- Implement deep protection on the coprocessor stack
- Fix the `LIKE` behavior and the `do_div_mod` bug

16.36.8 TiDB 1.0.1 Release Notes

On November 1, 2017, TiDB 1.0.1 is released with the following updates:

16.36.8.1 TiDB

- Support canceling DDL Job.
- Optimize the `IN` expression.
- Correct the result type of the `Show` statement.
- Support log slow query into a separate log file.
- Fix bugs.

16.36.8.2 TiKV

- Support flow control with write bytes.
- Reduce Raft allocation.
- Increase coprocessor stack size to 10MB.
- Remove the useless log from the coprocessor.

16.36.9 TiDB 1.0 Release Notes

On October 16, 2017, TiDB 1.0 is now released! This release is focused on MySQL compatibility, SQL optimization, stability, and performance.

16.36.9.1 TiDB

- The SQL query optimizer:
    - Adjust the cost model
    - Analyze pushdown
    - Function signature pushdown
- Optimize the internal data format to reduce the interim data size
- Enhance the MySQL compatibility
- Support the `NO_SQL_CACHE` syntax and limit the cache usage in the storage engine
- Refactor the Hash Aggregator operator to reduce the memory usage
- Support the Stream Aggregator operator

16.36.9.2 PD

- Support read flow based balancing
- Support setting the Store weight and weight based balancing

16.36.9.3 TiKV

- Coprocessor now supports more pushdown functions
- Support pushing down the sampling operation
- Support manually triggering data compact to collect space quickly
- Improve the performance and stability
- Add a Debug API for debugging
- TiSpark Beta Release:
- Support configuration framework
- Support ThriftSever/JDBC and Spark SQL

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16.36.10 Pre-GA Release Notes

On August 30, 2017, TiDB Pre-GA is released! This release is focused on MySQL compatibility, SQL optimization, stability, and performance.

16.36.10.1 TiDB

- The SQL query optimizer:
  - Adjust the cost model
  - Use index scan to handle the `where` clause with the `compare` expression which has different types on each side
  - Support the Greedy algorithm based Join Reorder
- Many enhancements have been introduced to be more compatible with MySQL
- Support `Natural Join`
- Support the JSON type (Experimental), including the query, update and index of the JSON fields
- Prune the useless data to reduce the consumption of the executor memory
- Support configuring prioritization in the SQL statements and automatically set the prioritization for some of the statements according to the query type
- Completed the expression refactor and the speed is increased by about 30%

16.36.10.2 Placement Driver (PD)

- Support manually changing the leader of the PD cluster

16.36.10.3 TiKV

- Use dedicated Rocksdb instance to store Raft log
- Use `DeleteRange` to speed up the deleting of replicas
- Coprocessor now supports more pushdown operators
- Improve the performance and stability

16.36.10.4 TiDB Connector for Spark Beta Release

- Implement the predicates pushdown
- Implement the aggregation pushdown
- Implement range pruning
- Capable of running full set of TPC+H except for one query that needs view support

16.36.11 TiDB RC4 Release Notes

On August 4, 2017, TiDB RC4 is released! This release is focused on MySQL compatibility, SQL optimization, stability, and performance.

16.36.11.1 Highlight

- For performance, the write performance is improved significantly, and the computing task scheduling supports prioritizing to avoid the impact of OLAP on OLTP.
- The optimizer is revised for a more accurate query cost estimating and for an automatic choice of the `Join` physical operator based on the cost.
- Many enhancements have been introduced to be more compatible with MySQL.
- TiSpark is now released to better support the OLAP business scenarios. You can now use Spark to access the data in TiKV.

16.36.11.2 Detailed updates

16.36.11.2.1 TiDB

- The SQL query optimizer refactoring:
    - Better support for TopN queries
    - Support the automatic choice of the of the `Join` physical operator based on the cost

    - Improved Projection Elimination

- The version check of schema is based on Table to avoid the impact of DDL on the ongoing transactions
- Support `BatchIndexJoin`
- Improve the `Explain` statement
- Improve the `Index Scan` performance
- Many enhancements have been introduced to be more compatible with MySQL
- Support the JSON type and operations
- Support the configuration of query prioritizing and isolation level

16.36.11.2.2 Placement Driver (PD)

- Support using PD to set the TiKV location labels
- Optimize the scheduler
    - PD is now supported to initialize the scheduling commands to TiKV.
    - Accelerate the response speed of the region heartbeat.
    - Optimize the `balance` algorithm
- Optimize data loading to speed up failover

16.36.11.2.3 TiKV

- Support the configuration of query prioritizing
- Support the RC isolation level
- Improve Jepsen test results and the stability
- Support Document Store
- Coprocessor now supports more pushdown functions
- Improve the performance and stability

16.36.11.2.4 TiSpark Beta Release

- Implement the prediction pushdown
- Implement the aggregation pushdown
- Implement range pruning
- Capable of running full set of TPC-H except one query that needs view support

16.36.12 TiDB RC3 Release Notes

On June 16, 2017, TiDB RC3 is released! This release is focused on MySQL compatibility, SQL optimization, stability, and performance.

16.36.12.1 Highlight

- The privilege management is refined to enable users to manage the data access privileges using the same way as in MySQL.
- DDL is accelerated.
- The load balancing policy and process are optimized for performance.
- TiDB Ansible is open sourced. By using TiDB-Ansible, you can deploy, upgrade, start and shutdown a TiDB cluster with one click.

16.36.12.2 Detailed updates

16.36.12.3 TiDB

- The following features are added or improved in the SQL query optimizer:
  - Support incremental statistics
  - Support the `Merge Sort Join` operator
  - Support the `Index Lookup Join` operator
  - Support the `Optimizer Hint` Syntax
  - Optimize the memory consumption of the `Scan`, `Join`, `Aggregation` operators
  - Optimize the Cost Based Optimizer (CBO) framework
  - Refactor `Expression`
- Support more complete privilege management
- DDL acceleration
- Support using HTTP API to get the data distribution information of tables
- Support using system variables to control the query concurrency
- Add more MySQL built-in functions
- Support using system variables to automatically split a big transaction into smaller ones to commit

16.36.12.4 Placement Driver (PD)

- Support gRPC
- Provide the Disaster Recovery Toolkit
- Use Garbage Collection to clear stale data automatically
- Support more efficient data balance
- Support hot Region scheduling to enable load balancing and speed up the data importing
- Performance
  - Accelerate getting Client TSO
  - Improve the efficiency of Region Heartbeat processing
- Improve the `pd-ctl` function

- Update the Replica configuration dynamically
- Get the Timestamp Oracle (TSO)
- Use ID to get the Region information

16.36.12.5 TiKV

- Support gRPC
- Support the Sorted String Table (SST) format snapshot to improve the load balancing speed of a cluster
- Support using the Heap Profile to uncover memory leaks
- Support Streaming SIMD Extensions (SSE) and speed up the CRC32 calculation
- Accelerate transferring leader for faster load balancing
- Use Batch Apply to reduce CPU usage and improve the write performance
- Support parallel Prewrite to improve the transaction write speed
- Optimize the scheduling of the coprocessor thread pool to reduce the impact of big queries on point get
- The new Loader supports data importing at the table level, as well as splitting a big table into smaller logical blocks to import concurrently to improve the data importing speed.

16.36.13 TiDB RC2 Release Notes

On March 1, 2017, TiDB RC2 is released! This release is focused on the compatibility with MySQL, SQL query optimizer, system stability and performance in this version. What's more, a new permission management mechanism is added and users can control data access in the same way as the MySQL privilege management system.

16.36.13.1 TiDB

- Query optimizer
  - Collect column/index statistics and use them in the query optimizer
  - Optimize the correlated subquery
  - Optimize the Cost Based Optimizer (CBO) framework
  - Eliminate aggregation using unique key information
  - Refactor expression evaluation framework
  - Convert Distinct to GroupBy
  - Support the topn operation push-down
- Support basic privilege management
- Add lots of MySQL built-in functions
- Improve the Alter Table statement and support the modification of table name, default value and comment
- Support the Create Table Like statement

- Support the Show Warnings statement
- Support the Rename Table statement
- Restrict the size of a single transaction to avoid the cluster blocking of large transactions
- Automatically split data in the process of Load Data
- Optimize the performance of the AddIndex and Delete statement
- Support "ANSI_QUOTES" sql_mode
- Improve the monitoring system
- Fix Bugs
- Solve the problem of memory leak

16.36.13.2 PD

- Support location aware replica scheduling
- Conduct fast scheduling based on the number of region
- pd-ctl support more features
    - Add or delete PD
    - Obtain Region information with Key
    - Add or delete scheduler and operator
    - Obtain cluster label information

16.36.13.3 TiKV

- Support Async Apply to improve the entire write performance
- Use prefix seek to improve the read performance of Write CF
- Use memory hint prefix to improve the insert performance of Raft CF
- Optimize the single read transaction performance
- Support more push-down expressions
- Improve the monitoring system
- Fix Bugs

16.36.14 TiDB RC1 Release Notes

On December 23, 2016, TiDB RC1 is released. See the following updates in this release:

16.36.14.1 TiKV

- The write speed has been improved.
- The disk space usage is reduced.
- Hundreds of TBs of data can be supported.
- The stability is improved and TiKV can support a cluster with 200 nodes.
- Supports the Raw KV API and the Golang client.

16.36.14.2 Placement Driver (PD)

- The scheduling strategy framework is optimized and now the strategy is more flexible and reasonable.
- The support for `label` is added to support Cross Data Center scheduling.
- PD Control is provided to operate the PD cluster more easily.

16.36.14.3 TiDB

- The following features are added or improved in the SQL query optimizer:
  - Eager aggregation
  - More detailed `EXPLAIN` information
  - Parallelization of the `UNION` operator
  - Optimization of the subquery performance
  - Optimization of the conditional push-down
  - Optimization of the Cost Based Optimizer (CBO) framework
- The implementation of the time related data types are refactored to improve the compatibility with MySQL.
- More built-in functions in MySQL are supported.
- The speed of the `add index` statement is enhanced.
- The following statements are supported:
  - Use the `CHANGE COLUMN` statement to change the name of a column.
  - Use `MODIFY COLUMN` and `CHANGE COLUMN` of the `ALTER TABLE` statement for some of the column type transfer.

16.36.14.4 New tools

- `Loader` is added to be compatible with the `mydumper` data format in Percona and provides the following functions:
  - Multi-thread import
  - Retry if error occurs
  - Breakpoint resume
  - Targeted optimization for TiDB
- The tool for one-click deployment is added.

17 Glossary

This glossary provides definitions for key terms related to the TiDB platform.

Other available glossaries:

- TiDB Data Migration Glossary
- TiCDC Glossary
- TiDB Lightning Glossary

17.1 A

17.1.1 ACID

ACID refers to the four key properties of a transaction: atomicity, consistency, isolation, and durability. Each of these properties is described below.

- **Atomicity** means that either all the changes of an operation are performed, or none of them are. TiDB ensures the atomicity of the Region that stores the Primary Key to achieve the atomicity of transactions.
- **Consistency** means that transactions always bring the database from one consistent state to another. In TiDB, data consistency is ensured before writing data to the memory.
- **Isolation** means that a transaction in process is invisible to other transactions until it completes. This allows concurrent transactions to read and write data without sacrificing consistency. For more information, see TiDB transaction isolation levels.
- **Durability** means that once a transaction is committed, it remains committed even in the event of a system failure. TiKV uses persistent storage to ensure durability.

17.2 B

17.2.1 Backup & Restore (BR)

BR is the backup and restore tool for TiDB. For more information, see BR Overview.

`br` is the br command line tool used for backups or restores in TiDB.

17.2.2 Baseline Capturing

Baseline Capturing captures queries that meet capturing conditions and create bindings for them. It is used for preventing regression of execution plans during an upgrade.

17.2.3 Batch Create Table

The Batch Create Table feature greatly speeds up the creation of multiple tables at a time by creating tables in batches. For example, when restoring thousands of tables using the Backup & Restore (BR) tool, this feature helps reduce the overall recovery time. For more information, see Batch Create Table.

17.2.4 Bucket

A Region is logically divided into several small ranges called bucket. TiKV collects query statistics by buckets and reports the bucket status to PD. For more information, see the Bucket design doc.

17.3 C

17.3.1 Cached Table

With the cached table feature, TiDB loads the data of an entire table into the memory of the TiDB server, and TiDB directly gets the table data from the memory without accessing TiKV, which improves the read performance.

17.3.2 Cluster

A cluster is a group of nodes that work together to provide services. By using clusters in a distributed system, TiDB achieves higher availability and greater scalability compared to a single-node setup.

In the distributed architecture of the TiDB database:

- TiDB nodes provide a scalable SQL layer for client interactions.
- PD nodes provide a resilient metadata layer for TiDB.
- TiKV nodes, using the Raft protocol, provide highly available, scalable, and resilient storage for TiDB.

For more information, see TiDB Architecture.

17.3.3 Coalesce Partition

Coalesce Partition is a way of decreasing the number of partitions in a Hash or Key partitioned table. For more information, see Manage Hash and Key partitions.

17.3.4 Column Family (CF)

In RocksDB and TiKV, a Column Family (CF) represents a logical grouping of key-value pairs within a database.

17.3.5 Common Table Expression (CTE)

A Common Table Expression (CTE) enables you to define a temporary result set that can be referred to multiple times within a SQL statement using the `WITH` clause, which improves the statement readability and execution efficiency. For more information, see Common Table Expression.

17.3.6 Continuous Profiling

Continuous Profiling is a way to observe resource overhead at the system call level. With Continuous Profiling, TiDB provides fine-grained observations of performance issues, helping operations teams identify the root cause using a flame graph. For more information, see TiDB Dashboard Instance Profiling - Continuous Profiling.

17.3.7 Coprocessor

Coprocessor is a coprocessing mechanism that shares the computation workload with TiDB. It is located in the storage layer (TiKV or TiFlash) and collaboratively processes computations pushed down from TiDB on a per-Region basis.

17.4 D

17.4.1 Dumpling

Dumpling is a data export tool for exporting data stored in TiDB, MySQL, or MariaDB as SQL or CSV data files. It can also be used for logical full backups or exports. Additionally, Dumpling supports exporting data to Amazon S3.

For more information, see Use Dumpling to Export Data.

17.4.2 Data Definition Language (DDL)

Data Definition Language (DDL) is a part of the SQL standard that deals with creating, modifying, and dropping tables and other objects. For more information, see DDL Introduction.

17.4.3 Data Migration (DM)

Data Migration (DM) is a tool for migrating data from MySQL-compatible databases into TiDB. DM reads data from a MySQL-compatible database instance and applies it to a TiDB target instance. For more information, see DM Overview.

17.4.4 Data Modification Language (DML)

Data Modification Language (DML) is a part of the SQL standard that deals with inserting, updating, and dropping rows in tables.

17.4.5 Development Milestone Release (DMR)

Development Milestone Releases (DMR) are TiDB releases that introduce the latest features but do not offer long-term support. For more information, see TiDB Versioning.

17.4.6 Disaster Recovery (DR)

Disaster Recovery (DR) includes solutions that can be used to recover data and services from a disaster in the future. TiDB offers various Disaster Recovery solutions such as backups and replication to standby clusters. For more information, see Overview of TiDB Disaster Recovery Solutions.

17.4.7 Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF)

Distributed eXecution Framework (DXF) is the framework used by TiDB to centrally schedule certain tasks (such as creating indexes or importing data) and execute them in a distributed manner. DXF is designed to efficiently use cluster resources while controlling resource usage and reducing the impact on core business transactions. For more information, see DXF Introduction.

17.4.8 Dynamic Pruning

Dynamic pruning mode is one of the modes that TiDB accesses partitioned tables. In dynamic pruning mode, each operator supports direct access to multiple partitions. Therefore, TiDB no longer uses Union. Omitting the Union operation can improve the execution efficiency and avoid the problem of Union concurrent execution.

17.5 E

17.5.1 Expression index

The expression index is a special type of index created on an expression. Once an expression index is created, TiDB can use this index for expression-based queries, significantly improving query performance.

For more information, see CREATE INDEX - Expression index.

17.6 G

17.6.1 Garbage Collection (GC)

Garbage Collection (GC) is a process that clears obsolete data to free up resources. For information on TiKV GC process, see GC Overview.

17.6.2 General Availability (GA)

General Availability (GA) of a feature means the feature is fully tested and is Generally Available for use in production environments. TiDB features can be released as GA in both DMR and LTS releases. However, as TiDB does not provide patch releases for DMR it is generally recommended to use the LTS release for production use.

17.6.3 Global Transaction Identifiers (GTIDs)

Global Transaction Identifiers (GTIDs) are unique transaction IDs used in MySQL binary logs to track which transactions have been replicated. Data Migration (DM) uses these IDs to ensure consistent replication.

17.7 H

17.7.1 Hotspot

Hotspot refers to a situation where the read and write workloads in TiKV are concentrated on one or a few Regions or nodes. This can lead to performance bottlenecks, preventing optimal system performance. To solve hotspot issues, see Troubleshoot Hotspot Issues.

17.7.2 Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing (HTAP)

Hybrid Transactional and Analytical Processing (HTAP) is a database feature that enables both OLTP (Online Transactional Processing) and OLAP (Online Analytical Processing) workloads within the same database. For TiDB, the HTAP feature is provided by using TiKV for row storage and TiFlash for columnar storage. For more information, see Quick Start with TiDB HTAP and Explore HTAP.

17.8 I

17.8.1 In-Memory Pessimistic Lock

The in-memory pessimistic lock is a new feature introduced in TiDB v6.0.0. When this feature is enabled, pessimistic locks are usually stored in the memory of the Region leader only, and are not persisted to disk or replicated through Raft to other replicas. This feature can greatly reduce the overhead of acquiring pessimistic locks and improve the throughput of pessimistic transactions.

17.8.2 Index Merge

Index Merge is a method introduced in TiDB v4.0 to access tables. Using this method, the TiDB optimizer can use multiple indexes per table and merge the results returned by each index. In some scenarios, this method makes the query more efficient by avoiding full table scans. Since v5.4, Index Merge has become a GA feature.

17.9 K

17.9.1 Key Management Service (KMS)

Key Management Service (KMS) enables the storage and retrieval of secret keys in a secure way. Examples include AWS KMS, Google Cloud KMS, and HashiCorp Vault. Various TiDB components can use KMS to manage keys for storage encryption and related services.

17.9.2 Key-Value (KV)

Key-Value (KV) is a way of storing information by associating values with unique keys, allowing quick data retrieval. TiDB uses TiKV to map tables and indexes into key-value pairs, enabling efficient data storage and access across the database.

17.10 L

17.10.1 Leader/Follower/Learner

Leader/Follower/Learner each corresponds to a role in a Raft group of peers. The leader services all client requests and replicates data to the followers. If the group leader fails, one of the followers will be elected as the new leader. Learners are non-voting followers that only serves in the process of replica addition.

17.10.2 Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)

Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) is a standardized way of accessing a directory with information. It is commonly used for account and user data management. TiDB supports LDAP via LDAP authentication plugins.

17.10.3 Lock View

The Lock View feature provides more information about lock conflicts and lock waits in pessimistic locking, making it convenient for DBAs to observe transaction locking situations and troubleshoot deadlock issues.

For more information, see system table documentation: `TIDB_TRX`, `DATA_LOCK_WAITS`, and `DEADLOCKS`.

17.10.4 Long Term Support (LTS)

Long Term Support (LTS) refers to software versions that are extensively tested and maintained for extended periods. For more information, see TiDB Versioning.

17.11 M

17.11.1 Massively Parallel Processing (MPP)

Starting from v5.0, TiDB introduces Massively Parallel Processing (MPP) architecture through TiFlash nodes, which shares the execution workloads of large join queries among TiFlash nodes. When the MPP mode is enabled, TiDB, based on cost, determines whether to use the MPP framework to perform the calculation. In the MPP mode, the join keys are redistributed through the Exchange operation while being calculated, which distributes the calculation pressure to each TiFlash node and speeds up the calculation. For more information, see Use TiFlash MPP Mode.

17.11.2 Multi-version concurrency control (MVCC)

MVCC is a concurrency control mechanism in TiDB and other databases. It processes the memory read by transactions to achieve concurrent access to TiDB, thereby avoiding blocking caused by conflicts between concurrent reads and writes.

17.12 O

17.12.1 Old value

The "original value" in the incremental change log output by TiCDC. You can specify whether the incremental change log output by TiCDC contains the "original value".

17.12.2 Online Analytical Processing (OLAP)

Online Analytical Processing (OLAP) refers to database workloads focused on analytical tasks, such as data reporting and complex queries. OLAP is characterized by read-heavy queries that process large volumes of data across many rows.

17.12.3 Online Transaction Processing (OLTP)

Online Transaction Processing (OLTP) refers to database workloads focused on transactional tasks, such as selecting, inserting, updating, and deleting small sets of records.

17.12.4 Out of Memory (OOM)

Out of Memory (OOM) is a situation where a system fails due to insufficient memory. For more information, see Troubleshoot TiDB OOM Issues.

17.12.5 Operator

An operator is a collection of actions that applies to a Region for scheduling purposes. Operators perform scheduling tasks such as "migrate the leader of Region 2 to Store 5" and "migrate replicas of Region 2 to Store 1, 4, 5".

An operator can be computed and generated by a scheduler, or created by an external API.

17.12.6 Operator step

An operator step is a step in the execution of an operator. An operator normally contains multiple Operator steps.

Currently, available steps generated by PD include:

- `TransferLeader`: Transfers leadership to a specified member
- `AddPeer`: Adds peers to a specified store
- `RemovePeer`: Removes a peer of a Region
- `AddLearner`: Adds learners to a specified store
- `PromoteLearner`: Promotes a specified learner to a voting member
- `SplitRegion`: Splits a specified Region into two

17.12.7 Optimistic transaction

Optimistic transactions are transactions that use optimistic concurrency control and generally do not cause conflicts in concurrent environments. After enabling optimistic transactions, TiDB checks for conflicts only when the transaction is finally committed. The optimistic transaction mode is suitable for read-heavy and write-light concurrent scenarios, which can improve the performance of TiDB.

For more information, see TiDB Optimistic Transaction Model.

17.13 P

17.13.1 Partitioning

Partitioning refers to physically dividing a table into smaller table partitions, which can be done by partition methods such as RANGE, LIST, HASH, and KEY partitioning.

17.13.2 PD Control (pd-ctl)

PD Control (pd-ctl) is a command-line tool used to interact with the Placement Driver (PD) in the TiDB cluster. You can use it to obtain cluster status information and modify the cluster configuration. For more information, see PD Control User Guide.

17.13.3 Pending/Down

"Pending" and "down" are two special states of a peer. Pending indicates that the Raft log of followers or learners is vastly different from that of leader. Followers in pending cannot be elected as leader. "Down" refers to a state that a peer ceases to respond to leader for a long time, which usually means the corresponding node is down or isolated from the network.

17.13.4 Placement Driver (PD)

Placement Driver (PD) is a core component in the TiDB Architecture responsible for storing metadata, assigning Timestamp Oracle (TSO) for transaction timestamps, orchestrating data placement on TiKV, and running TiDB Dashboard. For more information, see TiDB Scheduling.

17.13.5 Placement Rules

Placement rules are used to configure the placement of data in a TiKV cluster. With this feature, you can specify the deployment of tables and partitions to different regions, data centers, cabinets, or hosts. Use cases include optimizing data availability strategies at low cost, ensuring that local data replicas are available for local stale reads, and complying with local data compliance requirements.

For more information, see Placement Rules in SQL.

17.13.6 Point Get

Point get means reading a single row of data by a unique index or primary index, the returned resultset is up to one row.

17.13.7 Point in Time Recovery (PITR)

Point in Time Recovery (PITR) enables you to restore data to a specific point in time (for example, just before an unintended `DELETE` statement). For more information, see TiDB Log Backup and PITR Architecture.

17.13.8 Predicate columns

In most cases, when executing SQL statements, the optimizer only uses statistics of some columns (such as columns in the `WHERE`, `JOIN`, `ORDER BY`, and `GROUP BY` statements). These used columns are called predicate columns. For more information, see Collect statistics on some columns.

17.14 Q

17.14.1 Queries Per Second (QPS)

Queries Per Second (QPS) is the number of queries a database service handles per second, serving as a key performance metric for database throughput.

17.14.2 Quota Limiter

Quota Limiter is an experimental feature introduced in TiDB v6.0.0. If the machine on which TiKV is deployed has limited resources, for example, with only 4v CPU and 16 G memory, and the foreground of TiKV processes too many read and write requests, the CPU resources used by the background are occupied to help process such requests, which affects the performance stability of TiKV. To avoid this situation, the quota-related configuration items can be set to limit the CPU resources to be used by the foreground.

17.15 R

17.15.1 Raft Engine

Raft Engine is an embedded persistent storage engine with a log-structured design. It is built for TiKV to store multi-Raft logs. Since v5.4, TiDB supports using Raft Engine as the log storage engine. For more information, see Raft Engine.

17.15.2 Region Split

A region in a TiKV cluster is not divided at the beginning but is gradually split as data is written to it. The process is called Region split.

The mechanism of Region split is to use one initial Region to cover the entire key space, and generate new Regions through splitting existing ones every time the size of the Region or the number of keys has reached a threshold.

17.15.3 Region/Peer/Raft Group

Region is the minimal piece of data storage in TiKV, each representing a range of data (256 MiB by default). Each Region has three replicas by default. A replica of a Region is called a peer. Multiple peers of the same Region replicate data via the Raft consensus algorithm, so peers are also members of a Raft instance. TiKV uses Multi-Raft to manage data. That is, for each Region, there is a corresponding, isolated Raft group.

17.15.4 Remote Procedure Call (RPC)

Remote Procedure Call (RPC) is a communication way between software components. In a TiDB cluster, the gRPC standard is used for communication between different components such as TiDB, TiKV, and TiFlash.

17.15.5 Request Unit (RU)

Request Unit (RU) is a unified abstraction unit for the resource usage in TiDB. It is used with Resource Control to manage resource usage.

17.15.6 Restore

Restore is the reverse of the backup operation. It is the process of bringing back the system to an earlier state by retrieving data from a prepared backup.

17.15.7 RocksDB

RocksDB is an LSM-tree structured engine that provides key-value storage and read-write functionality. It was developed by Facebook and is based on LevelDB. RocksDB is the core storage engine of TiKV.

17.16 S

17.16.1 Scheduler

Schedulers are components in PD that generate scheduling tasks. Each scheduler in PD runs independently and serves different purposes. The commonly used schedulers are:

- `balance-leader-scheduler`: Balances the distribution of leaders
- `balance-region-scheduler`: Balances the distribution of peers
- `hot-region-scheduler`: Balances the distribution of hot Regions
- `evict-leader-{store-id}`: Evicts all leaders of a node (often used for rolling upgrades)

17.16.2 Security Enhanced Mode (SEM)

The Security Enhanced Mode (SEM) is used for finer-grained permission control of TiDB administrators. Inspired by systems such as Security-Enhanced Linux, SEM reduces the abilities of users with the `SUPER` privilege and instead requires `RESTRICTED` fine-grained privileges, which must be explicitly granted to control specific administrative actions.

For more information, see System Variables documentation - `tidb_enable_enhanced_security`.

17.16.3 Stale Read

Stale Read is a mechanism that TiDB applies to read historical versions of data stored in TiDB. Using this mechanism, you can read the corresponding historical data of a specific point in time or within a specified time range, and thus save the latency brought by data replication between storage nodes. When you use Stale Read, TiDB randomly selects a replica for data reading, which means that all replicas are available for data reading.

For more information, see Stale Read.

17.16.4 Static Sorted Table / Sorted String Table (SST)

Static Sorted Table or Sorted String Table is a file storage format used in RocksDB (a storage engine used by TiKV).

17.16.5 Store

A store refers to the storage node in the TiKV cluster (an instance of `tikv-server`). Each store has a corresponding TiKV instance.

17.17 T

17.17.1 Temporary table

Temporary tables enable you to store intermediate calculation results temporarily, eliminating the need to create and drop tables repeatedly. Once the data is no longer needed, TiDB automatically cleans up and recycles the temporary tables. This feature simplifies application logic, reduces table management overhead, and improves performance.

For more information, see Temporary Tables.

17.17.2 TiCDC

TiCDC is a tool that enables incremental data replication from TiDB to various downstream targets. These downstream targets can include other TiDB instances, MySQL-compatible databases, storage services, and streaming processors (such as Kafka and Pulsar). TiCDC pulls the data change logs from the upstream TiKV, parses them into ordered row-level change data, and then outputs the data to the downstream. For more information about the concepts and terms of TiCDC, see TiCDC Glossary.

17.17.3 TiDB Lightning

TiDB Lightning is a tool for importing Terabyte-level data from static files into TiDB clusters. It is commonly used for the initial data import into TiDB clusters.

For more information on the concepts and terminology of TiDB Lightning, see TiDB Lightning Glossary.

17.17.4 TiFlash

TiFlash is a key component of TiDB's HTAP architecture. It is a columnar extension of TiKV that provides both strong consistency and good isolation. TiFlash maintains columnar replicas by asynchronously replicating data from TiKV using the **Raft Learner protocol**. For reads, it leverages the **Raft consensus index** and **MVCC (Multi-Version Concurrency Control)** to achieve **Snapshot Isolation** consistency. This architecture effectively addresses isolation and synchronization challenges in HTAP workloads, enabling efficient analytical queries while maintaining real-time data consistency.

17.17.5 TiKV MVCC In-Memory Engine (IME)

TiKV MVCC In-Memory Engine (IME) caches the latest written MVCC versions in memory and implements an MVCC GC mechanism independent of TiDB to accelerate queries involving a large number of MVCC historical versions.

17.17.6 Timestamp Oracle (TSO)

Because TiKV is a distributed storage system, it requires a global timing service, Timestamp Oracle (TSO), to assign a monotonically increasing timestamp. In TiKV, such a feature is provided by PD, and in Google Spanner, this feature is provided by multiple atomic clocks and GPS. For more information, see TSO.

17.17.7 TiUP

TiUP is a management tool used for deploying, upgrading, and managing TiDB clusters, as well as managing various components within the TiDB cluster including TiDB, PD, and TiKV. With TiUP, you can easily run any component within TiDB by executing a single command, greatly simplifying the management process.

17.17.8 Top SQL

Top SQL helps locate SQL queries that contribute to a high load of a TiDB or TiKV node in a specified time range. For more information, see Top SQL user document.

17.17.9 Transactions Per Second (TPS)

Transactions Per Second (TPS) is the number of transactions a database processes per second, serving as a key metric for measuring database performance and throughput.

17.18 U

17.18.1 Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)

Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) is a standardized format for identifying a resource. For more information, see Uniform Resource Identifier on Wikipedia.

17.18.2 Universally Unique Identifier (UUID)

Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) is a 128-bit (16-byte) generated ID used to uniquely identify records in a database. For more information, see UUID.

17.19 V

17.19.1 Vector search

Vector search is a search method that prioritizes the meaning of your data to deliver relevant results. Unlike traditional full-text search, which relies on exact keyword matching and word frequency, vector search converts various data types (such as text, images, or audio) into high-dimensional vectors and queries based on the similarity between these vectors. This search method captures the semantic meaning and contextual information of the data, leading to a more precise understanding of user intent. Even when the search terms do not exactly match the content in the database, vector search can still provide results that align with the user's intent by analyzing the semantics of the data.

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